

# Model PQ45H

## Portable Chlorine / pH Measurement System

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# Part 1 - Introduction

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## 1.1 General

The Model PQ45-62/63 Portable Chlorine Monitor is designed for short-term measurement and data logging of either free or combined chlorine in water distribution systems. It may also be used for permanent monitoring in locations where solar power systems are available to provide continuous power.

Each system is a self-contained package that includes a battery-powered analyzer, sensor, flowcell assembly, and sample flow controls. For systems supplied with optional pH measurement, two sensors and flowcells are installed. Sample and drain connections are provided on the outside of the case, and connectors and tubing to adapt to water samples are supplied. Sample lines with pressures up to 75 PSI (5 Bar) may be connected without pressure reduction. For samples subject to higher pressures, a pressure-reducing valve should be used to control sample pressure to less than 75 PSI (5 Bar).

Both the fittings installed in the case and the fittings supplied for sample tubing connection externally are equipped with shut-off valves. When both fittings are plugged in, sample will flow. When either the inlet or outlet fittings are disconnected, sample flow will stop. Sample flow rate is controlled internally by a special orifice flow control device that provides a fixed 400 cc/min. flow at sample inlet pressures between 5 and 75 PSI (0.3-5.0 Bar). An in-line y-strainer is installed to trap particles larger than 65 micron.

Most system components are mounted on a hinged panel inside the case. The electronic unit is mounted on the front of the panel. If the optional data logger was ordered, this is also mounted on the front. Opening up the internal panel allows access to the sensor, flowcell, and flow control assembly. Maintenance items, connectors, and extra tubing are stored in the space behind the panel.

## 1.2 Standard System

Standard PQ45 systems include a battery-powered electronic unit, a chlorine sensor and flowcell, flow control components, sample and drain tubing, and various accessories. The standard batteries consist of two standard alkaline C-cell batteries located inside the electronic assembly.

Optional items may be installed if specified when ordered. The two main options are a pH sensor and flowcell assembly and a removable battery-powered data logger with software



**Figure 1 - PQ45 Portable Monitor System**

### 1.3 Features

- Standard main module is designed to be a fully isolated, battery-powered instrument. An optional arrangement provides for external power from a 10-16 VDC supply.
- High accuracy, high sensitivity system, measures from 0.1 ppb to 200.0 ppm through 4 internal automatic ranges. User ranges of 200.0 ppb, 2.000 ppm, 20.00 ppm, or 200.0 ppm.
- Two 10-bit, isolated, 0-2.5 VDC analog outputs may be configured to track free chlorine and temperature, free chlorine and pH, or free chlorine and free chlorine. Both analog outputs can be individually programmed to specific ranges. Optional data logger (removable module) allows the user to gather up to 32000 total data points on free chlorine, pH, and temperature.

- Selectable automatic pH compensation feature. Enables active pH compensation of free chlorine readings – requiring no pumps or buffers to maintain a constant pH level. The pH reading can also be sent to one of the analog outputs for complete pH + chlorine monitoring.
- Large, high contrast, custom Super-Twist display with LED backlight provides excellent readability even in low light conditions. A secondary line of display utilizes 5x7 dot matrix characters for clear message display. Two measured parameters may be on the display simultaneously.
- Diagnostic messages provide a clear description of any problem with no confusing error codes to look up. Messages are also included for diagnosing calibration problems.
- Quick and easy one-point calibration method and sensor zero-cal. To provide high accuracy, all calibration methods include stability monitors that check temperature and main parameter stability before accepting data.
- High accuracy three-wire Pt100 temperature input. Temperature element can be user calibrated.
- Security lock feature to prevent unauthorized tampering with transmitter settings. All settings can be viewed while locked, but they cannot be changed.
- Low battery indicator on the display alerts operators that the C-cell batteries are nearing end of life. Normal operational life for two C-cell batteries is about 30 days of continuous operation.

## 1.4 Q45H/62 System Specifications

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Displayed Parameters</b>  | Main input, 0.1 ppb (0.0001 ppm) to 200.0 ppm<br>Sensor temperature, -10.0 to 55.0 °C (23 to 131 °F)<br>Sensor Current, 0.0–999.9 nA, 0.000 to 99.99 uA<br>Output Voltage, 0-2.5 VDC<br>Sensor slope/offset<br>Model number and software version<br>Optional pH Input value. 0.00 to 14.00 pH |
| <b>Main Parameter Ranges</b> | Manual selection of one of the following ranges,<br>0.000 to 200.0 ppb<br>0.0 to 2.000 ppm<br>0.00 to 20.00 ppm<br>0.00 to 200.0 ppm  |
| <b>Display</b>               | Large, high-contrast, Super-Twist with backlight<br>4-digit main display with sign, 0.75" (19.1 mm) seven-segment characters<br>12-digit secondary display, 0.3" (7.6 mm) 5x7 dot matrix characters   |
| <b>Keypad</b>                | 4-key membrane type with tactile feedback, polycarbonate with UV coating  |
| <b>Weight</b>                | 17 lbs. (7.3 Kg.)   |
| <b>Ambient Temperature</b>   | Analyzer Service, 0 to 60 °C (-4 to 140 °F)<br>Sensor Service, 0 to 55°C (32 to 131 °F)<br>Storage, 0 to 70 °C (32 to 158 °F)   |
| <b>Ambient Humidity</b>      | 0 to 95%, non-condensing.   |
| <b>EMI/RFI Influence</b>     | Designed to EN 61326-1  |
| <b>Output Isolation</b>      | 600 V galvanic isolation  |
| <b>Filter</b>                | Adjustable 0-9.9 minutes additional damping to 90% step input   |
| <b>Temperature Input</b>     | Pt100 RTD with automatic compensation   |
| <b>Sensor</b>                | 2-electrode polarographic membrane sensor for direct measurement of chlorine  |
| <b>Sensor Materials</b>      | Noryl and stainless steel   |
| <b>Sensor Cable</b>          | 1ft. (.3 meter) cable with 6-pin plug.  |



|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Optional pH Compensation Input</b> | Combination pH sensor with 18" (46 cm) cable for direct connection to electronics.  |
| <b>Flow Cell</b>                      | Sealed acrylic flowcell factory assembled with polyurethane sample and drain tubing. Second acrylic flowcell supplied if optional pH sensor is installed. |
| <b>Instrument Power</b>               | Two alkaline C-cell batteries standard. External 5-17 VDC (10 mA) supply optional.  |
| <b>Battery Life</b>                   | Approximately 30 days of continuous operation with two high quality alkaline C-Cell batteries. .  |
| <b>Outputs</b>                        | Two 0-2.5 VDC isolated outputs are provided for connection to data recorders, etc.  |
| <b>Optional Data logger</b>           | Removable data module holds total of 32000 points from two user configured channels, time of logging is user configurable.                                |
| <b>Software</b>                       | Data logger software supplied when optional data logger is ordered. Standard software package is PC compatible, but MAC version is available.             |

### 1.5 Q45H Performance Specifications

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Accuracy</b>                 | 0.5% of selected range or 0.01 PPM                |
| <b>Repeatability</b>            | 0.3% of selected range or 0.01 PPM                |
| <b>Sensitivity</b>              | 0.05% of selected range                           |
| <b>Non-linearity</b>            | 0.1% of selected range                            |
| <b>Warm-up Time</b>             | 3 seconds to rated performance (electronics only) |
| <b>Supply Voltage Effects</b>   | ± 0.05% span                                      |
| <b>Instrument Response Time</b> | 60 seconds to 90% of step input at lowest damping |

## Part 2 – System Components

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### 2.1 General

The PQ45 Portable Chlorine Monitoring System comes complete in a rugged molded case, and is designed to be operated by simply setting the case in the desired location, connecting sample and drain tubes, and turning on the power. However, when received, the sensors are not yet ready for use, and the user must first prepare the chlorine sensor and pH sensor if supplied. Once the system has been readied for use, it can be turned on and off, and moved to various locations without requiring further service.

### 2.2 Front Panel Components

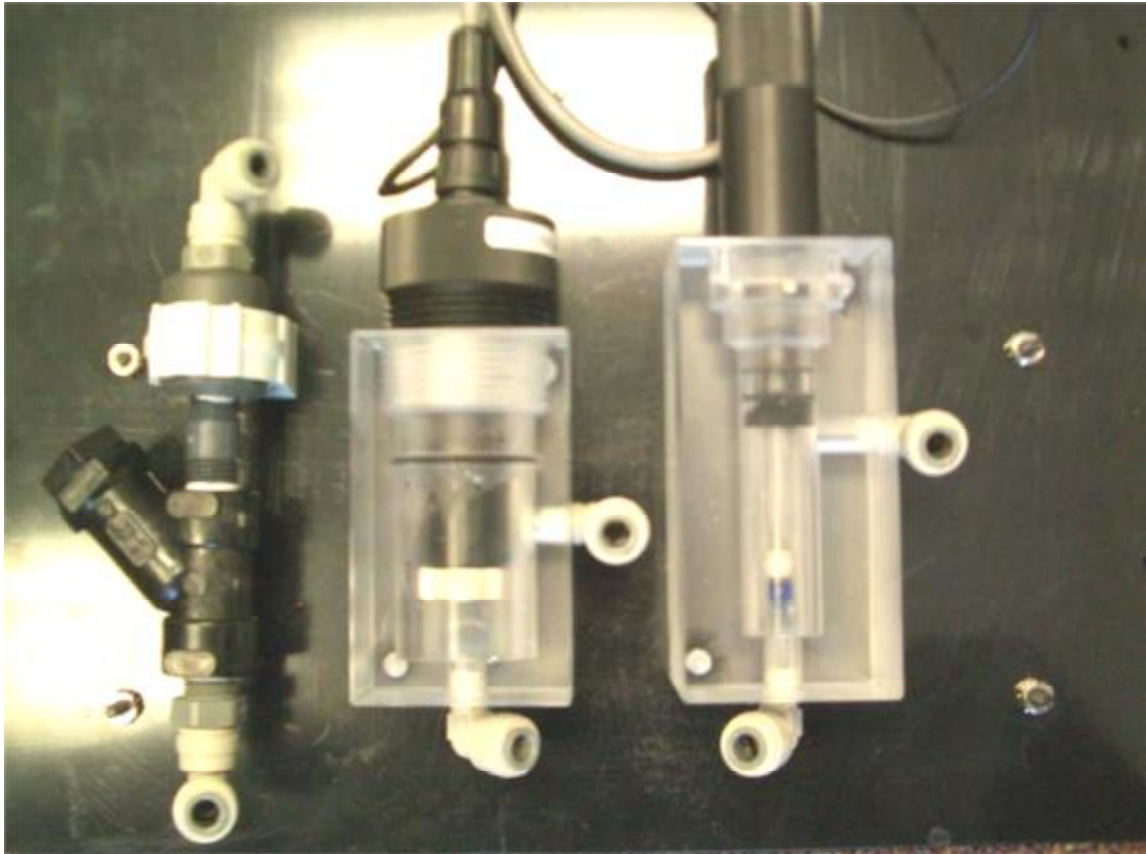
The PQ45 contains an internal hinged panel. Release the two main case latches and you will see the electronic monitor on the front of the panel with a graphic of the software map located below. The graphic is meant to be a reference for navigating the software in the analyzer. If the optional data logger was ordered, this component will be located just below the monitor, and will have two connectors plugged into the side.



**Figure 2 - Front View of Hinged Panel**

### 2.3 Internal Flow System

The “Wet” section of the analyzer is located on the back of the internal hinged panel. The panel is held in place by two captive screws on the right side. Loosen these screws to get access to the sensors and sample flow components. Figure 3 identifies the items located on the back of the panel. Note that the drawing shows the optional pH sensor and flowcell, but these items are only supplied when specified on the order.



**Figure 3 - Sensor and Flow Components**

The flow system inside the case consists of quick-disconnect sample and drain fittings, polyurethane tubing, flow control assembly, and either one or two flowcells with sensors. This system is completely assembled and is designed for connection to water sources with pressure between 5 and 75 PSI. Note that the drain tube **MUST** discharge to an unpressurized drain. You may not connect the drain to a pressurized line or the system will not function properly.

Most tubing connections are made using what are called “instant tube fittings”. These fittings are designed to allow tubing to be readily removed in case service is needed on a particular component. This is normally only needed to remove the flow control assembly to clean the y-strainer.

The instant tube fittings have a circular collar at the end of the fitting. This collar must be pushed toward the main body of the fitting while pulling the tubing in the opposite direction. When reinserting the tubing, simply press the tubing into the fitting and you will feel it slide into place.

## 2.4 Flow Control System

The sample flow to the sensors in this instrument is controlled by a special orifice control device that controls sample flow to approximately 400 cc/min. regardless of variations in inlet pressure. The flow control device is protected by a y-strainer. This strainer is designed to remove any large particles that might adversely affect the performance of the flow control.

The y-strainer should be inspected periodically and cleaned of accumulated solids. To do so, it is easiest to remove the entire flow control system by disconnecting the inlet and outlet tubes from the top and bottom of the assembly, and then removing it from the mounting clip. Once removed, use a crescent wrench to unscrew the screen holder. Remove the screen and rinse as needed to remove any accumulated solids.

## 2.5 Sensor Polarizer

Each PQ45H chlorine system is supplied with a “sensor polarizer” designed to facilitate stabilization of the chlorine sensor, and to keep the sensor in a state where it is ready for use immediately, even if the analyzer is turned off. If the system was ordered for free chlorine, a free chlorine polarizer is supplied. Combined chlorine systems contain a combined chlorine polarizer.

