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Display & Keypad Details

This instrument uses a 6-digit LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) with adjustable LED backlight. The Table below summarizes the display annunciators.



Symbol	Display Indication
→ 0 ←	Displays when the instrument reading is at Zero.
Р	The instrument is in Peak Hold mode.
lb	The displayed force reading is in pounds (lbf).
kg	The displayed force reading is in kilograms (kgf).
g	The displayed force reading is in grams (gf).
OZ	The displayed force reading is in ounces (ozf).
	The displayed force reading is in Newtons (N).
	Displays whenever the instrument reading is at rest, i.e., not in motion.
	When blinking, the battery life of the instrument has reached its useful end and <u>needs to be replaced</u> soon.
Ν	The displayed reading is negative.

The backlight behavior is defined by the S4 menu. If S4 = Auto0, then:

- 1. If no keys are pressed within 60 seconds, the backlight will switch off to save battery life.
- 2. You can wake up the backlight by pressing any key.



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The keypad comprises five (5) function keys.



Marking	Keypad Function
Units	Selects the displayed unit of measure, e.g., lbf, kgf and N.
Peak	Selects the peak hold display mode of the instrument, e.g., live data, positive peak, and negative peak. (This function must first be enabled using the nn36 parameter)
Zero	Zeroes the force display reading.
Data	Sends the displayed data to the serial communication port.
On/Off	Press and hold for a few seconds to turn the instrument ON. Press and hold for about five seconds to shut the instrument OFF.

Note: This unit automatically zeroes when powered ON, regardless of the applied load, its polarity, or its stability.



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Installation & Overview

Remember that the installer is ultimately responsible to assure that a particular installation will be and remain safe and operable under the specific conditions encountered.

The instrument must be properly configured and calibrated prior to use.

Installation

Find a suitable location for the instrument and use the included bracket to mount the unit to a wall or table. Use this handy guide for mounting the bracket to a wall or table:



The INSTRUMENT ships with a force sensor cable which plugs into the appropriate connector. Use the following color codes to connect the force sensor.

Force Sensor Cable Leads

Color	Function	Color	Function
Black	 Excitation 	White	+ Signal
Red	+ Excitation	Green	- Signal



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The INSTRUMENT features one full duplex RS-232 serial port, designed for connection to a computer or a serial printer. The same port may be also used as a simplex, RS-232 port designed for connection to a remote display.

DSUB9 Connector

Pin No.	Wire Name
2	RXD
3	TXD
5	Ground

The INSTRUMENT requires 4-AA batteries to operate (not included). To install the batteries, remove the plastic battery cover from the rear panel. Observe proper direction (polarity) of the batteries. Replace the battery cover.



The INSTRUMENT may also be powered by the included AC wall adaptor.

Getting Started

1. Press and hold the ON/OFF key on the instrument for two seconds. After a brief initialization period, the instrument will revert to a zero ("0") force reading.

Your instrument is now ready for configuration and calibration.



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Instrument Configuration

Configuration Menus

The G501F contains four (4) menus to configure the instrument:

Functions ("nn") Menu – Configures all measurement related parameters.

System ("-S-") Menu – Configures all system related parameters.

Calibration ("CAL") Menu - Contains the calibration procedures.

<u>Communications ("Comm") Menu</u> – Configures the Con1 and Con2 communication parameters.

The configuration menus are laid out in the following vertical arrangement:

- Top [Menu selection] level
- Parameter level
- Selection level (or function level, e.g., span calibration)

Please review the following chart to get a feel for how to navigate among the various menus and parameters.



Entering the Setup ("F") Configuration Menu

- 1. Switch off the instrument by pressing and holding down the ON/OFF key for about 5 seconds.
- 2. Press and hold down the ON/OFF key (about 20 seconds) until the screen shows "nn".
- 3. Scroll down using the PEAK (down) key to reach the parameter level. The instrument shows "nn 1".



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 - 4. Move from one "nn" menu parameter to the next by using the DATA (left) or ON/OFF (right) keys. For example, to go from nn1 to nn2, press the ON/OFF key. To go from nn2 back to nn1, press the DATA key.
 - 5. Once you have arrived at the proper "nn" menu parameter, e.g.," nn 1", press the PEAK (down) key once to arrive at the selection level. The instrument displays the current parameter setting.
 - 6. If there is a selection list, scroll thru the available parameter settings, use the DATA (left) or ON/OFF (right) keys. Otherwise, use the arrow keys to adjust the displayed value to the new value.
 - 7. Once the setting you want is displayed on the screen, press the ZERO (set) key to save this value and revert up to the parameter level, e.g.," nn 1".
 - 8. <u>To save all parameter settings</u>, it is imperative to exit all menus in the following manner: At the parameter level, press the UNITS (up) key <u>twice</u> (two times) to exit the Functions Menu. The instrument displays 'SAvE' and then automatically powers off.

