INSTRUMENT BATTERIES

The instrument batteries are two "C" size carbon-zinc cells located inside the instrument on the meter end. These should be replaced when the RED LINE knob is at its extreme adjustment or at least annually. The amount of remaining adjustment is an indication of the battery condition. The batteries are replaced by removing the screws on the rear cover of the instrument and removing the two batteries at the end of the instrument near the meter. When installing the new batteries the plus (+) end fits into the red washer on the battery holder. (See Figure 11.)

WARRANTY AND REPAIR

All YSI products carry a one-year warranty on workmanship and parts, exclusive of batteries. Damage through accident, misuse, or tampering will be repaired at a nominal charge, if possible, when the item is returned to the factory or to an authorized YSI dealer.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. CALIBRATION
   A. Switch instrument to OFF and adjust meter mechanical zero.
   B. Switch to RED LINE and adjust.
   C. Prepare probe for operation, plug into instrument, wait up to 15 minutes
      for probe to stabilize. Probe can be located in calibration chamber (see in-
      struction manual) or ambient air.
   D. Switch to ZERO and adjust.
   E. Adjust SALINITY knob to FRESH.
   F. Switch to TEMP and read.
   G. Use probe temperature and true local atmospheric pressure (or feet above
      sea level) to determine correct calibration values from Table I and II. (See
      pages 13 and 14).

      EXAMPLE: Probe temperature = 21°C; Altitude = 1000 feet. From
      Table I the calibration value for 21°C is 8.9 mg/I. From Table II the
      altitude factor for 1000 feet is approximately .96. The correct calibration
      value is:

      8.9 mg/I X 0.96 factor = 8.54 mg/I

   H. Switch to desired dissolved oxygen range 0-5, 0-10, or 0-20 and with
      calibrate control adjust meter to correct calibration value determined
      in Step G.

   NOTE: It is desirable to calibrate probe in a high humidity environment.
   See instruction manual for more detail on calibration and other instrument
   and probe characteristics.

2. MEASUREMENT
   A. Adjust the SALINITY knob to the salinity of the sample.
   B. Place the probe and stirrer in the sample and switch the STIRRER control
      to ON.
   C. When the meter has stabilized switch to the appropriate range and read
      D.O.
   D. We recommend the instrument be left on between measurements to avoid
      necessity for repolarizing the probe.

3. GENERAL CARE
   A. Replace the instrument batteries when unable to adjust to red line. Use (2)
      Eveready No. 935 ‘C’ size or equivalent.
   B. In the BATT CHECK position the voltage of the stirrer batteries is displayed
      on the red 0-10 scale. Do not discharge below 6.0 Volts. Recharge for 14-
      16 hrs. with YSI No. 5728 charger.
   C. Membrane will last indefinitely, depending on usage. Average replace-
      ment is 2-4 weeks. Probe should be stored in humid environment to pre-
      vent drying out.
   D. Calibrate daily.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The YSI Model 57 Dissolved Oxygen Meter is intended for dissolved oxygen and temperature measurement in water and wastewater applications, but is also suitable for use in certain other liquids. Dissolved Oxygen is indicated in mg/l (milligrams per liter) on 0-5, 0-10 and 0-20 mg/l scales. Temperature is indicated in °C on a -5° to +45°C scale. The dissolved oxygen ranges are automatically temperature compensated for solubility of oxygen in water and permeability of the probe membrane, and manually salinity compensated.

The probes use Clark-type membrane covered polarographic sensors with built-in thermostats for temperature measurement and compensation. A thin, permeable membrane stretched over the sensor isolates the sensor elements from the environment, but allows oxygen and certain other gases to enter. When a polarizing voltage is applied across the sensor, oxygen that has passed through the membrane reacts at the cathode, causing a current to flow.

The membrane passes oxygen at a rate proportional to the pressure difference across it. Since oxygen is rapidly consumed at the cathode, it can be assumed that the oxygen pressure inside the membrane is zero. Hence, the force causing the oxygen to diffuse through the membrane is proportional to the absolute pressure of oxygen outside the membrane. If the oxygen pressure increases, more oxygen diffuses through the membrane and more current flows through the sensor. A lower pressure results in less current.

