

## Instruction Manual

# Single-Input Thermistor Thermometer (Model 91428-05)





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## 1. QUICK-START GUIDE

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**To ensure best results please read the complete manual.**

1. Connect probe.
2. Press the **on/off** key.  
*Press again to turn on backlight.*
3. Select °C or °F display using **°C/°F** key.
4. Insert probe in sample.  
*Allow adequate time for reading to stabilize.*  
*Response time will vary depending on probe.*
5. Take reading.  
*Press **hold** key to freeze display.*  
*Press **min/max** to display minimum or maximum temperature.*
6. Press and hold the **on/off** key for three seconds to turn meter off.

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## 2. INTRODUCTION

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Thank you for choosing the Single-Input Thermistor Thermometer. This sturdy handheld thermometer provides highly accurate temperature measurements using thermistor probes. The instrument is easy to use and includes the following features:

- Operator selection of Celsius or Fahrenheit scale
- Resolution of 0.1° C/F
- Large backlit LCD with two lines of four-digit display
- Hold feature for temporarily retaining a reading
- Min and max readings display
- Field calibration capability
- Auto power off with Enable/Disable function
- Low-battery warning
- Standard ¼ inch (6.3mm) phone jack connector input
- Operates with a wide selection of probes

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### 3. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

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#### **DANGER**

Voltages present at the thermistors may also be present at the battery terminals. Always disconnect the thermistor when changing batteries.

#### **WARNING**

This instrument is designed to accept low level signals supplied by standard 400 series thermistors. Under no circumstances should the input voltage exceed the specified 10 v rms.

#### **CAUTION**

1. Do not use or store this instrument in microwave ovens or any abnormally hot or cold areas.
2. Weak batteries should not be left in the instrument. Dead batteries can leak and cause damage to unit.

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## 4. SPECIFICATIONS

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<b>Range</b>	–40 to 150°C (–40.0 to 302.0°F)
<b>Resolution</b>	0.1°C (0.1°F)
<b>Accuracy</b>	±0.2°C (±0.4°F) from –40 to 125°C (–40 to 257°F) ±0.5°C (±0.9°F) from 125 to 150°C (257 to 302°F)
<b>LCD display</b>	4+4 digit, 58 x 40mm dual-line display with backlight
<b>Out-of-range display</b>	“Ur” or “OPEN”
<b>Display update rate</b>	0.5 sec per update
<b>Input</b>	One probe with ¼ inch (6.3mm) phone jack connector
<b>Input protection</b>	10 v rms
<b>Battery</b>	Three AA, 1.5V alkaline
<b>Battery life</b>	700 hours continuous, typical
<b>Auto shutoff</b>	17 minutes after last key press
<b>Stability criteria</b>	“STABLE” will display upon 5 seconds of stability
<b>Stated accuracy</b>	18 to 28°C (64 to 82°F)
<b>Useful range</b>	0 to 40°C (32 to 104°F)
<b>Storage</b>	–40 to 65°C (–40 to 149°F)
<b>Humidity</b>	10% to 90% RH (noncondensing)
<b>Dimensions (L x W x H)</b>	<b>Without armor:</b> 175mm x 97mm x 42mm <b>With armor:</b> 180mm x 102mm x 52mm
<b>Weight with batteries</b>	<b>Without armor:</b> 267g <b>With armor:</b> 362g
<b>Ingress protection</b>	Meets IEC-529 IP-54 for dust and water-resistant enclosures
<b>Compliance (for CE mark)</b>	EN61326-1/A1: 1998 (EU EMC Directive)

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## 5. BATTERY INSTALLATION AND REPLACEMENT

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### **DANGER**

Voltages present at the thermistors may also be present at the battery terminals. Always disconnect the thermistor when changing batteries.

### **CAUTION**

Weak batteries should not be left in the instrument. Dead batteries can leak and cause damage to unit.

The typical battery life is about 700 hours. Selected settings are stored in memory and will remain in memory even after power is turned off, or while batteries are being replaced.

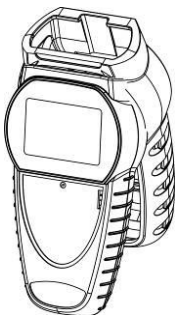
1. Before changing battery, turn instrument off and disconnect probe.
2. Loosen screw and lift battery cover off the back of case.
3. Remove the three AA batteries.
4. Insert three new batteries observing polarity.
5. Install cover and tighten screw.



