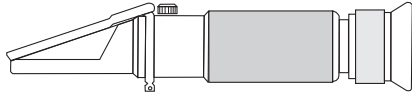


0 to 10% Brix Refractometer

Model RF16



Introduction

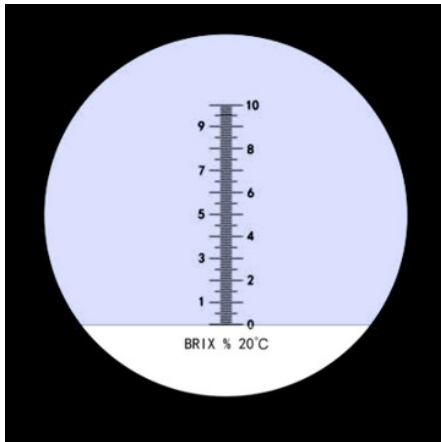
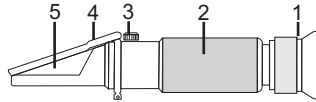
Congratulations on your purchase of the Extech RF16 Brix Refractometer. Precision optical instruments should be handled gently; avoid touching the optical surface. Careful use of these instruments will provide years of reliable service.

Specifications

Range	0 to 10% Brix
Resolution	0.1%
Dimensions	7.5 x 1.6 x 1.2" (190 x 40 x 30mm);
Weight	5.5 oz. (155g)

Description

1. Eyepiece
2. Mirror Tube
3. Adjustment screw
4. Cover Plate
5. Prism



Operation

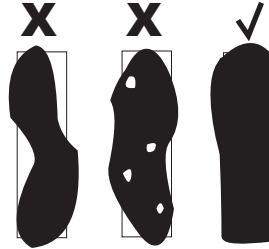
This instrument measures the refractive index of a sample. The measurement is displayed in % Brix.

1. Zero Adjustment

Allow the refractometer and the distilled water to stabilize at room temperature. Cover the prism with a few drops of distilled water from the included vial. Close the cover plate and rotate the adjustment screw until the light/dark boundary (shadowline) lines up with the zero line. After the zero adjustment, clean the prism with a soft cloth. The instrument is now calibrated for the current ambient room temperature.

2. Sample Preparation and Reading

To take a sample reading, simply place a few drops of a sample liquid on the measurement prism at the end of the instrument. Close the prism cover plate so that the liquid spreads across the entire surface of the prism without air bubbles or dry spots. Allow the sample to remain on the prism for approximately 30 seconds.



While holding the instrument under a light source, look through the eyepiece. The sucrose concentration is determined by the intersection of the boundary of the light and dark fields (known as the shadowline) on the printed scale. If the scale appears out of focus, the eyepiece may be adjusted by rotating the knurled portion of the eyepiece. The instrument also features an eye-guard to prevent stray light from entering the eyepiece and causing reflections.

It may be necessary to adjust the position of the light source to maximize the contrast of the shadowline. Under normal conditions, optimal contrast is obtained by holding the instrument underneath and perpendicular to a light source.

Once a reading has been taken, wipe dry with a clean cloth (do not wash or rinse) and place the instrument in the supplied plastic case. Store the instrument in a safe, dry environment.

Note: Ambient temperature should remain constant for accurate measurements. If room temperature changes, recalibrate the instrument.

3. Temperature Compensation

Temperature is one of the single most important factors influencing accurate refractometer readings and is one of the largest sources of measurement error. Temperature compensation relieves the user of the responsibility to measure temperature and apply a correction factor when taking readings.

The RF16 Refractometer has been designed for use with a 20°C standard temperature. Therefore, if the temperature of the measurement deviates from 20°C, the reading must be manually compensated in accordance with the Temperature Compensation Table.

Example: A reading of 20% at 28°C is compensated thusly: 20% + 0.62%=20.62%.

Temperature Compensation Table (Referenced To 20°C)

%	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
°C	Subtract the following from the measurement													
10	0.58	0.59	0.61	0.64	0.67	0.69	0.71	0.72	0.74	0.74	0.75	0.76	0.77	
11	0.51	0.54	0.55	0.58	0.61	0.63	0.65	0.65	0.67	0.67	0.68	0.68	0.69	
12	0.47	0.49	0.50	0.52	0.55	0.57	0.58	0.58	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.61	0.61	
13	0.42	0.44	0.44	0.45	0.49	0.50	0.51	0.51	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.53	
14	0.37	0.38	0.39	0.40	0.42	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.46	
15	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.36	0.37	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	
16	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.29	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	
17	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	
18	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	
19	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	
	Add the following to the measurement													
21	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	
22	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15	
23	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.23	
24	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.32	0.32	0.31	
25	0.35	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.39	0.39	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.39	0.39	
26	0.43	0.44	0.44	0.46	0.46	0.47	0.47	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.47	0.47	
27	0.51	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.55	0.55	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.55	0.55	
28	0.59	0.60	0.61	0.62	0.63	0.64	0.64	0.65	0.65	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.63	
29	0.67	0.68	0.69	0.70	0.71	0.72	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.72	0.71	
30	0.75	0.77	0.78	0.79	0.80	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.82	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.80	0.79

Source: International Commission for Uniform Methods of Sugar Analysis (1966)

International Brix% Scale

Brix to Refractive Index (nD) Conversion Table

%	nD	%	nD
0	1.333	6	1.3418
1	1.3344	7	1.3433
2	1.3359	8	1.3448
3	1.3373	9	1.3463
4	1.3388	10	1.3478

Source: International Sugar Analysis Committee

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