SPECIFICATIONS

I. Instrument

Oxygen Measurement

Ranges: 0-5, 0-10 and 0-20 mg/l (0-2.5, 0-5 and 0-10 mg/l with YSI 5776 High Sensitivity Membrane)

Accuracy: ±1% of full scale at calibration temperature (±0.1 mg/l on 0-10 scale), or 0.1 mg/l (whichever is larger).

Readability: .025 mg/l on 0.5 scale; .05 mg/l on 0-10 scale; 0.1 mg/l on 0-20 scale.

Temperature Measurement

Range: -5° to +45°C

Accuracy: ±0.5°C plus probe which is ±0.1°C

Readability: 0.25°C

Temperature Compensation

±1% of D.O. reading for measurements made within ±5°C of calibration temperature.

±3% of D.O. reading over entire range of -5 to +45°C probe temperature.

System Response Time

Typical response for temperature and D.O. readings is 90% in 10 seconds at a constant temperature of 30°C with YSI 5775 Membranes. D.O. response at low temperature and low D.O. is typically 90% in 30 seconds. YSI 5776 High Sensitivity Membranes can be used to improve response at low temperature and low D.O. concentrations. If response time under any operating conditions exceeds two minutes, probe service is indicated.

Operating Temperature Range

Instrument and probe operating range is -5° to +45°C. Large ambient temperature changes will result in 2% loss of accuracy unless Red Line and Zero are reset.

Recorder Output

0 to 114-136 mV. Recorder should have 50,000 ohms minimum input impedance.

Power Supply

The YSI Model 57 is powered by two disposable "D" size carbon zinc batteries (Eveready 935C or equal) providing approximately 1000 hour operation.

II. Probe

Cathode: Gold

Anode: Silver

Membrane: .001" FEP Teflon

(1.0005" FEP Teflon available)

Electrolyte: Half saturated KCl

Temperature Compensation: (See SPECIFICATIONS, I. Instrument

Pressure Compensation: Effective 1/2% of reading with pressures to 100 psi (230 ft. sea water)

Polarizing Voltage: 0.8 volts nominal

Probe Current: Air at 30°C = 19 microamps nominal

Nitrogen at 30°C = .15 microamps or less

III. Accessories and Replacement Parts

YSI 5720A — Self Stirring BOD Bottle Probe

YSI 5750 — Non Stirring BOD Bottle Probe

YSI 5739 — Oxygen Temperature Probe for field use. Combine with one of the following 4 cables for desired lead length:

Detachable leads for use with YSI 5739:

YSI 5740 — 10' Cable

YSI 5740 — 25' Cable

YSI 5740 — 50' Cable

YSI 5740 — 100' Cable

YSI 5740 — 150' Cable

YSI 5740 — 200' Cable

YSI 5721 — Battery and charger pack operates YSI 5791A and 5795A Submersible Stirrers.

YSI 5791A — Submersible Stirrer for field use.

YSI 5795A — Submersible Stirrer

YSI 5075A — Calibration Chamber for use with field probe,

YSI 5890 — Carrying Case

YSI 5775 — Membrane and KCI Kit, Standard — includes 2 each 15-membrane packets (.001" thick standard membranes) and a 30 ml bottle KCI with Kodak photo flo.

YSI 5776 — Membrane and KCI Kit, High Sensitivity — includes 2 each 15-membrane packets (.0005" thick membranes) and a 30 ml bottle KCI with Kodak photo flo.

YSI 5680 — Probe Reconditioning Kit
OXYGEN PROBES AND EQUIPMENT

There are three oxygen probes for use with the YSI Model 57 Dissolved Oxygen Meters. Descriptions of where they are used are contained in the following paragraphs.

I. YSI 5739 D.O. Probe

The YSI 5739 probe is designed for use with the 5740 detachable cable and replaces the discontinued YSI 5418, 5419, 5718 and 5719 probes. (See Figure 1)

For user convenience the probe is equipped with a disconnecting cable to facilitate changing cable lengths and replacing damaged cables or probes. The probe and cable assembly is held together with a threaded retaining nut. The connection is not designed for casual disconnection and should only be disconnected when necessary.

