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360° rotatable microscope head



Monocular Microscope
For the inspection with
one eye



Binocular Microscope For the inspection with both eyes



Trinocular MicroscopeFor the inspection with both eyes and the additional option for the connection of a camera



Abbe Condenser With high numerical aperture for the concentration and the focusing of light



Halogen illumination For pictures bright and rich in contrast



LED illumination Cold, energy-saving and especially long-life illumination



Incident illumination For non-transparent objects



Transmitting illumination For transparent objects



Fluorescence illumination For stereomicroscopes



Fluorescence illumination for compound microscopes With 100W mercury lamp and filter



Fluorescence illumination for compound microscopes With 3 W LED illumination and filter



Phase contrast unit For a higher contrast



Darkfield condenser/ unit For a higher contrast due

to indirect illumination



Polarising unit
To polarise the light



Infinity system
Infinity corrected
optical system



Zoom magnification For stereomicroscopes



Auto-focus
For automatic control
of the focus level



Parallel optical system For stereomicroscopes, enables fatigue-proof working



Integrated scale
In the eyepiece



SD card For data storage



USB 2.0 interface For data transmission



USB 3.0 interface For data transmission



WIFI data interface: For transmitting of the picture to a mobile display device



HDMI digital cameraFor direct transmitting of the picture to a display device



PC software
To transfer the measurements from the device to a PC.



Automatic temperature compesation
For measurements between 10 °C and 30 °C



Protection against dust and water splashes IPxx: The type of protection is shown in the pictogram cf. DIN EN 60529:2000-09, IEC 60529:1989+A1:1999 +A2:2013



Battery operation Ready for battery operation. The battery type is specified for each device.



Rechargeable battery pack Rechargeable set



Plug-in power supply 230V/50Hz in standard version for EU. On request GB, AUS or USA version.



Integrated power supply unit Integrated in microscope. 230V/50Hz standard EU. More standards e.g. GB. AUS or USA on request.



Package shipment
The time required to
manufacture the product
internally is shown in
days in the pictogram.



Pallet shipment
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Abbreviations

C-Mount Adapter for the connection of a

camera to a trinocular microscope

FPS Frames per second

H(S)WF High (Super) Wide Field (Eyepiece with

high eye point for wearers of glasses)

LWD Long Working Distance

N.A. Numerical Aperture

SLR camera Single-Lens Reflex camera

SWF Super Wide Field (Field number at least Ø 23 mm

for 10× eyepiece)

W.D. Working Distance

WF Wide Field (Field number up to Ø 22 mm

for 10× eyepiece)

KERN Models A-Z

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New model

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for all technical questions concerning our microscopes, microscope cameras, refractometers, etc.

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SAUTER Measuring Instruments → 555

for all technical questions concerning our SAUTER measuring instruments, test benches, force measuring accessories (clamps etc.), SAUTER software

System Solutions Industry 4.0 → 200

for all technical questions concerning the interlocking of the latest information and communication technology with our scales, load cells and measuring devices as well as questions about KERN software

Calibration and Verification Service → 196

for any questions concerning our calibration and verification service





Transport and storage case



Rear view, screw-on battery compartment cover

Digital measurement of refraction index for universal application

Features

- The KERN ORM refractometers are accurate and universal maintenance free digital handheld refractometers
- They are characterized by their easy-using and robustness
- The typical and practical design is suitable for a quick and convenient everyday use
- The large, easy-to-read display with integrated temperature display supports the user to reliably determine the measurement
- · The integrated automatic temperature compensation (ATC), avoids the manual conversion of the measurement. This allows a quick and efficient usage of the instrument
- · Rapid, user-friendly calibration of the refractometer is possible at any time using standard commercial distilled water
- The refractometers from the KERN ORM range are protected to international IP65 protection class, against dust and water splashes. After use, you can rinse the refractometer under running water
- · Mean value measurements possible
- The follwoing accessory-parts are included:
- Prism cover lid
- Pipette
- Storage box
- 1 × AAA battery
- Screwdriver

Technical data

- Measurement temperature: 0 °C 40 °C
- Overall dimensions W×D×H 121×58×25 mm
- Net weight approx. 289 g
- Power supply: 1 × AAA (1,5 V)
- Lifetime of the battery: approx. 10.000 measurements
- ATC (Automatic Temperature Compensation 0 °C - 40 °C)
- Minimum sample volume: 4 drops
- Automatic energy management (AUTO-OFF after 60 seconds)
- Mean value measurement (15 measurements)

Accessories

· Calibration liquid

Note: Also available with calibration certificate, see page 106

STANDARD









Scope of application: Basic measurements for Brix and refractive index

The following models are particularly suitable for basic measurement where the result is required in Brix or refractive index. They are used to determine the sugar content in food or for monitoring processes in the industry (coolant monitoring, water-based mixtures). Alternatively the display can be switched to show Brix or the refractive index.



