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Model 460 3-Channel Gaussmeter



- Displays each axis simultaneously
- Vector magnitude reading
- Resolution to 5¾ digits (1 part out of ±3000,000)
- Accuracy to ±0.10% of reading
- Peak capture
- Analog voltage outputs

IEEE-488 and serial interface

- Can be operated with three individual probes, a single 2-axis probe and one individual probe, or a single 3-axis probe



Introduction

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The Model 460 3-channel Hall effect gaussmeter is the best choice for applications requiring 3-axis measurements or three simultaneous single axis measurements. The Model 460 combines the performance of three gaussmeters into one package, making it an excellent value for materials analysis and field mapping applications. The large vacuum fluorescent display shows readings for all three channels simultaneously as well as vector magnitude or differential readings. The full-function keypad provides easy access to measurement features.

Measurement modes

The Model 460 operates in DC, RMS, and Peak modes, with superior accuracy and resolution in DC measurement mode. Measurements to 5¾ digits are possible due to the low noise floor. With low noise and high stability, the Model 460 is ideal for multipleaxis field mapping applications. Changing fields that are often used in material analysis systems can be measured on all three inputs up to 18 times per second over the computer interface, with excellent resolution.

Best suited for fringe field measurements or measurement of magnets and solenoids driven at line frequency, RMS mode measures periodic AC fields from 10 Hz to 400 Hz. Instrument circuitry accommodates wave forms with crest factors up to 7, with true RMS conversion.

Peak circuitry in the Model 460 captures single event peaks or monitors the peak amplitude of periodic wave forms from 10 Hz to 400 Hz, with reproducible single peak measurements down to 5 ms rise time. Instrument software accommodates indefinite hold time with no decay. The Model 475 DSP gaussmeter is a good choice if faster peak or RMS measurements are required.

Range and resolution

When used with appropriate probes, the Model 460 3-channel gaussmeter offers full scale ranges from 300 mG to 300 kG. A different range can be used with each input. With 5³/₄-digit resolution, DC field variations approaching 0.010 mG can be detected; in larger DC fields, resolution to one part in 300,000 is possible. For RMS and Peak measurement, resolution is 434 digits or one part in 30,000 because in these modes environmental noise is more difficult to separate from the desired signal. The filter feature of the Model 460 improves resolution in noisy environments by taking a running average of field readings. DC mode requires filtering to achieve 53/4-digit resolution.

Interface

The Model 460 is equipped with both parallel (IEEE-488) and serial (RS-232C) computer interfaces for command and data exchange; maximum reading rate can be achieved with the IEEE-488 interface. Nearly every function on the Model 460 front panel can be performed via computer interface. The Model 460 also includes one corrected and three monitor analog voltage outputs. Corrected for sensor linearity, offset, and temperature effects, the corrected output is a DC voltage proportional to the display reading. It is generated by a digital-to-analog converter programmed at the update rate of the Model 460, with software error correction. Corrected output is compatible with the Model 460 vector calculation software. The three monitor outputs are real time analog voltages proportional to each input's field; uncorrected, they provide output across the full DC to 400 Hz bandwidth at real-time speed.

Display and interface features

The Model 460 has a 4-line by 20-character vacuum fluorescent display. During normal operation, the display is used to report field readings and give results of other features such as max/min or relative. When setting instrument parameters, the display gives the operator meaningful prompts and feedback to simplify operation. The operator can also control display brightness.

Following are four examples of the various display configurations:

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Normal reading—the display configured to show the live DC field readings for the X, Y, and Z axis, as well as the vector magnitude

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Max DC hold on—the display configured to show the live DC field readings for the X, Y, and Z axis, as well as the maximum field reading (settable to any axis)

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Differential reading on—the display configured to show the live DC field readings for the X and Y axis, as well as the X-Y axis differential reading



3 separate probe readings on—the display configured to show the X, Y, and Z axis as three separate gaussmeters: the X axis as a DC field reading with audible and visual alarm, the Y axis as an RMS field value, and the Z axis as a peak field value