II. YSI 5720A B.O.D. Bottle Probe

The YSI 5720A B.O.D. Bottle Probe replaces the discontinued YSI 5420A B.O.D. Bottle Probe for measuring dissolved oxygen and temperature in standard B.O.D. bottles. It is provided with an agitator for stirring the sample solution, available in models for 117VAC (95-135VAC, 50-60 Hz) or 230VAC (190-250VAC, 50-60 Hz) operation. (See Figure 2)

When using the probe, plug the agitator power supply into line power and the probe plug into the instrument. With the agitator turned off place the tapered probe end into the B.O.D. bottle and switch agitator 'ON' with switch on top of probe. The probe should be operated with a minimum of trapped air in the B.O.D. bottle. A slight amount of air in the unstirred region at the top of the bottle may be neglected, but no bubbles should be around the thermistor or oxygen sensor.

Stirrer Boot

The probe uses a flexible stirring boot to transmit motion from the sealed motor housing to the sample. If the boot shows signs of cracking or other damage likely to allow leaking into the motor housing, the boot must be replaced.

In fresh water applications boot life is normally several years, but this may be shortened by exposure to hydrocarbons, moderate to strong acids or bases.
III. YSI 5750 B.O.D. Bottle Probe

The YSI 5750 B.O.D. Bottle Probe replaces the discontinued YSI 5450 B.O.D. Bottle Probe. It is similar to the YSI 5720A B.O.D. Bottle Probe, except that it does not have a stirrer. Agitation of the sample must be provided by other means, such as a magnetic stirrer. (See Figure 4)

IV. Cable Adaptors

All YSI 5700 Series Probes are designed for direct use with the YSI Model 57 Dissolved Oxygen Meter.

V. YSI 5791A and 5795A Submersible Stirrers

The YSI submersible stirrers are accessories that perform the function of stirring the sample being studied when making dissolved oxygen measurements in the field. The YSI 5791A stirrer can be used with the following dissolved oxygen probes: YSI 5418, 5419, 5718, 5719, and 5739. The YSI 5795A stirrer is only for use with the YSI 5739 Probe. (See Figure 5)

When a stirrer and probe are assembled, the stirrer agitates the sample directly in front of the sensor by means of a rotating eccentric weight which causes the spring-mounted hermetically sealed motor housing to vibrate. An impeller on the end of the motor housing flushes the media across the oxygen sensor. (See sales literature and instruction sheets for further information).
VI. YSI 5721 Battery Pack and Charger

The YSI 5721 Battery Pack and Charger is offered as an accessory to operate either the YSI 5791A or 5795A Submersible Stirrer when the stirrer is used in conjunction with the YSI Model 57 Oxygen Meter. The YSI 5721 can be purchased with the YSI Model 57 or installed at a later time. (See sales literature and instruction sheet for further information).

OPERATING PROCEDURES

1. Preparing the Probe

All YSI 5700 Series Probes have similar sensors and should be cared for in the same manner. They are precision devices relying on good treatment if high accuracy measurements are to be made. Prepare the probes as follows. (See Figure 6)
ALL PROBES ARE SHIPPED DRY — YOU MUST FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prepare the electrolyte by dissolving the KCl crystals in the dropper bottle with distilled water. Fill the bottle to the top.

2. Unscrew the sensor guard from the probe (YSI 5739 only) and then remove the “O” ring and membrane. Thoroughly rinse the sensor with KCl solution.

3. Fill the probe with electrolyte as follows:
   A. Grasp the probe in your left hand. When preparing the YSI 5739 probe the pressure compensating vent should be to the right. Successively fill the sensor body with electrolyte while pumping the diaphragm with the easier end of a pencil or similar soft, blunt tool. Continue filling and pumping until no more air bubbles appear. (With practice you can hold the probe and pump with one hand while filling with the other.) When preparing the YSI 5720A and 5750 probes, simply fill the sensor body until no more air bubbles appear.

