Model 480 Fluxmeter

Model 480 features
- 5¾-digit DC resolution (1 part out of ±300,000)
- Automatic drift compensation
- Very fast peak capture
- AC frequency response to 50 kHz
- IEEE-488 and serial interfaces
- Storage of parameters for up to 10 existing coils
- CE mark certification
Product description
An advanced tool designed primarily for use in industrial and measurement systems settings, the Model 480 fluxmeter measures total flux from which B, flux density, and H, magnetic field strength, can be determined. The Model 480 is valuable for magnetizing, manual and automated magnet testing and sorting, and as the main component in BH loop or hysteresis measurement system applications. The Model 480 is compatible with most sensing coils and fixtures.

Manual magnet testing
A bright display and fast update rate make the Model 480 ideal for manual magnet sorting and testing. The instrument’s low drift improves productivity with fewer adjustments. Remote terminals allow for foot pedal reading reset to keep hands on the work, not the instrument. Configurable alarms give an audible signal or relay closure to signify pass/fail.

Automated magnet testing
In automated testing, time is money. The Model 480 has many features to enhance throughput. The instrument has a fast update rate and fast settling time. It recovers quickly from reading reset to start a new reading cycle. The IEEE-488 and serial interfaces included with the Model 480 can be used to control most instrument functions. Relays and analog outputs can be used for automation without a computer interface.

Magnetizing
The magnetizing process places unique demands on all associated electronics. The Model 480 responds with a very fast peak capture that can keep up with the fastest magnetizing pulses. Both a positive and negative peak can be captured from the same pulse. The input of the Model 480 is protected against the high voltages present during magnetizing.

Materials analysis
High resolution and low drift define a fluxmeter’s role in analytical measurement. The high resolution of the Model 480 is reinforced by a low noise floor. A configurable filter helps keep the readings quiet. Automatic and manual drift adjustment modes help optimize the integrators’ low drift characteristics. The IEEE-488 and serial computer interfaces included with the 480 allow automated data taking.

AC magnetic fields
Sensing coils are sensitive to AC magnetic fields but many conventional integrating fluxmeters cannot measure AC fields. The Model 480 has an AC mode that enables it to measure fields over a wide frequency range using simple sensing coils. Applications are limited to field volumes as large as or larger than the coil, but for some it is an inexpensive way to make low drift AC field measurements.

Drift adjustment
Adjusting or nulling the drift of an analog integrator wastes time—it can be the only unpleasant part of using an integrating fluxmeter. Lake Shore innovation brings some relief. The Model 480 has a built-in drift algorithm that continually adjusts drift when the instrument and coil are idle. It is ready when you are to make precision low-drift measurements. The adjustment algorithm has no effect during flux integration. Manual drift adjustment is also available.

Display
The Model 480 has a 2-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 three examples of the various display configurations:

Normal reading—the default mode with the display of the live DC flux reading

AC positive and negative peak on—the display shows both the positive and negative DC peak readings

Alarm on—the alarm gives an audible and visual indication of when the flux value is selectively outside or inside a user-specified range
**FH-series Helmholtz coils**

Lake Shore coils can be used with the Model 480 fluxmeter as well as with other fluxmeters. When used with a Model 480 fluxmeter, calibration and set up data are automatically loaded into the instrument. These probes and coils are accurately calibrated, using field standards maintained at Lake Shore. Most standards are traceable to physical standards such as a coil or probe of carefully controlled dimensions, or in some cases, to proton resonance. The coil constants are measured on the basis of the field generated by a current through the coil.

See pages 56, 57, and 58 for more information about available Helmholtz and search coils.

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**Helmholtz and search coils**

Coils and probes wound by the user or from other manufacturers can be easily used with the Model 480. The Model 480 allows the user to save parameters for up to 10 existing coils/probes and quickly switch between them. Lake Shore also offers several sensing coils and probe assemblies for use with the Model 480 that have several conveniences. They are factory calibrated for accuracy and interchangeability. Calibration data is loaded into memory in the probe connector so it does not have to be entered by the user. Special coil assemblies are also available and can be designed to meet customer specifications.

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**Model 480 rear panel**

1. Line input assembly
2. Serial I/O interface
3. IEEE-488 interface
4. Terminal block (for relays and analog signals)*
5. Coil input for user coils
6. Probe input for Lake Shore probes

* The Model 480 terminal block has connections for external reset. With this feature, a foot pedal or programmable logic controller (PLC) can be used to start a new measurement cycle. The external reset is TTL-compatible and a logic low will activate a reset. The signal is internally pulled up to allow operation with a simple switch closure between pins 12 and 13.
Model 480 specifications

Measurement
Number of inputs: 1
Input type: 2-lead, ground referenced
Input resistance: 100 kΩ or 10 kΩ
Maximum operating input voltage: 60 V
Absolute maximum input voltage: 100 V—WARNING—voltages between 60 V and 100 V will not damage the instrument but could result in personal injury or damage to other instruments
Update rate: 5 rdg/s display; 30 rdg/s IEEE-488; 30 rdg/s serial

