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Data Set Description:

PI: Glen McConville  
Instrument: Dobson Ozone Spectrophotometer  
Site(s): Tutuila American Samoa, USA (14.247 S, 170.564 W)  
Measurement Quantities: Total Column Ozone

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Reference Articles:

The instrument is described in numerous publications, the most commonly used reference is "Operations handbook - ozone observations with a Dobson spectrophotometer", W.D. Komhyr, Global Ozone Research and Monitoring Project. Report 183, World Meteorological Organization, Geneva, 2008.

Evans, R.D., Petropavlovskikh, I., McClure-Begley, A., McConville G., Quincy, D., and Miyagawa, K., The US Dobson Station network Data Record Prior to 2015, Re-evaluation of NDACC and WOUDC archived records with WinDobson Processing Software, Atmos. Chem. Phys., <https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-2017-383>, 2017.

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Dobson Ozone Spectrophotometer number 80.

Algorithm Description:

Uses algorithm described in "Operations handbook - ozone observations with a Dobson spectrophotometer", W.D. Komhyr, Global Ozone Research and Monitoring Project. Report 183, World Meteorological Organization, Geneva, 2008.  
[www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ozwv/dobson/GAW183-Dobson-WEB.pdf](http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ozwv/dobson/GAW183-Dobson-WEB.pdf)  
Uses Bass/Paur ozone absorption coefficients, as defined in  
[www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ozwv/dobson/papers/coeffs.html](http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ozwv/dobson/papers/coeffs.html)

Expected Precision/Accuracy of Instrument:

There is a paper; "Review of the Dobson spectrophotometer and its accuracy", Reid E. Basher, Global Ozone Research and Monitoring Project. Report 13, World Meteorological Organization, Geneva, 1982, describing the precision and accuracy.

In general, the precision is considered to be from +/-1% (direct sun observations) to +/-5% (Observations on cloud zenith) for total ozone.

Accuracy is part of an ongoing debate, but is considered in the 5% range.

Instrument History:

1976.01.01-1986.06.10 ;D042

1986.06.11-1987.09.31 ;D065

1987.10.01-2009.12.31 ;D042

2010.01.01-2019.07.19 ;D080

2019.07.20-9999.12.31 ;D042