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### **SYMBOLS**

Navigation symbol. Indicates submenus � and sequences of operation.



Key. Indicates which key has to be pressed.



Hint. Important information. Please read carefully!







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**APPLIANCES** POLARIMETRIC CONCENTRATION AND PURITY ANALYSIS IN FOOD, PHARMACEUTICS, COSMETICS AND CHEMISTRY.

#### UNIPOL L FULLY AUTOMATIC POLARIMETER

- For routine measurements
- Discontinued measurements
- Automated multiple measurements with statistical evaluation
- Operation over PC (Remote mode possible)
- · Conformity with the European and American pharmacopoeias
- GLP/GMP appropriate documentation
- 4 measuring methods and 10 extra scales programmable







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### **1 INTRODUCTION**

The fully automatic digital polarimeter of SCHMIDT+HAENSCH comes in a new modern style case and is equipped with an improved version of the well known software from the ATR-series. Among other options, it is possible to input test sample identification numbers and to request a statistical evaluation of the results of multiple measurements. User defined protocols can be directly send to a printer.

If polarimeter tubes or quartz test tubes with built in temperature sensor are used, the current temperature of the test sample or the quartz will be shown on the display. With measurements of sucrose (or wavelength of the polarimeter by using a quartz control tube), the temperature corrected measurement value in °Z will be displayed automatically.

SPECIFICATIONS	
SCALE	Optical Rotation, International Sugarscale, Concentration, User-defined
MEASURING RANGE	+- 90° +- 259°Z
MEASURING UNIT	Angle ([°], [°Z]) Concentration [%] User-defined
RESOLUTION	0,01° 0,05°Z
PREZISION	+- 0,01° +- 0,05°Z
TEMPERATURE MEASURE- MENT	0-99°C
TEMPERATURE PREZISION	+- 0,1°C
WAVELENGHT	589,44 nm (alternatively 546, 578, 633 nm)
DATA IN-/OUTPUT	1 parallel, 1 PS2, 2 serielle RS232
MAIN ADAPTER	85-260 V / 50-60 Hz

The resolution of the UniPol L is conform to the regulations of the European and American pharmacopoeias. A GLP/GMP appropriate measuring protocol can be send to the PC or printer. The Uni-Pol L is usually shipped with 589 nm wavelength. A different wavelength can be installed for special applications.

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### **2 INTRODUCTION IN POLARIMETRY**

Polarimeters work with polarised light. This is not very demonstrative, because the human eye can not distinguish polarised light from unpolarised light.

A polarisation filter looks like a simple neutral grey filter. But if one holds two polarisation filters in a row, then there is a certain rotation in which no light can pass the combination of the filters. If then one of the filters is turned 90°, then light can easily pass both. Physicists say, only light of a certain polarisation plane can pass through a polarisation filter. If the passing-planes of both filters are perpendicular to each other, then no light can pass through the combination.

Some materials like quartz or sucrose solutions are called optically active, because they are able to rotate the polarisation plane. Polarimeters are measuring devices which measure the rotation that is caused by optically active test samples.

In a polarimeter, two polarisation filters are placed in a row so that no light can pass. If an optically active test sample is placed between those filters, then some light can pass because the plane of polarisation has been rotated. If now one of the polarisation filters is rotated just so far that no light can pass anymore, then the optical rotation of the sample has been measured directly. That means a polarimeter actually measures an angle.

The angle of optical rotation of diluted substances which are measured in test tubes depends on the

- Kind of sample
- Concentration of the sample
- Length of the tube
- Temperature
- Colour of the light (wavelength)

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The according formula has been found by the French physicist Jean B. Biot in the 19th century. The BIOT formula says that:

 $c = \alpha / [\alpha] \cdot 10000 / 1$ 

with

С	: concentration [g / 100 cm3 solution]
α	: rotation (in degrees angle)
[α]	: specific rotation
I	: length of the test tube [mm]

The specific rotation depends on temperature and wavelength; with some samples also from the concentration itself. Please mind that the unit of concentration is g / 100cm3 and not g / 100g!

