Bante210 Benchtop pH Meter

Instruction Manual

Introduction

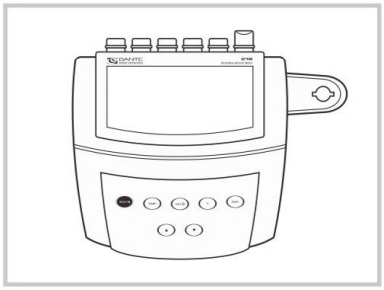
Thank you for selecting the Bante210 benchtop pH meter. This manual provides a step-by-step guide to help you operate the meter, please carefully read the following instructions before use.

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.



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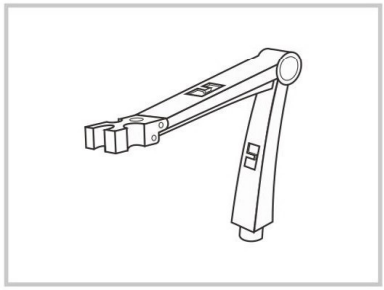

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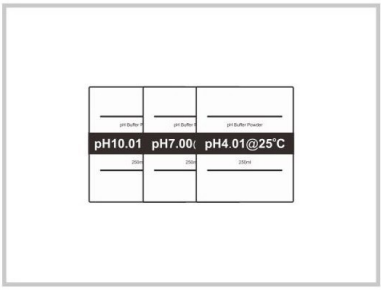

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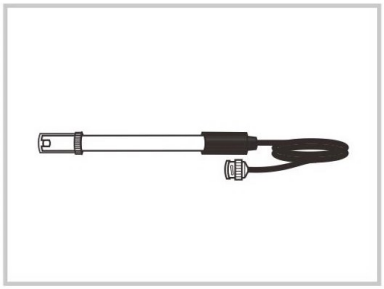

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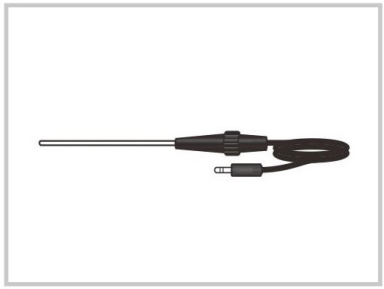
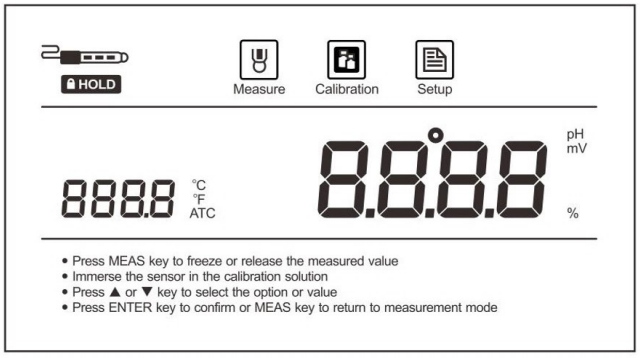


TP-10K Temperature Probe

DC9V Power Adapter

Display

The Bante210 pH meter is equipped with an easy-read LCD display that used to show the measured values and mode icons. The following table describes the function of each icon.



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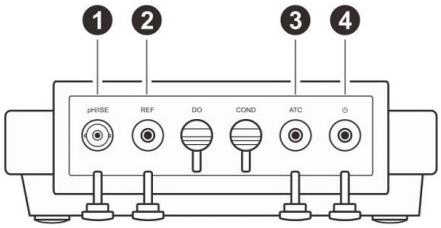
Measure	Measurement mode icon: Indicates the meter is in the measurement mode.		Electrode slope icon: Indicates the average slope of the pH electrode.
Calibration	Calibration mode icon: Indicates the meter is in the calibration mode.	HOLD	Hold icon: Indicates the measuring value has been locked.
Setup	Setup mode icon: Indicates the meter is in the setting mode.	ATC	Automatic Temperature Compensation: Indicates the temperature compensation is enabled.

Keypad

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

KEY	FUNCTION
MEAS|	• Switches the meter ON/OFF. • Locks the measured value, press the key again to resume measuring. • Exits the calibration or setting and returns to measurement.
MODE	• Toggles between pH and mV measurement modes.
CAL|	• Starts calibration. • Enters the setup menu (Press and hold the key for 3 seconds).
°C	• Sets the temperature.
▲	• Increase value or scroll up through the option.
▼	• Decrease value or scroll down through the menu item.
ENTER	• Confirms the calibration, settings or displayed options.

