



# INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION FOR STATUS AND TREND NETWORK PROJECTS

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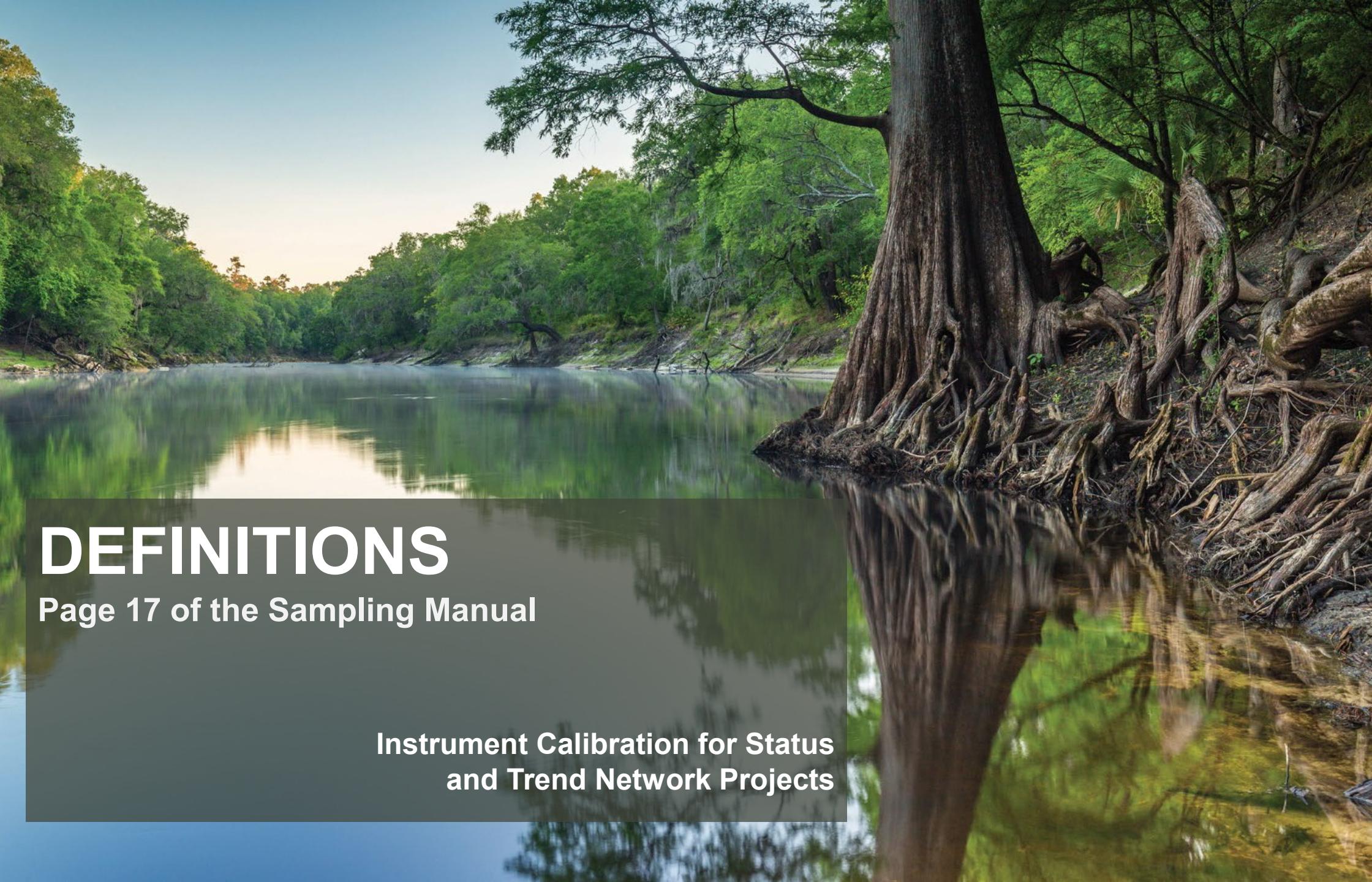
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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

1. Definitions.
2. General requirements.
3. Detailed requirements.
  - a) Listed by parameter.
4. Troubleshooting.



# DEFINITIONS

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# DEFINITIONS

## **Initial Calibration (IC):**

The instrument or meter electronics are adjusted to a theoretical value or a known value of a calibration standard.

## **Initial Calibration Verification (ICV):**

The instrument or meter calibration is checked, directly following the initial calibration, by measuring a calibration standard of known value as if it were a sample. The measured result is compared to the calibration acceptance criteria.



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## **Continuing Calibration Verification (CCV):**

The instrument or meter calibration is checked or verified by measuring a calibration standard of known value as if it were a sample. The measured result is compared to the calibration acceptance criteria.

## **Acceptance Criteria:**

The numerical limits within which calibration verifications are acceptable.



# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

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# BRACKETING REQUIREMENTS

## **Chronologically:**

Need verification before collecting field data and verification after collecting field data.