   B. Secure a membrane under your left thumb. Add more electrolyte to the probe until a large meniscus completely covers the gold cathode. NOTE: Handle membrane material with care, keeping it clean and dust free, touching it only at the ends.

   C. With the thumb and forefinger of your other hand, grasp the free end of the membrane.

   D. Using a continuous motion stretch the membrane UP, OVER, and DOWN the other side of the sensor. Stretching forms the membrane to the contour of the probe.

   E. Secure the end of the membrane under the forefinger of the hand holding the probe.

   F. Roll the “O” ring over the end of the probe. There should be no wrinkles in the membrane or trapped air bubbles. Some wrinkles may be removed by lightly tugging on the edges of the membrane beyond the “O” ring.

   G. Trim off excess membrane with scissors or sharp knife. Check that the stainless steel temperature sensor is not covered by excess membrane.

4. Shake off excess KCl and reinstall the sensor guard.

5. A bottomless plastic bottle is provided with the YSI 5739 probe for convenient storage. Place a small piece of moist towel or sponge in the bottle and insert the probe into the open end. This keeps the electrolyte from drying out. The YSI 5720A and 5750 probes can be stored in a B.O.D. bottle containing about 1” water.
NOTE:
1. Switch Dials 5-1-C thru 5-1-E contact the '0-5' position when in the 'off' position.
2. All resistor values are in ohms, \( k = 10^3 \), \( M = 1,000,000 \).
3. YSI 5721 battery and charger pack has two versions. 117VAC and 230VAC.

This schematic is representative only, and may be slightly different from the circuit in your instrument.
6. Membranes will last indefinitely, depending on usage. Average replacement is 2-4 weeks. However, should the electrolyte be allowed to evaporate and an excessive amount of bubbles form under the membrane, or the membrane become damaged, thoroughly flush the reservoir with KCl and install a new membrane.
7. Also replace the membrane if erratic readings are observed or calibration is not stable.
8. "Home brew" electrolyte can be prepared by making a saturated solution of reagent grade KCl and distilled water, and then diluting the solution to half strength with distilled water. Adding two drops of Kodak Photo Flo per 100 ml of solution assures good wetting of the sensor, but is not absolutely essential.
9. The gold cathode should always be bright and untarnished. If it is tarnished (which can result from contact with certain gases) or plated with silver (which can result from extended use with a loose or wrinkled membrane), return it to the factory for service or else clean it with the YSI 5680 Probe Reconditioning Kit. Never use chemicals or any abrasive other than that supplied with this kit.
10. It is also possible that the silver anode may become contaminated, which will prevent successful calibration. Try soaking the probe overnight in a 3% ammonia solution; rinse with deionized water, recharge with electrolyte, and install a new membrane. If still unable to calibrate, return the probe for service.
11. H₂S, SO₂, Halogens, Neon, Nitrous Oxide and CO are interfering gases. If you suspect erroneous readings, it may be necessary to determine if these are the cause. These gases have been tested for response.

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FIGURE 6
II. Preparing the Instrument

It is important that the instrument be placed in the intended operating position vertical, tilted, or on its back — before it is prepared for use and calibrated. (See Figure 7). Readjustment may be necessary when the instrument operating position is changed. After preparing the probe proceed as follows:

1. With switch in the OFF position, adjust the meter pointer to Zero with the screw in the center of the meter panel. Readjustment may be necessary if the instrument position is changed.
2. Switch to RED LINE and adjust the RED LINE knob until the meter needle aligns with the red mark at the 31°C position.
3. Switch to ZERO and adjust to zero with zero control knob.
4. Attach the prepared probe to the PROBE connector of the instrument and adjust the retaining ring finger tight.
5. Before calibrating allow 15 minutes for optimum probe stabilization. Repolarize whenever the instrument has been OFF or the probe has been disconnected.

FIGURE 7

III. Calibration

The operator has a choice of three calibration methods — Winkler Titration, Saturated Water, and Air. Experience has shown that air calibration is quite reliable, yet far simpler than the other two methods. The three methods are described in the following paragraphs.

