# Handheld Conductivity Meter LAQUAact-EC110 LAQUAact-EC120

# **Instruction Manual**

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# **Preface**

This manual describes the operation of the Handheld Conductivity Meter LAQUAact-EC110, LAQUAact-EC120.

Be sure to read this manual before using the product to ensure proper and safe operation of the product. Also safely store the manual so it is readily available whenever necessary.

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This equipment conforms to the following standards:

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**EMC**: EN61326-1

Class B, Basic electromagnetic environment

**Safety:** EN61010-1 **RoHS:** EN50581

9. Monitoring and control instruments

Warning:

This product is not intended for use in industrial environments. In an industrial environment, electromagnetic environmental effects may cause the incorrect performance of the product in which case the user may be required to take adequate measures.

### Installation environment

This product is designed for the following environment.

- Overvoltage Category II
- •Pollution degree 2

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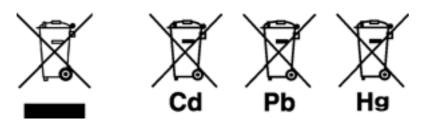
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This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

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Warning messages are described in the following manner. Read the messages and follow the instructions carefully.

### Hazard classification

**⚠** DANGER

This indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This is to be limited to the most extreme situations.

**⚠** WARNING

This indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

This indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

# Warning symbols



Description of what should be done, or what should be followed

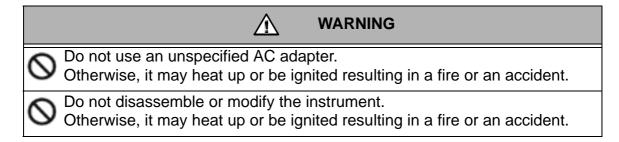


Description of what should never be done, or what is prohibited

# **■** Safety precautions

This section provides precautions for using the product safely and correctly and to prevent injury and damage. The terms of DANGER, WARNING, and CAUTION indicate the degree of imminency and hazardous situation. Read the precautions carefully as it contains important safety messages.

# Instrument and electrode



# Broken glass Broken glass may cause injury. The outer tube and tip of an electrode are made of glass. Handle them with care. Do not use the RS-232C communication and the AC adapter under wet or humid conditions. Otherwise, it may cause a fire, electric shock, or breakage.

# Battery

# **WARNING**

- Keep batteries out of reach of children. If someone accidentally swallows a battery, consult a doctor immediately.
- If alkaline fluid from a battery gets into the eyes, do not rub the eyes, rinse with clean water immediately and then consult a doctor.

  Contact with alkaline fluid could cause blindness.
- Do not put batteries in a fire, expose to heat, disassemble or remodel. Doing so could case fluid leakage, overheating or explosion.

### **CAUTION**

Do not remove or scratch the external label of the battery. Doing so could cause injury to hands and fingers.

# **■** Product handling information

### Operational precautions (instrument)

- •Only use the product including accessories for their intended purpose.
- •Do not drop, crash, or give any physical impact on the instrument.
- •The instrument is made of solvent-resistant materials but that does not mean it is resistant to all chemicals. Do not dip the instrument in strong acid or alkali solution, or wipe with such solution.
- If the instrument is dropped into water or gets wet, wipe it using soft cloth. Do not heat to dry it with a hair-dryer (or the like).
- •The instrument has a dust-proof and waterproof structure. Waterproof performance is following specification: the instrument does not malfunction even when immersed in water of 1 m depth for 30 minutes.
- This does not mean to guarantee non-destructive, trouble-free, dust-proof, and waterproof performance in all situations. If the instrument is correctly handled according to the descriptions in this manual, the instrument provides dust-proof and waterproof performance.
- •When replacing the batteries with an AC adapter or a serial cable connected the instrument does not have the dust-proof and waterproof performance. The dust-proof and waterproof performance is maintained only when the covers are attached correctly.
- •After replacing the batteries with an AC adapter or a serial cable connected make sure that the waterproof packing attached to each cover is not deformed or discolored, or has foreign matter adhering to it. If the waterproof packing is deformed, discolored or has foreign matter adhering to it, or dust could get inside, water leaks could occur that could lead to instrument malfunction.
- •To disconnect an electrode, AC adapter cable or serial cable, hold the connector and pull it off. If you pull at the cable, it may cause a breakage.
- •The RS-232C communication between the instrument and a personal computer (referred to as PC in the rest of this document) may fail because of environmental conditions, such as (radio/electromagnetic) noise.
- •Do not replace the batteries in a dusty place or with wet hands while an AC adapter or a serial cable is connected. Dust or moisture could get inside the instrument, possibly causing instrument malfunction.
- •Do not use the tip of a nail or an object with a sharp end to press the keys.
- If the power supply is interrupted while measurement data is being saved in the instrument, the data could be corrupted.
- •A Ni–MH rechargeable battery can be used in this instrument, but the battery used in the instrument cannot be charged using the AC adapter.

# Operational precautions (battery)

- •Do not short-circuit a battery.
- •Set the + and side of the battery correctly.
- •When the battery has run out or the instrument will not be used for a long time, remove the batteries.
- •Of the specified battery types, make sure to use two batteries of the same type.
- •Do not use a new battery together with a used battery.
- •Do not use a fully charged nickel-metal hydride battery together with a partially charged battery.
- •Do not attempt to charge a non-rechargeable battery.

# Environmental conditions for use and storage

- Temperature: 0°C to 45°C
- Humidity: under 80% in relative humidity and free from condensation

### Avoid the following conditions.

- Strong vibration
- Direct sunlight
- Corrosive gas environment
- ·Close to an air-conditioner
- Direct wind

### Transportation

When transporting the instrument, repackage it in the original package box. Otherwise, it may cause instrument breakage.

### Disposal

- •Standard solution used for the calibration must be under neutralized before the disposal.
- •When disposing of the product, follow the related laws and/or regulations of your country for disposal of the product.

# **Manual information**

# **■** Description in this manual

Note
This interprets the necessary points for correct operation and notifies the important points for handling the product.
Reference
This indicates the part where to refer for information.
Tip
This indicates reference information.

Description of this manual uses the screen display of EC120.

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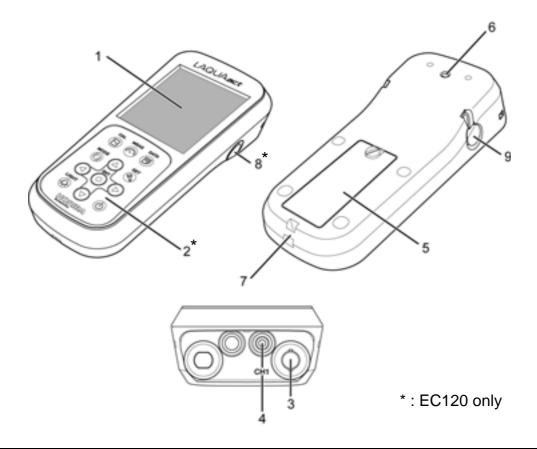
# Part names and basic operation

This section describes the name of each part and the main role, function, and basic operation method of each part.

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# ■ Names of each part

# Instrument



No.	Name	Function	
1	Display	Displays the measured value and set value and so on.	
2	Operation keys	Used for instrument operation. (LIGHT key: EC120 only)	
3	Electrode connector	Connects the BNC connector of the electrode.	
4	Temperature connector (T)	Connects the temperature connector (T) of the electrode.	
5	Battery cover	Set batteries inside.	
6	Electrode hook attachment section	Attach the electrode hook to carry with instrument.	
7	Strap attachment section	Attach a strap.	
8	Serial connector	Connects the serial cable and printer cable. (EC120 only)	
9	AC adapter jack	Connects an optional AC adapter.	

# • Identification of manufacturing date

Manufacturing date can be identified from MFG No. described in the ID label on the backside of the instrument.

Third number from the left in the MFG No. indicates manufacturing year.

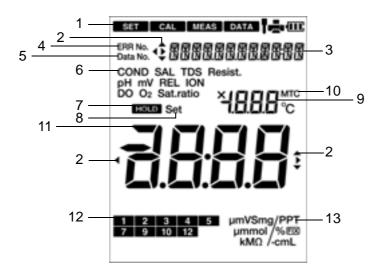
Forth alphabet from the left in the MFG No. indicates manufacturing month.

The alphabet is assigned to month according to the table below.

Ex.: ID: AA6A0000 means the device manufactured in 2016 January.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	J	K	L	М

# Display

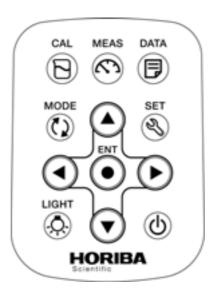


No.	Name	Function		
1	Status icon	Displays the current operation mode, electrode status, printer or PC connection status, and remaining battery level.		
2	Direction key icon	Displays the currently available direction key.		
3	Date and time, set item display area	Displays the date and time and the set items.		
4	ERR No. icon	Displays an error No.		
5	Data No. icon	Displays the data No.		
6	Measurement parameter display area	Displays the currently set measurement parameter.		
7	HOLD icon	Lights when the measured value display is fixed.		
8	SET icon	Lights when numerical values are entered.		
9	Temperature display area	Displays the measured and the set temperature.		
10	MTC icon	Lights when the temperature setting is MTC (optional temperature setting).		
11	Measured value, set item display area	Displays the measured value and the set value.		
12	Standard solution calibration history icon	When calibrating conductivity standard solution, the corresponding icon lights.		
13	Unit display area	Init display area Displays the unit for the measurement parameter and the display item.		

# •Battery level display

111	Battery level is high.
11	Battery level is a little lower.
	Battery level is low. The backlight may become unavailable.
	Battery has run out. Replace the batteries or use AC adapter (option).  "FRR No. 0002" is displayed and operation is disabled.

# Operation key



Key	Name	Function	
Ø	MEAS key	Changes the operation mode to the measurement mode during operation in a different mode. Releases the fixed measurement value mode in the auto hold mode.	
2	CAL key	Changes from the measurement mode to the calibration mode. Start calibration in the calibration mode.	
=	DATA key	Changes from the measurement mode to the data mode.	
2)	SET key	Changes from the measurement mode to the setting mode. Starts repeatability inspection after calibration is complete.	
ψ	POWER key	Turns ON/OFF the power of instrument.	
(2)	MODE key	In the measurement mode, changes measurement parameters.	
٥	LIGHT key	Turns on/off the back light. (EC120 only)	
•	ENTER key	Determines the selection or setting. Save data in the measurement mode and calibration mode.	
•	UP key	Changes the selected item. Changes the number of the selected digit when entering	
▼	DOWN key	numbers.	
<	LEFT key	Changes the selected item.	
<b>•</b>	RIGHT key	Changes the selected digit when entering numbers.	

# **■** Basic operation

# Function layer

The function layer of the data mode and setting mode is shown as below. "dX" and "PXX" indicates the program number which is shown in the screen of the instrument.

