

°C/°F pH



pH / Temperature Meter for Cheese

with Application Specific Probe



Application Importance

pH is an essential measurement throughout the entire cheesemaking process. From the initial measurements of incoming milk to the final measurements of ripened cheese, pH is the most important parameter for cheese quality and safety control.

Acidification of milk begins with the addition of bacterial culture and rennet. The bacteria consume lactose and create lactic acid as a byproduct of fermentation, lowering the pH of the milk. Once the milk reaches a particular pH, the rennet is added. The enzymes in rennet help to speed up curdling and create a firmer substance. For cheesemakers that dilute their rennet, the pH of the dilution water is also critical; water that is near pH 7 or higher can deactivate the rennet, causing problems with coagulation.

Once the curds are cut, stirred, and cooked, the liquid whey must be drained. The pH of whey at draining directly affects the composition and texture of the final cheese product. Whey that has a relatively high pH contributes to higher levels of calcium and phosphate and results in a stronger curd. Typical pH levels at draining can vary depending on the type of cheese; for example, Swiss cheese is drained between pH 6.3 and 6.5 while Cheddar cheese is drained between pH 6.0 and 6.2.

The next stages of milling and salting are affected by pH as well. During milling, curds are cut into smaller pieces to prepare the cheese for salting. Curds with a lower pH at milling result in a harder cheese. A low pH will also result in higher salt absorption during the salting stage.

When curds are pressed into a final, solid form, the pH directly affects how well the curds fuse together. If the pH is too high during pressing, the curds will not bind together as well and the final cheese will have a more open texture.

During brining, the cheese soaks up salt from the brine solution and loses excess moisture. The pH of the brine solution should be close to the pH of the cheese, ensuring equilibrium of ions like calcium and hydrogen. If there is an imbalance during brining, the final product can have rind defects, discoloration, a weakened texture, and a shorter shelf life.

Cheeses must fall within a narrow pH range to provide an optimal environment for microbial and enzymatic processes that occur during ripening. Bacterial cultures used in ripening are responsible for characteristics like the holes in Swiss cheese, the white mold on Brie rinds, and the aroma of Limburger cheese. A deviation from the ideal pH is not only detrimental to the ecology of the bacteria, but also to the cheese structure. Higher pH levels can result in cheeses that are more elastic while lower pH levels can cause brittleness.



HI99165

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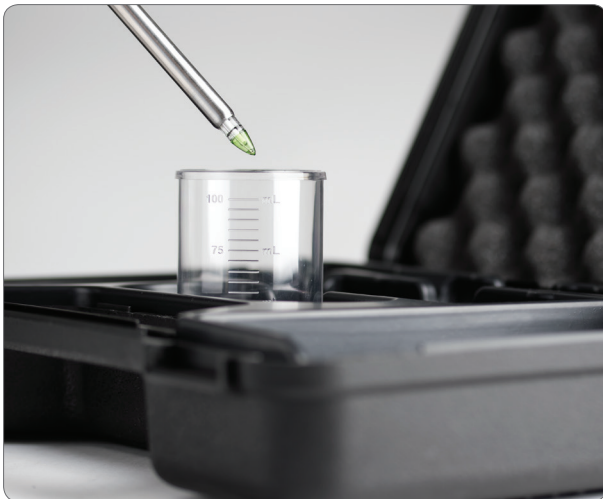
with Application Specific Probe

- Waterproof
- Application specific electrode
- Automatic Temperature Compensation
- Automatic one or two-point calibration
- Multi-level LCD display
- On-screen tutorial for calibration and set up
- Stability indicator for accurate data recording
- Battery Error Prevention System
- Battery life displayed on startup
- Supplied as a complete kit

The Hanna Instruments HI99165 is a durable, waterproof, and portable pH and temperature meter designed specifically for cheese analysis. Automatic calibration is done at one or two points with two sets of buffers. All calibration and measurement readings are automatically compensated for temperature measurements. The split-level LCD displays both pH and temperature readings, along with indicators for reading stability, battery percentage, and calibration instructions.



shown actual size



Calibrate samples right in the case

Our custom carrying case features a beaker holder for calibration on the production floor.

On-screen Features



- **Temperature**
 - °C and °F measurement modes



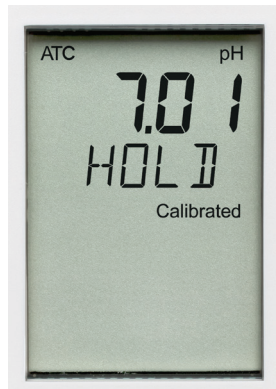
- **Buffer sets**
 - Calibrate to standard (pH 4.01, pH 7.01, pH 10.01) or NIST (pH 4.01, pH 6.86, pH 9.18) buffers



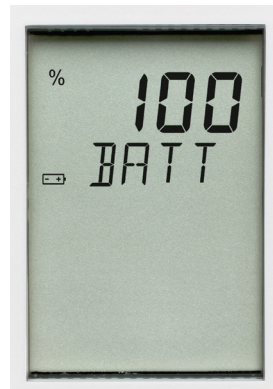
- **Calibration prompts**
 - On-screen prompts during the calibration process



