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Retrotec Energy Innovations, Ltd. manufactures blower doors (or door fans) that are used in over 40 countries to measure the leakage rate of buildings, houses, rooms, ductwork and enclosures. Retrotec's Windows software uses the leakage results to calculate energy loss, ventilation rates, smoke control and fire suppressant loss rates according to the following standards:

Enclosure Integrity Tests using:

- NFPA 2001
- ISO 14520

Energy Loss Tests using:

- EN13829
- British CIBSE TM23
- Canadian CGSB 149.10
- American ASTM E779
- Europe CEN/TC
- Japanese standard
- Dutch NEN 2686
- SuperE
- Title 24

Smoke and Refuge using:

- PFEER
- 1994 Uniform Building Code Section 905

Enclosure integrity testing includes retention time calculations for all clean agent fire suppressants such as *FM-200*, *INERGEN*, *Argon*, *Argonite*, *FE-227*, *FE13*, *CO2*, *Nitrogen*, *NAF S III*, and *Novac 1230*. It also includes relief vent calculations and a test method for measuring relief vent capacity in place.

Energy loss testing is used for measuring losses in large commercial buildings and residences where mandatory testing is required to fulfill the criteria of certain jurisdictional standards. For example, residential homes in Canada are tested to fulfill R-2000 requirements while existing housing stock is tested for *EnerGuide* ratings using the CGSB standard. Canada has exported its R-2000 technology abroad under the *SuperE* label where a special SuperE program performs the needed test there.

Smoke control testing is performed under the *1994 Uniform Building Code Section 905* where maximum leakage levels are specified. Retrotec door fans are capable of measuring the leakage of an entire floor of almost any building, giving the designer useful quality control information to calculate the transmission rate of smoke or pollutants from one floor to the next. Individual floors can be isolated and measured so that the leakage area of each floor or component is known.

PFEER is the *Protection for Fire and Emergency Evacuation Refuge* intended for use on oil platforms where a safe haven must be free of smoke and toxic fumes in the event of a mishap. This is enforced by *Lloyds of London* shipping standards. Retrotec air current testers are used as air movement detectors in a variety of applications but mostly to find leaks in the above applications so the requirements of these standards can be met.

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Section 1

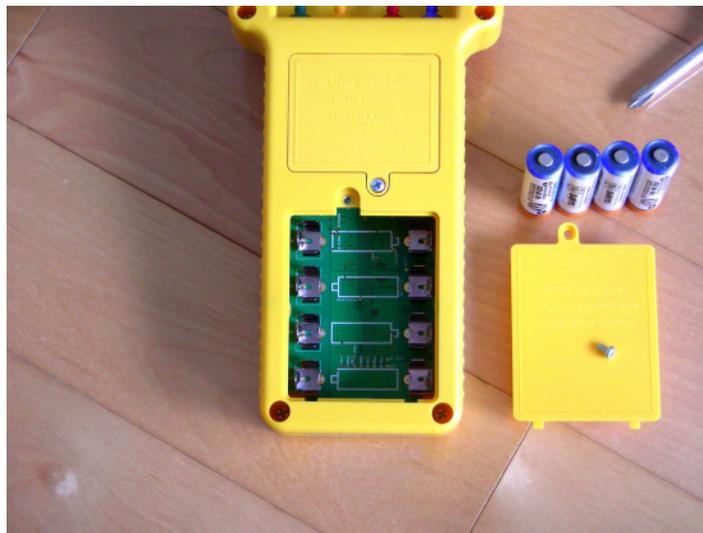
Getting Started

Before you can begin using your new *DM-2A mark II* gauge, there are a few quick tasks you'll need to perform. You'll find that setting up your gauge for first use and exploring its basic operations is a relatively simple operation that takes just a few moments. In this section, you'll learn to install the batteries, determine battery health, and/or attach the power adapter.

Installing the Batteries

The *DM-2A mark II* requires four (4) rechargeable 1.5 volt NiMH (nickel metal hydride) AA type batteries to operate. To install the rechargeable batteries, follow these steps:

1. Remove the panel labeled *Battery Compartment* on the under side of the gauge by loosening the screw using a Phillips screw driver (as shown next) and removing the battery compartment panel.



Do not open the panel labeled 'No User Serviceable Parts Inside. Do Not Open.' Doing so will void your calibration and warranty.

2. Install the batteries according to the orientation symbols on the circuit panel.
3. Replace the battery compartment panel and securely tighten the screw.



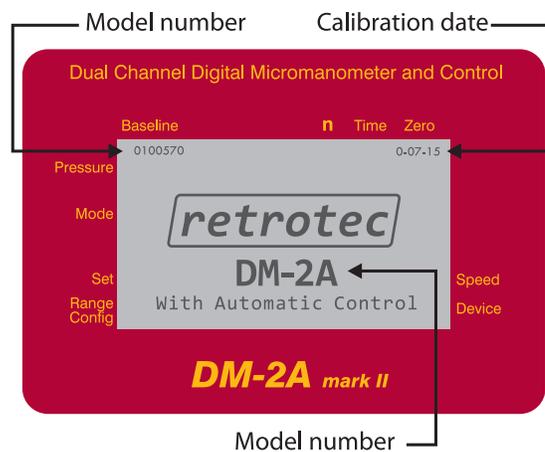
The DM-2A mark II contains a built-in NiMH battery charger. Other battery types (such as alkaline batteries) can be used to power the DM-2A but you **MUST** remove these batteries before attaching an external power source. Use only rechargeable NiMH AA batteries in your DM-2A mark II gauge. Never attempt to recharge alkaline batteries.

Checking Battery Health

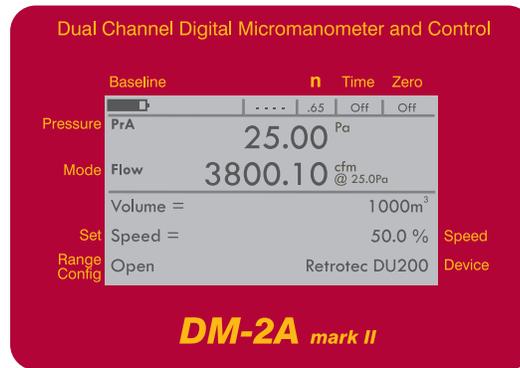
Your gauge features a battery health indicator that displays the current status of the battery life while viewing the main operational screen. The battery health symbol is located at the upper-left corner of the gauge display and indicates the battery's remaining charge (as shown next). Batteries are charged via an available external power source – such as the AC adapter or an umbilical cable attached to a powered fan – regardless of whether the gauge is on or off.

To determine battery health, follow these steps:

1. Turn on the gauge by pressing the **ON/OFF** button once (as shown next).
2. The introduction screen will be displayed (shown next). After a short delay, the screen will display the gauge model number, serial number, and calibration date.



3. Press the **ON/OFF** button a second time to view the main display screen. Locate the battery health symbol at the upper-left corner (as shown next).



Under typical operation, the DM-2A will operate for many hours on a set of fully charged batteries.

- To turn off the gauge, press and briefly hold the **On/Off** button. The display will become blank indicating the gauge is no longer operational.

AC Power Adapter

Your gauge includes an AC adapter that will provide power when the unit is on and recharges the batteries (if required) while it is attached. Without the AC power adapter attached, the gauge will operate on available battery power. To attach the AC power adapter cable, plug the pronged end of the unit into an available power outlet and insert the power adapter jack into the port labeled *Power* on the top of the gauge (as shown next).

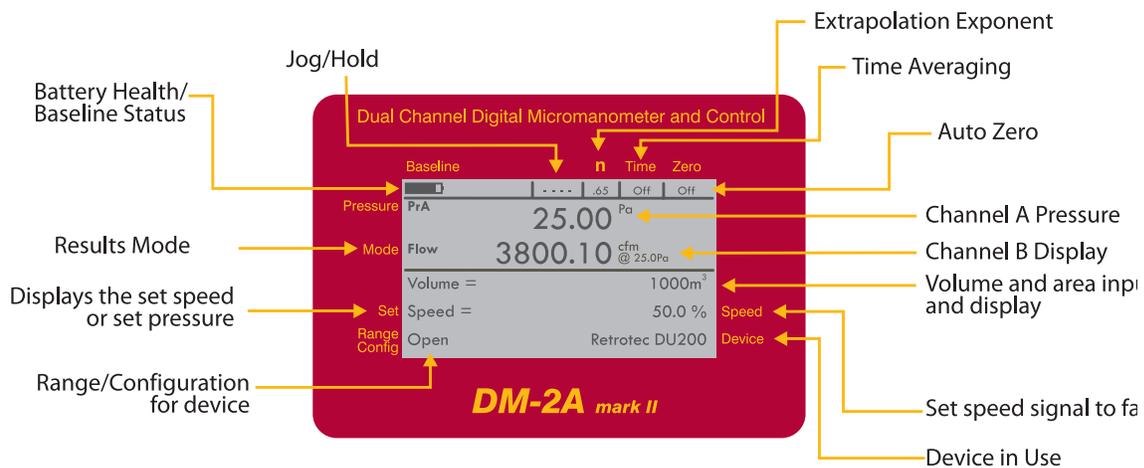




Your gauge will charge while turned off and while external power is available either from the AC adapter or from power available on the fan. While the batteries are actively charging, the gauge will dimly display a 'BATTERIES CHARGING' message together with a progress meter.

