HI97728

Nitrate Photometer



INSTRUCTION MANUAL



Dear Customer,

Thank you for choosing a Hanna Instruments product.

Please read this instruction manual carefully before using the instrument.

This manual will provide you with the necessary information for correct use of the instrument, as well as a precise idea of its versatility.

If you need additional technical information, do not hesitate to e-mail us at tech@hannainst.com or view our worldwide contact list at www.hannainst.com.

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1. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Remove the instrument and accessories from the packaging and examine it carefully to make sure that no damage has occurred during shipping. Notify your nearest Hanna Customer Service Center if damage is observed.

Each H197728C is delivered in a rugged carrying case and is supplied with:

- Sample cuvette (2 pcs.)
- Sample cuvette cap (2 pcs.)
- Plastic stopper (2 pcs.)
- A 7FRO CAI Check Cuvette A
- H197728B CAL Check Cuvette B for Nitrate
- Cloth for wiping cuvettes
- Scissors
- 1.5V AA Alkaline batteries
- Instruction manual
- Meter quality certificate
- CAL Check standard certificate

Each H197728 is delivered in a cardboard box and is supplied with:

- Sample cuvette (2 pcs.)
- Sample cuvette cap (2 pcs.)
- Plastic stopper (2 pcs.)
- 1.5V AA Alkaline batteries
- Instruction manual
- · Meter quality certificate

Note: Save all packing material until you are sure that the instrument works correctly. Any damaged or defective item must be returned in its original packing material with the supplied accessories.

2. SAFETY MEASURES



- The chemicals contained in the reagent kits may be hazardous if improperly handled.
- Read the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) before performing tests.
- Safety equipment: Wear suitable eye protection and clothing when required, and follow instructions carefully.
- Reagent spills: If a reagent spill occurs, wipe up immediately and rinse with plenty
 of water. If reagent contacts skin, rinse the affected area thoroughly with water.
 Avoid breathing released vapors.
- Waste disposal: For proper disposal of reagent kits and reacted samples, contact a licensed waste disposal provider.

3. SPECIFICATIONS

	D.	0.0 + 0.0 0 (1./ 11.0 11)	
	Range	$0.0 \text{ to } 30.0 \text{ mg/L (as NO}_3\text{-N)}$	
Nitrate	Resolution	0.1 mg/L	
MIIIUIG	Accuracy	± 0.5 mg/L $\pm 10\%$ of reading at 25 °C	
	Method	Adaptation of Cadmium Reduction method	
	Light source	Light Emitting Diode	
	Bandpass filter	525 nm	
Measurement	Bandpass filter bandwidth	8 nm	
System	Bandpass filter wavelength accuracy	±1.0 nm	
	Light detector	Silicon photocell	
	Cuvette type	Round 24.6 mm diameter (22 mm inside)	
	Auto logging	50 readings	
	Display	128 x 64 pixel B/W LCD with backlight	
	Auto-off	After 15 minutes of inactivity (30 minutes before a READ measurement)	
	Battery type	1.5 V AA Alkaline (3 pcs.)	
Additional	Battery life	> 800 measurements (without backlight)	
Specifications	Environment	0 to 50 °C (32 to 122 °F); 0 to 100% RH, non-serviceable	
	Dimensions	142.5 x 102.5 x 50.5 mm (5.6 x 4.0 x 2.0")	
	Weight (with batteries)	380 g (13.4 oz.)	
	Case ingress protection rating	IP67, floating case	

4. ABBREVIATIONS

mg/L milligrams per liter (ppm)

mL milliliter

°C degree Celsius

°F degree Fahrenheit

LED Light Emitting Diode

EPA US Environmental Protection Agency

HDPE High Density Polyethylene GLP Good Laboratory Practice

NIST National Institute of Standards and Technology

5. DESCRIPTION

5.1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND INTENDED USE

The H197728 is an auto-diagnostic portable meter that benefits from Hanna's years of experience as a manufacturer of analytical instruments. It has an advanced optical system that uses a Light Emitting Diode (LED) and a narrow band interference filter that allows for accurate and repeatable readings.

The optical system is sealed from outside dust, dirt and water. The meter uses an exclusive positive-locking system to ensure that the cuvettes are placed into the holder in the same position every time.

