

SP-350 Handheld Fluorometer Operational Manual

V1.0



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1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

SPECIFICATION

Fluorescence Excitation Wavelength:	365nm LED
Fluorescence emission wavelength:	410 nm
Wavelength Accuracy:	±1 nm
Fluorescence Measurement Range:	1-300 ppb
Fluorescence Reproducibility:	1 ppb PTSA(3 σ)
Fluorescence detection limit:	1 ppb
Battery:	9V alkaline battery
Typical Battery Life:	3200 readings(480mAh battery)
Display:	320*240 TFT-LCD, visible under direct sunlight
Dimension:	L160 W74 H33(mm)
Weight:	295g (without battery)
Temperature Range:	40 to 106 °F (4 to 41 °C)
Humidity:	85% to 106 °F (41 °C)
Environmental:	IP67, dustproof and waterproof

1.1 UNPACKING

Remove the instrument and accessories from the shipping container and inspect each item for any damage that may have occurred during shipping. Verify that all items listed on the packing slip are included. If any items are missing or damaged, please contact Pyxis Customer Service at service@pyxis-lab.com.

1.2 STANDARD ACCESSORIES

9V alkaline battery

1.3 SAMPLE VIAL COMPARTMENT

The sample vial compartment should be kept clean. A small amount foreign material could significantly affect turbidity and fluorescence measurement results. Use a soft cloth or lint free paper tissue to clean sample vial compartment periodically. Remove debris, scale, and deposit promptly.

1.4 LIGHT SHIELD COVER

The light shield cover should be in the closed position during storage, transportation, and measurements. When turned on, Pyxis SP-350 carries out self-diagnosis including checking the performance of a variety of optical devices. The light shield door shall be at the closed position to shield interference from ambient light during self-diagnosis.

2 START SP-350

2.1 BATTERY INSTALLATION

The SP-350 is powered by a 9-volt alkaline battery. Do not use rechargeable nickel cadmium (NiCad) or lithium batteries. A typical 9V battery lasts for two months and enables about 3000 measurements. When the battery capacity is critically low, the SP-350 will display a LOW BATTERY warning for 5 seconds and then automatically turn off.

The SP-350 battery compartment, is on the back side of the instrument. Insert a small pad underneath the screen area to make the back surface level when the instrument is turned upside down. Install battery as follows:

- Remove the battery compartment cover by loosening two screws.
- Snap the 9 volt alkaline battery firmly into the battery holder.
- Replace the battery compartment cover, making sure that the sealing O-ring is lying flat on the battery holder. To prevent the SP-350 from accidentally being turned on due to vibration, please firmly tighten the two screws.

2.2 DESCRIPTION OF THE KEYS

The SP-350 has three keys. The left (<), right (>) and OK keys are used to launch an action indicated on the screen directly above the keys. Please note that the screen is not a touch screen. The labels above the keys indicate the function associated with the keys and can change according to the screen modes.

2.3 TURNING ON SP-350

To turn on the SP-350, press and hold on the OK key for 3 seconds, and release the OK key when the LCD is light. You can navigate the main page menu and launch an operation by pressing on an icon. If battery voltage is too low for the instrument to work properly, Pyxis SP-350 will show a low battery warning message for 5 seconds and turn off automatically. If this happens, replace all four batteries.

2.4 MAIN PAGE

Pyxis SP-350 provides intuitive icon menu-assisted user operations. A brief description of each feature group is given as Figure 1. :

Calibration Icon: Calibration routine for PTSA
Info Icon : Diagnosis

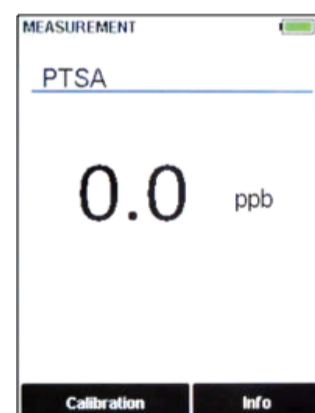


Figure1 Main interface

2.5 TURNING OFF SP-350

To turn off the SP-350, press and hold the OK key. Release the OK key when the LCD display turns off (after about 5 seconds).

2.6 AUTO POWER OFF

SP-350 automatically turns itself off after 20 seconds with no-key activity. Single press the OK key will wake up the instrument, and return to the main page.

3 PTSA MEASUREMENT

3.1 PTSA MEASUREMENT

- The water sample is injected into the flow cell, close the shielding cover. If the SP-350 is turned off, press the OK button.
- SP-350 will start to measure the PTSA concentration in the sample.
- SP-350 will display the PTSA concentration in ppb as PTSA.

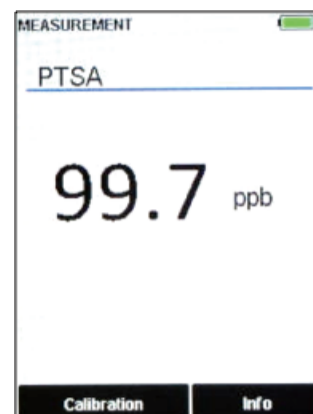


Figure2
PTSA Measurement

During the fluorescence measurement to determine the PTSA concentration, SP-350 checks the sample turbidity. If the sample turbidity value detected is greater than 40 NTU, Pyxis SP-350 will display a warning. For best results, the sample should be filtered if turbidity exceeds 40 NTU.