Exploring the Display and Keypad Buttons

Your Retrotec DM-2A mark II gauge features a touch-sensitive keypad that enables you to use the gauge as an interface to the fan in use. The gauge is essentially comprised of two user components—a display window and a set of specialized keypad buttons. The display window (shown next) provides information on the current test mode and/or setup, and provides data on device status and measurement values.



Viewing the Display Screen

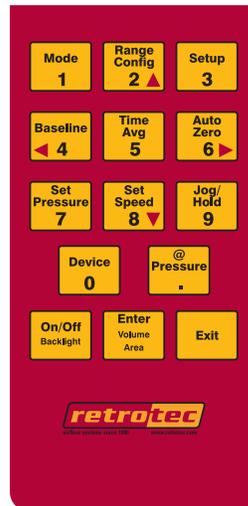
The display portion of your gauge will provide you with all measurement values and the current status of your device, test configuration, and test device as well as enable you to perform configuration changes to the gauge itself. Labels surrounding the display screen indicate the information that is statically available, while contextual information is displayed on various display screens.

The following list explains what each of the information labels printed around the perimeter of your display screen represent:

- **Baseline** Indicates either the baseline pressure that will be deducted from the PrA value or the current battery health status.
- **n** Indicates the value of the slope of the line along which @-measurements will be extrapolated.
- **Time** Indicates time averaging *on* or *off*.
- **Zero** Indicates whether the auto zero feature is currently *on* or *off*.
- **Speed** Indicates the current speed signal going to the device as a percent value.
- **Device** Displays the device currently selected for use with your gauge.
- **Range Config** Indicates the current flow restrictor plate/ring/range configuration set for the device.
- **Set** Indicates the pressure or fan speed that is being controlled.
- **Pressure** Indicates the pressure value for channel A.
- **Mode** Indicates the current results mode in use for the lower portion of the display.
- **Volume and Area Input and Display** Indicates the current value of the volume used to calculate air changes or the area used in per-unit area displays.
- **Jog/Hold display** Indicates whether if the Jog or Hold features are currently active.

Using the Keypad Buttons

The keypad buttons (shown next) enable you to navigate screens, make selections, and enter values in the course of your testing operations. The keypad buttons serve dual functions according to the input expected and/or required by the device.



The keys labeled 0 through 9 and the decimal point can be used for inputting values when needed. You'll also notice there are four directional keys labeled with arrows as in 2, 4, 6, and 8 representing up, left, right, and down (respectively). Besides the numeric and directional functions, keys also include these secondary functions:



MODE The DM-2A mark II can display measurements and calculate results in a variety of units. The upper portion of the display screen (PrA) always shows channel A pressure, while the lower display area can change according to the channel B display or the current mode. Press **MODE** continuously to cycle through the selections made available from the Setup menu. Choose from these modes:

- **Flow** Displays the calculated flow through the fan.
- **EqLA** This displays the Equivalent Leakage Area, sometimes called the Canadian ELA usually taken at 10 Pa .
- **EfLA** Displays the Effective Leakage Area (EfLA), sometimes called the US or LBL (Lawrence Berkeley Labs) ELA and taken at 4 Pa.
- **Air change** Measures the air changes per hour. This mode requires that you input the volume on the main screen.
- **Flow/Area** Displays the flow divided by the area that you have input on the main screen.
- **EqLA/Area** Displays the equivalent leakage area (EqLA) divided by the area that you have input on the main screen.

- **Velocity** Displays the air velocity. This mode requires that a pitot tube be installed.
- **Velocity Flow** Displays the flow calculated from the velocity and cross-sectional area of the measured duct.



RANGE CONFIG Press the **RANGE CONFIG** keypad button to cycle through the available flow ranges for the current test fan.



SETUP Press the **SETUP** keypad button to access the main Setup menu. The Setup menu allows you to control and customize the gauge to meet your specific testing needs. From the Setup menu you can choose to enable or disable devices and/or modes, set the 'n' (@-mode extrapolation) value, set power down options, and enter area and volume units and many other options (see *Enabling and Disabling Modes* in Section 2, *Working with the Setup Screen*). Any changes you make in the Setup menu are permanently saved.



BASELINE The Baseline feature enables you to measure the background (baseline) pressure in the room or enclosure before you begin testing. Once measured, your gauge will automatically subtract this baseline pressure from your house-pressure (PrA) measurements. Press the **BASELINE** keypad button once to initiate the baseline pressure reading test. Your gauge will display 'Acquiring' and will begin to sample the background pressure. While acquiring the pressure values, the gauge will continuously display the updated average pressure and the duration of sampling on the screen. Pressing the button a second time to enable the Baseline mode with the average pressure that was observed. From this point on and until the feature is disabled, the baseline pressure displayed in the top left corner of the screen will automatically be subtracted from the PrA readings. Press the **EXIT** keypad button to cancel out of Baseline mode.



TIME AVG Press the **TIME AVG** button to cycle through the available time averaging settings or turn time averaging off. Time averaging causes the gauge to display the average readings over the time interval. The current time averaging value is displayed below the *Time* label on the gauge. Time averaging may be set to 1, 2, 4, 8, 10, or 20 seconds, or 1 or 2 minutes.



AUTO ZERO Press the **AUTO ZERO** keypad button to turn the automatic zeroing function on or off. Automatic zeroing sets the gauge to automatically zero itself every 10 seconds. Generally speaking, the DM-2 should be used with auto zero feature on. However, to save batteries or when conducting high-speed computer data acquisition you can maximize your gauge performance and data-transfer rates by turning the Auto Zero feature on at the start of each data acquisition cycle, but turn it off while the gauge is communicating with the computer.



SET PRESSURE The **SET PRESSURE** feature enables you to input any desired enclosure pressure and place the gauge in Set Pressure mode. While in Set Pressure mode, the gauge will automatically control the fan to achieve your desired enclosure pressure.



For more information on using the Set Pressure feature, see *Setting the Pressure* in Section 4, *Exploring Basic Test Operations*.



JOG/HOLD Pressing **JOG/HOLD** cycles the gauge to Jog, Hold, or Off. Jog mode is only available while the gauge is in Set Pressure or Set Speed modes. In Jog mode, you can incrementally adjust the target fan speed one percent per click or target enclosure pressure value 5 Pa per click using the ▲ (Up) and ▼ (Down) keypad buttons. Hold mode freezes the current values being displayed.



While using Jog mode for Set Pressure, press and hold the ▲ (Up) and ▼ (Down) keypad buttons for three seconds to increase the target value by 5 Pa.



SET SPEED This feature enables you to directly set the fan speed. While in Set Speed mode, the gauge will automatically control the fan to achieve your desired fan speed.



DEVICE Press this keypad button to enable you to cycle through the available fan models. Devices can be enabled and disabled using the Setup menu.



@ PRESSURE If Set Speed is used, the first @ setting will be the *displayed* pressure. If Set Pressure is used, the first @ setting will be the *set* pressure. The second @ setting will always be the value entered when the gauge is set up and can differ for each mode.



ON / OFF, BACKLIGHT Pressing this button once while the gauge is off turns it on and displays the Retrotec introduction screen. Pressing the button a second time displays the main operational display screen. While the gauge is on, you can press this button to toggle the backlighting illumination for the display screen on or off. Press and hold this button turn the gauge off.



ENTER, VOLUME/AREA This multi-application keypad button applies to several functions. The **ENTER** application is used to select menu items, cycle through available options, or apply input values. The Volume and Area applications are used to activate data entry for volume or area depending on the mode in use. When these modes are activated, the display will display the current volume or area being used and will flash "[ENTER]".