Setup ("nn") Menu Descriptions

This section provides more detailed descriptions of the selections found in the Setup Menu Chart. Factoryset defaults are shown in **bold** with a checkmark; ($\sqrt{}$).

CODE/NAME	DESCRIPTION	SELECTION LIST
nn1 Sampling Rate	Sets the sampling rate in Hertz (measurements per second).	$\begin{array}{cccc} 100 & 80 \\ 60 & 50 \\ 40 & 30 \\ \textbf{20} & 15 \\ 10 & 5 \\ 2 & 1200 \\ 600 & 400 \\ 300 & 240 \\ 200 & 150 \\ 120 \end{array}$
nn2 SMA Filter	Sets the number of measurements to be averaged to affect the speed and stability of the readings. A lower number provides a faster response. Choose the value that works best for your application.	Key-in 1 – 99 √
nn3 Application	Sets one special application. "0" = None (Gross/Net), "2" = Remote Display, "5" = Peak Hold	0 2 5 √
nn4 Default Peak Hold Mode	Sets the peak hold mode to be activated when the instrument is first switched on. "rEAL" = Live, "hoLd P" = Positive Peak, "hoLd U" = Peak Hold	rEAL √ hoLd P hoLd U
nn5 Backlight Brightness	Sets the power on zero mode. "no" = no power on zero, "yE5" = power on zero	no yE5 √

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nn6 Factory Reset	This sub-menu will reset all parameters in the "nn", "-S-" and "Conn" menus to the default settings. It will not overwrite any previously save calibration data. USE WITH CAUTION!	Press the PEAK key twice to execute
nn7 Full Factory Reset	This sub-menu will reset all instrument parameters to the dfault settings. It will also overwrite any previously saved calibration data. USE WITH EXTREME CAUTION!	Press the PEAK key to begin sequence

Entering the System ("S") Configuration Menu

- 1. Switch off the instrument by pressing and holding down the ON/OFF key for about 5 seconds.
- 2. Press and hold down the ON/OFF key (about 20 seconds) until the screen shows "nn".
- 3. Press the ON/OFF (right) key once. The screen displays "-S-".
- 4. Scroll down using the PEAK (down) key to reach the parameter level. The instrument shows "S 1".
- 5. Move from one "S" parameter to the next by using the DATA (left) or ON/OFF (right) keys. For example, to go from S1 to S2, press the ON/OFF key. To go from S2 back to S1, press the DATA key.
- 6. Once you have arrived at the proper "S" menu parameter, e.g. "S 1", press the PEAK (down) key once to arrive at the selection level. The instrument displays the current parameter setting.
- 7. If there is a selection list, scroll thru the available parameter settings, use the DATA (left) or ON/OFF (right) keys. Otherwise, use the arrow keys to adjust the displayed value to the new value.
- 8. Once the setting you want is displayed on the screen, press the ZERO (set) key to save this value and revert up to the parameter level, e.g. "S 1".
- 9. <u>To save all parameter settings</u>, it is imperative to exit all menus in the following manner: At the parameter level, press the UNITS (up) key <u>twice</u> (two times) to exit the User Menu. The instrument displays 'SAvE' and then automatically powers off.



System ("S") Menu Descriptions

This section provides more detailed descriptions of the selections found in the User Menu Chart. Factoryset defaults are shown in **bold** with a checkmark; ($\sqrt{}$).

CODE/NAME	DESCRIPTION	SELECTION LIST
S1 Audible Key Feedback	Selections function of the audible key feedback (beeper). "no" = Disabled "YES" =	no YES√
S2 Auto Power Off	Selects the automatic power off time, expressed in minutes of inactivity (keys and force measurement change). Pressing the PEAK Key to scroll down one level beings the sequence.	Key-in 0 to 30 30 √
S3 Low Battery Auto Power Off	Selects the automatic power off time of the instrument after it enters a low battery condition. Expressed in minutes. Pressing the PEAK key to scroll down one level begins the sequence.	Key-in 0 to 99 02 √
S4 Backlight Behavior	Selects the behavior of the LCD Backlight. "Auto0" = Auto-Off "nnotn" = Motion Detect On "on" = Always On	Auto0 √ nnotn on
S5 Backlight Brightness	Selects the brightness of the LCD backlight. Selections are in % of full brightness. Intended to help save battery life.	0 (OFF) 20 50 75 100 √
S6 Calibration Password	Sets the password for instrument calibration. Pressing the PEAK key to scroll down one level. "000000" = No Password	Key-in 000000 to 999999 000000 √

