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1. Forewords

1.1. History

The Leeb measuring method was first brought into measurement technology in 1978. It is defined as the quotient of an impact body's rebound velocity over its impact velocity, multiplied by 1000. Harder materials produce a higher rebound velocity than softer materials. For a specific group of material (e.g. steel, aluminum. etc.), Leeb hardness value represents a direct relationship to its hardness properties. For ordinary metal, conversion curves of hardness HL versus other standard static hardness (HB, HV, HRC, etc.) are available, enabling you to convert HL into other hardness values.

1.2. Leeb Hardness Test (definition)

An impact body with a spherical test tip made of tungsten carbide is propelled against the sample surface by a spring force and then rebounds back. At a distance of 1mm from the sample surface, the impact and rebound velocity of the impact body are measured by the following method: A permanent magnet embedded in the impact body, when passing through the coil in its coil holder, induces in the coil an electric voltage proportional to the velocities of the magnet. Leeb hardness is expressed by the following formula:

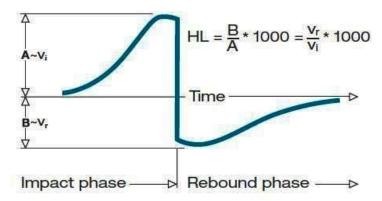
$$HL = \frac{Vr}{Vi} * 1000$$

Where: HL is Leeb Hardness

V_r is the rebound velocity of the impact body

V_i is the impact velocity of the impact body

The voltage characteristic of output signal, when the impact body passes through the induction coil is illustrated in the following figure:



Voltage characteristic of output signal

A Leeb's Hardness Tester measures the hardness of sample material in terms of Hardness Leeb (HL), which can be converted into other Hardness units (Rockwell B and C, Vickers, Brinell and Shore D).

1.3. Notation of Leeb's Hardness

When measuring the hardness of a sample material using the traditional static hardness testing method, a change of applied pressure will result in a change in the hardness reading. This will also happen during a Leeb's Hardness test when one changes the impact device. In hardness measurement of the same test sample with different impact devices, the Leeb's hardness values obtained will vary.

For example: 720HLD≠720HLC

Because different converting curves are obtained from different impact devices, when converting hardness HL into another hardness values, the notation for the converted hardness value should include the impact device used.

For example:

Hardness HV converted from hardness HL using impact device D+15 should be written as 22, 8 HV LD+15.

Where: 22=Hardness value HL

8=Hardness value HV

L=Leeb's Method

D+15=Impact device

Hardness HRC converted from hardness L using impact device D should be written as 35, 9 HRCLD.

Where: 35=Hardness value HL

9=Hardness value HRC

L=Leeb's Method

D=Impact device

2. Features and Applications

2.1. Introduction

HARTIP 2000 is an innovative portable Leeb hardness tester with our new patent technology which makes HARTIP 2000 a universal impact direction hardness tester. It is no need to set up impact direction when taking measurement by any angle. Therefore, HARTIP 2000 offers a linear accuracy comparing to the angle compensating method. HARTIP 2000 is also a cost saving hardness tester and has many other features.

2.2. Specifications

Principle Leeb hardness measurement

Accuracy ±0.3% @ HL=800

Repeatability ±2HL

Display Digital LCD with backlight Impact direction Universal angle type

Hardness scale HL/HRC/HRB/HB/HV/HS/HRA/ob

Measuring range HL100-960 / HRC0.9-79.2 / HRB1.0-140 / HB1-1878 / HV1-1698 / HS0.5-1370 /

HRA1.0-88.5 / σb (rm)1-6599N/mm²

Impact device D (External) /DC, DL, D+15, G, C, E (External, optional)

Materials 10 common metal materials

Memory 300 data can be stored and re-readable

Statistics Calculated automatically Recalibration Allowed by user

Indicator Low battery

Communication interface RS232 to micro-printer, Bluetooth (optional) to Bluetooth micro-printer

Auto power off Auto

Power supply 1.5V AA alkaline battery x 2

Working environment-10°C ~+45°C

Dimension (mm) 124x67x30

Net weight (g) 240

Standards Conforming to ASTM A956, DIN50156, GB/T 17394-1998

3. Applications

Hardness tests on installed machines or steel structures: e.g. on heavy and large work-piece or on permanently installed system parts.

Rapid testing of multiple measuring areas for examination of hardness variations over larger regions.

