A130 Benchtop pH/Ion Meter
Instruction Manual

Introduction

Thank you for selecting the A130 benchtop pH/Ion meter. This manual provides a step-by-step guide to help you operate the meter, please carefully read the following instructions before use.

Unpacking

Before unpacking, ensure that the current work environment meets following conditions.

*   Relative humidity is less than 80 %.
*   Ambient temperature is greater than 0°C and less than 60°C.
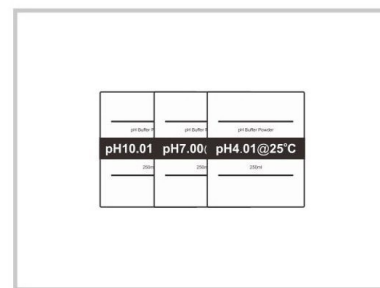*   No potential electromagnetic interference.

The following list describes the standard components of the meter. After the unpacking, please check all components are complete. If any are damaged or missing, please contact nearest distributor.
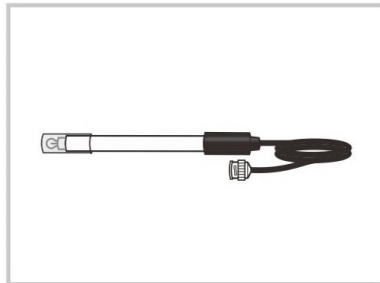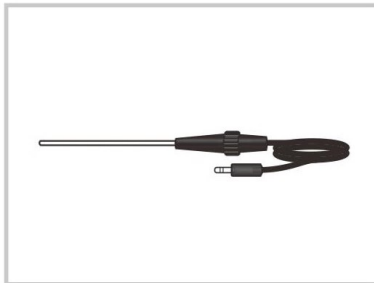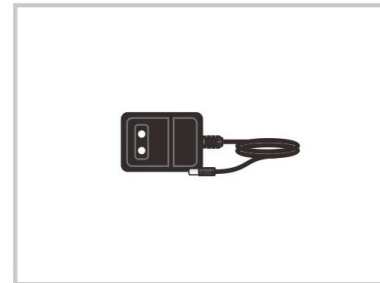

A130 pH/Ion Meter
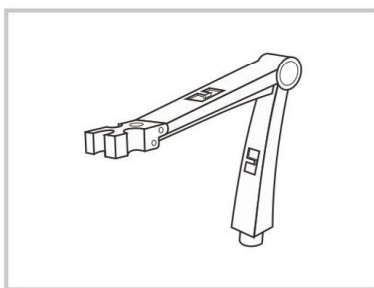
Electrode Holder

pH Buffer Pouches

E65-1 pH Electrode

TP-10K Temperature Probe

DC12V Power Adapter

Keypad

The A130 meter has a succinct membrane keypad, names and symbols describe the each function key controls.

KEY	FUNCTION
⏻ | ESC	• Switches the meter ON/OFF. • Exits the calibration or setting and returns to measurement.
°C | Mode	• Selects the measurement mode. • Sets the temperature of sample (Press and hold the key for 3 seconds).
✿ | Cal	• Starts calibration. • Enters the setup menu (Press and hold the key for 3 seconds).
🔒 | Meas	• Locks the measured value. • Resume measuring.
Print	• Sends data to a printer or computer.
▲ | MI	• Stores current reading to memory. • Increase value or scroll up through the menu item.
▼ | MR	• Views the calibration report or data logs. • Decrease value or scroll down through the menu item.
Enter	• Confirms the calibration, settings or displayed options.

Connectors
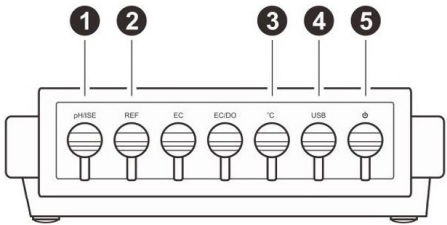
NO.	CONNECTOR	DESCRIPTION
1	pH/ISE	Used for connecting the pH, ORP or ion selective electrode
2	REF	Used for connecting the reference electrode
3	°C	Used for connecting the temperature probe
4	USB	Used for connecting the computer or printer
5	⏻	Used for connecting the power adapter

Installing the Electrode Holder

Take out the electrode holder from the packaging. Turn the meter over. Align the base plate of the electrode holder with the circular holes on the meter. Moderately tighten two screws.
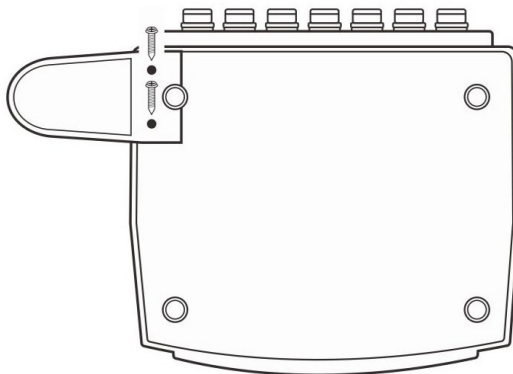
Adjustment of electrode arm

After installation, if the electrode arm automatically rises or falls, you need to adjust the screw until arm locate at any position.

1.   Remove the plastic cover from the electrode arm.
2.   Use the screwdriver to tighten the screw moderately.
3.   Insert the plastic cover to previous position. Installation is completed.
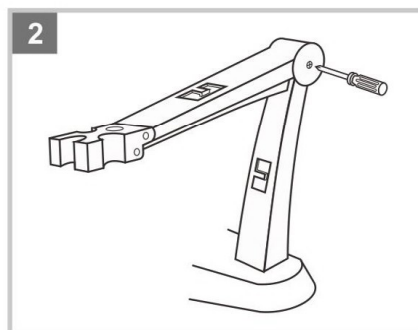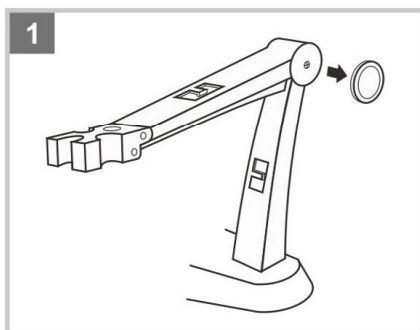
Connecting the Electrode

1.   Take out the electrode from the packaging. Follow the steps below to place the electrode into left or right side of the electrode arm.

1. Insert the electrode   2. Hook up the cable

3. Hook up the cable
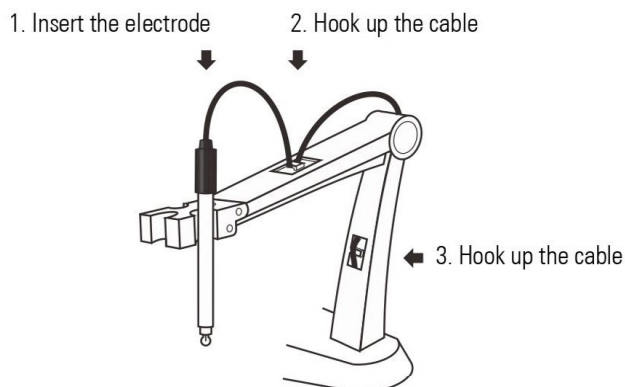
2. Insert the BNC connector into the connector socket labeled pH/ISE. Rotate and push the connector clockwise until it locks. After the connection is completed, DO NOT pull on the cable. Always make sure that the connector is clean and dry.
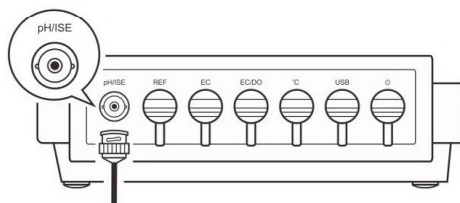
Connecting the Temperature Probe

1. Place the temperature probe into the circular hole of the electrode arm.
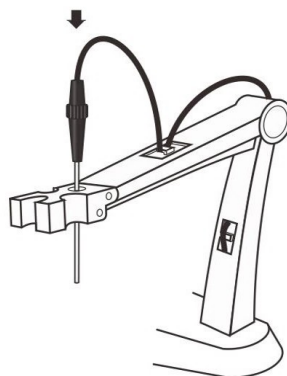
2. Insert the phone plug to the connector socket labeled °C. Ensure the connector is fully seated.
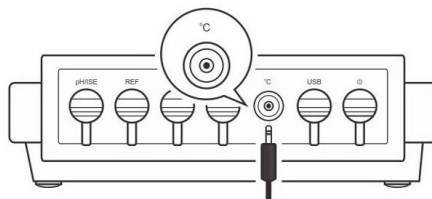
Connecting the Power Adapter

1. Before plugging in the power adapter, ensure that its voltage matches the local main voltage.
2. Insert the connector to the power socket. The meter is now ready for use.
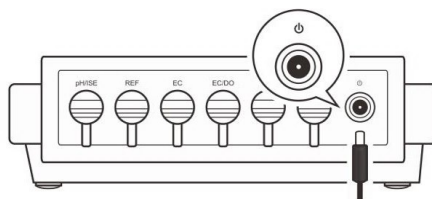
Switching the Meter On and Off

- Press and hold the ⏻ key to switch on the meter, the display shows the measured values.
- Press and hold the ⏻ key for 3 seconds, the meter will switch off.

ⓘ To enable the Auto-Power Off feature, please refer to chapter SETUP MENU.

Setup Menu

The A130 pH/Ion meter contains an integrated setup menu that is used to customize the displayed option to meet measurement requirements. The following table describes the functions of the menu items.

pH Mode:

| MENU	OPTIONS	DESCRIPTION	DEFAULT
Sample ID	0000 to 9999	Set the sample ID to associate readings with the data log.	0000
pH Buffer Group	USA	Set the pH buffer group for calibration and auto-recognition	USA
	NIST		
	DIN		
	Custom (Any 2 to 5 values ≥1 pH apart)		
Calibration Points	1 to 5 points	Set the number of calibration points.	3 points
Resolution	0.001	Set the resolution of the pH measurement.	0.001
	0.01		
STC	High purity water	The solution temperature coefficient is used to correct the pure water samples with a conductivity of less than 30µS. If enabled, the readings will automatically reference to 25°C.	Off
	Sample contained the ammonia or phosphate		
	Off		
Alarm Limits	Enable	Set the high and low limit values to activate alarm (Range: -2.00 to 20.00pH).	Disable
	Disable		
Calibration Due	Enable	Set the calibration interval to activate alarm (1 to 31 days).	Disable
	Disable		

Ion Mode:

MENU	OPTIONS	DESCRIPTION	DEFAULT
Sample ID	0000 to 9999	Set the sample ID to associate readings with the data log.	0000
Concentration Unit	ppm	Set the displayed concentration unit.	ppm
	mg/L		
	mol/L		
	mmol/L		

Water Hardness Unit	°dH	Set the default measurement unit.	°dH
	°e		
	°fH		
	mg/L (CaCO$_3$)		
	mg/L (CaO)		
	mg/L (Ca^2)		
	mmol/L		
Calibration Points	2 to 5 points	Set the number of calibration points.	2 points
Ionic Valency	Monovalent	Set the ion valence of sample.	Monovalent
	Divalent		
Alarm Limits	Enable	Set the high and low limit values to activate alarm (Range: 0 to 30000).	Disable
	Disable		
Calibration Due	Enable	Set the calibration interval to activate alarm (1 to 31 days).	Disable
	Disable		

