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## **Instruction** Manual

### Portable Turbidity Meter

**TRH444** 

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Calibration Parameters Automatic / Manual	Calibration Parameters	Automatic / Manual
Light Source LED 890 nm (NIR)	Light Source	LED 890 nm (NIR)
Detector Photocell	Detector	Photocell
Case protection IP-67	Case protection	IP-67
Vial (Ø x h)      24.5 mm x 60 mm	Vial (Ø x h)	24.5 mm x 60 mm
Mínimum Sample Volume 20 mL	Mínimum Sample Volume	20 mL
Power Battery 9 Vcc	Power	Battery 9 Vcc
Battery Life 60 hours	Battery Life	60 hours
Dimensions (LAP)      103 x 217 x 81 mm	Dimensions (LAP)	103 x 217 x 81 mm
Weight 569 g	Weight	569 g

Accessories Supplied with equipment		
Instruction manual in English		
Stabilized Primary Std	1000NTU (Model TRS-444)	
Vial Kit	3 units Model TRV-444	
Carrying Case		
Secondary Standard (Gel)	3vials (0.1, 10 & 90NTU) Model TRSS-444	
<b>Optional Accessories</b>		
AC Adapter	CDH-30PW	

### 3. Product Description



- 1 Display: Alphanumeric 2 Lines x 16 characters
- 2 Keyboard: with 3 Tactile membrane keys
  - Key Select the menu option, flashing option.
  - Key Turns On the instrument and also confirms the flashing option.
  - Key-goes back one screen for every touch and also allows to access instrument shut down screen.
- 3 Vial
- 4-AC Adapter inlet, model CDH-30PW (Optional).
- 5 Battery compartnment cover lid.
- 6 9 VCC Battery (included)
- 7 RS-232 Serial Output
- 8 Covering caps for classified areas use.
- 9 IP-67 Protection lid.

#### Important:

For IP-67 protection, it is necessary to use lids as shown at above picture, items 8 & 9.

This instrument allows connection thru the power line by an AC Adapter Model CDH-30PW (optional) 90-240Vac (50/60Hz)



• Do not use any other AC Adapter as it may damage the

instrument!Instrument floats when dropped in water.

Supplied with the instrument: Carrying Case, 3 Glass Vials (TRV-444), 3 Secondary Standard Gel Vials(<0.1, 9 & 90NTU Vials) and 1000NTU Stabilized Standard Solution (100ml.).

<u>Accessories</u>: TRV-444 -3 Glass Vials TRSS-444 - Secondary Standards Gel (<0.1, 10, 100 & 800NTU Vials) TRS-444 - Primary Standard Bottle of 1000NTU Formazine (250ml)



Carrying Case

4. Principles

he measured **Turbidity** of a determined sample, is the reading referred by light dispersity and absorsion that goes thru the sample.

Turbidity does not mean suspended solids measurement, but a effect determination of light refracted through Solids.

To understand turbidity it is helpful to think about the characteristics of mixture between substances. It is defined as **Homogenous** or **Monophase** mixtures are any set of substances that presents an unified visual aspect (also called **Solutions**) and **Heterogenous** or **Polyphase** mixtures are those where it is possible to confirm the presence of more then one visual aspect (also called **Suspensions**). This way, if noticed in a certain liquid a transparency lower than usually know, this is the presence beginning of any solid product in suspension, that defines the system as heterogeneous. The relation to this heterogeneous is how the turbidity concept is established. This turns to be a parameter that describes this quantity of suspended solid material in liquid being **bigger** as **bigger** is the **suspended solid quantity**.

Turbidity consists in evaluation of the quantity of particles presence in such a liquid sample, from the comparison of transparency degree/turbidity with a standard, with a know value, using a light. We denote that hazel liquids are colloidal materials, presenting Tyndall effect, that consists of light spreading when it goes thru a colloid. It is know that the light when hitting a material it can reflect, refract or absorbed.

As reflection is an inevitable phenomenon and common to any optical interaction, we must pay attention to two other phenomenons, as absorption is related to color and turbidity alters the refraction thru the working fluid. Digimed turbidimeters are nephelometric type, or simply nephelometric, that evaluate the Tyndall light spacing at 90° of the light hitting the sample.

#### **Color Compensation**

In order to avoid interference caused by the color components of the mixture being analyzed, the light used at the nephelometric instrument in general presents closes to infra red range, as this range has relatively low Material absorption, increasing the light sensibility. So it is possible an efficient measurement of the liquid turbidity, as the turbidity measure at this instrument is done using the difference between the hitting light and the detected light at a silicium photodiode, placed in right angle to the hitting light, that transforms the transmitted light by the sample, in a tension signal proportional to Tyndal light source, being this light intensity compared to the emitted light by the source (LED).

