

PhyMetrix Portable Moisture Analyzer

Brief Instructions for Model: PPMa

USB, external Power, 4/20mA
IP67 connector.

Actual Display with the backlight
turned off; in the Graph mode.

Metal Dome snap membrane
switches.

Exhaust Pigtail

Gas Inlet

Sensor Knob, in the **IN** position
(Sensor is in desiccant).



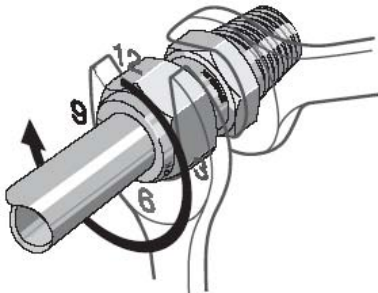
PhyMetrix Portable Moisture Analyzer
Brief Instructions - Performing a Measurement

Background Information:

- A. In order to provide rapid moisture measurement in dry gases the analyzer is equipped with dry storage for the sensor. When the sensor knob is pushed-in the sensor is in dry store, it should be left there while not in use. When the sensor knob is pulled out (it moves out about $\frac{3}{4}$ " or 19mm) the sensor is in the sampling chamber. While following these instructions leave the sensor in dry store until the gas is hooked up and has flowed through for a few minutes.
- B. The analyzer has two gas ports, the upper port (closer to the display) should be used for the gas outlet (exhaust). The lower port (closer to the sensor knob) should be used for the gas inlet.
- C. It is assumed that the user is familiar with process analyzers, but it is important to emphasize that measuring low moisture content in a gas requires extreme care and absolutely leak free hookup. When possible use stainless steel tubing, if stainless steel is not possible then at least Teflon tubing should be used. Never use copper, brass, silicone, tygon, nylon or other plastic or rubber tubing as they are permeable to water molecules, and will cause erroneous measurements.
- D. The analyzer gas ports are SAE/MS straight thread 5/16-24 ports. The analyzer is supplied with two Swagelok O-Seal SAE/MS to 1/8" tube adapters which allow the user to attach 1/8" tubing to the inlet and outlet ports. These adapters have Viton O-rings, if removed care should be taken to assure that they are not damaged. Do not use these adapters with Teflon tape or sealing compounds.
- E. When measuring moisture content below 10 PPMv (-60°C) it is advisable to place the provided pigtail on the outlet port, to prevent moisture from the ambient to backflow into the sample chamber.

Connecting the Analyzer to the sample to be measured:



1. Hookup the gas to be measured to the analyzer inlet port adapter with 1/8" tubing.

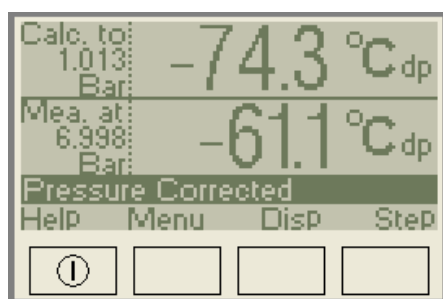


Rotate the nut finger-tight, then while holding the fitting body steady with a $\frac{9}{16}$ " wrench, tighten the nut three-quarters turn with a $\frac{7}{16}$ " wrench - (e.g. from the 12 o'clock position to the 9 o'clock position). Make sure that the analyzer case/enclosure is not stressed while loosening or tightening the fittings. Always use two wrenches.

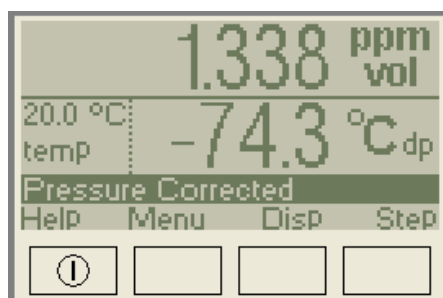
2. Adjust the gas from its source such that there is 1 LPM or more of flow through the analyzer. If you need to hookup a flow meter, do so at the exhaust of the analyzer as not to corrupt the reading.
3. Measurements should preferably be made at or near atmospheric pressure (no back pressure), but if necessary the analyzer can measure with up to 150 PSI (10.3 Bar) pressure in the sample chamber. The analyzer is optionally equipped with a pressure sensor and displays the measured pressure; it can also compensate for the pressure and provide readings of the moisture content at a different pressure.
4. While the sensor is in dry storage, allow the gas to flow through the analyzer for a few minutes in order to dry out the tubing and the analyzer sample chamber.
5. Turn ON the analyzer (refer to *Brief Instructions User Interface*). The display will show the moisture content in the dry store.
6. Pull out the sensor knob (about $\frac{3}{4}$ " or 19mm). The display will now show the moisture content of the gas in the sample chamber. Step to the Graph Display Mode, and observe the trend graph shown in the middle of the screen.
7. When the trend is stable, record your measurement.
8. When the measuring is completed, push the sensor knob back to dry store.
9. The sensor should not be left in mid position between the dry store and measuring position, as this will cause the desiccant in the storage chamber to adsorb moisture from the ambient through the opening left in this position. Always push the knob fully in or pull fully out. There is no need for excessive force, the sensor knob should move about $\frac{3}{4}$ " (19mm).