General Options:

Temperature Unit	°C	Set the default temperature unit.	°C
	°F		
Stability Criteria	Standard	Set when a measurement is recognized as stable.	Standard
	High-accuracy		
Auto-Read	Enable	When the option is enabled, the meter will automatically sense a stable reading and lock the measurements.	Disable
	Disable		
Auto-Power Off	Enable	When the option is enabled, the meter will automatically switch off if no key is pressed within 3 hours.	Disable
	Disable		
Date and Time	Year-month-day, hour-minutes	Set the current date and time.	
Interval Readings	Off	When the option is enabled, the meter will automatically send the measured data to the computer or printer.	Off
	10 seconds		
	30 seconds		
	60 seconds		
	10 minutes		
	30 minutes		
Password	Enable	Set the password protection for calibration and settings.	Disable
	Disable		
Brightness	Low, Mid, High	Set the brightness level of the backlight.	Mid

Clear Stored Data	Enable	Delete all stored readings in the memory.	Disable
	Disable		
Factory Reset	Enable	Reset the meter to factory default settings.	Disable
	Disable		

Setting the default option

1. In the measurement mode, press and hold the ✿ key for 3 seconds to enter the setup menu.
2. Press the ▲ or ▼ key to select the menu item.
3. Press the **Enter** key, the cursor changes to highlight.
4. Press the ▲ or ▼ key to select the desired option.
5. Press the **Enter** key to confirm, the meter returns to the measurement mode. Setting is completed.

Setting the default parameter

The meter provides two methods for parameter settings.

- Press the ▲ or ▼ key to modify the value, press the **Enter** key to confirm.
- If the cursor appears below the first digit, press the ▲ or ▼ key to set the value, press the **Enter** key to confirm and move to the next digit. Repeat the steps above until the meter returns to the measurement mode. Setting is completed.

ⓘ During the setting process, press the ▲ or ▼ key once, the setting value will increase or decrease gradually. Press and hold the ▲ or ▼ key, the setting value will increase or decrease quickly.

Setup example - alarm limits

1. In the measurement mode, press and hold the ✿ key for 3 seconds to enter the setup menu.
2. Press the ▲ or ▼ key select the "Alarm Limits".
3. Press the **Enter** key, the cursor changes to highlight.
4. Press the ▲ key to select the "Enable", press the **Enter** key to confirm.
5. Press the ▲ or ▼ key to set the high alarm value, press the **Enter** key to confirm.
6. Press the ▲ or ▼ key to set the low alarm value, press the **Enter** key to return to the measurement mode.
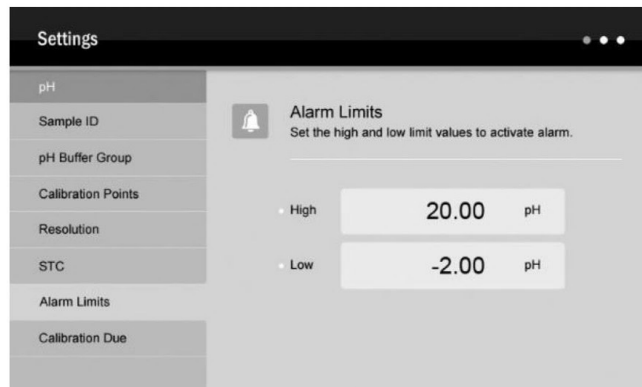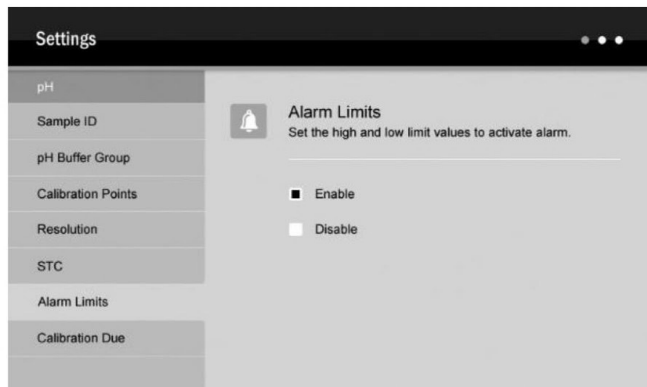
Stability Criteria

The Stability setting allows the user to set when a measurement is recognized as stable by the meter. When the Standard option is enabled, the Stable icon will quickly appear on the display. When the High-accuracy option is enabled, the icon will take longer to appear, but guarantees high accuracy of the measurement.
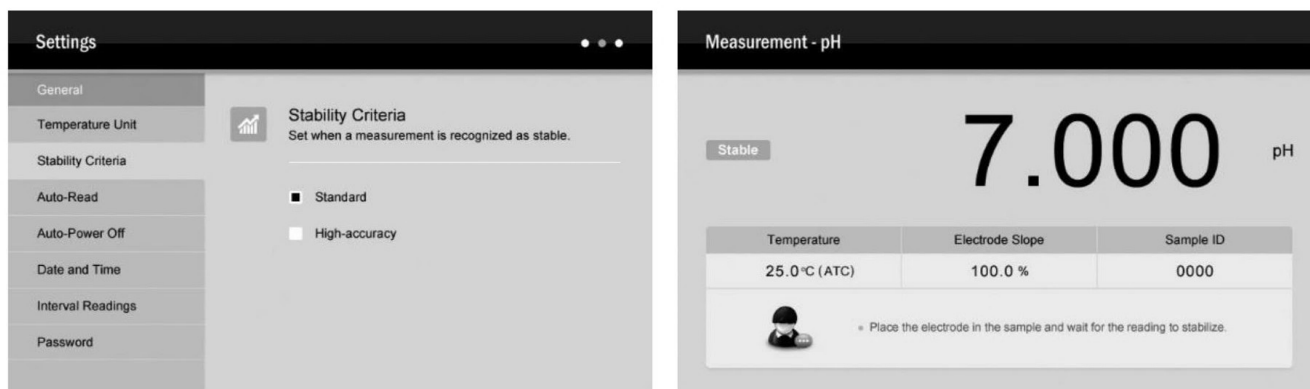
Auto-Read

The Auto-Read feature is used to lock a measurement endpoint. If enabled, the meter will automatically sense a stable reading and lock the measurements. The HOLD icon appears on the display. Press the **Meas** key, the meter resumes measuring.
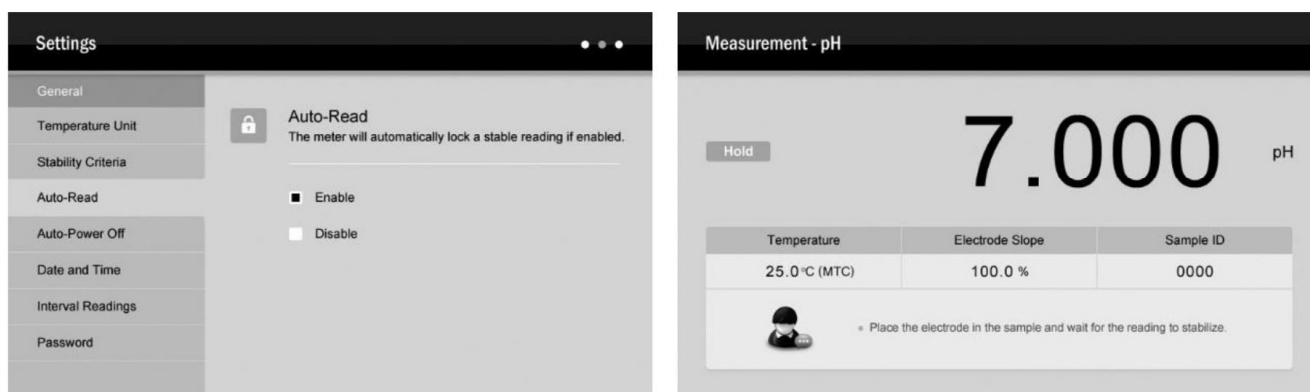
Interval Readings

The Interval Readings is capable of recording the measurements at the predefined time intervals. If enabled, the meter will continue to send measured data to the printer or computer until the measurement mode is exited. You are able to use the DAS software for receiving the data or viewing the real-time graph. For more details, please refer to chapter COMMUNICATION.
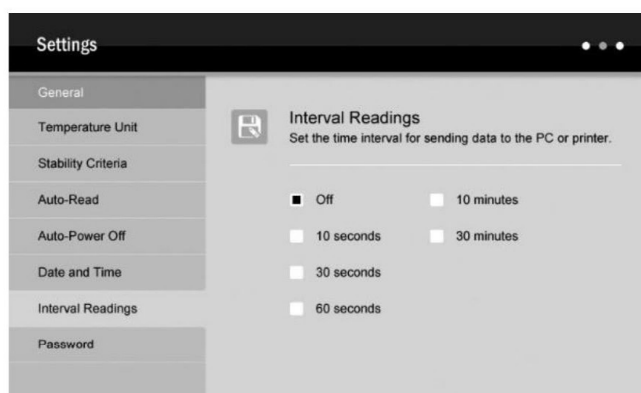
Password

The password protection is used to prevent the unauthorized calibration and settings. If enabled, the user must enter the 4-digit password to access the calibration or setup menu. If the setting value is 0000, the password protection will invalid.
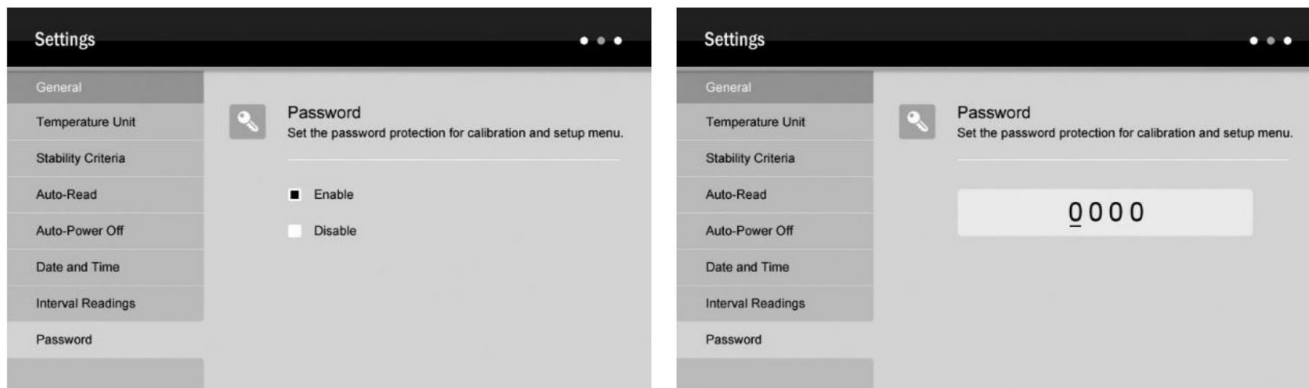
Unlock or Reset the password

