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PHH444
Handheld pH/mV Meter and pH Electrode Kit



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FEATURES

- ✓ Professional look design accurate portable meters with large LCD display, BNC connector.
- ✓ All electrodes with BNC connector compatible to any other electrodes.
- ✓ Hold function, low battery icon indicator, automatic power off in 15 minutes and may be disabled.
- ✓ Built-in different temperature compensation selectable: Thermistor 30K, 10K ohm and not 25.0 (manual compensation).
- ✓ RFS (Recover to Factory Setting) function is included.
- ✓ 3 points pH calibration: 4.01, 7, 10.01 (Adjustable). Calibration buffer solution is included with soaking solution.
- ✓ Tripod receptacle mountable design for long time monitoring purposes.
- ✓ All electrodes are well calibrated before shipment.
- ✓ Warranty period of meter is two years. Electrode is one year.

SUPPLIED

- Meter
- Electrode x 1 pc (pH)
- Battery-AAA x 3 pcs
- pH buffer solution x 3 pcs (pH 4, pH7, pH10)
- Soaking Solution x 1 pc
- Black carrying case
- Calibration certificate

SPECIFICATION

Model	PHH444	
Parameter	pH	
Data Hold	Freeze the display reading.	
Meter dimension	175mm x 58mm x 32mm (With BNC connector)	
Power supply	AAA batteries x 3 pcs	
Temperature	0~90 °C	
Temp. accuracy	±0.5 °C	
pH		
Measurement range	pH	0 to 14 pH
	mV	414.12 mV to -414.12 mV
Accuracy	±0.02 pH + 2 digit	
pH Calibration	pH 4, pH 7, pH 10 3 points calibration Ensure the best linearity and accuracy.	
Resolution	0.01(pH)	
Automatic temperature Compensation (ATC)	YES	
Dimension	12x120mm	
Electrode body	PC	
Sensor type	Glass bulb	
ATC Temperature sensor electrode port (pH)	3.5 mm diameter phone jack	
Cable length	1 M	

KEY PAD (CONTROLS)

PWR: Power on (Press in one second) or power off (Press more than 2 seconds when operation).

SET: Move to left digit. (Under setting mode). Long pressing to save setting or calibrate the reading.

CAL: Move to right digit. (Under setting mode).

MODE: Check pH in mV measurement. Select pH4, pH7, pH10 calibration mode.

UNIT: Short pressing to change temperature unit °C/°F. Long pressing to select temperature electrode type.

Short pressing to select NTC: Negative Temperature Coefficient)/ NOT: no remote temperature probe.

Long pressing again to save electrode type.

HOLD: Freeze current readings (**Hold** shows at top of LCD). Increase value. (Under setting mode).

ADJ: Decrease value. (Under setting mode).

SET+UNIT: Recover to factory setting. (Under pH calibration mode)

MODE+CAL: pH Calibration.

HOLD+PWR: Disable Auto Power Off.

OPERATION

pH INSTALLATION (BNC connector):

- Insert the pH electrode into the top of right hole. And insert the 3.5mm Ø diameter phone jack ATC sensor parts into the middle of hole.
- Hold the BNC connector in one hand; with the other, insert the braid into the center of the connector. Continuing pushing the braid into the connector until it will not go in any farther. Do this gently and slowly; do not bend the braid.
- Turn the BNC connector in a clockwise direction, until you cannot turn it any more.

NOTE: Remove batteries when not use!

Power-off switch: When the meter is turned off, the internal CPU does not shut down completely, it will keep detecting the buttons per milliseconds, letting meter know if the user wants to activate the meter or not. It will consume the power by each detecting, in order to save the power, you may pull down the switch.




Pull down
the switch

NOTE:

For each operation, make sure you are using fresh batteries, same brand, same power of batteries is required, and otherwise meter shows erratic readings or leakage. Warranty is void if not follow the notices. (Note : remove batteries when not use !)

1. Power supply:

(a) AAA batteries x 3pcs.

(b) Battery icon  indicates when power is weak, replace with new batteries immediately as the readings now on

LCD are incorrect due to weak power.

▲Battery life: Approx. 50 hours for continuous used.

2. Make sure sensor electrode and meter are well connected. Don't attempt to detach sensor probe from meter while in operation.

3. When Meter shows erratic readings, it must be sensor failed or power is weak.
4. Only select one of the two electrodes while measuring the same water zone, otherwise meter appears erratic readings. Read two parameters at the same time are only available for measuring two different water sources.

(1) POWER

NOTE: Make sure you have connected the electrode to the meter before power on.

Momentarily press **PWR** button to turn on the meter, press and hold **PWR** button to turn off meter.

(2) Check PH mV value

Short press **MODE** to check pH in mV unit.

(3) CHANGE THE TEMP. UNIT TO °C/°F

Short press **UNIT** button to toggle °C or °F.

(4) HOLD

Freeze the current readings of pH, then icon “**Hold**” will appear on the top left of screen.