## **Quantitatively:**

Standards used for calibration and verification must encompass range of values observed in field.

All field data must be bracketed by passing calibration or verification data.



# SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE EXAMPLE

## BRACKET SAMPLES BY STANDARD RANGE AND TIME

7:30 Calibrate (1000  $\mu\text{hos}/\text{cm}$ )



7:35 ICV (100  $\mu\text{hos}/\text{cm}$ )



10:00 Sample Collection (1525  $\mu\text{hos}/\text{cm}$ )



15:30 End of Day CCV (5000  $\mu\text{hos}/\text{cm}$ )



# DOCUMENTATION

Calibration log required for all calibrations and verifications.

- Standard operating procedure (SOP) reference.
- Meter identification (ID).
- Date/Time of each calibration or verification.
- Information about standards.
- Instrument reading.
- Result.
  - Pass or Fail.
- Name of person performing each activity.

## CALIBRATION AND VERIFICATION LOG (FDEP SOP FT 1000-FT 1500, FD 1000-FD 4000)

Meter ID: \_\_\_\_\_ RQ: \_\_\_\_\_ Projects: \_\_\_\_\_

**Boldly "X" this box if there are qualified data on this page.**

Notes: (1) Always wait for meter to stabilize before recording any readings.

(2) Report all digits displayed. Do not round before reporting measurements. (See special instructions for depth).

(3) For Calibrations, record calibrated meter reading. Do not record initial meter reading before calibration.

### Temperature (Quarterly) FT 1400

Date of Last Temperature Verification \_\_\_\_\_

| DO<br>DEP SOP<br>FT 1500 | Name | Date | Time<br>CT-ET | Temp<br>°C | Baro-<br>meter<br>mmHg | D.O.<br>Chart<br>mg/L | Meter<br>D.O.<br>mg/L | % DO | Probe<br>Charge | Probe<br>Gain | Pass<br>/ Fail | Lab<br>/ Field |
|--------------------------|------|------|---------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Calibr.                  |      |      |               |            |                        |                       |                       |      |                 |               |                | P/F L/F        |
| ICV                      |      |      |               |            |                        |                       |                       |      |                 |               |                | P/F L/F        |
| CCV                      |      |      |               |            |                        |                       |                       |      |                 |               |                | P/F L/F        |
| CCV                      |      |      |               |            |                        |                       |                       |      |                 |               |                | P/F L/F        |

DO Acceptance criteria from Table  $\pm 0.3$  mg/L.

**Rapid-Pulse Sensors:** DO Gain Range 0.7 to 1.4; DO Charge Range 25-75.

**Optical:** DO gain range 0.85 to 1.15 (Pro DSS 0.75 to 1.50); DO charge N/A. **Steady-state & Galvanic Sensors:** DO Gain & Charge N/A.

| Spec.<br>Cond.<br>FT 1200 | Name | Date | Time<br>CT-ET | Lot # | Expir.<br>Date | Standard<br>µmhos/cm | Meter<br>Reading<br>µmhos/cm | Pass<br>/ Fail | Lab<br>/ Field |
|---------------------------|------|------|---------------|-------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Calibr.                   |      |      |               |       |                |                      |                              |                | P/F L/F        |
| ICV                       |      |      |               |       |                |                      |                              |                | P/F L/F        |
| CCV                       |      |      |               |       |                |                      |                              |                | P/F L/F        |
| CCV                       |      |      |               |       |                |                      |                              |                | P/F L/F        |

Conductivity Acceptance criteria  $\pm 5\%$

| pH<br>DEP SOP<br>FT 1100 | Name | Date | Time<br>CT-ET | Lot # | Expir.<br>Date | pH<br>Buffer<br>SU | Temp<br>°C | Meter<br>reading<br>SU | mV | Pass<br>/ Fail | Lab<br>/ Field |
|--------------------------|------|------|---------------|-------|----------------|--------------------|------------|------------------------|----|----------------|----------------|
| Calibr.                  |      |      |               |       |                | 7.                 |            |                        |    |                | P/F L/F        |
| Calibr.                  |      |      |               |       |                | 4.                 |            |                        |    |                | P/F L/F        |
| Calibr.                  |      |      |               |       |                | 10.                |            |                        |    |                | P/F L/F        |
| ICV                      |      |      |               |       |                |                    |            |                        |    |                | P/F L/F        |
| CCV                      |      |      |               |       |                |                    |            |                        |    |                | P/F L/F        |
| CCV                      |      |      |               |       |                |                    |            |                        |    |                | P/F L/F        |

pH Acceptance criteria  $\pm 0.2$  SU; mV pH 7 Range  $0 \pm 50$ ; mV pH 4 Range  $+180 \pm 50$ ; mV pH 10 Range  $-180 \pm 50$ ;

If mV are recorded: slope from 7 to 10 \_\_\_\_\_, slope from 4 to 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (both must be between 165 and 180 mV)

