

**CALIBRATION REPORT FOR  
DIGITAL THERMOMETER**

**SAMPLE CUSTOMER  
S/N: X-XXXX  
Report Number: W195839**

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## CALIBRATION REPORT FOR DIGITAL THERMOMETER

The instrument or device identified below was examined and calibrated in ICL's metrology laboratory, using NIST traceable standards, following the calibration procedure referenced below. This calibration fulfills the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025-2005, 'General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories' and ANSI/NCSL Z540-1-1994, 'Calibration Laboratories and Measuring and Test Equipment - 'General Requirements'.

### CLIENT

SAMPLE CUSTOMER  
STREET ADDRESS  
CITY, STATE ZIP  
Purchase order number: NOT AVAILABLE  
Submitted by: SAMPLE COMPANY  
ICL internal reference (SO): 123456

### DATES

Date report issued: 05-11-2015  
Recalibration date specified by client: May 11, 2016

### UUT (Unit Under Test) INFORMATION

Device information:

Manufacturer: THERMOPROBE  
Model No: TL-1A-08  
Serial No: X-XXXX  
Description: 8 INCH STEM  
Manufacturer's specified temperature range: 14/320 °F  
Sensor immersion: APPROX. 5.5 INCHES  
Readout resolution: 0.01 °F  
Engineering units: °F



NOTE: The accuracy tolerance for this system calibration (sensor and readout) is either the root-sum-square of the accuracy tolerance of the sensor and the accuracy tolerance of the readout device, (if separate, independent devices), or the manufacturer's specification for the sensor and readout combination. Please see the 'Tolerance' column which appears in the 'Results of Calibration' table on the next page.

### RESULTS OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The condition of this device was satisfactory with no visually apparent defects, unless noted below. Minor cosmetic defects are generally not noted unless they are judged to impact the usability of the device.

### CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

ICL Procedure 04, which references relevant elements of ASTM E77, ASTM E220, ASTM E644 and ASTM E2593.

### LABORATORY ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Temperature: 23 °C +/- 5 °C, Relative humidity: between 30% and 80%

## RESULTS OF CALIBRATION

### AS FOUND

Nominal Temp	Standard Rdg.	UUT reading	Correction	Tolerance	Accept Limit*	P/F/Ind	Uncertainty
32.00 °F	32.018 °F	32.01 °F	0.01 °F	± 0.100 °F	± 0.0992 °F	Pass	± 0.024 °F
110.00 °F	109.993 °F	109.99 °F	0.00 °F	± 0.100 °F	± 0.0992 °F	Pass	± 0.024 °F
212.00 °F	212.001 °F	212.00 °F	0.00 °F	± 0.100 °F	± 0.0985 °F	Pass	± 0.026 °F
300.00 °F	302.001 °F	301.98 °F	0.02 °F	± 0.100 °F	± 0.0985 °F	Pass	± 0.026 °F

The 'As Found' values were determined to be within tolerance, and no adjustment of this device was undertaken. Accordingly, the 'As Left' values are the same as the 'As Found' values.

### AS LEFT

Nominal Temp	Standard Rdg.	UUT reading	Correction	Tolerance	Accept Limit*	P/F/Ind	Uncertainty
32.00 °F	32.018 °F	32.01 °F	0.01 °F	± 0.100 °F	± 0.0992 °F	Pass	± 0.024 °F
110.00 °F	109.993 °F	109.99 °F	0.00 °F	± 0.100 °F	± 0.0992 °F	Pass	± 0.024 °F
212.00 °F	212.001 °F	212.00 °F	0.00 °F	± 0.100 °F	± 0.0985 °F	Pass	± 0.026 °F
300.00 °F	302.001 °F	301.98 °F	0.02 °F	± 0.100 °F	± 0.0985 °F	Pass	± 0.026 °F

### GUARD BANDING

ISO/IEC 17025:2005(E) requires, in Section 5.10.4.2., that, "When statements of compliance are made, the uncertainty of measurement shall be taken into account." One valid way of complying with this requirement is applying a 'guard band' to the device's tolerance. The guard band is calculated as a function of the test uncertainty ratio (TUR), the ratio of the tolerance of the UUT to the measurement uncertainty. Basically, the smaller the uncertainty is relative to the tolerance, the smaller the guard band. A TUR of 5:1 or even 4:1 results in a guard band of zero, or very close to zero. A 3:1 TUR results in a modest guard band. As TUR declines, the guard band becomes larger. The use of the guard band in the decision process is designed to reduce the probability of a false acceptance (PFA), or a false failure, to 2% or less. The method and equations we use for calculation of the guard band comply with the requirements of ANSI/NCSL Z540.3

The \*Accept Limit(s) are calculated by subtracting the guard band from the tolerance. The Accept Limit is essentially a new tolerance, for this calibration only, which we use to make a declaration of Pass, Fail, or Indeterminate, as explained below:

*Pass* The measured value falls within the interval described by the test point plus or minus the Accept Limit.

