Alpha COND 550
Conductivity Monitor
mS/µS/ºC/ºF meter

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Preface

This manual serves to explain the use of the **Alpha-COND 550 Industrial Conductivity Monitor**. The manual functions in two ways, firstly as a step by step guide to help the user operate the instrument. Secondly, it serves as a handy reference guide. This instruction manual is written to cover many anticipated applications of the Alpha-CON 550 monitor. If you have doubts in the use of the instrument, please do not hesitate to contact the nearest Alpha Authorised Distributor.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Before You Begin

We thank you for purchasing the **Alpha COND 550 monitor**.

The construction of the COND 550 monitor employs leading edge technology and complies with safety regulations currently in force. Notwithstanding this, improper use could lead to hazards for the user or a third-party, and/or adverse effects on the plant or other equipment. Therefore, the operating instructions must be read and understood by the persons involved before working with the monitor.

The instruction manual must always be stored close at hand, in a place accessible to all people working with the conductivity monitor.

If you have questions, which are not or insufficiently answered in this instruction manual, please contact your authorized supplier. They will be glad to assist you.

1.2 Intended Use

Alpha COND 550 monitors are intended solely for conductivity and temperature measurement, as described in this instruction manual.

Any other use, or use not mentioned here, that is incompatible with the technical specifications is deemed inappropriate. The operator is solely responsible for any damage arising from such use.

Other prerequisites for appropriate use include:

− Comply with the instructions, notes and requirements set out in this instruction manual.

− Comply with all local safety regulations concerning safety at work.

− Comply with all information and warnings in the documentation dealing with the products used together with the conductivity monitor (housings, sensors, etc.).

− Comply with local environmental and operational conditions.

1.3 Safety Instructions

- The Alpha COND 550 monitor should be installed and operated only by personnel familiar with the instrument and who are qualified for such work.

- A defective CON monitor must neither be installed nor put into service.

- The Alpha COND 550 must only be operated under the specified operating conditions (see section 6).

- The Alpha COND 550 must not be repaired by the customer.

- No modifications to the Alpha COND 550 are allowed. The manufacturer/supplier accepts no responsibility for damage caused by unauthorized modifications. The risk is borne entirely by the user.

1.4 Taking Out of Service / Correct Disposal of the Unit

Taking out of Service

- First disconnect the unit from the power supply and then undo all electrical connections.

- Remove the unit from the wall / panel.

Correct Disposal of the Instrument

When the Alpha COND 550 monitor is permanently taken out of service, obey the local environmental regulations for correct disposal or send the instrument to your local distributor, they will take care of proper disposal.

2. Getting Started

2.1 Description of Instrument

The **Alpha COND 550 monitor** is used for measuring conductivity and temperature values. The monitor can be used for applications such as water treatment and controlling, galvanic-decontamination, chemical processing, food processing, clean or wastewater control and neutralization processes.

The monitor has many user-friendly and safety features which include:

- Push-button keypad for calibration and setup

- Built-in non-volatile memory to ensure that calibration and other information are not erased if power supply fails

- Menu-driven program that simplifies setup

- Automatic temperature compensation (ATC)

- Manual temperature compensation setting without the ATC probe, with independent setting for calibration and process temperature

- Large dual display LCD for easy reading with clear multiple annunciators, operational mode indicators and error indicators

2.2 Measurement System

A typical measurement system consists of:

- A conductivity process monitor
- A conductivity sensor with integrated or separate Pt100/Pt1000 temperature sensor
- An appropriate measurement cable
- An immersion, flow or process assembly

Alpha COND 550 Monitor

Housing and Sensors   Measurement Cable   Power Adaptor (+9 V DC)

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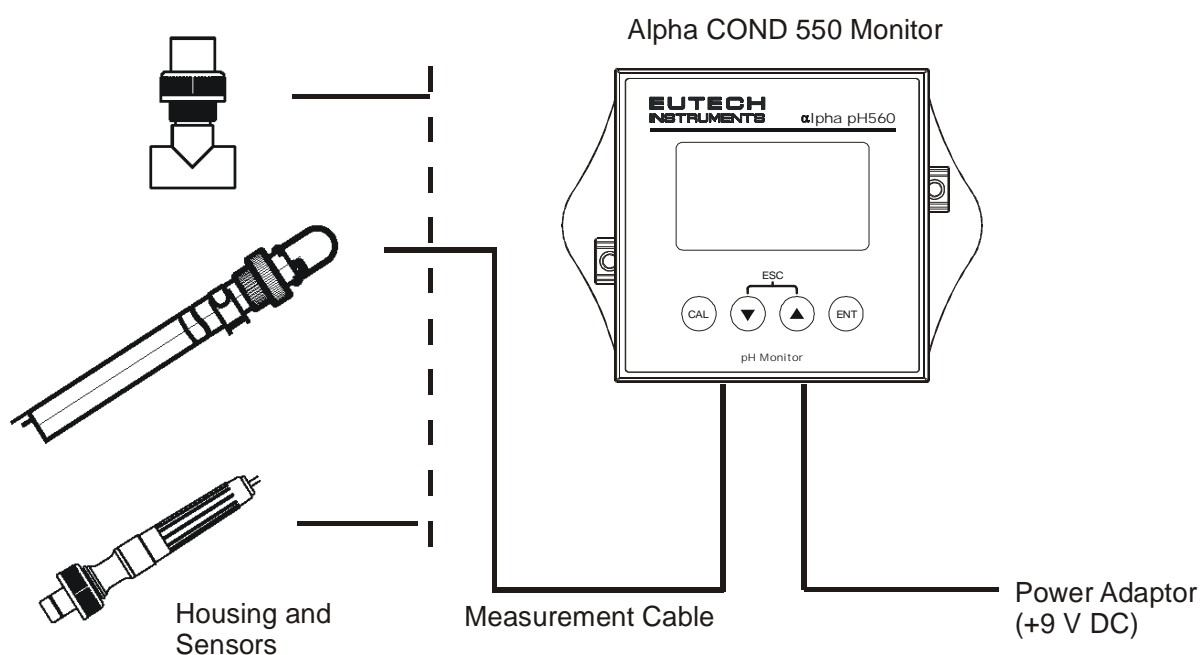
2.3 Connecting Peripherals

2.3.1 Connection Terminals

Remove Back Cover:

Remove the screws from the four corners at the back of the conductivity monitor. Remove the back cover. The connectors are exposed on the back PCBA as shown in the   Figure 1 below.

Connectors:

- J11 – 24V DC power connector

- J8 – 9V DC power connector (1.2mm diameter)

- J9 – Relay connections

- J10 - Conductivity electrode & Temperature probe connections (wiring has to be done in the detachable connector
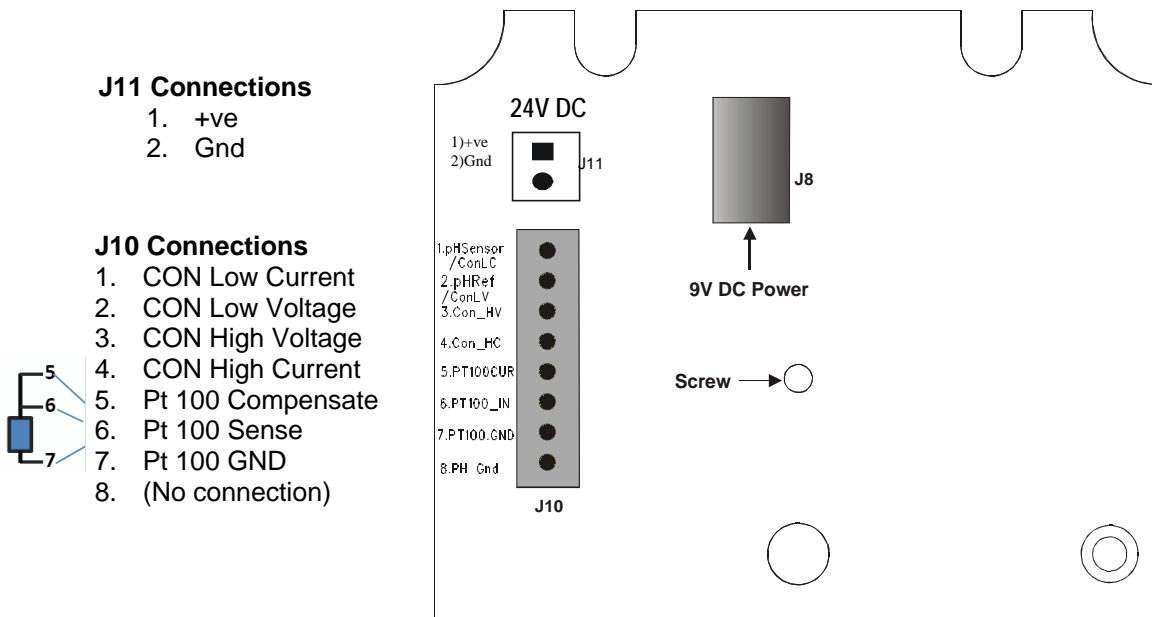
J11 Connections
1. +ve
2. Gnd