Does meter have a depth sensor that will be used to measure total depth & sample depth? YES / NO / NA (not surf. water project)

If YES, complete daily Calibr. & ICV below and list date of last quarterly depth verification: \_\_\_\_\_

If NO, what will be used? (circle one) Secchi Disk Line / Sonar Unique ID: \_\_\_\_\_; Date of last verification: \_\_\_\_\_

| Depth Sensor<br>(Daily Calibration &<br>ICV) | Name | Date | Time<br>CT-ET | Calibrated<br>Value (0.00 or<br>Offset), meters | ICV Value,<br>meters | Pass /<br>Fail | Lab /<br>Field |
|--|------|------|---------------|---|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Pressure mode in air                         |      |      |               |   |                      | P/F            | L/F            |

Report two decimal places. Round numbers  $\leq 4$  down,  $\geq 5$  up. ICV acceptance criteria  $\pm 5\%$  or  $\pm 0.05$  m, whichever is greater.

COMMENTS:



# DOCUMENTATION

- When documenting a date, always include month, day and year.
  - In MM/DD/YYYY format.
- Complete all required fields for each calibration log entry.
  - Acceptable to use arrows/ditto marks.

| Spec. Cond. FT 1200 | Name     | Date      | Time CT-ET | Lot # | Expir. Date | Standard $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$ | Meter Reading $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$ | Pass / Fail | Lab / Field |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|------------|-------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Calibr.             | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 07:45      | C3PO  | 04/30/2023  | 1000                         | 1005                              | P/ F        | L/ F        |
| ICV                 | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 08:05      | R2D2  | 05/31/2023  | 100                          | 101                               | P/ F        | L/ F        |
| CCV                 | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 13:55      | OBE1  | 06/30/2023  | 5000                         | 5015                              | P/ F        | L/ F        |
| CCV                 | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 14:00      | R2D2  | 05/31/2023  | 100                          | 102                               | P/ F        | L/ F        |

Conductivity Acceptance criteria  $\pm 5\%$

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# STANDARDS

- Do not reuse standards.
  - Use a fresh aliquot of standard for each activity (IC, ICV and CCV).
- Do not use expired standards.
  - Unless they have been previously verified against other (non – expired standards).
    - Contact Quality Assurance (QA) Officer for requirements.



# DETAILED REQUIREMENTS

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| Parameter            | Number of Decimal Places To Record  | Calibration / Verification Frequency  | Acceptance Criteria   |
|----------------------|---|---|---|
| pH                   | All Displayed   | Daily IC, ICV, CCV  | $\pm 0.2$ SU  |
| Specific Conductance | All Displayed   | Daily IC, ICV, CCV  | $\pm 5\%$   |
| Dissolved Oxygen     | All Displayed   | Daily IC, ICV, CCV  | $\pm 0.3$ mg/L  |
| Temperature          | All Displayed   | Quarterly CCV   | $\pm 0.5$ °C  |
| Turbidity            | All Displayed   | <u>Daily</u> CCV;<br><u>Quarterly</u> IC, ICV, secondary standard verification;   | 0.1 - 10 NTU: $\pm 10\%$ ;<br>11-40 NTU: $\pm 8\%$ ;<br>41-100 NTU: $\pm 6.5\%$ ;<br>> 100 NTU: $\pm 5\%$   |
| Depth                | <u>Cal. / Ver.:</u><br>2 for electronic devices;<br>1 for manual devices<br><u>Field Meas.:</u><br>2 if total depth < 0.6 m;<br>1 if total depth $\geq 0.6$ m | <u>Daily</u> : IC, ICV for Sondes.<br><u>Quarterly</u> : Verify Sondes & Electronic Devices.<br><u>Every 6 months</u> : Inspect Manual Devices. | <u>ICV</u> : $\pm 5\%$ or $\pm 0.05$ m, whichever is greater;<br><u>Electronic Device Check</u> : $\pm 10\%$ ;<br><u>Line Increments</u> : $\pm 10\%$ ;<br><u>Total Length of Lines</u> : $\pm 5\%$ ; |

SU = Standard Units.  
 NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units.



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| Specific Conductance | All Displayed   | Daily IC, ICV, CCV   | $\pm 5\%$   |
| Dissolved Oxygen     | All Displayed   | Daily IC, ICV, CCV   | $\pm 0.3$ mg/L  |
| Temperature          | All Displayed   | Quarterly CCV  | $\pm 0.5$ °C  |
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# DAILY CALIBRATION PROCEDURES

## DISSOLVED OXYGEN, SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE AND pH

### **Required.**

- IC at beginning of day.
- ICV immediately following IC.
- CCV at end of day.

### **Recommended.**

- Mid-day CCV at sample site.
  - Required if end of day CCV routinely fails.