### • Data mode

Screen	Layer	Description
tal Data Dut	d1: DATA OUT	Saved data display
tale RUT LUS	d2: AUT LOG	Automatic data save setting (EC120 only)
### BUTTO ELD	d3: DATA CLR	Deletion of saved data

# • Setting mode

Screen	Layer	Description
	P1: COND	Conductivity measurement settings
-	P11: CELL	Cell constant setting
thi tona	P12: UNIT	Selection of unit:
4	P13: CAL DATA	S/cm, S/m, mS/cm FIX
	P13: CAL DATA P14: AUTO CAL	Calibration data display Selection of auto calibration,
	F 14. AUTO CAL	manual calibration
	P15: CAL CLR	Deletion of calibration data
	P16: TEMP CF	Selection of temperature conversion: 0 to 10%/°C
	P17: TEMP REF	Reference temperature setting: 15°C to 30°C
ema 61	P2: TDS	TDS measurement settings
\$P3 T315	P21: TDS TYPE	Selection of TDS calculation method: Linear, 442, En27888, NaCl
*pa	P3: SALT	Salinity measurement settings (EC120 only)
443 20E-	P31: UNIT	Selection of unit: ppt, %
	P32: SALT TYP	Selection of salinity calculation method: NaCl, Sea water
\$PH TEMP	P4: TEMP	Temperature settings Selection of temperature conversion: ATC, MTC

Screen	Layer	Description	
	P5: GEN	General settings	
\$P5 GEH	P51: MEAS	Selection of auto hold type: auto stability, auto hold	
	P52: AUTO OFF	Automatic power off setting: 0 min to 30 min	
	P53: RESET	Initialization settings	
	P54: DATE	Date and time setting (EC120 only)	
	P55: PRINT	Test print (EC120 only)	

### Note

The indication of screen shown in this manual is based on EC120. The program numbers of EC110 is different from those of EC120.

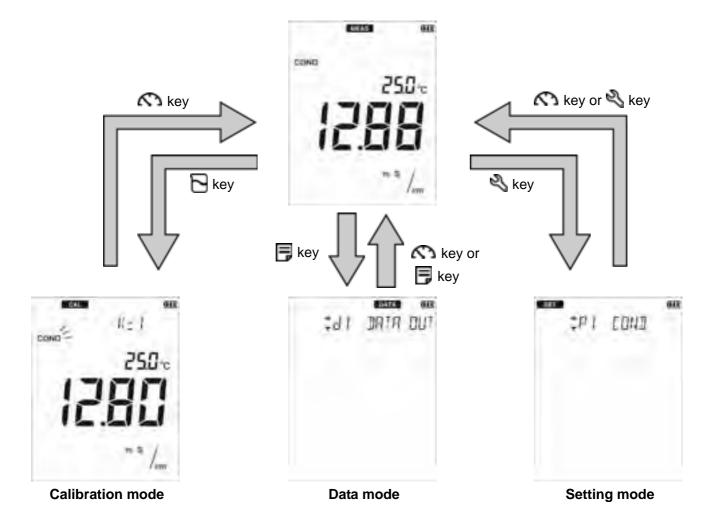
# Changing the operation mode

Change the operation mode from four available modes depending on the purpose of use. The status icon indicates the current mode.

You can change the operation mode using the corresponding key. However changing to the calibration mode, data mode, or setting mode is possible only from the measurement mode. When changing to a different mode, first change to the measurement mode and then change to the desired mode.

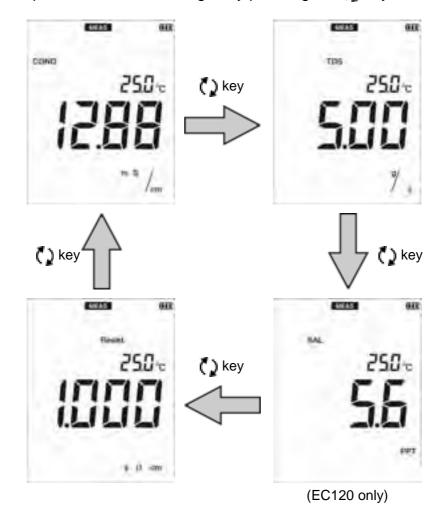


Icon	Name	Function
MEAS	Measurement mode	Performs measurement.
CAL	Calibration mode	Performs calibration.
DATA	Data mode	Performs data settings. Displays the saved data.
SET	Setting mode	Performs various settings.



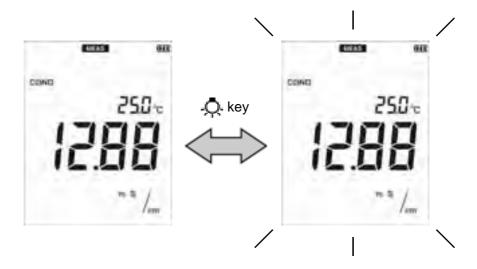
# Changing the measurement parameter

This instrument measures multiple parameters. In the measurement mode, the measurement parameter can be changed by pressing the () key.



# Using the backlight

When it is difficult to see the screen in a dark location, you can turn on the backlight by pressing the  $\triangle$  key. If the backlight is not operated for 5 minutes, it automatically turns off. To turn it off manually, press the  $\triangle$  key again while the backlight is on. This function is available for EC120.



- Turning on the backlight consumes energy and shortens battery life.
- The backlight becomes unavailable when the battery level becomes low.

# Entering numeric values

When entering numeric values to make various settings and set a calibration value, change the selected digit using the  $\blacktriangleleft \blacktriangleright$  keys and increment or decrement the value (0 to 9) using the  $\blacktriangle \blacktriangledown$  keys.

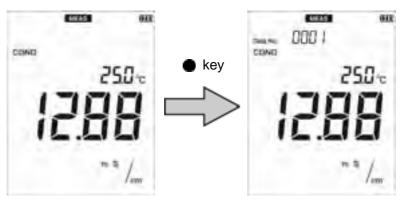


# Saving measurement data in the internal memory

Up to 100 (EC110) or 1000 (EC120) data items measured by the instrument can be stored in the internal memory. Saving the measurement data is possible only when the instrument is in the measurement mode.

### 1. Press the key while the data to save is displayed.

The saved data is displayed for two seconds and then the display returns to the previous screen automatically.



Note

If the data saved reaches 100 (EC110) or 1000 (EC120) data items, an error occurs and "ERR No. 0010" is displayed. Copy or transfer necessary data to a PC and delete the data from the memory ("Deleting all saved data" (page 50)).

# **Measurement**

This section describes the basic method of measurement of each measurement parameters.

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# ■ Preparation

### Confirmation before starting measurement

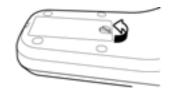
- Have you prepared the appropriate electrode for the measurement parameter?
   ⇒ If not, purchase the appropriate electrode.
- Is the prepared electrode in good condition?
  - ⇒ If the responsive part is stained or damaged, it may not be possible to obtain accurate values.
- Have you prepared the appropriate standard solution for the measurement parameter?
   ⇒ If not, prepare the standard solution according to your applications.
- Are there any items that should not be wet or stained around the instrument?
  - ⇒Depending on the operation during measurement, items around the instrument could get wet or stained. Secure sufficient space around the instrument and perform measurement while always paying attention to safety.
- Are there any devices that can be a source of noise?
  - ⇒ Measured values could be affected. Do not use the instrument near such devices. Always ground devices operated by AC power.

# Turning ON the instrument

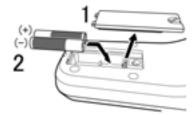
### Inserting the batteries

This instrument is operated by batteries. You can use AAA alkaline batteries or AAA Ni-MH rechargeable batteries. Perform the following procedure to insert batteries in the instrument.

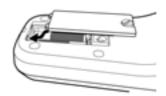
1. Turn the knob on the battery cover on the back of the instrument counterclockwise to unlock the battery cover.



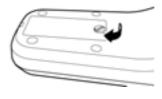
2. Remove the battery cover and set the batteries inside.



3. Put the battery cover back in.



4. Turn the knob on the battery cover on the back of the instrument clockwise to lock the battery cover.



- Do not replace the batteries in a dusty place or with wet hands. Dust or moisture could get inside the instrument, possibly causing instrument malfunction.
- Do not short-circuit a battery.
- Set the + and side of the battery correctly.
- •When the battery has run out or the instrument will not be used for a long time, remove the batteries.
- Of the specified battery types, make sure to use two batteries of the same type.
- Do not use a new battery together with a used battery.
- When using the Ni–MH batteries, do not use a fully charged battery together with an insufficiently-charged battery.

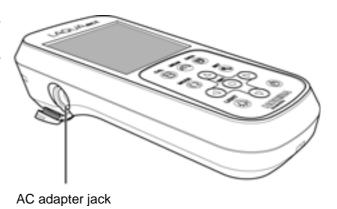
### Using the AC adapter (option)

It is possible to use the AC adapter to operate the instrument.

Perform the following procedure to connect AC adapter to the instrument.

The AC adapter is an option. To purchase it, contact your dealer. (Refer to "Options" (page 87).)

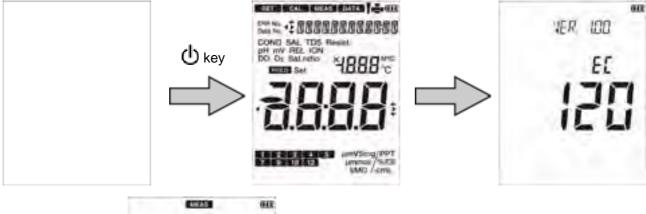
- 1. Open the AC adapter cover of the instrument.
- 2. Insert the AC adapter cable by fitting with the AC adapter jack of in the instrument.
- 3. Insert AC adapter into the electrical socket.



- Do not insert the cable with force when the connector does not match the jack.
- When not using the AC adapter, close the AC adapter connector cover.
- While the AC adapter is connected, the instrument does not have the dust-proof and waterproof performance. Dust or moisture could get inside the instrument, possibly causing instrument malfunction.

### Pressing the POWER key

After setting the batteries or connecting the AC adapter, press the (1) key over one second. The LCD is fully displayed for one second, and the screen displays the version number of software and the model, and then displays the measurement mode.





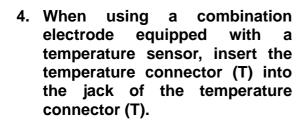
- Do not hold down the 1 key after the power of the instrument is turned ON.
- Do not use the tip of nail or an object with a sharp end to press keys.
- "VER" indicates the version of the software. It may be revised when the software is updated.

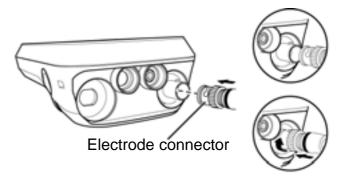
# Connecting an electrode

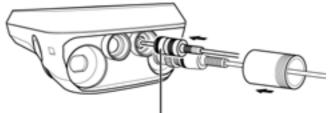
To perform measurement, it is necessary use the appropriate electrode for measurement parameters. Recommended electrodes for each measured sample are listed in our product catalog and on our website. Refer to them when preparing electrodes. Use the following procedure to correctly connect the electrode to the instrument.