Let us, for example, take the specific rotation of a watered sample of sucrose at 20°C and a wavelength of 589.44 nm (that is the balance point of both yellow sodium spectral lines) which was defined by the ICUMSA ("International Commission for Uniform Methods of Sugar Analysis") to be



So if one takes 26g in 100 cm3 and a 200mm sample tube, then this will result in a rotation of

 $\alpha = 34.626^{\circ} \pm 0.001^{\circ}$ 

which can be seen easily when using the formula. This sucrose solution is called normal solution and it is defined to have an optical rotation of 100.00 °Z (degrees sugar). The international sugar scale (ISS) is divided linear, that means a rotation of 17.313° is the same as  $50.00^{\circ}Z$ 



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#### 2.1 WAVELENGTH EFFECTS

The polarimeters of the sugar industry use four standard wavelengths. These wavelengths result in the following specific rotations, [ $\alpha$ ], and rotations of normal solutions in a 200 mm test tube,  $\alpha$ :

larimeters in the sugar industry can be easily calibrated by using quartz plates. If the wavelength of the device had shifted a little bit, the quartz will display the same value as the sucrose samples. If then the conversion factor of the displayed rotation in degrees angle is changed so that the quartz plate will display the value

DESCRIPTION	WAVELENGHT [nm]	α	[°]
mercurial - green	546.23	78.4178	40.777
sodium - yellow	589.44	34.6260	34.626
HeNe Laser	632.99	57.2144	29.751
NIR	882.60	28.5306	14.836

which is given in its verification protocol, then the sugar samples will be measured correct again. Trough that, the wavelength of the polarimeter was indeed not corrected, but the display in degrees sugar is correct again – and that is what counts.

Exact definitions concerning the international sugar scale can be found in "Specification and Standard SPS-1 (1998): Polarimetry and the International Sugar Scale" in the ICUMSA Methods Book.

In the example, the influence of the wavelength on the rotation, the so called optical rotation dispersion (ORD), becomes apparent. An offset of only 0.03 nm causes a difference of 0.01% in rotation. That is why light sources with a small

Rotation(T)

bandwidth between the half po-

wer points have to be used. Usually halogen lamps with in-

terference filters are used. These filters can be produced with an adequately small bandwidth; however their central wavelength is not a hundred percent stable in perpetuity.

To determine the exact current working wavelength, the polarimeter has to be

tested with a well known sample.

ven themselves good for that matter. When one measures their rotation in the device, one knows the wavelength of the device.

Fortunately, the ORD of quartz is almost identical with the ORD of sucrose. Therefore, poAn alternative way is to readjust the wavelength of the device. The procedure for that is relatively complicated and demands accurate working. Therefore this should only be performed by trained people.

### **2.2 TEMPERATURE EFFECTS**

The rotation of quartz increases with temperature T:

A plate which reads 40.000° at 20°C has to read 40.006° 21°C.

In opposite, the rotation of a sucrose solution decreases with temperature:

Rotation(T) = Rotation(20.0°C) •  $(1.0 - 4.71 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot (T - 20.0))$ 

The solution which reads 40.000° at 20°C has to read 39.981° at 21°C.

Please note that there are three different influences on the measured value of solutions. The



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test tubes, which are filled up to 100 cm3, are calibrated for 20°C. Also, the length of the test tube depends on the temperature. Furthermore, the optical activity of the solution changes with temperature. From these three influences, only the last one is included in the formula above.

The examples show, that during calibration of a polarimeter, it is essential that the temperature is taken into consideration. If a calibration with quartz is done in a laboratory at 22°C and later a normal solution is measured without consideration of the temperature, the solution is going to read only 99.88 °Z instead of 100.00 °Z !