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Model 460 specifications

General measurement

Number of inputs: 3

Update rate: Up to 4 rdg/s on display; up to 18 rdg/s with IEEE-488 interface

Measurement modes: DC. RMS. Peak Probe compatibility: Standard, multi-axis, and custom

probes Probe features: Linearity Correction, Temperature

Correction, Auto Probe Zero Measurement features: Autorange, Max Hold, Relative Mode, Filter, Vector Magnitude, Differential Reading Probe connector: 15-pin D style

DC measurement

Probe type Range	5¾ digits with filter	4¾ digits without filter				
HST probe						
300 kG	0.001 kG	0.01 kG				
30 kG	0.0001 kG	0.001 kG				
3 kG	0.00001 kG	0.0001 kG				
300 G	0.001 G	0.01 G				
HSE probe						
30 kG	0.0001 kG	0.001 kG				
3 kG	0.00001 kG	0.0001 kG				
300 G	0.001 G	0.01 G				
30 G	0.0001 G	0.001 G				
UHS probe (c	liscontinued)					
30 G	0.0001 G	0.001 G				
3 G	0.00001 G	0.0001 G				
300 mG	0.001 mG	0.01 mG				

DC accuracy: $\pm 0.10\%$ of reading $\pm 0.005\%$ of range DC temperature coefficient: $\pm 0.05\%$ of reading ±0.003% of range per °C

AC RMS and peak measurement

AC display resolution: 43/4 digits

Probe type		
Range	RMS resolution	Peak resolution
HST probe		
300 kG	0.01 kG	0.01 kG
30 kG	0.001 kG	0.001 kG
3 kG	0.0001 kG	0.0001 kG
300 G	0.01 G	×
HSE probe		
30 kG	0.001 kG	0.001 kG
3 kG	0.0001 kG	0.0001 kG
300 G	0.01 G	0.01 G
30 G	0.001 G	×
UHS probe (discontinued)	
30 G	0.001 G	0.001 G
3 G	0.0001 G	0.0001 G
300 mG	0.01 mG	×

AC frequency range: 10 Hz to 400 Hz

AC RMS accuracy: ±2% of reading (50 Hz to 60 Hz) AC RMS frequency response: 0 to -3.5% of reading (10 Hz to 400 Hz)

(All AC RMS specifications for sinusoidal input >1% of range)

AC peak accuracy: ±5% typical AC peak speed: 5 ms for single peak

Front panel

Display type: 4-line × 20-character, vacuum fluorescent **Display resolution:** Up to $\pm 5\%$ digits **Display update rate:** 4 rdg/s with vector off, 3 rdg/s with vector on

Displays units: Gauss (G), tesla (T)

Annunciators: RMS: AC input signal, DC: DC input signal, MAX: max hold value, s: relative reading, R: remote operation, A: alarm on **Keypad:** 25 full-travel keys

Front panel features: Display prompts, front panel

lockout, brightness control

Interfaces

RS-232C capabilities

Baud: 300, 1200, 9600 **Connector:** RJ-11 configuration Update rate: Up to 14 rdg/s at 9600 baud

IEEE-488 capabilities

Complies with IEEE-488.2 SH1, AH1, SR1, RL1, PP0, DC1,

DT0, C0, E1 Update rate: 18 rdg/s with vector off, 14 rdg/s with vector on

Alarm

Settings: High and low setpoint, inside/outside, audible Actuators: Display annunciator, beeper

Monitor analog output (3) Configuration: Real time analog voltage output **Scale:** $\pm 3 V = \pm full$ scale on selected range Frequency response: DC to 400 Hz Accuracy: Probe dependent Minimum load resistance: 1 kΩ (short circuit protected) Connector: BNC

Corrected analog output (1) Configuration: Voltage output generated by DAC Range: ±3 V; ±10 V for the Model 460-10 Scale: User-defined Resolution: 0.366 mV of ±3 V Update rate: Same as field measurement Accuracy: ±0.1% full scale in addition to measurement error Minimum load resistance: 1 kΩ (short circuit protected) Connector: BNC