Connectors



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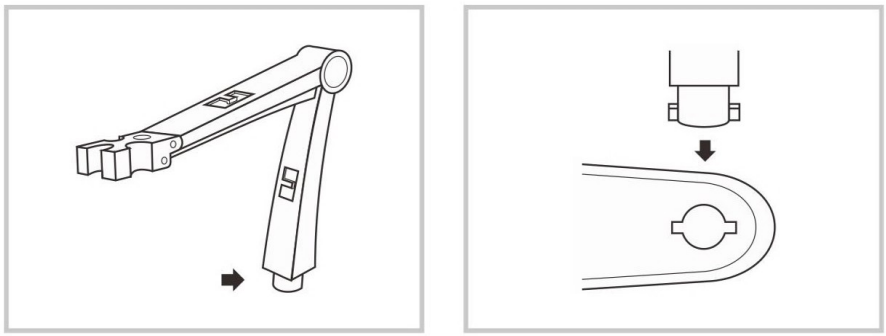
NO.	CONNECTOR	DESCRIPTION
1	pH/ISE	Used for connecting the pH or ORP electrode
2	REF	Used for connecting the reference electrode
3	ATC	Used for connecting the temperature probe
4	⏻	Used for connecting the power adapter

Installing the Electrode Holder

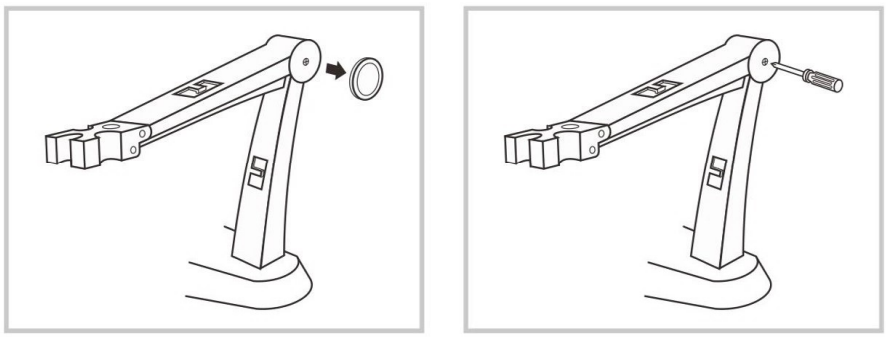
Take out the electrode arm from the packaging. The base plate of the electrode holder has a circular hole, the electrode arm has a connecting rod. Insert the connecting rod into the circular hole and swivel the electrode arm 90°. Electrode holder is now ready to swing into desired position.



Adjustment of electrode arm

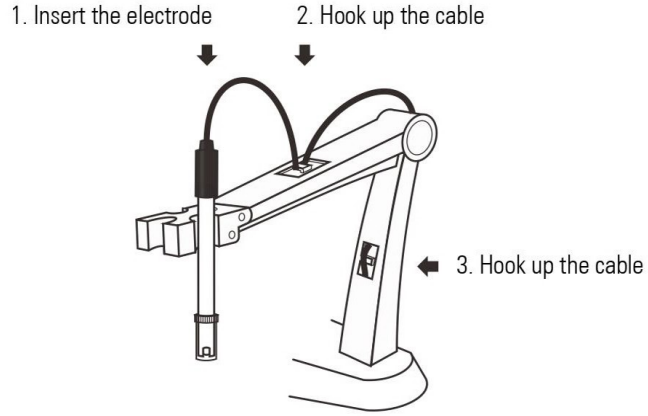
After installation, if the electrode arm automatically rises or falls, you need to adjust the screws until arm locate at any position.

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.

