

# **EasyView Digital Light Meter**

# **Model EA31**



## Introduction

Thank you for selecting the Extech EasyView Digital Light Meter which measures the amount of light falling on a surface (luminance) in Foot-candles or Lux. This device measures up to 20,000 Fc and 20,000 Lux. This device is shipped fully tested and calibrated and, with proper use, will provide years of reliable service. Please visit the Extech Instruments website (<a href="https://www.extech.com">www.extech.com</a>) to check for the latest version of this User Guide. Extech Instruments is an ISO-9001 certified company.

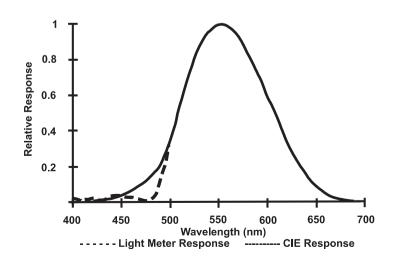
# **Meter Description**

- 1. LCD display
- 2. Range button
- 3. Power ON/OFF button
- lux / fc selection button
- Data HOLD button
- 6. MAX/MIN button
- Photo sensor (lens cover not shown)
   (Tripod mounts on rear of sensor)

Note: Battery compartment is located on the rear of the instrument



## **Spectral Sensitivity**



# Operation

#### **Power ON or OFF**

Press the button to turn power on or off.

#### Units of measure

Press the lux / fc button to select the unit of measure. "fc" or "lux" will appear in the display.

#### Light sensor

- 1. The light sensor is attached to the meter with a coiled cable which allows placement of the sensor up to approximately 3 feet from the meter.
- 2. The light sensor is a silicon photo diode and resides under the white domed lens.
- To protect the lens from scratches, keep the protective cap on the sensor whenever the unit is not in use.
- 4. The back of the sensor has a tripod mounting hole.

### Taking measurements

- 1. Remove the protective cap from the sensor.
- 2. Place the sensor in a horizontal position at the measurement location.
- Read the light level on the display. If the light measurement is out of range an "OL" indication will appear on the display. If the 'OL' appears, select a higher range by pressing the RANGE button.

#### **MX MN Function**

- Press the MX/MN button once to put the meter in MX/MN mode. The meter will now display the highest reading that occurs while the function is enabled. The "MAX" icon will appear in the display.
- Press the MX/MN button again to display the lowest reading that occurs while the function is enabled. The "MIN" icon will appear in the display.
- 3. Press MX/MN again to toggle between the MAX and MIN readings.
- To exit the MX MN mode and return to the normal real time display, press and hold the MX/MN button (2 seconds) until the MAX and MIN icons disappear.

#### **Data Hold**

Press the **HOLD** button to freeze the displayed reading. The 'H' hold icon will appear on the display. Press the **HOLD** button again to return to normal operation.

# Reference

Foot candles	Lux	Typical Light Levels
>10000	>107600	Sunlight
1000 to 10000	10760 to 107600	Operating Table
100 to 1000	1076 to 10760	Assembly (fine)
		Football stadium
		Emergency room
		Drafting table
10 to 100	107 to 1076	Overcast day
		Assembly (general)
		Classroom
		Casual reading
		Shipping area
		Stairwell
		Auditorium
1 to 10	10.7 to 107	ATM machine
		Storage room
		Building entrance
		Parking lot
0 to 1	0 to 10.7	Highway
		Full moon

## Foot-candle / Lux conversion

1 lux = .09290 foot-candles

1 foot-candle = 10.764 lux

### Maintenance

## Cleaning and storage

- 1. The white plastic sensor dome should be cleaned with a damp cloth when necessary.
- 2. Store the meter in an area with moderate temperature and humidity (refer to the operating and storage range in the specifications chart earlier in this manual).

## **Battery Replacement**

When the battery voltage is low the '**BT**' symbol will appear on the display. Replace the six (6) 1.5 'AAA' batteries by removing the rear (center) battery compartment screw and accessing the battery compartment. Observe polarity when placing the batteries in the compartment. Ensure that the compartment cover is securely fastened when finished.



You, as the end user, are legally bound (**Battery ordinance**) to return all used batteries and accumulators; **disposal in the household garbage is prohibited!** You can hand over your used batteries / accumulators at collection points in your community or wherever batteries / accumulators are sold!

**Disposal:** Follow the valid legal stipulations in respect of the disposal of the device at the end of its lifecycle

# **Specifications**

Ranges	Resolution	Accuracy
Lux		
20.00,	0.01	± (3% Reading + 0.5% Full Scale)
200.0	0.1	± (3% Reading : 0.3% Full Scale)
2000	1	
20.00kLux	0.01	if > 10,000 lux
		±( 4% Reading + 0.5%Full Scale)
Foot candles		
20.00	0.01	± (3% Reading + 0.5% Full Scale)
200	0.1	
2000,	1	if > 1,000 fc
20.00kfc	0.01	±( 4% Reading + 0.5%Full Scale)

## **General Specifications**

Display 3-1/2 digit, 2000 count LCD

Over range indication LCD displays 'OL'

Spectral response CIE photopic (CIE human eye response curve), Cosine corrected

Spectral accuracy CIE V2 function (f<sub>1</sub>, 6%)

Measurement Repeatability ±2%

Calibration Calibrated to a standard incandescent lamp at color temperature

2856°K

Temperature coefficient ±0.1% per °C

Sampling rate 2.5 times per second

Photo detector Silicon photo-diode and spectral response filter

Operating conditions Temperature: 0 to  $40^{\circ}$ C (32 to  $104^{\circ}$ ; Humidity: < 80% RH Storage conditions Temperature: -10 to  $50^{\circ}$ C (14 to  $140^{\circ}$ F); Humidity: < 80% RH

Dimensions  $150 \times 72 \times 35$ mm  $(5.91 \times 2.8 \times 1.4")$  Weight Approx. 320g (11.3 oz) with battery Photo Detector Dimensions  $92 \times 60 \times 29$ mm  $(3.62 \times 2.36 \times 1.14")$ 

Detector cable length 91cm (3') approximately
Low battery indication "BT" appears on the LCD

Power supply 6 'AAA' cells; Battery life approx 400 hours

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