#### 2.3 TUBE LENGTH

The degree of rotation is linear to the length of the test tube. Usually, tubes with 200 mm length are used. For 100 mm tubes, the value in the menu under **DEFAULT VALUES / TUBE LENGTH** has to be changed.





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### **3 INITIAL OPERATION**

#### 3.1 SETTING UP

The universal polarimeter **UniPol L** should be set up on a stable, vibration free worktop in a preferably dry environment. The device is connected to the provided power supply. **UniPol L** can be connected to a printer or a PC by using the serial port.

The device is ready for use immediately after turning on.

#### **3.2 CONNECTORS**

The polarimeter has connectors on the back side, which are shown in the following figure.



Main adapter
 Fuse 1,5 A
 Boot-button
 Bar-Code Scanner
 Parallel
 Com1 (Printer)
 Com2





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## **4 OPERATION OF THE POLARIMETER**

#### 4.1 KEYBOARD



The keyboard is illustrated in this figure.

The number keys are used mainly for numerical input. Through pressing the Alpha-key, characters can be used, for example to label methods.

Negative numbers are input with the "-"-key.

The "."-key (dot) is used for decimal digits.

#### Key assignments

#### Menu

#### Alpha

By pressing ALPHA, it is possible to switch between number and character input. Characters are chosen by pressing the assigned key multiple times. Both upper case and lower case characters can be input.

#### Print

The **PRINT** –key allows printing measuring results and sample data if a printer or a PC is connected.

#### **Arrow-Keys**

•  $\implies$   $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$  are used for navigating through the menu items.

•  $\rightarrow$   $\leftarrow$  has two functions:

1. During data input, this key is used as "backspace" to delete single digits or characters from right to left.

2. After measuring, this key will bring up detailed information about the measurement.

#### Enter

**ENTER** confirms the current selection. In a lot of submenus, it will bring up information in the bottom display section.

#### Start

Pressing the **START**-key will start the measurement.





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#### 4.2 DISPLAY

The display is divided into three sections: Navigation, selection/display, and operating assistance. The sections are separated from each other by dual lines.

The upper section of the display displays the current position in navigating the menu. It serves as an orientation guide.

The centre section shows the options and values as well as output information. It can be navigated by using the arrow keys and settings are set by using the number and character buttons

The bottom section displays general operating assistance. It helps the user with giving correct input and operating **UniPol L** in general. It also shows the next steps.



#### **4.3 HOTKEYS**

Hotkeys are short cut keys which allow the user to make changes or perform tasks faster and easier without having to leave the current menu.

The hotkey menu can be opened by pressing **ALPHA**.

<pre>====================================</pre>
0 = Reset 1 = Concentr. 2 = Stop
1 = Concentr. 2 = Stop
2 = Stop
3 = User
↑↓= Method
4 = Dilution
============
Print
Menü = exit



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#### 4.4 TURNING ON/OFF

The on / off switch is on the right side of the polarimeter. After switched on, **UniPol L** automatically performs a brief self test. The process of the start-up procedure is shown graphically on the display.

If the polarimeter is in GLP-mode, a user has to be selected and confirmed with a password. The clear identification of a user serves for security. If a measurement protocol is printed, the user's name will appear in it.

Reset =====
**** Reset **** Please remove sample tube or fill it with water.
======== Drücke Enter



#### **4.5 SETTING ZERO**

Before the first measurement can be started, methods have to be defined and the polarimeter has to be set to zero. The creation of methods will be further explained in chapter "How to define methods"

After pressing **START**, the user will be requested to remove the test tube or fill it with water. Confirmation with **ENTER** will start the calibration process. A status bar in the bottom section of the display will show the progress of the process.

#### **4.6 MEASURING**

After setting zero, the user is requested to start the measurement. For that, the sample is placed in the sample chamber and the sample chamber cover is closed. Pressing **START** will start the measurement.

