

User's Guide



Waterproof Palm pH Meter


Model PH220



Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the Extech PH220 waterproof pH/mV meter. This microprocessor-based device with tactile buttons is battery operated and ideal for field use. The PH220 simultaneously displays pH or ORP (mV) and temperature. The rubber holster which protects the meter has a magnetic backing for convenient mounting. Careful use of this meter will provide years of reliable service.

Specifications

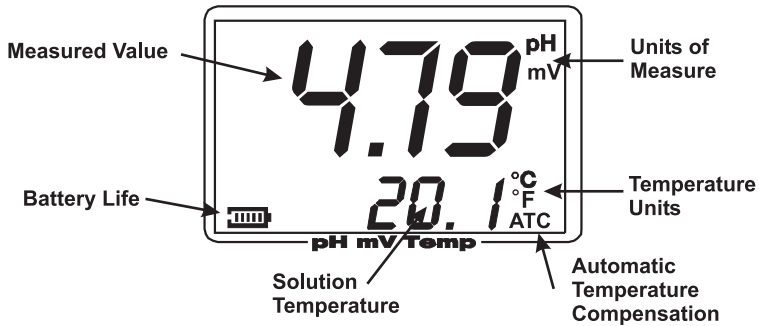
	Range (Resolution)	Accuracy
mV (ORP)	± 1999 mV DC (1 mV)	± 2mV
Temperature	32.0 to 212.0°F (0.0 to 99.9°C)	± 0.5°F (0.3°C)
pH	0.00 to 14.00pH (0.01pH)	± 0.02pH
Temperature Compensation	32 to 212°F (0-100°C) Automatic (ATC)	
Power	9 volt battery	
Display	Dual LCD display for simultaneous pH or mV and temperature readings	
Over-range or open indication	Displays " ---- " for over-range or open input	
pH Calibration points	4.00, 7.00, 10.00	
Auto Power OFF	After 10 minutes	
Low Battery Indication	The  icon displays no fill bars	
Dimensions / Weight	4.25 x 3.00 x 1.18" (108 x 75 x 30mm) / 0.3 lbs (135g)	
Accessories supplied with kit	Sample buffers, and battery. Stick electrode for model PH220-S Electrode with 39" cable for model PH220-C	

Meter Description

1. Battery Compartment (under holster)
2. Rubber Holster
3. LCD Display
4. Function buttons
5. Electrode input



Display Description



Calibration

pH electrodes are like batteries; they run down with time and use. Because the sensitivity of a pH electrode degrades over time, it is very important to frequently calibrate the meter to the electrode.

Calibration is performed using standard buffer solutions at room temperature (78°F, 25°C). Buffer solutions are solutions of a known pH that have the useful property of resisting changes in pH. These can be purchased already mixed or in capsule form and are usually available in three pH values, pH 4.00, pH 7.00 and pH 10.00.

Calibration is always performed using the pH 7.00 buffer first, followed by a second calibration. Select pH 4 buffer for the second calibration if typical measurements will be less than pH7 or use a pH 10 buffer if typical measurements will be greater than pH 7.

In order to obtain the most accurate results possible, a pH meter should be calibrated at least once a day.

2 Point Calibration Procedure

1. Turn the meter on.
2. Use the pH/mV button to select the pH mode. The unit of measure appears on the LCD.
3. Remove the electrode from its cap and rinse with distilled or deionized water
4. Place the electrode in fresh pH 7.00 buffer solution and stir. Allow 30 seconds for the electrode/ATC to reach thermal equilibrium with the buffer solution.
5. Press and hold the CAL key for three (3) seconds to enter the calibration mode. The 'CAL' display appears and then the pH value flashes on the LCD.
6. When the pH stops flashing, 'SA' (save), and then 'END' will appear in sequence.
7. Rinse the electrode with distilled or deionized water.
8. Place the electrode into the second buffer (pH 4.00 or pH 10.00) and stir. Allow 30 seconds for the electrode/ATC to reach thermal equilibrium with the buffer solution.
9. Press and hold the CAL key for three (3) seconds to re-enter the calibration mode. The 'CAL' display appears and then the pH value flashes on the LCD.
10. When the pH stops flashing, 'SA' (save), the Slope percentage, and then 'END' will appear in sequence.
11. The meter is now calibrated and ready for use.

Note: The Slope percentage is an indication of the health of the electrode. Since pH electrodes vary in performance from one to the next, this meter includes a feature that displays the electrode's slope in %. If the slope % is below 75% the electrode should be replaced (a slope of 100% is ideal).