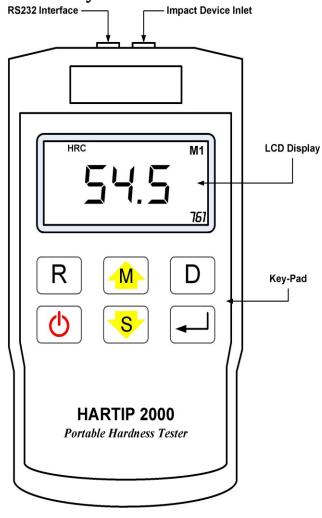
Measuring hardness for produced parts at production line.

Identifying metallic material stored in a warehouse.

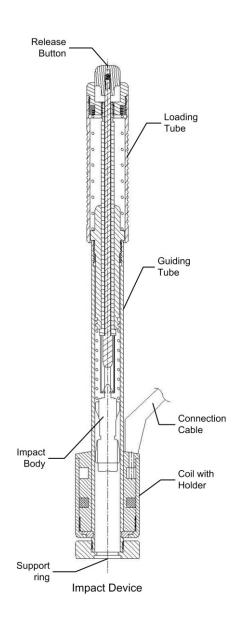
Ineffectiveness analysis of permanent parts, pressure -vessel, turbo generator.

4. Layout and Key-pad Description

4.1. Layout of HARTIP 2000



HARTIP 2000 MAIN UNIT



PROBE

4.2. Function of Key

R

: Read the memory



: Power On Power Off



: Menu

Increase the value Turn the page forth



Change parameter
Decrease the value
Turn the page back

D

: Delete the current reading
Delete the stored values
Press for 3 seconds to
activate/deactivate direction
indicator

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Confirm the setup
View the statistics values

4.3. Special Features of Impact Devices

Type	Brief description				
D	Universal standard unit for majority of hardness testing assignments.				
DC	Extremely short impact device, other specs identical with type D.				
	Application:	- highly confined spaces			
		- holes and cylinders			
		- internal measurements on assembled machines			
D+15	Slim front section	n			
	Application:	- grooves and recessed surfaces.			
DL	Extremely slim front section				
	Application:	- extremely confined spaces			
		- base of grooves			
С	Reduced impact energy (compared with type D).				
	Application:	- surface hardened components, coatings			
		- minimum layer thickness: 0.2mm.			
		-thin walled or impact sensitive components (small measuring indentation).			
E Synthetic diamond test		nd test tip (approx.5000 HV).			
	Application:	- extremely high hardness measurement such as high carbon steel up to 1200 HV			
G	Increased impac	t energy(approx. 9 times that of type D)			
	Application:	- Brinell hardness range only			
- heavy cast and forged parts wi		- heavy cast and forged parts with lower demands on surface finish.			

5. Symbols and Illustrations

5.1. Symbols and Illustrations

Symbol	Meaning
LD	Leeb hardness value obtained with impact device D
LDC	Leeb hardness value obtained with impact device DC
LG	Leeb hardness value obtained with impact device G
LC	Leeb hardness value obtained with impact device C
LD15	Leeb hardness value obtained with impact device D+15
LE	Leeb hardness value obtained with impact device E
LDL	Leeb hardness value obtained with impact device DL

Symbol	Meaning		
HL	Leeb hardness value		
HRC	Rockwell C hardness value		
HRB	Rockwell B hardness value		
HB	Brinell hardness value		
HV	Vickers hardness value		
HS	Shore hardness value		
HRA	Rockwell A hardness value		
SGM	Intensity of tension		

5.2. Measurement and Conversion Table

Range for measurement and conversion:

