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# Introduction

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Thank you for purchasing the YSI Professional Digital Sampling System (ProDSS).

ProDSS features include:

- Digital smart probes that are automatically recognized by the instrument when connected
- Waterproof (IP-67) case
- Long-life rechargeable lithium-ion battery pack
- Color display and backlit keypad
- User-selectable cable options
- USB connectivity
- Global Positioning System (GPS) (optional)
- Depth sensor (optional)
- Large memory with extensive site list capabilities
- Rugged enclosure with rubber over-molded case and military-spec (MS) connectors
- KorDSS data management software included with each instrument (Please see [installation instructions on page 73](#))

## Safety Information

Please read this entire manual before unpacking, setting up or operating this equipment. Pay attention to all precautionary statements. Failure to do so could result in serious injury to the operator or damage to the equipment. Make sure that the protection provided by this equipment is not impaired. Do not use or install this equipment in any manner other than that specified in this manual.

**NOTICE:** The manufacturer is not responsible for any damages due to misapplication or misuse of this product including, without limitation, direct, incidental and consequential damages, and disclaims such damages to the full extent permitted under applicable law. The user is solely responsible to identify critical application risks and install appropriate mechanisms to protect processes during a possible equipment malfunction.

## Precautionary Symbols

**NOTE:** *Information that requires special emphasis*

**NOTICE:** Indicates a situation which, if not avoided, may cause damage to the instrument

 **CAUTION:** Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that may result in minor or moderate injury

 **WARNING:** Indicates a potentially or imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury

## Product Components

Carefully unpack the instrument and accessories and inspect for damage. If any parts or materials are damaged, contact YSI Customer Service at 800-897-4151 (+1 937 767-7241) or the authorized YSI distributor from whom the instrument was purchased.

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### Battery Use and Battery Life

The ProDSS uses a rechargeable lithium-ion (Li-Ion) battery pack as a power source. The battery comes pre-installed in the ProDSS and does not need to be replaced until the battery charge capacity is deemed unacceptable by the user. The battery is shipped at less than 50% full capacity and charging the battery is not required before first use.

Battery life depends on use, enabled parameters, LCD brightness, and GPS use. As with all lithium-ion batteries, battery life will decline over time and use. This decay is typical and should be expected.

A new ProDSS battery is expected to last for the following durations (25 °C (77 °F), auto sampling, GPS on, keypad backlight off):

- ProDSS instrument only - 48 hours
- ProDSS with fully loaded 4 port cable assembly and 25% LCD brightness - 20 hours
- ProDSS with fully loaded 4 port cable assembly and 100% (Default) LCD brightness - 14 hours

To increase battery life, enable manual sampling mode ([Sampling on page 20](#)). Manual sampling mode powers the sensor/s on to take a measurement and then powers down to conserve battery life. Battery life may also depend on the battery charging practices used. For maximum battery life, keep the battery 40% to 80% charged. Also, a larger discharge (e.g. to 50%) is better than a small discharge (e.g. to 90%) between recharges.

## Charging the Battery Pack

A USB cable is included with the ProDSS to charge the instrument battery pack and connect the instrument to a PC. The instrument battery pack can be charged from the AC power adapter, directly from a computer USB connection or from an external, portable USB battery pack (sold separately, see [ProDSS accessories on Page 80](#)).

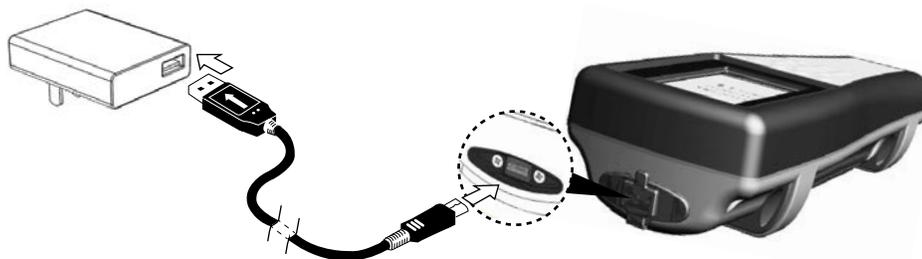
Plug the USB connector into the AC power adapter, computer USB connector or external USB battery pack, then plug the micro USB connector into the ProDSS instrument (Figure 1).

**NOTE:** The ProDSS internal charge controller only allows the battery pack to be charged if the temperature is between 0 and 45 °C (32 and 113 °F).

**WARNING:** Charge the battery pack in an open area away from flammable materials, liquids, and surfaces. Read [Rechargeable Lithium-Ion battery pack safety warnings and precautions on page 81](#).

The ProDSS will charge faster when plugged into an AC outlet for charging rather than a PC's USB port. For the instrument to recognize that it is using AC power, you must start charging the ProDSS while on. After the instrument recognizes it is being charged, it can be turned off to finish charging.

When using the AC adapter, it takes approximately 14 hours to charge the ProDSS battery when the instrument is turned off during the charge. The amount of time required to completely charge the battery pack when the ProDSS is initially turned on during the charge is approximately 9 hours.



**Figure 1** Connecting the ProDSS to AC power supply

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## Battery Replacement

**NOTE:** The battery pack is pre-installed in the ProDSS instrument.



**WARNING:** Do not charge or handle a battery pack that is hot to the touch. Failure to follow the safety warnings and precautions can result in personal injury and/or instrument damage not covered under warranty. Read [Rechargeable Lithium-Ion battery pack safety warnings and precautions on page 81](#).

1. Remove the battery pack cover by unscrewing (counter-clockwise) the four screws with a flat or Phillips head screwdriver ([Figure 2 on page 7](#)).

**NOTE:** The retaining screws are captured into the battery pack cover and are not removable.

2. If replacing an existing battery pack, remove the Li-Ion battery pack and battery pack gasket/cradle. With two fingers, grasp the battery pack connector and pull the connector straight up to disconnect and remove.

**NOTE:** Properly dispose of the old battery pack (See ["Battery Disposal" on page 82](#)).

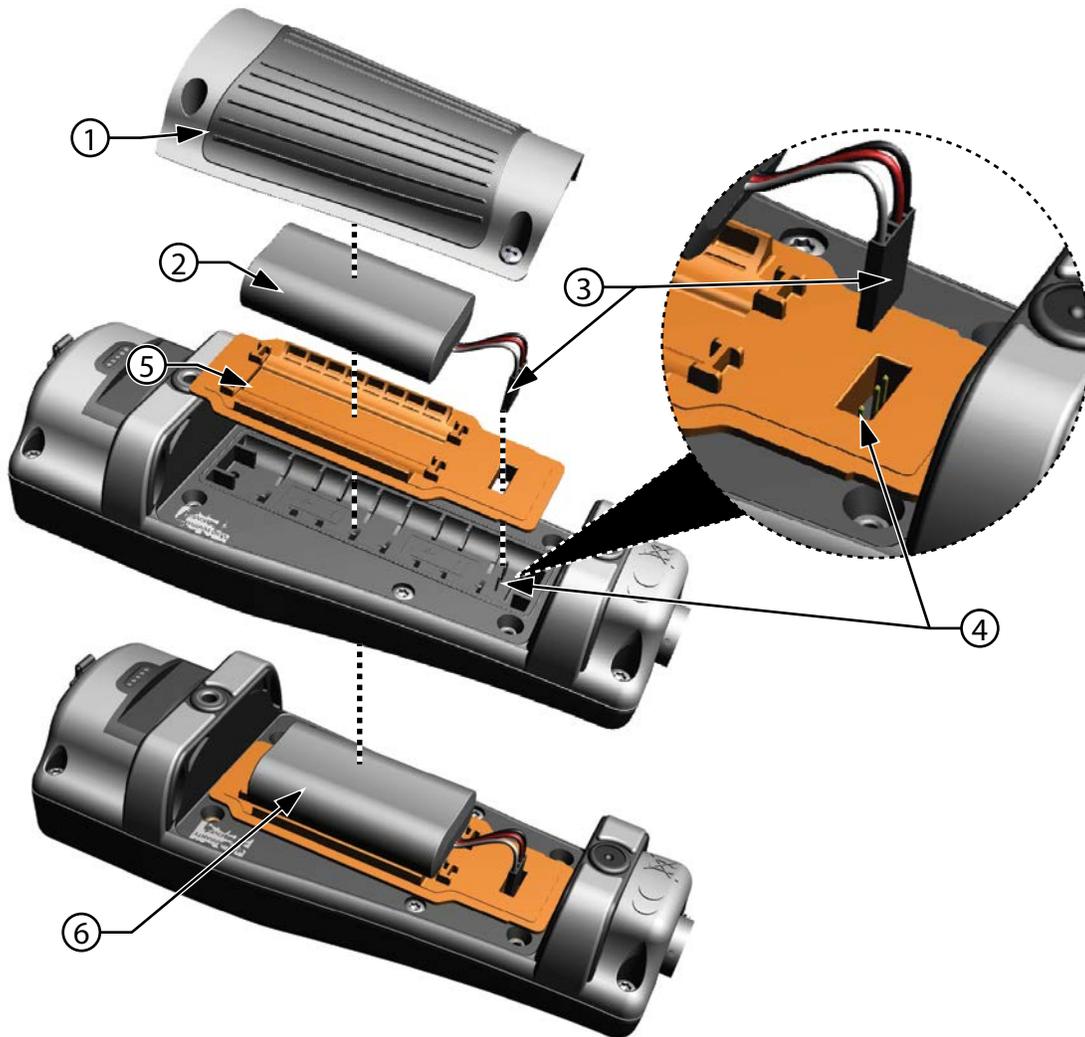
**NOTE:** A new gasket/cradle is included with a new battery pack to prevent water leaking into the instrument case. When replacing the battery pack, use the new battery pack gasket/cradle supplied with the replacement battery pack.

3. Inspect the replacement battery pack and battery pack gasket/cradle for damage. Contact YSI customer service if the new battery pack and/or replacement gasket/cradle is damaged.
4. Correctly align and seat the battery pack gasket/cradle and battery pack into the instrument.
5. Align the battery pack connector wire terminals with the three instrument pins, then connect the battery pack to the instrument.

**NOTICE:** Make sure that the three wire terminal connectors and three instrument pins are correctly aligned before connecting the battery pack connector. Incorrect installation can damage the battery pack connectors or instrument pins.

6. Install the battery pack cover, then hand tighten the cover screws with a screwdriver. DO NOT use any power tools. Make sure that the cover sealing surface is correctly aligned and free of any contamination or damage.

**NOTICE:** The handheld is designed IP67 without the battery cover; therefore, the battery cover screws only need tightened enough to secure it into place. The battery cover does NOT need to make a compressed seal. Overtightening the cover screws can damage the battery cover and the handheld.



**Figure 2** Battery replacement

<b>1</b> Battery pack cover	<b>4</b> Instrument pin connectors
<b>2</b> Battery pack	<b>5</b> Battery pack gasket/cradle*
<b>3</b> Battery pack connector	<b>6</b> Battery pack gasket/cradle installed

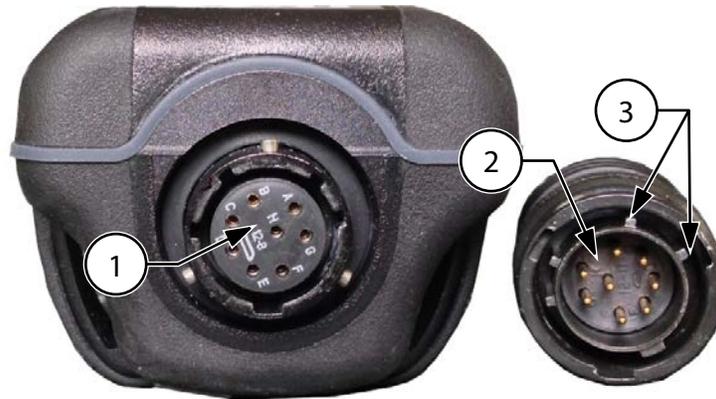
\*Color shown for reference

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### Connect the Handheld to the Cable Assembly

The ProDSS cable connectors are keyed for positive mating and to prevent connector damage (Figure 3). The ProDSS instrument retains its IP-67 rating when the cable is disconnected. However, the connectors are not wet-mateable and should be clean and dry before connecting.

Align the keys on the cable assembly connector with the slots on the instrument connector. Push together firmly, then twist the outer ring clockwise until it locks into place.



**Figure 3** Keyed connectors

<b>1</b> Handheld female connector	<b>3</b> Keyed area of connectors
<b>2</b> Cable male connector	

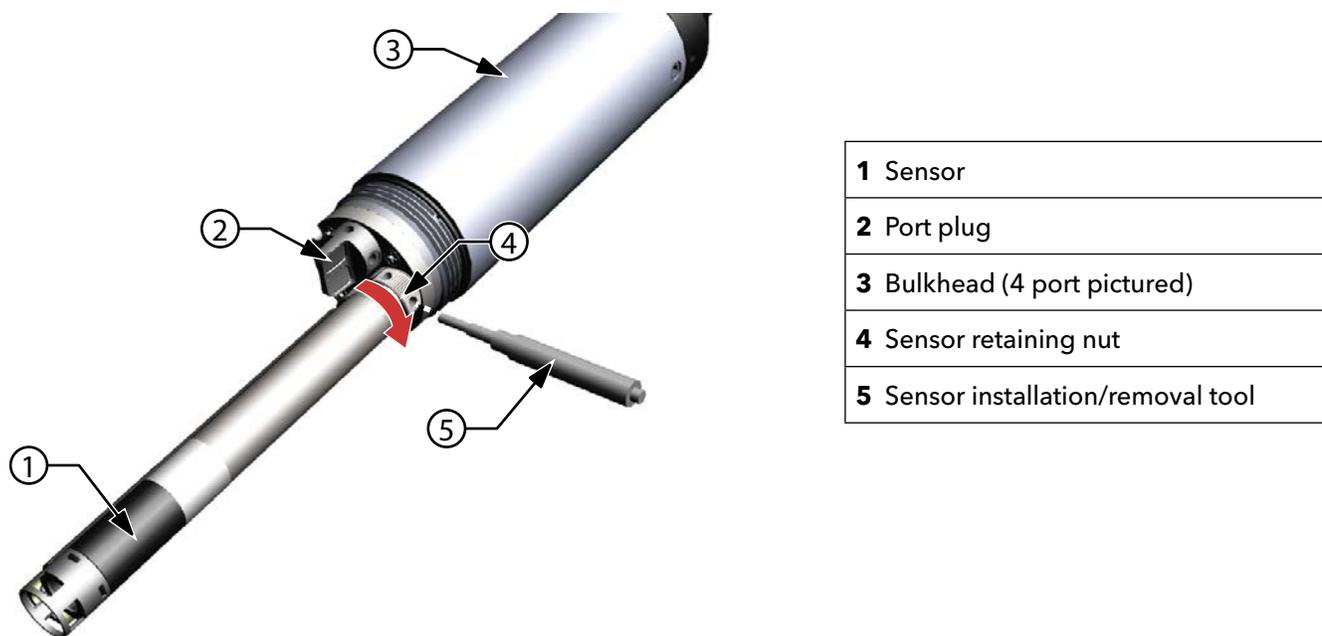
## ProDSS Sensor Installation/Removal

ProDSS cable assemblies that feature user-replaceable sensors include 4 port cables with (626910 and 626911) and without (626909) a built-in depth sensor. This section pertains to these cable assemblies.

Other ProDSS cable assemblies, like the ProDSS ODO/CT (627150), ProODO (626250) and ProOBOD (626400 and 626401), feature integral (i.e. built-in) sensors. Therefore, sensors on these cable assemblies cannot be replaced by the user. A complete list of cable options can be found in the Accessories section.

**NOTICE:** The ProDSS bulkhead and sensor connectors are not wet-mateable. Make sure that the sensor and bulkhead connectors are clean and dry before sensor installation.

**NOTE:** Sensor ports on the bulkhead (4 port cables only) are numbered (Figure 4). If multiple sensors of the same type are installed, the sensor port number will be added to the Run screen display to clarify the measurement value of each sensor.



**Figure 4** Sensor installation

### Sensor Installation

The ports on the ProDSS bulkhead are universal; therefore, you can install any sensor into any port.

**NOTE:** A conductivity/temperature sensor (626902) must be installed in a 4 port ProDSS cable for accurate measurement of all parameters except turbidity and TSS. All sensors, including conductivity/temperature, must be ordered separately.

1. Remove the port cover shipped with ProDSS cables. This cover fits over the bulkhead to protect the sensor connectors from contamination and damage during shipment. This cover can be kept for long-term cable storage.
2. Inspect the bulkhead port for contamination. If the port is dirty or wet, clean it with compressed air.
3. Apply a thin coat of o-ring lubricant to the sensor o-rings. Wipe off excess o-ring grease with a lint-free cloth.

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4. Carefully align the sensor and bulkhead connectors by inserting the sensor into the port then gently rotating the sensor until the connectors align. Once aligned, push the sensor toward the bulkhead until the sensor seats in the port.
5. Carefully finger-tighten the retaining nut clockwise.

**NOTICE:** If any resistance is felt, loosen the retaining nut completely to prevent cross-threading. Incorrect installation may cause damage to the sensor or bulkhead that is not covered by the warranty.

6. Use the sensor installation/removal tool to tighten the retaining nut clockwise until snug, about a 1/4 to 1/2 additional turn of the retaining nut.

**NOTICE:** Do not over-tighten the retaining nut. Over-tightening can cause damage to the sensor or bulkhead not covered by the warranty.

## Sensor Removal

To remove a sensor, insert the sensor installation/removal tool into the retaining nut, then rotate the retaining nut counterclockwise to loosen. After the retaining nut has been completely unscrewed from the bulkhead, pull the sensor straight out of the port and place it on a clean surface.

**NOTICE:** Install a port plug if not reinstalling a sensor in the exposed port. Exposure to water can cause damage or corrosion to the bulkhead connectors not covered by the warranty.

## Port plugs



**Figure 5** Sensor port plugs and port numbering (4 port cables)

To protect the bulkhead connectors from damage, install a port plug into any port without an installed sensor. Port plugs and a tube of o-ring lubricant are included in the maintenance kit that ships with all 4 port ProDSS cables. Refer to the [Accessories section](#) if an additional maintenance kit is needed.

**NOTICE:** Do not submerge the bulkhead without a sensor or port plug installed in all ports.

## Installation

1. Apply a thin coat of o-ring lubricant to the o-rings on the plug port.
2. Remove any excess lubricant from the o-rings and port plug with a lint-free cloth.
3. Insert the port plug into the empty port and press until firmly seated.
4. Finger-tighten the port plug clockwise to install. If necessary, use the sensor installation tool to make sure that the plug is fully seated into the port.

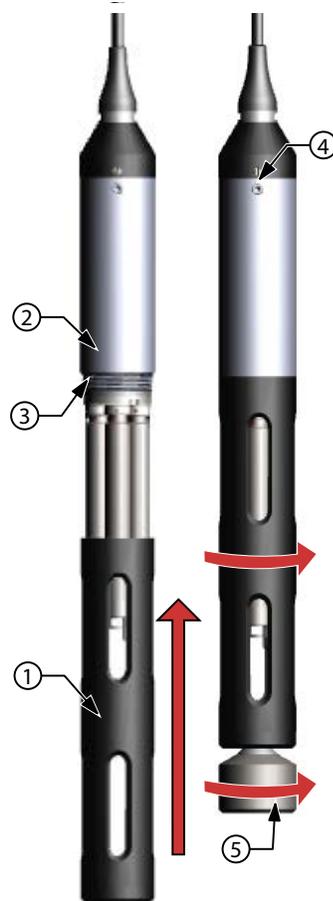
**NOTICE:** The o-rings will not be visible if a port plug is correctly installed. Do not over-tighten the port plug. Over-tightening can cause damage to the port plug or bulkhead not covered by the warranty.

## Sensor Guard and Weight Installation

1. Carefully slide the sensor guard over the bulkhead and attached sensors/port plugs. Push the sensor guard toward the bulkhead until the sensor guard threads align with the bulkhead threads.
2. Carefully finger-tighten the sensor guard clockwise.

**NOTICE:** If any resistance is felt, loosen the sensor guard completely to prevent cross-threading. Incorrect installation may cause damage to the sensor guard or bulkhead that is not covered by the warranty.

**NOTICE:** Do not submerge the bulkhead without a sensor or port plug installed in all ports.



**Figure 6** Sensor guard and weight installation on a 4 port cable assembly

1 Sensor guard	4 Depth sensor (if equipped)
2 Bulkhead	5 Weight
3 Bulkhead threads	

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### Sensor Guard Weights

To help stabilize the sensors when profiling at deeper depths, a 1 lb. sensor guard weight is supplied with 4 port assemblies 10 meters and longer. To attach the weight, carefully hand-tighten it clockwise on to the bottom of the sensor guard ([Figure 6 on page 11](#)).

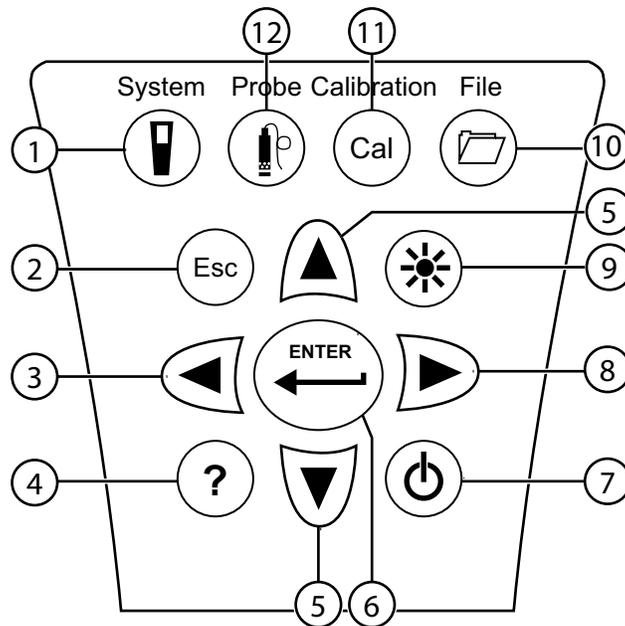
**NOTICE:** If any resistance is felt, loosen the sensor guard weight completely to prevent cross-threading. Incorrect installation may cause damage to the sensor guard.

The bottom of the weight is threaded so that additional weights can be added if needed. See [ProDSS accessories on page 80](#).

**NOTE:** *Do not have any weights installed on the sensor guard when calibrating using the calibration cup.*

# Operation

## Keypad and Navigation



**Figure 7** Keypad description

<p><b>1 System:</b> Opens the system menu. Use to adjust system settings</p>	<p><b>7 ON/OFF:</b> Turn on or turn off the instrument</p>
<p><b>2 Exit/Escape key:</b> Exits to the Run screen. When in an alpha/numeric entry screen, returns to previous menu</p>	<p><b>8 Right arrow key:</b> Navigate right in an alpha/numeric entry screen. On the Run screen, push to show graphical representations of the displayed measurements. Push the right or left arrow to return to the Run screen. In the View Data screen, push to view additional parameters in the data set.</p>
<p><b>3 Left arrow key:</b> Navigate left in an alpha/numeric entry screen. Push to return to previous menu in all screens except alpha/numeric entry. On the Run screen, push to show graphical representations of the displayed measurements. Push the right or left arrow to return to the Run screen</p>	<p><b>9 Backlight:</b> Turns the keypad backlight on or off for use in low light conditions</p>
<p><b>4 Help:</b> Shows context sensitive help</p>	<p><b>10 File:</b> Opens the file menu. Use to view logged data and GLP files, backup data to a USB stick, and delete data</p>
<p><b>5 Up/Down arrow keys:</b> Scroll through menus or enter numbers and letters</p>	<p><b>11 Calibrate:</b> Opens the calibration menu. Use to calibrate all parameters except temperature</p>
<p><b>6 Enter key:</b> Push to confirm selections. On the Run screen, push to log a single data point or start continuous data logging</p>	<p><b>12 Probe:</b> Opens the sensor menu. Use to setup sensors, change the measurements shown on the Run screen, select the sensor averaging mode, and turn on/off Auto Stable and GPS</p>

# Operation

## Startup

Push the  key to turn on the handheld. If the handheld does not turn on, make sure that the battery pack is correctly installed and charged. Push and hold the  key for 1.5 seconds to turn the handheld off.

