



Operating Manual

Material moisture meter for non-destructive measurements Application: camper, caravan and boat

as of version 1.3

GMK 210



- Please carefully read these instructions before use!
- Please consider the safety instructions!
- Please keep for future reference!





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1 General Note

Read this document carefully and get used to the operation of the device before you use it. Keep this document within easy reach near the device for consulting in case of doubt.

2 Safety

2.1 Intended Use

The device is designed for measurements of moisture (%u) and water content (%w) of materials with flat surface and a thickness of at least 10mm.

In addition, it is possible to find moist spots very quickly and comfortably by means of the "detector mode", the display value here is relative [digit].

The measurement takes place at an insulated measuring spot at the rear side of the device.

The GMK 210 is particularly suited for moisture measurements in the following materials:

- wood
- GRP

The GMK 210 is especially designed to meet the needs of moisture ratings of boats, camper vans and caravans.

For use at construction site we recommend the GMK 100 (wood, floor screed and plaster characteristics, CM-humidity)

The device must be used only according to its intended purpose and under suitable conditions.

Personnel which starts up, operates and maintains the device has to have sufficient knowledge of the measuring procedure and the meaning of the resulting measured values, this manual delivers a valuable help for this. The instructions of the manual have to be understood, regarded and followed.

To be sure that there's no risk arising due to misinterpretation of measured values, the operator must have further knowledge in case of doubt - the user is liable for any harm/damage resulting from misinterpretation due to insufficient knowledge.

The manufacturer will assume no liability or warranty in case of usage for other purpose than the intended one, ignoring this manual, operating by unqualified staff as well as unauthorized modifications to the device.

Use the device carefully and according to its technical data (do not throw it, strike it, ...) Protect the device from dirt.

2.2 Safety signs and symbols

Warnings are labeled in this document with the followings signs:



Caution! This symbol warns of imminent danger, death, serious injuries and significant damage to property at non-observance.



Attention! This symbol warns of possible dangers or dangerous situations which can provoke damage to the device or environment at non-observance.



Note! This symbol point out processes which can indirectly influence operation, possibly cause incorrect measurement or provoke unforeseen reactions at non-observance.

2.3 Reasonably foreseeable misuse



- This device must not be used at potentially explosive areas!
- The device must not be used at a patient for diagnosis or any other medical purpose!
- Do not use these products as safety or emergency stop devices or in any other application where failure of the product could result in personal injury or material damage.

Any failure to comply with these instructions could result in death, serious injury and material damage.

The measuring principle implies, that both water and metal are influencing the display value. Eventually existing metal structures may have negative effect to the measuring, please consider the Measurement Basics (please refer to chapter 5).

2.4 Safety guidelines

This device has been designed and tested in accordance with the safety regulations for electronic devices. However, its trouble-free operation and reliability cannot be guaranteed unless the standard safety measures and special safety advises given in this manual will be adhered to when using the device.

- 1. Trouble-free operation and reliability of the device can only be guaranteed if the device is not subjected to any other climatic conditions than those stated under "Specification". If the device is transported from a cold to a warm environment condensation may cause in a failure of the function. In such a case make sure the device temperature has adjusted to the ambient temperature before trying a new start-up.
- 2. DANGER

If there is a risk whatsoever involved in running it, the device has to be switched off immediately and to be marked accordingly to avoid re-starting.

Operator safety may be a risk if:

- there is visible damage to the device
- the device is not working as specified
- the device has been stored under unsuitable conditions for a longer time. In case of doubt, please return device to manufacturer for repair or maintenance.

3 Product Description

3.1 Scope of supply

The scope of supply includes:

- GMK 210
- 9V battery
- Operating manual
- Short manual

3.2 Operation and maintenance advice

Battery powered supply

If 'bAt' is shown in the lower display the battery has been used up and needs to be replaced. However, the device will operate correctly for a certain time.



The battery has to be taken out, when storing device above 50°C. We recommend taking out battery if device is not used for a longer period of time.

