

G888

Multi-gas Detector

Field Operation Manual



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Warranty

GfG Instrumentation warrants our products to be free from defects in material and workmanship when used for their intended purpose, and agrees to remedy such defect or to furnish a new part (at the option of GfG Instrumentation) in exchange for any part of any product we manufacture that under normal use is found to be defective; provided that the product is returned by the purchaser to GfG's factory, intact, for our examination, with all transportation costs prepaid, and provided that such examinations reveals, in our judgment, that it is defective.

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This warranty is expressly in lieu of any and all other warranties and representations, express or implied, including but not limited to, the warranty of fitness for a particular purpose. GfG will not be liable for loss or damage of any kind connected to the use of its products or failure of its products to function or operate properly.

The G888 has a limited lifetime warranty to the original purchaser (as long as the instrument is in service). Accessories (battery packs, chargers, and other components), which by their design are consumed or depleted during normal operation, or which may require periodic replacement are warranted for one year from the date of purchase. LEL, CO, and H₂S sensors are covered for 3 years from date of purchase and O₂ sensor is covered for 5 years from date of purchase.

Introduction

The purpose of this manual is to provide day-to-day basic information for the G888. Please refer to the accompanying CD-ROM to access the complete user's manual. The G888 is a handheld detector for personal protection from gas hazards. The instrument measures continuously in diffusion mode and gives visual and audible alarms if a gas-induced danger arises.

The G888 is a safety device and it is up to the user to ensure proper action is taken in the event of an alarm.

The following signal words, as defined by ANSI Z535.4-1998, are used in this guide.

⚠ DANGER indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

⚠ WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

⚠ CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, may result in moderate or minor injury.

Safety Information

The G888 must only be operated as specified in this manual; otherwise the instrument's protection may be diminished. Please refer to ISA-RP12.13, Part II-1987 for guidance in use of this instrument.

Warnings

⚠ WARNING Never substitute any component as this may compromise the G888s intrinsic safety.

⚠ AVERTISSEMENT Ne jamais remplacer les composants, car cela pourrait compromettre la sécurité intrinsèque du G888.

⚠ WARNING For safety reasons, this equipment must be operated and serviced by qualified personnel only. Read and understand the instruction manual completely before operating or servicing the G888.

⚠ AVERTISSEMENT Pour des raisons de sécurité, cet équipement doit être utilisé et entretenu par du personnel qualifié. Lire et comprendre le manuel d'utilisation avant de faire fonctionner ou de réparer cet appareil.

⚠ WARNING Instrument should be calibrated before first time use and then on a regular basis. Length of interval will depend on frequency of use and contaminants and/or poisons being exposed to the sensors.

⚠ AVERTISSEMENT étalonner le détecteur avant la première utilisation, puis à intervalles réguliers, en fonction de l'utilisation et de l'exposition du capteur aux poisons et des contaminants.

⚠ WARNING If the combustible sensor may be exposed to a known poison (silicon, sulfur, halogenated compounds, etc), GfG recommends

checking it against a known concentration of calibration gas before use.
△ **AVERTISSEMENT** Si le capteur de gaz combustible peut être exposé à un poison connu (silicium, le soufre, les composés halogénés, etc) GfG recommande de vérifier contre une concentration connue de gaz d'étalonnage avant utilisation.

Special Conditions for Safe Use

“WARNING – READ AND UNDERSTAND INSTRUCTION MANUAL BEFORE OPERATING OR SERVICING.”

“WARNING – EXPLOSION HAZARD – RECHARGE BATTERIES ONLY IN A NON-HAZARDOUS LOCATION.”

No precautions against electrostatic discharge are necessary for portable equipment that has an enclosure made of plastic, metal, or a combination of the two, except where a significant static-generating mechanism has been identified. Activities such as placing the item in a pocket or on a belt, operating a keypad, or cleaning with a damp cloth, do not present a significant electrostatic risk. However, where a static-generating mechanism is identified, such as repeated brushing against clothing, then suitable precautions shall be taken, for example, the use of anti-static footwear. Additionally, the equipment shall be carried at the body while in the hazardous location, and must not be laid down unattended.

