PKE Meter

Portsmouth Ghostbusters Interactive Profile



The PKE Meter, short for Psychokinetic Energy Meter, is one of the most important diagnostic tools used by the Ghostbusters. Designed to detect and measure psychokinetic and paranormal energy, the PKE Meter allows operators to locate, track, and assess supernatural activity before visual manifestation occurs.

Origins and Development

The PKE Meter was developed by the original Ghostbusters team as part of their early research into paranormal phenomena. Built to translate invisible psychokinetic energy into measurable signals, the device became a cornerstone of Ghostbusters field investigations.

Unlike capture equipment, the PKE Meter was designed for observation and analysis. It gave the team the ability to identify hauntings, determine threat levels, and predict paranormal escalation without engaging an entity directly.

Design and Interface

The PKE Meter features a handheld body with a central analogue display and two articulated sensor arms. These arms react dynamically to nearby psychokinetic energy, opening and moving in response to signal strength and direction.

Key components include:

- Analogue needle gauge indicating energy intensity
- Articulated sensor arms for directional detection
- Audible feedback for proximity awareness

The combination of visual movement and sound allows operators to interpret readings quickly, even under pressure.

Field Use and Detection

In the field, the PKE Meter is used to sweep environments for paranormal energy. Rising readings indicate the presence of psychokinetic activity, while fluctuating or spiking signals often suggest an imminent manifestation.

Operators use the device to:

- Locate hidden or dormant spirits
- Track entity movement through structures
- Identify haunted objects or hotspots

The meter does not identify specific entities, but it provides critical situational awareness before a ghost becomes visible.

Behavioural Interpretation

Experienced Ghostbusters learn to read more than just raw values. Subtle changes in arm movement, signal rhythm, and needle response can indicate different types of activity.

For example:

- Slow, steady movement suggests residual hauntings
- Erratic spikes may indicate hostile or unstable entities
- Directional arm movement can guide operators toward a target

These interpretations are based on field experience rather than formal calibration.

Role in Major Incidents

The PKE Meter played a critical role during several major Ghostbusters operations. It was instrumental in detecting early paranormal activity at the New York Public Library, tracking psychokinetic surges during citywide escalation events, and identifying energy buildup prior to

large-scale manifestations.

Its use helped the team anticipate danger rather than reacting blindly.

Limitations

While invaluable, the PKE Meter has limitations. It cannot distinguish between different classes of entities, nor can it predict specific behaviours.

Strong electromagnetic interference or extreme psychomagnetic conditions can also affect readings, requiring experienced interpretation to avoid false assumptions.

Modern Use and Legacy

The PKE Meter continues to be used in later Ghostbusters operations, including those seen in Afterlife and Frozen Empire. While designs may be refined or repaired, the core function remains unchanged.

Its enduring presence highlights the Ghostbustersâ€™ continued reliance on scientific observation alongside advanced containment technology.

Current Status

- Classification: Paranormal detection instrument
- Primary function: Measuring psychokinetic energy
- Threat level: None

The PKE Meter embodies the Ghostbustersâ€™ scientific approach to the paranormal. It does not fight ghosts, but it reveals where they are, how strong they may be, and when something is about to go very wrong.

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