The polarizer is a battery-operated device that provides a bias voltage on the sensor electrodes similar to that provided by the analyzer. The battery is sealed inside the device and should last 3-5 years.

The polarizer will plug directly into the connector on the back end of the chlorine sensor. Note that polarizer for free chlorine and for combined chlorine are different. If your analyzer was supplied with both types of sensors, be sure to use the correct polarizer with the sensor you are using. Using the wrong one will not damage the sensor, but may result in a long stabilization time when plugging the sensor back into the monitor.

## 2.6 Water Sample Connections

On the hinged side of the case are two quick-disconnect fittings marked INLET and OUTLET. This is where you will connect your water sample. These connectors contain valves that automatically close when the mating connector is removed. Mating connectors also contain valves so that sample lines can be disconnected without closing the main tap valve.

A 20-foot (6 m.) length of 0.25" O.D. x 0.17" I.D. polyurethane tubing is supplied for connection to water lines. In addition, tube fittings that mate with either 1/8" NPT or 1/4" NPT sample lines are supplied for convenience.

## 2.7 Spare Parts

Behind the internal panel in the area of the flowcells and sensors is a molded foam area that holds spare parts that might be needed in the field. The following items are normally supplied.

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| Qty. 1  | Pack of 10 spare sensor membranes (either free or combined)     |
| Qty. 1  | 120 cc. Bottle of sensor electrolyte (either free or combined)  |
| Qty. 1  | Misc. screw and O-ring kit for sensors.                         |
| Qty. 1  | Sensor polarizer  |
| Qty. 1  | Data Logger Software (if purchased with system)                 |
| Qty. 2  | Quick-disconnect fittings for sample & drain connection         |
| Qty. 4  | Water system adapter fittings – two each of 1/8" NPT & 1/4" NPT |
| 20 feet | 1/4" O.D. x 0.17" I.D. sample / drain tubing                    |

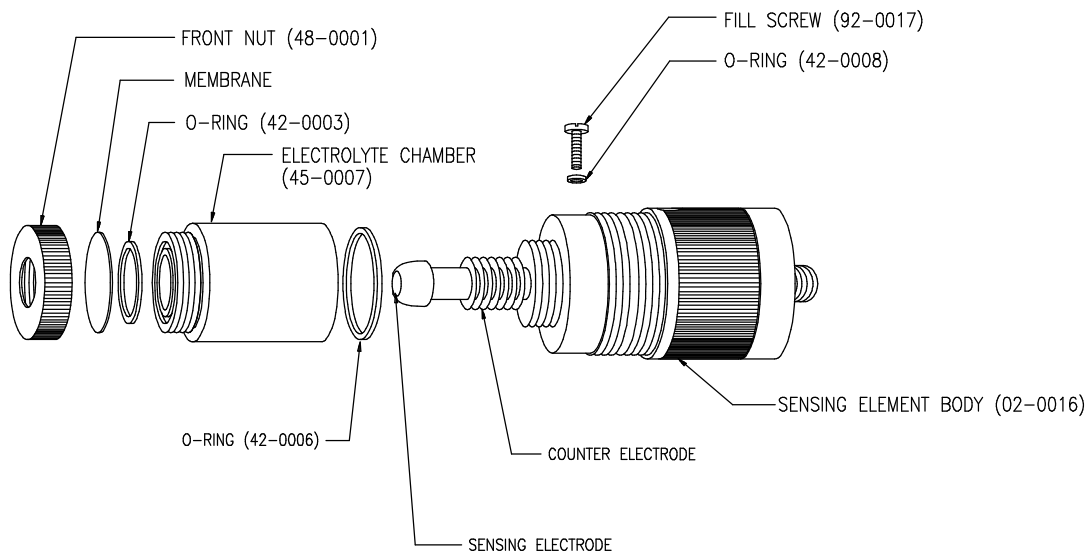
Any other accessories, spare sensors, membranes, polarizer, or adapter fittings that were ordered with the system will be stored there if space allows.

Attached inside the front cover is a plastic pouch containing the O&M manual for the instrument.

## Part 3 – Sensor Preparation

### 3.1 Chlorine Sensor Preparation

The chlorine sensor supplied with the PQ45H is shipped dry. It will not operate until it is prepared by adding electrolyte and a membrane. Preparation of the sensor for operation must be done carefully. The procedure should be done by a qualified technician, and it should only be done when the system is ready for operation. Until then, it is best to leave the sensor in the condition in which it is received.



**Figure 4 - Chlorine Sensor Assembly**

Follow the procedure below to prepare the chlorine sensor for operation:

1. Unscrew the electrolyte chamber from the assembled sensor and also remove the fill screw (vent screw) from the side of the sensor body.
2. Remove the front nut from the bottom of the chamber and discard the protective membrane. O-rings are contained in grooves on both the bottom and top of the chamber. Be sure that these o-rings remain in place.
3. From the package of membranes supplied with the sensor, place a new membrane into the front nut. **The membrane is white in color and is separated from other membranes by a light blue paper spacer.**

**CRITICAL NOTE:** The 05-0023 membrane used on the combined chlorine sensor **MUST** be installed with the proper side facing the sample. **Examine the membrane carefully to identify the “shiny” side.** The membrane has a dull side and a shiny side. **The shiny side must face out,** or be in contact with the measured sample. Reversing the membrane will cause no damage, but the measurement will be very unstable. The shiny side is smooth to the touch, while the dull side feels rough. You can touch the membrane surfaces so long as your hands are clean.

4. Screw the front nut on to the chamber until you feel the o-ring compress. Hand tight compression is all that is needed. Do not use tools to tighten. The membrane should be flat across the bottom of the chamber without wrinkles.
5. Fill the chamber with electrolyte until the level reaches the bottom of the internal threads.
6. Slowly screw the chamber onto the sensor body. A small amount of electrolyte will run out of the hole from which the vent screw was removed. Place a paper towel around the sensor to absorb the electrolyte overflow. The electrolyte is harmless and will not irritate skin. Tighten the chamber until the o-ring at the top of the chamber is compressed. Once again, do not use tools to tighten.
7. Shake excess electrolyte from the vent hole on the side of the sensor and replace the fill screw.

The sensor is now ready for operation. The membrane should be stretched tightly across the tip of the sensor. Screw the sensor into the flowcell on the back of the hinged panel. Note that you do not need to screw the sensor in completely. The seal is made using an o-ring on the body. Simply screw it in until you can easily plug in the connector for the sensor cable. The flowcell should contain enough water to keep the membrane area wet for proper storage. **Be sure to have the drain fitting plugged into the outside port when inserting and removing sensors. When fittings are not connected, trying to remove or insert a sensor will be extremely difficult.**

**CAUTION:** When handling the assembled sensor, do not set the sensor on its tip or damage to the membrane will result. Severe impacts on the tip of the sensor from dropping or other misuse may cause permanent damage to the sensor.

### 3.2 Sensor Polarizer (Keeper)

Each PQ45H chlorine system is supplied with a “sensor polarizer” designed to facilitate stabilization of the chlorine sensor, and to keep the sensor in a state where it is ready for use immediately, even if the analyzer is turned off. It plugs onto the back of the sensor and maintains sensor stability when the monitor is not in use. By using the keeper, you can reconnect the sensor and begin measuring within 5 or 10 minutes, even when your monitor has been shut off for an extended period. If the system was ordered for free chlorine, a free chlorine polarizer is supplied. Combined chlorine systems contain a combined chlorine polarizer.

Free Chlorine sensors have a relatively long stabilization time when they have not been used for an extended period of time. New sensors require the longest time, while sensors that have been used for a long time stabilize more quickly. Combined chlorine sensors do not take as long to stabilize.

After preparing the sensor according to section 3.1 Chlorine Sensor Preparation and installing the sensor in the flowcell with a small amount of water, simply plug the keeper into the back of the sensor where the analyzer cable is normally connected. For new sensors, your system will be ready for use within 4-8 hours. For older sensors where the membrane and electrolyte were change, 2 hours is generally sufficient.

The sensor keeper uses a sealed battery system and is a disposable device. It should last for 3 years or more in normal service. Replacement keepers are listed on the spare parts list at the end of this manual. **Be sure to follow all applicable environmental regulations when disposing of this device.**

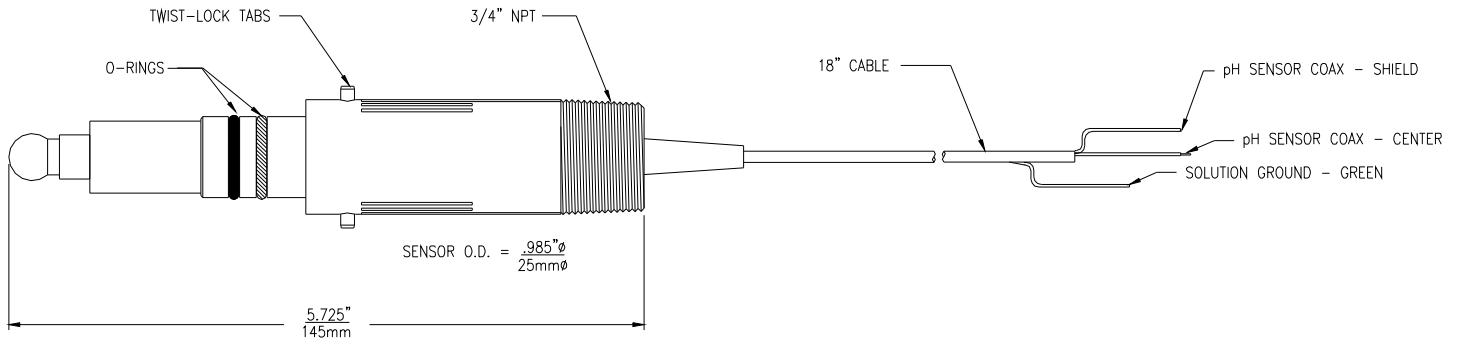
### 3.3 Optional pH Sensor

The optional pH sensor available for use with the PQ45H system is a combination pH/reference electrode with a stainless steel solution ground. It is directly connected to the electronics assembly and is held in place in the flowcell with a twist-lock arrangement on the cap.

During final testing of PQ45 systems, tap water is run through the flow system. Some of this water is trapped inside the flowcells to insure the pH sensor will remain wet during transport. Sensors for pH should always be stored wet. A rubber boot is supplied in the spare parts container should you wish to store the pH sensor outside the flowcell during extended periods when the analyzer will not be used. Pour a small amount of pH 4 buffer into the boot and slide it onto the end of the sensor. Some Teflon tape stretched around the top of the boot will help keep the solution contained.



To remove the pH sensor from the flowcell, turn the sensor until the twist-lock pins line up with the insertion slots and **CAREFULLY** pull the sensor upward. Be very careful removing the sensor as it is easily broken.



**Figure 5 - Optional pH Sensor (63-0098)**

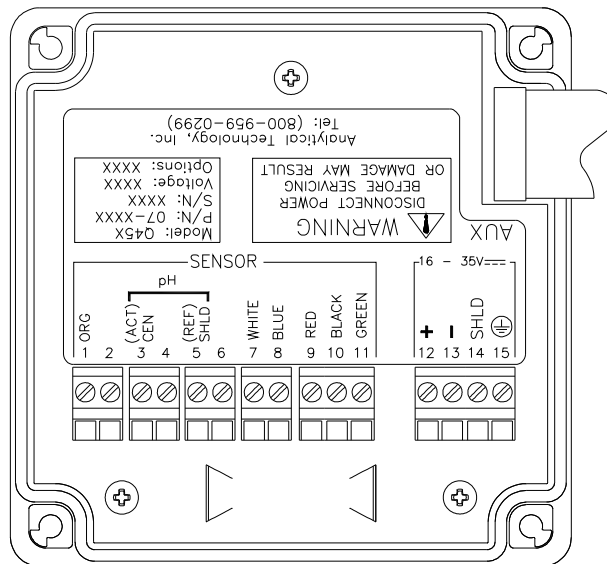
# Part 4 – Electrical Assembly

## 4.1 General

PQ45 Portable Analyzers are factory wired and are ready to operate as received. If units were supplied with the optional data logger, voltage output cables that plug into the logger will be supplied. If no logger was purchased with the unit, these cables will not be installed. Units supplied with the external power and output connector will be provided with a mating cable assembly.