- 1. Insert the electrode connector by fitting its groove with the connector pin of the instrument.
- 2. Turn the electrode connector clockwise by following the groove.









Temperature connector(T)

Tip .

If the temperature connector (T) is unconnected or connection is wrong, temperature selected for MTC (manual temperature compensation) is displayed as the sample temperature.

Preparation for measurement is complete.

For details of the measurement operation, refer to the following pages.

# ■ Conductivity measurement

The conductivity cell can be used to measure the conductivity, salinity, TDS, and resistivity of a sample. Salinity, TDS, and resistivity are calculated from the measured value of conductivity.

Press the () key to select the measurement parameter (refer to "Changing the measurement parameter" (page 11)).

The basic steps are the same for all measurement parameters, however, some settings and operations are only valid for specific measurement parameters. Select the settings and perform the steps that show the mark of the parameter you want to measure.

## < Examples >

COND : Conductivity measurement

(SAL) : Salinity measurement

: Total dissolved solids measurement

[RESIST] : Resistivity measurement

ALL : All measurement parameters

## Setting the instrument

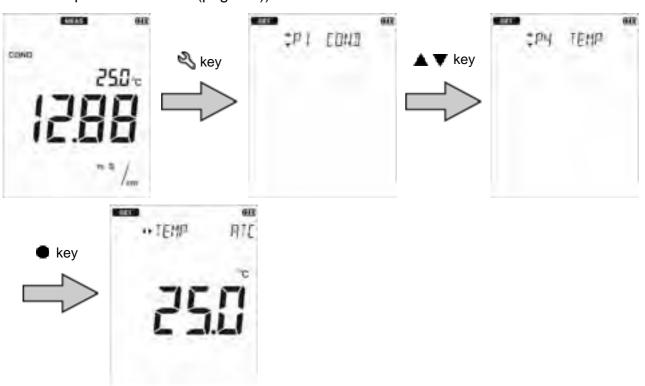
## Setting the temperature display (ALL)

When a conductivity cell with a temperature sensor is used, or a conductivity cell without a temperature sensor is used with a temperature electrode, the automatic temperature measurement function can be used. During measurement, the temperature sensor measures the temperature of the sample and displays the result on the instrument. If automatic temperature measurement function is not used, or the temperature connector is not connected to the instrument, the temperature set in the instrument is displayed.

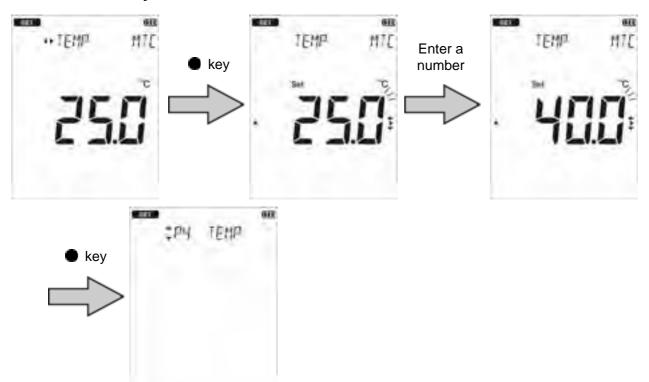
- 1. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "TEMP" (temperature setting) and then press the key.

If the temperature connector (T) is connected, "ATC" (automatic temperature compensation) appears. If the temperature connector (T) is not connected, "MTC" (manual temperature compensation) appears.

In the case of "ATC", you can calibrate the temperature sensor (refer to "Calibrating temperature sensor" (page 56)).



3. In the case of "MTC", enter the temperature to be compensated for and press the key to confirm.



To return to the measurement mode, press the \textstyle key.

## • Setting the conductivity unit (default: S/cm) COND RESIST

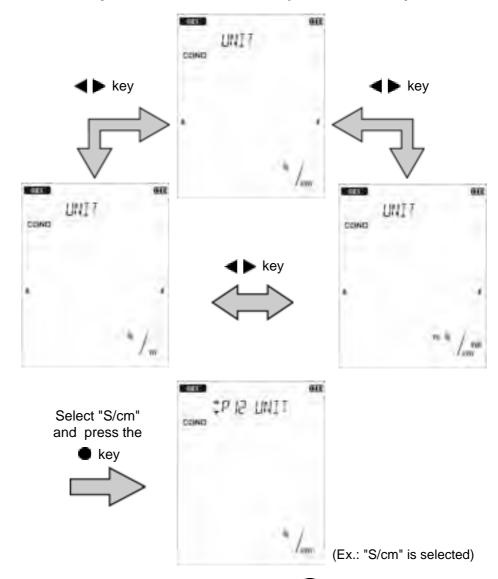
Select the conductivity unit from three options, S/cm, S/m, mS/cm FIX (fixed at mS/cm) depending on your application.

When measuring resistivity, these units correspond to  $\Omega$ -cm,  $\Omega$ -m,  $\Omega$ -cm (for mS/cm FIX).

- 1. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "COND" (conductivity setting) and then press the key.
- 3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "UNIT" (unit setting) and then press the key.



## 4. Press the **◄** ▶ keys to select the unit and press the **●** key to confirm.



To return to the measurement mode, press the key.

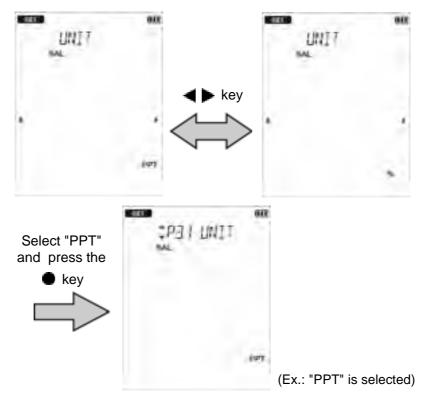
## • Setting the salinity unit (default: PPT) SAL

Select the salinity unit from % or PPT depending on your application. This function is available for EC120.

- 1. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "SALT" (salinity setting) and then press the key.
- 3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "UNIT" (unit setting) and then press the key.



4. Press the **◄** ► keys to select the unit and press the **●** key to confirm.



To return to the measurement mode, press the \( \cdot\) key.

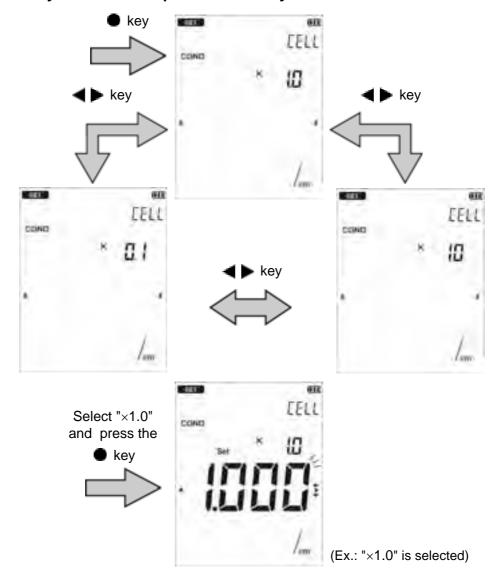
# • Setting the cell constant (default: 1.000×1.0 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

A cell constant is unique for each conductivity cell. To measure conductivity correctly, the cell constant of the conductivity cell must be set in the instrument.

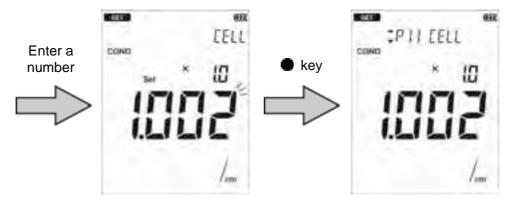
- 1. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "COND" (conductivity setting) and then press the key.
- 3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "CELL" (cell constant setting) and then press the 
   key.



4. Press the keys to select the digit number of the cell constant of the conductivity cell and then press the key.



5. Press the ▲ ▼ ◀ ▶ keys to enter the cell constant value of the conductivity cell and then press the ● key to confirm.



To return to the measurement mode, press the \text{\text{\$\chi}\$ key.

## Note

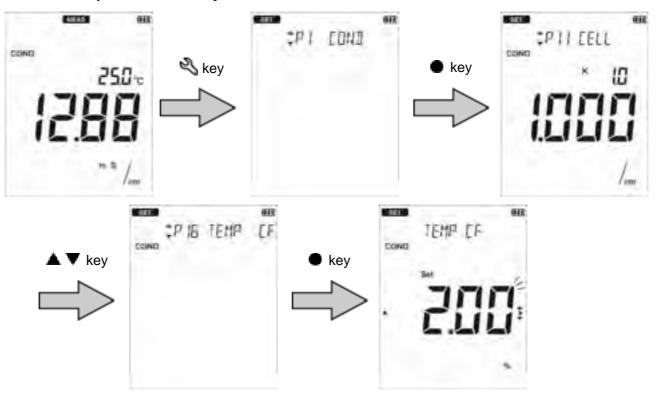
- The unit used for the cell constant corresponds the unit set in "Setting the conductivity unit (default: S/cm)" (page 24).
- When the cell constant is changed through the cell constant setting, all the previous calibration data is deleted.
- Match the unit indicated on the conductivity cell to the unit set in the instrument.

$$10 \text{ m}^{-1} \Leftrightarrow 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$
  $100 \text{ m}^{-1} \Leftrightarrow 1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$   $1000 \text{ m}^{-1} \Leftrightarrow 10 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ 

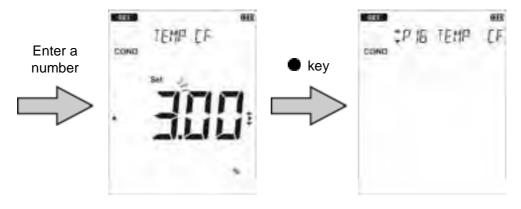
## • Setting the temperature conversion (Default: ON, 2.00%/°C) (ALL)

The measured value of a sample that is not at 25°C can be converted to a value at the selected temperature. To use the temperature conversion function correctly, temperature coefficient (the rate of change per 1°C of the conductivity) must be set for each sample. The setting of "Setting the temperature display" (page 22) is applied to the sample temperature before the conversion.

- 1. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "COND" (conductivity setting) and then press the key.
- 3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "TEMP CF" (temperature conversion setting) and then press the key.



4. Press the ▲ ▼ ◀ ▶ keys to enter the temperature coefficient and then press the ● key to confirm.



To return to the measurement mode, press the \text{\text{N}} key.

### Note

- The temperature coefficient varies by sample. Before using the temperature conversion function, always check the temperature coefficient of the sample and set it in the instrument.
- When the temperature conversion function is used with automatic temperature measurement (ATC), deviations may occur within the accuracy of the temperature sensor.
   For more accurate measurement, set the temperature setting to manual temperature display (MTC), and measure using a temperature controlled bath.