With the CAL Check functionality, users are able to validate the performance of the instrument at any time and apply a user calibration (if necessary). Hanna's CAL Check cuvettes are made with NIST traceable standards.

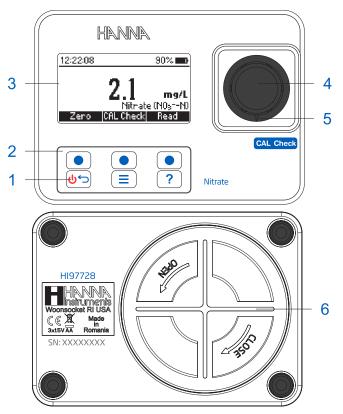
The built-in tutorial mode guides the users step-by-step through the measurement process. It includes all steps required for sample preparation, the required reagents and quantities.

The H197728 meter measures the nitrate content in water samples in the 0.0 to 30.0 mg/L (ppm) as NO_3 -N range. The method is an adaptation of the Cadmium Reduction method.

The H197728 photometer is a compact and versatile meter suitable for field or bench measurements, featuring a:

- Sophisticated optical system
- Meter validation using certified CAL Check cuvettes
- Tutorial mode guides the user step-by-step
- Auto logging
- Waterproof IP67, floating case
- GLP features

5.2. FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION



- 1) ON/OFF power button
- 3) Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)
- 5) Indexing mark

- 2) Keypad
- 4) Cuvette holder
- 6) Battery cover

Keypad Description

The keypad contains 3 direct keys and 3 functional keys with the following functions:

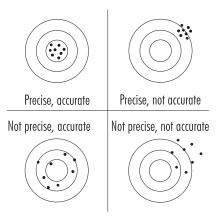
- Press the functional keys to perform the function displayed above them on the LCD.
- \bigcirc Press and hold to power off/on. Press briefly to return to the previous screen.
- Press to access the menu screen.
- Press to display the context-sensitive help menu.

5.3. PRECISION AND ACCURACY

Precision is how closely repeated measurements are to one another. Precision is usually expressed as standard deviation (SD).

Accuracy is defined as the closeness of a test result to the true value.

Although good precision suggests good accuracy, precise results can be inaccurate. The figure explains these definitions.



For each method, the accuracy is expressed in the related measurement section.

5.4. PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

Absorption of light is a typical phenomenon of interaction between electromagnetic radiation and matter. When a light beam crosses a substance, some of the radiation may be absorbed by atoms, molecules or crystal lattices.

If pure absorption occurs, the fraction of light absorbed depends both on the optical path length through the matter and on the physical-chemical characteristics of the substance according to the Lambert-Beer Law:

-log I/I
$$_{\mathrm{o}}=\varepsilon_{\lambda}$$
 c d $^{\mathrm{OT}}$ A $=\varepsilon_{\lambda}$ c d

 I_o = intensity of incident light beam

I = intensity of light beam after absorption

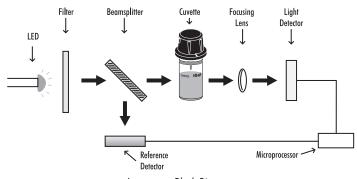
 ϵ_{λ} = molar extinction coefficient at wavelength λ

c = molar concentration of the substance d = optical path through the substance

Therefore, the concentration "c" can be calculated from the absorbance of the substance as the other factors are constant.

Photometric chemical analysis is based on specific chemical reactions between a sample and reagent to produce a light-absorbing compound.

5.5. OPTICAL SYSTEM



Instrument Block Diagram

The internal reference system (reference detector) of the HI97728 photometer compensates for any drifts due to power fluctuations or ambient temperature changes, providing a stable source of light for your blank (zero) measurement and sample measurement.

LED light sources offer superior performance compared to tungsten lamps. LEDs have a much higher luminous efficiency, providing more light while using less power. They also produce little heat, which could otherwise affect electronic stability. LEDs are available in a wide array of wavelengths, whereas tungsten lamps have poor blue/violet light output. Improved optical filters ensure greater wavelength accuracy and allow a brighter, stronger signal to be received. The end result is higher measurement stability and less wavelength error.