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Method 1 A 01.01.2006 18:48	
Angle ° 0.00	
Temp. =20.0°C	
Tube =200mm Abs. = 0.0	
Start measurement	



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#### 4.7 STATUS

There are two different ways in which UniPol L can be operated.

#### Normal

The *Normal* status allows every user to perform changes in the menu. With this setting, the device is open for all users. That means after turning on, nobody has to log on. The changing of settings is user independent.

#### GLP

The GLP- (Good Laboratory Praxis) Status serves the user depending operation of the polarimeter. After turning on, the user has to log on with his username and password. The user can only chose from a list of users who have already been inserted by the administrator. Changes in the menu can only be performed by the administrator. The GLP status is set in the security menu. It can only be changed by the administrator under

#### **4.8 MODES**

The universal polarimeter can measure in two different ways:

#### Rotation

Measurement of the rotation of the plane of polarization by the sample in [°Z]

#### Alpha

Measurement of the specific rotation from the rotation and the concentration.

### 4.9 SCALES

User defined scales can be defined and saved under the menu item "Scales" (**Scales**" (**MAIN MENU / SCALES**). User defined scales can be, for example, for glucose, invert sugar or miscellaneous optically active chemical substances.





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#### 5.1 WHAT IS A METHOD?

A method includes all important parameters for a certain measuring procedure. The one-time definition of these settings has the advantage, that each measurement of a certain measurement procedure has the same output format on the display. Thus those settings have to be adjusted only once. A method includes parameters like mode (rotation or specific rotation), format for displaying the results (units, dilution), hotkeys, and printing properties.

## **5 HOW TO DEFINE METHODS**

#### **5.2 PRESET METHODS**

**UniPol L** is shipped with four factory set methods:

NUMBER	NAME	DISPLAY
1	А	angle [°]
2	В	scale 1 [°Z]
3	С	spez. rot. [α]
4	D	angle [°] + printout

Methodes
=============
Default method
Active method
Method 1
Method 2
Method 3
Method 4
<- return
=============
Press "Enter"
to edit
===========
Method A

#### **5.3 HOW TO DEFINE METHODS**

Before measuring with the universal polarimeter **UniPol L** of SCHMIDT+HAENSCH GmbH, at least one and up to four methods have to be defined. If the device is in GLP mode, then these changes have to be performed by the administrator. All parameters that have to be changed are described in the chapter "Settings".

#### **5.4 HOW TO SELECT METHODS**

If  $\implies \uparrow$  or  $\implies \downarrow$  is pressed while the user is not within a menu, then the user is asked to select a method. After accepting with  $\implies$  **ENTER**, the default screen is shown again. Now the desired method can be selected by using the arrow keys again and the measurement can be initiated with

**START**. The user will be able to provide a batch- and sample ID for the printout protocol. The first line in the display will always show the method which is currently in use.

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Method 1 A 01 01 2006 00:28
Angle ° *******
Temp. =°C
Tube =mm Abs. =
<pre>====================================</pre>

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### **6 SETTINGS**

	1		1
General	Date / Time	Year / Month / Day / Hour / Minute	
	Language	English / German	
	Company name 1	"manual input"	
	Company name 2	"manual input"	
Calibration	Reset	"Set zero"	
	Wavelenght	"enter quartz value"	
	Calibration log	"Display Logfile"	
Methods	Default Method	"selection"	
	Aktive Method	"input method name"	
	Method 1-4	Aktiv Name Mode Display Measurement Mode Hotkeys Printout Printeed Columns Repeat count Repeat delay Set to standard Copy Method	Yes / No "manual input" Degree / [Alpha] Angle / Scale 1-4 auto / manual / manual+print / remote 1+2 "selection assingning keys" "selection printout" "selection printed columns" "input repeat count" "input repeat delay" "reset" "selection Method"
Default values	Temperature	"input temperature"	
	Tube lenght	"input tube lenght"	
	Temp. coef. ppm/°C	"input temp. coef."	
	Tubes	"selection tubes"	
Scales	"selection scale 1-10"		
Security	Status	Normal / GLP	
	Administrator		
	"input users"		
Communication	Configuration	Programm "Load Save"	
	Serial Port 1	Baudrate / Parität / Stop bits / Test Port / Test echo	
	Printer	Printer Type	ASCII
		Top space	"manual input"
		Left space	"manual input"
		Line space	"manual input"
		Char. size	"manual input"
Service	Test hardware	Polarimeter	LED Test / TemperatureTest / Motor slow / Motor fast Stress Test / Protocol
	Operating hours	"display operating hours"	
	No. Measurements	"input number"	
	Use microswitch	Yes / No	