# pH

- Check pH millivolts at least weekly.
  - Daily check recommended.
- Always begin three-point calibration with pH 7.0 buffer.
- Rinse well with de-ionized (DI) water (required) and fresh buffer (recommended) before each calibration or verification activity.
- Select buffers to bracket values measured in the field.
  - May need buffers < 4.0 or > 10.0.
- pH of buffer solutions varies with temperature.
  - If using adjusted calibration values, you need to adjust expected value for verifications.



This buffer will give pH values accurate to  $\pm 0.02$  at the following temperatures:

| Degrees C | pH    |
|-----------|-------|
| 0         | 10.34 |
| 5         | 10.26 |
| 10        | 10.19 |
| 15        | 10.12 |
| 20        | 10.06 |
| 25        | 10.00 |
| 30        | 9.94  |
| 35        | 9.90  |
| 40        | 9.85  |
| 50        | 9.78  |
| 60        | 9.70  |



# pH

Document temperature-adjusted pH buffer value (from container / reference chart) when using a meter with auto buffer recognition and populated temperature-adjusted pH calibration values.

| pH<br>DEP SOP<br>FT 1100 | Name     | Date      | Time<br>CT-ET | Lot #   | Expir.<br>Date | pH<br>Buffer<br>SU | Temp<br>°C | Meter<br>reading<br>SU | mV     | Pass<br>/<br>Fail | Lab<br>/<br>Field |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|------------|------------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Calibr.                  | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 6:45          | 8675309 | 1/31/2023      | 7.03               | 18.0       | 7.03                   | -37.9  | P/ F              | L/ F              |
| Calibr.                  | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 6:47          | 7765577 | 1/31/2023      | 4.00               | 18.0       | 4.00                   | 138.7  | P/ F              | L/ F              |
| Calibr.                  | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 6:49          | 6488888 | 1/31/2023      | 10.08              | 18.0       | 10.08                  | -204.5 | P/ F              | L/ F              |
| ICV                      | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 6:53          | 7765577 | 1/31/2023      | 4.00               | 18.3       | 4.02                   |        | P/ F              | L/ F              |
| CCV                      | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 14:10         | 6488888 | 1/31/2023      | 10.12              | 15.0       | 10.30                  |        | P/ F              | L/ F              |
| CCV                      |          |           |               |         |                |                    |            |                        |        | P / F             | L / F             |

pH Acceptance criteria  $\pm 0.2$  SU; mV pH 7 Range 0  $\pm 50$ ; mV pH 4 Range +180  $\pm 50$ ; mV pH 10 Range -180  $\pm 50$ ;

If mV are recorded: slope from 7 to 10 166.6, slope from 4 to 7 176.6 (both must be between 165 and 180 mV)



# SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE



- Always use Potassium Chloride (KCl) standards.
- Rinse well with DI and fresh standard before each calibration point or reading.
- Select standards to bracket values measured in the field.
- If observed field values are lower than 100  $\mu\text{hos}/\text{cm}$ , you must use the 100  $\mu\text{hos}/\text{cm}$  standard for CCV.
- You do not need to use standards lower than 100  $\mu\text{hos}/\text{cm}$ .
- For all YSI models, manually enter standard value during calibration.
  - No auto-recognition of standards.



# SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE

If all field measurements < 100 µmhos/cm

| Spec. Cond. FT 1200 | Name     | Date      | Time CT-ET | Lot # | Expir. Date | Standard µmhos/cm | Meter Reading µmhos/cm | Pass / Fail | Lab / Field |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|------------|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Calibr.             | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 07:45      | C3PO  | 04/30/2023  | 1000              | 1005                   | P / F       | L / F       |
| ICV                 | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 08:05      | R2D2  | 05/31/2023  | 100               | 101                    | P / F       | L / F       |
| CCV                 | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 13:55      | R2D2  | 05/31/2023  | 100               | 102                    | P / F       | L / F       |
| CCV                 |          |           |            |       |             |                   |                        | P / F       | L / F       |

Conductivity Acceptance criteria ± 5%

If field measurements have wide range:  
Some > 1000 µmhos/cm and some < 100 µmhos/cm

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|---------------------|----------|-----------|------------|-------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Calibr.             | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 07:45      | C3PO  | 04/30/2023  | 1000              | 1005                   | P / F       | L / F       |
| ICV                 | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 08:05      | R2D2  | 05/31/2023  | 100               | 101                    | P / F       | L / F       |
| CCV                 | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 13:55      | OBE1  | 06/30/2023  | 5000              | 5015                   | P / F       | L / F       |
| CCV                 | JANE DOE | 3/23/2022 | 14:00      | R2D2  | 05/31/2023  | 100               | 102                    | P / F       | L / F       |

Conductivity Acceptance criteria ± 5%



# DISSOLVED OXYGEN

- Calibrate with water-saturated air or air-saturated water methods.
- Temperature sensitive.
  - Use room temperature water.
  - Allow meter temperature and dissolved oxygen (DO) to stabilize before calibrating.
- Inspect probe for damage daily.
- Check DO gain and charge at least weekly.
  - Gain checked for both membrane and optical.
  - Charge checked for membrane probes.
- If multiprobe device is equipped with an internal barometer, verify barometer annually.