Entering the Calibration ("CAL") Configuration Menu

- 1. Switch off the instrument by pressing and holding down the ON/OFF key for about 5 seconds.
- 2. Press and hold down the ON/OFF key (about 20 seconds) until the screen shows "nn".
- 3. Press the ON/OFF (right) key two times. The screen displays "CAL".
- 4. Scroll down using the PEAK (down) key to reach the parameter level. The instrument shows "CAL 1".
- 5. Move from one "CAL" parameter to the next by using the DATA (left) or ON/OFF (right) keys. For example, to go from CAL1 to CAL2, press the ON/OFF key. To go from CAL2 back to CAL1, press the DATA key.
- 6. Once you have arrived at the proper "CAL" menu parameter, e.g. "CAL 1", press the PEAK (down) key once to arrive at the selection level. The instrument displays the current parameter setting.

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- 7. If there is a selection list, scroll thru the available parameter settings, use the DATA (left) or ON/OFF (right) keys. Otherwise, use the arrow keys to adjust the displayed value to the new value.
- 8. Once the setting you want is displayed on the screen, press the ZERO (set) key to save this value and revert up to the parameter level, e.g. "CAL 1".
- 9. <u>To save all parameter settings</u>, it is imperative to exit all menus in the following manner: At the parameter level, press the UNITS (up) key <u>twice</u> (two times) to exit the Calibration Menu. The instrument displays 'SAvE' and then automatically powers off.

Calibration ("CAL") Menu Descriptions

This section provides more detailed descriptions of the selections found in the User Menu Chart. Factoryset defaults are shown in **bold** with a checkmark; ($\sqrt{}$).

CODE/NAME	DESCRIPTION	SELECTION LIST
CAL1 Calibration Unit	Sets the force unit of measure to be used in the calibration process. "1" = unit is lbf "2" = unit is kgf "3" = unit is ozf "4" = unit is gf "5" = Unit is N (newtons) "6" unit is kN (kilonewton) "7" = unit kip (kilopound)	1 √ 2 3 4 5 6 7
CAL2 Decimal Pt.	Sets the decimal point value. Use together with CAL3	0 √ 0.0 0.00 0.000 0.0000 0.00000 00
CAL3 Display Divisions	Sets the interval value. Use together with CAL2.	1 √ 2 5
CAL4 Calibration Mode	Sets the instrument calibration mode. "no" = Live, "yE5" = Key-in (mV/V)	no √ yE5
CAL5 Quick Cal	Sets the calibration stability level. Enable for hydraulic sensor calibration. "no" = Standard Calibration "YES" = Quick Calibration	no √ yE5
CAL6 Zero Calibration	Places instrument into live zero-calibration mode.	Press PEAK key to begin sequence
CAL7 Live Positive Span	Places instrument into live positive (+) span calibration.	Press PEAK key to begin sequence
CAL8 Live Negative Span	Places instrument into live negative (-) span calibration.	Press PEAK key to begin sequence

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CAL9 Manual Calibration Adjustment	Places instrument into manual calibration adjustment mode.	Press PEAK key to begin sequence
CAL10 Key-in Positive Span	Places instrument into key-in (mV/V) positive span calibration mode.	Press PEAK key to begin sequence
CAL11 Key-in Positive Span	Places instrument into key-in (mV/V) negative span calibration mode.	Press PEAK key to begin sequence
CAL12 Reference Calibration	Places instrument into reference (mV/V) calibration mode. Factory Use Only. Password protected.	Press PEAK key to begin sequence
CAL13 View Calibration	Places instrument into view calibration mode.	Press PEAK key to begin sequence

Entering the Communication ("Conn") Configuration Menu

- 1. Switch off the instrument by pressing and holding down the ON/OFF key for about 5 seconds.
- 2. Press and hold down the ON/OFF key (about 20 seconds) until the screen shows "nn".
- 3. Press the ON/OFF (right) key two times. The screen displays "Conn".
- 4. Scroll down using the PEAK (down) key to reach the parameter level. The instrument shows "Con 1".
- 5. Move from one "Conn" parameter to the next by using the DATA (left) or ON/OFF (right) keys. For example, to go from Con1 to Con2, press the ON/OFF key. To go from Con2 back to Con1, press the DATA key.
- 6. Once you have arrived at the proper "Conn" menu parameter, e.g. "Con 1", press the PEAK (down) key once to arrive at the selection level. The instrument displays the current parameter setting.
- 7. If there is a selection list, scroll thru the available parameter settings, use the DATA (left) or ON/OFF (right) keys. Otherwise, use the arrow keys to adjust the displayed value to the new value.
- 8. Once the setting you want is displayed on the screen, press the ZERO (set) key to save this value and revert up to the parameter level, e.g. "Con 1".
- 9. <u>To save all parameter settings</u>, it is imperative to exit all menus in the following manner: At the parameter level, press the UNITS (up) key <u>twice</u> (two times) to exit the Calibration Menu. The instrument displays 'SAvE' and then automatically powers off.