J10 Connections
1. CON Low Current
2. CON Low Voltage
3. CON High Voltage
4. CON High Current
5. Pt 100 Compensate
6. Pt 100 Sense
7. Pt 100 GND
8. (No connection)

Figure 1: Outer Side of Back PCBA

### 2.3.2 Switching Between Pt100 & Pt1000 Temperature Sensors

The conductivity monitor supports both Pt100 & Pt1000 (2-wire or 3-wire) temperature sensors. The default factory setting is Pt100. If you need to use Pt1000 temperature sensor, you have to change the jumper setting (J7) as described below.

Remove Back Cover:

Remove screws from the four corners at the back of the conductivity monitor. Remove the back cover.

Remove Back PCBA:

Remove the screw located center of the back PCBA (Figure 1). Detach the back PCBA from the monitor. Turn over the back PCBA. Locate J7 jumper on the inner side of the back PCBA as shown in Figure 2 below.

FRONT

For PT1000, short the top two pins.

For Pt100, short the bottom two pins.
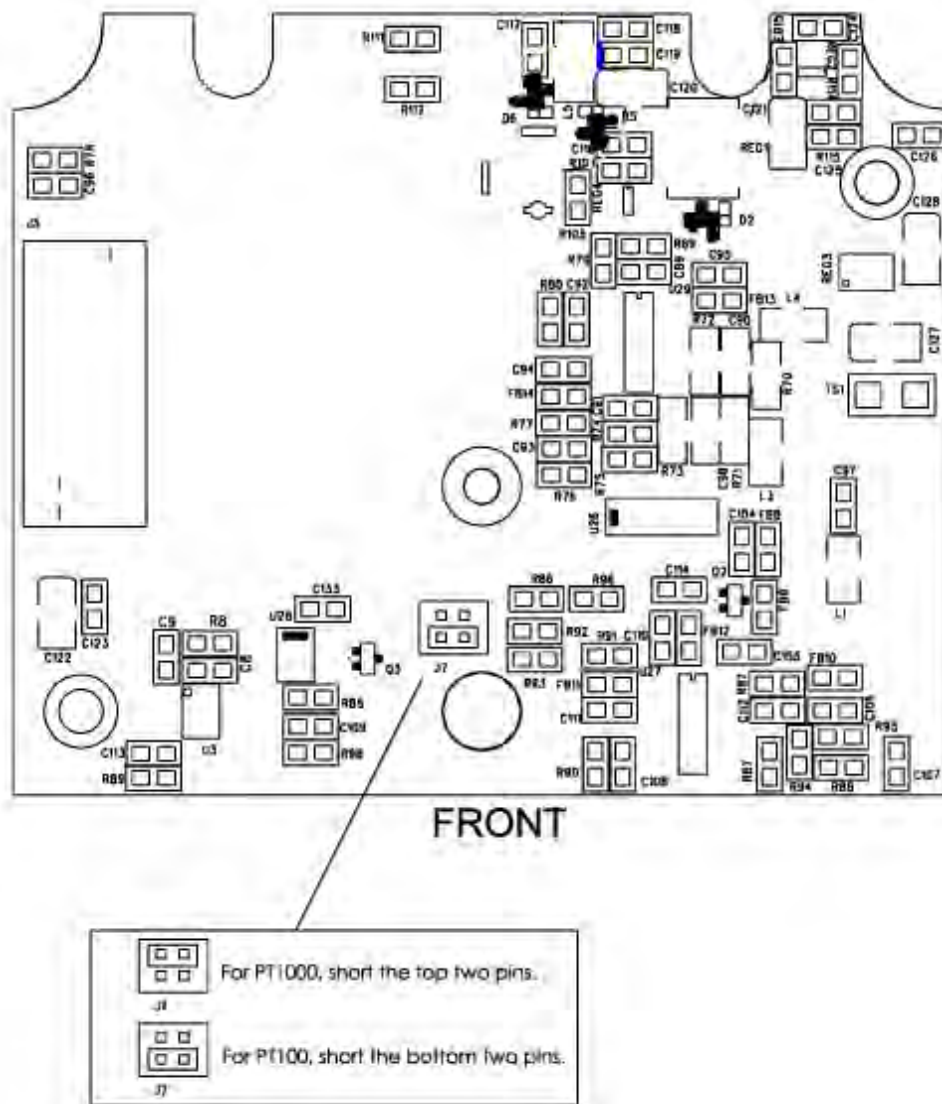
Set Jumper J7:

Set the J7 jumper to required sensor (Pt100 or Pt1000) type.

2.3.3 Connecting Conductivity Probe

Any industrial conductivity probe (2-cell or 4-cell) can be connected to the conductivity monitor.

2-Cell Conductivity Probe:

1. Short **Pin 1 & 2** of J10 connector using a jumper wire.

2. Connect CON low input wire (white) to **Pin 2** of J10 connector.

3. Connect CON high input wire (black) to **Pin 3** of J10 connector.

4. Short **Pin 3 & 4** of J10 connector using a jumper wire.

4-Cell Conductivity Probe:

1. Connect CON low input wire (black) to **Pin 1** of J10 connector

2. Connect CON low input wire (white) to **Pin 2** of J10 connector.

3. Connect CON high input wire (orange) to **Pin 3** of J10 connector.

4. Connect CON high input wire (blue) to **Pin 4** of J10 connector.

2.3.4 Connecting Temperature Probe

For Automatic Temperature Compensated (ATC) conductivity readings, an in-built temperature sensor is usually integrated with industrial conductivity probes. Alternatively, a separate 100Ω Pt RTD temperature probe (2-wire or 3-wire) can be connected to the monitor.

3-Wire Probe:

1. Connect PT100 compensate wire to **Pin 5** of J10 connector.

2. Connect PT100 sense wire to **Pin 6** of J10 connector.

3. Connect PT100 GND wire to **Pin 7** of J10 connector.

2-Wire Probe:

1. Short **Pin 5 & 6** of J10 connector using a jumper wire.

2. Connect PT100 sense wire to **Pin 6** of J10 connector

3. Connect PT100 GND wire to **Pin 7** of J10 connector.

2.4 Installation

2.4.1   Mechanical Dimensions

2.4.2   Wall Mount

1 Pierce through holes at both sides

2 Cover the catch slots at both sides with overlays
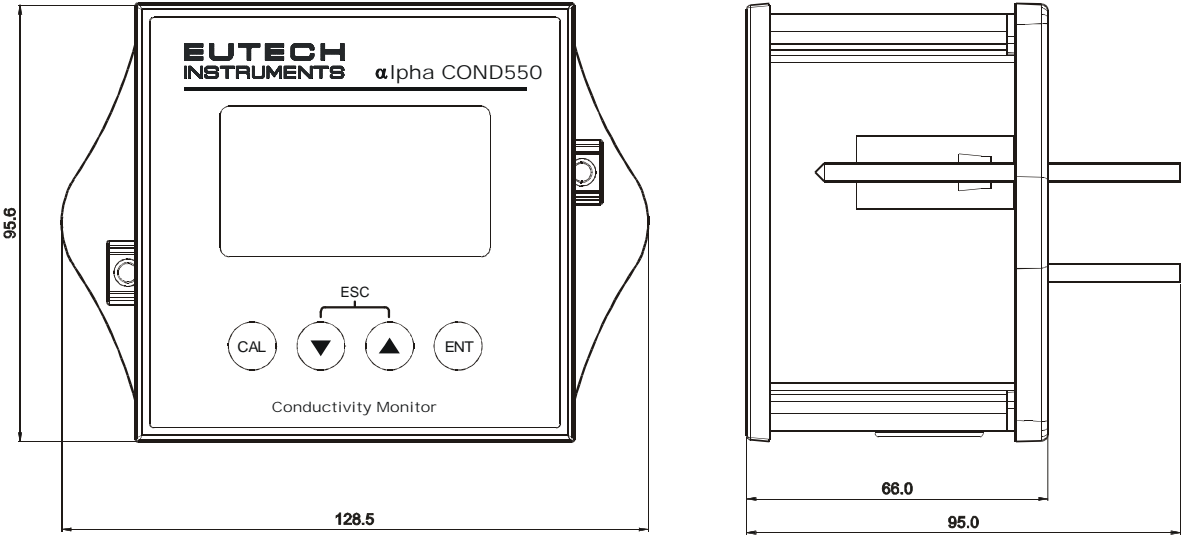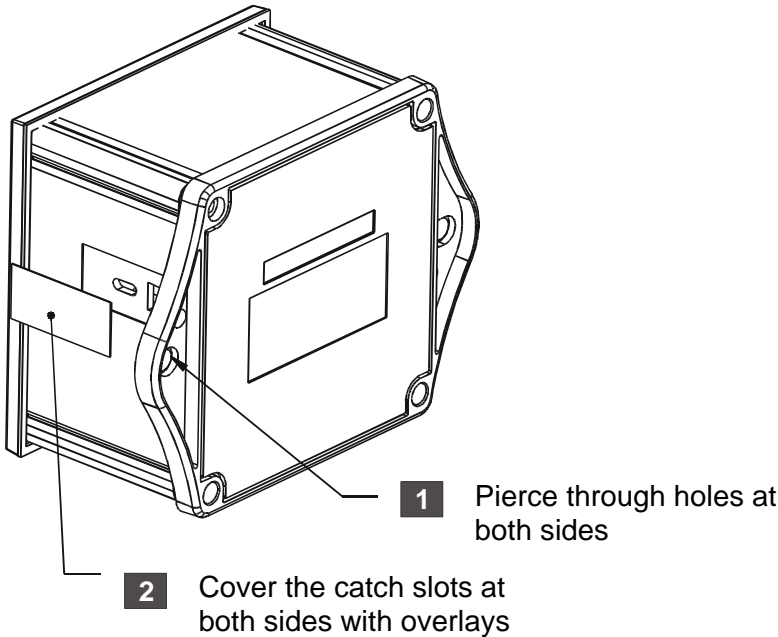
2.4.3 Panel Mount

1 Prepare panel cut-out of
92.0 mm X 92.0 mm

2 Remove back cover of
conductivity monitor
and slide it through
panel cut-out

Gasket

Panel

Panel

4 Insert threaded rods through catch
until conductivity monitor is held
against panel

3 Attach catch to both sides
of conductivity monitor

2.5 Display & Keypad

2.5.1 Display Overview

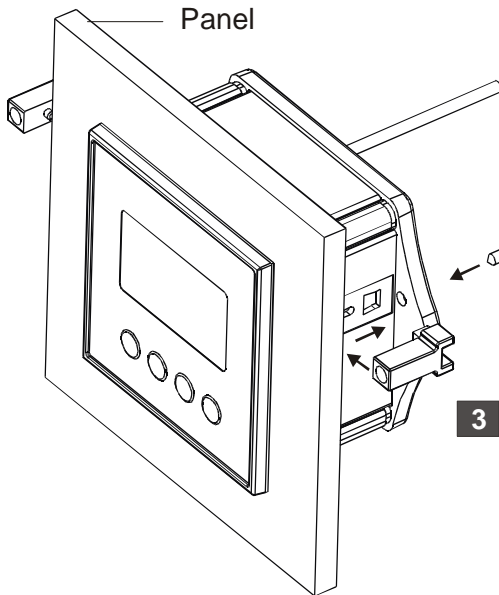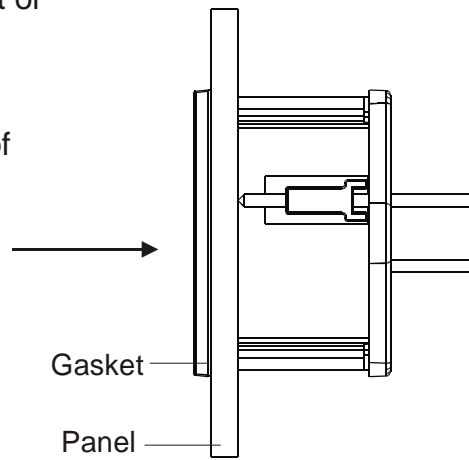The Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) of Alpha COND 550 conductivity monitor has two alpha-numerical displays (Upper and a Lower).

- **Upper display:** Measured conductivity value is displayed when the monitor is in normal operation (measurement) mode.

- **Lower display:** Measured temperature value is displayed when the monitor is in normal operation (measurement) mode. In conductivity calibration mode, measured conductivity values are displayed here.

The two displays indicate function names, options & settings in Setup mode. Refer 'Appendix 4 - Abbreviations Used in LCD' for more details.

The LCD also consists of various mode indicators, status annunciators and unit of measurement indicators.

Upper Display

Lower Display
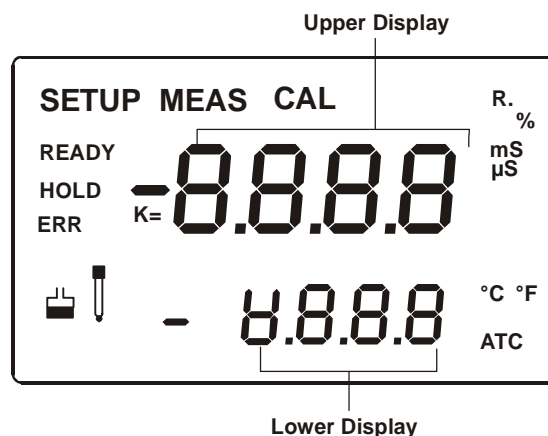
Mode Indicators	
MEAS	Measurement mode *(Refer Section 3.1)*
SETUP	Setup mode *(Refer Section 5)*
CAL	Calibration mode *(Refer Section 4)*

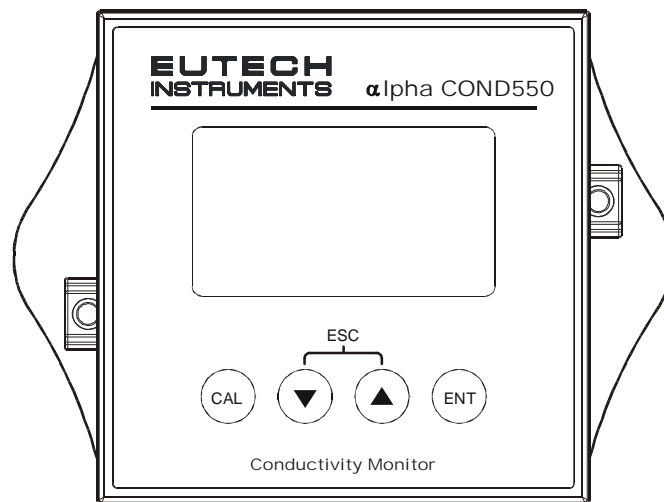| Status Annunciators	
READY	Appears when the reading is stable
HOLD	Appears in Setup mode and Calibration mode to indicate that the relay function is frozen
ATC	Appears when Automatic Temperature Compensation (ATC) is enabled. Not visible when Manual Temperature Compensation (MTC) is enabled. Flashes if the temperature probe is faulty in its ATC mode. *(Refer Section 5.3)*
ERR	Appears when an error occurs
Electrode annunciator. Blinks during calibration error *(Refer Section 4.2)*
Buffer annunciator. Appears in calibration mode *(Refer Section 4.2)*
K	Cell Constant *(Refer Section 4.2)*

