



XpertVal – USER'S GUIDE

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1 Introduction

1.1 Introduction

XpertVal is a stand-alone thermal validation system that simplifies the entire validation process by significantly reducing setup , minimizing sensor handling, and presenting critical study data in easily customized report formats. This advanced system is specifically designed to conform with new FDA electronic records guidelines (21 CFR Part 11) and meet international and European norms for validation of pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device (EN 285, EN 554) ,manufacturing plants.

XpertVal is a portable system intended to be used throughout the facility on a routine basis. Although Lives International specifies an operating environment of 0° to 50°C and a relative humidity of <95% (non-condensing), as well as a nominal supply voltage of 115 / 230 VAC, these environmental specifications will not be verified in this document, because the instrument will not be permanently installed in a single location.

Continuous evolution of the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical equipment market and international regulations request more reliability and best performance of the Thermal Validation Systems.

The complex equipment controlled by the computer has the ability to help the final user to improve his validations of thermal process.

Validation of software; IQ & OQ, training the user; 21 CFR part 11 compliant; prompt and high quality Service After Sales are few of the methods applied by LIVES International to allow XpertVal users to obtain the highest degree of comfort and confidence XpertVal thermal validation system.

XpertVal System saves time and offer safety features by:

- hands free thermocouple calibration before and after the test,
- quick training ,
- user friendly ,
- automatic reports generation (calibration , test , post calibration)
- real time trending
- statistics after the test
- 21 CFR Part 11
- etc

Raw data is encrypted and double protected on a PCMCIA card and in a file on the hard disk.

The system meets European and American requirements concerning thermal validation processes, electronic data protection and data signature.

1.2 Concept

XpertVal is the latest generation in Lives International's line of thermal validation systems. It is a compact, modular, and portable instrument designed specifically by Fluke to meet current thermal validation needs and regulations. The XpertVal can accommodate up to 20 sensor inputs, in any combination of thermocouples, PT100, thermistors, voltages or current inputs.

Sensor input is accomplished through a Input Module, a modular sensor input interface that protects the electronics against dust, humidity, electrical noise, and mechanical shock. The module has 20 sensor input channels, a cold junction reference to maintain measurement accuracy in different environmental conditions. The temperature measurement range is -200°C to 500°C, depending on the type of thermocouple and selected resolution used, with a total system measurement accuracy of 0.191°C at 121.0 C.

XpertVal System can easily be connected to a data logger Fluke, to temperature standards or reference baths Lives or Hart. This modular design allows for fully automatic sensor calibration, as well as multiple calibration or test equipment configurations.

XpertVal software is designed to run on Windows 95,98, 2000, NT or XP and provides everything needed to perform validation testing. Using XpertVal software, a system administrator creates user accounts and assigns user IDs, passwords, and access permission levels that identify the person operating the instrument and prevent unauthorized operation. Validation study setups, which include calibration criteria, are programmed using the XpertVal Software, and can be run in standalone mode or under PC control. The XpertVal also provides for encoded, secure data files that prevent modification of the original data, and includes data reporting options, either as printed hardcopies or spreadsheet-compatible electronic files. This secure electronic data format is designed to satisfy the requirements of 21 CFR Part 11 (Electronic Records and Signatures).

Data logger Hydra controlled by XpertVal has 2 MB of PCMCIA memory and 100 scans buffer internal memory. The XpertVal is designed to write data to internal memory, PCMCIA and PC hard drive (if connected) during sensor calibration, calibration verification and test. Hydra's PCMCIA card can be used to transfer Test data between the XpertVal Software and the data logger.

Calibration, Calibration Verification and Test data is recorded to the hard disk in real time.

An external battery can be connected to Hydra data logger in order to provide electrical supply in case of a power loss. The battery provides approximately 24 hours of power.

XpertVal is designed to operate with the Lives probe connected to the block, with Hart probe model 1502 and Kaye IRTD, and the Hart and Lives temperature blocks or cryo bath.

The equipment provides NIST traceable calibration of thermocouples used in thermal validation studies, with a range of -183°C to 420°C. During calibration and/or test, the XpertVal automatically reads and monitors the temperature of the reference probe. For thermocouple calibration, the reference probe functions as the standard for correcting thermocouple readings. The Temperature References provide highly stable temperature conditions for sensor calibration, and respond to pre-programmed calibration criteria, allowing automatic thermocouple calibration at both low and high temperature set-points, with an optional third set-point for a mid-range temperature check.

The significant improvement of calibration accuracy and speed in thermocouple calibration with XpertVal is obtained by using the exclusive features of Lives temperature blocks : connection of the reference probe directly to the block, the correction coefficients of the reference being stored in the memory of the block.

1.3 Advantages

- Security of data
- Data logger serial number control operation
- Pyramid operations:
 - Based on Templates -> Calibrations
 - Based on Calibration -> Tests
 - Test
- Reduces the thermocouple calibration period in comparison to a manual calibration
- Reproducibility of results using completely automatic calibration
- Specific and an individual data base for each equipment type
- Security and access levels programmable by the system administrator
- Electronic data protection and (FDA-21 CFR part 11)
- Audit trails
- Automatic operation for thermocouples calibration
- Calibration and test reports generated automatically
- Display of real time data : values & trends
- Available reports :
 - Thermocouple calibration reports
 - Test report :
 - Temperature values
 - F-values (for penetration study)
 - Statistics :
 - Minimum values for each channel
 - Maximum values for each channel
 - Average values for each channel
- Real time trends:
 - Values
 - The accumulated F-values
- Intermediary reports during data
- Automatic start & stop of data acquisition based on time or value
- Data acquisition down to 1 sec.
- Channels configuration templates
- 20 temperature channels and 1 channel for an external transducer (pressure, humidity etc)
- universal sensors connection on the data logger and controlled by XpertVal :
 - thermocouples
 - PT100
 - Voltage (0-1; 0-5; 0-10 V)
 - Current (4-20 mA)
 - Thermistors
 - Etc...
- Label configuration of each thermocouple before test starting
- Easy handling of thermocouples, initial connection in the data logger module
- Recognition of up to 10 modules with the corresponding calibration report
- Thermocouple oxidation detection by the data logger
- Raw data recorded on the PCMCIA card of the data logger and in a PC file
- Standard test reports directly from the PCMCIA card
- Stand alone unit during test (no need to use a PC during test test)
- User friendly software
- Flexible software
- Software validation manual
- One day training after delivery
- IQ & OQ provided
- Standard connectors
- Control of other manufacturers equipment : Hart temperature blocks and smart probe IRTD

2 *XpertVal Equipment*

2.1 *Hardware equipment*

XpertVal validation system is composed by:

Data Logger Hydra with PCMCIA card

Temperature Reference Probe Lives (connected directly to the temperature block) or Hart probe with display

Temperature Block Lives

XpertVal validation software

PCMCIA card with 2 or 4 communication ports

Notice :

When the Lives temperature block (B series) is controlled through the Lives probe connected , it is strongly recommended that the block and the probe be calibrated together by a Lives International or Ametek calibration service.

The serial number of the probe must be entered in the block by the calibration service, together with the correction coefficients for the probe. The verification of the equipment in the software allows users to be aware if the serial number of the probe does not corresponds to the serial numbered recorded in the block.

Lives International declines all responsibility in case of incorrect use of probe connected to the temperature block.

2.2 *Minimal Configuration of XpertVal Validation System*

Minimal configuration of XpertVal validation system:

XpertVal validation system is composed by:

Data Logger Hydra with PCMCIA card

Temperature Reference Probe Lives (connected directly to the temperature block) or Hart probe with display

Temperature Block Lives

XpertVal validation software

PCMCIA card with 2 or 4 communication ports

PC (laptop or desktop) with Pentium III processor 1.0 Ghz, 126 MB SDRAM, Hard Drive 20 Go,
OS: Windows 95/98 /NT / 2000 / Xp

Premium quality thermocouples

Printer for reports printing or Adobe writer installed on the laptop

WARNING

The computer to be used with the system needs to have a clean operating system and it is recommended to be dedicated computer.

It is recommended to keep the computer clean of uncontrolled installations of other software which could affect the normal operation of the system.

2.3 XpertVal Hardware Connections

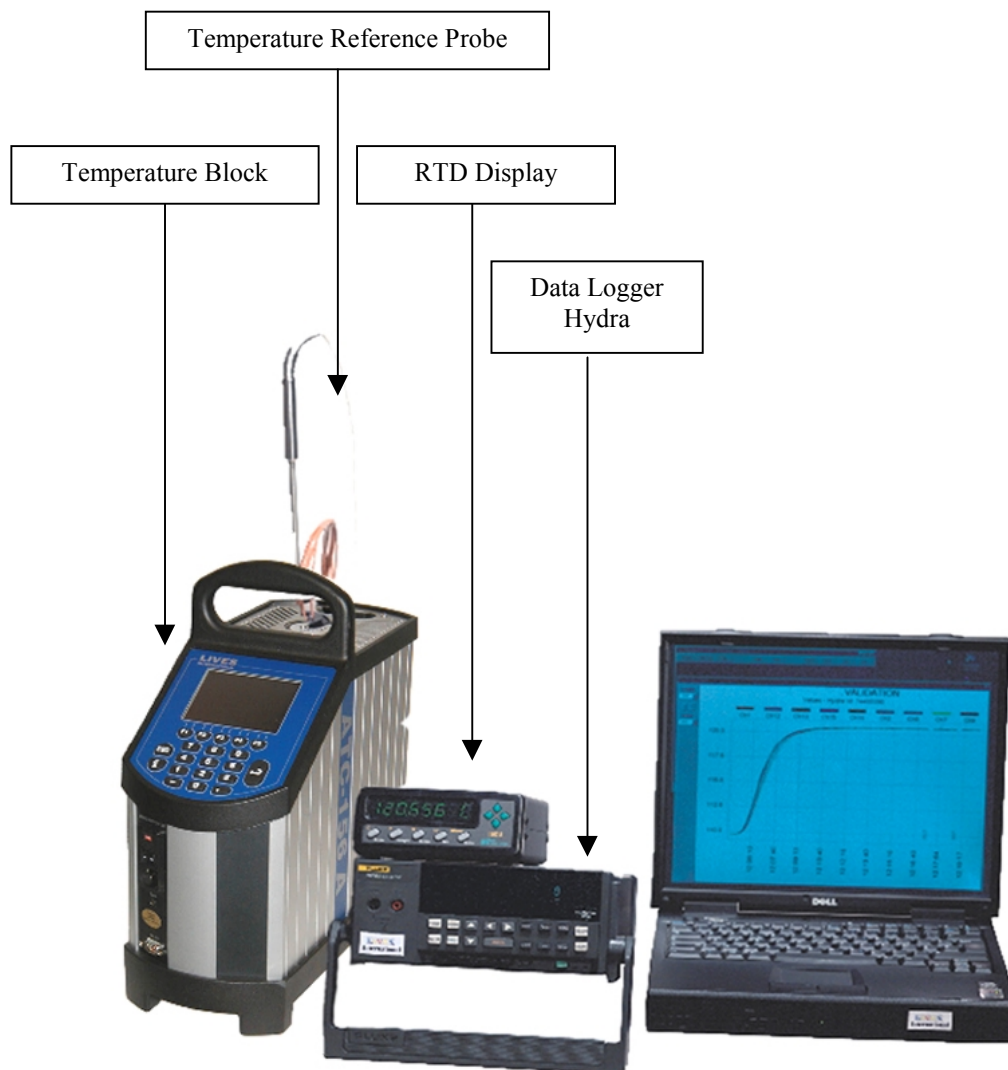


Fig 1: XpertVal equipment connections.

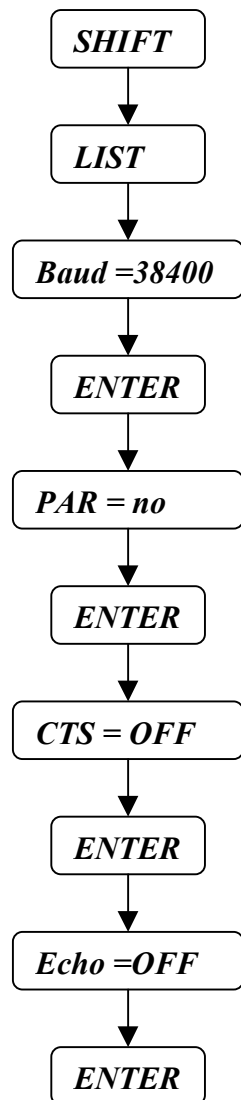
2.4 Hardware configuration

I Configuring Hydra for Comm Operations

Connect Hydra data logger to the computer by a null modem cable.
Turn the power "On"

Selecting the Baud rate:

Press the "Shift" key, release, and then press the "List" key to open the communications parameters menu.
Select the baud rate by using the up/down arrow keys.
Select 38400; press "Enter"



II Initializing the PCMCIA memory card

Selecting the initializing mode:

Insert the memory card to be initialized

From the front panel of Hydra:

- Press on the "FILES" menu
- Press the up/down arrows until "Init" is displayed, then press "Enter" key
- The menu changes to "Init"

Verifying the "Init" mode:

To verify the selection of the initialization mode, press the up/down arrows keys until "yES" is displayed in the "Init" menu, then press the "Enter" key. If "yES" is selected, the menu changes to "SuRE"

Initializing the memory card

Press the up/down arrows keys to select "yES" in the "SuRE" menu, then press the "Enter" key.

"yES" will initialize the memory card, erasing all previous data, if any. If "Err 1 Card" appears, the small switch on the card may be in the write-protect position. Reposition the switch and repeat this procedure

If the memory card can not be initialized in this way, go to the next steps and use option **VLA** for initializing the card.

III. Programming the HYDRA Serial Number.

In order to use the HYDRA within the "XpertVal" software the Serial Number of the Hydra must be programmed into nonvolatile EEPROM of the instrument. Note that the serial number is not programmed prior to shipment from the factory. In order to program the serial number into the Hydra EEPROM the Terminal Program (HyperTerminal) (RS 232) should be used to establish PC-HYDRA communication (see User Manual).

Start a new HyperTerminal session (Comm 1; Bauds = 38400; Data = 8; Parity = None; Stop bit = 1; Flow control = none then File -> Properties -> Parameters -> ASCII configuration -> check the 2 upper boxes in the window : - send EOF and locally write the characters)

To check if the serial number has been previously programmed use "SERIAL?" at the Terminal prompt.

If Hydra responds with "0" then serial number has not yet been set.

The following procedure should be used to program the serial number into the EEPROM:

- At the Terminal prompt use the "SERIAL XXXXXXX" command (XXXXXXX denotes the 7-digit serial number - HYDRA ID Tag . Leading zeros must be entered. Note: once entered, the number cannot be changed.)
- Check if the serial number has been programmed - use "SERIAL?" at the Terminal prompt. If Hydra responds with "XXXXXXX" representing the serial number then serial number has been set correctly.
- Stop the HyperTerminal session

IV. Programming the HART module's 1502A Serial Number.

Connect the Probe to the module 1502A.

Connect the power supply to the module.

Turn "On" the module.

Set the baud rate:

- Press the "Menu" button ("Set?" appears) then press the "K/Comm" button. The display will briefly indicate "Serial", then "bAud" and the display the current baud rate.
- Use the "Up" or "Down" arrows to increase or decrease the baud rate then press "Enter". The next parameter in the "Comm" menu, the serial sample period, will then appear.

Start a new HyperTerminal session (Comm 1; Bauds = 9600; Data = 8; Parity = None; Stop bit = 1; Flow control = none then File -> Properties -> Parameters -> ASCII configuration -> check the 2 upper boxes in the window : - send EOF and locally write the characters)

- Enter the request *SN in order to display on the computer's screen the serial number of the module.
- Check the serial number displayed on the screen with the serial number physically labeled on the module.
- If the serial number displayed is only the last three digits or it doesn't corresponds with the serial number physically labeled on the module then it has to be changed
- Enter the following command in order to access the serial number modification: *PA=2051
- Enter the serial number of the module *SN= xxxxxx
- Enter the command *SN to display the serial number ; check if the serial number displayed is correct
- Enter the command *PA=0 to lock the calibration menu.

V Programming the PCMCIA communication card

Insert the PCMCIA communication card in the PCMCIA computer's slot.

Follow Windows instructions for installing the card; use the driver provided by the manufacturer if available.

Verify in the Control panel that 2 (or 4 – depending upon the type of PCMCIA comm card available) extra COMM ports are available

VI Connecting data logger, reference probe and temperature block on XpertVal software

Insert the PCMCIA comm card into the computer.

Start up the computer.

Connect Hydra to Comm 1 (standard RS232 comm port of the computer)

Connect reference probe to one of the two extra comm ports available

Connect temperature block to the second extra comm ports available

Start XpertVal

Press "Equip"

Select :

Hydra

Port = 1

Baud = 38400

Module = 0

Probe

Mode: Comm port

Port = 4 or one available

Baud = 9600

Type =

- HART for a Hart probe
- IQRTD for a Kaye smart probe
- DTI-S1 for Ametek probe
- Lives for Lives probe connected to the block

Block

Mode: Comm port

Port = 4 (or 5 or 6 or 7)

Baud = 9600 for Jofra blocks

2400 for Hart blocks

Type = Lives or

Hart

Click on "Verify"

Data concerning all the equipment should be available on the screen.

VI.A Press "Format MC" in order to format the PMCIA card of the data logger .

If data concerning the equipment is not available check the connection to the computer.

VII Configure the computer to read data from the PCMCIA card (Win 98)

Use "Word Pad" to edit "Config.sys" from "C:\\" directory.

Add two more lines at the end of "Config.sys" as follows:

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device=c:\windows\system\csmapper.sys
device=c:\windows\system\carddrv.exe /slot=n
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Replace n with the number of PCMCIA slot number available on your computer.

Verify that the location of the files "Csmapper.sys" and "Carddrv.exe" is in "Windows\System"

Save modifications and restart the computer.