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## 6. INSERTING AND REMOVING OPTIONAL RUBBER ARMOR

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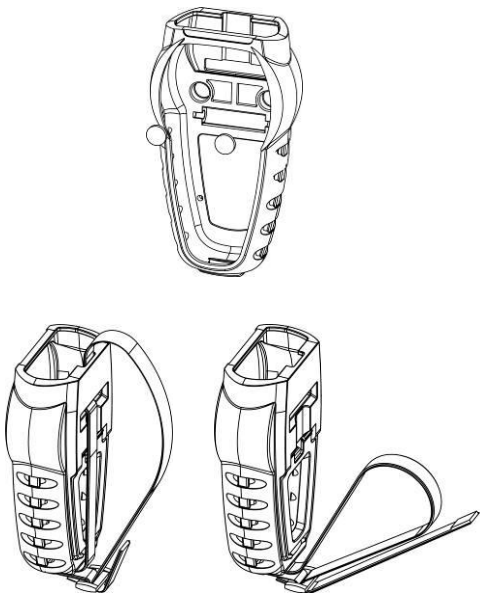
1. To insert thermometer into the optional rubber armor, slide in from the top of meter before pushing the bottom edges of meter down to set it into position. Lift up the stand at the back of meter for benchtop applications if necessary.
2. To remove thermometer from armor, push out from the bottom edges of meter until it is completely out of boot.

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## 7. ASSEMBLING OPTIONAL HANDS-FREE ACCESORIES

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You can use the optional magnets and strap in the Hands-Free Kit accessories for hands-free operations.



**Figure 1: Hands-Free Kit**

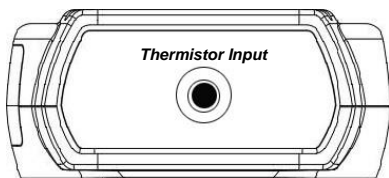
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## 8. CONNECTING A THERMISTOR

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Use the correct thermistor (series 400) for your instrument. Using an incorrect probe will result in erroneous readings. (Series 500 thermistor probes may be used along with the supplied correction chart to convert meter readings to actual readings to actual temperature).

Insert the  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch plug into the mating connector on top of the instrument:

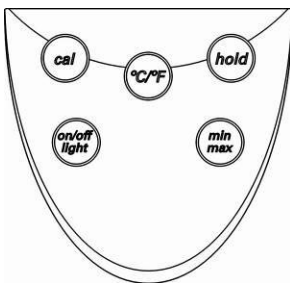


**Figure 2: Thermistor Input**






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## 9. KEY FUNCTIONS

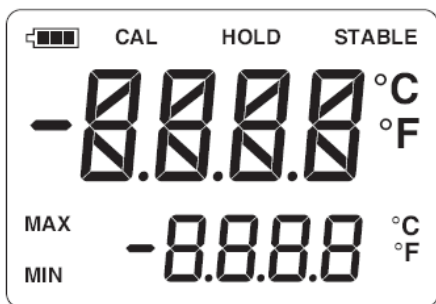
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**Figure 3: Keypad**

	Toggle between Celsius or Fahrenheit.
	Activates Calibration mode for 0°C offset calibration (after field calibration enabled). Press and hold this key for 3 seconds to enter Calibration mode if field calibration is unprotected.
	Activates/deactivates freezing of the measured reading while in measurement mode.
	Activates/deactivates display of the minimum and maximum readings (Min and Max readings are calculated from the <b>min/max</b> keypress). Press and hold key for 3 seconds to clear the MIN/MAX reading stored.
	Powers on and shuts off the thermometer by holding it for 3 sec. Press this key to activate/deactivate the backlight display. Backlight will automatically turn off within 30 seconds of activation.

## 10. DISPLAY OVERVIEW



**Figure 4: Meter Display**

°C/°F	Celsius or Fahrenheit indicator.
MIN	Minimum reading annunciator.
MAX	Maximum reading annunciator.
	3 Bars: 700 – 550 hours 2 Bars: 350 – 550 hours 1 Bar: 150 – 350 hours Blinking: <150 hours
CAL	Blinks during calibration mode. Remains in display indicating field calibration is active.
HOLD	Remain in display during hold mode.
STABLE	Displayed upon recognizing final value.
Err CAL	Error indicator on main digit display Indicates calibration error due to out of tolerance value.

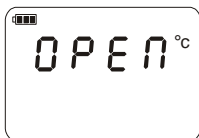
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## 11. MEASUREMENT MODE

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Press the **on/off** key. The meter performs a self-test and all display digits and indicators should remain on for approximately 2 seconds before the meter enters measurement mode.

If a probe is not connected or if the probe is defective, the display will indicate “OPEN”.