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CODE/NAME	DESCRIPTION	SELECTION LIST
Con1 Baud Rate	Selects the baud rate for data transmission through the Con1 serial Port.	600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600 √ , 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 230400, 460800
Con2 Data Bits, Parity and Stop Bits	Selects the number of data bits and parity for the Con1 serial port. "8_n_1" = 8 data bits with no parity bit and one stop bit "8_n_2" = 8 data bits with no parity bit and two stop bit "7_n_1" = 7 data bits with no parity bit and one stop bit "7_n_2" = 7 data bits with no parity bit and two stop bit "7_E_1" = 7 data bits with even parity bit and one stop bit "7_E_2" = 7 data bits with even parity bit and two stop bit "7_o_1" = 7 data bits with even parity bit and two stop bit "7_o_2" = 7 data bits with odd parity bit and one stop bit	8_n_1 √ 8_n_2 7_n_1 7_n_2 7_E_1 7_E_2 7_0_1 7_0_2
Con3 Serial Port Mode	Selects the mode of the Con1 serial port: Refer to Serial Port Information for more details. "0" = Demand Full Duplex "1" = Continuous Full Duplex "2" = Auto Print	0 √ 1 2
Con4 Output String	Selects fixed output string for the Con1 serial port. Refer to Serial Port Information for more details. "0" = String Format 1 (Condec Demand) "1" = String Format 2 (Condec Demand) "2" = Text Print Ticket "3" = Text Print Ticket with MP-20 Auto Label Feed	0 √ 1 2 3
Con5 ID Number	Selects ID Number for serial port. Factory Use Only. Password protected.	Press PEAK key to begin sequence
Con6 Baud Rate	Selects the baud rate for data transmission through the Con2 serial Port.	600, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600 √ , 19200, 38400, 57600, 115200, 230400, 460800
Con7 Data Bits, Parity and Stop Bits	Selects the number of data bits and parity for the Con2 serial port. "8_n_1" = 8 data bits with no parity bit and one stop bit "8_n_2" = 8 data bits with no parity bit and two stop bit "7_n_1" = 7 data bits with no parity bit and one stop bit "7_n_2" = 7 data bits with no parity bit and two stop bit "7_E_1" = 7 data bits with even parity bit and one stop bit "7_E_2" = 7 data bits with even parity bit and two stop bit "7_e_2" = 7 data bits with even parity bit and two stop bit "7_e_2" = 7 data bits with even parity bit and two stop bit "7_o_1" = 7 data bits with odd parity bit and one stop bit "7_o_2" = 7 data bits with odd parity bit and two stop bit	8_n_1 √ 8_n_2 7_n_1 7_n_2 7_E_1 7_E_2 7_0_1 7_0_2

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Con8 Serial Port Mode	Selects the mode of the Con1 serial port: Refer to Serial Port Information for more details. "0" = Demand Full Duplex "1" = Continuous Full Duplex "2" = Auto Print	0 √ 1 2
Con9 Output String	Selects fixed output string for the Con2 serial port. Refer to Serial Port Information for more details. "0" = String Format 1 (Condec Demand) "1" = String Format 2 (Condec Demand) "2" = Text Print Ticket "3" = Text Print Ticket with MP-20 Auto Label Feed	0 1 2 √ 3

Instrument Calibration

Calibration Overview

There are two ways to calibrate the instrument.

- 1. Live calibration: You will be calibrating an actual load sensor to the instrument using live test loads. You can have up to seven positive calibration points and up to seven negative calibration points. These calibration points are denoted as C1 through C7.
- mV/V calibration: You will be calibrating the instrument using a load cell simulator (calibrator). Previously established mV/V input signal values - and the corresponding force values - are required. You can have up to six positive calibration points and up to six negative calibration points. These calibration points are denoted as C1 through C6.

The absolute value of each subsequent calibration point should be higher than the last, e.g., the C2 value should be greater than the C1 value, etc.

