

Operating Instructions for Hand-held Conductivity Measuring Units

Model: HND-C110



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2. Note

Please read these operating instructions before unpacking and putting the unit into operation. Follow the instructions precisely as described herein.

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Operating instructions, data sheet, approvals and further information via the QR code on the device or via www.kobold.com

The devices are only to be used, maintained and serviced by persons familiar with these operating instructions and in accordance with local regulations applying to Health & Safety and prevention of accidents.

When used in machines, the measuring unit should be used only when the machines fulfil the EC-machine guidelines.

3. Instrument Inspection

Instruments are inspected before shipping and sent out in perfect condition.

Should damage to a device be visible, we recommend a thorough inspection of the delivery packaging. In case of damage, please inform your parcel service / forwarding agent immediately, since they are responsible for damages during transit.

Scope of delivery:

The standard delivery includes:

- Hand-held Conductivity Measuring Units Model: HND-C110

4. Regulation Use

Any use of the Hand-held Conductivity Measuring Units, model: HND-C110, which exceeds the manufacturer's specification, may invalidate its warranty. Therefore, any resulting damage is not the responsibility of the manufacturer. The user assumes all risk for such usage.

5. Operating Principle

The KOBOLD hand-held conductivity measuring units of model HND-C110 is a compact conductivity measuring units with solidly connected probes that can be used universally. Due to the double display, both the conductivity and the temperature value can be displayed simultaneously. The HND-C110 model offers functions like minimum/maximum value memory, hold function, auto-off function, and AutoRange (automatic adjustment of the optimum measuring range).

Due to the high temperature dependency in conductivity measurement, the manual measuring unit has automatic temperature compensation.

With the improved unit HND-C110, the determination of resistance, salinity and TDS are also part of the scope of functions.

6. Electrical Connection

6.1 Mains operation:

When using a power supply unit please note that operating voltage has to be 10.5 to 12 V_{DC}. Do not apply over-voltage!! Simple 12 V-power supply units often have excessive no-load voltage. We, therefore, recommend using regulated voltage power supply units. Trouble-free operation is guaranteed by our power supply HND-Z002. Prior to connecting the plug power supply unit with the mains supply make sure that the operating voltage stated at the power supply unit is identical to the mains voltage.

6.2 Battery operation

The devices are always delivered with the battery disconnected.



The battery must be connected before commissioning.



7. Operation / Configuration / Adjustments

7.1 Safety Requirements

This device has been designed and tested in accordance with the safety regulations for electronic devices. However, its trouble-free operation and reliability cannot be guaranteed unless the standard safety measures and special safety advises given in this manual will be adhered to when using the device.

1. Trouble-free operation and reliability of the device can only be guaranteed if the device is not subjected to any other climatic conditions than those stated under chapter 16 Technical Data.
2. If the device is transported from a cold to a warm environment condensation may cause a failure of the instrument. In such a case make sure the device temperature has adjusted to the ambient temperature before trying a new start-up.
3. If the device is to be connected to other devices (e.g. via serial interface) the circuitry has to be designed most carefully. Internal connection in third party devices (e.g. connection GND and earth) may result in not-permissible voltages impairing or destroying the device or another device connected.

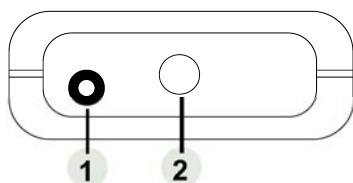


Warning: If device is operated with a defective mains power supply (short circuit from mains voltage to output voltage) this may result in hazardous voltages at the device (e.g. sensor socket, serial interface).

4. If there is a risk whatsoever involved in running it, the device has to be switched off immediately and to be marked accordingly to avoid re-starting.
 - there is visible damage to the device
 - the device is not working as specified
 - the device has been stored under unsuitable conditions.

In case of doubt, please return the device to manufacturer for repair or maintenance.