Winkler Titration

1. Draw a volume of water from a common source and carefully divide into four samples. Determine the oxygen in three samples using the Winkler Titration technique and average the three values. If one of the values differs from the other 2 by more than 0.5 mg/l, discard that value and average the remaining two.
2. Place the probe in the fourth sample and stir.
3. Set the SALINITY control to zero or the appropriate salinity value of the sample.
4. Switch to desired mg/l range and adjust the CALIBRATION control to the average value determined in Step 1. Allow the probe to remain in the sample for at least two minutes before setting the calibration value, and leave in the sample for an additional 2 minutes to verify stability. Readjust if necessary.

Saturated Water

1. Air saturate a volume of water (300-500cc) by aerating or stirring for at least 15 minutes at a relatively constant temperature.
2. Place the probe in the sample and stir. Switch to TEMPERATURE. Refer to Calibration Table I for the mg/l value corresponding to the temperature.
3. Determine local altitude or the "true" atmospheric pressure (note that "true" atmospheric pressure is read on a mercury barometer. Weather Bureau reporting of atmospheric pressure is corrected to sea level). Using Table II determine the correct factor for your pressure or altitude.
4. Multiply the mg/l value from Table I by the correction factor from Table II to determine the corrected calibration value for your conditions.
   EXAMPLE: Assume temperature = 21°C and altitude = 1000 feet. From Table I the calibration value for 21°C is 8.9 mg/l. From Table II the correction factor for 1000 feet is about 0.96. The corrected calibration value is 8.9 mg/l x 0.96 = 8.54 mg/l.
5. Switch to an appropriate mg/l range, set the SALINITY knob to zero, and adjust the CALIBRATE knob while stirring until the meter reads the corrected calibration value from Step 4. Leave the probe in the sample for two minutes to verify calibration stability. Readjust if necessary.

Air Calibration

1. Place the probe in moist air. BOD probes can be placed in partially filled (50 mL) BOD bottles. Other probes can be placed in the YSI 5075A Calibration Chamber (refer to the following section describing calibration chamber) or the small storage bottle (the one with the hole in the bottom) along with a few drops of water. The probe can also be wrapped loosely in a damp cloth taking care the cloth does not touch the membrane. Wait approximately 10 minutes for temperature stabilization.
2. Switch to TEMPERATURE and read. Refer to Table I — Solubility of Oxygen in Fresh Water, and determine calibration value.
3. Determine altitude or atmospheric correction factor from Table II.
4. Multiply the calibration value from Table I by the correction factor from Table II.
   EXAMPLE: Assume temperature = 21°C and altitude = 1000 feet. From Table I the calibration value for 21°C is 8.9 mg/l. From Table II the correction factor for 1000 feet is about 0.96. Therefore, the corrected calibration value is 8.9 mg/l x 0.96 = 8.54 mg/l.
5. Switch to the appropriate mg/l range, set the SALINITY knob to zero and adjust the CALIBRATE knob until the meter reads the correct calibration value from Step 4. Wait two minutes to verify calibration stability. Readjust if necessary.

The probe is now calibrated and should hold this calibration value for many measurements. Calibration can be disturbed by physical shock, touching the membrane, or drying out of the electrolyte. Check calibration after each series of measurements and in time you will develop a realistic schedule for recalibration. For best results when not in use, follow the storage procedures recommended for the various probes described under OXYGEN PROBES AND EQUIPMENT. This will reduce drying out and the need to change membranes.
Calibration Chamber

The YSI 5075A Calibration Chamber is an accessory that helps obtain optimum calibration in the field and is also a useful tool for measuring at shallow depths (less than 4').

As shown in Figure (A), it consists of a 4-1/2 foot stainless steel tube (1) attached to the calibration chamber (2), the measuring ring (3), and two stoppers (4) and (5).

For calibration, insert the solid stopper (4) in the bottom of the calibration chamber (2). Push the oxygen probe (6) through the hollow stopper (5) as shown in Figure (B). Place the probe in the measuring ring. Figure (C), and immerse the probe in the sample to be measured for five minutes to thermally equilibrate the probe. Quickly transfer the probe to the calibration chamber (5) draining excess water from the chamber and shaking any excess droplets from the probe membrane. For maximum accuracy, wet the inside of the calibration chamber with fresh water. This creates a 100% relative humidity environment for calibration. Place the chamber in the sample for an additional five minutes for final thermal equilibrium. Calibrate the probe as described in the air-calibration procedure. Keep the handle above water at all times.

