Thermo Scientific Orion Star A213 Benchtop RDO/DO Meter

# Instruction Sheet

Preparation

Power Source

1. Power adapter (included with meter)
   a. Select the appropriate wall socket plug plate.
   b. Slide off the clear plastic cover from the plug plate.
   c. Slide the plug plate into the groove on the back of the power adapter.
   d. Connect the power adapter to the meter and power outlet.
2. Batteries (sold separately)
   a. Select four AA alkaline batteries.
   b. Confirm that the meter is powered off.
   c. Remove the battery compartment cover – push down on the battery compartment tab and lift the battery cover up.
   d. Orientate the batteries as shown in the battery compartment housing and insert batteries.
   e. Replace the battery compartment cover.
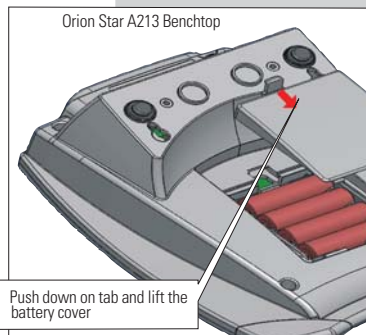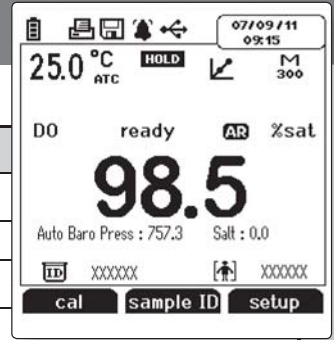
Electrodes and Other Connections

1. Prepare the RDO optical dissolved oxygen probe or polarographic dissolved oxygen probe and any other applicable electrodes according to the directions in the probe user guide.
2. Connect the appropriate items as labeled on the meter and as shown in the figure on the right:
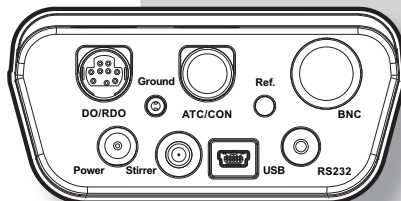
Electrode Arm

The electrode arm can be attached to either side of the meter. Unpack the electrode arm and base. Choose the side of the meter to attach the arm. Find a clean surface and turn the meter over. Release the existing screw from the back of the meter. Align the electrode arm base with the circles at the bottom of the meter. The metal post on the electrode arm base should be on the same side as the display. Take the screw that was removed and use it to secure the electrode arm base to the meter. Turn the meter over. Place the hole at the base of the electrode arm onto the metal post on the electrode arm base.
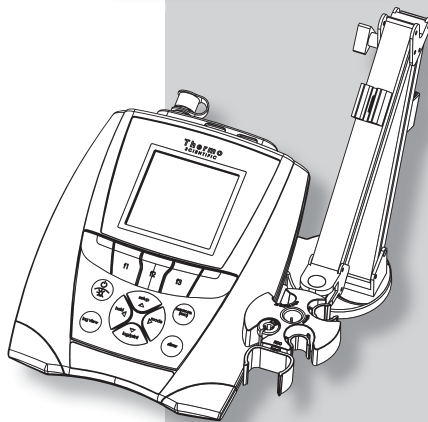
For additional information on meter setup and operation, refer to the reference guide. The reference guide is on the included CD and available at **www.thermoscientific.com/water.**

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Push down on tab and lift the battery cover

Ground   Ref.

DO/RDO   ATC/CON   BNC

Power   Stirrer   USB   RS232

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Display Information

Display Icon	Description
⬓	Shown when the meter is running on AC power.
🔋	Shown when the meter has batteries installed.
🖨	Indicates data is being sent to a computer or printer.
💾	Indicates data is being sent to the data log.
🔔	Shown when an alarm is set and the alarm value is reached.
RS232	Indicates the meter is set to be interfaced with a printer or computer via the RS232 port.
⟵⟶	Indicates the meter is set to be interfaced with a printer or computer via the USB port.
07/09/11 09:15	Displays the time and date entered in the setup menu.
25.0 °C ATC	Displays the current temperature based on the temperature probe reading or entered temperature value. Shows the origin of the temperature as MAN (entered temperature) or ATC (temperature probe).
HOLD	Shown when ⟲ is pressed and the displayed measurement is frozen.
📈	Indicates a calibration was successfully completed.
M 100	Indicates a method is in use and the number of the method being used.
DO	Indicates the type of measurement as **DO** (polarographic probe) or **RDO** (RDO optical probe).
ready	Specifies the stability of the electrode as **stabilizing** or **ready**.
AR	Shown when the meter is in AUTO-READ mode. The **AR** icon will blink while the reading is stabilizing and stop blinking when the reading is stable and the measurement is locked on the display.
98.5 %sat	Displays the measurement value based on the last saved calibration and current electrode reading. Units are shown to the right of the value.
Auto Baro Press : 757.3	Shows the barometric pressure measured by the meter **(Auto)** or entered by operator **(Man.)** and used to correct dissolved oxygen measurements.
Salt : 0.0	Displays the salinity correction factor used to correct dissolved oxygen measurements.
🆔 XXXXXX	Shows the operator assigned sample ID number.
🚹 XXXXXX	Shows the operator assigned user ID number.
cal	Displays the action that will be performed when *f1* is pressed.
sample ID	Displays the action that will be performed when *f2* is pressed.
setup	Displays the action that will be performed when *f3* is pressed.

