

Operating Principles

The Solinst Model 107 TLC Meter measures temperature, level and conductivity. Temperature and conductivity readings are displayed on the LCD screen and water level is read from the tape as with a conventional Water Level Meter. When the probe is immersed in a conductive fluid, a circuit is completed and the water level is indicated by a tone and light that lasts about 1 second.

Conductivity measurements are read from 0 to 80,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ with readings giving accuracy of 5% of reading or 100 μS (which ever is greater). The 'smart probe' displays conductivity which has been standardized to 25°C, i.e. Specific Conductance (displayed as EC). The conductance Temperature Coefficient is 2.0% per °C. Temperature accuracy is $\pm 0.2^\circ\text{C}$ from -15°C to $+50^\circ\text{C}$.

Note: When reading conductivity on the display, e.g. "0500 μ " = 500 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$. When conductivity reaches 10,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$, the display will show "10.0M" (M = millisiemens). E.g. 13,470 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ will display as 13.5M.

Equipment Check

Upon receipt of your Solinst Model 107 TLC Meter, and always before heading out to the field, the following checks are recommended:

1. Turn the meter on. The display should briefly show the firmware version (e.g. TLC 3.00) then "EC 0000 μ " and air temperature (e.g. 21.1°C). If the battery is low, a 'LOW BATT' warning appears and the 9 volt alkaline battery should be replaced. If "No Comm" appears, check the probe connection to the tape (call Solinst if message persists). If the display is blank, install a new 9V battery.
2. Ensure the probe tip and shroud are clean.
3. Test probe in fresh calibration solution close to the range you expect to measure in the field. Allow suitable time for equilibration. If readings are not within an acceptable range, conduct a user calibration. (See Calibration Instructions).

Taking Measurements

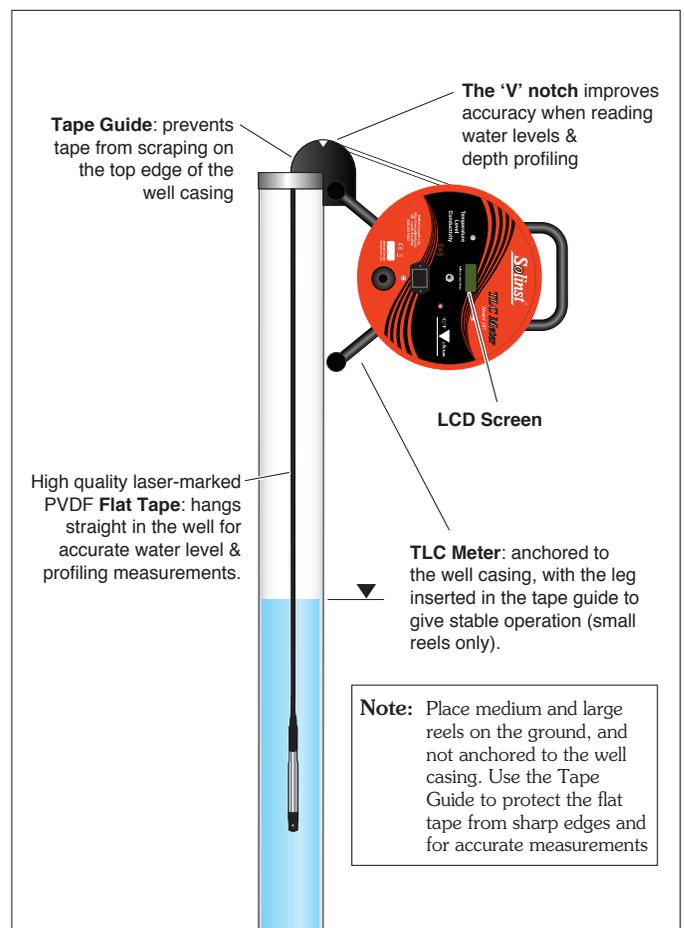
Notes:

1. The zero measurement point of the TLC Meter is the tip of the shorter sensor pin visible within the shroud at the bottom of the probe.
2. If the display indicates 'LOW BATT' there is still some life left in the battery, but it is recommended that you change the batteries as soon as possible.

1. Turn the meter on and lower the probe into water. A tone and light indicate that water has been reached and the depth can be read off the tape and recorded. The LCD screen is blacked out for about one second as the probe enters water. A weaker tone sounds with a quick red light as the probe is removed from water. Lower and raise the probe slowly a few times to verify the depth.
2. Once in water, the screen displays specific conductance (EC) and temperature of the water at the zero point. Lower the probe to the desired depth. Record the depth and the associated conductivity and temperature readings when stabilized. Allow at least 30 seconds/°C of temperature change for stabilization.