*Fail* The measured value falls outside the interval described by the test point plus or minus (the tolerance + the guard band).

*Ind* (Indeterminate) The measured value is indeterminate, falling in that grey area too close to permit a credible determination; it is statistically and metrologically imprudent to declare that the instrument is definitively either 'in-tolerance' or 'out-of-tolerance'.

### LIMITATIONS OF USE

This is a limited, or partial-range calibration, and accordingly, this instrument may be used with confidence only within the range bracketed by the test points. If only a single test temperature was calibrated, the thermometer can be used with confidence only at and immediately around that test point.

### MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

The measurement uncertainty reported is the expanded uncertainty at 2 sigma (k=2), to provide a confidence level of approximately 95%.

The uncertainty is calculated considering both Type A and Type B contributors. Type A contributors include the standard deviation of the measurement process from check standard control charts, the standard deviation of monthly Triple Point of Water calibrations of the standard, and UUT variability observed during the calibration. Type B contributors include comparator uniformity, uncertainty of the calibration of the reference standard, stem conduction and other immersion effects, the sensitivity and accuracy of the reference standard thermometer's readout, resolution of the reference standard and resolution of the UUT.

The Type A and B contributors are combined using the root-sum-square method to obtain the standard uncertainty at 1 sigma. The standard uncertainty is then multiplied by 2 to obtain the expanded uncertainty at 2 sigma (k=2). This uncertainty calculation is consistent with the requirements of the ISO Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (the 'GUM') and NIST Technical Note 1297.

The expanded uncertainties (k=2) reported here do not contain estimates for (1) any effects that may be introduced by transportation of the instrument between ICL and the user's facility, (2) drift of the instrument, (3) hysteresis of the instrument, or (4) any measurement uncertainties introduced by the user.

### NOTES AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

All temperatures given in this report are those defined by the International Temperature Scale of 1990 (ITS-90).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The correct operation of digital electronic thermometers is dependent upon all components functioning properly. Correct temperature indication may be impeded by physical damage to the sensor or cable assembly, contamination of electrical contacts or components by water, oil or other contaminants, or by other, less obvious causes such as low battery level or failure of internal components. Accordingly, ICL Calibration Laboratories, Inc. represents that the calibration data provided in this report were those values observed during the performance of this calibration, however cannot be responsible for inaccurate readings which may be experienced in future uses due to conditions which are beyond our control.

### TRACEABILITY INFORMATION

This calibration is traceable to NIST through an unbroken chain of comparisons. Our primary reference standard, a NIST calibrated SPRT, is used only to calibrate our transfer standards, which in turn are used to calibrate our clients' instruments. Measurement uncertainty has been calculated at each step in the chain and is fully documented.

ICL maintains three Rosemount model 162CE 25.5 Ohm SPRTs, for redundancy and to permit sequential rotation to NIST for calibration. As of this date, traceability is conveyed through S/N 5058, our MTE-262, calibrated by NIST on August 17, 2012. NIST GMP-11 recommends a 36 month calibration cycle for SPRTs. PRT transfer standards are calibrated annually against this SPRT, per NIST GMP-11 recommendations, and are monitored continually using measurement assurance strategies including check standards, control charts and monthly triple point of water checks.

The comparators and transfer standards used in the performance of this calibration are indicated below, organized by test point.

Nominal Temp	Comparator	Serial No	MTE#	Manufacturer
32.00 °F	TPW Maint bath	A89373	311	Hart Scientific
110.00 °F	6331 Water bath	A50146	242	Hart Scientific
212.00 °F	6020 Oil bath	A4C235	241	Hart Scientific
300.00 °F	6020 Oil bath	B2C371	376	Fluke Calibration

Nominal Temp	Standard	Serial No.	MTE#	Manufacturer	Next Due	Position
32.00 °F	TP Water Cell	BG2427	346	Hart/Fluke	05/23/14	Standard
110.00 °F	5628-15 PRT	1729	307	Hart Scientific	05/09/16	Standard
	5628-15 PRT	1726	308	Hart Scientific	05/09/16	Check std
212.00 °F	5628-15 PRT	0974	247	Hart Scientific	05/09/16	Standard
	5628-15 PRT	0561	256	Hart Scientific	05/09/16	Check std
300.00 °F	5628-15 PRT	0541	237	Hart Scientific	05/09/16	Standard
	5628-15 PRT	1100	290	Hart Scientific	05/09/16	Check std

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NIST GMP-11 (September 2014), 'Good Measurement Practice for Assignment and Adjustment of Calibration Intervals for Standards' cautions that, 'Temperature standards are dynamic with use. Shock, contamination and other factors can cause drift from accepted values'. GMP-11 recommends an initial calibration interval of 12 months for digital thermometers, standard thermistors and PRTs.

The user should be aware that any number of factors may cause this instrument to drift out of calibration before the specified calibration interval has expired.

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