

# MicroDirect

## EC/TDS/SALT 11



- Large Screen
- Waterproof
- Multi Range Conductivity/TDS/Salt Tester with Temperature Display

**GB** Instruction manual

### Before You Begin

Remove the electrode's protective cap. Soak the electrode for a few minutes in alcohol to remove any oil stains on the electrodes which will affect the accuracy of the tester. Rinse thoroughly with de-ionized water and shake off dry.

**Note:** INC & DEC keys are located inside the battery compartment. Refer figure 1.

### Key Functions

Key	Function
	- Power on and off the tester (The tester automatically switches off, if no button is pressed for 8.5 seconds)
	- In measurement mode, temperature reading switches between Celsius & Fahrenheit - In calibration mode, switches the tester to temperature calibration mode - In temperature calibration mode, exits calibration mode without confirming calibrated values
	- In measurement mode, switches to hold mode freezing the display. - In hold mode, switches back to measurement mode - In manual calibration and temperature calibration modes, exits calibration mode without confirming calibrated values - In range selection mode, selects a range
	- In measurement mode, enters calibration mode - In calibration mode, adjusts the calibration values - In hold mode, enters TDS factor setting mode - In TDS factor setting mode, adjusts TDS factor

**Note:** For ECTester11, the caption of HOLD key is 'HOLD/ENT' °C/°F

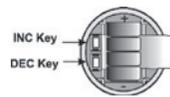


Figure 1: Battery compartment

### Switching On

Press ON/OFF key to switch on the tester. The LCD shows the power-up sequence as illustrated in Figure 2. When the tester is on, if you do not press a key for 8.5 minutes, the tester automatically switches off to conserve batteries.

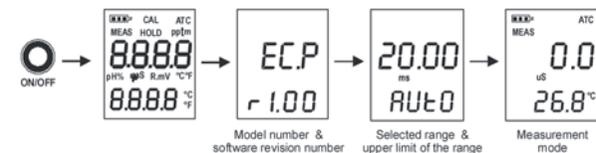


Figure 2: Power Up Sequence

### Range Selection

Depending on the selected model, you can set the tester to limit its reading to a particular measuring range (LO or HI) or full scale (AUTO). The default setting is AUTO. When you select a range other than AUTO, the tester can be calibrated only for that particular range. If you try to measure a sample which has a higher conductivity/TDS value than that of the selected measuring range, the LCD shows 'OR' error message. Refer Specifications section for available ranges of the selected model.

#### To select a range:

1. Switch off the tester. Press and hold °C/°F key and then switch on the tester using ON/OFF key. Release °C/°F key.
2. The tester goes to range selection mode. The LCD shows the currently selected Range (the default is AUTO) in the lower display. The upper display shows the maximum possible reading for the selected range. Press HOLD key repeatedly until you see the required range (LO or HI).

**Note:** If no key is pressed within 5 seconds, LCD shows power-up sequence and tester goes to measurement mode.

3. The tester automatically confirms the last selection if no key is pressed for 5 seconds. Upper display momentarily shows 'CO'. The LCD shows power-up sequence and the tester goes to measurement mode.

### Measurement

1. Press the ON/OFF key to switch on the tester. The 'MEAS' indicators appears when the tester is in measurement mode.
2. Dip the electrode into the test solution making sure that it is fully immersed. Stir to clear any trapped air bubbles from the electrode and let the reading stabilize. **Note:** The LCD indicates 'OR' (over range) if the reading is outside the selected range. If this occurs, select an appropriate range to suit the reading.
3. The upper display shows the main reading (conductivity/TDS/Salt) of the solution, automatically temperature compensated (ATC) to normalized temperature of 25°C. The lower display shows the temperature of the solution.

### HOLD Function

This feature lets you freeze the display for a delayed observation.

1. Press HOLD key to freeze the measurement. The tester goes to hold mode and 'HOLD' indicator is displayed in LCD. The measurements are frozen and the 'MEAS' indicator disappears.
2. Press HOLD key again to release the measurement. The 'HOLD' indicator is no longer displayed. The tester goes back to measurement mode.