7.2 Connections



1 Interface: Connection for electrically isolated interface adaptor (accessories: HND-Z031)

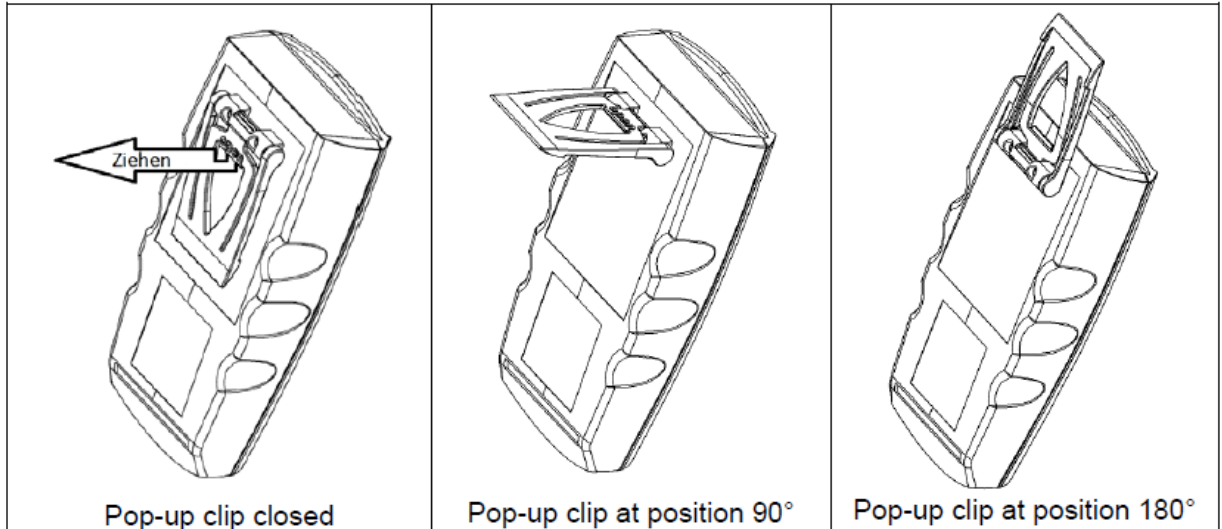
2 Electrode: cable gland for fixed conductivity electrode

The mains socket is located at the left side of the instrument.

7.3 Pop-up clip

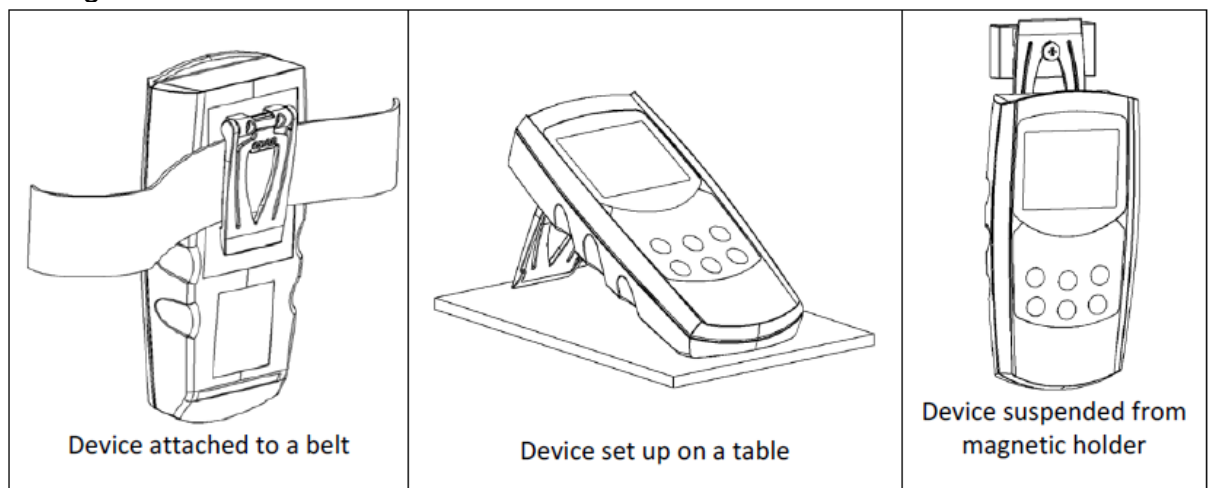
Handling:

- Pull at label "open" in order to swing open the pop-up clip.
- Pull at label "open" again to swing open the pop-up clip further.