#### SCHMIDT#HAENSCH UNIPOL 6.2 MAIN MENU Pressing **MENU** leads to the main menu. Enter Menu The menu is password protected with a number ate 01.01.200 code. The main menu can be navigated by the Serial no.:12345 up- and down arrow keys and submenus can \_\_\_\_\_ be selected and entered with **ENTER**. Each User name change in the menu requires the administrator Administrator 1 to log in. 6.3 PASSWORD **UniPol L** is password protected on two levels. If the device is in GLP mode, a user who has been authorised by the administrator has to enter his personal password before being able to work with the device. The user cannot perform any changes if the device is in GLP mode. Password 1234 (default) The second security level is secured through the administrator password. With this password, the administrator is able to adjust all necessary settings. The administrator password is supplied by Administrator password SCHMIDT+HAENSCH in a separate envelope. General Several settings of UniPol L can be set in the submenus. The op-Calibration tions listed here are parameters which can only be changed by the administrator. Methods If the polarimeter is in "Nor-Main menu \_\_\_\_\_ Default values mal"-mode, then the user can General perform changes in the menu. Calibration Methodes Scales However, not all menu items are Default values available for the user. Especial-Scales Security ly settings concerning security Security are inaccessible. Communication Service Communication The following pages will give \_\_\_\_\_ short explanations for several Press "Enter" to activate Service settings. selected menu \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **6.4 GENERAL SETTINGS**

General =============	Date / Time	Year / Month / Day / Hour / Minute
Date Time Language Company name 1	Language	English / German
Company name 2 <- return	Company name 1+2	Both values under Company name 1+2 will appear on the printout.
Press "Enter" to activate selected menu		

### **6.5 CALIBRATION**

	Reset	Sets the device to zero as reference
	Wavelength	As the interference filters suffer from age- and
Calibration ======== Reset Wavelength Calibration log <- return		environment depending alteration, it might be necessary in some cases to readjust the wave- length. This is performed by adjusting the inter- ference filter by turning a screw which can be reached through the back side of the device. The menu helps the user by letting him mea- sure the quartz after each step of adjusting to check the current value and keep on adjusting until the desired value is reached. By pressing <b>ENTER</b> , the value is saved.
Press "Enter" to start		
the program =====	Calibration Log	Log file of all calibrations performed. The results of the last 10 calibrations and zero settings are documented.





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#### **6.7 DEFAULT VALUES**

Default values ======= Temperature	Temperature	Input of default temperature for measurements without temperature sensor
Tube length T.coef ppm/°C Tubes	Tube length	Input of used tube length
<- return	Temp. coef. ppm/°C	Expansion coefficient of the test tube
	Tubes	Selection of (already input) tube sizes
Press "Enter" to edit		
20.0		

#### 6.8 SCALES

	Scale 1-10	Selection and activation of scales
Scale 1	Active	If activated, a scale can be selected for usage in the working screen
Active Name Units	Name	User defined label of the scale
Format length Digits Last digit	Unit	Input of desired unit of the defined scale
Factor Coef Set °Z <- return ========== Press "Enter" to leave the Submenu	Format length Digits after decimal point	Number of all characters which are printed
		Number of digits after decimal point
	Last digit	Rounding of last digit
	Factor	x [g]/100 [ml] The concentration which reads the highest va- lue on the scale. For sugar and a 200mm test tube, it is $x = 26g$
	Coef	Further explanation under appendix A2 "Sca-

les"