4 Handling

4.1 Display elements



1: Main display	Display of the current moisture or water content
2: Material display	The name of the selected material
	characteristic curve is displayed
3: Moisture rating	Moisture rating via bar graph
4: HLD	The measuring value is 'frozen' (hold-key)

4.2 Control elements

Key 1: on/off key,

Press long: switch device off
Press shortly: activation of backlight

see chapter 11, "Li"

on/off sort hold ▼

Key 2: sort up

Material selection: upwards, see chapter 5.5

sort down

Key 3: hold:

press shortly: The measuring current value is ,frozen' (hold-

function), 'HLD' is displayed

press for 2sec.: **Zeroing function** (see chapter 5.6)

Key 2 and 3 together:

Material selection: downwards, see chapter 5.5



Depth switch: (on the right side)

Sliding switch up: ca. 10 mm measuring depth (d 10) Sliding switch down: ca. 25 mm measuring depth (d 25)

After changing the measuring depth "d 10" (for 10mm) or

"d 25" (for 25 mm) is briefly displayed.

4.3 Measuring spot: rear side



Rear side of device:

The entire dark grey surface has to lie on the measured material without any air gap.

The areas "10 mm" (grey) and "25 mm" (white) mark the area under that it is predominantly measured.

4.4 Start of operation

Switch the device on with the key



After segment test the device displays some information to its configuration:

5. (1) if there is a slope adjustment for the 10 mm measurement (see chapter 12)

5.25 if there is a slope adjustment for the 25 mm measurement (see chapter 12)

P.of if the automatic-off-function is activated (see chapter 11)

The device is ready for measuring afterwards.

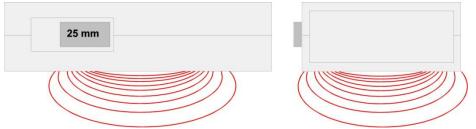
Measurement Basics

5.1 Measuring field & depth

The device measures by means of an electric field (capacitive measuring method), which propagates from the rear side downwards. The measuring depth can be changed between approx. 10 mm and 25 mm with the sliding switch.



Side view: measuring field and penetration depth for switch setting "10 mm"



Side view: measuring field and penetration depth for switch setting "25 mm"

The specifications for the penetration depth 10 mm and 25 mm are just approximate values. The actual depth will be the higher the wetter the measured material is. Therefore areas deeper than 25 mm will be measured in very wet materials and for switch setting 25 mm. Lower values will be displayed when measuring thinner material (e.g. plywood).

On the rear side the area is marked under that it is predominantly measured.



For precise measurements the device has to lie on the measured material not only at the marked measuring spot but at its whole rear side. If there is an air gap between device and material the measured value will be too dry!

Some examples for measurements that are not precise. (Measured value too dry in all cases):



False: wrinkled surface (extreme False: unsteady surface example!)

False: material too thin

5.2 Humidity rating ('WET' - 'MEDIUM' - 'DRY')

In addition to the measuring value there is a moisture rating via bar graph and acoustic signal (if activated (see chapter 11): Therefore the determination 'wet or dry' is easy and comfortable for most applications and has no longer be deduced from literature and tables.



However, this rating can only be a first approximate value, because factors like the application field of the measured material have to be taken into account for the final rating. This device cannot completely replace the knowledge of an experienced craftsman or technical expert.

5.3 Holding the device

ATTENTION:

The water content of the hand has an impact on the measuring value, if the device is held inappropriately.



The best results will be obtained if you lay the device down or hold it the way as

shown in picture 3.



Picture 1: Held in a wrong way!



Picture 2: laid down - right!



Picture 3: Held in the right way!

5.4 Moisture u and water content w



Either moisture u or water content w is needed according to the application.

Carpenter, joiner, etc. normally use moisture u (relating to oven-dry mass)

Water content w is normally used for combustibles (i.e. wood briquette).

You can choose whether the device should use moisture or water content (see chapter 11).

Moisture u (relating to oven-dry mass) - recommended setting

moisture $u[\%] = ((mass_{wet} - mass_{dry}) / mass_{dry}) *100$

moisture $u[\%] = (mass_{water} / mass_{dry}) *100$ or:

The unit is %u (also common: % atro, weight percent).

mass of the sample (= total mass = mass $_{water}$ + mass $_{drv}$) mass wet:

mass of the water contained in the sample mass water:

mass of the oven-dried sample after (water has been evaporated) mass _{dry}:

Example: 1kg wet wood that contains 500g water has a moisture u of 100%.