Keypad Display Information

f1 f2 f3	Press the f1, f2 and f3 function keys to perform the action shown above each key on the display.
(power)	Press to turn the meter on. When the meter is on, press and quickly release to turn the display backlight on or off or hold down to turn the meter off.
measure (esc)	In the measurement mode, press to take a measurement. In the setup, calibration and other menus, press to escape the current menu and return to the measurement mode.
setup ▲	In the measurement mode, press to enter the setup menu. In the setup, calibration and other menus, press to scroll up through a list of options.
hold ◄	In the continuous measurement mode, press to freeze the displayed measurement and press again to unfreeze the measurement. In the setup, calibration and other menus, press to scroll left through a list of options.
mode ►	In the measurement mode, press to change the displayed measurement mode. Options are %sat (DO as percent saturation), mg/L (DO as milligrams per liter) and °C (probe membrane temperature). In the setup, calibration and other menus, press to scroll right through a list of options.
log/print ▼	In the measurement mode, press to log or print a measurement. In the setup, calibration and other menus, press to scroll down through a list of options.
log view	Press to view the data log and calibration log.
stirrer	Press to start or stop the stirrer probe.

Keypad

1. Press (power) to power the meter on. When the meter is on, press and quickly release (power) to turn the backlight on or off or press and hold (power) for about three seconds to power the meter off.

2. Press (esc) to exit any meter function and return to the measurement mode.

3. The **f1, f2,** and **f3** function keys perform a variety of meter operations. The menu-specific operation is shown above each key. For example, press **f1** in the measurement mode to start a calibration.

4. The (setup ▲), (mode ►), (log/print ▼) or (hold ◄) keys are used as navigation keys (up, right, down, left) when selecting from a fixed list or grid of meter options. In the measurement mode, these keys are used to access the setup menu, change the measurement mode, manually log or print a measurement and hold (freeze) a displayed measurement.

5. Press (stirrer) to turn on or off the stirrer probe (Cat. No. 096019).

6. Press (log view) to access the calibration log and data log.

RDO/DO Calibration

Polarographic DO probes only - A polarographic DO probe must be polarized. The probe is continuously polarized when it is connected to the meter. If the probe is not connected to the meter: connect the probe to the meter, connect the meter to a power source and wait 30 to 60 minutes for polarization.

The Orion Star A213 RDO/DO meter can perform a calibration using water-saturated air (*Air*), air-saturated water (*Water*), Winkler titration (*Manual*) or zero point calibration (*Set Zero*). See the reference guide for detailed instructions for each calibration.

Air Calibration

1. In the measurement mode, press **f1 (cal)**.

2. Press (setup ▲) or (▼ log/print) to highlight *Air* and press **f3 (select)**.

3. Rinse the RDO optical DO probe or polarographic DO probe with distilled water, blot dry with a lint-free tissue and place into the prepared calibration sleeve or BOD bottle. Allow the probe and water-saturated air to reach equilibrium.

4. When the probe and water-saturated air are ready, press **f3 (start)**.

5. Wait for the dissolved oxygen reading on the meter to stabilize and stop flashing. Once the reading is stable, the meter will display *Accepting Auto % Sat. Calibration* and *100.0 %* if using an RDO optical DO probe or *102.3 %* if using a polarographic DO probe.

6. Press **f3 (cal done)** to export the data to the calibration log or press **f2 (print)** to export the data to the calibration log and a printer or computer. The meter will proceed to the measurement mode.

Set Zero Calibration

A zero point calibration is performed in an oxygen-free solution. A zero point calibration is not generally required unless measurements will be taken below 10% saturation or 1 mg/L. Perform an air or water calibration before performing a zero point calibration.

1. In the measurement mode, press **f1 (cal)**.

2. Press (setup ▲) or (▼ log/print) to highlight *Set Zero* and press **f3 (select)**.

3. Rinse the RDO optical DO probe or polarographic DO probe and any other electrodes in use (stirrer, etc.) with distilled water, blot dry with a lint-free tissue and place into the prepared zero oxygen standard. Allow the probe and standard to reach equilibrium.

4. When the probe and zero oxygen standard are ready, press **f3 (start)**.

5. Wait for the dissolved oxygen reading on the meter to stabilize and stop flashing. Once the reading is stable, the meter will display *Accepting Auto % Sat. Calibration* and *0.00*.

6. Press **f3 (cal done)** to export the data to the calibration log or press **f2 (print)** to export the data to the calibration log and a printer or computer. The meter will proceed to the measurement mode.