The color compensation is done by signal conditioning of two photo-cells, transmittance and nephelometric, These area equalized in algorithm that performs the color compensation.

#### **Sugar Reading**

Internally at the equipment there is a curve for sugar analysis that can be selected during Set Up operation.



Principles (cont.)

As the dettection involvs the difference between the light hitting the vial and the transmitted by the sample located at the vial, it is convinient to minimize the effects that diminishs the transmitted light intensity, between some, the most important, is the absortion caused by the sample color.

So it is essential to work in a wavelenght range where this absortion is minimum (near infrared), as if we worked at a visible electromagnetical spectrum, this color interference certainly would decisively affect the results of the turbidity quantity, it can be used many types of comparison standard, being the nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) the most usual one, developed from formazine standard suspensions. So, it is possible to have a a comparison standard scale between both materials, being possible to evaluate the turbidity with precision.

#### **Fuctuations Compensation at Readings**

For signal fluctuations compensation emitted by the photocell caused by any particle with irregular dimension, the Digimed turbidity meter execute the average reading during a time interval of 5s.. Considering the last 45 readings average executed during a maximum time interval of 20s., related to the turbidity to be measured.



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Instructions on how to prepare the calibration solutions

#### 1. Standard Zero

In order to obtain a turbidity close to Zero, use a good quality deionized or distilled water and filter it twice in a roll, using a 0.2 µm filter and theorically you will obtain a water with 0.12NTU, that can be considered Zero (Blank).

Note: this water will be used to dilute the standard.

#### 2. Standard Solutions

The instrument is supplied with a 100mL bottle of 1000NTU Stabilized Standard Solution, model# TRS-444, for dilution and calibration purpose.

Attention: if the Standard (DM-S14AK-100) had been stored for some time, shake the bottle strongly to mix the solution, then let it seat for about 15minutes, then start to manipulate below standards.

#### 1 - Necessary Materials:

- 1.1 1 Volumetric Flask 100 mL
  - 1 Volumetric Pipette 50 mL

2 L Distilled or Deionized Water, Filtered (0.2 µm)

#### 2 - Calibration Solution 500 NTU

- **2.1** In a 100ml Volumetric Flask, using the Volumetric Pipette add 50ml of 1000NTU Stabilized Standard Solution.
- 2.2 Add filtered water up to the mark on the flask.
- 2.3 Before using the solution mix it by gently inverting the flask several times. Avoid creating bubbles.
- 2.4 The Solution is Valid for 15 days.
  - Note: For best storage conditions place the solution in a dark bottle and store it in a fresh and dark place.

#### 3 - Calibration Solution 100 NTU

- **3.1** In a 100ml Volumetric Flask, using the Volumetric Pipette add 10ml of 1000NTU Stabilized Standard Solution.
- 3.2 Add filtered water up to the mark on the flask.
- **3.3** Before using the solution mix it by gently inverting the flask several times. Avoid creating bubbles.
- 3.4 The Solution is Valid for 10 days.
- 3.5 After its use, discharge the solution.
  Note: For best storage conditions place the solution in a dark bottle and store it in a fresh and dark place.

#### 4 - Calibration Solution 10 NTU

- **4.1** In a 100ml Volumetric Flask, using the Volumetric Pipette add 1ml of 1000NTU Stabilized Standard Solution.
- 4.2 Add filtered water up to the mark on the flask.
- **4.3** Before using the solution mix it by gently inverting the flask several times. Avoid creating bubbles.
- 4.4 Stir it manually for before using it.
- 4.4 The Solution is Valid for 5 days.
- **4.5** After its use, discharge the solution.
  - Note: For best storage conditions place the solution in a dark bottle and store it in a fresh and dark Place.

#### Attention: for TURBIDITY, this instrument MUST BE calibrated using Formazine Standard and cannot be calibrated using Polymers!!!

#### For the most accurate results follow the steps below:

**Techniques** 

- **a.** Use vials extremely clean on the inside and outside.
- **b.** Fill the vial to the top to eliminate any bubble. Fill carefully to avoid creating bubbles and to insure that the sample is homogeneous.
- **c.** After filling the vial, dry it with a soft, lint-free absorbent paper to remove external condensation caused by variation in temperature.
- **d.** Using one drop of silicone oil, clean the external portion of the cuvette, this will eliminate any small scratches (this is necessary for low Readings ONLY, below 20NTU).
  - **Note:** Instructions to apply: place one drop of silicone oil on the outside of the vial, using a cloth spread the oil, creating an uniform oil film at the surface.
- e. Observe cautiously for the presence of bubbles and micro bubbles in the sample. Bubbles are not desired! Bubbles will not disperse if the sample is allowed to rest, the particles in the sample will settle, altering the real turbidity value, so do not leave the sample to rest!

