Instruction Manual

Thermo Recorder

おんどとりHi TR-81

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Please read carefully before using.

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Safety Precautions and Instructions

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Maintenance or modification of the main unit by anyone other than our authorized mechanics is strictly prohibited. This could lead to malfunctioning.

Avoid smoke, steam, high humidity and dust. These could lead to malfunctioning .

It is extremely dangerous to swallow batteries. Install and keep all batteries, sensors and the Thermo Recorder Unit a safe distance from and out of the reach of small children.

The Thermo Recorder is a device designed to measure and record temperature. Do not use this unit for any purpose other than temperature measurement.

The sensor may have a sharp edge, please take care when handling it.

⚠ Handling Precautions

Dropping the unit or exposing it to a strong impact may cause malfunctioning.

If the batteries lose all power all recorded data and settings will be lost. Please make sure to change the batteries before they lose power.

Battery life varies depending on recording conditions and battery quality. Life may be shorter than published.

Battery terminals may provide insufficient contact due to age or vibration. This may lead to data loss so please be sufficiently careful.

If the unit will not be used for a period of time, for safety reasons please remove the battery. They may leak and lead to malfunctioning.

This unit is not waterproof. Do not use in an area where contact with water may occur.

⚠ Placement Precautions

Condensation may occur if the unit is moved from one environment to another where the difference in temperature is great. Use the unit in an environment where the ambient temperature is from –10 to 60   and the humidity is 90% RH or less.

Do not leave the unit in direct sunlight or in excessively hot or humid places for long periods of time. It may cause fire or otherwise cause the unit to malfunction.

Do not expose the unit to harmful gases or chemicals. It may cause corrosion and / or other danger to the unit and to people handling the unit.

Exposing the unit to mechanical vibration may cause insufficient contact and data loss. Make sure to place the unit in a steady environment.

Avoid placing the unit in an area exposed to strong magnetic fields.

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What is Thermo Recorder TR-81 ?

This product is a thermo recorder that makes use of a platinum resistance sensor to measure and record temperature. Recorded data is then downloaded into a computer using our special software where it can be easily displayed in table or graph form.

Designed to be used with a three wire Pt100 Temperature Sensor.

Measurement Range is from –200 to 600　.

The unit has two separate channels for measuring and recording temperature.

Data capacity is 8,000 readings × 2 channels.

One Lithium Battery allows recording for 5–8 months.

Hi for Windows

By utilizing our special software you are able to download all recorded data into your computer where it can be easily made into graphs and tables for printing, saving or saving as text file data.

Can process and display up to 8 channels at the same time.
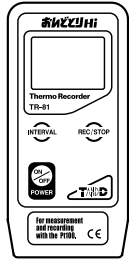
Can create a wide array of graphs with ease.

Can create a graph for a chosen period.

Automatically calculates and displays the highest and lowest values as well as the average in graph or table form.

The text file data can be manipulated by all popular spreadsheet software.
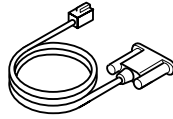
Contents of Package

The following items are included in the package.

1 Thermo Recorder Unit
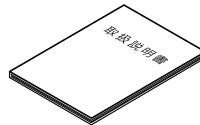(TR-81)

1 Software disk
Hi for Windows®

1 Communication Cable
RS–232C   D–SUB 9 pin
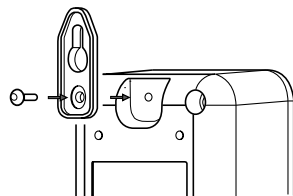
1 Lithium Battery
CR2

1 Attachment Plate
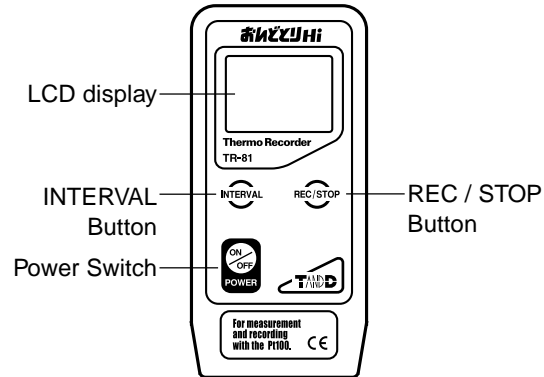1 screw

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How to use the Attachment Plate

