

Calibration Procedure

DeFelsko PosiTector Dew Point Meter (DPM) Separate Probe and Hand-Held and Magnetic Surface Probes

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1 Introduction and UUC Performance Requirements

1.1 This procedure describes the calibration of the DeFelsko PosiTector Dew Point Meter (DPM) separate and hand-held and magnetic surface probes with the following specifications:

Table 1-1 Measurement Ranges

Function	Measurement Range	Resolution
Air Temperature	-40 to 80 °C (-40 to 175 °F)	0.1°C (0.1°F)
Surface Temperature	-40 to 190 °C (-40 to 375 °F)	0.1°C (0.1°F)
Relative Humidity	0 to 100% RH	0.1%

1.2 The unit being calibrated will be referred to as the UUC (Unit-Under-Calibration).

2 Measurement Standards and Support Equipment Performance Requirements

2.1 The UUC accuracy requirements are based upon the published UUC performance specifications.

2.2 The test uncertainty ratio applied in this calibration procedure is 4:1 unless otherwise stated. The surface temperature uncertainty ratio for the range -40 to 80 °C is 2.9:1.

2.3 Minimum-Use-Specifications are the minimum test equipment specifications required to meet all the UUC accuracy requirements and the test uncertainty ratio applied.

Table 2-1 UUC Accuracy Requirements and Description

UUC Function	Range	Accuracy	Test Method
Air Temperature	-40 to 80 °C (-40 to 175 °F)	± 0.5 °C (1.0 °F)	Humidity Generator
Relative Humidity	0 to 100% RH	± 3.0 %	
Surface Temperature	-40 to 80 °C (-40 to 175 °F) 80 to 190 °C (175 to 375 °F)	± 0.5 °C (1.0 °F) ± 1.5 °C (3.0 °F)	Temperature Calibrator

Table 2-2 Minimum Use Specifications

Function	Range	Accuracy
Air temperature	-40 to 80 °C (-40 to 175 °F)	± 0.125 °C (0.25 °F)
Relative Humidity	0 to 100% RH	± 0.75%
Surface Temperature	-40 to 80 °C (-40 to 175 °F)	± 0.125 °C (0.25 °F)
	80 to 190 °C (175 to 375 °F)	± 0.375 °C (0.75 °F)

Table 2-3 Actual Air Temperature & Relative Humidity Equipment Specifications

Manufacturer/Model #'s Applicable	Actual Equipment Specifications	
	Range	Accuracy
Thunder Scientific Model 1200 Humidity Generator	10 to 60 °C (60 to 140 °F)	± 0.05 °C (± 0.09 °F)
	10 to 95% RH	± 0.5%

Table 2-4 Actual Surface Temperature Test Equipment Specifications

Equipment Name Manufacturer/Model #'s Applicable	Actual Equipment Specifications	
	Range	Accuracy
1. Type K Thermocouple	-200 – 1250 °C (-328 – 2282 °F)	0.138°C
2. Distilled Water Ice Bath	N/A	0.05 °C
3. Keithley 2000 Multimeter	Up to 100 mV	0.090 °C
4. EDL STS-SC2 Calibrator	40 °C	0.016 °C
	100 °C	0.25 °C

Keithley 2000 Multimeter calculation

Use ITS-90 (International Temperature Standard) Table for Type K Thermocouple
Temperatures at 40°C (1.612 mV) and 100 °C (4.096mV)

Scale Range → 100 mV with 1 year accuracy = 50 ppm of reading + 35 ppm of range

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Accuracy @ 40°C} &= (50 \text{ ppm} \times 1.612 \text{ mV}) + (35 \text{ ppm} \times 100 \text{ mV}) \\ &= 3.580 \text{ uV} \\ &(40°C / 1.612\text{mv}) * 0.003580\text{mv} = .089°C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Accuracy @ 100°C} &= (50 \text{ ppm} \times 4.096 \text{ mV}) + (35 \text{ ppm} \times 100 \text{ mV}) \\ &= 3.704 \text{ uV} \\ &(100°C / 4.096\text{mv}) * 0.003704\text{mv} = 0.090 °C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Surface Temperature Combined Accuracy @ 40°C} &= (\text{Thermocouple}^2 + \text{Bath}^2 + \text{Keithley}^2 + \text{Surface plate}^2)^{0.5} \\ &= (0.138^2 + 0.05^2 + 0.090^2 + 0.016^2)^{0.5} \\ &= 0.17 °C \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Surface Temperature Combined Accuracy @ 100°C} &= (\text{Thermocouple}^2 + \text{Bath}^2 + \text{Keithley}^2 + \text{Surface plate}^2)^{0.5} \\ &= (0.138^2 + 0.05^2 + 0.090^2 + 0.25^2)^{0.5} \\ &= 0.30 °C \end{aligned}$$