3 XpertVal Software

3.1 Software installation and starting

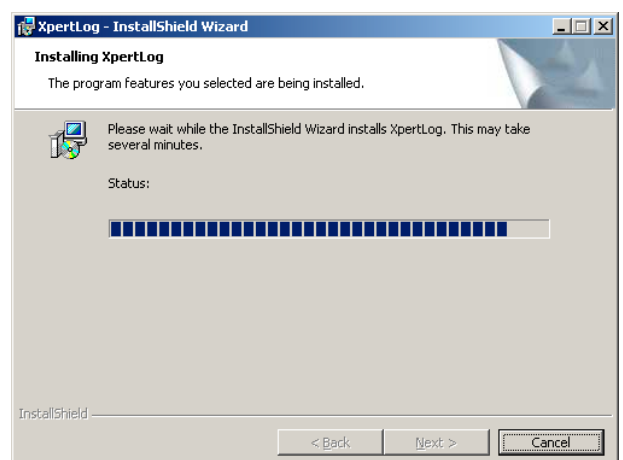
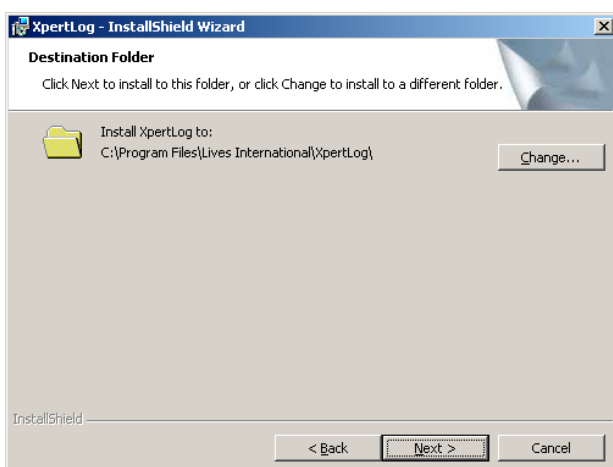
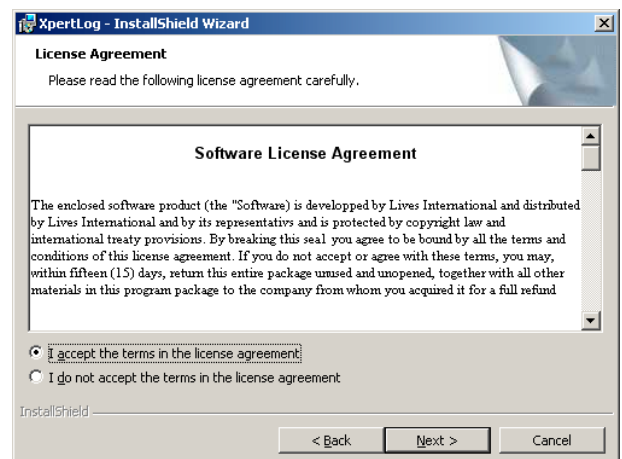
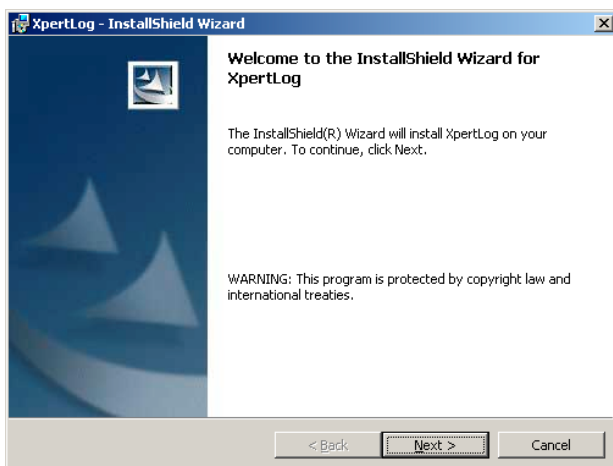
Install XpertVal

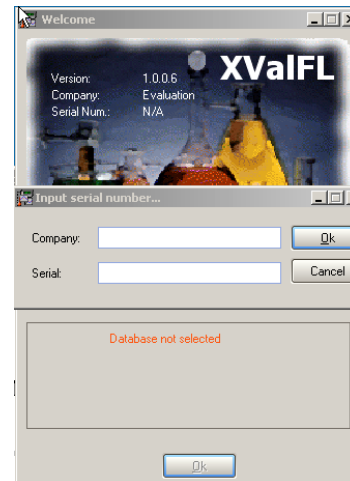
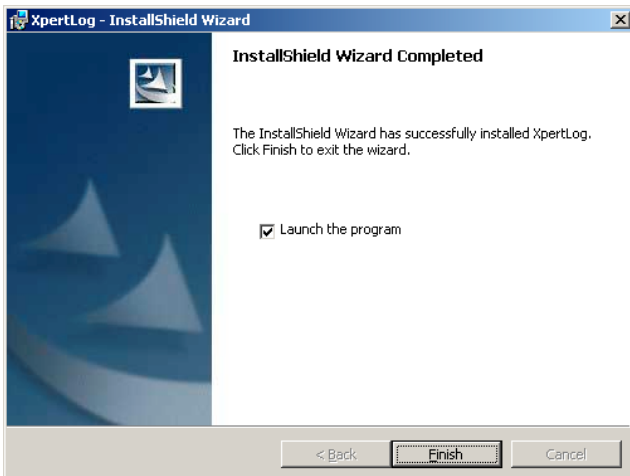
Warning:

Before installing XpertVal software, disable screen savers of the computer and the “stop” of the hard disk during normal operation of the PC.

Insert installation CD in the computer and double click on "Setup.exe"

After the Setup Box, follow the instructions displayed on the screen for choosing the directory in which XpertVal will be installed.



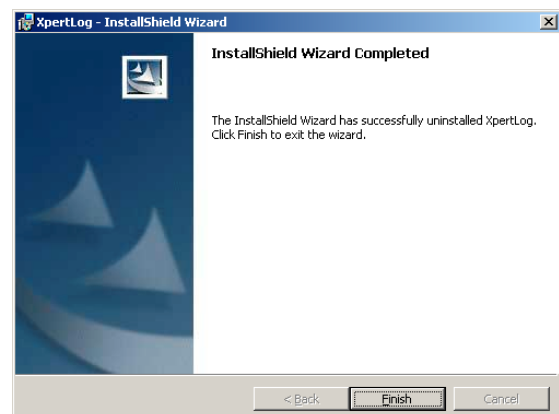
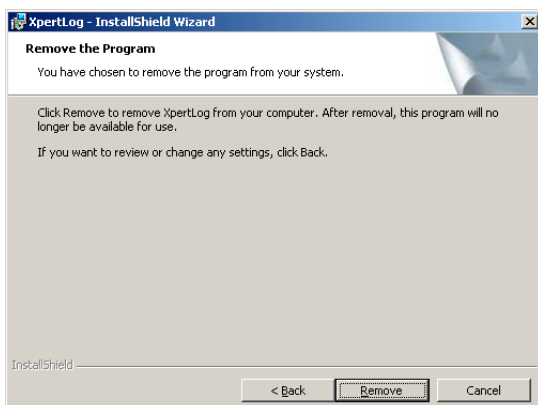
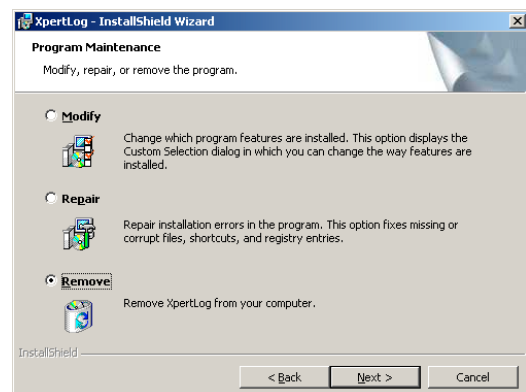
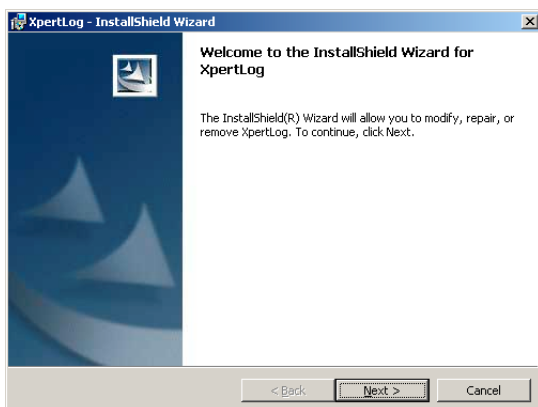


Click on "Finish" to start the software; enter the name and the serial number; XpertVal icon is automatically placed on the desktop

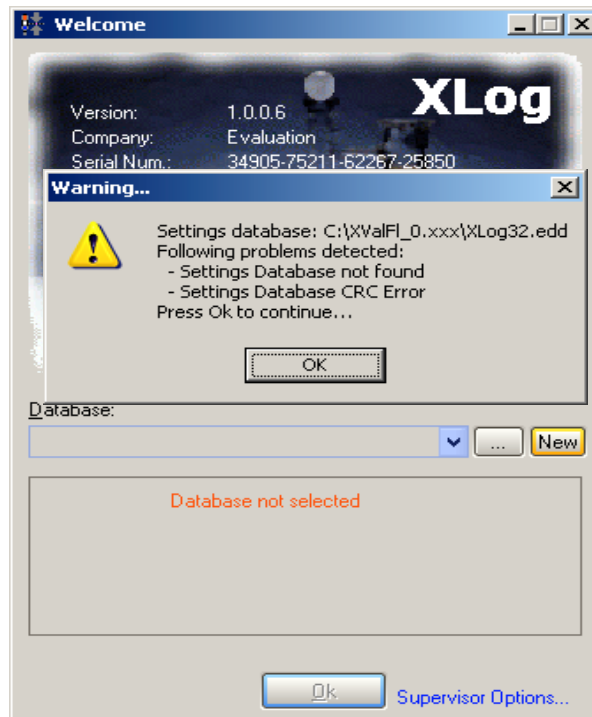
Warning: this is a case sensitive window, enter the name and the serial number as written on the CD's label.

Uninstall XpertVal

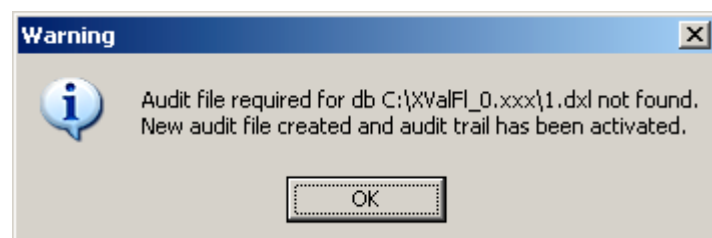
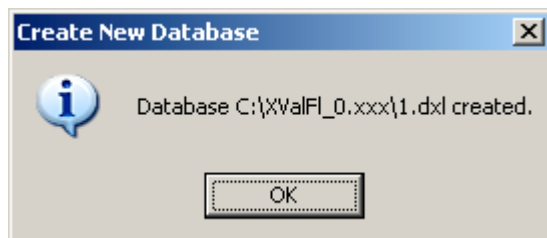
Insert the installation CD and double click on "Setup.exe" - follow the instructions displayed step by step



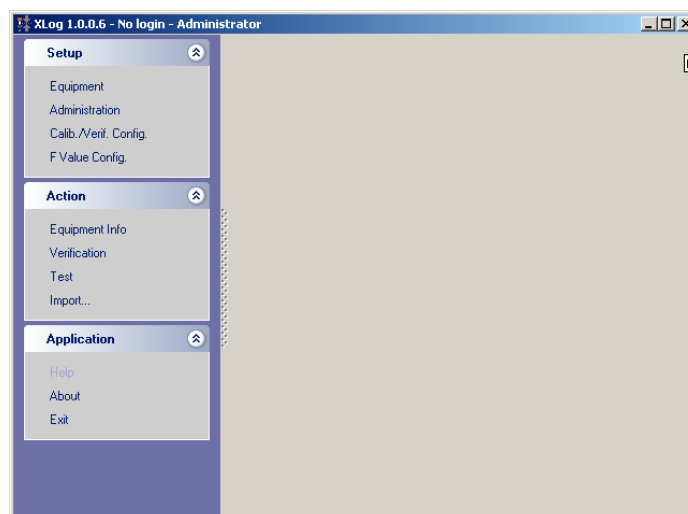
In order to completely uninstall the software the user needs to delete "XpertVal " folder from where it was installed.

Start XpertVal

Define a new data base, a new audit trail will be generated automatically.



XpertVal starts



First time when XpertVal starts the user will be logged on as Admin with no password required.

3.2 Main Menu

XpertVal is structured in modules, for a better understanding and simplicity of use

The structure of the software modules:

- Setup :
 - *Equipment*
 - *Administration*
 - *Calibration / Verification Configuration*
 - *F value configuration*
- Action
 - *Equipment Info*
 - *Template*
 - *Calibration*
 - *Verification*
 - *Test*
 - *Import*
- Application
 - *Help*
 - *About*
 - *Exit*

3.2.1. Setup - Equipment

Equipment Configuration Available

Three types of connections are available:

- Type I :
 - Data logger Hydra 2635A
 - Temperature block Lives
 - Reference probe Lives connected to Temperature block Lives
- Type II :
 - Data logger Hydra 2635 A
 - Temperature block Lives / Hart
 - Reference probe Hart with external display / Ametek DTI with external display / Kaye IRTD
- Type III :
 - Data logger Hydra 2635 A
 - Oil bath Hart
 - Reference probe Hart with external display / Ametek DTIwith external display / Kaye IRTD

The recommended connection is Type I, in order to improve the accuracy of the calibration :

- the reference probe is connected direct to the block through the front panel in order to control it
- highest accuracy calibration then if the block is controlled by it's internal regulation probe
- only 2 COM connections needed for calibration
- all equipment are stored in a single carry case

General case presentation:

- block, reference probe and data logger connected to PC via 3 communication ports

System Equipment Configuration

Click on the *Equipment* module in order to configure the system's equipment:

- The data logger
- The temperature standard
- The temperature block
- Verification of connection s between the computer and the system's equipment

Equipment configuration

Equipment

Hydra

Probe

Block

☐ Lock front panel

Port: 1

Baud: 38400

Unit: Celsius

Module: 1

Equipment

Hydra

Probe

Block

Mode: Comm Port

Port: 1

Baud: 9600

Type: LIVES Ext

Digits: IQ RTD
HART
DTI-S1
LIVES Int
LIVES Ext

Equipment

Hydra

Probe

Block

Mode: Comm Port

Port: 1

Baud: 9600

Type: LIVES

HART

LIVES

Data Logger

- Lock front panel option

Define:

- Communication port
 - Communication speed (baud rate)
 - Module number (up to 10: 0-9);
- XpertVal remembers each module calibration*

Temperature Reference

Define:

- Communication mode
- Communication port
- Communication speed (baud rate)
- Temperature standard used
 - IRTD
 - Hart
 - Jofra
 - Lives - internal probe control
 - Lives - external probe control

Temperature block

Define:

- Communication mode
- Communication port
- Communication speed (baud rate)
- Temperature block used:
 - Lives
 - Hart

Front panel lock

In the data logger configuration there is a function called “lock front panel”.

If the user does not activate this function, the data logger's front panel will be locked only during the thermocouple calibration. The data logger will be unlocked at the end of the calibration.

If the function is active, the locking of the front panel will be active during the thermocouple calibration and the data acquisition during the test.

When the “*lock*” function is active, the front panel keyboard of Hydra data logger does not responds to any external actions during the thermocouples calibration or during the test.

Manual stops or the modifications of the data logger configuration are forbidden to the users during the data logger function in this configuration.

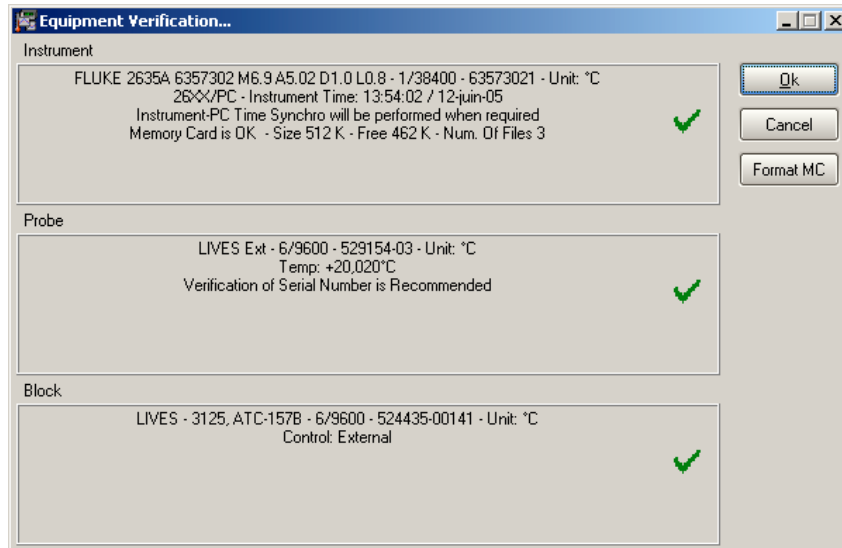
The “*lock*” function is automatically disabled at the end of thermocouple calibration and/or at the end of the test.

In this configuration (keyboard locked), if you exit from the software with the option: “*Terminate and Continue Hydra Scan without PC*” or “*Terminate and do not change current status of Hydra*”, the data logger will continue to record the data and the front data logger's keyboard will stay locked.

In order to disable the front panel lock you need to connect the computer to the data logger. Click on “Equipment” module. Disable the option “lock front panel” and then click on “Verify”.

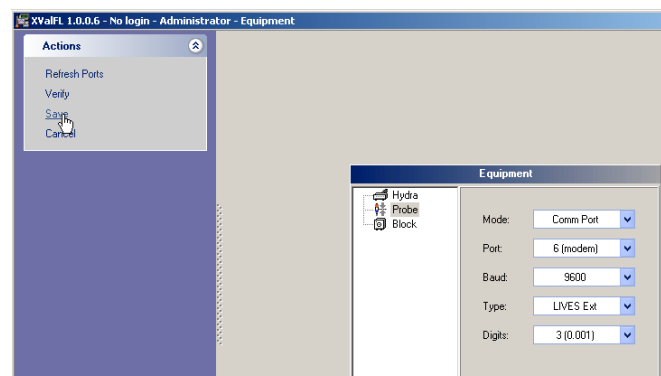
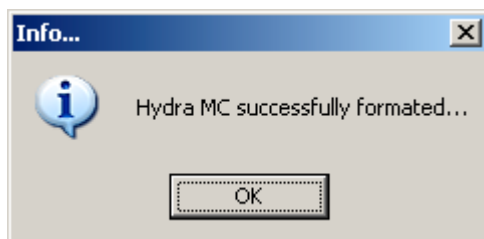
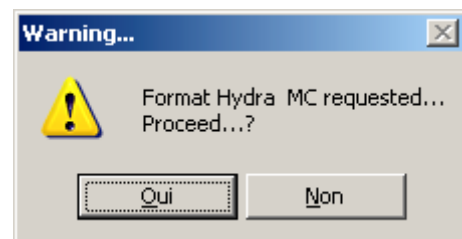
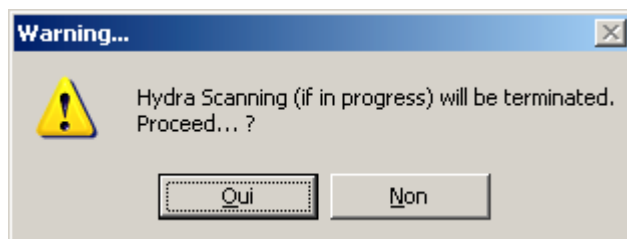
Equipment Connections Verification:

After the configuration is done, click on “Verify”. A dialog box will display the connection status between the data logger, the temperature standard, the temperature block and the computer.



For each equipment connected the system will display important information: identification; the serial number; the firmware version; the communication port on which the equipment is connected; the engineering units (°C; °F; K); the status of the PCMCIA card; the size of the card; the number of files already recorded and the amount of space available. In order to format the memory card of Hydra click on “Format MC.”

A warning message will then be displayed in order to prevent loss of data from the memory card.



Click on "Save" to save the verified configuration.

