



TS METER D

Clinical Refractometer
User's Guide



Reichert TS Meter D Instruction Manual

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your purchase of the Reichert TS Meter D, Digital Handheld Refractometer. This manual describes the proper operation and care of this state of the art instrument. The TS METER D is Temperature Compensated and capable of measuring Urine Specific Gravity, Serum Protein, Copper Sulfate and general Refractive Index applications. Its advanced features make it a well suited instrument widely used for Medical, Pharmaceutical and Chemical industries.

The TS Meter D has the capability to measure Refractive Index (nD) of liquid solutions to a precision of ± 0.0001 with a range of 1.3300 to 1.5600nD.

Please note that a TS Meter D Refractometer is a high precision optical instrument. It is absolutely necessary to properly maintain the instrument to obtain the best possible accuracy. This includes thoroughly cleaning the prism and well after each sample and routinely calibrating the instrument. Always store the instrument with the well clean and dry.

2.0 SPECIFICATIONS

The Reichert TS Meter D operates on four AAA batteries and has auto/off sleep mode after 30 seconds of inactivity to extend battery life as well as low battery detection.

- Three Key Operation:
“CAL”, “READ” and “MENU”
with on screen prompts.
- Illumination:
589 nm LED.
- Range:
1.3300 to 1.5600 Refractive
Index (nD = 589nm Sodium D line)
0 to 95% Solids (Brix-Sucrose)
1.000 to 1.060 Urine Specific Gravity
0.0 to 15.0 Serum Protein
1.000 to 1.200 Cupric Sulfate S.G.
- Readability:
0.1 °C Temperature
0.0001 nD
0.1% Solids (Brix)
0.001 Urine Specific Gravity
0.1 Serum Protein
0.001 Cupric Sulfate S.G.
- Accuracy:
+/- 0.2°C Temperature.
+/-0.0001nD
+/-0.1% Solids (Brix)
+/-0.001 Urine Specific Gravity
+/-0.1 Serum Protein
+/-0.001 Cupric Sulfate S.G.
- Temperature Compensation Range:
15° – 40°C (59° – 104° F)
- Prism Assembly:
Sapphire Prism sealed to Stainless Steel
Well with solvent resistant epoxy.

- Dimensions:
18cm x 9cm x 3.5cm
(7"L x 3.75"W x 1.37"D)
- Weight:
410g
(0.9 lbs)

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

- Temperature Range: 10°C – 45°C
- Max. Relative Humidity: 80% for temperatures to 31°C decreasing linearly to 50% (relative humidity at 40°C)
- Pollution Degree 2
- Altitude up to 2,000 meters

4.0 CARE AND CLEANING

The Reichert TS Meter D is a precision optical instrument. The prism surface and well should be cleaned immediately after use. The interior components are protected from dust, spills, and other damage. The stainless steel well and prism assembly is sealed with corrosion-resistant epoxy. All non-optical components can be cleaned with soap and water or methanol. Using strong solvents such as N, N-Dimethylformamide or N, N-Nimethylacetamide, cresols, phenols and other tar acids should be avoided, Tetrahydrofuran or some lacquer thinners and their components can also deteriorate the prism seal over time or when applied at elevated temperatures. Do not use Acetone, Acetone based products or other harsh solvents when cleaning the instrument's body or it's components.

4.1 CARE OF PRISM SURFACE

The prism surface should be cleaned immediately after use. The use of strong acids or bases should not be measured with this instrument or used as cleaning agents. Do not use any metal or sharp objects to clean or pry loose the prism seal or residue on the sample or well. The sample should be wiped off with a moist tissue. Warm water and soap is recommended for removing sucrose residue and oil-based samples followed by a distilled water cleaning. Remove any remaining moisture with a dry tissue.

5.0 INSTRUMENT FEATURES

Refer to the features listed below.

1. **Instrument Display** – Digitally displays measurement values, operator instructions and error messages.