ALLOY TOOL STEEL 1.3-78

PROBE D/DC	T	Γ	T = ==	HLD: 10		1	2-
MATERIALS	HRC	HRB	НВ	HV	HS	HRA	σb(N/mm ²)
STEEL/CAST STEEL	1-74.7	1.2-140	28-1027	45-1230	4.0-112	7-88.5	118-3315
ALLOY TOOL STEEL	0.9-78.7	*	*	32-1698	*	*	79-6599
STAINLESS STEEL	3.7-62.4	8.3-101.7	85-655	36-802	*	*	108-1725
GREY CAST IRON-GG	*	*	35-570	*	*	*	*
NODULAR CAST IRON	*	*	62-857	*	*	*	*
CAST ALUMINUM	*	24-85	19-445	*	*	*	*
COPPER-ZINC BRASS	*	1.5-99.6	32-477	*	*	*	*
COPPER ALUMINIUM BRONZE	*	*	15-505	*	*	*	*
WEOUGHT COPPER	*	*	39-569	*	*	*	*
FORGING STEEL	*	*	50-1060	*	*	*	*
						•	•
PROBE DL	1		00-980	T	T	T	25
MATERIALS	HRC	HRB	HB	HV	HS	HRA *	σb(N/mm²) *
STEEL/CAST STEEL	1-73	1.5-109.5	1-1026	1-1167	0.5-100	*	*
PROBE E		HLE: 10	0-960				
MATERIALS	HRC	HRB	НВ	HV	HS	HRA	σb(N/mm ²)
STEEL/CAST STEEL	6.3-78.5	*	24-1144	24-1369	3.6-121	*	*
ALLOY TOOL STEEL	10.5-83.2	*	*	24-1659	*	*	*
PROBE G		HLG: 10	00.000				
MATERIALS	HRC	HRB	HB	HV	HS	HRA	σb(N/mm²)
STEEL/CAST STEEL	*	1-133	10-946	*	*	*	*
GREY CAST IRON-GG	*	*	5-804	*	*	*	*
NODULAR CAST IRON	*	*	5-998	*	*	*	*
mon							
PROBE C		HLC: 100					
MATERIALS	HRC	HRB	HB	HV	HS	HRA	σb(N/mm²)
STEEL/CAST STEEL	5-72.5	*	23-953	23-1125	5-111	*	*
ALLOY TOOL STEEL	4-77.2	*	*	43-1566	*	*	*
DDODE D. 15		111	D+15: 100-960	1			
PROBE D+15	HRC	HRB	HB	HV	HS	HRA	σb(N/mm²)
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MATERIALS STEEL/CAST						*	*
	1-69.8	*	12-999	12-1221	2-112		

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6. Preparation before Measuring

6.1. Requirements for the sample

The surface temperature of sample should be less than 120 °C.

The samples must feature a metallic smooth, ground surface, in order to eliminate erroneous measurements brought about by coarse grinding or lathe scoring. Roughness of the finished surface should not exceed values shown in following table:

Types of impact devices	Max surface roughness of sample Ra
D/DC/D+15/DL/E	2μm
G	7μm
C	0.4µm

6.2. Requirements for the weight of the sample

For samples weighing over 5 kg and of compact shape, no support is needed.

Samples weighing between 2-5 kg, and also for heavier samples with protruding parts or thin walls, should be placed on a solid support in such a manner that they do not bend or move by the impact force.

Samples weighing less than 2 kg should be firmly coupled with a stable support weighing over 5 kg. For coupling purposes,

The coupling surface between the sample and base plate should be flat, plane parallel and ground.

A thin proper layer of coupling paste is to be applied to the contact surface of the sample.

The sample should be firmly pressed against the surface of the base plate by moving it with a circular motion.

The direction of impact should be perpendicular to the coupling surface.

For the coupling operation, the following prerequisites must be fulfilled:

The contact surface of the sample and the surface of the base plate must be flat, plane parallel and ground. The direction of the test impact must be perpendicular to the coupled surface.

Minimum thickness of the sample for coupling under various impact devices are shown in following table:

Types of impact devices	Minimum thickness
D/DC/D+15/DL/E	3mm
G	10mm
С	1mm

Proper Coupling:

Proper coupling requires a little experience. Insufficiently coupled samples produce large variations of individual measurements, L-values which are too low and the operation is characterized by a rattling noise upon impact of the test tip.

Example for coupling a test piece with a base plate:



Application of the coupling paste



Mutual rubbing of both parts while firmly press the sample against the base plate.



A particular advanced of coupling is the possibility of obtaining a very uniform, rigid connection between the sample and the support, totally eliminating stresses at the sample surface. The resulting variation in measured values is very low.

6.3. Requirement for the surface hardened layer of the sample

Surface-hardened steels, especially case-hardened steels, produce L-values which are too low when case-hardening depth is small because of their soft core .When measuring with impact devices D, D+15 or DL, depth of the hardened layer should be no less than 0.8 mm. When measuring with impact device C, the depth of the hardened layer should be no less than 0.2 mm.

Types of impact devices	Min. layer thickness for surface hardening
D/DC/D+15/DL/E	0.8mm
С	0.2mm

Surface of the test sample should not be magnetic.

For test sample of curving surface with radius of curvature R less than 30mm, a small support ring should be used.