### Temperature Unit of Measurement Selection

This feature lets you set the unit of measurement of temperature to either Celsius (°C) or Fahrenheit (°F). When the tester is in the measurement mode, press °C/°F button. The temperature display toggles between the Celsius and Fahrenheit reading.

### About Calibration

To ensure higher accuracy, the tester must be calibrated on a regular basis. Calibration can be manual or automatic (only ECTester11); calibration can be 1-point or multi-point. You can choose any combination of the above two options for calibration. If you calibrate the tester for 1-point, the calibration is applied for all the measuring ranges. In applications where you need higher accuracy, and when you intend to measure values in more than one range, it is recommended to select multi-point calibration.

### Selection of Automatic or Manual Calibration

ECTester11 models support both automatic & manual calibration while all other models have to be calibrated manually. In automatic calibration, the tester automatically detects and verifies known conductivity standard solutions (1413µS & 12.88mS). In manual calibration, you can use non-standard solutions which may be specific for your application. The factory default is Automatic calibration (Auto). You can enable or disable automatic calibration as described below (only ECTester11).

### Selection of 1-point or Multi-point Calibration

The factory default is 1-point Calibration. For higher accuracy, it is recommended that you calibrate the tester for multiple ranges if you intend to measure values in multiple ranges. You can enable or disable multi-point calibration as described below.

**Note:** If you have selected a specific measuring range for the tester, selecting multipoint calibration has no meaning, as the tester can only be calibrated for 1-point for the selected range. Set the tester to 'AUTO' measuring range if you wish to calibrate multi-points.

To enable/disable auto calibration and multi-point calibration:

1. Switch off the tester. Press and hold INC key and then switch on the tester using ON/OFF key.
2. The tester goes to auto calibration selection mode. The lower display shows 'A.CAL' and the upper display blinks the current choice ('Yes' or 'No').

**Note:** This mode is available only for ECTester11 model, other models, go directly to 1-point selection mode, described in step 4 below. Press INC or DEC key to select 'Yes' (to enable auto calibration) or 'No' (to disable auto calibration)

**Note:** Press °C/°F key, if you wish to skip this setting without confirming changes.

**Note:** Press °C/°F key twice, if you wish to return to measurement mode without confirming changes.

3. Press HOLD/ENT key to confirm the selection. The display shows 'CO'.

4. The tester goes to 1-point calibration selection mode. The lower display shows '1.Pnt' and the upper display blinks the current choice ('Yes' or 'No').

Press INC or DEC key to select 'Yes' (to enable 1-point calibration) or 'No' (to disable 1-point calibration, i.e. to enable multi-point calibration).

**Note:** Press °C/°F key if you wish to skip this setting without confirming.

5. Press HOLD/ENT key to confirm the selection. The display shows 'CO' for few seconds and then shows power-up sequence The tester goes to measurement mode.

### Auto Calibration

Auto calibration feature is available only for conductivity in ECTester11 models. Make sure that 'auto calibration' is enabled as described in the previous section. Auto calibration is suitable if you use standard conductivity solutions for calibration process. If you selected 1-point calibration, you need to choose a calibration standard corresponds to the selected measuring range of the tester listed below. If you have selected multi-point calibration & AUTO measuring range, you can choose any of the calibration standards listed below. During auto calibration, the tester recognizes the calibration standard if its value is within 50% tolerance. For multipoint calibration (with AUTO measuring range), the tester automatically scans through all possible calibration points until all of them are calibrated.

#### Selected Measuring Range      Calibration Standard

LO (0 to 2000 µS/cm)	1413 µS
HI (0 to 20.00 mS/cm)	12.88 mS
AUTO	1413 µS, 12.88 mS

#### To prepare calibration standards:

Use fresh calibration standard solutions listed in the above table. Prepare each solution in two beakers - one for rinsing and the other for calibration. Rinse the electrode in de-ionized water before calibration.

#### To o begin automatic calibration:

1. Switch on the tester. Make sure the tester is in measuring mode. Press INC or DEC key to enter conductivity calibration mode.
2. 'CAL' indicator appears in LCD. The display briefly shows 'CAL' and the number of points the tester will be calibrated.
3. The upper display shows the conductivity reading and the lower display sequentially shows calibration standard values 1413 µS & 12.88 mS (for ECTester11) if the measuring range of the tester is set to AUTO.