(5) AUTO POWER OFF

Meter will turn off automatically in 15 minutes when no use, to disable auto power off function by pressing **HOLD** and **PWR** button, “n” momentarily shows on screen, now meter is at non-sleep mode, then turns to normal measurement, Meter default auto power off.

(6) FACTORY RESET

a) pH electrode

Whenever replacing a new pH electrode. Long pressing **MODE+CAL** to enter pH calibration mode then strongly recommend doing factory reset by pressing **SET+UNIT** under pH4/7/10 calibration mode, screen will show “**rFS**” momentarily.

(7) TEMPERATURE PROBE TYPE SELECTION

NOTE: If using NTC 10K probe but select 30K type. The temperature value will not be accurate.

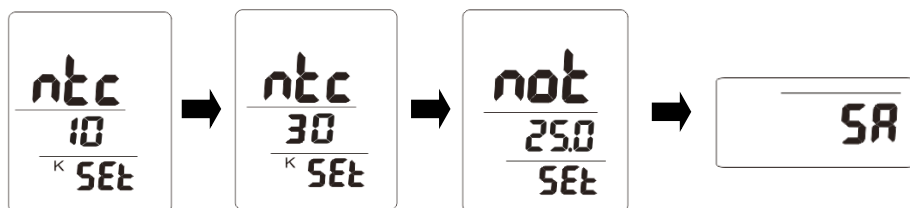
Default setting is NTC 10K. User can change it depends on the electrode type to get the correct value.

NTC 10K:	Negative Temperature Coefficient 25°C = 10 K
NTC 30K:	Negative Temperature Coefficient 25°C = 30 K
NOT:	External temperature probe is excluded, user can enter the temperature degree by their own temperature instrument, default: 25°C Adjustable range: 0.0°C~90.0°C

Step 1: Must select correct probe type before measurement, otherwise the value would be incorrect.

Step 2: Long pressing **UNIT** button, the meter default is “**ntc 10k**”, short pressing **UNIT** button to toggle ntc 30k → not.

Step 3: Long pressing **UNIT** button again to save the setting, meter shows “**SA**” at the bottom of LCD and then return to normal measurement mode.



“ATC” ICON INDICATION

Probe type	ntc 10K (Default)	ntc 30K	not
Plug in	Temp. XX.X	Temp. XX.X	Manual temp.
Un-plugged	“_ _ _”	“_ _ _”	
ATC icon	○	○	X

pH/mV CALIBRATION PROCEDURE and MEASURING

NOTE: When not use the electrode, it should immerse the “Electrode sensing head” into the “Protection bottle.”

NOTE: Calibration is necessary before operation, the calibration procedures refer to as below“ a) to b)” :

a) Required Equipment for calibration:

- 1) pH electrode.
- 2) pH buffer solution.

NOTE: Make sure to use fresh solution each time due to the contaminants in the solution will affect the calibration and the accuracy.

b) Calibration Procedure:

- 1) Prepare the pH electrode, install the “probe plug” into the right “BNC port” of the meter.
- 2) Power on the meter by pressing **PWR** button.
- 3) Long pressing **MODE + CAL** buttons to enter pH calibration mode. Immerse the pH probe to pH buffer solution. Meter will automatically recognize pH buffer values.

NOTE: Calibrating the pH in the incorrect buffer solution, “Er 3” will appear on the bottom of screen.

- 4) User can do 1, 2 or 3 points calibration.

Rinse the probe with de-ionized water before doing each pH buffer calibration.

If you are doing multipoint calibration, short pressing **MODE** button to select pH 4 or pH7 or pH 10 calibration mode.

HOLD: ↑ to increase **ADJ:** ↓ to decrease **SET:** ← to left digit **CAL:** → to right digit

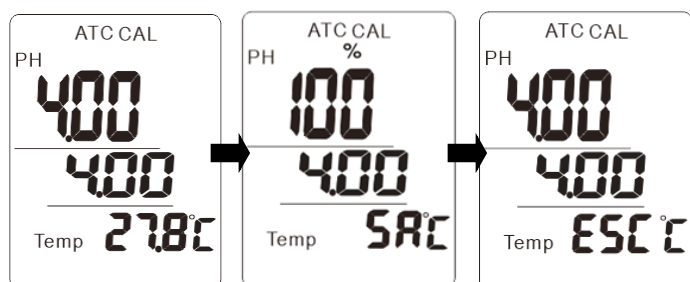
Referring to the Adjust range as below:

Calibration Points	Adjustable/Calibration range
pH4	3.75 to 4.25
pH7	6.75 to 7.25
pH10	9.75 to 10.25

NOTE: Before doing pH 4, 7, 10 calibrations, if the value is out of above adjustable range, the meter displays “CAL Err”. Please immerse the electrodes to distilled water or tap water to see if the value is within the adjustable range first. After entering the calibration mode, immerse the electrode to calibration solution to do the calibration.

- 5) Long pressing **SET** button to save and complete calibration, then screen shows “SA”.