A focusing lens collects all of the light that exits the cuvette, eliminating errors from cuvette imperfections and scratches, eliminating the need to index the cuvette.

6. GENERAL OPERATIONS

6.1. METER VALIDATION: CAL CHECK/CALIBRATION

Validation of the H197728 involves verifying the concentration of the certified CAL Check standards. The CAL Check screen guides the user step-by-step through the validation process and user calibration (if necessary).

WARNING: Do not use any solutions/standards other than the Hanna $^{\circ}$ CAL Check Standards. For accurate validation and calibration results, please perform these at room temperature (18 to 25 $^{\circ}$ C; 64.5 to 77.0 $^{\circ}$ F).

Note: CAL Check Standards will not read the specified value in measurement mode. Protect the CAL Check cuvettes from direct sunlight by keeping them in the original packing. Store between +5 °C and +30 °C (41 - 86 °F), do not freeze.

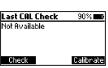
To perform a CAL Check:

1. Press CAL Check key from measurement mode.

The "Not Available" message or the date/time and status of the last CAL Check will be displayed on the screen.



Press the Check key to start a new CAL Check. Press
the bey at any time to abort the validation
process.



3. Use the ▲ ▼ keys to enter the certificate value of the calibration standard found on the CAL Check Standard Certificate. Press **Next** to continue.



Note: This value will be saved in the instrument for future validation. If a new set of calibration standards is obtained please update the certificate value.

 Insert the A ZERO CAL Check Cuvette A then press Next to continue. The "Please Wait..." message will be displayed during the measurement.



 Insert the H197728B CAL Check Cuvette B then press Next to continue. The "Please Wait..." message will be displayed during the measurement.



6. When the CAL Check is complete the display will show one of the following messages and the value obtained during the measurement:



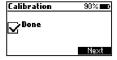
- "PASSED": The measured value is within the accuracy specification, no user calibration is required.



 "OUT OF SPECIFICATION" and the Calibration key is available: The measured value is near the expected value. To update the user calibration press Calibrate.
 Press Accept to confirm or Cancel to return to the previous screen.







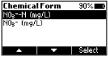
"OUT OF SPECIFICATION": A user calibration is not allowed, the measured value is
outside of the tolerance window. Check the certified value, expiration date and clean
the outside of the cuvette. Repeat the CAL Check procedure. If this error continues
contact your nearest Hanna Customer Service Center.



6.2. CHEMICAL FORMULA/UNIT CONVERSION

Chemical formula/unit conversion factors are pre-programmed into the instrument and are method specific. In order to view the displayed result in the desired chemical formula enter menu by pressing \equiv and use the \blacktriangle \blacktriangledown keys to select *Chemical Form*. Press **Select** to change the displayed chemical form. Use the \blacktriangle \blacktriangledown keys to highlight the desired chemical formula and press **Select**. The selected formula will be saved when the instrument is powered off.





6.3. GIP

Press the key to enter the menu. Use the keys to select *GLP* and press **Select**. Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) shows the date and time of the last user calibration (if available) or factory calibration. To erase



the last user calibration and to clear the CAL Check press **Clear** and follow the prompts. Press **Yes** to erase and return to the factory calibration data or **No** to exit the clear procedure.

6.4. LOGGING DATA/LOG RECALL

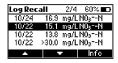
The instrument features a data autolog function to help users keep track of all measurements. Every time a measurement is made the data is automatically saved. The data log can hold 50 individual measurements. When the data log is full (50 data points) the meter will rewrite the oldest data point.

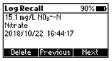
Viewing and deleting the data is possible using the *Log Recall* menu.

Press the \equiv key to enter the menu. Use the functional \blacktriangle \blacktriangledown keys to select Log Recall and press Select .

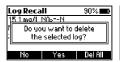


Use the functional $extbf{\tilde{N}}$ keys to highlight a log and press **Info** to view additional information about the log. From this screen the **Next** and **Previous** keys can be used to view other logs.





Use the **Delete** key to erase logged data. After pressing **Delete** a prompt on display is asking for confirmation.





Press **No** or the (b) key to return to the previous screen.