Live Calibration Overview

Live calibration is comprised of two main steps: **zero** (CAL6) and **span** (CAL7). A third calibration menu for negative span (CAL8) is also available for systems operating in both tension and compression.

What follows is the recommended live calibration sequence. Any deviations from this may cause unwanted behavior.

- 1. Place the force sensor onto your fixture, with no other forces applied.
- 2. Navigate to CAL7 and perform the positive span calibration for up to seven span calibration points.
- 3. Optional: repeat steps 1-2 for negative span calibration (CAL8)
- 4. Mount the force sensor onto its final fixture,
- 5. Navigate to CAL6 and perform zero calibration.

Notes:

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- 1. You may see dashes appear temporarily on the screen during live calibration. This simply means that the instrument is processing data.
- 2. To disable the positive calibration slope, simply enter a zero value (e.g., "0.0") for C1 while in CAL7.
- 3. To disable the negative calibration slope, simply enter a zero value (e.g., "0.0") for C1 while in CAL8.

Live Positive Span Calibration Instructions (CAL7)

- 1. While in the calibration menu, scroll to "CAL 7", and then scroll down once using the PEAK (down) key. The indicator will display 'Fit'.
- Assure a no-load condition and then press the ZERO (set) key to save the value. After a brief period, the instrument will then prompt you to enter the data for the first calibration point (C1). The previously saved force value will be displayed with on digit blinking.
- 3. Apply the first test load to the force sensor.
- 4. Use the four directional keys to enter in the actual positive force value, e.g., 1000.0 lbf. Increase the flashing digit by pressing the UNITS key. Decrease the flashing digit by pressing the PEAK key. Pressing the DATA key or the ON/OFF key will change the position of the flashing digit.
- 5. Press the ZERO (set) key to save the value. The indicator briefly displays 'End C1' and then moves to the next calibration point (C2).
- 6. Repeat steps 3 through 5 to enter data for the remainder of the calibration points. You need not enter data for all seven calibration points. To cease entering additional calibration points, simply enter zero for the new value, e.g., 0.0 lbf.
- 7. At the conclusion of C7 (or the last calibration point), the instrument will show "-donE" and reverts to "CAL 7".

If the calibration was not successful, one of the following error messages will appear.

- "Err0" The calibration test load or the keyed-in load is larger than the full capacity of the instrument. Change the calibration test load or check the input data.
- "Err1" The calibration test load or the keyed-in load is smaller than 1% of the full capacity of the instrument. Change the calibration test load or check the input data.
- "Err2" There is not enough signal from the force sensor to complete the calibration process. Most common causes include incorrect force sensor wiring, a mechanical obstruction or a faulty (damaged) force sensor.

Take the indicated action to correct the problem and then perform a new calibration.

<u>To save all calibration settings</u>, you must exit all menus in the following manner: At the parameter level, press the UNITS (up) key <u>twice</u> (two times) to exit the Setup Menu. The instrument displays 'SAvE' and then automatically powers off.

Live Negative Span Calibration Instructions (CAL8)

For negative calibration data, you will not see a minus sign on the screen. You need not be concerned as all data entered is presumed to be a negative value, e.g., 1000.0 lbf is really -1000.0 lbf.

1. While in the Calibration menu, scroll to "CAL 8", and then scroll down once using the

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PEAK (down) key. The indicator will display 'Fit'.

- 2. Assure a no-load condition and then press the ZERO (set) key to save the value. After a brief period, the instrument will then prompt you to enter the data for the first calibration point (C1). The previously saved force value will be displayed with one digit blinking.
- 3. Apply the first test load to the force sensor.
- 4. Use the four directional keys to enter in the actual positive force value, e.g., 1000.0 lbf. Increase the flashing digit by pressing the UNITS key. Decrease the flashing digit by pressing the PEAK key. Pressing the DATA key or the ON/OFF key will change the position of the flashing digit.
- 5. Press the ZERO (set) key to save the value. The indicator briefly displays 'End C1' and then moves to the next **negative** calibration point (C2).
- 6. Repeat steps 3 through 5 to enter data for the remainder of the calibration points. You need not enter data for all seven calibration points. To cease entering additional calibration points, simply enter zero for the new value, e.g., 0.0 lbf.
- 7. At the conclusion of C7 (or the last calibration point), the instrument will show "-donE" and reverts to "CAL 8".

<u>To save all calibration settings</u>, you must exit all menus in the following manner: At the parameter level, press the UNITS (up) key <u>twice</u> (two times) to exit the Setup Menu. The instrument displays 'SAvE' and then automatically powers off.