Units of Measurement Indicators	
mS	Conductivity in Milli Siemens
µS	Conductivity in Micro Siemens
R.	Line Resistance in Ohms *(Refer Section 5.5)*
%	Temperature Coefficient *(Refer Section 5.2)*
ºC	Temperature in Celsius *(Refer Section 5.3)*
ºF	Temperature in Fahrenheit *(Refer Section 5.3)*

2.5.2 Key Functions

Key	Description
CAL	Enter Calibration mode
ENT	Enter Setup mode
	Access sub screens (parameters) within a group of settings in Setup mode
	Confirm (save) setup parameters and numerical values
	Start/Confirm calibration in Calibration mode.
▲ ▼	Select a group of settings in Setup mode.
	Select parameters and increment/decrement numerical values in Setup and Calibration modes.
	(When pressed continuously, speed of value increment/decrement increases)
	Returns to Measurement mode when both keys are pressed simultaneously.

3. Operation

3.1 Measurement mode

When the conductivity monitor is powered on, the display shows all the LCD segments briefly, and then automatically enters into the **measurement mode**.

The mode indicator '**MEAS**' at the top of the display indicates that the conductivity monitor is in measurement mode. The upper alpha-numerical display shows the measured conductivity value, while the lower display shows the temperature value.

The monitor has five selectable measuring ranges. The unit of measurement and resolution of the conductivity reading depend on the selected measuring range. If the monitor reads a conductivity reading beyond the selected measuring range, the display shows 'Or' (over range) error indicator.
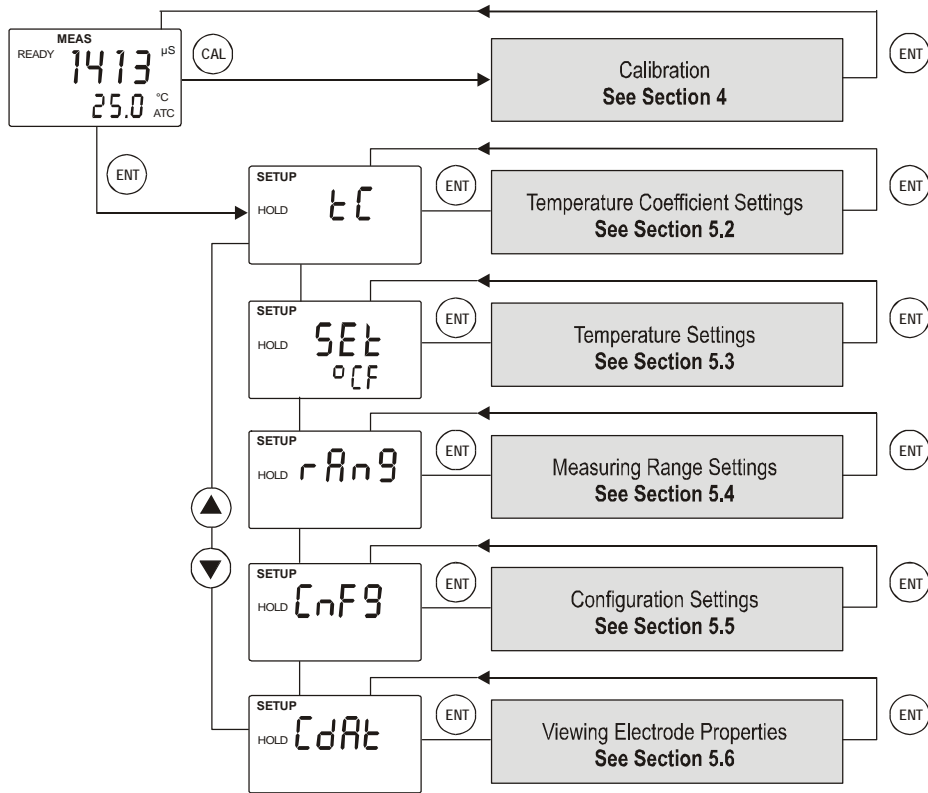
NOTE: To guarantee accurate readings, the measuring system (the conductivity monitor and the sensor) must be calibrated regularly.

From measurement mode you can access:

- **Calibration mode** (by pressing **CAL** key)
- **Setup mode** (by pressing **ENT** key)

For more details, refer section 4 for Calibration mode and section 5 for Setup mode.)

3.2 Menu Overview

4. Calibration Mode

4.1 About Calibration

Calibration should be carried out each time a new electrode is attached to the monitor or when you suspect that the monitor/electrode is out of calibration. The monitor allows you to perform temperature calibration and conductivity calibration.

About Temperature Calibration

It is important to ensure that temperature calibration is carried out prior to conductivity calibration since temperature readings affect the accuracy of conductivity measurements. It is recommended that temperature calibration should be carried out only if the temperature value displayed on the monitor is different from that of a calibrated thermometer. A temperature offset calibration of ± 10 °C/± 18 °F from the default reading is allowed. Once a temperature calibration is performed, conductivity calibration should be carried out to ensure the accuracy of conductivity measurements.

About Measuring Ranges & Conductivity Calibration

The monitor has five selectable conductivity measuring ranges. You can only calibrate one-point in the measuring range that you have selected for your process application. You have to recalibrate the monitor every time you change the measuring range since the calibration data of the monitor will be reset every time a new measuring range is selected.

About Conductivity Calibration

During conductivity calibration, the monitor allows a calibration window of ± 40% from the measured default reading of the calibration standard. The minimum allowable calibration point is 10% of the full scale reading of the measuring range selected.

For best results, select a standard conductivity solution close to the sample value you are measuring.

4.2 Calibration

The monitor requires one-point calibration. Conductivity calibration is always carried out in the specific measuring range selected for the monitor. Make sure, the monitor is set to desired measuring range before you enter calibration mode (Refer Section 5.4 for selecting measuring ranges).

Select a suitable standard conductivity solution so that its conductivity value is within 10% to 100% of the full scale of the selected measuring range of the monitor. (For better accuracy, select the calibration standard to be nearly 50% of the full scale of the measuring range selected.) Prepare calibration standard solution in two beakers – one for rinsing and the other for calibration. Prepare separate de-ionized water for electrode rinsing.

All new calibration values will automatically override existing calibration data. If you wish to abort the calibration, press ▲ and ▼ keys simultaneously and the monitor reverts to measurement mode and the monitor will revert to previous calibration data.
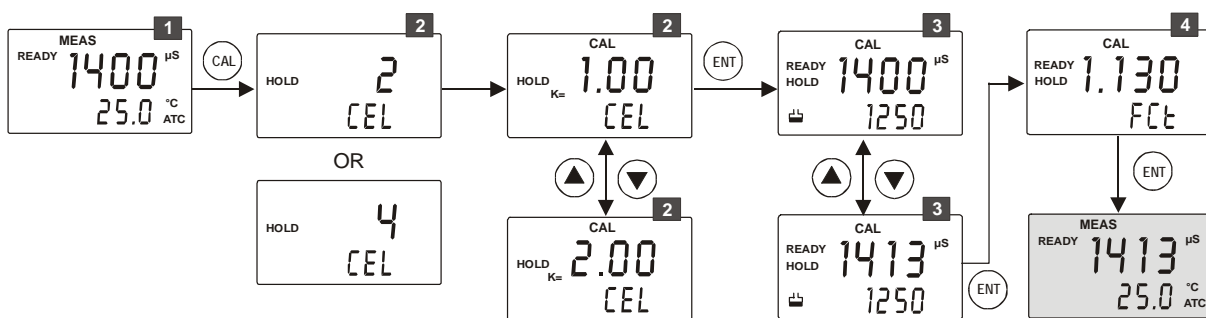
1 From measurement mode **press CAL key** to enter calibration mode.