Surface Temperature Uncertainty Ratio (-40 to 80 °C): = 2.9:1 (0.5 °C / 0.17 °C)

Caution: The instructions in this Calibration Procedure relate specifically to the equipment and conditions listed in this section. If other equipment is substituted, the information and instructions must be interpreted accordingly.

Table 2-5 Calibration Environment and Warm-Up Requirements

Measurement Standards & Support Equipment Environmental Requirements:	Temperature: $23 \pm 5^{\circ}$ C. Relative Humidity: Less than 95% Barometric Pressure 30 ± 1.5 in Hg (1016 ± 50 mbar)
Measurement Standards & Support Equipment Warm-up and Stabilization Requirements:	Thunder Scientific Humidity Generator: 60 minutes EDL STS-SC2 surface temperature calibrator: 15 minutes

3 Preliminary Operations

Note: Review the entire document before starting the calibration process.

3.1 Visual Inspection

3.1.1 Visually inspect the UUC for:

- Wear or damage to the probe body or tip
- Missing parts
- Proper identification

3.1.2 Damage or excess wear must be repaired prior to beginning the calibration process.

4 Calibration of DPM Separate Probe with Magnetic or Hand-Held Surface Probe

Refer to UUC and equipment instruction manual(s) for menu navigation instructions, details on features and operating instructions.

Note: Whenever a test requirement is not met as indicated in table 5-1, verify the results of the test and take corrective action before proceeding.

4.1 If the probe has a protective cap, remove it before proceeding.

4.2 Attach the Separate Probe(s), without the surface temperature probes, to the adapter cables in the humidity chamber. Multiple probes can be calibrated in the chamber simultaneously. Make note of what probe is attached to which body. Record the probe serial number(s).

Note: If adapter cables are not available, the entire Gage/Probe combination can be placed in the chamber. The gage would need to be set in data logging mode to obtain the readings. Refer to the gage user manual on how to set data logging mode.

Figure 4-1



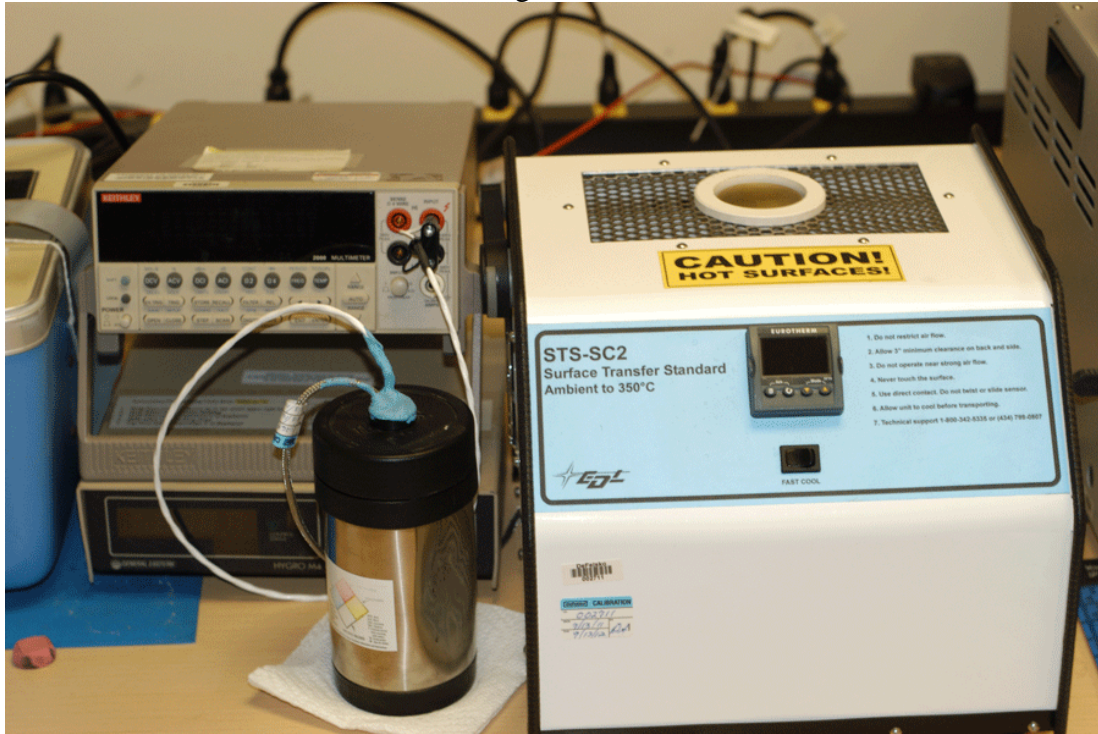
- 4.3 Adjust the set point of the humidity chamber to 35 %RH and allow to stabilize for at least 60 minutes. After the stabilization time turn on the gage(s) and record the gage and the chamber relative humidity readings on the calibration certificate. Record the gage and the chamber air temperature readings on the calibration certificate.