Water content w (= moisture relating to wet total mass)

water content [%] = $((mass_{wet} - mass_{dry}) / mass_{wet}) *100$

water content $[\%] = (mass_{water} / mass_{wet}) *100$ or:

The unit is %w

Example: 1kg wet wood that contains 500g water has a water content of 50%.

5.5 Characteristics and materials

Characteristics			
rEF	Reference characteristics		
d.45	Wood, density = 450 kg/m ³		
d.50	Wood, density = 500 kg/m ³		
d.55	Wood, density = 550 kg/m ³		
d.60	Wood, density = 600 kg/m ³		
d.65	Wood, density = 650 kg/m ³		
d.70	Wood, density = 700 kg/m ³		
d.75	Wood, density = 750 kg/m ³		
d.80	Wood, density = 800 kg/m ³		
d.85	Wood, density = 850 kg/m ³		
d.90	Wood, density = 900 kg/m ³		
d.95	Wood, density = 950 kg/m ³		
d.99	Wood, density = 950 kg/m ³ Wood, density = 1000 kg/m ³		
GrP	GRP (glass-fibre reinforced plastic)		
ISO	Light insulation materials, e.g. Styrofoam		

You can find a list of different types of wood and their corresponding characteristics d.xx in the addendum.

The materials are selected with these keys:

material selection upwards: press







at the same time



The use of inappropriate characteristics can cause faulty measurements!

5.6 Zeroing function



It is recommended to run regularly the zeroing function for best measuring

Hold the device in the air as shown in the left picture and press key "hold" for 2 seconds.

You can easily see whether the zero point is ok with the "rEF" characteristics. If the device shows at air a value <0.5 or >0.5 or blinking "--" with "rEF" characteristics you have to run the zeroing function.

Please pay attention not to influence the zeroing function ATTENTION: with your hands.

The best way to ensure this is shown left.

The zeroing function adjusts the zero-point for both 10 mm and 25 mm at the same time. NOTE:

6 Operating-Modes "Measuring Mode" and "Detector Mode"

The device has two operating modes:

- 1. Measurement (curves: dEt oF)
- 2. Detector (relative measurement with adjustable alarm threshold: dEt on)

The modes can be switched via the configuration menu.

6.1 Measuring Mode

In the measuring mode (Configuration: dEt oF) material can be measured precisely. There are material curves available. The display is done in absolute unit (%u or %w). An appropriate rating is shown as a bar graph or as an acoustic signal.

6.2 Detector Mode

In the detector mode (Configuration: dEt on, material selection is fixed: "dEt" = rEF curve) can be searched very comfortably for moist spots with high resolution and adjustable alarm threshold ("dEt SCL"), metal structures, beams in plasterboard, etc. The measurement is relative (only rEF-curve! Display in "digit" = no unit)

After the detector mode is enabled (Configuration: dEt on), a reasonable alarm threshold (=sensitivity ,dEt SCL") should be chosen, examples:

- Search for structures under drywall: 10

Search for trouble spots on the hull: 10

Search for wood or metal studs in plasterboard

The alarm threshold determines at which display value maximum humidity is rated (over bar display and beep)

Procedure:

Place the unit on a reference point (dry) and perform a zero calibration by pressing the "hold" key until 0.0 is displayed (~ 2 seconds).

Slowly scan the area -> if increased moisture is detected, the alarm signal and corresponding bar graph will signal this additionally to the changing display value.

Additional warnings in the detector mode:



Depth switch setting of 10 mm: A measuring in the depth of ~25 mm is a much more moist, than the value shown in display.



Depth switch setting of 25 mm: : A measuring in the depth of ~10 mm is a much more moist, than the value shown in display.

7 Wood Measuring

Choose material corresponding to your type of wood according to the table in addendum A. Example: You want to measure Scots pine -> select material d.50

Best results are obtained if you measure crossways to the wood's grain. (see right picture)

Unplanned and wrinkled surfaces cause too low measuring results!