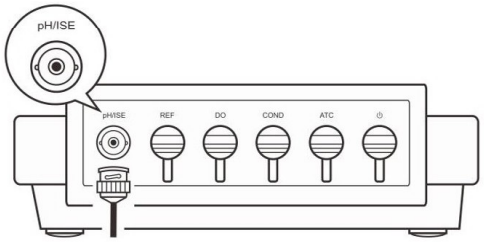


Connecting the Electrode

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

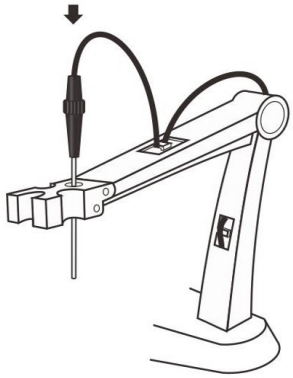


2. Insert the BNC connector into the connector socket labeled pH/ISE. Rotate and push the connector clockwise until it locks. After the connection is completed, DO NOT pull on the cable. Always make sure that the connector is clean and dry.

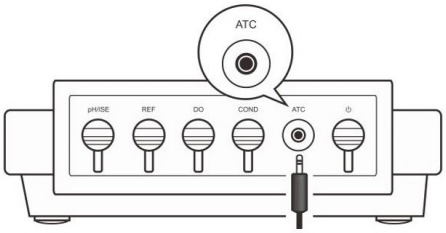


Connecting the Temperature Probe

1. Place the temperature probe into the circular hole of the electrode arm.

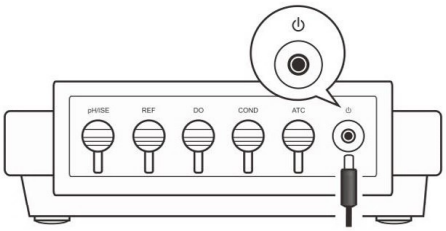


2. Insert the phone plug to the connector socket labeled ATC. Ensure the connector is fully seated.



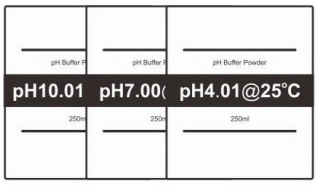
Connecting the Power Adapter

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.



Preparing the pH Buffer Solutions

The Bante210 pH meter is packaged with 3 buffer packets required for pH calibration.



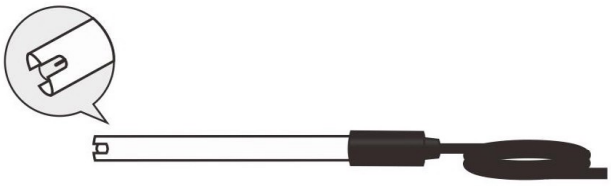
- Open the pH7.00 buffer packet, place the reagent into a 250ml volumetric flask. Pour the distilled water 250ml to scale line, mix the solution until the reagent is completely dissolved.
- Preparation of pH4.01 and 10.01 standard buffer solutions are the same as above. Prepared standard buffer solutions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

Prior to Use

Remove the protective cap from the bottom of the electrode.

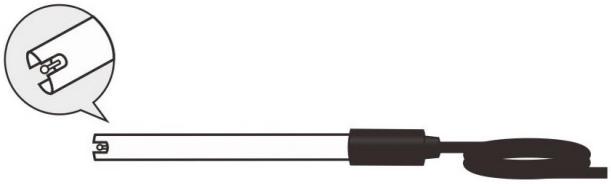
pH Electrode:

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.



Switching the Meter On and Off

- Press the **Meas** key to switch on the meter, the display shows the measured values.
- Press and hold the **Meas** key for 5 seconds, the meter will switch off.

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

Setup Menu

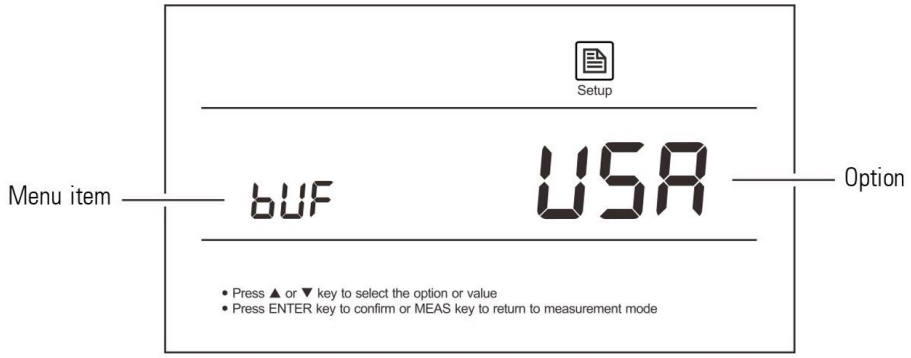
The Bante210 pH meter contains an integrated setup menu that is used to customize the displayed option to meet measurement requirements. The following table describes the functions of the menu items.