Use the attachment plate to hang the
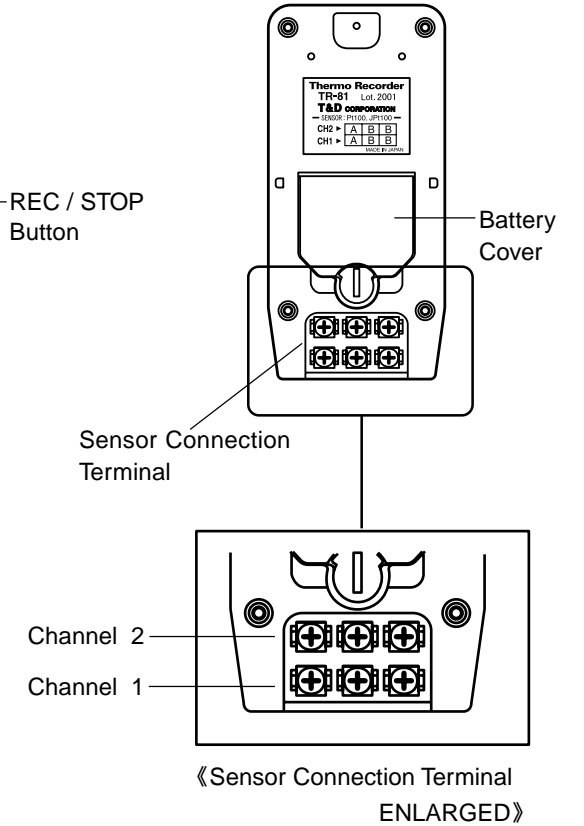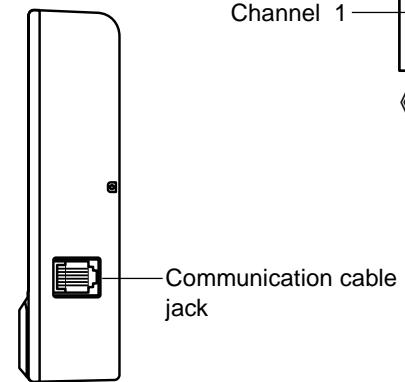Thermo Recorder on the wall, etc.

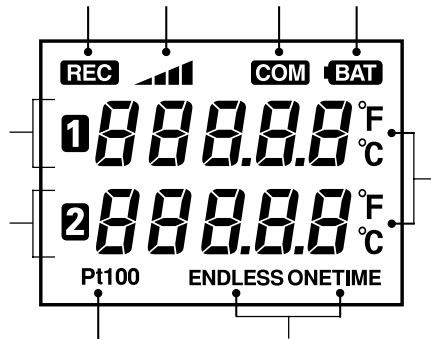# Part Names and Functions

The Front

The Rear

LCD display

INTERVAL
Button

REC / STOP
Button

Power Switch

Battery
Cover

Sensor Connection
Terminal

The Side

Channel 2

Channel 1

Sensor Connection Terminal
ENLARGED

Communication cable
jack

Explanation of the LCD Display

REC …Recording Indicator.

⊿ll …Amount of Recorded Data.

DISPLAY

⊿ → ⊿ı → ⊿ıl → ⊿ıll

Endless Mode… ⊿ıll Indicates recording will continue.

One Time Mode… Changes to *FULL* and recording stops.

COM …Indicates communication in progress.

BAT …Battery Life Warning.

₁88888 …Displays Data Measurement for Channel 1.

₂88888 …Displays Data Measurement for Channel 2.
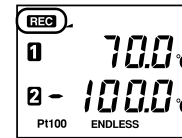
℃ ℉ …Temperature Unit Display.

Display unit can be changed via. computer.

Sensor Type (Pt100)

Recording Mode
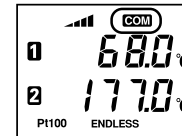
ENDLESS: When the recorded data goes over 8000 units the oldest data is overwritten and recording continues.

ONETIME: When the recorded data reaches 8000 units the REC indicator goes off and recording stops.

RECORDING

The REC indicator comes on when recording is begun. It blinks while on standby. The amount indicator marks increase as the data increases.

COMMUNICATING

The COM mark appears when communication is taking place between the unit and your computer, i.e. when setting up recording, or downloading data.
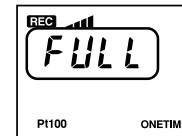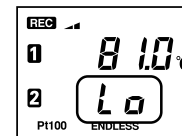
FULL

The FULL mark appears when 8000 units of data have been recorded in ONETIME Mode. This indicates that recording has stopped and it is important to download the data into your computer as soon as possible.
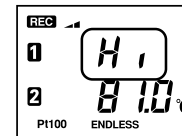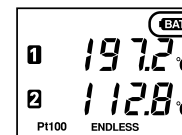
OVER THE MEASURABLE RANGE

The Hi mark indicates that the temperature is over the measurable range of 600 .

