InfraRed (IR) Thermometer

MODEL IR250
**Introduction**

Congratulations on your purchase of the Model IR250 Thermometer. This IR thermometer measures and displays non-contact (infrared) surface temperature to a maximum of 500°F (260°C). The built-in laser pointer increases target accuracy and the backlit LCD allows for use in dimly lighted areas.

**Safety**

- Use extreme caution when the laser pointer is on
- Do not point the beam toward anyone's eye or allow the beam to strike the eye from a reflective surface
- Do not use the laser near explosive gases or in other potentially explosive areas
Descriptions

Meter Description

1. Laser pointer
2. IR sensor
3. Measurement trigger
4. LCD display
5. Function buttons*
6. Battery compartment

Function Buttons

- **Max/Min**: Select Max or Minimum display.
- **°C/°F**: Select temperature units
- **Backlight / Laser Pointer**: For turning the LCD backlight or the Laser pointer ON/OFF

Display Description

1. Displays SCAN when trigger is depressed;
2. Displays HOLD when trigger is released
3. Laser pointer ON
4. Emmisivity setting (0.95)
5. Temperature units
6. Low battery
7. Max/Min display
8. Temperature display
Operating Instructions

Power

1. The meter is powered by one (1) 9V battery.

IR Measurements

1. Hold the meter by its handle and point it toward the surface to be measured.
2. Pull and hold the trigger to turn the meter on and begin testing. The temperature reading, the flashing ‘SCAN’ icon, the emissivity, the unit of measure and other icons as shown in the Display Description will appear. Note: Replace the meter's 9V battery if the display does not switch on.
3. Release the Trigger and the reading will hold for approximately 8 seconds (HOLD will appear on the LCD) after which the meter will automatically shut off.

Temperature units

With the trigger pressed, press the ºF/ºC button to select the temperature units.

Backlight/Laser Pointer

With the trigger pressed:

1. Press the button once to change the state of the backlight (On or Off). When the laser is on the laser icon will appear in the display.
2. Press the button again to change the state of the backlight (On or Off).

IR Measurement Notes

1. The object under test should be larger than the spot (target) size calculated by the field of view diagram (printed on the side of the meter and in this guide).
2. Before measuring, be sure to clean surfaces that are covered with frost, oil, grime, etc.
3. If an object's surface is highly reflective, apply masking tape or flat black paint to the surface before measuring. Allow time for the paint or tape to adjust to the temperature of the surface it is covering.
4. Measurements through transparent surfaces such as glass may not be accurate.
5. Steam, dust, smoke, etc. can obscure measurements.
6. The meter automatically compensates for deviations in ambient temperature. However, it can take up to 30 minutes for the meter to adjust to extremely wide changes.
7. To find a hot spot, aim the meter outside the area of interest then scan across (in an up and down motion) until the hot spot is located.

Battery Replacement

When the low battery symbol appears on the LCD, replace the meter’s battery (9V). The battery compartment is located in the rear of the handle.

Open the compartment by carefully pulling the panel down. The panel is hinged at the bottom and does not completely disconnect from the meter. Replace the 9V battery and close the battery compartment cover.

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-of-life devices to a designated collection point for the disposal of electrical and electronic equipment.
Field of View
As the distance from the object increases, the spot size of the area measured becomes larger. The meter’s field of view is 6:1; in other words if the meter is 6 inches from the target (spot), the diameter of the target must be at least 1 inch. Note that measurements should normally be made as close as possible to the device under test. The meter can measure from moderate distances but the measurement may be affected by external sources of light. In addition, the spot size may be so large that it encompasses surface areas not intended to be measured.

Specifications

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<td>0.1°</td>
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<td>-20°C to -7°C (-4 to 20°F): ±4°C (7.5°F)</td>
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<td>-7°C to 260°C (20 to 500°F): ±3% of reading or ±2.5°C/5°F (whichever is greater)</td>
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<td>Note</td>
<td>Accuracy is specified for an ambient temperature range of 18 to 28°C (64 to 82°F)</td>
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<td>Fixed 0.95</td>
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<td>8 to 14 μm</td>
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<td>125g (4.4 oz)</td>
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<td>80x31.7x137mm (3.15 x 1.25 x 5.4&quot;)</td>
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