## 4.2 Sensor Connections

Figure 6 below provides information on the proper connection of sensor cables. This information is for reference only as the connections are made at the factory. Note that jumpers will be installed at the factory between terminals 3 and 5, and terminals 6 and 9 when no pH sensor input is connected to reduce the potential for noise pickup. **Remove the jumpers if a pH sensor is added later.**



Cl<sub>2</sub> SENSOR WIRING

| COLOR      | TERMINAL POS. |
|------------|---------------|
| BRN or ORG | 1             |
| WHITE      | 7             |
| BLUE       | 8             |
| RED        | 9             |
| BLACK      | 10            |
| GREEN      | 11            |

pH SENSOR WIRING (OPTIONAL)

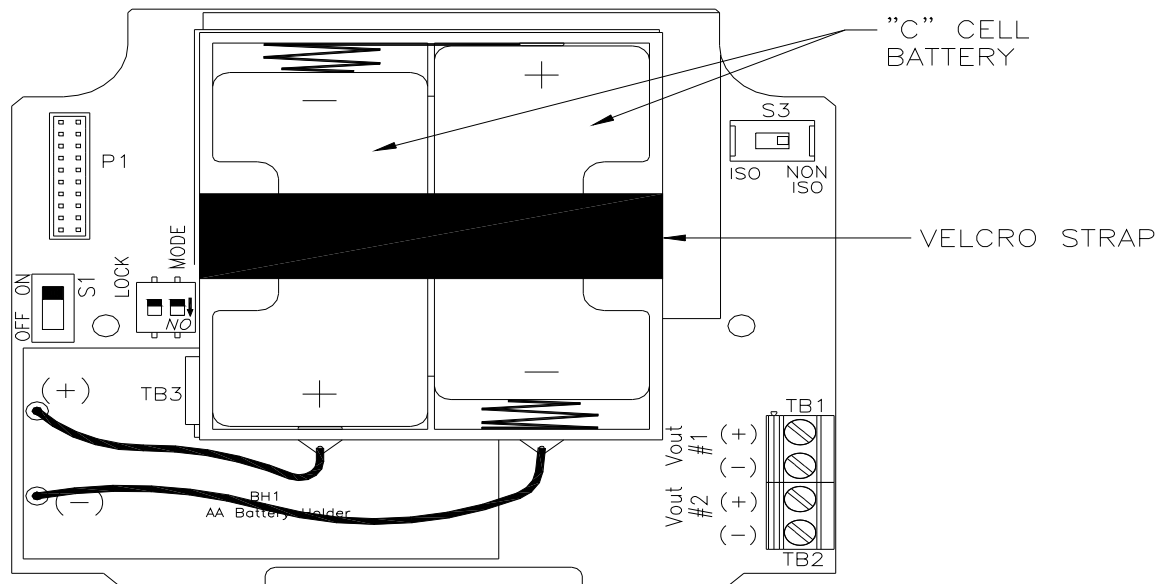
| COLOR     | TERMINAL POS. |
|-----------|---------------|
| pH CENTER | 3             |
| pH SHIELD | 5             |
| GREEN     | 7             |

**Figure 6 - Sensor Connections, PQ45 Chlorine/pH System**

### 4.3 Battery / Power Circuit Board

PQ45H monitors are normally powered by internal C-cell alkaline batteries or by an external power connection. Figure 7 shows this board assembly with batteries installed. Figure 8 shows the same board with terminals installed for external power connection.

The battery circuit board contains 3 switch assemblies as shown in the drawings.



**Figure 7 - Battery Circuit Board w/C-Cell Batteries**

The first (**S1**) is an On/Off slide switch. This switch must be in the ON position for operation. Turn it to OFF if you do not intend to operate the monitor in the next week or two.

The second switch assembly (**S2**) contains two switches, the one on the left marked LOCK and the one on the right marked MODE. The function of these two slide switches are as follow:

**LOCK** This switch is used to define how the monitor will turn on and off. This switch is normally in the OFF position. With the lock switch off, the monitor will be turned on manually using the MENU key on the front of the monitor. With the lock switch in the ON position, the monitor will always be on when there is enough power to run the monitor. The ON position is normally used when operating from an external power supply intended for continuous operation.

**MODE** This switch is used to set the voltage at which monitor will shut off when powered by internal batteries. Alkaline batteries can normally be run down to about 0.75 volts. However, the monitor can be operated using rechargeable nickel-metal hydride (NiMH) batteries as well. This type of battery should not be discharged below about 1 volt before recharging. When using alkaline batteries, the mode switch is in the OFF position (factory default). If rechargeable NiMH batteries are substituted, place the MODE switch in the ON position. Note that rechargeable NiMH batteries have only about 35% of the capacity of an alkaline C-cell, so operation will be limited to about 10 days on a charge. However, NiMH batteries can be recharged hundreds of times.

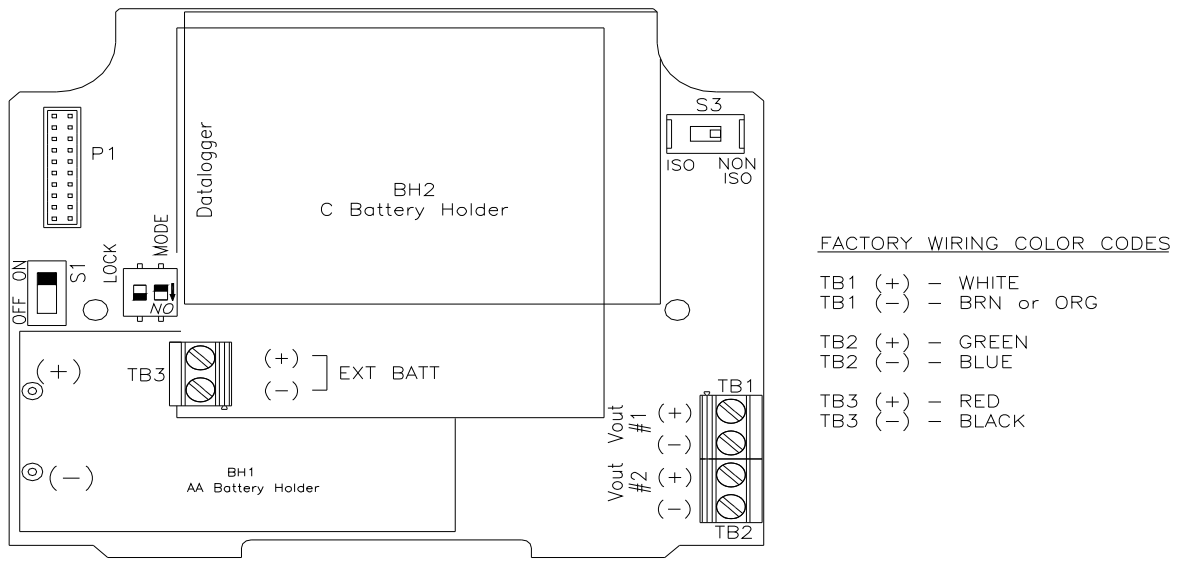
The third switch assembly is a single slide switch (**S3**) which defines whether the 0-2.5 VDC signals from the monitor are isolated or non-isolated. Output isolation is not required when outputs are connected to the internal data logger. However, if the outputs are connected to external devices through the external connection cable, putting this switch in the ISO position will protect against possible ground loops. The isolation circuit will slightly increase the power requirement for the monitor, resulting in a bit less battery life.

#### 4.4 External Power / Output Connections

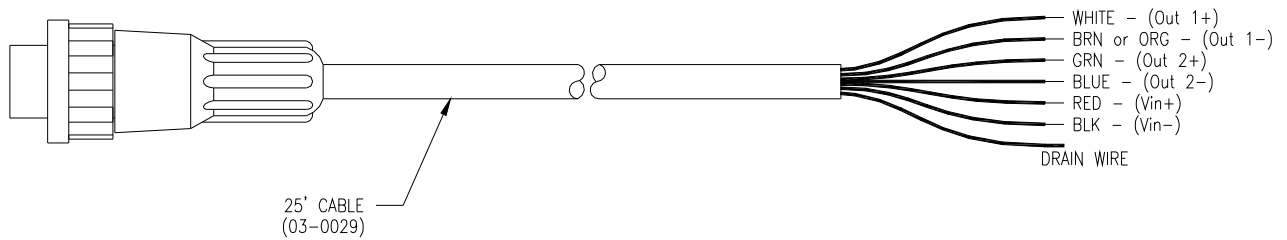
PQ45H units ordered with the external connection option are designed for applications where power is to be supplied from an external source, and the two voltage outputs are to be wired to an external device. If that option has been supplied, an interface cable will be provided.

Figure 8 below identifies the terminal connections for external power and voltage outputs. These terminal are factory wired to a connector on the side of the case, and are connected to the outside using the supplied interface cable.

Figure 9 below identifies the color code for signals carried by this interface cable. External power is connected to the red and black wires. The other conductors carry the voltage outputs.



**Figure 8 - Battery Circuit Board w/Ext. Power Terminals**



**Figure 9 - Ext. Connection Cable Color Code**

## Part 5 – Operation

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### 5.1 User Interface

To turn the system ON, simply press the MENU key and the display will come on.

Once the instrument is turned on, it will run continuously until it is turned off manually or the batteries are consumed. **To turn the unit off, press and hold the ENTER key until the display shuts off (about 3 seconds). Note that the unit must be in the MEASURE menu in order for the 3-second key press to operate.**

An automatic shut-off feature may be turned on if desired in software. Activating this function will cause the instrument to shut off after 60 minutes of operation. If you wish to operate in this way, turn the Auto-OFF feature to ON in the DIAG menu. This mode is useful when doing short-term measurements.

The normal continuous operating mode is intended for use with the data logger or when the instrument outputs are used for transmitting data. In this mode, the instrument will run continuously until the battery reaches the shutdown level. With the standard two C-cell alkaline batteries, the unit should operate for around 30 days continuously. Using NiMH batteries will decrease this period to about 10 days. Keep in mind that battery life in either case will be influenced by ambient temperature. Cold temperatures will reduce battery capacity.

There is a power (PWR) switch on the battery circuit board that disconnects the batteries. This is normally used only when the system is not to be used for a long period of time (> 3 months of storage). Otherwise, leave this switch in the ON position.

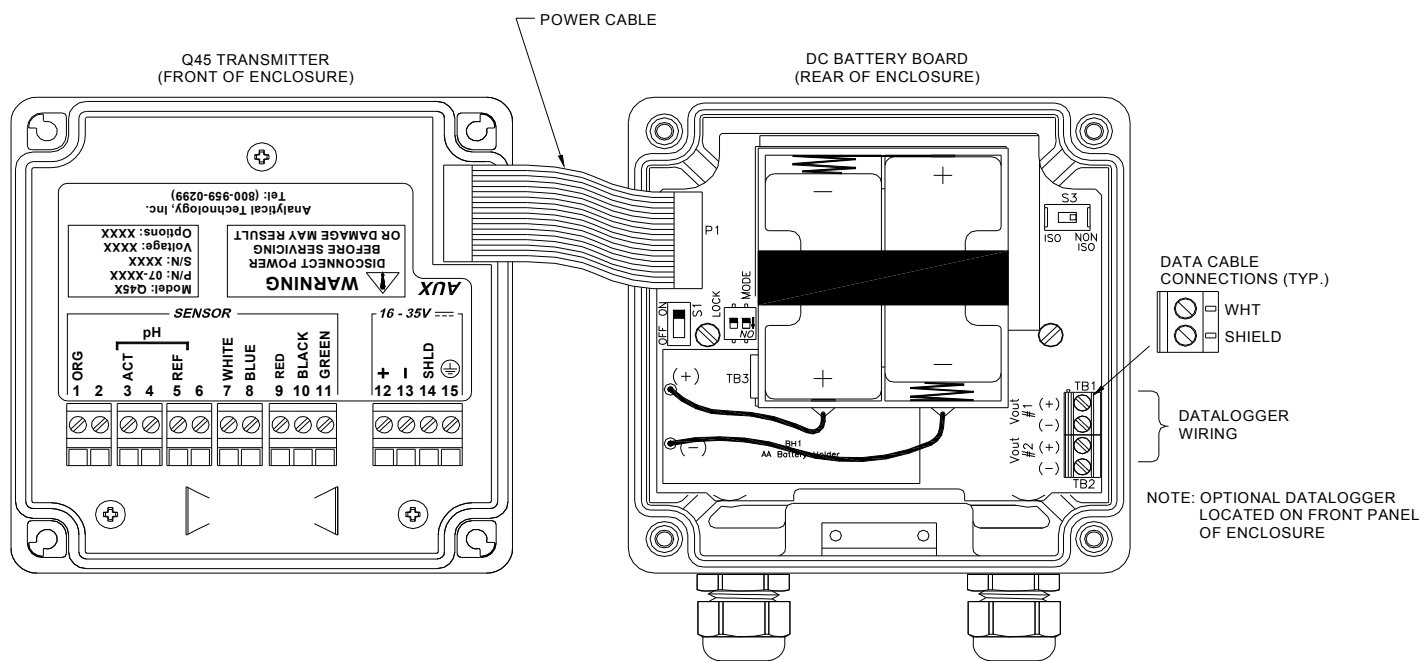
There is a display flag "B" that will flash next to the main measurement indication when the instrument requires battery replacement. If the battery is not replaced, eventually the unit may not turn on in the normal operating mode. Once the low battery condition is indicated, the instrument will only stay powered for about 5 minutes and then will shut down automatically.

Once the electronics are running, connect sample and drain lines from the water source to be monitored. Flow is controlled internally so all that needed is to connect sample and turn on the valve at the water source. Always connect the drain fitting first, followed by the sample inlet, to reduce pressure effects on the sensor.

### 5.2 Battery Power Circuit Board

The Q45 portable instrument is primarily operated by software settings. However, there are also a few hardware details on the battery circuit board to note.

The battery board is a circuit board that sits in the rear of the Q45 enclosure, and connects to the Q45 AUX port through a ribbon cable. The battery board contains the battery clips for the two C-cell batteries and the output terminal strip for the two 0-2.5 VDC outputs. Along the left side below the ribbon cable is an ON/OFF slide switch. This switch can be used to turn the instrument completely OFF when not intending to use the unit for an extended period. When storing for more than 30 days, remove the batteries.



**Figure 10 - Battery Board Connection**

### 5.3 Voltage Outputs

There are two analog voltage outputs on the battery board with a terminal strip located in the lower right corner. The outputs are 0-2.5 VDC and may be used to send isolated data the optional PQ45 data logger or to remotely located recorders, PLC's, etc. Output #1 is used only for residual chlorine, and Output #2 can be used for either temperature or pH (if the optional pH sensor is used). Output 2 can also be set for chlorine if 2 outputs for chlorine are needed.