BELOW THE MEASURABLE RANGE

The Lo mark indicates that the temperature is below the measurable range of –200 .

BATTERY LIFE WARNING

The BAT message appears whenever the battery power is low. Recording is still possible while lamp is on, but when blinking recording will be discontinued. Please change the battery as soon as you see the warning lamp come on.
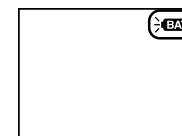
SLEEP MODE

The battery lamp will begin to blink when power is very low, recording will stop and the unit will automatically go into sleep mode. It is important to change the battery before it begins to blink.

Preparing the Thermo Recorder

. Install the Battery
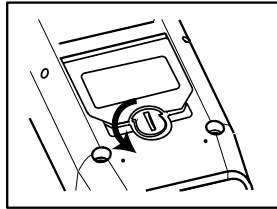
Using a coin, turn the battery cover lock as shown in figure 1 to open cover.
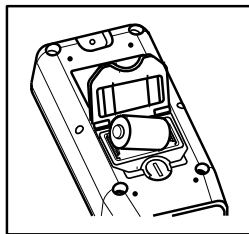
FIGURE 1 Backside of Main Unit

Install Lithium Battery (CR2) as shown in figure 2.
  Use only new batteries.
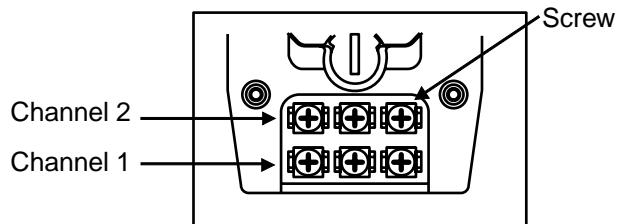 Make sure the battery is in the right direction.

Backside of Main Unit

Turn the cover lock in the opposite direction of figure 1 to close cover.

. Connect the Sensor

To connect the sensor, loosen the screws of the channel to be connected.

Screw

Channel 2

Channel 1

Backside of Unit Sensor Connection Terminal

Connect Sensor to Terminal, making sure to follow directions on the sticker on the backside of unit.   See figure below

Thermo Recorder
TR-81 Lot. 2001
T&D CORPORATION
— SENSOR : Pt100, JPt100 —
CH2 ► A | B | B
CH1 ► A | B | B
MADE IN JAPAN   Sticker on Backside

Channel 2
Channel 1

A B B
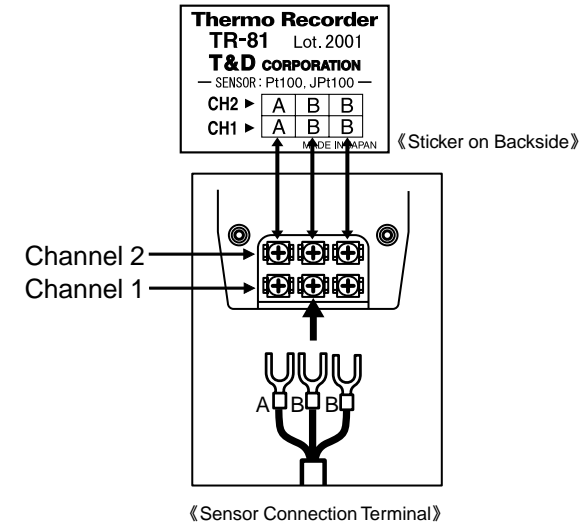
Sensor Connection Terminal

Sensor Wiring Figure

  Usually all three wired platinum resistance sensors are wired as in the figure below. Terminals are represented with the letters A / B or color red / white.

S

A red
B white
B white

A red
B white
B white
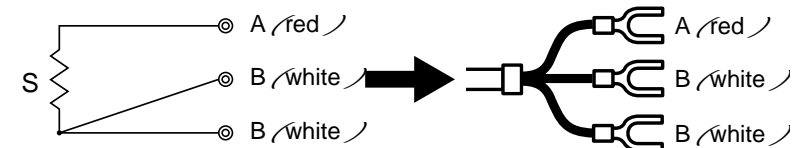
After connecting the sensor, tighten the screws to prevent slipping.

. Turn Power On

  The back up power function ensures no data loss even if the power switch is turned OFF.

ON
OFF
POWER

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Installing the Software

Before beginning installation please check the following

Is Windows® working properly ?
If Windows (3.1 / 95 / 98 / NT 3.51 / NT 4.0) is not activated properly, it may be impossible to install and run Hi for Windows.

