# Sandy Brae Laboratories, Inc. 

## Water Test Kit Instructions



The Water Test Kit can be used to determine the percentage of water in various fluids. Typically these fluids are hydraulic oil, lubrication oil, fuels, biodiesel, and vegetable oil. The Water Test Kit has five ranges from . $005 \%$ to $12 \%$ water. It also can read as high as $50 \%$ water content.

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# CAUTION! USING THE WATER TEST KIT CAN BE DANGEROUS! <br> $\underline{\underline{\text { YOU }} \text { MUST READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOLLOWING }}$ 



## WARNING:

The Reagent A in this kit contain Calcium Hydride which can cause eye and skin burns. Calcium hydride, in contact with water, will produce hydrogen gas which is highly flammable.

Avoid getting the chemical on your skin or in your eyes. Keep the kit and Reagent A away from water and water vapor. DO NOT use the kit near an open flame or sparks. DO NOT permit smoking when the kit is being used.

Never use more than one packet of Reagent A per test. Excessive hydrogen gas could be produced causing injury to you or damage to the water test vessel.

## FIRST AID:

In case of contact with Reagent A powder, immediately flush eyes or skin with water for at least 15 minutes. Remove contaminated clothing. Wash skin contact area with soap and water. Call a physician.

The Sandy Brae Water Test Kit can be used to test for water content measured as Parts Per Million or as a percent (\%) of volume. The test can be performed on any liquid which is not based on water. Any fluid can be tested as long as the two following requisites are met: a. the water must be in the form of free molecules or droplets and not be chemically or physically bound; b. the fluid should not attack the water vessel components which are anodized aluminum, viton gasket, and brass.

## CAUTION:

When releasing pressure from the vessel via the "Pressure Relief Button", Do Not aim the discharge spray at your face or eyes!


## Kit Contents:

Each Deluxe Water Test Kit contains the following items:

> Water Test Vessel consisting of cup, cap, gage, gasket, pressure relief valve
> Reagent A (calcium hydride), one bottle containing 24 grams and a micro-spoon
> Reagent B (dried solvent), 3 pints
> Syringes: 10 ml for oil sample, 30 ml for Reagent $B$
> safety glasses, disposable gloves, wash bottle Instructions

## Principle of Operation:

Reagent A reacts with water and produces hydrogen gas. When an oil sample and a dry solvent (Reagent B) are placed in the vessel in the proper ratio, the pressure produced is proportional to the amount of water present. A sample with .1\% (1000 PPM) water content will produce a pressure of 10 pounds per square inch (PSI) @ $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Since the pressure gage has a full scale value of 15 PSI, a maximum reading of .15\% (1500 PPM) water is possible on the low range. There are a total of five ranges with the following full scale values: $0.15 \%, 1.5 \%, 3.0 \%$, $6.0 \%$, and $12.0 \%$. Higher water content can be determined by following the instructions. on page 8.

When using the test vessel, the operator should make sure that the pressure does not exceed 15 PSI, since over-pressurizing the gage will damage it. Should you encounter a sample with a water content which will produce a pressure equal to or greater than 14 PSI , release the pressure immediately. The preferred procedure is to watch the gage as the reaction takes place, observing the pressure. When the pressure reaches 14 PSI , intervene and stop the test by pressing the relief valve or loosening the lid. Test on next highest range.