## 5.4 External Power

PQ45 monitors can be powered from external DC supplies. This type of power requires that units be purchased with the optional external connector and mating adapter cable. This cable is used to run external DC power (5-17 VDC) into the unit, and can also be configured to carry the analog output voltage signals to external devices.

## 5.5 Data logger Module

For local data recording using the two voltage outputs, the optional data logger is mounted on the PQ45 front panel below the monitor display unit. Interface cables are factory wired to the logger with plugs that easily disconnect when removing the logger for downloads.

For the interface cables, the white lead from the plug connects to (+) and the outer braid connects to (-). The 0 – 2.5 VDC signals from the Q45 are designed to exactly match the input requirement for the data logger module. Once connected, Output #1 and #2 signals are sent directly into the data logger module. The logger is held in place with two screw clips. For downloading of data contained on the data logger module, the module can be quickly removed (and swapped if necessary.) The data-loaded module can be brought to a PC for easy recovery of data, without the requirement of having to bring a PC to the Q45 installation.

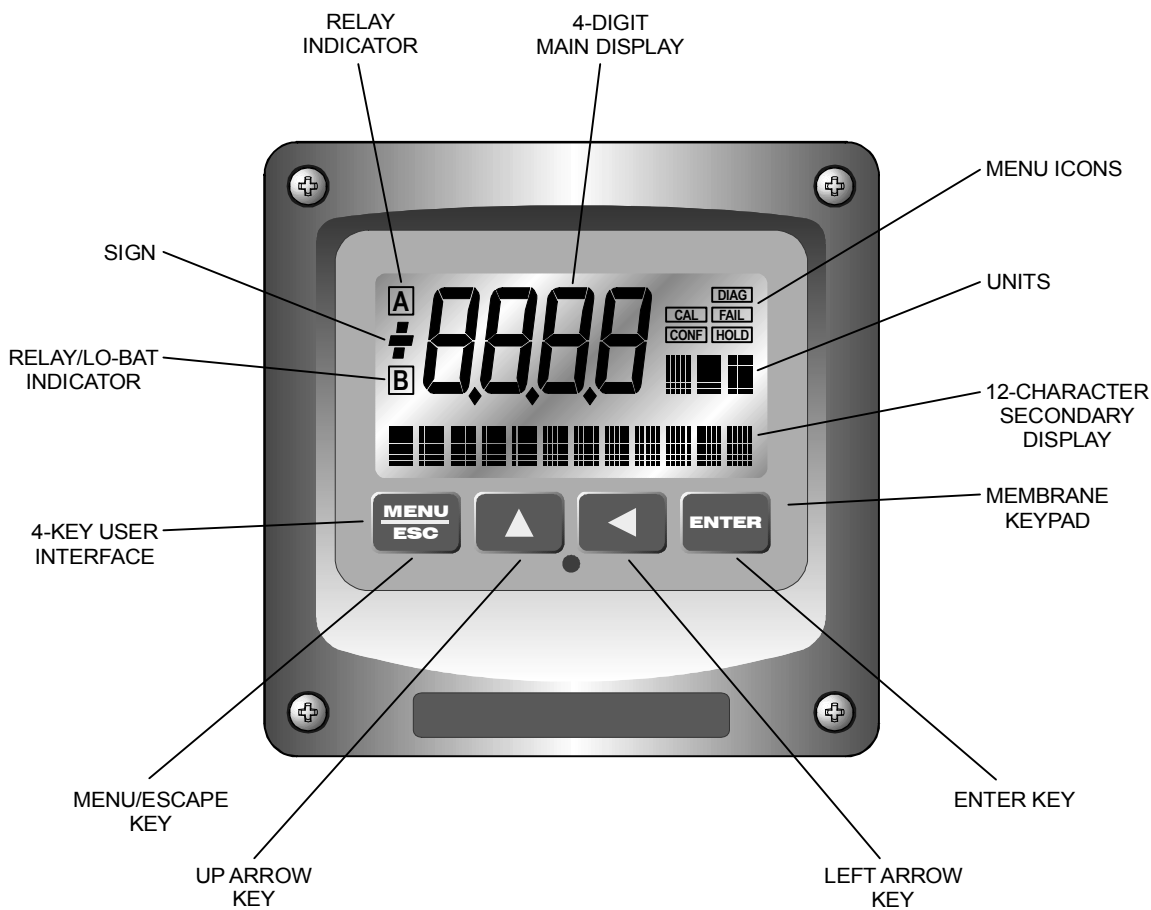
## 5.6 Maintaining Sensor Stability

Chlorine sensor stability is maintained as long as the PQ45H electronic unit is turned on. When the electronics are shut off, the sensor bias is removed and time will be required for restabilization when power is turned on again. To avoid the time delay, install the “sensor polarizer” (See 3.2 for details) on the back of the sensor during times when the unit is not in use. Release the front panel screws to access the flowcells. Unplug the analyzer cable from the back of the chlorine sensor and plug the polarizer into the sensor connector. Stored in this way, the sensor will be ready for use whenever needed.



### 5.7 User Interface

The user interface for the Q45 Series instrument consists of a custom display and a membrane keypad. All functions are accessed from this user interface (no internal jumpers, pots, etc.).



**Figure 11 - User Interface**

## 5.71 Keys

All user configurations occur through the use of four membrane keys. These keys are used as follows:

- MENU/ESC** To scroll through the menu section headers or to escape from anywhere in software. The escape sequence allows the user to back out of any changes in a logical manner. Using the escape key aborts all changes to the current screen and backs the user out one level in the software tree. The manual will refer to this key as either MENU or ESC, depending upon its particular function. This is also the ON button.
- UP (arrow)** To scroll through individual list or display items and to change number values.
- LEFT (arrow)** To move the cursor from right to left during changes to a number value.
- ENTER** To select a menu section or list item for change and to store any change.

## 5.72 Display

The large custom display provides clear information for general measurement use and user configuration. The display contains a back-light to allow good visibility under any conditions. In the default mode of operation, the back-light will come on when any key is pressed and will remain on for about 30 seconds after a key has been pressed. The back-light can be turned on or off in the DIAG menu.

There are three main areas of the display: the main parameter display, the secondary message line, and the icon area.

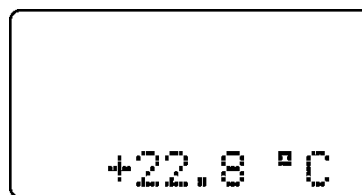
**Main Parameter** During normal operation, the main parameter display indicates the present process input with sign and units. This main display may be configured to display any of the main measurements that the system provides. During configuration, this area displays other useful set-up information to the user.



0.24 PPM

**Lower Line**

During normal operation, the lower line of the display indicates user-selected secondary measurements that the system is making. This also includes calibration data from the last calibration sequence and the transmitter model number and software version. During configuration, the lower line displays menu items and set-up prompts to the user. Finally, the lower line will display error messages when necessary. For a description of all display messages, refer to Section 9.4 Display Messages



**Icon Area**

The icon area contains display icons that assist the user in set-up and indicate important states of system functions. The CAL, CONFIG, and DIAG icons are used to tell the user what branch of the software tree the user is in while scrolling through the menu items. This improves software map navigation dramatically. Upon entry into a menu, the title is displayed (such as CAL), and then the title disappears to make way for the actual menu item. However, the icon stays on.



- HOLD** The HOLD icon indicates that the current output of the transmitter has been put into output hold. In this case, the output is locked to the last input value measured when the HOLD function was entered. HOLD values are retained even if the unit power is cycled.
- FAIL** The FAIL icon indicates that the system diagnostic function has detected a problem that requires immediate attention. This icon is automatically cleared once the problem has been resolved.
- Icon B** The left screen area contains one “B” icon that indicates that the battery voltage is at a low level. (The “A” indicator is not used in battery-powered units).



## 5.8 Software

The software of the Q45H is organized in an easy to follow menu-based system. All user settings are organized under five menu sections: Measure, Calibration [CAL], Configuration [CONFIG], Control [CONTROL] and Diagnostics [DIAG].

**Note: The default Measure Menu is display-only and has no menu icon.**

### 5.81 Software Navigation

Within the CAL, CONFIG, CONTROL, and DIAG menu sections is a list of selectable items. Once a menu section (such as CONFIG) has been selected with the MENU key, the user can access the item list in this section by pressing either the ENTER key or the UP arrow key. The list items can then be scrolled through using the UP arrow key. Once the last item is reached, the list wraps around and the first list item is shown again. The items in the menu sections are organized such that more frequently used functions are first, while more permanent function settings are later in the list. See Figure 12 for a visual description of the software.

Each list item allows a change to a stored system variable. List items are designed in one of two forms: simple single variable, or multiple variable

sequences. In the single variable format, the user can quickly modify one parameter - for example, changing temperature display units from °F to °C. In the multiple variable sequence, variables are changed as the result of some process. For example, the calibration of chlorine generally requires more than one piece of information to be entered. The majority of the menu items in the software consist of the single variable format type.

Any data that may be changed will be flashing. This flashing indicates user entry mode and is initiated by pressing the ENTER key. The UP arrow key will increase a flashing digit from 0 to 9. The LEFT arrow key moves the flashing digit from right to left. Once the change has been completed, pressing ENTER again stores the variable and stops the flashing. Pressing ESC aborts the change and also exits user entry mode.

The starting (default) screen is always the Measure Menu. The UP arrow key is used to select the desired display. From anywhere in this section the user can press the MENU key to select one of the four Menu Sections.

The UP arrow icon next to all list items on the display is a reminder to scroll through the list using the UP arrow key.

To select a list item for modification, first select the proper menu with the MENU key. Scroll to the list item with the UP arrow key and then press the ENTER key. This tells the system that the user wishes to perform a change on that item. For single item type screens, once the user presses the ENTER key, part or all of the variable will begin to flash, indicating that the user may modify that variable using the arrow keys. However, if the instrument is locked, the transmitter will display the message **Locked!** and will not enter user entry mode. The instrument must be unlocked by entering the proper code value to allow authorized changes to user entered values. Once the variable has been reset, pressing the ENTER key again causes the change to be stored and the flashing to stop. The message **Accepted!** will be displayed if the change is within pre-defined variable limits. If the user decides not to modify the value after it has already been partially changed, pressing the ESC key aborts the modification and returns the entry to its original stored value.

In a menu item which is a multiple variable sequence type, once the ENTER key is pressed there may be several prompts and sequences that are run to complete the modification. The ESC key can always be used to abort the sequence without changing any stored variables.

Note that some menu items do not always show up on the display. For instance, if you have the pH Input set to OFF, then none of the following pH configurations will be displayed.



## 5.82 Measure Menu [MEASURE]

The default menu for the system is the display-only menu MEASURE. This menu is a display-only measurement menu, and has no changeable list items. When left alone, the instrument will automatically return to this menu after approximately 30 minutes. While in the default menu, the UP arrow allows the user to scroll through the secondary variables on the lower line of the display. A brief description of the fields in the basic transmitter version is as follows:

### TRANSMITTER MEAS SCREENS:

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>7.00 pH</b>       | Display of pH value when optional pH sensor is supplied in the monitor. Not shown when no pH sensor is installed.  |
| <b>15 mV.</b>        | Display of pH sensor raw mV. Output signal useful for diagnostic purposes. Not shown when no pH sensor is installed.   |
| <b>pH Slp=100%</b>   | Display of optional pH sensor slope value in percent. This value updates after a 2-point pH calibration has been performed. Useful as an indication of pH sensor condition.  |
| <b>pH Off =0 mV.</b> | Display of optional pH sensor zero offset in mV. This value updates after either a 1-point or 2-point pH calibration has been performed. Useful as an indication of pH sensor condition.   |
| <b>25.7°C</b>        | Temperature display. Can be displayed in °C or °F, depending on user selection. A small “m” on the left side of the screen indicates the transmitter has automatically jumped to a manual 25°C setting due to a failure with the temperature signal input. |
| <b>32.0 nA</b>       | Raw sensor current. Useful for diagnosing problems.  |
| <b>#1 1.05 Vdc</b>   | Instrument output signal #1.   |
| <b>#2 0.66 Vdc</b>   | Instrument output signal #2.   |
| <b>Slope = 100%</b>  | Sensor output response vs. ideal calibration. This value updates after each calibration. As the sensor ages, the slope reading will decay indicating sensor aging. Useful for resolving sensor problems.   |

**Offset = 0.0 nA** Sensor output current at a zero ppm input. This value updates after a zero-calibration has been performed. Useful for resolving sensor problems.

**Q45H0 v 4.00** Transmitter software version number.

**Note: A display test (all segments ON) can be actuated by pressing and holding the ENTER key while viewing the model/version number.**

The MEASURE screens are intended to be used as a very quick means of looking up critical values during operation or troubleshooting.

### 5.83 Calibration Menu [CAL]

The calibration menu contains items for frequent calibration of user parameters. There are four items in this list: Cal Chlor, Cal Temp, Set Range, and Cal Zero.

**Cal Cl<sub>2</sub>** The chlorine calibration function allows the user to adjust the transmitter span reading to match a reference solution, or to set the sensor zero point. See Part 6 – Calibration for more details.

**Cal pH** If the pH input is enabled, this function will be displayed in the menu listing. This specific function selects whether a 1 or 2 point method is to be used for the optional pH sensor calibration. The selection value in this menu determines how many pH points the user intends to calibrate. For on-line calibrations where the sensor will not be removed and only adjusted, select a 1-point calibration. For calibration in two different buffer solutions and for all first-time calibrations, choose a 2-point calibration. See Part 6 – Calibration for more details.