EXIT Press the **EXIT** button to back out of the current menu screen and return to the previous one, or to cancel a menu selection. Pressing the **EXIT** keypad button will also immediately shut down the fan and cancel out of Baseline, Set Pressure and/or Set Speed modes.

Section 2

Working with the Setup Screen

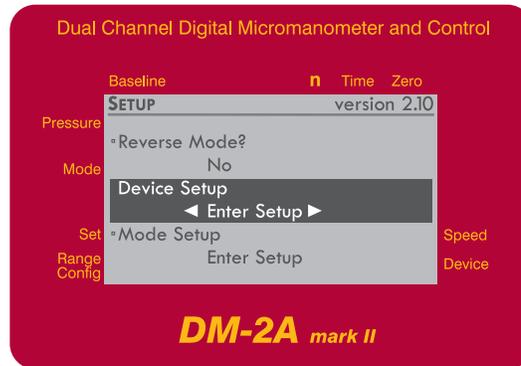
If you're preparing your DM-2A mark II gauge for first-time use, or need to make adjustments to the gauge's current setup configuration, this section will help guide you through the process and briefly explain the available options. Follow the steps in this section to access the setup and mode options. You'll learn how to select device and mode setup options to enable or disable testing devices, set the power-down feature, set unit measurement preferences for area and volume measurements, choose European or North American decimal conventions, significant figures, and reverse mode.

Enabling and Disabling Devices

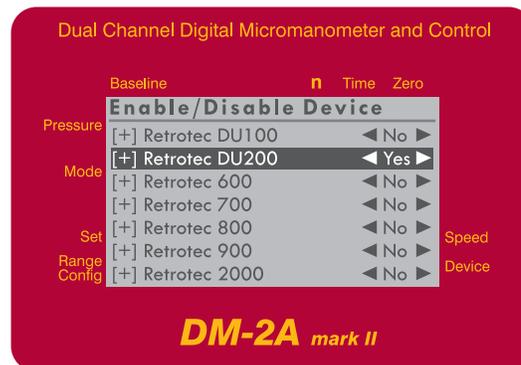
In addition to Retrotec's complete line of fan equipment, your *DM-2A mark II* supports fan equipment from virtually every other fan manufacturer on the market. Chances are you have only one or two different types of fan equipment. Rather than forcing you to tediously scroll through all of the supported fan devices, the Device Setup sub-menu of the Setup menu enables you to custom-configure your gauge to show only the specific fan devices that you use. The final configuration is permanently saved in your gauge and can be changed at any time. Once configured, the **DEVICE** keypad button will cycle through only the devices that are currently enabled.

To access the device setup options and enable or disable a device profile, follow these steps:

1. Press the **ON/OFF** button to turn on your gauge. Press **ON/OFF** a second time to exit the introduction screen and view the main operational screen.
2. Press the **SETUP** button to access the Setup menu.
3. Use the ▲ (Up) and ▼ (Down) keypad buttons to navigate to *Device Setup* in the list (as shown next).



- Press the **ENTER**, **◀** (Left), and/or **▶** (Right) keypad buttons to display the *Enable/Disable Device* screen (as shown next). A list of device names is displayed in column format. The column on the right indicates the current status of the device profile. A *Yes* status in this column indicates the device profile is enabled, while *No* indicates the profile is currently disabled.



- Locate the fan device(s) you will be using by pressing the **▲** (Up) and **▼** (Down) keypad buttons. Symbols surrounding the enabled or disable state will flash on and off to indicate the state is selected.
- To toggle the enable/disable state of the device profile on or off, press the **◀** (Left), and/or **▶** (Right) keypad buttons. If you wish, you can disable all other devices to simplify operation (although this isn't necessary). This will enable you to disable fan devices so that they are not displayed when pressing the **DEVICE** keypad button.

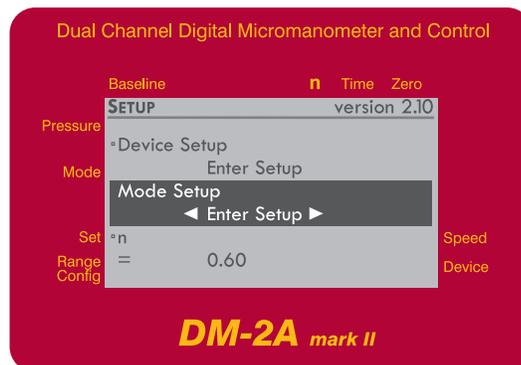
7. Device ranges and/or configurations can also be custom-configured if needed. For example, if you don't require the low flow ranges for a Retrotec 2000 fan, you can configure the gauge to disable the L4, L2, and L1 ranges. This will prevent those ranges from being displayed when you press the **RANGE CONFIG** keypad button. To configure specific ranges, press **ENTER** while the device is selected in the list to view the available range options. Use the **ENTER**, ◀ (Left), and/or ▶ (Right) keypad buttons to cycle between Yes (enabled) or No (disabled) beside the device range in the list.
8. Once you have ensured that the device you want to use the gauge with is enabled (and others are disabled, if desired), pressing the **EXIT** keypad button to return to the main Setup menu and again to return to the main operational screen.

Enabling and Disabling Modes

Your DM-2 mark II supports the calculation and display of a variety of house-testing and building-science parameters. Some of these parameters will be useful for your specific testing needs; others may be of little or no use to you. Rather than forcing you to tediously scroll through all of the supported parameters, you can use Mode Setup to custom-configure your gauge to enable access to only the specific parameters that are important to you. Configurations are permanently saved in your gauge and can be changed at any time. Once configured, the **Mode** keypad button will cycle through only those modes that are enabled in the Mode Setup menu.

To access mode setup options and change settings, follow these steps:

1. Press the **ON/OFF** button to turn on your gauge. Press **ON/OFF** a second time to exit the Introduction screen and view the main operational screen.
2. Press the **SETUP** button to access the Setup menu.
3. Using the ▲ (Up) and/or ▼ (Down) keypad buttons to navigate to *Mode Setup* in the available list (as shown next).



4. Press the **ENTER**, ◀ (Left), and/or ▶ (Right) keypad buttons to view the *Enable/Disable Modes* screen. In this screen, you can enable or disable measurement modes select the units of measurement for that mode. Available modes are: Pressure, Flow, EfLA, EqLA, Air Changes, Flow per Area, EqLA per Area, Velocity and Velocity Flow.

Each mode has the following configuration options:

- **Enable/Disable** Setting the mode's units to *Off* will disable that parameter from being displayed when the Mode keypad button is pressed during normal operation of the gauge. For example, to disable EfLA from being displayed, set it to *Off*.
 - **Change Units** All modes support a variety of units of measurement. Selecting any unit of measurement will enable the parameter and will display that parameter in the selected units.
 - **Define a Fixed-@-Pressure** A unique fixed-@-pressure can be defined for almost any parameter. For example, you can enable Flow@50Pa and EfLA@4Pa to be displayed, simply by defining 50 and 4 as the @ pressures for Flow and EfLA respectively.
5. Use the ▲ (Up) and/or ▼ (Down) keypad buttons to navigate the available menu selections. Menu options differ depending on the mode you wish to change. For example, some modes offer options while others require values to be entered.
 6. Press the **ENTER**, ▲ (Up) and/or ▼ (Down) keypad buttons to cycle through the options available to select modes.
 7. Press **Enter** to change value-based options. A value range will typically be displayed to indicate the available values.
 8. Enter your new value using the numeric keypad functions. Once you have entered the correct value, press the **ENTER** keypad button to apply the change. The new value will be displayed beside the option.
 9. Press the **ENTER** keypad button to access the options for a selected menu item.
 10. Once you applied and/or reviewed your new settings, press the **Exit** keypad button to return to the main Setup menu and again to return to the main operational screen.

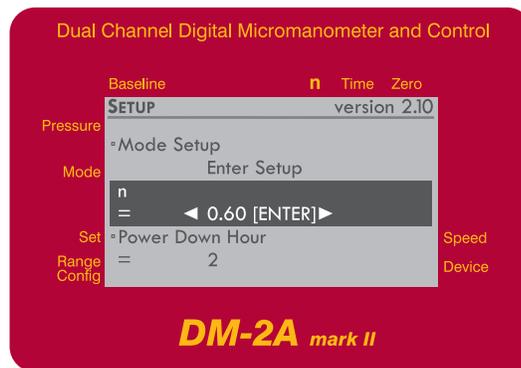


To cancel an incorrectly entered value, press the **EXIT** keypad button. Any values you entered will not be applied.