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Brief Instructions - User Interface

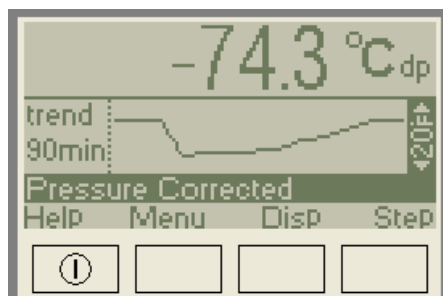
1. **TURNING ON** - To turn ON the analyzer, press the left button (marked ) and hold for approximately one second until the display comes on.
2. **TURNING OFF** - When the analyzer is powered ON – if the left button (marked ) is held pressed for 4 seconds or more the shutdown screen will appear and when the button is released the analyzer will power OFF. When running on battery power, the analyzer will auto-shutoff if the user buttons are not pressed for:
 - 2 minutes when the sensor is in Dry Store (in desiccant) or
 - 5 minutes when the sensor is in the measurement position.
 The settings for 2 and 5 minute auto-shutoff are factory defaults that may be disabled or modified by the user. When operating from the external power source (USB connection to PC) the analyzer will not auto-shutoff.
3. **BUTTONS** - When powered ON, the analyzer screen shows a legend above each of the four buttons, these legends depict the current function of each button, and serve as a guide to utilizing the analyzer. The left most button is almost always allocated to “Help”, and it always serves as the power OFF button if held depressed for more than 4 seconds.
4. **DISPLAY MODES** - Once powered, the analyzer will enter one of three display modes (whichever was last used) that show the measurements performed by the analyzer. Pressing the “Disp” button will change the display mode.



a. Display Mode - *Pressure corrected* and at pressure measurements, as well as the gas pressure in the sampling chamber. The pressure correction selection in this display mode will be also utilized in the other two display modes. If pressure correction is enabled, then the status bar will provide an indication in all three display modes, so that the user is made aware that the displayed measurement is pressure corrected. *In the example shown, the pressure in the sample chamber is 6.998 Bar (101.5 PSI) as measured by the analyzer pressure sensor. The pressure dewpoint is measured to be -61.1°C and the user has requested to know the dewpoint at atmospheric pressure (1.013 Bar) which the analyzer calculated to be -74.3°Cdp.*



b. Display Mode - *Dual Dewpoint Units and Temperature* of gas under measurement. Note the status bar indicates that the measurements are pressure corrected, as requested these are computed what they would be at atmospheric pressure. The sample temperature is 20°C.



c. Display Mode - *Single Dewpoint Units and Graph* of the measured dewpoint in the last 90 minutes, with a span of 20°Fdp. This is also pressure corrected. The graph span will automatically resize to accommodate the minimum and maximum measurements in the last 90 minutes.

Pressure Correction can be disabled in the “Display Mode – Pressure corrected” by using the “Step” button to highlight the “Calc. to” units and using the ▲ and ▼ buttons until the upper display shows “Pressure Correct disabled”.