6.4. Supporting the Samples during Testing

Types of impact	Classification of samples				
devices	Heavy-weight	medium-weight	light-weight		
D/DC/D+15/DL/E	>5kg	2 - 5kg	0.05 - 2kg		
G	>15 kg	5 - 15kg	0.5 - 5kg		
С	>1.5kg	0.5 - 1.5kg	0.02 - 0.5kg		

When measuring hardness with HARTIP 2000, the following has to be noticed: Despite the low mass of the impact body and low impact energy, a relatively large impact force within short duration is generated when the impact body hits the measuring surface.

Types of impact devices	D/DC/D+15/DL/E	G	С
Max. impact force	900N	2500N	500N

No particular precautions are necessary for heavy-weight samples with compact shape.

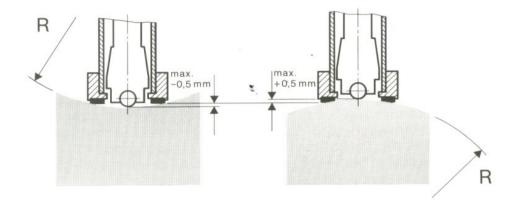
Smaller and lighter samples or workpieces may yield or flex under this force, producing too-low L-values with excessively large variation. Even with big or heavy workpieces, it is possible for thin-wall regions or thinner protruding parts to yield upon impact. Depending on the frequency of the resilient yielding action, the measured L-value may be abnormally low or high. Under many situation, potential problems can be checked in the following manner:

- a) Medium-weight samples and also heavier samples with protruding parts or thin walls should be placed on a solid support in such a manner that they do not move or flex during the test impact.
- b) Light-weight samples should be rigidly "coupled" with a non-yielding support such as a heavy base plate. Clamping in a vice is of no value, since the samples become exposed to stress and because complete rigidity is never attained. As a rule, the measured L-values would be too small and show excessive variations.

6.5. Samples with Curved Surfaces

Impact testers only work properly, if the impact body has a certain position in the guide tube at the moment of impacting the test surface. In the normal position, automatically present when testing flat and convex-cylindrical samples (such as round samples), the spherical test tip is located exactly at the end of the guide tube.

However, when testing spherically or cylindrically shaped concave surfaces, the impact body remains further within the guide tube or protrudes further therefore. Thus, with such types of curved surfaces, it is to be observed that radii of curvature do not drop below the values indicated in the following Fig. Curved surfaces should always be tested with the small support ring.



Impact device types D, D+15, C and E Rmin =30mm Impact device type G Rmin =50mm

For impact devices D, D+15, C and E, special support rings are available to accommodate smaller radii on convex or concave surface.

Types of impact devices	Support Ring	Radius for Curved Surface (mm)
D/DC, D+15,C,E	Standard support ring	>60
	Small support ring	60-30
С	Standard support ring	>100
	Small support ring	100-50

7. Menu Operation

Press the key to switch on the tester and press the key again to switch off the tester. When the tester is switched on, the tester will enter into measuring mode.

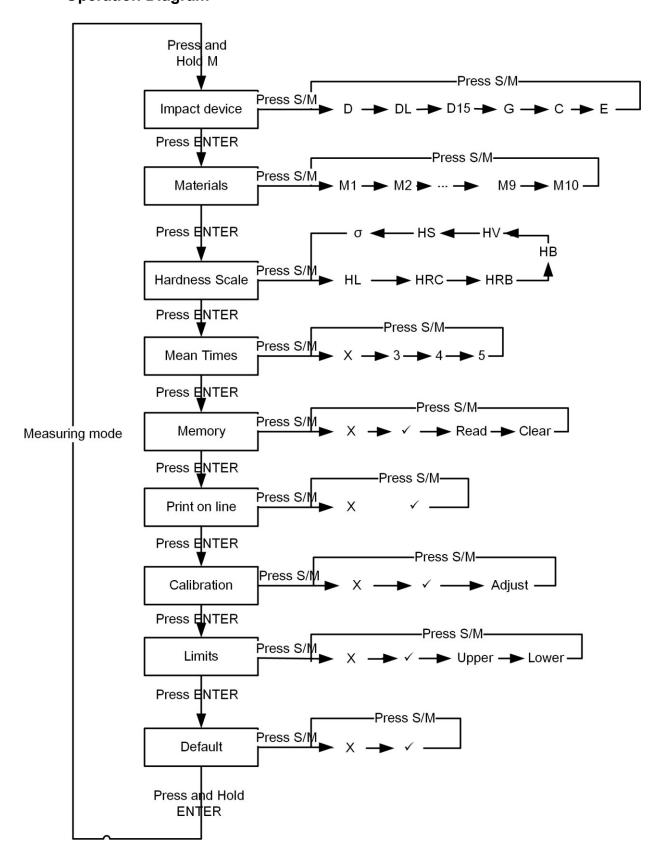
In the measuring mode, press and hold key to enter MENU mode

Press or to change parameters in the current MENU item.