| Ranges | Analog Gage Resolution | Acc. $\pm 2 \% F_{u s} S_{\text {cato }}$ | Digital Gage <br> Resolution | Acc. $\pm 1 \% F_{\text {un }} S_{\text {cat }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. $\begin{array}{ll} & 15 \% \\ & 1,500 \text { PPM }\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .001 \% \\ & 10 \text { PPM } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \pm .003 \% \\ & \pm 30 P P M \end{aligned}$ | $.0001 \%$ $1 \text { PPM }$ | $\begin{aligned} & \pm .0015 \% \\ & \pm 15 P P M \end{aligned}$ |
| B. $1.50 \%$ 15,000 PPM | $\begin{aligned} & .01 \% \\ & 100 \text { PPM } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \pm .03 \% \\ & \pm 300 P P M \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .001 \% \\ & 10 \text { PPM } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \pm .015 \% \\ & \pm 150 P P M \end{aligned}$ |
| C. $3.0 \%$ <br> 30,000 PPM | $\begin{aligned} & .02 \% \\ & 200 \text { PPM } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \pm .06 \% \\ & \pm 600 P P M \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .002 \% \\ & 20 \text { PPM } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \pm .030 \% \\ & \pm 300 P P M \end{aligned}$ |
| D. $6.0 \%$ 60,000 PPM | $\begin{aligned} & .04 \% \\ & 400 \text { PPM } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \pm .12 \% \\ & \pm 1200 P P M \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .004 \% \\ & 40 \text { PPM } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \pm .060 \% \\ & \pm 600 P P M \end{aligned}$ |
| E. $\begin{array}{ll}12.0 \% \\ 120,000 ~ P P M\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .08 \% \\ & 800 \text { PPM } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \pm .24 \% \\ & \pm 2400 P P M \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & .008 \% \\ & 80 \text { PPM } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \pm .120 \% \\ & \pm 1200 \text { PPM } \end{aligned}$ |

## DIGITAL PRESSURE GAGE

The digital pressure gage has a precise +/- 1.0\% full scale accuracy. The full scale is 15 PSI which gives an accuracy of +/- 0.15 PSI. The 4 digit display will reduce the potential for errors in readings by eliminating the parallax error commonly produced by analog gages.

The gage is battery powered and has an auto-shut off to conserve battery life. A two button key pad allows easy access to features without the need to work through complex menus. These features include auto zero and conversion of the pressure units. The water test kit is calibrated to PSI (pounds per square inch).

## Functions:

On/Off: Press ON/OFF to toggle on and off. Device will automatically shut off after 20 minutes if not used.
Zero: Zeros the display - Push \& hold for 2 seconds to zero the display. Do not use the zero button when pressure is applied.
Units: To change units, press both On/Off and Zero buttons simultaneously.
Overpressure Indicator: The LCD will flash "OFL", if the pressure applied is over 15.75 PSI.
Maintenance:
Battery Removal: Remove the single screw on backplate. Lift backplate off by hand.
Replace battery per polarity indicator.
A "LOW BAT" descriptor indication will appear on the display when the battery needs to be replaced.

BATTERY: 9 volt alkaline battery.

## Digital Gage Button Operation



To Turn On \& Off:

| ON | Press to turn unit on. |
| :--- | :--- |
| OFF |  |
| Press again to turn unit off. |  |

## To Zero Display:

## CAUTION!

Always use the silver 1" hex at the base of the housing to tighten the gage. Do not apply wrench to housing.

SPECIFICATIONS: Digital Gage
Housing Materials: ABS Plastic
Accuracy: $\pm 1.0 \%$ F.S. (Includes linearity, hysteresis, repeatability).
Pressure Limits: 30 PSI MAXIMUM
Temperature Limits: 30 to $120^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ( -1 to $49^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ )
Thermal Effect: $0.05 \% ~ F S{ }^{\rho} F$.
Display: 4 digit LCD (.425" H x .234" W).
Agency Approval: CE

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ZERO
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To zero display, release pressure. Press and hold zero button until the LCD displays "----", then release.

## To Change Units:



To change units, disconnect gage from pressure. Press both
 \& ZERO simultaneously until desired units are displayed. The Water Test Kit is calibrated to pounds per square inch (PSI).

## Nomenclature \& Part Numbers:

The illustrations below identifies the parts of the water test kit.