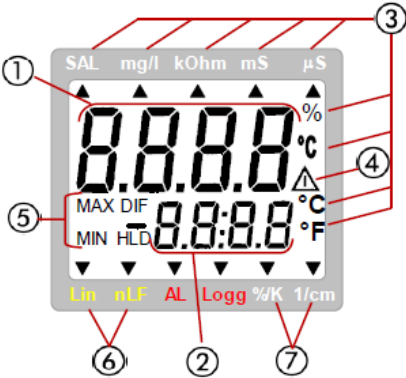


Function:

- The device with a closed pop-up clip can be plainly laid onto a table or attached to a belt, etc.
- The device with pop-up clip at position 90° can be set up on a table, etc.
- The device with pop-up clip at position 180° can be suspended from a screw or the magnetic holder









7.3.1 Displays




1	Main display: conductivity (mS/cm, μ S/cm) resistivity (k Ω cm) TDS / total dissolved solids (mg/l) salinity (SAL)
2	Secondary display: measuring value temperature
3	Arrows to selected measuring unit
4	Warning signal: indicates low battery or missing calibration
5	Display elements to show minimum / maximum / memorized measuring value
6	nLF, Lin: display element for selected temperature compensation
7	%/K, 1/cm: additional configuration units

7.4 Pushbuttons



	On / Off key press shortly: switch on/off instrument
	Set / Menu: press shortly: change-over between measuring units (only if „InP: SEt“ is selected) press for 2 sec. (menu): invoke configuration menu
 + 	<u>min/max when taking measurements:</u> press shortly: min. or max. value is displayed press for 2 sec: the corresponding value is deleted <u>Configuration:</u> to enter values or change settings
	CAL: only at mode 'cond'=conductivity: press for 2 sec: start cell correction adjustment
	Store/Quit: Measurement: hold and save current measuring value ('HLD' is displayed) Set/Menu: confirm settings, return to measuring

8. Start operation

Turn device on via  key.

After segment test  the device displays some information on its configuration:

SCl if cell correction scale was changed (cell correction scale unequal 1.000) (see chapter 10 Automatic adjustment/calibration of cell correction)

Corr if zero point or slope correction is active
(see chapter 12 Adjustment of temperature input)
After that the device is ready for measuring.

9. Principles of the measurements

9.1 Basics about conductivity

Definition of conductivity γ : The ability of a material to conduct electric current:

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{R \cdot A}$$

L: length of the material diameter measured resistance

A: diameter

R: measured resistance

Unit $[\gamma] = \frac{\text{Siemens}}{\text{meter}} = \frac{\text{S}}{\text{m}}$ common for liquids: $\frac{\text{mS}}{\text{cm}}$ and $\frac{\mu\text{S}}{\text{cm}}$

The conductivity is the reciprocal value of the resistivity.

(The conductance is the reciprocal value of the measured resistance R)

9.2 Conductivity measurement

The conductivity measurement is a rather uncomplicated measurement. The standard electrodes are stable for a long time if used correctly and can be adjusted by an integrated Cal-function.

Measuring ranges: 0.0 – 200.0 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
0 - 2000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
0.00 – 20.0 mS/cm
0.0 – 200.0 m

If the range selection is set to „Auto Range“, the range with the best resolution is automatically selected. However, interface operation requires a manual/fixed selection of the measuring range from the table above (No interface operation with Auto-range!).

9.3 Resistivity measurement

The resistivity is the reciprocal value of the conductivity and the device displays it in kOhm•cm.

Measuring ranges: 0.000 – 2.000 kOhm•cm
 0.00 – 20.00 kOhm•cm
 0.0 – 100.0 kOhm•c

If the range selection is set to „Auto Range“, the range with the best resolution is automatically selected. However, interface operation requires a manual/fixed selection of the measuring range from the table above (No interface operation with Auto-range!).

9.4 TDS measurement

At the TDS (total dissolved solids) measurement the filtrate dry residue is determined by means of the conductivity and a conversion factor (C.tdS). Well suited for easy concentration measurements of e.g. salt solutions. The determined value is displayed in mg/l.