Reference Probe for Calibration

Different types of reference probes can be used for calibration:

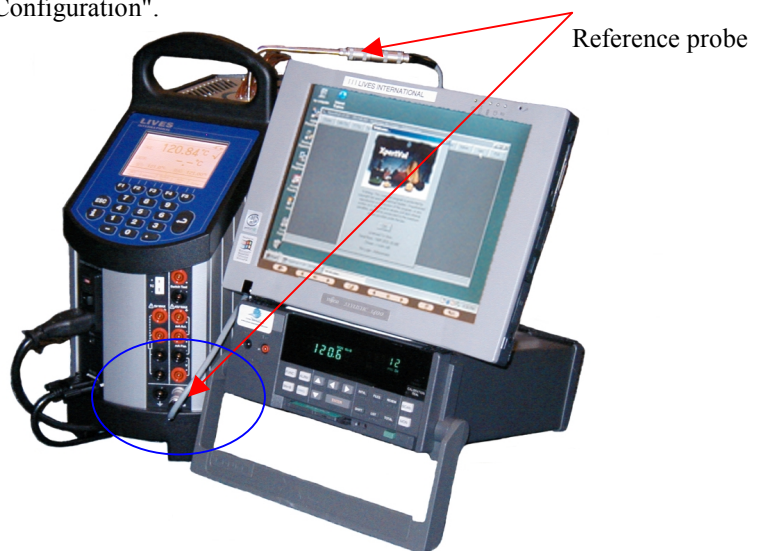
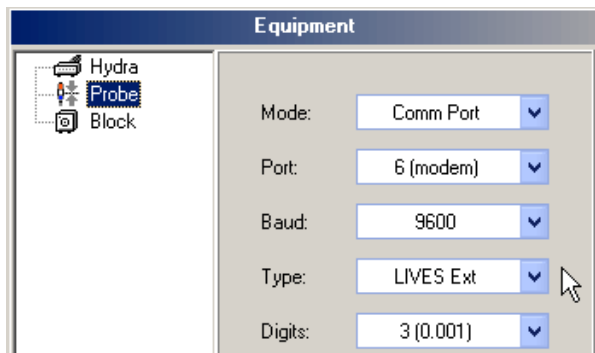
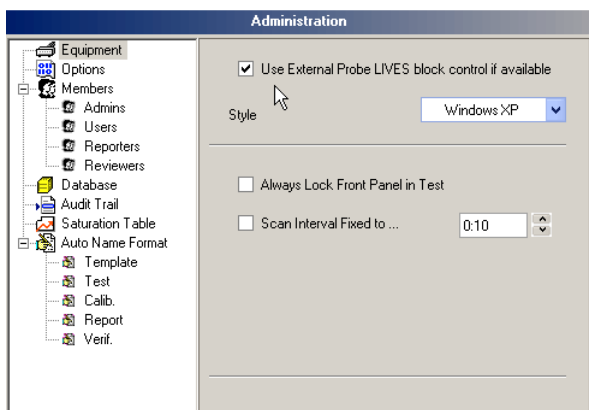
Lives Reference probe - internal or external
 Smart probe
 Hart probe or
 Ametek DTI-1000

The new concept introduced by XpertVal is the temperature block controlled by the reference probe when using Lives probe.

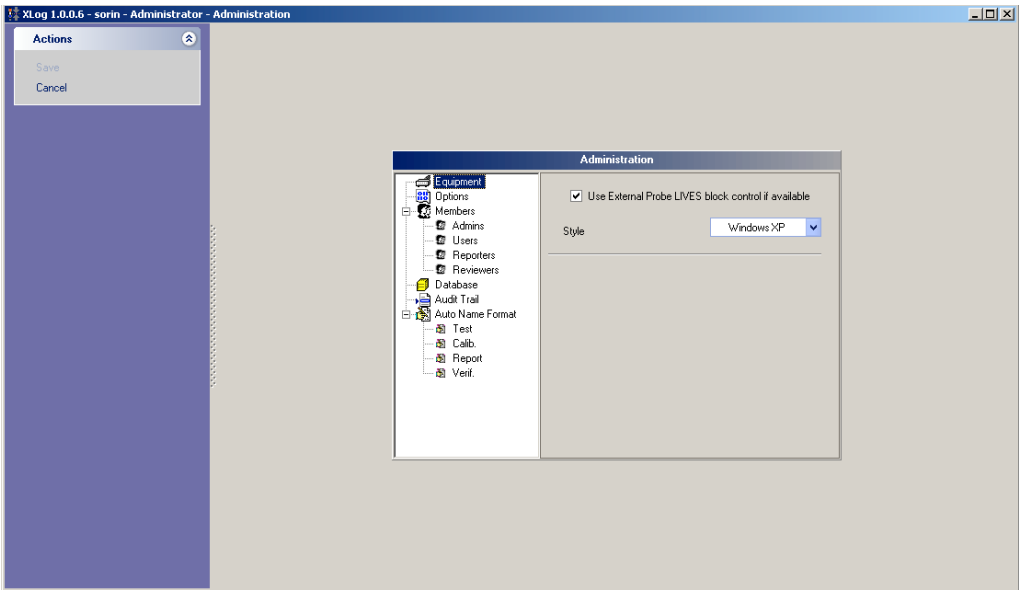
The minimum requirements for this option is to use the reference block Lives ATC B Series.

This type of block has an external input for the Lives reference probe so this probe could be configured to control the block - that means the regulations of the temperature block will be controlled by the external probe.

Prior to this is needed to enable the option "Use external probe Lives block control if available" in "Admin" module and then choose Lives External probe in the "Equipment Configuration".

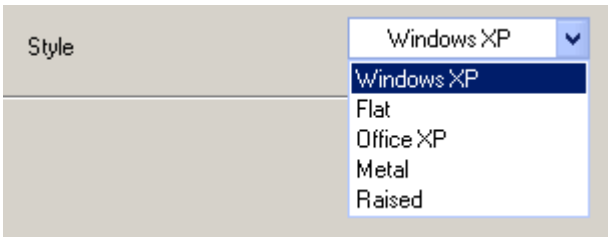


3.2.2. Setup - Administration



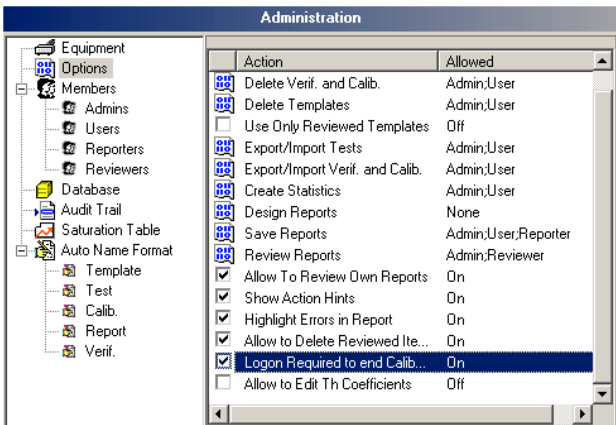
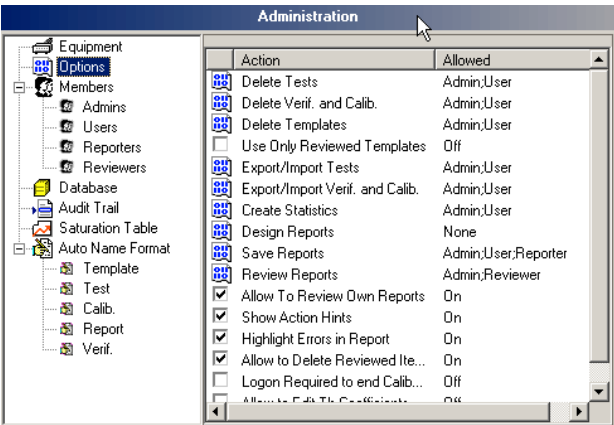
Equipment:

- "Use External probe Lives block control if available" : - the external probe will be used to control the temperature block if a model B was chosen.
- Style: define the type of style needed



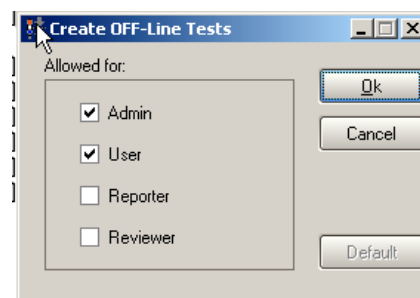
Options:

Administration will define members rights



Options available:

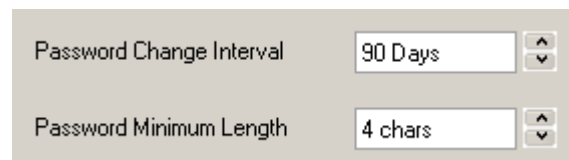
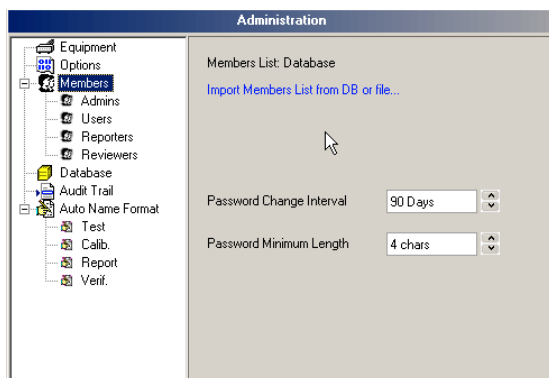
- | | |
|--|--|
| - delete tests: | double click and define the level allowed for the action |
| - delete Verif and Calib: | double click and define the level allowed for the action |
| - delete templates: | double click and define the level allowed for the action |
| - use only reviewed templates: | enable or disable the option |
| - export/import tests: | double click and define the level allowed for the action |
| - export/import verif and calib: | double click and define the level allowed for the action |
| - create statistics: | double click and define the level allowed for the action |
| - design reports: | double click and define the level allowed for the action |
| - save reports: | double click and define the level allowed for the action |
| - review reports: | double click and define the level allowed for the action |
| - allow to review own reports: | enable or disable the option |
| - show action hints: | enable or disable the option |
| - highlight errors in reports: | enable or disable the option |
| - allow to delete reviewed items: | enable or disable the option |
| - logon required to end calib/verif/test and reset test: | enable or disable the option |
| - allow to edit the Thermistors coeff. | enable or disable the option |



Members:

Create new members on 4 different levels

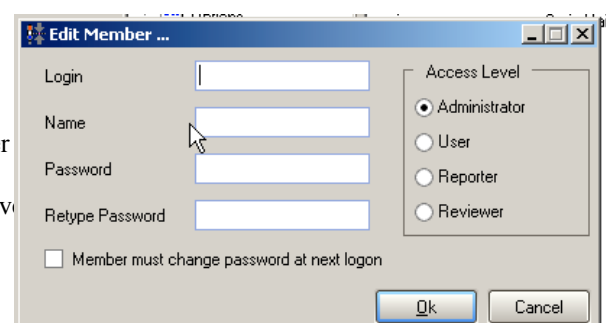
The administrator has the ability to modify the password change interval and the password minimum length



Create a new member:

- Click on the level needed to create new entry
- Click on "New Member"
- Define:
 - Login
 - Name (enter full name)
 - Password
 - Retype password
- Redefine the access level
- Click Ok to acknowledge creation of new member

The option "Member must change password at next logon" is used to give password when enabled by the administrator.

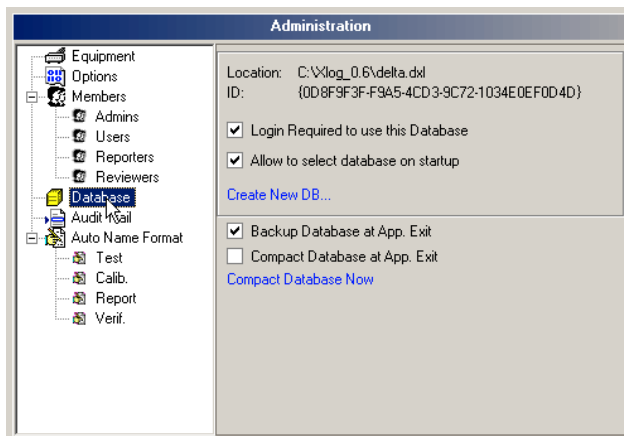


Database

Enable the option "Login required to use this database" in order to avoid usage of the data base with no login.

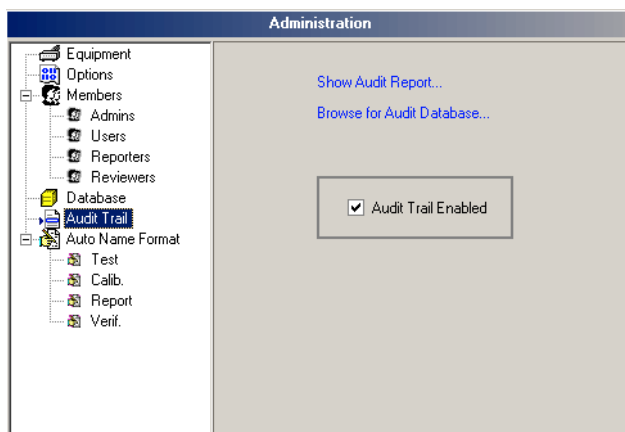
"Allow to select database on startup" will allow user to choose from different data bases available

"Backup database at app. Exit" will create a backup copy of the data base when closing the application



Audit Trail:

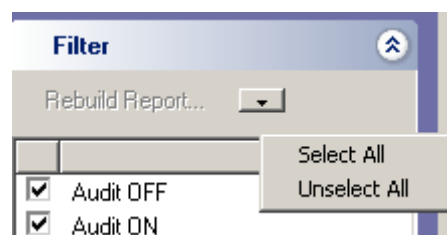
"Audit trail enabled" need to be enabled in order to generate the Audit trail report



Click on "Show Audit Report" in order to display the audit trail report ; the audit trail report has the ability to filter the events for fulfill with administrator audit trail management.

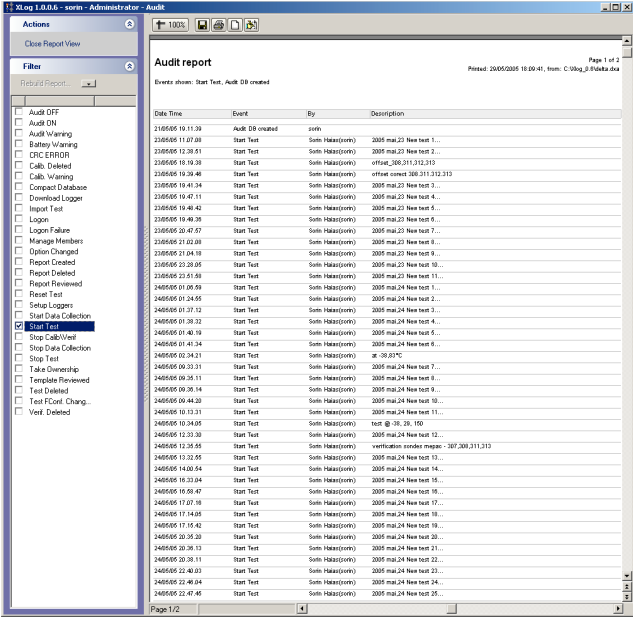
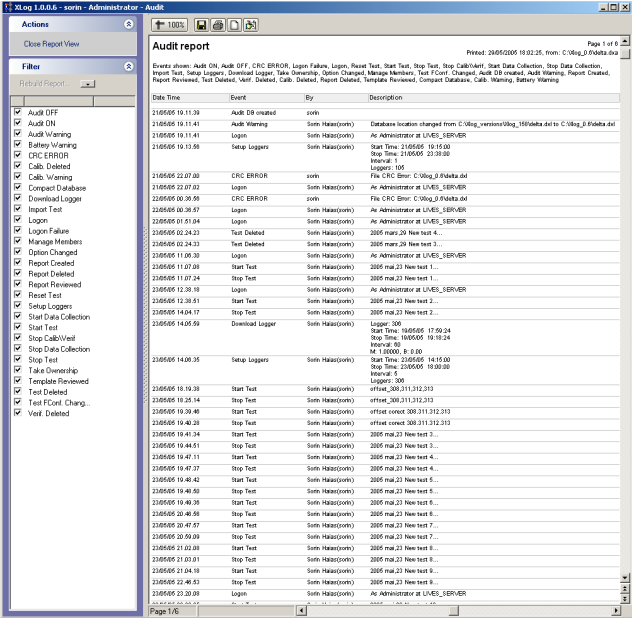
Click on the right hand arrow in order to select or unselect all filter options.

After unselected all filter options, choose only the option needed e.g. "start test" then click on "Rebuild Report": only test start will be displayed.



All options activated

Only "start test" option activated



Auto name format:

The default name for test or calibrations reports is suggested automatically by the software

3.2.3. *Setup* - Thermocouples “Calibration” and “Verification” Configuration

Thermocouples calibration:

- The calibration is performed by comparing individual temperature values of each thermocouple wire to the NIST (or COFRAC) independent temperature probe. A very accurate calibration can be performed if the RTD probe and the calibration block are of the highest quality as specified by LIVES International.
- XpertVal allows user to perform completely automatic hands free calibration by controlling data logger, reference probe and temperature block - the block will automatically switch to selected set-points as defined in the Calibration Configuration
- In order to perform a reliable calibration, the calibration system must be very stable. The user's entered value for deviation from reference allowed defines the acceptable range of the actual temperature as compared to the set temperature (calibration temperature).
- The calibration can be performed either in single-point, two-point or multiple (unlimited) points mode.
- The stability of the system is defined as the value of the drift of the temperature allowed within a particular check time for drift. When the calibration is started, the RTD temperature will be verified every one second for the length of the check time for drift. This is to assure that the initial conformity to the user's entered value for the drift of the temperature allowed has been satisfied. At any time, if the drift exceeds the limit, the check time will restart. The system stability is verified throughout the calibration and if at any time the calibration system stability conditions are not satisfied, the part of the calibration that was in progress will be repeated after the calibration system stability conditions have been met.

After calibration was done the thermocouple wire is verified to confirm that the thermocouple wire error after calibration is within the user-specified thermocouple error allowed. This verification is performed for the duration of the check time for error and typically performed either at the same temperature (for single-point calibration) or the middle point for the Low and High temperature (for two-point calibration). Any thermocouple wire not meeting the user-specified criteria of thermocouple error allowed will be set OFF.

Calibration / Verification Configuration:

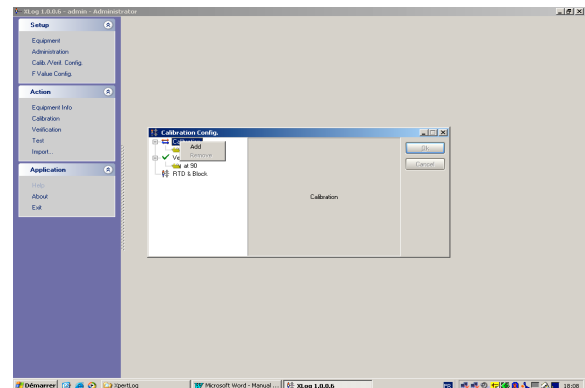
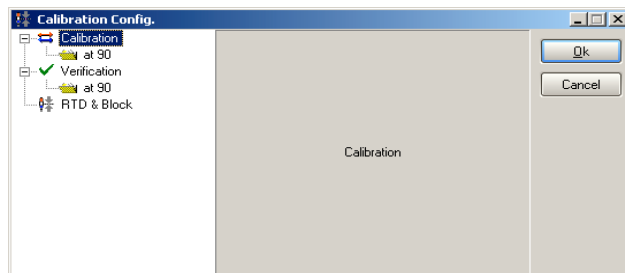
Select “Calib/Verif Config.” in the setup.

The thermocouple calibration and post calibration (verification) configuration module will appear on the screen.

Calibration and Verification Configuration:

Select “Calib. / Verif Config” in the main menu.

In order to add extra calibration / verification steps, right click on “Calibration” or “Verification” in the “Calibration Config” window then “Add”



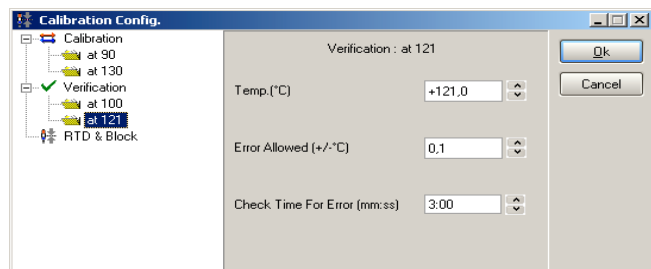
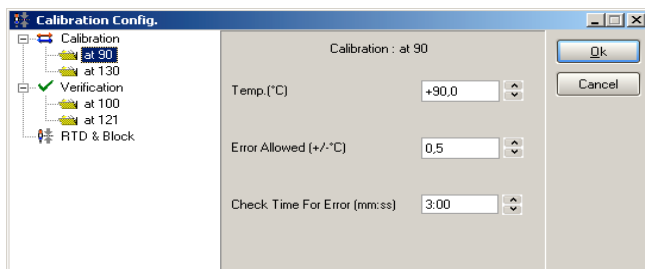
To modify the settings of the set point click on the specified set point and modify:

- temperature
- error allowed
- check time for error

by using the arrows next to each parameter.