Sample color causes a lower PTSA concentration to be measured. SP-350 automatically compensates for sample color. If the sample color is too intense, SP-350 will display a warning.

In order to obtain accurate test results, water samples should be filled to the top rim of the sample chamber.

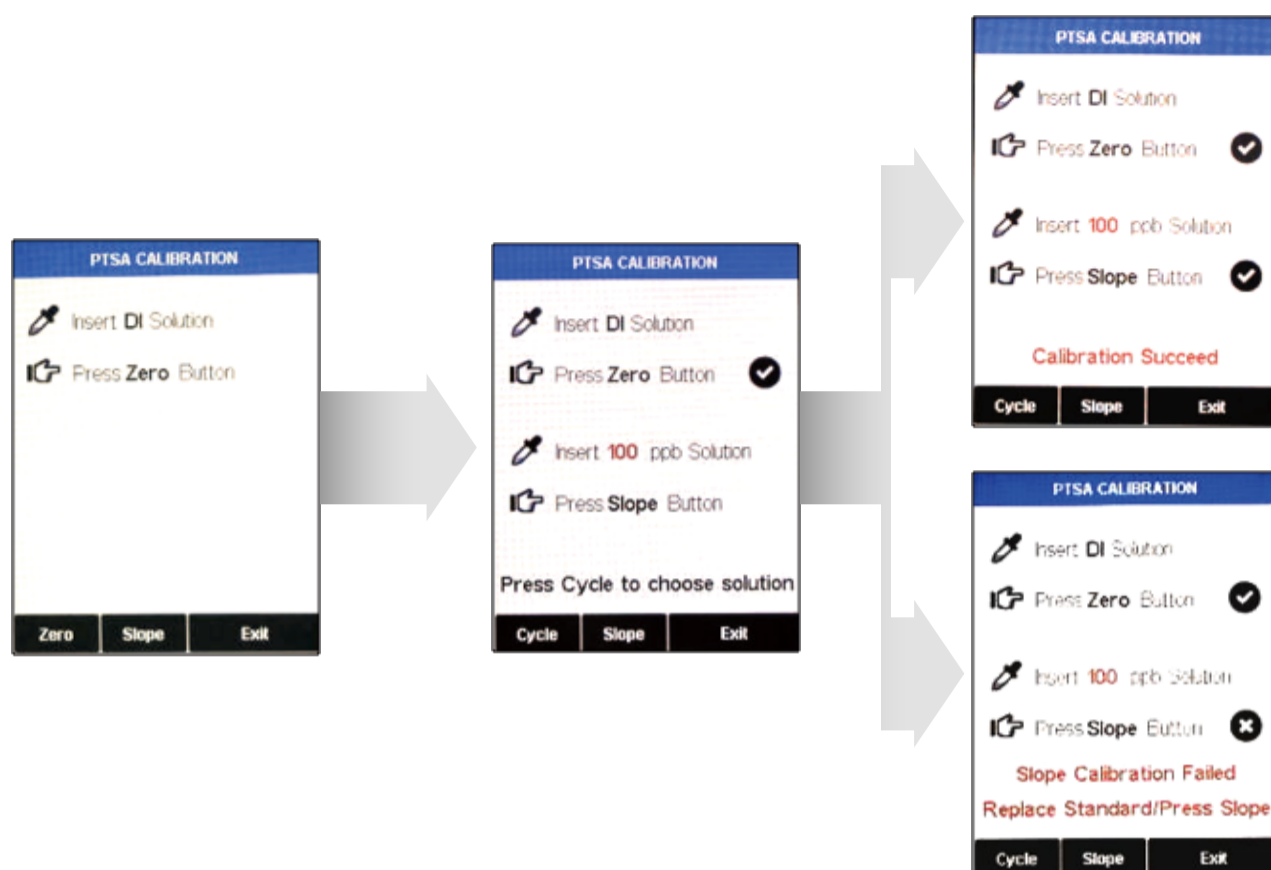
3.2 PTSA CALIBRATION

Deionized water (DI) as the blank calibration solution and the 100 ppb(200 ppb or 300 ppb) PTSA calibration standard solution are needed.

- Turning on SP-350, Rinse sample cell with DI water. Fill sample cell with DI water. Close the light shield. Press P-Cal labeled key (<) to launch the calibration page.
- Follow the message prompts, Press Zero labeled key (<) to set the zero point.
- Follow the message prompts, Press Cycle labeled key (<), Select injected PTSA concentration standard solution, you can select a value of 100ppb, 200ppb, 300ppb, according to the selected value, injected PTSA concentration standard solution to Sample room and Press Slope labeled key (>).
- If Calibration succeeds, a message will display in red "Calibration Succeed". After successful calibration, press and hold OK key for 3 seconds (labeled Calibration) to return to the basic read (measurement) screen.
- If Calibration fails, a message will display in red "Slope Calibration Failed".

If calibration fails, the followings should be checked:

- The DI blank is being contaminated.
- The light shield cover is not in the closing position.
- The sample vial compartment is blocked with debris, water, or other materials.



WARNING

The 100 ppb standard solution shall be stored in a brown or black opaque bottle. Exposing the PTSA standard to light will cause the standard losing the PTSA concentration. Many substances, such as quaternary amines cause a negative interference. Many other substances such laundry detergents that contain optical brightener will cause a significant positive interference.

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