Press Yes to delete selected log.

Press **Del All** to erase all logged data.

If **Del All** is pressed follow the prompt to confirm.

Press **Yes** to delete all logged data, **No** or the wey to return to the log recall.

6.5. GENERAL SETUP

Press the \bigcirc key to enter the menu. Use the \triangle \bigvee keys to select *Setup* and press *Select*. Use the \triangle \bigvee keys to highlight desired option.

Backlight

Values: 0 to 100 %

Press the Modify key to access the backlight intensity.

Use the

keys to increase or decrease the value.

Press the Accept key to confirm or the

key to return to the Setup menu without saving the new value.

Setup	90%
Backlight	50%
Contrast	50%
Date / Time	15:52:23
Time Format	24-hour
_	▼ Modify
Backlight	90%

Contrast

Values: 0 to 100 %

Press the **Modify** key to change the display's contrast. Use the **Modify** keys to increase or decrease the value. Press the **Accept** key to confirm the value or the **Leville** key to return to the **Setup** menu without saving the new value.



Date/Time

Press the Modify key to change the date/time.

Press the ◀ ▶ keys to highlight the value to be modified (year, month, day, hour, minute or second).

Press Edit to modify the highlighted value. Use the ▲

weeks to change the value.



Press the **Accept** key to confirm or the $\begin{tabular}{c} \begin{tabular}{c} \begin{t$

Time Format

Option: AM/PM or 24-hour

Press the functional key to select the desired time format.

Setup		90%
Contrast		50%
Date / Time		15:56:23
Time Format		24-hour
Date Format	YYY	Y/MM/DD
A	$\overline{}$	AM/PM

Date Format

Press the **Modify** key to change the date format.

Use the ▲ ▼ keys to select the desired format.

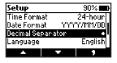
Press the **Accept** key to confirm or the tey to return to the **Setup** menu without saving the new format.



Decimal Separator

Option: Comma (,) or Period (.)

Press the functional key to select the desired decimal separator. The decimal separator is used on the measurement screen.



Language

Press the **Modify** key to change the language. Use the

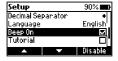
Press **Accept** to choose one of the languages installed.



Beeper

Option: Enable or Disable

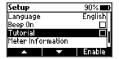
When enabled, a short beep is heard every time a key is pressed. A long beep alert sounds when the pressed key is not active or an error is detected. Press the functional key to enable/disable the beeper.



Tutorial

Option: Enable or Disable

When enabled, the user will be guided step-by-step through the measurement procedure.



Meter Information

Press the **Select** key to view the model, serial number, firmware version and selected language. Press the between the vertical to the **Setup** menu.



Restore factory settings

Press the **Select** key to reset to factory settings.

Press **Accept** to confirm or **Cancel** to exit without restoring the factory settings.



6.6. REAGENTS/ACCESSORIES

Press the \bigcirc key to enter the menu. Use the \blacktriangle \blacktriangledown keys to select *Reagents/Accessories* and press **Select** to access a list of reagents and accessories. To exit press the \bigcirc key.



6.7. CONTEXTUAL HELP

The H197728 offers an interactive contextual help mode that assists the user at any time.

To access the help screen press the ? key.



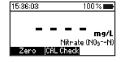
The instrument will display additional information related to the current screen. To read all the available information, scroll the text using the \blacktriangle \blacktriangledown keys.

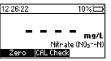
To exit help mode press the or the key and the meter will return to the previous screen.

6.8. BATTERY MANAGEMENT

The meter will perform an auto-diagnostic test when it is powered on. During this test, the Hanna® logo will appear on the LCD. After 5 seconds, if the test was successful, the last method selected will appear on the display. The battery icon on the LCD will indicate the battery status:

- battery full
- battery below 10%, replace the batteries soon
- battery is low, replace the batteries with new ones





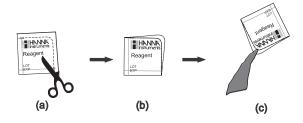


To conserve battery, the meter will turn off automatically after 15 minutes of inactivity. If a zero reading has been done but not a read, auto-off time is increased to 30 minutes.