Press key to confirm the setting and enter next menu.

Press and hold key to exit the menu mode and return to the measuring mode.

7.1. Parameter Setup Operation Diagram



7.2. Impact Device (Probe) Setup to enter the MENU mode, the first menu is IMPACT DEVICE. Press and hold key to change probe between D, DL, D15, G, C and E. 1-9 Impact device D to confirm the setting and enter next menu - Materials. Press and hold key menu mode and return to the measuring mode. 7.3. Materials Selection The material selected is prior to the conversion from HL value to other scales. Press and hold key to enter the MENU mode, then press to enter the next menu - MATERIALS. to change material from $M1 \rightarrow M2 \rightarrow M3 \rightarrow ... \rightarrow M10$. 2-9 2-9 2-9 Materials Materials Materials Steel&cast steel M1 Alloy tool steel M2 Forged steel M₁₀ to confirm the setting and enter next menu. Press and hold key and return to the measuring mode. Steel & Cast Steel M1: Cold Work Tool Steel M2: Stainless Steel & High-temp. Resistant Steel M3: Cast Iron with Lamellar Graphite (GG) M4: Cast Iron with Nodular Graphite (GGG) M5: **Cast Aluminum Alloys** M6: Copper-Zinc Alloys (Brass) M7: Copper-Aluminum / Copper-Tin Alloys (Bronze) M8: Wrought Copper Alloys M9: M10: **Forging Steel** 7.4. Hardness Scale (Conversion) Hardness scale is based on the material selected. Not every material has same conversion. For example, for steel, it has conversions to HRC, HRB, HB, HV, HS; but for cast iron, only has conversions to HB. The material selected is prior to the conversion from HL value to other scales. to enter the MENU mode, then press Press and hold kev consecutively to enter the menu -HARDNESS SCALE.

to change hardness scale from $HL\rightarrow HRC\rightarrow HRB\rightarrow HV\rightarrow HS\rightarrow HRA\rightarrow \sigma b$.