2. **Keypad Controls** – All three controls are soft touch membrane keys, CAL/down, READ/up, MENU/return. These keys serve a dual purpose as function keys and also facilitate moving the displayed cursor/highlighter when selecting the many available options.
 - CAL – Prompts the user to perform a water calibration. Also is used as the “Down” key to allow scrolling when changing menu options or values.
 - READ – Will read the sample in the well. Also is used as the “Up” key to scroll through choices when changing menu options and values.
 - MENU – Allows entry to the menu options of the TS Meter D. The menu key also functions as “Enter”, “Exit” or “Cancel” depending on the menu screen and/or the on screen instructions.

3. **Sample Well** – The sample well is made of Stainless Steel with a Sapphire Prism mounted to its center. When a sample is placed on the prism face, it is important that the sample cover the entire prism surface to attain an accurate reading.

4. **IR Window** – Located on the bottom of the TS Meter D, it is used to communicate with your PC when cradled in the optional docking station.

6.0 AUTOMATIC TEMPERATURE COMPENSATION

Automatic temperature compensation corrects readings over a range of temperatures. As an example: Samples taken at 15°C – 40°C are corrected to a reference temperature reading of 20°C or 25°C depending upon the channel being used. Temperature correction or control is necessary because refractive index varies inversely with temperature, as temperature of sample rises refractive index falls and so as sample temperature drops refractive index will rise. This feature can be used in lieu of controlling the temperature of the prism and sample. It is however necessary to *Allow Samples to Temperature Equilibrate* (sample must reach same temperature as prism surface) so that the TS Meter D can properly correct for temperature.

The automatic temperature compensation mode built into the TS Meter D is based on the temperature coefficients ($\Delta nD/\Delta^\circ C$) established for each channel.

6.1 Temperature Coefficient Calculations (non-Sucrose samples)

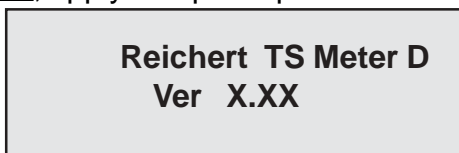
Should you need to temperature correct refractive index values for samples other than those that are sucrose based. Please download “Temperature Coefficient Calculation and Temperature Correction” at www.reichert.com Analytical/Applications, or contact Reichert Analytical Technical Support ,716-686-4500.

7.0 INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

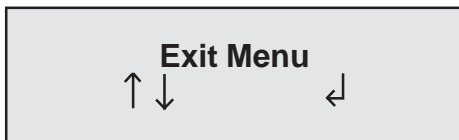
- A. Unpack instrument from carton. Retain packing material for future storage/protection/shipping.
- B. Please note the following accessories:
 - Instruction Manual
 - Batteries, four AAA

7.1 SET UP

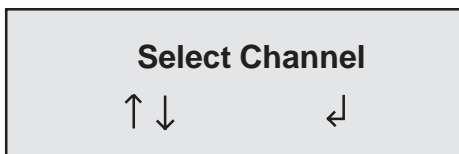
- A. Turn the instrument over and remove the battery cover by rotating it in a counter clockwise direction.
- B. Install the four AAA batteries in the direction indicated.
- C. Reinstall the battery cover.
- D. Place the instrument on a solid surface in an environment where the temperature is stable. Be sure to keep instrument away from heat or air conditioning vents, which can cause drafts and affect the temperature stability. Allow the instrument time to reach room temperature.
- E. Turn the TS Meter D on by pressing the “**MENU**” key. The title screen will appear followed by instructions to apply sample and press read. DO NOT, apply sample or press read at this time.



- F. Select desired “CHANNEL” by pressing “**MENU**” key again to enter menu options.



- G. Use “**READ**” (Up) “**CAL**” (Down) keys to advance through options to “*Select Channel*”, press the “**MENU**” (Return) key when you see the following screen.