After calibration, return the probe to the measurement ring for shallow measurements. Move the probe up and down or horizontally, approximately one foot a second while measuring. In rapidly flowing streams greater than 5'/sec install the probe in the measuring ring with the pressure compensating diaphragm towards the chamber.

IV. Dissolved Oxygen Measurement

With the instrument prepared for use and the probe calibrated, place the probe in the sample to be measured and provide stirring.

1. Stirring for the 5739 Probe can best be accomplished with a YSI submersible stirrer. Turn the STIRRER knob ON. If the submersible stirrer is not used, provide manual stirring by raising and lowering the probe about 1 ft. per second. If the 5075A Calibration Chamber is used, the entire chamber may be moved up and down in the water at about 1 ft. per second.

2. The YSI 5720A has a built-in power driven stirrer.

3. With the YSI 5750 sample stirring must be accomplished by other means such as with the use of a magnetic stirring bar.

4. Adjust the SALINITY knob to the salinity of the sample.

5. Allow sufficient time for probe to stabilize to sample temperature and dissolved oxygen. Read dissolved oxygen.

V. Calibration Tables

Table I shows the amount of oxygen in mg/l that is dissolved in air-saturated fresh water at sea level (760 mmHg atmospheric pressure) as temperature varies from 0°C to 45°C.

Table I — Solubility of Oxygen in Fresh Water

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Source: Derived from 15th Edition "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater."
Table II shows the correction factor that should be used to correct the calibration value for the effects of atmospheric pressure or altitude. Find the true atmospheric pressure in the left hand column and read across to the right hand column to determine the correction factor. (Note that "true" atmospheric pressure is as read on a barometer. Weather Bureau reporting of atmospheric pressure is corrected to seal level.) If atmospheric pressure is unknown, the local altitude may be substituted. Select the altitude in the center column and read across to the right hand column for the correction factor.

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VI. HIGH SENSITIVITY MEMBRANE

Use of high sensitivity .0005" membranes (YSI 5776) in place of standard .001" membranes (YSI 5775) when measurements are to be made consistently at low temperatures (less than 15°C). Calibration and readings will be made just as if the standard YSI 5775 membrane was being used.

The YSI 5776 High Sensitivity Membrane can also be used in certain situations to increase sensitivity at temperatures above 15°C. The ranges thus become 0-2.5, 0-5 and 0-10 mg/l. When calibration with high sensitivity membranes is attempted at temperatures greater than 15°C the selector switch must be set to 0-20 mg/l. Multiply the calculated calibration value by 2. For example: at 21°C and 1000 ft altitude the calibration value would be 8.6 x 2 or 17.2. Remember the 0-5, 0-10 and 0-20 mg/l ranges are now 0-2.5, 0-5 and 0-10 mg/l and all mg/l readings must be divided by 2 for a final reading. When operating in this manner accuracy will be degraded slightly.

VII. RECORDER OUTPUT

Output at full scale is 114 to 136 mV.

Use a 50K or higher input impedance recorder and operate it with the terminals ungrounded.

Many recorders have an adjustable full scale sensitivity feature. When using this type, use the 100 mV range and adjust the full scale (span, range control, sensitivity, etc.) control to give full scale chart deflection with full scale oxygen meter deflection. Refer to the recorder instructions. For recorders without this feature, a simple driver network as shown below can be constructed. This is adequate to adjust the signal for full scale chart and meter deflection on the 100 mV fixed range recorders.

![Figure 9](image)

**FIGURE 9**

Recorder Output Plug

The YSI Model 57 is supplied with the necessary parts to construct a waterproof recorder plug for the YSI Model 57 Dissolved Oxygen Meter. The cable and potting materials are not included. (See Figure 10).

General purpose epoxy potting materials of medium viscosity and moderate cure rate are recommended. The two tube kits available in hardware stores are satisfactory.

