

HI96759C

Maple Syrup Transmittance Analyzer



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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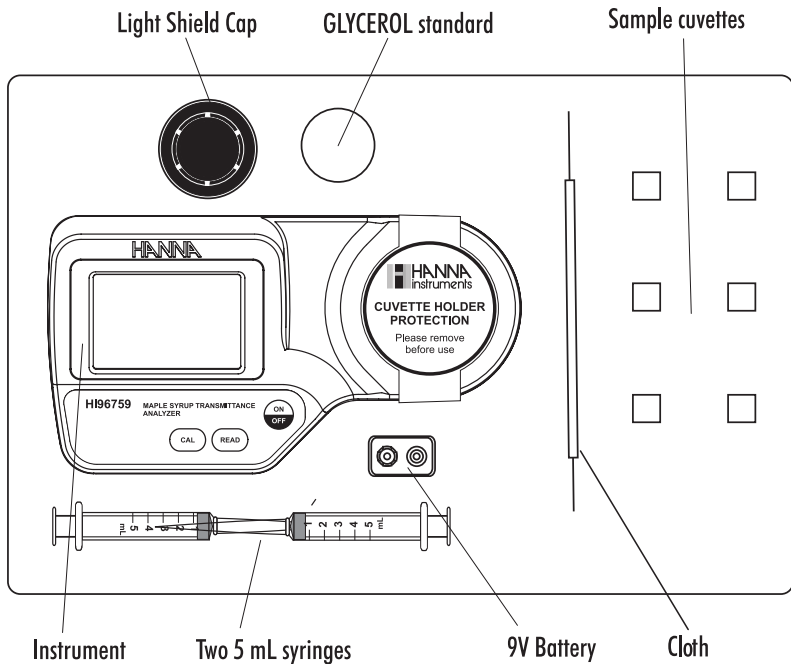
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Please examine this product carefully. Make sure that the instrument is not damaged. If any damage occurred during shipment, please contact your local Hanna Instruments Office.

Each HI96759 Ion Selective Meter is supplied complete with:

- Six Sample Cuvettes
- One Light Shield Cap
- 5 mL Syringes (2 pcs.)
- 30 mL Glycerol (1 bottle)
- 9V Battery
- Cloth for wiping cuvettes
- Instrument Quality Certificate
- Instruction Manual and Quick Reference Guide
- Rigid carrying case

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



The [HI96759](#) is an auto diagnostic portable microprocessor meter that benefits from Hanna Instruments' years of experience as a manufacturer of analytical instruments. It has the advanced optical system based on a special tungsten lamp and a narrow band interference filter that allows most accurate and repeatable readings. All instruments are factory calibrated and the electronic and optical design minimizes the need of frequent calibration.

All instruments are splash proof and the lamp and filter units are protected from dust or dirt. This makes the instruments fulfill field applications. Display messages aid the user in routine operation. The meter has an auto-shut off feature that will turn off the instrument after 10 minutes of non use in measurement mode or after 1 hour if left in calibration mode.

The meter uses an exclusive positive-locking system to ensure that the cuvette is in the same position every time it is placed into the measurement cell.

The [HI96759](#) measures the percent light transmittance of maple syrup compared to analytical grade glycerol. The transmittance value allows identification of the syrup quality class.

°C: degree Celsius

°F: degree Fahrenheit

mL: milliliter

mV: millivolt

LCD: Liquid Crystal Display

The primary characteristic for classifying maple syrup is color. When syrup is very light in color, as matching the minimum light transmittance standards, the grade assigned to syrup is high. When syrup color is dark, the grade is low. Color classes are expressed in percent of light transmission as compared to an analytical Glycerol Standard Reference fixed at one hundred percent transmission. All syrup is considered to be at minimum density, 66.0 degrees Brix at 68 °F (20 °C), and to have no flavors or other characteristics extraneous to pure maple syrup.

Color class	Range (% Transmittance)
Grade A Light Amber	75.0 to 100.0
Grade A Medium Amber	60.5 to 74.9
Grade A Dark Amber	44.0 to 60.4
Grade B for reprocessing	27.0 to 43.9
Substandard	less than 27.0

Range	0.0 to 100.0 % Transmittance
Resolution	0.1 % Transmittance
Accuracy @25 °C (77 °F)	± 3 % @75.0 % Transmittance
Light Source	Tungsten Lamp
Light Detector	Silicon Photocell with narrow band interference filter @560 nm
Method	Direct Measurement
Environment	0 to 50 °C (32 to 122 °F); max 95% RH non-condensing
Battery Type	9V (1 pc.)
Auto-Shut off	After 10' of non-use in measurement mode; after 1 hour of non-use in calibration mode; with last reading reminder
Dimensions	192 x 104 x 69 mm (7.6 x 4.1 x 2.7")
Weight	320 g (11.3 oz.)