PH Measurements

1. Connect the pH electrode to the meter.
2. Turn the meter on.
3. Use the pH/mV button to select the pH mode. The unit of measure appears on the LCD.
4. Rinse the electrode with distilled or deionized water.
5. Place the electrode in the solution. Allow 30 seconds for the electrode/ATC to reach thermal equilibrium with the buffer solution.
6. When the reading stabilizes, read the pH measurement on the main display.
An out of range reading is indicated by three dashes (- - -). The dashes will also display if the electrode is not connected to the meter.
7. When the test is complete rinse the electrode with distilled or deionized water.

Electrodes should always be rinsed before and between samples with distilled or deionized water to remove all traces of storage solution, process medium, or previous test solution..

Temperature Units

To change the unit of measure for temperature (°C to °F or °F to °C), press and hold the **pH/mV** button for 3 seconds. The LCD reflects the unit of measure.

mV (ORP) Measurements

1. Connect the ORP electrode to the meter.
2. Rinse the ORP electrode
3. Turn the meter on.
4. Use the pH/mV button to select the mV mode. The display will reflect the unit of measure.
5. Place it into a sample solution. When the LCD stabilizes it will read the redox potential of the sample in millivolts (mV).
6. When the test is complete rinse the electrode with distilled or deionized water.

Temperature Compensation

Because the millivolt output of a pH electrode varies with temperature, the meter must compensate for the variations to obtain accurate measurements. The PH220 automatically compensates for solution temperatures that stray from room temperature using the thermometer that is built-in to the electrode. Temperature is displayed on the lower LCD line.

Battery Replacement

The 9V battery requires replacing when all three black bars inside the battery display icon switch off. Replace the battery per the following:

1. Remove the orange protective jacket holster that surrounds the meter by pulling it over the top of the meter (ensure that the electrode is disconnected).
2. Pull the battery compartment up from the top of the meter by the two indentations using two fingers. If necessary, pry the ends of the cover with a coin to release the watertight seal.
3. Install a fresh 9V battery. Battery polarity is indicated on the battery compartment cap.
4. To reinstall the battery compartment, align the notch in the cover with the groove in the meter and press.
5. Reinstall the protective holster.

Electrode Maintenance and Troubleshooting

Most pH measurement difficulties are caused by electrode problems. Careful handling and proper storage of the electrode will increase measurement accuracy.

Electrodes should be rinsed to remove all traces of storage solution, process medium, or previous test solution.

Electrode Storage

The electrode should be stored in a soaker bottle or wetting cap filled with pH4 buffer.

Never store an electrode in distilled or deionized water as this will cause migration of the fill solution from the electrode.

Electrode Cleaning

The type of electrode coating that occurs over time will determine the cleaning method. Soft coatings can be removed by vigorous stirring or by using a squirt bottle. Organic chemical coating (hard coatings) should be chemically removed. Only in extreme cases should the bulb be cleaned mechanically.

Troubleshooting an Electrode

Symptom	Cause	Recommended Solution
Long response time or reading drift	Clogged Junction	Soak in 4.07 M Potassium Chloride (KCl) @ 60°C for 30 minutes.
	Strong Alkaline measurement	Soak in 0.1 M HCL overnight.
	Deteriorated Gel layer	Replace electrode.
	Protein coating on electrode surface	Soak in 1 gm Pepsin dissolved in 100ml of 0.1 m HCL for 30 mins. or as needed.
	Oil, paint, dyes, suspended solids on sensor	Rinse electrode alternately with a materials solvent and a buffer 7.00.
	Organic solvents are coating sensor	Organic mole fraction has to be less than 50% to assure reasonable readings. Limit time of measurement. Keep probe in the 7.0 buffer between readings.
	Dehydrated membrane	Read solution for dry bulb below:
Dry Bulb	Long term storage without wetting	Soak electrode tip in wetting cap filled with 1ml 7.00 buffer for 24 to 48 hours
Static Charge	Wiping electrodes	Rinse electrode in 7.0 buffer and blot. Do no wipe electrode.
Same readings in different buffers and samples	Cracked or broken bulb	Replace electrode. Use bulb guard. Avoid plunging electrode to bottom of container and spinning bars. Wetting cap will protect bulb between tests.
Erratic LCD display	Samples have low ionic strength (lacks salt); e.g. distilled, de-ionized, boiled, lake water (high pressure)	For each 50 ml of sample add 1 drop (50uL) of SAT. KCl (No alteration in pH will occur by inert KCl).

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