Press and hold the ⚙ key in the measurement mode, the password input window immediately shows on the display and wait for entering the correct digits. Press the ▲ or ▼ key to input the password, press the **Enter** key to confirm. Once you have successfully entered the setup menu, selecting the "Disable". The password will be removed.
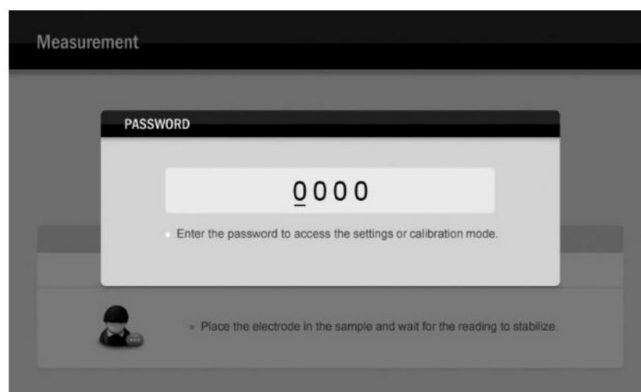
Factory Reset

The Factory Reset will restore the meter back to factory default settings. If enabled, all of the calibration data and selected options/parameters will be lost or reset, the meter must be recalibrated. During the setting process, when the display shows "Are you sure you want to reset the meter?", press the **Enter** key, the meter will immediately restore the factory settings, press the **ESC** key to cancel.
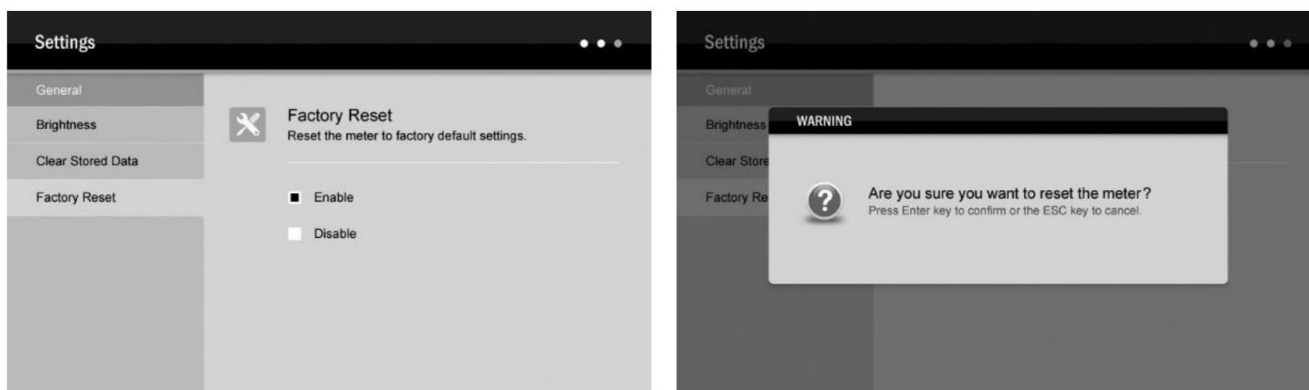
Prior to Use

Remove the protective cap from the bottom of the electrode.

pH Electrode:
If the glass sensitive membrane has dried out, soak the electrode in 3M KCL solution (pH adjusted to 4.0) for at least 30 minutes.
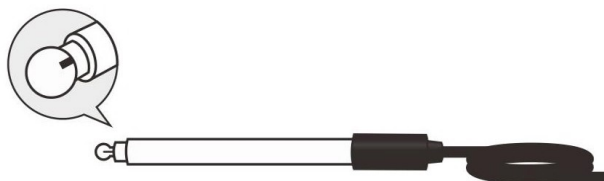
ORP Electrode (purchase separately):
If the sensing element has dried out, soak the electrode in 4M KCL solution for at least 20 minutes.
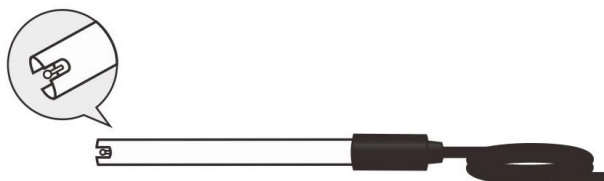
Ion Selective Electrode (purchase separately):
Soak the electrode in the 100ppm standard solution for at least 20 minutes.

Temperature Compensation

For better accuracy, we recommend the use of either a sensor with a built-in or a separate temperature probe for the calibration or measurement.

Automatic Temperature Compensation

Connect the temperature probe to the meter (Refer to page 4 "Connecting the Temperature Probe"). The ATC icon immediately appears on the display, the meter is now switched to the automatic temperature compensation mode.
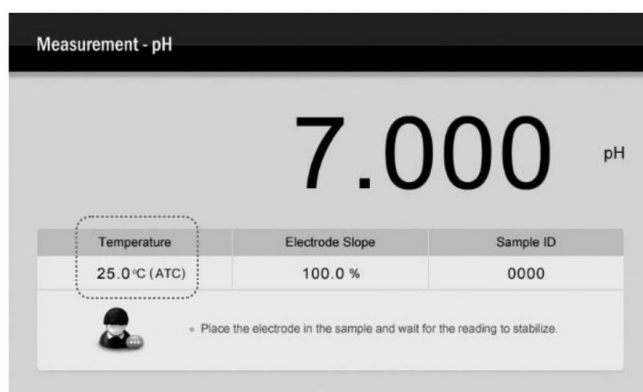
Manual Temperature Compensation

If the meter does not detect a temperature probe, the MTC icon will show on the display indicating that the meter is switched to the manual temperature compensation mode. To set the temperature value, follow the steps below.

1.   Press and hold the **ºC** key for 3 seconds to enter the temperature setting mode.
2.   Press the ▲ or ▼ key to modify the temperature value.
3.   Press the **Enter** key to confirm, the meter returns to the measurement mode. Setting is completed.
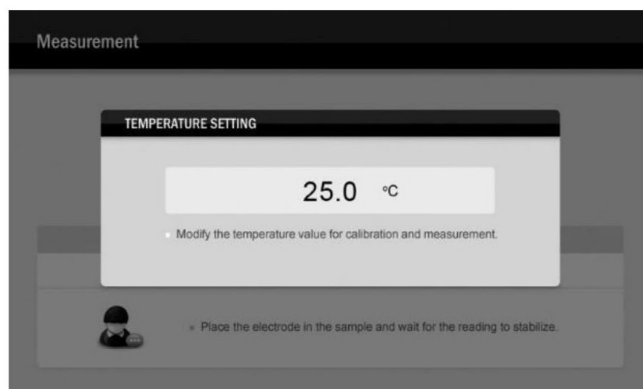
ⓘ   Press the ▲ or ▼ key once, the setting value will increase or decrease by 0.1. Press and hold the ▲ or ▼ key, the setting value will increase or decrease by 1.

pH Calibration

The A130 meter allows 1 to 5 points calibration in the pH mode. We recommend that you perform at least 2 points calibration for high accuracy measurement. The meter will automatically recognize and calibrate to following standard buffer values.

USA Standard Buffers	pH1.68, 4.01, 7.00, 10.01, 12.45
NIST Standard Buffers	pH1.68, 4.01, 6.86, 9.18, 12.45
DIN Standard Buffers	pH1.09, 3.06, 4.65, 6.79, 9.23, 12.75

If the Custom option is selected, the meter will allow only 2 to 5 points calibration. Single point calibration should only be carried out with pH7.00, 6.86 or 6.79, otherwise calibration will not be accepted.

Make sure to calibrate the meter when attaching a new electrode. Do not reuse the calibration solution after calibration, contaminants in solution will affect the calibration and eventually the accuracy of the measurement.

Single point calibration

1.1   Ensure that the meter is in the pH measurement mode and you have selected 1 point calibration in the setup menu.

1.2   Press the **Cal** key, the display shows "Calibration Point 7.00" or "6.86" or "6.79" (Depend on the pH buffer group you selected).
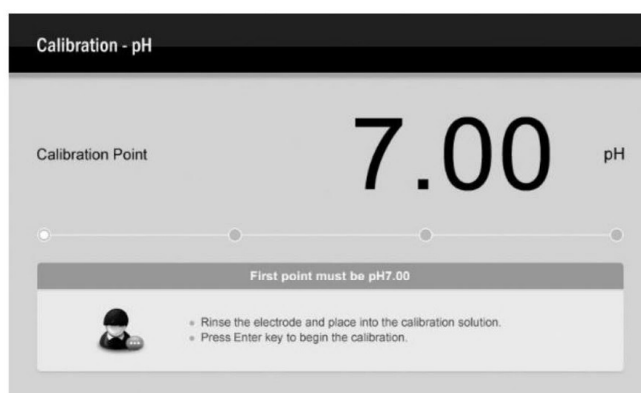
1.3   Rinse the pH electrode with distilled water, place the electrode (and temperature probe) into the pH7.00 (or 6.86, or 6.79) buffer solution. The end of the electrode must be completely immersed into the calibration solution. Stir the electrode gently to create a homogeneous solution.

1.4   Press the **Enter** key, the Calibrating.. icon shows on the display.
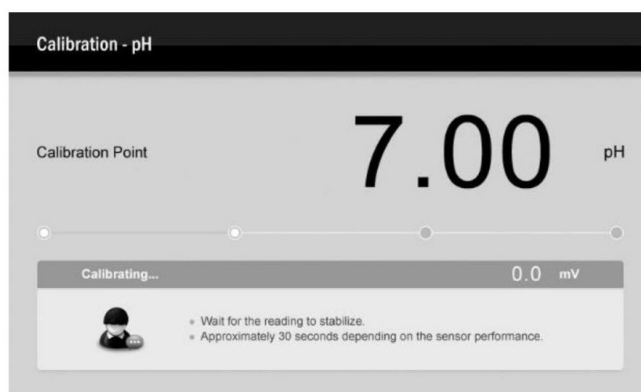
1.5   Wait for the mV value to stabilize, the meter automatically shows "Calibration is completed" and returns to the measurement mode.

Multi-point calibration

2.1 Ensure that you have selected 2 to 5 points calibration in the setup menu.

2.2 Repeat steps 1.2 to 1.4 above. When the first calibration point is completed, the display will show "Calibration Point 2". The meter prompts you to continue with second point calibration.
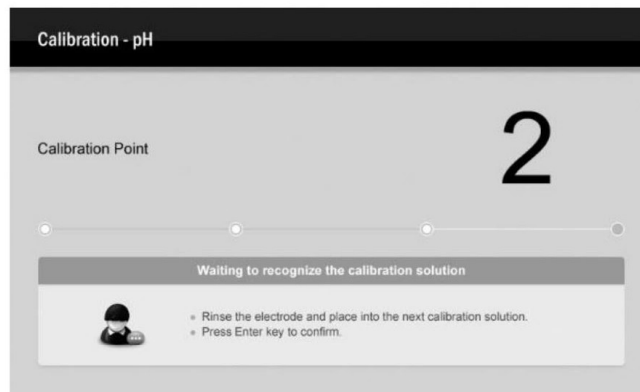
2.3 Rinse the pH electrode with distilled water, place the electrode (and temperature probe) into the next buffer solution (e.g., pH4.01). Stir the electrode gently.