Live Zero Calibration Instructions (CAL6)

- While in the Calibration menu, scroll to "CAL 6", then scroll down once using the PEAK (down) key. The display will momentarily show "C 0" followed by a value. This value is the internal A/D count and can prove useful when trying to troubleshoot setup problems. If you see an 'N' on the screen, this indicates that the displayed value is negative (minus).
- Mount the force sensor onto the final fixture, assure a no-load condition and then press the PEAK key to save the zero-point value. The display will show "SET" and "EndC0" momentarily and then revert up to CAL6.

<u>To save all calibration settings</u>, you must exit all menus in the following manner: At the parameter level, press the UNITS (up) key <u>twice</u> (two times) to exit the Setup Menu. The instrument displays 'SAvE' and then automatically powers off.

Underneath the display you may find down arrows which have been activated. For each down arrow displayed, add 1 million to the displayed count. (Max value is 4.8 million counts)

Manual Calibration Adjustment Instructions (CAL9)

Use this menu to "tweak" the stored force values (C1 to C7) used during live calibration to dial in more accurate readings. Please note that Ptx = Cx, e.g., Pt1 = C1, Pt2 = C2, etc.

1. While in the calibration menu, scroll to "CAL 9", and then scroll down once using the PEAK (down) key. The display will momentarily show "POS AJ" and "Pt1", followed by a value with a

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flashing digit. This value is the currently stored force value corresponding to the first positive span calibration point, C1.

- Use the four directional keys to adjust the force value. Increase the flashing digit by pressing the UNITS key. Decrease the flashing digit by pressing the PEAK key. Pressing the DATA key or the ON/OFF key will change the position of the flashing digit.
- 3. Press the ZERO (set) key to save the value. The indicator briefly displays 'Pt2' and then moves to the next calibration point (C2).
- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to enter data for the remainder of the **positive** calibration points.
- 5. At the conclusion of C7, the instrument will show "NEG AJ" and "Pt1", followed by a value with a flashing digit. This value is the currently stored force value corresponding to the first **negative** span calibration point, C1.
- 6. Use the four directional keys to adjust the force value. Increase the flashing digit by pressing the UNITS key. Decrease the flashing digit by pressing the PEAK key. Pressing the DATA kay or the ON/OFF key will change the position of the flashing digit.
- 7. Press the ZERO (set) key to save the value. The indicator briefly displays '**Pt2**' and then moves to the next calibration point (C2).
- 8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 to enter data for the remainder of the negative calibration points.
- 9. At the conclusion of C7, the instrument will revert to "CAL 9".

Key-in (mV/V) Positive Calibration Instructions (CAL10)

You will be entering data for up to six **positive** calibration points. These calibration points are denoted as C1 through C6. The absolute value of each subsequent calibration point should be higher than the last.

Each calibration point requires entry of two values:

- A force value, e.g., 200 lbf
- A corresponding mV/V input signal value, e.g., 1.0125 mV/V.
- While in the Calibration menu, scroll to "CAL 10", and then scroll down once using the PEAK (down) key. The indicator will briefly display 'Pos C' and then prompt you to enter the data for the first positive calibration point (C1). The previously saved force value will be displayed with one digit blinking.
- 2. Use the four directional keys to enter in the actual positive force value, e.g., 200 lbf.
- Press the ZERO (Set) key to save the force value. The indicator will prompt you to enter the corresponding mV/V input signal. The previously saved mV/V value will be displayed with one digit blinking.
- 4. Use the four directional keys to enter in the actual mV/V value.
- 5. Press the ZERO (Set) key to save the mV/V value. The indicator briefly displays 'End C1' and then moves to the next **positive** calibration point (C2).
- 6. Repeat steps 2 through 5 to enter data for the remainder of the **positive** calibration points. You need not enter data for all seven positive calibration points. To cease entering additional calibration points, simply enter zero for both values, e.g., 0 lbf and 0.0000 mV/V.



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 - When all values are entered successfully, the display will show "End Cx" momentarily before reverting to CAL10.

<u>To save all calibration settings</u>, you must exit all menus in the following manner: At the parameter level, press the UNITS (up) key <u>twice</u> (two times) to exit the Setup Menu. The instrument displays 'SAvE' and then automatically powers off.

Key-in (mV/V) Negative Calibration Instructions (CAL11)

You will be entering data for up to six **negative** calibration points. These calibration points are denoted as C1 through C6. The absolute value of each subsequent calibration point should be higher than the last.