REQUIRED REAGENTS

Code	Description	Quantity/test
HI93703-57	Glycerol	4 mL

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:

$$-\log I/I_o = \epsilon_\lambda c d$$

or

$$A = \epsilon_\lambda c d$$

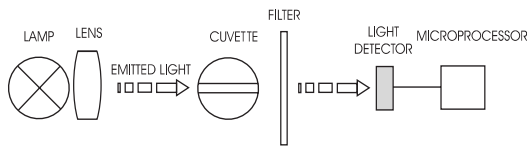
Where:

- log I/I_o = Absorbance (A)
- 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 known.

Photometric chemical analysis is based on the possibility to develop an absorbing compound from a specific chemical reaction between sample and reagents. Given that the absorption of a compound strictly depends on the wavelength of the incident light beam, a narrow spectral bandwidth should be selected as well as a proper central wavelength to optimize measurements.

The optical system of Hanna Instruments’ HI96 series colorimeter is based on special subminiature tungsten lamps and narrow-band interference filters to guarantee both high performance and reliable results.



HI96 series block diagram (optical layout)

A microprocessor controlled special tungsten lamp emits radiation which is first optically conditioned and beamed to the sample contained in the cuvette. The optical path is fixed by the diameter of the cuvette. Then the light is spectrally filtered to a narrow spectral bandwidth, to obtain a light beam of intensity I_0 or I .

The photoelectric cell collects the radiation I that is not absorbed by the sample and converts it into an electric current, producing a potential in the mV range.

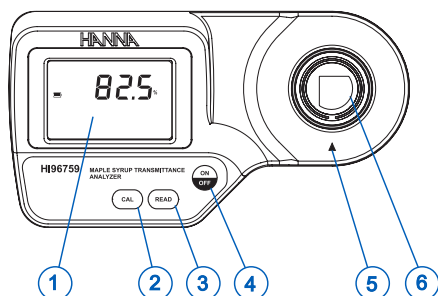
The microprocessor uses this potential to convert the incoming value into the desired measuring unit and to display it on the LCD.

The measurement process is carried out in two phases: first the meter is zeroed and then the actual measurement is performed.

The cuvette has a very important role because it is an optical element and thus requires particular attention. It is important that both, the measurement and the calibration (zeroing) cuvettes, are optically identical to provide the same measurement conditions. Whenever possible use the same cuvette for both. It is necessary that the surface of the cuvette is clean and not scratched. This to avoid measurement interference due to unwanted reflection and absorption of light. It is recommended not to touch the cuvette walls with hands.

Furthermore, in order to maintain the same conditions during the zeroing and the measuring phases, it is necessary to close the cuvette to prevent any contamination.

INSTRUMENT DESCRIPTION



- 1) Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)
- 2) **CAL** key
- 3) **READ** key
- 4) **ON/OFF** key
- 5) Cuvette alignment indicator
- 6) Cuvette holder

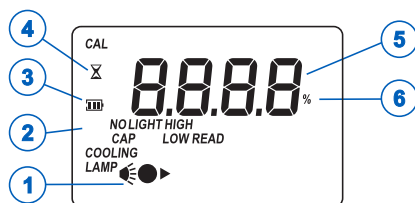
KEYPAD DESCRIPTION

- **ON/OFF**: to turn the meter on and off.
- **CAL**: to calibrate the meter prior to measurement.
- **READ**: to make a measurement.

OPERATING MODES

- **Measurement mode**: default operation mode, enables both calibration and measurement.

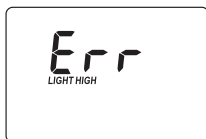
DISPLAY ELEMENTS DESCRIPTION



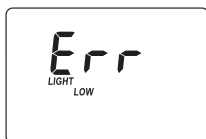
- 1) The measuring scheme (lamp, cuvette, detector), appears during different phases of zero or reading measurement
- 2) Error messages and warnings
- 3) The battery icon indicates the charge state of the battery
- 4) The hourglass appears when an internal checking is in progress
- 5) Four digit main display
- 6) Measuring units

The instrument shows clear messages when erroneous condition appears. Messages are also displayed when the obtained values are outside expected range. The beeper is playing a beep on errors.

a) on calibration



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



Light Low: There is not enough light to perform a measurement. Please check the preparation of the calibration cuvette.



