APPENDIX A: PEM™ FLOW CALIBRATION INSTRUCTIONS

A correct flow calibration of the PEMTM requires a special attachment known as the Flow Calibration Cap (Figure 4). The PEMTM flow calibration cap is intended to provide for a single inlet to the PEMTM sampler to which a flow meter can be attached. The calibration cap is used by pressing the cap onto the nozzle cap of the PEMTM. A flow meter is attached to the ½-inch diameter inlet tube on top of the calibration cap. The barbed fitting on the side of the cap is for the purpose of attaching a pressure gauge. Measuring the pressure between the flow meter and the PEMTM is only necessary if there is a large pressure drop across the flow meter. If the flow meter has a low pressure drop, such as a mass flow meter, bubble flow meter, or a laminar flow element meter, the pressure at the calibration cap does not need to be measured, and the pressure tap can be closed off with a rubber policeman.

The steps in using the PEMTM Flow Calibration Cap are:

- 1. Connect a flow meter to the inlet of the flow calibration cap
- 2. Turn on pump connected to the PEMTM
- 3. Place the calibration cap on the PEMTM (be sure O-ring is properly seated in the O-ring groove inside the calibration cap)
- 4. Check PEMTM flow rate with a flow meter connected to the flow calibration cap

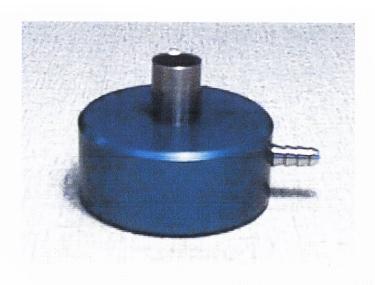


Figure 5. Flow Calibration Cap