## Navigation

The ProDSS contains menus to change user-defined options, functions, and parameters. Use the arrow keys (▲ and ▼) to highlight different options within menus and sub-menus, then push the  key to select the option. Push the ◀ key to return to the previous menu.

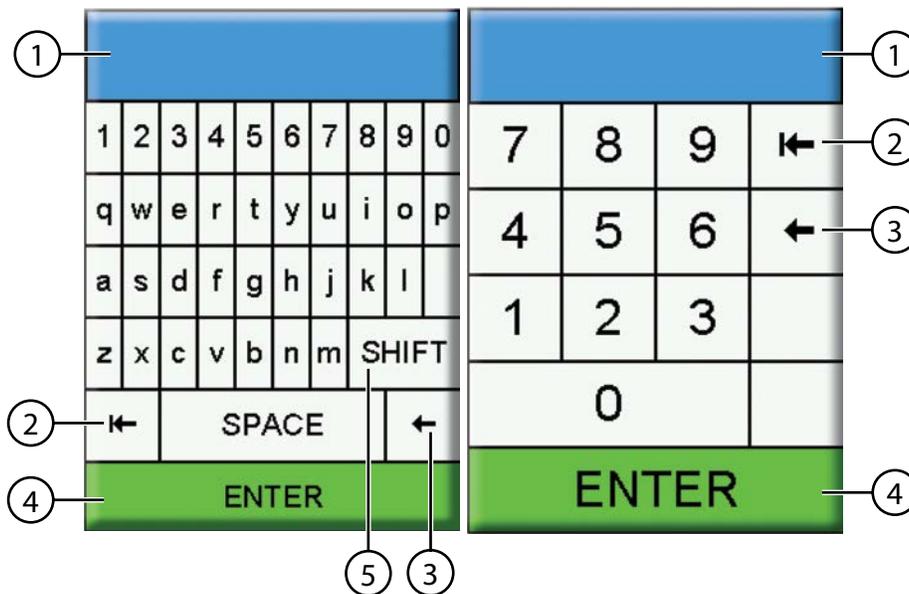
**NOTE:** When in an alpha/numeric screen, the ◀ key is for alpha/numeric navigation only. Push the  key to return to the previous menu.

Push the  key to return to the Run screen. To enable or disable an option, highlight the option, then push the  key. Enabled functions appear as a circle with a dot ● or a box with a check mark ☑. Disabled functions appear as a circle only ○ or an empty box □.

## Alpha/Numeric Entry

When required, an alpha or alpha/numeric entry screen will be shown. When finished entering information, highlight **ENTER**, then push the  key to save the entry (Figure 8).

**NOTE:** When in an alpha/numeric screen, the ◀ key is for alpha/numeric navigation only. Push the  key to return to the previous menu.



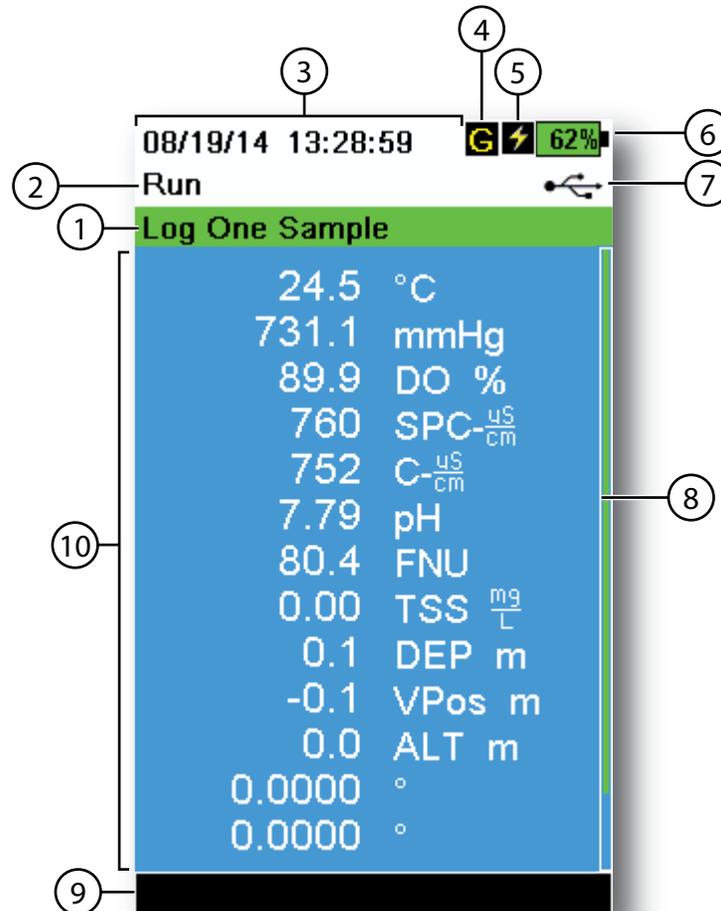
**Figure 8** Alpha/numeric and numeric entry screens

<b>1</b> User entry field	<b>4</b> Enter selection
<b>2</b> Delete entire entry	<b>5</b> Upper/lowercase
<b>3</b> Backspace	

## Main Display Description

The main display (Run screen) shows the current measurements as defined in the Sensor Display menu (“[Sensor Display](#)” on page 25). If more measurements are selected than can be displayed on the Run screen, a scroll bar will be shown. Use the ▲ and ▼ arrow keys to view the additional measurements (Figure 9).

The message area shows status messages, error messages, and information about selected functions.



**Figure 9** Main display example

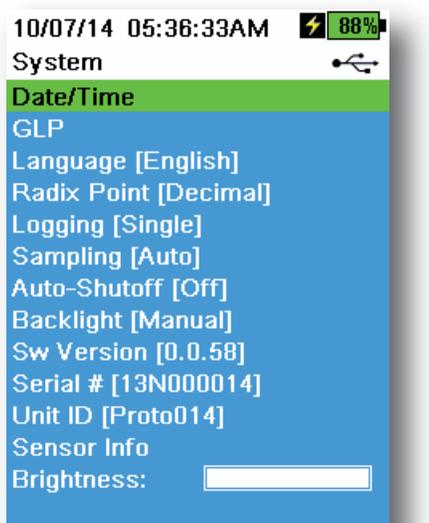
<b>1</b> Log or sampling (update measurements) prompt on Run screen (single or continuous)	<b>6</b> Batter charge %
<b>2</b> Current screen/menu	<b>7</b> USB/PC connection indicator
<b>3</b> Date/Time	<b>8</b> Scroll bar
<b>4</b> GPS signal indicator	<b>9</b> Message area
<b>5</b> Battery charging indicator	<b>10</b> Displayed measurements

## Operation

### System Menu

Push the System  key to view and adjust instrument settings. Highlight a sub-menu then push the  key to view the sub-menu options (Figure 10).

Pre-defined or user-selected options are noted within brackets ([ ]). See ["Alpha/numeric entry"](#) on page 14.



**Figure 10** System menu

Use the System menu to:

- Set the date and time (["Date/Time"](#) on page 17)
- Change the user-defined Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) options (["GLP menu"](#) on page 17)
- Change the instrument language setting (["Language"](#) on page 19)
- Change logging options (["Logging"](#) on page 19)
- Change sampling options (["Sampling"](#) on page 20)
- Set the handheld auto-shutoff time (["Auto-Shutoff"](#) on page 20)
- Change the radix point ([Radix Point](#) on page 21)
- Set the backlight mode ([Backlight](#) on page 21)
- View the software version ([Software version](#) on page 21)
- View the handheld serial number (["Serial #"](#) on page 21)
- View and adjust the Unit ID ([Unit ID](#) on page 22)
- View the sensor specific information (["Sensor info"](#) on page 22)
- Adjust the display brightness (["Brightness"](#) on page 22)



**Figure 11** Date/Time

## Date/Time



For accurate logging and GLP data, correctly set the date and time options (Figure 11). Select any of the following options to set the Date/Time in the ProDSS.

### Date/Time options:

- Set YY/MM/DD, MM/DD/YY, DD/MM/YY or YY/DD/MM date format
- Set the correct date
- Select 12 or 24 hour time format
- Set the correct time

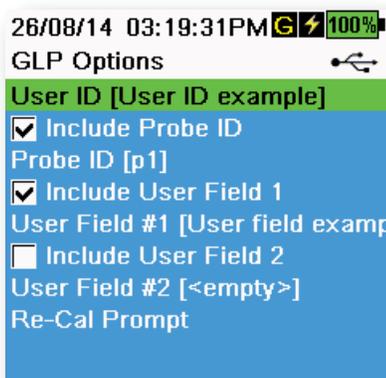
## GLP Menu

Detailed sensor calibration information is stored in the Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) file for later review.

One GLP file is used to store all calibration records. The instrument’s internal memory can save up to 400 individual calibration records. After 400 records, the instrument will overwrite previously stored calibration records, starting with the oldest.

To prevent the permanent loss of GLP records, periodically download the GLP file to a computer using the KorDSS software.

**NOTE:** Information included in each GLP record can be seen on [page 30](#).



**Figure 12** GLP Options

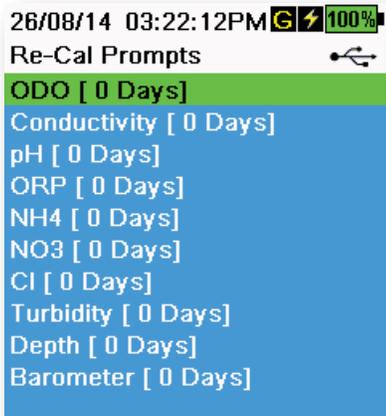
## GLP Options



User ID, Probe ID, or User Field #1 or 2 can be user-defined for positive GLP file identification of.

- The person calibrating the instrument
- The sensor/cable serial number used during calibration (or other, user-defined Probe ID)
- Other user-specific identification (User Field #1 and #2) (Figure 12)

**NOTE:** User Field can be used to describe the condition of the probe. For example, new sensor or new ODO cap.



**Figure 13** Re-Cal Prompts

## Re-Cal Prompts

 → **GLP** → **Options** → **Re-Cal Prompts**

Re-Cal Prompts provide a reminder to recalibrate a probe in the user-defined number of days (Figure 13).

The Re-Cal prompt will be displayed in the message area of the main display when the set time has elapsed (Figure 9 on page 15).

Select the desired sensor Re-Cal prompt, then enter the desired number of days before the Re-Cal prompt occurs.

Set the sensor value to zero (0) days (default) to turn off Re-Cal prompts.

**NOTE:** When enabled and the set amount of time since the last calibration has passed, the Re-Cal prompt will be shown when the instrument is turned on.

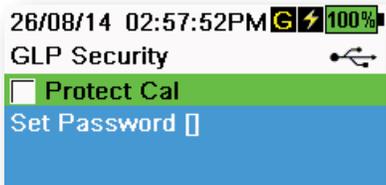
## GLP Security

 → **GLP** → **Security**

The Calibration menu can be password protected to prevent accidental or unauthorized sensor calibration (Figure 14).

1. From the GLP menu, select **Security**, then enter the default password "ysi123".
2. Select **Set Password** [ ] and change the default password.
3. Select the **Protect Cal** check box to password protect the Calibration menu.

**NOTE:** Write down and keep the password in a safe place. Contact YSI Technical Support if you lose the password ("Technical support" on page 83).



**Figure 14** GLP Security



Figure 15 Language

## Date/Time



→ Language

The ProDSS is shipped with English enabled. If a different language is desired and selected, the ProDSS will take approximately 10 to 20 seconds to enable the new language (during the first installation only).

### Optional languages:

- Spanish
- French
- German
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Norwegian
- Japanese
- Simplified Chinese
- Traditional Chinese
- Korean
- Thai

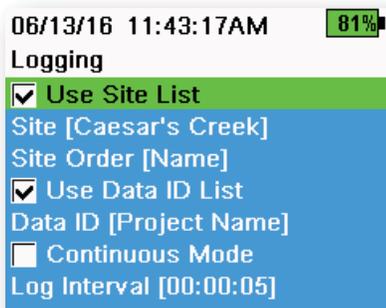


Figure 16 Logging

## Logging



→ Logging

The ProDSS can add a user-defined Site and/or Data ID to a data record if these functions are enabled under the Logging menu. A check mark in the box next to these features indicates they are enabled (Figure 16).

After selecting **Site** [ ] or **Data ID** [ ], the Site List or Data ID List will be shown (Figure 17). New entries can be created by choosing **Add new...** When creating a new site, GPS coordinates and altitude can be entered.

**NOTE:** If the instrument has GPS signal, the current GPS coordinates will be used when creating a new site.

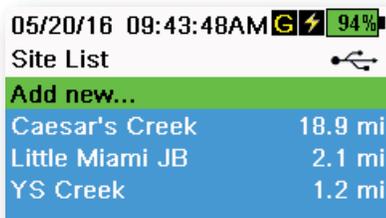


Figure 17 Site List

Choose an entry from the Site List or Data ID List to **Select** (i.e. will be added to data record), **Edit**, or **Delete** the entry (Figure 18).

**NOTE:** KorDSS can be used to send a picture of the Site to the instrument.

**NOTE:** Sites can be listed in order of **Name** (i.e. alphanumeric order) or **Distance** from the current position (Figure 16).

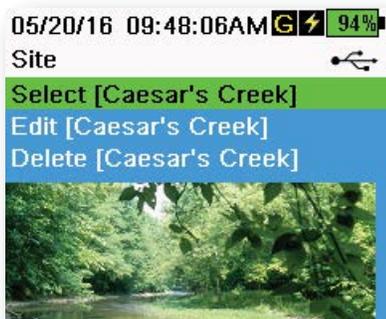
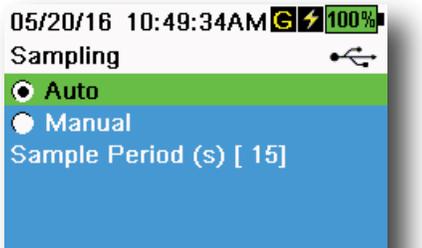


Figure 18 Site

**Continuous Mode** (Interval logging): Select the Continuous Mode check box and enter the user-defined Log Interval (in HH:MM:SS - hours:minutes:seconds) to log samples continuously at the specified time interval. The Run screen will display **Start Logging...** when in Continuous Mode. Press  to begin logging.

**One sample logging:** Clear the Continuous Mode check box. The Run screen will display **Log One Sample**. A sample will be logged each time the  key is pushed when in the Run screen.

**NOTE:** An option to change Site and/or Data ID (if enabled) appears once  is pressed to begin logging.



**Figure 19** Sampling

## Sampling

### → Sampling

Auto sampling mode continuously updates measurements on the display (Figure 19).

Manual mode helps conserve battery power. The user-defined Sample Period determines the measurement time limit.

When in Manual mode, the instrument will take measurements for the duration of the Sample Period then “lock” or hold the readings on the display (sample period default 50 seconds, user-defined between 15 to 60 seconds).

Once the measurements are locked, push the  key to log the held data, or the  key and then the  key to take a new measurement.

Enter the desired Sample Period time.

**NOTE:** When both Continuous Logging Mode and Manual Sampling mode are enabled, the ProDSS will power the sensors on and take measurements for 15 seconds before logging a data set.

## Auto-Shutoff

### → Auto-Shutoff

To conserve battery power, auto-shutoff powers off the instrument after a user-defined time period (in minutes). Set to 0 (zero) to disable Auto-Shutoff.



**Figure 20** Radix Point

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## Radix Point



→ Radix Point

The radix point can be changed to display a comma or a decimal in numeric displays (e.g. 1.00 becomes 1,000 when Comma is selected) (Figure 20).

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## Backlight



→ Backlight

In Automatic mode, the instrument display will dim 60 seconds after the last key was pushed. Once any key is pushed, the instrument display will return to the user-defined brightness setting and the keypad backlight will turn on. The screen will dim and the keypad backlight will turn off after another 60 seconds of inactivity.

In manual mode, the instrument display remains at the user-defined brightness until manually changed and the keypad backlight is turned on and off by the Backlight key.

**NOTE:** In bright conditions, set the backlight to Manual mode.

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## Software (Sw) Version



→ Sw Version

Sw Version shows the ProDSS software version number. The latest instrument software and update instructions are available at [ysi.com](http://ysi.com). Instrument software can be updated through the KorDSS PC software program when connected to the internet or if the update file has been transferred to the PC. See the KorDSS help section for more information.

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## Serial #



→ Serial #

Serial # shows the serial number of the ProDSS handheld instrument. Note the serial number when contacting YSI support.

## Unit ID



Unit ID identifies the instrument in the KorDSS PC software program that was included with the instrument.

Select **Unit ID** to change the default ID.

## Sensor Info



Sensor info shows measurement data, and hardware/software information for each component of the system: instrument, sensor, and bulkhead. Use the ▲ and ▼ arrow keys to scroll through the components.

## Brightness



The screen brightness can be adjusted to accommodate lighting conditions and to conserve battery power (Figure 21).

Select **Brightness** then use the ◀ and ▶ arrow keys to adjust the screen brightness.

**NOTE:** In bright conditions, set the screen brightness to 75% or greater.



Figure 21 Display Brightness

## Sensor Menu

Use the Probe  key to access the Sensor menu and change sensor settings (if applicable), enable the measurement units displayed on the Run screen, set Auto Stable parameters, change the sensor averaging mode, and if equipped, turn on/off GPS.

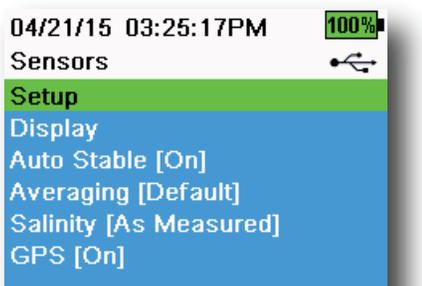


Figure 22 Probe (Sensor) menu

Push the  key to access the sensor menu (Figure 22). Highlight a sub-menu then push the  key to view sub-menu options.

Pre-defined or user-selected sensor settings are noted within brackets ([ ]).

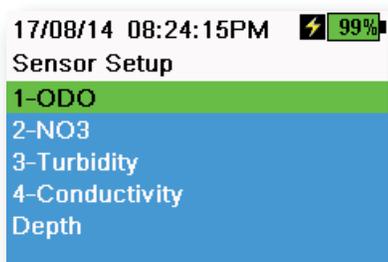


Figure 23 Sensor Setup

## Sensor Setup



The Sensor Setup menu will show all sensors connected to the instrument (Figure 23). If a sensor is connected but is not listed on the Sensor Setup menu (<None> displayed), check the sensor and cable connections (“ProDSS sensor installation/removal” on page 9).

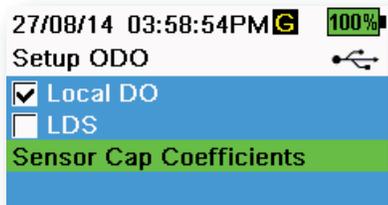


Figure 24 Setup ODO

## Setup ODO



**Local DO:** Enable or disable localized DO% measurements. When enabled, the calibration value is set to 100% regardless of altitude or barometric pressure. When enabled, an L will be shown next to DO% on the run screen. DO mg/L measurements are unaffected when Local DO is enabled (Figure 24).

**LDS:** Last Digit Supression (LDS) rounds the DO value to the nearest tenth, e.g. 8.27 mg/L becomes 8.3 mg/L.

**Sensor Cap Coefficients:** The sensor cap coefficients must be updated after sensor cap replacement. Update the sensor cap coefficients using the KorDSS software and the coefficient sheet provided with the new sensor cap.

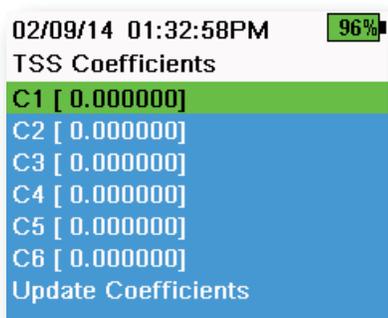


Figure 25 TSS coefficients

## Setup Turbidity



**TSS Coefficients:** Total Suspended Solids (TSS) can be measured if correlation coefficients are calculated in KorDSS.

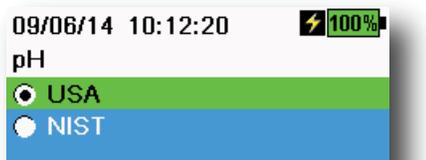
To obtain these coefficients, collect turbidity data at the sampling site with corresponding grab samples. Analyze the samples in a lab to determine a true TSS measurement (mg/L). At least 2 and up to 6 value pairs of turbidity and TSS measurements can be used.

**NOTE:** For highest accuracy, obtain 6 value pairs.

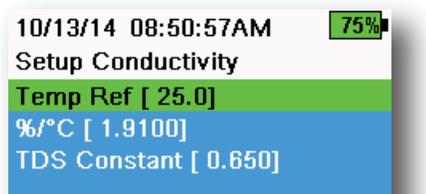
**NOTE:** Correlation data must be collected for each unique sampling site, as this correlation is site-specific.

In KorDSS, enter the field-obtained turbidity measurements and the corresponding lab-obtained TSS measurements. Coefficients can then be calculated with KorDSS and sent to the sensor.

**NOTE:** Although correlation coefficients can be entered directly into the ProDSS (Figure 25) only KorDSS can calculate the coefficients.



**Figure 26** Setup pH



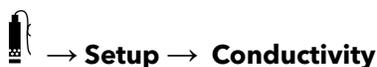
**Figure 27** Setup Conductivity

### Setup pH



Select USA auto-buffer recognition (4.00, 7.00, and 10.00) or NIST auto-buffer recognition (4.01, 6.86, and 9.18) (Figure 26). Calibration values are automatically compensated for temperature for both buffer sets.

### Setup Conductivity



**Temp Ref** (Temperature reference): Reference temperature used to calculate temperature compensated specific conductance. All specific conductance values are compensated to the Temp Ref temperature. The default value is 25 °C (77 °C) (Figure 27). Enter a new value between 15.00 °C (59 °F) and 25.00 °C (77 °F).

**%/°C** (Percent per degree Celsius): Temperature coefficient used to calculate temperature compensated specific conductance. The default is 1.91% based on KCl standards. Enter a new value between 0 and 4%.