Water Test Kit (analog)...................................................01-WTK-DELUXE
Water Test Kit (digital)...................................................01-WTK-DELUXEDP
Replacement Parts
Test Vessel (analog complete)....................................... 01-WTK-WATERSB
Test Vessel (digital complete)........................................ 01-WTK-WATERSBD
Vessel only (Cap \& Cup) ....................................... 190-WATER-VESSL
15 PSI analog gage................................................ 110-GAGE-15PSI
15 PSI digital gage................................................. 110-GAGE-15DPSI
Pressure button.................................................... 110-VALV-BUTTON
Viton gasket........................................................... 110-GSK-WATVESL

Syringe 30 ml................................................................01-SYRINGE30
Reagent A, bottle of 24 grams.......................................01-REAGENT-A
Reagent B, 1 Quart............................................................. 01-REAGENT-B-QT
Reagent B, 1US Gallon....................................................... 01-REAGENT-B GL

## Low Range Test Procedure: $\quad 0.15 \% \quad 1,500$ PPM Full Scale

1. Using the 30 ml syringe, measure 30 milliliters of sample oil and inject it into the Oil-Reagent $B$ Chamber. Be careful not to spill any fluids into the Reagent A Chamber.
2. Using the 10 ml syringe, measure 10 ml of Reagent $B$ injecting it into the Oil-Reagent $B$ Chamber.
3. Place 3 heaping micro-spoonfuls of Reagent A into the Reagent A Chamber, being careful not to spill any powder into the Oil-Solvent Chamber.
4. Keeping the cup vertical so as to not spill or mix the contents, tightly screw the cap on to the cup making sure there is a very tight seal of the gasket. DO NOT HOLD THE GAGE TO TIGHTEN THE CAP.
5. Using the "Pressure Relief Button", release any pressure which may have accumulated in the vessel.
6. Shake the vessel vigorously for twenty seconds, then observe the pressure gage to insure that the pressure has not exceeded 14 PSI . If the pressure has reached 14 PSI , STOP the test by pressing the relief valve or loosening the cap. Go to the next section titled "1.5\% Full Scale" for instructions on testing samples with water content greater than .14\%.
7. Shake the vessel vigorously for another twenty seconds, observing the pressure gage to insure that the pressure has not exceeded 14 PSI .
8. Shake the vessel vigorously again for another twenty seconds, observing the pressure gage to insure that the pressure has not exceeded 14 PSI .
9. Set the vessel down and wait one minute. Shake the vessel for 10 seconds once every minute and take the final reading 15 TO 20 minutes after you have started the test.
10. Measure the temperature of the oil-Reagent $B$ mixture and refer to the temperature compensation chart to correct the reading due to the effects of temperature.

## Reading the Gage:

The scale is from 0 to 15 PSI (pounds per square inch) with the smallest scale division being 0.2 PSI on the analog dial. 0.01 PSI is the lowest reading on the digital meter.

Correlation of Data: Low Range - Multiply the Gage Reading by 0.01
$10 \mathrm{PSI}=.10 \%$ water content, or $1,000 \mathrm{PPM}$
$1 \mathrm{PSI}=.01 \%$ water content, or 100 PPM
$.2 \mathrm{PSI}=.002 \%$ water content, or 20 PPM
.1 PSI $=.001 \%$ water content, or 10 PPM
(See Page 10-Cleaning Vessel)

