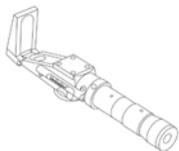


Operating manual Analogue refractometer

KERN ORA 90 BE Analogue Expert 3x Brix scale
ORA 1 RE Analogue Expert 3x nD scale

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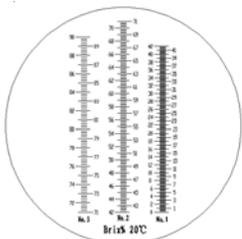
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1. Technische Daten

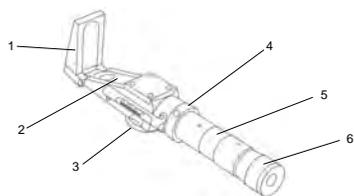
Models KERN	Measuring range and Scales	Scale gradu- ations Accuracy	Dimensions Product	Net weight
ORA 90BE	Brix: 0-42% Brix: 42-71% Brix: 71-90%	0,2 % Brix 0,2 % Brix 0,2 % Brix	200x40x40mm	0,600kg
ORA 1RE	Rl: 1,333- 1,5200 nD	0,005 nD	200x40x40mm	0,600kg

Example scale on
ORA 90 BE

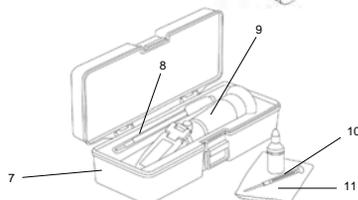


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2. Description



1. Prism cover
2. Prism surface
3. Adjusting wheel measuring range
4. Dispersion adjusting ring
5. Optical tubes
6. Eyepiece with diopter adjustment ring



7. Storage box
8. Pipette
9. Refractometer
10. Tools
11. Cleaning cloth

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3. General information

3.1 Intended use

The refractometer is a measuring instrument for determining the refractive index of transparent substances in liquid or in some cases also in the solid state. It is used to observe the behaviour of light as it passes from a prism with known properties to the substance being tested.

Use of the refractometer for other purposes is contrary to its intended use and may be hazardous. The manufacturer shall not be liable for any damages caused by improper use.

3.2 Warranty

The warranty shall be void in the event of:

- ▶ Failure to observe the instructions in the operating manual
- ▶ Use for purposes other than those described
- ▶ Modifications or opening the device housing
- ▶ Mechanical damage and/or damage resulting from media, liquids, natural wear and tear

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4. Basic safety information

4.1 Follow the instructions in the operating manual



- ▶ Carefully read through the operating manual even if you have prior experience with KERN refractometers.
- ▶ Every language version includes a non-authoritative translation. The original German document is the definitive version.

4.2 Warning

- ▶ Do not let acids come into contact with skin or eyes. If acid comes into contact with skin, flush with copious amounts of water. Shower if larger areas of skin are affected.
- ▶ If acid comes into contact with eyes, keep the eyelid open and flush the eye with running lukewarm water from the outer corner to the inner corner. Flush eyes for at least 15 minutes. Then consult a doctor or ophthalmologist immediately.
- ▶ Thoroughly clean the refractometer after each use.
- ▶ The refractometer must not be exposed to extreme temperatures, high mechanical stresses, strong direct sunlight or high humidity.
- ▶ This refractometer is not a toy. Keep out of reach of children.
- ▶ Make sure that you will not be hit by anything else while you are using the refractometer, as this could cause serious eye injuries
- ▶ The rubber eyeshade may cause irritation when in prolonged contact with the skin. If this happens, consult your doctor.
- ▶ Do not touch the lenses with your fingers.

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5. Supplied items

After unpacking and before using the device for the first time, check that all listed parts have been supplied. Replace damaged or faulty parts immediately and do not put them into operation.

- ▶ Refractometer
- ▶ Storage box
- ▶ Pipette
- ▶ Tools
- ▶ Cleaning cloth

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6. Before the first use

Remove the protective film (if present) from the prism surface [2] and move the measuring range adjusting wheel [3] to position 1.