5. **UNITS** – The moisture content of the gas being measured can be displayed in a variety of units °C & °F dewpoint, ppmV, ppmW, $\mu\text{B H}_2\text{O}$ vapor pressure, grams of $\text{H}_2\text{O} / \text{m}^3$, and Lbs $\text{H}_2\text{O} / 10^6$ standard cubic feet in Natural Gas. Use the “Step” button (right most) to highlight the units of the measurement and use the ▲ and ▼ buttons to change the units to the desired values. If the instrument is unlocked then the unit changes will be permanent even if the analyzer is powered OFF. If the instrument is locked then the change will last for 5 seconds so the newly selected units can be viewed but the analyzer will reset the selection to the original units. The status bar will indicate “Locked – change is temporary” and will produce beeping sounds.
6. **LOCKING** – The analyzers are shipped in the Locked mode from the factory, if desired they can be unlocked via the system menu. Press the “Menu” button, then press the “Step” button a few times until the highlight bar is over the “Un-Lock” menu selection, and then press the “Goto” button. If the analyzer is locked then the right most button will be labeled “Unlock”. If the analyzer is unlocked then the right most button will be labeled “Lock”. Use this button to change the state of the analyzer. There are also “OK” and “Cancel” buttons for completing the locking / unlocking function. The analyzer may be left in the unlocked mode thus allowing easy permanent changes of its setup. However if the analyzer is made available to many users with a mix of training on its use; then it may be desirable to leave it locked.
7. **MENUS** – There are 3 menu screens providing various functions for operating the analyzer. To access MENU-1 press the “Menu” button when in any display mode. Then using the “Step” button move the highlight bar over the desired function. Pressing the “Goto” button chooses the highlighted function. To access MENU-2 and MENU-3 press the “Goto” button when the highlight bar is on the “More...” selection. Pressing the “Back” button returns to the previous menu or to the display mode.
Read the full user’s manual for details on the functions provided in the menus. Much of it may be learned using the PC emulation program available for training.
8. **BATTERY** – The analyzer uses a rechargeable Li-Ion battery. If the status bar displays a Low Battery message, the battery should be recharged which can be done by plugging the analyzer into any computer’s USB port or using the provided wall transformer.

Technical Specifications

Temperature Range	Enclosure: -40°C to +60°C Moisture Sensor: -20°C to +60°C	Electronics: -40°C to +85°C Pressure Sensor: -20°C to +85°C	LCD operating: -20°C to +70°C storage: -30°C to +80°C
Moisture Sensor	Range -110°C to +20°C Accuracy: $\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ temperature corrected Sample flow: >1 LPM	Repeatability: 0.8°C	Response time: 95% of step change in 3 min.
Temperature Sensors	-40°C to +70°C $\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$		
Pressure Sensor	0 to 300 PSIA $\pm 1\%$, 316L stainless steel wetted parts		
Ergonomics	Comfortable to hold in hand, soft contoured body design, lightweight less than 2 Lbs Easy to read graphic LCD display with user controlled backlight brightness Snap dome tactile membrane switches with dynamically assigned legends Audible feedback on button press as well as for warnings and alarms Hook and magnet for easy temporary field securing / mounting Auto scaling graph histogram on moisture measurement display for stability verification Easy to use with verbose built-in context sensitive Help screens Battery Saver, with user selectable Auto-power-down times, can also be disabled Built-in pressure measurement and pressure corrected moisture readings simultaneously available with the uncorrected reading for greater ease of understanding Verbose Status bar with indications, warnings and audible errors User selectable locking with or without a password. Built-in clock calendar		
Electrical	External AC Universal Power adapter supplied (100-240VAC 50-60Hz) Rechargeable Li-Ion battery, recharges from the USB connection or from a universal power adapter Sampling system and sensor are isolated form electrical interface and supply grounds Measurement resolution of moisture sensor: 1pF resulting in less than 0.01°C External power and I/O: USB mini B connector - IP67 / IP68		
Mechanical	Enclosure Impact resistant (>7 Nm to EN 50014) Polyamide 12, IP65/EN 60529 ATEX hazardous area use (Ex II 2 G) approved (PTB 02 ATEX 1076U), Flammability: UL 94 HB Abrasion resistant Polycarbonate display lens Dimensions- L: 7.36" (187mm) W: 4.17" (106mm) H: 1.97" (50mm) Weight Total 1.75 Lbs 1/8" Swagelok® Inlet and Outlet fitting adapters for the SAE/MS 5/16-24 ports. All 316 Stainless Steel and PTFE wetted parts, small surface area stainless steel sampling chamber for fast response time. Integral Sensor retraction into desiccant storage chamber for fast response-time when measuring low moisture content.		
Miscellaneous Features	NIST traceable calibrations Units of measure: °C & °F dewpoint, ppmV, ppmW, $\mu\text{B H}_2\text{O}$ vapor pressure, grams of $\text{H}_2\text{O} / \text{m}^3$ and Lbs $\text{H}_2\text{O} / 10^6$ standard cubic feet in Natural Gas. Digital & Analog I/O: USB, 4/20mA Data logging – single point, multipoint, time stamping etc... Virtual Analyzer PC software for training, allows the user to experience the exact interface on their own PC with voice help explanations		