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PETN EXPLOSIVE DETECTED IN SECONDS

PETN was the explosive used by the Christmas Day terrorist which should have been but was not detected at Amsterdam Airport. The XD-2 and the MINI XD-2 Explosives Detectors, available from Spectrex Corporation, can detect nano-levels of PETN within seconds without calibration, worry of false positives, or concern about achieving trace level detection with high background levels found at airports. They are ideal for airport use as a backup for electronic detectors as they do not show false positives.

Typically, detectors used at most airports do not process samples they know will increase the frequency of false positives from background interferences. If a test is positive, security then has to decide if it is real or just background interference. The XD-2 and the MINI XD-2 do not have limitations caused by sample carry-over or humidity. The Christmas Day terrorist would probably have been detected if our unit had been used to swipe his person or his personal effects.

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