To conserve battery power, the display has an auto off after 8 minutes of use. If the display is blank when you wish to take a measurement, press the button to display temperature and conductivity readings.

3. Repeat at each desired depth allowing 30 seconds/°C temperature change for stabilization.
4. After each use remove the probe shroud and clean the sensor pins with a soft cloth, then rinse thoroughly with de-ionized water (see cleaning section for more details).
5. To turn the TLC Meter off, press and hold the button to display "Press 2X for OFF", then press the button 2 times quickly.



Tape Guide Instructions

1. Fit the Tape Guide over the top of the well, small end in.
2. Insert the leg of the TLC Meter into the hole on the Tape Guide and rest the TLC Meter on the side of the well casing (small reels only, see diagram).
3. Take all measurements at the 'V' notch on the Tape Guide, and adjust readings according to the offset stamped on the Tape Guide (i.e. subtract 6 cm or 2/10 ft).
4. When finished, store the Tape Guide by clipping it onto the support bracket on the back of the TLC Meter.

Cleaning

1. Pull the plastic shroud straight off the probe (do not twist).
2. Clean probe and sensors with a cloth or paper towel.
3. To remove hard deposits, or stains on the probe and sensor pins, use either pure white vinegar (acetic acid) or CLR diluted by 50%. Try a 30 minute soak followed by gently rubbing with Q-tip, or soft cloth.
4. Rinse thoroughly with de-ionized water.
5. If about to calibrate rather than storing the TLC, rinse in the calibration solution you are using according to the instructions overleaf.
6. Replace the shroud by rotating it until it seats, then push to lock in place. This is important as it can affect conductivity readings.

Conductivity Sensor

User calibration allows for adjustment of a TLC Meter accurately when the probe has been degraded slightly due to mechanical, biological or chemical affects. If readings of calibration solutions are outside the 5% accuracy range, the user can conduct a recalibration at 1, 2, 3, or 4 separate conductivity levels, using standard solutions (1413, 5000, 12,880, or 80,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$). User calibrations are required regularly; the frequency will depend on usage and monitoring environment. As a precaution, calibration can be done before every usage.

Calibration Instructions



Calibration Video

2-Point using
1413 & 5000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$

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Notes:

- For highest accuracy, it is recommended to use a 2-point calibration with solutions closest to your expected conductivity range in the field - starting with one solution below that range, and one above.
- The de-ionized water, calibration solutions and the probe should all be at room temperature when conducting the calibration.
- Calibrate only with 1413, 5000, 12,880 and 80,000 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ solutions. Calibrating with other solutions will cause errors.
- Clean probe **thoroughly** before each calibration step by rinsing in de-ionized water until the conductivity reading reaches $\sim 20 \mu\text{S}$ or less.
- Do not let the probe rest on the bottom of the cylinder.
- Always ensure that no bubbles are trapped inside the probe shroud. Air bubbles will result in inaccurate calibrations.**

- Select fresh calibration solution of the range(s) closest to what you expect to measure in the field.
- Starting with the lowest conductivity calibration solution, clean and rinse the probe with DI water, then rinse with the calibration solution.
- Insert the probe into the calibration solution, stir to remove any bubbles from the sensor, and wait until the sensor has reached equilibrium.
- Press and hold the button repeatedly to scroll through the menu until you see the appropriate calibration point i.e. "Cal. at 1413 μS ".
- Press and hold the button once more until it says, for example, "Press 2x for 1413". Press the button 2 times quickly to calibrate the probe at the specified point.
- After "Cal Now Wait..." appears, the value of the conductivity calibration point will be shown on the main EC/T display.
- Repeat Steps 2-5 for each calibration solution you are using.
- Turn off the TLC Meter. The TLC Meter is now ready for field use.

Restore Default Factory Settings (Firmware 2.01 and up)

See the Troubleshooting section below for a description of circumstances where a default factory settings restore may be required.