Hardness scale

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HRC

Hardness scale

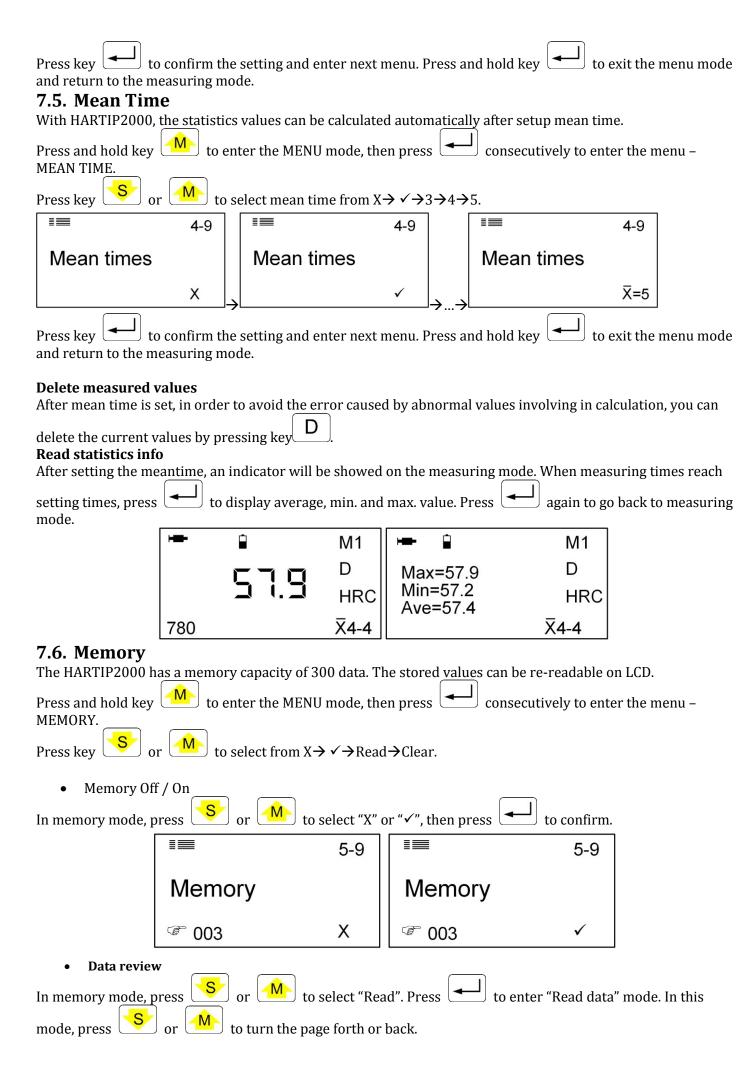
Hardness scale

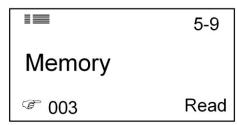
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HL

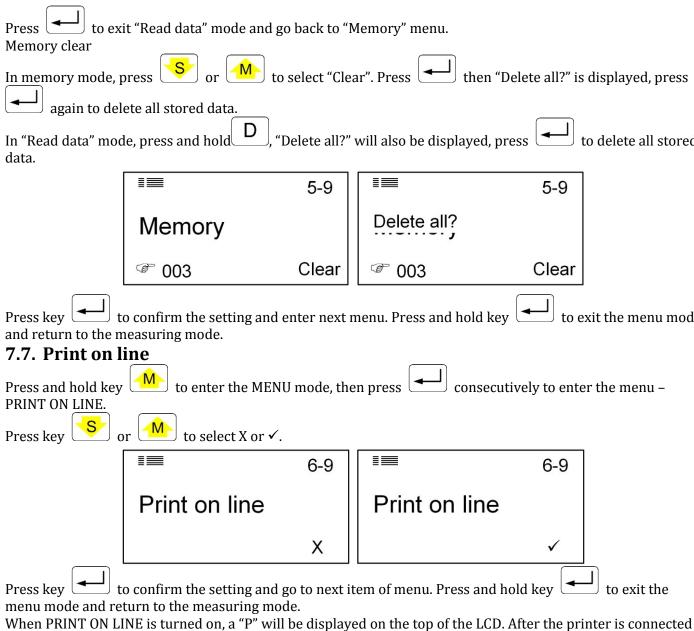
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δ









Please note PRINT ON LINE function will be disabled after the tester is turned off. If you need to print, please enable it again.

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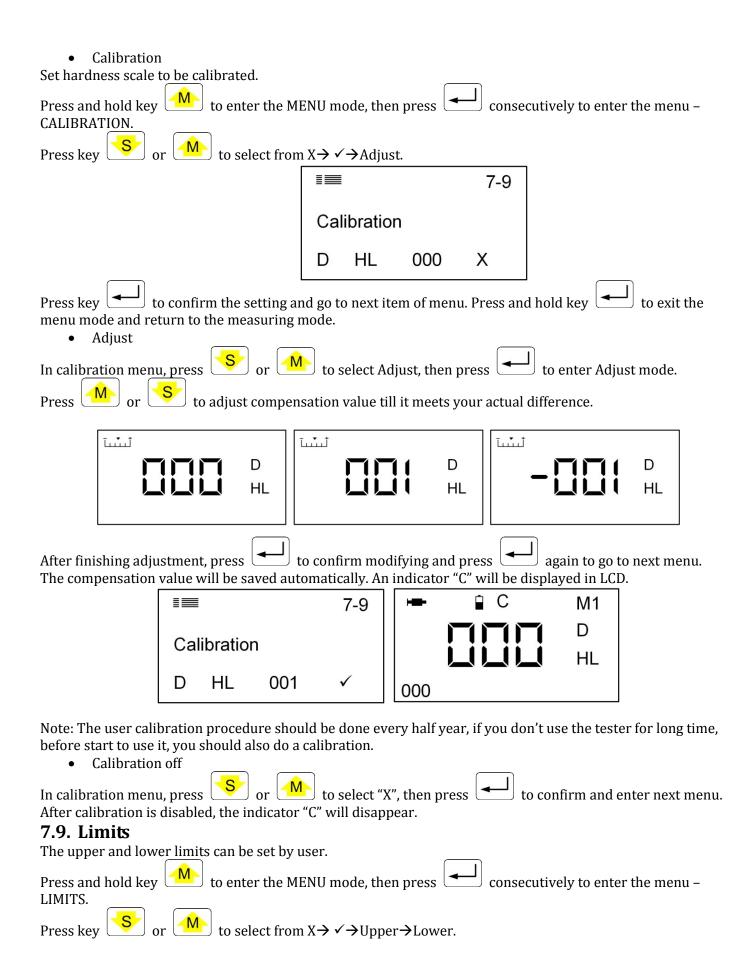
M1 D