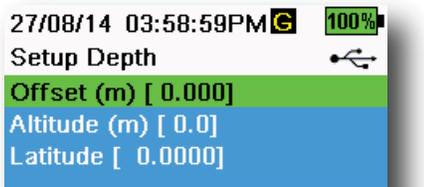
**TDS Constant:** Multiplier used to calculate an estimated Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) value from conductivity. The multiplier is used to convert specific conductance in mS/cm to TDS in g/L. The default value is 0.65. Enter a new value between 0 and 0.99.

This multiplier is highly dependent on the nature of the ionic species present in the water sample. To be assured of moderate accuracy for the conversion, you must determine a multiplier for the water at your sampling site. Use the following procedure to determine the multiplier for a specific sample:

1. Determine the specific conductance of a water sample from the site.
2. Filter a portion of water from the site.
3. Carefully measure a volume of the filtered water. Completely evaporate to yield a dry solid.
4. Accurately weight the remaining solid.
5. Divide the weight of the solid (in grams) by the volume of water used (in liters) to yield the TDS value in g/L for the site.
6. Divide the TDS value in g/L by the specific conductance of the water in mS/cm to yield the conversion multiplier.

**NOTE:** Make sure to use the correct units.

**NOTE:** If the nature of the ionic species at the site changes between sampling studies, the TDS values will be in error. TDS cannot be calculated accurately from specific conductance unless the make-up of the chemical species in the water remains constant.



**Figure 28** Setup Depth

## Setup Depth



For ProDSS bulkheads with the depth sensor:

The ProDSS cable assemblies with a depth sensor in the bulkhead can measure virtual vented depth. The virtual vented depth measurement allows for real time compensation for atmospheric pressure using the instrument’s barometer.

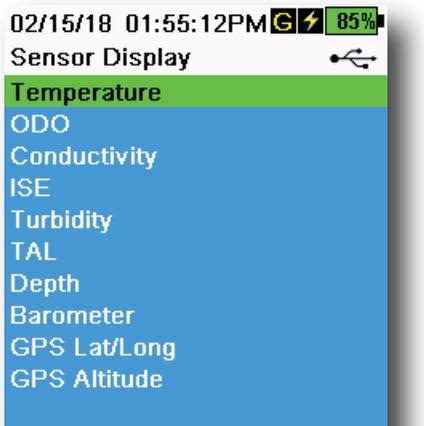
**Depth offset:** Depth offset can be used if referencing water elevation against a known datum. If a depth offset is entered (in meters), the output value will shift by the value of the offset (Figure 28).

**Altitude/Latitude:** To compensate for atmospheric pressure based on elevation and gravitational pull, enter the local altitude in meters relative to sea level and latitude in degrees where the ProDSS is sampling.

Latitude effect: Varying latitudes cause a 200 mm change in depth from equator to pole.

Altitude effect: Varying altitudes cause approximately 90 mm change from sea level to 8000 m. A 100 m change causes 1.08 mm of change to the readings.

## Sensor Display

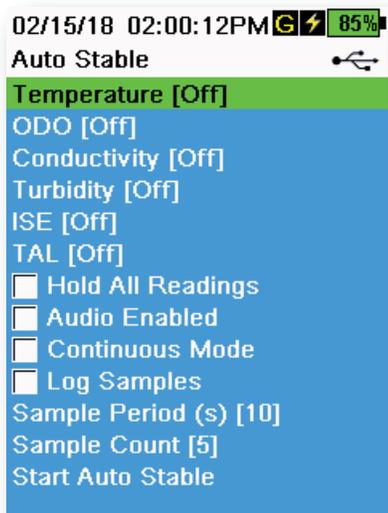


**Figure 29** Sensor Display

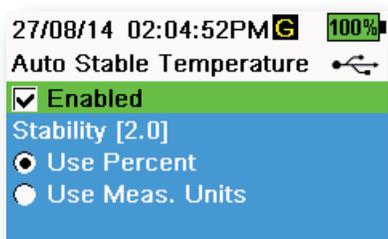
The Sensor display menu determines the measurements that are shown on the Run screen (Figure 9). The Run screen will only show measurements for sensors that are attached to the cable bulkhead.

If more measurements are selected than can be displayed on one screen, a scroll bar will be shown. Use the ▲ and ▼ keys to scroll through the measurements.

**NOTE:** For depth profiling, enable Vertical Position under Depth Display to view the real-time position of the depth sensor in the water column. This is helpful in profiling applications to ensure the depth sensor is lowered to the desired depth without waiting for the depth data to stabilize.



**Figure 30** Auto Stable



**Figure 31** Auto Stable stability threshold

## Auto Stable



Auto Stable indicates when a measurement is stable. Sensors with Auto Stable enabled will have <sup>A</sup>s flash beside the measurement on the Run screen.

<sup>A</sup>s will flash green when the measurement is stable.

Select a sensor to enable or disable Auto Stable. Set the stability threshold parameters (Figure 30).

The Auto Stable stability threshold can be set by percent of measurement or in the units of measurement selected in the Sensor Display menu.

Enter the stability value, then select **Use Percent** or **Use Meas. Units** (Figure 31).

This threshold is used to compare the last reading with the previous. The smaller the number entered in % or units, the longer it will take for the instrument to reach the auto stable criteria.

Example: For temperature in °C, if unit threshold is set to 0.2 and the temperature reading changes by more than 0.2 degrees, <sup>A</sup>s will continue to be red until the reading does not change by more than 0.2 °C over the defined sample period and sample count.

**Hold All Readings:** After all sensors have reached their stability criteria, the measurements will be held or 'locked' on the display. If disabled, the sensor measurements will continue to change in real time.

**Audio Enabled:** An audio alert will sound when stability is reached.

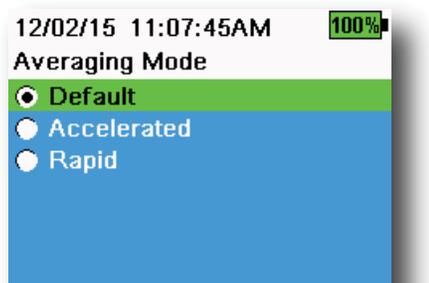
**Continuous Mode:** The ProDSS will continuously check sensor values against the stability criteria even after the sample period and sample count have been met.

**Log Samples:** Logs the sample/s defined by the Sample Period to memory.

**Sample Period:** Time interval between the sensor measurements (sample) that are used to determine stability. Set the interval in seconds (1 to 900).

**Sample Count:** Number of consecutive samples required for stability (1 to 10).

Select Start Auto Stable to enable.



**Figure 32** Averaging

## Averaging



→ **Averaging** (Figure 32)

The averaging mode determines how the ProDSS will filter data. A smaller time frame for the rolling average window allows changes in the sensor's measurements to be more quickly observed, while a larger rolling window provides more stable measurement readings and a smooth result. Each averaging mode will decrease the time span of the rolling window if a large change in the sensor measurement is detected, allowing the ProDSS to adapt when an event occurs.

The **Default** mode provides optimum averaging for all sensors. This mode has up to 40 seconds of averaging on the sensors.

In **Accelerated** mode, changes in sensor measurements are more quickly observed than default (5-10 seconds of averaging). This mode is recommended when the sensors are moving through the water, such as profiling studies and most spot sampling applications.

**NOTE:** *For profiling applications, enable Vertical Position under Depth Display to view unfiltered depth measurements. This helps to ensure the depth sensor is lowered to the desired depth without waiting for the averaged measurement.*

In **Rapid** mode, sensor response is very fast (2-3 seconds of averaging), but the instrument will never settle on a single steady number. This mode is recommended when the sensors are moving quickly through the water, such as rapid profiling and towed applications.

## Salinity



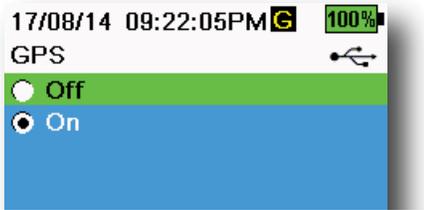
→ **Salinity**

Salinity is determined by calculations derived from the conductivity and temperature sensors.

When a conductivity sensor is installed, the instrument will automatically use the salinity measurement for DO and "As Measured" will be displayed. If no conductivity sensor is installed (e.g. ProODO cable assembly used), the salinity value will be user-selectable.

Because salinity is an important factor in determining dissolved oxygen, YSI does not recommend calibrating or taking dissolved oxygen measurements without conductivity and temperature sensors.

# Operation



**Figure 33** GPS

## GPS (Optional)



GPS turns the ProDSS Global Positioning System On or Off. The **G** symbol is shown when a GPS signal is received (Figure 33).

When enabled, the GPS coordinates will be saved with the GLP file and logged data.

**NOTE:** GPS data will be most accurate when there is a clear line of sight to satellites. GPS will not typically receive a signal while inside a building.

## Calibration menu

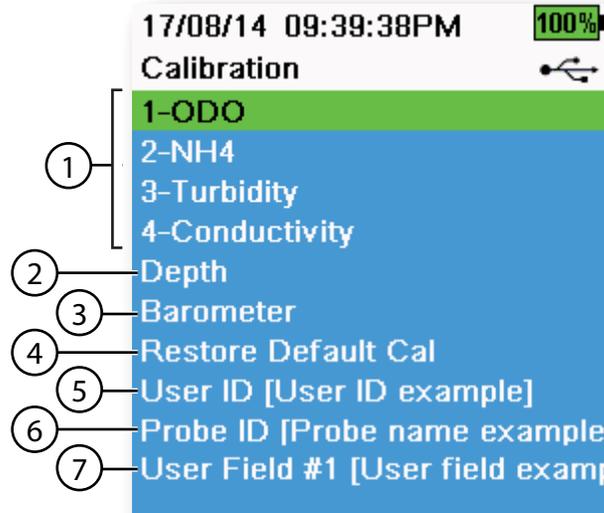
Push the **Cal** key to access the Calibration menu (Figure 34). Highlight a sub-menu then push the **ENTER** key to view sub-menu options.

Pre-defined or user-selected parameters are noted within brackets ([ ]). See "Alpha/numeric entry" on page 14.

Refer to the Calibration section for sensor specific calibration procedures ("Calibration" on page 33).

**NOTE:** Attached sensors are listed according to the bulkhead port in which they are installed.

**NOTE:** User ID, Probe ID, and User Field #1 and #2 must be enabled in the GLP menu to appear in the Calibration menu ("GLP Options" on page 17).



**Figure 34** Calibration menu

<b>1</b> Sensors connected to bulkhead	<b>5</b> User ID
<b>2</b> Optional Depth sensor calibration	<b>6</b> Probe ID
<b>3</b> Barometer calibration	<b>7</b> User Field #1
<b>4</b> Restore Default Calibration - restores all calibrations to factory default	

## Files Menu

Push the  key to access the Files menu (Figure 35). Highlight a sub-menu then push the  key to view sub-menu options.

Use the Files menu to view, delete or backup logged data or the GLP file. Data can be filtered by a specific date and time range and by user-created site and Data ID lists.

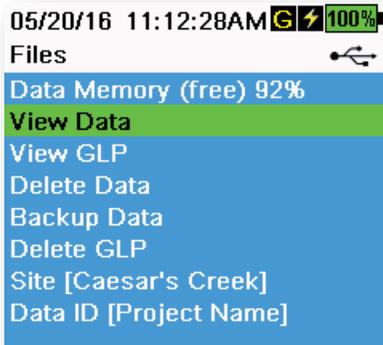


Figure 35 Files menu

**Data Memory** (free) % shows the remaining memory available. Download or delete data to free available internal memory.

The Site List and/or Data ID List can be seen by selecting **Site [ ]** or **Data ID [ ]**. To enable the use of Site and/or Data ID when logging data, view the [Logging menu on page 19](#).

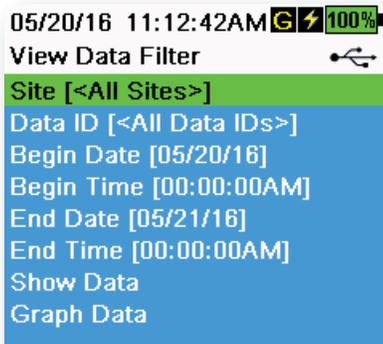


Figure 36 View Data Filter

### View Data Filter

 → **View Data**

Enter the desired filter criteria, then select **Show Data** or **Graph Data** to view the tabular or graphical data. If necessary, use the ▲ and ▼ arrow keys to scroll through the data (Figure 36 and Figure 37).

**Site:** View data from one site or all sites.

**Data ID:** View data from one ID or all IDs.

**Begin/End:** View data within specific date and time ranges.

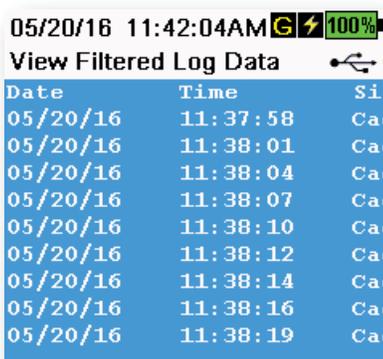


Figure 37 View Filtered Log Data

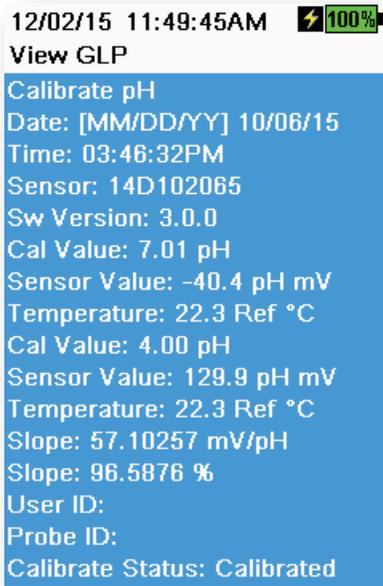


Figure 38 View GLP

## View Data Filter



Select **View GLP** to show the stored sensor calibrations (Figure 38).

Use the arrow keys to scroll through the GLP file data.

## GLP Saved Information

### Information in each GLP record

- Sensor calibrated
- Date/time stamp
- Sensor ID
- Sensor software version
- User ID (optional)
- Probe ID (optional)
- User fields #1 and #2 (optional)
- Calibration status
- Calibration value
- Temperature

### Parameter-specific GLP information

- Calibration method - ODO, Depth, Conductivity, PC, PE, Chlorophyll
- Sensor value - pH, ODO, Ammonium, Nitrate, Chloride, Depth, Turbidity, PC, PE, Chlorophyll
- Pre cal value - Depth, Barometer, Turbidity, Conductivity, ORP
- Cell constant - Conductivity
- Cal offset - ORP
- Slope - pH
- Gain - ODO

## Delete Data



Enter the desired filter criteria, then select **Delete Selected Data** to *permanently* delete the data (Figure 39).

Select **Delete All Data** to *permanently* delete *all* logged data from the ProDSS.

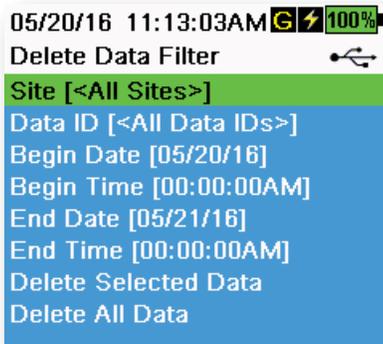


Figure 39 Delete Data Filter

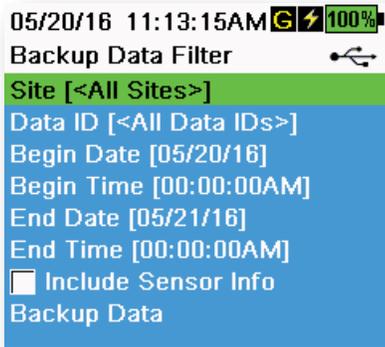


Figure 40 Backup Data



Figure 41 Micro USB female connector

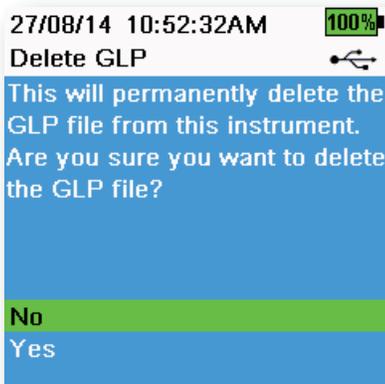


Figure 42 Delete GLP

## Backup Data



This function allows you to backup logged data to a flash drive based on Site, Data ID, and log date (Figure 40). A USB female to micro USB male adapter is included with new instruments for this data backup.

**NOTE:** The USB storage device must be formatted as FAT32, not NTFS or exFAT. The handheld will only support FAT32.

If the box next to “Include Sensor Info” is checked, each data set will be sent to a flash drive as a separate file with sensor serial number and sensor software information included. If the box is not checked (default), all data sets will be sent in a single backup file with no sensor serial number or sensor software information.

**NOTE:** It is suggested to send data to the USB flash drive as a single file (i.e. box is not checked) unless this sensor information is needed. This makes importing the data much faster and easier.

Once the filter settings are configured, select **Backup Data** to send the data to a flash drive.

**NOTE:** The data is exported in a CSV file.

**NOTE:** If the data backup is not successful, ensure the correct filter criteria are selected and the USB connection indicator can be seen at the top of the screen (Figure 9).

## Delete GLP



To permanently delete the GLP file from the instrument, select **Yes**, then push the  key (Figure 42).

## Operation

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### Taking Measurements

For the highest accuracy, calibrate the instrument before taking measurements (“[Calibration](#)” on page 33).

1. Create site and Data ID lists for logged data (if applicable) (“[Logging](#)” on page 19).
2. Set the logging method (single or interval) (“[Logging](#)” on page 19).
3. Set the Auto Stable parameters (if applicable) (“[Auto Stable](#)” on page 26).
4. Verify that the sensors and/or port plugs are correctly installed in all bulkhead ports ([page 9](#)).
5. Install the sensor guard ([page 11](#)).
6. Insert the sensors into the sample.

**NOTE:** Make sure to submerge the sensors completely. If using a depth sensor, submerge to where the cable assembly attaches to the bulkhead.

7. Move the bulkhead in the sample to release any air bubbles and to provide a fresh sample to the sensors.
8. Wait for the sensor/s to stabilize in the sample.

9. On the main run screen, press  to begin logging (single or interval) (“[Logging](#)” on page 19).

**NOTE:** An option to change Site and/or Data ID (if enabled) appears once  is pressed to begin logging.

# Calibration

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ProDSS sensors (except temperature) require periodic calibration to maintain accurate measurements. Calibration procedures follow the same basic steps with variations for specific parameters.

## Before Calibration

- Enter GLP user-defined data if applicable to user requirements (User ID, Probe ID, User Field #1/2) ([GLP Options on page 17](#)).
- Set up sensor options, settings, and coefficients as applicable ([Sensor menu beginning on page 22](#)).

**NOTICE:** Install a gray port plug in all exposed ports. Exposure to water can cause damage or corrosion to the bulkhead connectors not covered by the warranty.

## Calibration Setup (pH, ORP, ISE, Conductivity, Turbidity, and Total Algae Sensors)

**NOTE:** Make sure the calibration cup, sensor guard, and all sensors are clean.

**NOTE:** If using the calibration cup, make sure to install the sensor guard before placing the sensors into the calibration cup.

**NOTE:** The sensor guard and calibration cup should be used when calibrating turbidity, DO, and total algae sensors. All other calibrations can be performed in other laboratory glassware.

1. Install a clean, dry sensor ([Figure 4 on page 9](#)) and sensor guard ([Figure 6 on page 11](#)) onto the bulkhead.

**NOTICE:** Install a gray port plug in any exposed port on 4 port ProDSS cable assemblies. All sensor ports must have either a sensor or port plug installed.

2. Fill the calibration cup with a moderate amount of water and tighten the calibration cup onto the bulkhead. Use the water to rinse the cup and the sensor to be calibrated. Discard the rinse.
3. Thoroughly rinse the calibration cup with a small amount of the calibration standard for the sensor to be calibrated. Discard the standard.
4. For **4 port cable assemblies**, refill the calibration cup with fresh calibration standard to approximately the first line for pH, ORP, turbidity, PC, PE, and chlorophyll calibrations. Fill to the second line for conductivity calibration ([Figure 43 on page 34](#)). If using the **ODO/CT cable assembly** and calibrating conductivity, ensure the vent holes at the top of the sensor are completely immersed and the solution level is at least 1/2 inch higher than these top vent holes ([Figure 46 on page 36](#)). A cylinder is included with ODO/CT cable assemblies for the purpose of calibrating conductivity.

**NOTE:** Volumes will vary. Make sure the temperature sensor and the sensor to be calibrated are submerged in calibration solution, except when performing a DO% saturation calibration.

**NOTE:** Be careful to avoid cross-contamination with other standards.

**NOTE:** These rinsing recommendations are only suggested guidelines for highest data accuracy. Make sure to follow your organization Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for instrument calibration and operation.

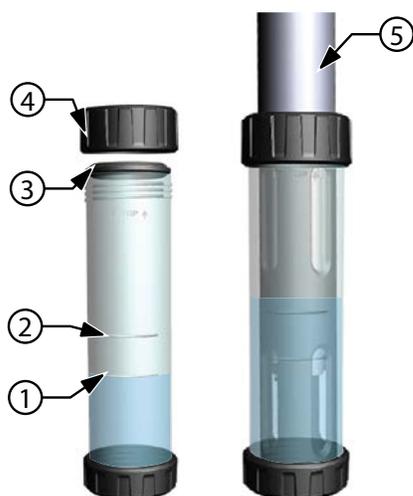
5. Immerse the sensor(s) in the standard and tighten the calibration cup onto the bulkhead.
6. Calibrate the sensor(s).

Alternately, pH, ORP, and conductivity calibrations can be completed in a beaker or other container using the same basic procedure described above. Make sure that the temperature sensor and the sensor to be calibrated are completely submerged. When submerging the conductivity sensor, make sure that the calibration solution covers the vent holes on the conductivity sensor.

# Calibration

## Calibration Cup Installation

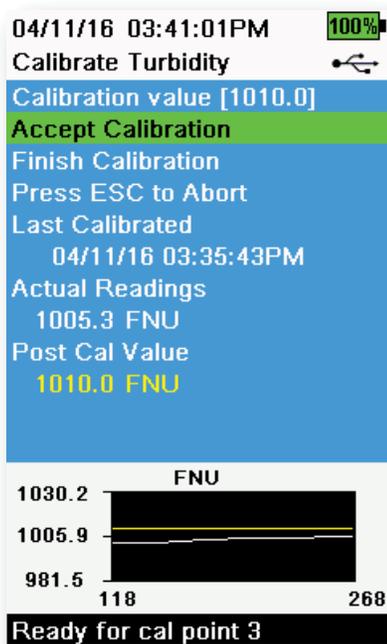
1. Ensure the calibration cup gasket is correctly seated (Figure 43). Loosely install the retaining nut on the cup.
2. Slide the calibration cup over the sensors and sensor guard and tighten the retaining nut.



<b>1</b>	Fill line one (used for Turbidity, pH, ORP, PC, PE, and chlorophyll calibration solutions)
<b>2</b>	Fill line two (used for conductivity calibration solution)
<b>3</b>	Gasket
<b>4</b>	Retaining nut
<b>5</b>	Calibration cup installed

**Figure 43** Calibration cup standard volume (4 port cable)

**NOTE:** When the 4 port calibration cup is empty (i.e. no sensor guard or sensors), it takes ~170 mL of solution to fill the calibration cup to line 1 while it takes ~225 mL to fill the cup to line 2.