#### 1. Zero Turbidity

6. Techniques (cont.)

**A.** It is very difficult to locate a water without turbidity. What is done on practice is to filter 2 times (2x) a deionized or distilled water using a 0.2  $\mu$ m (0.2 micro meter) paper filter. So we can consider this water with turbidity of 0.12 NTU.

**B.** The water used as Zero, is used to dilute standards up to 40 NTU. Above this value, use can use normal deionized water.

#### 2 - Technical Measurement Considerations for Low Turbidity Readings - Range 0 to 10 NTU

A. Use an extremely clean vial (inside and outside). After its use, never leave any solution inside the vial.

B. Fill the vial, do not overfill! Fill the most possible, this procedure avoids bubbles formation.

**C.** After filling it and closing the cap, dry the external surface of the vial using a lint free absorbent paper in order to avoid a possible condensation caused by temperature variation. DO NOT touch the vilas with your fingers!!!!!!

**D.** Always use matching Vials. When one of the vials break or needs to be replaced, it is necessary to replace the hole set! DO NOT replace only one vial of a set!

**E.** Verify for bubbles or micro bubbles presence inside the sample, as they are not desired. In case they are Noticed, try to eliminate them.

Note: Never let the sample to rest, as the particlues will decantate and this will alter the real turbidity value.

**F.** If obtained low values, below the expected between 0.12 to 10.0 NTU, the vial could be dirty. Remove it, clean and repeat the reading.

**G.** Keep the vial always at the same position, paying attention to the its direction, from calibration until the reading. Note that the vial has a vertical white line mark and when inserting the vial at the compartnment, make sure that this mark matches the mark trace located at the vial compartnment!

H. Recalibrate the equipment when the reading is lower than the first calibration point (0.12 NTU).

#### 3 - Technical Measurement Considerations for Turbidity Readings - Range 0 to 100 NTU

- A. Prepare the calibration standards (Standard 10 NTU and Standard 100 NTU) as indicated on page 7.
- **B.** In order to obtain better precision results it is recommended to calibrate using above standards.

#### 4 - Technical Measurement Consideratins for Turbidity Readings - Range 0 to 1000 NTU

**A.** Prepare the calibration standards (Standard 10 NTU, Standard 100 NTU and Standard 500NTU) as indicated on page 7.

**B.** In order to obtain better precision results it is recommended to calibrate using above standards.

#### Vials

The turbidity instrument TRH444, leaves the factory with 3 matching vials. This allows to use them for caibration or reading, any of the vials.

**NOTE:** in case one of the vials breaks it is necessary to purchase a new vial kit (TRV-444) do not mix the old vials with the new set, as they can present differences at reading values.

### 7. Equipment Operation

#### **Basic Operations**

1 - The software offers self explanatory menus with easy user interaction. The menu flashes at selected option (represented at this manual in Blue Color.

Use <SELECT> key to alter the flashing option of the menu then press <ENTER> key to confirm the option.

2 - In case of a mistake, or to change data or to return to prior menu, press **<ESCAPE>** key. At every touch the screen will be moved back to prior screen. But in order to exit the reading mode, user must press and hold **<ESCAPE>** key so the program can understand that the user really desires to exist this mode.

3 - The equipment stores all configurations in a non-volatile memory (E<sup>2</sup>PROM). Even when turned off, the last stored characteristics established for your work will be sustained.

4 - The equipment automatically monitors the battery charge. In order to save battery, the instrument will turn itself off after 2 minutes of inactivity. After the reading is completed, user must press **<ENTER>** to proceed to the next reading, otherwise the equipment will turn itself off after 2 minutes.

#### Turning On the equipment

1 - Turn on the equipment by pressing **<ENTER>** key. The display will show the main menu.





TURBIDIMETER Read/Set Up

#### Set Up Proceedures

The instrument allows the user to choose the Range (programable) and also to pick the calibration values for the Standard Solutions, that can be programmed while at Set Up Operation. See below table for possible calibration values based on each calibration point ranges :

Calibration	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
1st Point	0.01NTU	1.00NTU
2sd Point	8.00NTU	10.00NTU
3th Point	80.0NTU	100NTU
4th Point	200NTU	900NTU