NOTE:

Wood is a natural product. Its density fluctuates due to the tree's growth and flaws (knots, cracks, resin pockets, etc.). This may lead to measuring errors up to several %u, because the measurement depends on density.

If your kind of wood is not listed in addendum A, you have to know its density (dry): for example a wood of density 0.68 kg/dm³ is measured with material d.70 (approximate actual density to the next material 0.52 ->d.50, 0.53 -> d.55)



8 Measurement of Other Materials

The device has not saved characteristics for all materials. But even if there is no characteristic curve for your material you can do significant **relative measurements**.

We recommend the material "rEF" (dimensionless digit-value, intentional no %u or %w display) for this purpose.

For example if you want to evaluate water damage you can measure surely dry spot and an evidently wet one (identifiable by salt efflorescence, water spots, mould growth, etc.). Then you can compare the other measuring values with them and get the moisture distribution of your measuring area or find the reason for the moisture penetration.

You do not need absolute values (%u or %w) for this.



Please consider that the configuration of the measured wall (cavity block, cement joints, reinforcements, etc.) may also influences the measuring values.

9 Rating of Motor Homes and Caravans

Normal humidity should not cause serious problems at faultless and correctly used motor homes and caravans.

However, the following problems can occur due to increased humidity:

- mildew together with its smell nuisance and health risks
- damage to materials (wood rots, metals oxidize, "aluminum corrosion", ...)

The humidity can occur from different sources:

- from the outside: rain water or splash water gets into the structure through leaks in the vehicle's hull
- from the inside: leaky installations and condensation water from humidity disposal of the passengers, cooking, potted plants, ...

To maintain the value of the vehicle it is important to detect and remove increased humidity as soon as possible.

The device can detect humidity in structures long before it is visible for human eyes (water patches). Although the device can even look "into" materials, it does not destroy or damage them. Exception: metal. If metal structures are very close to the sensor area the device displays too high values in most cases. Therefore metallic rods, reinforcement, aluminum insulation blankets, metal wires etc. can cause problems.

9.1 Materials and design

It is important to know the design of your motor vehicle/caravan for well-grounded ratings. Depending on the actual design there may be different weak points and spots, most likely for water entry from outside.

Following questions should be answered:

- Where are critical points like connection between wall and roof, windows, doors and gates, shower trays, sealings, gorges)
- Are the damages from accidents /repaired areas
- Is it a wooden framework construction? Especially common for older models.
- Is the hull a sandwich construction? Made of what materials?
- Where are metallic rods/reinforcements? Where are metal wires and pipes?

9.2 Defining measuring points for continuous inspection

We recommend to define some measuring points from begin on and check and record them regularly (at least every ½ year). Humidity risks and impending damages can be recognized very early then.

Defining the measuring points

The measuring points should be determined deliberately.

Especially weak points (edges/welds, windows, doors, etc.) should be monitored.



An overview of three possible weak points:
roof sealing, window sealing and assembly weld upper to lower trailer body
The reason here: old and porous window sealing

Consider the properties of water:

- water normally flows downwards: water accumulations at the side walls have most commonly their reason above the spot.
- water flows faster through gaps than through bulky materials, i.e. water can move along rods, cables, etc. to accumulation spots

Absolute moisture (characteristic) and relative measurements

The device can display absolute material moisture if a suitable characteristic curve is selected and the measured component is bulky enough (at least thicker than ~8mm). In this case the moisture can be immediately rated (bar graph and buzzer).

Note: There are cases in which a precise absolute moisture measurements (in [%]) and the ratings based on this measurements cannot be performed. However, a relative measurement may be still possible: therefore the displayed measuring value is compared to an value measured at a definitely dry spot of the same material. A displayed value considerably higher than that reference value indicates a corresponding measuring point with most likely increased humidity.

Measuring at bulky components (parts of the wooden framework, etc.)

Select e.g. "wood characteristic". Measuring depth 10 or 25mm, depends on thickness



Caravan floor: massive flake board, little protected

Measuring at thinner layers, rating of "sandwich"-construction

For wood veneers/parquet: "wood characteristic". For GRP-layers (alcove, etc.) "GRP-characteristic.

Select measuring depth 10mm to rate the material and 25mm to detect moisture behind the layer.