**Figure 44** Layout of calibration screen

## Calibration Screen Layout

The calibration screen has the same basic layout for each parameter (Figure 44).

**Calibration value:** The value the sensor will be calibrated to. *The Yellow Line on the graph corresponds to this value.*

**Accept Calibration:** Calibrates the sensor to the calibration value.

**Finish Calibration:** Only available with multi-point calibrations (i.e. pH, ISE, turbidity, PC, PE, and chlorophyll). Finishes the calibration by applying previously accepted points.

**Press ESC to Abort:** Press the ESC key to leave the calibration. The sensor will not be calibrated to any points. The last successful calibration will be used.

**Last Calibrated:** Date and time of the last successful sensor calibration.

**Actual Readings:** The current measurement value on the Run screen. *The White Line on the graph corresponds to this value. Observe the White Line to ensure the measurement is stable before choosing Accept Calibration.*

**Post Cal Value:** The same as the calibration value. This will be the measurement value in the current solution after the calibration is finished.

## Conductivity

A conductivity/temperature sensor must be installed on the bulkhead (Figure 4 on page 9) for accurate temperature compensation and measurements of all parameters except turbidity and TSS. Temperature calibration is not available or required for accurate temperature measurements.

The conductivity/temperature sensor can measure and calculate conductivity, specific conductance (temperature compensated conductivity), salinity, non-linear function (nLF) conductivity, TDS, resistivity, and density. Calibration is only available for specific conductance, conductivity, and salinity. Calibrating one of these options automatically calibrates the other conductivity/temperature parameters listed above. For both ease of use and accuracy, YSI recommends calibrating specific conductance.

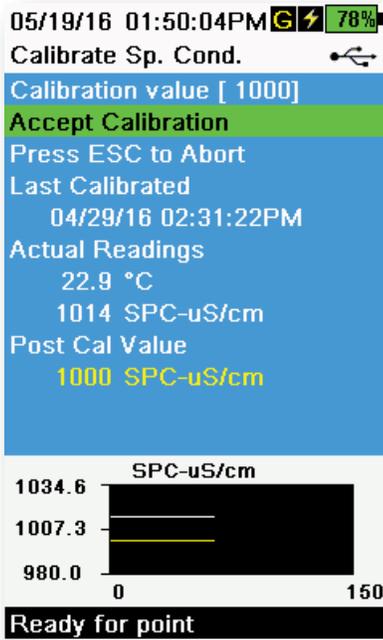


Figure 45 Calibrate specific conductance

### Conductivity Calibration

1. If necessary, clean the conductivity cell with the supplied soft brush. See [Conductivity/temperature sensor maintenance](#) on page 62.
2. Perform the “Calibration setup (pH, ORP, ISE, conductivity, turbidity, and total algae sensors)” on page 33.
3. Place the correct amount of conductivity standard into a clean and dry or pre-rinsed calibration cup.

**NOTE:** Select the appropriate calibration standard for the conductivity of the sampling environment. Standards greater than 1 mS/cm (1000 µS/cm) are recommended for the greatest stability. For fresh water applications, calibrate to 1,000 or 10,000 µS. For salt water applications, calibrate to 50,000 µS.

4. Carefully immerse the sensors into the solution. Make sure the solution is above the vent holes on the side of the conductivity sensor. If using the ODO/CT assembly, ensure the vent holes at the top of the sensor are completely immersed and the solution level is at least 1/2 inch higher than these top vent holes (Figure 46).
5. Gently rotate and/or move the sensor up and down to remove any bubbles from the conductivity cell. Allow at least one minute for temperature equilibration before proceeding.
6. Push the **Cal** key, select **Conductivity**, then select **Specific Conductance**.

**NOTE:** Calibrating any conductivity calibration option will automatically calibrate the other options. Specific conductance is recommended for both ease of use and accuracy.

7. Select **Calibration value** then enter the calibration value of the standard used. Note the measurement units the instrument is reporting and calibrating and be sure to enter in the correct calibration value for the units being used. For example, 10,000 µS = 10 mS. Make sure that the units are correct and match the units displayed on the handheld.
8. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration** (Figure 45). “Calibration successful!” will be displayed in the message area.

## Calibration

**NOTE:** If the data is not stabilized after 40 seconds, gently rotate the sensor or remove/reinstall the calibration cup to make sure that no air bubbles are in the conductivity cell.

**NOTE:** If the actual measurement data is about 1/2 of the expected calibration value, the conductivity sensor is not completely submerged. Add more calibration standard to the calibration cup.

**NOTE:** If you get calibration error messages, check for proper sensor immersion, verify the calibration solutions is fresh, the correct value has been entered into the ProDSS, and/or try cleaning the sensor.

- Rinse the bulkhead and sensors in clean water then dry.



**Figure 46** ProDSS ODO/CT Cable Assembly

## Barometer

The barometer is factory calibrated and should rarely need to be recalibrated. The barometer is used for DO calibration, %Local measurements, and for virtual vented depth measurements. Verify that the barometer is accurately reading “true” barometric pressure and recalibrate as necessary.

Laboratory barometer readings are usually “true” (uncorrected) values of air pressure and can be used “as is” for barometer calibration. Weather service readings are usually not “true”, i.e. they are corrected to sea level and cannot be used until they are “uncorrected”. Use this approximate formula:

$$\text{True BP in mmHg} = [\text{Corrected BP in mmHg}] - [2.5 * (\text{Local altitude in ft. above sea level} / 100)]$$

Example:

Corrected BP = 759 mmHg

Local altitude above sea level = 978 ft

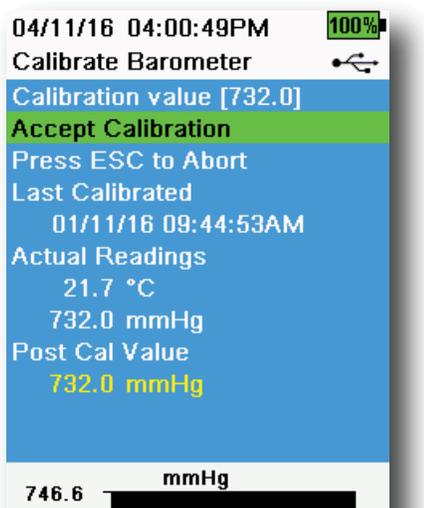
$$\text{True BP} = 759 \text{ mmHg} - [2.5 * (978 \text{ ft} / 100)] = 734.55 \text{ mmHg}$$

### Barometer Calibration

- Push the  key, then select **Barometer**.
- Select **Calibration value** then enter the correct “true” barometric pressure.

**NOTE:** The measurement units during calibration are dictated by what is enabled in the sensor setup menu. Be sure to enter in the correct units.

- BP in mmHg = 25.4 x BP inHg
- BP in mmHg = 0.750062 x BP mb
- BP in mmHg = 51.7149 x BP psi
- BP in mmHg = 7.50062 x BP kPa
- BP in mmHg = 760 x BP atm

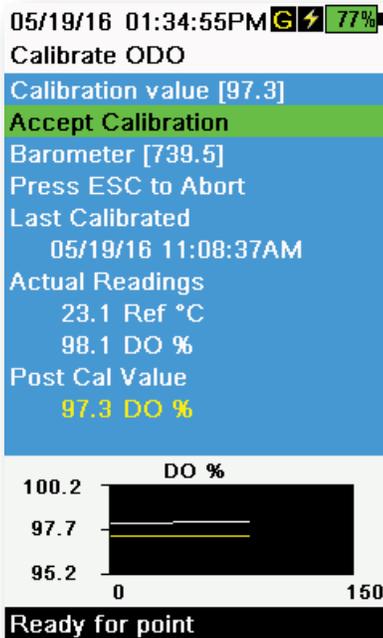


**Figure 47** Calibrate Barometer

- Select **Accept Calibration** (Figure 47). “Calibration successful!” will be displayed in the message area.

## Dissolved Oxygen

ODO calibration requires the current “true” barometric pressure. Make sure that the barometer is reading accurately and recalibrate the barometer as necessary.



**Figure 48** Calibrate ODO %

### ODO% and ODO% Local - Water Saturated Air Calibration

**NOTE:** This method calibrates the instrument’s DO% measurement or DO% Local measurement if DO% local is enabled in the sensor setup menu.

**NOTE:** Calibrating in DO% or DO% local automatically calibrates the mg/L and ppm measurement. There is no reason to calibrate both parameters. For both ease of use and accuracy, we recommend that you calibrate DO% or DO% Local and not mg/L.

1. Place a small amount of clean water (1/8 inch) into the calibration cup.
2. Make sure there are no water droplets on the ODO sensor cap or temperature sensor.
3. Attach the sensor guard to the bulkhead and carefully place the guard/sensor into the calibration cup. Partially tighten the calibration cup to the bulkhead.

**NOTE:** Do not fully tighten the calibration cup to the bulkhead. Atmospheric venting is required for accurate calibration.

**NOTE:** Make sure the ODO and temperature sensors are not immersed in water.

4. Turn the instrument on and wait approximately 5 to 15 minutes for the air in the storage container to be completely saturated with water.
5. Push the  key, then select **ODO**. Select **DO%**. This will calibrate the instrument’s DO% measurement or DO% Local measurement if DO% Local is enabled in the sensor setup menu.
6. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration** (Figure 48). “Calibration successful!” will be displayed in the message area.

**NOTE:** If you see a calibration error message, verify the barometer reading and inspect the sensor cap. Clean and/or replace the sensor cap as needed.

# Calibration

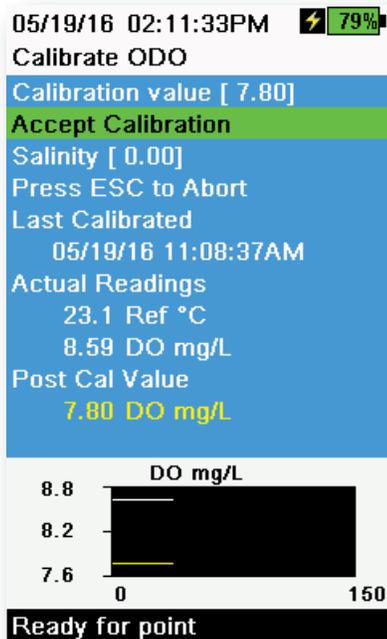


Figure 49 Calibrate ODO mg/L

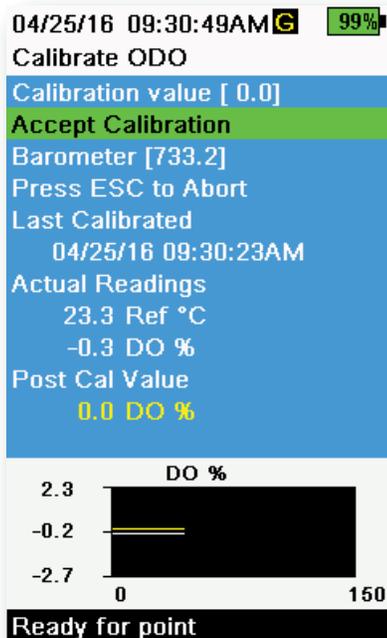


Figure 50 Calibrate ODO zero point

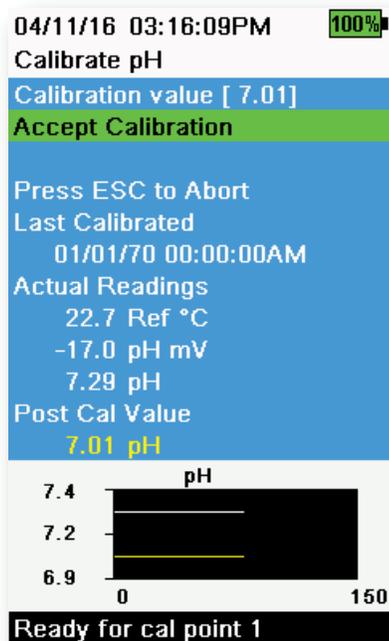
## ODO mg/L Calibration

1. Place the ODO and conductivity/temperature sensor into a water sample that has been titrated by the Winkler method to determine the dissolved oxygen concentration in mg/L.
2. Push the  key, then select **ODO**. Select **DO mg/L**.
3. Select **Calibration value**.
4. Enter the dissolved oxygen concentration of the sample in mg/L.
5. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration** (Figure 49). "Calibration successful!" will be displayed in the message area.
6. Rinse the bulkhead and sensors in clean water then dry.

## ODO Zero Point Calibration

1. Place the ODO and Conductivity/Temperature sensors in a solution of zero DO.  
**NOTE:** A zero DO solution can be made by dissolving approximately 8-10 grams of sodium sulfite into 500 mL of tap water. Mix the solution thoroughly. It may take the solution 60 minutes to be oxygen-free.
2. Push the  key, then select **ODO**. Select **Zero**.
3. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration** (Figure 50). "Calibration successful!" will be displayed in the message area.
4. Thoroughly rinse the bulkhead and sensors in clean water then dry.
5. Perform a ODO % water-saturated air calibration after performing a zero point calibration.

## pH/ORP



**Figure 51** Calibrate pH 1-point

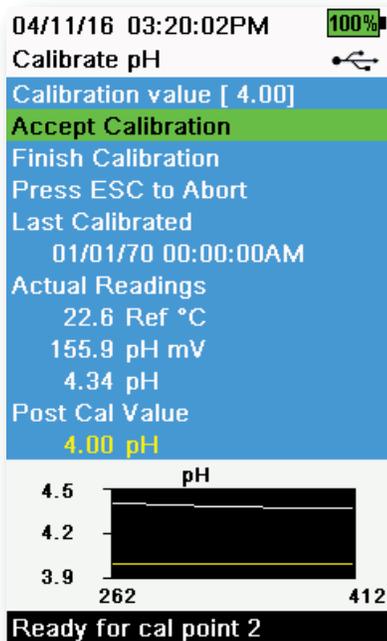
## pH Calibration 1-Point

**NOTE:** If performing a 1-point calibration, use buffer 7 (6.86) as your calibration point for highest accuracy.

**NOTE:** Observe the pH mV readings during calibration to understand the condition and response of the pH sensor. In buffer 7, pH mVs should be between -50 and +50. In buffer 4, the mVs should be a +165 to 185 away from the pH 7 mV value. In buffer 10, the mVs should be a -165 to -185 away from the pH 7 mV value. Ideal slope is -59 mV per pH unit.

1. Perform the "Calibration setup (pH, ORP, ISE, conductivity, turbidity, and total algae sensors)" on page 33).
2. Fill the calibration cup to the appropriate level with pH 7 buffer solution (or 6.86 if using NIST buffers).
3. Carefully immerse the probe end of the sensors into the buffer solution.
4. Push the  key, then select **pH** or **pH/ORP**.
 

**NOTE:** If using a pH/ORP sensor, select **pH/ORP**, then **pH**.
5. Allow at least one minute for temperature stabilization. The **Calibration value** will automatically be adjusted based on the selected buffer set and temperature. Alternatively, the Calibration value can be manually entered.
6. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration** (Figure 51). "Ready for cal point 2" will be displayed in the message area.
7. After calibrating to the first point, select **Finish Calibration** for a 1-point calibration or continue on to the 2-3 point calibration procedure ("Calibration cup installation" on page 34).



**Figure 52** Calibrate pH 2- or 3-point



**Figure 53** Calibrate ORP

## pH Calibration 2- or 3-Point

**NOTE:** If performing a 2- or 3-point calibration, one point should be in buffer 7; however, the calibration points can be in any order.

1. Perform steps 1-7 of the pH calibration 1-point procedure (“pH calibration 1-point” on page 39).
2. Rinse the sensor 2-3 times with a small amount of pH 4 or pH 10 buffer solution.
3. Rinse, then fill the calibration cup to the appropriate level with the buffer solution that is the same value (pH 4 or pH 10) used to rinse the sensor.
4. Carefully immerse the sensors into the solution.
5. Allow at least one minute for temperature stabilization. The **Calibration value** will automatically be adjusted based on the selected buffer set and temperature. Alternatively, the Calibration value can be manually entered.
6. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration** (Figure 52). “Ready for cal point 3” will be displayed in the message area.
7. After calibrating to the second point, select **Finish Calibration** for a 2-point calibration or continue with an additional buffer to complete a 3-point calibration. The procedure will automatically finish after calibrating using a third buffer.

## ORP Calibration

1. Obtain/prepare a standard with a known oxidation reduction potential (ORP) value.
 

**NOTE:** YSI recommends Zobell solution.
2. Perform the “Calibration setup (pH, ORP, ISE, conductivity, turbidity, and total algae sensors)” on page 33.
3. Fill the calibration cup to the appropriate level with standard solution.
4. Carefully immerse the sensors into the solution.
5. Push the  $\text{Cal}$  key, then select **pH/ORP**, then **ORP**.
6. Allow the temperature of the standard to stabilize. If using YSI Zobell solution, the **Calibration value** will automatically be adjusted based on the temperature. Alternatively, the Calibration value can be manually entered.
7. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration** (Figure 53). “Calibration successful!” will be displayed in the message area.

## Depth

**NOTE:** This calibration option is available only if your bulkhead is equipped with a depth sensor. The depth sensor is located where the cable connects to the bulkhead (Figure 63 on page 60).

For the calibration, make sure that the depth sensor is clean and in air, not immersed in any solution. For highest accuracy, keep the bulkhead still and in one position while calibrating.

**NOTE:** Cables 10 m and longer are supplied with a weight that can be attached to the sensor guard for sampling at water depths 10 m and greater.

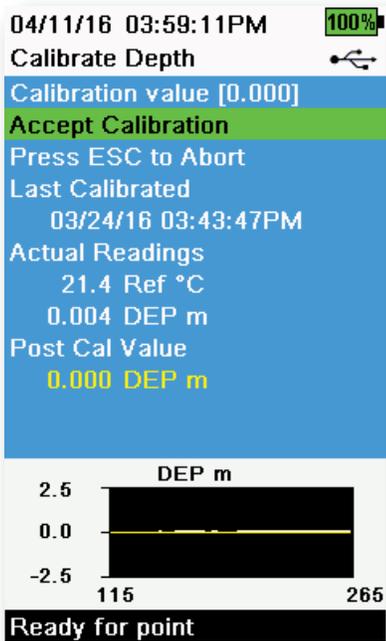


Figure 54 Calibrate Depth

## Depth Calibration

1. If applicable, enter the depth offset, altitude, and latitude ("Figure 22 Setup Depth" on page 25).

**NOTE:** Depth offset allows you to set the depth measurement to something other than zero. If the depth offset is used, the depth measurement will be adjusted by the offset after calibration. Enter the altitude and latitude of your sampling location to increase the accuracy of your depth measurement.

2. Push the  key, then select **Depth**.
3. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration** (Figure 54). "Calibration successful!" will be displayed in the message area.

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## Turbidity

Before performing the calibration, review “[Calibration setup \(pH, ORP, ISE, conductivity, turbidity, and total algae sensors\)](#)” on page 33.

For proper calibration, you must use standards that have been prepared according to details in Standard Methods for the Treatment of Water and Wastewater (Section 2130 B).

Acceptable standards include:

- AMCO-AEPA standards prepared specifically for the ProDSS turbidity sensor manufactured by YSI (YSI turbidity standards)
- Formazin prepared according to Standard Methods, especially for calibration points greater than 1010
- Dilutions of 4000 FNU (NTU) formazin concentrate purchased from Hach
- Hach StablCal™ standards in various FNU (NTU) denominations

The use of standards other than those mentioned above will result in calibration errors and inaccurate field readings. It is important to use the same type of standard for all calibration points. (i.e. do not mix formazine and AMCO-AEPA standard for different points in a multi-point calibration).

## Calibration Limits

Because of the non-linear response of the turbidity sensor, calibration ranges may be limited. A 1-, 2- or 3-point calibration can be completed using the following limits:

1st calibration point	2nd calibration point	3rd calibration point
0-1 FNU (NTU)	5-200 FNU (NTU)	400-4200 FNU (NTU)

## Calibration Standards

The following standards are available for the ProDSS turbidity sensor:

60800	0 (all turbidity sensors); 1 gallon
607200	12.4 FNU (NTU) (ProDSS); 1 gallon
607300	124 FNU (NTU) (ProDSS); 1 gallon
607400	1010 FNU (NTU) (ProDSS); 1 gallon

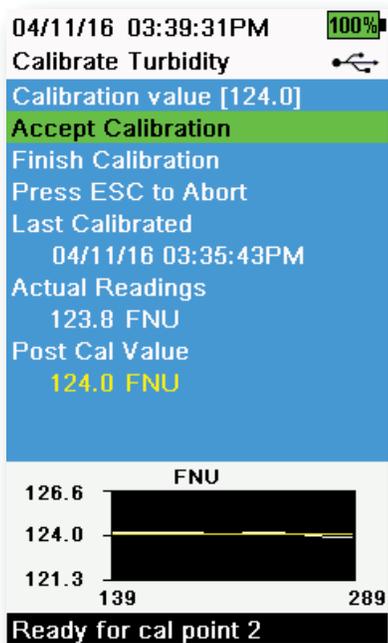


Figure 55 Calibrate Turbidity

### Turbidity Calibration 1-, 2- or 3-Point

**NOTE:** The sensor guard must be installed for the turbidity sensor calibration.

**NOTE:** When performing a turbidity calibration, the first point must be zero. Select **Calibration Value** and enter 0.00.

1. Perform the “Calibration setup (pH, ORP, ISE, conductivity, turbidity, and total algae sensors)” on page 33. Rinse the sensor 2-3 times with a small amount of 0 FNU (NTU) standard.
2. Fill the calibration cup to the appropriate level with 0 FNU (NTU) standard (clear deionized or distilled water is suitable). Immerse the sensors into the water.

**NOTE:** With the calibration cup empty (i.e. no sensor guard or sensors), filling the calibration cup to line 1 will provide a sufficient amount of solution for calibration.

3. Push the  key, then select **Turbidity**.
4. Select **Calibration Value** and enter 0.00.
5. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration**. “Ready for cal point 2” will be displayed in the message area.
6. Select **Finish Calibration** to complete a 1-point calibration or continue for the 2- or 3-point calibration.
7. Rinse the sensors, calibration cup, and sensor guard 2-3 times with a small amount of standard #2. Discard the standard after each rinse.
8. Fill the calibration cup to the appropriate level with standard #2. Immerse the sensors in the second calibration standard.
9. Select **Calibration Value** and enter the value of the second calibration standard.
10. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration** (Figure 55). “Ready for cal point 3” will be displayed in the message area.
11. Select **Finish Calibration** to complete a 2-point calibration or continue for the 3-point calibration.
12. Rinse the sensors, calibration cup, and sensor guard 2-3 times with a small amount of standard #3. Discard the standard after each rinse.
13. Fill the calibration cup to the appropriate level with standard #3. Immerse the sensors in the third calibration standard.
14. Select **Calibration Value** and enter the value of the third calibration standard.
15. Observe the data points readings for stability, then select **Accept Calibration**. “Calibration successful!” will be displayed in the message area.
16. Rinse the sensors in clean water then dry.

