

Instruction Manual

COMPACT Fluoride ion meter LAQUAtwin-F-11





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This manual describes things to be known before using the COMPACT WATER QUALITY METER, LAQUAtwin series. Be sure to read this manual before using the product to ensure proper and safe operation of the instrument. Also safely store the manual so it is readily available for reference whenever necessary.

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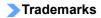
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- Replacement of consumables such as the sensor and standard solutions

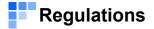
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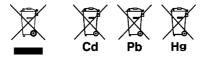
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		有害物质				
部件名称	铅	汞	镉	六价铬	多溴联苯	多溴二苯醚
	(Pb)	(Hg)	(Cd)	(Cr (VI))	(PBB)	(PBDE)
本体	\times	0	0	0	0	0
电池	×	0	0	0	0	0
传感器	×	0	×	0	0	0
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For Your Safety

Hazard classification and warning symbols

Warning messages are described in the following manner. Read the messages and follow the instructions carefully.

Hazard classification





ER This indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This is to be limited to the most extreme situations.

WARNING This indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



CAUTION This indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury. It may also be used to alert against unsafe practices.

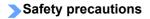
• Warning symbols



Description of what should be done, or what should be followed



Description of what should never be done, or what is prohibited





WARNING



If swallowed, a lithium button battery can cause severe or fatal injuries within 2 hours. Keep batteries out of reach of children. If you think batteries may have been swallowed or placed inside any part of the body, seek

immediate medical attention.





Do not put batteries in a fire, expose to heat, disassemble or remodel. Doing so could case fluid leakage, overheating or explosion.



Before disposing of batteries, wrap the terminals with tape to insulate. If a battery is allowed to come in contact with other metal or batteries, it may cause heating, destruction, and fire.

Wash off any calibration fluid that comes into contact with hands or other exposed skin. If fluid gets in eyes, rinse them immediately and see a doctor.



CAUTION



Incorrect use of batteries may cause leakage or bursting of the butteries and result in product damage or burn injury.

- · Connect the positive and negative terminals of the battery correctly.
- Do not mix different battery types in the same device.
 Replace all of the batteries in the same device at the same time.
- · Do not attempt to recharge batteries.
- · Do not solder a battery.
- Store in a location away from direct sunlight, high temperature, and high humidity.

Handling precautions

Meter and sensor

- The sensor is a consumable part. If it becomes damaged or its performance deteriorates, replace it with a new one (the sensor cannot be repaired).
- Do not swing the meter and sensor using a stráp.
- Do not drop the meter or apply excessive force to it.
- Do not leave the meter in areas of direct sunlight or high temperature/humidity.
- Do not clean the meter with organic solvents.
- Neither the meter nor sensor is waterproof by itself. The sensor must be securely mounted on the meter before use.
- To ensure the waterproof performance, confirm the followings when attaching the sensor.
 - The waterproofing gasket is clean and undamaged.
 - The waterproofing gasket is seated properly in the groove with no twisting or warping.
 - he meter and sensor are not deformed.
- The flat sensor is made of thin material. Take care not to break it. If the sensor is damaged, remove it from the meter avoiding injury and dispose of it in a plastic bag.





- Do not measure samples such as the following, since they may damage the sensor or shorten its life.
 - Organic solvents
 · Oils
 · Adhesives
 · Cement
 · Alcohols
 · Surfactants
 - Concentrated acid (0 pH to 2 pH) Concentrated alkaline (12 pH to 14 pH)
- If the sensor is damaged physically or chemically, stop using the sensor.
- For some samples (such as pure water), the measured value may be unstable. This is natural.
- A small amount of liquid or white powder may appear on the liquid junction of the flat sensor. The appearance of this powder or solution is normal. Simply rinse it off with water before use.

Battery

- The batteries provided have been used for performance testing. Therefore, their service life may be short.
- The battery alarm icon lights up when the battery voltage is low. Replace the batteries when the battery alarm icon (BATT) lights up. The meter power may not be switched ON/OFF when the battery voltage is low.