No Light: The instrument cannot adjust the light level. Please check that the sample does not contain any debris.

b) on sample reading



Cal: Calibration was not performed. Follow the instructions of the measurement procedure for calibrating the meter.



Under range: A blinking "0.0" indicates that the sample absorbs less light than the zero reference. Check the procedure and make sure you use the same cuvette for reference (calibration) and measurement.

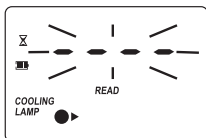


Over Range: A flashing value of the maximum concentration indicates an over range condition. The concentration of the sample is beyond the programmed range: dilute the sample and re-run the test.

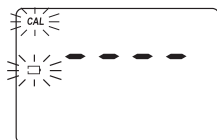
d) other errors and warnings



Cap error: Appears when external light enters in the analysis cell. Assure that the cuvette cap is present.



Cooling lamp: The instrument waits for the lamp to cool down.



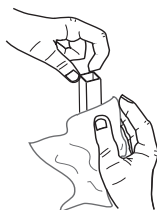
Battery low: The battery must be replaced soon.



Dead battery: This indicates that the battery is dead and must be replaced. Once this indication is displayed, normal operation of the instrument will be interrupted. Change the battery and restart the meter.

The instructions listed below should be carefully followed during testing to ensure best accuracy.

- Use matched square cuvettes, having 4 clear faces and 10 mm path length.
- Do not touch the cuvette walls with hands.
- Whenever the cuvette is placed into the measurement cell, it must be dry outside, and completely free of fingerprints, oil or dirt. Wipe it thoroughly with [HI731318](#) or a lint-free cloth prior to insertion.



- It is important that the sample does not contain any debris. This would corrupt the reading.
- Samples should be completely free of air bubbles. If bubbles are present, let the samples stand until air bubbles have completely disappeared (not more than 30 minutes, see note below).
- It is recommended to take the sample of maple syrup in the middle of the container.
- It is recommended to take and analyze samples at room temperature.
- Do not use the same cuvette with glycerol for more than 5-10 times to perform calibration and dispose of it after 1 day has passed.
- Never re-use maple syrup sample cuvettes, dispose of them after use.
- Use one syringe for glycerol, and the other one for syrup in order to avoid contamination.

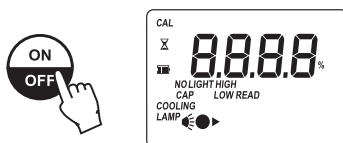
Note: Maple Syrup samples exposed to direct sun light and/or air will darken over time. This is caused by microorganisms.

Prepare the instrument for measurement as follows:

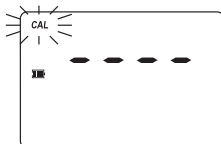
- Unpack the instrument by removing the dust protection sleeve from the instrument cuvette holder.
- Place the battery in the instrument as described in the “BATTERY REPLACEMENT” chapter.
- Place the instrument on a flat table.
- Do not place the instrument under direct sun light.

To compensate the meter for the sample turbidity or color, the measurement takes place in two phases. First, the meter is zeroed using the unreacted sample. After the reagents are added the reacted sample is measured.

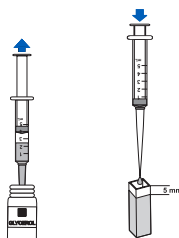
- Turn the meter on by pressing **ON/OFF**. The display briefly shows all tags on.



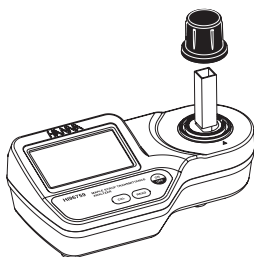
- When the beeper sounds briefly and the LCD displays dashes, the meter is ready. The blinking “CAL” indicates that the instrument needs to be calibrated first.



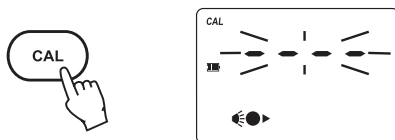
- Use a first syringe to fill one cuvette with 4 mL of Glycerol, up to 5 mm (0.2”) below the rim. This is the Glycerol Standard Reference.



- Place the cuvette into the cuvette holder paying attention to the direction of the light indicated by the arrow on the instrument. Then put the light shield cap on and ensure that the notch on the cap is positioned securely into the groove.



- Press **CAL** and the lamp, cuvette and detector icons will appear on the display, depending on the measurement phase.