## Calibration

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### Total Algae

The Total Algae (TAL) sensors are dual-channel fluorescence sensors. The channels on the TAL-PC sensor refer to two independent data sets: one results from a blue excitation beam that excites the chlorophyll a (chl) molecule and the second results from an orange excitation beam that excites the phycocyanin (PC) accessory pigment. The TAL-PE sensor is similar, also having the chlorophyll channel, but rather than an orange excitation beam there is a slightly blue-shifted beam that excites phycoerythrin (PE), rather than PC. TAL-PC sensors and are ideal for monitoring freshwater cyanobacteria, while TAL-PE sensors are ideal for monitoring marine cyanobacteria.

### Available TAL Units

The TAL sensors generate data in RAW, RFU, and  $\mu\text{g/L}$  of pigment (chl, PC or PE) units. The RAW value can only be seen under [Sensor info](#) in the System menu, while RFU and  $\mu\text{g/L}$  can be displayed on the main measurement display (see [Sensor Display on page 25](#)).

The RAW value is unaffected by user calibrations and provides a range from 0-100, representing the percent of full scale that the sensor detects in a sample. This parameter is typically used for diagnostic purposes only.

Users are advised to use RFU, which stands for Relative Fluorescence Units. It is used to set sensor output relative to a stable secondary standard, Rhodamine WT dye. This allows users to calibrate sensors identically so that results from sensor to sensor can be compared. Calibration with Rhodamine WT also enables users to monitor for sensor drift and external factors such as biofouling or declining sensor optical performance over time as the LEDs age.

Another reason for the suggestion that users at least initially use RFU is the excellent linearity of RFU once the channels are calibrated with Rhodamine WT, which translates to the best accuracy of measurements. For example, a chlorophyll reading of 100 units will represent twice the pigment detected by the sensor than with a chlorophyll reading of 50 units. This high linearity ( $R^2 > 0.9999$ ) doesn't always hold for  $\mu\text{g/L}$  of pigment since that unit was derived from laboratory monocultures, and an environmental algal population can behave quite differently. This is also why the TAL sensors and *in situ* monitoring should not be regarded as a perfect replacement for other methods such as pigment extractions and cell counting.

The  $\mu\text{g/L}$  output generates an estimate of pigment concentration that is based upon correlations built with sensor outputs and extractions of pigments from laboratory-grown blue-green algae. Synonymous with parts per billion (ppb),  $\mu\text{g/L}$  is still commonly used by regulatory agencies, but has the drawback that it is very dependent upon the composition of the algal population, the time of day, the physiological health of the algae, and a number of other environmental factors. Thus, users are advised to do their own check of our correlation with a population of algae relevant to their own sites, as described below.

A 2-point RFU calibration is advised to be performed first. Next, with samples collected from the site of interest, measure both RFU and  $\mu\text{g/L}$  with the sensor(s). Observing careful handling and preservation of the samples, as soon as possible extract the pigments from the samples, using standardized methods to determine the  $\mu\text{g/L}$  in each sample. The extraction data may be used to assess how RFU and  $\mu\text{g/L}$  delivered by the sensor compare with the  $\mu\text{g/L}$  of pigment that would be *predicted* by RFU from the sensor. The user's requirements can guide the decision as to whether RFU or  $\mu\text{g/L}$  is the best unit to read from the sensor for any specific application.

**Number of Calibration Points**

A 1- or 2-point calibration can be completed for all channels on the TAL-PC and TAL-PE sensors. A 1-point calibration, typically completed in clear deionized or distilled water, is simply a re-zeroing of the sensor.

Although a 1-point calibration is more convenient (faster and no Rhodamine WT solution is needed), a 1-point calibration does not reset the second point entered during the most recent 2-point calibration. The consequence is that error will be alleviated at and near zero, but more error can accumulate in the measurement the farther away from zero the measured value is. The amount of that error can be different from sensor to sensor, and use case to use case. It is dependent upon how much that second point may drift, which is not always equivalent to how much the zero point drifts.

For many users, especially those with sites where pigment is rarely detected and values are at or near zero most of the time, the far-from-zero accumulation of error is a non-issue. For others, a 1-point calibration should be viewed as a procedure that will yield semi-quantitative data in the region of the second calibration point.

Users will often perform a calibration check in water to assess if the sensor has drifted beyond an acceptable limit defined by that user. When drift has occurred or the sensor is new, it is best to perform a 2-point calibration. Rhodamine WT solution is needed when performing a 2-point calibration. When there isn't an opportunity to prepare the Rhodamine WT solution, users may choose to at least re-zero the sensor by completing a 1-point calibration.

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## Rhodamine WT Dye Solution Preparation

Rhodamine WT dye solution must be used when completing a 2-point calibration. Purchase Rhodamine WT as a 2.5% solution to follow the procedure below. Note that there are many types of Rhodamine—make sure Rhodamine WT is selected. If a 2.5% solution cannot be obtained commercially, prepare it from a solid or liquid solution to a 2.5% final concentration, or adjust the dilutions below accordingly. Kingscote Chemicals (Miamisburg, OH, 1-800-394-0678) has historically had a 2.5% solution (item #106023) that works well with this procedure. It should be stored in the refrigerator when not in use.

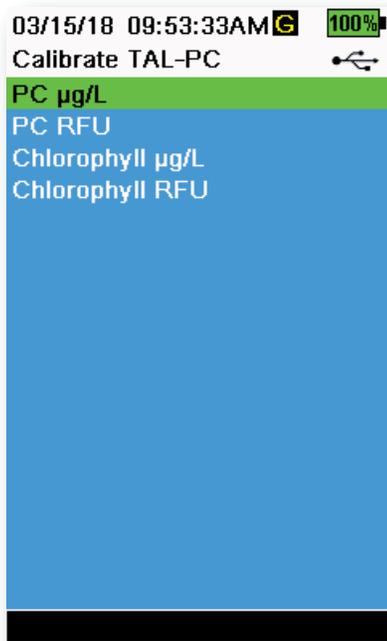
For PC and chlorophyll channel calibrations, a 0.625 mg/L solution of Rhodamine WT should be prepared. For PE channel calibration, a 0.025 mg/L solution of Rhodamine WT should be prepared. The steps below describe how to prepare these solutions.

- 1. For any TAL sensor calibration, prepare a 125 mg/L solution of Rhodamine WT.* Transfer 5.0 mL of the 2.5% Rhodamine WT solution into a 1000 mL volumetric flask. Fill the flask to the volumetric mark with deionized or distilled water and mix well to produce a solution that is approximately 125 mg/L of Rhodamine WT. Transfer to a storage bottle and retain it for future use.  
  
\*This solution can be stored in the refrigerator (4°C). Its degradation will depend upon light exposure and repeated warming cycles, but solutions used 1-2 times a year can be stored for up to two years. Users should implement their own procedures to safeguard against degradation.
- 2. For PC and chlorophyll channel calibrations, prepare a 0.625 mg/L solution of Rhodamine WT.* Transfer 5.0 mL of the 125 mg/L solution prepared in step one into a 1000 mL volumetric flask. Fill the flask to the volumetric mark with deionized or distilled water. Mix well to obtain a solution that is 0.625 mg/L of Rhodamine WT. Use this solution within 24 hours of preparation and discard it after use.
- 3. For PE channel calibration, prepare a 0.025 mg/L solution of Rhodamine WT.* Transfer 0.2 mL of the 125 mg/L solution prepared in step one into a 1000 mL volumetric flask. Fill the flask to the volumetric mark with deionized or distilled water. Mix well to obtain a solution that is 0.025 mg/L of Rhodamine WT. Use this solution within 24 hours of preparation and discard it after use.

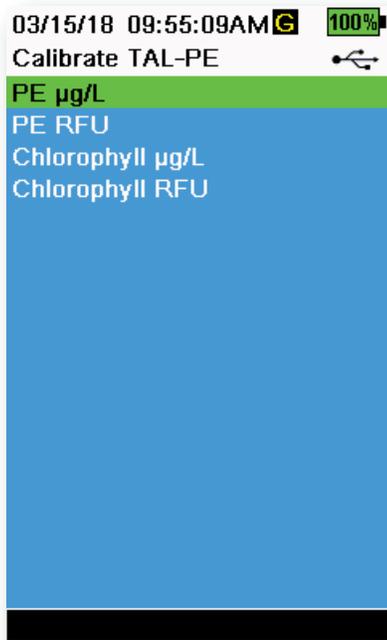
In addition to preparing the Rhodamine solution(s), it is also necessary to determine temperature-compensated calibration values for solutions. In general, fluorescence is inversely related with temperature. Measure the temperature of the Rhodamine solution(s) and use the temperature of the solution at the time of calibration to select the compensated solution concentrations, in either RFU (recommended) or µg/L pigment equivalents, from the table below.

As an example, assume that you will calibrate the chlorophyll channel in RFU, and that the temperature measured in the 0.625 mg/L Rhodamine WT solution is 22 °C. The first standard value entered will be 0, and the second standard value will be 16.4 (see table on page 47). Likewise, if you intend to use the default µg/L unit when calibrating chlorophyll, the second standard value would be 66 in this example. Using the same 0.625 mg/L Rhodamine WT solution to calibrate the PC channel will yield a second standard value of 16.0 RFU or 16 µg/L. These values will be entered when performing a 2-point calibration.

Temp (°C)	Chlorophyll		Phycocyanin		Phycoerythrin	
	RFU	µg/L	RFU	µg/L	RFU	µg/L
30	14.0	56.5	11.4	11.4	37.3	104.0
28	14.6	58.7	13.1	13.1	39.1	109.0
26	15.2	61.3	14.1	14.1	41.0	115.0
24	15.8	63.5	15.0	15.0	43.0	120.0
22	16.4	66	16.0	16.0	45.0	126.0
20	17.0	68.4	17.1	17.1	47.0	132.0
18	17.6	70.8	17.5	17.5	49.2	138.0
16	18.3	73.5	19.1	19.1	51.4	144.0
14	18.9	76	20.1	20.1	53.6	150.0
12	19.5	78.6	21.2	21.2	55.9	157.0
10	20.2	81.2	22.2	22.2	58.2	163.0
8	20.8	83.8	22.6	22.6	60.6	170.0



**Figure 56** TAL-PC Calibration Options



**Figure 57** TAL-PE Calibration Options

## PE, PC and Chlorophyll Calibration 1- or 2-Point

**NOTE:** The sensor guard must be installed and the calibration cup must be used during calibration.

**NOTE:** Each channel of the sensor must be calibrated independently. Calibration of the chlorophyll channel does not set the calibration for the PC channel or the PE channel. In addition, calibrating in RFU for a channel does not automatically calibrate the µg/L measurement for the same channel. The following calibration procedure must be performed for each channel and each unit the user would like to display.

1. Perform the “Calibration setup (pH, ORP, ISE, conductivity, turbidity, and total algae sensors)” on page 33. Ensure the sensor face is clean and rinse the sensor 2-3 times with a small amount of 0 standard (clear deionized or distilled water is suitable).

**NOTE:** If completing a 2-point calibration, it is best to use the same water source for the 0 standard that was used to prepare the Rhodamine WT solutions.

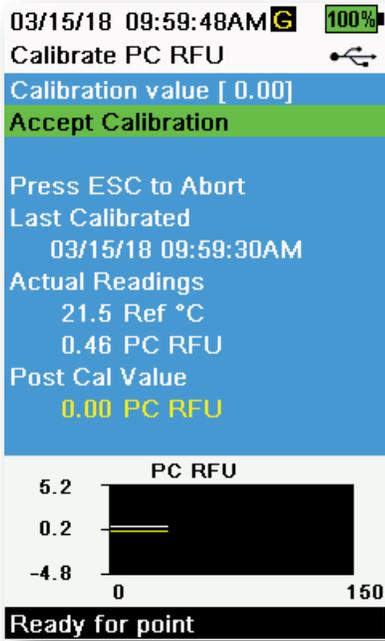
2. Fill the calibration cup to the appropriate level with 0 standard. Immerse the sensors into the water.

**NOTE:** With the calibration cup empty (i.e. no sensor guard or sensors), filling the calibration cup to line 1 will provide a sufficient amount of solution for calibration.

3. Push the  key, then select either **TAL-PC** or **TAL-PE**, depending on the sensor to be calibrated.
4. Select the channel and units to be calibrated. Options for the TAL-PC sensor are shown in Figure 56, while options for the TAL-PE sensor are shown in Figure 57.

**NOTE:** Review “Available TAL units” on page 44 for more details on the units to use (RFU or µg/L).

5. Select **Calibration Value** and enter 0.00.
6. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration**. “Ready for cal point 2” will be displayed in the message area.
7. Select **Finish Calibration** to complete a 1-point calibration or continue with the procedure to complete a 2-point calibration.



**Figure 58** Calibrate PC RFU

8. Rinse the sensors, calibration cup, and sensor guard 2-3 times with a small amount of standard #2. Discard the standard after each rinse. Blot the sensor dry with a lint-free cloth.

**NOTE:** For standard #2, use the 0.625 mg/L Rhodamine WT solution when calibrating chlorophyll (RFU or  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) on either TAL sensor, or when completing a PC (RFU or  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) calibration on a TAL-PC sensor. Use the 0.025 mg/L Rhodamine WT solution when completing a PE (RFU or  $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) calibration on a TAL-PE sensor.

9. Fill the calibration cup to the appropriate level with standard #2. Immerse the sensors in the second calibration standard.
10. Observe the temperature reading on the calibration display (Figure 58). Use the table in the [Rhodamine WT dye solution preparation section on page 46](#) to identify the appropriate value for the calibration standard.
11. Select **Calibration Value** and enter the value of the second calibration standard.
12. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration**. The procedure will automatically finish after calibrating using the second standard.

## Calibration

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### ISEs: Ammonium, Nitrate, & Chloride

Before performing the calibration, review “[Calibration setup \(pH, ORP, ISE, conductivity, turbidity, and total algae sensors\)](#)” on page 33.

The ISE sensors can be calibrated to one, two or three points. A 2-point calibration without chilling a third calibration solution is extremely accurate and is the preferred method. However, if there is a large temperature variation during sampling, a chilled third calibration point is recommended.

Higher calibration accuracy can be obtained if the standards used have a least one order of magnitude difference between them. For example, 1 mg/L and 10 mg/L or 10 mg/L and 100 mg/L.

#### mV information for the ISE calibration

##### Ammonium mV values

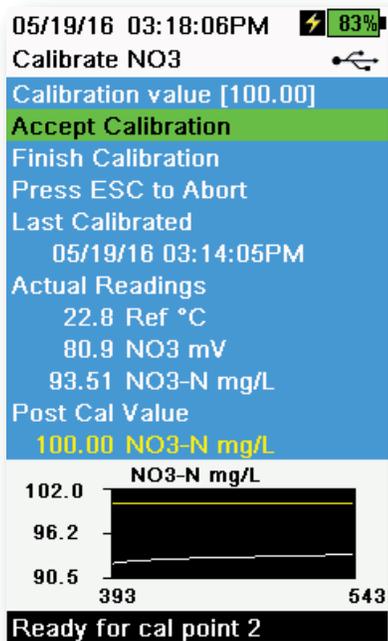
- $\text{NH}_4$  1 mg/L = 0 mV +/- 20 mV (new sensor only)
- $\text{NH}_4$  100 mg/L = 90 to 130 mV > 1 mg/L mV value
- The mV span between 1 mg/L and 100 mg/L values should be  $\approx$  90 to 130 mV. The slope should be 45 to 65 mV per decade.

##### Nitrate mV values

- $\text{NO}_3$  1 mg/L = 200 mV +/- 20 mV (new sensor only)
- $\text{NO}_3$  100 mg/L = 90 to 130 mV < 1 mg/L mV value
- The mV span between 1 mg/L and 100 mg/L values should be  $\approx$  90 to 130 mV. The slope should be -45 to -65 mV per decade.

##### Chloride mV values

- Cl 10 mg/L = 225 mV +/- 20 mV (new sensor only)
- Cl 1,000 mg/L = 80 to 130 mV < 10 mg/L mV value
- The mV span between 10 mg/L and 1000 mg/L values should be  $\approx$  80 to 130 mV. The slope should be -40 to -65 mV per decade.



**Figure 59** Calibrate ISE

## ISE Calibration 3-Point

1. Perform the "Calibration setup (pH, ORP, ISE, conductivity, turbidity, and total algae sensors)" on page 33. Rinse the sensor 2-3 times with a small amount of standard #1.

**NOTE:** It is best to calibrate in order of increasing concentration (e.g. if using 1 mg/L and 100 mg/L standards, calibrate with 1 mg/L first).

2. Push the **Cal** key, then select the applicable ISE sensor.
3. Carefully immerse the sensors into a solution of standard #1.
4. Allow the temperature of the standard to stabilize, then select **Calibration value**. Enter the calibration value that corresponds to standard #1.
5. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration** (Figure 59). "Ready for cal point 2" will be displayed in the message area.
6. Select **Finish Calibration** to complete a 1-point calibration. Otherwise, continue the calibration procedure to complete at least a 2-point calibration.

**NOTE:** A 2-point calibration is extremely accurate and is the preferred method.

7. Rinse the sensor 2-3 times with a small amount of standard #2. Discard the standard after rinsing.
8. Carefully immerse the sensors into a fresh solution of standard #2.
9. Allow the temperature of the solution to stabilize then select **Calibration value**. Enter the calibration value that corresponds to standard #2.
10. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration** (Figure 59). "Ready for cal point 3" will be displayed in the message area.
11. Select **Finish Calibration** to complete a 2-point calibration. Otherwise, continue the calibration procedure to complete a 3-point calibration.

**NOTE:** To calibrate with a chilled third standard, see "Chilled third calibration point" on page 52.

12. Rinse the sensor 2-3 times with a small amount of standard #3. Discard the standard after rinsing.
13. Carefully immerse the sensors into a fresh solution of standard #3.
14. Allow the temperature of the solution to stabilize then select **Calibration value**. Enter the calibration value that corresponds to standard #3.
15. Observe the actual measurement readings for stability (white line on graph shows no significant change for 40 seconds), then select **Accept Calibration**. "Calibration successful!" will be displayed in the message area.

## Calibration

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### Chilled Third Calibration Point

The 3-point calibration method assures maximum accuracy when the temperature of the media to be monitored cannot be anticipated. If you must perform a chilled 3-point calibration, the following procedure requires one portion of the high concentration calibration solution and two portions of the low concentration calibration solution.

The high concentration solution and one of the low concentration solutions should be at ambient temperature. The other low concentration solution should be chilled to less than 10 °C (50 °F) to prior calibration point.

See ["ISE calibration 3-point" on page 51](#).

1. When "Ready for cal point 3" is displayed in the message area during ISE calibration, place the proper amount of chilled 1 mg/L standard (10 mg/L for the chloride) into a clean, dry or pre-rinsed calibration cup.
2. Carefully immerse the sensor into the solution. Allow for temperature equilibration. If necessary, select **Calibration value** to manually enter the standard #3 value.
3. Once the readings are stable, select **Accept Calibration**. "Calibration successful!" will be displayed in the message area.

## Preparing Chloride Standards

The following recipes are provided for preparation of 10 and 1000 mg/L chloride reagents. Nitrate and Ammonium standards can be purchased from YSI or other laboratory supply companies.

 **WARNING:** Some of the chemicals required for these solutions could be hazardous under some conditions. It is the responsibility of the user to obtain and study the MSDS for each chemical and to follow the required instructions with regard to handling and disposal of these chemicals.

You will need:

- Solid sodium chloride or a certified 1000 mg/L chloride solution from a supplier
- Magnesium sulfate
- High-purity water
- A good quality analytical balance
- 1000 mL volumetric flask
- An accurate 10 mL measuring devices
- And 1000 mL glass or plastic storage vessels.

### 1000 mg/L Standard

1. Accurately weigh 1.655 grams of anhydrous sodium chloride and transfer into a 1000 mL volumetric flask.
2. Add 0.5 grams of anhydrous magnesium sulfate to the flask.
3. Add 500 mL of water to the flask, swirl to dissolve all of the reagents, then dilute to the volumetric mark with water.
4. Mix well by repeated inversion, then transfer the 1000 mg/L standard to a storage bottle.
5. Rinse the flask extensively with water prior to its use in the preparation of the 10 mg/L standard. Alternatively, simply add 0.5 grams of magnesium sulfate to a liter of a 1000 mg/L chloride standard from a certified supplier.

### 10 mg/L Standard

1. Accurately measure 10 mL of the above 1000 mg/L standard solution into a 1000 mL volumetric flask.
2. Add 0.5 grams of anhydrous magnesium sulfate to the flask.
3. Add 500 mL of water, swirl to dissolve the solid reagents, then dilute to the volumetric mark with water.
4. Mix well by repeated inversion, then transfer the 10 mg/L standard to a storage bottle.

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### Preparing Nitrate Standards

We recommend using YSI calibration solutions whenever possible. However, qualified users can save cost by following these recipes for 1 and 100 mg/L nitrate standards. Other concentrations can be made by altering the amount of potassium nitrate. All other concentrations should remain unchanged.



**CAUTION:** Some of these chemicals are hazardous and therefore, the standards should only be prepared by qualified chemists in laboratories where proper safety precautions are possible. It is the responsibility of the user to obtain and study the MSDS for each chemical and to follow the required instructions with regard to handling and disposal of these materials.

You will need:

- Solid potassium nitrate or a certified 1000 mg/l  $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$  from a supplier
- Magnesium sulfate, high purity water
- A good quality analytical balance
- 1000 mL volumetric flask
- Accurate volumetric measuring devices for 100 mL, 10 mL and 1 mL of solution
- And 1000 mL glass or plastic storage vessels.

#### 100 mg/L standard

1. Accurately weigh 0.7222 g of anhydrous potassium nitrate and transfer quantitatively into a 1000 mL volumetric flask. Add 1.0 g of anhydrous magnesium sulfate to the flask.
2. Add approximately 500 mL of water to the flask. Swirl to dissolve all of the reagents, and then dilute to the volumetric mark with distilled or deionized water.
3. Mix well by repeated inversion and then transfer the 100 mg/L standard to a storage bottle.
4. Rinse the flask extensively with water prior to its use in the preparation of the 1 mg/l standard. Alternatively, 100 mL of certified 1000 mg/L  $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$  standard can be used in place of the solid potassium nitrate.

#### 1 mg/L standard

1. Accurately measure 10.0 mL of the above 100 mg/L standard solution into a 1000 mL volumetric flask. Add 1.0 g of anhydrous magnesium sulfate to the flask.
2. Add approximately 500 mL of distilled or deionized water. Swirl to dissolve the solid reagents, and then dilute to the volumetric mark with water.
3. Mix well by repeated inversion and then transfer the 1 mg/L standard to a storage bottle.

**NOTE:** Recipes are given for 1 and 100 mg/L. Other concentrations can be made by altering the amount of potassium nitrate. All other concentrations should remain unchanged.

## Preparing Ammonium Standards

We recommend using YSI calibration solutions whenever possible. However, qualified users can save cost by following these recipes for 1 and 100 mg/L standards. Other concentrations can be made by altering the amount of ammonium chloride. All other ingredient concentrations should remain unchanged.

 **CAUTION:** Some of these chemicals are hazardous and therefore, the standards should only be prepared by qualified chemists in laboratories where proper safety precautions are possible. It is the responsibility of the user to obtain and study the MSDS for each chemical and to follow the required instructions with regard to handling and disposal of these materials.