Identification of manufacturing date

Manufacturing date can be identified from MFG No. described in the ID label on the backside of the instrument. The number from the middle in the MFG No. indicates manufacturing year and next alphabet indicates manufacturing month. The alphabet is assigned to month according to the table below.

Ex.: ID: XX23K000 means the device manufactured in 2023 October.

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
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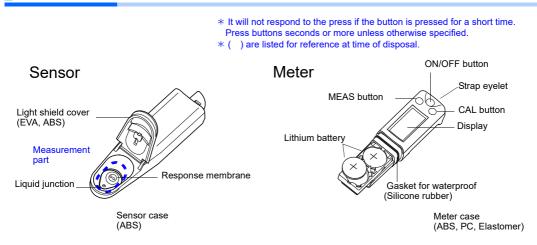
1.1 Components

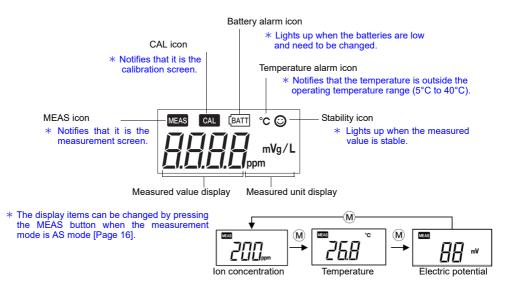
Parts name		Quantity	Parts name	Quantity
Sensor	S060-F	1	1 ppm F ⁻ Standard solution	1
Meter	•	1	10 ppm F ⁻ Standard solution	1
Battery	CR2032	2	TISAB Solution	1
Storage case	•	1	Cup	1
Syringe		1	Instruction manual	1
Sampling sheet	5 sheets	1		

1.2 Consumable parts sold separately

Specifications	Model	Part No.	Specifications	Model	Part No.
Sensor	S060-F	3200934450	1 ppm F ⁻ Standard solution (6 bottles)	514-F-1	3200991628
Sampling sheet B (100 sheets)	Y046	3200053858	10 ppm F ⁻ Standard solution (6 bottles)	514-F-10	3200991630
(100 sheets)			TISAB solution (6 bottles)	514-F-TISAB	3200991632

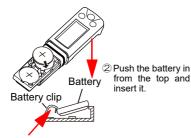
2 Part Names and Functions





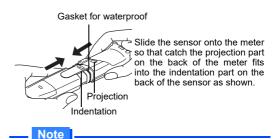
3 Basic Handling

- 3.1 Inserting batteries / sensor
- Inserting the batteries



1 Slip the end of the battery into the Battery clip.

Inserting the sensor



Be careful not to twist the waterproof gasket.

3.2 Power ON / OFF

Power ON



Press the ON/OFF button. The power is turned ON, and the meter type is displayed on the LCD.



Press the ON/OFF button. The power is turned OFF.

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3.3 Sensor conditioning

Note

- Befor using the sensor for the first time or after several days of disuse, perform sensor conditioning.
- Perform calibration after sensor conditioning.
- **1.** Place some drops of 1 ppm standard solution to the measurement part of sensor.
- 2. Wait 5 minutes before use.

Wait about 30 minutes if not used for more than 2 weeks.

There is no need to switch the meter ON.

3. Clean the measurement part of sensor with pure water.

3.4 Removing sensor / batteries

Turn off the meter and remove sensor / batteries.



> Removing batteries

- ① Lift the indentation part on the back of the sensor and the sensor a little away from the meter.
- ② Pull out the sensor all the way from the meter.



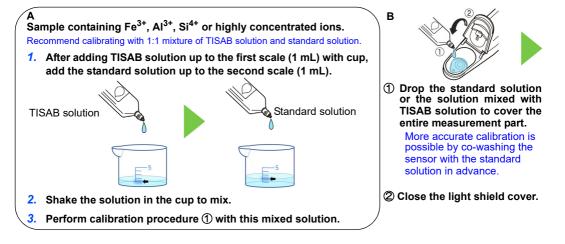
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Use a thin non-metallic stick or other tool to pry the batteries out from the battery clip as shown.