For more information on selecting the configuration options available to each of the available modes, see *Choosing Custom Configuration Options* in Section 5, *Using Advanced Configurations*.

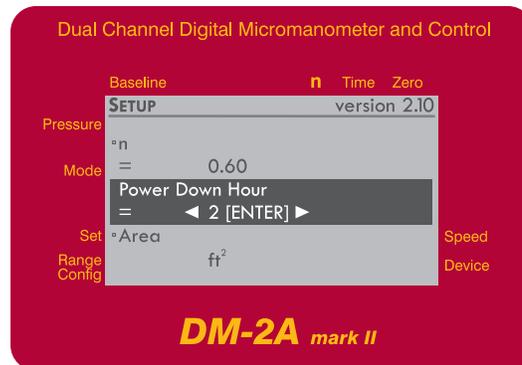
@-mode Extrapolation Slope (n)

This option enables you to define the slope of the line along which @-mode extrapolations will be calculated. Generally speaking, houses use a value of 0.65 and duct-work uses a value of 0.60. Acceptable values are 0.5 to 1.0. When enabled, the @-mode feature enables you to predict what your parameter would be at a given pressure, without the need to physically reach that pressure. For example, you can use the @-mode feature to predict the flow that would be required to pressurize a building to 50 Pa, even if the equipment in use is only capable of achieving a pressure of 35 Pa.



Automatic Power Down

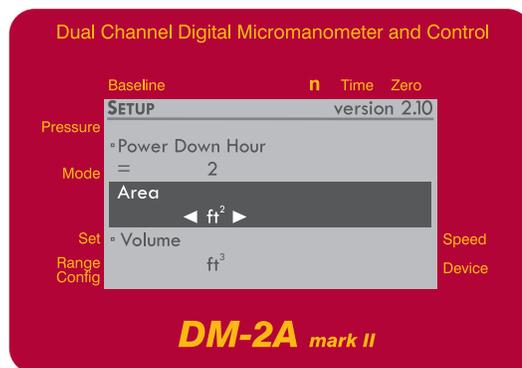
The Power Down feature (shown next) is designed to maximize battery power by enabling your DM-2A mark II gauge to automatically turn itself off when it has been inactive for set time period. This feature is set in hours within a range between 0 and 255 hours. Applying a 0 value will disable the Power Down feature, meaning the DM-2 will never automatically shut down.



The Power Down feature affects normal operation during testing. Be certain to allow for typical testing operations when choosing a setting.

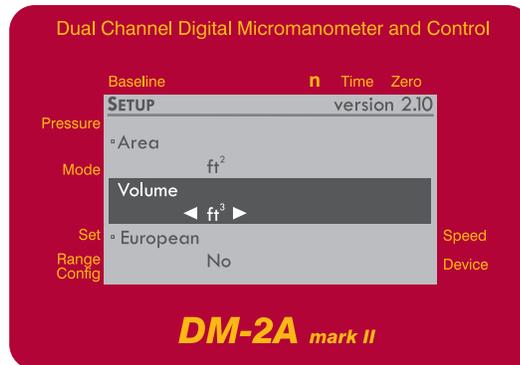
Area Units

You can choose your unit measure preference for the area measurements that are displayed on the gauge using the Area setup option (shown next). The area units may be set to square feet (ft²), square meters (m²), square centimeters (cm²), or square inches (in²).



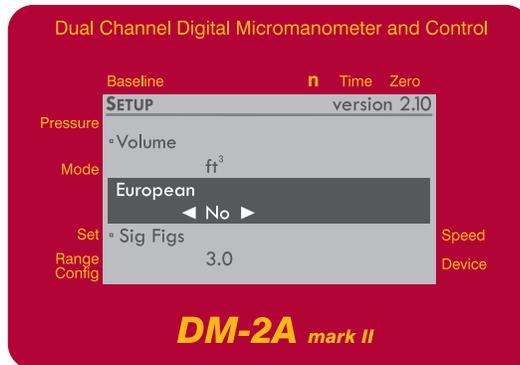
Volume Units

You can choose your Volume unit measure preference (as shown next) for the volume measurements that are displayed on the gauge. The volume units may be set to cubic feet (ft³) or cubic meters (m³).



European Decimal Conventions

Use the European decimal convention option to specify how whole and fractional values are presented both on the display and in captured data. European conventions use a comma (,) rather than a decimal point (.) to separate the integer portion of a number from the fractional portion. Your DM-2A mark II gauge supports both conventions. Choosing *Yes* as the European option (shown next) sets the decimal to a comma, while choosing *No* applies a period. For example, ten and one half pascals would be displayed as *10,5*.

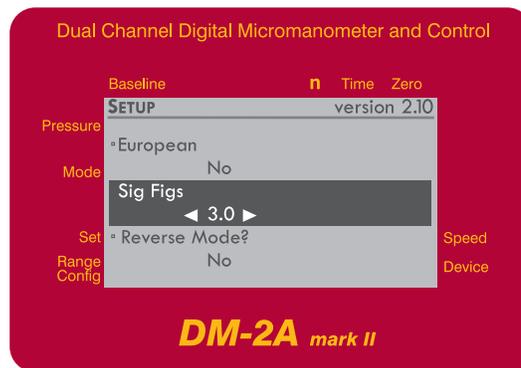


Setting the European option to *No* will cause the gauge to display a period (decimal point) as the separator between the integer and the fractional portion of the displayed number, as is common in North America. For example, ten and one half pascals would be displayed as *10.5 Pa*.

Sig Figs

The Significant Figures – or ‘*Sig Figs*’ – feature controls the number of significant digits displayed and allows an extra digit, round to the nears 5 to be displayed. The available options are:

- 2.5** Two significant figures plus a third figure rounded to either 0 or 5.
- 3.0** Three significant figures.
- 3.5** Three significant figures plus a fourth figure rounded to either 0 or 5.

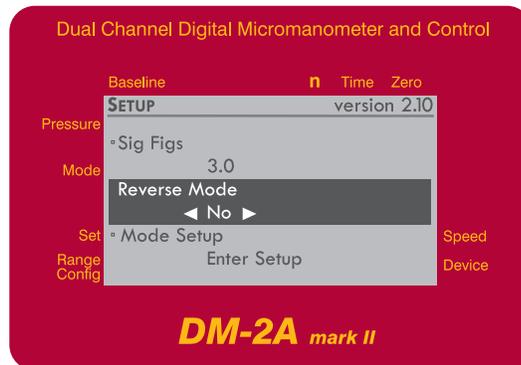


For example, the table shown next illustrates example values displayed using specific significant figure options.

Base Number	Significant Figures		
	2.5	3.0	3.5
1.0345	1.05	1.03	1.035
20.353	20.0	20.4	20.35
147.626	150	148	147.5
4326.72	4350	4330	4325

Reverse Mode

The Reverse Mode option (shown next) essentially enables you to set your gauge to control a fan device in reverse of normal operations. For normal operations, leave the Reverse Mode option set to *No*, meaning the feature is disabled. This is the default configuration for your gauge.



In normal (forward) mode, your gauge will increase the fan speed in order to achieve higher pressures and decrease the fan speed in order to achieve lower pressures. Reverse mode is used for advanced neutralization testing and sets the gauge in *Reverse Control* mode. While in this mode, the gauge will increase the fan speed in order to reduce the pressure and decrease the fan speed in order to increase the pressure. Reverse Control mode is enabled by setting the Reverse Mode option to Yes.



For more information on adjusting your gauge for specific measurement standards, see Appendix A, Configuring and Using Your DM-2A Mark II Gauge for Specific Standards discussed later in this user guide.

Section 3

Connecting Your Gauge to a Fan

Connecting your DM-2A mark II to your Retrotec door fan or other similar device is a straightforward operation. Your Retrotec umbilical cord includes the necessary tube and cable connections. The tubes are color-coded to match other system hardware. For example, the red pressure hose connects to the red pressure port on the top end of the gauge. The yellow pressure tube connects to yellow pressure port, and so on. The pressure and hardware connection ports are also clearly labeled on the top of your gauge as follows:

Pressure ports:

- **Green** Input B (+)
- **Yellow** Ref B (-) (fan)
- **Red** Ref A (-) (door)
- **Blue** Input A (+)

Hardware connections

- **Speed Control** Connects your gauge to a fan device using an Ethernet Retrotec Control cable connection.
- **USB PC** The USB (Universal Serial Bus) port is used to connect the gauge to a PC equipped with Retrotec software. Over this interface the computer can assume complete control of the gauge for data acquisition and control for advanced automated testing.