Measuring at insulations

Older models are often isolated with simple polystyrene -> measurable water accumulations can occur.

Attention! Here relative values are more relevant, because for insulation materials only very small display values are measured.

Suggested setting, if it is measured directly on insulation: "ISO", 25 mm.



Insulation and metal framing of an older caravan

Sandwich

Up-to-date sandwich constructions use mainly high-quality "closed-pore" insulation materials. This reduces moisture problems in plane areas, in open pore foams, there can be significant amounts of water.

Suggested settings for sandwich like picture:

- d.45, 25 mm for evaluation of Insulation (- d.60, 10 mm for evaluation of plywood) Please keep in mind: metal constructions below plywood can show extremely to high display values, wooden frames also may show to high values, but with suggested setting above, no moisture warning will result. Alternatively the detector mode can be recommended instead of measuring mode:



Example sandwich: aluminum - insulation - plywood

please refer to 6 Operating-Modes "Measuring Mode" and "Detector Mode"

9.3 Measuring intervals / times

Inspections by the specialist retailer at regular intervals (annually) are common for new caravans/motor vehicles to preserve leak tightness warranty. This is reasonable, but with costs! Defects can lead to massive humidity damage within only little time. For example mildew can form within few month.

Therefore responsible measuring times are for example:

- immediately after long usage (e.g. together with final cleaning)
- at longer standing phases, especially at not-roofed areas: every 3 month
- immediately after frost season
- during usage: regularly

9.4 Repair

If there is a spot with critically moisture then:

- rectify the cause: (replace sealing / supply sealing material ...)
 This have to be done professionally and with adequate materials and tools.
 The repairs should be done at a qualified garage or ask for the advice from an expert.
- dehumidify

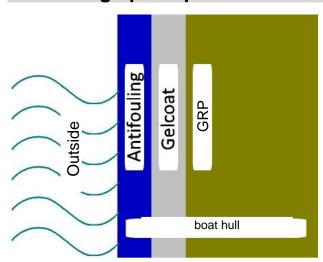
e.g. with standard air dehumidifier or with alternating heating and venting
Please consider (heating): preferable use electric heating but no simple gas heaters. Gas
heaters produce humidity and there is the danger of suffocation!
Close doors and windows (or only slightly opened) during heating.
Please consider (venting): Open doors and windows as wide as possible for rapid air
exchange

- monitoring

Check the corresponding parts/spots for a longer period (record values!) to make sure that ALL causes are rectified and the repair has been successful.

10 Rating of GRP boat hulls

10.1 Design principle of GRP hulls



The load-bearing material of GRP boats is **G**lass-fiber **R**einforced **P**lastic. This plastic is extremely robust, but water can entry to the laminate structure due to osmotic and capillary effects and damage it permanently: The material gets deformed and unstable.

A **gel coat** layer protects the GRP laminate from water entering.

Antifouling: Paint coat protecting against growth of algae/bivalves etc.

If water has entered the GRP structure it can be measures very easily nondestructively measured with the GMK 110 without any further tools.

The device detects water inside the GRP structure by means of a capacitive measuring principle. Water has a relatively high permittivity. Examples for different permittivity values:

Vacuum/air 1
Polyester- and Epoxy resin ~ 3...4
Glass-fiber ~6...7
Water ~80



Structures containing carbon fibers or structures with metallic/graphitic coatings. Metallic elements will also cause increased display values.

10.2 Procedure

Recommended settings:

- Measuring mode, characteristic "GrP", %u, measuring depth 25mm.
- or detector mode "dEt" %u, measuring depth 25mm (refer to chapter 6.2)



Sometimes a wood characteristic (e.g. d.50) is used. Although this is not generally senseless, you have to keep in mind that in this case the displayed values (in %) can only serve as comparative values but not as absolute values.

The electric properties used by the device for measurement are different for wood and GRP! Remember this problematic especially if you want to compare values of different devices!

The surface of the hull must me dry for measurement. Humidity on surface will cause unrealistic high display values!

Additionally wait at least 2 days after the boat has lifted out of water before starting a measurement: the antifouling can contain a large amount of water without causing any damage, but the measurement would be falsified.