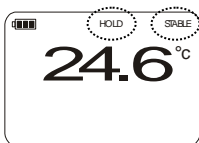


**Figure 5: Display when no probe is detected**

For optimum instrument accuracy, allow one minute for ambient temperature stabilization. If the unit has been stored at an extreme ambient condition, more time will be needed.

A **STABLE** indicator appears at the top right corner of the display when reading is continuously stable for 5 seconds.

To freeze reading, press **hold**. Press **hold** key again to release the reading and resume normal operation.



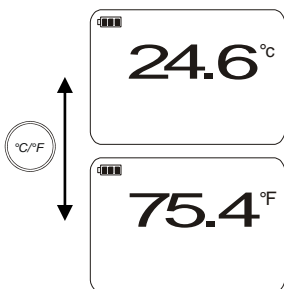
**Figure 6: HOLD and STABLE function**

The display will show “Ur” (under range) or “Or” (over range) if the temperature reading is out of range of the instrument.

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## 12. SELECTING TEMPERATURE SCALE

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**Figure 7: Press °C/°F key to toggle between °C and °F**

Select °C or °F by pressing the **°C/°F** key. Each time the key is pressed, the temperature scale will switch. Switching between °C and °F can be done at any time during operation.

Each time you turn the instrument on, it will power up with the same settings that were set when the unit was last turned off.

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## 13. MIN AND MAX FUNCTION

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Press the **min/max** key to toggle between the minimum and maximum readings. The minimum and maximum reading function is ideal for monitoring unattended operations while continually displaying every temperature change that occurs. The minimum and maximum values are sensed and automatically stored. To exit and clear the MIN/MAX reading stored, press and hold the **min/max** key for 3 seconds.

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## 14. AUTO OFF FUNCTION

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The thermometer has a default auto off function of 17.5 minutes.

To deactivate this function, press both the **min/max** key and the **on/off** key at the same time when turning on the thermometer. "A.OFF no" flashes to show indicate that the auto off function has been disabled for that session.



Figure 8: Disabling the auto off function

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## 15. CALIBRATION

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The CAL function allows single-point calibration of meter at 0°C (32°F) to compensate for probe offset error. Use the field calibration feature to improve thermometer/probe accuracy.

The thermometer comes with a calibration lock function to prevent accidental changes to calibration settings. A field calibration can only be performed when the function has been unlocked. To unlock field calibration, follow steps 1 through 4 in **FIELD CALIBRATION UNLOCK** section.

### To calibrate:

1. Pack sensing end of probe in a container tightly packed with crushed ice and filled with distilled water. Allow temperature to stabilize.



2. Press and release the **cal** key for 3 seconds to enter the calibration mode. The CAL indicator starts blinking. Release the **cal** key.
3. If the measured temperature is from  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $5^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $23$  to  $41^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) when the temperature reading is stable, press the **cal** key.

**NOTE:** Press any key (except the **cal** key) while in calibration mode to abort calibration.

The CAL indicator will stop blinking, and the reading will be set to  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $32^{\circ}\text{F}$ ). The CAL indicator will remain in display, indicating that field calibration is now active.

If “Err” is displayed, the displayed reading is outside the above limits.

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## 16. CLEAR FIELD CALIBRATION

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To clear user calibration:

1. Turn the thermometer off.
2. Hold the **cal** key down while pressing the **on/off** key.
3. The measurement mode window appears without the CAL indicator to indicate that the user calibration has been successfully cleared.

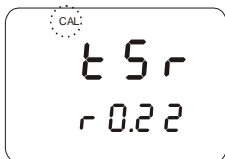
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## 17. FIELD CALIBRATION UNLOCK

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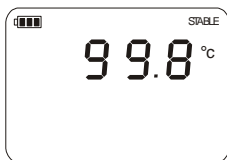
The calibration unlock feature enables field calibration operation. To unlock field calibration:

1. Turn the thermometer off.
2. Hold the **cal** key and **hold** key down simultaneously, then press the **on/off** key.
3. The “CAL” indicator appears momentarily with the version-model window to indicate that the user-calibration function has been unlocked successfully (Figure 9).



**Figure 9: Successful field calibration unlock**

4. When the keys are released, the unit will go to measurement mode (Figure 10).



**Figure 10: Unit goes to measurement mode**

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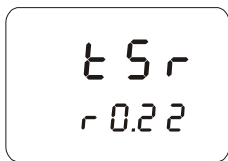
## 18. FIELD CALIBRATION LOCKOUT

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The calibration lockout feature prevents any field calibration changes. The lockout remains in effect until an unlock has been performed.

