User's Guide



Bluetooth pinless Moisture/Humidity Meter + IR Model MO297



Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the Extech MO295 Bluetooth pinless Moisture Meter with Patented Built-in IR Thermometer. Monitor moisture in wood and other building materials with no surface damage with the Pinless Moisture sensor (Pin-type Moisture Probe included). Measure Humidity and Air Temperature with built-in probe plus non-contact InfraRed Temperature with patented IR design, Bluetooth data transmission. Advanced functions provide Grains per Pound, Dew Point and Vapor Pressure calculations. This meter is shipped fully tested and calibrated and, with proper use, will provide years of reliable service.

Meter Description

- 1. IR temperature sensor
- 2. Laser pointer
- 3. Humidity sensor
- 4. Temperature sensor
- 5. LCD display
- 6. Relative Humidity button
- 7. Mode/Zero Button
- 8. IR thermometer button
- 9. Alarm set button
- 10. Alarm adjust down/Store trigger button
- 11. ON/OFF power button
- 12. Remote pin probe input jack (bottom)
- 13. Battery compartment (rear)
- 14. Alarm adjust up/BT active button
- 15. Moisture/Relative button
- 16. Protective cap

LCD Display

- 1. MIN MAX Minimum and maximum value
- 2. HIGH LOW Alarm limits



- 3. INT EXT Internal/External probe
- 4. mBar Vapor pressure
- kPa Vapor pressure
- 6. GPP Grains per Pound
- 7. g/kg Grains per kilogram
- 8. MOIST Moisture mode
- 9. RH% Relative Humidity mode
- 10. COND Condensation mode
- 11. APO Auto power off
- 12. DEW Dew Point temperature
- 13. C/F Temperature units
- 14. 🛨 Low battery
- 15. 📤 Laser pointer On
- 16. 🛭 BT active

Safety

- Use extreme caution when the laser pointer beam is on
- Do not point the beam toward anyone's eye or allow the beam to strike the eye from a reflective surface
- Do not use the laser near explosive gases or in other potentially explosive areas



Features

- Quickly indicates the moisture content of materials with Pinless technology without damaging the surface;
- Optional remote Pin-type probe (MO290-P) allows for moisture readings at different penetration levels (3ft/0.9m cable length);
- Easy to read, large dual display with backlit feature;
- Simultaneously displays % moisture of wood or material being tested and Air Temperature, IR Temperature, or Humidity
- Designed with patented IR design to measure non-contact surface temperature; 8:1 distance to spot ratio with 0.95 fixed emissivity
- Built-in Humidity/Temperature probe measures Relative Humidity,
- Air Temperature plus Grains Per Pound (GPP) and Dew Point (DP)
- Automatic calculation of differential Temperature (IR DP)
- Min/Max and Data Hold
- Auto power off and low battery indication
- Memory function

Battery Replacement

- 1. Turn off the meter.
- 2. Remove one Philips head screw and lift off the rear battery cover.
- 3. Replace the 9V battery.
- 4. Secure the rear battery cover.

Operation

Powering the meter

- 1. Remove the RH sensor protective cap before use.
- 2. Press the power 0 button to turn the meter on.
- 3. If the 🚉 symbol appears or the meter does not turn on, replace the battery.

Humidity (Dew point, GPP, g/kg) Measurements

- 1. Press the power \circ button to turn the meter on.
- 2. Press the RH button
- 3. Relative Humidity will be displayed in the primary display and the temperature will be displayed in the secondary display.
- 4. Press the up or down arrow button to change the temperature units.
- 5. Press the MODE button to display the DEW point.
- 6. Press the MODE button to display GPP (°F) or g/kg (°C)

Pinless Moisture Measurements

- 1. Press the power \circlearrowleft button to turn the meter on.
- Press the MOIST button to select Moisture measurement." MOIST", "REL" and "INT" (internal pinless sensor) will appear in the display.
- 3. Hold the meter so that the rear sensor is away from any surface or your hand. The reading should be near 0.0. If not, press and hold the ZERO button for more than 2 second and the ZERO icon annears.
- Place the rear sensor on the surface of the material to be tested and read the relative moisture content.

Pin Type Moisture Measurements

- 1. Connect the external pin probe to the jack on the bottom of the meter.
- 2. Press the power $^{\circlearrowleft}$ button to turn the meter on.
- 3. Press the MOIST button twice to select Moisture measurement." MOIST", "%" and "EXT" (external pin probe) will appear in the display.
- 4. Press the probe pins into the material and read the % moisture content in the display.