2.4 Press the **Enter** key, the meter automatically recognizes the current calibration solution and begins the calibration.
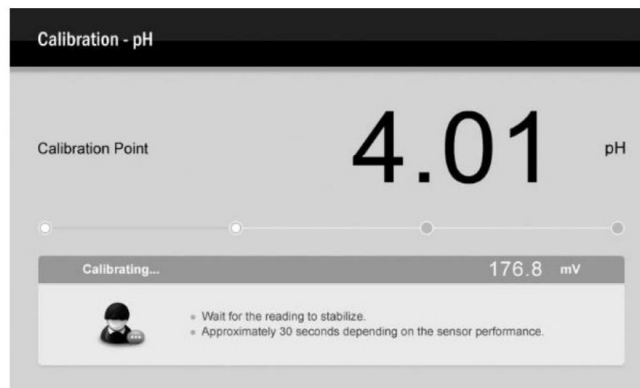
2.5 Wait for the mV value to stabilize, the display will show "Calibration Point 3". The meter prompts you to continue with third point calibration.

2.6 Repeat the steps 2.3 to 2.4 above until the meter returns to the measurement mode. Calibration is completed.
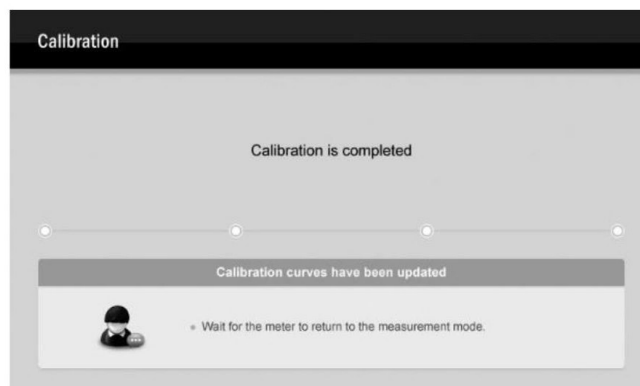
pH calibration with custom buffers

3.1   Ensure that you have select the Custom option in the setup menu. The calibration solutions should be at least 1 pH unit apart from each other.

3.2   Rinse the pH electrode with distilled water, place the electrode (and temperature probe) into the custom buffer solution. Stir the electrode gently and wait until the measurement is stable.

3.3   Press the **Cal** key, the meter enters the calibration mode.
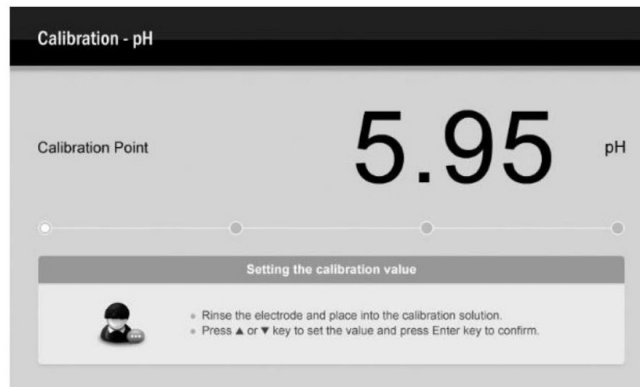
3.4   If necessary, press the ▲ or ▼ key to set the calibration value (e.g., 6.00pH).

3.5   Press the **Enter** key, the meter begins the calibration.

3.6   Wait for the mV value to stabilize, the display will show "Setting the calibration value" again. The meter prompts you to continue with second point calibration.

3.7   Repeat steps 3.2 and 3.5 above until the meter returns to the measurement mode. Calibration is completed.

ⓘ   If you want to exit the calibration, press the **ESC** key, the meter will immediately return to the measurement mode.

ORP Calibration

The A130 meter allows 1 point calibration in the ORP mode, but calibration is not necessary unless exact readout agreement with a work standard and at a specific ORP value is needed.

1. Ensure that the meter is in the ORP measurement mode.
2. Rinse the ORP electrode with distilled water, place the electrode into the calibration solution. Stir the electrode gently and wait until the measurement is stable.
3. Press the **Cal** key, the meter enters the calibration mode.
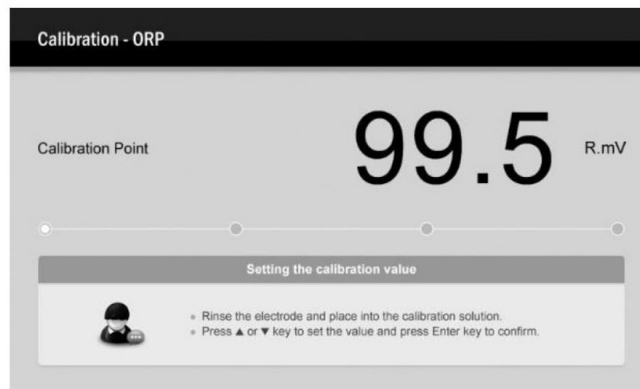
4. If necessary, press the ▲ or ▼ key to set the calibration value (e.g., 100.0mV).
5. Press the **Enter** key, the meter begins the calibration.
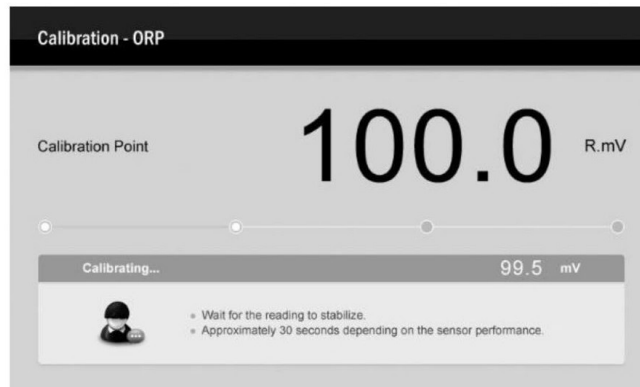
6. Wait for the mV value to stabilize, the meter automatically shows "Calibration is completed" and returns to the measurement mode.

ⓘ   During the setting process, press the ▲ or ▼ key once, the setting value will increase or decrease by 0.1. Press and hold the ▲ or ▼ key, the setting value will increase or decrease by 1.

Ion Concentration Calibration

The A130 meter is capable of 2 to 5 points ion calibration with standard solutions, available calibration points include the following options.

MEASUREMENT UNIT	CALIBRATION POINTS
ppm	0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000, 10000
mg/L	0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000, 10000
mol/L	0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10
mmol/L	0.001, 0.01, 0.1

In order to get accurate measuring results, we recommend that adding the Ionic Strength Adjuster to all standard solutions and samples. A typical addition would be 2ml ISA to 100ml of standard and sample.

If the meter has not been calibrated or the measurement unit has converted from ppm (or mg/L) to mol/L (or mmol/L), the display will always show "Could not find the electrode slope" and waits for user to calibrate the meter.
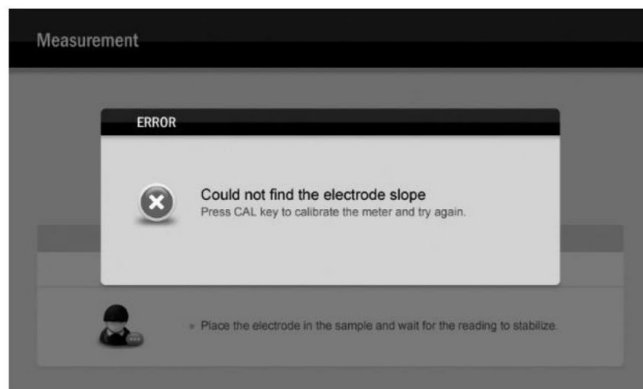
Electrode type and storage location

The meter reserves the 3 storage locations for recording the slope of each ion selective electrode. For example, you selected the storage location "Ion 1" and using the fluoride ion electrode to calibrate the meter. Selecting the storage location "Ion 2" and using the chloride ion electrode to calibrate the meter. The electrode slopes will be stored in the selected location separately after the calibration.
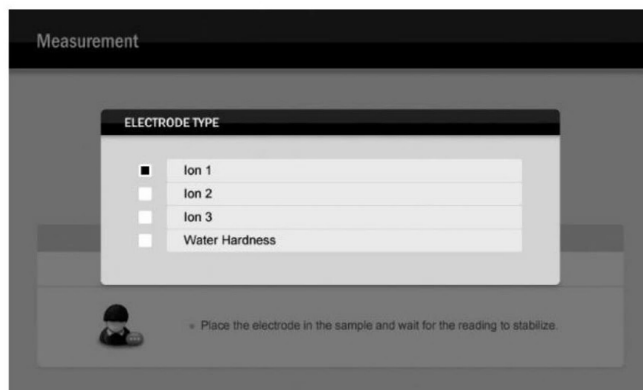
Ionic valency

The A130 meter is capable of connecting the various type of the ion selective electrodes for concentration measurement. The Ionic Valency option is used to determine the valence of the connected electrode. During the calibration process, the meter will automatically diagnose the electrode performance according to your setting. To set this option, please refer to page 7 "Setting the Default Options".
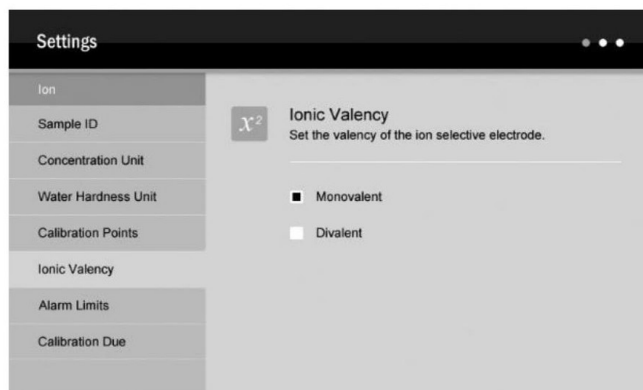
Calibrating the meter