• Setting the reference temperature (Default: 25°C) COND

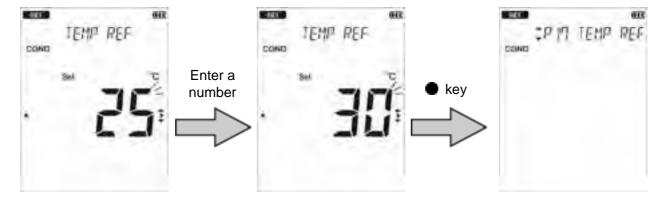
Temperature to be converted can be selected from 15°C to 30°C.

- 1. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "COND" (conductivity setting) and then press the ♠ key.
- 3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "TEMP REF" (reference temperature setting) and then press the key.



4. Press the ▲ ▼ ◀ ▶ keys to enter the reference temperature and then press the ♠ key to confirm.

Temperature can be selected from 15°C to 30°C.



To return to the measurement mode, press the \( \cdot\) key.

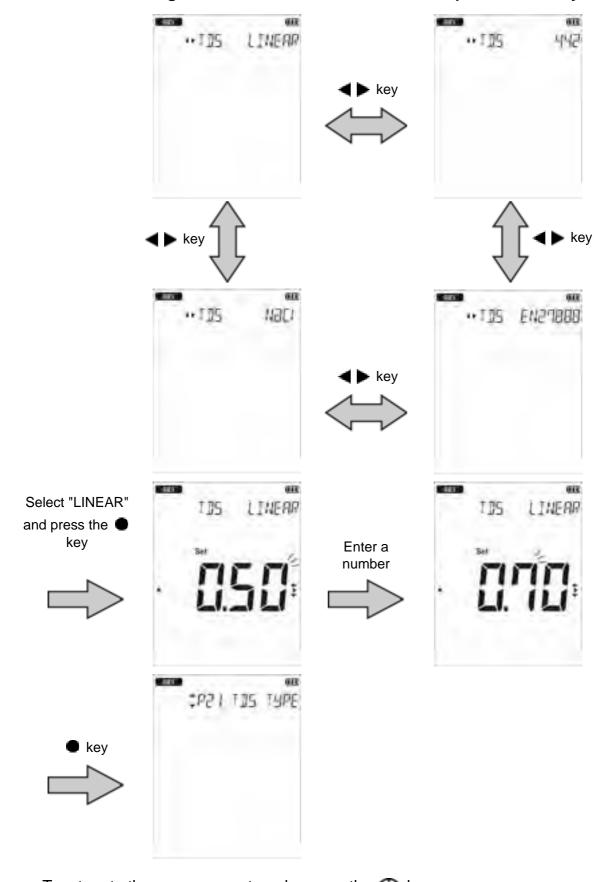
## • Setting the TDS method TDS

TDS is calculated from the measured conductivity value. The available calibration methods are "Linear": KCl with factor adjustable from 0.4 to 1.0 (default: 0.5), "442": Myron L 442 non-linear standard curve, "En27888": European environmental standard non-linear curve, and "NaCl": non-linear salinity curve.

- 1. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "TDS" (total dissolved solids setting) and then press the key.
- 3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "TDS TYPE" (TDS method setting) and then press the key.



- 4. Press the **\| \| \| keys** to select the TDS method and then press the **\| keys**.
- 5. When selecting "LINEAR," enter the factor and then press the key to confirm.



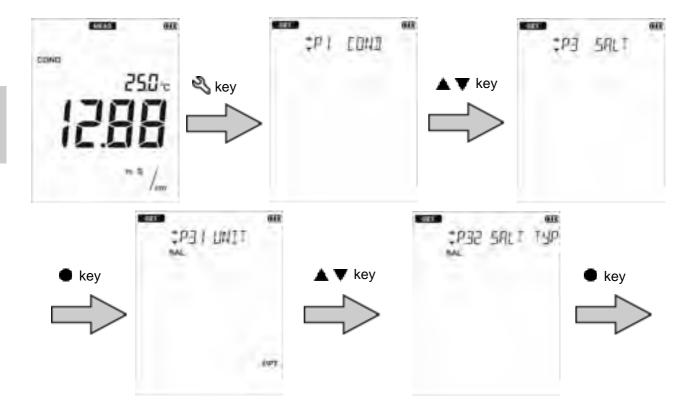
To return to the measurement mode, press the \( \cdot\) key.

## Setting the salinity method (SAL)

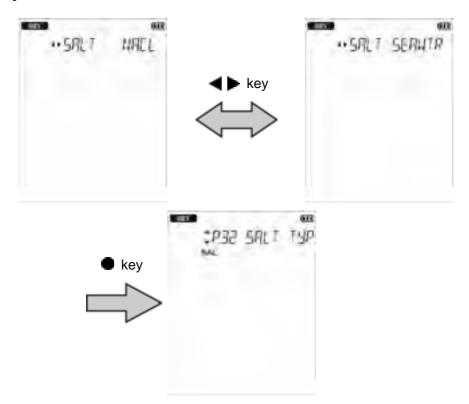
Salinity is calculated from the measured conductivity value. The available calibration methods are "NaCl" and "Sea water".

This function is available for EC120.

- 1. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "SALT" (salinity setting) and then press the key.
- 3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "SALT TYP" (salinity calculation method setting) and then press the key.



4. Press the ◀▶ keys to select the salinity calculation method and then press the ♠ key to confirm.



To return to the measurement mode, press the \( \cdot \) key.

## Performing conductivity calibration

The factory-certified cell constant is indicated on the label on the electrical conductivity cell. Cell constant may change depending on the usage condition. In such case, the conductivity cell can be calibrate automatically or manually.

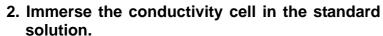
You can select calibration method. For how to set the mode, refer to "Changing the calibration method" (page 53).

### Automatic calibration

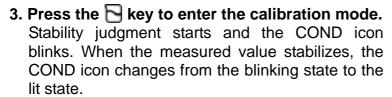
 Clean the conductivity cell with pure water (or deionized water) and wipe it with filter paper or tissue paper.

Do not touch the black electrode part.

Refer to the instruction manual of the conductivity cell for how to clean the conductivity cell.



Make sure the hole at the upper part of the cell is immersed.

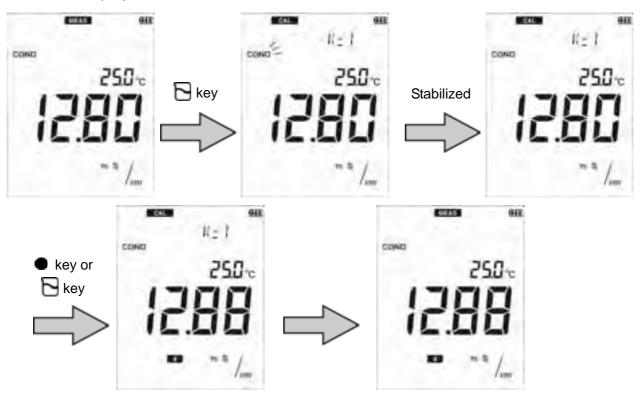




4. Press the ● key or ¬ key.

The 1st point calibration ends and the calibration history icon corresponding to the calibration range lights, indicating that 1st point calibration is complete.

The display returns to the measurement screen.



For multiple point calibration, repeat the steps 1. to 4.

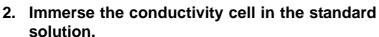


In automatic calibration, the measured value of a standard solution that is not at 25°C is always converted to 25°C with 2.00%/°C temperature coefficient.

### Manual calibration

 Clean the conductivity cell with pure water (or deionized water) and wipe it with filter paper or tissue paper.

Do not touch the black electrode part. Refer to the instruction manual of the conductivity cell for how to clean the conductivity cell.



Make sure the hole at the upper part of the cell is immersed.

3. Press the \( \backslash \) key to enter the calibration mode.

Stability judgment starts and the COND icon blinks. When the measured value stabilizes, the COND icon changes from the blinking state to the lit state.





4. Press the ▲ ▼ ◀ ▶ keys to enter the electrical conductivity value of the standard solution used for calibration at the measured temperature.

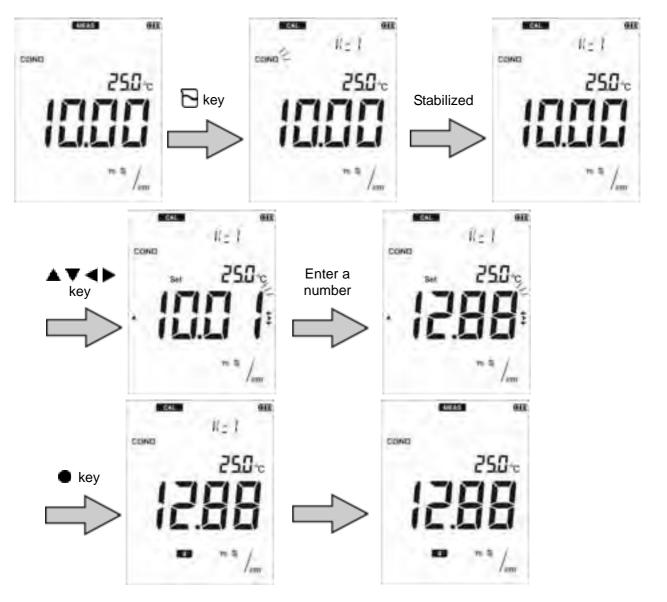
To change the decimal point, press the 🥄 key.

To change the unit, press the () key.

5. Press the key or ● key.

Calibration to the set standard solution value at the measured temperature is performed. The 1st point calibration ends and the calibration history icon corresponding to the calibration range lights, indicating that 1st point calibration is complete.

The display returns to the measurement screen.



For multiple point calibration, repeat the steps 1. to 5. The calibration points are up to 5 points.

### Note

The calibration for TDS, salinity, and resistivity is performed with the result of the calibration of conductivity. When pressing the key to enter the calibration mode for TDS, salinity, and resistivity, "CAL in COND" is displayed. It indicates that performing conductivity calibration is recommended.

# Performing measurement ALL

Immerse the conductivity cell in a sample to perform measurement. Auto stability mode and auto hold mode are available to judge the stability of the measurement value. For details of settings, refer to "Setting the auto stability and auto hold function" (page 58).

- 1. Press the () key to change to the measurement parameter to measure.
- 2. Clean the conductivity cell with pure water (or deionized water) and wipe it with filter paper or tissue paper.

Do not touch the black electrode part.

Refer to the instruction manual of the conductivity cell for how to clean the conductivity cell.

