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One Year After Federal Approval, Dräger DrugTest 5000 Remains the Only Device Approved for Roadside Testing of THC and Cocaine in Canada

Mississauga, Ontario – In 2018, the Canadian federal government approved the Dräger DrugTest 5000 as the first roadside oral fluid drug screening device. Today it continues to be the only device approved for law enforcement to test for both THC and cocaine. The device is now used by law enforcement agencies across Canada including Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, PEI, Alberta, and Nova Scotia.

Roadside saliva-testing devices were authorized as part of Canada’s move to legalize cannabis use. After rigorous testing conducted by the Canadian Society of Forensic Science government labs and managed by the National Research Council, the DrugTest 5000 was the first device approved by the Attorney General of Canada to help police identify drug-impaired driving. It continues to be the only device approved to detect both THC and cocaine.

“The DrugTest 5000 has been successfully used for many years in countries across the globe,” says Rob Clark, managing director, Dräger Safety Canada Ltd. “We are pleased that for the last year our device has helped Canadian law enforcement detect drug-impaired drivers and make Canadian roads safer.”

The need for roadside drug testing continues to be evident in Canada. An Ipsos poll conducted in October 2018 found that 1.9 million Ontario motorists have driven under the influence of cannabis, and over 735,000 had done so in the three months prior to the poll. Additionally, 52% of respondents admitted that they drive worse than a sober driver when under the influence.

Another troubling statistic: the percentage of Canadian drivers killed in vehicle crashes who test positive for drugs (40%) now exceeds the numbers who test positive for alcohol (33%).

“After a year on Canadian roads, we are pleased to say we have only received positive reviews from officers around the country and, as we expected, there

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have been absolutely no issues with regards to the device's reliability in testing for THC and cocaine," says Clark.

The DrugTest 5000 has a long history of providing accurate and reliable roadside drug screening support to law enforcement. Recent government agency testing in California reported that the DrugTest 5000 was 98.7% accurate for detecting THC and 99.1% accurate for detecting cocaine.

Click [here](#) for additional information on the Dräger DrugTest 5000.

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