2 The display briefly shows the cell type ("2 CELL" or "4 CELL") to which the monitor is configured (Refer section 5.5 for cell type settings)

Next, the last configured **cell constant (k)** is displayed in the upper display. Use ▲ **or ▼ keys** to adjust the cell constant to mach the cell constant of the conductivity probe. Adjustable range is 0.10 to 10.0. **Press ENT key** to confirm the new cell constant value.

Rinse the electrode in de-ionized water and then rinse with the calibration standard. Immerse the probe in calibration standard solution intended for calibration and swirl gently to create a homogenous sample. Make sure there are no any air-bubbles trapped in the sensor.

3 The upper display shows the currently measured conductivity value of the solution based on last calibration (if any). The lower display shows uncalibrated (default) reading of the solution. The buffer annunciator appears in LCD. The '**READY**' annunciator appears when the reading is stable.

Once the reading stabilizes **press the ▲ or ▼ key** to adjust the upper display value to that of the standard solution. **Press the ENT key** to accept the value.

NOTES:
- The acceptable calibration window is ±40% of the displayed (default) value. For example, if the display is 1000 µS, the values to which it can be adjusted is 600 to 1400 µS.

- If the conductivity reading of the solution is not within 10% to 100% of the full scale of the selected measuring range, calibration error occurs; LCD displays "ERR" and flash electrode annunciator.

- If the conductivity reading of the solution is beyond the selected measuring range, calibration error occurs; LCD displays "Or" (over range), "ERR" and flashes electrode annunciator.

- If calibration error occurs, exit form calibration mode by pressing ▲ and ▼ keys simultaneously.

4 Calibration is completed. The display shows the calibration factor (FCt). This serves as an indication of the effectiveness of the sensor which will degrade with time and usage. An effective sensor should have a calibration factor of 0.60 to 1.40

Press ENT key to return to measurement mode.

NOTES:
- If you use a 2-cell conductivity sensor, make sure that the pin 1 and 2 are shorted and pin 3 and 4 are shorted on the J10 connector. (Refer section 2.3.3 for more details)

- When calibrating with manual temperature compensation, the monitor automatically changes from the preset process temperature to the calibration temperature. After leaving the Calibration mode, the monitor switches back to the process temperature (for setting the calibration temperature and the process temperature, see section 5.3)

WARNING: If you change the measuring range of the monitor after calibration is done, the monitor will reset back to its factory default calibration.

5. Setup Mode

5.1 Enter Setup mode

The setup mode allows you to customize the settings of the conductivity monitor to suite your requirements. While in measurement mode, **press the ENT key** to access setup mode. LCD shows '**SETUP**' mode indicator and the first page of setup (**rAng** – Range settings). **Press ▲ or ▼ key** to access other pages of the setup mode.
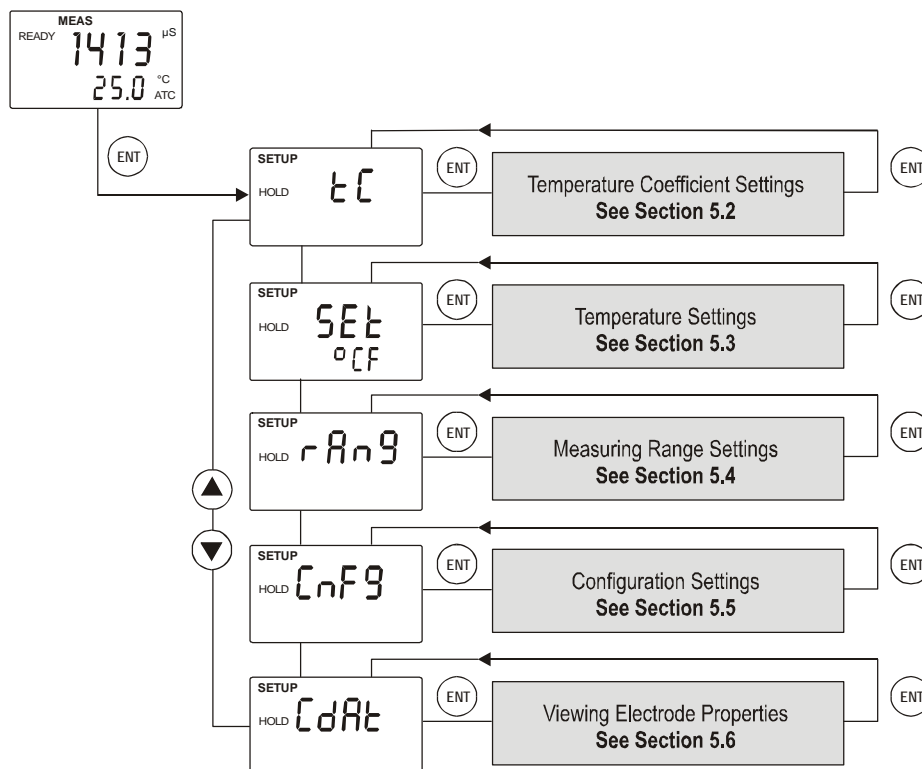

NOTES:

- To exit setup mode at any time **press ▲ and ▼ keys simultaneously** (escape). The monitor returns to the measurement mode

- If you do not press any key for 2.5 minutes, the monitor automatically exists from the setup mode.

5.2 Temperature Coefficient Settings

Setting the temperature coefficient to match your process/calibration liquids allows monitor to achieve conductivity readings with higher accuracy.
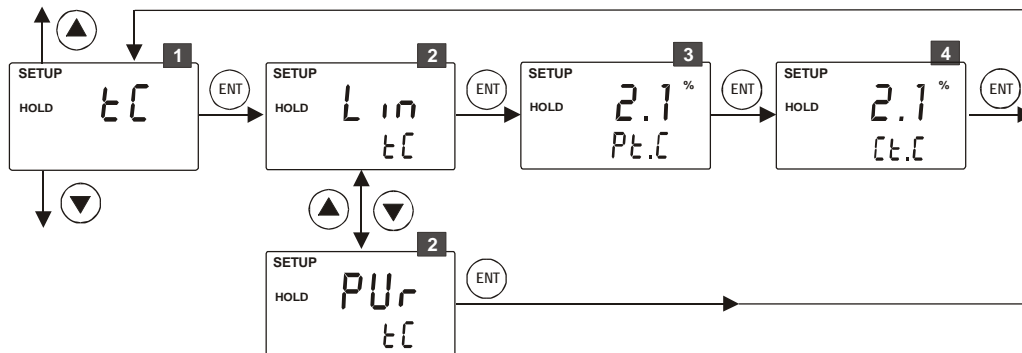
1 From measurement mode **press ENT key** to enter setup mode as described in section 5.1. The LCD shows the first screen of setup mode (**rAng**). **Press ▲ or ▼ key** to select temperature coefficient settings screen (**tC**).

Press ENT key to access temperature coefficient settings (**tC**).

2 **Select type of temperature coefficient**: The upper display shows the last configured temperature coefficient type (**Lin** or **PUr**). **Press ▲ or ▼ key** to select the desired type based on type of your process liquid.

> **PUr :** **Pure water temperature coefficient:** Select this if your process liquid is pure water or ultra pure water.
>
> **Lin :** **Linear temperature coefficient:** Select this for all other process liquids

Press ENT key to confirm your selection.

If PUr was selected:

> The monitor reverts back to **tC** screen

If Lin was selected:

3 **Select temperature coefficient for process liquid**: The lower display shows '**P.tC**'. The upper display shows last configured temperature coefficient for process liquid (if any). The default value is 2.1%. **Press ▲ or ▼ key** to select the desired value. Allowable range: 0 to 10%.