Measuring ranges: 0,0 - 200,0 mg/l 0 – 2000 mg/l

Displayed value TDS = conductivity [in $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$, nLF-temp. comp. at 25°C] • C.tdS (input at menu)

Approximately:

C.tdS	
0.50	Monovalent salts with 2 ion types (NaCl, KCl, etc.)
0.50	Natural waters / surface waters, drinking water
0.65-0.70	e.g. salt concentration of aqueous fertilizer solutions

Attention: This are only approximate values – good for estimations, but no precise measurement.

For precise measurements the conversion value has to be determined for the corresponding solution for the relevant concentration range.

This may be done by comparison with known reference solutions or by actually evaporating a certain amount of solution with determined conductivity and subsequent weighing of the dry residue.

9.5 Salinity measuring

The salinity (salt content) of seawater can be determined in the measuring mode „SAL“ (basis: International Oceanographic Tables; IOT)

The salinity of standard-seawater is 35 ‰ (35 g salt per 1 kg seawater).

The values are displayed in ‰ (g/ kg).

Additionally, the term “PSU” (Practical Salinity Unit) is sometimes used, the displayed value is the same. The salinity measurement has its “own” temperature compensation, i.e. the temperature is automatically taken into account for the salinity measurement. The menu settings regarding the temperature compensation are ignored.

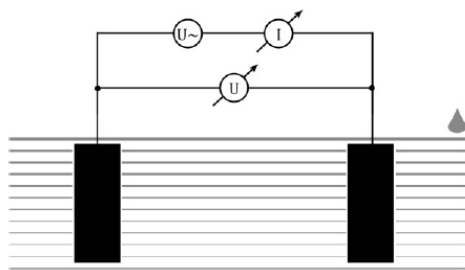


Attention: The salt composition of the different seas is not the identical. Depending on place, weather, tides, etc. there may be considerable divergences to the 35 ‰ according to IOT. Additionally, the salt composition may influence the ratio between salinity and actual salt content.

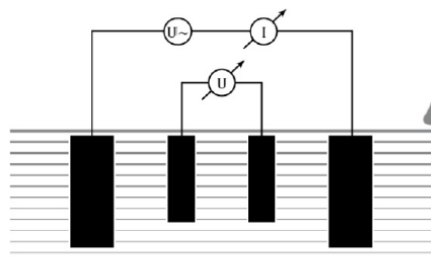
9.6 Electrodes / measuring cells

9.6.1 Design

Basically, there are two types of measuring cells: 2-pole and 4-pole cells. The operation is done similarly; the 4-pole measuring cells can compensate polarization effects and – up to some degree – soiling due to its complex measuring method.



2-pole measuring cell



4-pole measuring cell

9.7 Temperature compensation

The conductivity of aqueous solutions depends on its temperature. The temperature dependency is strongly dependent on the type of solution. The temperature compensation recalculates solutions' conductivity to a consistent reference temperature. The most common reference temperature is 25 °C.

9.7.1 Temperature compensation “nLF” according to EN 27888

For most applications (e.g. in the area of fish farming, surface or drinking water measurements, etc.) the non-linear temperature compensation for natural water (“nLF”, according to EN 27888) is sufficiently accurate. The common reference temperature is 25 °C.

Recommended application range of nLF-compensation: between 60 µS/cm and 1000 µS/cm.

9.7.2 Linear temperature compensation and determination of temperature coefficient “t.Lin”

If the actual function needed for exact temperature compensation is not known, “linear temperature compensation” is normally selected (Menu, t.Cor = Lin, t.Lin corresponds TK_{lin}), i.e. one assumes that the actual temperature dependency at the considered concentration range is approximately equal:

$$LF_{T_{ref}} = \frac{LF_{T_x}}{1 + \frac{TK_{lin}}{100\%} \cdot (T_x - T_{ref})}$$

Temperature coefficient of about 2.0 %/K are most common.





A temperature coefficient can be determined for example by measuring a solution with deactivated temperature compensation at two different temperatures (T1 and T2).





$$TK_{lin} = \frac{(LF_{T_1} - LF_{T_2}) \cdot 100\%}{(T_1 - T_2) \cdot LF_{T_1}}$$

TKlin is the value input at the menu “t.Lin”. LFT1 conductivity at temperature T1
LFT2 conductivity at temperature T2

10. Device Configuration

Some menu points depend on current device settings.