Set °Z Sets the correct coefficient for °Z according to the given wave length





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Status	GLP / Normal (page 14)
Administrator	For changing the administrator password
User 1-10	For adding users of the device
Active	For de-/activating users
User	Input of a username
Passoword	Input of user dependent password
	Status Administrator User 1-10 Active User Passoword

**6.9 SECURITY** 

#### **6.10 COMMUNICATION**

	Configuration	Startet das	Programm Load/Save
Serial port	Serial Port 1		
Baudrate Parity Stop bits	Baudrate	9600 *	
Test port Test Echo	Parity	no parity * / odd parity / even parity	
<- return	Stop bits	1 Stop Bit *	/ 2 Stop Bits
======= Press "Enter" to edit	Test Port	Starts the p	program
	Test echo	Starts the program	
9600	Printer		Printer code
	Printer type	ASCII	Printer type Top space Left space
	Top space	3 *	Line space Char.size

<- return

\_\_\_\_\_

Press "Enter" to edit

\_\_\_\_\_

0

10 \*

1 \*

0 \*

Left space

Line space

Char. size

#### \*default

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Service	Test Hardware	
======================================		
Operating hours No. measurements	Polarimeter	
Limit too dark Limit dark	LED Test	Starts the program
Dark repeat <- zurück ===========	Temperature Test	Starts the program
Press "Enter" to activate	Motor slow	Input of number for slow motor rotations
	Motor fast	Input of number for fast motor rotations
	Stress Test	Starts the program
Iest hardware	Delay	15 *
Yolarimeter Menu structur Heap	Statistik	20 *
Frings - return	Stress test	Starts the program
	Druck sin <sup>2</sup>	Starts the program
Press "Enter" to activate	Protokoll	Starts the program
selected menu ======	Menü Struktur	Starts the program
	Неар	7934
Test Polar. ====================================	Strings	94 *
Preamp test Temperature test	Operating hours	Display of hours of operation
Motor slow Motor fast Stress test Protocol	No. Measurements	Display number of measurements performed so far
<- return ============ Press "Enter"	Use micro switch	De-/activates the switch of the sample chamber cover
to activate selected menu	Limit too dark	3 *
	Limit dark	10 *
	Dark repeat	3 *

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### **7 PRINT OUTPUT**

The following figure shows a typical printout. In principle, the **UniPol L** is able to communicate directly with a printer or to send the output to a PC.

The picture below shows, which parameters have to be changed in the menu **METHODS** / **PRINTOUT** and **METHODS** / **PRINTED COLUMNS** to customise the print-output for user needs.

For sending data to a Computer, it is necessary that all parameters in **COMMUNI-**CATION are correct.





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## **APPENDIX**

### **A1 ERROR DESCRIPTION**

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	HELP
01	Value too small to display or value lower than the allowed range	Change format length
02	Value too large to display or value smaller than the allowed range	Change format length
03	Value out of allowable range	
04	Value was not measured	
05	Value not measured due to manual break	Measurement aborted. Press Start
07	Statistic value has error	
31	There is no module which can deliver that value	
40	Scale value smaller than the possible RI-range	
41	Scale value larger than the possible RI-range	
42	Scale value smaller than the possible temperature range	
43	Scale value larger than the possible temperature ran- ge	
44	Scale not active	Please activate the scale (Scales- ScaleXY-Active-yes)
45	Scale definition is incorrect	
70	Tube coding is wrong	
71	Quartz platte in the sample room	
72	Tube lenght not known. Please define it in the menu	
73	Calculation of quartz value out of range	
74	Can not calculate the absorption	
75	Sample room door open! Please close it.	Please close sample chamber!
76	Sample too dark	
77	Sample too dark	
78	Too much light, overdrive of preamplifier	





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