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For Food and Beverage Applications

The Temperature Corrected J47 Automatic Refractometer



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 **Time: 10:48

 Sample 26.7°C

 Temp: 20.0°C

 **Corr: 20.0°C

 BRIX

 N: 3.0

 Avg: 11.46

 **Esc Menu Zero Print Measure

- Very fast measurement
- Simple to load, simple to measure, simple to clean
- Result independent of operator judgment

APPLICATION

The J47 was designed to meet the unique needs of a food and beverage testing where the samples are mostly a mixture of sugar and water and the refractometer is viewed more as a tool than a laboratory instrument. The J47's single flat measurement surface, temperature correction and one button measurement capability make it perfect for heavy use applications.

AUTOMATIC MEASURING SYSTEM

The Rudolph J47 features a fully automatic measuring system. The operator simply places the sample on the prism, presses a button and the result is displayed on a color touch screen. There are no shadow lines to match and there is no eyepiece requiring operator determination or manual adjustment.

TEMPERATURE CORRECTION (ICUMSA OR CUSTOM)

The standard Rudolph J47 corrects for errors caused by sample temperature variation using the latest ICUMSA temperature correction tables. Temperature correction is a very fast mathematical solution to obtaining measurement results without a temperature control system or a water bath. These measurement results are the most accurate with samples are comprised of predominantly sugar and water and where the sample temperature is already stable when the sample is placed on the instrument. The J47 can also be programmed with custom temperature coeffecients and the Rudolph factory can provide assistance with this.

HIGH ACCURACY IN THE APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES

The J47 was designed for the food and beverage industries with a BRIX range of 0 - 100% and a Refractive Index range of 1.32-1.53. The J47 has an accuracy of 0.03 Brix and 0.00004 Refractive Index.

EASY TO CLEAN MEASUREMENT SURFACE

Regardless of an instrument's specified accuracy, a refractometer's real world performance depends on how well the instrument is cleaned between samples. The J47 addresses this issue by providing a very flat easy to clean measurement surface with no corners or crevices that tend to trap samples causing contamination.

HIGH DURABILITY SAPPHIRE PRISM

When a traditional manual Abbe refractometer is used in a high throughput application prism replacement becomes a regular task. This is because traditional Abbe refractometers have glass prisms which are much softer than the sapphire prism of the J Series and thus more prone to scratching and general wear and tear as described below.

LOWER COST OF USE

The traditional method of measuring Brix in a laboratory was a Abbe refractometer, sometimes with a water bath attached, sometimes not. (An Abbe with a water bath is the functional equivalent to the J57. An Abbe without the waterbath is the functional equivalent to the J47).

The cost of replacing the Abbe's dual glass prisms over time makes owning a J47 with its single sapphire prism actually less expensive than owning an Abbe over their comparable useful lives.

CALIBRATION

The J47 offers a 1 or 2 point user calibration. The instrument stores the calibration information in line with ISO and similar standards. The calibration system is password protected enabling an administrator to control who can calibrate the instrument.

Problem Solution



You are tired of arguments over shadowline interpretation on your Abbe Refractometer. One person says the material is on specification, one person says it's not. In addition, scratches on the glass prism make visual interpretation even more difficult.

J-Series Internal Reflection Refractometers use scratch proof artificial sapphire prisms that measure the reflected light not the transmitted light, like the Abbe, so dark samples measure as easily as clear samples. Just put a drop of sample on the prism, press measure and walk away. No shadow line, no manual balancing or interpretation. Lifetime warranty against prism scratches.

Problem Solution



Handheld Refractometers

- Not holding calibration
- Instability
- · Lack of accuracy
- Glass prism scratching
- No easy means of validating results

J47

- Long term calibration stability
- Better than 0.03 Brix stability
- 0.03 Brix accuracy
- Sapphire prism cannot be scratched by normal use
- Validate with laboratory performance

Refractometer Specifications - J47

Measurement Scales: Refractive Index (RI) Brix (% sucrose)

Measurement Range: J47 1.32 - 1.53 RI, 0 - 95 Brix Reproducibility and Accuracy: J47 ± 0.00004 RI, ± 0.03 Brix

Temperature Correction: According to ICUMSA
Temperature Control: N/A See J57

Ambient Temperature Limit: 10°C to 40°C
Sample Temperature Limit: None

Temperature Correction Range: 18 to 95°C Wavelength: 589.3nm

(other wavelengths available)

Light Source: Light Emitting Diode

(exp life> 1,000,000 measurements)

Calibration: 1, 2 or 10 point

Communication Interface: USB download to thumb drive
Operating Dimensions (LxWxH): 12"/31cm x 6"/15.5cm x 5"/13cm

Operating Weight: 8.8lbs/4kg

Shipping Dimensions (LxWxH): $17"/42.5cm \times 12"/30cm \times 13"/34cm$

Shipping Weight: 13.8lbs/6.3kg including accessories

kit with manual

Power Requirements: 100 - 240V/50 - 60Hz