

Instruction Manual TD

DIGITAL COATING THICKNESS GAUGE



Model: TD 1250-0.1 F

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Annotation: It is strongly recommended to calibrate the new instrument before the first use, as described in paragraph 5. By doing this it will be achieved a much better measurement result right from the start.

1. Features

- * This instrument meets the standards of ISO 2178 as well as DIN, ASTM and BS. It is suitable for the laboratory and for use in "harsh field" conditions.
- *The F mode measures the thickness of nonmagnetic materials, e.g. paint, plastic, porcelain enamel, copper, zinc, aluminium, chrome, laquer layers etc. These layers are located on magnetic materials e.g. steel, iron, nickle etc. It is often used to measure the thickness of galvanizing layer, laquer layer, porcelain enamel layer, phosphide layer, copper tile, aluminium tile, some alloy tile, paper etc.
- *Manual or automatically auto power off to conserve batteries.
- *Two measurement modes:- single and continuous
- *Wide measuring range and high resolution
- *Date transfer to PC possible

2. Specifications

Display: 4 digits, 10mm LCD

Range: 0 to 1250 µm/ 0 to 50 mil

Resolution: 0.1µm (0 to 100 µm)
 1 µm (over 100 µm)

Accuracy:

- Standard: 3% of the measured value or min. ± 2.5 µm
 Is valid within a tolerance range of ± 100 µm around the individually measured range, if a two-point calibration was performed within this tolerance range.

- Off-Set Accur Mode: 1% of the measured value or min. ± 1.0 µm
 Is valid within ± 50 µm around the *Off-Set Accur* point.

PC- interface: with RS-232C interface

Power supply: 4x 1.5V AAA (UM-4) battery

Operating conditions:

Temperature: 0 to 50°C
 Humidity: <80%

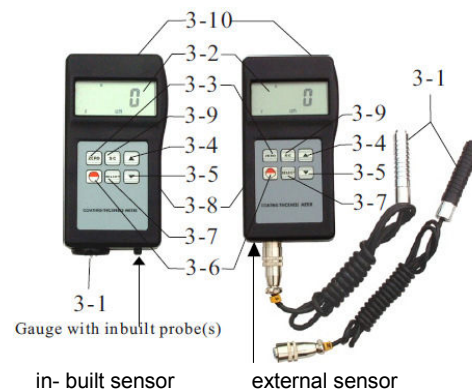
Size: 126 x 65 x 27mm (5.0 x 2.6 x 1.1 inch)

Weight: about 115g (inbuilt sensor)
 about 155g (external sensor)
 (not including batteries)

Accessories: Carrying case
 Operation manual
 F-sensor
 Calibration foils
 Base plate (iron)

Optional accessories: Cable & software for RS-232C

3. Front panel description



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- 3- 1 Sensor
- 3- 2 Display
- 3- 3 Zero- key
- 3- 4 Plus- key
- 3- 5 Minus- key
- 3- 6 Power- on/ Power- off key (multifunctional)
- 3- 7 Select key for $\mu\text{m}/\text{mil}$ conversion (shortcut key)
- 3- 8 Battery compartment/ cover
- 3- 9 S/C Single/ Continuous key
- 3-10 Jack for RS-232C interface

4. Measuring procedure

4.1 The F- sensor for the external type is to be plugged in.

4.2 The power key 3-6 is to be pressed to switch on the instrument.
 `0` appears on the display 3-2.
 The instrument recognizes the sensor itself by the symbol `Fe` (= F) which is indicated on the display.

4.3 The sensor 3-1 is to be placed onto a coating layer to be measured. The reading on the display is the thickness of the coating layer. This can be corrected by pressing the Plus- key 3-4 or the Minus- key 3-5 (*Offset- Accur* function)
 For doing this the sensor should be away from the measured object or the base plate.

4.4 For the next measurement the sensor 3-1 is to be lifted for more than 1cm and step 4.3 is to be repeated.

4.5 In case of inaccuracies to the measurement result it is recommended to calibrate the instrument before measuring as described in part 5.

4.6 The instrument can be switched off by pressing the Power on/ off key 3-6. The power will switch itself off 50 seconds after the last operation.

4.7 The measurement unit can be indicated with `µm` or `mil`: To convert:
 A. by pressing the conversion key 3-7 **or**
 B. by pressing the Power key and not releasing it till `UNIT` appears on the display. Then the Zero key 3-3 is to be pressed. All in all this operation lasts about 7 seconds.