# DO

For each calibration or verification, document:

- Barometer value (760 mm Hg or internal barometer reading).
- Temperature (°C).
- DO mg/L.
- DO percent saturation.

Compare DO mg/L meter reading to “Solubility of Oxygen in Water” reference table value for matching temperature and barometric pressure.

## **Solubility of oxygen in fresh water at various temperatures and pressures. (Solubility shown in milligrams per liter.)**

Values based on published equations by Benson and Krause (1980 and 1984). Results from DOTABLES program at <https://water.usgs.gov/software/DOTABLES/>.

| Temp.<br>(°C) | Barometric Pressure (mm Hg) |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|               | 750                         | 751 | 752 | 753 | 754 | 755 | 756 | 757 | 758 | 759 | 760 | 761 | 762 | 763 | 764 | 765 | 766 | 767 |
| 19.0          | 9.2                         | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 9.4 |
| 19.1          | 9.1                         | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 |
| 19.2          | 9.1                         | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 |
| 19.3          | 9.1                         | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 |



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| Specific Conductance | All Displayed   | Daily IC, ICV, CCV  | $\pm 5\%$   |
| Dissolved Oxygen     | All Displayed   | Daily IC, ICV, CCV  | $\pm 0.3$ mg/L  |
| Temperature          | All Displayed   | Quarterly CCV   | $\pm 0.5$ °C  |
| Turbidity            | All Displayed   | <u>Daily</u> CCV;<br><u>Quarterly</u> IC, ICV, secondary standard verification;   | 0.1 - 10 NTU: $\pm 10\%$ ;<br>11-40 NTU: $\pm 8\%$ ;<br>41-100 NTU: $\pm 6.5\%$ ;<br>> 100 NTU: $\pm 5\%$   |
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# TEMPERATURE

- Perform quarterly CCV.
- Compare meter reading to National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) traceable thermometer reading.
- Perform verification at two different temperatures.
  - Ice bath and warm water bath.



## Quarterly Temperature Verification Log - DEP Regional Operation Centers

DEP SOP FT 1400. Acceptance Criteria for Temp.  $\pm$  0.5°C.

Record all digits displayed for temperature readings. Do not round before reporting measurements.

CCV = Continuing Calibration Verification. Target temperature for cold CCV is 0 - 10 (°C). Target temperature for hot CCV is 30 - 40 (°C).

Time Zone (circle one): ETZ / CTZ

| Field Meter ID | Field Meter Serial Number | NIST Reference Device ID | Activity Date | Cold CCV Time | Cold CCV Field Meter Temp (°C) | Cold CCV NIST Temp (°C) | Cold CCV Result (circle one) | Hot CCV Time | Hot CCV Field Meter Temp (°C) | Hot CCV NIST Temp (°C) | Hot CCV Result (circle one) | Activity Performed By (Staff Name) | Comments |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
|                |                           |                          |               |               |                                |                         | P / F                        |              |                               |                        | P / F                       |                                    |          |
|                |                           |                          |               |               |                                |                         | P / F                        |              |                               |                        | P / F                       |                                    |          |

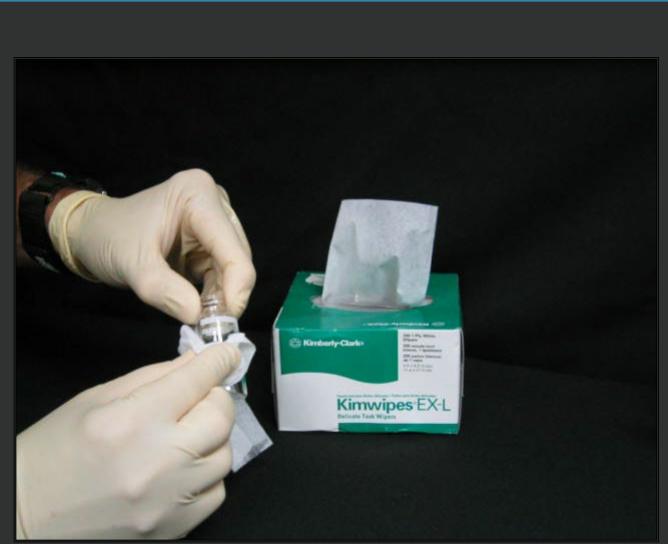


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| Temperature          | All Displayed   | Quarterly CCV   | $\pm 0.5$ °C  |
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# TURBIDITY

## FOR GROUNDWATER PROJECTS ONLY



- Place meter on level surface.
- Check cuvette for scratches.
- Dry cuvette with lint-free wipe.
- Handle cuvette carefully.
  - No fingerprints or dirt on glass.
- Ensure cuvette orientation is correct when inserting into meter.