Infrared Temperature Measurements

- 1. Press the power 0 button to turn the meter on.
- 2. Press the IRT button to enable the IR thermometer and the laser pointer. The laser pointer icon will flash while the mode is active.
- 3. Press the up or down arrow button to change the temperature units
- 4. Aim the laser pointer at the surface to be measured and read the surface temperature in the secondary display.
- Release the IRT button. The last temperature measured and the laser icon will remain on the display for approximately 10 seconds before returning to ambient temperature measurement.

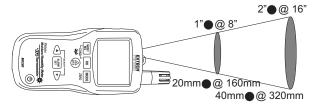
IRT MAX MIN display:

The meter can be set to display only the maximum or minimum temperature measured during an IR scan.

- 1. With the meter in the IR hold mode, press the MODE button. "MIN" will appear in the display.
- 2. Press the IRT button to enable the IR thermometer. The meter will display the minimum temperature measured and will update only when a lower temperature is measured.
- Press the MODE button twice to enable the MAX mode and proceed as stated above for the maximum temperature.
- 4. The MAX or MIN temperature is not stored when the function is exited.

IR Field of View

Ensure that the desired target is larger than the spot size. As the distance from an object increases, the spot size of the area measured by the meter becomes larger. The meter's field of view ratio is 8:1, meaning that if the meter is 8 inches (cm) from the target, the diameter (spot) of the object under test must be at least 1 inch (cm). Refer below to the field of view diagram.



WARNING: Do not directly view or direct the laser pointer at an eye. Low power visible lasers do not normally present a hazard, but may present some potential for hazard if viewed directly for extended periods of time.



Condensation Mode

The Condensation feature alerts the used when the surface temperature as measured by the IR thermometer is close to or has reached the Dew Point temperature.

- Press the power button to turn the meter on.
- 2. Simultaneously press the MOIST/REL and RH buttons. The "COND" icon will appear.
- 3. Point the meter at a surface, press the IRT button to measure the surface temperature. The small display will indicate the IR surface temperature and the large display will indicate the difference between the IR temperature and the Dew Point temperature.
- 4. The meter will then report the potential for condensation on that surface in the following manner
 - If the temperature of the IRT is more than 14°C (25°F) above the Dew Point, the temperature difference shall be displayed, with no other warning.
 - If the temperature of the IRT is 3-14°C (5-25°F) above the Dew Point, the temperature difference shall be displayed, along with a standard Condensation Indicator icon. The meter shall beep once to confirm that the reading is in the risk area.
 - If the temperature of the IRT is less than 3°C (5°F) above the Dew Point, the temperature difference shall be displayed, along with a flashing Condensation Indicator icon. The meter shall beep twice to confirm that the reading is in the high-risk area.
- 5. Press the RH button to exit the mode.

Vapor Pressure Mode

- With the Condensation mode active, press the MODE button to display the Vapor Pressure in mBAR (°F) or kPa (°C).
- 2. Press the MODE button to exit the Vapor Pressure mode.

Alarm High and Low Limit Setting

High and Low alarm points can be set for Humidity and Moisture measurements.

Humidity Alarm Set Procedure:

- 1. With RH% displayed, simultaneously press the RH and MODE buttons.
- 2. The "HIGH" icon will appear on the display.
- 3. Press the ▲or ▼button to set the high limit desired.
- 4. Press the ALARM SET button to save the value and proceed to the LOW set value.
- 5. With the "LOW" icon in the display, Press the ▲or ▼button to set the low limit desired.
- 6. Press the ALARM SET button to save the value and to return to the normal mode.
- If the humidity measurement is lower than the low alarm setting or higher than the high alarm setting, the meter will beep once every second.

Moisture Alarm Set Procedure:

- With MOIST displayed, simultaneously press the MOIST/REL and MODE buttons.
- 2. The "HIGH" icon will appear on the display.
- 3. Press the ▲or ▼button to set the high limit desired.
- 4. Press the ALARM SET button to save the value and proceed to the LOW set value.
- 5. With the "LOW" icon in the display, Press the ▲or ▼ button to set the low limit desired.
- 6. Press the ALARM SET button to save the value and to return to the normal mode...
- If the moisture measurement is higher than the LOW alarm setting, the meter will beep once every second
- 8. If the moisture measurement is higher than the HIGH alarm setting, the meter will beep continuously.

