# EM1401 / EM1401 UT Thickness Gauge



# **Operation Manual**

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#### **INTENDED USE**

The EM1401 / EM1401 UT thickness gauge (further, the Device) is intended to measure thickness of steel pipe walls, flat steel, rods, and other products made of steel as well as aluminum and other metals using both non-contact electro-magnetic transducers and traditional contact piezoelectric transducers (for EM1401 UT version).

#### **PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION**

The Device measures time during which the acoustic wave transits through the test object. The measured time is converted into thickness using the specified value of speed of ultrasonic wave propagation.

The Device can be connected both to EMA transducers and to contact PE (piezoelectric) transducers.

A special data processing algorithm designed by Oktanta allows to measure the test object thickness correctly even in the presence of disruptors such as metal anisotropy, several reflectors and external noise. The Device enables to eliminate influence of the human factor making the thickness measurements completely automatic.



# **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

# For EMA transducer (EM1401, EM1401 UT)

Measured thickness range for steel	2 to 80 mm
Measured thickness range without gap for steel	2 to 120 mm
Thickness measurement error	0.08 mm
Permissible gap between the sensor and the test object for EMT14012 transducer	up to 4 mm
Permissible gap between the sensor and the test object for ETM14013 transducer	up to 6 mm
Permissible skew of the sensor relative to the test object surface normal	± 25°
Minimum permissible radius of curvature of the test object surface	≥10 mm
Operating frequency	4 MHz
Working ambient temperature range	-20 to +50°C
Operating temperature range of the test object surface	-20 to +80°C
Maximum number of measurements per second	(-20 to +750°C using the EMT14014T transducer*) 16
For PE transducer (EM1401 UT)	
Measured thickness range for steel for EDC5P10FS15 transducer	2 to 300 mm
Measured thickness range for steel for EDC5P7.2FS10 transducer	1 to 150 mm
Measured thickness range for steel for EDC10P5F3	0.5 to 20 mm

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Operating frequency	10 MHz for EDC10P5F3
	5 MHz for EDC5P10FS15, EDC5P7.2FS10
Thickness measurement error	0.08 mm
Maximum number of measurements per second	2
Operating temperature range of the test object surface	-5 to +50°C

#### For both sensor types (EM1401, EM1401 UT)

Acoustic speed adjustment range	1000 to 9999 m/s
	with 1 m/s
	increments
Time of continuous operation without battery recharging	7 hours
Overall dimensions	122 x 231 x 42 mm

\*The EMT14014T transducer is not intended for long-term use at 750 °C. The maximum temperature of long-term use of this transducer is 300 °C. The objects with temperature of 300 °C to 750 °C shall be measured during short periods of time with 15 s intervals between measurements

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### **OPERATION DESCRIPTION**

# **Device Appearance**



Thickness gauge appearance

At the top of the Device, there are a connector for EMA transducers and two connectors for PE transducers. The Device has a color liquid crystal display screen to display measurement results. The Device is controlled by a keyboard with 11 pushbuttons. At the bottom of the Device, there is a connector for a recharger.



Below are the functions of the control buttons.



The On/Off button switches on/off the Device;



The Back button allows the user to return to the previous menu items and to close the menu;



The Up button allows the user to navigate in the Device menu, change the A-scan scale and adjust the strobes and thresholds;



The Down button allows the user to navigate in the Device menu, change the A-scan scale and adjust the strobes and thresholds;



The Left button allows the user to navigate in the Device menu and adjust the strobes;



The Right button allows the user to navigate in the Device menu and adjust the strobes;



The "OK" button sets the parameter selected in the Device menu;



The Menu button opens/closes the Device menu;



The "Save" button saves data in the C-scan.



The Plus button allows the user to navigate in the Device menu;



The Minus button allows the user to navigate in the Device menu;



# **Device Switching On and Off**

To switch the Device on, press and hold the button during 3 s. A window with information about the Device software version appears on the display.



Window with information about Device software version



Then a window with measured thickness appears.

Window with measured thickness

To switch the Device off, press and hold the witton.

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#### **Information Display Mode Selection**

The Device allows to visualize A-scan, B-scan, and C-scan. To switch between the information display modes, use the  $\bigcirc$  and  $\bigcirc$  buttons Press the  $\bigcirc$  button once to switch to the A-scan display mode.



A-scan display mode

Press the button again to switch to the B-scan display mode.