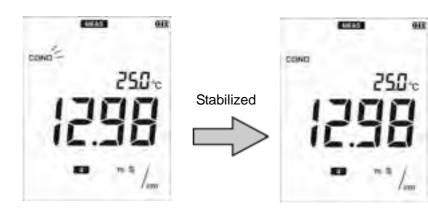
3. Immerse the conductivity cell in the sample solution.

Make sure the hole at the upper part of the cell is immersed.

Stability judgment starts and the measurement item icon blinks. When the measured value stabilizes, the measurement item icon changes from the blinking state to the lit state, and the display is fixed to the stabilized measured value.







#### Note

 The criteria of stability judgment in the auto stability mode and auto hold mode are as follows.

Conductivity: Display value change for 10 seconds is less than 3 digit and temperature

change is less than 2.0°C.

Salinity: Display value change for 10 seconds is less than 1.0 PPT (0.1%) and

temperature change is less than 2.0°C.

TDS: Display value change for 10 seconds is less than 30 mg/L and

temperature change is less than 2.0°C.

Resistivity: Display value change for 10 seconds is less than 3 digit and temperature

change is less than 2.0°C.

• If the measured value is above the display range, "Or" (over) appears. For details on the action to take, refer to "The measured value is outside the display range" (page 78).

# Saving measured values

To save the measurement data, press the key in the screen that you want to save. For details, refer to "Saving measurement data in the internal memory" (page 14).

# M E M O

# **Using various functions**

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## **■** Data functions

## Displaying saved data

You can display the data saved in the internal memory.

- 1. Press the 🗒 key to enter the data mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "DATA OUT" (display saved data) and then press the key.

Press the  $\blacktriangle$   $\blacktriangledown$  keys to change the measurement data and press the  $\blacktriangleleft$   $\blacktriangleright$  keys to change the display between date and data number.



To return to the measurement mode, press the 🗐 key and then press the 🚫 key.

## Using the automatic data save

This function saves the data in the internal memory of the instrument at the specified interval automatically.

While using this function, auto stability and hold mode are not available and the automatic power off setting is disabled.

If the batteries run out while using the automatic data save function, the data saved until just before the batteries run out. Replace the batteries and check the data.

This function is available for EC120.

- 1. Press the 🗒 key to enter the data mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "AUT LOG" (automatic data save) and then press the key.

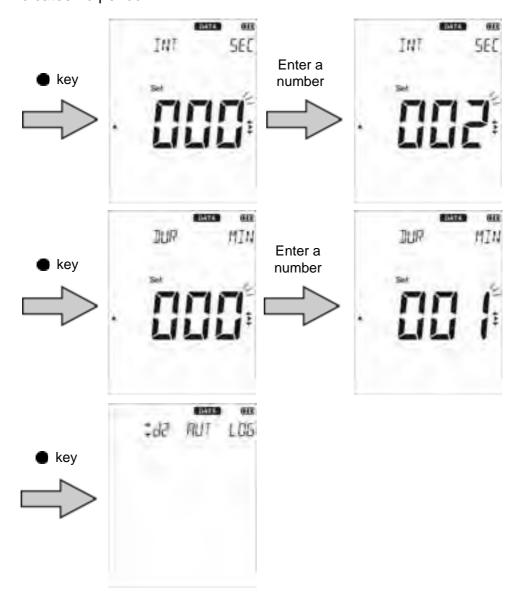


3. Enter the interval of saving in seconds and press the key. An interval from 0, 2 s to 3600 s can be set.

When "0" is entered, this function is set to OFF.

4. Enter the period of saving in minutes and press the key. A period from 0 min to 3600 min can be set.

"0" indicates no period.



## 6. Pressing the key starts saving the data (when the setting is "ON").

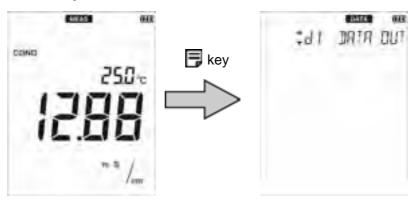
Pressing the key again stops the data saving process. During automatic data saving measurement, data is displayed for one second each time a measurement takes place. When more than 1000 data items are saved, "ERR No. 0010" is displayed and data saving is stopped. When you delete the data, the error is cleared (refer to "Deleting all saved data" (page 50)).



# Deleting all saved data

Delete all data saved in the internal memory. Data cannot be deleted selectively. Copy or transfer the data to a PC for storage if necessary.

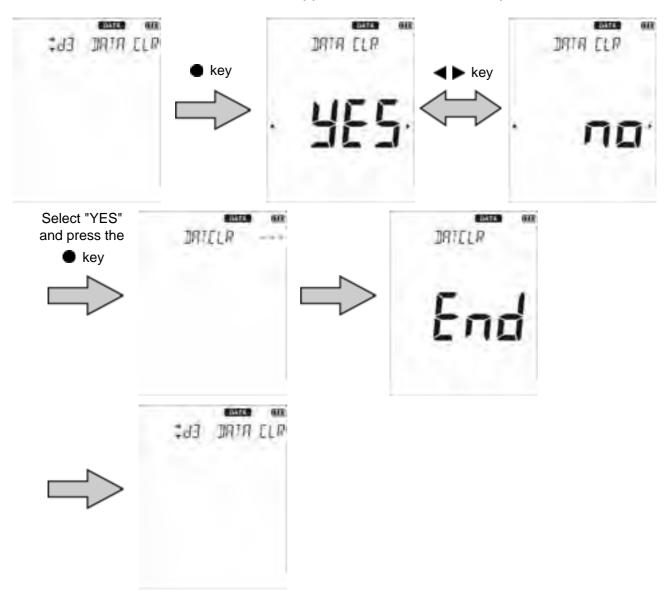
1. Press the 🗒 key to enter the data mode.



2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "DATA CLR" (delete saved data) and then press the ● key.

3. Select "YES" to delete the saved data, or select "NO" to cancel deleting it. And then press the key to confirm.

When "YES" is selected, "END" appears after deletion is complete.



To return to the measurement mode, press the \( \mathbb{K} \) key.

## ■ Measurement setting

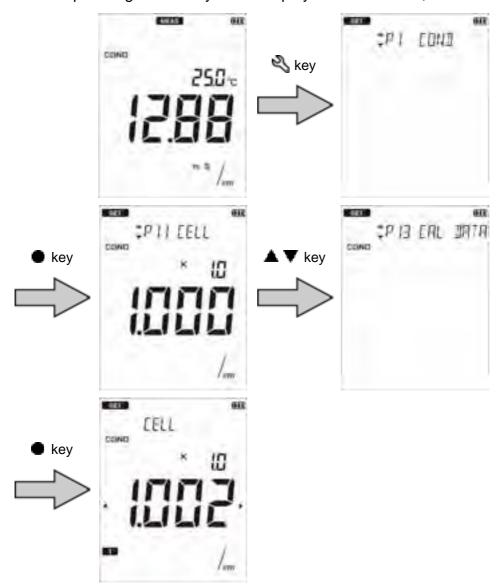
## Displaying the latest calibration

You can display the latest calibration data.

- 1. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "COND" (conductivity setting) and then press the key.
- 3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "CAL DATA" (display calibration data) and then press the key.

The cell constants determined by calibration are displayed. Press the  $\triangleleft \triangleright$  key to show the cell constants in order of ranges.

When pressing the we key in the display of cell constant, the cell constant is printed.

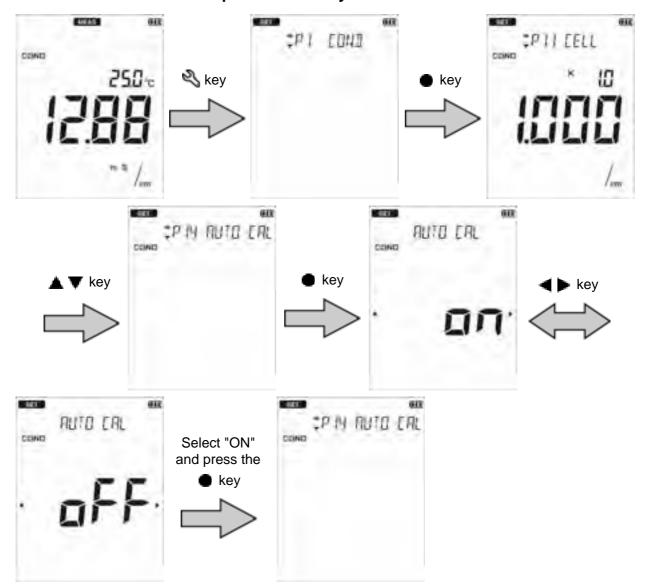


To return to the measurement mode, press the N key and then press the N key.

## Changing the calibration method

Select automatic calibration or manual calibration for the calibration method.

- 1. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "COND" (conductivity setting) and then press the key.
- 3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "AUTO CAL" (automatic calibration setting) and then press the key.
- 4. Select "ON" to set the automatic calibration, or select "OFF" to set the manual calibration. And then press the key to confirm.



To return to the measurement mode, press the \(\cap{N}\) key.

Note

When the setting of calibration method (auto or manual) is changed, the cell constant is initialized. Make sure to enter the cell constant or to perform calibration again.

## Deleting calibration data

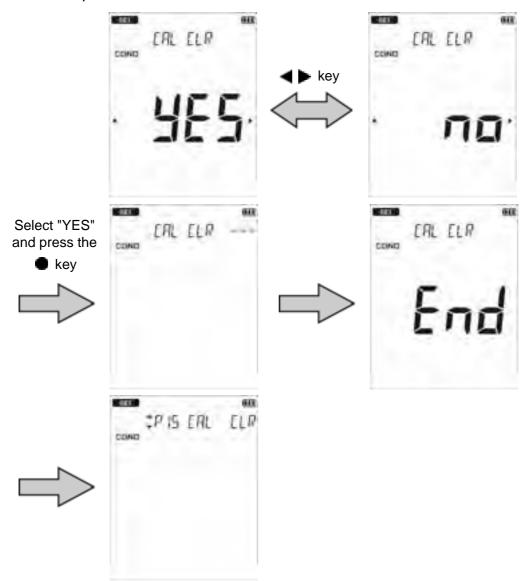
Delete the calibration data set in the instrument.

- 1. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "COND" (conductivity setting) and then press the key.
- 3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "CAL CLR" (delete calibration data) and then press the key.



4. Select "YES" to delete the calibration data, or select "NO" to cancel deleting it. And then press the 
key.

When "YES" is selected and 
is pressed, "END" appears after deletion is complete.



To return to the measurement mode, press the key.

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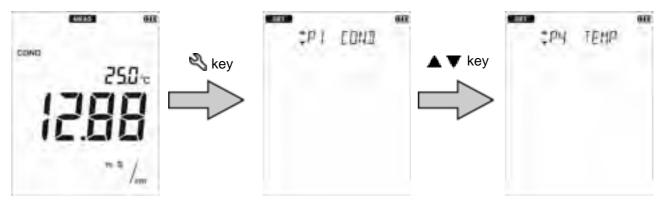
When the New is pressed for more than three seconds in the measurement mode, "CALCLR" screen appears, and the calibration data can be deleted.