MENU	DESCRIPTION	OPTIONS		DEFAULT
bUF	Set the pH buffer group for calibration and auto-recognition.	USA	USA (pH4.01/7.00/10.01)	USA
		nISt	NIST (pH4.01/6.86/9.18)	
CAL	Set the number of calibration points.	1	1 point	3 points
		2	2 points	
		3	3 points	
UNIt	Set the default temperature unit.	°C	Degrees Celsius	°C
		°F	Degrees Fahrenheit	
HOLd	When the option is enabled, the meter will automatically sense a stable reading and lock the measurements.	YES	Enable	Disable
		nO	Disable	
OFF	When the option is enabled, the meter will automatically switch off if no key is pressed within 180 minutes.	YES	Enable	Disable
		nO	Disable	
rSt	When the option is enabled, all of the calibration data and selected parameters will back to factory default settings, the meter must be recalibrated.	YES	Enable	Disable
		nO	Disable	

Setting a 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 select the desired option.
3. Press the **Enter** key to confirm and move to the next menu item.
4. Repeat the steps above until the meter returns to the measurement mode. Setting is completed.

ⓘ During the setting process, press the **Meas** key, the meter will exit the setting and return to the measurement mode.

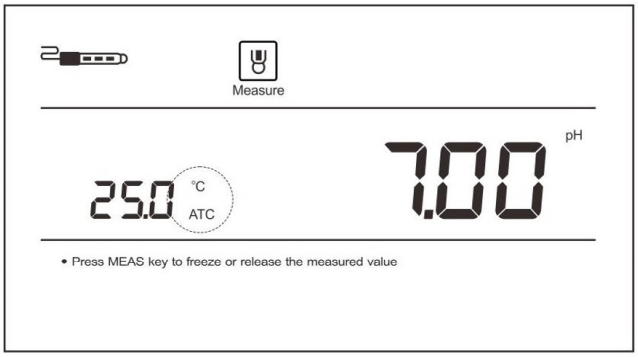


Temperature Compensation

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

Automatic Temperature Compensation

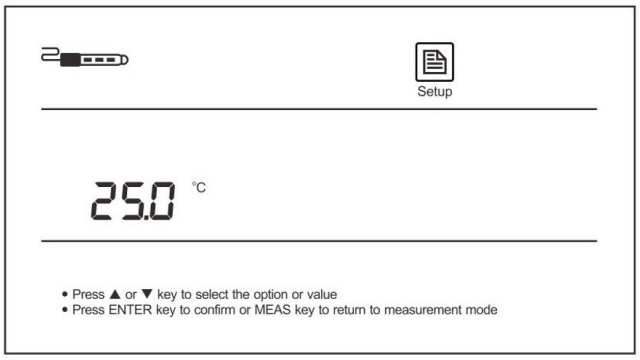
Connect the temperature probe to the meter (Refer to page 5 "Connecting the Temperature Probe"). The ATC icon immediately appears on the display, the meter is now switched to the automatic temperature compensation mode.



Manual Temperature Compensation

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

1. Press the **°C** key to enter the temperature setting mode.
2. Press the ▲ or ▼ key to modify the temperature value.
3. Press the **Enter** key to confirm.



ⓘ 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

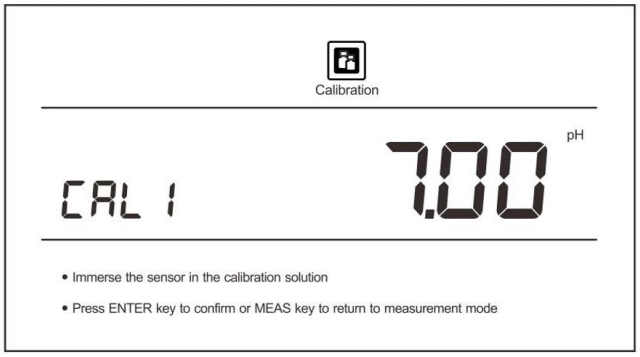
The Bante210 pH meter allows 1 to 3 points calibration. We recommend that you perform at least 2 points calibration for high accuracy measurement. The meter will automatically recognize and calibrate to following standard buffer values.