### 7- Equipment Operation - Turbidity Set Up

Set Up Proceedures



### 7. Equipment Operation - Turbidity Set Up (cont.)



### 7-Equipment Operation - Turbidity Calibration

#### **Calibration Proceedures**



7. Equipment Operation-Turbidity Calibrat.(cont.)



display will show: ATTENTION ! VERIFY VIAL <ENTER>

**Calibration Proceedures** 

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#### B From Page 15 User will still have the option to accept every calibration POINT: 500 NTU point chosen during Set Up Operation. Press CALIBRATE? Y/N SELECT> until desired option flashes, then press <ENTER> key to confirm it. CONFIRM? Press <SELECT> until desired option flashes, then press <ENTER> key to confirm it. Yes / No. Place vial with Standard 500NTU at compartnment, PLACE STANDARD then press <ENTER> key. 500 NTU Make sure the white vertical line of the vial matches the mark at the vial compartnment then push slowly @ VIAL COMPARTN, the vial into the compartnment, all the way to the end. Ready ? WAIT STABILIZATION The instrument program, verifies if the standard is within SATANDARD NOT IN conformance. Press <ENTER> key. Then user can proceed with CONFORM. (ENTER) operation or go back and replace the standard. CONFIRM STANDARD Yes / No Note: if any problem occurs during the Reading operation, the display will show: ATTENTION ! VERIFY VIAL <ENTER>

If user is ready to measure the sample, place vial with sample at compartnment, then press **<ENTER>** key.

alibration Proceedure

For a new reading, press **<ENTER>** or press and hold **<ESCAPE>** key in order to exit Reading Mode. If instrument is left under Reading Mode, without pressing **<ENTER>** for another reading, it will turn itself off after 2 minutes, in order to save battery life!

#### Attention: for TURBIDITY, this instrument MUST BE calibrated using Formazine Standard and cannot be calibrated using Polymers!!!

Go to Sample!

Ready ?

WAIT READING

-> 1.70 NTU

### Equipment Operation - Turbidity Read

Reading Proceedures



#### Reading Register Proceedure

This Meter offers 99 points of dataloging for Readings storage. In order to activate this function, user must choose option **YES** when asked about Option **REGISTER** during **SET UP** operation. If chosen **NO** the Sub menu Reg will not be Displayed on the screen.

Turn on the instrument by pressing <b><enter></enter></b>	TURBIDIMETER VERSION : V5a
Press <b><select></select></b> key until Read flashes, then press <b><enter></enter></b> to confirm.	TURBIDIMETER Read/Set Up
Press <b><select></select></b> key until Reg. Flashes, Then press <b><enter></enter></b> to confirm.	TURBIDIMETER Read/Res./Cal.
Press <b><select></select></b> key until Read flashes, then press <b><enter></enter></b> to confirm. This procedure will allow Reading value to be stored!	REGISTER Read/Cons./Erase
This option will only be displayed if RS-232 is On (chosen during Set Up operation). If chosen Off for RS-232, this option will not appear. User can adjust the Initial Sample number, refer to below instructions on how to change this number.	INITIAL SAMPLE: N.: 1 <>
Place the vial into the compartnment , then pess <b><enter></enter></b> to start Reading opertion.	Go to Sample! Ready ?
	WAIT READING
The Read value will be displayed, press <b><select></select></b> key to memorize the value.	→ 1.70 NTU
	Resister: 01 WAIT
Press <enter> key to start a new the Reading</enter>	1.70 NTU
To exit this mode, prss and hold < <b>ESCAPE&gt;</b> key.	

User can also Consult saved Readings, simple choose the option REGISTER (see above menu) and press **<ENTER>** key to display every Reading stored!

#### Erase Register Proceedure

Turn on the instrument by pressing <b><enter></enter></b>	TURBIDIMETER VERSION : V5a	
Press <b><select></select></b> key until Read flashes, then press <b><enter></enter></b> to confirm.	TURBIDIMETER Read/Set Up	
Press <select> key until Reg. Flashes, then press <enter> to confirm.</enter></select>	TURBIDIMETER Read/Ree./Cal.	
Press <b>SELECT&gt;</b> key until <b>Erase</b> flashes, then press <b>ENTER&gt;</b> to confirm. This procedure will erase ALL Registered values!	REGISTER Read/Cons./Erase	•
Press <select> key until Yes flashes, then press <enter> to confirm. This is your last chance NOT to erase the stored values!</enter></select>	CONFIRM ? Yes / No	
	WAIT	

Turning Off the Equipment

1 - Press <ESCAPE> key repeatedly unitl the following message appears

TURN OFF? Ves / No

2 - Press **SELECT**> key until **YES** flashes then press **SELECT**> key to confirm and turn it off. Follow instructions below to turn the instrument off:

Press and hold <b><escape></escape></b> key in order to exit the reading mode and access the main menu	TURBIDIMETER ->070 ppm
Press <escape> key to move back</escape>	TURBIDIMETER <mark>Read</mark> /Calibrate
Press <escape> key to move back</escape>	TURBIDIMETER Read/Set Up
Press <select> key in order to select option Yes (flashing), then press <enter> to confirm.</enter></select>	TURN OFF? Yes / No
A message will display on the screen and the equipment will turn off.	GOOD BYE !

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