Under certain extreme circumstances, the non-metallic cover may generate an ignition-capable level of electrostatic charge; therefore, the equipment shall not be used in a location where the external conditions are conducive to the build-up of electrostatic charge on such surfaces. In addition, the equipment shall only be cleaned with a damp cloth.

If a charge-generating mechanism is present, the exposed metallic part on the enclosure is capable of storing a level of electrostatic charge that could become incensive for IIC gases. Therefore, the user / installer shall implement precautions, for example, those listed above, to prevent the build-up of electrostatic charge. This is particularly important if the equipment is brought into a Zone 0 location.

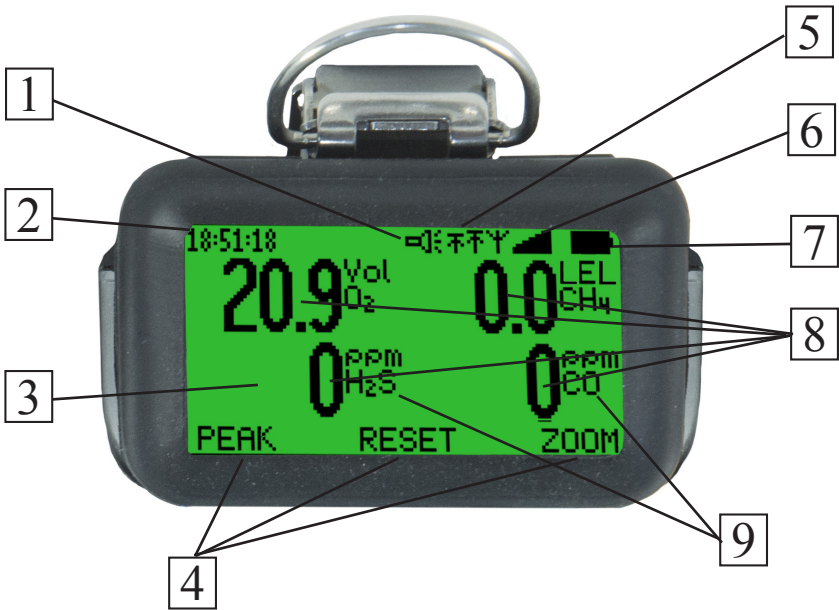
The equipment shall only be charged when in the non-hazardous area using a charger specifically supplied for use with the unit (for example part number 4001-650, manufactured by GfG), approved as SELV or Class 2 equipment against IEC 60950, IEC 61010-1 or an equivalent IEC standard. The maximum voltage and current from the charger shall not exceed 12 V DC and 1.25 A respectively.

Design



Item	Description
1	Hook for carrying strap
2	Alarm LEDs
3	Contacts for accessories
4	IR Data link
5	Housing (IP 67)
6	Display
7	Horn
8	Push buttons
9	Diffusion inlets
10	Flashlight

Display



Item	Description
1	Flashlight indicator
2	Clock
3	Alarm Status (backlight) Green - No alarms Orange - Alarm 1 Red - Alarm 2 or 3
4	Push button assignments
5	Peak indicators
6	Radio reception
7	Battery charge level indicator
8	Gas Readings
9	Gases



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Push Button	Description
1	Activate Peak Hold to turn on flashlight (LAMP)
2	Reset latching alarm Hold to enter service mode
3	View one gas at a time or STEL/TWA Press to turn on monitor (when off) Hold to turn off monitor (approximately 5 seconds)
1 + 3	Rotate the display 180°
2 + 3	Enter calibration mode

Maintenance and Inspection

Maintenance includes service, calibration and adjustment, as well as repair if it is necessary. Gas monitoring devices can react differently depending on environmental conditions. It is important, independent from maintenance duties, to test the device before putting it into operation each day. Bump testing before each use is highly recommended. The casing can be cleaned with a damp cloth. Never use solvents or detergents!

Service

Dismantling

1. Make sure the instrument is turned off.
2. Using a hex tool, loosen the four screws holding the front and back of the instrument housing together.
3. GENTLY remove the back cover.
4. DO NOT USE A SCREWDRIVER OR OTHER HARD TOOLS TO PRY APART THE CASE SECTIONS!
5. Using a hex tool, remove the two screws securing the PCB assembly to the front housing.