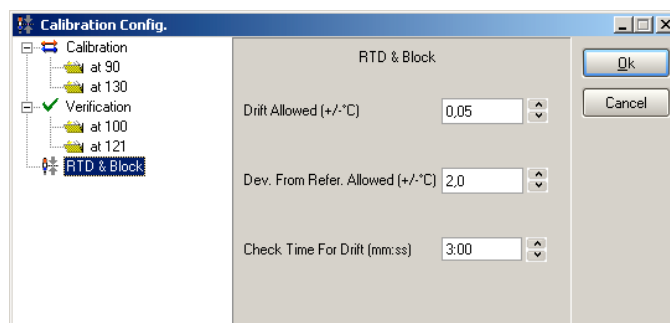
In order to increase or decrease the value:

- by tenth - hold simultaneously “Ctrl” + “Shift” and click on the arrow (up or down)
- by units - hold only “Ctrl” and click on the arrow (up or down)
- by decimals - click on the arrow



Define the drift for the reference probe by clicking on “RTD & Block”.

- “Drift allowed” = drift allowed for the reference probe during “check time for drift”
- “Dev. From reference allowed” = drift will be checked starting the moment when the measured temperature by the reference is within Set-point ± deviation allowed
- “Check time for drift” = drift will be verified for the time interval defined here



3.2.4. Setup - F Value Configuration

The module “F Config” will configure the calculation of the F value in the function of the test type: steam, dry heat with or without depyrogenation.

The instantaneous lethal rate (F-value) of a given steam sterilization cycle is the lethality at specified conditions and can be calculated once the D-value and Z-value are known using the following equation:

$$F = 10^{(T_0 - T_b) / Z}$$

Where:

T_0 = Temperature within the item being heated

T_b = Reference temperature

Z = Z-value of the challenge organism

For steam sterilization, the values typically used are $T_b = 121.1^\circ\text{C}$ and $Z = 10^\circ\text{C}$. When these values are used, the F-value is defined as the F_0 value. The above equation is an exponential function and therefore as T_0 increases, there is an exponential increase in F_0 . Note that for F_0 , the instantaneous lethal rate at $T_0 = 121.1^\circ\text{C}$ is $F_0 = 1$ minute.

The sum of the instantaneous lethal rates over the course of a cycle yields the accumulated lethality delivered and is calculated using the following equation:

$$F_0 = \sum 10^{(T - 121.1^\circ\text{C}) / 10^\circ\text{C}} \Delta t$$

Where:

Δt = The chosen time interval in minutes

T = Average temperature over the Δt interval in $^\circ\text{C}$

To determine the log reduction achieved by the sterilization, the accumulated lethality is divided by the D-value as shown in the following equation:

$$\text{LR} = F_0 / D$$

Where:

LR = Log reduction

F_0 = The accumulated lethality using $T_b = 121.1^\circ\text{C}$ and $Z = 10^\circ\text{C}$

D = The D-value of the microbial population

- Choose the “**F Config**” module from the main menu.
- Choose the study type (steam, dry heat with or without depyrogenation).
- Define the Z value and the reference temperature value for F calculation.
- Define the minimum temperature from which the F Value will start accumulating

Click on “**OK**” to validate the choice of the parameters for F value calculation or “**Cancel**” for returning in the main menu.

The F value calculation configuration may be defined or started from the main menu or started from any module (calibration or test).

If the F configuration is done starting from the main menu the values will be considered as default values for the system. If the F value configuration is done starting from another module the specified values will be available only for the active test.

The F value used to evaluate the efficiency of a sterilization process is the time necessary to produce a certain sterilization effect.

F value is defined as the time in minutes to produce the equivalent sterilization effect at 121 °C (250 °F).

Z value is defined as the temperature change in °C required to cause a one-log reduction in the D-value.

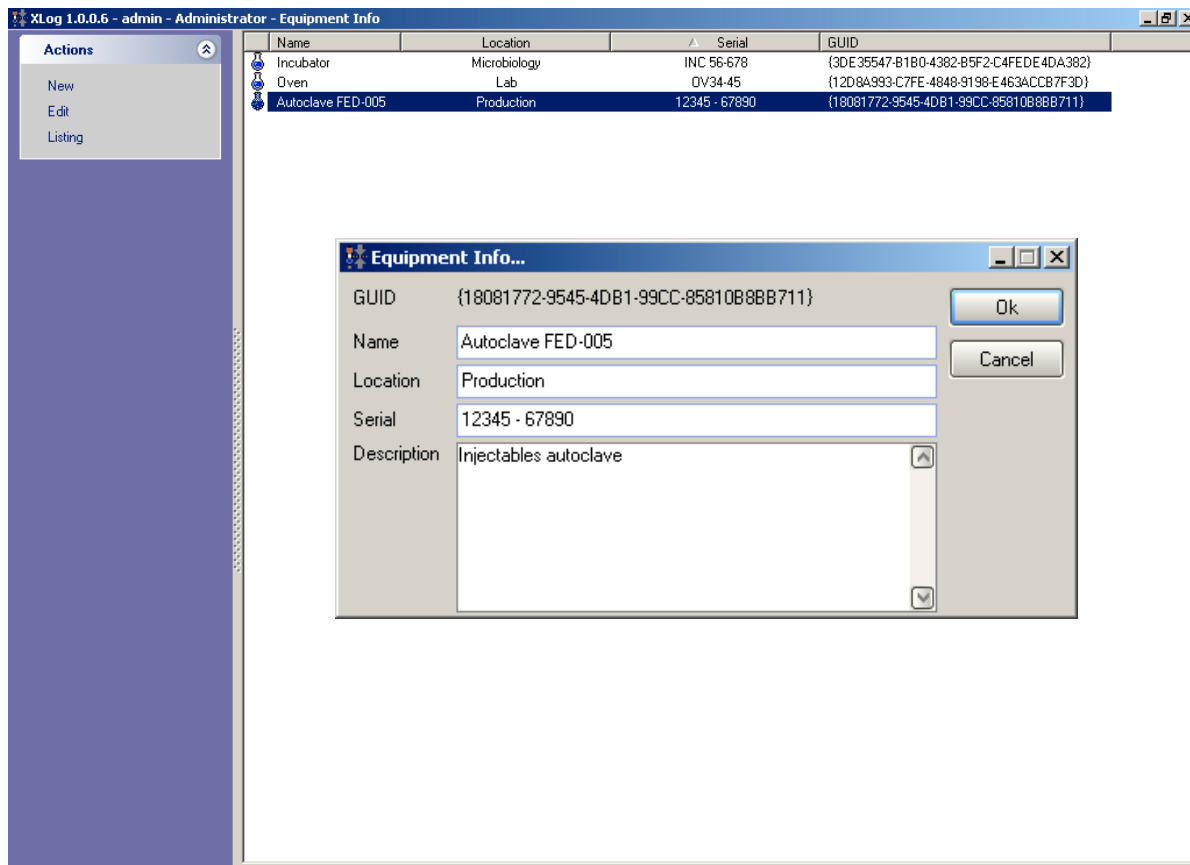
D-value is the measure of the relative heat resistance of an organism at a constant temperature.

The most commonly used value of Z for the destruction of microbial spores is 10°C (18°F). This is based on experimental observations for *Bacillus Stearothermophilus* – a highly heat resistant organism.

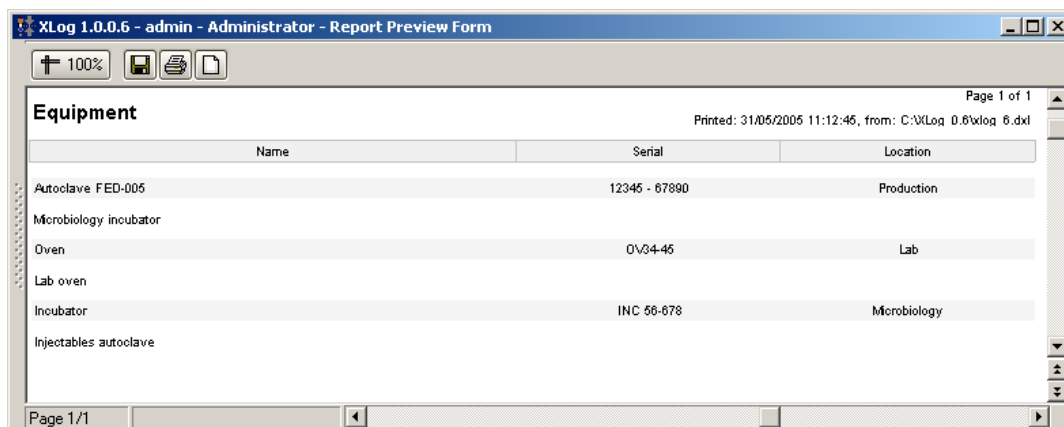
3.2.5. Action – Equipment Info

XpertVal is based on an equipment information templates system, which allows the user to define and store all types of equipment with specific description, serial number, location etc...

The equipment information will then be stored in the header of the test corresponding to the equipment.



Click on Listing to display the report of all equipment defined.



Close the window to return to main menu.

3.2.6. Action – Template

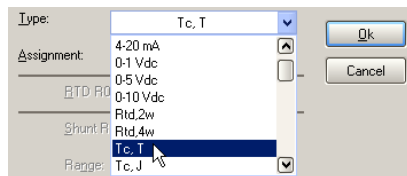
XpertVal is based on a templates system, which allows the user to define and to store the channels configuration, type of study (distribution or penetration), steam saturation report, calibration configuration, virtual channels and info about equipment.

Enter in Templates module and click on "New".

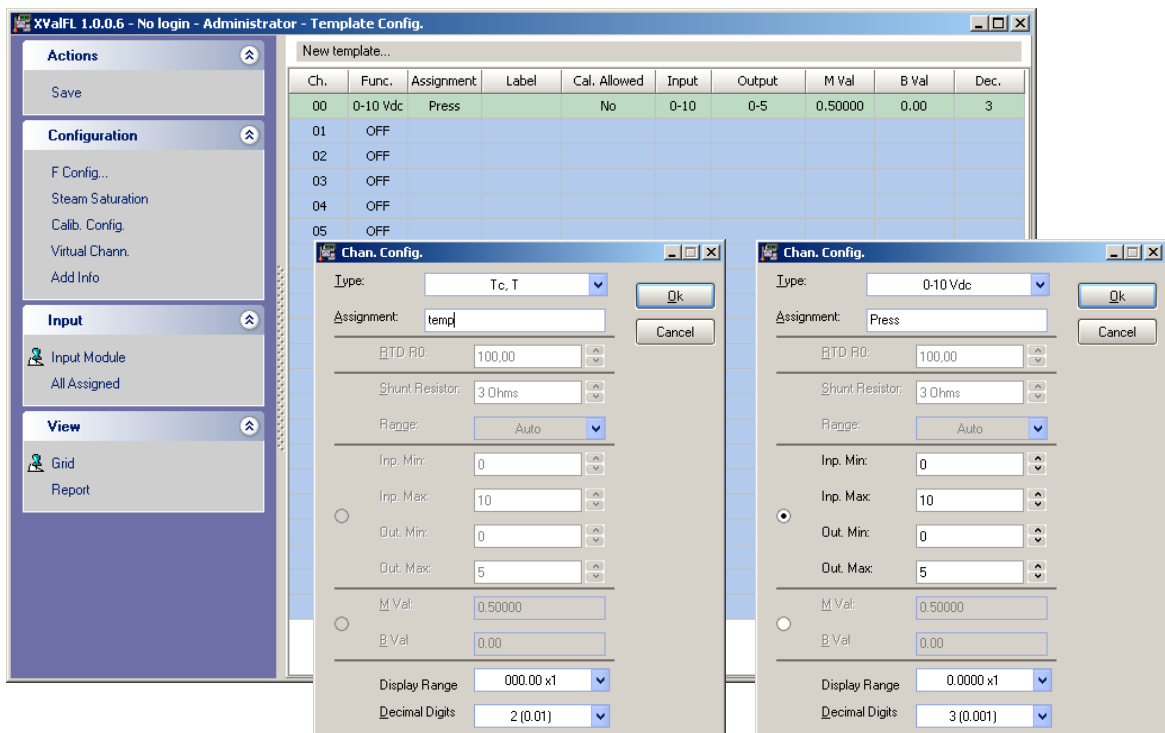
Highlight the channel(s) to be configured -> right click and "Use"

XpertVal can accommodate up to 20 sensor inputs, in any combination of thermocouples, PT100, thermistors, voltages or current inputs.

Define the type of channel :

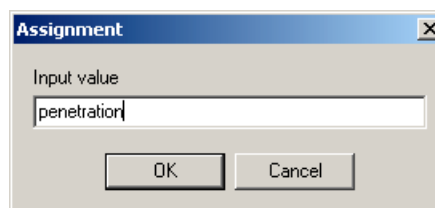
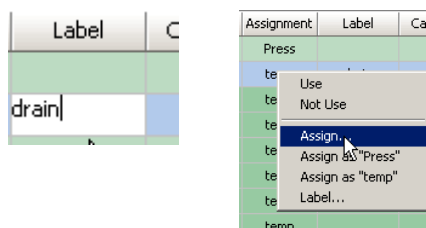


Ch.	Func.	Assignment	Label	Cal. Allowed	Input	Output	M Val	B Val	Dec.
00	OFF	Use							
01		Not Use							
02		Assign...							
03		Label...							
04									



Enter the label of each channel by double clicking on "label" corresponding to each channel.

User can also assign specific name for each channel or group of channels by right clicking on the channel then "Assign".



The example below will use a 20 channels module and a extra pressure channel (0-10 Vdc for a 0-5 bar absolute pressure transducer), first 10 channels will be used for penetration study and last 10 channels will be used for distribution.

XValFL 1.0.0.6 - No login - Administrator - Template Config.

New template...

Ch.	Func.	Assignment	Label	Cal. Allowed	Input	Output	M Val	B Val	Dec.
00	0-10 Vdc	Press		No	0-10	0-5	0.50000	0.00	3
01	Tc, T	penetr	drain	Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
02	Tc, T	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
03	Tc, T	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
04	Tc, T	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
05	Tc, T	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
06	Tc, T	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
07	Tc, T	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
08	Tc, T	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
09	Tc, T	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
10	Tc, T	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
11	Tc, T	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
12	Tc, T	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
13	Tc, T	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
14	Tc, T	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
15	Tc, T	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
16	Tc, T	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
17	Tc, T	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
18	Tc, T	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
19	Tc, T	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
20	Tc, T	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2

Actions

Save

Configuration

F Config...
Steam Saturation
Calib. Config.
Virtual Chann.
Add Info

Input

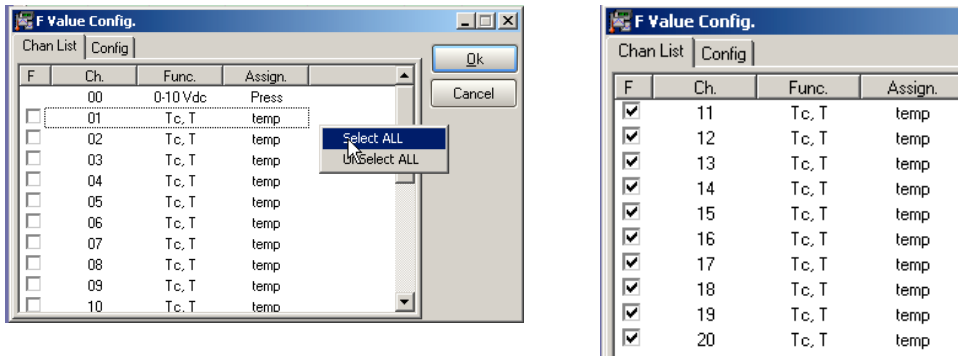
Input Module
All Assigned

View

Grid
Report

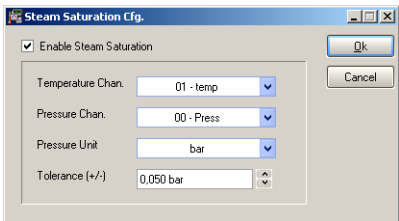
Template - F Configuration

Define the type of study: distribution or penetration
Click on F Config, right click in the window and select all or only the channels to be used for penetration



Template - steam saturation

Define the steam saturation report; in order to be able to do it you need to define at least one pressure channel.
Click on "Steam saturation" and define the channels which are going to be used for steam saturation calculations based on temperature and pressure channel.
Generally the tolerance accepted is ± 50 mBar absolute, but user will enter this tolerance based on internal SOP.



Template - calibration and verification configuration

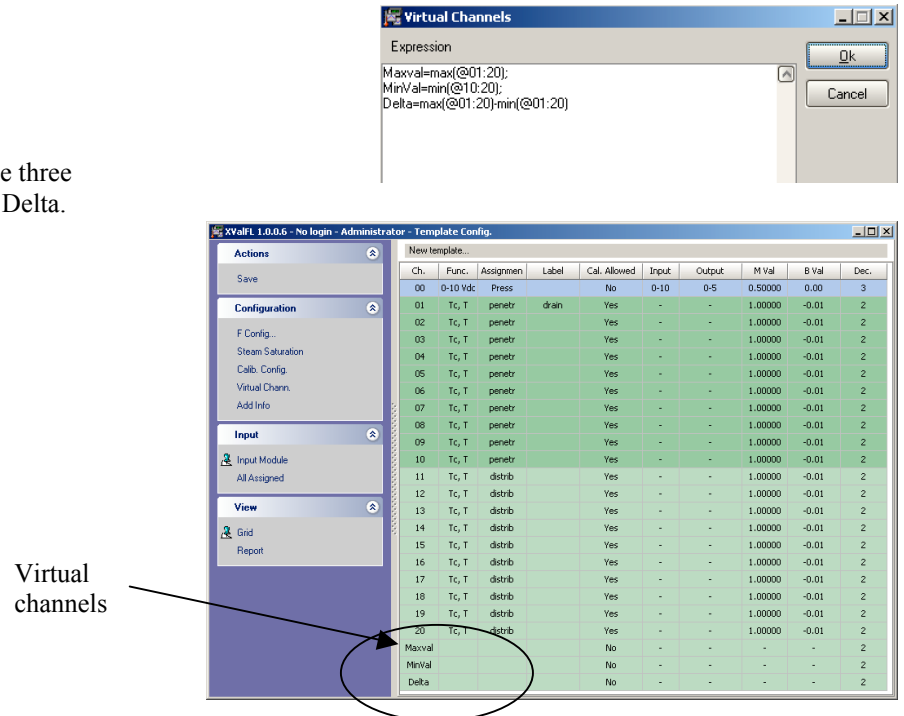
Click on "Calib Config" to define the calibration and verification configuration
Follow instructions defined in the "Calibration / Verification Configuration" module to configure the calibration and verification in the template.

Template - virtual channels

User has the ability to insert his own calculations which will be displayed as separate channels in test report.
Examples of calculations:

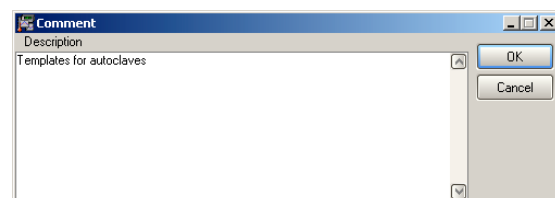
Maxval=max(@01:20);
MinVal=min(@10:20);
Delta=max(@01:20)-min(@01:20)

The test report will automatically have three extra channels: MaxVal, MinVal and Delta.

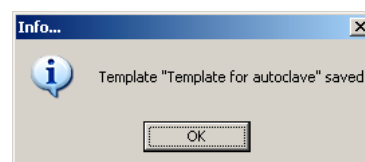
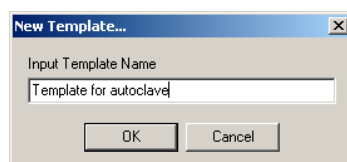


Template - add info

This menu is used for adding comments in the header of the report



After having configuring the template click "Save" to save existing configuration.



Template - view report

Open the template report saved previously and click on "Report" to view the template report.