B-scan display mode

Then, press the button again to switch to the C-scan display mode.



C-SCAN	19.06	i.21	18:15	•
	Start inspection			
	Open inspections			
	Continue inspection			

C-scan display mode

Press the button again to switch to the thickness display mode.

#### **Thickness Window**

The figure below shows the Thickness window.

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EMAT	Auto	64x	3250	25C	Steel
	1.	4	• (	)(	) mm

Thickness window

The top of the screen displays the following information:

• Name of the selected transducer;



- Thickness measurement mode. Possible settings are as follows: auto, one strobe and two strobes;
- Averaging number used in the Device;
- Selected acoustic speed;
- Selected temperature of the test object;
- Selected material of the test object;

When you press the button, the window will be as shown in the figure below:

THICKNE	SS			19.0	)6.21 19:44 📴
EMAT	Auto	64x	3250	25C	Steel
	2	$\bigcirc$	• (	)(	) mm
Sensor	Algorithm	Integration	Calibration	Temperatur	e Metal
EMAT	Auto	64		25C	Steel

#### Change of parameters

Within this window, you can change the applicable transducer, measurement mode, averaging number, temperature as well as select the material of the test object

and perform calibration. To select the appropriate menu item, press on the selected menu item, press on the button.

#### **Transducer Selection**

The figure below shows the transducer selection window.



THICKNES	SS			19.0	)6.21 19:48 <mark>-</mark>
EMAT	Auto	64x	3250	25C	Steel
EDC5P10FS15 EDC5P7.2FS10 EDC10P5F3 EMAT	1	7	• (	)(	) mm
Sensor EMAT	Algorithm Auto	Integration 64	Calibration	Temperatur 25C	e Metal Steel

Transducer Selection

The Device allows to select among four transducer types:

- EMAT: electromagnetic acoustic transducer. This setting shall be selected when any EMA transducer is used.
- EDC10P5F3: piezoelectric transducer to measure thickness ranging from 0.5 to 20 mm. This transducer operates at 10 MHz.
- EDC5P7.2FS10: piezoelectric transducer to measure thickness ranging from 1 to 150 mm. This transducer operates at 5 MHz.
- EDC5P10FS15: piezoelectric transducer to measure thickness ranging from 2 to 300 mm. This transducer operates at 5 MHz.

#### **Thickness Measurement Mode Selection**

The Device enables to use one of three thickness measurement modes: auto, manual with one strobe and manual with two strobes. For more details on manual measurement modes, see "A-scan window".

#### **Accumulation Number Selection**

The figure below shows the accumulation number selection window.





Accumulation Number Selection

By default, the Device uses 128 accumulations. Thus, the final thickness measurement is performed using 128 measured values by averaging them. When the test object has a poor surface quality or heavy corrosion, increase the number of accumulations up to 256-512.

### Calibration

The calibration window appearance is shown in Figure below:



Calibration

The Calibration menu has three items:

• Sensor. This item is available when one of three piezoelectric transducers is selected. The front cover of the Device includes the calibrations sample (see "Device Appearance") The piezoelectric transducers shall be calibrated prior to operation start

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by calculating delay in prism which sizes constantly decrease as the transducer wears out. When this item is selected, the Device window will be as follows:



Sensor calibration

When the Calibration text appears on the screen, put the sensor on the calibration sample coated with contact liquid. Then, the Device will calculate the delay in prism and will measure the thickness of this sample as 3 mm.

• Thickness. This calibration enables to calculate the acoustic speed in automatic mode according to the known thickness. To calibrate according to the known thickness, place the sensor on the object with known thickness and select this calibration item. Then, the following window will display:



Calibration according to known thickness



In the opened window, press the (0, 0, 0, 0, 0), and (0, 0, 0) buttons to specify the known thickness value; then press the (0, 0, 0) button.

• Speed. This item enables to specify the acoustic speed.

The acoustic speed setting window is shown below:

	HICKNES	S			19.06	.21 21:30 💻
	EDC10P5F3	Auto	64x	2559	25C	Steel
		SOUND SP	EED m/s			
			025	59		
				Sensor	$\overline{\mathbf{N}}$	
				Thickness		mm
				Speed		
	Sensor	Algorithm	Integration	Calibration	Temperature	Metal
	EDC10P5F3	Auto	64	1	25C	Steel
			Acoustic sp	peed setting		
		C				
In this w	vindow, pre	ess the 💟	<b>)</b> , <b>)</b> ,	Served, and	d 💟 but	tons to specify
known acoustic	cnad valu	a. than nr	ass the	button		
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#### WARNING!