# **■** Temperature settings

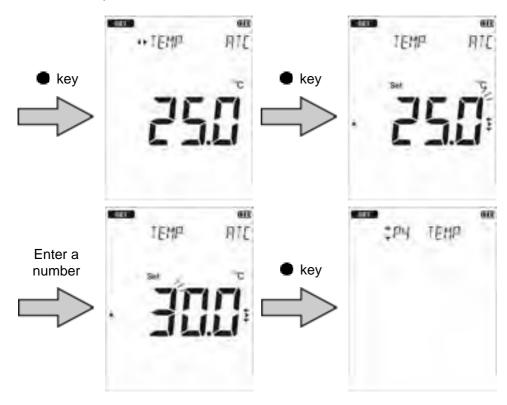
## Calibrating temperature sensor

The temperature sensor or temperature compensation electrode in the combination electrode has ±1°C accuracy without calibration. You can use a known temperature solution to calibrate the temperature sensor.

- 1. Insert the temperature connector into the temperature connector (T) on the instrument.
- 2. Immerse the electrode into the solution until the temperature sensor is immersed.
- 3. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 4. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "TEMP" (temperature calibration setting) and then press the key.



- 5. Make sure that "ATC" is displayed, and press the key. The temperature setting screen is displayed.
- **6.** Enter the set temperature and press the **key to confirm.** The temperature sensor is calibrated.



To return to the measurement mode, press the N key.

#### Note

When initializing temperature calibration data, all settings need to be initialized. Perform initialization by referring to "Resetting to factory default settings" (page 62). When initialization is performed, all saved data is deleted. Copy or transfer necessary data to a PC for storage.

### ■ General settings

### Setting the auto stability and auto hold function

This instrument has auto stability mode and auto hold mode.

#### Auto stability mode (displayed as AS)

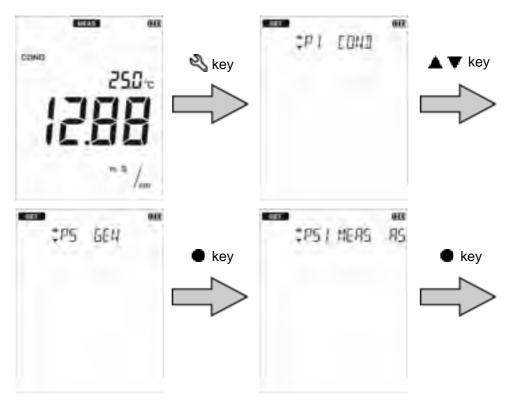
When the criterion for stability judgment is fulfilled during measurement, the component icon lights and the measured value is fixed. Once the value deviates from the stability judgment criterion, the measured value is released and displays instantaneous value.

#### Auto hold mode (displayed as AH)

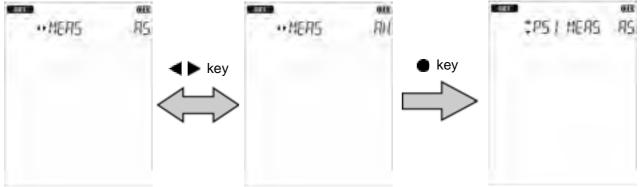
When the criterion for stability judgment is fulfilled during measurement, the component icon and the HOLD icon light and the measured value is fixed. To release the measured value, press the key. Once a measured value is fixed, the measured value is not released automatically even when the state deviates from the stability judgment criterion.

#### Setting procedure

- 1. Press the 🖏 key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "GEN" (general setting) and then press the key.
- 3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "MEAS" (measurement setting) and then press the key.



4. Select "AS" to set the auto stability, or select "AH" to set the auto hold. And then press the • key to confirm selection.



(Ex.: "AS" is selected)

To return to the measurement mode, press the N key.

Note

In the calibration mode, the auto stability mode always works.

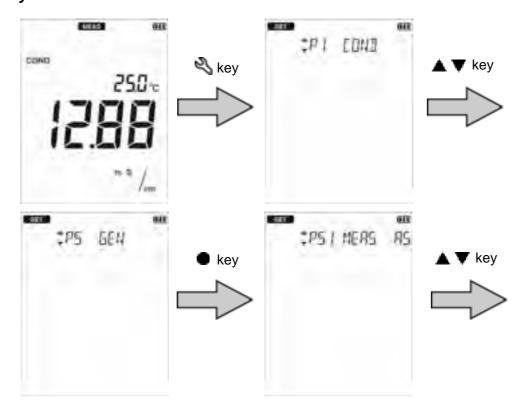
The stability judgment criteria is the same for both the auto stability mode and auto hold mode.

### Changing the automatic power off setting (default: 30 min)

You can set the instrument to automatically turn OFF when there is no key operation for a certain period of time.

This function is disabled during automatic data memory saving or remote operation using an external device.

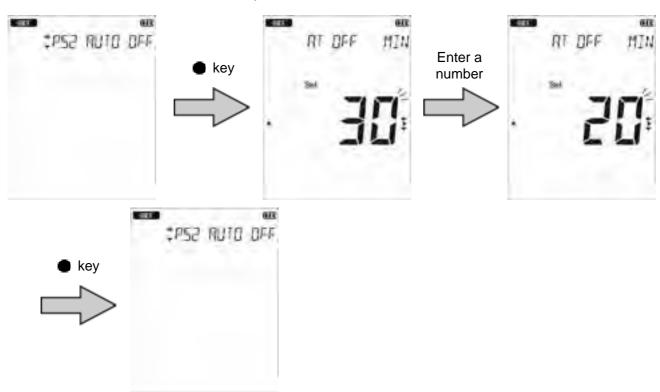
- 1. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "GEN" (general setting) and then press the key.



3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "AUTO OFF" (automatic power off setting) and then press the ● key.

### 4. Enter the automatic power off time and press the • key.

The setting range is 0 min to 30 min.
"0" indicates the automatic power off is "OFF."

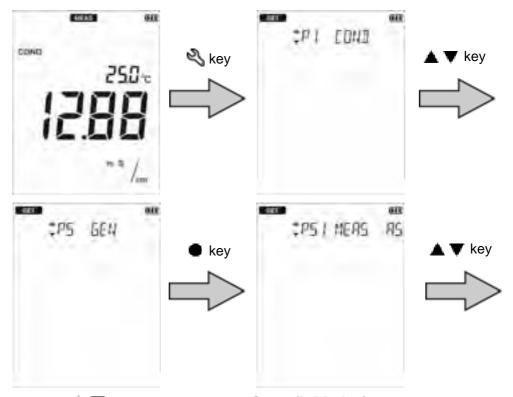


To return to the measurement mode, press the N key.

### Resetting to factory default settings

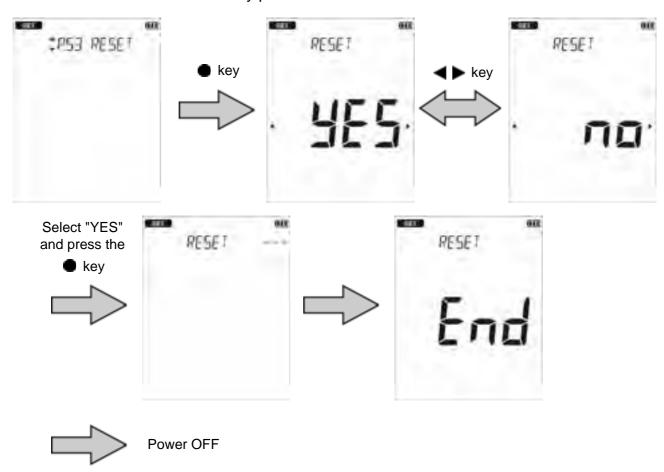
The instrument settings can be reset to the factory default settings. The calibration data and the saved data are deleted. Make sure there will be no problems before using this function. When this function is used, the temperature calibration data is also initialized.

- 1. Press the 🖏 key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "GEN" (general setting) and then press the key.



3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "RESET" (initialize) and then press the ● key.

4. Select "YES" to initialize the settings to the factory default settings, or select "NO" to cancel initialization. And then press the key to confirm selection. When "YES" is selected, "END" appears after the settings are initialized and then the instrument is automatically power OFF.

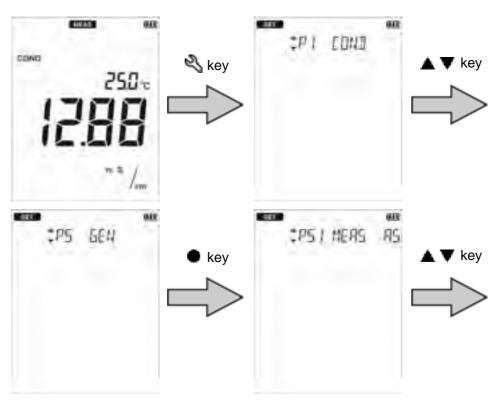


### Setting the date and time

When using the instrument for the first time or after replacing the batteries, set the date and time. After setting, the date and time data is displayed correctly when saving data in the internal memory. If the setting is incorrect, the date and time of saved data becomes incorrect.

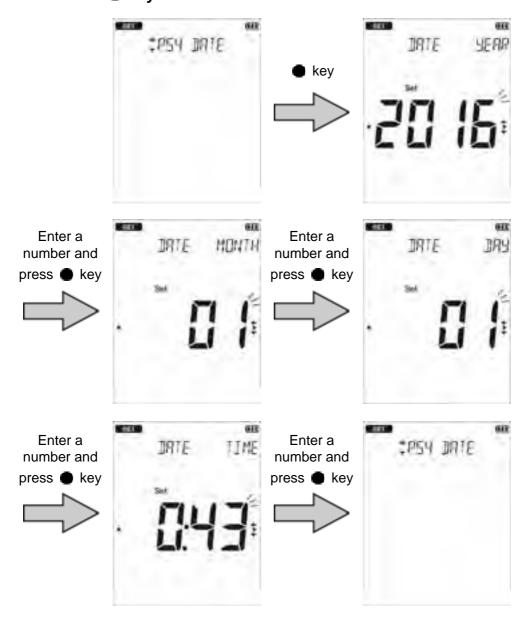
This function is available for EC120.

- 1. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "GEN" (general setting) and then press the key.



- 3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "DATE" (date and time setting) and then press the key.
- 4. Set the "YEAR" (current year) and press the key.
- 5. In the same way, set the "MONTH" (month), "DAY" (date) and "TIME" (hour and minute), in that order.

### 6. Press the • key to confirm.



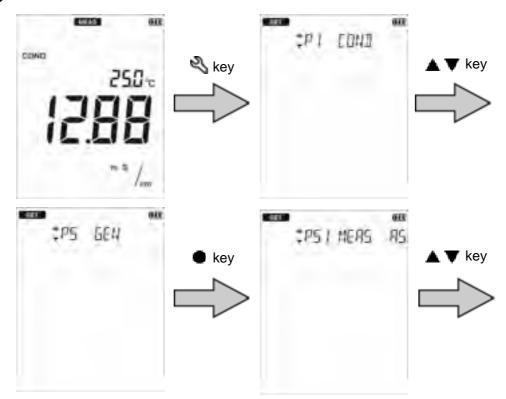
To return to the setting mode, press the \textstyre key.