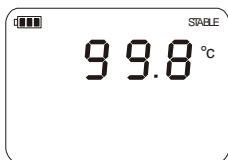
To lock the field calibration operation:

1. Turn the thermometer off.
2. Hold the **cal** key and **°C/°F** key simultaneously, then press the **on/off** key.
3. If field calibration lockout is successful, the version-model window appears without the CAL indicator (Figure 11).



**Figure 11: Successful field calibration lockout**

4. When the **cal** key is released, the unit will go to measurement mode (Figure 12).



**Figure 12: Unit goes to measurement mode**

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## **19. MAINTENANCE**

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Properly used, the meter should maintain calibration indefinitely and not require service other than occasional cleaning of the housing and changing of the batteries. Do not clean with abrasives or solvents. Use mild detergents; never immerse nor use excessive fluid.

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## **20. CLEANING**

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### **WARNING:**

TO PREVENT IGNITION OF A HAZARDOUS ATMOSPHERE BY ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE, CLEAN WITH DAMP CLOTH.

Do not clean with abrasives or solvents. Use mild detergents, never immerse nor use excessive fluid.

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## **21. BATTERIES**

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If there is no display when the thermometer is turned on, check condition of the three AA batteries. Also check that the battery terminals are clean and batteries are properly installed. If replacement is necessary, refer to the BATTERY INSTALLATION AND REPLACEMENT section for replacement procedure.

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## 22. TROUBLESHOOTING

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The following chart lists the most probable faults. There are no internal adjustments or user-replaceable parts.

Problem	Solution
<b>No display</b>	Check condition of batteries. Check that batteries are inserted properly.
<b>Display shows “Ur”</b>	Measurement under range (-40°C / -40°F)
<b>Display shows “Or”</b>	Measurement over range (150°C / 302°F)
<b>Display shows “OPEN”</b>	No thermistor probe connected in the connector.
<b>Display shows “Err”</b>	If display shows this message other than during the field calibration mode, please return the instrument for servicing.

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## 23. ACCESSORIES

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### Replacement Meter and Meter Accessories

Item	Catalog number
Single-input thermistor thermometer	91428-05
Rubber armor with stand	35427-80
Hands-free kit (two magnets and a strap)	35427-85
General-purpose 400 Series probe, SS 316, 5 ft cable, 10" (L) x 0.188" (dia), 4-second time constant.	93824-00
PTFE-coated general-purpose probe, 10" (L) x 0.2" (dia), 7-second time constant.	93824-12
Penetration probe, 4" (L) x 0.188" (dia), sharp tip, 6-second time constant.	93824-30
Surface probe, 1.0" x 0.81" x 0.25" aluminium substrate with 0.25" (dia) hole for screw mount, 8-second time constant.	93823-01
Air/gas probe, 3.75" (L) x 0.25" (dia), 316 SS radiant heat shield, 2-second time constant.	93823-05

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## **24. WARRANTY**

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The Manufacturer warrants this product to be free from significant deviations from published specifications for a period of **three years**. If repair or adjustment is necessary within the warranty period, the problem will be corrected at no charge if it is not due to misuse or abuse on your part as determined by the Manufacturer. Repair costs outside the warranty period, or those resulting from product misuse or abuse, may be invoiced to you.

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## **25. PRODUCT RETURN**

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To limit charges and delays, contact the seller or Manufacturer for authorization and shipping instructions before returning the product, either within or outside of the warranty period. When returning the product, please state the reason for the return. For your protection, pack the carefully and insure it against possible damage or loss. The Manufacturer will not be responsible for damage resulting from careless or insufficient packing.

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## **26. INNOCAL® CALIBRATION AND REPAIR SERVICES (NORTH AMERICA)**

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Optimum performance of your temperature-measuring instrument is not a timeless condition. To ensure quality measurements, have your instrument calibrated regularly. Trust InnoCal to satisfy your calibration and equipment repair needs. With over a decade of service, we've helped thousands of customers meet ISO, FDA, EPA, GLPs/cGMPs and other quality standards.

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ISO 9000:2000

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- Description and identification of the item certified
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- Identification of calibration procedure
- Calibration date
- As found/as left test data (where applicable)
- Signature of technician
- Statement of estimated uncertainty
- List of equipment used to perform calibration (including their calibration dates)

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<b>Calibration test points against NIST-traceable standards</b>	<b>Meter only</b>	<b>Probe only</b>	<b>System (meter + probe)*</b>
Four test points across range of instrument.	17000-06	17001-06	17002-06

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