General

Ambient temperature: 15 to 35 °C at rated accuracy; 5 to 40 °C with reduced accuracy Power requirement: 100, 120, 220, 240 VAC (+5%, -10%), 50 or 60 Hz, 40 VA Size: 432 mm W × 89 mm H × 368 mm D (17 in × 3.5 in × 14.5 in), full rack Weight: 7.5 kg (16.5 lb)



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Stock probes

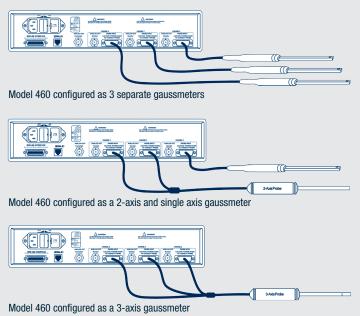
The most commonly ordered probes for this gaussmeter. Others available starting on page 30.

Model	Orientation	Frequency range	Full-scale field ranges	Stem material	Stem length (in)	Probe part number
	Axial	DC and 10 Hz	HST-2: 300 G, 3 kG, 30 kG	Aluminum	4	MMA-2504-VG
	Axiai	to 400 Hz	HSE-1: 30 G, 300 G, 3 kG, 30 kG	Fiberglass	4	MMA-2504-VH
		DC	HST-2: 300 G, 3 kG, 30 kG	Aluminum	4	MMT-6J04-VG
Model	Transverse	DC and 10 Hz to 100 Hz	HSE-1: 30 G, 300 G, 3 kG, 30 kG	Aluminum	4	MMT-6J04-VH
460	Tanoverse	DC and 10 Hz	HST-2: 300 G, 3 kG, 30 kG	Fiberglass	4	MNT-4E04-VG
		to 400 Hz	HSE-1: 30 G, 300 G, 3 kG, 30 kG	Fiberglass	4	MNT-4E04-VH
	3-Axis	DC and 10 Hz to 400 Hz	HSE-1: 30 G, 300 G, 3 kG, 30 kG	Aluminum	8	MMZ-2508-UH

Probes and sensors

Lake Shore offers an extensive line of single, two-, and three-axis probes, standard Hall sensors, and probe accessories. Lake Shore probes are factory calibrated for accuracy and interchangeability. Factory-calibrated probes feature a PROM in the probe connector so that calibration data can be read automatically by the instrument. If the probe is equipped with a temperature sensor, the Model 460 reads both temperature and field signal and continuously adjusts the calculated field value. The customer can also download sensitivity for discrete Hall sensors. In addition, Lake Shore can custom design probes and assemblies to meet specific application needs.

Model 460 rear panel configurations



Ordering i	nformation									
Part number 460 460-10	Description Model 460 gaussmeter Model 460 gaussmeter with corrected analog output set to ±10 V instead of ±3 V									
1 100 V—U.S. 2 120 V—U.S. 3 220 V—Euro 4 240 V—Euro 5 240 V—U.K. 6 240 V—Swis	your power/cord configuration: cord (NEMA 5-15) cord (NEMA 5-15) o cord (CEE 717) o cord (CEE 717) cord (BS 1363) ss cord (SEV 1011) ia cord (GB 1002)									
Accessories inc	uded									
4060 119-012	Zero gauss chamber Model 460 user manual									
Accessories ava	ilable—also see Gaussmeter Accessories section									
4001 4002 4003 4004 CAL-460-CERT CAL-460-DATA CAL-NEW-DATA	RJ-11 4-wire cable assembly used with RS-232C interface— cable is 4.3 m (14 ft) long RJ-11 to DB-25 adapter—connects computer to RS-232C port RJ-11 to DE-9 adapter—connects computer to RS-232C port IEEE-488 interface cable connects customer-supplied computer to IEEE-488 interface—cable is 1 m (3.3 ft) long Instrument recalibration with certificate Instrument recalibration with certificate and data New instrument calibration with certificate and data									
RM-1	Rack mounting shelf to attach one Model 460 gaussmeter to a									

483 mm (19 in) rack mount space

All specifications are subject to change without notice Probes ordered separately (see above) Other probes available — see page 30