All EMA transducers intended for this Device use transverse ultrasonic wave. The typical speed of the transverse wave for the steel is 3250 m/s.

All PE transducers intended for this Device use longitudinal ultrasonic wave. The typical speed of the longitudinal wave for the steel is 5950 m/s.

#### Temperature

The acoustic speed depends on the material temperature. Therefore, different acoustic speed shall be used for different temperatures. The Device can automatically correct the acoustic speed depending on the test object temperature. To use this feature,

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set the test object temperature in this menu. The window used to enter the test object temperature is shown in Figure below.



Test object temperature entry



#### WARNING!

To measure the thickness of the heated objects, use the special EMT14014T EMA transducer. Use of the other transducers for the objects which temperature exceed 80°C can cause their failure.

#### Metal

This item is used to select the material of the test object. The selected material influences both the acoustic speed and the function of the acoustic speed dependence on the temperature. Therefore, correct selection of the material is very important. The material selection window is shown below:

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THICKNES	SS			20.0	6.21 00:18 <mark>-</mark>		
EMAT	Auto	64x	2804	725C	Steel		
		8	• (		Bronze Brass Copper Titan Aluminum St. steel Steel		
Sensor EMAT	Algorithm Auto	Integration 64	Calibration	Temperature 725C	e Metal Steel		
Test object material selection							

To select the required material, use the  $\mathbf{O}$ ,  $\mathbf{O}$  and  $\mathbf{O}$  buttons/

## A-scan window

The A-scan window appearance is shown in Figure below:





#### A-scan Scale Change

The user can change the scale of the A-scan display. To change the scale, press the 0 button or the 0 button while being in the A-scan window.

In this case, SCALE appears on the screen



A-scan scale change mode

In this mode, you can change the A-scan scale using the  $\bigcirc$  and  $\bigcirc$  buttons you can also change the display area using the  $\bigcirc$  and  $\bigcirc$  buttons.

Upon selection of the position and size of the scaled area, press the button or the button.

# **Context Menu**

To operate with the A-scan and strobes and to calibrate the Device, a special context menu is used. To open the context menu, press the  $\bigcirc$  button. Then, a menu consisting of six items will appear at the screen bottom. You can navigate through the menu items using the  $\bigcirc$  and  $\bigcirc$  buttons





Context ("OK") menu

To close the context menu, change one of the menu settings by pressing the  $\bigcirc$  button, or press the  $\bigcirc$  button.

#### **Thickness Measurement Algorithm Selection**

The Device has three thickness measurement algorithms: an automatic algorithm, a thickness measurement algorithm using one strobe and a thickness measurement algorithm using two strobes.

The automatic algorithm is suitable for most applications and allows to obtain the thickness without user intervention.

The thickness measurement algorithm using one strobe calculates the position of the maximum in the red strobe and converts the obtained value into thickness. The position of the red strobe and its length are specified by the user. It is recommended to use the algorithm for the test objects made by casting, as well as for the test objects prone to severe corrosion.

The thickness measurement algorithm using two strobes calculates the positions of the maximums in the red and blue strobes. The Device calculates the thickness using the difference between the positions of the maximums in the red and blue strobes. The position of the strobes and their lengths are specified by the user.

To enter the menu of thickness measurement algorithm selection, press the

button. The algorithm is selected by the 0 and 0 buttons. After selection of the required algorithm, press the 0 button.

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Thickness measurement algorithm selection

#### **Accumulation Number Selection**

By default, the Device uses 128 accumulations of the useful signal and calculates thickness using the average values. When the Device measures thickness of a test object with poor surface quality and across a wide gap, it is recommended to increase the number of accumulations and, thereby, to increase the reliability and accuracy of the measurements. To enter the menu of accumulation number selection, press the  $\widehat{\mathbb{ON}}$  button. The accumulation number is selected by the  $\widehat{\mathbb{ON}}$  and  $\widehat{\mathbb{ON}}$  buttons. After selection of the required accumulation number, press the  $\widehat{\mathbb{ON}}$  button.



Accumulation number selection

The accumulation number can be as follows: 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512, or 1024;

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Note that increase of the accumulation number will increase the measurement time.

#### A-scan View Change

The Device can display the A-scan in three ways: the original bipolar signal, the detected signal and the filtered signal (envelope filter).