Assembling

1. Using a hex tool, replace the two screws securing the PCB assembly to the front housing.
2. Reattach the back of the instrument housing.
3. SQUEEZE THE CASE SECTIONS FIRMLY TOGETHER BEFORE TIGHTENING THE FOUR SCREWS.
4. Tighten the four screws in diagonal sequence (just like tightening the lug nuts on a tire).
5. TIGHTEN THE FOUR SCREWS SECURELY BUT DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN!

Calibration Procedure

Calibration is a two-step procedure. The first step is the Fresh Air AutoCal[®] adjustment. In this step the readings of the sensors are automatically adjusted to equal the values expected in fresh air, (20.9% O₂, 0% LEL combustible gas, and 0 PPM (parts per million) for toxic sensors such as CO and H₂S).

To perform a Fresh Air AutoCal[®] adjustment:

1. Make sure the instrument is located in a fresh air environment (20.9% oxygen, and no measurable flammable or toxic contaminants)
2. Turn the instrument on and allow the readings to stabilize fully.
3. Press the center and right push buttons simultaneously to enter the AutoCal[®] menu screen.
4. Push the “AIR” button to initiate the Fresh Air adjustment.
5. The instrument will automatically count down, then begin the adjustment process.
6. The display will list the sensors installed and show “OK” for each sensor that passed.
7. After completing the fresh air adjustment the instrument will return to normal operation.

The second step in a full calibration is the AutoCal[®] Gas adjustment. In this step the sensitivity of the sensors is automatically adjusted while the sensors are exposed to known concentration calibration gas.

A single cylinder of all-in-one (Quad Mix) calibration gas may be used to automatically calibrate CO, H₂S and LEL sensors all at the same time.

To initiate AutoCal® Gas calibration using all-in-one (Quad-Mix) calibration gas:

1. Make sure the instrument has been properly Fresh Air adjusted before proceeding to the Gas calibration.
2. Attach the calibration adapter to the instrument.
3. Press the center and right push buttons simultaneously to enter the AutoCal® menu screen.
4. Turn the regulator on to begin flowing calibration gas to the sensors and press "GAS".
5. Allow the instrument to count down.
6. The display will show an icon by each sensor while it is being adjusted and will show "OK" for each sensor that passed.
7. Make sure to remove the calibration adapter before using the instrument to detect gas.

Sensors may initially fail the Fresh Air or Gas Calibration adjustment. It is usually worthwhile to repeat the failed procedure at least once.

1. Make sure that the sensors (especially the combustible sensor) have had a chance to warm up completely before beginning the Fresh Air or Cal Gas adjustment. Five minutes is usually sufficient.
2. Make sure the air used for the Fresh Air adjustment does not contain measurable contaminants such as solvent vapors, cigarette smoke or engine exhaust.
3. Make sure that the calibration gas cylinder has not run out of gas.
4. Make sure the calibration gas cylinder, tubing and adapter are properly connected to the instrument.
5. If the sensor still fails calibration, consult the GfG factory for additional advice.
6. Any sensor that fails to calibrate properly must be replaced before using the instrument.

Alarms

If the measured gas concentration exceeds a pre-set threshold, the monitor will give audible and visual alarms.

Alarm Type	Sensors	# of alarms	Description
Instantaneous Value (AL)	Oxygen Combustibles Toxic gases	3 3 2	An instantaneous alarm is activated immediately if the gas concentration exceeds or falls below a pre-set threshold. The alarm values are adjustable.
Short Term Value (STEL)	Toxic gases	1	The short-term exposure limit (STEL) is the average concentration over a short period of time (e.g. 15 minutes). The STEL alarm is not latching; it resets automatically as soon as the concentration falls below the threshold.*
Long Term Value (TWA)	Toxic gases	1	The time weighted average (TWA) refers to an 8-hour shift and calculates the average concentration. The TWA alarm cannot be reset. It is only de-activated if the detector is switched off.*
Over Range	All	1	The screen will display ↑↑↑↑
Under Range	All	1	The screen will display ↓↓↓↓

***Note:** To avoid possible personal injury, do not turn off the detector during a work shift. TWA, STEL and Max readings are reset when the G888 is turned off.

