

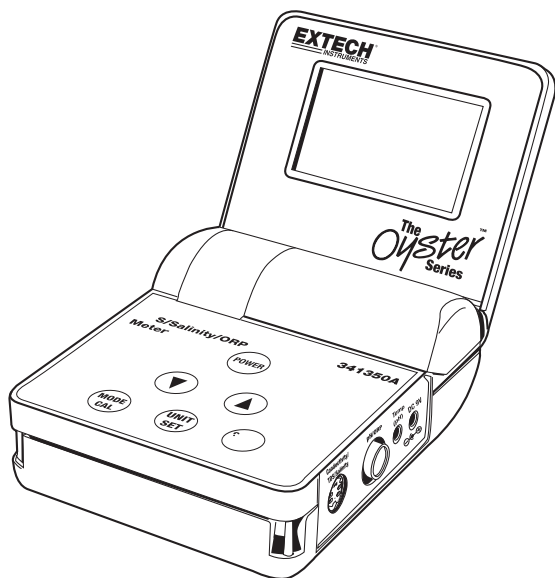
User's Guide

**EXTECH**<sup>®</sup>  
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# Oyster Meter

pH-Conductivity-TDS-Salinity-ORP(mV)

Model 341350A



## INTRODUCTION

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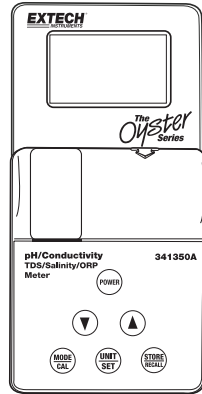
Congratulations on your purchase of the Extech's Oyster Series meter. This device measures pH, Conductivity, TDS, ORP and Salinity. These meters are intended for routine laboratory and field testing. Accurate measurements are provided in a battery operated, portable meter with a hinged display that can be adjusted to any viewing angle.

## METER DESCRIPTION

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### Front and Side panels

1. LCD display
2. Battery compartment
3. Power button
4. Up/Down arrow buttons
5. MODE/CAL button
6. UNIT/SET button
7. STORE/RECALL button
8. Connector, Conductivity probe
9. Connector, pH probe
10. Connector, Temperature probe
11. Connector, AC adapter



### Display

1. Mode indicators
2. Primary display
3. Data held indicator
4. Probe renew indicator
5. Auto Power Off indicator
6. Low battery indicator
7. Memory status indicators
8. Calibration status indicators
9. Temperature display
10. Unit indicators



## Data Memory

25 readings can be stored to and recalled from the internal memory.

### Storing readings

1. With the reading on the display, momentarily press the STORE/RECALL button. The **STORE** and **HOLD** display icons will appear on the LCD and the reading will freeze.
2. Momentarily press the STORE/RECALL button again to confirm and return to the normal operation mode.
3. Up to 25 readings can be stored in this fashion.

### Recalling Readings

1. Press and hold the STORE/RECALL button. The **RECALL** icon and the memory location number will appear followed by the data in the displayed memory location. .
2. Press the ▼ or ▲ button to scroll through the memory locations and to view the stored data.
3. Momentarily press the STORE/RECALL button to exit the Recall Readings mode. **End** will appear in the display and then the meter will return to the normal measurement mode.

### Clearing the memory

With the meter on, press and hold the ▼ and ▲ buttons for 2 seconds. **CLr** will appear on the display indicating that the memory has been erased.

## Temperature Units

Press the UNIT button to switch between a °F or °C display.

## Manual Temperature Compensation

In the pH mode, the solution temperature can be set by using the optional external temperature probe or by adjusting the temperature display when the probe is not used. Press the ▲▼ buttons to set the temperature when **MTC icon** is displayed. The Conductivity probe has a built-in temperature sensor so manual temperature compensation does not apply for those measurements.

## Auto Power off (APO)

The meter is equipped with an Automatic Power Off feature. The meter will turn off 10-minutes after the last button-press. This feature can be disabled by pressing and holding the POWER button for 2 seconds (the **APO** display icon indicates that this feature is enabled). **Next time the meter is powered up, Auto Power off will be engaged again.**

## Reset to Default settings

The meter can be reset to its factory default configuration by following these steps.