# TURBIDITY

## FOR GROUNDWATER PROJECTS ONLY

- Use portable turbidimeter with tungsten filament light source.
  - Hach 2100P or Hach 2100Q.
- Two types of standards:
  - Primary formazin.
    - Required.
    - Requires agitation before use.
    - Temperature sensitive.
      - Use between 0°C and 25°C.
  - Secondary gel.
    - Optional.
    - Used for CCVs only.
    - Values are assigned by instrument user after each meter calibration.
    - Assigned values are instrument and calibration-specific.
    - If meter is recalibrated, must also redo verification of secondary gel standards.
    - Do not require agitation and are less temperature sensitive.





# TURBIDITY

## FOR GROUNDWATER PROJECTS ONLY

### **Quarterly Requirements.**

- IC using at least two primary formazin standards.
- ICV immediately after IC using at least one primary formazin standard.
- If using secondary gel standards, verify all secondary gel standards immediately after ICV.
  - Read each gel standard and assign current reading as the standard's value.

### **Daily Requirements.**

- CCV using at least one secondary gel standard or primary formazin standard.

### **For all verifications (ICV and CCVs).**

- Do not use turbidity-free water or < 0.1 NTU standard.



# DOCUMENTATION

## TURBIDITY CALIBRATION LOG

### Quarterly Activities

### Daily Activities

#### Turbidity Calibration Log (DEP SOPs FT1000 & FT1600)

#### Regional Operations Centers

Meter ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Last Calibration: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Quarterly Calibration

Sampler Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ ETZ / CTZ (circle one)

| Standard Value<br>(Use Primary<br>Formazin Standards) | Exp. Date | Lot # | Type of Information<br>Displayed During Calibration?<br>(circle one) | Value Displayed<br>NTU | Calibration<br>Pass / Fail<br>(circle one) |
|---|-----------|-------|--|------------------------|--|
| NTU   |           |       | Meter Reading / Next Value   |                        | P / F                                      |
| NTU   |           |       | Meter Reading / Next Value   |                        | P / F                                      |
| NTU   |           |       | Meter Reading / Next Value   |                        | P / F                                      |
| NTU   |           |       | Meter Reading / Next Value   |                        | P / F                                      |

**Initial Calibration Verification (ICV)** (Only perform ICV immediately after quarterly calibr. Do not use < 0.1 NTU standard for ICV.)

Sampler Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ ETZ / CTZ (circle one)

| Standard Value<br>(Use A Primary<br>Formazin Standard) | Exp. Date | Lot # | Meter Reading<br>NTU | Pass / Fail<br>(circle one) |
|--|-----------|-------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| NTU  |           |       |                      | P / F                       |

**Secondary Gel Standard Quarterly Verification** (perform gel standard verification immediately after quarterly calib. and ICV)

Sampler Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ ETZ / CTZ (circle one)

| Standard<br>Value Range<br>NTU | Previous Value<br>Assigned<br>NTU | Exp. Date | Lot # | Meter Reading<br>NTU<br>(new value assigned) | Acceptable Range, NTU<br>(Calculate using new value<br>assigned & acceptance criteria*) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------|--|---|
| 0 – 10                         |                                   |           |       |  |   |
| 10 – 100                       |                                   |           |       |  |   |
| 100 – 1000                     |                                   |           |       |  |   |

**Daily Continuing Calibration Verification (CCV)** (required every day that meter is used)

| Date | Time<br>(24hr)<br>CT-ET | Sampler Name | Standard<br>Type<br>(circle one) | Standard<br>Value<br>NTU | Exp.<br>Date | Lot # | Meter<br>Reading<br>NTU | Pass /<br>Fail |
|------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------|-------------------------|----------------|
|      |                         |              | Formazin / Gel                   |                          |              |       |                         | P / F          |
|      |                         |              | Formazin / Gel                   |                          |              |       |                         | P / F          |
|      |                         |              | Formazin / Gel                   |                          |              |       |                         | P / F          |
|      |                         |              | Formazin / Gel                   |                          |              |       |                         | P / F          |
|      |                         |              | Formazin / Gel                   |                          |              |       |                         | P / F          |
|      |                         |              | Formazin / Gel                   |                          |              |       |                         | P / F          |
|      |                         |              | Formazin / Gel                   |                          |              |       |                         | P / F          |
|      |                         |              | Formazin / Gel                   |                          |              |       |                         | P / F          |
|      |                         |              | Formazin / Gel                   |                          |              |       |                         | P / F          |

#### Comments:

\*Acceptance Criteria: 0.1-10 NTU → ± 10 %; 11-40 NTU → ± 8 %; 41-100 NTU → ± 6.5 %; >100 NTU → ± 5 %;