## See Page 9 for pressure Conversion Charts for the .15\% range

## Test Procedure: $\quad 1.5 \%, 15,000$ PPM Full Scale

1. Using the 10 ml syringe, measure 4 milliliters of sample oil and inject it into the Oil-Reagent B Chamber. Be careful not to spill any fluids into the Reagent A Chamber.
2. Using the 30 ml syringe, measure 16 ml of Reagent $B$ injecting it into the Oil-Reagent $B$ Chamber.
3. Place 3 heaping micro-spoonfuls of Reagent A into the Reagent A Chamber, being careful not to spill any powder into the Oil-Solvent Chamber.
4. Keeping the cup vertical so as to not spill or mix the contents, tightly screw the cap on to the cup making sure there is a very tight seal of the gasket. DO NOT HOLD THE GAGE TO TIGHTEN THE CAP.
5. Using the "Pressure Relief Button", release any pressure which may have accumulated in the vessel.
6. Shake the vessel vigorously for twenty seconds, then observe the pressure gage to insure that the pressure has not exceeded 14 PSI. If the pressure has reached 14 PSI, STOP the test by pressing the relief valve or loosening the cap. Go to the next section titled "3.0\% Full Scale" for instructions on testing samples with water content greater than 1.4\%.
7. Shake the vessel vigorously for another twenty seconds, observing the pressure gage to insure that the pressure has not exceeded 14 PSI.
8. Shake the vessel vigorously again for another twenty seconds, observing the pressure gage to insure that the pressure has not exceeded 14 PSI.
9. Set the vessel down and wait one minute. Shake the vessel for 10 seconds once every minute and take the final reading 5 minutes after you have started the test.
10. Measure the temperature of the oil-Reagent $B$ mixture and refer to the temperature compensation chart to correct the reading due to the effects of temperature.

## Reading the Gage:

The scale is from 0 to 15 PSI (pounds per square inch) with the smallest scale division being 0.2 PSI on the analog dial. 0.01 PSI is the lowest reading on the digital meter.

Correlation of Data: 1.5\% Range - Multiply the Gage Reading by 0.1

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\begin{gathered}
10 \mathrm{PSI}=1.0 \% \text { water content, or 10,000 PPM } \\
1 \mathrm{PSI}=.1 \% \text { water content, or } 1,000 \mathrm{PPM} \\
.2 \mathrm{PSI}=.02 \% \text { water content, or } 200 \mathrm{PPM} \\
.1 \mathrm{PSI}=.01 \% \text { water content, or } 100 \mathrm{PPM}
\end{gathered}
$$

(See Page 10 Cleaning Vessel)

## See Page 9 for pressure Conversion Charts for the 1.5\% range

Should the fluid sample have greater than 1.4\% water content, the concentration can still be determined by using the following procedures.

NORMAL TEST PROCEDURE for 1.5\% Range:
USE ONE PACKET of Reagent A: Sample 4 ml
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Reagent } B \\ \text { Total volume } & 16 \mathrm{ml} \\ 20 \mathrm{ml}\end{array}$

## 3.0\% RANGE TEST PROCEDURE:

Use 3 heaping micro-spoonfuls of Reagent A.
Use half the sample volume which is 2 ml
Use a Reagent B volume of
18 ml
Total volume $\quad \overline{20 \mathrm{ml}}$

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\text { Water \% = Gage Reading X . } 2
$$

For example, lets say that after using 2 ml of sample and 18 ml of Reagent $B$, the test produces a reading of 12.0 PSI on the gage. To convert this reading to the actual $\%$ water, perform the following math:

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\text { Water } \%=12.0 \times .2=2.40 \%
$$

See Page 9 for pressure Conversion Charts for the 3.0\% range

## 6.0\% Range:

Should the reading on the gage exceed 14 PSI again, stop the test and prepare a new test using 1 ml of sample and 19 ml of Reagent $B$. Use 3 heaping micro-spoonfuls of Reagent A. Using the following equation, determine the percent water:

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\text { Water \% = Gage Reading X . } 4
$$

Example: gage reads 11.5 PSI: Water \% = 11.5 X . $4=4.6 \%$
See Page 9 for pressure Conversion Charts for the 6.0\% range

## 12.0\% Range:

Should the reading on the gage exceed 14 PSI again, stop the test and prepare a new test using 1/2 ml of sample and 19 1/2 ml of Reagent B. Use 3 heaping micro-spoonfuls of Reagent $A$. Using the following equation, determine the percent water:

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\text { Water \% = Gage Reading X . } 8
$$