The refractometer cannot be used for the measurement of oil-based fluids.

7. Use/measurement

- ▶ The refractometer can be used to quickly and accurately determine the refractive index of transparent substances, liquid or solid ones. Please make sure your hands are dry before handling the measuring device.
- ▶ The measuring instrument has three measuring ranges. Please use the measuring range adjusting wheel on the underside of the casing to switch measuring ranges.
- ▶ The light falling on the prism can be changed using a rotating flap on the underside of the prism.
- ▶ In addition, the refractometer is provided with an adjusting ring [4], which can reduce chromating, primarily with low liquid concentrations.
- ▶ The light/dark transition is clearly visible.

Important!

The ambient/room temperature and the sample temperature influence the refractometer measuring result. The scales are designed for an ambient temperature of +20 °C! If the measurements are carried out at a temperature other than +20 °C, the results must be correspondingly corrected. A correction table can be found in the annex, Point 14.



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7.1 Additional advice

It is important that the samples being measured are representative samples. Measurements should be carried out quickly on samples that evaporate easily. The samples should be at the same temperature as the measuring instrument in order to achieve an accurate result.

7.2 Measuring procedure

- ▶ Make sure your hands are dry before handling the refractometer.
- ▶ Open the prism cover [1] and use the supplied pipette [8] to apply a few drops of the sample liquid [8] onto the prism surface [2], then close the prism cover [1]. Spread the liquid evenly by pressing down on the prism cover [1].
- ▶ Hold the device horizontally and wait about 30 seconds (for optimal temperature equalisation between the sample and device).
- ▶ View the measurement scale through the eyepiece [6]. Point the prism surface [2] of the refractometer at a bright light source while doing this.
- ▶ The light falling on the prism can be changed using a rotating flap on the underside of the prism.
- ▶ Rotate the adjustment ring [6] on the eyepiece [6] to adjust the focus.
- ▶ The boundary line will move on the measurement scale depending on the concentration. This bright/dark boundary line shows the result directly on the scale.
- ▶ The measuring instrument has three measuring ranges. Please use the measuring range adjusting wheel on the underside of the casing to switch measuring ranges.
- ▶ The light/dark boundary can be brought into sharp focus using the dispersion adjusting ring [6]. This is useful for low liquid concentrations.
- ▶ If the temperature deviates from +20 °C, correct the measured result using the corresponding value from the temperature correction table (Point 14).
- ▶ Carefully clean the supplied pipette [8] and the refractometer after carrying out the measurement.

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Important!

After every measurement, use a lint-free, absorbent cloth to remove the fluids from the prism surface [2] and prism cover [1]. Then carefully clean the prism and prism cover using a cloth moistened with water or if necessary alcohol, and dry both parts using a soft, dry and lint-free cloth. Avoid rubbing the prism [2].



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8. Cleaning and maintenance

Clean the refractometer using a soft, lint-free cloth moistened with water, or if necessary alcohol. Do not use any aggressive or abrasive cleaning agents. Never immerse the device in water or hold it under running water. Never handle the device with wet or damp hands.

Never touch the measuring prism [2] with hard tools made from plastic, wood, rubber, metal, glass etc. Hard objects can quickly damage the relatively soft prism glass, resulting in measurement errors.

The refractometer is maintenance-free.

Cleaning should be carried out immediately before and after each use of the refractometer to maximise its life and optimise measurement results.

9. Storage

Store the refractometer in a dry, non-corrosive environment, preferably between 10°C and 30 °C.

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10. Service

After reading this operating manual, if you have any questions about setting up or using the refractometer, or if any unexpected problem occurs, please contact your dealer. The device housing may only be opened by trained service technicians authorised by KERN.

11. Disposal

The packaging consists of environmentally friendly materials which can be disposed of via local recycling facilities.

The device and storage box should be disposed of by the operator in accordance with applicable national or regional regulations at the place of use.