Use the LCD Contrast dial to increase or decrease the legibility of the display screen. Higher contrast settings will increase the display screen legibility in low-light situations, but will reduce battery life.

- **Power** Connects your gauge to an external power source using either the AC power adapter or power available on the fan (if available).

Let's explore a typical connection procedure as a practical example. To set up the connections required to use a Retrotec fan device, follow these simple steps:

1. Plug the yellow Ethernet cable into the port labeled *Speed Control*.
2. Plug the red and yellow tubes into the color-coded pressure ports on the top side of the gauge (as shown next). Ensure the tubes are snugly connected to the ports.



3. Locate the end of the umbilical cord that includes the longest length of red pressure tube. Using the connections at this end of the umbilical cord, plug the yellow Ethernet cable into the port labeled *Speed Control* on the fan top.
4. If external power is needed for the gauge, plug the power jack into the port labeled *Power* on the top of the gauge. External power is provided either by the AC adapter attached to an on-site AC power source, or (if available) power available from the fan.

To continue the set up operation and connect your gauge to the Retrotec door fan, follow these steps:

5. Attach the Ethernet-style control cable to the port labeled *Speed Control* on the top panel of the fan.
6. Attach the yellow flow-pressure tube to the yellow port labeled *Ref B (fan)* on the top panel of the fan.
7. Attach the power cord jack (if available) to the port labeled *Power* on the top panel of the fan.
8. Plug the main AC power cord for the fan into an available power supply source and attach the opposite end to the port on the fan top panel labeled *Main Power*.



9. Pass the red pressure tube through the door panel or cloth to the other side of the door. This tube is intentionally 15 feet longer than the yellow pressure tube to accommodate the extra distance required and is designed to measure the pressure created across the wall. Pull all of the red tubing to the other side of the door and lay it in a location that is beyond the flow stream of the fan and not subject to wind effects.



10. Your Retrotec DM-2A mark II gauge and door fan are now connected and ready for you to perform basic test operations.

Section 4

Exploring Basic Test Operations

Now that your DM-2A mark II gauge and fan are properly connected you're ready to begin taking measurements. A good place to start is to conduct a simple pressure-pressure test. Doing this, you'll learn how to turn on the gauge, choose a *Mode*, activate *Time Average* and *Auto Zero* features, and control fan speed and pressure using *Set Speed*, *Set Pressure*, and *Jog/Hold*.

Follow these steps as a practical example:

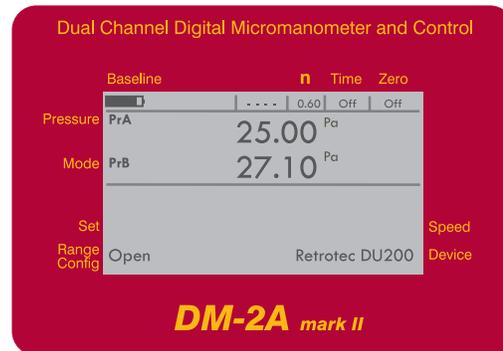
1. With your DM-2A mark II gauge and testing device properly connected, turn on your gauge by pressing the **ON/OFF** keypad button once to display the Retrotec introduction screen and press any keypad button to proceed to the main operational screen.



The procedure involved in each of the following steps applies to a typically configured gauge. If your gauge has been configured differently, the specific information discussed in these steps may differ from your current setup.

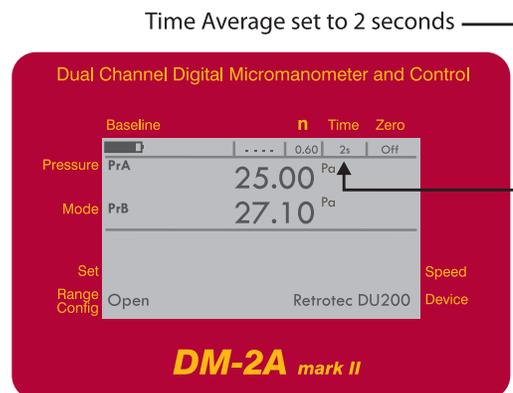
Setting the Mode

2. Press the **MODE** keypad button to cycle through the enabled modes until the display screen indicates two pressure readings—*PrA* and *PrB* (as shown next). Notice the pressure readings on the gauge fluctuate slightly. This is due to minute pressure changes in the room or enclosure that the gauge is currently measuring. Since the DM-2A mark II takes pressure readings 20 times per second, the readings can change rapidly.



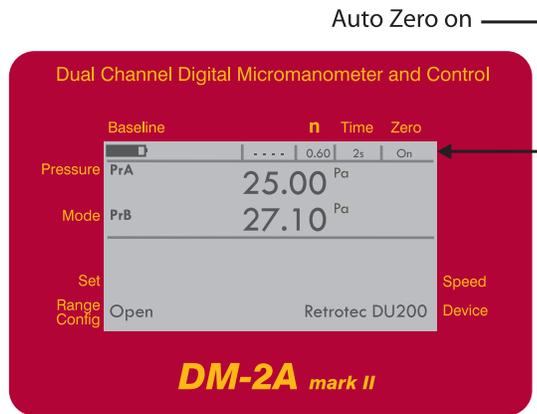
Using Time Average

- The time averaging feature calculates the average pressure over a given time period. Pressing the **TIME AVG** keypad button enables you to cycle through the range of time-averaging intervals: Off, 1s, 2s, 4s, 8s, 10s, 20s, 1m, and 2m (where *s* represents seconds and *m* represents minutes). The current time average interval is displayed in the display window below the *Time* label (as shown next). Press the **TIME AVG** keypad button once and notice that the pressure values change according to the current time average setting.



Using Auto Zero

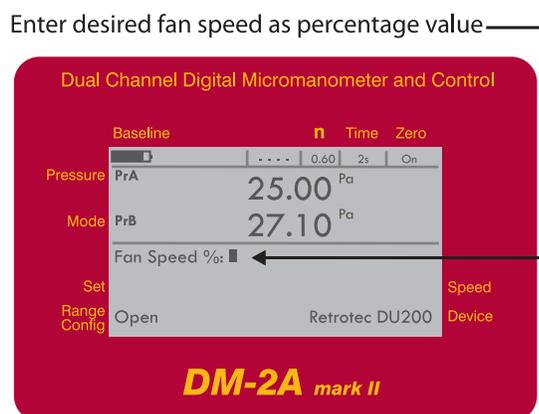
- Press the **AUTO ZERO** keypad button once to activate the feature. Your gauge will periodically produce an audible clicking sound. When **AUTO ZERO** is active, your gauge's solenoids will automatically be reset every ten seconds. Your gauge display indicates the Auto Zero *On* or *Off* state below the Zero label in the upper-right corner of the screen (as shown next). Press the **AUTO ZERO** keypad button to turn off the feature.



Using the Auto Zero feature consumes additional power that may be a consideration when operating your gauge on batteries alone.

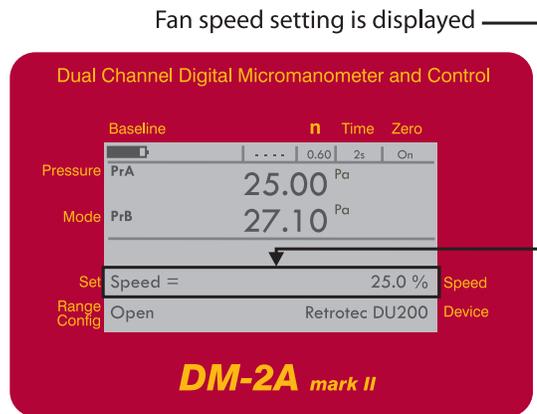
Setting the Fan Speed

5. Press the **SET SPEED** keypad button. Notice the *Fan Speed %:* prompt appears on the gauge display screen followed by a blinking cursor (as shown next). This feature enables you to directly enter the fan speed to a value between 1 and 100 percent. For example, enter a value of 25 and press the **ENTER** keypad button to apply the value. The fan speed on the test device will gradually increase to the percentage value you entered.