### Performing test printing of the printer unit

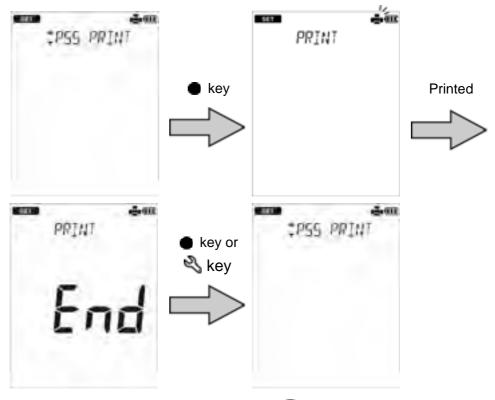
In order to check whether the printer unit is operating correctly or there is a printer communication problem, you can perform test printing.

Connect the instrument and a printer correctly and perform the following procedure for test printing. As a result of test printing, if the printout is as shown below, the printer unit is operating correctly.

- 1. Press the N key to enter the setting mode.
- 2. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "GEN" (general setting) and then press the key.



3. Press the ▲ ▼ keys to select "PRINT" (test print) and then press the ● key. Printing starts automatically. When printing ends, the printer icon lights and "END" appears. Press the ● key or 🌯 key.



To return to the measurement mode, press the  $\infty$  key.

# **■** Other settings

### Printing measured values and calibration data

Print out the measured value or calibrated value displayed on the instrument, or the measurement data or the calibration data saved in the instrument. If the repeatability is inspected, the inspection data is printed out with the calibration data.

Pressing the key starts printing during displaying the data you want to print. Use the printer cable to connect the printer unit with the instrument beforehand. If the automatic data memory is set to "ON", you cannot print out in the measurement mode.

#### Reference

For details of how to display measurement data and calibration data, refer to the respective section.

"Displaying saved data" (page 46)

"Displaying the latest calibration" (page 52)

Refer to the following table for the conductivity printout format in the case of EC120.

< The data saved in internal memory >

Printout format		Description
Memory Num	: 0001	Data number
Date	: 2016/01/01	Measurement date
Time	: 09:00	Measurement time
Channel	:1	Measurement channel
COND	: 1.121 mS/m	Measured value (Outside the display upper range: "Or")
Temperature	: 25.0°C MTC	Temperature value, temperature setting and out of the measurement range or displaying range mark Over: OR Under: UR
Inst. model	: LAQUAact-EC120	Instrument model
Inst. SN	: KL1TSE10	Instrument serial number

#### < Calibration data >

Printout format		Description
Inst. model	: LAQUAact-EC120	Instrument model
Inst. SN	: KL1TSE02	Instrument serial number
CELL	:	Cell constant
R1 (0.00-19.99 µ	S/cm)	Measurement range (range 1)
	1.000×1 cm <sup>-1</sup>	Cell constant (range 1)
R2 (18.0-199.9 µ	S/cm)	Measurement range (range 2)
	1.000×1 cm <sup>-1</sup>	Cell constant (range 2)
R3 (180-1999 μS	S/cm)	Measurement range (range 3)
	1.000×1 cm <sup>-1</sup>	Cell constant (range 3)
R4 (1.80-19.99 n	nS/cm)	Measurement range (range 4)
	1.000×1 cm <sup>-1</sup>	Cell constant (range 4)
R5 (18.0-200.0 m	nS/cm)	Measurement range (range 5)
	1.000×1 cm <sup>-1</sup>	Cell constant (range 5)
Calibration data		
Date	: 2016/01/01	Calibration date
Time	: 19:35	Calibration time
1413 μS/cm	:	Calibration value
	: 25.0°C ATC	Calibration Temperature and temperature setting
111.8 mS/cm	:	Standard value
	: 25.0°C ATC	Calibration Temperature and temperature setting

. Tip

The conductivity range marked with "O" (Ex. OR1) indicates calibrated conductivity range.

### Transferring saved data to a PC

By using a serial cable to connect the instrument to a PC, you can transfer the saved data to the PC and edit it (EC120 only). Connect the RS-232C connector at the instrument side to the serial port on the PC.

To save and edit data, please download the software "FD-70" from our website after the registration. (The software "FD-70" will be available at the end of February 2016.)

For details of how to use the "FD-70", refer to the "FD-70" instruction manual, which you can download from our website as well.

The required PC specifications and recommended PC specifications for using the "FD-70" are shown in the following table.

Item	Required PC specifications	Recommended PC specifications
Memory		GB or more 2 GB or more
CPU	1 GHz or more	
HDD free space	5 GB or more	10 GB or more
OS	Windows 7, Windows 8 (8.1), or Windows 10	
Display	Super VGA (800 × 600) or more	
Connector	Serial connector (D-Sub 9 pin)	

#### Note

- If you are not using the RS-232C communication, close the connector cover tightly.
- While using the RS-232C communication, the instrument is not dust-proof or waterproof. Do not use the RS-232C communication in a dusty place or with wet hands.

### Operating the instrument from an external device

You can remotely operate the instrument from an external device (such as PC) via RS-232C communication. Use a serial cable to connect the serial connector on the instrument and the serial port on the PC.

When using this function, pay attention to the following points.

- Use the optional serial cable to connect the unit to a PC.
- Make sure that the transfer formats used in the instrument and a PC are the same.
   When different transfer formats are used, a communication error occurs and the online mode does not start up, and as a result RS-232C communication cannot be performed. Also, when the transfer format is changed, turn OFF the power of the instrument and PC and then reboot them.

The transfer format of the instrument is as follows.

Baud rate: 2400 bpsCharacter length: 8 bits

Parity: NoneStop bit: 1 bit

You can download a list of communication commands from our website. In order to download the list, you need to complete user registration.

#### Note

- If you are not using the RS-232C communication, close the connector cover tightly.
- While using the RS-232C communication, the instrument is not dust-proof or waterproof.
   Do not use the RS-232C communication in a dusty place or with wet hands.

# M E M O

### **Maintenance**

This section describes maintenance of the instrument and the electrodes that are used with the instrument. To use them for a long period, perform the described maintenance procedures appropriately.

#### Contact for maintenance

Please contact your dealer for the product maintenance.

#### Maintenance and storage of the instrument

- If the instrument becomes dirty, wipe it gently with a soft dry cloth. If it is difficult to remove the dirt, wipe it gently with a cloth moistened with alcohol.
- The instrument is made of solvent resistant materials but that does not mean it is resistant to all chemicals. Do not dip the instrument in strong acid or alkali solution, or wipe it with such solution.
- Do not wipe the instrument with a polishing powder or other abrasive compound.

### Environmental conditions for storage

Temperature: 0°C to 45°C

Humidity: under 80% in relative humidity and free from condensation

Avoid the following conditions.

- Dusty place
- Strong vibration
- Direct sunlight
- Corrosive gas environment
- Close to an air-conditioner
- Direct wind

### Maintenance and storage of the conductivity cell

For the detailed procedures for maintaining and storing cells, refer to the instruction manual for each cells. This section describes an overview of the procedures for maintenance and storage to be performed as part of daily use.

#### How to clean the cell

Always clean the cell in pure water (or deionized water) after every measurement. When the response is slow or residue from the sample adheres to the cell, use the appropriate method below to clean the cell, and then clean again with pure water (or deionized water).

Type of dirt	Cleaning solution
General	Diluted neutral cleaning solution
Inorganic substance	Ethanol (keep the ethanol away from plastic parts)
Scale that formed during long term storage	A commercially available scale remover (neutral cleansing solution for kitchen use, etc.) diluted by a factor of 100. If this does not remove the scale, use diluted solution that contains oxygen bleach (sodium percarbonate) or chlorine bleach (sodium hypochlorite).

#### Daily storage of the cell

If the cell is stored in a dry state, the cell constant will change. Store with the black electrode part immersed in pure water (or deionized water), or with the protective cap filled with pure water (or deionized water) and attached to the cell.

#### • When the electrode will not be used for a long period

To store the cell for a long period, clean it well and attach the protective cap filled with pure water (or deionized water).

## How to resolve errors or troubles

This section describes the causes of typical problems and the actions to be taken, including questions frequently asked by customers. Check these before contacting us.

### ■ When an error message appears

If "ERROR No.00XX" is displayed while you are using the instrument, check the error in the error list below to check the cause and action to be taken.

ERROR No.	Description	Definition of error
0001	Memory error	Data cannot be read from or written to the internal memory.
0006	Maximum calibration points exceeded	6th point calibration is attempted.
0009	Printer error	There is a problem with the printer.
0010	Memory full	The number of the data saved has exceeded the limit of the internal memory.
0011	Cell constant is out of range	Cell constant is out of automatic calculation range.

### ● ERROR No.0001 Memory error

Data cannot be read from or written to the internal memory.

Cause	How to solve problem
The instrument does not start properly due to noise or other at power ON.	Disconnect the AC adapter, and then press the () key.
The defect of the internal IC	Contact your dealer for repair.

### ERROR No.0006 Maximum calibration points exceeded

Attempted to perform 6th point calibration during conductivity calibration.

Cause	How to solve problem
6th point calibration is attempted.	Up to five points can be calibrated.

#### ● ERROR No.0009 Printer error

An error occurred during printer communication.

Cause	How to solve problem
There is a problem with the printer unit connection.	Check the printer connection, and connect the instrument and printer again.
The defect of the printer	Consult your dealer.

### ● ERROR No.0010 Memory full

Attempted to save more than the specified number of items.

Cause	How to solve problem
Saving more than specified items of data is attempted.	The maximum number of savable items of data is 100 (EC110) or 1000 (EC120). Copy or transfer necessary data to a PC and delete the data from the memory (refer to "Deleting all saved data" (page 50)).

### ● ERROR No.0011 Cell constant is out of range

Cell constant is out of setting range.

Cause	How to solve problem
End of cell life	Replace the conductivity cell.
There is a problem with the standard solution	Use new standard solution.

# **■** Troubleshooting

This section describes causes and actions to take for problems that customers frequently ask us.

#### ■ The indicated value fluctuates

#### < Problem with the electrode >

Cause	How to solve problem
The conductivity cell is dirty.	Clean the conductivity cell.
The conductivity cell is broken.	Replace the conductivity cell.
There are air bubbles on the conductivity cell.	Shake the conductivity cell to remove the air bubbles.

#### < Problem with the instrument >

Cause	How to solve problem
There is a motor or other device causing electrical interference.	Measure at a place where no influence from induction is given. Ground all AC-powered equipment.
The conductivity cell is not connected correctly.	Connect the conductivity cell correctly.