It is reasonable to assume the hull above waterline containing almost no water. Thus perform a **reference measurement above waterline.** Values below 2% should be expected.

Below waterline the values will be higher, especially if the boat has been in water for a long time. This must not mandatory be problematic. However, if the measuring value exceeds 3% there should be further investigations.

Areas with pimples or water accumulations not seen from the outside cause considerable higher measuring values.

It is important that the boat hull is well dried-up before a new antifouling is attached or if the boat gets reconstructed.

The following procedure may be helpfully to monitor the dry-up of the hull:

Search for crucial measuring spots (visible damages, keel/rudder connections, other areas with increased measuring values) and mark them with water-proof marker.

Record the values at that measuring spots.

11 Configuration of the device

Follow these instructions to configure the functions of the device:

- Switch the device off.
- Press and keep it pressed, while turning the device on (press shortly).

 Release the sort-button not before the first parameter "P.oF" is displayed.
- Set parameter with up or down

Jump to the next parameter by pressing

Parameter	Value	Information	
button on/off	buttons sort hold		
dEt.	Detector Mode factory setting: oF		
U L L .	oF	Device measures absolute humidity parameters (%) – material curves are available	
4.6	on .	Device operates as a detector (relative measurement only) with adjustable sensitivity	
dtt	Detector Mod	e: Sensitivity factory setting: 10	
5ÉL	5 100	Sensitivity of the bar graph and acoustic signal Set value corresponds to maximum rating via bar / acoustic signal	
P.o.F	Auto Power-C	off (turn-off delay) factory setting: 20 min	
1.01	1 120	Auto Power-Off (turn-off delay) in minutes. If no key is pressed for the time adjusted here, the device is automatically switched off (adjustable 1 120 min)	
	oF	Auto power-off is deactivated (continuous operation)	
Uni	Display unit	factory setting: %u	
UIII	%u	Measuring value displayed in moisture %u	
	%w	Measuring value displayed in water content %w	
! .	Backlight fa	ctory setting: 5	
L /	oF	No backlight	
	5 120	Backlight turns automatically off after 5120s (battery saving)	
	٥٥	Backlight always on as long as device is switched on	
£00	Acoustic sign	al factory setting: on	
ton	oF	No acoustic signal	
		Acoustic signal for moisture rating	
RuE.	Auto Hold fa	actory setting: oF	
	oF	Auto Hold deactivated: pressing hold-key freezes measuring and releases it again	
	חם	Auto Hold activated: hold-key starts new measuring, the display will be 'frozen' as soon as a stable measuring value was detected.	
l ni	Restore facto		
, ,,,	no	Parameters are not changed to factory settings.	
	۵o	ATTENTION: All parameters are changed to factory settings.	

on/of

again to store changed settings, the device restarts (segment test).

NOTE: If there is no key pressed within the menu mode within 2 minutes, the configuration will be cancelled, the entered settings are lost!

12 Adjustment

The accuracy can be checked with the testing probe PW 25 (optional accessories).

Select the material "rEF" and run the zeroing function (see chapter 5.6).

Lay the device onto the testing cube. If the device displays a different value than the value printed on the cube for the device, you can use the slope correction to adjust the device:

Displayed value rEF = (measured value rEF * (1 + slope correction / 100)

Follow these instructions to adjust the device:

- Switch the device off.
- Press and keep it pressed, while turning the device on (press shortly).

 Release the hold-button not before the first parameter "5.10" is displayed.
- Set parameter with up or down
- Jump to the next parameter by pressing

Parameter	Value	Information	
button	buttons		
on/off	sort ▲ hold ▼		
5. ([]	Slope correction for measuring depth 10 mm		factory setting: of= 0%
J. ()	oF -19 +19	Value of slope correction in %	
5.25	Slope correctio	n for measuring depth 25 mm	factory setting: of= 0%
	oF -19 +19	Value of slope correction in %	

Press



again to store changed settings, the device restarts (segment test).

NOTE:

If there is no key pressed within the menu mode within 2 minutes, the configuration will be cancelled, the entered settings are lost!