The screenshot shows the XpertVal 1.0.0.6 Template Config. window. The left sidebar contains a tree view with the following sections:

- Actions**
 - Save
- Configuration**
 - F Config...
 - Stream Saturation
 - Calib. Config
 - Virtual Chann.
 - Add Info
- Input**
 - Input Module
 - All Assigned
- View**
 - Grid
 - Report

The main window displays the **Template** report. At the top right, it shows "Page 1 of 1" and a file path "[C:\B50E513-25BA-4006-83AC-7004C93B4314]". Below this, it states "Printed: 12/06/2005 15:50:55, from: C:\XVal\FI_0.6\val.dfl".

The **Template** section contains the following text:

Template: Template for autoclave
 XValFL 1.0.0.6 - SN: 2967401036-79003-10562 - Licensed to: Evaluation
 Templates for autoclaves
 F Config - Steam: Z Value= +10.0 °C; To Temp.= +121.0 °C; Min. Temp. To Calo. F Value= +118.0 °C
 Steam Saturation: Temp. Chan.: 01; Press. Chan.: 00; Pressure Unit: bar; Tolerance: 0.05

Calib:
 at 90 - Temp. = 90.0°C; Error Allowed = 1.0 (°C); Check Time = 1.00 (mm:ss)
 at 130 - Temp. = 131.0°C; Error Allowed = 1.0 (°C); Check Time = 1.00 (mm:ss)
Verify:
 at 121 - Temp. = 121.0°C; Error Allowed = 0.2 (°C); Check Time = 1.00 (mm:ss)
RTD:
 Drift Allowed = 0.10 (°C); Dev. From Refer. Allowed = 2.0 (°C); Check Time For Drift = 1.00 (mm:ss)

Virtual channels:
 Maxval = Max(@1:20)
 MinVal = Min(@10:20)
 Delta = Max(@1:20) - Min(@1:20)

The **Input Module** section contains a table with the following columns: Chan., Func., Set As, Assign., Label, Cal. Allowed, Input, Output, M Val, B Val, and Dec.

Chan.	Func.	Set As	Assign.	Label	Cal. Allowed	Input	Output	M Val	B Val	Dec
#00	0-10 Vdc	Value	Press		No	0-10	0-5	0.50000	0.00	3
#01	To, T	FValue	penetr	drain	Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#02	To, T	FValue	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#03	To, T	FValue	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#04	To, T	FValue	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#05	To, T	FValue	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#06	To, T	FValue	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#07	To, T	FValue	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#08	To, T	FValue	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#09	To, T	FValue	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#10	To, T	FValue	penetr		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#11	To, T	Value	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#12	To, T	Value	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#13	To, T	Value	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#14	To, T	Value	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#15	To, T	Value	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#16	To, T	Value	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#17	To, T	Value	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#18	To, T	Value	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#19	To, T	Value	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
#20	To, T	Value	distrib		Yes	-	-	1.00000	-0.01	2
Maxval	Value				No	-	-	-	-	2
MinVal	FValue				No	-	-	-	-	2
Delta	FValue				No	-	-	-	-	2

The bottom status bar shows "Page 1/1" and a navigation bar with arrows.

3.2.7. *Action – Calibration (Pre Calibration)*

Before starting a test study it is important to calibrate thermocouples used for test versus the reference standard in order to calculate correction parameters to be applied during the data acquisition.

After a test study, you are requested to verify in one or more points if the thermocouples are within the specifications defined in the configuration module.

Principle of calibration

- The calibration is performed by comparing individual temperature values of each thermocouple wire to the NIST (or COFRAC) independent temperature probe. A very accurate calibration can be performed if the RTD probe and the calibration block are of the highest quality as specified by LIVES International.
- XpertVal allows user to perform completely automatic hands free calibration by controlling data logger, reference probe and temperature block - the block will automatically switch to Low, High and Verif set points as defined in the Calibration Configuration
- In order to perform a reliable calibration, the calibration system must be very stable. The user's entered value for deviation from reference allowed defines the acceptable range of the actual temperature as compared to the set temperature (calibration temperature).
- The calibration can be performed either in single-point or two-point mode
- The stability of the system is defined as the value of the drift of the temperature allowed within a particular check time for drift. When the calibration is started, the RTD temperature will be verified every one second for the length of the check time for drift. This is to assure that the initial conformity to the user's entered value for the drift of the temperature allowed has been satisfied. At any time, if the drift exceeds the limit, the check time will restart. The system stability is verified throughout the calibration and if at any time the calibration system stability conditions are not satisfied, the part of the calibration that was in progress will be repeated after the calibration system stability conditions have been met.
- After calibration was finished the thermocouple wires are verified to confirm that the error after calibration is within the user-specified thermocouple error allowed. This verification is performed for the duration of the check time for error and typically performed either at the same temperature (for single-point calibration) or the middle point for the Low and High temperature (for two-point calibration). Any thermocouple wire not meeting the user-specified criteria of thermocouple error allowed will be set OFF.

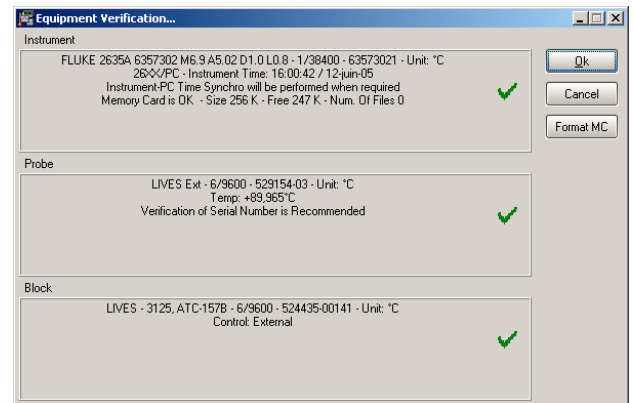
Performing the calibration

- The software will display the set point specified in the configuration and will wait until the temperature standard drift is stable. The calibration can start only when the drift of the temperature standard is within the limits defined by the user. Usually it is recommended to configure a drift of 0.05 °C and check time for drift a time of 1 minute. The user normally set these configurations according to the company's internal validation S.O.P. When the drift of the temperature standard is stabilized the system will start thermocouple calibration.
- In the low and high calibration points, the software records and displays the error of each thermocouple versus the temperature standard and compares it with the error defined by the user in the calibration configuration.
- If the error of a thermocouple is higher than the accepted error, the thermocouple will not be taken into consideration by the system for further operations and will be highlighted in red. The cause of errors is, in most cases, a bad insertion of thermocouples inside the well of the temperature block. In this case, if some thermocouples are highlighted in red you can cancel the calibration and verify the way in which thermocouples are inserted in the wells. If this is not the case, this means that the thermocouple wire is defective and it has to be replaced. Restart the calibration after checking the thermocouples or after replacing the defective ones.
- In order to eliminate the errors of the thermocouple versus the reference probe, the software will apply correction factors using the polynomial function $y = mx + b$.
- In the verification point, the software will apply the correction and verify the temperature values. Corrected values will be displayed on the screen.
- The correction factors will also appear in the calibration report as M value and B value.

In "Calibration" module, click on "New"; software will verify connections between computer and the equipment connected.

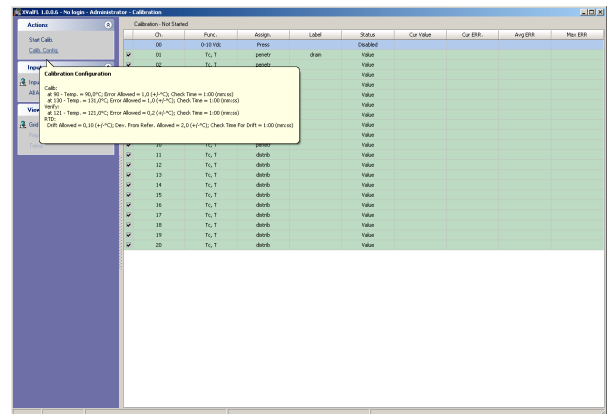
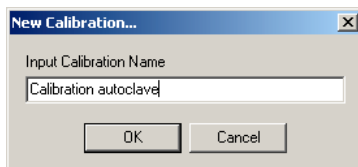
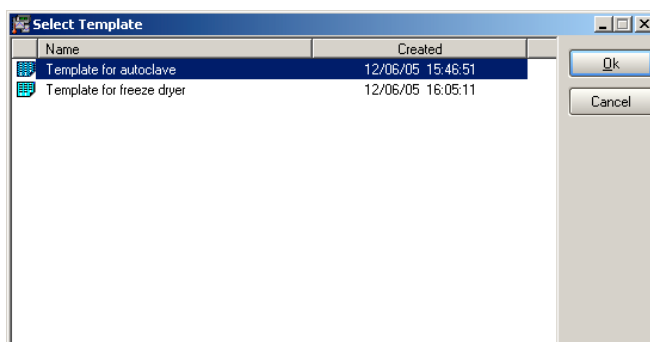
Acknowledge by clicking Ok if all connections are correct.

Click on "Start" to start the calibration and enter the calibration name.

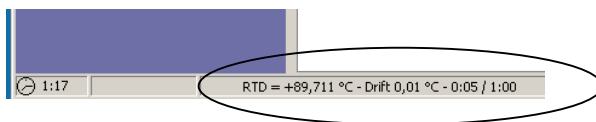


Choose the template to be used.

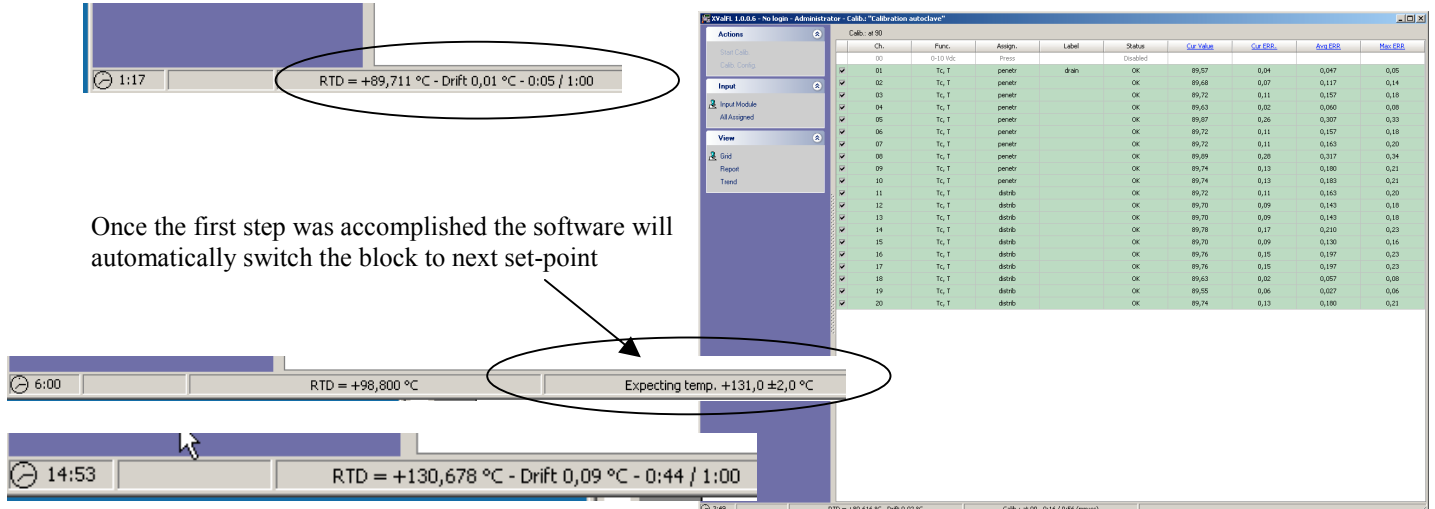
Double check the calibration configuration: drag the mouse to "Calibration configuration" and don't click on it. The info bull with calibration configuration will be displayed on screen.



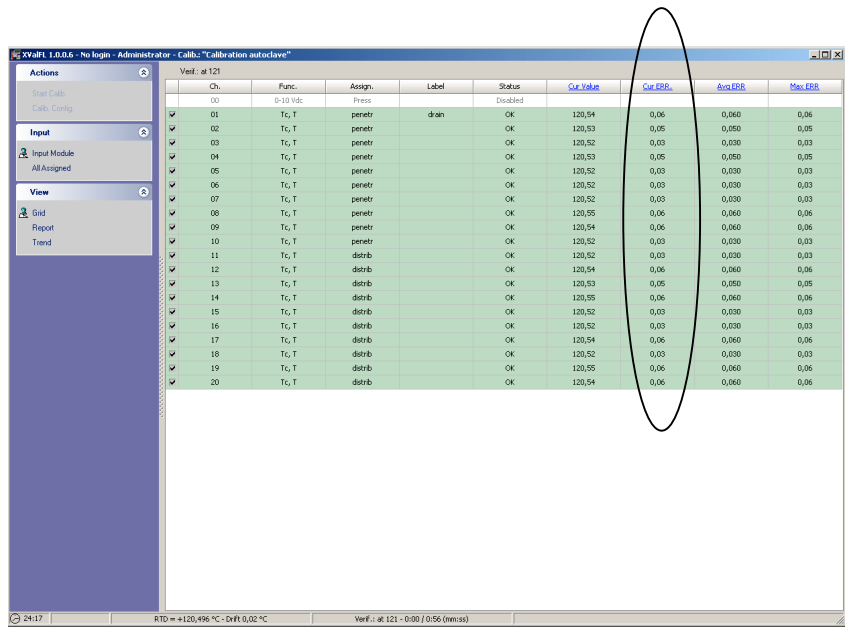
After calibration started the software will first check the drift, when the drift is within the specifications, the software will start thermocouple calibration.



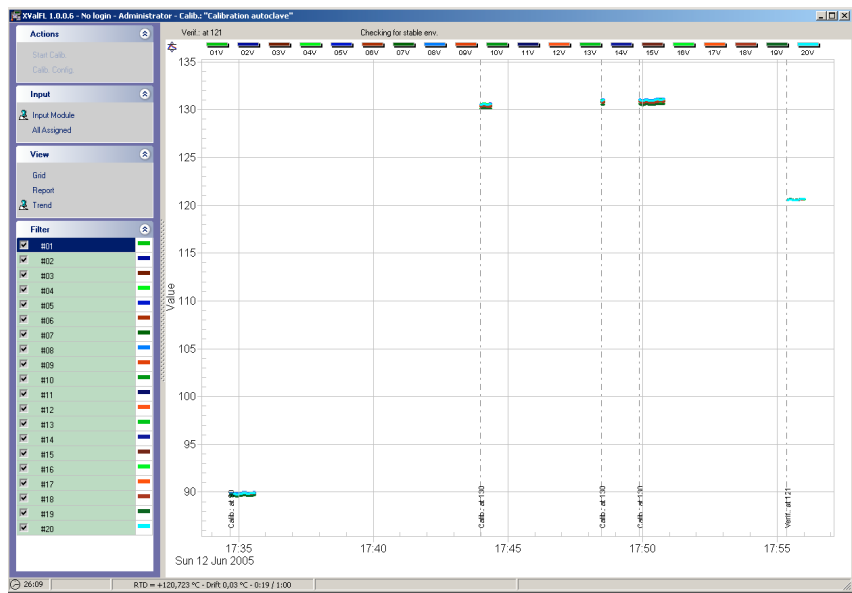
Once the first step was accomplished the software will automatically switch the block to next set-point



Corrected data:



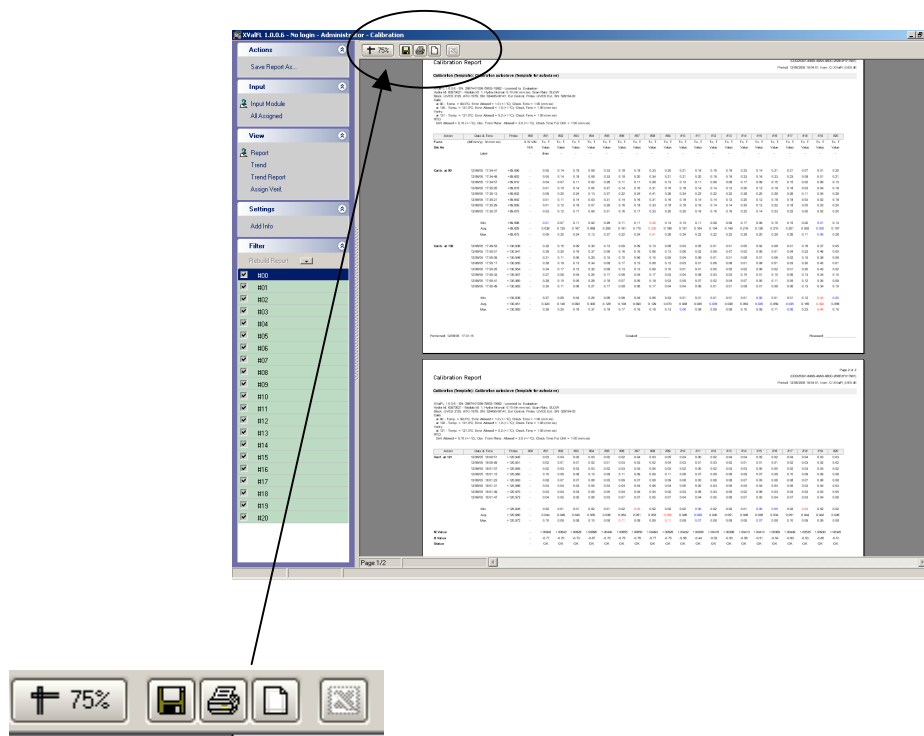
Trend during calibration



When calibration is ready the calibration report will be saved in the calibration reports list

Actions	Name	Performed	Instrument	GUID
Open	Calibration autoclave	12/06/05 17:31:15	63573021	(CDD25391-84BB-48AB-98DC-2B8E3F017981)

Double click to open



Save, print or send to excel file using the task bar above the report.

The reports can be saved as :

- report file
- text file
- HTML file
- csv file
- bmp file
- excel
- pdf file



Error messages

Three types of error messages may appear during a calibration:

- Err (L)
- Err (H)
- OTC (or P_OL or N_OL)

The Err (L) or Err (H) messages means the error is lower (L) or higher (H) than the accepted error defined by the user.
Possible causes:

- The thermocouple is not inserted enough in the well.
- The thermocouple wire is not a good quality wire and can not support the specifications defined by the user

OTC error means open thermocouple. This error will appear when:

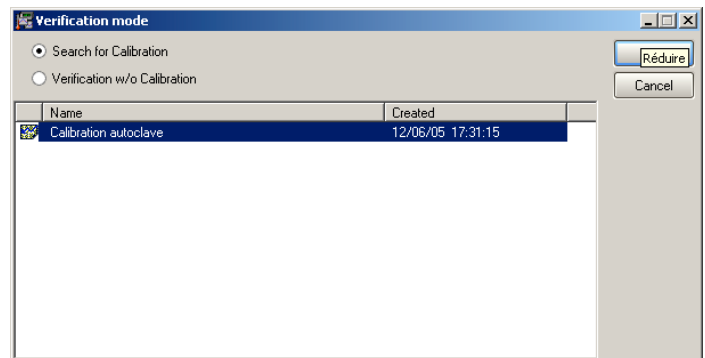
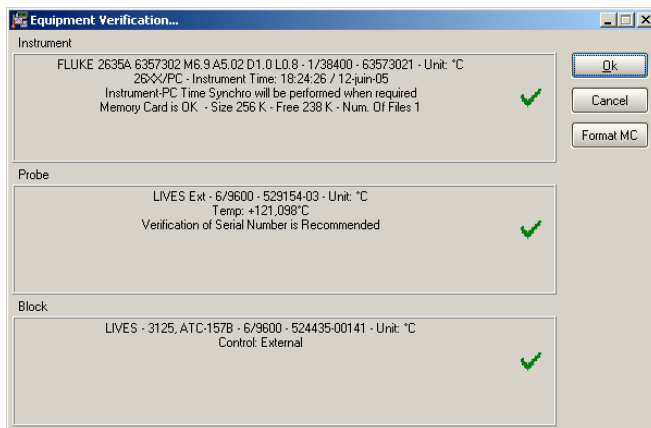
- The thermocouple wire is cut
- The thermocouple is not connected to the data logger
- The thermocouple is oxidized above the limits

3.2.8. Action – Verification (Post Calibration)

After either one or a succession of tests , the user is asked to verify that the thermocouples used are still within the specifications defined by the user at the beginning of the test. This operation is called Verification or Post calibration.