USA Standard Buffers	pH4.01, 7.00, 10.01
NIST Standard Buffers	pH4.01, 6.86, 9.18

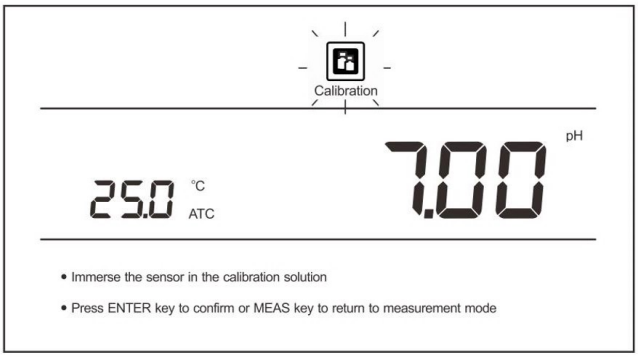
Single point calibration should only be carried out with pH7.00 or 6.86, otherwise calibration will not be accepted.
The meter must be calibrated prior to first use or new electrode replaced. To ensure accuracy, regular calibration is recommended. DO NOT reuse the pH buffer solution after calibration, contaminants in solution will affect the calibration and eventually the accuracy of the measurement.

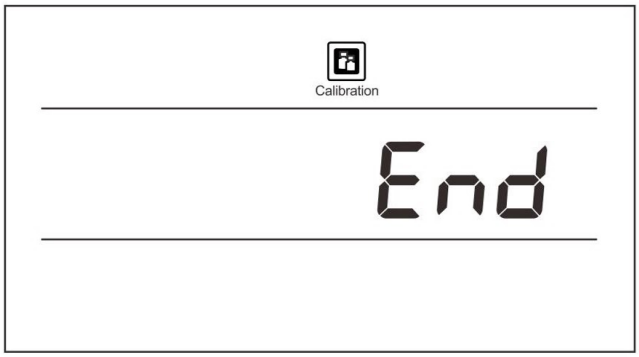
Single point calibration

1.1 Make sure that you have selected 1 point calibration in the setup menu.
1.2 Press the **Cal** key, the meter shows CAL1/pH7.00 (or CAL1/pH6.86).



1.3 Rinse the pH electrode with distilled water, place the electrode (and temperature probe) into the pH7.00 (or 6.86) buffer solution. The end of the electrode must be completely immersed into the calibration solution. Stir the electrode gently to create a homogeneous solution. Press the **Enter** key, the meter begins the calibration, the Calibration icon continuously flashing.
1.4 Wait for the reading to stabilize, the meter automatically shows END. Single point calibration is completed.