7. PHOTOMETER

7.1. PROPER USE OF POWDER PACKET

- (a) Use scissors to open the powder packet
- (b) Push the edges of the packet to form a spout
- (c) Pour out the content of the packet



7.2. CUVETTE PREPARATION

Proper mixing is very important for reproducibility of the measurements. The proper mixing technique for each method is listed in the method procedure.

(a) Invert the cuvette a couple of times or for a specified time: hold the cuvette in the vertical position. Turn the cuvette upside-down and wait for all of the solution to flow to the cap end, then return the cuvette to the upright vertical position and wait for all of the solution to flow to the cuvette bottom. This is one inversion. The correct speed for this mixing technique is 10-15 complete inversions in 30 seconds. This mixing technique is indicated with "invert to mix" and the following icon:



(b) The mixing method is indicated with "shake vigorously" using one of the following icons:



In order to avoid reagent leaking and to obtain more accurate measurements, close the cuvette first with the supplied HDPE plastic stopper and then the black cap.



Whenever the cuvette is inserted into the measurement holder, it must be dry outside and free of fingerprints, oil or dirt. Wipe it thoroughly with HI731318 or a lint-free cloth prior to insertion.



Shaking the cuvette can generate bubbles in the sample, causing higher readings. To obtain accurate measurements, remove such bubbles by swirling or by gently tapping the cuvette.

Do not let the reacted sample stand too long after reagent has been added. For best accuracy, respect the timings described in each specific method.

It is possible to take multiple readings in a row, but it is recommended to take a new zero reading for each sample and to use the same cuvette for zeroing and measurement when possible.

Discard the sample immediately after the reading has been taken, or the glass might become permanently stained.

All the reaction times reported in this manual are at 25 °C (77 °F). In general, the reaction time should be increased for temperatures lower than 20 °C (68 °F), and decreased for temperatures higher than 25 °C (77 °F).

8. METHOD PROCEDURE

REQUIRED REAGENTS

CodeDescriptionQuantityH193728-0Nitrate Reagent1 packet

REAGENT SETS

HI93728-01 Nitrate Reagent - 100 tests HI93728-03 Nitrate Reagent - 300 tests

For other accessories see page 24.

MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE

Note: If tutorial mode is disabled follow the measurement procedure below. If the tutorial mode is enabled, press **Measure** and follow the messages on the screen.

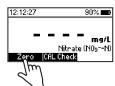
• Fill the cuvette with 10 mL of sample (up to the mark). Replace the plastic stopper and the cap.

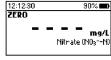


• Insert the cuvette into the holder and ensure that the notch on the cap is positioned securely in the groove.



 Press the Zero key. The display will show "-0.0-" when the meter is zeroed and ready for measurement.



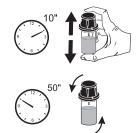




 Remove the cuvette and add the content of one packet of HI93728-0 Nitrate Reagent. Replace the plastic stopper and the cap.



 Shake vigorously up and down for exactly 10 seconds. Continue to mix by inverting the cuvette gently for 50 seconds, while taking care not to induce air bubbles. Powder will not completely dissolve. Time and method of shaking could sensitively affect the measurement.



Note: The method is technique sensitive. For proper mixing technique see Cuvette Preparation procedure detailed on page 17.

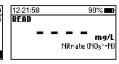
• Insert the cuvette into the holder and ensure that the notch on the cap is positioned securely in the groove.



Press the Read key and the display will show a 4 minute and 30 second countdown
prior to the measurement. To skip the timer press Read twice. When the timer ends
the meter will perform the reading. The instrument displays the results in mg/L of
nitrate-nitrogen (NO₃-N).





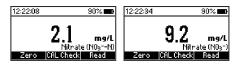


• Press \equiv and use the \blacktriangle \blacktriangledown keys to select *Chemical Form.*





• Press the Select key to convert the result to mg/L of nitrate (NO_3 -).



• Press (4) to return to the measurement screen.