In "Verification" click on New to start a Verification.

The equipment connected to the computer will be verified; click Ok to proceed.

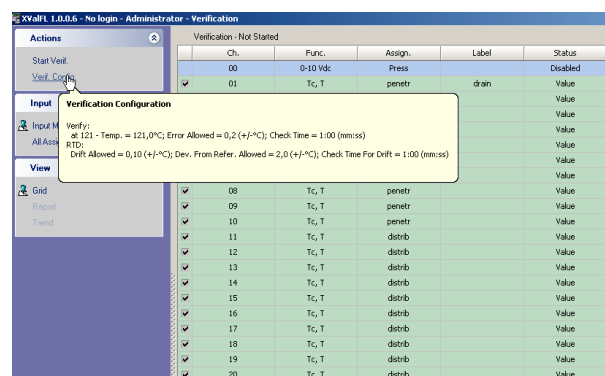
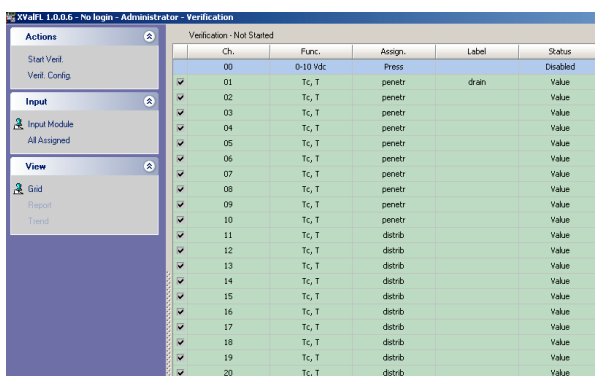


Choose the verification mode:

- search for calibration
- verification without calibration

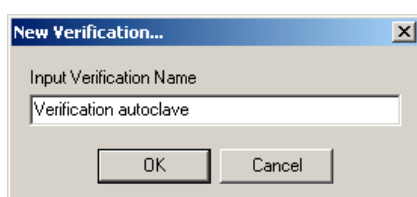
If a pre calibration have been previously performed it will be displayed in the calibration found list. Select the calibration and proceed.

Double check the verification configuration by dragging the mouse on Verification Configuration.

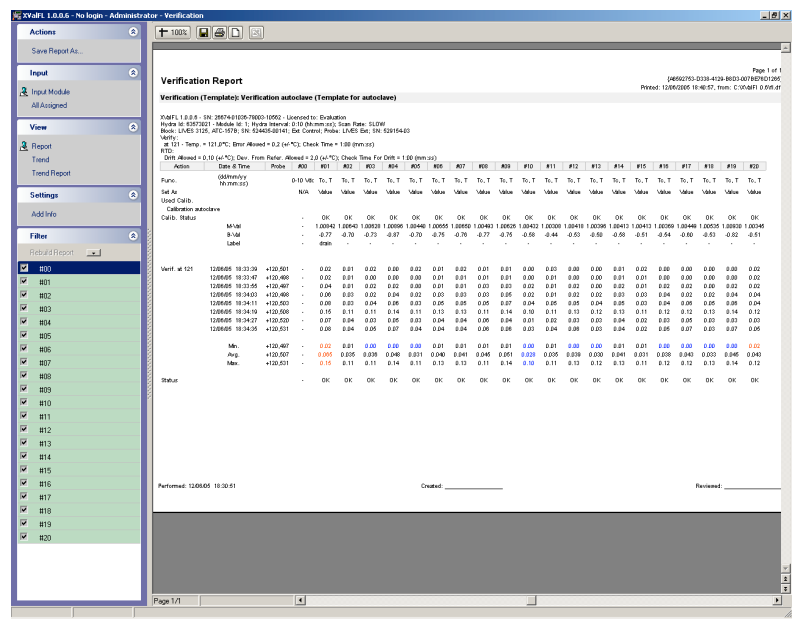


Start verification : click on "Start" and enter the name of the verification.

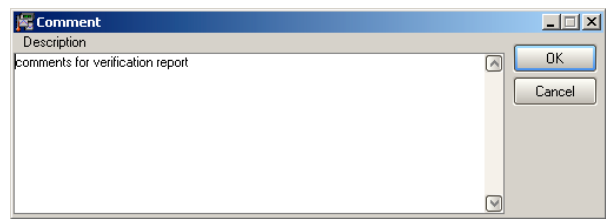
After the verification was finished acknowledge the message "Verification successfully completed" - the verification report will be added on the verifications list .



Double click to open verification report.

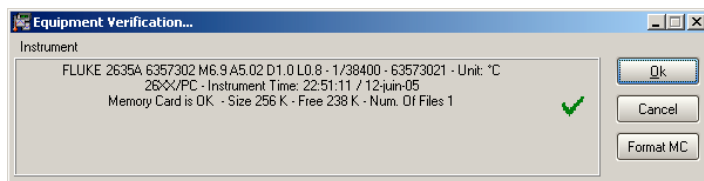


Click on "Add info" for adding comments in the header of the verification report



3.2.9. Action – Test

To start a new test go in "Test" - "New"; connection with data logger will be verified before starting the test.

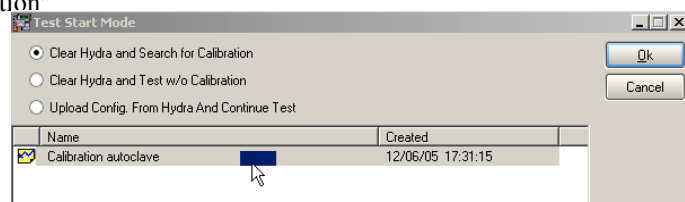


Three options are available to start the test:

- clear Hydra and search for calibration
- clear Hydra and test without calibration
- upload configuration from Hydra and continue test

Start new test using option: "clear Hydra and search for calibration"

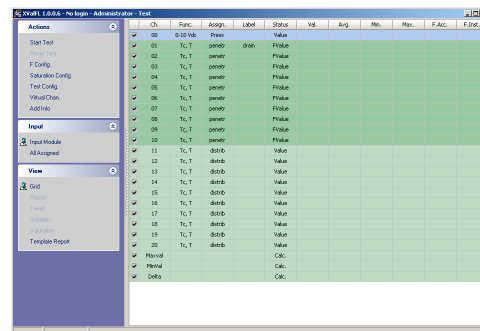
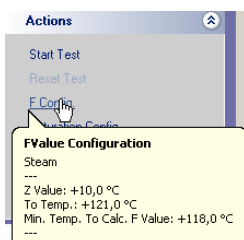
Software will automatically display the calibration reports available for the report; by default the last one is highlighted. choose one and click Ok.



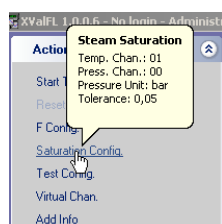
The configuration screen will appear;

Double check the configuration - by default the configuration as described in the template used for calibration will be used.

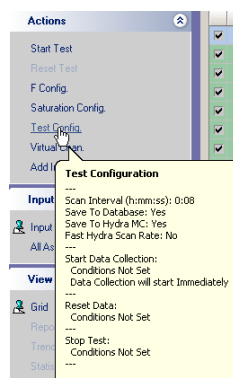
F Value configuration



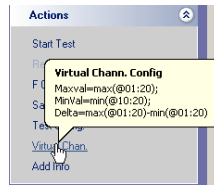
Saturation configuration



Test configuration



Virtual channel configuration



If you need to modify anything in the configuration you can make it now, otherwise click on "Start" to start the test. As described, two types of studies are available:

- **Distribution** (Value) - used for mapping the sterilization equipment (no F value calculations)
- **Penetration** (Fvalue) - used for studying the effect of the temperature inside the product: temperature value acquisition and F value calculations.

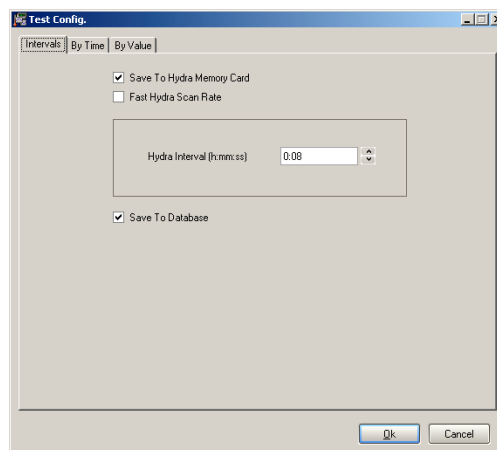
Test configuration

Define data acquisition interval “**Intervals**”

In the test configuration click on the “Cfg”.

Define the support you want data to be stored on:

- save to Hydra memory card (save all data on the PCMCIA card of data logger)
- Save to Dbase (save all data in data base of the computer)



Define data acquisition speed – enable or disable “Fast Hydra Scan Rate”

Define data acquisition interval by using the up and down arrows.

The minimum data acquisition interval is 1 second.

Data acquisition interval in the data base is equal or multiple of Hydra data acquisition interval.

WARNING

Data accuracy is decreased when "Fast Hydra Scan Rate" option is used.

n Rate: FAST

Ch03	Ch04	Ch05	Ch06	Ch07	Ch08	Ch09	Ch10	Ch11	
Tc, T	Tc, T	Tc, T	Tc, T	Tc, T	Tc, T	Tc, T	Tc, T	Tc, T	
temp.	temp.	temp.	temp.	temp.	temp.	temp.	temp.	temp.	t
Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	F_Value	F
No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	
Deg	Deg	Deg	Deg	Deg	Deg	Deg	Deg	Deg	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
-22.0	+22.50	+22.30	+22.50	+22.50	+22.60	+22.50	+22.50	+22.30	+
-22.80	+22.30	+22.30	+22.50	+22.50	+22.60	+22.30	+22.10	+22.00	+
-22.80	+22.30	+22.10	+22.40	+22.40	+22.40	+22.30	+22.10	+22.10	+
-22.80	+22.30	+22.10	+22.40	+22.30	+22.40	+22.30	+22.30	+21.90	+
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Fast Hydra scan rate used

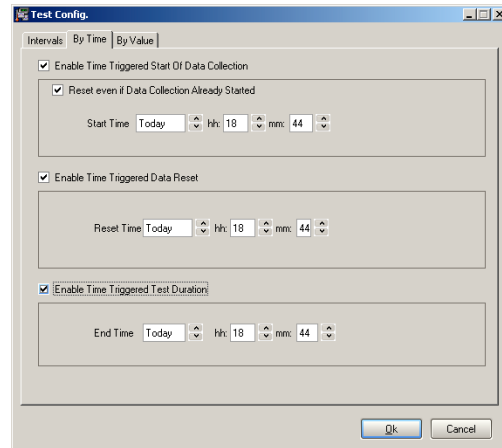
Ch04	Ch05	Ch06	Ch07	Ch08	Ch09	Ch10	Ch11
Tc, T	Tc, T	Tc, T	Tc, T	Tc, T	Tc, T	Tc, T	Tc, T
temp.	temp.	temp.	temp.	temp.	temp.	temp.	temp.
Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value
No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Deg	Deg	Deg	Deg	Deg	Deg	Deg	Deg
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
+21.74	+21.60	+21.79	+21.60	+21.72	+21.54	+21.56	+21.34
+21.76	+21.58	+21.78	+21.60	+21.72	+21.60	+21.58	+21.34
+21.74	+21.62	+21.77	+21.62	+21.74	+21.58	+21.56	+21.36
+21.77	+21.60	+21.77	+21.62	+21.72	+21.58	+21.54	+21.36
+21.77	+21.60	+21.79	+21.62	+21.72	+21.60	+21.54	+21.38
+21.77	+21.61	+21.79	+21.65	+21.75	+21.61	+21.57	+21.38
+21.77	+21.61	+21.77	+21.63	+21.73	+21.57	+21.57	+21.38
+21.75	+21.61	+21.79	+21.63	+21.73	+21.57	+21.57	+21.36

Fast Hydra scan rate not used

Delayed Start, Reset or Stop data acquisition

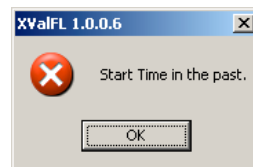
By Time

Data acquisition can be configured by the user for delayed start, reset or stop.



- Automatic start of data acquisition: data acquisition will start at a moment defined by the user.
- Automatic reset of data acquisition: data acquisition will be reset at a certain moment defined by the user.
- Automatic stop of data acquisition: data acquisition will stop at a moment defined by the user

An error message appears if the time interval is not defined correctly



By Value

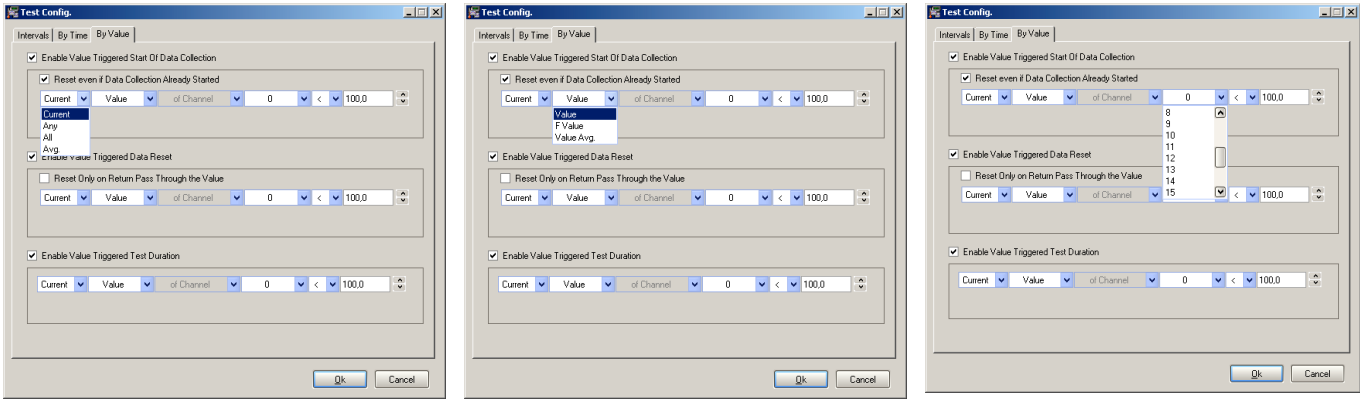
Enable Start based on Temperature Value

Principle of operation:

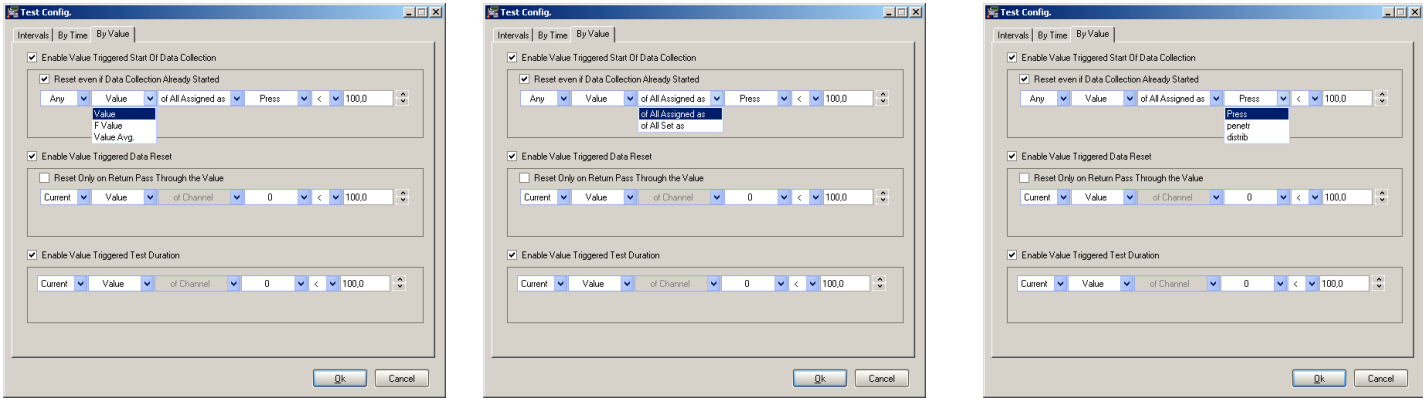
In order to Start, Reset or Stop the test based on the temperature or F Value it is necessary to program the conditions to be satisfied for performing this operations.
First define the type (Value or First or All or Average);
Then define the channel (or group of channels)
Then define the “assignment” or “set as” for this group of channels
Then define the condition : above or below
Then define the value of the temperature or F Value

Data acquisition can be programmed based on

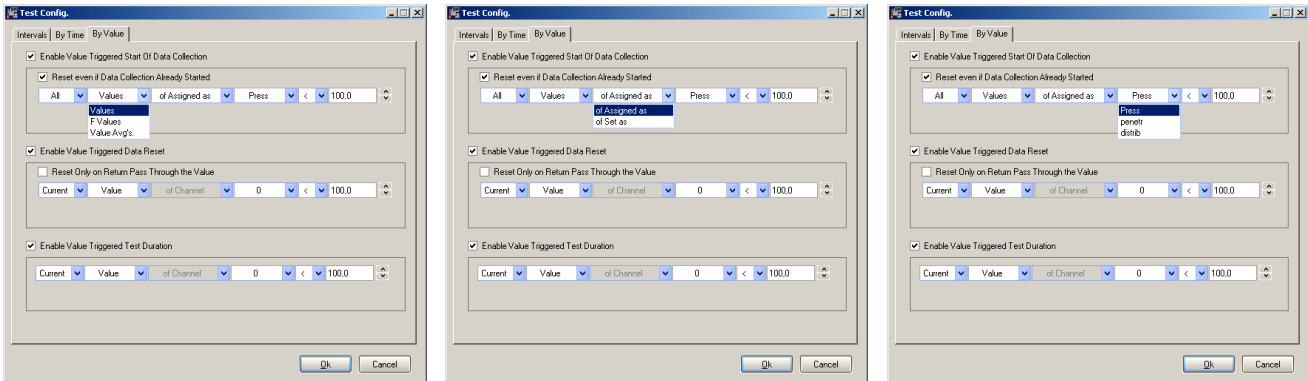
- value of
 - F value
 - value avg.
- above or below a temperature defined by the user
- current channel ...
 - any assigned as ...
 - any set as ...



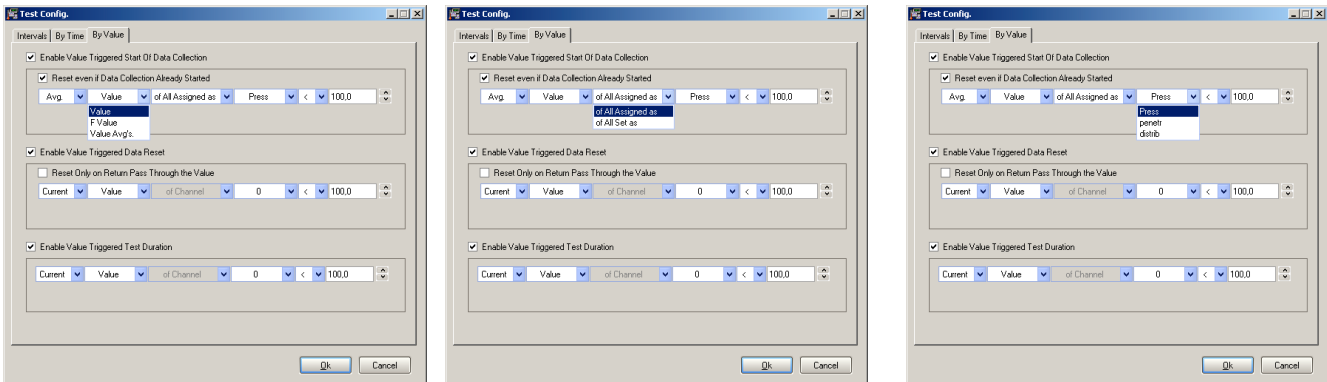
- any channel
- above or below a temperature defined by the user
- of all assigned as ...
 - of all set as ...