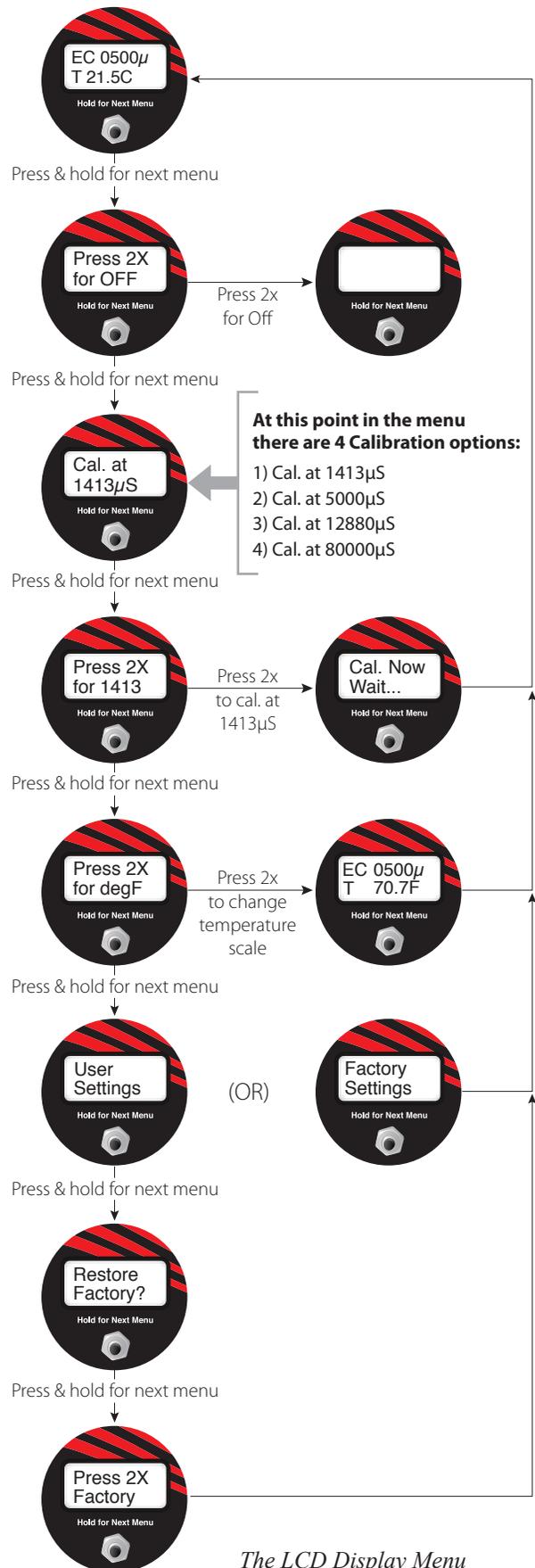
Note: To determine if you are using default factory settings or user calibrated settings, press and hold the ON button repeatedly to scroll through the menu until you see "Factory Settings" or "User Settings". If in "User Settings", the next menu will allow you to restore the factory default settings.

Follow these steps to restore the TLC probe back to factory default settings:

- Turn the TLC Meter ON. Press and hold the button repeatedly to scroll through the menu until you see "Restore Factory?".
- Press and hold the button until "Press 2X Factory" appears.
- Press two times quickly to restore the unit to the default factory settings. The screen will return to the main EC/T display.

Troubleshooting

SYMPTOM	CAUSE	REMEDY
No sound when probe in water.	Reading conductivity too high.	Restore default factory settings following the instructions above.
No display, blank screen.	Dead battery.	Replace 9V alkaline battery.
	Wire disconnected on faceplate.	Check all connections inside reel for loose/disconnected wires - solder or reconnect.
Conductivity and temperature readings are inaccurate/bouncing.	Probe is dirty.	See cleaning instructions on Page 1.
	Reading conductivity inaccurately.	Restore default factory settings following the instructions above.
	Calibration needed.	Calibrate the probe following the instructions above.
"No Comm" always displayed.	Probe connection.	Ensure probe is properly connected to tape seal plug and that there are no leaks.
	Broken wire in tape.	Locate break in tape - splice and seal. (Contact Solinst)
	Wire disconnected on faceplate.	Check all connections inside reel for loose/disconnected wires - solder or reconnect.
Display reads "999.9M"	Conductivity over-range.	Contact Solinst.
TLC 3.00 will not disappear.	Wires reversed on faceplate or probe.	Reverse the tape leads at the push-release fittings on the circuit board, or at probe.



The LCD Display Menu

Note: To change the temperature scale between $^{\circ}\text{C}$ and $^{\circ}\text{F}$, press and hold the button repeatedly until "Press 2X for degF" displays. Press the button 2 times quickly to change the scale.