#### < Problem with the sample >

Cause	How to solve problem	
	Response time may slow down, depending on the properties of the sample solution.	

### **●** The response is slow

Cause	How to solve problem	
The conductivity cell is dirty.	Clean the conductivity cell.	
The conductivity cell is broken.	Replace the conductivity cell.	
Some effects of the sample	Response time may slow down, depending on the properties of the sample solution.	

### ● The indicated value does not change/No response

Cause	How to solve problem
The conductivity cell is broken.	Replace the conductivity cell.
The conductivity cell is not connected correctly.	Connect the conductivity cell correctly.
The instrument is in HOLD state.	Cancel the HOLD state.
Instrument defect	Consult your dealer.

### ■ The measured value is outside the display range

When the measured value is below the display range, "Ur" appears. When the measured value is over the display range, "Or" appears.

Cause	How to solve problem	
Sample is out of the measurement range.	Use a sample within the measurement range.	
The conductivity cell cable is broken.	Replace the conductivity cell.	
Cell constant is not set.	Set the cell constant.	
Calibration is not performed or performed incorrectly.	Perform calibration correctly.	
Instrument defect	Check as explained below.	

### Repeatability of the measured value is poor

Cause	How to solve problem	
Effect of the sample solution	Repeatability becomes poor when the conductivity of the sample changes over time.	
The conductivity cell is dirty.	Clean the conductivity cell.	
The conductivity cell is broken.	Replace the conductivity cell.	

# ● Nothing appears when the power is turned ON

Cause	How to solve problem
Power is not supplied.	Insert batteries or connect the AC adapter (option).
Battery polarity (+, -) is reversed.	Insert the batteries with the polarity (+, –) correctly oriented.
Battery life is low.	Replace the batteries or connect the AC adapter (option).
Instrument defect	Consult your dealer.

## Swelling of operation key sheet

Cause	How to solve problem	
Using the instrument at high elevation or other location where the air pressure is different from sea level.	To eliminate the pressure difference between the inside and outside of the instrument, briefly open and then close the AC adapter cover. After opening, correctly close the cover to maintain dust and water proofing.	
Instrument defect	Consult your dealer.	

# ● Part of the display is missing

Cause	How to solve problem
	Check the display in full screen state when turning ON the power of the instrument.

# M E M O

# **Appendix**

This section describes the specifications of the instrument, default settings, measurement principles, and other technical information.

Options for the instrument are also described.

# **■** Main specifications

Item	Contents	
Model	LAQUAact-EC110, LAQUAact-EC120	
Measurement parameters	Conductivity, salinity, TDS, resistivity, temperature	
Operating ambient	0°C to 45°C	
temperature, humidity	80% or less in relative humidity (no condensation)	
Power	AAA alkaline batteries (LR03) or AAA Ni–MH rechargeable batteries × 2 AC adapter 100 V to 240 V, 50/60 Hz, 0.37 A (option)	
Dimensions	Approx. 67 [80] (W) × 170 (D) × 28 [42] (H) mm (The figures in square bracket are maximum thicknesses.)	
Mass	Approx. 285 g (without batteries)	

Specification of each measurement parameters

Measurement parameter	Item	Description		
	Measuring principle	Thermistor method		
	Display range	−30.0°C to 130.0°C		
Tomporaturo	Measuring range	0.0°C to 100.0°C		
Temperature	Resolution	0.1°C		
	Accuracy	±0.4°C		
	Repeatability	±0.2°C		
_	Measuring principle	2 AC bipola method		
	NA	Cell constant 1 cm <sup>-1</sup> : 0.00 μS/cm to 200.0 mS/cm		
	Measuring range (Display range)	Cell constant 0.1 cm <sup>-1</sup> : 0.000 μS/cm to 20.00 mS/cm		
Conductivity	(Biopidy range)	Cell constant 10 cm <sup>-1</sup> : 0.0 μS/cm to 2.000 S/cm		
	Resolution	0.05% of full scale		
	Accuracy	±0.6% of full scale (18.0 mS/cm to 200.0 mS/cm: ±1.5% of full scale)		
	Repeatability	±0.6% of full scale		

Measurement parameter	Item	Description		
Salinity	Measuring principle	Conversion from conductivity value		
	Measuring range (Display range)	0.00% to 10.00% (0.0 ppt to 100.0 ppt)		
	Accuracy	±0.2% of full scale		
	Resolution	0.01% (0.1 ppt)		
	Measuring principle	Conversion from conductivity value		
TDS	Measuring range (Display range)	0.00 mg/L to 100 g/L TDS factor: 0.40 to 1.00		
	Accuracy	±0.1% of full scale		
	Resolution	0.01 mg/L		
-	Measuring principle	Conversion from conductivity value		
Resistivity	Measuring range (Display range)	Cell constant 1 cm <sup>-1</sup> : 0.000 kΩ·cm to 20.00 MΩ·cm Cell constant 0.1 cm <sup>-1</sup> : 0.00 kΩ·cm to 200.0 MΩ·cm Cell constant 10 cm <sup>-1</sup> : 0.0 $\Omega$ ·cm to 2.000 M $\Omega$ ·cm		
	Resolution	0.05% of full scale		
	Accuracy	±0.6% of full scale (1.80 MΩ·cm to 20.00 MΩ·cm: ±1.5% of full scale)		
	Repeatability	±0.5% of full scale ±1 digit		

Tip Accuracy is the difference between the measured value and the simulation value when the simulation value is inputted to the instrument.

# ■ Table of conductivity cell range

• Unit: S/m

Panga	Cell constant		
Range	1000 m <sup>-1</sup>	100 m <sup>-1</sup>	10 m <sup>-1</sup>
20.0 to 200.0 S/m			
2.00 to 19.99 S/m			
0.200 to 1.999 S/m			
20.0 to 199.9 mS/m			
2.00 (0.00) to 19.99 mS/m			
0.200 (0.000) to 1.999 mS/m			
0.0 to 199.9 μS/m			

Unit: S/cm

Range	Cell constant		
	10 cm <sup>-1</sup>	1 cm <sup>-1</sup>	0.1 cm <sup>-1</sup>
0.200 to 2.000 S/cm			
20.0 to 199.9 mS/cm			
2.00 to 19.99 mS/cm			
200 to 1999 μS/cm			
20.0 (0.0) to 199.9 μS/cm			
2.00 (0.00) to 19.99 μS/cm			
0.000 to 1.999 μS/cm			

Unit: mS/cm FIX

Dange	Cell constant		
Range	10 cm <sup>-1</sup>	1 cm <sup>-1</sup>	0.1 cm <sup>-1</sup>
200.0 to 2000 mS/cm			
20.00 to 199.9 mS/cm			
2.000 to 19.99 mS/cm			
0.200 (0.000) to 1.999 mS/cm			
0.020 (0.000) to 0.199 mS/cm			
0.002 to 0.019 mS/cm			
0.000 to 0.002 mS/cm			

# ■ Table of conductivity cell range (resistivity range)

- Unit: Ω⋅m

Range	Cell constant		
	10 m <sup>-1</sup>	100 m <sup>-1</sup>	1000 m <sup>-1</sup>
0.200 to 2.000 MΩ⋅m			
20.0 to 199.9 kΩ·m			
2.00 to 19.99 kΩ·m			
0.200 to 1.999 kΩ·m			
20.0 (0.0) to 199.9 Ω·m			
2.00 (0.00) to 19.99 Ω·m			
0.000 to 1.999 Ω·m			

- Unit: Ω-cm

Range	Cell constant		
	0.1 cm <sup>-1</sup>	1 cm <sup>-1</sup>	10 cm <sup>-1</sup>
20.0 to 200.0 MΩ-cm			
2.00 to 19.99 MΩ-cm			
0.200 to 1.999 MΩ-cm			
20.0 to 199.9 kΩ⋅cm			
2.00 (0.00) to 19.99 kΩ·cm			
0.200 (0.000) to 1.999 kΩ·cm			
0.0 to 199.9 Ω·cm			

# ■ Instrument default settings

Measurement parameter	ltem	Selection item/Setting range	Default values
	Auto hold	AS/AH	AS
	Temperature input value	0.0°C to 100.0°C	25.0°C
Common	Auto power off time	0 min to 30 min *1	30 min
	Auto data memory time	0, 2 s to 3600 s * <sup>2</sup>	2 s
	Cell constant	0.700 to 1.300 (0.1 cm <sup>-1</sup> , 1 cm <sup>-1</sup> , 10 cm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.000 (1 cm <sup>-1</sup> )
Conductivity	Temperature coefficient	0.00%/°C to 10.00%/°C	2.00%/°C
	Unit	S/cm, S/m, mS/cm FIX	S/cm
	Calibration method	Auto/Manual	Auto
	Reference temperature	15°C to 30°C	25°C
Salinity	Unit	PPT, %	PPT
	Calculation method	NaCl/Sea water	NaCl
TDS	Calculation method	Linear/442/En27888/ NaCl	Linear

<sup>\*1:</sup> When 0 is inputted, auto power OFF is OFF. \*2: When 0 is inputted, auto data memory is OFF.

### **■** Technical note

# Conductivity standard values at various temperatures

Temp.	Conductivity value at 25°C			
(°C)	84.00 (μS/cm)	<b>1413 (μS/cm)</b>	12.88 (mS/cm)	111.8 (mS/cm)
0	64.01	776	7.15	65.4
5	65.00	896	8.22	74.1
10	67.00	1020	9.33	83.2
15	68.00	1147	10.48	92.5
16	70.00	1173	10.72	94.4
17	71.00	1199	10.95	96.3
18	73.00	1225	11.19	98.2
19	74.00	1251	11.43	100.2
20	76.00	1278	11.67	102.1
21	78.00	1305	11.91	104.0
22	79.00	1332	12.15	105.9
23	81.00	1359	12.39	107.9
24	82.00	1386	12.64	109.8
25	84.00	1413	12.88	111.8
26	86.00	1440	13.13	113.8
27	87.00	1467	13.37	115.7
28	89.00	1494	13.62	117.7
29	90.00	1521	13.87	119.7
30	92.00	1548	14.12	121.8
31	94.00	1575	14.37	123.9

## **■** Options

A wide variety of electrodes and options are available for use with the instrument. You can select the optimum electrode and options for your application and objectives.

These options can be purchased from your nearest agency. Please provide the part name and part number to the representative.

With regard to electrodes, it is important to select the optimum electrode for the sample you want to measure. For details, refer to the catalogue or our website, or contact your dealer.

Part name		Part number	Remarks
	Printer (USA, 120 V)	3014030146	Printer cable sold separately
Diaire	Printer (EU, 230 V)	3014030147	Filliter cable sold separately
Plain paper printer	Printer cable	3014030148	1.5 m
	Roll paper	3014030149	20 rolls/set
	Ink ribbon	3014030150	5 pcs/set
	Serial cable	3014030151	1.5 m
AC adapter		3200647413	

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