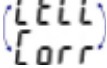









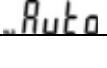

For configuration of the device press -key for 2 seconds. This will activate the configuration menu (main display: “SEt”). Pressing „Menu“  changes between the menu points, pressing  jumps to the referring parameters, which can be selected with key .
















The parameter value can be changed with  or . Pressing „Menu“  again jumps back to the main configuration menu and saves the settings. Pressing „Quit“  finishes the configuration.



Pressing “menu” and “store” at the same time for more than 2 seconds will reset the device to factory defaults.

If no key is pressed for more than 2 minutes the configuration will be aborted. All changes will be discarded!

Menu	Parameter	Value	Description		
		 or 			
	Set Configuration: General configuration				
		Input: Selection of measured variable			
		Cond	Conductivity		
		rESi	Resistivity		
		tdS	Total dissolved solids		
		SAL	Salinity		
		SEt	Change-over measured variables by Set-key		
		TDS measurement: conversion factor (only if InP=tdS)			
		0.40-1.00	Conversion factor for TDS measurement		
		Cell Corr: Adjustment of cell correction: multiplication factor			
		0.800-1.200	Multiplication factor of cell correction Factory setting: 1.000		
		Range: Selection of display range (conductivity, resistivity or tdS)			
		Auto	Automatic range selection		
		200.0 µS/cm	Lowest selectable range (conductivity)		
			
		Automatic adjustment/calibration with reference solution (only if InP=Cond)			
		Edit	Manual adjustment to reference value		
		REF:S	Choice of standard reference solutions		
		REF.S: Choice of standard solutions for automatic adjustment/cal.			
		1413 µS/cm	Reference solution 0.01 M KCL		
		2760 µS/cm	0.02 M KCL		
		12.88 mS/cm	0.1 M KCL		
		50 mS/cm	Sea-water reference solution KCL		
		111.8 mS/cm	1 M KCL		
		Unit t: Selection of temperature unit			
		°C	All temperature values in degree Celsius		
		Temperaturecompensation (not for InP=SAL)			
		oFF	No temperature compensation of conductivity measurement		
		nLF	Non-linear function for natural water according to EN 27888 (ISO 7888), ground, surface and drinking water		
		Lin	Linear temperature compensation		
		Compensation coefficient (only if t.Cor=Lin)			
		0.300 3.000	Temperature compensation coefficient in %/K		
		Reference temperature of temperature compensation (only if tCor=Lin or nLF)			
		25 °C/77 °F	Reference temperature 25 °C/77 °F		
		20 °C/68 °F	Reference temperature 20 °C/68 °F		
		Adjustment/Calibration: Adjustment reminder period (factory setting: oFF)			
		1...730	Adjustment reminder period (in days)		
		Auto Hold: Automatic measuring value identification			
		on	Auto measuring value identification Auto Hold		
		oFF	Standard hold function on keypress		
		Auto Power-Off: Selection of power-off delay			
		1...120	Power-off delay in minutes Device will automatically switch off as soon as this time has elapsed if no key is pressed/no interface communication takes place.		
		oFF	Automatic power-off function deactivated (continuous operation)		

Menu	Parameter	Value	Description		
		 OR 			
	Set Output: Configuration of universal output				
		oFF	Output off -> minimal power consumption		
		SEr:	Serial interface activated		
		0,1,11...91	Base adress for serial interface communication		
	Set Corr: Measurement correction				
		Zero point adjustment/offset of temperature measurement			
		oFF	No zero point adjustment for temperature measurement		
		-5.0...5.0 °C	Offset of temperature measurement in °C		
		Slope adjustment of temperature measurement			
		oFF	No slope adjustment for temperature measurement		
		-5.00...5.00	Slope correction of temperature measurement in [%]		
	Set Clock: Set real time				
		HH:MM	Clock: set time hours:minutes		
		YYYY	Year: set year		
		TT.MM	Date: Set date day.month		
	rEAD CAL: Read calibration data: see chapter 14.2 Calibration storage (rEAd CAL)				

11. Universal output

If none of both is needed, we suggest to switch the output off, because battery life then is extended.