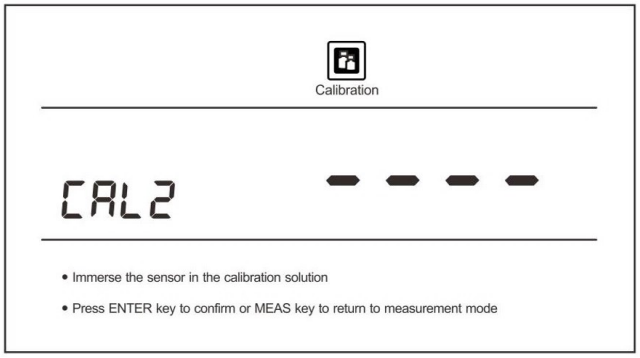




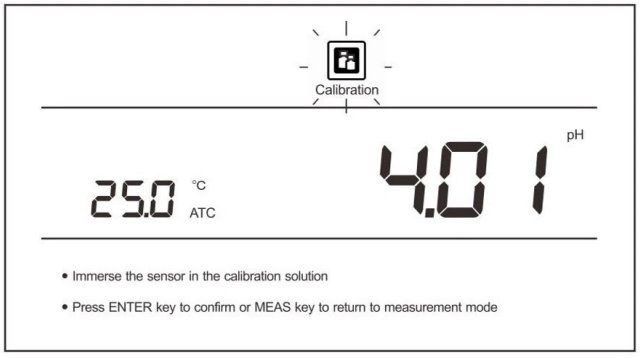
2 points calibration

2.1 Make sure that you have selected 2 points calibration in the setup menu.

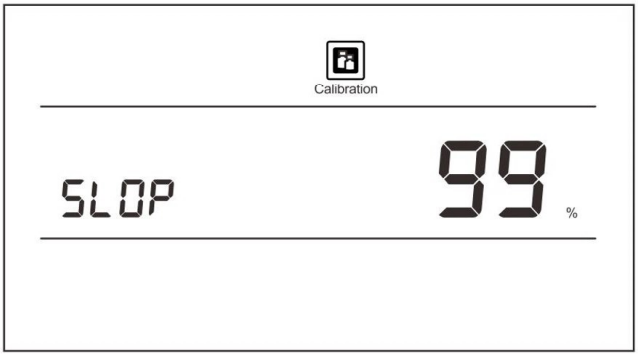
2.2 Repeat the steps 1.2 to 1.3 above. When the first calibration point is completed, the display will show CAL2. The meter prompts you to continue with second point calibration.

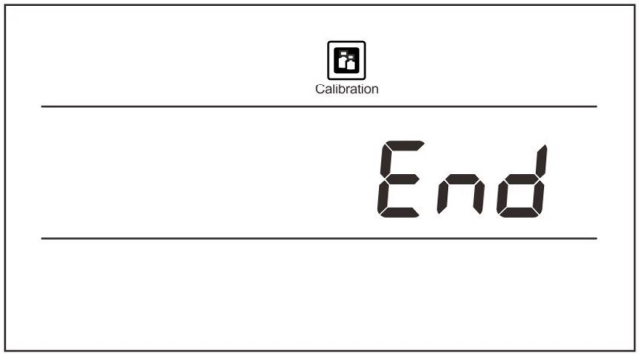


2.3 Rinse the pH electrode with distilled water, place the electrode (and temperature probe) into the pH4.01 or 10.01 (pH4.01 or 9.18) buffer solution. Stir the electrode gently. Press the **Enter** key, the meter automatically recognizes the pH buffer solution and begins the calibration, the Calibration icon continuously flashing.



2.4 Wait for the reading to stabilize, the meter shows the electrode slope and END. Second point calibration is completed.

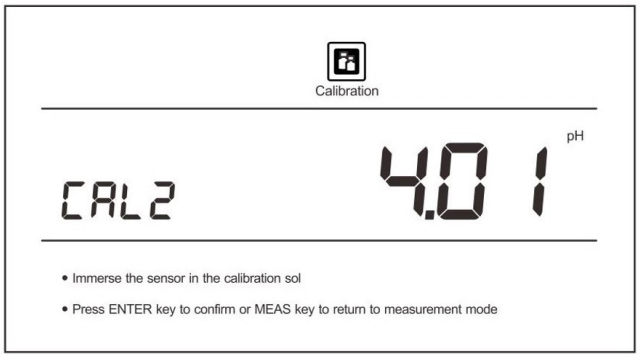




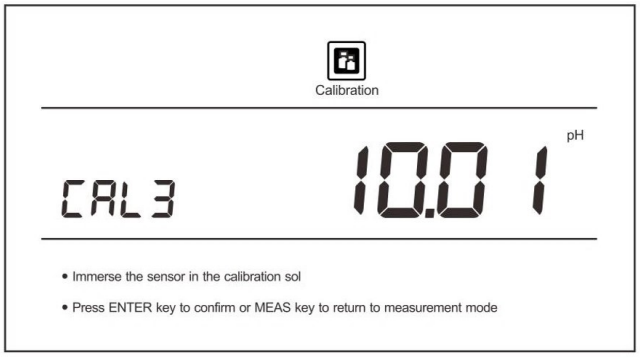
3 points calibration

3.1 Make sure that you have selected 3 points calibration in the setup menu.

3.2 Repeat steps 1.2 to 1.3 above. When the first calibration point is completed, the display will show CAL2/pH4.01. The meter prompts you to continue with second point calibration.



3.3 Rinse the pH electrode with distilled water, place the electrode (and temperature probe) into the pH4.01 standard buffer solution. Stir the electrode gently. Press the **Enter** key, the meter begins the calibration. Wait for the reading to stabilize, the display automatically shows electrode slope and CAL3/pH10.01 (or CAL3/pH9.18).



3.4 Rinse the pH electrode with distilled water, place the electrode (and temperature probe) into the pH10.01 (or pH9.18) standard buffer solution. Stir the electrode gently. Press the **Enter** key, the meter begins the calibration. Wait for the reading to stabilize, the display automatically shows the electrode slope and END. The meter automatically returns to the measurement mode. Calibration is completed.