Note: When turning on the gage do not perform a full reset.

- 4.4 Adjust the set point of the humidity chamber to 65 %RH and allow to stabilize for at least 60 minutes. After the stabilization time turn on the gage(s) and record the gage and the chamber relative humidity readings on the calibration certificate.
- 4.5 Calculate the deltas for the readings taken by subtracting the chamber reading from the gage reading ($RH_{\text{gage}} - RH_{\text{chamber}}$) or ($Ta_{\text{gage}} - Ta_{\text{chamber}}$).

- 4.6 Disconnect the probe(s) from the connectors in the humidity chamber.
- 4.7 Prepare an ice bath using distilled water per ASTM E 563-11. Connect the thermocouple to TC1 of the surface temperature calibrator, the ice bath and the Keithley 2000 Multimeter.

Figure 4-2



- 4.8 Adjust the surface temperature calibrator set point to 40 °C and allow to stabilize for at least 15 minutes.
- 4.9 Connect the separate probe to a body, plug the magnetic or hand-held surface probe into the separate probe and turn on the gage. Place the DPM surface probe on the center of the top surface of the surface temperature calibrator until the temperature stabilizes (approximately 30 seconds) and record the highest reading for the Keithley 2000 Multimeter ($T_{S\text{Keithley}}$) and the gage ($T_{S\text{Gage}}$).

Note: The multimeter readings must be adjusted by the surface temperature offsets as indicated on the surface temperature calibrator calibration certificate.

- 4.10 Repeat steps 4.8 and 4.9 for 100 °C.
- 4.11 Calculate the deltas for the readings taken. The delta is calculated by subtracting the adjusted meter reading from the gage reading ($T_{S\text{gage}} - T_{S\text{Keithley}}$).

5 Performance Requirements

Note: The technician will collect the data needed to complete columns D and E. The technician shall then calculate the values for Column F as indicated in the procedure and record all information as shown in table 5-1. Do not write in this procedure.

- 5.1 For re-certification of Separate Probes: If the probe fails humidity or ambient temperature calibration condition probe per MP 5028 and perform section 4.1 - 4.6 of this procedure.

Table 5-1
Requirements and Data for DeFelsko PosiTector DPM Separate Probe and Hand-Held and Magnetic Surface Probes

Reference (A)	Units (B)	Set Point (C)	Test Equipment Reading (D)	Gage Reading (E)	Probe Measurement Accuracy (F)	Allowable Tolerance (G)
Relative Humidity	%RH	35				± 3.0
Ambient Temperature	°C	N/A				± 0.5
Relative Humidity	%RH	65				± 3.0
Surface Temperature Low	°C	40				± 0.5
Surface Temperature High	°C	100				± 1.5

Note: To convert from °C to °F $\rightarrow T_{\circ F} = 1.8 * T_{\circ C} + 32$

Management Procedure Change Notice

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<p>Description of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added section 4.2 note about data logging mode.• Removed pictures of obsolete humidity chamber• Added Rh or ambient temperature clarification to 5.1• Removed 20% RH test• Removed section for testing stand-alone surface temperature probes• Removed 20% RH and ice bath references from table 5-1

I confirm I have read and understand the procedure and the change described above.

Printed Name	Signature	Date

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