11.1 The Serial Interface

All measuring and setting data of the device can be read and changed by means of the serial interface and a suitable electrically isolated interface adapter (HND-Z031). In order to avoid transmission errors, there are several security checks implemented.

The following **standard software packages** are available for data transfer:

- BUS-S20M:** 20-channel software to simultaneously display
 - conductivity (channel 1)
 - temperature (channel 2)
 - resistivity (channel 3)
 - TDS (channel 4) and/or
 - salinity (channel 5).



If you want to use the interface functions make sure to switch off the Auto-Range function.

The device has 2 channels:

- Channel 1: current measuring value Cond, rES, TDS oder SAL (base address)
- Channel 2: temperature value

The measuring- and display range values read back from the interface are always in the selected measurement unit!

12. Adjustment of temperature input

The temperature input can be adjusted with offset and scale. A reasonable adjustment presumes reliable references (e.g. ice water, controlled precision water bath, etc.).

If the inputs are adjusted (i.e. offset and scale are different from default settings) the device will shortly display “Corr” after turned on.

Default setting for offset and scale are ‘off’ = 0.0, i.e. inputs are not changed.

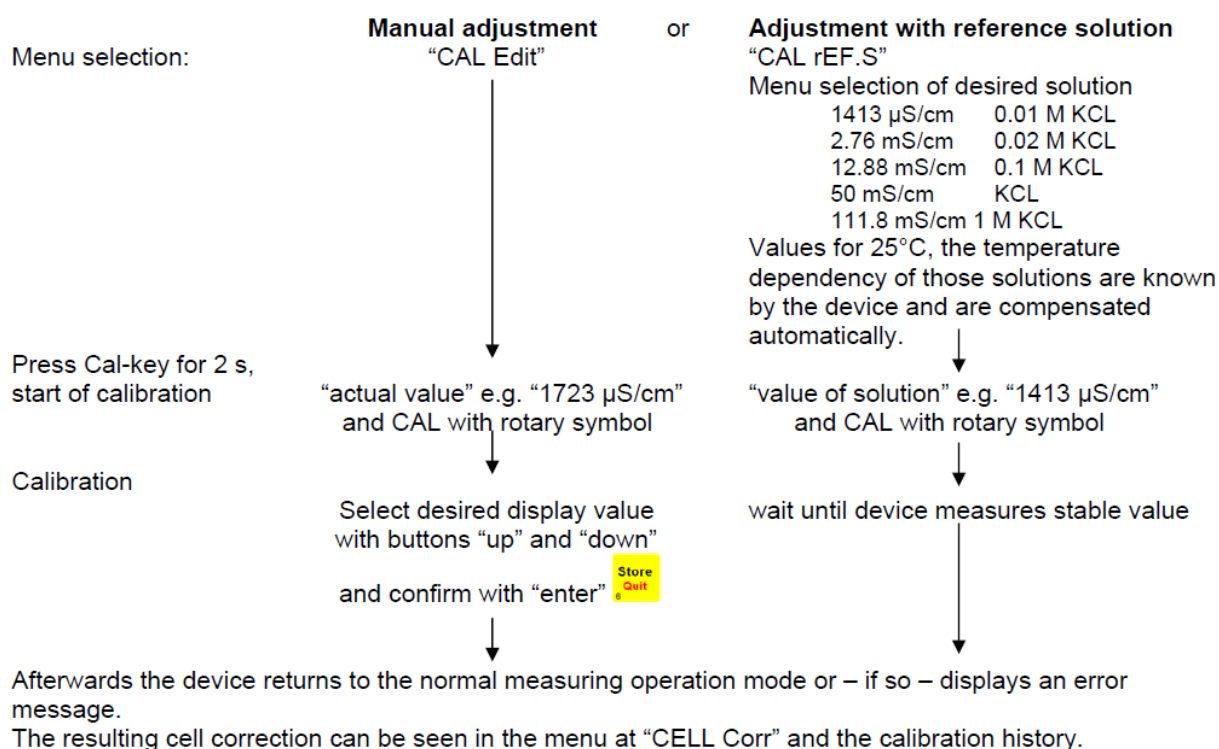
Zero point correction: Displayed value = measured value – OFFS