13 Error and System Messages

Value exceeding measuring range, value too high



Value below display range, (value < 19)

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System error – the device has detected a system error (device defective or not within working temperature)



The blinking bAt display indicates low battery voltage, device will continue to work for a short time.

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The battery is consumed and has to be changed. Measurements are no longer possible.

14 Reshipment and Disposal

14.1 Reshipment



All devices returned to the manufacturer have to be free of any residual of measuring media and other hazardous substances. Measuring residuals at housing or sensor may be a risk for persons or environment



Use an adequate transport package for reshipment, especially for fully functional devices. Please make sure that the device is protected in the package by enough packing materials. Add the completed reshipment form of the GHM website http://www.ghm-messtechnik.de/downloads/ghm-formulare.html.

14.2 Disposal instructions



Batteries must not be disposed in the regular domestic waste but at the designated collecting points.

The device must not be disposed in the unsorted municipal waste! Send the device directly to us (sufficiently stamped), if it should be disposed. We will dispose the device appropriate and environmentally sound.

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15 Specifications			
Measurement			
Method	Capacitive (=dielectric) measuring methohd, non-destructive		
Depth	2 selectable: approx. 10 mm and approx. 25 mm		
Characteristic curves	15 characteristic curves for wood additionally reference curve (rEF) for high-resolution relative		
Resolution	0.1 %; for more than 19.9 %: 1 % (for both %u and %w)		
Moisture rating	Display: Rating of the moisture in 6 levels from WET to DRY Acoustic: Signal tone, depending on moisture rating		
Accuracy	The achievable accuracy depends significantly on the application and the properties of the measured material!		
Display	2 displays for material and measured value, backlight		
Accoustic signal	Moisture rating via relating acoustic signal		
Hold function	Press button to freeze current value.		
Working temperature	-25 to 50 °C; 0 to 80 % RH (non condensing)		
Storage temperature	-25 to 70 °C		
Power supply	9 V-battery (included)		
Power consumption (measurement)	Approx. 0.12 mA (battery life time: more than 2500 hours for alkaline battery)		
Power consumption (backlight)	Approx. 2.5 mA (Backlight reduces battery life time! Automatic turn off function is selectable)		
Used battery display	"bAt" displayed if battery used, warning: "bAt" blinking		
Auto off-function	Device will be automatically switched off if not operated for longer time (adjustable from 1120min)		
Housing	impact-resistant ABS plastic housing, front side IP65		
Dimension	Approx. 106 x 67 x 30 mm (H x W x D)		
Weight	Approx. 135g incl. battery		
Directives and standards	The instruments confirm to following European Directives: 2014/30/EU EMC Directive 2011/65/EU RoHS		
	Applied harmonized standards: EN 61326-1 : 2013 emissions level: class B		
	emi immunity according to A.1		

16 Accuracy Inspection: Adjustment /Update Service

You can send the device to the manufacture or retailer for adjustment and inspection. Moreover the manufacturer can do the latest software update. This ensures that future improvements are provided to owners of older devices in a cost-saving way. You can display the current software version if you do not release the on/off button after you switched the device on, but hold it for more than 5 seconds. (i.e. "r. 1.0")