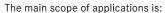
- Industry: Monitoring of lubricants in machines and quality control
- Food industry: Beverages, fruits and sweets
- · Agriculture: Determination of the degree of ripeness of fruit for quality control in harvesting
- · Restaurants and large-scale catering establishment

Model KERN	Scales	Measuring range	Accuracy	Division	Price excl. of VAT ex works €
ORM 50BM	Brix Refractive index	0 – 50 % 1,3330 – 1,4200 nD	± 0,2 % ± 0,0003 nD	0,1 % 0,0001 nD	350,-
ORM 1RS	Brix Refractive index	0 - 90 % 1,3330 - 1,5177 nD	± 0,2 % ± 0,0003 nD	0,1 % 0,0001 nD	420,-



Scope of application: Sugar

The following models are particularly suitable for direct measurement of different types of sugar. These are used to determine the content of the respective type of sugar in water-based liquids. It is possible to switch between the four different scales.



- Food industry: Beverages, fruits and sweets
- Agriculture: Determination of the degree of ripeness of fruits for quality control in harvesting, determination of colostrum milk quality
- · Restaurants and large-scale catering establishment

Model KERN	Scales	Measuring range	Accuracy	Division	Price excl. of VAT ex works €
	Fructose	0 - 69 %	± 0,2 %	0,1 %	
ORM 1SU	Glucose	0 - 60 %	± 0,2 %	0,1 %	420,-
	Brix	0 - 90 %	± 0,2 %	0,1 %	
	Refractive index	1,3330 - 1,5177 nD	± 0,0003 nD	0,0001 nD	-
	Lactose	0 - 17 %	± 0,2 %	0,1 %	
ORM 2SU	Maltose	0 - 16 %	± 0,2 %	0,1 %	350,-
	Dextran	0 - 11 %	± 0,2 %	0,1 %	-
	Brix	0 – 50 %	± 0,2 %	0,1 %	-



Scope of application: Honey

The following model is particularly suitable for the measurement of the water content in honey according to the International Honey Commission (IHC2002) and "degrees Baumé" to determine the relative density of liquids. Alternatively the display can be switched to show Brix or the refractive index.

The main scope of applications is:

- · Beekeeping
- · Honey production

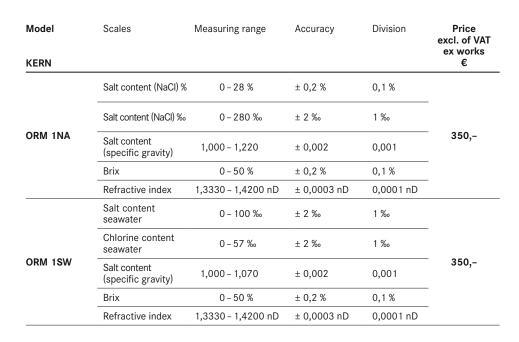
Model	Scales	Measuring range	Accuracy	Division	Price excl. of VAT ex works €
ORM 1HO	Water content Baumé Brix Refractive index	5 – 38 % 33 – 48 °Bé 0 – 90 % 1,3330 – 1,5177 nD	± 0,2 % ± 0,2 °Bé ± 0,2 % ± 0,0003 nD	0,1 % 0,1 °Bé 0,1 % 0,0001 nD	420,-



Scope of application: Salt

The following models are particularly suitable to determin the concentration of NaCl (salt) in water and seawater. This is often used for the preparation and for the cooking of sauces, bases for pastries, the production of brines (e.g. for white cheese) and the preparation of seafood and marinades for meat. Alternatively the display can be switched to show Brix or the refractive index.

- Food industry
- · Restaurants, and large-scale catering establishment, canteens
- Fisch farm





Scope of application: Beer/alcohol

The following models are particularly suitable for determining the sugar content of the original wort of beer in its unfermented state. The value can be read straightaway, without having to be converted, using the Original gravity (specific weight) and Degrees Plato scales. In addition, the percent by volume and percent by mass scales can be used to determine the alcohol content of clear spirits.

The main scope of applications is:

- Beer brewers
- · Alcohol production



Model KERN	Scales	Measuring range	Accuracy	Division	Price excl. of VAT ex works €
ORM 1AL	Percentage by mass Percentage by volume Brix Refractive index	0-72 % 0-80 % 0-50 % 1,3330-1,4200 nD	± 1 % ± 1 % ± 0,2 % ± 0,0003 nD	1 % 1 % 0,1 % 0,0001 nD	350,-
ORM 1BR	Plato Original gravity (specific weight) Brix Refractive index	0-31 °P 1,000 - 1,130 0-50 % 1,3330 - 1,4200 nD	± 0,3 °P ± 0,002 ± 0,2 % ± 0,0003 nD	0,1 °P 0,001 0,1 % 0,0001 nD	350,-

Scope of application: Wine

The following models are particularly suitable for the measurement of the sugar content in fruit. It indicates the expected °Alcohol of the fruit. The degree of ripeness of fruit (fruit-sugar) can also be determined, such as e.g. grapes. Alternatively the display can be switched to show Brix.