Example: gage reads 10.0 PSI: Water \% = $10 \times .8=8.0 \%$

See Page 9 for pressure Conversion Charts for the 12.0\% range

## Beyond 12\% Water Content

It is possible to measure water content above 12\%. The accuracy will depend on your laboratory technique and should be within 5 to $10 \%$ of reading. The technique used to prepare the sample is known as serial dilution. The process involves taking a sample with a high water content and diluting it with a dry solvent. The resulting mixture is a sample with a water content in the range of the Water Test Kit (WTK). This diluted sample mixture is tested using the WTK and the results are multiplied by a known factor to arrive at the original sample's water content.

The chart below shows how to take a high water content sample and make an approximate $2 \%$ sample for testing on the WTK's $3 \%$ range. The chart also shows the multiplication factor needed to convert the results of the $3 \%$ range test back to the original sample's water content. The following is an example of the process.

## Process Example

For this example, we use a oil sample with an assumed water content of $35 \%$. In the chart below, go down the first column labeled "\% Water in Sample"to 35\%. In the second column labeled "Sample", you will see that it directs you to take 2.9 ml of the high water content sample and mix it with 47.1 ml of dry solvent. Mix the diluted sample (DS) well and then perform the $3 \%$ range test which is found on page 7. i.e. take 2 ml of DS and 18 ml of Reagent B. In this example the gage reading will be 10psi.
Water $\%=$ gage reading $X .2$ (10psi x $.2=2.0 \%$ ). To convert the results of the $3 \%$ range test back to the original sample's water content, multiply $2 \% \times 17.5$ (the factor listed below at $35 \%$ level). $2 \times 17.5=35 \%$ water content.

| \% Water <br> in Sample | Sample | Solvent | Factor |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 100 | 1.0 ml | 49.0 ml | 50.0 |
| 90 | 1.1 ml | 48.9 ml | 45.0 |
| 80 | 1.3 ml | 48.8 ml | 40.0 |
| 70 | 1.4 ml | 48.6 ml | 35.0 |
| 60 | 1.7 ml | 48.3 ml | 30.0 |
| 50 | 2.0 ml | 48.0 ml | 25.0 |
| 40 | 2.5 ml | 47.5 ml | 20.0 |
| 35 | 2.9 ml | 47.1 ml | 17.5 |
| 30 | 3.3 ml | 46.7 ml | 15.0 |
| 25 | 4.0 ml | 46.0 ml | 12.5 |
| 20 | 5.0 ml | 45.0 ml | 10.0 |
| 15 | 6.7 ml | 43.3 ml | 7.5 |
| 10 | 10.0 ml | 40.0 ml | 5.0 |

## Conversion Charts: Gage Reading to \% Water

Gage Reading in PSI $=G R$

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## Cleaning the Vessel:

After each use be sure to rinse out the cap and vessel thoroughly before re-using the Water Test Kit. You can use any dry petroleum solvent to clean the vessel. Do not use water or alcohol. Alcohol is hygroscopic and may leave a film of water behind. Remove all traces of unused Reagent A (undissolved particles).

DO NOT USE SOLVENTS such as Acetone, Xylene, or Toluene to clean the vessel. These solvents will dissolve the ABS plastic used for the body of the digital gage and/or the plastic lenses of both the analog and digital gages.

## General Information:

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## Sandy Brae Temperature Compensation Factors

