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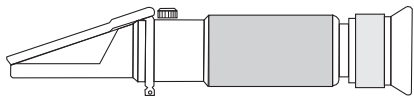
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EXTECH[®] User's Guide

INSTRUMENTS

to 10% Brix Refractometer with ATC

Model RF11



Introduction

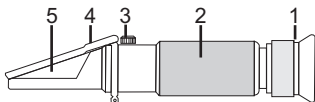
Congratulations on your purchase of the Extech RF11 Brix Refractometer. Precision optical instruments should be handled gently; avoid touching the optical surface. Careful use of these instruments will provide years of reliable service.

Specifications

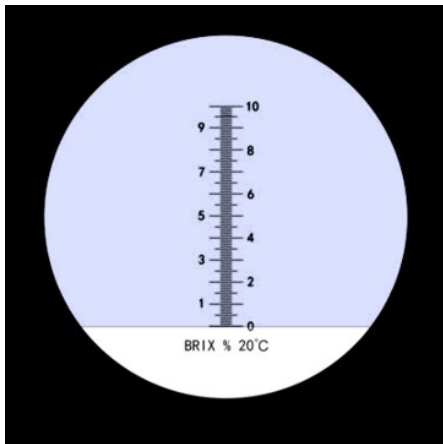
Range	0 to 10% Brix
Resolution	0.1%
ATC range	50 to 86°F / 10 to 30°C
Dimensions	7.5 x 1.6 x 1.2" (190 x 40 x 30mm);
Weight	5.5 oz. (155g)

Description

1. Eyepiece
2. Mirror Tube
3. Adjustment screw
4. Cover Plate
5. Prism



Scale



Operation

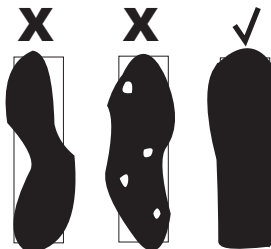
This instrument measures the refractive index of a sample and displays the results in % Brix.

1. Zero Adjustment

Cover the prism with a few drops of distilled water from the included vial. Close the cover plate and view the light/dark boundary (shadowline). If necessary, turn the adjustment screw until the shadowline aligns with the scale's zero line. The zero calibration should be performed at 68°F/20°C. After the zero adjustment, clean the prism with a soft cloth.

2. Sample Preparation and Reading

To take a sample reading, open the cover plate and place a few drops of the sample on the measurement prism. Close the cover plate so that the liquid spreads across the entire surface of the prism without air bubbles or dry spots. Allow the sample to remain on the prism for approximately 30 seconds.



While holding the instrument under a light source, look through the eyepiece. The brix concentration is determined by the intersection of the boundary of the light and dark fields on the scale. If the scale appears out of focus, adjust by rotating the eyepiece until the scale is in focus. The instrument also features an eye-guard to prevent stray light from entering the eyepiece and causing reflections.

It may be necessary to adjust the position of the light source to maximize the contrast of the shadowline. Under normal conditions, optimal contrast is obtained by holding the instrument underneath and perpendicular to a light source.

Once a reading has been taken, wipe dry with a clean cloth (do not wash or rinse) and place the instrument in the supplied plastic case. Store the instrument in a safe, dry environment.

3. Automatic Temperature Compensation (ATC)

Temperature is one of the single most important factors influencing accurate refractometer readings and is one of the largest sources of measurement error. Automatic temperature compensation relieves the user of the responsibility to measure temperature and apply a correction factor when taking readings. The RF11 makes this correction automatically. Using 68°F (20°C) as a reference, readings are automatically adjusted to compensate for temperature variance between 50°F to 86°F (10°C to 30°C).

International Brix% Scale

Brix to Refractive Index (nD) Conversion Table

%	nD	%	nD
0	1.333	6	1.3418
1	1.3344	7	1.3433
2	1.3359	8	1.3448
3	1.3373	9	1.3463
4	1.3388	10	1.3478

Source: International Sugar Analysis Committee

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