- all channels
- of all assigned as ...
- of all set as ...
- above or below a temperature defined by the user

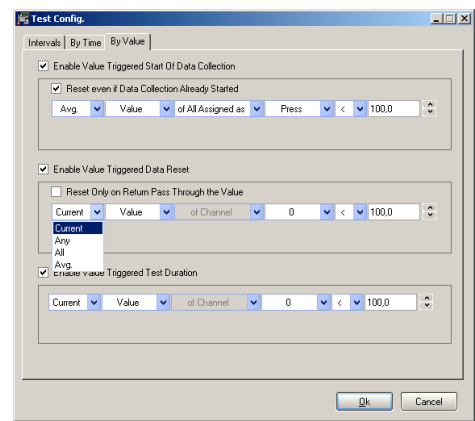


- average of
- of all assigned as ...
- of all set as ...
- above or below a temperature defined by the user



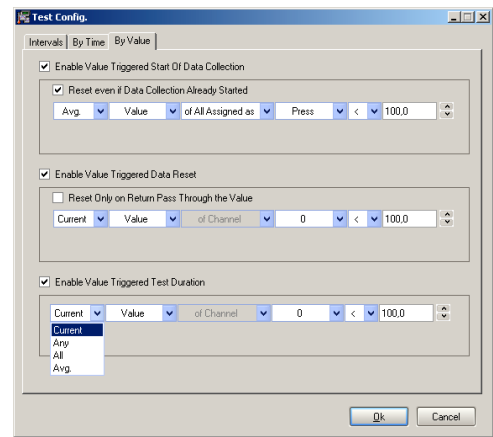
Enable Reset based on Temperature or F Value

The Reset of the test can be programmed based on temperature value or F Value, options are similar to the previous option (Enable Start based on Temperature Value) even for the F Value.



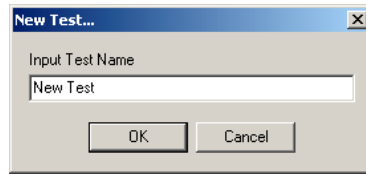
Stop Test based on Temperature or F Value

The Reset of the test can be programmed based on temperature value or F Value, options are similar to the previous option (Enable Start based on Temperature Value) even for the F Value.



Start Test

In test configuration disable all options "By Time" and "By Value", define interval = 10 sec and start test.



Values will be real time displayed on screen for all channels as defined in the template.

Ch.	Func.	Assign.	Label	Status	Val.	Act.	Min.	Max.	F.Acc.	F.Inst.
00	0-10 Vdc	Press		OK	-0,102	-0,0145	-0,164	0,142	-	-
01	Tc, T	penetr	drain	OK	23,82	23,886	23,82	23,95	0,0	0,0
02	Tc, T	penetr		OK	23,88	23,965	23,88	24,03	0,0	0,0
03	Tc, T	penetr		OK	23,89	23,973	23,89	24,04	0,0	0,0
04	Tc, T	penetr		OK	23,84	23,921	23,84	23,99	0,0	0,0
05	Tc, T	penetr		OK	23,92	23,989	23,92	24,07	0,0	0,0
06	Tc, T	penetr		OK	23,92	23,985	23,92	24,05	0,0	0,0
07	Tc, T	penetr		OK	23,91	23,972	23,91	24,04	0,0	0,0
08	Tc, T	penetr		OK	23,84	23,894	23,84	23,97	0,0	0,0
09	Tc, T	penetr		OK	23,85	23,929	23,85	24,00	0,0	0,0
10	Tc, T	penetr		OK	23,93	23,993	23,93	24,08	0,0	0,0
11	Tc, T	distrib		OK	23,87	23,942	23,87	24,00	-	-
12	Tc, T	distrib		OK	23,85	23,912	23,85	23,98	-	-
13	Tc, T	distrib		OK	23,92	23,982	23,92	24,05	-	-
14	Tc, T	distrib		OK	23,84	23,905	23,84	23,99	-	-
15	Tc, T	distrib		OK	23,93	23,984	23,93	24,04	-	-
16	Tc, T	distrib		OK	23,87	23,953	23,87	24,04	-	-
17	Tc, T	distrib		OK	23,83	23,900	23,83	23,96	-	-
18	Tc, T	distrib		OK	23,92	23,993	23,92	24,07	-	-
19	Tc, T	distrib		OK	23,73	23,802	23,73	23,88	-	-
20	Tc, T	distrib		OK	23,85	23,911	23,85	23,98	-	-
MaxVal				OK	23,93	24,000	23,93	24,08	-	-
MinVal				OK	23,73	23,802	23,73	23,88	-	-
Delta				OK	0,20	0,198	0,19	0,23	-	-

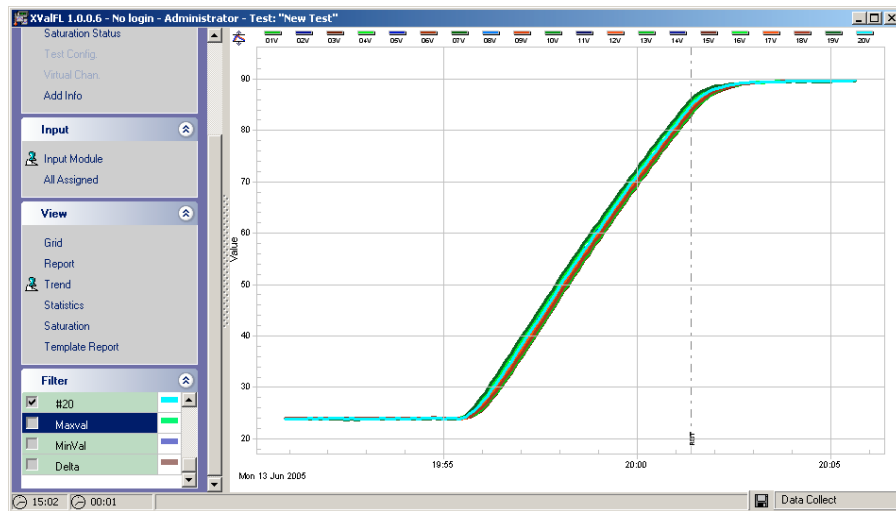
Click on "Report" to see intermediary report.

Test (Template): New Test (Template for autoclave)

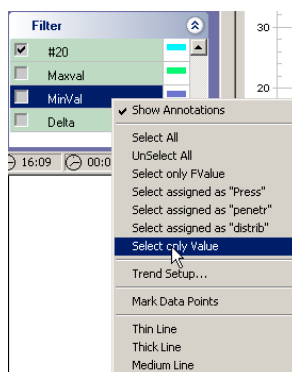
XpertVal 1.0.0.6 - SN: 2007401036-70003-10502 - Licensed to: Evaluation
 Hydra ID: 65073021 - Module ID: 1; Hydra Interval: 0.00 (h:mm:ss); Scan Rate: SLOW
 F Config: - Steam: 2; Water: +10.0 °C; To Temp: +10.0 °C; Min. Temp. To Calc: F Value: +10.0 °C
 Virtual channels:
 MaxVal = Max(G1:20)
 MinVal = Min(G1:20)
 Delta = Max(G1:20) - Min(G1:20)

Date & Time	Action	#10	#19	#20	MaxVal	MinVal	Delta	F01	F02	F03	F04	F05	F06
19:50:53	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:51:01	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:51:09	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:51:17	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:51:25	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:51:33	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:51:41	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:51:49	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:51:57	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:52:05	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:52:13	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:52:21	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:52:29	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:52:37	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:52:45	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:52:53	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:53:01	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:53:09	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19:53:17	Calib.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Click on "Trend" to see real time trending for all channels



Select or unselect the channels to be displayed on screen: right click on green zone where the channels are displayed and choose one of the options.



Click on "Statistics" to see intermediate statistics; click on "Reset Test" to calculate statistics from start test to end test.

Reset of Calculated Values during Test Study:

In order to either mark the beginning or the end of some operations or actions, the user may reset the calculated values of the data logger. When resetting these values, the old information will still be available in the test report. The "Reset" message appears on the report and on the trends.

This will also be a mark for the Statistics calculations.

The main purpose of the "Reset" function is to clearly define an interval inside which the users need to make the specifics calculations.

The data logger will automatically calculate:

- Between the Start and the first Reset
- Between two successive Resets
- Between the last Reset and the End

The users have the possibility of making calculations for the chosen period. In this case the user needs to:

- Choose the interval
- If the calculation is done between two successive Reset :
 - Start interval = first value after the first Reset
 - Stop interval = last value before the second Reset

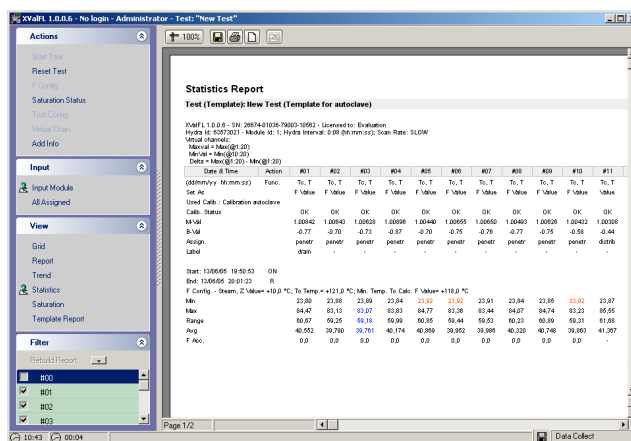
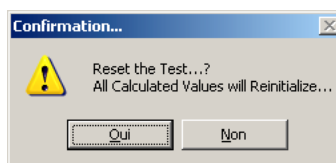
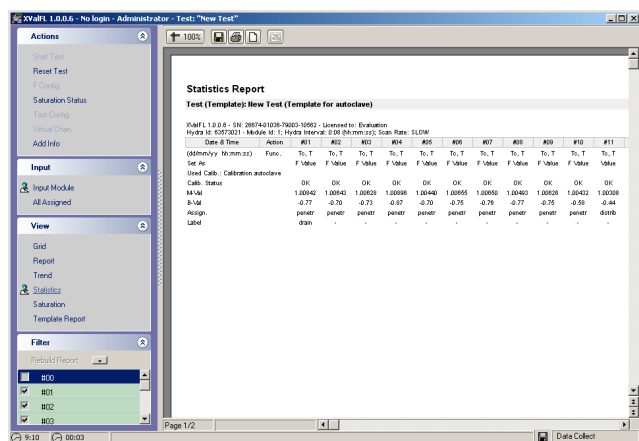
Example: To delimitate a sterilization interval, reset values as follows:

- Define the beginning of a sterilization interval:
 - When the minimal value of all thermocouples is higher than 121°C or
 - Manual synchronize with the autoclave indication of sterilization interval start
- Define the end of the sterilization interval :
 - When the minimal value of all thermocouples is lower than 121°C or
 - Manual synchronize with the autoclave indication of sterilization interval stop

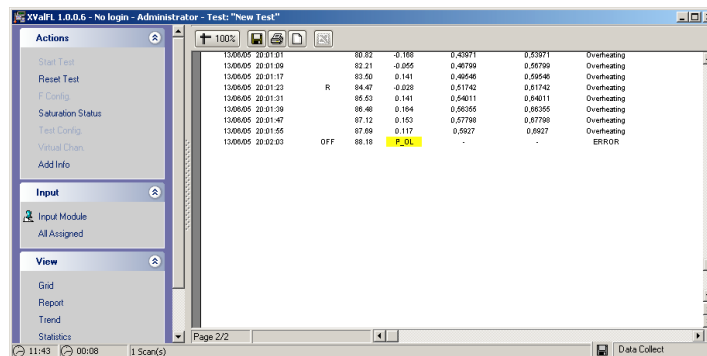
Push on the "Reset" button at the beginning and at the end of the sterilization interval.

A message will appear reminding the user that the test is about to be reset and will ask for confirmation. Click on "Yes" to proceed or on "No" to cancel.

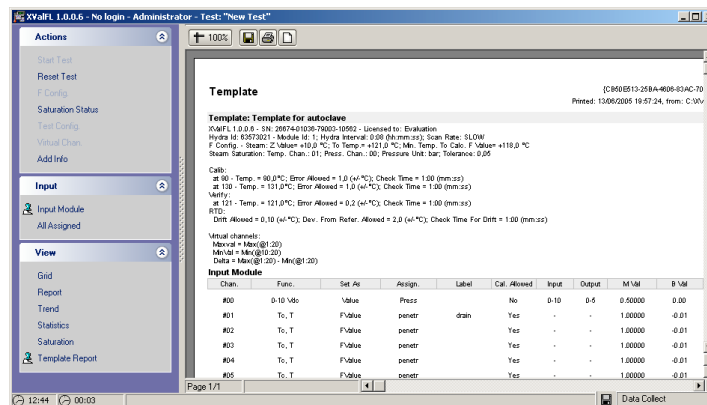
All the values will be reset, and then the system will restart the calculations from the reset moment chosen by the user.



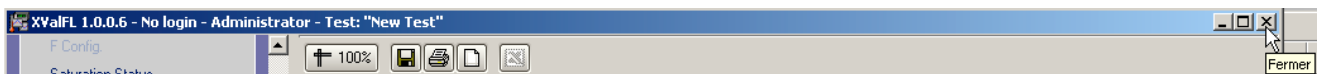
Click on "Saturation" to see saturation report



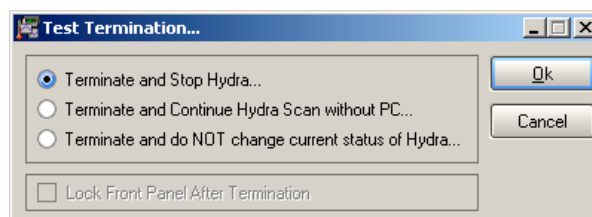
Click on "Template Report" to see template report



Stop the test - click on right upper corner



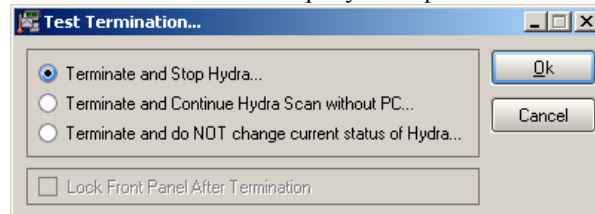
Choose the first option to terminate test - "Terminate and stop Hydra". The logger and the software will stop collecting data and the report will appear in the test list.



There are three ways of stopping the test.

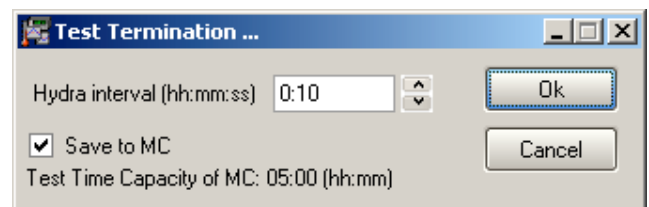
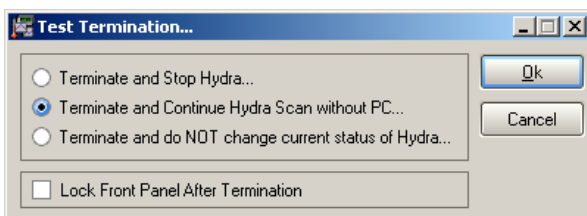
Stop the software and the data logger acquisition simultaneously

Click on “Cancel” and choose the “Terminate and Stop Hydra” option



Stop the software and do not stop data logger acquisition – user may change data acquisition interval

Click on “Cancel” and choose the “Terminate and Continue Hydra Scan without PC...” option

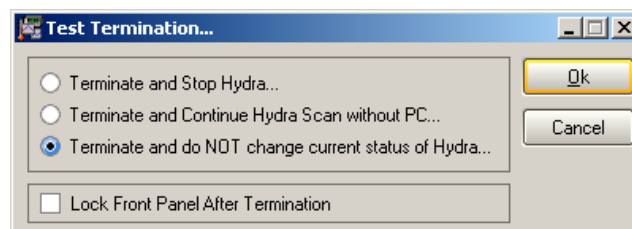


The user can modify the interval of data acquisition by using the up and down arrows. An indication of the available time for saving data onto the PCMCIA card will be provided to the user.

Stop the software and do not stop data logger acquisition – user cannot change data acquisition interval

Click on “Cancel” and choose the “Terminate and do NOT change current status of Hydra” option.

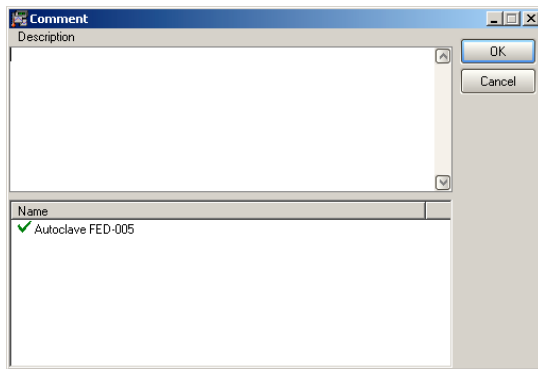
By choosing this option, the user has the possibility to start a new test with the same settings already loaded in the data logger.



Test Report

Double click to open the report.

Add information about the equipment which is validated using XpertLog: click on "Add Info" and double click on the equipment chosen from the list. Information corresponding to this equipment will be added in the header of the report.



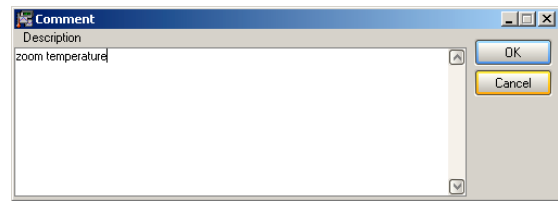
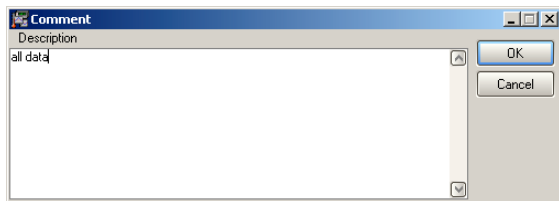
Test Data Report

Test (Template): New Test (Template for autoclave)

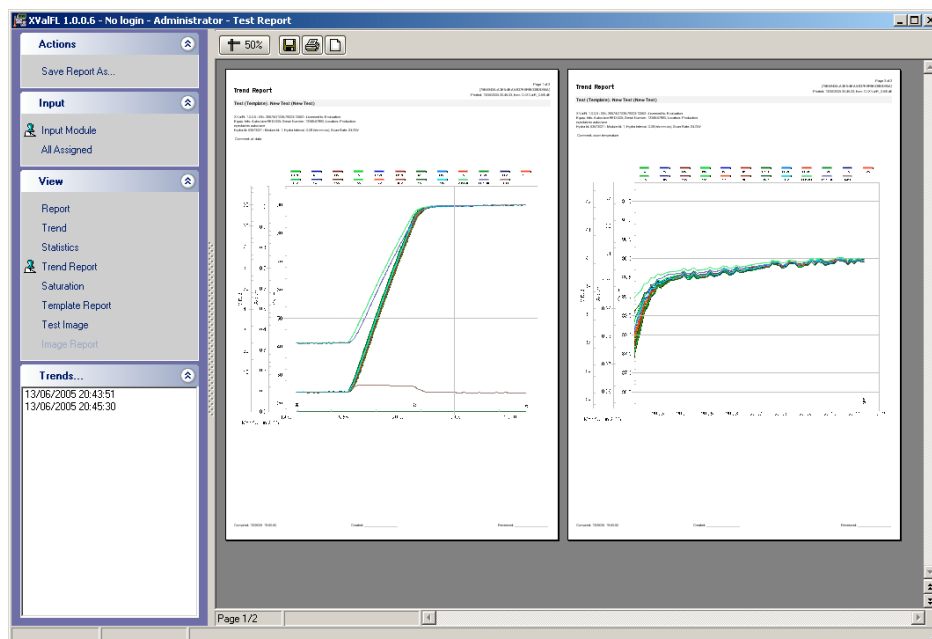
XpertVal 1.0.0.6 - SN: 26674-01036-79003-10562 - Licensed to: Evaluation
 Equip. Info: Autoclave FED-005; Serial Number: 12345-67890; Location: Production
 injectables autoclave
 Hydra Id: 61573021 - Module Id: 1; Hydra Interval: 0:08 (hh:mm:ss); Scan Rate: SLOW
 F Config: - Steam: Z Value: +10.0 °C; To Temp: +121.0 °C; Min. Temp. To Calc. F Value= +118.0 °C
 Virtual channels:
 Maxval = Max(@1:20)
 MinVal = Min(@10:20)
 Delta = Max(@1:20) - Min(@1:20)

Create trend report:

Click on "Trend" then "New Trend Report Page" to create new pages in the trend report.
 Enter the name for this first page and Ok.