**Cal Temp** The temperature calibration function allows the user to adjust the offset of the temperature response by a small factor of  $\pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The temperature input is factory calibrated to very high accuracy. However, long cable lengths and junction boxes may degrade the accuracy of the temperature measurement in some extreme situations. Therefore, this feature is provided as an adjustment. See Part 6 – Calibration for more details.



**Set Range** This function allows the user to set the display range of the transmitter to a specific application. Once set, all output functions use this display range to establish configuration settings. Press ENTER to initiate user entry mode, and the value will flash. Use the arrow keys to modify value; available ranges include 200.0 ppb, 2.000 ppm, 20.00 ppm, and 200.0 ppm. Press ENTER to store the new value. The display range does not affect the internal auto ranging scaler and therefore, sensitivity is to specification in any user selected range.

## 5.84 Configuration Menu [CONFIG]

The Configuration Menu contains all of the general user settings:

**Entry Lock** This function allows the user to lock out unauthorized tampering with instrument settings. All settings may be viewed while the instrument is locked, but they cannot be modified. The Entry Lock feature is a toggle-type setting; that is, entering the correct code will lock the transmitter and entering the correct code again will unlock it. The code is preset at a fixed value. Press ENTER to initiate user entry mode and the first digit will flash. Use arrow keys to modify value. **See end of manual for the Q45H lock/unlock code.** Press ENTER to toggle lock setting once code is correct. Incorrect codes do not change state of lock condition.

**Set Delay** The delay function sets the amount of damping on the instrument. This function allows the user to apply a first order time delay function to the chlorine measurements being made. Both the display and the output value are affected by the degree of damping. Functions such as calibration are not affected by this parameter. The calibration routines contain their own filtering and stability monitoring functions to minimize the calibration timing. Press ENTER to initiate user entry mode, and the value will flash. Use the arrow keys to modify value; range is 0.1 to 9.9 minutes. Press ENTER to store the new value.

**Contrast** This function sets the contrast level for the display. The custom display is designed with a wide temperature range, Super-Twist Nematic (STN) fluid.

The STN display provides the highest possible contrast and widest viewing angle under all conditions. Contrast control of this type of display is generally not necessary, so contrast control is provided as a means for possible adjustment due to aging at extreme ranges. In addition, the display has an automatic temperature compensation network. Press ENTER to initiate user entry mode, and the value will flash. Use arrow keys to modify the value; range is 0 to 8 (0 being lightest). Press ENTER to update and store the new value.

**Main Units**

This function sets the display units for chlorine measurement. Press ENTER to initiate user entry mode, and the entire value will flash. Use the UP arrow key to modify the desired display value. The choices are PPM or mg/l. Press ENTER to store the new value.

**Main Display**

This function allows the user to change the measurement in the primary display area. The user may select between chlorine, Auto (Auto-Ranging), or sensor temperature. Using this function, the user may choose to put temperature in the main display area and chlorine on the secondary, lower line of the display. Press ENTER to initiate user entry mode, and the entire value will flash. Use the UP arrow key to modify the desired display value. Press ENTER to store the new value.

**\*Iout#2 Mode**

This function sets analog output #2 for temperature, chlorine, or pH (if pH sensor is installed).

**Temp Units**

This function sets the display units for temperature measurement. Press ENTER to initiate user entry mode, and the entire value will flash. Use the UP arrow key to modify the desired display value. The choices are °F and °C. Press ENTER to store the new value.

**pH Input**

Enables the auxiliary pH input on the instrument. Once enabled, an optional pH sensor (63-0098) can be added to the instrument to provide for additional monitoring of pH (dual instrument, chlorine + pH output.). Press ENTER to initiate user entry mode, and the entire value will flash. Use the UP arrow key to modify the desired display value. The choices are **OFF** and **ON**. Press ENTER to store the new value.

**pH Sensor Type** This routine allows selection of the type of pH sensor used in the system. The electronics are capable of accepting either a standard combination pH sensor or a Q22 preamplified sensor. In the portable unit, only type 1 sensors are supplied, so the default selection for this routine should not be changed.

**pH Buffer** This is a multiple variable function that allows the user to choose which pH buffer sets that will be utilized in the 2-point calibration mode. The Q45P contains 3 sets of built-in buffer tables with compensation values ranging from 0 to 95 °C. During 2-point calibration, the instrument will automatically identify which buffer is being used and compensate for the value based on the built-in tables. This allows very quick, highly accurate calibrations by the user. The order in which the buffers are used during calibration is unimportant, since the system automatically chooses the correct buffer.

The default setting for this feature is **OFF**, which disables the auto-recognition function. Press ENTER to change this setting. The buffer table set options are: 1: [4/7/10], 2: [4/7/9.18], and 3: [4.65/6.79/9.23]. See Figure 4-5 for buffer tables. Once the buffer set is selected, press ENTER and the message **Accepted!** will be displayed on the lower line.

**Table 1**

| 4.00 pH |      | 7.00 pH |      | 10.00 pH |       |
|---------|------|---------|------|----------|-------|
| °C      | pH   | °C      | pH   | °C       | pH    |
| 0       | 4.00 | 0       | 7.10 | 0        | 10.27 |
| 10      | 3.99 | 10      | 7.06 | 10       | 10.15 |
| 20      | 4.00 | 20      | 7.02 | 20       | 10.05 |
| 30      | 4.01 | 30      | 6.99 | 30       | 9.95  |
| 40      | 4.03 | 40      | 6.97 | 40       | 9.87  |
| 50      | 4.05 | 50      | 6.98 | 50       | 9.80  |
| 60      | 4.08 | 60      | 6.98 | 60       | 9.75  |
| 70      | 4.12 | 70      | 6.97 | 70       | 9.73  |
| 80      | 4.16 | 80      | 6.99 | 80       | 9.73  |
| 90      | 4.21 | 90      | 7.01 | 90       | 9.75  |
| 95      | 4.24 | 95      | 7.01 | 95       | 9.77  |

**Table 2**

| 4.00 pH |      | 7.00 pH |      | 9.18 pH |      |
|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|
| °C      | pH   | °C      | pH   | °C      | pH   |
| 0       | 4.00 | 0       | 7.10 | 0       | 9.46 |
| 10      | 3.99 | 10      | 7.06 | 10      | 9.33 |
| 20      | 4.00 | 20      | 7.02 | 20      | 9.23 |
| 30      | 4.01 | 30      | 6.99 | 30      | 9.14 |
| 40      | 4.03 | 40      | 6.97 | 40      | 9.07 |
| 50      | 4.05 | 50      | 6.98 | 50      | 9.01 |
| 60      | 4.08 | 60      | 6.98 | 60      | 8.96 |
| 70      | 4.12 | 70      | 6.97 | 70      | 8.92 |
| 80      | 4.16 | 80      | 6.99 | 80      | 8.89 |
| 90      | 4.21 | 90      | 7.01 | 90      | 8.85 |
| 95      | 4.24 | 95      | 7.01 | 95      | 8.83 |

**Table 3**

| 4.65 pH |      | 6.79 pH |      | 9.23 pH |      |
|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|
| °C      | pH   | °C      | pH   | °C      | pH   |
| 0       | 4.67 | 0       | 6.89 | 0       | 9.48 |
| 10      | 4.66 | 10      | 6.84 | 10      | 9.37 |
| 20      | 4.65 | 20      | 6.80 | 20      | 9.27 |
| 30      | 4.65 | 30      | 6.78 | 30      | 9.18 |
| 40      | 4.66 | 40      | 6.76 | 40      | 9.09 |
| 50      | 4.68 | 50      | 6.76 | 50      | 9.00 |
| 60      | 4.70 | 60      | 6.76 | 60      | 8.92 |
| 70      | 4.72 | 70      | 6.76 | 70      | 8.88 |
| 80      | 4.75 | 80      | 6.78 | 80      | 8.85 |
| 90      | 4.79 | 90      | 6.80 | 90      | 8.82 |
| 95      | 4.79 | 95      | 6.80 | 95      | 8.82 |

**Figure 13 - Automatic pH Buffer Tables**

**pH Comp**

Enables pH compensation of free chlorine measurements using a built in comp table. An optional pH sensor (63-0098) is required for this compensation method, and “pH Input” menu item above must be selected to be ON. Once enabled, this feature will compensate for reduced chlorine readings that would normally result at elevated pH readings. A built-in compensation table increases the chlorine reading gradually as pH increases – in an effort to maintain a constant chlorine measurement. Press ENTER to initiate user entry mode, and the entire value will flash. Use the UP arrow key to modify the desired display value. The choices are **OFF** and **ON**. Press ENTER to store the new value. See Part 6 – Calibration for more details

**5.85 Control Menu [CONTROL]**

The Control Menu contains all of the output control user settings:

**Set 0V #1**  
**Set 2.5V #1**  
**Set 0V #2**  
**Set 2.5V #2**

These functions set the output range for each of the two instrument outputs. The value stored for the 0V point may be higher or lower than the value stored for the 2.5V point.

The entry values are limited to values within the range selected in the “Set Range” parameter under the CAL Menu and must be separated by at least 1% of this range. Use the LEFT arrow key to select the first digit to be modified. Then use the UP and LEFT arrow keys to select the desired numerical value. Press ENTER to store the new value.

Output #1 will always be in units of ppm or mg/l, as it is fixed to track residual chlorine. Output #2 will be in either units of ppm, mg/l, pH, or °C/°F, depending on whether residual chlorine, pH, or temperature is set for Out#2 in the CONFIG menu.

**NOTE: If the temperature units are changed between °C and °F (see Temp Units in this section), the default settings for this output will be stored (present data is not converted.)**

## 5.86 Diagnostics Menu [DIAG]

The diagnostics menu contains all of the user settings that are specific to the system diagnostic functions, as well as functions that aid in troubleshooting application problems.

### Set Hold

The Set Hold function locks the current loop output values on the present process value, and halts operation of the PID controller. This function can be used prior to calibration, or when removing the sensor from the process, to hold the output in a known state. Once HOLD is released, the outputs return to their normal state of following the process input. The transfer out of HOLD is bumpless on the both analog outputs - that is, the transfer occurs in a smooth manner rather than as an abrupt change. An icon on the display indicates the HOLD state, and the HOLD state is retained even if power is cycled. Press ENTER to initiate user entry mode, and entire value will flash. Use the UP arrow key to modify the desired value, selections are **ON** for engaging the HOLD function, and **OFF** to disengage the function. Press ENTER to store the new value.

**Note:** When the Relay Option Board is installed, the Set Hold function holds BOTH current levels, as well as ALL relay settings.

The Set Hold function can also hold at an output value specified by the user. To customize the hold value, first turn the HOLD function on. Press the ESC key to go to the DIAG Menu and scroll to Sim Output using the UP arrow key. Press ENTER. Follow the instructions under Sim Output (see following page).

### Fault List

The Fault List screen is a read-only screen that allows the user to display the cause of the highest priority failure. The screen indicates the number of faults present in the system and a message detailing the highest priority fault present. Note that some faults can result in multiple displayed failures due to the high number of internal tests occurring. As faults are corrected, they are immediately cleared.

Faults are not stored; therefore, they are immediately removed if power is cycled. If the problem causing the faults still exists, however, faults will be displayed again after

power is re-applied and a period of time elapses during which the diagnostic system re-detects them. The exception to this rule is the calibration failure. When a calibration fails, no corrupt data is stored. Therefore, the system continues to function normally on the data that was present before the calibration was attempted.

After 30 minutes or if power to the transmitter is cycled, the failure for calibration will be cleared until calibration is attempted again. If the problem still exists, the calibration failure will re-occur. Press ENTER to initiate view of the highest priority failure. The display will automatically return to normal after a few seconds.

### **Sim Out**

The Sim Out function allows the user to simulate the chlorine level of the instrument in the user selected display range. The user enters a ppm value directly onto the screen, and the output responds as if it were actually receiving the signal from the sensor. This allows the user to check the function of attached equipment during set-up or troubleshooting. Escaping this screen returns the unit to normal operation. Press ENTER to initiate the user entry mode, and the right-most digit of the value will flash. Use arrow keys to modify desired value.

The starting display value will be the last read value of the input. The output will be under control of the SIM screen until the ESC key is pressed.

*Note:* If the HOLD function is engaged before the Sim Output function is engaged, the simulated output will remain the same even when the ESC key is pressed. Disengage the HOLD function to return to normal output.

- Auto-Off** Enables the automatic shut-off feature for the instrument. If ON, the instrument will automatically shut-off in 60 minutes after no keys are pressed to save power. If OFF, the meter will stay powered continuously until either the internal power switch on the battery board is turned OFF, or the battery voltage drops to the cut-off point (approximately 30 days on a two C-cell alkaline batteries). Press ENTER to initiate user entry mode, and the entire value will flash. Use the UP arrow key to modify the desired display value. The choices are **OFF** and **ON**. Press ENTER to store the new value
- BackLight** The Back-light screen is used to set the operating conditions under which the backlight will turn on. The default is AUTO, which configures the light to come on whenever any key is pressed. The light will automatically shut off if no key is pressed for 30 seconds. Other selections are OFF (always off), AL for Alarm, where the light comes on in alarm condition and flashes under a Fail condition, and ON (always on). Do not select ON when using internal batteries for operation, as battery life will be greatly reduced.
- Set Default** The Set Default function allows the user to return the instrument back to factory default data for all user settings or for just the calibration default. It is intended to be used as a last resort troubleshooting procedure. All user settings or the calibration settings are returned to the original factory values. Hidden factory calibration data remains unchanged. Press ENTER to initiate user entry mode and select either **CAL** or **ALL** with the UP arrow key. The default CAL routine will reset the zero offset to 0.0 nA and reset the slope to 100%. The default ALL routine will reset all program variables to factory default and should be used with care since it will change any user settings that were programmed in the field.