| Degrees $F$ | Factor | Degrees F | Factor | Degrees $F$ | Factor | Degrees $F$ | Factor |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 32 | 1.0916 | 54 | 1.0448 | 76 | 1.0019 | 98 | 0.9623 |
| 33 | 1.0894 | 55 | 1.0428 | 77 | 1.0000 | 99 | 0.9606 |
| 34 | 1.0872 | 56 | 1.0407 | 78 | 0.9981 | 100 | 0.9589 |
| 35 | 1.0850 | 57 | 1.0387 | 79 | 0.9963 | 101 | 0.9572 |
| 36 | 1.0828 | 58 | 1.0367 | 80 | 0.9944 | 102 | 0.9555 |
| 37 | 1.0806 | 59 | 1.0347 | 81 | 0.9926 | 103 | 0.9538 |
| 38 | 1.0784 | 60 | 1.0327 | 82 | 0.9908 | 104 | 0.9521 |
| 39 | 1.0762 | 61 | 1.0307 | 83 | 0.9889 | 105 | 0.9504 |
| 40 | 1.0741 | 62 | 1.0288 | 84 | 0.9871 | 106 | 0.9487 |
| 41 | 1.0719 | 63 | 1.0268 | 85 | 0.9853 | 107 | 0.9470 |
| 42 | 1.0698 | 64 | 1.0248 | 86 | 0.9835 | 108 | 0.9454 |
| 43 | 1.0677 | 65 | 1.0229 | 87 | 0.9817 | 109 | 0.9437 |
| 44 | 1.0656 | 66 | 1.0209 | 88 | 0.9799 | 110 | 0.9420 |
| 45 | 1.0634 | 67 | 1.0190 | 89 | 0.9781 | 111 | 0.9404 |
| 46 | 1.0613 | 68 | 1.0171 | 90 | 0.9763 | 112 | 0.9387 |
| 47 | 1.0592 | 69 | 1.0151 | 91 | 0.9746 | 113 | 0.9371 |
| 48 | 1.0572 | 70 | 1.0132 | 92 | 0.9728 | 114 | 0.9355 |
| 49 | 1.0551 | 71 | 1.0113 | 93 | 0.9710 | 115 | 0.9338 |
| 50 | 1.0530 | 72 | 1.0094 | 94 | 0.9693 | 116 | 0.9322 |
| 51 | 1.0509 | 73 | 1.0075 | 95 | 0.9675 | 117 | 0.9306 |
| 52 | 1.0489 | 74 | 1.0056 | 96 | 0.9658 | 118 | 0.9290 |
| 53 | 1.0468 | 75 | 1.0037 | 97 | 0.9641 | 119 | 0.9274 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 120 | 0.9258 |


| Degrees C | Factor | Degrees C | Factor | Degrees C | Factor | Degrees C | Factor | Degrees C | Factor |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 1.0916 | 10 | 1.0530 | 20 | 1.0171 | 30 | 0.9835 | 40 | 0.9521 |
| 1 | 1.0876 | 11 | 1.0493 | 21 | 1.0136 | 31 | 0.9803 | 41 | 0.9490 |
| 2 | 1.0836 | 12 | 1.0456 | 22 | 1.0102 | 32 | 0.9770 | 42 | 0.9460 |
| 3 | 1.0797 | 13 | 1.0420 | 23 | 1.0068 | 33 | 0.9739 | 43 | 0.9430 |
| 4 | 1.0758 | 14 | 1.0383 | 24 | 1.0034 | 34 | 0.9707 | 44 | 0.9401 |
| 5 | 1.0719 | 15 | 1.0347 | 25 | 1.0000 | 35 | 0.9675 | 45 | 0.9371 |
| 6 | 1.0681 | 16 | 1.0311 | 26 | 0.9967 | 36 | 0.9644 | 46 | 0.9342 |
| 7 | 1.0643 | 17 | 1.0276 | 27 | 0.9933 | 37 | 0.9613 | 47 | 0.9313 |
| 8 | 1.0605 | 18 | 1.0241 | 28 | 0.9900 | 38 | 0.9582 | 48 | 0.9283 |
| 9 | 1.0567 | 19 | 1.0205 | 29 | 0.9868 | 39 | 0.9551 | 49 | 0.9255 |

Instructions: For temperature compensation, multiply the above factor times the gauge reading for the the temperature of the sample in the test vessel. The product is the corrected percent water.

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