Press ENT key to confirm your value.

4 **Select temperature coefficient for calibration liquid**: The lower display shows '**C.tC**'. The upper display shows last configured temperature coefficient for calibration liquid (if any). The default value is 2.1%. **Press ▲ or ▼ key** to select the desired value. Allowable range: 0 to 10%. **Press ENT key** to confirm your value. The monitor reverts to **tC** screen.

Press ▲ or ▼ key to access other setup screens or **press ▲ and ▼ key simultaneously** (escape) to return to measurement mode.
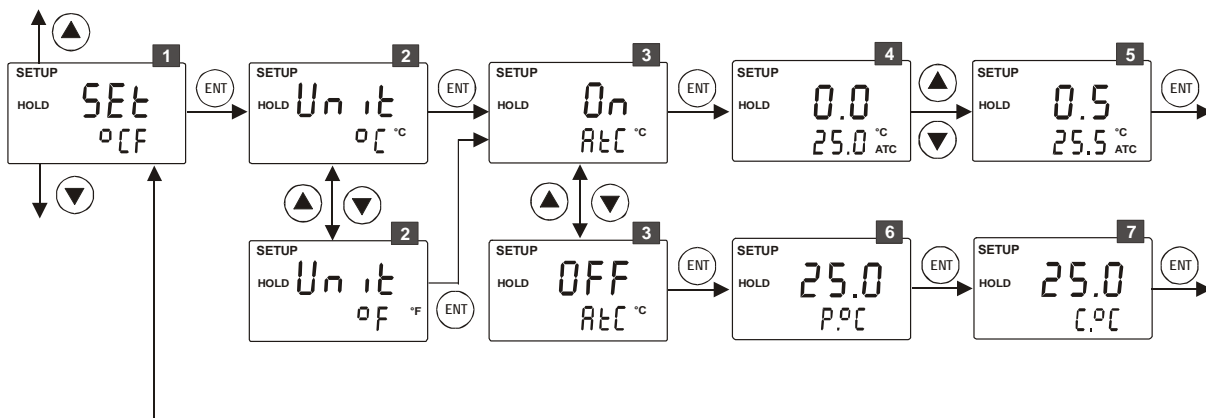
5.3 Temperature Settings

Automatic Temperature Compensation (ATC):

The conductivity value of a sample is affected by temperature. Use ATC feature of the monitor to compensate for conductivity changes when the temperature of the sample or process liquid fluctuates. Connect a separate temperature probe (Pt100/pt1000) to the monitor if an integrated conductivity/Temperature probe is not available.

Manual Temperature Compensation (MTC):

Set the monitor to MTC (disable ATC) when the temperature of sample or process liquid is constant and a temperature probe is not available. If you disable ATC, the monitor allows you to set your **process temperature** (**P.ºC)** and **calibration temperature** (**C.ºC**). This allows calibration at a different temperature other than the process temperature. Example: Setting calibration temperature of 25°C lets you calibrate using standard solutions at 25°C, even if your process temperature is different from 25°C.

1   From measurement mode **press ENT key** to enter setup mode as described in section 5.1. The LCD shows the first screen of setup mode (**rAng**). **Press ▲ or ▼ key** to select Temperature settings screen **(SET ºCF).**

Press ENT key to access temperature settings (**SET ºCF**).

2   **Selecting unit of measurement for temperature:** The upper display shows '**Unit**' and the lower display shows the last configured unit of measurement for temperature.

Press **▲ or ▼ key** to select the desired units for temperature (**ºC or ºF)**. **Press ENT key** to confirm your selection.

3   **Enable/disable ATC:** The lower display shows '**AtC**' and the upper display shows the last configured ATC selection ('**On**' or '**OFF**').

Press **▲ or ▼ key** to enable (**ATC On**) or disable (**ATC OFF**) automatic temperature compensation. **Press ENT key** to confirm your selection.

If ATC enabled (ATC On):

4 **Selecting temperature offset:** The upper display shows the last configured temperature offset value (if any), otherwise the default is zero. The lower display shows currently measured temperature reading (including last configured offset value). LCD shows '**ATC**' annunciator in lower-right corner.

Place a thermometer, which is known to be accurate, in your sample or process liquid. Make sure your temperature probe is placed in the same liquid. Compare the stabilized temperature reading displayed on the monitor with the thermometer. If there is a difference between the two readings (offset), you can adjust the reading of the monitor. **Press ▲ or ▼ key** to adjust the lower display to the correct temperature value.

5 As the lower display value changes, the monitor adjust the upper display reading automatically to suit the new offset value. Up to ± 10 ºC/ ± 18 ºF offset is allowed.

Press ENT key to confirm the value. The monitor reverts to **SET ºCF** screen.

If ATC disabled (ATC OFF):

6 **Setting process temperature**: The lower display shows '**P.ºC**' and the upper display shows the last configured process temperature. **Press ▲ or ▼ key** to adjust the upper display to desired process temperature. Allowable range: −10.0 to 125.0°C / 14.0 to 257.0°F.

Press ENT key to confirm the process temperature.

7 **Setting calibration temperature**: The lower display shows '**C.ºC**' and the upper display shows the last configured calibration temperature. **Press ▲ or ▼ key** to adjust the upper display to desired calibration temperature. Allowable range: −10.0 to 125.0°C / 14.0 to 257.0°F.

Press ENT key to confirm the calibration temperature. The monitor reverts to **SET ºCF** screen.

Press ▲ or ▼ key to access other setup screens or **press ▲ and ▼ key simultaneously** (escape) to return to measurement mode.

To exit from any intermediate steps, **press ▲ and ▼ keys simultaneously** (escape). The monitor returns to the first screen of temperature settings **SET ºCF.**

5.4 Measuring Range Settings

The conductivity monitor has 5 different measuring ranges. You need to select a range which is the most suitable for conductivity reading of your applications/samples. The factory default is 2000 µS (0 to 2000 µS/cm).

The measuring range you select here will affect the way the monitor behaves in the measurement mode and calibration mode. In measurement mode, if the conductivity reading of the monitor is above the selected measuring range, the LCD shows "Or" (over range) error. In calibration mode, the monitor adjusts calibration tolerance based on full scale of the selected measuring range. The calibration is carried out only for the selected measuring range.

WARNING: If you change the measuring range of the monitor after calibration is done, the monitor will reset back to its factory default calibration.

1 From measurement mode **press ENT key** to enter setup mode as described in section 5.1. The LCD shows the first screen of setup mode (**rAng**). **Press ENT key** to access measurement range setting (rAng).

2 The upper display shows the currently selected measuring range. The factory default is 2000 µS. The lower display shows the currently configured cell constant (k). (Refer section 4.2 for setting cell constant)

Press ▲ or ▼ key to select the desired measuring range. **Press ENT key** to confirm your selection.

The monitor reverts to **rAng** screen.
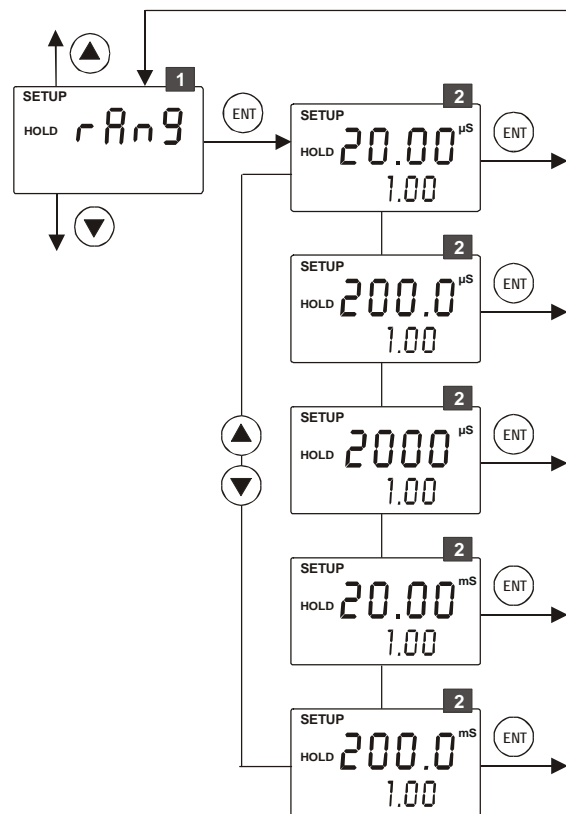
Measuring range	Resolution
0.00 to 20.00 µS/cm	0.01 µS/cm
0.0 to 200.0 µS/cm	0.1 µS/cm
0 to 2000 µS/cm	1 µS/cm
0.00 to 20.00 mS/cm	0.01 mS/cm
0.0 to 200.0 mS/cm	0.1 mS/cm

Press ▲ or ▼ key to access other setup screens or **press ▲ and ▼ key simultaneously** (escape) to return to measurement mode.