You will need:

- Solid ammonium chloride or a certified 100 mg/L  $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$  from a supplier
- Lithium acetate dihydrate
- Concentrated hydrochloric acid
- High purity water
- A good quality analytical balance
- A 1000 mL volumetric flask
- Accurate volumetric measuring devices for 100 mL and 10 mL of solution
- And a 1000 mL glass or plastic storage vessels.

 **CAUTION:** Hydrochloric acid is highly corrosive and toxic and should therefore be handled with extreme care in a well-ventilated fume hood. The user could also add the equivalent amount of a less-hazardous, more dilute sample of the acid if preferred.)

### 100 mg/L Standard

1. Accurately weigh 0.3817 g of ammonium chloride and transfer quantitatively into a 1000 mL volumetric flask. Add 2.6 g of lithium acetate dihydrate to the flask.
2. Add approximately 500 mL of distilled or deionized water to the flask. Swirl to dissolve all of the reagents and then dilute to the volumetric mark with distilled or deionized water.
3. Mix well by repeated inversion and then transfer the 100 mg/L standard to a storage bottle.
4. Add 3 drops of concentrated hydrochloric acid to the bottle, then seal and agitate to assure homogeneity. Alternatively, 100 mL of certified 100 mg/L  $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$  standard can be used in place of the solid ammonium chloride.

### 1 mg/L Standard

1. Accurately measure 10.0 mL of the above 100 mg/L standard solution into a 1000 mL volumetric flask. Add 2.6 g of lithium acetate dihydrate to the flask.
2. Add approximately 500 mL of distilled or deionized water. Swirl to dissolve the solid reagents and then dilute to the volumetric mark with water.
3. Mix well by repeated inversion and then transfer the 1 mg/L standard to a storage bottle.
4. Add 3 drops of concentrated hydrochloric acid to the bottle, then seal and agitate to assure homogeneity.

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# Maintenance and Storage

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Follow all maintenance and storage procedures in this section.

**NOTICE:** Incorrect or unapproved maintenance and/or storage can cause handheld, sensor or cable damage not covered by the warranty.

Unless otherwise specified, storage terms are defined as follows:

**Short-term storage (less than 4 weeks):** Storage when the ProDSS will be used at regular intervals (daily, weekly, biweekly, etc.)

**Long-term storage:** Storage when the ProDSS will have long periods of inactivity (over winter, end of monitoring season, etc.)

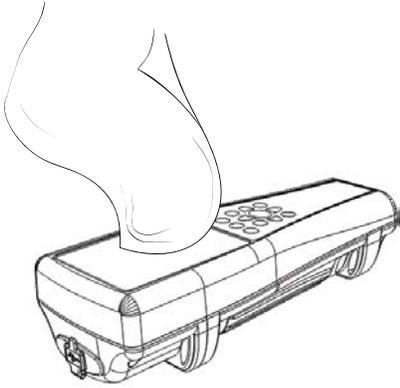
**NOTICE:** Perform sensor maintenance before long-term storage.

**NOTICE:** To prevent damage, do not store sensors in corrosive solutions.

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### ProDSS Handheld Instrument



**Figure 60** Handheld cleaning

#### Handheld Instrument Maintenance

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Wipe the keypad, screen, and case with a cloth dampened with a mild solution of clean water and dish soap ([Figure 60](#)).

#### Handheld Storage Temperature

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Optimal storage temperature of the handheld instrument:

- With battery pack installed: 0-45 °C (32-113 °F)
- Without battery pack installed: 0-60 °C (32-140 °F)

**NOTICE:** The battery pack permanently loses capacity at a faster rate when above 45 °C (113 °F).

#### Handheld Short-Term Storage (Less Than 4 Weeks)

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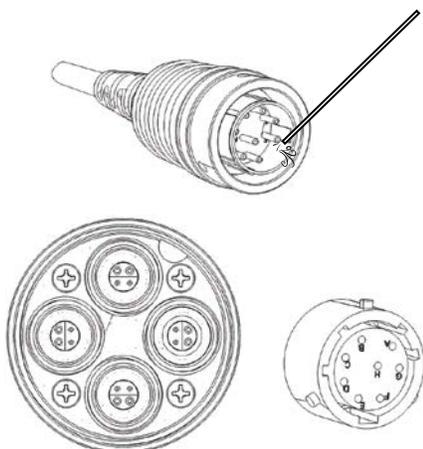
Power off the handheld and store in a secure location (["Startup" on page 14](#)).

#### Handheld Long-Term Storage

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1. Clean the handheld instrument.
2. Remove the battery pack to prevent possible battery leaks ([Figure 2](#)). Reinstall the battery cover.
3. Ensure the USB port cover is installed.
4. Store the handheld and removed battery pack in a secure location. See ["Rechargeable Lithium-Ion battery pack safety warnings and precautions" on page 81](#).

## Cable, Bulkhead, and Connectors



**Figure 61** Cable, bulkhead, connector maintenance

### Cable, Bulkhead, and Connector Maintenance

Wipe the bulkhead cable with a cloth dampened with a mild solution of clean water and dish soap.

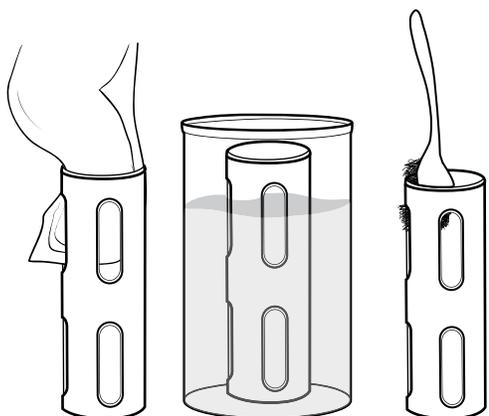
**NOTICE:** Install sensors or port plugs in ProDSS 4 port cable assemblies so the bulkhead ports do not get wet when cleaning. Exposure to water can cause damage or corrosion to the bulkhead connectors not covered by the warranty.

Inspect the bulkhead ports and cable connectors for contamination. If dirty or wet, clean it with compressed air (Figure 61).

### Cable, Bulkhead, and Connector Storage

Clean the connectors and bulkhead cable. For ProDSS 4 port cables, install the cap that protected the bulkhead during initial shipment. Alternatively, install bulkhead port plugs when not in use ("Port plugs on page 10).

## Sensor Guard



**Figure 62** Sensor guard maintenance

### Sensor Guard Maintenance

Remove minimal bio-fouling with a cloth soaked in a mild solution of clean water and dish soap (Figure 62).

Remove heavy bio-fouling by soaking the guard in a with a solution of clean water and dish soap. Soak in vinegar to remove hard growth and deposits.

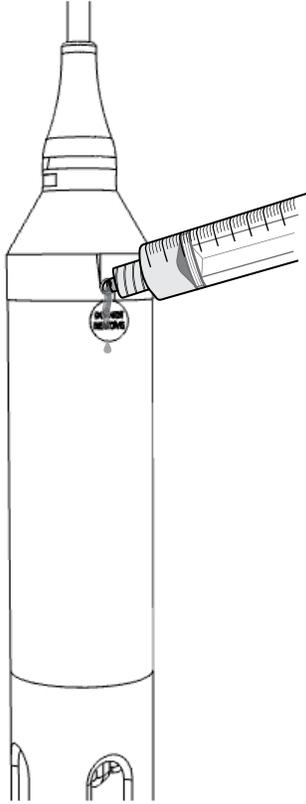
Use a plastic scrub brush to remove any remaining bio-fouling. Rinse the sensor guard with clean water.

**NOTICE:** Do not sand or polish the guard. Removal of the guard coating can affect turbidity readings.

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### Depth Sensor Maintenance and Storage



**Figure 63** Depth sensor flush

#### Depth Sensor Storage

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The ProDSS optional depth sensor on 4 port ProDSS cables accesses water through ports located in the bulkhead (Figure 63). Although not directly accessible, correct maintenance and storage is necessary for reliable operation.

The depth sensor can be stored dry, in water-saturated air or submerged in water.

**NOTICE:** To prevent damage to the sensor's strain gauge, do not store the sensor in corrosive solutions.

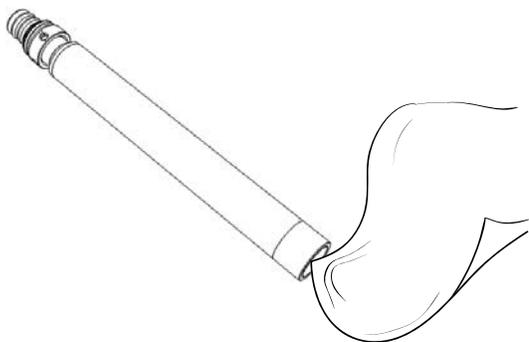
#### Depth Sensor Maintenance

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Periodically clean the depth ports with the syringe included in the ProDSS maintenance kit (626990). Fill the syringe with clean water and gently force water into one of the ports. Flush until clean water flows from the opposite depth port.

**NOTICE:** Do not insert objects into the depth ports. Damage to the depth transducer from incorrect cleaning is not covered by the warranty.

### Turbidity and Total Algae Sensors

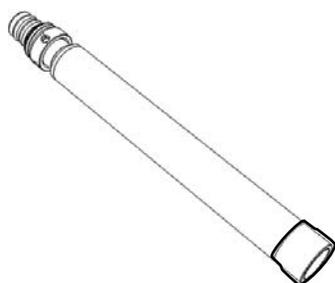


**Figure 64** Sensor window

#### **Turbidity and Total Algae Sensor Maintenance**

Clean the sensing window with a non-abrasive, lint-free cloth (Figure 64).

**NOTICE:** Clean the window carefully to prevent scratches. If necessary, use mild soapy water.



**Figure 65** Sensor storage

#### **Turbidity and Total Algae Sensor Short-Term Storage (Less Than 4 Weeks)**

When in regular field use, the turbidity and total algae sensors can remain installed on the bulkhead in an environment of water-saturated air (Figure 65).

**NOTE:** The turbidity and total algae sensors can be stored dry if stored separate from other sensors.

Place approximately 0.5 in (1 cm) of any water (tap or environmental) in calibration cup.

Install the calibration cup on the bulkhead and firmly tighten to prevent evaporation.

#### **Turbidity and Total Algae Sensor Long-Term Storage**

Store the turbidity and total algae sensors in dry air. The sensors can be left on the bulkhead or removed for storage.

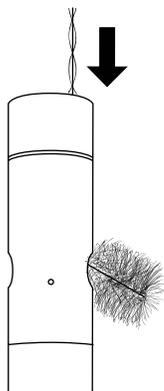
If removed from the bulkhead, install the shipping cap on the sensor to prevent scratches or damage to the optical sensing window.

**NOTICE:** Install a port plug into the empty port on the bulkhead.

## Maintenance and Storage

### Conductivity/Temperature Sensor

**NOTICE:** Use care when handling the conductivity/temperature sensor to prevent any impact on the exposed thermistor.



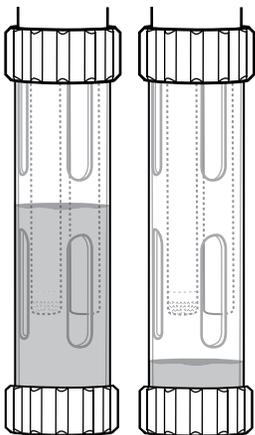
**Figure 66** Channel brush

#### Conductivity/Temperature Sensor Maintenance

1. Dip the sensor's cleaning brush (included with the maintenance kit) in clean water.
2. Insert the brush at the top of the channels, and sweep the channels 15 to 20 times (Figure 66).

**NOTICE:** If deposits have formed on the electrodes, use a mild solution of dish soap and water to brush the channels. For heavy deposits, soak the sensor in white vinegar to assist cleaning, then scrub with the cleaning brush after soaking.

3. Rinse the channels with clean water following the sweepings or soak.



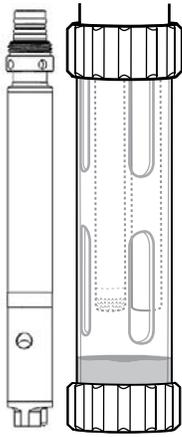
**Figure 67** Conductivity/Temperature short-term storage

#### Conductivity/Temperature Sensor Short-Tem Storage (Less Than 4 Weeks)

When in regular field use, the conductivity/temperature sensor should remain installed on the bulkhead in a dry or water-saturated air environment.

Place approximately 0.5 in (1 cm) of any water (deionized, distilled or environmental) in calibration cup.

Install the calibration cup on the bulkhead and firmly tighten to prevent evaporation (Figure 67).



**Figure 68** Conductivity/Temperature long-term storage

### Conductivity/Temperature Sensor Long-Term Storage

The Conductivity/Temperature sensor can be stored dry or wet. For ProDSS 4 port cable assemblies, the sensor can be installed on the bulkhead or detached ([Figure 68](#)).

### Dissolved Oxygen Sensor

ODO sensor caps are warranted for 1 year but have a typical working life of 18 to 24 months. The ODO Extended Warranty Sensor Cap (627180) that comes pre-installed on ODO/CT cable assemblies features a 2 year warranty. As the ODO sensor caps ages, large scratches in the paint/dye layer and changes in the dye layer can reduce measurement stability and response time.

Periodically inspect the sensor cap for damage and large scratches in the paint/dye layer. Replace the cap when readings become unstable and cleaning the cap and DO recalibration do not remedy the symptoms.

### Cleaning the Sensor Cap

The sensor cap should be kept clean since some types of fouling may consume oxygen which could affect the dissolved oxygen measurements. To clean the sensor cap, gently wipe away any fouling with a lens cleaning tissue that has been moistened with water.

**NOTICE:** Do not use organic solvents to clean the sensor cap. Using an organic solvent to clean the sensor cap may cause permanent damage to the cap. For example, alcohol will dissolve the outer paint layer and other organic solvents will likely dissolve the dye in the cap.

### ODO Sensor Cap Replacement

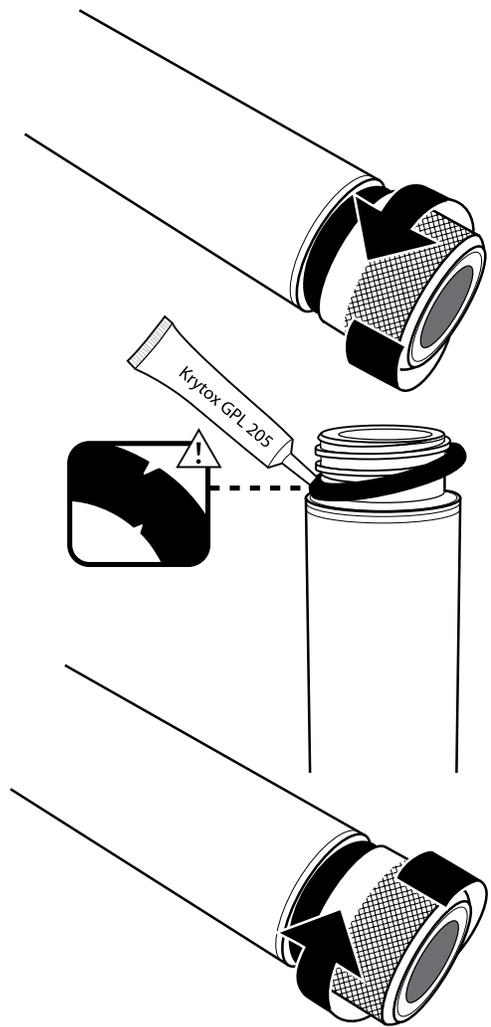
The sensor cap should be replaced about once per year for those with a 1 year warranty, but the cap may last longer. It should also be replaced if it is cracked or damaged. The instruction sheet shipped with the replacement ODO sensor cap includes the calibration coefficients specific to your sensor cap.

*The instructions for replacing the sensor cap on ProDSS ODO sensors (626900) are different than the instructions for integral (i.e. built-in) ODO sensors on ODO/CT (627150) and ProODO (626250) cable assemblies, so ensure the correct directions are being followed when replacing the sensor cap.*

**NOTE:** Make sure to save the ODO sensor cap instruction sheet in case you need to reload the calibration coefficients.

**NOTE:** The replacement ODO sensor cap is shipped in a humidified container and the package should not be opened until immediately before sensor cap replacement.

Once the sensor cap has been installed on the ODO sensor, it is important to keep the sensor in a 100% humid environment. If the sensor dries out, refer to the rehydration procedure ("[ODO sensor rehydration on page 66](#)").



**Figure 69** ProDSS ODO cap replacement

### Sensor Cap Replacement - ProDSS ODO Sensors

1. Turn the used sensor cap counterclockwise to remove it from the sensor.

**NOTE:** If possible, do not use a tool to remove the cap from the sensor. If necessary, carefully turn the cap counterclockwise with pliers until it breaks loose. Do not use the pliers on the sensor body. Make sure to not damage the sensor cap threads.

2. Without using tools, remove the used o-ring from the sensor body (pinch the o-ring out, then roll it upward over the threads), then discard it.
3. Clean the sensor threads with a clean, lint-free cloth.
4. Visually inspect the new o-ring for nicks, tears, contaminants or particles. Discard damaged o-rings.
5. Without twisting it, carefully install the new o-ring over the threads and into the o-ring groove.
6. Apply a thin coat of o-ring lubricant to the o-ring only. Wipe any excess from the threads and sensor body.
7. Clean the sensor window with a clean, lint-free cloth.
8. Make sure the new sensor cap cavity is completely dry, then carefully finger-tighten the cap clockwise onto the sensor. The o-ring should be compressed between the sensor cap and body, not pinched.

**NOTICE:** Do not over-tighten the sensor cap. Do not use tools.

9. Store the ODO sensor in a moist environment.

**NOTE:** If the o-ring is pinched, remove and discard it. Repeat steps 3 to 8.

### Sensor Cap Replacement - Built-in ODO Sensors on ODO/CT and ProODO Cables

1. Remove the old sensor cap assembly from the probe by grasping the probe body with one hand and rotating the sensor cap counterclockwise until it is completely free. Do not use any tools for this procedure.
2. Inspect the o-ring on the probe for damage. If there is any indication of damage, carefully remove the o-ring and replace it with the new o-ring included with the replacement sensor cap. Do not use any tools to remove the o-ring.
3. Ensure the o-ring installed on the probe is clean. If necessary, wipe clean with a lint free cloth or replace the o-ring as described in the previous step.
4. Locate the o-ring lubricant included with the new sensor cap. Apply a thin coat of o-ring lubricant to the installed o-ring. After application, there should be a thin coat of o-ring lubricant on the o-ring only. Remove any excess o-ring lubricant from the o-ring and/or probe with a lens cleaning tissue.
5. Remove the new sensor cap from its hydrated container and dry the inside cavity of the sensor cap with lens cleaning tissue. Make sure the cavity is completely dry before proceeding with the installation. Next, clean the clear surface of the sensor on the end of the probe with lens cleaning tissue.
6. Using clockwise motion, thread the new sensor cap onto the probe assembly until it is finger-tight. The o-ring should be compressed between the sensor cap and probe. Do not over-tighten the sensor cap and do not use any tools for the installation process.
7. After installing the new sensor cap, store the sensor in either water or in humidified air in the calibration sleeve.

## Updating the ODO Sensor Cap Coefficients

After installing a new sensor cap, connect the bulkhead cable assembly to the ProDSS instrument and turn the instrument on. Locate the Calibration Code Label on the ODO sensor cap instruction sheet and note the eight sequences of letters and/or numbers listed as K1 through K7 and KC. These contain the calibration code for this particular sensor cap.

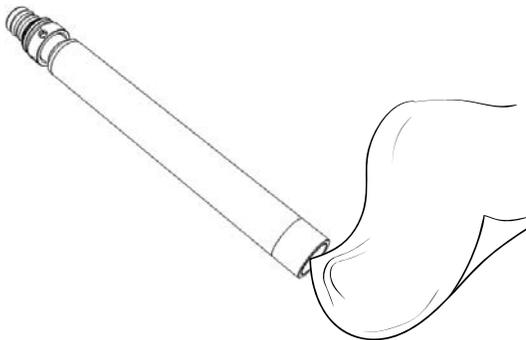
Follow the procedures below to enter the new calibration coefficients into the instrument.

1. Push the Probe  key to access the Sensor menu, then select **Setup**, then **ODO**.
2. Select **Sensor Cap Coefficients**.
3. Highlight each coefficient in turn (K1 through KC) and use the numeric entry screen to enter the corresponding new coefficient from the Calibration Code Label. Push the  key after each entry and then proceed to the next K selection.
4. After all the new coefficients have been entered, select **Update Sensor Cap Coefficients**.
5. A message will appear warning that you will be overwriting the current sensor cap coefficients and you should confirm that you wish to carry out this action. Select **Yes** to confirm the new coefficients.

After updating the Coefficients, the Serial # in the Sensor Cap menu will be updated automatically based on your entries. If errors are made in entering the Sensor Cap Coefficients, the instrument will block the update and an error message will appear on the display.

If you see this error message, re-enter the coefficients and check them carefully for correct transcription from the Calibration Code Label prior to selecting Update Sensor Cap Coefficients. If you receive an error message after several entry attempts, contact YSI Technical Support for assistance.

After entering the new Sensor Cap coefficients, perform a 1-point DO calibration ("[ODO% and ODO% local - water saturated air calibration](#)" on page 37).

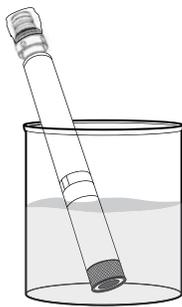


**Figure 70** ODO sensor window

### ODO Sensor Maintenance

Clean the sensing window with a non-abrasive, lint-free cloth ([Figure 70](#)).

**NOTICE:** Clean the window carefully to prevent scratches. Do not use organic solvents to clean the ODO sensor or sensor cap.



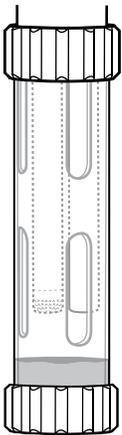
**Figure 71** ODO rehydration

### ODO Sensor Rehydration

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To prevent sensor drift, always store the ODO sensor in a wet or water-saturated air environment. If the ODO sensor has accidentally been left dry for longer than 8 hours, it must be rehydrated.

If rehydration is necessary, soak the ODO sensor cap in warm (room temperature) tap water for approximately 24 hours. After the soak, calibrate the sensor (Figure 71).



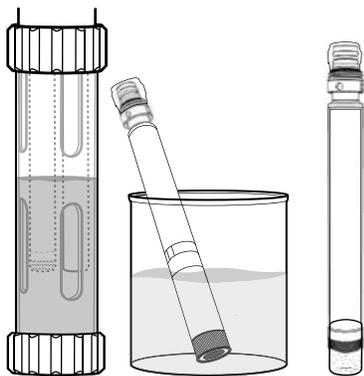
**Figure 72** ODO short-term storage

### ODO Sensor Short-Term Storage (Less Than 4 Weeks)

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When in regular field use, the ODO sensor should remain installed on the bulkhead. Place approximately 0.5 in (1 cm) of any water (tap or environmental) in the calibration cup (Figure 72).

Install the calibration cup onto the bulkhead and firmly tighten to prevent evaporation.



**Figure 73** ODO long-term storage

### ODO Sensor Long-Term Storage

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For ProDSS 4 port cable assemblies, the ODO sensor can be left on the bulkhead or removed for long-term storage (Figure 73).

#### Installed on bulkhead

Fill the calibration cup with clean water (use distilled or deionized water if a pH sensor is not installed). Submerge the sensor in the calibration cup then firmly tighten to prevent evaporation.