Quit all other applications.
If you are running other applications, make sure to quit them before installation.

Install the Software (Hi for Windows®)

Start Windows. (3.1 / 95 / 98 / NT 3.51 / NT 4.0)

Place Software Disk in appropriate drive and open the [Win_eng] folder.

Open SETUP.EXE .

The dialog box **'Setup: Hi for Windows'** will appear.
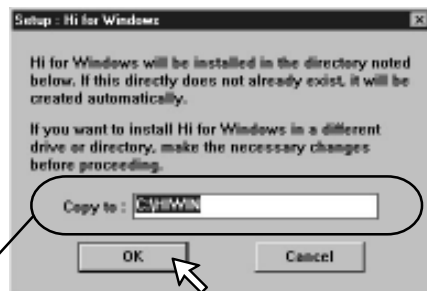
Check Copy to: if appropriate click OK to start copying.

    C: represents the hard drive that Windows is installed in. If you want to change the location please type in the desired drive and continue.

After installation is completed a Hi for Windows Folder will be created and an icon for [Hi for Windows] will appear in the Start Menu.

Open Hi for Windows by clicking on this icon. (See below)

Screen Names and Functions

This screen is only a representation for explanation purposes and may differ from actual screen.

For a detailed explanation of operations use the [Help] menu.
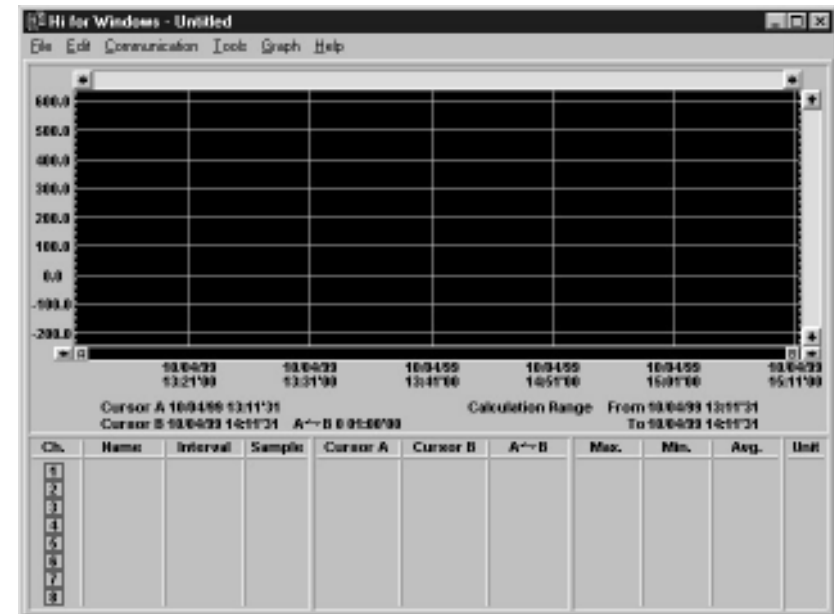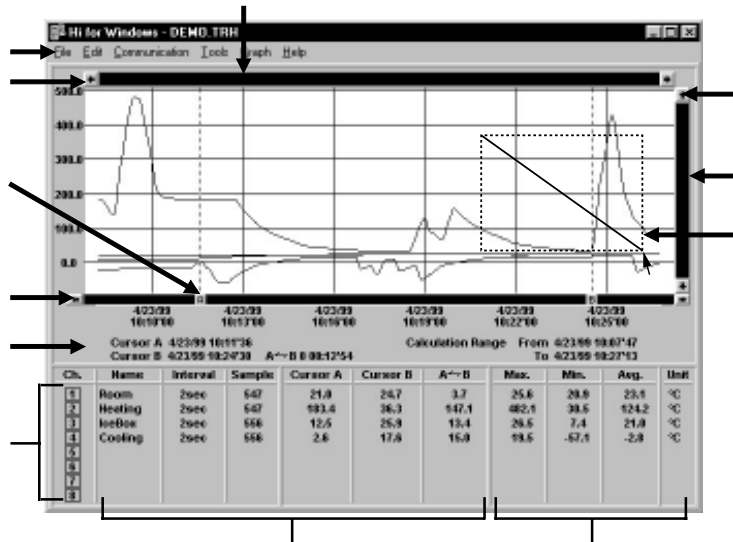
Graph Display

Horizontal Gauge Bar
Allows you to move across the whole range of data from oldest to newest for all eight channels. The colored bar represents the data presently displayed as a part of the total. By dragging the gauge you can move left and right to the data you want to be displayed.