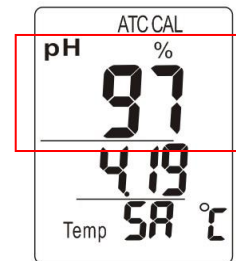
To escape calibration mode, long pressing **MODE+CAL** button, the bottom of screen will show “ESC” in few seconds and return to normal measurement mode.



NOTE: After calibrating pH4 or pH10 by long pressing **SET** button, there is a slope value show in pH block in few seconds which stands for the electrodes conditions.

If the slope value is:

Slope Range	Description
Between 70%~130%	First clean the electrode and then calibrate.
<70% or >130%	You need to change the electrode, it is no longer usable.



c) pH measurement (ATC, automatic Temperature):

NOTE: Without connecting ATC probe, the temperature value will display dashes“— — —”.

- 1) The pH electrode should be with ATC feature, and then immerse the sensing probe into the measurement solution until the value is stable.
- 2) The main display will show the pH value, the bottom display will show the sensing Temp. value of the measured solution (measured from ATC probe).

d) pH measurement (Manual Temp. compensation):

NOTE: This function is used for your pH electrode without connecting the ATC probe.

- 1) Power on the meter by short pressing **PWR** button.
- 2) Prepare the pH electrode, installing the “probe plug” into the right “BNC port” of the meter.
- 3) Adjust the manual Temp. value by following steps:
 Long pressing **UNIT** button, the meter default is “ntc 10k”, short pressing **UNIT** button to select “not” type.
HOLD: ↑ to increase **ADJ:** ↓ to decrease **SET:** ← to left digit **CAL:** → to right digit
 Long pressing **UNIT** again to save setting until screen shows “SA” and back to normal measurement mode.
- 4) Hold the Electrode Handle by hand and let the Sensing Head immersed wholly into the measured solution.
 Stir gently and wait until the display be stabilized.
- 5) The main display will show the pH value, the bottom display will show the setting manual temperature.

e) pH convert to mV:

- 1) Under normal measurement mode, short pressing **MODE** button to toggle Cond. to mV measurement.
- 2) The display will show the mV value.
- 3) Short pressing **MODE** button again to return Cond. measurement.

ELECTRODE MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance will ensure faster measurements, improve accuracy and extend the lifetime of the electrode.

pH probe

● **When not in use**

pH electrodes should be stored in pH electrode storage solution. This insures that the electrode glass remains hydrated, ready to measure accurately and quickly. The storage solution also helps keep the reference junction fully charged with KCl (Soaking solution).

NOTE: Storing pH electrodes in distilled or deionized water is not recommended.

● **User already use the electrode for a certain period**

Whenever user cannot calibrate the meter properly or the meter’s reading value is not stable, please check

the electrode to see if the electrolyte in the electrode is run out. If yes, please fill the electrolyte and make the new calibration.

● **Electrode Cleaning Techniques**

When your pH or ORP electrode gets slow, fouled and coated with contaminants, there are several things that you can do to restore performance. The reason for this is that the sensing glass membrane becomes coated. These coatings range from organics such as oil, grease, proteins to metal ions or other contaminants. Removing them usually requires soaking or washing in a solution which will remove the coating; similar to cleaning your eyeglasses.

a) Cleaning metal ions, some proteins and organics

Soaking the electrode in 0.01N. HCl for 10-20 minutes. Follow this by soaking in pH electrode storage solution for 1-2 hours. Rinse the electrode in deionized water, as usual, and recalibrate.

b) Cleaning grease and oils

Washing with acetone or methanol and then warm tap water and dishwashing liquid. Use care if cleaning mechanically as the pH or ORP glass is fragile. Electrodes washed in this manner also need to be conditioned by storing in pH/ORP electrode storage solution and recalibrated.

c) Salt Build-Up

Salt crystals can accumulate when water in a salt solution evaporates during contact with air. These salt crystals can be removed by rinsing the area with warm water.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

Q1: pH display erratic readings or calibration errors??

A1: ❶ Air Bubble in Glass Bulb

During shipment, horizontal storage, and from general use, sometimes allowing air bubbles into the glass Bulb. Before each use, it is recommended to inspect that the glass bulb is no visible air bubbles. If there are, shake the electrode in a downward motion to force air bubbles out of the glass bulb.



❷ Dirty Glass Bulb

Some contaminants remain on the glass surface. Refer to page 9 for specific guidelines for the most suitable cleaning solution for the specific contamination you have.

❸ Un-plugged the electrode

The readings keep changing on the screen are not referable.

Q2: Wrong temperature??

A2: Refer to page 4 (**pH TEMPERATURE PROBE TYPE**), you must select the correct temperature sensor type or adjust temperature manually (Long press **UNIT** button then press **UNIT** to select “not”).

Q3: Appear “Error codes”??

A3: Make sure if Hold is appeared on LCD.

ERROR CODES

Code	Description
- - -	The electrode was not in a solution. Dashes in the temp. mode indicates that probe without ATC or manual temp. setting. The electrode of cond. measured in pure water or ultra-pure water. Select the wrong temp. electrode type (refer to page 4).
OL2	Measurement is out of range of the display.

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