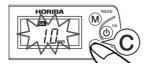




Calibration is required before measurement. Flow these steps to calibrate. A [Sample containing Fe³⁺, Al³⁺, Si⁴⁺or highly concentrated ions] B [Not contained]

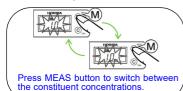


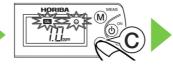
Recommend calibrating 2 points for accurate measurement. Repeat steps 1 to 5 with the second standard solution. Use TISAB solution for the second calibration as well when use first calibration with it.



③ Press the CAL button to transition to the calibration screen.

Confirm blinking the concentration of calibration point.







4 Press CAL button to calibrate.

Automatically switches to the measurement screen after calibration

Open the light shield cover, wash the sensor with pure water, and gently remove water droplets with a tissue, etc.

In the case of the calibration error indicator lights up



Not calibrated (Not updated since last calibration data). Initialize the calibration data [Page 17] and re-calibrate. Condition the sensor and re-calibrate if there is no improvement [Page 7]. If still not calibrated, the sensor has deteriorated and replace the sensor.

5 Measurement

Four methods of sample measurement are available. Although this product is waterproof, avoid immersing it completely.

Recommend measuring with a 1:1 mixture of TISAB solution and sample after calibrate with a 1:1 mixture of TISAB solution and standard solution.

1. After adding TISAB solution up to the first scale (1 mL) with cup, add a sample up to the second scale (1 mL).



- 2. Shake the solution in the cup to mix.
- **3.** Perform calibration procedure ① with this mixed solution.

Drop

Suitable for measurements with small sample volume.



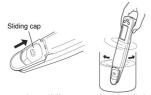
(1) Drop the sample or the solution mixed with TISAB solution to cover the entire measurement part.

> More accurate calibration is possible by co-washing the sensor with the standard solution in advance.

② Close the light shield cover.

Immersion

Suitable for measurements with large sample volume.

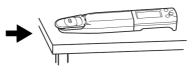


Open the sliding cap on the light shield cover and immerse the sensor into the sample and stir gently 2 or 3 times.

* It is possible to measure even with the light shield cover removed from the sensor.

Scooping

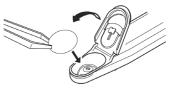
Suitable for measurements that scoop out a sample such as in the field.



Open the sliding cap on the light shield cover and immerse the sensor into the sample and stir gently 2 or 3 times as like immersion. Close the light shield cover and measure the sample on a desk, etc.

Sampling sheet

Suitable for measurements of a minute samples as small as 100 μ L.



Absorb the sample on a sampling sheet. Measure with the light shield cover closed to minimize concentration changes due to sample evaporation.



Cleaning the sensor promptly after measurement will prevent deterioration of the sensor.

6.1 Maintenance



Open the light shield cover, wash the sensor with pure water, and gently remove water droplets with a tissue, etc.

- Neither the meter nor sensor is waterproof by itself. The sensor must be securely mounted on the meter before use.
- Do not measure samples such as the following, since they may damage the sensor or shorten its life.
 - Organic solvents, Oils, Adhesives, Cement, Alcohols, Surfactants, Concentrated acid (pH 0 to 2), Concentrated alkaline (pH 12 to 14) If the sensor is used with these samples, it should be cleaned with pure water as soon as possible.
- A small amount of liquid or white powder may appear on the liquid junction of the measurement part. The appearance of this powder or solution is normal. Simply rinse it off with pure water before use.

6.2 Storage

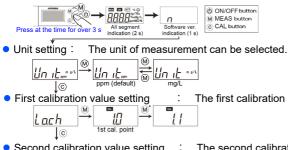
- Store the meter and sensor in the case with the meter and sensor connected.
- Store in a non-condensing location with 5°C to 40°C and a relative humidity 85% or less.
- Do not leave the meter in areas of direct sunlight.
- Do not store the meter and sensor immersed in water.
- Befor using the sensor after several days of disuse, perform sensor conditioning [Page 7].
- For calibration after several days of disuse, may have fluctuated since the last calibration data. Erase calibration data [Page 17] before calibration and calibrate.