1.   Ensure that the meter is in the "Ion (Direct Reading)" mode and selected standard solutions cover the anticipated range of the samples.
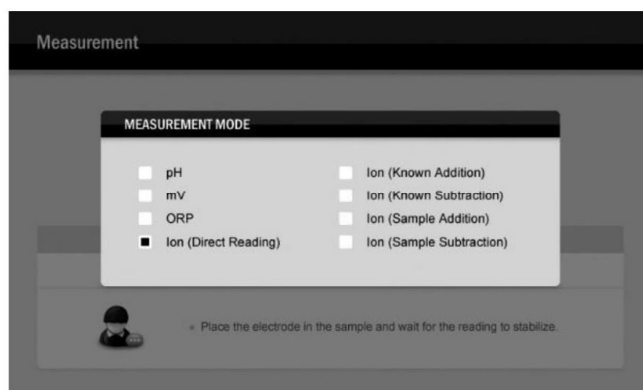
2.   Press the **Cal** key, the display shows "Calibration Point 100ppm".
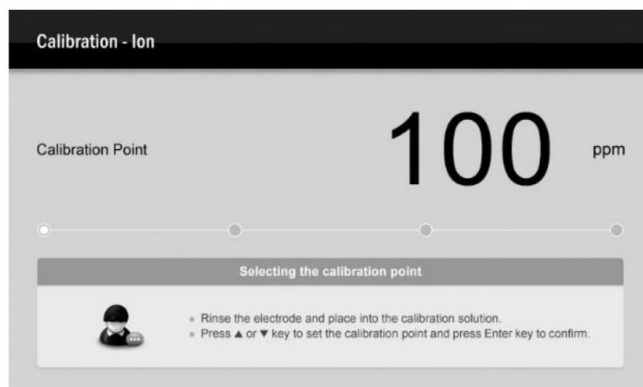
3. If necessary, press the ▲ or ▼ key to select the desired calibration point. The meter will automatically perform the calibration from the low to high concentrations.
4. Rinse the ion selective electrode with distilled water, then rinse with a small amount of standard solution.
5. Place the electrode into corresponding standard solution (e.g.,100ppm). Stir the electrode gently to create a homogeneous solution.
6. Press the **Enter** key, the meter begins the calibration.
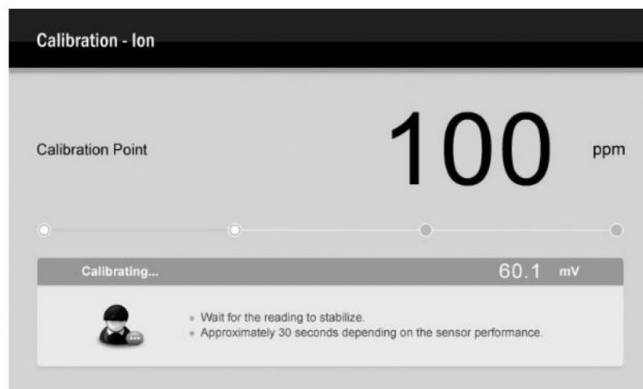
7. Wait for the mV value to stabilize, the display will show "Calibration Point 1000ppm". The meter prompts you to continue with second point calibration.
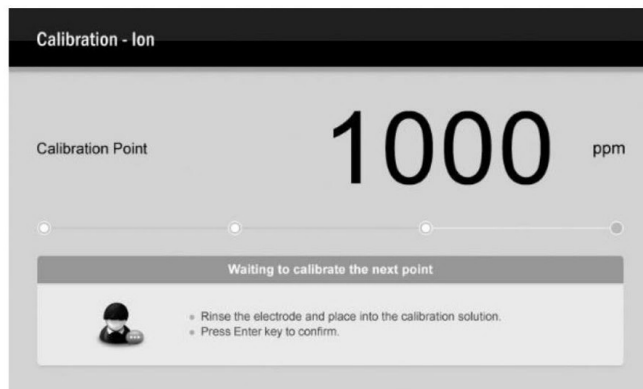
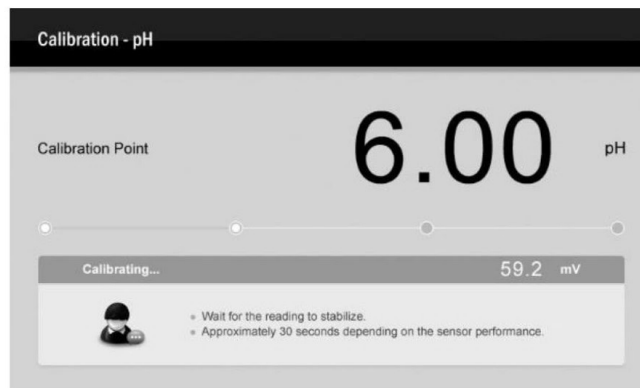8. Repeat steps 4 to 6 above until the meter returns to the measurement mode. Calibration is completed.
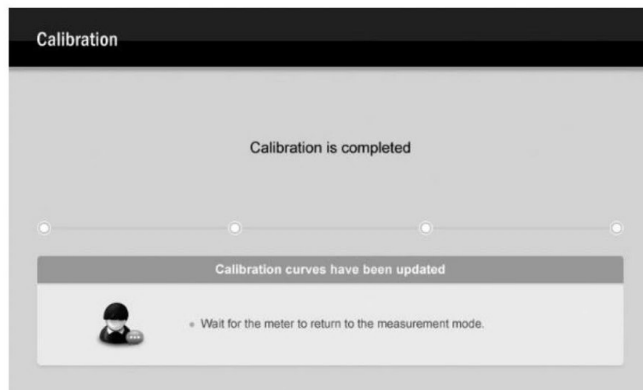
ⓘ During the calibration and measurement processes, using a magnetic stirrer is recommended.

Water Hardness Calibration

In the water hardness mode, the meter is capable of up to 5 points calibration with a minimum of 2 points calibration. Available calibration points include 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100mmol/L. The meter will automatically perform the calibration from low to high concentrations.

1.   Press the **Mode** key in the measurement mode and the ▲ or ▼ key to select the "Ion (Direct Reading)", press the **Enter** key to confirm.
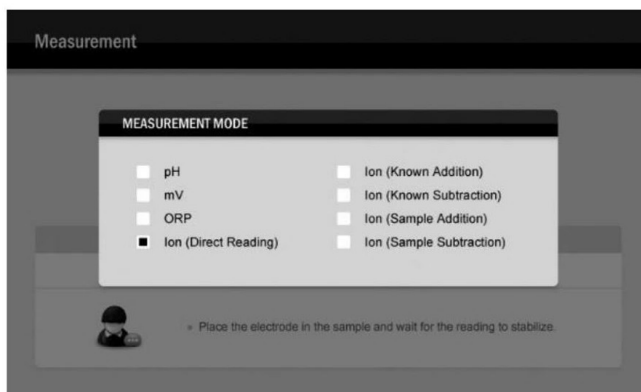
2.   Press the ▲ or ▼ key to select the "Water Hardness", press the **Enter** key to confirm.
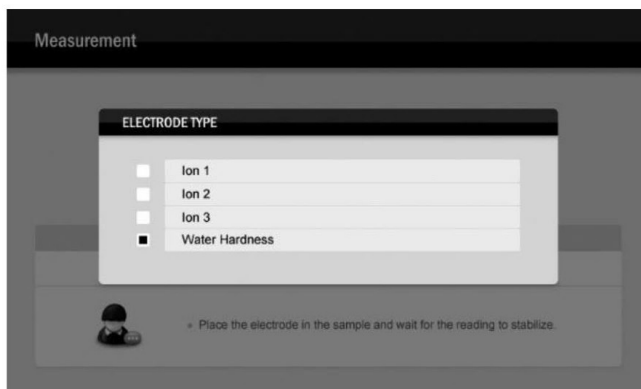
3.   Press the **Cal** key, the meter enters the calibration mode. The display shows "Calibration Point 0.01mmol/L".
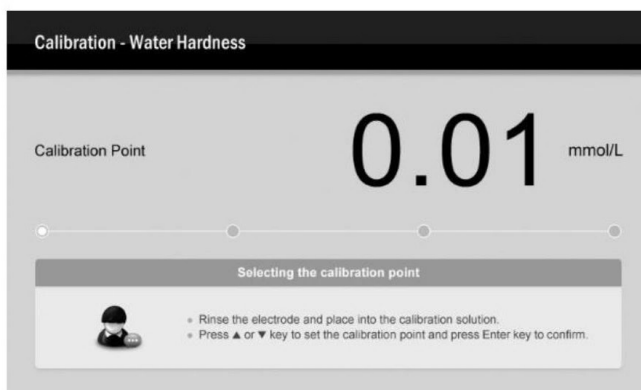
4.   If necessary, press the ▲ or ▼ key to select the desired calibration point.

5. Rinse the water hardness electrode with distilled water, then rinse with a small amount of standard solution.
6. Place the electrode into corresponding standard solution (e.g., 0.01mmol/L). Stir the electrode gently to create a homogeneous solution.
7. Press the **Enter** key, the meter begins the calibration.
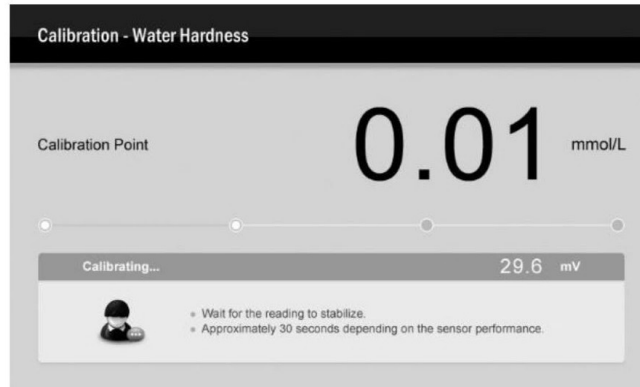
8. Wait for the mV value to stabilize, the display will show "Calibration Point 0.1mmol/L". The meter prompts you to continue with second point calibration.
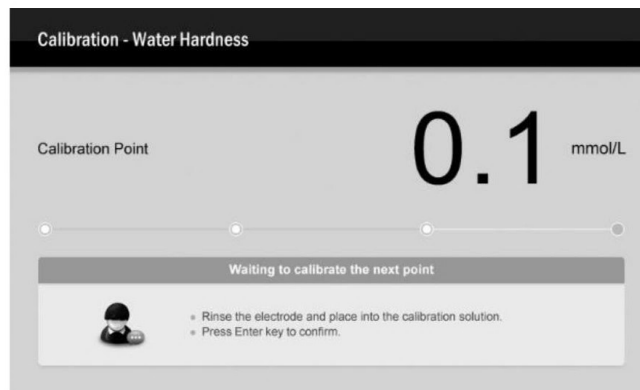
9. Repeat steps 5 to 7 above until the meter returns to the measurement mode. Calibration is completed.
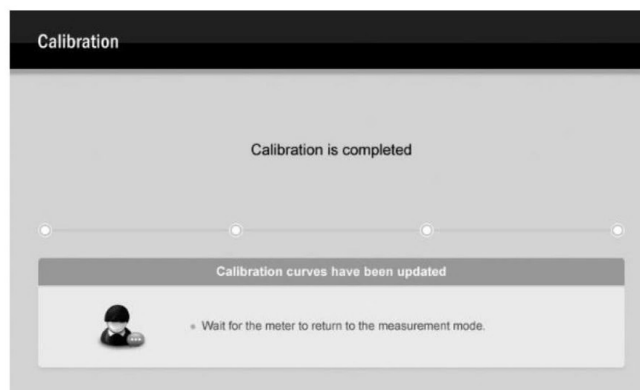
ⓘ During the calibration and measurement processes, using a magnetic stirrer is recommended.

Temperature Calibration

During the measurement process, if the temperature reading displayed differs from that of an accurate thermometer, the meter needs to be calibrated.

1. Connect the temperature probe to the meter and place into a solution with a known accurate temperature.
2. Press and hold the **°C** key for 3 seconds to enter the calibration mode.
3. Press the ▲ or ▼ key to set the temperature value.
4. Press the **Enter** key, the meter returns to the measurement mode. Calibrating is completed.

Measurement

TEMPERATURE SETTING

25.0   °C

Modify the temperature value for calibration and measurement.

