

Instruction Manual TE

DIGITAL COATING THICKNESS GAUGE (F&FN TYPE)



Model: TE 1250-0.1 FN

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Annotation: It is strongly recommended to calibrate the new instrument before the first use, as described in paragraph 5. By doing this it will be achieved a much better measurement result right from the start.

1. Features

»This instrument meets the standards of both ISO 2178, ISO 2360 as well as DIN, ASTM and BS. It is suitable for the laboratory and for use in "harsh field" conditions.

»The F mode measures the thickness of nonmagnetic materials, e.g. paint, plastic, porcelain enamel, copper, zinc, aluminium, chrome, laquer layers etc. These layers are located on magnetic materials e.g. steel, iron, nickle etc. It is often used to measure the thickness of galvanizing layer, laquer layer, porcelain enamel layer, phosphide layer, copper tile, aluminium tile, some alloy tile, paper etc.

»The N mode measures the thickness of nonmagnetic coatings on nonmagnetic materials. It is used for anodizing, varnish, paint, enamel, plastic coatings, powder etc. It can be applied on aluminium, brass, nonmagnetic stainless steel etc.

»Manual or automatically auto power off to conserve batteries

»Two measurement modes:- single and continuous

»Date transfer to PC possible

2. Specifications

Display: 4 digits

Range: 0 to 1250 μm / 0 to 50 mil

Resolution: 0.1 μm (0 to 100 μm)
 1 μm (over 100 μm)

Accuracy:

- standard: 3% of the measured value or min. $\pm 2.5 \mu\text{m}$
- *Off-Set Accur Mode*: 1% of the measured value or min. $\pm 1.0 \mu\text{m}$

PC- interface: with RS-232C interface

Power supply: 4x 1.5V AAA (UM-4) battery

Operating conditions:

Temperature: 0 to 50°C
 Humidity: <80%

Size: 126 x 65 x 27mm (5.0 x 2.6 x 1.1 inch)

Weight: about 120g (not including batteries)

Accessories: Carrying case
 Operation manual
 F-sensor
 N-sensor
 Calibration foils
 Base plate (iron)
 Base plate (aluminium)

Optional accessories: Cable & software for RS-232C

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3. Front panel description



- 3- 1 Sensor
- 3- 2 Display
- 3- 3 Zero- key
- 3- 4 Plus- key
- 3- 5 Minus- key
- 3- 6 Power key
- 3- 7 $\mu\text{m}/\text{mil}$ conversion key
- 3- 8 Battery compartment
- 3- 9 Jack for RS-232C interface
- 3-10 S/C key (single/ continuous measuring mode)

4. Measuring procedure

- 4.1 Plug in the F- sensor or the NF- sensor according to the measured object.
- 4.2 Press the power key 3-6 to switch on the instrument. `0` appears on the display 3-2.
The instrument recognizes the sensor itself, by the symbol `Fe` (= F) or `NFe` (= N) which is indicated on the display.
- 4.3 The sensor 3-1 is to be placed onto a coating layer to be measured. The reading on the display is the thickness of the coating layer. This can be corrected by pressing the Plus- key 3-4 or the Minus- key 3-5 (*Offset- Accur* function)
For doing this the sensor should be away from the measured object or the base plate.
- 4.4 For the next measurement just lift the sensor 3-1 for more than 1cm and step 4.3 is to be repeated.
- 4.5 In case of inaccuracies to the measurement result it is recommended to calibrate the instrument before measuring as described in part 5.
- 4.6 The instrument can be switched off by pressing the Power key 3-6. The power will switch itself off 50 seconds after the last operation.
- 4.7 The measurement unit can be indicated with ` μm ` or ` mil `: To convert:

- A by pressing the conversion key 3-7 **or**
- B by pressing the Power key and not releasing it till `UNIT` appears on the display. Then the Zero key 3-3 is to be pressed. All in all this operation lasts about 7 seconds.

4.8 To change the measuring mode from `single` to `continuous` or vice visa,

- A The SC- key 3-10 is to be pressed **or**
- B The Power-key 3-6 is to be pressed and not released until `SC` appears on the display. Then the Zero- key 3-3 is to be pressed. The symbol **(•)** indicates the continuous mode and `S` indicates the single mode. This operation lasts 9 seconds (from starting pressing the Power- key 3-6).