Setup • Initialization

The setup mode allows the operator to customize the meter to specific needs. To enter the setup mode, press and hold the MEAS and ON/ OFF buttons for over 3 seconds when the meter is switched OFF.

Setup

Setup mode entry



The setting is saved and the next item is selected when the CAL button is pressed on the item being set.

If the ON/OFF button is pressed before the CAL button is pressed, it is changed. (It is changed until the item is changed in the previous item.)

The first calibration point can be changed.

 Second calibration value setting The second calibration point can be changed.



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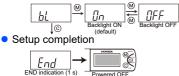




Multiplying compensation setting



Back light setting



AS (Auto Stable)

The measurement value is fixed when it is stable. The fixed measurement value is released and the instantaneous value is displayed.

AH (Auto Hold)

The measurement value is always displayed as instantaneous value. Pressing the MEAS button starts stability determination. The measurement value is fixed when it is stable. To unfreeze, press the MEAS button.

Multiplying compensation setting

The coefficient (0.01 to 9.90) to be applied to the measurement value can be set. The compensated result is displayed as the measurement value. The default setting is 1.00.If the sample is diluted/condensed for measurement, change this setting as necessary.

7.2 Initialization of calibration data

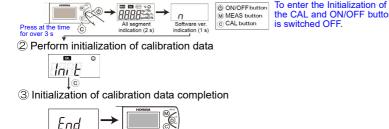
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Calibration data is erased. The meter is reset to the factory default calibration setting value.

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① Initialization of calibration data mode entry

END indication (1 s)

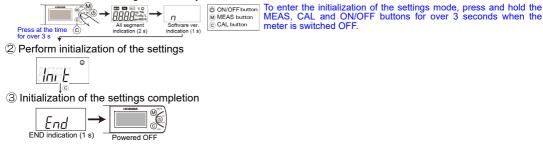


To enter the Initialization of calibration data mode, press and hold the CAL and ON/OFF buttons for over 3 seconds when the meter is switched OFF.

7.3 Initialization of the settings

All setup choices are erased. The meter is reset to the factory default values.

① Initialization of the settings mode entry



8 What to do if...

Check the cause of the issue and try the recommended action. If the issue is still unresolved, replace the sensor or meter with a new one.

8.1 Calibration issue

Issue	Cause	Recommended action
[Er4], calibration error is displayed.	There is a possibility that the sen- sor state has changed since the last calibration.	If there is too much variation from the previous calibration data, calibration may not e performed. Delete the calibra- tion data [Page 17] and re-calibrate.
	There is a possibility that the sen- sor state is changing due to large ambient temperature changes.	There is a possibility that the temperature of the sensor or standard solution does not follow the ambient temperature change. Delete the calibration data [Page 17] and re-cali- brate in a stable temperature environment.
	There is a possibility that a stan- dard solution different from the concentration to be calibrated is used.	There is a possibility that calibration was performed with a different standard solution, so delete the calibration data [Page 17]. Check that the concentration to be calibrated and the concentration of the standard solution are the same, and re-calibrate.

8.2 Measurement issue

Issue	Cause	Recommended action
Measurement value remains the same on display.	Measurement value remains fixed in AH measurement mode.	Press MEAS button and release the hold.
Measurement value shows Or or Ur.	Measuring outside the measurement range of the product specifications.	Recommend diluting the sample and measure it if a high concentration is outside the measurement range.
Measurement value differ from expected value.	Interference from other ions coex- isting in the sample.	Check for influence of interference ions and pH [Page 24] in a sample. If differ from the expected value, recommend that make adjustments using a pipette or other laboratory instrument that can accurately weigh the sample.