Zero point and slope correction: Displayed value = (measured value – OFFS) *
(1 + SCAL / 100)

Displayed value °F = (meas. value °F - 32°F - OFFS) • (1 + SCAL / 100)

13. Automatic adjustment/calibration of cell correction

Besides the direct input of the cell correction (see below) via the menu ("CELL Corr") the cell correction can also be determined automatically:



Error messages of automatic adjustment/calibration:

CAL Err.1 Cell correction too high	Determined cell correction must not exceed 1.2
CAL Err.2 Cell correction too small	Determined cell correction must not fall below 0.8
CAL Err.3 Solution of wrong range	Wrong solution / far beyond tolerance
CAL Err.4 Wrong temperature	Beyond permitted temperature: 0.0 – 34.0 °C (or 0.0 – 27.0 °C at 111.8 mS/cm)

Alternative to automatic adjustment:

Manual calculation of cell correction with a reference solution

Example KCl-solution c = 0.01 M: 1413 µS cm⁻¹ at 25°C

At other temperatures switch temperature compensation off (t.Cor = oFF) and use the referring conductivity!

Conductivity displayed = 1500 µS cm⁻¹ if selected cell correction is 1.000 cm⁻¹
(CELL Corr = 1.000)

Conductivity of solution at solution temperature 25 °C: Conductivity real = 1413 µS cm⁻¹
Cell correction c = conductivity real / conductivity displayed [cm⁻¹]
= 1413 / 1970 * cm⁻¹ = 0.942 cm⁻¹ (Enter CELL Corr of 0.942)

14. GLP

GLP (Good Laboratory Practice) includes regular check of devices and accessories. For pH measurements it is highly important to ensure correct pH calibration. The device provides the following functions to help with this.

14.1 Calibration interval (C.Int)

You can input the interval after which the device reminds you to recalibrate. The interval times should be chosen according to the application and the stability of the electrode. "CAL" flashes on the display as soon as the interval has expired.

14.2 Calibration storage (rEAd CAL)

The last 16 calibrations are stored with results and date and can be read out.

Display calibration data:

Historical calibration data can be comfortably read out via PC software HND-Z034 or displayed directly at the device:



Press for 2 seconds: The display will (configuration level)



show:

or



Press several times until this is displayed:



read cal. = „read calibration data“

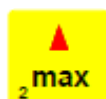


Press shortly: switch between:

- CELL = cell correction
- C.rEF = reference value, at which cell correction has been adjusted
- Display of date+time of data set



or



Change between the different calibration data sets



Quit calibration data set display

14.3 Real Time Clock ("CLOC")

The real time clock is used for chronological assignment of the calibration points. Please check the settings when necessary.

14.4 Accuracy Check / Adjustment Service


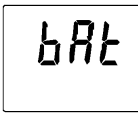
You can send the device to the manufacturer for adjustment and inspection.

Calibration certificate - DKD certificate - official certifications:

If the measuring instrument is supposed to receive a calibration certificate, it has to be sent to the manufacturer (declare test points).

If the device is certificated together with a suitable sensor very high overall accuracies are possible. Basic settings can only be checked and – if necessary – corrected by the manufacturer. A calibration protocol is enclosed to the device ex works. This documents the precision reached by the production process.

14.5 Error and System Messages

Display	Description	Remedy
	Low battery voltage, device will only continue operation for a short time	replace battery
	Low battery voltage If mains operation:	replace battery replace power supply, if fault continues to exist: device damaged
no display or confused characters	Battery voltage too low If mains operation: power supply defective or wrong voltage/polarity System error Device defective	replace battery check/replace power supply disconnect battery or power supply, wait for a short time, re-connect return to manufacturer for repair
Err.1	Values exceeding meas. range	Check: are there any values exceeding the specified meas. range? - measuring instrument not suitable! cable of measuring cell defective -> replace
Err.2	Values falling below meas. range	Check: are there any values falling below the specified meas. range? - measuring instrument not suitable! cable of measuring cell defective -> replace
Err.7	System fault	disconnect battery, wait for 10 sec. and re-connect battery, switch on device once again. If fault continues to exist device is defective -> return to manufacturer for repair.
----	Could not calculate display value <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measuring range or input range exceeded Measured values are instable 	Check range parameter Wait for signal regulation of the device
>CAL< CAL flashing in upper display	Either preset calibration interval has expired or last calibration is not valid	Device has to be calibrated!