## Part 6 – Calibration

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### 6.1 Chlorine Calibration

Once power is applied, the sensor must be given time to stabilize. This is best done by following the zeroing procedure below. Establishing a stable zero is critical to the proper operation of the monitor. A complete calibration will include zeroing and spanning the sensor. It is generally unnecessary to set the sensor zero unless the monitor will be used primarily for measurements below 0.5 PPM. Typical sensor zero offsets are less than 0.05 PPM and can largely be ignored in many applications.

#### 6.11 Chlorine Zero Cal

Chlorine sensors have extremely low offset currents at zero. For this reason, it is normally sufficient to simply leave the zero at the factory default of 0.0 nA. As an alternative, an electronic zero can be set by disconnecting the sensor from the cable and performing steps 1-5 below.

If sensor zeroing is desired, the steps below will guide you through the process. This procedure assumes that the sensor has been prepared in accordance with section 3.1, Chlorine Sensor Assembly, earlier in this manual. Note that the 8-hour waiting time in step 2 below is not required if the monitor has been running for 24 hours prior to zeroing. If the unit has been running with the sensor connected, the sensor will normally return to a stable zero within 15 minutes.

1. Connect the sensor to the electronics by plugging the cable plug into the receptacle on the top of the sensor.
2. Place about an inch of water in a small beaker or other convenient container and immerse the tip of the sensor. The water used need not be distilled, but it must not contain residual chlorine. For submersible sensors, submerge the entire sensor in a bucket of unchlorinated water. Allow the sensor to sit undisturbed for at least 8 hours.
3. Scroll to the CAL menu section using the MENU key and press ENTER or the UP arrow key. **Cal Chlor** will then be displayed.
4. Press the ENTER key. The screen will display a flashing **1-Ref** for span calibration or a **2-Zer** for zero calibration. Using the UP arrow key, set for a **2-Zer** zero calibration and press ENTER.

The system now begins acquiring data for the sensor zero calibration value. As data is gathered, the units for sensor current in nanoamps (nA) and temperature may flash. Flashing units indicate that this parameter is unstable. The calibration data point acquisition will stop only when the data remains stable for a pre-determined amount of time. This can be overridden by pressing ENTER. If the data remains unstable for 10 minutes, the calibration will fail and the message **Cal Unstable** will be displayed.

5. If accepted, the screen will display the message **PASS** with the new sensor zero reading (offset), then it will return to the main measurement display. If the calibration fails, a message indicating the cause of the failure will be displayed and the FAIL icon will be turned on. The range of acceptable value for sensor offset is -25 nA to +25 nA. Should a FAIL occur, carefully inspect the sensor for a tear in the membrane. It will probably be necessary to rebuild the sensor as described in section 3.1 Chlorine Sensor Preparation. Should the offset value remain high and result in calibration failures, review the Service section of this manual, and then contact the service dept. at ATI for further assistance.

The sensor zero offset value in nA from the last zero calibration is displayed on the lower line of the Default Menus for information purposes.

## 6.12 Chlorine Span Cal

Span calibration of the system must be done against a laboratory measurement on the same sample that the sensor is measuring. A sample should be collected from the inlet line feeding the flow cell and quickly analyzed for free chlorine. When calibrating, it is best to have a reasonably high concentration of free chlorine in the system. The higher the value, the smaller will be the calibration errors caused by errors in the laboratory analytical procedure. It is generally preferable to calibrate at values above 0.5 PPM to reduce calibration errors. If possible, the amperometric titration procedure for free chlorine should be used as the reference method. The chlorine monitor should be calibrated while operating on a chlorinated sample stream in the flow cell assembly.

Alternately, the DPD colorimetric method may be used provided that the sample contains mainly free chlorine, with no more than a trace of chloramines. The DPD procedure will indicate high values for free chlorine if a large amount of monochloramine is present in the sample. Start flow cell and calibrate system as follows:

1. Place the previously zeroed sensor into the sensor flowcell assembly.
2. Connect the inlet tube connector and the drain line to the side of the case. If necessary, open the external valve to allow sample to flow through the system. Flow is automatically regulated internally.
3. Allow the system to operate undisturbed for 15-30 minutes. Assuming the water contains chlorine, the display will be reading positive sensor current values. If the system is stable, the value on the display will increase to some PPM value and remain at that level. At that point, calibration can continue.
4. Scroll to the CAL menu section using the MENU key and press ENTER or the UP arrow key. **Cal Cl<sub>2</sub>** will then be displayed.
5. Press the ENTER key. The screen will display a flashing **1-Ref** for span calibration or a **2-Zer** for zero calibration. Using the UP arrow key, set for a **1-Ref** span calibration and press ENTER.
6. The system now begins acquiring data for the calibration value. As data is gathered, the units for ppm and temperature may flash. Flashing units indicate that this parameter is unstable. The calibration data point acquisition will stop only when the data remains stable for a pre-determined amount of time. This can be overridden by pressing ENTER. If the data remains unstable for 10 minutes, the calibration will fail and the message **Cal Unstable** will be displayed.
7. The screen will display the last measured ppm value and a message will be displayed prompting the user for the lab value. The user must then modify the screen value with the arrow keys and press ENTER. The system then performs the proper checks.
8. If accepted, the screen will display the message **PASS** with the new sensor slope reading, then it will return to the main measurement display. If the calibration fails, a message indicating the cause of the failure will be displayed and the FAIL icon will be turned on. The range of acceptable values for sensor slope is 20% to 500%. It may be necessary to rebuild the sensor as described in section 3.1 Chlorine Sensor Preparation. Should the slope value remain out of range and result in calibration failures, review the Service Section of this manual, and then contact the service dept. at ATI for further assistance.

The sensor offset value in % from the last span calibration is displayed on the lower line of the Default Menus for information purposes.



## 6.2 Temperature Calibration

The temperature calibration sequence is essentially a 1-point offset calibration that allows adjustments of approximately  $\pm 5$  °C.

The sensor temperature may be calibrated on line, or the sensor can be removed from the process and placed into a known solution temperature reference. In any case, it is critical that the sensor be allowed to reach temperature equilibrium with the solution in order to provide the highest accuracy. When moving the sensor between widely different temperature conditions, it may be necessary to allow the sensor to stabilize as much as one hour before the calibration sequence is initiated. If the sensor is on-line, the user may want to set the output HOLD feature prior to calibration to lock out any output fluctuations.

1. Scroll to the CAL menu section using the MENU key and press ENTER or the UP arrow key.
2. Press the UP arrow key until **Cal Temp** is displayed.
3. Press the ENTER key. The message **Place sensor in solution then press ENTER** will be displayed. Move the sensor into the calibration reference (if it hasn't been moved already) and wait for temperature equilibrium to be achieved. Press ENTER to begin the calibration sequence.
4. The calibration data gathering process will begin. The message **Wait** will flash as data is accumulated and analyzed. The °C or °F symbol may flash periodically if the reading is too unstable.
5. The message **Adjust value - press ENTER** will be displayed, and the right-most digit will begin to flash, indicating that the value can be modified. Using the UP and LEFT arrow keys, modify the value to the known ref solution temperature. Adjustments up to  $\pm 5$ °C from the factory calibrated temperature are allowed. Press ENTER.

Once completed, the display will indicate **PASS** or **FAIL**. If the unit fails, the temperature adjustment may be out of range, the sensor may not have achieved complete temperature equilibrium, or there may be a problem with the temperature element. In the event of calibration failure, it is recommended to attempt the calibration again immediately.

### 6.3 pH Calibration

The pH calibration menus will not be seen unless the optional pH sensor input is turned ON and a pH sensor is connected to the instrument. See section **Error! Reference source not found.** for more details.

The pH calibration functions appear in the CAL menu listing when the optional pH input is enabled in the CONFIG menu. When enabled, the pH input signal is used to compensate the free chlorine signal. Calibration of pH is performed in one of two methods; one-point or two-point. For new sensors or for calibration in two different pH buffers with the sensor removed from the process, choose a two-point calibration. For on-line calibrations with the sensor still mounted in the process, choose a one-point calibration. For two-point calibrations, it is highly recommended to use fresh pH buffers of 4 pH and 7 pH, or 7 pH and 9.18 pH.

The conductivity difference between the process water and the sensor reference solution can cause an effect called a “junction potential”. The junction material of the pH sensor is porous ceramic, which allows the sensor reference solution to be in electrical continuity with the process solution. One problem is caused by the reference junction and the diffusion rate of the electrolyte through the junction material. The inside surface of the junction material is in contact with the reference cell solution, which has a very high ionic strength. The outside surface of the junction material is in contact with the process water, which can have low ionic strength. This concentration gradient creates what is called a “junction potential” which can vary with the flow rate of the process. The magnitude of this potential can be upwards of 30 mV (half a pH unit). The lower the conductivity of the water the larger the effect.

It is not possible to eliminate this effect; however it usually is constant or very slow changing.

A full calibration of the pH sensor consists of an initial 2-point calibration in buffers. This sets the slope and zero offset of the sensor. The sensor should then be left in the process water for enough time for the system to fully stabilize to process conditions. This may take up to a few hours, depending on process conditions. A 1-point calibration must then be carried out. The ideal way to do this is by calibrating to a laboratory sample. After the 1-point calibration only the zero offset will have changed.

Routine calibration of the pH sensor is a 1point calibration.

### 6.31 Two-Point pH Cal

1. Thoroughly clean the pH sensor and place it into the first pH calibration buffer, stirring is several times before letting it rest in the beaker. Allow sensor to sit in solution long enough to achieve temperature equilibrium with the pH buffer (maybe 5 minutes.) It is important that both pH buffers be fresh and at room temperature.
2. Scroll to the CAL menu section using the MENU key and press ENTER or the UP arrow key.
3. Press the UP arrow key until **Cal pH Type** is displayed.
4. Press the ENTER key. The display will begin to flash. Using the UP arrow key, adjust the displayed number to a **2** pt calibration type. This will allow the user to offset+slope adjust the sensor input for two separate pH point. Once value has been adjusted, press the ENTER key and the message **Accepted!** will be displayed.
5. Scroll to the next menu item by pressing the UP arrow key once. The menu item **Cal pH buf1** will be displayed.
6. Press the ENTER key. The display will begin to flash. Using the UP and LEFT arrow keys, adjust the displayed number to the known value of the pH buffer. The exact temperature compensated number for pH buffers is typically written on the side of the buffers shipping container. Once value has been adjusted, press the ENTER key.
7. The message **Accepted!** will be displayed, or an error describing the cause the failure. If the cal point was accepted, rinse the sensor in distilled or de-ionized water and move it into the second pH buffer. Stir it slightly several times and let the sensor rest in the beaker.
8. Scroll to the next menu item by pressing the UP arrow key once. The menu item **Cal pH buf2** will be displayed.
9. Press the ENTER key. The display will begin to flash. Using the UP and LEFT arrow keys, adjust the displayed number to the known value of the second (higher or lower value) pH buffer. Once value has been adjusted, press the ENTER key.
10. The message **Accepted!** will be displayed, or an error describing the cause the failure. The system is now two-point calibrated for pH.

### 6.32 One-Point pH Cal

1. For this calibration method, the sensor may be removed, cleaned, and placed into a known pH buffer, or, it may be calibrated on-line against a known reference value. If the sensor is removed, thoroughly clean the pH sensor and place it into the pH calibration buffer, stirring several times before letting it rest in the beaker. Allow sensor to sit in solution long enough to achieve temperature equilibrium with the pH buffer (maybe 5 minutes.) It is important that the pH buffer be fresh and at room temperature.
2. Scroll to the CAL menu section using the MENU key and press ENTER or the UP arrow key.
3. Press the UP arrow key until **Cal pH Type** is displayed.

Press the ENTER key. The display will begin to flash. Using the UP arrow key, adjust the displayed number to a **1** pt calibration type. This will allow the user to offset-adjust the sensor input for one pH point. Once value has been adjusted, press the ENTER key and the message **Accepted!** will be displayed.

4. Scroll to the next menu item by pressing the UP arrow key once. The menu item **Cal pH buf1** will be displayed.
5. Press the ENTER key. The display will begin to flash. Using the UP and LEFT arrow keys, adjust the displayed number to the known value of the pH buffer. If the sensor is still mounted in the process, enter the known reference value. The exact temperature compensated number for pH buffers is typically written on the side of the buffers shipping container. Once value has been adjusted, press the ENTER key.
6. The message **Accepted!** will be displayed, or an error describing the cause the failure. The system is now two-point calibrated for pH.



## 6.4 Adjusting pH Compensation Curve (Q45H/62 Only)

If the pH input is ON and the pH Comp feature is enabled (see Part 6 – Calibration), then the chlorine reading will be automatically adjusted for changes in the pH measurement. In general, chlorine readings will fall as the pH increases from 7-10 pH, and the automatic compensation feature allows a relatively constant reading to be maintained without the use of pumps and reagents. Under most conditions, all that is required to use this feature is to enable it and calibrate all sensors. The change in readings with pH changes are fairly small in the pH 7-8 range, but become more pronounced at high pH values. The default pH correction curve in the monitor is suitable for a high percentage of applications.

Years of experience have shown that the pH compensation curve is not identical in all applications. As mentioned previously, most are close to default values, but some waters exhibit curves that are significantly different. ATI Q45H/62 free chlorine monitors with software revision 4.05 and higher provide a unique method of adjusting the pH compensation curve to fit special situations.

