## EXTESTRUMENTS

## Model 401025

## Digital Light Meter



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## Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the Extech Digital Light Meter. This device is shipped fully tested and calibrated and, with proper use, will provide years of reliable service. Please visit our website (www.extech.com) to check for the latest version of this User Guide, Product Updates, and Customer Support.

## Meter Description

1. LCD Display
2. Data Hold Switch
3. Power Off/Range Switch
4. Analog Output Terminal
5. Battery Compartment (rear)
6. LUX/Fc Switch \& Response Switch
7. Light Sensor
8. Zero adjust


## Operation

1. Select Units (Lux or Ft-candle) and the Response Time (Fast/Slow) using the slide switch. Typical selection is Slow and Fc using the gray lettering.
2. Select the maximum range using the Range Switch.
3. Hold the Light Sensor so that the sensor faces the light source to be measured.
4. The display will indicate measured values. Use a range display multiplier if on the Lux 20,000 and 50,000 ranges or on the Fc 5000 range (see notes below).
5. To hold (freeze) a measurement, slide the Data Hold Switch to the Hold position. The reading will freeze in the display until the Data Hold Switch is released.

Note 1: An Over Range indication is a display of "1 $\qquad$ ". If this occurs, switch to a higher range.

Note 2: For measurements made on the Fc 5000 range, the displayed reading must be multiplied by 10.

Note 3: For measurements made on the Lux 20000 or 50000 ranges the displayed reading must be multiplied by 10 and 100 respectively.

Note 4: The meter will indicate values above the maximum ranges. The accuracy of these measurements is unknown.

| Range Display Multipliers |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Range | Units | Multiplier |
| 200 | Fc | Direct reading |
| 2000 | Fc \& Lux | Direct reading |
| 5000 | Fc | Reading $\times 10$ |
| 20,000 | Lux | Reading $\times 10$ |
| 50,000 | Lux | Reading $\times 100$ |



Example: If a measurement on the 5000 Fc range displays 350 the actual measured value is: $350 \times 10=3500$ Fc.

## Selecting a Measurement Range

The meter has three measurement ranges for each unit of measure ( $0-200,0-2000$, and $0-5000 \mathrm{Fc}$ ) and ( $0-2000,0-20000$, and $0-50000$ ) Lux). The proper range selection will produce the most accurate reading. Always select the range that produces the maximum number of digits without exceeding the maximum count for that particular range. For example, a reading of 1456 Fc should be read on the 0 - 2000 range, not the $0-5000$ range.

## Zero procedure

The meter zero (display with no light input) may change with time. Occasional checking and adjustment may be required.

1. Completely cover the sensor to block out any light.
2. Set the range switch to the lowest Lux or Fc range.
3. Using a small screwdriver, adjust the Zero control for a zero display. The last digit may change slightly. This is normal and does not affect the accuracy of the meter.

## Analog Output

The analog output jacks on the front panel produce a 0.1 mV DC per digit signal that can be used for recording or datalogging purposes.

## Lighting Type Correction Factors

The 401025 light meter is calibrated under a precise Standard tungsten light source of $2856^{\circ} \mathrm{K}$. If the meter is to be used under a different type of light the correction factor of from the table below should be applied to the readings obtained.

| Mercury Lamp | x 1.14 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Fluorescent Lamp | X 0.92 to 1.12 |
| Daylight | x 1.00 |
| Sodium | x 1.22 |
| Metal Halide | x 1.00 |

## Replacing the Battery

When the left corner of the LCD display shows LO BAT the battery output is below the design limit and the battery needs to be replaced. However, reliable measurement can still be taken for several hours before the tester becomes inaccurate or switches off.

1. Open the Battery Cover at the back of the tester and remove the old battery.
2. Replace with a new 9 V battery and install the cover securely.


Never dispose of used batteries or rechargeable batteries in household waste. As consumers, users are legally required to take used batteries to appropriate collection sites, the retail store where the batteries were purchased, or wherever batteries are sold.

Disposal: Do not dispose of this instrument in household waste. The user is obligated to take end-oflife devices to a designated collection point for the disposal of electrical and electronic equipment.