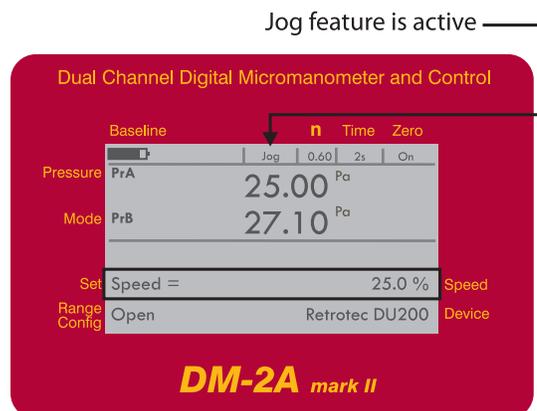
Depending on what your current Time Average feature is set to while using the Set Speed feature, it may take longer for the readings on the gauge to update to the actual value.

- While the *Set Speed* feature is active, the current speed of the fan will be displayed in the lower-right corner of the display screen (as shown next). The pressure values displayed will remain relatively constant, although minute changes are to be expected.



Using Jog/Hold

- Press the **Jog/Hold** keypad button once. Notice that *Jog* now appears at the top centre of your gauge display screen (as shown next).

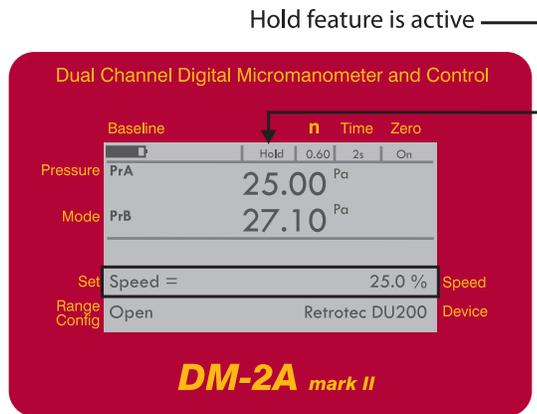


- Press the ▲ (Up) and/or ▼ (Down) keypad buttons to adjust the speed of the test device fan. Each keypad button press will change the test device fan speed by 1 percent.



Press and hold the ▲ (Up) and/or ▼ (Down) keypad buttons to change the test device fan speed by five percent increments.

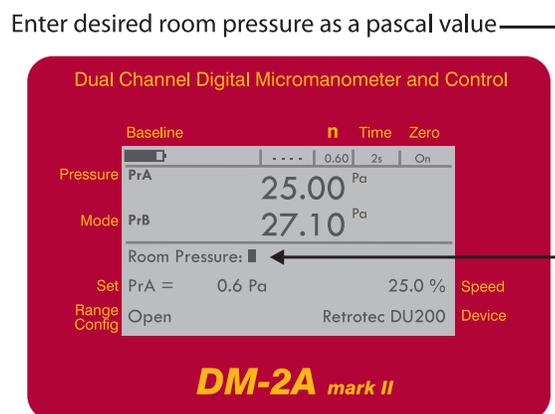
9. Press the **JOG/HOLD** keypad button again. Notice that *Hold* now appears at the top centre of your gauge display screen (as shown next). In this state, your gauge will hold the current measurements. This is useful when you wish to freeze a specific pressure reading at a given speed.



10. Press the **JOG/HOLD** keypad button a third time to cycle the feature to off, as indicated on your display screen.
11. To turn the test device fan off, press the **SET SPEED** keypad button, enter a percent value of 0 and press the **ENTER** keypad button. Your test device fan will gradually slow to a stop.

Setting the Pressure

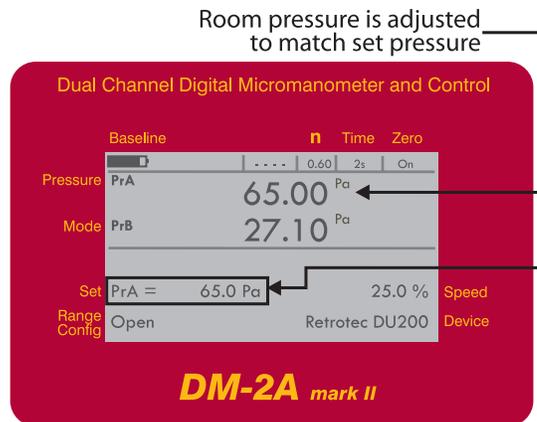
12. Press the **SET PRESSURE** keypad button. Notice that the words *Room Pressure:* now appear on the gauge display screen followed by a blinking cursor (as shown next). This feature enables you to manually control the pressure of a room or enclosure using the pressure created by the test device fan.





The Set Pressure feature will cannot be used in free-air tests.

13. For example, enter a value of 25 and press the **ENTER** keypad button. The fan speed on the test device will gradually increase until the pressure value you entered is matched by the value displayed next to the *PrA* reading (as shown next).



14. Press and hold the **ON/OFF** keypad button to end your test session. The test fan will gradually slow to a stop.



The larger the enclosure, the more time may be required for the fan to match the pressure requested using the Set Pressure feature.

By following this practical exploration of the basic operation of your gauge, you've learned how to turn on your gauge, conduct basic speed and pressure tests, take readings, and view the status of certain gauge features. Once you've familiarized yourself with these basic operations, you can begin to use the gauge to accomplish more complex measurements.

Section 5

Using Advanced Configuration Modes

The DM-2A mark II gauge has several different pre-programmed test measurement mode configurations that enable you to quickly calculate various measurements in the field.

Accessing Configuration Modes

By default, your gauge comes configured with a number of commonly used modes pre-enabled. However, if you need to you can change the enabled modes or their displayed units at any time. For example, to meet a specific requirement or preference you can display pressure values in *PSF* instead of *Pa*. These types of configuration changes are simple and straightforward to perform.

To quickly access and/or change measurement mode configurations, follow these brief steps:

1. Press the **SETUP** button, select *Mode Setup*, and press **ENTER** to view the *Enable/Disable Modes* menu screen.
2. Navigate to select a mode in the list using the ▲ (Up) and/or ▼ (Down) keypad buttons.
3. To cycle through the unit measurement types for available modes press the **ENTER**, ▲ (Up) and/or ▼ (Down) keypad buttons. Choosing *Off* disables the selected mode.
4. To change pressure values associated with specific modes press the **ENTER** keypad button, enter the pressure value, and press **ENTER** again to apply the change.
5. Press the **EXIT** keypad button twice to return to the main menu.



For detailed steps on setting device modes, see Enabling and Disabling Devices in Section 2, Working with the Setup Screen.

Preset Configuration

By default, your DM-2A mark II gauge is set to use a preset unit measurement configuration for each of the available modes. These defaults affect how all measurements are displayed. The default unit measurement configurations are listed in the following table:

Mode	Settings	
Pressure	Pa	
Flow	cfm	@ 50 Pa
EfLA	Off	@ 4 Pa
EqLA	ft ²	@ 10 Pa
Air Changes	/h	@ 50 Pa
Flow per Area	Off	
EqLA per Area	Off	
Velocity	Off	
Velocity Flow	Off	

Choosing Custom Configuration Options

You can customize your mode configurations and unit measurements independently as needed. The changes you apply to the unit measurements will affect the information displayed by your gauge during your test operations. The custom unit measurement configurations available for you to choose from are listed in the table shown next.

Mode	Options				
Pressure	Pa	in wc	PSF		
Flow	Off	cfm	l/s	m ³ /s	m ³ /h
EfLA	Off	cm ²	in ²	ft ²	
EqLA	Off	cm ²	in ²	ft ²	
Air Change	Off	/h			
Flow per Area	Off	m ³ /hr/m ²	cfm/ft ²	l/s/m ²	
EqLA per Area	Off	ft ² /ft ²	in ² /100ft ²	in ² /ft ²	cm ² /m ²
Velocity	Off	m/s	km/h	f/s	fpm
Velocity Flow	Off	cfm	l/s	m ³ /s	m ³ /h

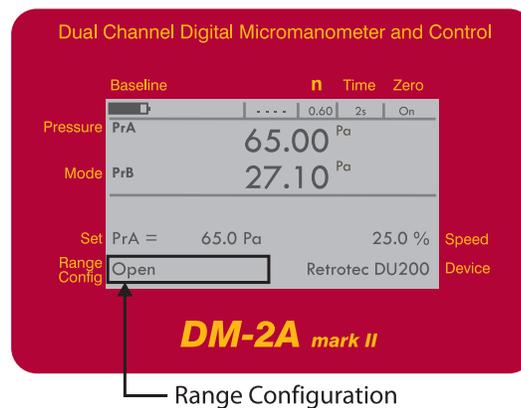
Using Range Configuration Options

Each flow device – or *fan* – supports various flow restrictor range configurations which enable you to test enclosures with larger or smaller leakage areas. Each fan model that your gauge can control can use a unique set of flow ranges. Your DM-2A gauge can be configured to specific range configuration for your selected device. The range configuration setting you select in turn affects all calculated values displayed by your gauge.