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12. Additional information

The product may differ slightly from the illustrations. Avoid exposing the refractometer to direct sunlight! Never bring the refractometer into contact with solvents.

13. Brix to refractive index (nD) conversion table

Data from „ICUMSA“ International Commission for Uniform Methods of Sugar Analysis, at 20 °C and 589 nm wavelength.

Brix %	Refractive index nD	
	0.0	5.0
0	1.33299	1.34442
1	1.33442	1.34586
2	1.33586	1.34730
3	1.33730	1.34874
4	1.33874	1.35018
5	1.34018	1.35162
6	1.34162	1.35306
7	1.34306	1.35450
8	1.34450	1.35594
9	1.34594	1.35738
10	1.34738	1.35882
11	1.34882	1.36026
12	1.35026	1.36170
13	1.35170	1.36314
14	1.35314	1.36458
15	1.35458	1.36602
16	1.35602	1.36746
17	1.35746	1.36890
18	1.35890	1.37034
19	1.36034	1.37178
20	1.36178	1.37322
21	1.36322	1.37466
22	1.36466	1.37610
23	1.36610	1.37754
24	1.36754	1.37898
25	1.36898	1.38042
26	1.37042	1.38186
27	1.37186	1.38330
28	1.37330	1.38474
29	1.37474	1.38618
30	1.37618	1.38762

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14. Annex

Table 1: International Temperature Correction Table for °Brix (by sugar gradient) Correct the result by the following values (refractometer must be correctly calibrated at 20 °C).

Temperature °C	% Brix reading		°Brix (by sugar gradient)															
	0.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	20.0	25.0	30.0	35.0	40.0	45.0	50.0	55.0	60.0	65.0	70.0	75.0	80.0	85.0
10.0	-0.12	-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	-0.15	-0.15	-0.15	-0.15
11.0	-0.49	-0.52	-0.54	-0.57	-0.59	-0.61	-0.63	-0.64	-0.65	-0.66	-0.67	-0.68	-0.68	-0.68	-0.68	-0.67	-0.67	-0.66
12.0	-0.44	-0.47	-0.49	-0.51	-0.53	-0.55	-0.56	-0.57	-0.58	-0.59	-0.60	-0.60	-0.61	-0.61	-0.60	-0.60	-0.60	-0.59
13.0	-0.40	-0.41	-0.43	-0.45	-0.47	-0.48	-0.50	-0.51	-0.52	-0.52	-0.53	-0.53	-0.53	-0.53	-0.53	-0.53	-0.52	-0.52
14.0	-0.34	-0.36	-0.38	-0.39	-0.40	-0.42	-0.43	-0.44	-0.44	-0.45	-0.45	-0.46	-0.46	-0.46	-0.46	-0.45	-0.45	-0.44
15.0	-0.29	-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	-0.38	-0.37	-0.37	-0.37
16.0	-0.24	-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	-0.31	-0.30	-0.30	-0.30
17.0	-0.18	-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	-0.23	-0.23	-0.23	-0.22
18.0	-0.12	-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	-0.15	-0.15	-0.15	-0.15
19.0	-0.06	-0.06	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.07
20.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21.0	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	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07
22.0	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
23.0	0.20	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	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.22
24.0	0.27	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.30	0.30
25.0	0.34	0.35	0.36	0.37	0.38	0.38	0.39	0.39	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.38	0.37
26.0	0.42	0.43	0.44	0.45	0.46	0.46	0.47	0.47	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.46	0.46
27.0	0.50	0.51	0.52	0.53	0.54	0.55	0.55	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.55	0.55	0.54	0.53	0.52
28.0	0.58	0.59	0.60	0.61	0.62	0.63	0.64	0.64	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.63	0.62	0.61	0.60
29.0	0.66	0.67	0.68	0.69	0.70	0.71	0.72	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.72	0.72	0.71	0.70	0.69	0.68
30.0	0.74	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	0.78	0.77	0.75

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