Additional fault: <1%

Addendum A: Wood types table

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Abachi	Triplochiton scleroxylon	d.45
Afzelia	Afzelia spp.	d.75
Ash, American-	Fraxinus americana	d.65
Ash, European-	Fraxinus excelsior	d.65
Ash, Manchurian-	Fraxinus mandshurica	d.60
Balau, Bangkirai-	Shorea laevis	d.90
Balau, Red-	Shorea guiso	d.85
Beech, European-	Fagus sylvatica	d.65
Bintangor	Calophyllum kajewskii	d.65
Birch, White-	Betula pubescens	d.60
Birch, Yellow-	Betula lutea	d.65
Bossè		d.55
Bubinga	Guarea cedrata	d.85
	Guibourtia demeusii	d.55
Cedar, White	Melia azedarach	
Cherry, Black-	Prunus serotina	d.60
Cherry, Wild-	Prunus avium	d.55
Cypressus	Cupressus spp.	d.45
Douglas-fir, Common-	Pseudotsuga menziesii	d.50
Douka	Thieghemella africana	d.65
Ebony	Diospyros spp.	d.99
Elm	Ulmus americ. / Ulmus spp.	d.60
Fir, European Silver-	Abies alba	d.45
Fir, Grand-	Abies grandis	d.45
Fir, Pacific Silver-	Abies amabilis	d.45
Fir, Red-	Abies magnifica	d.45
Gum, Sweet	Liquidambar styraciflua	d.50
Hemlock	Tsuga heterophylla	d.45
Hickory		d.75
Iroko	Carya spp.	d.65
Jarrah	Chlorophora excesla	d.75
Jelutong	Eucalyptus marginata	d.45
Jeqituiba	Dyera costulata	d.70
· ·	Cariniana spp.	d.60
Kapur Karri	Dryobalanops spp.	
	Eucalyptus diversicolor Larix decidua	d.85
Larch, European-		d.55
Larch, Japanese-	Larix kaempferi Larix occidentalis	d.55
Larch, Western-		d.55
Limba	Terminalia superba	d.50
Linden, American	Tilia americana	d.45
Linden, Common-	Tilia vulgaris	d.50
Locust, Black-	Robinia pseudoacacia	d.70
Magnolia, Cucumber-	Magnolia acuminata/grandiflora	d.50
Mahogany	Swietenia spp.	d.50
Mahogany, African-		d.50
Transparty, Antican	Khaya spp. Parashorea plicata /	4.50
Mahogany, Philippine-	Shorea almon	d.50
Maple, New Guinea	Flindersia pimentelianan	d.55
Maple, Sugar-	Acer saccharum	d.70
Maple, Sycamore-	Acer pseudoplatanus	d.55

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Mengkulang	Heritiera spp.	d.65
Meranti, Dark Red-	Shorea spp.	d.65
Meranti, White-	Shorea hypochra	d.55
Meranti, Yellow-	Shorea multiflora	d.55
Merawan	Hopea sulcala	d.70
Merbau	Intsia spp.	d.75
Mersawa	Anisoptera laevis	d.60
Messmate	Eucalyptus obliqua	d.80
Oak, Northern Red-	Quercus spp.	d.65
Oak, Sessile-	Quercus petraea	d.65
Oak, Sawtooth-	Quercus spp.	d.65
Oak, White-	Quercus spp.	d.65
Olive	Olea hochstetteri	d.85
Padouk, African-	Pterocarpus soyauxii	d.70
Paldao	Dracontomelum dao	d.65
Pine, Black-	Podocarpus spicatus	d.50
Pine, European Black-	Pinus nigra	d.55
Pine, Loblolly-	Pinus taeda	d.50
Pine, Lodgeole-	Pinus contorta	d.45
Pine, Longleaf-	Pinus palustris	d.60
Pine, Maritime-	Pinus pinaster	d.50
Pine, Norway-	Pinus resinosa	d.45
Pine, Parana-	Araucaria angustifolia	d.50
Pine, Ponderosa-	Pinus ponderosa	d.45
Pine, Radiata-	Pinus radiata	d.50
Pine, Scots-	Pinus sylvestris	d.50
Pine, Sugar-	Pinus lambertiana	d.45
Poplar, Black-	Populus nigra	d.45
Redcedar, Western-	Thuja plicata	d.45
Rengas	Gluta spp.	d.60
Rimu	Dacrydium cupressinum	d.50
Redwood, California-	Sequoia sempervirens	d.45
Rosewood, Brazilian	Dalbergia latifolia / -nigra	d.85
Rosewood, New Guinea-	Pterocarpus indicus	d.55
Rubber Tree	Hevea Brasiliensis	d.50
Nubber free	Entandrophragma	u.50
Sapele	cylindricum	d.65
Sipo	Entrandrophragma utile	d.60
Spruce	Picea abies	d.45
Spruce, Sitka-	Picea sitchensis	d.45
	Entandrophragma	
Tiama	angolense	d.55
Teak	Tectona grandis	d.65
Torem	Manilkara kanosiensis	d.95
Tualang	Koompassia excelsa	d.80
Walnut, Eastern Black-	Juglans nigra	d.60
Walnut, Common-	Juglans regia	d.60
Wenge	Millettia laurentii	d.80