Error messages for automatic cell correction adjustment/calibration:

CAL Err.1	Cell correction too high	Determined cell correction must not exceed 1.2
CAL Err.2	Cell correction too small	Determined cell correction must not fall below 0.8
CAL Err.3	Solution of wrong range	Wrong solution/far beyond tolerance
CAL Err.4	Wrong temperature	Beyond permitted temperature: 0.0-34.0 °C (or 0.0-27.0 °C at 111.8 mS/cm)

If “bat” is flashing, the battery will be exhausted soon. Further measurements are possible for short time. If “bat” is displaced continuously the battery is ultimately exhausted and has to be replaced. Further measurements aren’t possible anymore.

15. Maintenance

15.1 Battery change

If  and 'bAt' are shown in the lower display the battery has been used up and needs to be replaced. The device will, however, operate correctly for a certain time. If 'bAt' is shown in the upper display the voltage is too low to operate the device; the battery has been completely used up.



Please note: The battery has to be taken out, when storing device above 50 °C. We recommend taking out battery if device is not used for a longer period of time.

- 1) Treat device and sensor carefully. Use only in accordance with above specification (do not throw, hit against etc.).
Protect plug and socket from soiling.
- 2) To disconnect sensor plug do not pull at the cable but at the plug. Don't connect electrode canted! When connecting the probe, the plug will slide in smoothly if the plug is entered correctly. If plug is entered incorrectly the connecting pins of the plug can be damaged. => Plug can no longer be used and connecting cable needs to be replaced.

16. Technical Information

Operating instructions, data sheet, approvals and further information via the QR code on the device or via www.kobold.com

17. Order Codes

Operating instructions, data sheet, approvals and further information via the QR code on the device or via www.kobold.com

18. Dimensions

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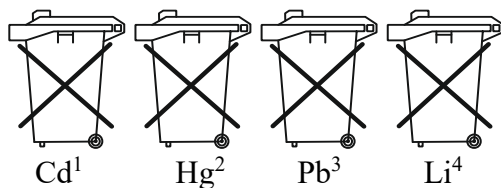
19. Disposal

Note!

- Avoid environmental damage caused by media-contaminated parts
- Dispose of the device and packaging in an environmentally friendly manner
- Comply with applicable national and international disposal regulations and environmental regulations.

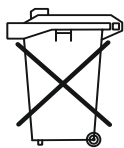
Batteries

Batteries containing pollutants are marked with a sign consisting of a crossed-out garbage can and the chemical symbol (Cd, Hg, Li or Pb) of the heavy metal that is decisive for the classification as containing pollutants:



1. „Cd" stands for cadmium
2. „Hg" stands for mercury
3. „Pb" stands for lead
4. „Li" stands for lithium

Electrical and electronic equipment



20. EU Declaration of Conformance

We, KOBOLD Messring GmbH, Nordring 22-24, 65719 Hofheim, Germany, declare under our sole responsibility that the product:

Hand-held Conductivity Measuring Units Model: HND-C110

to which this declaration relates is in conformity with the following EU directives stated below:

2014/30/EU	Electromagnetic compatibility
2011/65/EU	RoHS (category 9)
2015/863/EU	Delegated Directive (RoHS III)

Also, the following standards are fulfilled:

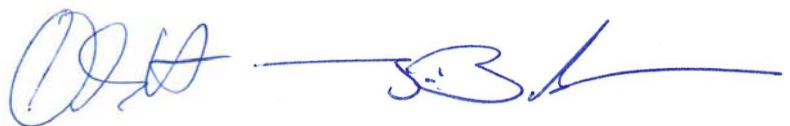
EN 61326-1:2013

Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements - Part 1: General requirements

EN 50581:2012

Technical documentation for the assessment of electrical and electronic products with respect to the restriction of hazardous substances

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