Menu Bar
Click the menu bar you want to display a pull down menu from which you can choose from an array of commands.

Button for Moving Horizontal Axis
The time axis moves by clicking these arrow buttons.

A and B Cursor Buttons
Click and drag the A or B button to move the cursor left or right. By left clicking on the button you can activate or disactivate the cursor movement function.

Cursor Movement Button
By clicking the arrow buttons you can move the cursor or cursors together left or right. Only operable for cursors which are activated

Time and Date for Cursor at Point A and B, Time Gap between Point A and B, Effective Calculation Range (Max. Min., Avg.)

Channel Number Button
By clicking a Number Button the display can be turned ON /OFF

By dragging a channel button to another channel and dropping it the data will be moved to that channel.

By double clicking a channel button a dialog box will appear that will allow you to delete the data or change the recording settings for that channel.

Data Name, Recording Interval, Amount of Data, Data at Cursor A, Data at Cursor B, Difference between A and B

Maximum Value, Minimum Value, Average Value, Temperature Unit
By double clicking the number value for Max or Min the display will move to that point on the graph.

Button for Moving Vertical Axis
The Vertical Axis moves up or down by clicking these arrow buttons.

Vertical Gauge Bar
Allows you to move across the whole range of data from the lowest value to the highest for all eight channels. The colored bar represents the data presently displayed as a part of the total. By dragging the gauge you can move up and down to the data you want to be displayed.

Magnification and Widening Using the Mouse.
Magnification : With the left button drag the mouse to outline the area you want to magnify.

Widening : By double clicking the right button the data area will be widened at a regular interval to allow you to see a larger range.

Data List Display

This is a list of the data that was displayed in graph form.
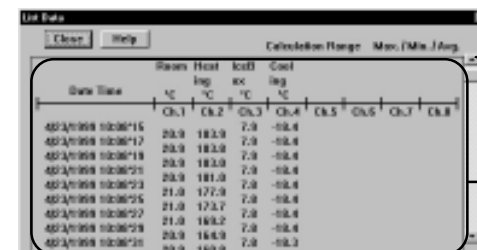
Scroll Bar: By dragging it up and down you can move to the data you want.

Maximum Value is in RED, Minimum is in BLUE, and Average is in PINK.

Starting to Record

There are two ways to begin the recording process.

Using the Computer… You can set the day and time you want recording to start and can set or change all recording functions via the software.

Using the Buttons on the Main Unit… By pushing the REC button you can begin recording immediately as well as set or change the recording interval.

. *Start Recording via Computer*

. Connect the communication cable provided with the unit to the serial port on your computer. The connection cable is a D-SUB 9 pin female jack that should be connected to the place with such a marking.
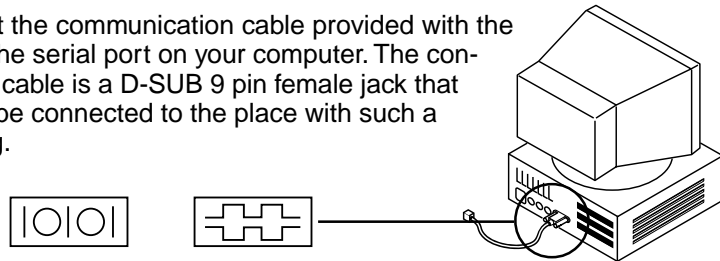
If you connect to the wrong place communication will not take place. Also make sure that the cable is connected properly in the right position.

. Connect the cable to the Thermo Recorder main unit. Make sure it is connected properly, pushing in until you hear a click.
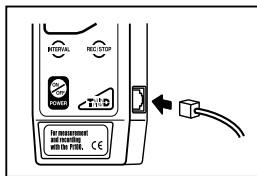
Side view of main unit
Communication cable connection jack

. Set the Recording Conditions.

⚠ **Caution**

Make sure that the date and time setting is correct on your computer. If it is not, the data and time for all data recorded will be wrong. Once a Channel Name, Recording Mode, Temperature Unit Display, and / or Sensor Type has been set those settings will be saved, even if, the batteries loose power.

Start　Hi for Windows

From the [Communication] Menu choose [Start Recording...]

The following screen will be displayed from which all settings can be made.