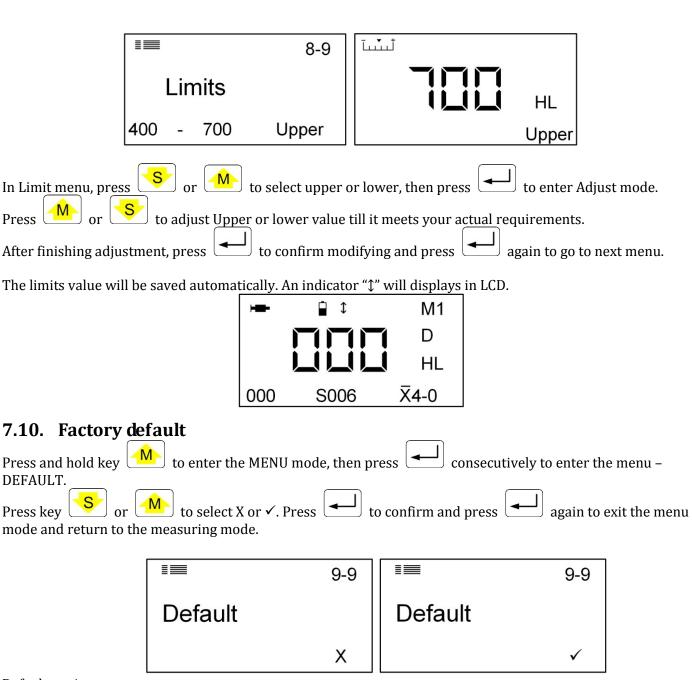
7.8. Compensation (Calibration)

correctly, every measurement will be printed automatically.

• Compensation Description

The measurement compensation is used for calibration of the instrument. After the instrument is used for some time, the ball tip on impact body may be worn out which would lead inaccuracy. In order to compensate such error, the tester is designed to be re-calibrated by user.





Default settings: Hardness scale: HL Materials: M1 Mean time: Off Memory: Off Print on line: Off Calibration: Off

DEFAULT.

Press kev

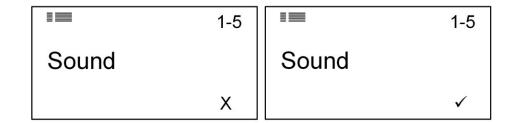
Factory default: No

Limits: Off

7.11. Configuration Menu

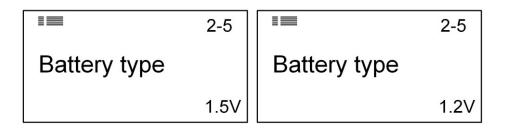
In the measuring mode, press and hold key to enter the Configuration mode.

Sound In the measuring mode, press and hold key to enter the Configuration mode, first item is SOUND. Press to select X or ✓.



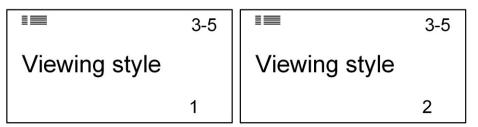
• Battery type

In the measuring mode, press and hold key to enter the Configuration mode, then press consecutively to enter the menu – BATTERY TYPE. Press key or to select 1.5V or 1.2V. Press to enter next menu.



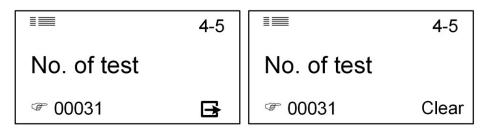
Viewing style

In the measuring mode, press and hold key to enter the Configuration mode, then press consecutively to enter the menu – VIEWING STYLE. Press key or to select 1 or 2. Press to enter next menu.



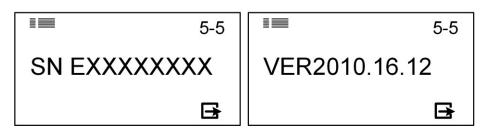
No. of test

In the measuring mode, press and hold key to enter the Configuration mode, then press consecutively to enter the menu – NO. OF TEST. Press key or to view number or clear the number. Press to enter next menu.