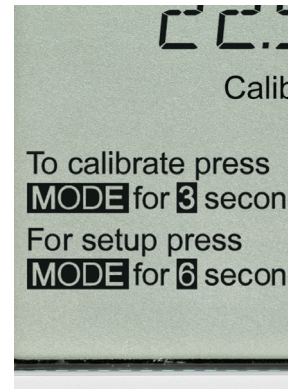
- **Stability indicator**
 - "Not Stable" tag disappears when the reading is stable for accurate data recording



- **Freeze readings**
 - Press the SET/HOLD button to hold readings on the display



- **Battery percentage**
 - Battery percentage is displayed at startup



- **On-screen guides**
 - On-screen quick guides for entering calibration and set up

Specifications

pH	Range*	-2.00 to 16.00 pH
	Resolution	0.01 pH
	Accuracy	±0.02 pH
	Calibration	automatic, one or two-point calibration with two sets of standard buffers (standard pH 4.01, 7.01, 10.01 or NIST pH 4.01, 6.86, 9.18)
	Temperature Compensation	automatic from -5.0 to 105.0°C (23 to 221°F)
Temperature	Range*	-5.0 to 105.0°C / 23.0 to 221.0°F
	Resolution	0.1°C/0.1°F
	Accuracy	±0.5°C (up to 60°C); ±1.0°C (outside) / ±1°F (up to 140°F); ±2.0°F (outside)
Additional Specifications	Probe (included)	FC242D pre-amplified pH probe with internal temperature sensor, DIN connector and 1 m (3.3') cable (included)
	Battery Type/Life	1.5V AAA (3) / approximately 1200 hours of continuous use
	Auto-off	auto-off after 8 minutes of non-use
	Environment	0 to 50°C (32 to 122°F); RH max. 100%
	Dimensions / Weight	152 x 58 x 30 mm (6.0 x 2.3 x 1.2") / 205 g (7.2 oz)

* Limits will be reduced to actual sensor limits

FC242D

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- Stainless steel body
- Conic glass tip
- Low temperature glass
- Built-in temperature sensor

- **AISI 316 stainless steel body**
 - The metal body offers durability in the production facility and can withstand chloride concentrations that cause corrosion in other types of alloys.

- **Low temperature glass**
 - The FC242D electrode uses Low Temperature (LT) glass for the sensing bulb. The LT glass tip is a lower resistance glass formulation. As the temperature of the sensing glass decreases, the resistance of the LT glass will increase approaching that of standard glass at ambient temperatures. The FC242D is suitable to use with samples that measure from 0 to 50°C.



- **Viscolene electrolyte**
 - The viscolene electrolyte offers a hard gel interface between the inner electrode components and the sample being measured. The electrolyte is silver-free for use in cheese products and is maintenance-free.

- **Built-in temperature sensor**
 - A thermistor temperature sensor is in the tip of the indicating pH electrode. A temperature sensor should be as close as possible to the indicating pH bulb in order to compensate for variations in temperature.

- **Conic tip shape**
 - This design allows for penetration into solids, semi solids, and emulsions for the direct measurement of pH in cheese products.

Specifications

Description	pre-amplified pH / temperature probe
Reference	single
Junction	ceramic
Electrolyte	viscolene
Max Pressure	0.1 bar
Range	pH: 0 to 12
Recommended Operating Temperature	0 to 50°C (32 to 122°F)
Tip /Shape	conic
Temperature Sensor	yes
Amplifier	yes
Body Material	AISI 316 stainless steel
Cable	coaxial; 1 m (3.3')
Connection	DIN



HI99165 includes:



FC242D
pre-amplified pH
probe with internal
temperature sensor

100 mL plastic
beaker

HI70004
pH 4.01 buffer
solution sachet

HI70007
pH 7.01 buffer
solution sachet

HI700642
electrode cleaning
solution for cheese
residues sachet (2)

1.5V AAA batteries
(3)

instruction manual
and visual quick
start guide

rugged carrying
case with custom
insert

Accessories

Code	Description
FC242D	FC242D pre-amplified pH probe with internal temperature sensor, DIN connector and 1 m (3.3') cable (included)
HI70004P	pH 4.01 buffer solution, 20 mL sachets (25)
HI7004L	pH 4.01 buffer solution, 500 mL bottle
HI70007P	pH 7.01 buffer solution, 20 mL sachets (25)
HI7007L	pH 7.01 buffer solution, 500 mL bottle
HI700642P	electrode cleaning solution for cheese residues, 20 mL sachets (25)
HI70642L	electrode cleaning solution for cheese residues, 500 mL bottle
HI70300M	electrode storage solution, 230 mL bottle
HI710023	shockproof boot (orange)
HI710024	shockproof boot (blue)
HI98501	Checktemp® digital thermometer



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Checktemp® digital
thermometer



HI70642L
electrode cleaning
solution for cheese
residues, 500 mL bottle



HI710023
shockproof rubber
boot (orange)



HI710024
shockproof rubber
boot (blue)