1. Prepare the cable end by stripping back 3/16" (5MM) of insulation. Tin the ends with rosin core solder. If polarity is important pin "A" is the (+) terminal.
2. Disassemble the connector pieces and slide the mold, ring, extension, and coupling nut over the cable. Solder the leads to the appropriate connector pins with rosin core solder.
3. Check all connections. The two leads should show electrical continuity to the pins and should not touch the body or each other.
4. Reassemble the pieces and hold the connector upright. Pour the epoxy mix into the plastic mold until full. Refill as the epoxy settles.
5. After the epoxy cures the plastic mold may be removed with pliers or knife.

![Figure 10](image)
DISCUSSION OF MEASUREMENT ERRORS

There are three basic types of errors which can occur. Type I errors are related to limitations of the instrument design and tolerances of the instrument components. These are chiefly the meter linearity and resistor tolerances. Type II errors are due to basic probe accuracy tolerances, chiefly background signal, probe linearity, and variations in membrane temperature coefficient. Type III errors are related to the operator's ability to determine the conditions at the time of calibration. If calibration is performed against more accurately known conditions, Type III errors are appropriately reduced.

Individual Sources of Error

This description of sources of error can be used to attach a confidence to any particular reading of dissolved oxygen. The particular example given is for a near extreme set of conditions. As a generality, overall error is diminished when the probe and instrument are calibrated under conditions of temperature and dissolved oxygen which closely match the sample temperature and dissolved oxygen.

Type I

A. Is the error due to the meter linearity.
   Error = ±1% of full scale of the measurement range.

B. Is the error due to tolerances in the instrument when transferring a reading from one range to another.
   Error = ±1% of the meter reading if the reading is taken on a range one range away from the calibration range.
   Error = ±2% of the meter reading if the reading is taken on a range two ranges away from the calibration range.

C. Is the error due to the design and components of the instrument salinity compensation circuit.
   Error = ±2.5% of the meter reading X sample salinity ppt
   ______
   40 ppt salinity

Type II

A. errors are due to probe background current.
   Error = 0.5% (\frac{meter reading mg/l}{1-Calib value}) X calib. value, mg/l

B. errors are due to probe non-linearity
   Error = 0.3% of reading

C. error is caused by variability in the probe membrane temperature coefficient.
   Error = ±1% of meter reading if readings are taken with 5°C of the calibration temperature.
   Error = ±3% of meter reading all other conditions.

Type III

A. errors are due to the accuracy of the instrument thermometer when used to measure the exact probe temperature during calibration.
   Error = ±1.5% of reading.

B. errors are due to the assumption of mean. barometric pressure.
   Daily variation is usually less than 1.7%
   Error = ±1.7% of reading.

C. errors assume an ability to estimate altitude to within ±500 ft. when computing the altitude correction factor.
   Error = 1.8% of reading.

D. errors consider the possibility of only 50% relative humidity when calibrating the probe. If the actual relative humidity is 50% instead of 100% the errors will be as follows:

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Example of a Typical Error Calculation

The example given presumes the air calibration technique. If calibration is done with air saturated water, the relative humidity consideration (III-D) is eliminated. If the Winkler calibration method is used, Type III errors are deleted and replaced by the uncertainty attributable to the overall Winkler determination.

Data: Instrument calibrated at 25°C, elevation estimated at 2000 feet ±500 feet, normal barometric pressure presumed, calibrated on 0-10 mg/l scale at 7.8 mg/l. Readings taken on 0-5 mg/l range at 4.5 mg/l. temperature 20°C. Salinity of 20 ppt.

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Maximum Possible Error = .518 mg/l

Probable Error = ±.259

Considering a statistical treatment of the probable error at any time for any instrument, it is likely that the actual error in any measurement will be about 1/2 of the possible error. In this case the probable error is about ±.26 mg/l or 5.8% of the reading.

INSTRUMENT CASE

The instrument case is water resistant when properly closed. As a precaution against damaged gaskets or loose fittings, the instrument case should be opened and inspected for moisture whenever the instrument has been subjected to immersion or heavy spray. The instrument case is opened by removing the screws on the rear cover and lifting the cover off.