- H. Use the “**UP**” or “**DOWN**” keys to advance through “*Channel*” options, select “**Desired Channel**” by pressing the “**MENU**” key.

Cupric Sulfate
↑ ↓ ↵

Press “**MENU**” again to return to the main screen. Advance to “Reading Mode” and select from the available options for that channel.

- I. Press “**CAL**” key and follow instructions to add sample, add “*Distilled Water*” as the sample. Enough distilled water should be added to cover the prism surface, approximately 3 drops. Allow sample to temperature equilibrate to prism/well. Press “**CAL**” key again. Observe the display for message indicating “*Set Point Cal Successful*”.

Apply water
CAL = Calibration
MENU = Cancel

**Set point cal
successful**

- J. Press the “**READ**” key and note the value on the display, which should be “0.0 Brix-TC, 20.0°C”. Please note that the 0.0 Brix - TC reading can vary by +/- 0.1 which is the acceptable tolerance of the TS Meter D.

**0.0 Brix - TC
20.0°C**

8.0 SAMPLE READING

- A. Clean and dry the prism and well with a soft wipe, which will leave no residue and recommended cleaning agents, soap and warm water, Methanol or Isopropyl Alcohol followed by distilled water.
- B. Add enough of the sample to cover prism surface and allow adequate time for sample to *temperature equilibrate* to prism/well.
- C. Press “**READ**”.
- D. Note value on display.

1.3330 nD - TC
20.0° C

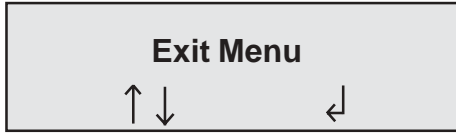
- E. Compare reading to known value. Note any difference in well temperature from sample reference temperature and adjust refractive index reading mathematically from the “*Refractive Index*” displayed value, reference section 6.1.

9.0 MENU OPTIONS

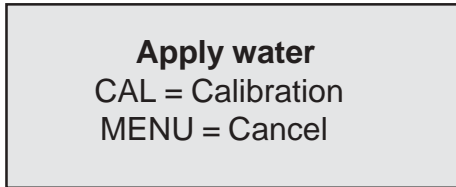
- A Exit Menu** – Pressing the MENU key when this is displayed will exit the menu mode.
- B Calibration** – Displays options of:
1. Set (water) - Pressing MENU will prompt to *Apply Water* and then “CAL” or “MENU” key to cancel.
 2. Span 1.40229 – Press MENU will prompt to *Apply 1.40229*, NIST certified calibration oil and to press “CAL” or “MENU” key to cancel.
 3. Span 1.51416 – Press MENU will prompt to *Apply 1.51416*, NIST certified calibration oil and to press “CAL” or “MENU” key to cancel.
 4. Add/Delete/Edit – When selecting any of these modes a “Warning” will appear “Incorrect use of this function can corrupt the instrument”. Contact the Technical Support Group for a complete explanation if this function is to be used.
 5. Exit - Press MENU to exit the calibration options mode.
- C Contrast** – Press the MENU key to enter and the Up/Down keys to adjust display contrast.
- D IR Linkup** – To use this function the optional Docking Station (13951000) must be used. This feature allows for downloading of stored values, up to 225 of the most current readings and up to 5 point current calibration log.
- E Set Clock** – Allows for setting of the time in 12 hour am/pm or 24 hour military and the date in MDY format.
- F Select Channel** – This feature is visible only when at least one custom channel has been added to the TS Meter D. Entering this feature allows the operator to switch between available channels/scales.
- G Reading Mode** – Allows for changing between various reading modes specific to each channel. TC modes are Temperature Compensated.

10.0 DAILY SINGLE POINT CALIBRATION

1. Turn the instrument on by pressing the “CAL” key.
2. At the displayed message to apply sample, press the “Cal” key again.



3. Apply Distilled Water sample and Press the “CAL” key.



6. *Set point cal successful* message will appear if the TS Meter D is functioning properly.