Recording Interval… 1/2/5/10/15/20/30 seconds, 1/2/5/10/15/20/30/60 minutes

Recording Mode… One Time / Endless Loop

Temperature Unit Displey… Celsius / °Fahrenheit

Sensor Type… Pt100

Record Starting Date… Programmed / Immediate

By clicking [Setup] the settings will become active. The LCD Display on the main unit will display a blinking REC until the set recording date and time arrives.
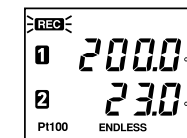
When you want to stop the recording function simply click on the [Stop] button in the [Recording Start] display in the [Communication] pull down menu. You can cancel a programmed start in this same way.

When you want to check the recording settings go to the [Recording Start] display in the [Communication] pull down menu and click on [Present Settings] and the present settings will be displayed. YOU CAN NOT CHANGE THE SETTINGS WHILE RECORDING.

. Start Recording via Base Unit

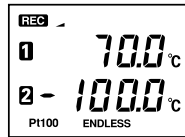. Set the Recording Interval by pressing the [INTERVAL] button. Each time you press, it will take you to the next possible interval. A pause of 3 seconds will set the interval and return you to the main display.

10 seconds   10 minutes
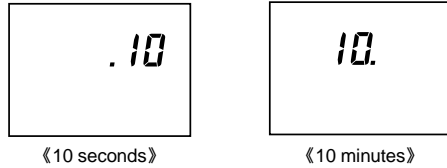
. Start Recording by pressing down on the [REC/STOP] button for more than 2 seconds; the REC lamp will appear lit on the display.

With some computer models, even though you have set a programmed start and the unit is in waiting mode, by pressing [REC/STOP] recording will begin immediately.

While recording, Recording will stop if you hold down the [REC/STOP] button for more than 2 seconds.

If you want to make any changes to the settings other than recording interval please see [Start Recording Via Computer]

⚠ **WARNING**

If you press on the [REC/STOP] button when the REC lamp is not lit, the next recording will begin and any former data will be automatically deleted.

When you want to stop a recording session press the [REC/STOP] button for 2 or more seconds.

When you want to check the recording interval while recording press the [INTERVAL] button and it will appear on the display. YOU CAN NOT MAKE CHANGES WHILE RECORDING.

Downloading Recorded Data

. Make sure Communication Cable is connected to the Computer.

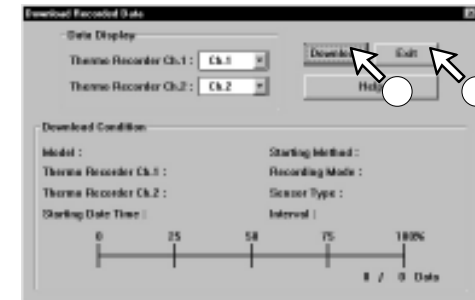## . Make sure Communication Cable is connected to the Thermo Recorder.

For instructions on these steps, see page 17.

Begin Downloading Data.

From the [Communication] menu select [Download Recorded Data...]

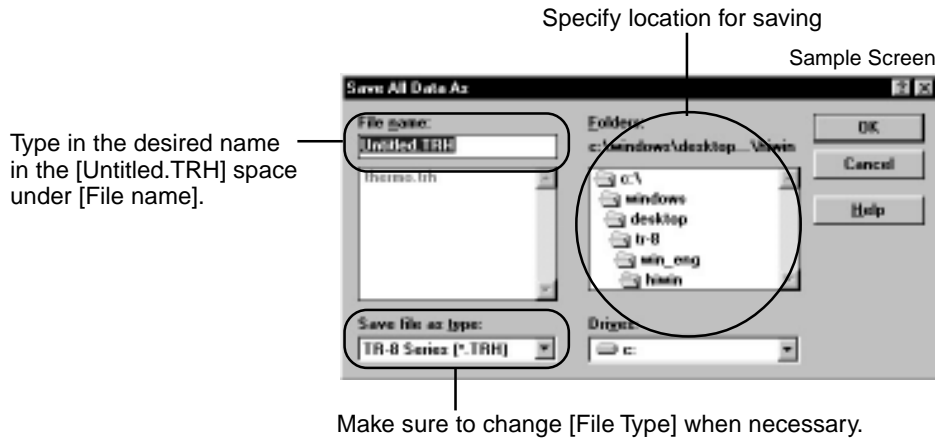The [Download Recorded Data] screen will appear.