- Agriculture: Wine-growing (viticulture) and fruit-growing
- Wine-production
- Must and alcohol production



°Oe = Degree Oechsle, °KMW = Klosterneuburger Most Waage

Model KERN	Scales	Measuring range	Accuracy	Division	Price excl. of VAT ex works €
ORM 1WN	Oechsle Percentage by volume KMW (Babo) Brix	0 - 150 °Oe 0 - 22 % 0 - 25 °KMW 0 - 50 %	± 2 °Oe ± 0,2 % ± 0,2 °KMW ± 0,2 %	1 °Oe 0,1 % 0,1 °KMW 0,1 %	350,-
ORM 2WN	Oechsle France Percentage by volume KMW (Babo) Brix	0 - 230 °Oe 0 - 22 % 0 - 25 °KMW 0 - 50 %	± 2 °Oe ± 0,2 % ± 0,2 °KMW ± 0,2 %	1 °Oe 0,1 % 0,1 °KMW 0,1 %	350,-

Scope of application: Coffee

The following models are particularly suitable for measuring the dissolved solids (TDS) in coffee to determine or compare the strength of a cup of coffee. For roasting plants, the TDS% value is used to determine the solubility level of a roast and to control the quality. Alternatively the display can be switched to show Brix or the refractive index.

The main scope of applications is:

- Coffee industry
- Coffee roasting plants
- · Coffee competitions

Modell KERN	Scales	Measuring range	Accuracy	Division	Price excl. of VAT ex works €
ORM 1CO	Coffee TDS 1 Brix Refractive index	0 - 25 % 0 - 50 % 1,3330 - 1,4200 nD	± 0,2 % ± 0,2 % ± 0,0003 nD	0,1 % 0,1 % 0,0001 nD	350,-
ORM 2CO	Coffee TDS 2 Brix Refractive index	0,00-25,00 % 0,00-30,00 % 1,3330-1,4200 nD	± 0,2 % ± 0,2 % ± 0,0003 nD	0,01 % 0,01 % 0,0001 nD	350,-



Scope of application: Urine

The following models are particularly suitable for the measurement of the specific gravity (sg) in urine, the quantitiy of serum (serumproteine) in urine (doping control among athletes), and the refractive index.

- Hospitals
- Doctor's surgeries/Physicians
- Medical training institutions
- Nursing homes
- Sports medicine (doping test)
- Veterinary

Model KERN	Scales	Measuring range	Accuracy	Division	Price excl. of VAT ex works €
ORM 1UN	Urine (spec. gravity) Serum protein Brix Refractive index	1,000 - 1,050 0 - 12 g/100 ml 0 - 50 % 1,3330 - 1,4200 nD	± 0,002 ± 0,2 g/100 ml ± 0,2 % ± 0,0003 nD	0,001 0,1 g/100 ml 0,1 % 0,0001 nD	350,-
ORM 2UN	Urine (s. g. dog) Urine (s. g. cat) Brix Refractive index	1,000 - 1,060 1,000 - 1,060 0 - 50 % 1,3330 - 1,4200 nD	± 0,002 ± 0,002 ± 0,2 % ± 0,0003 nD	0,001 0,001 0,1 % 0,0001 nD	350,-



Scope of application: Industry/Automotive

The following models are particularly suitable for the measurement and determination of AdBlue®, glycol concentration ethylene (EG) and propylene (PG), battery fluid (BF), urea, the freezing point of windscreen wash water (CW). Furthermore these models are suitable for the measurement of thermal exchange systems. Alternatively the display can be switched to show Brix or the refractive index.

- Automotive industry: Car-workshops and producers
- Chemical industry
- Solar industry: Antifreeze monitoring

Model KERN	Scales	Measuring range	Accuracy	Division	Price excl. of VAT ex works €
ORM 1CA	Wash water AdBlue® Battery fluid Brix Refractive index	(-60) - 0 °C 0 - 51 % 1,000 - 1,500 kg/l 0 - 50 % 1,3330 - 1,4200 nD	± 0,5 °C ± 0,2 % ± 0,005 kg/l ± 0,2 % ± 0,0003 nD	0,1 °C 0,1 % 0,001 kg/l 0,1 % 0,0001 nD	350,-
ORM 2CA	Ethylene glycol (%) Ethylene glycol (° C) Propylene glycol (%) Propylene glycol (°C) Brix	0 - 100 % (-50) - 0 ° C 0 - 100 % (-60) - 0 ° C 0 - 90 %	± 0,5 % ± 0,5 °C ± 0,5 % ± 0,5 °C ± 0,2 %	0,1 % 0,1 °C 0,1 % 0,1 °C 0,1 %	420,-







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