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2. Model and serial number of the product under warranty;
3. Repair instructions and/or specific problems relative to the product.

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Menu Hierarchy Showing Factory Default Settings

Changing the Controller’s Parameter Settings

1. Press the << key to enter the programming mode. The lower display will alternately display the menu level and “Ac.Cd.”
2. Use the ▲ and ▼ keys to change to the desired menu level.
3. Once you have chosen the desired menu use the ▼ key to scroll through the parameters. To change the setting of a given parameter, use the ▲ and ▼ keys.
4. To save settings press the ▼ key. The controller now exits the programming menu and return to the normal operating mode.
5. To change settings on other menu levels, you must re-enter the programming menu (from step #1).

Reference Probe

A thermocouple reference port is provided for monitoring cavity temperature with an external instrument. A standard thermocouple panel jack is provided (OMEGA# RSJ-K-R). If a voltmeter is used to read the output, be sure to use an icepoint reference calibrator (TREC-15A) or a cold junction compensator (CJ, MCJ, SMC).

RS232 Communication

The RS232 port provides the customer with bi-directional data transfer via a three-conductor cable consisting of signal ground, receive input, and transmit output. It is recommended that less than fifty feet of shielded cable be used between the computer and this instrument. Use a straight DB9 (female) to DB9 (male) connector cable to connect your computer to the BB-4A. The cable should be attached only when the computer and BB-4A are off.

For detailed RS232 communication functionality, refer to the User’s Guide (M3014).
Using This Quick Start Manual

Use this Quick Start Manual with your BB-4A Blackbody Calibrator for easy installation and basic operation. For detailed information, refer to the User’s Guide (Manual # M3264).

Precautions:
- Follow all safety precautions and operating instructions outlined in this quick start and accompanying User’s Guide.
- Never leave your calibrator unattended when in use.
- Keep out of reach of all children.
- Remove the cavity wood shipping plug before use.
- Never touch the heater cavity when hot.
- Never place any object within 3 inches of the cavity opening when hot.
- Do not operate in flammable or explosive environments.
- Never operate with a power cord other than the one provided with your unit.
- Remove and or disconnect main power cord before attempting any maintenance or fuse replacement.
- Do not connect and or operate this unit to a non-grounded, non-polarized outlet or power source.
- Do not connect the serial port or reference probe port to equipment with exposed, hazardous, live voltages.
- Protect from moisture and rain.
- The operator of this instrument is advised that if the equipment is used in a manner not specified in this manual, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

General Information

The Model BB4A is a portable, rugged, bench-top blackbody calibrator source with a built-in precision PID digital controller. The calibrator is used to test and calibrate infrared pyrometers. The heater cavity, with 21.66 mm (0.88”) aperture, has an emissivity of 0.99 and can be set to any temperature between 100 to 982°C (212 to 1800°F).

Mounting

Mount the unit on a bench, table top or shelf in a horizontal position and operate at least ten inches from any air obstructions to the fan, front, rear panel, bottom and top of the unit, in an ambient environment between the specified 0 to 50°C (32 to 122°F).

Your unit was shipped to you with a wood plug installed in the heater cavity to prevent damage during shipping. This plug must be removed before using your calibrator.

Ambient Temperature

The target plate of the BB-4A can achieve any temperature within the specified temperature range when being operated in normal ambient temperature environments. The maximum specified heater cavity temperature of 982°C (1800°F) can be achieved over the entire specified ambient temperature range.

Process Temperature:

This field displays the current temperature of the target plate.

Setpoint Temperature:

This field displays the desired target plate temperature. Once the target plate reaches this desired temperature, both displays will read the same value.

Parameter/Access Key:

Press to scroll through menu parameters.

Raise Key:

Press to increase the selected parameter or scroll upward in the list of possible settings.

Lower Key:

Press to decrease the selected parameter or scroll downward in the list of possible settings.

Mode Key:

Press to save settings and exit a menu level.

AC Power Mains Input and Fuse Compartment:

The customer connects the power cord to the AC Power Input. As a safety precaution, the power cord cannot be connected if the fuse compartment is open. Refer to the User’s Guide for information on fuse replacement.

Reference Probe Connection:

The reference probe enables the user to monitor the target plate temperature with an external instrument. A “K” type thermocouple reference output is provided.

RS232 Communications Port:

The Female DB-9 port allows the customer to make a 3-wire RS232 interface with the BB-4A.

Thermal Reset Switch

In the event that the target plate temperature and/or ambient temperature exceed the acceptable limit, this reset switch will pop open. The controller will appear to be demanding a temperature increase but the target plate temperature will not rise. Let the unit cool down completely. Locate the hole for the safety switch on the right side of the unit behind the carry handle. Using a non-conductive thin tube or pin, insert it into the hole and press in the safety switch until you hear a click. This will reset the over-temperature protection. If this has no effect, refer to the troubleshooting section in the user’s manual.

Changing the Temperature Setpoint

The BB-4A’s upper display indicates the blackbody target plate temperature known as (PV) Process Variable, while the lower display indicates the programmed setpoint known as (SV) Setpoint Variable. Making changes to the setpoint, units of measure (°F/°C) and communication settings (BAUD, etc.) are made via the  and  keys. Holding a key in, continuously, will cause the setpoint temperature to advance more quickly to a desired value. Three scanning speeds are provided: slow, medium and fast. The minimum and maximum setpoints are locked.

Menu Heat Up/Cool Down Cycle Time Tables

Approximate cycle times for heat up and cool down are given in the table above. To find a given transition time from an initial temperature to a second target temperature follow this procedure: Look for an initial temperature in the left column. Next, look for the target temperature along the top row. The intersection of the row and column provides the approximate transition time.