If the detection range of the LEL sensor is exceeded, the display will read “↑↑↑”, indicating it is over range, instead of a value for gas concentrations above 110% LEL. To protect the sensor from damage, the device turns off the sensor. However, the audible and visual alarms and the “↑↑↑” message remain active. The alarms must be reset by pushing the **RESET** key. The display will read: “Fresh air?” **If you have made sure that there is no combustible gas in the vicinity of the CH₄ sensor**, press yes to resume detection.

Service

Service consists of the maintenance, inspection and repair of the gas monitoring device. A function test should be performed before each day’s use.

- Status of the zeropoint
- Charging status of the battery
- Display with zero gas and standard test gas and adjustment, if necessary
- Alarm signal release, e.g. with alarm test gas
- Constantly amplified signal with standard test gas
- Response time

Any repair of the G888 must be done according to the manufacturer’s instructions and with genuine parts.

Troubleshooting

Symptom	Solution
No power	Charge battery
No gas response	Check/replace sensor (see complete user manual)
Alarms in clean (fresh) air	Perform autozero

Specification

Dimensions: 2.7x4x1.2 in / 68x100x30 mm (WxHxD)

Weight: 8 oz / 225 g (depending on sensors installed)

Climate conditions:

Temperature: -4 to +131°F (-20 to +55°C)

Humidity: 5 to 95% r.h. (non-condensing)

Pressure: 700 to 1300 hPa

Detection Range: Please refer to complete operating manual "Sensor Types and Detection Ranges"

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Alarm Conditions: Alarm 1, Alarm 2, Alarm 3, TWA, STEL, battery, confidence blip

Vibrating alarm: standard

Audible alarm: 103 dB at 30 cm (1 foot)

Display: Illuminated LCD full graphic display

Visual alarm: Bright, 360° wraparound LEDs plus heterochromatic (green/orange/red) backlight display

Backlight: Automatic when a button is pressed or any alarm condition is activated

Self-test: Initiated upon start up.

Calibration: Manual or automatic.

User options: ID, User ID, audible alarm levels (103 dB, 95 dB, or off), display contrast, language selection, adjustable alarm levels, disable vibrating alarm, sensor deactivation, security code, combustible sensor gases (0-100%), set span values, datalogging (mode and interval), man down, radio ID, radio channel, tolerance band, and autocal at startup.

Battery operating time: Up to 20 hours

Approved batteries: NiMH rechargeable battery

Battery charger: GfG cradle or smart cap charger

Charge: up to 6 hours

Warranty: Limited lifetime on instrument and electronics; 3 years from date of purchase for LEL, CO, and H₂S sensors; 5 years from date of purchase for O₂.

Approvals: cCSAus



Approved: Class I, Division 1, Groups A, B, C and D T3

Standards: CSA C22.2 No. 152-M1984
UL 913
ANSI / ISA-12.13.01-2000

EMI/RFI resistance: EMC directive 89/336/EEC

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△ **WARNING** Do not use the detector if it is damaged. Before you use the detector, inspect the case. Look for cracks or missing parts.

△ **AVERTISSEMENT** Ne pas utiliser le détecteur s'il est endommagé. Avant d'utiliser le détecteur, inspectez le cas de fissures ou de pièces manquantes.

△ **WARNING** If the detector is damaged or something is missing, contact GfG Instrumentation, Inc. immediately.

△ **AVERTISSEMENT** Si le détecteur est endommagé ou qu'il manque quelque chose, contactez GfG Instrumentation Inc. immédiatement.

△ **WARNING** Calibrate the detector before first-time use and then on a regular schedule, depending on use and sensor exposure to poisons and contaminants.

△ **AVERTISSEMENT** étalonner le détecteur avant la première utilisation, puis à intervalles réguliers, en fonction de l'utilisation et de l'exposition du capteur aux poisons et des contaminants.

△ WARNING GfG recommends that you “bump test” the sensors before each use to confirm their ability to respond to gas. To do this, expose the detector to a gas concentration that exceeds the alarm set points. Manually verify that the audible and visual alarms are activated. Calibrate if the readings are not within the specified limits.