The flow ranges are achieved by enlarging or reducing the opening of the fan being used delivers air flow to the enclosure being tested. Using a combination of various-sized fitted rings and plugs the fan opening can be enlarged or reduced.

The flow settings achieved by applying these restrictions apply a specific range configuration value and as the fan opening size changes, the range configuration is changed. The range configurations applied to the fan correspond to configurations on your gauge for the device you are using. For example, the Retrotec 3300 series door-fan has 7 flow ranges (Open, A, B, C8, C4, C2, C1) which correspond to the rings and plugs while they are installed in the fan opening.

You can change the range configuration for your gauge using the **RANGE CONFIG** keypad button. The current range is indicated on your gauge's display screen adjacent to the Range Configuration label (as shown next).



Appendix A

Configuring and Using the DM-2A for Specific Standards

Different unit measurement conventions are often used and/or required in different jurisdictions and vary according to the standards set out by local codes and authorities. You can configure your DM-2A mark II gauge to adhere to virtually any code or standard in a few moments using the procedures described previously in this user guide. See Accessing Configuration Modes in Section 5 Using Advanced Configuration Modes.

The following section details the recommended configurations you will need to set your DM-2A mark II gauge to in order to obtain measurements based on specific standards.

CGSB 149.10 Configuration

To configure your DM-2A mark II gauge to display measurements and adhere to the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB) 149.10, choose the following options:

CGSB 149.10 Configuration			
Mode Setup	Pressure	Pa	
	Flow	l/s	@ 25Pa
	EfLA	Off	-
	EqLA	cm ²	@ 10Pa
	Air Changes	/h	@ 50Pa
	Flow per Area	Off	
	EqLA per Area	cm ² /m ²	@ 10Pa
	Velocity	Off	
	Velocity Flow	Off	
(Other Settings)	n		.65
	Power Down Hour		2
	Area		m ²
	Volume		m ³
	European		No
	Sig Figs		2.5
	Reverse Mode		No

To perform your CGSB 149.10 standards test procedure, follow these steps:

1. Assess and measure the *Envelope Area* as specified in the standard.
2. With your gauge on and running and from the main operation screen, press the **MODE** keypad button to set your gauge to *EqLA/Area* mode.



For the EqLA/Area mode to be available, it must be enabled. To enable a mode use options in the Setup screen. A mode is enabled when it is set to a value other than off.

3. Press the **ENTER** keypad button and input the envelope area value according to your measurements.
4. Conduct door-fan test at 50 Pa or as specified in the standard.
5. Use the **@ PRESSURE** keypad button to display the Flow @ 25.0 Pa and the EqLA @ 10.0 Pa.
6. Results for EqLA and NLA (=EqLA/Area) may be read directly from your gauge.
7. Your CGSB 149.10 standards test procedure is complete.



For more information on standards used by the Canadian General Standards Board, visit <http://pwgsc.gc.ca/cgsb/home/index-e.html>.

Canadian *ecoENERGY* Configuration

The Canadian *ecoENERGY* Program requires reading of EqLA at 10 Pa and air-changes at 50 Pa. Most test technicians prefer using imperial units but metric units are simply to apply. Your DM-2A gauge will provide these values automatically without doing a multipoint test or you can use Retrotec's Door-Fan 3.0 software to perform the test manually or even automatically with Retrotec model Q systems such as the Q46, Q4E and Q56.

To configure your DM-2A mark II gauge for the Canadian *ecoEnergy* requirements, apply these settings:

Canadian <i>ecoENERGY</i> Configuration			
Mode Setup	Pressure	Pa	
	Flow	off	
	EfLA	Off	
	EqLA	In ²	@ 10.0 Pa
	Air Changes	/h	@ 50.0 Pa
	Flow per Area	Off	
	EqLA per Area	Off	
	Velocity	Off	
	Velocity Flow	Off	
(Other Settings)	n		0.65
	Power Down Hour		2
	Area		m ²
	Volume		m ³
	European		No
	Sig Figs		2.5
	Reverse Mode		No

For more information on the Canadian *ecoENERGY* Program, visit <http://www.ecoaction.gc.ca/ecoenergy-ecoenergie/index-eng.cfm>

DS/EN 13829

To configure your gauge for the Dansk Standard for thermal performance of buildings, determination of air permeability of buildings, fan pressurization method, apply the following settings:

DS/EN 13829 Configuration			
Mode Setup	Pressure	Pa	
	Flow	m ³ /h	@ 50.0 Pa
	EfLA	Off	
	EqLA	Off	
	Air Changes	/h	@ 50.0 Pa
	Flow per Area	cm ³ /h/m ²	@ 50.0 Pa
	EqLA per Area	Off	
	Velocity	Off	
	Velocity Flow	Off	
(Other Settings)	n		0.65
	Power Down Hour		2
	Area		m ²
	Volume		m ³
	European		No
	Sig Figs		2.5
	Reverse Mode		No

DS/EN 13829 is a multi-point test. However, the DM-2A mark II can also provide for quick single-point checks of the enclosure. To perform a single-point test, follow these steps:

1. Assess and measure the *Envelope Area* as specified in the standard.
2. Assess and measure the *Net Floor Area* as specified in the standard.
3. Assess and measure the *Internal Volume* of the building as specified in the standard.
4. With your gauge on and running and from the main operation screen, press the **MODE** keypad button to set your gauge to the *Air Chg* mode.
5. Press the **ENTER** keypad button and input the Internal Volume as measured in step 3.
6. Press the **MODE** keypad button to display screen to view the *Flow/Area* mode.

7. Press the **ENTER** keypad button and input either the Envelope Area or the Net Floor Area as follows:
 - The Envelope Area if you wish to display Air Permeability as specified in the standard.
 - The Net Floor Area if you wish to display Specific Leakage Rate as specified in the standard.
8. Press the **@ PRESSURE** button to display the Flow @ 50.0 Pa, Air Changes @ 50.0 Pa, and either Air Permeability or Specific Leakage Rate @ 50.0 Pa.
9. Results may be read directly from the DM-2A mark II.
10. In order to record both Air Permeability and Specific Leakage Rate, you will need to re-enter the Envelope Area and Net Floor Area values according to your measurements and/or calculations.

Appendix B

Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

As you learn how to use your gauge and/or consult sections within this guide, you may encounter abbreviations that you're unfamiliar with.

- **ACH** Air changes per hour.
- **EfLA** Effective leakage area being measured.
- **EqLA** Equivalent leakage area being measured.
- **EqLA/Area** EqLA divided by the area that you have input into the Setup menu.
- **Flow** Calculated flow through the fan.
- **Flow/Area** Flow divided by the area that you have input into the setup menu.
- **Velocity Flow** Flow calculated from the velocity and cross-sectional area.
- **Velocity** Air velocity (requires installation of a pitot tube).
- **Door Fan** A test instrument that fits into an open doorway in order to pressurize and enclosure. The result is a measurement of the opening size.
- **Envelope** The surfaces composed of floor and walls and floors that separate the test volume from volume surrounding the test volume.
- **Equivalent Leakage Area (ELA or EqLA)** This is the total size of all opens in an enclosure. The EqLA value is also referred to as the whole room leakage and includes leaks through the ceiling and below the ceiling area (BCLA). In CA2001 this is measured in units of square feet or square meters at a reference pressure in Pascals. The ELA should not be confused with another EqLA that is often called the EfLA or *Effective Leakage Area*. It is very unfortunate that both these ELA's have the same acronym of ELA. The EfLA was developed for the US ASTM standard and is smaller than the EqLA by at least a factor of 0.61 because it uses a discharge coefficient of 1.0. This EfLA is sometimes referred to as the LBL or Lawrence Berkley Labs EqLA because it was developed and used by LBL natural air change model that enjoys wide usage.

- **Flow Pressure** The pressure difference between inside the fan (in the flow stream) and ambient air, outside the fan.
- **Room Pressure** The pressure difference between inside the building/room under test and the ambient outside air.
- **Pascal (Pa)** Often abbreviated to Pa, this represents a very small metric unit of pressure. There are 249 Pascals in 1 water column. A water column is the pressure required to push water up 1 inch in a tube. One Pascal = 0.000145 pounds per square inch.