### 6.41 Modifying pH Correction Values (Q45H/62 Only)

There are actually two standard pH correction curves stored in the monitor as shown in figure below. Each curve is based on a table of 8 values. Each table entry is a pH value and an associated multiplier. The Lo Gain table is the default correction curve loaded at the factory.

| <u>pH</u> | <u>Lo Gain</u> | <u>Hi Gain</u> | <u>Modifications</u> |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 6.55      | 0.950          | 0.950          |                      |
| 7.05      | 1.000          | 1.000          |                      |
| 7.55      | 1.110          | 1.150          |                      |
| 8.05      | 1.315          | 1.450          |                      |
| 8.55      | 1.770          | 2.100          |                      |
| 9.05      | 2.540          | 3.200          |                      |
| 9.55      | 4.850          | 6.500          |                      |
| 10.05     | 7.300          | 9.999          |                      |

*Figure 14 - pH Correction Table*

Access to the menu that allows editing of correction factors is hidden. Accidental adjustment of these values can cause large measurement errors, and editing of this data should only be done by those who thoroughly understand the impact of the changes they are making. The edit menu will not normally appear when operators are scrolling through standard menu items.

To access the table editing routines, first go to the CONFIG menu and use the Up arrow to move down to the “pH Comp” selection screen. With the display indicating pH COMP on the bottom line, press and hold the left arrow key for approximately 5 seconds. The display will change to “Edit Table”.

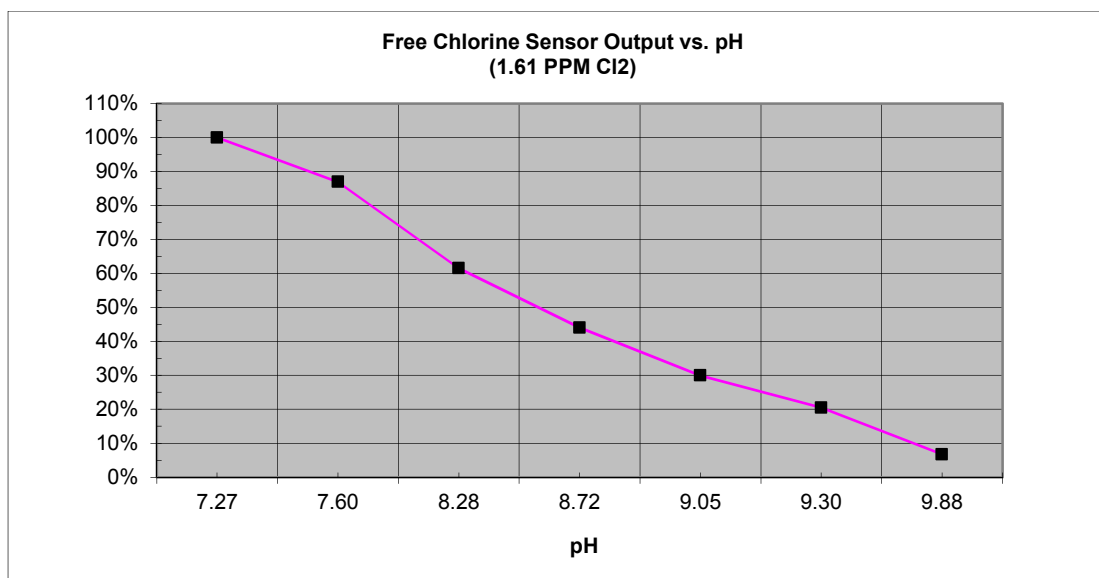
From this point on, you have access to 4 menus that allow for adjustment of the pH curve. They are **Edit Table, Load Table, Bkup Table, and AC Go**.

**Edit Table:** This routine allows you to change the multiplier applied to the chlorine measurement at various pH values. Use the Up arrow to review the current table values. Pressing the Up key will sequence through each of 8 pH values and the corresponding multiplier. Generally, only the multipliers at high pH will ever need adjustment, and then only rarely. If you find the monitor is over correcting, calculate the percentage of over-correction and reduce the multiplier by that percentage. If under-correcting, increase the multiplier.

**Load Table:** This routine allows the user to load one of two standard tables into the system. One is referred to a Lo-Gain. This table applies smaller multipliers to high pH situations and is often used for very low conductivity water. The Hi-Gain choice applies to applications where the pH dependence is much steeper at pH values above 9. The Lo-Gain table is the factory default and is loaded when your first install your monitor. Actually editing data by using the Edit Table routine requires careful testing and calculations.

**Bkup Table:** This routine allows the user to store an edited table or the table selected in the Load Table routine as the “Default” table. This should always be done if a change is made. If you do not store an edited table as the default, your changes could be lost. Press enter and you will be prompted for either a No or a Yes. Always answer Yes when a new table has been calculated to protect your work. The factory default is the Lo-Gain table, which is stored in the Backup Table location.

**AC Go:** This routine refers to “Auto Calculate”. This routine allows an operator to circulate water with a constant chlorine value through the system, changing the pH and storing the calculated pH correction value under dynamic conditions. This routine should be used with care, and we suggest you consult an ATI technician before attempting this routine. Detailed instructions are available from ATI for using this feature, but only by request.



**Figure 15 - Typical Free Chlorine Response to Change in pH**

#### 6.42 pH Correction – Table Modification Example (Q45H/62 Only)

In unusual applications where sample pH can vary widely, and especially when pH values can run in the 8-10 range, default pH correction factors may not fit every application. Assume for this example that you are running a free chlorine residual of 2.0 PPM and your pH is around 8.0 but occasionally spikes up to 9.5 for short periods. The chlorine monitor correctly reads 2.0 at pH 8, but the value drops to 1.7 when the pH gets to 9.5. While not a major error, it does indicate that the pH correction multiplier applied at the 9.5 pH level is slightly lower than is needed for your application.

In order to fine tune the pH correction, you must increase the multiplier factor used at the high pH values. This can be done by editing the pH correction table. Go to the Config Menu and use the up key to move to the “pH Comp” selection. Press and hold the left arrow key for 5 seconds. The bottom line will change to “Edit Table” and the large display will indicate a pH of 6.55 (assuming the default table is running). Press the Enter key and the pH value will begin to flash. If you press the up key once you will see the multiplier for pH 6.55. Continuing to press the up key will go through each pH value and the multiplier associated with it.



When you reach the pH value of 9.55, pressing the key will display a multiplier of 4.850, again assuming no changes have been made previously. You can calculate your new multiplier value by calculating how much added multiplier is needed to get to the correct chlorine value. In this case:

Actual Chlorine = 2.00 PPM  
Displayed Chlorine = 1.70 PPM

Calculate Deviation % by dividing the difference in values, which is -.30PPM by 2.00 PPM. This is equal to -15% deviation. To correct for a negative deviation of 15%, you must increase the multiplier by the same amount.

The new multiplier then is  $4.850 \times 1.15 = 5.577$ .

With the original 4.850 multiplier on the display, press enter and the value will flash. Use the up key to change each digit and the left key to move from digit to digit. When done, press enter.

In this example, you have now changed your 9.55 multiplier, but the multipliers at 8.55 and 9.05 are still unchanged. If you assume that this roughly 15% undercompensation is about the same above pH 8, you can go back and also increase these two multipliers by 15% as well. Since the unit is accurate at pH 8, do not change that value or any of the multipliers at lower pH values.

#### 6.43 Storing Modified Table (Q45H/62 Only)

If you modify the pH correction table, it is very important that you store this table properly so that it can be recovered. It would also be a good idea to write down you modified values in the blank column on the table under 6.41 Modifying pH Correction Values. Storing your modified table in the Backup Table memory location allows you to reload your edited table in the event that the table in the instrument becomes corrupted in some way. We call this the happy fingers recovery routine.

Once you have finished all modifications, press the menu key to return to the beginning of the "Edit Table" selection. Press the up key twice and "Bkup Table" will be displayed, with NO on the main screen. Press enter and use the up key to change the NO to YES, then press Enter. Your edited table is now the default running table. The changes you made to the edited table will also be saved if you turn power off or perform a Default All or Default Cal reset. However, if the edited table is somehow changed, you can always go to the Load Table routine and restore your edited table if necessary.

## Part 7 – Data Logger (Option)

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### 7.1 General

The data logger module is an entirely separate device from the Q45 and is supported by a complete software suite for the PC. The required download cable and software are available as an option (only one download cable and one piece of software is required to download an unlimited number of modules.) The software also sets the recording interval, time stamps, and scaling for the module. The module is removed from the analyzer when setting up or configuring the settings. The logger module itself is a self-contained, battery powered device.

### 7.2 Removing the Data Logger

The data logger is held in place on the front panel with two screws. The logger clips onto the screws and slides down about ¼". To remove the logger, push it up slightly. You will feel it slide on the retaining screws. After sliding it up, pull it toward you to disengage the screws. Reverse the process to remount the logger.

### 7.3 Starting Logger

The data logging function is activated using a computer connected through a USB port. The software package is called HOBOWare Pro for Windows (a MAC version is also available). The software and an instruction manual for the software are provided when ordered. The software and the USB to Logger cable are provided in the foam insert behind the hinged panel of the PQ45H.

Prior to operating the logger, the software must be installed on your computer. Insert the software CD into your CD drive and follow the instructions on your computer screen for installation. For convenience, you may wish to install a shortcut icon on your desktop for starting up the HoboWare Pro software.

The manufacturer of the data logger and software provides a convenient on-line video instruction for using HoboWare Pro software. From your internet command line, type in [http://www.onsetcomp.com/files/flash/software/HOBOWare\\_Demo\\_Launch.swf](http://www.onsetcomp.com/files/flash/software/HOBOWare_Demo_Launch.swf). The demo lasts for about 3 minutes and will give you good primer on setting up your logger.

The cable supplied with the software provides a USB connector on one end and a special connector that plugs into the data logger on the other end. If you are using an older computer equipped only with an RS-232 port, special RS-232 to USB cables are available commercially that will allow you to adapt to the logger.

Your data logger will have an initial setup already programmed into it from the factory. This setup is done in order to check the unit prior to shipment. You will need to change the channel scaling to fit your specific requirements. The factory default for the logging interval is 1 minute, which again can be easily changed to suit specific application requirements.

Consult the software manual supplied with the system for details on programming the logger, activating the logging cycle, downloading the logged data, and other aspects of data handling. The HOBOWare Pro software allows you to convert the data contained in the file to either Excel, Lotus 123, or comma delimited text files for manipulation using other programs.

#### **7.4 Logger Battery Replacement**

The data logger contains a disposable battery that will normally last over 6 months in continuous operation. The battery condition can be seen on the setup screen in the HOBOWare Pro software. To change the battery, remove the 2 screws from the back of the logger and open the plastic case. Slide the battery out of the holder and replace it with a new battery. The battery type is Sony CR-2032 or equivalent and is widely available in electronics stores, camera stores, and some drug stores and supermarkets. They can also be purchased from ATI if required.

## Part 8 – System Maintenance

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### 8.1 General

The PQ45H Residual Chlorine System will generally provide unattended operation over long periods of time. With proper care, the system should continue to provide measurements indefinitely. For reliable operation, maintenance on the system must be done on a regular schedule. Keep in mind that preventive maintenance on a regular schedule is much less troublesome than emergency maintenance that always seems to come at the wrong time.

### 8.2 Analyzer Battery Replacement

No maintenance of the analyzer is required. All that's required is to replace the C-Cell batteries when they become discharged. The batteries are located inside the electronic unit. Loosen the 4 screws in the corners of the electronics and allow the front section to hinge down. A Velcro strap holds the batteries in place. Carefully pull out the strap and then remove and replace the batteries. Pay attention to battery polarity to insure proper operation. Use only high quality batteries in this instrument. Use of poor quality batteries often results in battery acid leakage that will damage the electronics. **If the system will not be used for a period of more than 30 days, remove the batteries from the instrument to avoid possible damage.**

### 8.3 Sensor Maintenance

Sensor maintenance is required for accurate measurements. The primary requirement is simply to keep the sensor membrane clean. The membrane is a micro-porous polymer that is resistant to anything that will be encountered in water streams. However, deposits can form on the surface or in the pores of the membrane, and these deposits will reduce the sensitivity. Certain constituents in water, mainly iron and manganese, will form precipitates when the water is chlorinated. These precipitates can sometimes form a coating on the membrane.

Because membranes are micro-porous, they can be relatively difficult to clean effectively. Immersing the tip of the sensor in 1N nitric acid solution will sometimes remove deposits that cause low sensitivity, but this is not always the case. The recommended practice is to simply replace the membrane when it becomes fouled. To change a membrane, follow Section 3.1 Chlorine Sensor Preparation. Do not reuse the electrolyte from the sensor when changing a membrane. Always refill with fresh electrolyte. The electrolyte is stable and does not have a limited shelf life.



Refer again to the explanation of the sensor slope number after an accepted span calibration on the lower MEASURE screen. In normal operation, the slope of the sensor output will decrease over time as the membrane becomes fouled. This reduction indicates that the sensor is losing sensitivity to chlorine. It is good practice to replace the membrane if the slope number falls to 30-40%. The value will not go below 20%.

Even if no buildup is apparent on the membrane, it should be changed on a regular schedule. The recommended membrane change interval is every 3 months. For high purity water applications, this can probably be extended if desired, but a more frequent changing interval is a small price to pay for avoiding membrane failure at the wrong time.