• System information

In the measuring mode, press and hold key to enter the Configuration mode, then press consecutively to enter the menu – 5-5. Press key or to view serial number, firmware or other system information. Press to exit configuration menu.

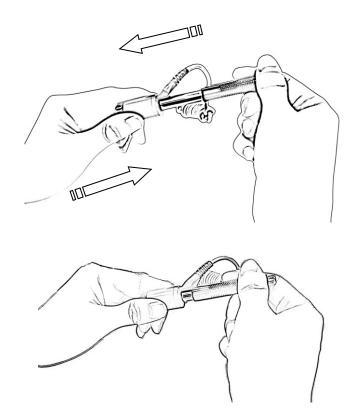


8. Measuring

Press the key to switch on the tester and press the key again to switch off the tester. When t If the parameters are needed to change.

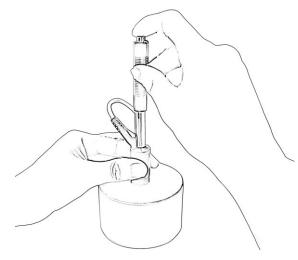
8.1. Take measurements

Load spring force



Hold the impact device with left hand while push the loading tube with right hand toward to the end. Then loose the force and let the loading tube back to original position.

Release



Place the impact device against the object to be measured. Then press the release button on top of the impact device with finger of right hand. The measuring value will be displayed on LCD.

Please note: During the measurement, the impact device must be placed vertically with a little force against the surface of workpiece. Otherwise, it may affect the accuracy.

8.2. Data storing and review

This tester has a memory capacity of 300 data. The stored values can be re-readable on LCD. Switch on the memory function from the menu. Memory, then all measured data will be stored automatically. In

measuring mode, press to enter data review mode, in this mode, you can review stored data, press or to turn the page forth or back. Press to exit "Read data" mode and go back to the measuring mode. For more detailed information.

8.3. Print-out (Optional)

If the tester is integrated with a wireless module, it can be equipped with a wireless printer to print the measurement in real time. Switch on the print function from the menu. Print on line. The measuring data will be printed automatically; if the mean time is set, when measuring times reach setting times, the average value, max. value and min. value will also be printed automatically. To cancel printing, return to the menu to disable print on line.



9. Maintenance and Repair

Do your best to avoid shock, heavy dust, damp, strong magnetic field, and oil stain.

9.1. Maintenance of the Impact Device

The devices do not require any particular care other than periodic cleaning of the impact body and the guide tube after performing approximately 1000-2000 tests. During cleaning, the following procedures need to be observed:

Unscrew support ring and remove impact body from guide tube.

Clean off any dirt and metallic dust from the impact body and the spherical test tip.

Clean guide tube with the special brush provided.

Do not apply oil to any parts for the impact device.

Please make sure to keep the spring of impact device at releasing position, do not let the spring pressed by locking impact body after working and being storage.

Optional Accessories Support Rings for Impact Device D **10.**

Part designatio	n and dimensions:	Suitable for the following test surfaces		
D6	Φ 19.5×5.5mm	R≥60mm	plane cylindrical hollow-cylindrical spherical hollow-spherical	
D6a	Φ 13.5×5.5mm	R≥30mm	plane cylindrical hollow -cylindrical spherical hollow-spherical	
Z 10-15 Z 14.5-30 Z 25-50	20×20×7.5mm 20×20×6.5mm 20×20×6.5mm	cylindrical R 10mm-15mm R 14.5mm-30mm R 25mm-50mm		
137		R<10mm not possib R≥30mm D6/D6a	le	
HZ 11-13 HZ 12.5-17 HZ 16.5-30	20×18×5mm 20×20×5mm 20×20×5mm	hollow-cylindrical R 11mm-13mm R 12.5mm-17mm R 16.5mm-30mm R<11mm not possibl R≥30mm D6a	e	
K 10-15 K 14.5-30	Ф 20×7.7mm Ф 20×6.7mm	spherical R 10mm-13mm R 14.5mm-30mm R<10mm not possib R≥30mm D6/D6a	le	
HK 11-13 HK 12.5-17 HK 16.5-30	Ф 17×5mm Ф 18×5mm Ф 20×5mm	hollow-spherical R 11mm-13mm R 12.5mm-17mm R 16.5mm-30mm R<11mm not possib R≥30mm D6a	le	
UN	Ф 52×20×16mm			