DC
DC peak resolution: To 5½ digits
DC peak accuracy: ±5% rdg ±10 µVs (10 Hz to 10 kHz sinusoidal); ±10% rdg ±100 µVs (2 Hz to 50 kHz sinusoidal)
DC maximum dΦ/dt: (2 Hz to 50 kHz sinusoidal)
DC peak resolution: 3½ digits
DC peak input resistance: 1 µF nominal
DC ranges: 100 kΩ 100 kΩ 100 kΩ 100 kΩ
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DC accuracy: ±1% rdg ±10 µVs (10 Hz to 10 kHz sinusoidal); ±5% rdg ±100 µVs (2 Hz to 50 kHz sinusoidal)
DC minimum dΦ/dt: (2 Hz to 50 kHz sinusoidal)
DC minimum reading: (2 Hz to 50 kHz sinusoidal)
DC frequency response: 2 Hz to 50 kHz
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DC minimum reading: (2 Hz to 50 kHz sinusoidal)
AC peak
AC peak resolution: 3½ digits
AC peak input resistance: 1 µF nominal
AC ranges: 100 kΩ 100 kΩ 100 kΩ 100 kΩ
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AC accuracy: ±1% rdg ±10 µVs (10 Hz to 10 kHz sinusoidal); ±5% rdg ±100 µVs (2 Hz to 50 kHz sinusoidal)
AC minimum reading: 0.05 µVs 0.05 µVs 0.05 µVs 0.05 µVs
AC resolution: 2 Hz to 50 kHz
AC input resistance: 1 µF nominal
AC frequency response: 2 Hz to 50 kHz
AC accuracy: ±1% rdg ±10 µVs (10 Hz to 10 kHz sinusoidal); ±5% rdg ±100 µVs (2 Hz to 50 kHz sinusoidal)
AC minimum reading: 0.05 µVs 0.05 µVs 0.05 µVs 0.05 µVs
AC resolution: 2 Hz to 50 kHz
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AC peak update rate: Reduces update rate to 6 times normal

Front panel
Display type: 2-line × 20-character vacuum fluorescent display
Display resolution: To ±5½ digits
Display update rate: 5 rdg/s
Display units: V, mV, mV, µV, mV/V, Ω, V/A, T, Wbcm, A, %
Units multipliers: p, n, µ, m, k, M, G
Annunciators: AC—AC input signal, DC—DC input signal, positive and negative peaks, Remote operation, ——alarm on
Keypad: 21 full-travel keys
Interfaces
IEEE-488.2 capabilities: SH1, AH1, T5, L4, SR1, RL1, PP0, DC1, DT0, C0, E1
Serial interface: RS-232C electrical, DA-9 connector, 9600 baud
External reset type: Contact closure

Alarms
Number: 2
Settings: High and low setpoint, Inside/Outside, Audible
Actuators: Display annunciator, beeper, relays
Relays
Number: 3
Contacts: Normally open (NO), normally closed (NC), and common (C)
Contact rating: 30 VDC at 2 A
Operation: Follow high, low alarms with third relay indicating no alarm state—can be operated manually
Connector: Detachable terminal block

Monitor analog output
Scale: ±3 V = full scale on Vs range
Accuracy: ±1% of reading ±10 mV (DC to 10 kHz); ±5% of reading ±10 mV (10 kHz to 50 kHz)
Minimum load resistance: 1 kΩ
Connector: Detachable terminal block

Corrected analog output
Scale: User selected
Range: ±10 V
Resolution: 0.3 mV
Accuracy: ±2.5 mV
Minimum load resistance: 1 kΩ
Connector: Detachable terminal block

General
Ambient temperature: 15 °C to 35 °C at rated accuracy, 5 °C to 40 °C with reduced accuracy
Power requirement: 100, 120, 220, 240 VAC, +5% -10%, 50 or 60 Hz, 20 VA
Size: 216 mm W × 89 mm H × 318 mm D (8 in × 3.5 in × 12.5 in), half rack
Weight: 3 kg (6.6 lb)
Approval: CE mark, RoHS

Ordering information
Part number Description
480 Model 480 fluxmeter

Please indicate your power/cord configuration:
1 100 V—U.S. cord (NEMA 5-15)
2 120 V—U.S. cord (NEMA 5-15)
3 220 V—Euro cord (CEE 717)
4 240 V—Euro cord (CEE 717)
5 240 V—U.K. cord (BS 1363)
6 240 V—Swiss cord (SEV 1011)
7 220 V—China cord (GB 1802)

Accessories included
106-739 Two 8-pin terminal block mating connectors
119-028 Model 480 user manual

Accessories available
4005 1 m (3.3 ft) long IEEE-488 (GPIB) computer interface cable assembly—includes extender required for simultaneous use of IEEE cable and auxiliary terminal block
CAL-480-CERT Instrument recalibration with certificate
CAL-480-DATA Instrument recalibration with certificate and data
CAL-NEW-DATA Calibration data for a new instrument
RM-1/2 Rack mount kit for mounting one Model 480 in 483 mm (19 in) rack
RM-2 Rack mount kit for mounting two Model 480s in 483 mm (19 in) rack

Coils—see pages 56, 57, and 58 for more information
FNT-6904-100 100 cm² search coil
FNT-6004-30 30 cm² search coil
FH-2.5 Helmholtz coil, 64 mm (2.5 in) ID
FH-6 Helmholtz coil, 152 mm (6 in) ID
FH-12 Helmholtz coil, 305 mm (12 in) ID
FCBL-6 User programmable cable with PROM, 1.5 m (5 ft) long

All specifications are subject to change without notice

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