While the sensor is disassembled for membrane changing, examine the condition of the o-rings on both ends of the electrolyte chamber. If the o-rings show any signs of damage, replace them with new ones from the spare parts kit. It is good practice to change these o-rings once a year, regardless of their condition.

### 8.31 Sensor Acid Cleaning

Over an extended operating period, chlorine sensors can slowly accumulate deposits on the surface of the platinum electrode. Typically, this type of buildup occurs over years of operation, but can sometimes occur more quickly in high levels of manganese, iron, or other metals are dissolved in the water. The platinum electrode can be “acid cleaned” using nitric acid solutions.

## WARNING

**THIS ACID CLEANING PROCEDURE INVOLVES THE USE OF HIGHLY CORROSIVE ACID SOLUTIONS. IT SHOULD ONLY BE COMPLETED BY TRAINED PERSONNEL USING PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR AND GLOVES. IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT ABOUT YOUR ABILITY TO SAFELY ACCOMPLISH THIS PROCEDURE, RETURN THE SENSOR TO ATI FOR FACTORY CLEANING!**

To acid clean the electrode assembly, remove the electrolyte chamber from the sensor so that the so that both electrodes are exposed. Then follow the procedure below.

1. Place a small amount of 50% nitric acid solution in a beaker. Put in just enough so that the platinum tip of the sensor can be submerged without any contact with the silver coil.
2. Allow the sensor to soak in this acid solution for 2 minutes. Remove the sensor body and rinse the platinum tip thoroughly with distilled water. Discard the nitric acid safely and according to all environmental regulations.
3. Fill the beaker with distilled water to the level sufficient to submerge both the tip and the silver coil. Do not allow the connector at the back of the sensor to be submerged. Allow the electrodes to soak in distilled water for 30 minutes.
4. Put a new membrane and fresh electrolyte in the electrolyte chamber and reassemble the sensor. Connect to the chlorine monitor electronics and allow the sensor to stabilize for at least 24 hours. The sensor can be placed in the flow cell with chlorinated water running through it during stabilization. However, the readings will not be useful for 24 hours.

#### **8.4 Flow Cell Maintenance**

The maintenance on the flow cell is simple cleaning. The flow cell is clear to make examination of the condition of the sensor easier without interfering with operations. The flow cell may be cleaned by wiping or by washing with detergents or dilute acids. Do not try to clean with solvents as the acrylic may craze or crack.

Change the o-ring in the flow cell yearly or if any damage is observed. If insertion of the sensor into the flow cell becomes difficult, use silicon grease to lubricate the o-rings that hold the sensor in place. Use only enough grease to provide surface lubrication. Excess grease could foul the sensor membrane.

## 8.5 Conversion from Free to Combined Chlorine

PQ45H units may be used for monitoring either free chlorine used in most potable water systems, or combined chlorine used in drinking water treated using the “chloramination” process. Different sensors are required for each of these measurements. These sensors use different membranes, electrolyte solutions, sensor polarizer, and analyzer bias voltages.

Conversion of the PQ45H from one type of measurement to the other is quite simple. Press the Mode key to advance to the DIAG menu. The **PRESS & HOLD** the left arrow key for 5 seconds. The bottom line of the display will indicate “Hidden Menu”. Press the Up key once and the display will indicate “Sensor Type”, with a “0” or a “1” displayed. Sensor type “0” indicates Free Chlorine and sensor type “1” indicates Combined Chlorine. To change, press Enter and the number will flash. Use the Up key to change the display to either “0” or “1” depending on the desired setting. The other selections that will appear are not to be used. Be sure that the correct sensor is used with the system once it is changed. Note that you can identify the current setting by looking at the software revision number in the MEAS menu. A software number starting with Q45H0 indicates Free Chlorine while Q45H1 indicates Combined Chlorine.

# Part 9 – Troubleshooting

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## 9.1 General

The information included in this section is intended to be used in an attempt to quickly resolve an operational problem with the system. During any troubleshooting process, it will save the most time if the operator can first determine if the problem is related to the analyzer, sensor, or some external source. Therefore, this section is organized from the approach of excluding any likely external sources, isolating the analyzer, and finally isolating the sensor. If these procedures still do not resolve the operational problems, any results the operator may have noted here will be very helpful when discussing the problem with the factory technical support group.

## 9.2 External Sources of Problems

To begin this process, review the connections of the system to all external connections.

1. Carefully examine any junction box connections for loose wiring or bad wire stripping. If possible, connect the sensor directly to the analyzer for testing.
2. Check sensor membrane for fouling. Look closely for signs of grease or oil, which may be present. Replace membrane and electrolyte, allow to stabilize, and re-check. The procedure in Section 3.1 Chlorine Sensor Preparation, must be followed when replacing the membrane.
3. Check pH of water sample. High pH conditions can cause low sensitivity. If pH is above 8.2, contact ATI for information on carbon dioxide buffer systems.
4. Check to see that the chlorine in the water is free chlorine and not combined chlorine. The free chlorine sensor has low sensitivity to monochloramine.

### 9.3 Analyzer Tests

1. Disconnect power and completely disconnect all output wiring coming from the analyzer. Remove sensor wiring, relay wiring, and analog output wiring. Re-apply power to the analyzer.
2. Using the Simulate feature, check operation of outputs with a DMM.
3. Check cell drive circuit. With a digital voltmeter (DVM), measure the voltage between terminals 1 and 3 on the back of the monitor to verify that the millivolt value is actually -200 mV.
4. Check TC drive circuit. Place a wire-short between the GREEN and RED terminals. With a digital voltmeter (DVM), measure the voltage between the BLACK and GREEN terminals on the back of the monitor to verify that the TC drive circuit is producing about 4.8-5.1 Vdc open circuit. Remove DVM completely and connect a 100 Ohm resistor from the BLACK to GREEN terminals. The temperature reading should display approximately 0°C and the chlorine reading should display approximately 0 ppm.

### 9.4 Display Messages

The Q45 Series instruments provide a number of diagnostic messages which indicate problems during normal operation and calibration. These messages appear as prompts on the secondary line of the display or as items on the Fault List.

| MESSAGE             | DESCRIPTION   | POSSIBLE CORRECTION  |
|---------------------|---|--|
| <b>Max is 200</b>   | Entry failed, maximum user value allowed is 200.  | Reduce value to ≤ 200  |
| <b>Min is 200</b>   | Entry failed, minimum value allowed is 200.   | Increase value to ≥ 200  |
| <b>Cal Unstable</b> | Calibration problem, data too unstable to calibrate. Icons will not stop flashing if data is too unstable. User can bypass by pressing ENTER. | Clean sensor, get fresh cal solutions, allow temperature and conductivity readings to fully stabilize, do not handle sensor or cable during calibration.                                     |
| <b>Out of Range</b> | Input value is outside selected range of the specific list item being configured.   | Check manual for limits of the function to be configured.  |
| <b>Locked!</b>      | Transmitter security setting is locked.   | Enter security code to allow modifications to settings.  |
| <b>Unlocked!</b>    | Transmitter security has just been unlocked.  | Displayed just after security code has been entered.   |
| <b>Offset High</b>  | The sensor zero offset point is out of the acceptable range of -25 to +25 nA.   | Check wiring connections to sensor. Allow sensor to operate powered a minimum of 12 hours prior to first zero cal.   |
| <b>Sensor High</b>  | The raw signal from the sensor is too high and out of instrument range.   | Check wiring connections to sensor.  |
| <b>Sensor Low</b>   | The raw signal from the sensor is too low.  | Check wiring connections to sensor.  |
| <b>Chlor High</b>   | The chlorine reading is greater than the maximum of the User-selected range.  | The chlorine reading is over operating limits. Set measuring range to the next highest level.  |
| <b>Temp High</b>    | The temperature reading is > 55°C.  | The temperature reading is over operating limits. Check wiring and expected temp level. Perform RTD test as described in sensor manual. Recalibrate sensor temperature element if necessary. |
| <b>Temp Low</b>     | The temperature reading is < -10 °C   | Same as “Temp High” above.   |
| <b>TC Error</b>     | TC may be open or shorted.  | Check sensor wiring and perform RTD test as described in sensor manual. Check j-box connections.   |

**Figure 16 - Q45H Display Messages**

| MESSAGE               | DESCRIPTION   | POSSIBLE CORRECTION  |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| <b>Chlor Cal Fail</b> | Failure of chlorine calibration. FAIL icon will not extinguish until successful calibration has been performed, or 30 minutes passes with no keys being pressed.    | Clean sensor redo zero and span calibration. If still failure, sensor slope may be less than 25% or greater than 250%. Perform sensor tests as described in section 9.5. Replace sensor if still failure.  |
| <b>TC Cal Fail</b>    | Failure of temperature calibration. FAIL icon will not extinguish until successful calibration has been performed, or 30 minutes passes with no keys being pressed. | Clean sensor, check cal solution temperature and repeat sensor temp calibration. TC calibration function only allows adjustments of +/- 6 °C. If still failure, perform sensor tests as described in section 9.5. Replace sensor if still failure. . |
| <b>EPROM Fail</b>     | Internal nonvolatile memory failure   | System failure, consult factory.   |
| <b>Chcksum Fail</b>   | Internal software storage error.  | System failure, consult factory.   |
| <b>Display Fail</b>   | Internal display driver fail.   | System failure, consult factory.   |
| <b>Range Cal Fail</b> | Failure of factory temperature calibration.   | Consult factory.   |

**Figure 17 - Display Messages (continued)**

## 9.5 Sensor Tests

1. Check the membrane condition. A membrane that is not stretched smoothly across the tip of the sensor will cause unstable measurements. If necessary, change membrane and electrolyte.
2. Residual chlorine sensors can be tested with a digital voltmeter (DVM) to determine if a major sensor problem exists. Follow the steps below to verify sensor integrity:
  - A. Disconnect the five sensor wires from the back of the chlorine monitor. Those wires are color coded white, brown, red, black, and green. Note that the brown wire may be replaced with an orange wire in some cables.
  - B. Remove the electrolyte chamber from the sensor and dry the electrodes with a paper towel.
  - C. Connect a DVM between the white and brown (or orange) wires. Reading resistance, you should find an open circuit value of infinite resistance. There must be no measurable resistance at all between these wires. Any resistance at all indicates either water in the cable connector or the breakdown in an electrode seal.
  - D. Connect a DVM between the red and white wires. The red wire is part of the RTD circuit and the white wire is part of the measuring cell. There should be no connection. Reading resistance, you should find an open circuit value of infinite resistance. Any resistance at all indicates either water in the cable connector or the breakdown in an electrode seal.
  - E. Connect the DVM between the red and black wires. These are the RTD leads, and you should find a resistance value that depends on the temperature. The table below lists the resistance values for various temperatures. Reading resistance between the red and green wires should give exactly the same values as between red and black.



| Temperature<br>°C | Resistance<br>Ω |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 0                 | 100.0           |
| 5                 | 101.9           |
| 10                | 103.9           |
| 15                | 105.8           |
| 20                | 107.8           |
| 25                | 109.7           |
| 30                | 111.7           |
| 35                | 113.6           |
| 40                | 115.5           |
| 45                | 117.5           |
| 50                | 119.4           |

**Figure 18 - Pt100 RTD Table**

If you suspect that water has gotten into a cable connection on a flow type sensor or into the plug connection of a submersible sensor, disconnect the cable and allow the parts of the sensor to sit in a warm place for 24 hours. If water in the connector is the problem, it should dry out sufficiently to allow normal sensor operation. However, steps 4 and 5 above will have to be repeated after drying to see if the problem is gone.

3. Acid clean the sensor electrodes in accordance with the procedure in section 8.31      Sensor Acid Cleaning.

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## Spare Parts

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| <b><u>Part No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>  |
|------------------------|--|
| 07-0166                | PQ45H-62/63 Chlorine Analyzer Electronic Assembly  |
| 01-0240                | Battery circuit board with dual 0-2.5 VDC output   |
| 45-0253                | Flowcell for free or combined chlorine sensor  |
| 42-0014                | O-ring for 45-0253 flowcell  |
| 45-0254                | pH Flowcell  |
| 55-0048                | Fixed flow regulator, 0.4 LPM  |
| 47-0093                | Y-Strainer, delrin, 74 micron  |
| 00-0066                | Sensor, Free Chlorine  |
| 00-0510                | Sensor, Combined Chlorine  |
| 31-0177                | Sensor cable for Cl <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> , ClO <sub>2</sub> , D.O., or Conductivity Sensors |
| 63-0098                | pH Sensor (for Q45 Cl <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> , or ClO <sub>2</sub> Combination Systems)       |
| 42-0014                | O-ring for 00-1522 flowcell  |
| 42-0289                | O-ring for 63-0013 or 63-0098 pH Sensor  |
| 05-0005                | Membranes, free chlorine, pkg. of 10   |
| 05-0007                | Membranes, combined chlorine, pkg. of 10   |
| 05-0023                | Membranes, combined chlorine/vented sensor, pkg. of 10   |
| 05-0004                | Spare Parts Kit, screw & o-ring, (for flow/In-line sensor)   |
| 05-0010                | Spare Parts Kit, screw & o-ring, (for submersible sensor)  |
| 09-0011                | Electrolyte, 4 oz (120 cc), free chlorine  |
| 09-0010                | Electrolyte, 4 oz (120 cc), combined chlorine  |
| 44-0287                | Panel mount inlet/outlet fitting   |
| 44-0288                | Inlet/Outlet plug in connector   |
| 00-0570                | Free chlorine sensor polarizer   |
| 00-0572                | Combined chlorine sensor polarizer   |

**Note:** Instrument is supplied with sufficient spare parts for 6-12 months of operation.

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