Each calibration point requires entry of two values:

- A force value, e.g., 200 lbf
- A corresponding mV/V input signal value, e.g., 1.0125 mV/V.
- While in the Calibration menu, scroll to "CAL 11", and then scroll down once using the PEAK (down) key. The indicator will briefly display 'Neg C' and then prompt you to enter the data for the first positive calibration point (C1). The previously saved force value will be displayed with one digit blinking.
- Use the four directional keys to enter in the actual negative force value, e.g., 200 lbf. For negative calibration data, you will not see a minus sign on the screen. You need not be concerned as all data entered is presumed to be a negative value, e.g., 200 lbf is really -200 lbf.
- Press the ZERO (Set) key to save the force value. The indicator will prompt you to enter the corresponding mV/V input signal. The previously saved mV/V value will be displayed with one digit blinking.
- 4. Use the four directional keys to enter in the actual mV/V value. For negative calibration data, you will not see a minus sign on the screen. You need not be concerned as all data entered is presumed to be a negative value, e.g., 200 lbf is really -200 lbf.
- 5. Press the ZERO (Set) key to save the mV/V value. The indicator briefly displays 'End C1' and then moves to the next **negative** calibration point (C2).
- 6. Repeat steps 2 through 5 to enter data for the remainder of the **negative** calibration points. You need not enter data for all seven positive calibration points. To cease entering additional calibration points, simply enter zero for both values, e.g., 0 lbf and 0.0000 mV/V.
- 7. When all values are entered successfully, the display will show "End Cx" momentarily before reverting to CAL11.

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Reference (mV/V) Calibration (CAL12)

You will be calibrating the force data instrument to a connected load cell simulator using two calibration points:

- Zero: 0.0 mV/V
- Span: A positive mV/V input signal value of your choice, e.g., 4.0000 mV/V. Note: Maximum value is 4.5000 mV/V.

This must be done prior to using mV/V calibration mode.

- 1. While in the Calibration menu, scroll to "CAL 12", and then scroll down once using the PEAK (down) key.
- 2. The indicator will briefly display 'CA-rf2' followed by live A/D data.
- 3. Set the connected load cell simulator to 0.0 mV/V
- Press the ZERO (Set) key. The indicator displays dashes and 'EndCF0' before moving on to the span calibration point by briefly displaying 'CA-rfP' followed by a value (0.00000) with one digit blinking.
- 5. Use four directional keys to enter in the actual span mV/V input signal value of your choice, e.g., 4.0000 mV/V. Now set the connected load cell simulator to this mV/V setting.
- 6. Press ZERO (set) key. The indicator now displays live A/D count data.
- 7. Press the ZERO (Set) key again. The indicator displays dashes and 'EndCF1' before reverting to CAL12.

View Calibration Mode Instructions (CAL13)

This function allows viewing of stored calibration values and is used primarily for debugging purposes.

There are seven (7) sub-menus:

- UCAL07: Live Cal Positive Span, C1 to C7
- UCAL08: Live Cal Negative Span, C1 to C7
- UCAL10: Key-in Cal (mV/V) Positive Span, C1 to C7
- UCAL11: Key-in Cal (mV/V) Negative Span, C1 to C7
- UCAL12: Reference Cal (mV/V)
- CALdt: Internal Calibration Data (+/-), C1 to C7
- **Point:** No. of calibration points (Cx)
- 1. While in the Calibration menu, scroll to "CAL 13", and then scroll down once using the

PEAK (down) key. The display will briefly show "C 0" followed by the stored A/D count

value for the fixture (Fit) or zero calibration (CAL6) and then "UCAL07".

2. Use the left or right directional keys to select the appropriate Sub-menu and then scroll down once using the PEAK (down) key.



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For **UCAL07** and **UCAL08**, the instrument displays the following in sequence. Pt1: stored force value for C1, e.g., 500.0 lb PC1: stored A/D count for C1, e.g., 7125861

For **CALdt**, the instrument displays the following in sequence. Pt1: stored force value for C1, e.g., 500.0 lb PC1: stored A/D count for C1, e.g., 7125861 Note: "N" will be displayed for negative span

For **UCAL10** and UCAL11, the instrument displays the following in sequence. Pt1: stored force value for C1, e.g., 500.0 lb PC1: stored mV/V value for C1, e.g., 2.0000 **Note**: Underneath the display you may find down arrows which have been activated. For each down arrow displayed, add 1 million to the displayed count. (Max value is 4.8 million counts).

To continue displaying the rest of the calibration information - Ptx and PCx, e.g., Pt2 and PC2 for C2, etc. - keep pressing the PEAK (down) key until you reach the end of the list and then press the PEAK (down) key once more to arrive back at the top of the sub-menu, i.e., UCAL10.