4.8 To change the measuring mode from `single` to `continuous` or vice versa,
 A. The SC- key 3-9 is to be pressed **or**
 B. The Power- key 3-6 is to be pressed and not to be released until `SC` appears on the display. Then the Zero- key 3-3 is to be pressed.
 The symbol ((•)) indicates the continuous mode and `S` indicates the single mode.
 This operation lasts 9 seconds (from starting pressing the Power- key 3-6).

5. Calibration

5.1 Zero adjustment:
 The sensor 3-1 is to be placed carefully on the iron base plate or an uncoated standard and the Zero- key 3-3 is to be pressed without lifting the sensor.
 `0` appears on the display.

Attention: The calibration is invalid if the sensor is not directly placed on the base plate or another uncoated material.

5.2 An appropriate calibration foil is to be selected according to the measurement range.

5.3 The selected standard foil is to be placed onto the base plate or the uncoated material.

5.4 The sensor 3-1 is to be pressed carefully onto the calibration foil and then lifted.
 The reading on the display is the value measured.
 This can be corrected by pressing the Plus- key 3-4 or the Minus- key 3-5 while the sensor is removed from the base plate or the measured object.

5.5 Repeat step 5.4 until the accuracy is achieved.

6. Battery replacement

- 6.1 If the battery symbol ``+/-`` appears on the display, batteries should be replaced.
- 6.2 The battery cover 3-8 is to be removed and the batteries are to be taken off.
- 6.3 The batteries (4x1.5V AAA/UM-4) are to be installed correctly into the case.
- 6.4 If the instrument is not to be used for an extended period, batteries are to be extracted.

7. Correct handling of coating thickness measurement with external sensors

The sensor has to be touched at the lower pole segment and it has to be pressed slightly onto the test object.
 The black chequered pole segment is movably seated on a spring. By means of the spring, the sensor tip presses onto the test object with a defined force. This way, measurement errors can be avoided.

Sensor (orange: F / black: N)

Spring pole for handling

Sensor tip



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It is recommendable to effect several test measurements before the first use of the instrument. This way, further measurement errors can be avoided.

8. Trouble Shooting

- 8.1 The instrument should always be calibrated on the uncoated base material to be measured instead of the base plate included in the delivery. Then the accuracy is more precise.
- 8.2 Sensors will eventually wear off. Life of the sensor will depend on the number of measurements taken and how abrasive the coating is.

9. Restore factory settings

- 9.1 In the following cases it is recommended to restore factory settings:
- A. The instrument does not measure any more.
 - B. Measurement accuracy is degraded caused by the abraded sensor or affected by environmental conditions.
 - C. After the replacement of a new sensor.

8.2 How to restore?

Factory settings are easily to be restored.
The procedure is as follows:

- 8.2.1 The Power-on/ Power-off key 3-6 has to be pressed until `CAL` appears on the display. This lasts about 5 seconds.
- 8.2.2 If now F:H is shown on the display, the sensor has to be lifted for more than 5 cm. Then the Zero- key is to be pressed and the instrument returns into measurement mode .With this, factory setting is restored.

Comment: This procedure should always be done within 6 seconds. Otherwise it will be automatically cancelled and the restoration is invalid.

9. Notes

- 9.1 The linearization of the instrument, which is given by the calibration, can be changed with the **Ln- function**.

Any adjustment of the value of Ln will seriously affect the accuracy. This value should only be adjusted by professional persons.

Generally said:

The bigger the value of Ln, the smaller the reading on the display for the same (coating) thickness. Only a small change on the value of Ln causes a big change in the reading of the upper measurement range (at 500µm/ 20 mil).

The value of Ln is to adjust as follows:

Press the Power on/ Power off key. It lasts about 11 seconds from starting depressing this key.

This value can be changed by pressing the Plus- /Minus-key after `Ln` appears on the display and the Power- on / Power- off key is released. This value is stored and afterwards the Zero- key is to be pressed.

A. The reading at low end is to be adjusted by pressing the Plus-/ or the Minus- key.

B. The value of Ln is enlarged if reading at low end(e.g.51µm) is o.k., but reading at high end (e.g.432µm) is too large.

In contrast with this the value of Ln is to be decreased if the reading at low end (e.g. 51µm) is o.k. but at high end (e.g. 432µm) it is too small.

C. Procedures from A to B are to be repeated until the reading for every calibration foil is satisfactory in its accuracy.

10. Declaration of conformity



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