To enter the menu of A-scan view selection, press the button. The Ascan-view is selected by the and buttons. After selection of the required view, press the button.



A-scan view change

#### **Gain Control**

The Device has manual and automatic gain control modes. By default, the Device uses automatic gain control To change over to the manual control mode, do as follows:

- Select the setting Off in the AGC context menu.
- Enter the gain control mode by pressing the witton.

The Device will change over to the manual gain control mode. The upper part of the gain level indicator will change its color from blue to white.



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Gain level indicator position

In the manual mode, the gain level is controlled using the  $\textcircled{\pm}$  and  $\textcircled{\pm}$  buttons.

To return to the automatic gain control mode, select the setting On in the AGC context menu/ The upper part of the gain control indicator will become blue again.

#### Strobes

The Device can operate with two strobes (red and blue). Each strobe is a selected time interval in which the maximum value is calculated. The top of the thickness gauge screen displays the maximum position of the blue strobe, the maximum position of the red strobe, the difference between the maximum positions of the red and blue strobes.





*Strobe information display* 

The position and length of each strobe can be changed To do this, open the Strobes menu by pressing the **W** button.

Then, the red strobe is highlighted on the display



Red strobe selection

Use the  $\bigcirc$  and  $\bigcirc$  buttons to change the strobe position and the  $\bigcirc$  and buttons to change the strobe length. Upon selection of the position and length of the red strobe, press the vertice button. Then, the blue strobe is highlighted on the display.



A-9	SCAN	6	11мм	13.	59мм	7.4	47мм	:	20.06	.21 02:32	-
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Alı	gorithm	Inte	gration	Vie	W	AGO	-	Strobe	es	Calibratio	n
	Auto		64	Filter	red	ON					

Blue strobe selection

You can set the position and length of the blue strobe in the same way as those of the red strobe by pressing the 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, and 0 buttons. Upon selection of the position and length of the blue strobe, press the 0 button.

# Calibration

The calibration window appearance is shown in Figure below:



Calibration

The Calibration menu has three items:

• Sensor This item is available when one of three piezoelectric transducers is selected. The front cover of the Device includes the calibrations sample (see "Device Appearance") The piezoelectric transducers shall be calibrated prior to operation start

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by calculating delay in prism which sizes constantly decrease as the transducer wears out. When this item is selected, the Device window will be as follows:



Sensor calibration

When the Calibration text appears on the screen, put the sensor on the calibration sample coated with contact liquid. Then, the Device will calculate the delay in prism and will measure the thickness of this sample as 3 mm.

• Thickness This calibration enables to calculate the acoustic speed in automatic mode according to the known thickness. To calibrate according to the known thickness, place the sensor on the object with known thickness and select this calibration item. Then, the following window will display:



Calibration according to known thickness



In the opened window, press the (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) buttons to specify the known thickness value; then press the (0, 0, 0, 0, 0) button.

• Speed. This item enables to specify the acoustic speed.

The acoustic speed setting window is shown below:



known acoustic speed value; then press the witton.

#### WARNING!

All EMA transducers intended for this Device use transverse ultrasonic wave. The typical speed of the transverse wave for the steel is 3250 m/s.

All PE transducers intended for this Device use longitudinal ultrasonic wave. The typical speed of the longitudinal wave for the steel is 5950 m/s.

#### **B-scan Window**

The B-scan window appearance is shown in Figure below:

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*B-scan window appearance* 

At the top of this window, the A-scan with two thresholds (blue and red) is displayed. At the bottom, the B-scan is displayed. All A-scan points which values are lower than the blue threshold position are displayed on the B-scan in light-blue. All Ascan points which values are higher than the red threshold position are displayed on the B-scan in black. All A-scan points which values are between two thresholds are displayed with gradient. The user can change the thresholds position, change the scale, speed up or slow down filling of the B-scan, select appearance (view) of the B-scan window as well as select the B-scan filling mode between the continuous and singletime.

#### **B-scan Scale Change**

To change the scale, press the 0 button or the 0 button while being in the B-scan window.

In this case, SCALE appears on the screen





B-scan scale change mode

In this mode, you can change the B-scan scale using the  $\bigcirc$  and  $\bigcirc$  buttons you can also change the display area using the  $\bigcirc$  and  $\bigcirc$  buttons.

Upon selection of the position and size of the scaled area, press the witton or the button.