Bluetooth enable/disabled and store trigger

- Long press ▲ 2 seconds Bluetooth enable, LCD display Bluetooth symbol, again long by 2 seconds Bluetooth disabled, LCD Bluetooth symbol disappears.
- And with the Bluetooth-enabled devices like the master, long press ▼ trigger switch 2S storage signal, LCD Bluetooth symbol flashing, again a long press ▼ switch 2S, Cancel trigger signal is stored, LCD Bluetooth symbol stops flashing

Memory Mode

- 1. Store data: Press and hold the "STORE" button for 2 second until the meter beep, the data will store in the meter. And the memory index shall be advanced to the next location.
- 2. View data: Press both the ▲ and ▼ buttons shall cause the meter to enter View Mode. While in View Mode, the current memory location shall always flash. Press ▲ or ▼ button to view the different location data. Press different function button will view the different mode data.
- 3. Clear data: pressing both ▲ and "STORE" buttons for 3sec shall cause the meter to clear all store data. The current memory location shall display "01".

Auto Power Off

The meter will enter a sleep mode after 30 minutes of inactivity. The meter will emit a warning beep 15 seconds before shutting down.

To disable the APO feature, press the MODE button when turning the meter ON. The "APO" icon will not appear, indicating it is disabled.

Specifications

Function	Range	Accuracy
Pinless Moisture	0 to 99.9	Relative only
Ext. Pin Moisture	0 to 99.9	Relative only
Pinless Depth	Up to 0.75" (19mm)	
RH Measurement	0 to 10%	± 3%RH
	11 to 90%	± 2.5%RH
	91 to 100%	± 3%RH
Air Temperature	-20 to 170°F (-29 to 77°C)	± 3.6°F (2.0°C)
IR Temp	-4 to 31°F	± 9°F
	32°F	± 2°F
	33 to 392°F	Greater of ±3.5% or ±9°F
	-20 to-1°C	± 4.5°C
	0°C	± 1°C
	1 to 200°C	Greater of ±3.5% or ± 4.5°C

Display 3-digit primary display, 4-digit secondary display

Vapor Pressure 0 to 20.0kPA

Dew Point -22 to 199°F (-30 to 100°C)
Mixing Ratio 0-999GPP (0 to 160g/kg)

Sample Rate 2 per second Backlight White LED

Operating Temperature 14 to $122^{\circ}F$ (-10 to $50^{\circ}C$) Storage Temperature -14 to $140^{\circ}F$ (-30 to $60^{\circ}C$)

Operating Humidity 90%, 32-86°F (0-30°C), 75%, 86-104°F (30-40°C),

45%, 104-122°F (40-50°C)

Storage Humidity 90% Power Supply 9V battery

Battery Life 6-8 weeks (4 hrs/day use), using alkaline batteries

Auto Power Off (APO) After 30 minutes (nominal) inactivity. The APO function can be disabled by

the user.

APO Quiescent Current 50µA maximum

Dimensions 6.5x2.8x1.5' (165x70x38mm)

Weight 7.4oz (210g)

Warranty

EXTECH INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION (A FLIR COMPANY) warrants this instrument to be free of defects in parts and workmanship for **one year** from date of shipment (a six month limited warranty applies to sensors and cables). If it should become necessary to return the instrument for service during or beyond the warranty period, contact the Customer Service Department at (781) 890-7440 ext. 210 for authorization or visit our website www.extech.com for contact information. A Return Authorization (RA) number must be issued before any product is returned to Extech. The sender is responsible for shipping charges, freight, insurance and proper packaging to prevent damage in transit. This warranty does not apply to defects resulting from action of the user such as misuse, improper wiring, operation outside of specification, improper maintenance or repair, or unauthorized modification. Extech specifically disclaims any implied warranties or merchantability or fitness for a specific purpose and will not be liable for any direct, incidental or consequential damages. Extech's total liability is limited to repair or replacement of the product. The warranty set forth above is inclusive and no other warranty, whether written or oral, is expressed or implied.

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The Bluetooth pinless Moisture/Humidity Meter + IR

It is designed and manufactured not to exceed limits for exposure to radio frequency (RF) energy set by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of the U.S. Government. These limits are part of comprehensi ve guidelines and establish permitted levels of RF energy for the general population. The guidelines are bas ed on standards that were developed by independent scientific organizations through periodic and thorough evaluation of scientific studies. The standards include a substantial safety margin designed to assure the safety of all persons, regardless of age or health. The standards include a substantial safety margin designed to assure the safety of all persons, regardless of age or health. The exposure standard for Bluetooth employs a unit of measurement known as the FCC Part 1.1310(b) (1), FCC Part 2.1093, and SAR. The FCC ID label is placed on the instrument clearly visible to all persons at the time of purchase. The user is cautioned that changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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