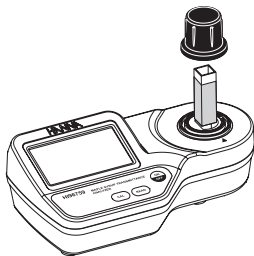
- After a few seconds, the display will show "100.0%". The meter is now calibrated and ready for measurement.



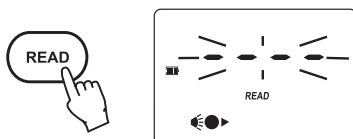
- Remove the Glycerol cuvette.
- Use the second syringe to add to a clean cuvette 4 mL of maple syrup, up to 5 mm (0.2") below the rim. This is the sample.



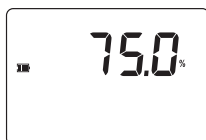
- Place the sample cuvette into the cuvette holder paying attention to the direction of the light indicated by the arrow on the instrument. Then put the light shield cap on and ensure that the notch on the cap is positioned securely into the groove.



- Press **READ** and the lamp, cuvette and detector icons will appear on the display, depending on the measurement phase.



- At the end of measurement, the instrument directly displays percent of light transmittance as compared to Glycerol Standard (fixed at one hundred percent) on the LCD.



- Check in the manual to which color class the transmittance value corresponds.

INTERFERENCES

Interference may be caused by air bubbles or turbidity in the sample. Scratched or dirty cuvettes will also affect readings. Always check clearness of cuvettes prior to use.

To save battery, the instrument shuts down after 10 minutes of non-use in measurement mode and after 1 hour of non-use in calibration mode.

If a valid measurement was displayed before auto-shut off, the value is displayed when the instrument is switched on. The blinking “CAL” means that a new calibration has to be performed.



One fresh battery lasts for around 750 measurements, depending on the light level.

The remaining battery capacity is evaluated at the instrument startup and after each measurement.

The instrument displays a battery indicator with three levels as follows:

- 3 lines for 100 % capacity
- 2 lines for 66 % capacity
- 1 line for 33 % capacity
- Battery icon blinking if the capacity is under 10 %.

If the battery is empty and accurate measurements can't be taken anymore, the instrument shows “dEAd bAtt” and turns off.

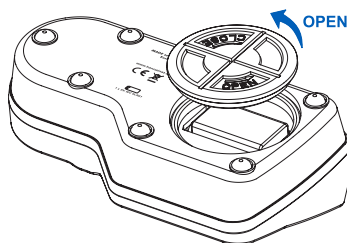
To restart the instrument, the battery must be replaced with a fresh one.

To replace the instrument's battery, follow the steps:

- Turn the instrument off by pressing **ON/OFF**.



- Turn the instrument upside down and remove the battery cover by turning it counterclockwise.



- Extract the battery from its location and replace it with a fresh one.
- Insert back the battery cover and turn it clockwise to close.

Analysis Kit

HI93703-56	Kit for Maple Syrup analysis, including 82 cuvettes, 30 mL of Glycerol and two 5 mL Syringe (75 tests average)
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Other Accessories

HI740029P	9V battery (10 pcs.)
HI731318	Cloth for wiping cuvettes (4 pcs.)
HI93703-50	Cuvette cleaning solution (230 mL)
HI740318	Carrying case

Recommendations for Users

Before using these products, make sure that they are entirely suitable for your specific application and for the environment in which they are used.

Operation of these instruments may cause unacceptable interferences to other electronic equipments, this requiring the operator to take all necessary steps to correct interferences.

Any variation introduced by the user to the supplied equipment may degrade the instruments' EMC performance.

To avoid damages or burns, do not put the instrument in microwave oven. For yours and the instrument safety do not use or store the instrument in hazardous environments.

Warranty

HI96759 is warranted for two years against defects in workmanship and materials when used for its intended purpose and maintained according to the instructions.

This warranty is limited to repair or replacement free of charge.

Damages due to accident, misuse, tampering or lack of prescribed maintenance are not covered.

If service is required, contact your local Hanna Instruments Office . If under warranty, report the model number, date of purchase, serial number and the nature of the failure. If the repair is not covered by the warranty, you will be notified of the charges incurred.

If the instrument is to be returned to Hanna Instruments, first obtain a Returned Goods Authorization Number from the Customer Service Department and then send it with shipment costs prepaid. When shipping any instrument, make sure it is properly packaged for complete protection.

To validate your warranty, fill out and return the enclosed warranty card within 14 days from the date of purchase.

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