Acceptable ranges for common standards: 20 NTU (18.4 - 21.6 NTU); 100 NTU (93.5 - 106.5 NTU); 800 NTU (760 - 840 NTU)



| Parameter            | Number of Decimal Places To Record  | Calibration / Verification Frequency   | Acceptance Criteria  |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| pH                   | All Displayed   | Daily IC, ICV, CCV   | $\pm 0.2$ SU   |
| Specific Conductance | All Displayed   | Daily IC, ICV, CCV   | $\pm 5\%$  |
| Dissolved Oxygen     | All Displayed   | Daily IC, ICV, CCV   | $\pm 0.3$ mg/L   |
| Temperature          | All Displayed   | Quarterly CCV  | $\pm 0.5$ °C   |
| Turbidity            | All Displayed   | <u>Daily</u> CCV;<br><u>Quarterly</u> IC, ICV,<br>secondary standard<br>verification;  | 0.1 - 10 NTU: $\pm 10\%$ ;<br>11-40 NTU: $\pm 8\%$ ;<br>41-100 NTU: $\pm 6.5\%$ ;<br>> 100 NTU: $\pm 5\%$  |
| Depth                | <u>Cal. / Ver.:</u><br>2 for electronic<br>devices;<br>1 for manual<br>devices<br><u>Field Meas.:</u><br>2 if total depth <<br>0.6 m;<br>1 if total depth $\geq$<br>0.6 m | <u>Daily</u> : IC, ICV for<br>Sondes.<br><u>Quarterly</u> : Verify<br>Sondes & Electronic<br>Devices.<br><u>Every 6 months</u> :<br>Inspect Manual<br>Devices. | <u>ICV</u> : $\pm 5\%$ or $\pm 0.05$ m,<br>whichever is greater;<br><u>Electronic Device Check</u> :<br>$\pm 10\%$ ;<br><u>Line Increments</u> : $\pm 10\%$ ;<br><u>Total Length of Lines</u> :<br>$\pm 5\%$ ; |



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| Parameter | Number of Decimal Places To Record   | Calibration / Verification Frequency  | Acceptance Criteria  |
|-----------|--|---|--|
| Depth     | <p><u>Cal. / Ver.:</u><br/>2 for electronic devices;<br/>1 for manual devices</p> <p><u>Field Meas.:</u><br/>2 if total depth &lt; 0.6 m;<br/>1 if total depth <math>\geq</math> 0.6 m</p> | <p><u>Daily:</u> IC, ICV for Sondes.</p> <p><u>Quarterly:</u> Verify Sondes &amp; Electronic Devices.</p> <p><u>Every 6 months:</u> Inspect Manual Devices.</p> | <p><u>ICV:</u> <math>\pm</math> 5% or <math>\pm</math> 0.05 m, whichever is greater;</p> <p><u>Electronic Device Check:</u> <math>\pm</math> 10%;</p> <p><u>Line Increments:</u> <math>\pm</math> 10%;</p> <p><u>Total Length of Lines:</u> <math>\pm</math> 5%;</p> |

### Rounding Rule.

- Numbers  $\leq 4$  are rounded down.
  - E.g. 3.14 becomes 3.1.
- Numbers  $\geq 5$  are rounded up.
  - E.g. 6.89 becomes 6.9.



# DEPTH

## SURFACE WATER PROJECTS ONLY

### Daily Requirement

- Zero depth sensor on field multi-parameter meters (if applicable) and perform ICV.
- Acceptance criteria  $\pm$  5 percent or  $\pm$  0.05 m, whichever is greater.



Source: Yellow Springs Instruments



# DEPTH SURFACE WATER PROJECTS ONLY



## **Quarterly Requirements.**

- Check all electronic devices used for depth measurement.
- Compare reading to a reference device.
  - Graduated bucket, metal measuring tape, verified Secchi disk line.
- Acceptance criteria  $\pm$  10 percent.



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Every six months.

- Compare all lines used for depth measurements to a reference device.
- Redo markings as needed.
- Check incremental marking.
  - Acceptance criteria  $\pm 10\%$ .
- Check total length.
  - Check up to greatest anticipated depth in field.
  - Acceptance criteria  $\pm 5\%$ .





# DEPTH QUARTERLY VERIFICATION LOG

**Depth Sensor Verification Log - DEP Regional Operation Center**

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SOP - Status and Trend Networks Sampling Manual and ROC Training Manual

Report two decimal places for electronic devices. Report one decimal place for manual devices. Numbers  $\leq 4$ , are rounded down; numbers  $\geq 5$  are rounded up.

Acceptance criteria for electronic device verification  $\pm 5\%$ . Acceptance criteria for analog device incremental markings check  $\pm 10\%$ . Acceptance criteria for analog device total length of line verification  $\pm 5\%$ .

**Time Zone (circle one):**  **ETZ** /  **CTZ**



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- When comparing depth measuring device to reference device, document reading from both devices.
  - Quarterly verifications for electron devices.
  - Six-month verifications of manual device total length.