For **UCAL12**, the instrument displays the following in sequence and then automatically reverts to the sub-menu level.

rF nnu: stored mV/V value, e.g., 1.6000 rF cnt: stored A/D count, e.g., 7125861

For **Point**, the instrument displays the number of calibration points for positive span and negative span and then automatically reverts to the sub-menu level.

3. Press the UNITS (up) key to return to the CAL13 level menu.



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Advanced Operation

Peak Hold Mode

This mode is used to capture and hold peak forces recorded during a specific process. The most common application is evaluating the breaking point of a part or assembly. The instrument records both positive and negative peak forces. Peak forces are not retained when the instrument is powered OFF.

This mode of operation is enabled at the Factory [the nn30 parameter = "5"]. Use the nn36 parameter setting to select the default (power on) peak hold mode.

- 1. Push the PEAK key to activate the peak mode you want to use (repeat as needed):
 - a. "hoLd P" = Positive Peak; the "P" annunciator is ON.
 - b. "hoLd U" = Negative (Valley) Peak; the "P" annunciator is ON
 - c. "LiVE" = Live Measurement (peak forces not captured); the "P" annunciator is OFF
- 2. Apply force to the item under test. The measured peak force is displayed on the screen.
- 3. To reset all peak values to zero, press and hold the PEAK key for about 3 seconds until the display shows "Clr P". This can be done in any peak hold mode.

Serial Port Information

Serial Port Modes

DEMAND DUPLEX MODE

The Demand Duplex Mode provides a two-way serial transmission mode. In this mode, the output information is transmitted on demand; either by pressing the DATA key on the instrument's front panel or upon receiving a recognized command from a host device (i.e., computer).

NOTE: Ensure that your cabling has a crossover (null modem) and contains the proper handshaking lines.

CONTINUOUS DUPLEX MODE

The Continuous Duplex Mode provides a two-way serial transmission mode. In this mode, the output information is transmitted continuously making it a popular choice for remote displays and other remote devices requiring a constant data stream. The transmission automatically occurs at the end of each display update. The instrument will react upon receiving a recognized command from a host device.

RECOGNIZED HOST COMMANDS (applies to both demand and continuous duplex modes)



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ASCII Code (HEX)	Symbol	Action by the Instrument						
50 or 70	P or p	Transmit the displayed force data through the serial port.						
5A or 7A	Z or z	Zero the instrument						
43 or 63	C or c	Change the displayed unit of measure						
43 or 66	F or f	Transmit the firmware version through the serial port.						

AUTO PRINT MODE

The Auto Print Mode provides a one-time serial transmission once a non-zero, stable condition is achieved.

Output Strings

TEXT PRINT TICKET

The Text Print Ticket is designed specifically for a serial printer.

GROSS	1000.0	lb

STRING FORMAT 1 (Condec Demand String)

String Format 1 is designed for two-way communication.

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NOTE: Additional unit is available:

NT = Newtons oz = ounce g<space> = grams lb = pounds



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kg = kilograms

STRING FORMAT 2 (Condec Continuous String)

String Format 1 is designed for one-way communication.



NOTE: Additional unit is available:

N = Newtons O = oz G = grams L = poundsK = grams

Specifications

Instrument Specifications

Enclosure: Aluminum/ABS enclosure (IP54) Display: 0.8", 6-digit LCD with LED backlight Upgraded A-to-D converter (AD-02): Resolution: Up to 4,800,000 Internal Counts @ 4.5 mV/V Conversion Rate: 1 to 1200 Hz, selectable Serial Port: Full Duplex RS-232C Operating temperature: 14°F to 104°F (-10°C to 40°C)

Battery Power

- 4 AA alkaline
- User replaceable

- 85+ continuous hours of operation under typical operating conditions

Error Messages



Err 99

No-ad

Batteries need to be replaced.

Setup menus blocked. Toggle calibration switch back to its original position.

A signal from the load sensor has not been detected

Troubleshooting

Issue / Recommendation

"Low Battery" icon blinks on the digital readout, then the instrument powers off. Replace the batteries.

Instrument turns off on its own.

The instrument has a power conservation feature, set to automatically power off the instrument after 30 minutes of non-use. If your needs require a different setting, call Morehouse Instrument Company.

Display is erratic or No-Ad message.

- A battery may be fully depleted. If so, this condition can cause erratic displays. Power off the instrument and replace or recharge the battery.
- Check the testing machine load cell for any obstructions or foreign debris
- Loose or faulty connection between the instrument and the load sensor
- Electromagnetic Interference (EMI). Call Morehouse Instrument Company.