# **Context Menu**

To operate with the B-scan, the special context menu is used. To open the context menu, press the  $\bigcirc$  button. Then, a menu consisting of four items will appear at the screen bottom. You can navigate through the menu items using the  $\bigcirc$  and  $\bigcirc$  buttons

## **B-scan filling mode**

To select the B-scan filling mode, select this item in the context menu and press on the button. The B-scan filling mode selection window is shown in the Figure below:



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B-scan filling mode selection

You can select two options in this window: stand-by mode and continuous mode. When the standby mode is selected, the B-scan will not be updated until the user presses the + button. In this case, "Press + to start up" will be at the top of the Device screen.

If the continuous mode of B-scan filling is selected, the B-scan will be filled and updated continuously.

#### **Screen Filling Time**

This setting enables to increase or decrease time during which the B-scan in fully filled. To select the B-scan filling time, select this item in the context menu and press on the button. The B-scan filling time selection window is shown in the Figure below:





B-scan filling time selection

The user can select in what number of times the time of B-scan updating is greater than the standard value.

### Thresholds

The Device has two adjustable thresholds. To adjust the thresholds position,

select the appropriate item of the context menu using the  $\bigcirc$ ,  $\bigcirc$  buttons and press the window button. The red threshold will be highlighted. The appearance of the window

with highlighted red threshold is shown in Figure below:



Red threshold highlighting



You can move the highlighted threshold using the  $\bigcirc$  and  $\bigcirc$  buttons. When

you press the will become highlighted

instead of the red one. Its position can be adjusted as well using the 0 and 0 buttons.

The thresholds position influences the B-scan appearance. Data which are higher than the red threshold are displayed on the B-scan in black. Data which are lower than the blue threshold are displayed on the B-scan with light-blue.

#### **B-scan** Appearance

The Device can change the B-scan window appearance (view). To select the Bscan appearance, select the appropriate item of the context menu using the  $\bigcirc$ ,  $\bigcirc$ buttons and press the  $\bigcirc$  button. The appearance of three options of the B-scan is shown in the Figures below:



B-scan appearance, option 1





B-scan appearance, option 2



*B-scan appearance, option 3* 

### **C-scan Window**

The Device can save data as the C-scan. The C-scan window appearance is shown in the Figure below:



C-SCAN		20.06.21 20:44 💽
	Start inspection	
	Open inspections	
	Continue inspection	

*C-scan window appearance* 

This window consists of three items:

- Start inspection;
- Open inspections;
- Continue inspection.

To navigate through these three items, use

the , and buttons To return from any selected item, press on the button.

#### Start inspection

The appearance of this window depends on the test object selected. If the user selects the "Pipe" test object, then the appearance of this window will be as shown in the Figure below.



C-SCAN		20.06.21 20:53
Object type		Pipe
Object name		OBJECT #01
Points along pipe	20	Points on ring 5
Order		Along pipe
Min thickness	5.00	Base thickness, mm 20.00
	Start	inspection

Start Inspection window appearance, Pipe test object

If the user selects "Matrix" as the test object, then the appearance of this window will be as shown below:

Object type		Matrix	
Object name		OBJECT #	01
Points by X	20	Points by Y	5
Order		Horizonta	al
Min thickness	5.00	Base thickness, n	nm 20.00

Start Inspection window appearance, Matrix test object

You can navigate through this window using the 0 and 0 buttons. You can change the settings using the 0 and 0 buttons.

To enter the name of the object, select this item using the  $\bigcirc$ ,  $\bigcirc$  buttons and press the  $\bigcirc$  button. In this case, the window shown in Figure below will open:



object type	Matrix
Object name	OBJECT #01
	5
Order	l rizontal
Min thickness 5.00	Base thickness, mm 20.00

Test object name entering

To enter symbols, letters, and numbers in this window, use the  $\bigcirc$ ,  $\bigcirc$ ,  $\bigcirc$ ,  $\bigcirc$  and  $\bigcirc$  buttons. Upon completion, press the  $\bigcirc$  button.

For the object of the "Pipe" type, set the necessary number of the measured points in one ring as well as number of rings along the pipe.

For the object of the "Matrix" type, set the number of the measured points in horizontal plane and the same in the vertical plane.

Enter these values using the + and - buttons.

The data in the C-scan can be filled both from top to bottom (vertical lines) and from left to right (horizontal lines). The user can select the order of filling the C-scan in the "Order" item using the  $\textcircled{\pm}$  and  $\textcircled{\pm}$  buttons.