Abbreviations

- **/h** Per hour
- **cfm** Cubic feet per minute
- **cm²** Square centimeters
- **fpm** Feet per minute
- **fps** Feet per second
- **ft²** Square feet
- **in wc** Inches of water column
- **in²** Square inches
- **km/h** Kilometers per hour
- **l/s** Liters per second
- **m/s** Meters per second
- **m²** Square meters
- **m³/h** Cubic meters per hour
- **m³/s** Cubic meters per second
- **mph** Miles per hour
- **Pa** Pascals
- **PSF** Pounds per square foot
- **Sig Fig** Significant figures
- **l/s/m²** Liters per second per square meter
- **NLA** Normalized leakage area

Appendix C

Getting Help With Your Gauge

As you become familiar with using your DM-2A mark II gauge, you may have questions with its basic operations and/or functions or you may encounter a situation that seems out of the ordinary. There is often a simple answer or solution to solving common problems.

Frequently Asked Questions

Before contacting Retrotec technical support, review the answers to these frequently asked questions geared toward solving common difficulties:

Q: Nothing appears on the display screen when I turn on my gauge. Is my gauge damaged?

A: Your Retrotec gauge is designed for maximum durability in the most rigorous usage scenarios. If nothing appears on the display screen after pressing the **ON/OFF** keypad button, check for the following:

- If running on battery power only, check that the batteries are installed (and installed correctly).
- Turn the LCD Contrast button on the top side of the gauge to increase the display screen contrast.
- Plug the AC power adapter jack into a power outlet and insert it into the port marked Power on the top side of the gauge and press the **ON/OFF** keypad button again.

Q: The test device I wish to use does not appear when I cycle through the device list by pressing the Device keypad button. How do I select my test device?

A: The device you wish to use may be disabled in the Setup options. To enable a device, follow these brief steps:

1. With your gauge on and running and from the main operational screen, press the **SETUP** keypad button.
2. Navigate the *Setup* menu selections and select *Device Setup* in the menu.

3. Press the **ENTER** keypad button to display the *Enable/Disable Device* screen showing a list of device profile names. A *Yes* status in the right-hand column indicates the device profile is enabled; a *No* indicates the profile is currently disabled.
4. Select your device and toggle its enable/disable state using the ◀ (Left), and/or ▶ (Right) keypad buttons.
5. Press the **EXIT** keypad button to return to the main Setup menu and again to return to the main operational screen.
6. For more information on enabling or disabling test devices, see *Choosing Mode Setup Options* in *Section 2 Working with the Setup Screen*.

Q: The room pressure value my gauge is displaying doesn't appear to be correct? What's causing this?

A: This is often caused by the Baseline mode inadvertently being left on. Check the status information next to the Baseline label on the display. To toggle the Baseline status off, press the **BASELINE** keypad button once.

Q: The pressure values on my gauge display intermittently and the gauge itself seems to be operating sluggishly. Is it malfunctioning?

A: It may be that the Time Average feature is active and set to a long time interval. Check the status information next to the Time label on the display. To turn the Time Average status off or decrease the interval time period, press the **TIME AVG** keypad button to cycle through the available options.

Q: I have tried to resolve my problem on my own, but I believe my gauge is malfunctioning. What do I do?

A: If you are unable to resolve your current problem on your own, contact technical support using the contact information in the following section.

Getting Help

If you are unable to resolve a problem you've encountered or you suspect there may be a more complex problem with your gauge, contact Retrotec using one of the options discussed in the following section.

Main Offices

Retrotec Energy Innovations Ltd.
611-1540 West 2nd Avenue
Vancouver, BC V6J 1H2 Canada
Web Site: www.retrotec.com

Contacting Technical Support

Tel: 604-732-0142

Fax: 604-737-0162

Email: Support@retrotec.com

Hours of Operation

Pacific Standard Time: 0800-1700
Eastern Standard Time: 1100-2000
Greenwich Mean Time: 1600-0100

Submitting Gauges for Calibration and/or Repair

All systems requiring calibration or repair must be shipped to our manufacturing facility for calibration and repair work. Please include a detailed packing list. If possible, take digital photos of your equipment prior to shipping.

Retrotec Inc.

1060 East Pole Road
Everson, WA USA 98247

IMPORTANT: Do not send air current testers with any equipment submitted for repair. If these items are sent to the repair center, they will not be returned.

Warranty information

Your limited warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship in “Products” manufactured by Retrotec to the extent of repair or replacement except in the case of air current testers where replacement is the only option provided all shipping costs are paid by the first end user.

Your limited warranty does not cover the following items:

- Products that have been subjected to:
 - Misuse, neglect or accident
 - Physical damage during shipping
 - Improper installation, operation, application or handling
 - Water or fire or dust or chemical damage
- Products that have been damaged due to repair, alteration, or modification unless specifically requested by Retrotec.
- Damage due to normal wear and tear.
- Parts and components manufactured by third parties and packaged with Retrotec Products such as printers and computers. Warranty of these items is covered under the original manufacturer’s warranty. Locate the nearest original manufacturer service center for problems related to these components.
- Costs (including any duties or applicable fees) of shipping your warranted Products to Retrotec for repair.
- Lost business due to malfunctions

Period of Coverage

Subject to the following exemptions, the limited warranty period is for 24 months from when the Products were purchased by the first end-user:

90-Day Warranty Exception

The limited warranty is for 90 days for the following parts:

- Weather-strip
- Cloth for Aluminum-Frame Doors, Carry-cases and Covers
- Air Current Testers
- Flex-duct

Repaired/Replacement Exception

The limited warranty is for the balance of the original warranty or for 90 days from the date returned and delivered to the first end-user, whichever is longer.

Warranty on Refurbished Equipment

The limited warranty is for 180 days on all refurbished equipment.

Who is Covered

This limited warranty extends to the first end-user purchaser who bought Products directly from Retrotec. If Retrotec Products were purchased through a Retrotec Authorized Reseller, that Reseller may be able to offer better service. Retrotec may always be contacted directly for warranty service.

Obtaining Warranty Service

Products Purchased from Resellers

If you have bought directly from a Retrotec Reseller, call the company you bought it from and describe your problem. They may be able to respond more quickly and save you shipping costs. Your reseller will decide whether:

- To send field replacement parts, or
- To authorize you to return the Product to the Reseller for service, or
- To send an immediate exchange, or
- To instruct you to contact Retrotec directly

Products Purchased from Retrotec

If your Products were purchased directly from Retrotec, phone (604)732-0142 or send an email to support@retrotec.com and describe the problem. Proof of date of purchase will be required. Retrotec will decide whether:

- To send field replacement parts, or
- To send an immediate exchange, or
- To authorize you too return the Product to Retrotec for service

If Retrotec has authorized a return, address the shipment to:

Retrotec Inc

1060 East Pole Road

Everson, WA, USA, 98247

Attention: *Warranty, Repair, & Calibration*

All returns must have freight, duty and brokerage prepaid and must include a note stating:

- The problem
- The contact person at your company
- Phone number
- A return address

Field Replacement/Repair

Most defective parts are easily field-replaceable. This is the fastest way to get problems corrected and repairs completed. If Retrotec agrees that Warranty Replacement Parts are required, Retrotec will ship the necessary parts to you free of charge, and at Retrotec's expense, using the carrier and method of our choice. Rush or Express shipments will be at your expense.

Factory Return and Repair

All Products covered by this warranty, with the exception of air-current testers, may be returned to Retrotec for repair and service at your expense for shipping, duty and brokerage. Returned products found to be covered under this limited warranty will be repaired or replaced, free of charge, and returned to you at Retrotec's expense, using the carrier and method of our choice. Rush or Express shipments will be at your expense. Products found to be not covered under this limited warranty will be repaired and returned to you at your expense, upon receipt of full payment for such repairs and shipping. Products found not to be defective will be shipped back at your expense.

Immediate Exchange

Retrotec offers to send out Immediate Exchange replacement Products with the following conditions:

- The problem occurs within the first 14 days of receipt
- The product was purchased direct from Retrotec.
- Retrotec will provide a quotation for these Products including your choice of shipping. Upon full payment of this quotation, Retrotec will ship these Immediate Exchange Products.
- Defective Products must be returned to Retrotec. Upon their return, our service personnel will assess all Defective Products.
- If Products are found to be defective, then costs for all Products and shipping by standard delivery (non rush), will be credited back your account.

Other Limitations

This is Retrotec's complete warranty for the Products, and states your exclusive remedies. This limited warranty is given in lieu of all other express warranties. Implied warranties, including without limitation, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, are given only if specifically required by applicable law. Otherwise, they are specifically excluded.

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