1. With the meter OFF, press and hold the POWER and STORE/RECALL buttons simultaneously until **dFLt rSt** appears in the display.
2. Release the buttons and the meter will continue with a normal startup.
3. Default values include: Calibration values, Conductivity mode, °C, MTC, APO and RENEW off.

## pH Calibration (1, 2, or 3 points)

A two point calibration with a buffer of 7 plus 4 or 10 (whichever is nearest to the expected sample value) is always recommended. A one point calibration (choose the value closest to the expected sample value) or a three point calibration is also valid. For best accuracy, always calibrate at the sample temperature. Frequency of calibration is dependent on how often the meter is used, care of the electrode and strength of the samples tested. Typically, it is recommended that calibration be performed once a day or before each use if the meter is not used on a daily basis.

1. Connect the pH probe and place it into a pH7 buffer.
2. Press the POWER button to turn the meter on and press the MODE/CAL button until the **PH** icon appears. (Note: disable the Auto Power Off feature to avoid an automatic power off during calibration)
3. If **MTC icon** appears next to the temperature display, press the **▼** or **▲** buttons to set the temperature of the pH buffer. If the optional temperature probe is used, insert the probe into the buffer solution.
4. Press and HOLD the MODE/CAL button until the display begins to flash 7.00. The meter automatically recognizes the buffer and calibrates itself to that value. At the end of the calibration cycle, **SA** and **End** will briefly appear on the display and then the meter returns to the normal operating mode
5. When a calibration is performed, the calibration icons **Ⓜ**(pH10) **Ⓜ**(pH7) **Ⓜ**(pH4) will be cleared (calibration data is not erased) and will be replaced when a successful calibration is performed for each buffer **within one power on cycle**. These icons indicate what calibration levels were last performed. They do not indicate how recently the calibration was performed or if the calibrations are still valid.
6. Remove the electrode from the pH7 buffer, rinse in a rinse solution and insert it into the pH4 or pH10 buffer solution.
7. Repeat step 4 for the second calibration point and then the third point if desired.

**Note: If the output of the electrode falls outside predetermined limits, the meter will cancel the calibration, indicate **End** and the RENEW icon will flash. This typically happens when the electrode has aged and needs replacement.**

**Note: To avoid cross contamination, always rinse the electrode in a rinse solution when changing from one buffer or sample to the next buffer or sample.**

## Conductivity (TDS & Salt) Calibration

Conductivity accuracy verification should be performed on a periodic basis. Once per month is the recommended cycle for normal use. If calibration is required, a conductivity standardizing solution must be obtained. The meter can be calibrated in any or all of the three ranges. Standardizing solutions of 84 $\mu$ S/cm, 1413 $\mu$ S/cm or 12.88mS/cm (12,880 $\mu$ S/cm) are used for the automatic calibration recognition procedure. No other calibration values are permitted.

Calibration is always done in conductivity mode. Since salinity and TDS values are calculated from conductivity values, this procedure also calibrates the Salinity and TDS ranges.

1. Fill a sample cup with the standardizing solution.
2. Turn the meter ON and insert the electrode into the solution. Tap or move the electrode in the sample to dislodge any air bubbles.
3. Press and hold the **MODE/CAL** button (approximately 2 seconds) until the main display starts flashing.
4. The meter will automatically recognize and calibrate to the standardizing solution. At the end of the calibration, the display will briefly indicate "SA", "End" and then return to the measurement mode.  
Note: The "SA" will not appear if the calibration fails.
5. The "range calibrated" symbol will appear in the display for each range that is calibrated during that power on cycle.
  - Ⓐ Low range, 84 $\mu$ S/cm
  - Ⓜ Medium range, 1413 $\mu$ S/cm
  - ⓗ High range, 12.88mS/cm (12,880 $\mu$ S/cm)

Note: The meter allows for a 1, 2 or 3 point calibration. If calibration is done for more than one point, the lowest value standard should be done first to obtain the best accuracy.

## ORP Calibration

The ORP electrode does not require calibration.

## Temperature (pH and Conductivity) Offset Calibration

This procedure allows for error correction of the external temperature probe (pH) or the conductivity probe's built-in temperature sensor.

1. Switch to pH or Conductivity (Salt/TDS) mode.
2. Place the temperature probe or conductivity cell in the sample and allow the temperature reading to stabilize.
3. Press and hold the UNIT/SET button until the °C or °F icon begins flashing.
4. Adjust the **▼ or ▲ buttons** to set the display to indicate the known temperature of the sample.
5. Momentarily press the UNIT/SET button to save the change and return to the measurement mode.