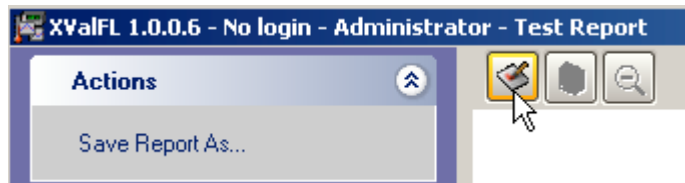


Enlarge the dwell of the report then click on "New Trend Report Page" to create a new page in the trend report.
 Then click on Trend Report - the trend report will have two pages containing information defined previously.
 Follow the same procedure to add extra pages in the trend report.

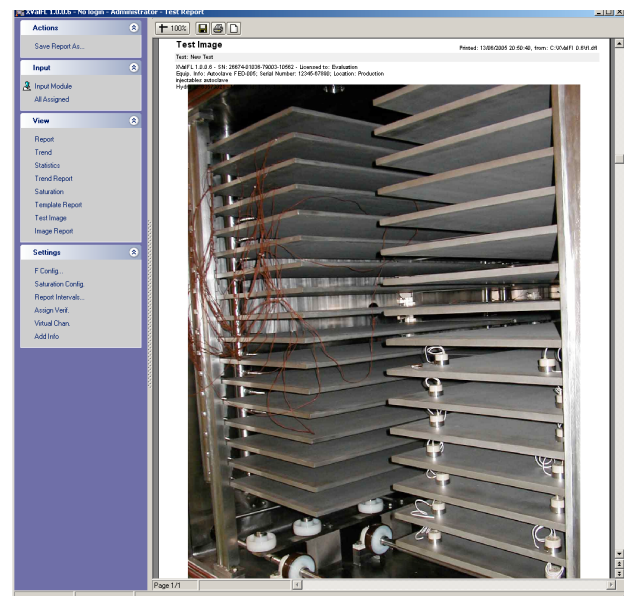


Insert image in the test report

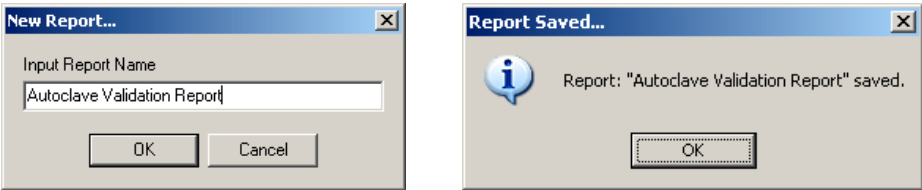
Click on Test image then on the image icon



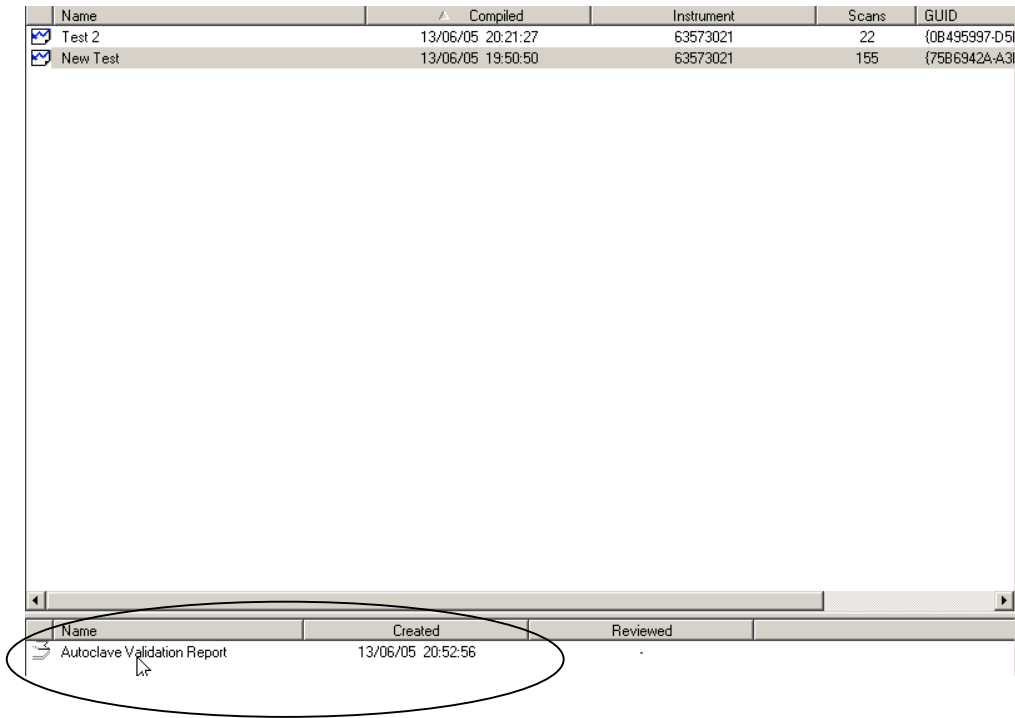
Define the location where the image is stored to insert it in the report; Click on "Image Report" - the image report was created automatically by the software.



Save report in order to sign the test report



The report will be saved as a sub-report of the main report.



Data Logger used as stand alone unit – data acquisition without computer

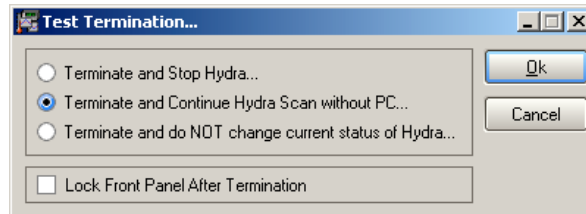
Data is stored on two media during data acquisition:

- PCMCIA card
- PC file

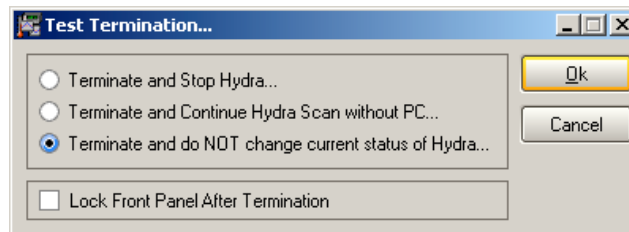
In order to use the data logger as a stand-alone system:

- Configure and start a new test study from the computer
- Once data starts being stored on the computer, click on “Cancel” and then choose the test termination with option 1 or 2

The software will stop, but the data logger will continue storing data. The data will be saved on the PCMCIA card.



(Option 1)



(Option 2)

In order to stop data logger's acquisition there are two options:

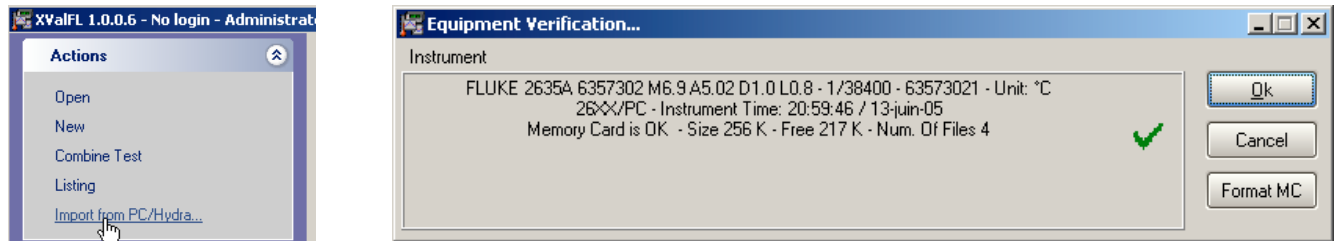
- Connect the computer and start a post test calibration
- Push on “SCAN” button of the data logger.

Read data from the PCMCIA card

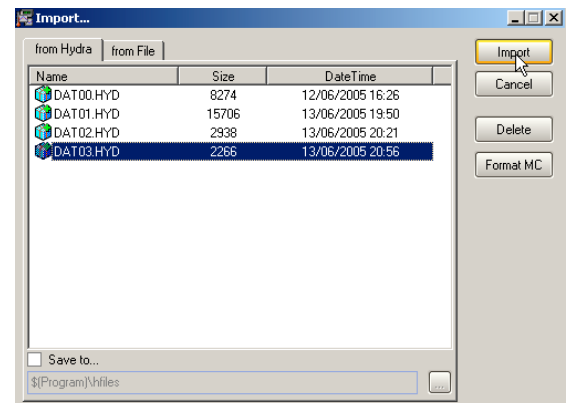
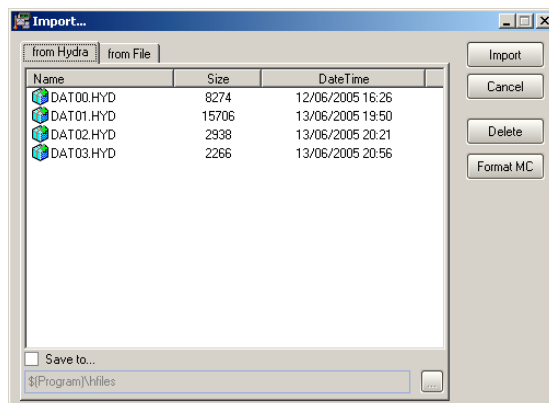
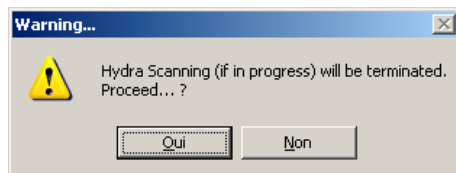
Data stored on the PCMCIA card is available for the user:

- By reading data from the card inserted in the data logger
- By reading data from the card inserted in the computer

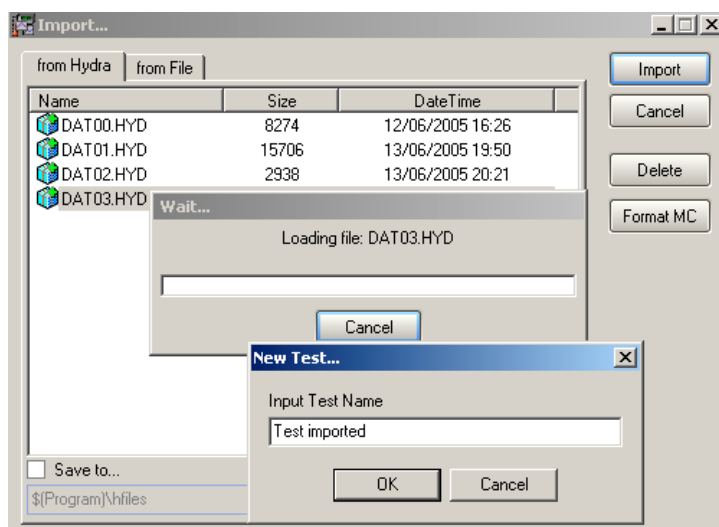
In "Test" click on Import from PC/Hydra" to recover data from the PCMCIA card of the logger



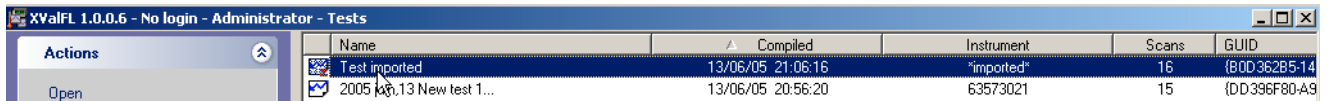
The reports available on the PCMCIA card will be displayed - choose the file to be imported and click Ok.



Click Import and name test report



The file will be imported in the test list



Name	Compiled	Instrument	Scans	GUID
Test imported	13/06/05 21:06:16	"imported"	16	{80D36285-14...
2005 k... 13 New test 1...	13/06/05 20:56:20	63573021	15	{DD396F80-A9...

Test Data Report

Test (Template): **Test imported**

XValFL 1.0.0.6 - SN: 26674-01036-79003-10562 - Licensed to: Evaluation
Imported from Hydra ID: 63573021 (13/06/05 21:06:16)

Click on the “From File” tab to get the data from a file in the server (if the data from the PCMCIA card has been stored in the company’s server) or from a location in the computer where data has been previously stored or click on the “From Hydra” tab in order to get data from the card inserted in the data logger.

Read data from the PCMCIA card in the computer

OS Windows 98

In order to read PCMCIA card data directly from a portable computer (OS Windows 98) you need to insert two control lines in the “config.sys” file as follows:

“device=c:\windows\system\csmapper.sys”

“device=c:\windows\system\carddrv.exe /slot=n” where n = number of PCMCIA slots

4 XpertVal Technical Specifications

4.1 XpertVal - Thermal Validation System Uncertainty

XpertVal Validation system uncertainty - under worst case, after thermocouple calibration:

Data logger Hydra:

	<u>@121°C @250°C</u>	
Conformity error:	0.02 °C	0.04 °C
A/D Conversion error	0.02 °C	0.02 °C
Compensation error	0.1 °C	0.1 °C
Total logger uncertainty:	0.14 °C	0.16°C

Calibration equipment:

Hart Reference probe	0.021°C	0.04°C
Smart Display	0.01 °C	0.02°C
Temperature Block 155/320	0.02°C	0.02°C
Total calibration Equipment uncertainty:	0.051°C	0.08°C

Total XpertVal validation system uncertainty:

A° - (sum of data logger and calibration equipment)	0.191 °C	0.24°C
B° - (cf guide AFNOR XP X 07-020 – square root of the sum of squares of each uncertainty)	0.143°C	0.167°C
Total system uncertainty <u>maximum</u> is:	0.191°C @ 121°C & 0.24°C @ 250°C	
Total system uncertainty <u>typical</u> is:	0.1°C @ 121° & 0.1°C @ 250°C	

4.2 Data Logger Hydra

Analog channels: 20 by module

Thermocouples: J, K, N, E, T, R, S, B, and C
Measures in °C or °F

Functions

- **Validation mode (with XpertVal software)**
- Independent (data logger)

Impedance channel: input minimum 100 M Ω in parallel with a capacity of maximum 150 pF.

NMRR:

- 47 dB minimum @ 50 Hz
- 53 dB minimum @ 60 Hz

CMRR:

- 120 dB minimum @ 50 or 60 Hz, 1 k Ω load
- 120 dB for continuously voltage, 1 k Ω load

Maximum input voltages: - 150 Vcc or Vca eff.

Thermocouple open detection: the injection of a small alternative signal and the utilization of a detection techniques before each measure, permit to detect a thermocouple open if the resistance is between 1 et 4 k Ω .

Power supply: 90 à 264 Vca 50 or 60 Hz
- Battery of 9 to 16 Vcc (automatically commutation between the source and the battery, without electric alimentation interruption)

Dimensions: 9,3 x 21,6 x 31,2 cm (h x l x p)

Weight: 3 Kg

4.3 Temperature standard

Temperature display:

Technical specifications:

- Resistance : 100 ohm nominal ± 0.1 ohm à 0°C
- Temperature range : -200 à 500 °C
- Material: inconel
- Hysteresis < 0,01 °C à 0°C with extremely points -183 et 420 °C
- Accuracy:
 - $\pm 0,018$ °C @ -196°C
 - $\pm 0,018$ °C @ 0°C
 - $\pm 0,019$ °C @ 200°C
 - $\pm 0,023$ °C @ 420°C
- Dimensions:
 - Type 5612: 0,187 " dia. x 9 " (0,475 x 22,86 cm)
 - Type 5613: 0,187 " dia. x 6 " (0,475 x 15,24 cm)
 - Type 5614: 0,25 " dia x 12 " (0,635 x 30,48 cm)
- Model: HART

Reference probe:

- Temperature range: -200 à 650 °C
- Resistance range: 0 to 400 ohm
- Probe: 25 or 100 ohm
- Parameters: ITTS-90, IPTS-68 or Calendar-Van Dusen
- Accuracy:
 - $\pm 0,006$ °C @ 0°C
 - $\pm 0,009$ °C @ 100°C
 - $\pm 0,012$ °C @ 200°C
 - $\pm 0,018$ °C @ 400°C
 - $\pm 0,024$ °C @ 600°C
- Temperature coefficient: <0,5 ppm/°C,
- Temperature resolution: 0,001°C
- Resistance resolution: 0,0001 ohm
- Calibration: *The coefficients are corrected in the equipment during the annual calibration. The formulas for ITS – 90 are stored in the thermometer's firmware. The display shows the real temperature*
- Display: 8 digit, 7 segments LED
- Dimensions: 14,3 x 18,1 x 6,1 cm
- Weight: 1 Kg
- Type: HART

SOFTWARE:

The RTD Thermo software of LIVES International allows:

- Display up to 9 reference probes in the same time (HART probe or intelligent probe IRTD)
- Trace the report under EXCEL with the continuously record of the 9 probes
- Useful for the probes calibrations in the field

4.4 Temperature block

Type:	LIVES	ATC-15	ATC-320	ATC-650
Temperature range:		-30 to 155 °C	50 to 320 °C	50 to 650 °C
Diameter of validation insert:		26 mm	26 mm	26 mm
Standard insert depth:		150 mm	160 mm	160 mm
Accuracy:		±0,19°C	±0,26°C	±0,39°C
Stability (with standard insert):		±0,02°C	±0,02°C	±0,03°C
Homogeneity between insert's well:		±0,02°C	±0,01°C	±0,05°C
<u>Vertical homogeneity on 40 mm</u>		±0,05°C	±0,10°C	±0,40°C
Screen and programming:		LCD	LCD	LCD
Temperature from ambient to max:		23 min	7 min	27 min
From Max to 100 °C:		3 min	22 min	43 min
Automatically commutation test:		Yes – Open,	Closed,	Hysteresis
Programmable grade:		0,1 à 9,9 °C / min		
Auto pas :		Yes – up to 10		
Power supply:		230 or 115 V @ 50 or 60 Hz		
Dimensions:		241 x 325 x 139 mm		
Weight:		12,6 Kg	10 Kg	12 Kg
Protection class:		IP 10		

Important characteristics:

- Double heating zone for better homogeneity in the wells
- A very good accuracy
- MVI circuits – assure the temperature stability independently of the source variations
- Double Peltier effect (LTR 155)
- Double heating zone (LTR 320 et 650)
- LCD display
- Complete keyboard
- A very easy programming
- RS – 232 communication protocol for remote control