5.5 Configuration Settings

Configuration settings let you select between 2-cell & 4-cell and reset the monitor to factory defaults.
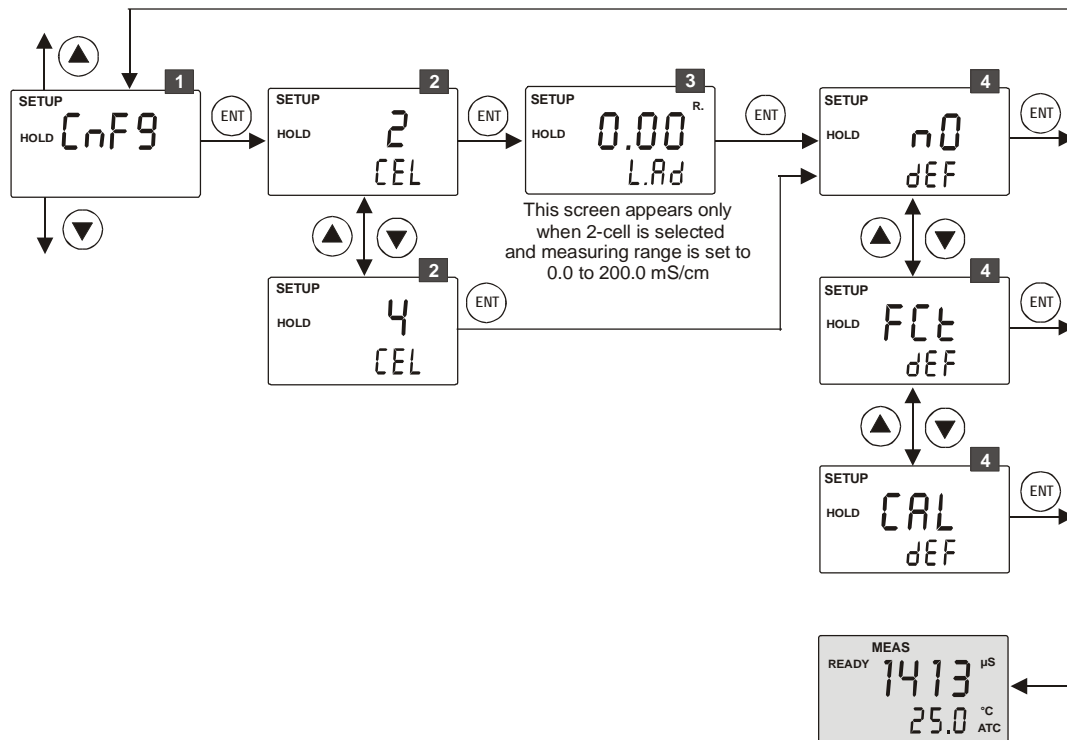
1 From measurement mode **press ENT key** to enter setup mode as described in section 5.1. The LCD shows the first screen of setup mode (**rAng**). **Press ▲ or ▼ key** to select configuration settings screen (**Cnfg**).

Press ENT key to access configuration settings (**Cnfg**).

2 **Select cell type of the sensor:** The lower display shows '**CEL**'. The upper display shows the last configured cell type ('**2**' or '**4**').

Press ▲ or ▼ key to select the cell type of your conductivity probe.

Press ENT key to confirm your selection.

NOTE: If you use a 2-cell conductivity sensor, make sure that the pin 1 and 2 are shorted and pin 3 and 4 are shorted on the J10 connector. (Refer section 2.3.3 for more details)

3 **Setting line resistance:** The lower display shows '**L.Ad**' and the upper display shows the last configured line resistance; otherwise the default is 0.00 R.

NOTE: Line resistance of sensor cable constitutes to an error in measurement of high conductivity values. The monitor will compensate this error if you specify line resistance value in this setting. The setting is available only if the cell type is set to 2-cell (step 3 above) and the

measuring range is selected to '0.0 to 200.0 mS/cm'.

Press ▲ or ▼ key to set the line resistance of the sensor cable connected to the monitor.

Press ENT key to confirm your selection.

4 **Reset to factory defaults:** The display shows '**nO dEF**'.

Press ▲ or ▼ key to select:

nO dEF :	Not default reset of the monitor. User configured values remain active, when confirmed by pressing ENT key.
FCt dEF:	Reset all settings of the monitor to factory defaults, when confirmed by pressing ENT key.
CAL dEF:	Reset all calibration settings of the monitor to factory defaults, when confirmed by pressing ENT key.

NOTE: Refer section 6 for factory/calibration default settings

Press ENT key to confirm your selection.

 - If '**nO dEF**' was selected, the monitor reverts to **Cnfg** screen.

   Press ▲ or ▼ key to access other setup screens or **press ▲ and ▼ key simultaneously** (escape) to return to measurement mode.

 - If '**FCt dEF**' or '**CAL dEF**' was selected, the monitor performs the selected reset and returns to measurement mode.

Press ▲ or ▼ key to access other setup screens or **press ▲ and ▼ key simultaneously** (escape) to return to measurement mode.

To exit from any intermediate steps, **press ▲ and ▼ keys simultaneously** (escape). The monitor returns to the first screen configuration settings (**Cnfg**).

5.6 Viewing Electrode Properties

Each time you calibrate the conductivity sensor, the monitor re-calculates the calibration factor of the sensor and shown in the LCD at the end of calibration. The setup mode allows you to view the last saved calibration factor and cell constant at any time.
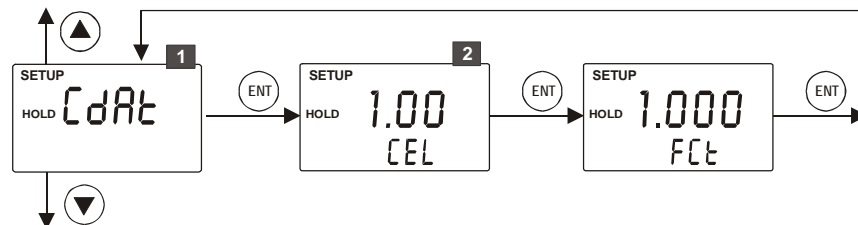
1 From measurement mode **press ENT key** to enter setup mode as described in section 5.1. The LCD shows the first screen of setup mode (**rAng**). **Press ▲ or ▼ key** to select viewing electrode properties screen (**CdAt**).

   Press ENT key to view electrode properties (**CdAt**).

2 **Cell constant:** The lower display shows '**CEL**' and the upper display shows the last configured cell constant.

   Press ENT key.

3 **Calibration factor:** The lower display shows 'FCt' and the upper display shows the calibration factor based on the last conductivity calibration.

   NOTE: The upper display shows '**- - -** ' if the monitor has not been calibrated yet or the monitor has been reset to factory defaults.

   Press ENT key to quit from electrode properties screen. The monitor reverts to **CdAt** screen.

Press ▲ or ▼ key to access other setup screens or **press ▲ and ▼ key simultaneously** (escape) to return to measurement mode.