**Note:** If you have selected a specific measuring range for the tester, the lower display shows the corresponding calibration standard value that matches the selected measuring range.

4. Rinse the electrode with the calibration standard that you intend to calibrate and then dip the electrode in the other beaker with same calibration standard. Swirl gently to create a homogenous sample and allow time for the reading to stabilize.

**Note:** For multi-point calibration, the lower display automatically locks at the calibration standard value that closely matches. The tolerance range is ± 50% of the calibration standard. The tester shows error message 'Er.1' if you try to calibrate with a solution whose conductivity is outside the tolerance range.

**Note:** Press INC or DEC key if you wish to exit from auto calibration, during any of the above steps.

5. Press HOLD/ENT key to confirm the calibration. LCD shows 'CO' for 2 seconds. The calibration is complete and the tester returns to measurement mode, if this is a 1-point calibration.

6. For multi-point calibration, the tester goes to the next calibration point, lower display showing next calibration standard values. Rinse the electrode in de-ionized water and repeat step 4 & 5 to continue calibrating with next calibration standard solution.

**Note:** The tester shows error message 'Er.0' and returns to measuring mode if the temperature of the calibration solution is not within 0°C to 50°C.

**Note:** The tester shows error message 'Er.1' if you press HOLD/ENT key before the tester recognizes the calibration standard.



## Manual Calibration

In manual calibration, the tester allows 1-point calibration for each measuring range. You can use customized calibration solutions with known conductivity/TDS values to calibrate the tester. The following table shows acceptable conductivity/TDS ranges of calibration solutions for each measuring range. Make sure your calibration solutions are within the given ranges.

Selected Measuring Range	Acceptable Calibration Standard Range	
	Conductivity	TDS/Salt
LO	200 - 2000 µS/cm	200 - 2000 ppm
HI	2.00 - 20.00 mS/cm	1.00 - 10.00 ppt
AUTO	Select a calibration standard nearer to application sample	

### To prepare calibration standards:

Use fresh calibration solutions. Measure conductivity/TDS values of the solution with a meter known to be accurate. Prepare each solution in two beakers - one for rinsing and the other for calibration. Rinse the electrode in de-ionized water before calibration.

### To begin manual calibration:

1. Switch on the tester. Make sure the tester is in measuring mode. Rinse the electrode with the calibration standard that you intend to calibrate and then dip the electrode in the other beaker with same calibration standard. Swirl gently to create a homogenous sample and allow time for the reading to stabilize.

2. Press INC or DEC key to enter calibration mode. The 'CAL' indicator appears in LCD. The display briefly shows 'CAL' and the number of points the tester will be calibrated.

3. The upper display shows the measured conductivity/TDS reading of the solution based on previous calibration (if any) and the lower display shows the default (uncalibrated) conductivity/TDS reading.

**Note:** The tester shows error message 'Er.1' :

(a) If the reading is over range (Or) of selected measuring range of the tester , or

(b) If the default (uncalibrated) reading is not within the acceptable calibration standard range.

Use INC and DEC keys to adjust the upper display to the correct conductivity/TDS value of the calibration solution.

**Note:** The calibration adjustment window is  $\pm 50\%$  from the default reading.

**Note:** If you do not press INC or DEC key within 5 seconds, the tester shows the confirmation 'CO' and returns to the measurement mode. However, the tester is not calibrated to new values yet. The old calibration is still active. If this happens, press INC or DEC key once again to enter calibration mode.

4. Wait for 5 seconds for the tester to automatically confirm the calibration by displaying 'CO' and return to the measurement mode.

**Note:** To exit calibration mode without confirming the calibration, press HOLD/ENT key before the automatic confirmation takes place.

**Note:** The tester shows error message 'Er.0' and returns to measuring mode if the temperature of the calibration solution is not within 0°C to 50°C.

5. For multi-point calibration rinse the electrode in de-ionized water and repeat step the above steps with another standard solution.

## TDS Factor Setting

TDS factor is only applicable for TDSTester11 models. The factory default TDS factor is 0.71. You can adjust the TDS factor to suit different samples of your applications.