## Specifications

## General Specifications

| Display | 13mm (0.5") LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) |
| :---: | :---: |
| Measurement types | Lux, Ft-candles (Fc) |
| Ranges (see range table below) | Lux: 0 to 50,000 Lux in 3 ranges Foot-candles: $0-5,000 \mathrm{Fc}$ in 3 ranges |
| Sensor | Exclusive photo diode \& color correction filter, spectrum designed to meet C. I. E. |
| Zero Adjust | Manual adjustment |
| Sampling Time | Approx. 0.4 seconds |
| Response Time | Fast: 0.4 seconds; Slow: 2 seconds |
| Over input indication | Indication of "1__" |
| Analog Output | $0.1 \mathrm{mV} / 1$ digit (maximum output: 200 mV ) |
| Operating Temperature | $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right.$ to $\left.122^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$ |
| Operating Humidity | Less than 80\% RH |
| Power Supply | 9 V DC battery |
| Power Current | Approx. 2 mA DC |
| Weight | 220 g (0.52 lbs.) |
| Dimensions | Main instrument: $163 \times 70 \times 30 \mathrm{~mm}\left(6.4 \times 2.8 \times 1.2^{\prime \prime}\right)$ <br> Sensor Probe: $85 \times 55 \times 12 \mathrm{~mm}\left(3.2 \times 2.2 \times 0.5^{\prime \prime}\right)$ |
| Optional Accessories | Vinyl pouch carrying case (Part Number 409996) |


| Lux |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Range | In-range Display | Resolution | Accuracy (FS) |
| 2,000 Lux | $0-1,999$ Lux | 1 Lux | $\pm$ (5\% + 2digits) |
| 20,000 Lux | $2,000-19,990$ Lux | 10 Lux | $\pm(5 \%+2$ digits) |
| 50,000 Lux | $20,000-50,000$ Lux | 100 Lux | $\pm(5 \%+2$ digits) |
| Foot-candle (Fc) | In-range Display | Resolution | Accuracy (FS) |
| Range | $0-199.9$ Fc | 0.1 Fc | $\pm(5 \%+2$ digits) |
| 200 Fc | $200-1,999$ Fc | 1 Fc | $\pm(5 \%+2$ digits $)$ |
| 2,000 Fc | $2,000-5,000$ Fc | 10 Fc | $\pm(5 \%+2$ digits $)$ |
| 5,000 Fc |  |  |  |

## Frequency Spectrum



## Appendix A - Typical Light Levels

| Lux | Foot Candles |  | Lux | Foot Candles |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Factories |  |  | Home |
| 20-75 | 2-7 | Emergency Stairs, Warehouse | 100-150 | 10-15 | Washing |
| 75-150 | 7-15 | Exit/Entrance Passages | 150-200 | 15-20 | Recreational Activities |
| 150-300 | 15-30 | Packing Work | 200-300 | 20-30 | Drawing Room, Table |
| 300-750 | 30-75 | Visual Work: Production Line | 300-500 | 30-50 | Makeup |
| 750-1,500 | 75-150 | Typesetting: Inspection Work | 500-1,500 | 50-150 | Reading, Study |
| $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 1,500- \\ 3,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 150-300 | Electronic Assembly, Drafting | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1,000- \\ & 2,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 100-200 | Sewing |
|  |  | Office |  |  | Restaurant |
| 75-100 | 7-10 | Indoor Emergency Stairs | 75-150 | 7-15 | Corridor Stairs |
| 100-200 | 10-20 | Corridor Stairs | 150-300 | 15-30 | Entrance, Wash Room |
| 200-750 | 20-75 | Conference, Reception Room | 300-750 | 30-75 | Cooking/Dining Room |
| 750-1,500 | 75-150 | Clerical Work | 750-1,500 | 75-150 | Show Window |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1,500- \\ & 2,000 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 150-2000 | Typing, Drafting |  |  |  |
|  |  | Store |  |  | Hospital |
| 75-150 | 7-15 | Indoors | 30-75 | 3-7 | Emergency Stairs |
| 150-200 | 15-20 | Corridor/Stairs | 75-100 | 7-10 | Stairs |
| 200-300 | 20-30 | Reception | 100-150 | 10-15 | Sick Room, Warehouse |
| 300-500 | 30-50 | Display Stand | 150-200 | 15-20 | Waiting Room |
| 500-750 | 50-75 | Elevator | 200-750 | 20-75 | Medical Exam Room |
| 750-1,500 | 75-150 | Show Window, Packing Table | 750-1,500 | 75-150 | Operating Room |
| $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 1,500- \\ 3,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 150-300 | Storefront, Show Window | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline 5,000- \\ 10,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 500-1000 | Eye Inspection |

## Appendix B - Common Terms and Conversion Factors

| Illuminance (Visible Flux Density) | $1 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{m}^{2}=$ | 1 lux (lx) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $10^{-4} \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{cm}^{2}$ |
|  |  | $10^{-4}$ phot (ph) |
|  |  | $9.290 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{Im} / \mathrm{t}^{2}$ |
|  |  | $9.290 \times 10^{-2}$ foot-candles |
| Luminance (Visible Flux Density per Solid Angle) | $1 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{m}^{2} / \mathrm{sr}=$ | 1 candela/m ${ }^{2}$ |
| Luminous Intensity (Visible Flux per Solid Angle) | $1 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{sr}=$ | 1 candella |
| Luminous Flux (Visible Flux) | 1 lumen (Im) = | $1.464 \times 10^{-3}$ watts @ 555 nm |

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