Measurement

Press ⊙ while taking a measurement in the continuous measurement mode to freeze the display and press ⊙ a second time to unfreeze the display and continue the measurement. Press ⊙ while taking a measurement to manually export the measurement to the data log, if the data log is enabled in the setup menu.

1. Rinse the RDO optical dissolved oxygen probe or polarographic dissolved oxygen probe and any other electrodes in use with distilled water, blot dry with a lint-free tissue and place into the sample.

2. If the stirrer probe is in use, press (stirrer) to turn on the stirrer probe.

3. Start the measurement and wait for it to stabilize.

   a. If the meter is in **AUTO-READ** mode (default setting), press ⊙ to start the measurement. When the **AR** icon stops flashing, record the dissolved oxygen and temperature of the sample. Press ⊙ again to start a new measurement.

   b. If the meter is in continuous mode, the meter will immediately start taking a measurement and update the display whenever the measurement changes. Wait for the display to show **ready** and record the dissolved oxygen and temperature of the sample.

   c. If the meter is in timed mode, the meter will log measurements at the preselected time interval, regardless of the measurement stability. The meter will update the display whenever the measurement changes, so the dissolved oxygen and temperature of the sample can be recorded when the display shows **ready**.

4. If the stirrer probe is in use, press (stirrer) to turn off the stirrer probe.

5. Remove the probe from the sample, rinse with distilled water, blot dry and place into the next sample.

6. Repeat steps 2 through 5 for all samples.

7. When all samples have been measured, store the probe according to its user guide.

Setup Menu

Navigating the Setup Menu

1. In the measurement mode, press (▲ setup) to enter the main setup menu.

2. Press (▲ setup), (► mode), (▼ log/print) or (◄ hold) to scroll through the main setup menu options. Press **f3 (select)** to select a main setup menu option.

3. Press (▲ setup) or (▼ log/print) to scroll through setup submenu options. Press **f3 (select)** to select a setup submenu option.

4. Perform the appropriate actions to set the desired parameter in the setup submenus.

   a. To select a value from a list of options, press (▲ setup) or (▼ log/print) to highlight the desired value and press **f3 (select)** to set the value.

   b. To enter a numeric value, use the numeric entry screen.

      i. Select the value to be entered by pressing **f3 (select)** or **f3 (edit)**. The numeric entry screen will popup on the display.

      ii. Press (▲ setup), (► mode), (▼ log/print) or (◄ hold) to highlight a number, decimal place or negative sign; press **f3 (enter)** to select the highlighted item and repeat until the desired value is shown on the top of the numeric entry screen.

      iii. Press **f2 (done)** to save the value and exit the numeric entry screen.

5. Press **f1 (back)** and then (measure (meas)) to return to the measurement mode at any time.

Setup Menu Overview

DO Channel	Settings	Log View	Diagnostics
Method **Mode & Settings** • Measure Mode • Measure Unit • Resolution • Read Type • Baro Press • Salinity Correct • Stability • Averaging • Alarm Settings • Sample ID **Temperature** • Manual Temp Value • Temperature Unit • Temperature Calibration	• Export Data • Data Log • Date / Time • Language • Key Press Beep • Alarm Beep • Stirrer • Contrast • Auto Shut Off • User ID	• Data Log • Calibration Log	• Meter Self Test • Factory Reset • About Meter

DO Probe Type Selection

The Orion Star A213 RDO/DO meter accepts and automatically recognizes Orion RDO optical dissolved oxygen probes and Orion polarographic dissolved oxygen probes. If a different probe is used or the probe type needs to be verified, perform the following steps.

1. In the measurement mode, press (setup ▲).

2. Press (setup ▲), (mode ▶), (▼ log/print) or (hold ◀) to highlight *DO Channel* and press **f3 (select)**.

3. Press (setup ▲) or (▼ log/print) to highlight *Mode and Settings* and press **f3 (select)**.

4. Press (setup ▲) or (▼ log/print) to highlight *Measure Mode* and press **f3 (select)**.

5. Press (setup ▲) or (▼ log/print) to highlight *DO* (polarographic probe) or *RDO* (RDO optical probe) and press **f3 (select)**.

6. Press (measure) to return to the measurement mode.

Read Type Selection

1. In the measurement mode, press (setup ▲).

2. Press (setup ▲), (mode ▶), (▼ log/print) or (hold ◀) to highlight *DO Channel* and press **f3 (select)**.

3. Press (setup ▲) or (▼ log/print) to highlight *Mode and Settings* and press **f3 (select)**.

4. Press (setup ▲) or (▼ log/print) to highlight *Read Type* and press **f3 (select)**.

5. Press (setup ▲) or (▼ log/print) to highlight *Auto*, *Continuous* or *Timed* and press **f3 (select)**.

   a. If *Timed* is selected and the time interval needs to be changed – highlight *Timed*; press (mode ▶) to highlight hours (HH), minutes (MM) or seconds (SS); press **f3 (edit)** to access the numeric entry screen; use the numeric entry screen to change the values and press **f1 (back)** when the time interval is correct.

6. Press (measure) to return to the measurement mode.