The user shall enter the base thickness of the test object and minimum permissible thickness of the test object. In the course of the C-scan filling, all points with thicknesses less than the minimum permissible thickness will be displayed in black. Such points are visible very well on the background. The points with thicknesses higher that the base thickness will be displayed in green. The points with thicknesses between the minimum and base values are displayed on the C-scan with gradient.

Upon entering all settings, select item "Start inspection" to start the C-scan filling and press the witton.

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Then, the window appearance will be as shown in the Figures below:



C-scan filling mode for "Matrix" test object



C-scan filling mode for "Pipe" test object

This window shows the A-scan, C-scan, current value of the measured thickness, current coordinate, as well as the minimum thickness which was found during the whole time of C-scan filling.

The current position is highlighted with blue square cursor on the C-scan. Prior to the inspection start, this square cursor is at the point with coordinate (0.0).



To fill the C-scan, the user installs the Device sensor in the required point and presses the button; the cursor coordinate increases by one increment and the procedure repeats.

#### **Open inspections**

This item enables to open the previously saved inspection results. If necessary, the user can repeat measurements for any point in the previously saved archive. The previously saved archive selection window is shown in the Figure below:

C-scan		21.06.21 00:22 📘
Object00 20.01.21 00.22 Object02 20 01 21 00 24	<b>^</b>	Open
TSTct00 20.01.21 00.26 Ottbjet00 20.01.21 00.29		EDIT
		Delete
		Delete all
	¥	Files:0

Open inspections window

You can navigate through the menu items using the (0, 0, 0, 0) buttons. To select the appropriate menu item, press on the button.

This window contains the following items:

#### Open

This item enables to select and open the previously saved archive.

#### Edit

This item enables to select and open the previously saved archive for editing.



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#### Delete

This item enables to select and delete the previously saved archive.

#### **Delete all**

This item enables to delete all archives saved in the Device memory.

#### **Continue inspection**

This item becomes active when the user has started the inspection earlier and has terminated it by switching to the other windows of the Device. When this item is selected, the Device returns to the previously started inspection.

#### User menu

To open the user menu, press the will appear:

Menu	21.06.21 01:23 💻
Date	<b>21</b> 6 2021
Time, sec	1 23 0
Auto off	OFF
Font color	
Background color	
Language	ENGLISH
Units	Metric
Brightness	75%
RESTORE DE	FAULT
ABOUT	

User menu



This menu contains the following menu items:

#### Date

This item enables to set the current date. To change the value, press the  $\underbrace{\textcircled{}}$  and  $\underbrace{\textcircled{}}$  buttons.

#### Time

This item enables to set the current time. To change the value, press the and buttons.

#### Auto off

This item enables to set the time period for the Device switching off unless the

measured thickness data are updated. To change the value, press the  $\textcircled{\bullet}$  and  $\textcircled{\bullet}$  buttons.

#### Font color

This item enables to select the thickness color in the Thickness window. To change the value, press the  $\bigoplus$  and  $\bigoplus$  buttons.

#### **Background color**

This item enables to select the background color in the Thickness window. To change the value, press the  $\bigoplus$  and  $\bigoplus$  buttons.

#### Language

This item enables to select the Device interface language. Available options are Chinese, English, and Russian. To change the value, press the  $\bigoplus$  and  $\bigoplus$  buttons.

#### Units

This item enables to select the measurement units. Available options are millimeters and inches. To change the value, press the  $\bigcirc$  and  $\bigcirc$  buttons.

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#### **Brightness**

This item enables to set the percentage screen brightness. To change the value, press the + and - buttons.

### **Restore default**

This item enables to restore all defaults of the Device. To select this menu item, press on the button.

### About

This item enables to know the software version. To select this menu item, press on the other button.

## **Transducer Selection**

The transducer is selected based on the test object temperature, base thickness, surface quality, etc. The characteristics of all applicable sensors are given in the Comparative table provide below:

Comparative table for transducer selection

Transducer	Test object	Thickness	Operating	Description
	temperature	range,	gap, mm	
	range, °C	mm		
	from -20 to	from 2 to	from 0 to	Compact transducer, suitable for most of
EMT14012	+80	120 mm	4	applications. It is supplied together with
				the Device as standard scope of supply.
				The transducer has the enhanced
	6 <b>2</b> 0 /	6 0 1		magnetic system and is used in such
EMT14013	from $-20$ to	from 2 to	from 0 to	cases when operation with the maximum
	+80	120 mm	6	operating gap or on the objects with poor
				surface quality due to heavy corrosion is
				requirea.