5. Calibration

5.1 Zero adjustment:

Zero adjustment for `F` and `N` should be carried out separately. The iron base plate is to be used if `F` is shown on the display. The base plate of aluminium is to be used if `NF` is shown on the display. .
The sensor 3-1 is to be placed carefully onto the base plate and the Zero- key is to be pressed without lifting the sensor. `0` appears on the display.

Attention: The calibration is invalid if the sensor is not directly placed on the base plate or another uncoated material.

- 5.2 An appropriate calibration foil is to be selected according to the measurement range.
- 5.3 The selected standard foil is to be placed onto the base plate or the uncoated material.
- 5.4 The sensor 3-1 is to be pressed carefully onto the calibration foil and then lifted.
The reading on the display is the value measured. This can be corrected by pressing the Plus- key 3-4 or the Minus- key 3-5 while the sensor is removed from the base plate or the measured object.
- 5.5 Repeat step 5.4 until the accuracy is achieved.

6. Battery replacement

- 6.1 If the battery symbol ` \pm ` appears on the display, the batteries should be replaced.
- 6.2 The battery cover 3-8 is to be removed and the batteries are to be taken off.
- 6.3 The batteries (4x1.5V AAA/UM-4) are to be installed correctly into the case.

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6.4 If the instrument is not to be used for an extended period, batteries are to be extracted.

The bigger the value of Ln, the smaller the reading on the display for the same (coating) thickness. Only a small change on the value of Ln causes a big change in the reading of the upper measurement range (at 500µm/ 20 mil).

7. Trouble Shooting

The value of Ln is to adjust as follows:

7.1 The instrument should always be calibrated on the uncoated base material to be measured instead of the base plate included in the delivery. Then the accuracy is more precise.

Pressing the Power on/ Power off key. It lasts about 11seconds from starting depressing this key.

7.2 Sensors will eventually wear off. Life of the sensor will depend on the number of measurements taken and how abrasive the coating is.

This value can be changed by pressing the Plus- / Minus- key after `Ln` appears on the display and the Power- on / Power- off key is released. This value is stored and afterwards the Zero- key is to be pressed.

8. Restore factory settings

A. The reading at low end is to be adjusted by pressing the Plus-/ or the Minus- key.

8.1 In the following cases it is recommended to restore factory settings:

- A. The instrument does not measure any more.
- B. Measurement accuracy is degraded caused by the abraded sensor or affected by environmental conditions.
- C. After the replacement of a new sensor.

B. The value of Ln is enlarged if reading at low end (e.g. 51µm) is o.k., but reading at high end (e.g. 432µm) is too large. In contrast with this the value of Ln is to be decreased if the reading at low end (e.g. 51µm) is o.k. but at high end (e.g. 432µm) it is too small.

C. Procedures from A to B are to be repeated until the reading for every calibration foil is satisfactory in its accuracy.

8.2 How to restore?

`F` setting and `N` setting are to be done. It can be done one or both of them. The procedure is as follows:

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8.2.1 On the display the symbol `F` or `NF` appears.

If `F` is shown on the display, you have to restore factory settings for `F`, as described below.

If `NF` appears, you have to follow factory settings for `NF`.



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8.2.2 The Power-on/ Power-off key 3-6 has to be pressed until `CAL` appears on the display. This lasts about 5 seconds.

8.2.3 If now F:H or NF:H is shown on the display, the sensor has to be lifted for more than 5 cm. Then the Zero- key is to be pressed and the instrument returns into measurement mode. With this, factory setting is restored.

Comment: This procedure should always be done within 6 seconds. Otherwise it will be automatically cancelled and the restoration is invalid.

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Mark applied	EU Directive	Standards
CE	93/32/EEC EMC	EN 61325 : 1997+A1 : 1998+A2 : 2001
		EN 55022
		EN 61000-4-2 /-3

9. Notes

9.1 The linearization of the instrument, which is given by the calibration, can be changed with the **Ln- function**.

Any adjustment of the value of Ln will seriously affect the accuracy. This value should only be adjusted by professional persons.

Generally said:

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