6. Technical Specifications

General Specification

Conductivity

Measuring Range:	Resolution:
0.00 - 20.00 µS/cm	0.01 µS/cm
0.0 - 200.0 µS/cm	0.1 µS/cm
0- 2000 µS/cm	1 µS/cm
0.00 - 20.00 mS/cm	0.01 mS/cm
0.0 - 200.0 mS/cm	0.1 mS/cm
Relative accuracy	± 1% of full scale reading
System accuracy	The effective measuring range and the total system accuracy depend on the sensor used with the monitor. Please refer respective sensor documentation.

Temperature

Measuring range	-10.0 to +125.0 °C +14.0 to +257.0 °F
Resolution	0.1 °C 0.1 °F
Relative accuracy	±0.5 °C ±1.0 °F
Sensor	2 wire / 3 wire - Pt100 or Pt1000 (Jumper Selectable)
Compensation	Automatic or Manual (reference at 25°C)

Calibration

Conductivity

Number of calibration points	1 point
Calibration window	±40% of default reading
Calibration standard solution window	10% to 100% of the selected measuring range

Temperature

Offset Adjustment	± 10 ˚C/ ± 18 ˚F

Display

LCD	7 segments display with symbols for status information

Electrical Data and Connections

Conductivity Input	Screw Terminal (3.5mm pitch)
Connection terminal	8-pin & 2-pin terminal blocks, DC power connector (1.2mm diameter)

EMC Specifications

Emission	EN 61 36
Susceptibility	EN 61326

Other

Power Input	Universal +9 V DC Adaptor and 24V DC Supply
Dimensions (W x H x D)	96mm x 96mm x 66 mm
Weight (Estimated)	210g
Ambient Temp. operating range	0 to 40 °C
Maximum Relative Humidity	80% up to 31 °C decreasing linearly to 50% at 40°C

Calibration Default Settings (CAL dEF)

Conductivity	
Calibration factor	Reset to 1.000

Factory Default Settings (FCt dEF)

Conductivity	
Calibration factor	Reset to 1.000
Cell constant	1.00
Cell type	2-cell
Measuring range	0 to 2000 µS/cm
Line resistance	0.000 Ω
Temperature	
Unit of measurement	^oC
Temperature compensation	ATC On
Temperature coefficient	2.1% (Both process & calibration temp. coefficients)
Temperature coefficient type	Linear
MTC (ATC Off)	25 ^oC (Both process & calibration temperature)

7. List of Accessories

Monitor Replacement and Accessories

Item Description	Order Code
Alpha CON 550 Monitor	EC-PHCP0550
Conductivity cell, Epoxy body, Graphite sensor, w/3-wire Pt100, k = 0.1	EC-CONSEN89X
Conductivity cell, Epoxy body, Graphite sensor, w/3-wire Pt100, k = 1.0	EC-CONSEN88X
Conductivity 2 Cell type probe, 0.1 - 200μS; Cell constant, K=0.1 with integrated Pt 100, Material SS316 and 25ft cable (open-ended)	EC-CS10-0-1S
Conductivity 2 Cell type probe, up to 200 mS; Cell constant, K=1.0 with integrated Pt 100, Material SS316 and 25ft cable (open-ended)	EC-CS10-1-0S

NOTE: Please contact your authorised distributor or dealer for the prices of extension measuring cables and other accessories such as tee joints, electrode assembly, and calibration solutions.

8. Troubleshooting

Problem	Cause	Solution
Power on, but no display	a) Loose connections b) Incorrect output voltage of the power adaptor c) Cables not in correct polarity (+ and – position)	a) Ensure cables make good contact b) Use an power adaptor with specified output voltage c) Re-wire loop cables with correct polarity
Unstable conductivity reading	a) Air bubbles in the probe b) Dirty probe c) Probe not deep enough in sample	a) Tap probe to remove air bubbles b) Clean probe and recalibrate c) Ensure that the sample entirely covers the sensor of the probe
Oscillating temperature readings	a) Electrical noise interference	a) Ensure shield wire is properly connected to pin 7
Slow response	a) Dirty / Oily probe	a) Clean probe
Blinking ATC	a) No temperature probe connection during ATC mode	a) Ensure temperature sensing cable makes good contact
Blinking electrode annunciator	a) Error in calibration b) Conductivity value of the calibration standard is not within acceptable range	a) Ensure calibration standard solution is not contaminated. Ensure electrode is clean b) Ensure calibration standard is within 10 to 100% of full-scale of the selected measuring range
Or (Conductivity)	a) Conductivity reading is above the selected measuring range	a) Ensure correct conductivity measurement range is selected
Or/Ur (Temperature)	a) Temperature probe is not connected when ATC enabled b) Temperature value exceeds above/ below the specified range	a) Ensure electrode makes good contact with monitor b) Ensure temperature calibration is done properly. Ensure process temperature is within the specified range

9. General Information

9.1 Warranty

Eutech Instruments warrants this product to be free from significant deviations in material and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of purchase. If repair is necessary and not the result of abuse or misuse within the warranty period, please return by freight pre-paid and amendment will be made without any charge. Eutech Instrument Customer Service Dept. will determine if the product problem is due to deviations or customer abuse. Out-of-warranty products will be repaired on an exchange basis at cost.

Exclusions

The warranty on your instrument shall not apply to defects resulting from:

- Improper or inadequate maintenance by customer
- Unauthorized modification or misuse
- Operation outside of the environment specifications of the products

9.2 Return of Goods

Before returning goods for any reason whatsoever, the Customer Service Dept. has to be informed in advance. Items must be carefully packed to prevent damage during shipment, and insured against possible damage or loss. Eutech Instruments will not be responsible for any damage resulting from careless or insufficient packing.

Warning: Shipping damage as a result of inadequate packaging is the user's/distributor's responsibility. Please follow the guidelines below before shipment.

9.3 Guidelines for Returning Unit for Repair

Use the original packaging material if possible when shipping the unit for repair. Otherwise wrap it with bubble pack and use a corrugated box for additional protection. Include a brief description of any faults suspected for the convenience of Customer Service Dept., if possible.

10. Appendices

10.1 Appendix 2
Conductivity of various aqueous solutions

At Temperature 25 ºC /77 ºF

Solution	Conductivity	Resistivity
Ultra-pure Water	0.055 µS/cm	18.18 MΩ-cm
Power Plant Boiler Water	0.05 - 1 µS/cm	1 - 18 MΩ-cm
Distilled Water	0.5 µS/cm	2 MΩ-cm
De-ionized Water	0.1 - 10 µS/cm	0.1 - 10 MΩ-cm
De-mineralized Water	1 - 80 µS/cm	0.01 - 1 MΩ-cm
Mountain Water	10 µS/cm	0.1 MΩ-cm
Drinking Water	0.5 - 1 mS/cm	1 - 2 kΩ-cm
Waste-water	0.9 - 9 mS/cm	0.1 - 1 kΩ-cm
Potable Water Maximum	1.5 mS/cm	0.7 kΩ-cm
Brackish Water	1 - 80 mS/cm	0.01 - 1 kΩ-cm
Industrial Process Water	7 - 140 mS/cm	Rarely stated
Ocean Water	53 mS/cm	Rarely stated

10.2 Appendix 4 - Abbreviations Used in LCD

Abbreviation	Description
AtC	Automatic Temperature Compensation
CAL	Calibration mode
C.ºC	Calibration temperature
CdAt	Electrode properties
CEL	Cell
CnFg	Configuration
C.tC	Temperature coefficient for calibration liquid
dEF	Default values
FCt	Factory (defaults)
HOLD	Relay functions are hold
K	Cell constant
L.Ad	Linear resistance
Lin	Linear
MEAS	Measurement mode
Or	Reading is over range
P.ºC	Process temperature
P.tC	Temperature coefficient for process liquid
PUr	Pure water
rAng	Range
Set	Setting
SETUP	Setup mode
tC	Temperature Coefficient
tyP	Type
Ur	Reading is under range

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