#### Removed from bulkhead

Remove the sensor from the bulkhead ("[Sensor removal](#)" on page 10).

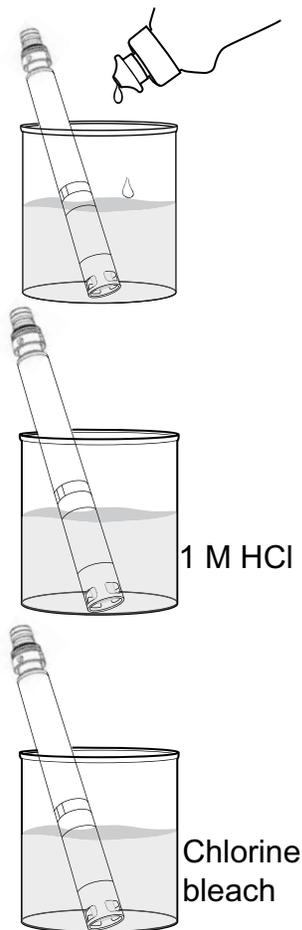
**Method 1:** Cover the sensor connector end with the plastic storage cap. Submerge the sensing end of the sensor in a container of clean water (use distilled or deionized water if a pH sensor is not installed). Periodically check the level of the water to make sure that it does not evaporate.

**Method 2:** Wet the sponge located in the cap originally included with the ODO sensor, then install on sensing end of the ODO sensor. Replace the sponge if it becomes dirty.

## pH - pH/ORP Sensors

**NOTE:** pH and pH/ORP sensors require periodic maintenance to clear contamination from the sensing elements. These contaminants can slow sensor response time. Clean the sensors when deposits, bio-fouling or other contamination appears on the glass or when the sensor response time is noticeably slow.

**NOTICE:** Do not physically scrub or swab the glass bulb. The bulbs are fragile and will break if pressed with sufficient force.



**Figure 74** pH and pH/ORP sensor maintenance

### pH - pH/ORP Sensor Maintenance

1. Remove the sensor from the bulkhead and soak for 10 to 15 minutes in a mild solution of clean water and dish soap (Figure 74).
2. Rinse the sensor with clean tap water and inspect.
3. If contaminants are removed, attach the sensor to the bulkhead and test the response time (“ProDSS sensor installation/removal” on page 9).

OR

If contaminants remain or response time does not improve, continue to the hydrochloric acid (HCl) soak in step 4.

4. Soak the sensor for 30 to 60 minutes in one molar (1 M) HCl.

**NOTE:** HCl reagent can be purchased from most chemical or laboratory distributors. If HCl is not available, soak in white vinegar.



**CAUTION:** To prevent injury, carefully follow the HCl manufacturer’s instructions.

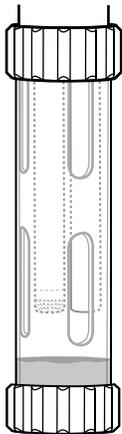
5. Rinse the sensor in clean tap water.
6. Soak the sensor in clean tap water for 60 minutes, stirring occasionally. Repeat the clean tap water rinse.
7. Attach the sensor to the bulkhead and test the response time. If response time does not improve or biological contamination of the reference junction is suspected, continue to the chlorine bleach soak in step 8.
8. Soak the sensor for approximately one hour in a 1:1 dilution of chlorine bleach and tap water.
9. Rinse the sensor with clean tap water.
10. Soak the sensor in clean tap water for one hour or longer. Repeat the clean tap water rinse.

## Maintenance and Storage

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### pH - pH/ORP Sensor Storage

The pH - pH/ORP sensors are shipped with their tips in a storage bottle containing KCl. Store the pH - pH/ORP sensors in the shipping container when not in use.



**Figure 75** pH and pH/ORP short-term storage

### pH - pH/ORP Sensor Short-Term Storage (Regular Use, Daily, Weekly, Biweekly)

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When in regular field use, the pH-pH/ORP sensors should remain on the bulkhead with the storage cup installed. Place a small amount of tap or surface water, approximately 1 cm, in the cup prior to storage or transport. The probes should be kept in this water-saturated air chamber between uses; not submerged ([Figure 75](#)).

Make sure the storage cup makes a tight connection to prevent evaporation.

### pH - pH/ORP Sensor Long-Term Storage (Longer Than 1 Month, End of Season)

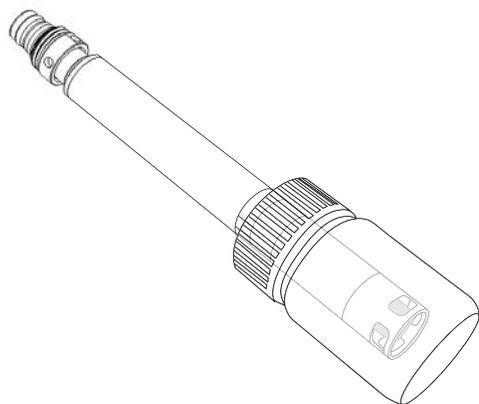
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When not in regular use, remove the sensor from the bulkhead and plug the bulkhead port. Insert the sensor tip into the storage bottle and solution that were originally supplied with the sensor ([Figure 76](#)). The storage bottle features an open cap and o-ring to form a tight seal around the sensor tip; the solution contains KCl with potassium phthalate and a preservative. If this original solution is not available, one can prepare a 2 M KCl solution or use pH 4 buffer as an alternative, though these solutions should be monitored for microbial growth and replaced if growth is apparent.

Other sensors and system components should not be stored in or exposed to these pH buffers for long periods of time.

**NOTICE:** pH - pH/ORP sensors have two specific storage requirements:

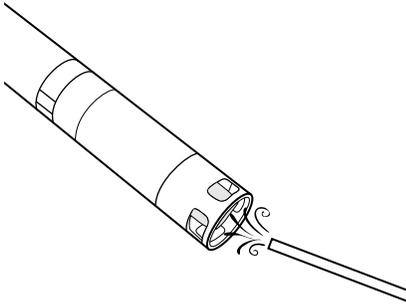
1. Do NOT store in Zobell solution, distilled or deionized water.
2. Do NOT let the reference electrode junction dry out.



**Figure 76** pH and pH/ORP long-term storage

## ISE Sensors

Do not let the ISE sensor reference electrode junctions dry out. Clean the sensors when deposits, bio-fouling or other contamination appears on the membrane.

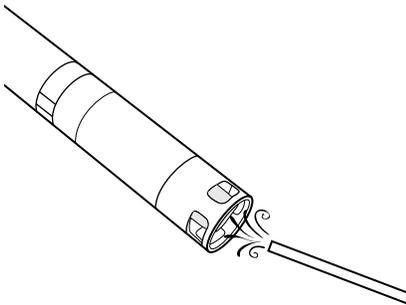


**Figure 77** Ammonium and nitrate maintenance

### Ammonium and Nitrate Sensor Maintenance

1. Carefully clean the ammonium or nitrate sensor by rinsing with DI water followed by soaking in the high standard calibration solution (Figure 77).
2. Carefully dab the sensor dry with a clean, lint-free cloth.

**NOTICE:** The ion-selective membranes are very fragile. Do not use coarse material (e.g. paper towels) to clean the membranes or permanent damage to the sensor can occur. The only exception is fine emery cloth on the chloride sensor.

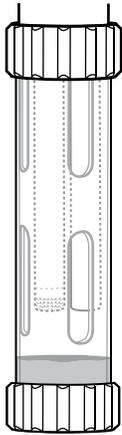


**Figure 78** Chloride maintenance

### Chloride Sensor Maintenance

Carefully clean the chloride sensor by carefully polishing with fine emery paper in a circular motion to remove deposits or discoloration (Figure 78).

Carefully rinse with DI water to remove any debris.



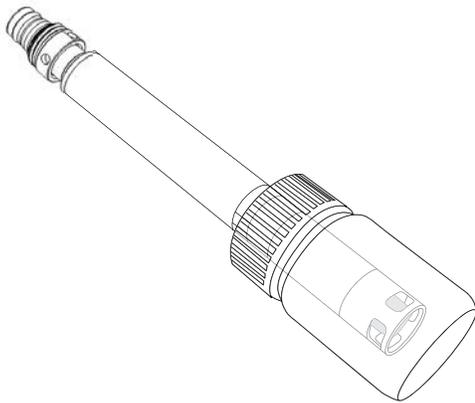
**Figure 79** ISE short-term storage

### **ISE Sensor Short-Term Storage (Less Than 4 Weeks)**

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When in regular field use, the ISE sensors should remain installed on the bulkhead in an environment of water-saturated air. Place approximately 0.5 in (1 cm) of any water (deionized, distilled or environmental) in the calibration cup ([Figure 79](#)).

Install the calibration cup onto the bulkhead and firmly tighten to prevent evaporation.



**Figure 80** ISE long-term storage

### **ISE Sensor Short-Term Storage (Less Than 4 Weeks)**

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**NOTICE:** Do not let the ISE junctions dry out. Junctions that have been allowed to dry out by improper storage may be irreparably damaged by dehydration and will require replacement.

1. Place a small amount of high-calibration solution or tap water in the storage bottle originally included with the sensor.
2. Remove the sensor from the bulkhead and insert the sensing end into the shipping bottle.
3. Install the bottle o-ring and tighten ([Figure 80](#)).

**NOTICE:** The sensors should not be immersed in water.

**NOTICE:** Do not store the ISE sensors in conductivity standard, pH buffer or salt water.

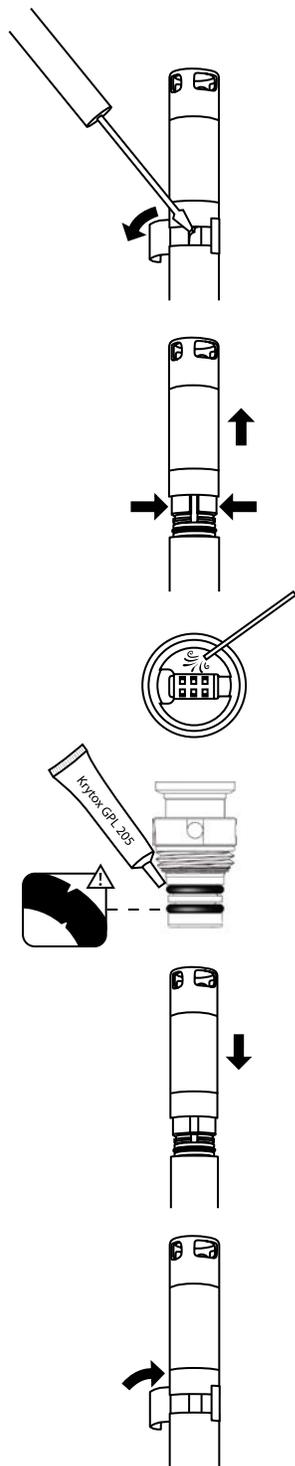
### **Rehydrating the Reference Junction**

If an ISE sensor has been allowed to dry, soak the sensor for several hours (preferably overnight) in the sensor's high-calibration solution. If the sensor is irreparably damaged, the sensor module must be replaced.

## ProDSS sensor module replacement

ProDSS pH, pH/ORP, ammonium, chloride and nitrate sensors feature replaceable sensor modules. These modules can be replaced by the user as needed. Typical working life of a pH or pH/ORP sensor module is 18 to 24 months. Typical working life of ammonium, chloride and nitrate sensor modules is 4 to 8 months.

Perform the pH - pH/ORP and ISE sensor module replacement in a clean, dry laboratory environment.



**Figure 81** pH - pH/ORP sensor module replacement

### Module Replacement

1. Peel off and discard the sticker that covers the junction of the sensor body and the module (Figure 81).
2. With a small, flat-blade screwdriver, carefully remove the small rubber plug from the gap in the hard plastic ring at the base of the sensor module.
3. Using two fingers, squeeze the sensor module's hard plastic ring so that it compresses the gap left by the rubber plug.
4. Steadily pull the sensor module straight from the sensor body, rocking slightly if necessary.

**NOTICE:** The o-ring is unusable after removal from the sensor body. Do not reinstall the removed sensor module or o-ring after removal. Dispose of the module according to your organization's guidelines or return it to YSI for recycling ("Service information" on page 83).

5. Inspect the sensor connector port for debris or moisture. If detected, remove it with lint-free cloth or a light blast of compressed air.
6. Visually inspect the two new o-rings for nicks, tears, contaminants or particles. Discard damaged o-rings.
7. Without twisting, carefully install the new o-rings over the threads and into the o-ring grooves.
8. Apply a thin coat of o-ring lubricant to the o-rings only. Wipe any excess from the threads and sensor module.

**NOTICE:** If a sensor module is removed for any reason, the o-rings must be replaced.

9. Align the prongs on the base of the sensor module with the slots in the sensor body. The sensor module is keyed to insert in only one orientation.
10. Push the sensor module firmly into position until it clicks. Wipe any excess o-ring lubricant from the assembled components.
11. Wrap the junction of the sensor module and sensor body with the new sticker included in the sensor module kit. The sticker helps keep the sensor module junction clean and retain the rubber plug throughout deployment.
12. Write the replacement date on the sticker.
13. Calibrate the sensor ("pH/ORP" on page 39 or "ISE calibration 3-point" on page 51).

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# ProDSS Driver and KorDSS Software Installation

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**NOTE:** YSI recommends that you have administrative privileges on the PC in which the ProDSS driver and KorDSS will be installed. This level of permission will allow the user to install software onto the PC. A warning will commonly indicate that software installation cannot be completed due to the lack of administrative privileges.

*On personal PC systems, the owner will typically have administrative privileges. Users of business and networked systems may not have administrative privileges. Information technology (IT) departments can customize these settings, so different levels of administrative privileges can exist. To obtain administrative privileges on your business or networked PC, please contact the IT department of your employer.*

Follow these general steps to complete the installation process. Detailed steps are on the next page:

1. Open the KorDSS Installer that is on the USB flash drive included with the instrument.
2. From the KorDSS Installer, install the ProDSS instrument driver and KorDSS software.
3. Start KorDSS for the first time.
4. Connect the ProDSS to the PC.

## System Requirements

### Supported 32 bit (x86) Microsoft Operating Systems:

- Microsoft Windows 7 Home Basic SP1
- Microsoft Windows 7 Home Premium SP1
- Microsoft Windows 7 Professional SP1
- Microsoft Windows 7 Enterprise SP1
- Microsoft Windows 7 Ultimate SP1
- Microsoft Windows 8/8.1
- Microsoft Windows 8/8.1 Professional
- Microsoft Windows 8/8.1 Enterprise

### Supported 64 bit (x64) Microsoft Operating Systems:

- Microsoft Windows 7 Home Basic SP1
- Microsoft Windows 7 Home Premium SP1
- Microsoft Windows 7 Professional SP1
- Microsoft Windows 7 Enterprise SP1
- Microsoft Windows 7 Ultimate SP1
- Microsoft Windows 8/8.1
- Microsoft Windows 8/8.1 Professional
- Microsoft Windows 8/8.1 Enterprise

### Ram Memory Requirement:

- Minimum of 2 GB of RAM installed

### Hard Disk Free Space:

- Minimum of 500 MB of free hard drive space

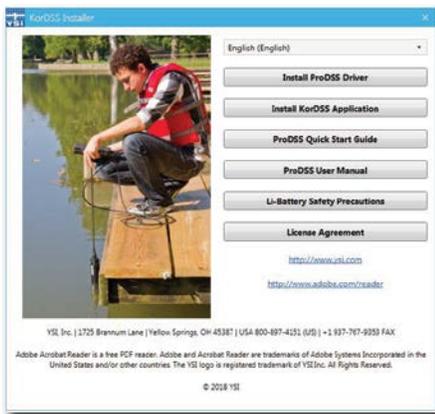
### Internet Access Required to Support:

- Software and device updates, software licensing

**NOTE:** *KorDSS compatibility with Windows 10 has not been fully tested, but we are not aware of any issues.*

# KorDSS Software Installation

## Install the ProDSS Driver and KorDSS Software



**Figure 82** KorDSS Installer



**Figure 83** ProDSS Driver Installer



**Figure 84** Back button



**Figure 85** KorDSS license agreement



**Figure 86** Launch KorDSS

**NOTE:** It is recommended to install the ProDSS driver **before** connecting the ProDSS to your PC.

1. Insert the supplied USB flash drive into a USB port on your computer.
2. Depending on the PC operating system and system settings, the KorDSS Installer may appear. If it does not appear, open the flash drive in Windows Explorer and double-click **Start.exe** to start the installer. [Figure 82](#) shows how the installer will appear once it starts.

**NOTE:** If desired, view the ProDSS Quick Start Guide, ProDSS User Manual, Li-Battery Safety Precautions, and/or the end-user license agreement for the software.

3. On the KorDSS Installer, click **Install ProDSS Driver**. Then choose to **Install** the driver on the screens that follow ([Figure 83](#)).
4. After the ProDSS driver has installed, choose to go **Back** to the KorDSS Installer ([Figure 84](#)).
5. On the KorDSS Installer, click **Install KorDSS Application**. A license agreement will appear ([Figure 85](#)).
6. You may be asked if you want to allow a program from an unknown publisher to make changes on the computer. If so, select **Yes**.
7. After successful installation of KorDSS, click **Launch** to start the program ([Figure 86](#)).
8. Connect the ProDSS to the PC to begin using KorDSS.

# Accessories

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## Ordering

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Telephone: 800 897 4151 (USA)

+1 937 767 7241 (Globally) Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 ET

Fax: +1 937 767 9353 (orders)

Email: [info@ysi.com](mailto:info@ysi.com)

Mail: YSI Incorporated 1725 Brannum Lane Yellow Springs, OH 45387 USA

Internet: [ysi.com](http://ysi.com)

When placing an order please have the following available:

1. YSI account number (if available)
2. Name and phone number
3. Purchase Order or Credit Card number
4. Model Number or brief description
5. Billing and shipping addresses
6. Quantity

## Accessories

### ProDSS Handhelds

YSI Item #	Description
626870-1	ProDSS handheld, no GPS
626870-2	ProDSS handheld with GPS

### ProDSS 4 Port Cable Assemblies (No Sensors Included)

YSI Item #	Description
626909-1	ProDSS-1 meter 4 port cable assembly, no depth
626909-4	ProDSS-4 meter 4 port cable assembly, no depth
626909-10	ProDSS-10 meter 4 port cable assembly, no depth
626909-20	ProDSS-20 meter 4 port cable assembly, no depth
626909-30	ProDSS-30 meter 4 port cable assembly, no depth
626909-40	ProDSS-40 meter 4 port cable assembly, no depth
626909-50	ProDSS-50 meter 4 port cable assembly, no depth
626909-60	ProDSS-60 meter 4 port cable assembly, no depth
626909-70	ProDSS-70 meter 4 port cable assembly, no depth
626909-80	ProDSS-80 meter 4 port cable assembly, no depth
626909-90	ProDSS-90 meter 4 port cable assembly, no depth
626909-100	ProDSS-100 meter 4 port cable assembly, no depth
626910-1	ProDSS-1 meter 4 port cable assembly, with depth
626910-4	ProDSS-4 meter 4 port cable assembly, with depth
626910-10	ProDSS-10 meter 4 port cable assembly, with depth
626911-20	ProDSS-20 meter 4 port cable assembly, with depth
626911-30	ProDSS-30 meter 4 port cable assembly, with depth
626911-40	ProDSS-40 meter 4 port cable assembly, with depth
626911-50	ProDSS-50 meter 4 port cable assembly, with depth
626911-60	ProDSS-60 meter 4 port cable assembly, with depth
626911-70	ProDSS-70 meter 4 port cable assembly, with depth
626911-80	ProDSS-80 meter 4 port cable assembly, with depth
626911-90	ProDSS-90 meter 4 port cable assembly, with depth
626911-100	ProDSS-100 meter 4 port cable assembly, with depth

### ProDSS Smart Sensors

YSI Item #	Description	YSI Item #	Description
626900	Optical dissolved oxygen sensor	626210	Total algae sensor, PC
626902	Conductivity and temperature sensor	626211	Total algae sensor, PE
626901	Turbidity sensor		
626903	pH sensor with module		
626904	pH/ORP sensor with module		
626906	Ammonium sensor with module		
626905	Nitrate sensor with module		
626907	Chloride sensor with module		

## Replacement Sensor Modules and ODO Sensor Caps

YSI Item #	Description
626890	Replacement ProDSS Optical Dissolved Oxygen sensor cap (for 626900 smart sensor)
626320	Replacement ProODO Optical Dissolved Oxygen sensor cap (for 626250 probe/cable assemblies)
626482	Replacement ProOBOD Optical Dissolved Oxygen sensor cap (for 626400 or 626401 lab probes)
627160	Replacement ProDSS ODO/CT <b>ODO Sensor Cap</b> (for 627150 probe/cable assemblies)
627180	Replacement ProDSS ODO/CT <b>ODO Extended Warranty Sensor Cap</b> (for 627150 probe/cable assemblies; comes pre-installed on new ProDSS ODO/CT assemblies)
626963	Replacement ProDSS pH sensor module
626964	Replacement ProDSS pH/ORP sensor module
626966	Replacement ProDSS Ammonium sensor module
626965	Replacement ProDSS Nitrate sensor module
626967	Replacement ProDSS Chloride sensor module

## ProDSS ODO/CT Sensor and Cable Assemblies - DO/Conductivity/Temp Only

**NOTE:** ProDSS ODO/CT cable assemblies feature non-replaceable temperature, conductivity, and optical DO sensors. There is no depth option with ODO/CT cables.

**NOTE:** There are two replacement sensor cap options for the ODO sensor on ODO/CT cable assemblies. The **ODO Sensor Cap** (item # 627160) features a 1 year warranty, while the **ODO Extended Warranty Sensor Cap** (item # 627180) is more rugged and features a 2 year warranty. The ODO Extended Warranty Sensor Cap comes pre-installed on new ODO/CT cable assemblies, with calibration coefficients of the sensor cap pre-loaded into the probe at the factory.

YSI Item #	Description
627150-1	ProDSS ODO/CT-1 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable sensors, no depth
627150-4	ProDSS ODO/CT-4 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable sensors, no depth
627150-10	ProDSS ODO/CT-10 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable sensors, no depth
627150-20	ProDSS ODO/CT-20 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable sensors, no depth
627150-30	ProDSS ODO/CT-30 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable sensors, no depth
627150-40	ProDSS ODO/CT-40 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable sensors, no depth
627150-50	ProDSS ODO/CT-50 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable sensors, no depth
627150-60	ProDSS ODO/CT-60 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable sensors, no depth
627150-70	ProDSS ODO/CT-70 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable sensors, no depth
627150-80	ProDSS ODO/CT-80 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable sensors, no depth
627150-90	ProDSS ODO/CT-90 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable sensors, no depth
627150-100	ProDSS ODO/CT-100 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable sensors, no depth

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### ProODO/ProOBOD sensor and cable assemblies - DO/Temp only

**NOTE:** ProODO/ProOBOD cable assemblies feature non-replaceable temperature and optical DO sensors. Sensor caps for optical DO sensors are replaceable (626320 for ProODO cable assemblies; 626482 for ProOBOD cable assemblies). There is no depth option with ProODO/ProOBOD cable assemblies.