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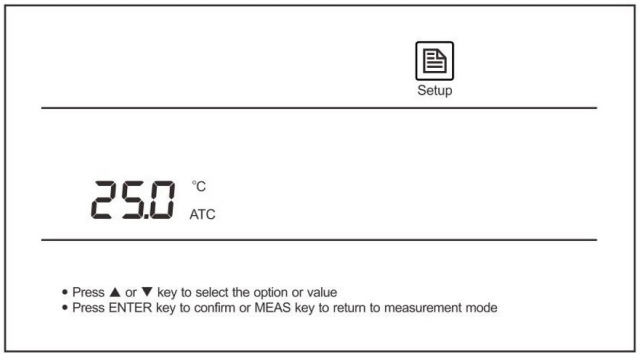
- During the calibration process, if the meter shows Err, please check the pH electrode and ensure the pH buffers are fresh and uncontaminated.
- If the electrode slope is not within the normal range, the icon will disappear on the display.
- If you want to exit the calibration, press the **Meas** key.

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 the **°C** key to enter the temperature setting 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

pH

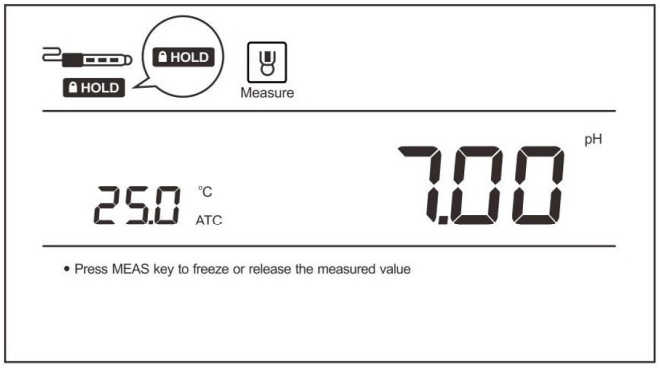
1.1 Press the **Mode** key until the display shows the measurement unit "pH".
1.2 Rinse the pH electrode with distilled water to remove any impurities adhering to the probe body.
1.3 Place the electrode (and temperature probe) into the sample solution, stir the electrode gently.
1.4 Record the measured value when the reading is stable.

mV

2.1 Press the **Mode** key until the display shows the measurement unit "mV".
2.2 Rinse the electrode thoroughly with distilled water.
2.3 Place the electrode into the sample solution, stir the electrode gently.
2.4 Record the measured value when the reading is stable.

Auto-Hold

The Bante210 pH meter contains an Auto-Hold function. If enabled, the meter will automatically sense a stable reading and lock the measurements, the HOLD icon appears on the display. If disabled, press the 🔓 key, the meter will immediately lock the displayed value. Press the **Meas** key to resume measuring.



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.

Troubleshooting

LCD DISPLAY	CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
- - -	Electrode dried out	Soak the pH electrode in 3M KCL solution at least 30 minutes.
	Measured value is out of range	Check the electrode whether clogged, dirty or broken.
Err	Incorrect pH buffer solutions	Using the fresh pH buffer solutions for calibration.
	Electrode has expired	Replace the pH electrode.

Specifications

pH	Model	Bante210
	Range	-1.00~15.00pH
	Accuracy	±0.01pH
	Resolution	0.01pH
	Calibration Points	1 to 3 points
	pH Buffer Options	USA (pH4.01/7.00/10.01) or NIST (pH4.01/6.86/9.18)
	Automatic Buffer Recognition	Yes
mV	Range	-1999~1999mV
	Accuracy	±1mV
	Resolution	1mV
Temperature	Range	0~105°C, 32~221°F
	Accuracy	±1°C
	Resolution	0.1°C
	Calibration Points	1 point
General	Temperature Compensation	0~100°C, 32~212°F, Manual or Automatic
	Connector	BNC
	Display	LCD (135 × 75mm)
	Operating Temperature	0~60°C
	Relative Humidity	<80%
	Power Requirements	DC9V, using AC adapters, 220VAC/50Hz
	Dimensions	210 (L) × 205 (W) × 75 (H)mm
	Weight	1.5kg

Addendum 1: pH Electrode Selection Guide

The Bante210 benchtop pH 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

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.

For more information, please contact the nearest authorized distributor.