### 6 MONTH VERIFICATION OF MANUAL DEVICES (SECCHI DISK, WEIGHTED LINE, ETC.)

Secchi/Weighted Line ID#: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Last Verification: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ ETZ / CTZ Verification Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Lab \_\_\_\_\_

Person Performing Verification: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Device: Metal Measuring Tape / Meter Stick / Other \_\_\_\_\_

Incremental markings of 0.1 m checked: YES / NO Result: Pass / Fail (acceptable criteria 10%)

Total length of line (up to anticipated depth encountered in field) checked: YES / NO

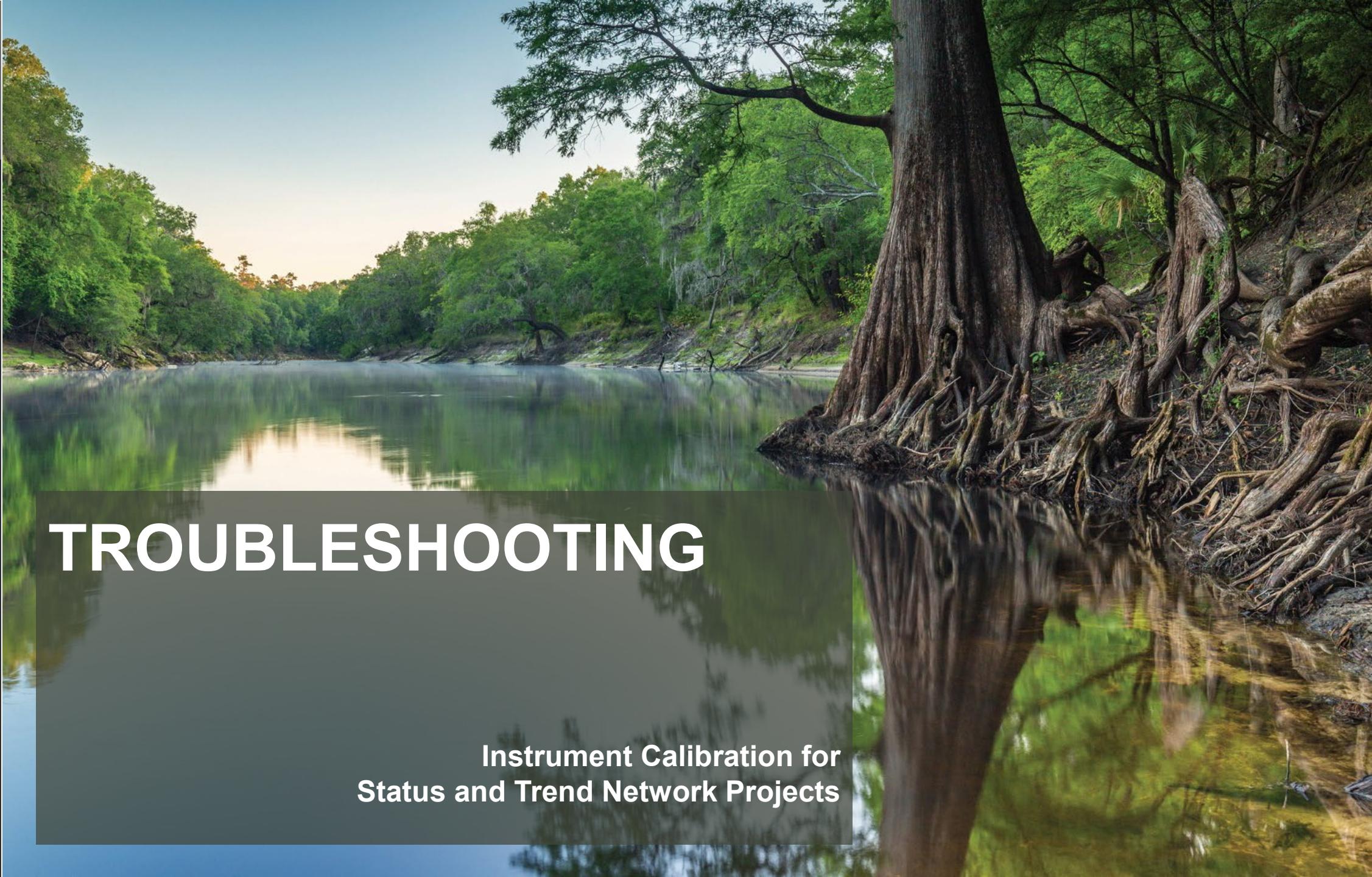
Total Length: indicated by line markings 6.0 m ; measured by reference device 6.1 m

Result: Pass / Fail (acceptable criteria of 5%) Markings redone: YES / NO



# TROUBLESHOOTING

Instrument Calibration for  
Status and Trend Network Projects





# TROUBLESHOOTING

## **Calibration or ICV Fails.**

- Perform maintenance/cleaning and attempt IC again.
- Do not use meter for data collection until issue is resolved.

## **CCV Fails.**

- Rinse probe with standard and attempt CCV again.
- If failure still present, affected field data must be “J” qualified.
  - Add a comment describing the problem.

## **Bracketing Requirements Not Met.**

- Affected field data must be “J” qualified.
  - Add a comment describing the problem.



# THANK YOU

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