INTERFERENCES

Interference may be caused by:

Ammonia and amines, as urea and primary aliphatic amines

Chloride above 100 ppm

Chlorine above 2 ppm

Copper

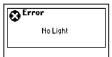
Iron(III)

Strong oxidizing and reducing substances

Sulfide must be absent

9. ERROR DESCRIPTIONS

The instrument shows clear warning messages when erroneous conditions appear and when measured values are outside the expected range. These messages are described below.



No Light: The light source is not functioning properly.



Light Leak: There is an excess amount of ambient light reaching the detector.



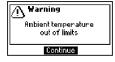
Inverted Cuvette: The sample and the zero cuvettes are inverted.



Light Low: The instrument cannot adjust the light level. Please check that the sample does not contain any debris.



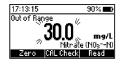
Light High: There is too much light to perform a measurement. Please check the preparation of the zero cuvette.



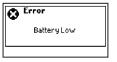
Ambient temperature out of limits: The meter is too hot or too cold for an accurate measurement. Allow the meter to reach 10 $^{\circ}$ C to 40 $^{\circ}$ C (50 $^{\circ}$ F to 104 $^{\circ}$ F) before performing a measurement.



Ambient temperature changed: The temperature of the meter has changed significantly since the zero measurement has been performed. A zero measurement must be performed again.



Out of range: The measured value is outside the limits of the method.

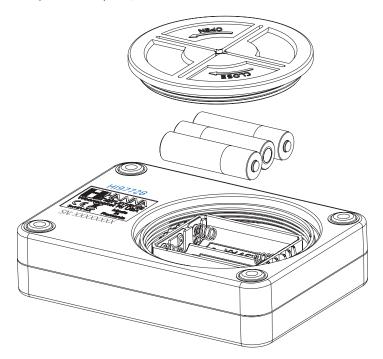


Battery Low: Battery is low, replace the batteries with new ones.

10. BATTERY REPLACEMENT

To replace the instrument's batteries, follow these steps:

- Turn the instrument off by pressing and holding the 😊 key.
- Remove the battery cover by turning it counterclockwise.
- Remove the old batteries, replace them with three new 1.5V AA batteries.
- Replace the battery cover, turn it clockwise to close.



11. ACCESSORIES

11.1. REAGENT SETS

Code	Description	
HI93728-01	Nitrate Reagent - 100 te	

H193728-03 Nitrate Reagent - 300 tests

11.2. OTHER ACCESSORIES

Code	Description
HI7101412	blue carrying case for H1977xx and 2 CAL Check cuvettes
HI731318	cloth for wiping cuvettes (4 pcs.)
HI731331	glass cuvettes (4 pcs.)
HI731336N	cap for cuvette (4 pcs.)
HI93703-50	cuvette cleaning solution (230 mL)
HI97728-11	CAL Check® standards for nitrate - cuvette kit

Certification |

All Hanna Instruments conform to the **CE European Directives**.



RoHS compliant

Disposal of Electrical & Electronic Equipment. The product should not be treated as household waste. Instead hand it over to the appropriate collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment which will conserve natural resources.

Disposal of waste batteries. This product contains batteries, do not dispose of them with other household waste. Hand them over to the appropriate collection point for recycling.

Ensuring proper product and battery disposal prevents potential negative consequences for the environment and human health, which may be caused by inappropriate handling. For more information, contact your city, your local household waste disposal service, the place of purchase or go to www.hannainst.com.



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Recommendations for | Before using this product, make sure it is entirely suitable for your specific application and for the environment in which it is used. Any variation introduced by the user to the supplied equipment may degrade the meter's performance. For yours and the meter's safety do not use or store the meter in hazardous environments.

Warranty

The H197728 is warranted for two years against defects in workmanship and materials when used for its intended purpose and maintained according to instructions. This warranty is limited to repair or replacement free of charge. Damage due to accidents, misuse, tampering or lack of prescribed maintenance is not covered.

If service is required, contact your local Hanna Instruments Office. If under warranty, report the model number, date of purchase, serial number (engraved on the bottom of the meter) and the nature of the problem. If the repair is not covered by the warranty, you will be notified of the charges incurred. If the meter is to be returned to Hanna Instruments, first obtain a Returned Goods Authorization (RGA) number from the Technical Service department and then send it with shipping costs prepaid. When shipping any meter, make sure it is properly packed for complete protection.

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