Start downloading by clicking [Download]

After downloading has been completed click the [Exit] button and the corresponding graph will be displayed.
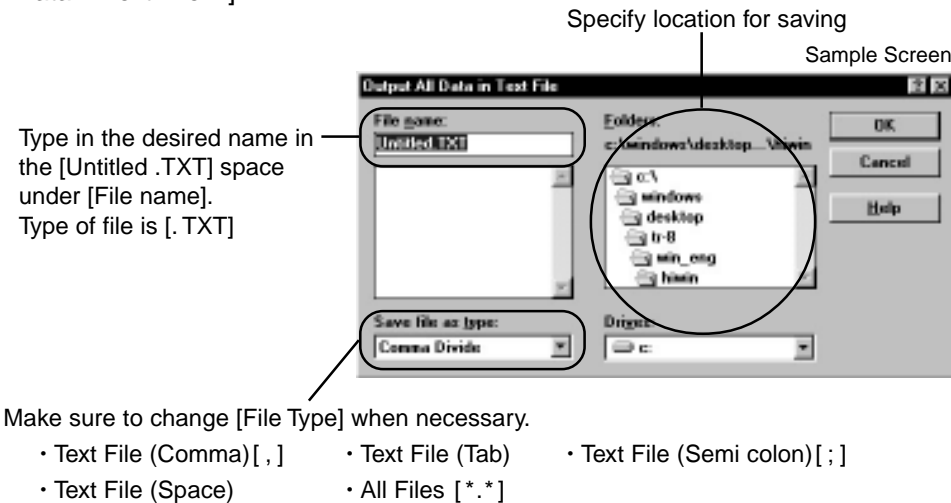
Saving Data

From the [File] Menu select either [Save All Data As…] or [Save Partial Data As…]

Specify location for saving

Sample Screen

Type in the desired name in the [Untitled.TRH] space under [File name].

Make sure to change [File Type] when necessary.

Creating Text File

From the [File] Menu select either [Output All Data in Text File...] or [Output Partial Data in Text File…]

Specify location for saving

Sample Screen

Type in the desired name in the [Untitled .TXT] space under [File name].
Type of file is [. TXT]

Make sure to change [File Type] when necessary.

Text File (Comma)[,]   Text File (Tab)   Text File (Semi colon)[;]
Text File (Space)   All Files [*.*]

Codes such as comma, tab, semicolon and space are used to divide cells when loading text file through spreadsheet software such as Lotus 1,2,3 and Excel.

Text File can not be loaded into Hi for Windows.

Replacing the Battery

Time to change the battery

Once the BAT lamp appears on the display make sure to change the battery as soon as possible. If you change the battery before the BAT lamp begins to blink, recording will continue uninterrupted and without any loss of data.

If the batteries go completely dead, all recorded data and recording settings will be lost, so please be attentive to the BAT lamp.
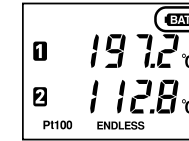
The following chart can give you a general idea as to battery life.

	Recording Int. of more than 2 sec's.	Recording Int. of 1 second
Time before BAT lamp (warning) appears.	Maximum 8 months	Maximum 5 months

The main unit can remain in working condition for about 2 minutes without a battery.

Battery life depends on many conditions including the recording environment, the recording interval, the amount of communication, the surrounding temperature, and others. This explanation is based on using a new battery and in no way should be taken as a guarantee of battery life.

After changing the battery

If you changed the battery when the BAT lamp was on.
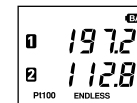
Change battery ➡ Returns to same condition as before lamp appeared. Recording continues without trouble.

If you changed the battery when the BAT lamp was blinking.

Change battery ➡ The power automatically goes off. Make sure to turn back on.

⚠ **WARNING**

If the BAT lamp is blinking make sure to download all data as soon as possible. If you press the [REC/STOP] button on the main unit a new recording session will begin and all previously recorded data will be automatically deleted.

Troubleshooting

Q: *I can't get the communication cable connected to the computer. What should I do?*

A Please connect the communication cable provided with the Thermo Recorder into the serial port of your computer (D-SUB 9 pin male connector). If for some reason you can not connect directly, please use an appropriate adapter (gender changer plug) as explained below.

Examples of various serial ports:

D-SUB 9 pin male   D-SUB 25 pin female   Half pitch 14 pin female
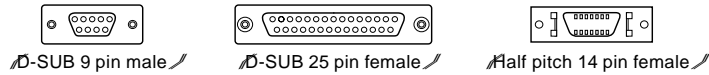
If the connector on your computer is a D-SUB 9-pin male then there is no need for an adapter.

If the connector on your computer is a D-SUB 25 pin female then use an adapter (D-SUB 25 pin male to a D-SUB 9 pin male)

If the connector on your computer is a Half pitch 14 pin female then use the adapter (Half pitch 14 pin male to a D-SUB 9 pin male) or a combination (Half pitch 14 pin male to D-SUB 25 pin male) and (D-SUB 25 pin female to a D-SUB 9 pin male).