△ AVERTISSEMENT GfG vous recommande de “test cogner” les capteurs avant chaque utilisation afin de confirmer leur capacité à répondre à gaz. Pour ce faire, exposer le détecteur à une concentration de gaz qui dépasse les points de consigne d’alarme. Vérifier manuellement que les alarmes sonores et visuelles sont activées. Calibrer si les lectures ne sont pas dans les limites spécifiées.

△ WARNING It is recommended that the combustible sensor be checked with a known concentration of calibration gas after any known exposure to catalyst contaminants/poisons (sulfur compounds, silicon vapors, halogenated compounds, etc).

△ AVERTISSEMENT Il est recommandé que le capteur de gaz inflammables être vérifié avec une concentration connue de gaz d’étalonnage après une exposition connue à catalyseur contaminants / poisons (composés soufrés, des vapeurs de silicium, composés halogénés, etc)

△ WARNING The combustible sensor is factory calibrated to 50% LEL methane. If monitoring a different combustible gas in the % LEL range, calibrate the sensor using the appropriate gas.

△ AVERTISSEMENT Le capteur de gaz combustible est calibré en usine à 50% LIE méthane. Si le suivi d’un autre gaz combustible dans la gamme de% LEL, étalonner le capteur en utilisant le gaz approprié.

△ WARNING High off-scale readings may indicate an explosive concentration.

△ AVERTISSEMENT Haute lectures hors échelle peut indiquer une concentration explosive.

△ WARNING Only the combustible gas detection portion of this instrument has been assessed for performance by CSA International.

△ AVERTISSEMENT Seule la partie de détection de gaz combustible de cet instrument a été évaluée pour la performance par CSA International.

△ WARNING Protect the combustible sensor from exposure to lead compounds, silicones and chlorinated hydrocarbons. Although certain organic vapors (such as leaded gasoline and halogenated hydrocarbons) may temporarily inhibit sensor performance, in most cases the sensor will recover after calibration.

△ AVERTISSEMENT Protégez le capteur de gaz combustible à partir de l’exposition au plomb, composés silicones et des hydrocarbures chlorés.

Bien que certaines vapeurs organiques (comme l’essence au plomb et les hydrocarbures halogénés) peuvent inhiber temporairement les performances du capteur, dans la plupart des cas, le capteur va récupérer après calibration.

△ WARNING For use only in hazardous locations where oxygen concentrations do not exceed 20.9% volume (v/v).

△ AVERTISSEMENT A utiliser uniquement dans des endroits dangereux où les concentrations d’oxygène ne dépasse pas 20,9% en volume (v / v).

△ WARNING Any rapidly increasing reading followed by a declining or erratic reading may indicate a gas concentration beyond the upper scale limit, which may be hazardous.

△ AVERTISSEMENT Toute lecture augmente rapidement suivie par une lecture diminution ou irrégulière peut indiquer une concentration de gaz au-delà de la limite supérieure de l'échelle, ce qui peut être dangereux.

△ WARNING Extended exposure of the G888 to certain concentrations of combustible gases and air may stress detector elements, which can seriously affect the device's performance. If an alarm occurs due to a high concentration of combustible gases, recalibration should be performed, or if needed, the sensor replaced.

△ AVERTISSEMENT Une exposition prolongée de la G888 à certaines concentrations de gaz combustibles et d'air peut souligner éléments détecteurs, qui peuvent sérieusement affecter les performances de l'appareil. Si une alarme se produit en raison d'une forte concentration en gaz combustibles, l'étalonnage doit être effectué, ou en cas de besoin, le capteur remplacé.

△ WARNING Do not test the combustible sensor's response with a butane cigarette lighter; doing so can damage the sensor.

△ AVERTISSEMENT Ne pas tester la réponse des capteurs combustible avec un briquet au butane, cela peut endommager le capteur.

△ WARNING Do not expose the detector to electrical shock and/or severe continuous mechanical shock.

△ AVERTISSEMENT Ne pas exposer le détecteur de choc électrique et / ou sévère choc mécanique continue.

△ WARNING Do not attempt to disassemble, adjust or service the detector unless instructions for that procedure are contained in the manual and/or that part is listed as a replacement part.