Place the electrode in the sample and wait for the reading to stabilize.
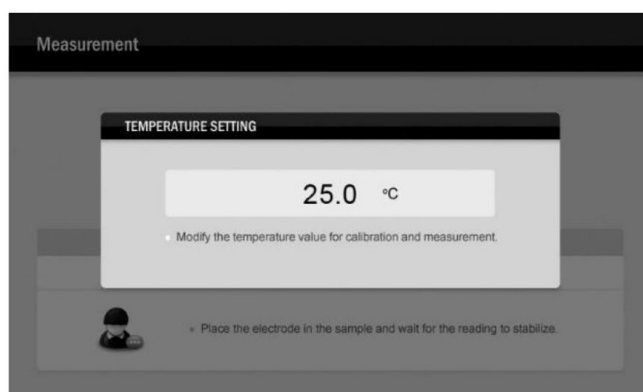
Calibration Report

The A130 meter provides detailed report for the pH, ORP, ion concentration and water hardness calibrations. If the custom buffers used in last pH calibration, the pH calibration report will not available.

1.   Press the **MR** key in the measurement mode, the meter shows the data log options.
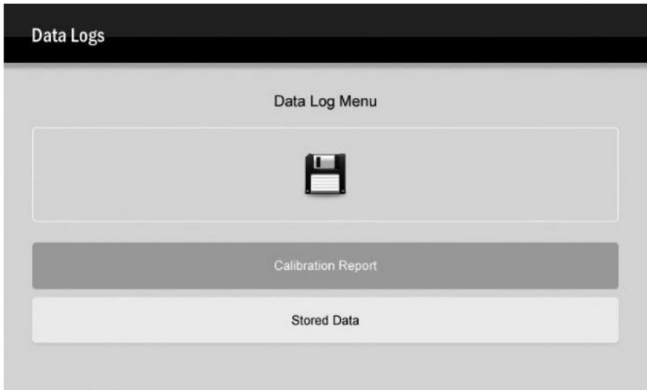
2.   Press the ▲ or ▼ key to select the "Calibration Report".
3.   Press the **Enter** key, the display shows the updated calibration information.
4.   Press the **ESC** key, the meter returns to the measurement mode.

Calibration Report

pH

Date:	2018 - 1 - 10	Temperature:	25.0	℃
Time:	10 : 25 : 35	Offset:	0.0	mV
pH Buffer Group:	USA	Calibration Due:	1 Day(s)	

Calibration Points (pH)		Slope Details (%)
4.01	7.00	100.0
7.00	10.01	99.7

Calibration Report

ORP

Date:	2018 - 1 - 10
Time:	10 : 25 : 40
Offset (mV):	0.5

Calibration Report

Ion 1

Date:	2018 - 1 - 10	Temperature:	25.0	℃
Time:	10 : 25 : 55	Calibration Due:	1 Day(s)	

Calibration Points (ppm)		Slope Details (mV)
100	1000	60.2

Calibration Report

Ion (Water Hardness)

Date:	2018 - 1 - 10	Temperature:	25.0	℃
Time:	10 : 25 : 50	Calibration Due:	1 Day(s)	

Calibration Points (mmol/L)		Slope Details (mV)
0.01	0.1	29.1

pH Measurement

1. Press the **Mode** key in the measurement mode and the ▲ or ▼ key to select the "pH" option, press the **Enter** key to confirm.
2. Rinse the pH electrode with distilled water to remove any impurities adhering to the probe body.
3. Place the electrode (and temperature probe) into the sample solution, stir the electrode gently.
4. Record the measured value when the reading is stable.

ORP Measurement

The A130 meter contains two millivolt measurement modes.

Absolute millivolt

Press the **Mode** key in the measurement mode and the ▲ or ▼ key to select the "mV" option. Press the **Enter** key, the meter is now enters the absolute millivolt measurement mode.

Relative millivolt

Press the **Mode** key in the measurement mode and the ▲ or ▼ key to select the "ORP" option. Press the **Enter** key, the meter enters the relative millivolt measurement mode.
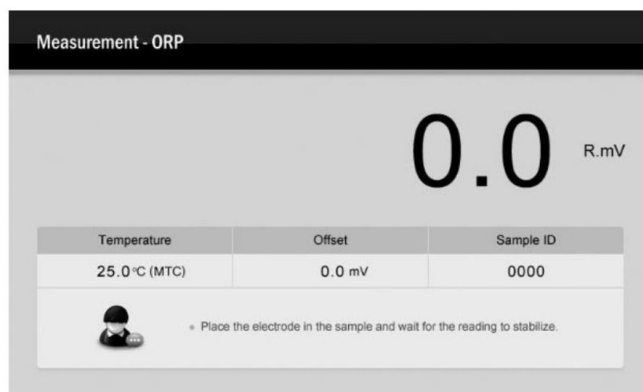
Select one of the above modes. Place the ORP electrode into the sample solution, stir the electrode gently. Record the measured value when the reading is stable.

Ion Concentration Measurements

The A130 meter contains the direct reading method and 4 incremental methods for the ion concentration measurement. Available incremental methods include the known addition, known subtraction, sample addition and sample subtraction. If you selected the concentration unit mol/L or mmol/L for the ion measurement, the incremental methods will be disabled, the display will always show "Could not find the electrode slope". The meter must be recalibrated in the concentration unit ppm or mg/L.

The Ionic Strength Adjuster is used to adjust the pH and ionic strength of the sample and minimise the interferences. For the low concentration sample, adding the ISA to sample and using the plastic beaker are necessary. Prior to measurement, ensure that the temperature of sample is the same as the standard solution, the maximum error should be controlled within the 0.5°C.

Direct reading method

1.1 Press the **Mode** key in the measurement mode and the ▲ or ▼ key to select the "Ion (Direct Reading)", press the **Enter** key to confirm.
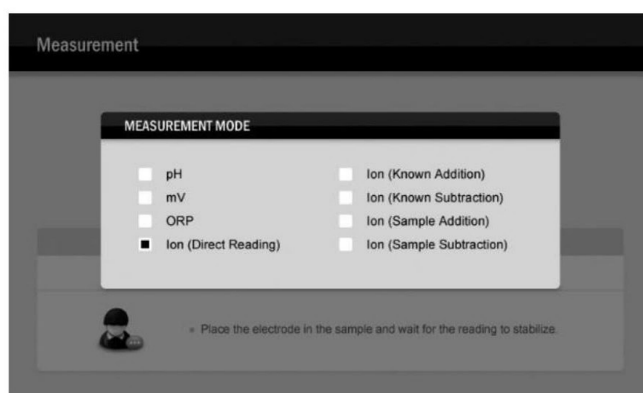
1.2 Press the ▲ or ▼ key to select the electrode type (Depending on the option during the calibration process, e.g., Ion 1).

1.3 Press the **Enter** key, the meter begins the measurement.
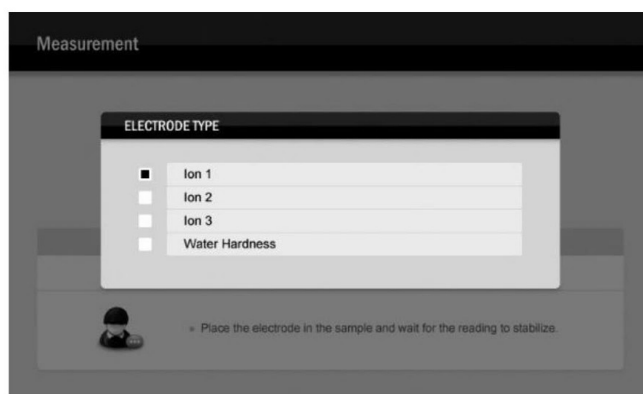
1.4 Rinse the ion selective electrode thoroughly with distilled water and place the electrode into the stirring sample.

1.5 Add the Ionic Strength Adjuster to the sample if necessary (e.g., 2ml ISA to 100ml of sample).

1.6 Record the measured value when the reading is stable.

Known addition method

2.1   Press the **Mode** key in the measurement mode and the ▲ or ▼ key to select the "Ion (Known Addition)", press the **Enter** key to confirm.
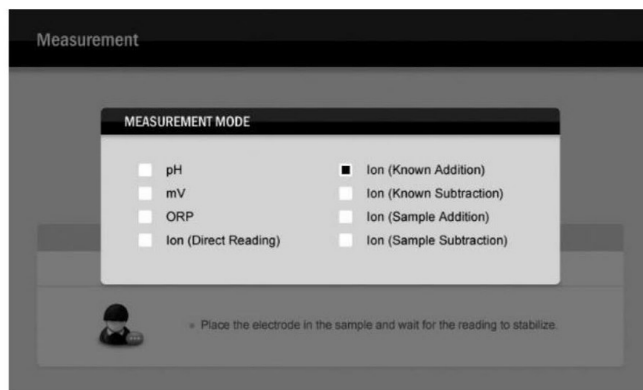
2.2   Press the ▲ or ▼ key to select the electrode type (e.g., Ion 1), press the **Enter** key to confirm.
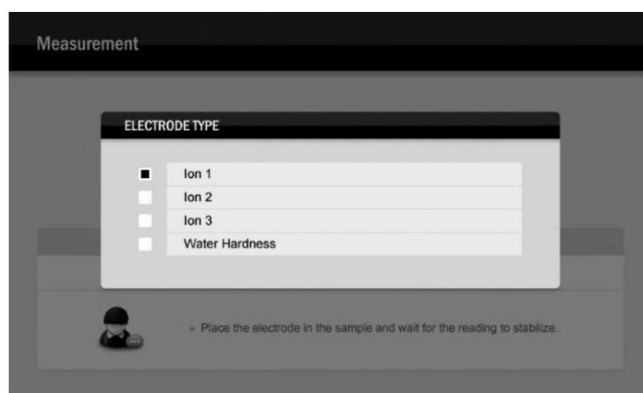
The meter begins to measure the first mV reading of sample, the indicator "E1" appears on the left side of the display.
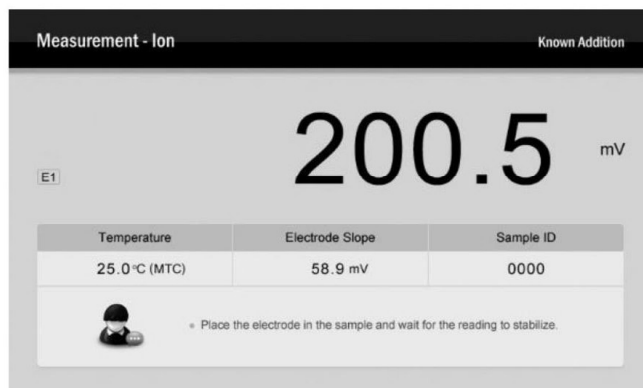
2.3   Place the ion selective electrode into the stirring sample.

2.4   Wait for the reading to stabilize, press the **Enter** key to store the measured value "E1". The meter begins to measure the second mV reading, the indicator "E2" appears on the left side of the display.