10.0 MULTIPOINT CALIBRATION

The TS Meter D can be calibrated with up to 5 points using distilled water and 4 user definable points (note that these are set at the factory to match available NIST certified standards). Performing a 2 point calibration will provide the required accuracy needed, using distilled water and a high refractive index NIST certified standard. The TS Meter D has 3 points available as points that can be chosen through the calibration mode menu. Two additional points are available and modification of the existing points can also be done through the “*Add/Delete/Edit*” option in the calibration menu. When entering this screen a message will appear “*Warning, Incorrect use of this function can corrupt your instrument*”. It is advisable to contact the technical support group before using this feature. The 3, 4 and 5, point calibrations is made available to allow the user to precisely calibrate the instrument to certified standards near the refractive index range where the measurements are being made. Reference the procedure below to perform the multipoint calibration. Always clean and dry the prism surface between the application of samples and be sure to proceed starting from the distilled water up to the sample with the highest refractive index.

- A. Turn the TS Meter D on by pressing the “**MENU**” key.
- B. Press the “**MENU**” key again after the startup screen appears to enter the *Menu*.
- C. Press the “**UP**” key until *Calibration* is read on the display and press the “**MENU**” key.
- D. When *Set (Water)* appears press the “**MENU**” key and follow the instructions on the display to add water and press the “**CAL**” key.
- E. Continue calibration process by repeating steps A through C and proceed to the next step.

- F. When *Set (Water)* appears press the “**UP**” key several times to advance to the Span 1.51416 value, this value is given as an example and may be different, although close to the value on your TS Meter D. Press the “**MENU**” key, other points exist.

Span 1.51416

- G. Follow the on screen instructions to apply “1.51416” sample, allow time for the sample to equilibrate and press “**CAL**” key.

Apply 1.51416
CAL = Calibration
MENU = Cancel

- H. To perform calibration of any additional points follow the procedure outlined in steps A through G making sure that you always start with the lowest refractive index sample and moving up to the highest refractive index sample.
- I. Clean and dry the prism surface and the TS Meter D will be ready to take readings.

11.1 CALIBRATION OILS

The recommended *Extended Precision Standard Calibration Oils* are manufactured by Cargille Labs, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009-1289 USA, Phone 201-239-6633. To our knowledge they are the only domestic USA source of extended precision standard calibration oils with *six significant figures in index*. The characteristics of these oils are:

- NIST traceable.
- Stated accuracy at +/-0.00005 nD, shelf life in years.
- Temperature coefficients (TC) are guaranteed at their specified reference temperatures, usually 20 or 25°C.

12.0 CHANNELS

12.1 CHANNEL 1 – ICUMSA BRIX

The TS Meter D is preprogrammed at the factory with channel 1 to read % Sucrose or “Brix” scale per the International Commission for Uniform Methods of Sugar Analysis (ICUMSA).

Temperature Corrected (TC) readings in channel 1 are valid for Brix Solutions only!

12.2 CHANNEL 2 – 4, Urine Specific Gravity, Serum Protein, Cupric Sulfate S.G.

These channels allow the user to measure specific solutions and deliver readings with temperature correction factors that relate to that solution. To change to the desired channel press the “**MENU**” key and advance to “Select Channel” again press the “**MENU**” key, advance to the desired channel and press the “**MENU**” key to accept.

13.0 ACCESSORIES

Catalog No. 13951000 – IR Communications Package

The IR Communications Package includes a docking station and the software required to connect the TS Meter D to your PC. It is useful for downloading stored readings, up to 225 of the most recent readings and up to 5 point current calibration log.

Catalog No. 13K41330 Calibration Oil, 1.51432

Catalog No. 13K41340 Calibration Oil, 1.40229

Catalog No. 13K41350 Calibration Oil, 1.45755

Catalog No. 13K41360 Calibration Oil, 1.48989

Above values may vary due to supplier of oil.



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