EMT14014T	from -20 to +750	from 2 to 120 mm	from 0 to 3	The transducer has a steel housing and special heat-resistant protector and is designed for operation with the objects heated up to 750 °C.
EDC10P5F3	from -5 to +50	from 0.5 to 20	-	The transducer operates at 10 MHz and is designed for thickness measurements of the thin objects and small defects detection.
EDC5P7.2FS10	from -5 to +50	from 1 to 150	-	The transducer operates at 5 MHz and is designed for thickness measurements of the medium thick objects and suitable for most of applications.
EDC5P10FS15	from -5 to +50	from 2 to 300	-	The transducer operates at 5 MHz and is designed for thickness measurements of the thick objects and of the objects with poor surface quality.

Note that, when using the EMT14014T transducer, it cannot be heated to the temperatures exceeding 300 °C. Therefore, while operating with the objects heated to the temperatures exceeding 300 °C, it is necessary to observe time intervals in accordance with the table below:

EMT14014T transducer measurement modes

Temperature range, °C	Measurement duration, seconds
0-300	continuously
200 700	0-5 (time interval between measurements:15
500 - 700	seconds)

## Thickness Measurements using the Device

To measure the thickness, do as follows:

1. Select the transducer to operate with the thickness gauge as described in the previous item.

2. If necessary, clean the surface and apply contact liquid (when using the piezoelectric transducers).

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3. Press the button to switch the Device on. When no test object is near the transducer, the thickness values on the Device screen can change randomly.

4. If necessary, calibrate the Device (see section "Calibration", item "Thickness window")

5. Place the Device on the test object surface. Depending on the selected accumulation number, the Device will display the measured thickness in the time period from 100 ms to 3 s.

## **Data Transfer to PC**

All saved archives with inspections (S-scans) are stored in the Device memory in .csv format. This format can be opened in Microsoft Excel. To transfer the files from the Device to the PC, use the EM1401\_Downloader application. The application window appearance is shown in the Figure below:

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*EM1401\_Downloader application appearance* 

To download the files, connect the Device to the PC with the installed EM1401\_Downloader application, start up the application, switch on the Device, select the thickness measurement units and press the button in the top left angle of the application. Then, the application will read data from the Device and create \*.csv files in the folder with the application installed.



#### **Device Operation Features**

The Device has the electromagnetic-acoustic transducer with a permanent magnet that introduces a number of requirements for operation with the Device

1. Be careful when moving the transducer near knives, forks, needles, and other sharp metal objects. This objects can be magnetized to the transducer casing and injure the user;

2. When placing the transducer on an unattached relatively light test object, hold the test object by hand;

3. The transducer can disable magnetic cards if it is placed near them;

4. In case of sharp inaccurate placement of the transducer on the test object, a stroke may occur due to additional acceleration caused by the magnetic field. It is recommended to place the transducer on the test object smoothly, without throwing and holding it by hand to increase the service life of the transducer;

5. It is recommended to place the transducer on the test object at an angle of  $60^{\circ}$ . After touching the test object surface by the transducer, the transducer should be straightened to a  $90^{\circ}$  angle.

It is necessary to monitor the integrity of the plastic or ceramic protector during the whole service life of the Device. If the plastic is damaged and the coil wires are out of the coating, it is necessary to replace the transducer.

#### WARNING!

Long-term operation of the product with a damaged sensor can lead to complete failure of the Device. The contact of the damaged sensor (when the coil wires are out of the coating) with the metal can lead to sparking.

#### **Battery Charge**

A battery charge indicator is displayed on the Device screen.





Battery charge indicator

It takes at least five hours to charge a fully discharged battery to 100%. Charge the Device when it is off.

#### WARNING!

Long-term storage of the Device battery in the fully discharged state can decrease battery capacity and reduce its service life. When the battery is completely discharged, charge it as soon as possible. Consider this requirement during long-term storage of the Device.

## **DEVICE CALIBRATION TEST PROCEDURE**

The Device calibration test is carried out by the bodies of the Service of Legal Metrology or other authorized organizations accredited for carrying out such operations

The result of the calibration test is confirmation of the measuring instrument fitness or unfitness for use.