△ AVERTISSEMENT N'essayez pas de démonter, modifier ou réparer le détecteur à moins que des instructions pour que la procédure se trouvent dans le manuel et / ou la partie est répertorié comme une pièce de rechange.

△ WARNING Electromagnetic interference (EMI) signals may cause incorrect operation of this detector

△ AVERTISSEMENT interférence des signaux électromagnétiques (EMI) peut entraîner un mauvais fonctionnement de ce détecteur.

Sensor Specifications

MK466 Electrochemical sensor for oxygen O₂

Response time:		t50: <10 sec	t90: <20 sec
Pressure:	800...1200 hPa:	max. ±0.2Vol.% or ±2.5% of range	(referred to 1000 hPa)
Humidity:	0%...90% r.h.:	max. ±0.2Vol.% or ±2.5% of range	(referred to 50% r.F.)
Temperature:	-25...+55°C:	max. ±0.5Vol.% or ±2.5% of display	(referred to 20°C)
Expected lifetime:		5 years in air	

MK443 Electrochemical sensor for carbon monoxide CO

Response time:		t50: <15 sec	t90: <17 sec
Pressure:	800...1200 hPa:	max. ±3ppm or ±7% of display	(referred to 1000 hPa)
Humidity:	15%...90% r.h.:	max. ±3ppm or ±7% of display	(referred to 50% r.F.)
Temperature:	-10...+40°C:	max. ±3ppm or ±7% of display	(referred to 20°C)
Temperature:	-30...+55°C:	max. ±3ppm or ±15% of display	(referred to 20°C)
Cross sensitivities:		C ₂ H ₄ <100%; C ₂ H ₂ <90%; Cl ₂ <40%; H ₂ <5%; NO<30%; NO ₂ <30%; H ₂ S=0%; SO ₂ =0%; NH ₃ =0%; C ₂ H ₆ O=0% (*1)	
Expected lifetime:		3 years	

MK445 Electrochemical sensor for hydrogen sulfide H₂S

Response time:		t50: <15 sec	t90: <45 sec
Pressure:	800...1200 hPa:	max. ±2ppm or ±10% of display	(referred to 1000 hPa)
Humidity:	15%...90% r.h.:	max. ±2ppm or ±10% of display	(referred to 50% r.h.)
Temperature:	-10...+40°C:	max. ±2ppm or ±10% of display	(referred to 20°C)
Temperature:	-30...+55°C:	max. ±2ppm or ±15% of display	(referred to 20°C)
Cross sensitivities:		SO ₂ ≈ 20%; NO ₂ <-20%; CO<1%; NO<0,2%; H ₂ <0,1%; (*1)	
Expected lifetime:		3 years	

4P-75C Catalytic combustion sensor for combustible gases and vapors

Response time:		t90: <30 sec	
Pressure:	950....1100 hPa:	max. ±5% of range or ±15% of display	(referred to 1000 hPa)
Humidity:	5%...90% r.h.:	max. ±5% of range or ±15% of display	(referred to 55% r.h.)
Temperature:	-25...+ 65°C:	max. ±3% of range or ±10% of display	(referred to 20°C)
Cross sensitivities :	2.00Vol.% H2: approx.160%;0.70Vol.% C4H10: approx.72%;		
at 50%LEL:	2.20Vol.% CH4: 100%;0.70Vol.% C5H12: approx.71%;		
	0.85Vol.% C3H8: approx.85%;0.50Vol.% C6H14: approx.55%;		
<i>The above information refers to the detection range for methane. It may vary from sensor to sensor and depends on the gas concentration and on the age of the sensor.</i>			
Expected lifetime:		3 years	

Accessories and Replacement Parts

Part Number	Description
1450600	Cable, data downloading / USB interface (for PC)
1990210	Calibration connector
4001-650	Charger, plug-in (110 V AC) wall pack (for use with drop-in charger)
4001-650V	Charger, vehicle
1990718	Oxygen (O ₂) Sensor
1990851	Combustible (LEL) Sensor
1990705	Carbon Monoxide (CO) Sensor
1990700	Hydrogen Sulfide (H ₂ S) Sensor

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