2.5   Add a known volume of standard solution to the sample and wait for the reading to stabilize.

2.6   Press the **Enter** key, the meter shows a parameter list and waits for user to input the sample volume, stand volume and standard concentration (unit: ppm or mg/L).
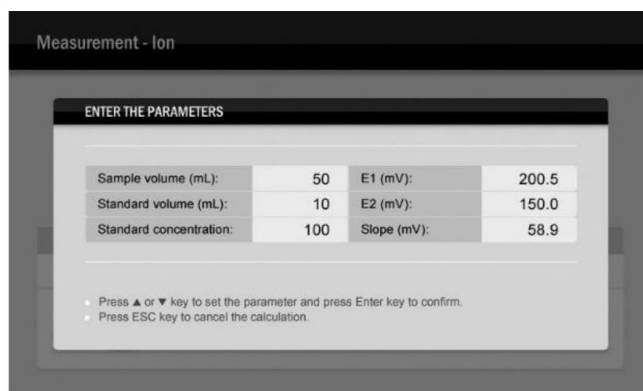
2.7   Press the ▲ or ▼ key to set the parameters, press the **Enter** key to confirm and move to the next option. When the setting is completed, the meter will automatically show the known addition result. The measurement is completed.
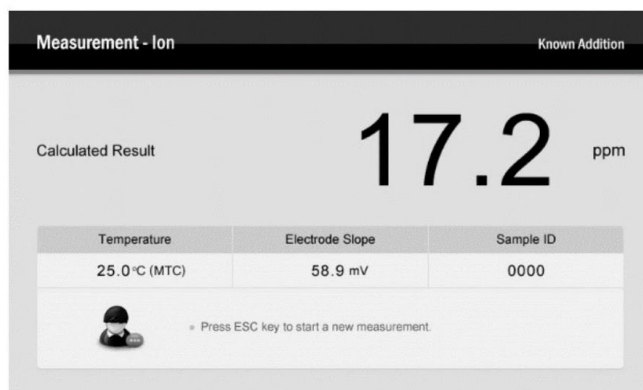
2.8   Press the **ESC** key, the meter will take a new measurement. To exit the measurement, press the **Mode** key to convert the measurement mode.

Known subtraction method

The procedure for known subtraction is similar to the known addition method. The difference is that the standard does not contain the same ionic species that you are trying to measure in the sample. Instead, it contains an ion that will complex or precipitate the ion of interest, removing it from the sample.

3.1 Press the **Mode** key in the measurement mode and the ▲ or ▼ key to select the "Ion (Known Subtraction)", press the **Enter** key to confirm.

3.2 Repert the steps 2.2 to 2.7 above. When the measurement is completed, press the **ESC** key to take a new measurement or the **Mode** key to convert the measurement mode.

Sample addition method

This method is similar to the known addition method, except that the sample solution is added to the standard solution.

4.1 Press the **Mode** key in the measurement mode and the ▲ or ▼ key to select the "Ion (Sample Addition)", press the **Enter** key to confirm.

4.2 Press the ▲ or ▼ key to select the electrode type, press the **Enter** key to confirm. The meter begins to measure the first mV reading of sample, the indicator "E1" appears on the left side of the display.

4.3 Place the ion selective electrode in a known volume of the standard solution. Stir the electrode gently.

4.4 Wait for the reading to stabilize, press the **Enter** key to store the measured value "E1". The meter begins to measure the second mV reading, the indicator "E2" appears on the left side of the display.

4.5 Add a known volume of sample solution to the standard solution and wait for the reading to stabilize.

4.6 Press the **Enter** key, the meter shows a parameter list and waits for user to input the sample volume, stand volume and standard concentration (unit: ppm or mg/L).

4.7 Press the ▲ or ▼ key to set the parameters, press the **Enter** key to confirm and move to the next option. When the setting is completed, the meter will automatically show the sample addition result. The measurement is completed.

4.8 Press the **ESC** key to take a new measurement or the **Mode** key to convert the measurement mode.

Sample subtraction method

This method is similar to the known subtraction method, except that the sample solution is added to the standard solution.

5.1 Press the **Mode** key in the measurement mode and the ▲ or ▼ key to select the "Ion (Sample Subtraction)", press the **Enter** key to confirm.

5.2 Repert the steps 4.2 to 4.7 above. When the measurement is completed, press the **ESC** key to take a new measurement or the **Mode** key to convert the measurement mode.

Water Hardness Measurement

1. Press the **Mode** key in the measurement mode and the ▲ or ▼ to select the "Ion (Direct Reading)", press the **Enter** key to confirm.

2. Press the ▲ or ▼ key to select the "Water Hardness", press the **Enter** key to confirm.

3. Rinse the electrode thoroughly with distilled water and place the electrode into the stirring sample.

4. Record the measured value when the reading is stable.

Storing and Recalling Data from Memory

The A130 meter are capable of storing and recalling up to 1000 data sets.

Storing a measurement result

During the measurement process, press the **MI** key to store the measured value, the meter will show a reminder as follow.

Recalling from memory
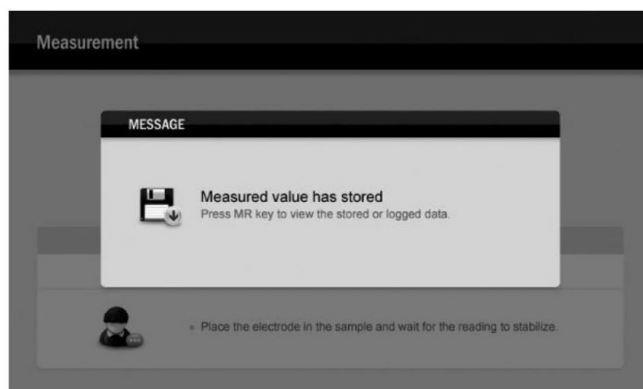
1.1   Press the **MR** key in the measurement mode, the meter shows the data log options.

1.2   Press the ▲ or ▼ key to select the "Stored Data".
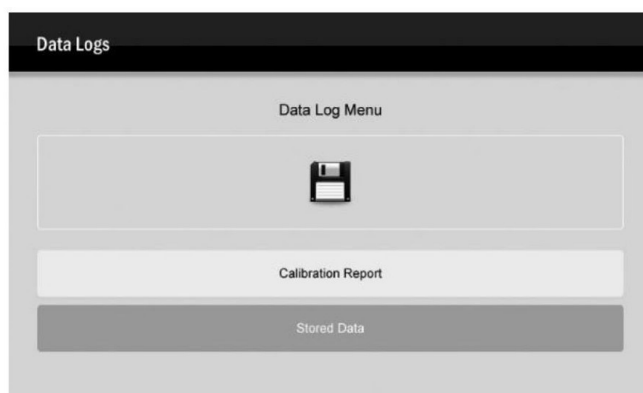
1.3   Press the **Enter** key, the display shows the data list.

1.4   Press the **ESC** key, the meter returns to the measurement mode.

Clearing the memory

If the memory is full, the meter will automatically show a reminder and wait for user to delete all stored readings.

WARNING: once the data are deleted that can not be recovered.
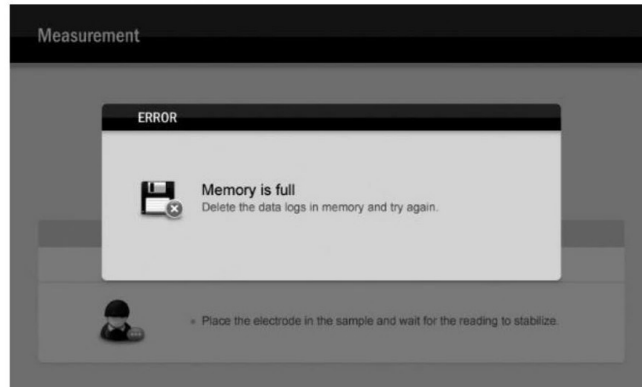
2.1   In the measurement mode, press and hold the ✿ key for 3 seconds to enter the setup menu.
2.2   Press the ▲ or ▼ key to select the "Clear Stored Data".
2.3   Press the **Enter** key, the cursor change to highlight.
2.4   Press the ▲ key to select the "Enable".
2.5   Press the **Enter** key, the meter shows a warning "Are you sure you want to delete all date logs ?"
2.6   Press the **Enter** key to confirm or the **ESC** key to cancel. The meter returns to the measurement mode.
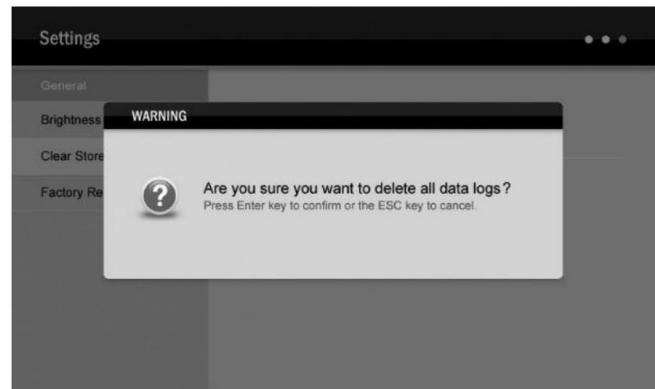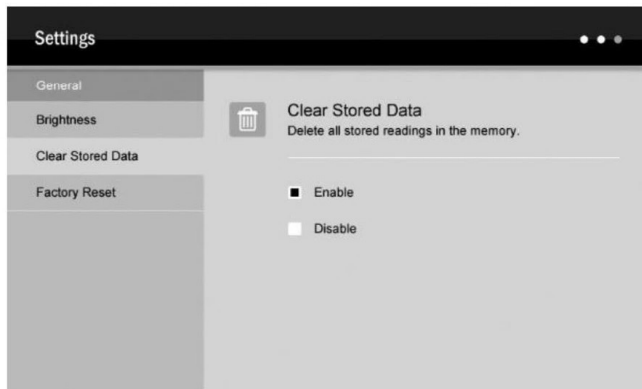
Communication

Bante Instruments provides a Data Acquisition System that can be used to transfer data, receive the measuring values or import the data to Excel. You are able to download this software from our official website at   Before installation, ensure that Windows 7/8/10 operating system has been installed on your computer.
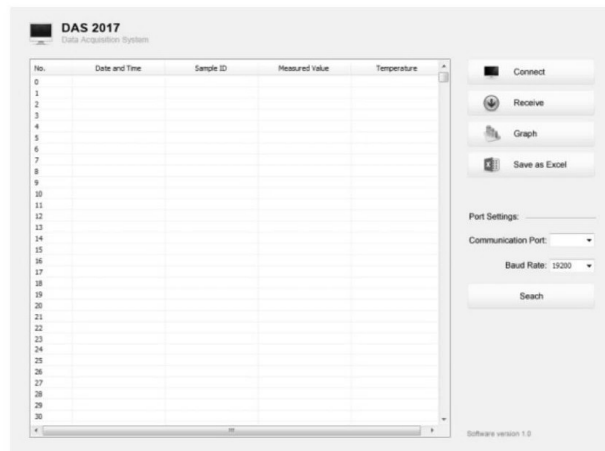
Receiving data
1.   Connect the USB cable and data converter to the meter and computer.
2.   Click the DAS_A_Series icon on computer, the system will automatically scan an available communication port and show the message box "Found a port on your computer".
3.   Click the **OK** button, the application starts.
4.   Click the **Connect** button, the screen shows "Port is connected" indicating that the communication between the meter and the computer has been established.
5.   Click the **OK** button to confirm.
6.   Click the **Receive** button, the stored data automatically transfer to computer.