Q: *I can't download settings and / or data from the Thermo Recorder to my computer. What should I do?*

A Check to make sure that the connection is proper. Communication will take place only through the serial port (RS-232C) and will not work through the printer port or any other.

A Check to make sure that you can control the Thermo Recorder with the software.

A Make sure that the serial port has been selected correctly in the [Communication] pull down menu in the software. Please check which port you are connected to (COM1-COM4) and select appropriately.

A If you have access to another computer try to see if you can download using it.

A If you have a computer with energy saving function settings, make sure that the serial port has not been turned off. Especially on NEC brand PC98 notebook computers the default setting may be such.

A If your computer is a DOS/V type check to make sure that the serial port has not been rendered unusable by the BIOS setting.

A If your computer is Windows 95/98 please make sure that the serial port setting has not been made to render it unusable. With many all in one computers it serves as the modem jack.

How to check

In Windows 95/98 Open the [System] file in the [Control Panel] (Figure 1).

Figure 1 Control Panel

Open the [Device Manager] file in the [System Properties] window and double click on [Port (COM&LPT)] (Figure2) to open. Check to see if [Com Port (COM1)] and/or [Com Port (COM2)] are displayed. If so they should be usable unless they have a [!] or a [x] (Figure 3) mark on them, If such a mark exists, that port is unusable. If you can not use a communication port please contact your computer's maker.
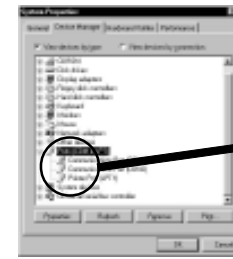
Figure 2 [Device Manager]

Figure 3 [Port (COM&LPT)] enlarged view

To find out more details about the port in question you can double click on [   ] to open [Properties] and a window giving details about that port will appear.

A If your computer has an internal modem, make sure that the communication port is not being used by it. In some cases even though no settings appear for the communication port, it can not be used. Check to see which port is being used by the modem.
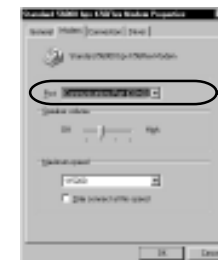

Figure 4 Case where modem is using Port (COM2)

A Sometimes communication will not work if an extension cable has been added to the communication cable or if a switch has been added to the serial port (RS-232C).

A Check to see if some other communication software is in use.

A Most desktop models have two serial ports, try changing the plug to the other port and change the settings.

Q: *The images are hanging off the display screen. What should I do ?*

A The display should be set at a resolution of 640x480 dpi or higher.

Q: *The date and the time of the recorded data are different from the actual date and time. What should I do?*

A The Thermo Recorder takes the date and time from your computer when it is set up. Make sure that the date and time are correct on your computer.

Q *Is the data backed up automatically?*

A If the battery power goes low while recording the BAT lamp will come on. If the power decreases even more, recording will be ceased and a backup of the recorded data will be made.

Specifications

Thermo Recorder TR-81

Recording Channels	2 Channels
Sensors	Pt100 Three Wire Sensors
Measurement Range	-200 to 600
Measurement Reliability (when main unit is at 20 ± 10)	± 0.3 -200 80 ± 0.5 80 450 ± 1.0 450 600 No account for sensor differences related to sensor type.
Measurement Resolution	0.1
Measurement Current	1 mA
Starting Methods	Immediate / Programmed (by computer only)
Recording Modes	One Time / Endless Loop
Recording Intervals	1/2/5/10/15/20/30 seconds, 1/2/5/10/15/20/30/60 minutes
Battery	1 Lithium CR2 Battery
Battery Life	Maximum 8 months
Display	Temperature and Unit, Recording Settings, Battery Warning, Amount of Data, Sensor Type and Recording Mode.
Data Capacity	8000 Readings x 2 Channels
Dimensions / Weight	H123mm x W58mm x D33mm / 132 grams
Temp. and Humidity Resistance	-10 to 60 /90 RH (No condensation)

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Channels Displayed	Up to 8 Channels simultaneously displayed / processed
Data Display	Graph, Table, High and Low Temp., Average Temp., Recording Interval, Amount of Data Recorded.
Data Output	Printed Graph, Printed Table, Text File
Control Functions	Programmed Start, Recording Interval, and Mode Settings.

Other Accessories

Communication Cable	1 RS-232C: D-SUB 9pin cable 1.5 meters
Battery	1 Lithium (CR2)
Attachment Plate	1 (includes 1 screw)
User's Manual	1 booklet

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