YSI Item #	Description
626250-1	ProODO-1 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable ODO/temperature sensors, no depth
626250-4	ProODO-4 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable ODO/temperature sensors, no depth
626250-10	ProODO-10 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable ODO/temperature sensors, no depth
626250-20	ProODO-20 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable ODO/temperature sensors, no depth
626250-30	ProODO-30 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable ODO/temperature sensors, no depth
626250-40	ProODO-40 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable ODO/temperature sensors, no depth
626250-50	ProODO-50 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable ODO/temperature sensors, no depth
626250-60	ProODO-60 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable ODO/temperature sensors, no depth
626250-70	ProODO-70 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable ODO/temperature sensors, no depth
626250-80	ProODO-80 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable ODO/temperature sensors, no depth
626250-90	ProODO-90 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable ODO/temperature sensors, no depth
626250-100	ProODO-100 meter cable assembly with non-replaceable ODO/temperature sensors, no depth
626400	ProOBOD BOD probe/cable assembly, lab probe; U.S./Japanese version with power supply
626401	ProOBOD BOD probe/cable assembly, lab probe; International version with power supply

## Calibration standards

YSI Item #	Description
065270	Conductivity standard, 1000 $\mu$ mhos/cm (quart, glass); ideal for fresh water
065272	Conductivity standard, 10000 $\mu$ mhos/cm (quart, glass); ideal for brackish water
065274	Conductivity standard, 100000 $\mu$ mhos/cm (quart, glass); ideal for supersaturated sea water
060907	Conductivity standard, 1000 $\mu$ mhos/cm (box of 8 individual pints, plastic); ideal for fresh water
060906	Conductivity standard, 1413 $\mu$ mhos/cm, $\pm$ 1%, 0.01 M KCl (box of 8 individual pints, plastic)
060911	Conductivity standard, 10000 $\mu$ mhos/cm (box of 8 individual pints, plastic); ideal for brackish water
060660	Conductivity standard, 50000 $\mu$ mhos/cm (box of 8 individual pints, plastic); ideal for sea water
061320	ORP (mV) standard, Zobell solution, powder - needs hydrated (125 mL bottle, plastic)
061321	ORP (mV) standard, Zobell solution, powder - needs hydrated (250 mL bottle, plastic)
061322	ORP (mV) standard, Zobell solution, powder - needs hydrated (500 mL bottle, plastic)
003821	pH 4 buffer (box of 6 individual pints, plastic); ideal for storage solution for pH sensor
003822	pH 7 buffer (box of 6 individual pints, plastic)
003823	pH 10 buffer (box of 6 individual pints, plastic)
603824	Assorted case of pH 4, 7, and 10 buffers (2 individual pints of each buffer, plastic)
005580	Confidence solution to verify conductivity, pH and ORP system (box of 6 individual 475 mL bottles, plastic). <b>Note:</b> <i>Not for calibration</i>
003841	Ammonium standard, 1 mg/L (500 mL, plastic)
003842	Ammonium standard, 10 mg/L (500 mL, plastic)
003843	Ammonium standard, 100 mg/L (500 mL, plastic)
003885	Nitrate standard, 1 mg/L (500 mL, plastic)
003886	Nitrate standard, 10 mg/L (500 mL, plastic)
003887	Nitrate standard, 100 mg/L (500 mL, plastic)
608000	Turbidity standard, 0 FNU (1 gallon, plastic)
607200	Turbidity standard, 12.4 FNU (1 gallon, plastic)
607300	Turbidity standard, 124 FNU (1 gallon, plastic)
607400	Turbidity standard, 1010 FNU (1 gallon, plastic)

## Accessories

### ProDSS Accessories

YSI Item #	Description
626946	Large, hard-sided carrying case (Fits ProDSS 4 port cables 10, 20, and 30 meters in length, cable management kit, handheld, and accessories)
603075	Large, soft-sided carrying case
626945	Small, hard-sided carrying case (Fits ProDSS 4 port cables 1 and 4 meters in length, handheld, flow cell, and accessories)
599080	Flow cell for ProDSS 4 port cables
603076	Flow cell for ProDSS ODO/CT cables (requires single port adapter; 603078)
603078	Adapter required for ProDSS ODO/CT flow cell (603076)
603056	Flow cell mounting spike
063507	Tripod (screws into back of meter)
063517	Ultra clamp (screws into back of meter)
603070	Shoulder strap
603069	Belt clip (screws into back of meter)
626942	USB car charger
626943	Small external Li-Ion rechargeable battery pack (Typical performance: will charge a completely discharged ProDSS battery to about 50%)
626944	Large external Li-Ion rechargeable battery pack (Typical performance: will charge a completely discharged ProDSS battery to full charge, plus have power to charge a second battery to 20%)
626940	AC charger (USA). Includes power supply and USB cable (included with ProDSS handheld)
626941	AC charger (international). Includes power supply, USB cable and outlet adapters (included with ProDSS handheld)
626846	Replacement Lithium-ion battery pack
626969	ProDSS USB flash drive (included with ProDSS handheld)
626991	Cable for charging and PC connection (included as part of 626940 and 626941)
626992	Cable for connection to USB drive (included with ProDSS handheld)
626990	ProDSS maintenance kit (included with all ProDSS 4 port cables): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 port plugs</li> <li>• 1 Krytox tube</li> <li>• 1 brush</li> <li>• 1 syringe</li> <li>• 1 sensor installation/removal tool</li> <li>• O-rings (6)</li> </ul>
626919	Sensor guard for 4 port ProDSS cable assembly (included with all ProDSS cables)
599786	Calibration/storage cup for 4 port ProDSS cable assembly (included with all 4 port ProDSS cables)
627195	Calibration cup for ProDSS ODO/CT cable assembly (included with all ProDSS ODO/CT cables)
603062	Cable management kit (included with <b>ProDSS 4 port cables</b> 10, 20, and 30-meters long; <b>ProDSS ODO/CT cables</b> 4, 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50-meters long; and <b>ProODO cables</b> 4, 10, 20, and 30-meters long)
626918	1 lb weight (included with ProDSS 4 port cables 10-meters and longer)
605978	4.9 oz weight

# Safety and Support

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## Rechargeable Lithium-Ion Battery Pack Safety Warnings and Precautions

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-  **CAUTION:** Failure to follow the safety warnings and precautions can result in fire, personal injury and/or equipment damage not covered under warranty.
-  **CAUTION:** If the internal battery fluid comes into contact with skin, wash the affected area(s) with soap and water immediately. If it comes into contact with your eye(s), flush them with generous amounts of water for 15 minutes and seek immediate medical attention.
-  **CAUTION:** Always keep batteries away from children.
-  **WARNING:** In the unlikely event a lithium-ion battery catches fire, **DO NOT** attempt to put the fire out with water, use a Class A, B or C fire extinguisher.

### Do:

- Store the battery pack in a cool, dry, ventilated area.
- Store the battery pack in a non-conductive and fireproof container.
- Store the battery pack at approximately 50% of the capacity.
- Disconnect the battery pack when not in use and for long-term storage.
- Follow applicable laws and regulations for transporting and shipping of batteries.
- *Immediately discontinue* use of the battery pack if, while using, charging or storing the battery pack:
  - Emits an unusual smell
  - Feel hot
  - Changes color
  - Changes shape
  - Appears abnormal in any other way.

### Battery Pack General Precautions:

- **DO NOT** put the battery in fire or heat the battery.
- **DO NOT** connect the positive and the negative terminal of the battery to each other with any metal object (e.g. wire).
- **DO NOT** carry or store the battery pack with necklaces, hairpins or other metal objects.
- **DO NOT** carry or store the battery pack with hazardous or combustible materials.
- **DO NOT** pierce the battery pack with nails, strike with a hammer, step on or otherwise subject the battery pack to strong impacts or shocks.
- **DO NOT** solder directly onto the battery pack.
- **DO NOT** expose the battery pack to water or salt water or allow it to get wet.
- **DO NOT** disassemble or modify the battery pack. The battery contains safety and protection devices that, if damaged, can cause the battery to generate heat, rupture or ignite.
- **DO NOT** place the battery pack on or near fires, stoves or other high-temperature locations.
- **DO NOT** place the battery pack in direct sunlight or extreme temperatures for extended periods of time or store the battery pack inside cars in hot weather. Doing so may cause the battery pack to generate heat, rupture or ignite. Using the battery pack in this manner may also result in a loss of performance and a shortened life expectancy.
- **DO NOT** place the battery pack in microwave ovens, high-pressure containers or on induction cookware.
- **DO NOT** ship damaged or potentially defective batteries to YSI or any of our authorized service centers unless instructed otherwise. All federal and international shipping laws should be consulted prior to shipping lithium-ion batteries.

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## Charging/Discharging/Handling the Battery Pack

-  **WARNING:** Failure to follow the battery pack charging/discharging instructions can cause the battery to become hot, rupture or ignite and cause serious injury and/or equipment damage.
-  **WARNING:** Only charge the battery using charging devices designed specifically for the ProDSS by YSI. Use of unapproved chargers can result in battery failure and potentially serious injury to the user.

If at any time the battery pack becomes damaged, hot or begins to balloon or swell, discontinue charging (or discharging) immediately. Quickly and safely disconnect the charger. Then place the battery pack and/or charger in a safe, open area way from flammable materials. After one hour of observation, remove the battery pack from service. **DO NOT** continue to handle, attempt to use or ship the battery.

Damaged or swollen batteries can be unstable and very hot. **DO NOT** touch batteries until they have cooled. In the event of a fire use a Class A, B, or C fire extinguisher. **DO NOT** use water.

- **DO NOT** attach the battery pack to a power supply plug or directly to a car's cigarette lighter.
- **DO NOT** place the battery pack in or near fire or into direct extended exposure to sunlight. When the battery pack becomes hot, the built-in safety equipment is activated, preventing the battery pack from charging further. Heating the battery pack can destroy the safety equipment and cause additional heating, breaking or ignition.
- **DO NOT** leave the battery pack unattended while charging.
  - NOTICE:** The ambient temperature range over which the battery pack can be discharged is -20°C to 60°C (-4°F to 140°F). Use of the battery pack outside of this temperature range may damage the performance of the battery pack or may reduce its life expectancy.
- **DO NOT** discharge the battery pack using any device except for the ProDSS handheld. When the battery pack is used in other devices it may damage the performance of the battery or reduce its life expectancy. Use of a non-approved device to discharge the battery pack can cause an abnormal current to flow, resulting in the battery pack to become hot, rupture or ignite and cause serious injury.
- **DO NOT** leave the battery pack unattended while discharging.

## Battery Disposal

When the battery pack is worn out, insulate the terminals with adhesive tape or similar materials before disposal. Dispose of the battery pack in the manner required by your city, county, state or country. For details on recycling lithium-ion batteries, please contact a government recycling agency, your waste-disposal service or visit reputable online recycling sources such as [www.batteryrecycling.com](http://www.batteryrecycling.com).

This product must not be disposed of with other waste. Instead, it is the user's responsibility to dispose of their waste equipment by handing it over to a designated collection point for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. The separate collection and recycling of your waste equipment at the time of disposal will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that it is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

For more information about where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local city office, or your local waste disposal service. **DO NOT ship batteries to YSI or a YSI authorized service center unless instructed to do otherwise.**

Contact YSI Technical Support at (937) 767-7241 if you have additional questions.

### Service Information

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YSI has authorized service centers throughout the United States and Internationally. For the nearest service center information, please visit [ysi.com](http://ysi.com) and click 'Support' or contact YSI Technical Support directly at 800-897-4151 (+1 937-767-7241).

When returning a product for service, include the Product Return form with cleaning certification. The form must be completely filled out for a YSI Service Center to accept the instrument for service. The form may be downloaded from [ysi.com](http://ysi.com).

### Technical Support

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Telephone: 800 897 4151 (USA)

+1 937 767 7241 (Globally) Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 ET

Fax: +1 937 767 9353 (orders)

Email: [info@ysi.com](mailto:info@ysi.com)

Mail: YSI Incorporated 1725 Brannum Lane Yellow Springs, OH 45387 USA

Internet: [ysi.com](http://ysi.com)

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### Declaration of Conformity

The undersigned hereby declares on behalf of the named manufacturer under our sole responsibility that the listed product conforms to the requirements for the listed European Council Directive(s) and carries the CE mark accordingly.

<i>Manufacturer:</i>	YSI Incorporated 1725 Brannum Lane Yellow Springs, OH 45387 USA
<i>Product Name:</i>	ProDSS
<i>Conforms to the following:</i>	
<i>Directives:</i>	EMC 2004/108/EC RoHS 2011/65/EU WEEE 2012/19/EU
<i>Harmonized Standards:</i>	EN61326-1:2013 (IEC 61326-1:2012) IEC 61000-3-2:2005 +A1:2008+A2:2009 IEC 61000-3-3:2008
<i>Supplementary Information:</i>	All performance met the operation criteria as follows: 1. ESD, IEC 61000-4-2:2008 2. Radiated Immunity, IEC 61000-4-3:2006 +A1:2007+A2:2010 3. Electrical Fast Transient (EFT), IEC 61000-4-4:2004 +A1:2010 4. Immunity to Surge, IEC 61000-4-5:2005 5. Radio Frequency, Continuous Conducted Immunity, IEC61000-4-6:2008 6. IEC 61000-4-8:2009 7. IEC 61000-4-11:2004
<i>Authorized EU Representative</i>	Xylem Analytics UK Ltd Unit 2 Focal Point, Lacerta Court, Works Road Letchworth, Hertfordshire, SG6 1FJ UK



Signed: Lisa M. Abel  
Title: Director of Quality

Date: March 16, 2018

The undersigned hereby declares on behalf of the named manufacturer under our sole responsibility that the listed product conforms to the requirements for electrical equipment under US FCC Part 15 and ICES-003 for unintentional radiators.

<i>Manufacturer:</i>	YSI Incorporated 1725 Brannum Lane Yellow Springs, OH 45387 USA
<i>Product Name:</i>	Professional Digital Sampling System Instrument
<i>Model Numbers</i>	
<i>Instrument/Accessory:</i>	ProDSS non-GPS (626870-1) / ProDSS GPS (626870-2)
<i>Probe/Cable Assemblies:</i>	626909-1, 626909-4, 626909-10, 626909-20, 626909-30, 626909-40, 626909-50, 626909-60, 626909-70, 626909-80, 626909-90, 626909-100, 626910-1, 626910-4, 626910-10, 626911-20, 626911-30, 626911-40, 626911-50, 626911-60, 626911-70, 626911-80, 626911-90, 626911-100  627150-1, 627150-4, 627150-10, 627150-20, 627150-30, 627150-40, 627150-50, 627150-60, 627150-70, 627150-80, 627150-90, 627150-100  626250-1, 626250-4, 626250-10, 626250-20, 626250-30, 626250-40, 626250-50, 626250-60, 626250-70, 626250-80, 626250-90, 626250-100  626400, 626401
<i>Sensors:</i>	626900, 626902, 626901, 626903, 626904, 626906, 626905, 626907, 626210, 626211
<i>Conforms to the following:</i>	
<i>Standards:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FCC 47 CFR Part 15-2008, Subpart B, Class B, Radio Frequency Devices</li><li>• ICES-003:2004, Digital Apparatus</li></ul>
<i>Supplementary Information:</i>	Tested using ANSI C63.4-2003 (excluding sections 4.1, 5.2, 5.7, 9, and 14)



Signed: Lisa M. Abel  
Title: Director of Quality

Date: March 16, 2018

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### Warranty

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The YSI Professional Digital Sampling System (ProDSS) is warranted for three (3) years from date of purchase by the end user against defects in materials and workmanship. The ProDSS bulkhead, sensors and cable (ProDSS 4 port, ProDSS ODO/CT, ProODO, and ProOBOD) assemblies are warranted for two (2) years from date of purchase by the end user against defects in material and workmanship. The ODO Extended Warranty Sensor Cap (627180) for ProDSS ODO/CT cable assemblies is warranted for two (2) years from date of purchase by the end user against defects in material and workmanship. ProDSS pH and pH/ORP sensor modules, optical ODO sensor caps (all but the 627180 cap previously mentioned), and Li-Ion battery pack are warranted for one (1) year from date of purchase by the end user against defects in material and workmanship (6 months for ammonium, nitrate, chloride sensor modules). ProDSS systems (instrument, cables & sensors) are warranted for 1 year (excluding sensor modules) from date of purchase by the end user against defects in material and workmanship when purchased by rental agencies for rental purposes. Within the warranty period, YSI will repair or replace, at its sole discretion, free of charge, any product that YSI determines to be covered by this warranty.

To exercise this warranty, call your local YSI representative, or contact YSI Customer Service in Yellow Springs, Ohio at +1 937 767-7241, 800-897-4151 or visit [www.YSI.com](http://www.YSI.com) (Support tab) for a Product Return Form. Send the product and proof of purchase, transportation prepaid, to the Authorized Service Center selected by YSI. Repair or replacement will be made and the product returned, transportation prepaid. Repaired or replaced products are warranted for the balance of the original warranty period, or at least 90 days from date of repair or replacement.

#### LIMITATION OF WARRANTY

This Warranty does not apply to any YSI product damage or failure caused by:

1. Failure to install, operate or use the product in accordance with YSI's written instructions;
2. Abuse or misuse of the product;
3. Failure to maintain the product in accordance with YSI's written instructions or standard industry procedure;
4. Any improper repairs to the product;
5. Use by you of defective or improper components or parts in servicing or repairing the product;
6. Modification of the product in any way not expressly authorized by YSI.

THIS WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. YSI's LIABILITY UNDER THIS WARRANTY IS LIMITED TO REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF THE PRODUCT, AND THIS SHALL BE YOUR SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FOR ANY DEFECTIVE PRODUCT COVERED BY THIS WARRANTY. IN NO EVENT SHALL YSI BE LIABLE FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ANY DEFECTIVE PRODUCT COVERED BY THIS WARRANTY.

## Appendix A - DO% Calibration Values

Calibration Value	Pressure			
	D.O. %	in Hg	mmHg	kPa
101%	30.22	767.6	102.34	1023.38
100%	29.92	760.0	101.33	1013.25
99%	29.62	752.4	100.31	1003.12
98%	29.32	744.8	99.30	992.99
97%	29.02	737.2	98.29	982.85
96%	28.72	729.6	97.27	972.72
95%	28.43	722.0	96.26	962.59
94%	28.13	714.4	95.25	952.46
93%	27.83	706.8	94.23	942.32
92%	27.53	699.2	93.22	932.19
91%	27.23	691.6	92.21	922.06
90%	26.93	684.0	91.19	911.93
89%	26.63	676.4	90.18	901.79
88%	26.33	668.8	89.17	891.66
87%	26.03	661.2	88.15	881.53
86%	25.73	653.6	87.14	871.40
85%	25.43	646.0	86.13	861.26
84%	25.13	638.4	85.11	851.13
83%	24.83	630.8	84.10	841.00
82%	24.54	623.2	83.09	830.87
81%	24.24	615.6	82.07	820.73
80%	23.94	608.0	81.06	810.60
79%	23.64	600.4	80.05	800.47
78%	23.34	592.8	79.03	790.34
77%	23.04	585.2	78.02	780.20
76%	22.74	577.6	77.01	770.07
75%	22.44	570.0	75.99	759.94
74%	22.14	562.4	74.98	749.81
73%	21.84	554.8	73.97	739.67
72%	21.54	547.2	72.95	729.54

## Appendix A - DO% Calibration Values

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## Appendix B - Oxygen Solubility Table

Solubility of oxygen in mg/L in water exposed to water-saturated air at 760 mm Hg pressure.

Salinity = Measure of quantity of dissolved salts in water.

Chlorinity = Measure of chloride content, by mass, of water.

$S(0/00) = 1.80655 \times \text{Chlorinity}(0/00)$

Temp °C	Chlorinity : 0 Salinity: 0	5.0 ppt 9.0 ppt	10.0 ppt 18.1 ppt	15.0 ppt 27.1 ppt	20.0 ppt 36.1 ppt	25.0 ppt 45.2 ppt
0.0	14.62	13.73	12.89	12.10	11.36	10.66
1.0	14.22	13.36	12.55	11.78	11.07	10.39
2.0	13.83	13.00	12.22	11.48	10.79	10.14
3.0	13.46	12.66	11.91	11.20	10.53	9.90
4.0	13.11	12.34	11.61	10.92	10.27	9.66
5.0	12.77	12.02	11.32	10.66	10.03	9.44
6.0	12.45	11.73	11.05	10.40	9.80	9.23
7.0	12.14	11.44	10.78	10.16	9.58	9.02
8.0	11.84	11.17	10.53	9.93	9.36	8.83
9.0	11.56	10.91	10.29	9.71	9.16	8.64
10.0	11.29	10.66	10.06	9.49	8.96	8.45
11.0	11.03	10.42	9.84	9.29	8.77	8.28
12.0	10.78	10.18	9.62	9.09	8.59	8.11
13.0	10.54	9.96	9.42	8.90	8.41	7.95
14.0	10.31	9.75	9.22	8.72	8.24	7.79
15.0	10.08	9.54	9.03	8.54	8.08	7.64
16.0	9.87	9.34	8.84	8.37	7.92	7.50
17.0	9.67	9.15	8.67	8.21	7.77	7.36
18.0	9.47	8.97	8.50	8.05	7.62	7.22
19.0	9.28	8.79	8.33	7.90	7.48	7.09
20.0	9.09	8.62	8.17	7.75	7.35	6.96
21.0	8.92	8.46	8.02	7.61	7.21	6.84
22.0	8.74	8.30	7.87	7.47	7.09	6.72
23.0	8.58	8.14	7.73	7.34	6.96	6.61
24.0	8.42	7.99	7.59	7.21	6.84	6.50
25.0	8.26	7.85	7.46	7.08	6.72	6.39
26.0	8.11	7.71	7.33	6.96	6.62	6.28
27.0	7.97	7.58	7.20	6.85	6.51	6.18
28.0	7.83	7.44	7.08	6.73	6.40	6.09
29.0	7.69	7.32	6.93	6.62	6.30	5.99
30.0	7.56	7.19	6.85	6.51	6.20	5.90
31.0	7.43	7.07	6.73	6.41	6.10	5.81
32.0	7.31	6.96	6.62	6.31	6.01	5.72

## Appendix B - Oxygen Solubility Table

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Temp °C	Chlorinity : 0 Salinity: 0	5.0 ppt 9.0 ppt	10.0 ppt 18.1 ppt	15.0 ppt 27.1 ppt	20.0 ppt 36.1 ppt	25.0 ppt 45.2 ppt
33.0	7.18	6.84	6.52	6.21	5.91	5.63
34.0	7.07	6.73	6.42	6.11	5.82	5.55
35.0	6.95	6.62	6.31	6.02	5.73	5.46
36.0	6.84	6.52	6.22	5.93	5.65	5.38
37.0	6.73	6.42	6.12	5.84	5.56	5.31
38.0	6.62	6.32	6.03	5.75	5.48	5.23
39.0	6.52	6.22	5.98	5.66	5.40	5.15
40.0	6.41	6.12	5.84	5.58	5.32	5.08
41.0	6.31	6.03	5.75	5.49	5.24	5.01
42.0	6.21	5.93	5.67	5.41	5.17	4.93
43.0	6.12	5.84	5.58	5.33	5.09	4.86
44.0	6.02	5.75	5.50	5.25	5.02	4.79
45.0	5.93	5.67	5.41	5.17	4.94	4.72

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