Interval recording
This function is used to record the measuring value within the specify time period. The setting method refers to page 6 "Setting the Default Options". Note:
•   The first data need 1 minute to be shown on screen.
•   Do not press any key on meter during the Interval Recording mode, it will cause the communication interruption.

Graph mode
This function helps user to view variations of the measured value continuously. Click the **Graph** button, the screen immediately shows the curve graph. Click the **X** button to quit.

Create the excel file
When the data transfer is completed, click the **Save as Excel** button, the measured values in the data sheet will automatically convert to Excel file. WARNING: Once the software is closed, all received data will be lost and can not be recovered.

Electrode Care and Maintenance

pH electrode
Since pH electrode is susceptible to dirt and contamination, clean as necessary depending on the extent and condition of use.
- After measuring: rinse the electrode in distilled water, store the electrode into the 3M KCL solution.
- Salt deposits: soak the electrode in warm tap water to dissolve deposits, then thoroughly rinse with distilled water.
- Oil or Grease film: wash the glass sensitive membrane of electrode gently in some detergents and water. If necessary, using the alcohol to clean the sensitive membrane, then rinse with distilled water. Place the electrode in the 3M KCL solution for at least 30 minutes.
- Clogged reference junction: heat a diluted KCl solution to 60°C to 80°C. Place the electrode into the heated solution for about 10 minutes. Allow the electrode to cool in some unheated KCl solution.
- Protein deposits: prepare a 1% pepsin solution in 0.1M of HCL. Place the electrode in the solution for 10 minutes. Rinse the electrod with distilled water.

Rectivating the pH Electrode:

If stored and cleaned properly, the electrode should be ready for immediate use. However, a dehydrated sensitive membrane may cause sluggish response. To rehydrate the sensitive membrane, immerse the electrode in a pH4.01 buffer solution for 10 to 30 minutes. If this fails, the electrode requires activation.
1. Soak the electrode in 0.1M HCl for 5 minutes.
2. Remove and rinse with deionized water, then place in 0.1M NaOH for 5 minutes.
3. Remove and rinse again, and soak in 3M KCL solution for at least 30 minutes.

ORP electrode
- Ensure that the ORP electrode is thoroughly washed with distilled water after use.
- In aggressive chemicals, dirty or viscous solutions, and solutions with heavy metals or proteins, take readings quickly and rinse electrode immediately.
- If you do not use the electrode for long periods, store the electrode with 4M KCL solution.

Cleaning the Electrode:

Contamination of the sensing element often results in slow response and inaccurate readings. If necessary, clean the element by one of the following procedures.

Inorganic Deposits:
1.1 Soak the ORP electrode in 0.1M HCl for 10 minutes.
1.2 Remove and rinse with distilled water, then place in alcohol for 5 minutes.
1.3 Remove and rinse again, and soak in pH4.01 buffer solution for 15 minutes.

Oil and Grease Films:
2.1 Wash the electrode gently in some detergents and water.
2.2 Dip the electrode in the 4M KCL solution for at least 30 minutes.

Ion selective electrode
- Ensure that the electrode is thoroughly washed with distilled water after use.
- DO NOT scratch the sensitive membrane on electrode.
- If you do not use the electrode for long periods, store the electrode in a dry, cool and well-ventilated area.

Specifications

pH	Model	A130
	Range	-2.000~20.000pH
	Accuracy	±0.002pH
	Resolution	0.01, 0.001pH, Selectable
	Calibration Points	1 to 5 points
	pH Buffer Options	USA, NIST, DIN or Custom
	Automatic Buffer Recognition	Yes
	Temperature Compensation	0~100°C, 32~212°F, Manual or Automatic
mV	Range	-2000.0~2000.0mV
	Accuracy	±0.2mV
	Resolution	0.1mV
	Calibration Points	1 point (Only for relative mV mode)
Ion Concentration	Range	0.001~30000ppm, mg/L, mol/L, mmol/L (Depending on range of ISE)
	Accuracy	±0.5% F.S (Monovalent), ±1% F.S (Divalent)
	Resolution	0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1
	Calibration Points	2 to 5 points
	Calibration Solutions	0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000, 10000ppm, mg/L, mol/L, mmol/L
Water Hardness	Range	0.05~200mmol/L
	Accuracy	±1% F.S
	Resolution	0.01, 0.1, 1
	Calibration Points	2 to 5 points
	Calibration Solutions	0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100mmol/L
Temperature	Range	0~105°C, 32~221°F
	Accuracy	±0.5°C, ±0.9°F
	Resolution	0.1°C
	Calibration Points	1 point
General	Memory	Stores up to 1000 data sets
	Output	USB Communication Interface
	Connector	BNC
	Power Requirements	DC12V/2A, using AC adapters, 220VAC/50Hz
	Dimensions	240 (L) × 220 (W) × 80 (H)mm
	Weight	1.7kg

Addendum 1: pH Electrode Selection Guide

The A130 meter comes with a general purpose pH electrode that is used to measure the pH of the liquids. If this electrode can not meet your measurement requirements, please refer to the table below to select an applicable probe.

SAMPLE TYPE	P11	P12	P13	P15	P16	P18	P19	P21	E201	E202
Agar										•
Beer	•	•	•					•	•	•
Blood Products	•	•	•					•		•
Bread, Dough						•	•			
Cement	•									
Cosmetics	•	•	•					•	•	•
Dairy Products	•	•	•				•			•
Education	•								•	•
Fats/Cream							•			
Field Use						•			•	•
Fish Products							•			•
Lab Flasks		•								
Low Ionic	•			•				•		
Meat, Cheese							•			•
Micro Samples			•							
Paint		•	•							•
Photographic										
Soil						•	•			
Surface										•
Test Tubes		•			•					
Tris Buffer					•					
Viscose Samples										•

Addendum 2: ORP Electrode Selection Guide

ORDER CODE	APPLICATION
501	Suitable for the sample with strong redox potential, plastic body, temperature range: 0~80°C
502	Suitable for the sample with weak redox potential, plastic body, temperature range: 0~80°C
504	Suitable for the high temperature samples, glass body, temperature range: 0~100°C

Addendum 3: Ion Selective Electrode Selection Guide

The meter is capable of connecting a variety of the ion selective electrodes. The following table shows the selectable electrodes and its measuring range.

ORDER CODE	ION TYPE	RANGE
F-US	Fluoride (F^-)	0.02ppm~Saturation
CL-US	Chloride (Cl^-)	1.8~35500ppm
Br-US	Bromide (Br)	0.4~79900ppm
Cn-US	Cyanide (Cn^-)	0.2~260ppm
Na-US	Sodium (Na^+)	0.1~23000ppm
NO3-US	Nitrate (NO_3^-)	0.4~62000ppm
Ca-US	Calcium (Ca^{2+})	0.02~40000ppm
NH4-US	Ammonium (NH_4^+)	0.1~18000ppm
Cd-US	Cadmium (Cd^{2+})	0.01~11200ppm
Cu-US	Cupric (Cu^{2+})	0.006~6400ppm
I-US	Iodide (I^-)	0.06~127000ppm
Pb-US	Lead (Pb^{2+})	0.2~20700ppm
K-US	Potassium (K^+)	0.04~39000ppm
Ag-US	Silver (Ag^+)	0.01~107900ppm
S-US	Sulphide (S^{2-})	0.003~32100ppm
NH3-US	Ammonia (NH_3)	0.02~17000ppm

Addendum 4: Preparation of pH Buffer Solutions

Bante Instruments provides 3 buffer packets required for pH calibration (Order Code: PHR-USA).

- Open the pH7.00 buffer packet, place the reagent into a 250ml volumetric flask. Pour the distilled water 250ml to scale line, mix the solution until the reagent is completely dissolved.
- Preparation of pH4.01 and 10.01 standard buffer solutions are the same as above. Prepared standard buffer solutions should be stored in hermetically sealed glass containers.

Addendum 5: Preparation of ORP Standard Solutions

- Add 3 grams of quinhydrone to 500ml buffer pH4.01 and stir for 15 minutes. Un-dissolved quinhydrone powder must be present.
  Potential @ 25°C = +263mV (±10mV)
- Add 3 grams of quinhydrone to 500ml buffer pH7.00 and stir for 15 minutes. There must be an excess of undissolved quinhydrone powder.
  Potential @ 25°C = +87mV (±10mV)

Addendum 6: Preparation of Ion Standard Solutions (1000ppm)

To prepare these solutions, half fill a 1 liter volumetric flask with distilled water and add the analytical grade reagent below.

ION TYPE	REAGENT	WEIGHT
Fluoride (F^-)	Sodium Fluoride	2.21g
Chloride (Cl^-)	Sodium Chloride	1.65g
Bromide (Br)	Sodium Bromide	1.29g
Cyanide (Cn^-)	Sodium Cyanide	1.88g
Sodium (Na^+)	Sodium Chloride	2.542g
Nitrate (NO_3^-)	Sodium Nitrate	1.37g
Calcium (Ca^{2+})	Calcium Chloride	3.67g
Ammonium (NH_4^+)	Ammonium Chloride	2.97g
Cadmium (Cd^{2+})	Cadmium Nitrate	2.74g
Cupric (Cu^{2+})	Copper Nitrate	3.80g
Iodide (I^-)	Sodium Iodide	1.18g
Lead (Pb^{2+})	Lead Perchlorate	2.22g
Potassium (K^+)	Potassium Chloride	1.91g
Silver (Ag^+)	Silver Nitrate	1.57g
Sulphide (S^{2-})	Sodium Sulfide	7.49g
Ammonia (NH_3)	Ammonium Chloride	3.82g

Swirl the flask gently to dissolve the reagent and fill to the mark with distilled water. Cap the flask and upend several times to mix the solution.

Addendum 7: Preparation of Water Hardness Standard Solution (0.1mol/L)

To prepare this solution, half fill a 1 liter volumetric flask with distilled water and add 14.7 grams of reagent-grade calcium chloride ($CaCl_2 \bullet 2H_2O$). Swirl the flask gently to dissolve the solid and fill to the mark with distilled water. Cap the flask and upend several times to mix the solution.

Hazardous Substance Statement

Instruments is committed to the reduction and eventual elimination of all hazardous substances in both the manufacturing process and finished products we supply. We have an active manufacturing and procurement program to minimize and eliminate the use of harmful heavy metals such as cadmium, lead, mercury and the like. New technologies and design parameters are also promoting these efforts and we expect to have little or no such materials in our product in the coming years. We welcome our customer suggestions on how to speed up these efforts.

Warranty

The warranty period for meter is one year from the date of shipment. Above warranty does not cover the sensor and calibration solutions. Out of warranty products will be repaired on a charged basis. The warranty on your meter shall not apply to defects resulting from:

- Improper or inadequate maintenance by customer.
- Unauthorized modification or misuse.
- Operation outside of the environment specifications of the products.

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