8.3 Other issue

Issue	Cause	Recommended action	
No display on screen. (Power is not turned on.)	Dead batteries.	Replace 2 batteries both with new ones at the same time. [Page 8, Page 5]	
Display disappears midway.	Batteries not in contact with metal fittings of battery case.	Remove batteries [Page 8] and gently press the metal fit- tings form above, then re-install batteries [Page 5].	
°C is blinking on the display.	The temperature of measurement environment is outside 5°C to 40°C.	It is outside the operating temperature range. Measure in a multifaceted environment within the operating temperature range to reduce measurement error.	
	Sensor is not connected.	Connect the sensor to the meter [Page 5] and confirm that the blinking display disappears.	
	Measurement range is exceeded.	If Or or Ur is displayed even after measuring the standard solution, the sensor may be deteriorated. Replace the sensor with a new one.	
Or or Ur is displayed.	Sensor is not connected.	Re-connect the sensor to the meter [Page 5]. If Or or Ur is displayed even after measuring the standard solution, the sensor may be deteriorated. Replace the sensor with a new one.	

Issue	Cause	Recommended action
Er1, Er2 or Er3 is displayed.	The internal IC in the meter may be defective.	Initialize the meter [Page 18]. If initialization does not improve the issue, replace the meter with a new one (The meter cannot be repaired).
Err is displayed the beginning of the calibration.	The display item is performing cal- ibration operation on the potential (mV) screen.	Press MEAS button to change to the Ion concentration screen [Page 4].
Temperature readings are off.	Since the temperature sensor is installed inside the sensor, tem- perature error occurs when mea- suring a small amount of sample, depending on the temperature of the measurement environment.	Normally temperature sensor adjustment is not necessary, but temperature value can be adjusted. After changing to the temperature measurement screen [Page 4], press the CAL button, the temperature display will blink, and press the MEAS button to set the temperature to be adjusted. Each press of the MEAS button increases the displayed temperature, which can be set within ±2°C of the displayed temperature. After setting, press the CAL button to com- plete the adjustment. If Er4 is displayed, the temperature sensor is faulty and should be replaced with a new sensor.

Specifications

Model	LAQUAtwin-F-11		
Target	Fluoride ion (F ⁻)		
Minimum sample volume	0.3 mL or more (0.1 mL or more if sampling sheet is used.)		
Measurement range	0.1 to 990 [ppm or mg/L]		
Resolution	0.1 to 9.9 : 0.1, 10 to 99 : 1, 100 to 990 : 10 [ppm or mg/L]		
Calibration point	Up to 2 points [Default: 1 ppm, 10 ppm]		
Accuracy	±2% [Repeatability in measurement of 10 ppm standard solution after 1 ppm and 10 ppm calibration at 25°C.] [The error of standard solutions and rounding error (±1 digit) are not included.]		
Waterproof	IP67 [No failure when immersed the product in water, but it cannot be used underwater.]		
Display	Custom (monochrome) digital LCD with back light		
Operating environment	Temperature: 5°C to 40°C, Relative humidity: Less than 85% (No condensation)		
Power	3 V battery (CR2032) x 2		
Battery life	Approx. 400 h (Back light off mode) [Battery life will shorten when the back light is used.]		
Dimensions	164 mm × 29 mm × 20 mm (excluding projections)		
Mass	Approx. 50 g (excluding batteries)		



10Reference information

Effect of interfering ions

The ions which interfere the target ion measurement are called "interfering ion".

- There is no interference with the operation of the electrode as long as Cl⁻, Br⁻, I⁻, SO₄²⁻, HCO₃⁻, NO₃⁻, CH₃COO⁻ do not exist at a proportion of 1% or more.
- A multivalent cation such as Si⁴⁺, Fe³⁺, Al³⁺ forms a complex with a fluoride ion. If high-concentration steel and aluminum are included in thee sample solution, the effect of the error due to the formation of the complex can be reduced by using TISAB solution for measuring a sample solution containing high-concentration steel and aluminum (Reference: ASTM D1179 method B)

Influence of pH

The pH of the sample affects fluoride ion measurement. Recommend using TISAB solution or adjusting the pH of the sample solution as described in the following procedure.

- If the pH of the sample solution is more than 8, adjust the pH in the range of pH 5 to 8 by adding hydrochloric acid.
- If the pH of the sample solution is less than 5, adjust the pH in the range of pH 5 to 8 by adding sodium hydroxide.

Disposal

When disposing of the product, battery and standard solutions follow the related lows and regulations of your country for disposal of the product.



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