To change TDS factor:

1. Switch on the tester. Make sure the tester in measurement mode. Press HOLD key to bring the tester to the HOLD mode.

2. Press INC or DEC key to enter the TDS factor setting mode.

3. The upper & lower displays of LCD show the last configured TDS factor. The upper display is adjustable. Use the INC or DEC key to adjust the TDS factor.

The adjustable range is 0.4 to 1.0

**Note:** If you do not press INC or DEC key within 5 seconds, the tester shows the confirmation 'CO' and returns to measurement mode.

4. Wait for 5 seconds for the tester to automatically confirm the new setting by displaying 'CO' and return to the measurement mode.

## Temperature Calibration

Temperature calibration need not be performed every time, unless the temperature reading differs from that of an accurate thermometer. If temperature calibration is performed, Conductivity/TDS/Salt calibration is mandatory.

1. Switch on the tester. Make sure the tester is in measuring mode. If required, press °C/°F key to select the desired unit of measurement for temperature (Celsius or Fahrenheit). Dip the tester into a solution of known temperature and allow time for the temperature reading to stabilize.

2. Press INC or DEC key to bring the tester to the calibration mode. 'CAL' indicator appears in LCD. Immediately press °C/°F key to switch to the temperature calibration mode.

**Note:** When you enter calibration mode, if the conductivity/TDS/salt reading is outside the specified range (Or), the tester shows 'Er.1' error message. You can still proceed to the temperature calibration mode by pressing °C/°F key immediately. If the °C/°F key is not pressed within 2 seconds, the tester exits the calibration mode and returns to the measurement mode.

3. The upper display shows the measured temperature reading based on the last set offset (if any) and the lower display shows the default (uncalibrated) temperature reading based on factory y settings. Use INC and DEC keys to adjust the upper temperature reading to the known temperature value of the solution.

**Notes:** The temperature adjustment window is  $\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$  ( $\pm 9^\circ\text{F}$ ) from the default reading.

4. Wait for 5 seconds for the tester to automatically confirm the temperature calibration value by displaying 'CO' and return to the measurement mode.

**Note:** To exit temperature calibration mode without confirming the calibration, press °C/°F key or HOLD/ENT key before the automatic confirmation takes place.

**Note:** The tester shows error message 'Er.0' and returns to measuring mode if the temperature of the solution is not within 0°C to 50°C.

## Reset

Reset option allows you to restore the calibration and other parameters back to factory default settings.

1. Switch off the tester. Press and hold the HOLD key and then switch on the tester using ON/OFF key. Release HOLD key.

2. The lower display shows 'rSt' (reset) and the upper display blinks 'No'. Use INC or DEC key to select 'Yes' (to proceed with resting) or 'No' (to quit without resetting).

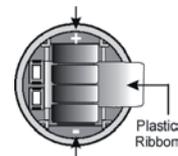
**Note:** Press °C/°F key if you wish to skip to measurement mode without making any selection.

## Self-Diagnostic Messages

Low battery indicator		3 Bars indicates Battery is full (100%)
		2 Bars indicates 50% of the battery life is left
		1 Bar indicates 25% of the battery life is left
		Blinking battery casing indicates the need to replace batteries with fresh ones as specified by manufacturer
Over range / Under range signal	Or / Ur (Still)	The sensor electrodes short circuited Replacement sensor is not connected properly to the tester during sensor replacement Measured value or temperature value exceeds the specified maximum or minimum value
	ATC / Or / Ur (Blinking)	Blinking 'ATC', 'Or' or 'Ur' indicates that there is a short or open circuit at the built in temperature sensor
	Er0	Calibration error due to temperature value not within the specified range
Error Message	Ec1	Calibration error due to Conductivity/TDS/Salt value not within the specified calibration standard range

3. Press HOLD key to confirm your selection. LCD shows 'CO'. If 'Yes' is selected, the tester resets to its factory default values as listed below. LCD shows power-up sequence and tester goes to measurement mode.