## pH Troubleshooting Chart

Symptom	Cause	Recommended Solution
Long response time or reading drift	Clogged Junction	Soak in 4.07 M KCL @ 60°C for 30 minutes
	Oil, paint, dyes, suspended solids on sensor	Rinse electrode alternately with materials solvent then buffer 7.00
Dry Bulb	Long term storage without wetting	Soak electrode tip in wetting cap filled with 1ml 7.00 buffer for 24 to 48 hours
Static Charge	Wiping electrodes	Rinse electrode in 7.0 buffer and blot. Do no wipe electrode.
Same readings in different buffers and samples	Cracked or broken bulb	Replace electrode. Use bulb guard. Avoid plunging electrode to bottom of container and spinning bars. A wetting cap will protect bulb between measurements.
Erratic LCD display	Samples have low ionic strength (lacks salt); e.g. distilled, de-ionized, boiled, lake water (high pressure)	For each 50 ml of sample add 1 drop (50uL) of SAT.KCL No alteration in pH will occur by inert KCL.

### Notes on pH measurements and electrodes

1. The Electrode should be stored in its wetting cap until used. Use a pH 4 buffer solution or tap water as the storage medium.
2. If bubbles are seen in the bulb area, hold the electrode by its cap and shake downwards until bubbles are removed.
3. To improve speed of response, vigorously stir the electrode in the sample, buffer, or rinse solution.
4. After exposure to a sample, buffer, or rinse solution, shake the electrode with a snap motion to remove residual drops of solution.
5. When possible, use part of the next sample/buffer to be measured as a rinse solution.
6. Keep buffers and samples at the same temperature to avoid temperature effects.
7. pH readings stabilize faster in some solutions than others; allow time to stabilize.
8. Electrodes deteriorate over time. If accuracy falls to 10% the electrode should be cleaned. If no improvement is observed, replace the electrode.

### Notes on the Conductivity/TDS/Salt Cell

1. Cell Storage: On sheathed cells, replace the sheath over the cell when storing. For non-sheathed versions, soak the cell tip in de-ionized water for storage.

## SPECIFICATIONS

	Ranges	Resolution	Accuracy
pH	0.00 to 14.00pH	0.01pH	± 0.02pH
Conductivity	0.0 to 200.0µS 200 to 2000µS 2.00 to 20.00mS	0.1µS 1µS 0.01mS	± 2% FS
TDS	0.0 to 134.0ppm 134 to 1340ppm 1.34 to 13.40ppt	0.1ppm 1ppm 0.01ppt	(calculated from Conductivity)
Salinity	0.0 to 100.0ppm 100 to 1000ppm 1.00 to 10.00ppt	0.1ppm 1ppm 0.01ppt	(calculated from Conductivity)
ORP	-1500 to 1500mV	1mV	± 3mV
Temperature	32 to 194°F 0.0 to 90.0°C	0.1° ≤ 99.9° 1° ≥ 100°	± 2°F/1°C (meter+probe)

Display	9999 count LCD
MTC temperature range	32.0 to 194.0°F (0.0 to 90.0°C)
pH calibration points	4.00, 7.00 and 10.00pH
Conductivity calibration points	84.0µS, 1413µS, 12.88mS
TDS conversion ratio	0.67 fixed
Salinity conversion ratio	0.5 fixed
Auto Power OFF	10 minutes, with disable
Overrange indication	"OL"
Operating Temperature	41°F to 104°F (5°C to 40°C)
Storage Temperature	-4°F to 140°F (-20°C to 60°C)
Operating Humidity	Max 80% up to 87°F (31°C) decreasing linearly to 50% at 104°F (40°C)
Storage Humidity	<80%
Operating Altitude	7000ft. (2000meters) maximum.
Power	9V alkaline battery or AC adapter
Dimensions	4.7x3.8x1.8" (118x96x45mm) closed
Weight	12oz. (340g)



## **MAINTENANCE**

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### **Calibration / Repair Services**

Extech offers complete repair and calibration services for all of the products we sell. For periodic calibration or repair of any Extech product, call customer service for details on services available. Extech recommends that calibration be performed on an annual basis to insure calibration integrity.

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