Parameter	Factory Default
User calibration (conductivity/TDS/salt)	(Reset)
Temperature unit of measurement	Celsius (°C)
Temperature offset	0
Auto calibration (for ECTester11)	Enable
1-point calibration	Enable
Conductivity calibration factor (for ECTester11)	1.0
TDS factor (for TDSTester11)	0.71



## Changing Batteries

Replace the batteries when the low battery indicator starts blinking.

1. Open the battery compartment lid (with attached lanyard loop).

2. Remove old batteries by pulling plastic ribbon.

Replace with fresh ones.

Figure 11: Battery compartment

## Electrode Maintenance

1. Always keep the sensor electrodes clean. Rinse the electrodes with de-ionized water and wipe them dry with clean cloth before storing with its protective cap.

Model	ECTester11 19 46 81	TDSTester11 19 47 01	SALTTester11 19 47 11
Range:	Lo 0 to 2000 µS/cm Hi 0 to 20.00 mS/cm	0 to 2000 µS/cm 0 to 10.00 mS/cm	- 0 to 10.00 ppt
Resolution:	Lo 10 µS/cm Hi 0.10 mS/cm	10 ppm 0.10 ppt	- 0.10 ppt
Accuracy		$\pm 1\%$ of Full Scale	
Calibration Type	Auto or Manual	Manual	Manual
Calibration Points	1 or 2 points	1 or 2 points	1 point
Calibration Window		$\pm 50\%$ from each point	
Calibration Standard Range (Manual)	Lo Hi 200 - 2000 µS/cm 2.00 - 20.00 mS/cm	200 - 2000 ppm 1.00 - 10.00 ppt	- 1.00 - 10.00 ppt
Sensor Type		Two-pin	
TDS Factor		0.4 to 1.0 (Default 0.71)	
Temperature Range in °C		0.0 to 50.0°C	
Range in °F		32.0 to 122°F	
Resolution		0.1°C (0.1°F)	
Accuracy		$\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ ( $\pm 0.9^\circ\text{F}$ )	
Calibration point		1 point	
Calibration Window		$\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ ( $\pm 9^\circ\text{F}$ ) from factory default 0 to 50°C 2% per °C	
ATC			
Temp. Coefficient		25.0°C	
Normalization Temp			
Auto Off		8.5 minutes after last key press	
Operating Temp		0 to 50°C	
Power Battery		4 X 1.5V "A76" micro alkaline battery	
Battery Life		>150 hrs	
LCD Display		Custom Dual Display 27mm (H) X 21 mm (W)	
Dimensions, Weight		Tester: 16.5 cm X 3.8 cm; 90g Boxed: 22cm X 6cm X 5cm; 170 g	

For cup type electrodes, remove the white plastic cup and insert to thoroughly clean viscous solutions. Never scratch electrodes with a hard substance.

2. For better performance, soak the electrode in alcohol for 10 to 15 minutes and rinse with de-ionized water before starting any measurement process.

This is to remove dirt and oil stains on the electrode which may affect the accuracy of the measurements.

## Electrode Replacement

When the tester fails to calibrate or gives fluctuating readings in calibration standards, you need to change the electrode module. You can replace the electrode module at a fraction of the cost of a new tester.

1. With dry hands, grip the ribbed tester collar with electrode facing you. Twist the collar counter clockwise (see Figure 13-A). Save the ribbed tester collar and O-ring for later use.

2. Pull the old electrode module away from the tester.

3. Align the four tabs of the new electrode module so that they match the four slots on the tester (see Figure 13-B).

4. Gently push the module into the slots to fit it in position. Push the smaller O-ring fully onto the new electrode module. Push the collar over the module and thread it into place by firmly twisting clockwise.

**Note:** It is necessary that you recalibrate the tester prior to measurement after an electrode replacement.

## Accessories

194716 Replacement Sensor MicroDirect EC/TDS/SALT11

## Warranty

The waterproof testers are warranted to be free from manufacturing defects for 2 years and electrode module for 12 months, unless otherwise specified. If repair, adjustment or replacement is necessary and has not been the result of abuse or misuse within the time period specified, please return the tester - freight prepaid - and correction will be made without charge. Out of warranty products will be repaired on a charge basis.

## Return of Items

Authorization must be obtained from your distributor before returning items for any reason. When applying for authorization, please include information regarding the reason the item(s) are to be returned.

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