If the measuring instrument is found to be fit for use in the result of the calibration tests, then a calibration test mark is put in the Device documentation or a Calibration Test Certificate is issued.

With negative results of the calibration tests, the Device is not allowed for further operation and an unfitness mark is put in the Device documentation.

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# **Calibration Test Procedure**

During the calibration test, the following operations should be performed:

- 1. External examination;
- 2. Functional test;
- 3. Measurement error calculation.

In agreement with the bodies conducting the Device calibration test, the calibration test may be performed not in full.

# **Calibration Instruments**

The calibration instruments shall have valid Calibration Test Certificates or marks.

The calibration test is performed using the following test samples:

1. A KYCOT-180 set of standard samples of the equivalent ultrasonic thickness or a KMT-176M-1 (KMTC-97) set of ultrasonic thickness control gauges;

2. A set of plane-parallel samples made of one steel blank with the following parameters:

Thickness, mm	Roughness RZ, micron, less than
$2\pm0.01$	10
$10\pm0.015$	20
$60 \pm 0.03$	20

The calibration instruments can differ from those mentioned above but their characteristics must not be inferior to those mentioned above and must be sufficient to obtain a reliable result. The use of such calibration instruments must be agreed with the Gosstandart bodies

# **Calibration Test Conditions**

The calibration test shall be performed under the following climatic conditions:

Air temperature:

+5 to +30 °C

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Humidity

Atmosphere pressure

80% at +25 °C 86 to 106 kPa

# **Calibration Test Description**

### **External examination**

The following requirements are checked during the external examination:

1. The scope of the Device supply shall be as specified in the operation manual;

2. The marking and the serial number of the Device shall comply with the marking and the serial number specified in the operation manual;

3. The Device shall have no mechanical damages affecting its performance and worsening its technical specifications.

#### **Functional test**

The functional test of the Device shall be carried out in accordance with "Operation Description" and using a test sample from the scope of supply or another test sample that has the required certificate.

The functional test procedure is as follows:

1. Calibrate the Device using a test sample;

2. Measure the thickness of the test sample. The measured value of the sample thickness shall not differ from the actual value (10 mm) by more than 0.04 mm.

#### Measurement error calculation

The measurement error calculation is performed using a set of samples made of a single blank as follows:

1. Place the Device on a 2 mm thick test sample;

2. Calibrate the Device using a calibration method based on the known thickness of the test object;

3. Perform 5 thickness measurements at five different points of the 2 mm thick test sample;

4. Calculate the maximum measurement error ( $\Delta$ ) using the formula:

$$\Delta = \max(H_i - H_o)$$

where  $H_i$  is the result of the measurement;  $H_o$  is the thickness of the sample;

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5.Repeat the operations specified in items 1 to 4 for 10 and 60 mm thick test samples.

The calibration test results are considered positive if the obtained values of the Device measurement error for all test samples do not exceed  $\pm 0.04$  mm.

## MAINTENANCE

#### **Transducer Replacement**

When the plastic coating of the transducer is worn out, replace the transducer.

#### WARNING!

#### Replace the transducer when the Device is off.

#### **Battery Replacement**

The Device is equipped with a removable battery; the user can replace the battery for a new one, if necessary. Replace the battery once per three years.



#### TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE

During storage and transportation of the Device, maintain the following climatic conditions:

Air temperature:+5 to +30 °CHumidity80% at +25 °C

Store and transport the Device only in a case from the scope of supply. Avoid any mechanical damages of the case and Device.

During long-term storage, the Device battery will discharge that can affect the Device further operation. So, we recommend to perform regular check (at least once per year) of the Device charge level and, if necessary, to recharge the battery (see "Battery Charge").



# **SCOPE OF SUPPLY**

# **Basic configuration**

EM1401 thickness gauge	1 pc.
Storage case	1 pc.
Recharger	1 pc.
EMT1402 transducer	1 pc.
Connecting cable	1 pc.
Operation Manual	1 pc.
Protective cover	1 pc.

# **Optional equipment**

ETM14013 transducer	1 pc.
ETM14014T transducer	1 pc.
EDC10P5F3 transducer	1 pc.
EDC5P7.2FS10 transducer	1 pc.
EDC5P10FS15 transducer	1 pc.



## MANUFACTURER WARRANTY

The warranty period is 24 months from the purchase date. Within the warranty period, the Manufacturer shall rectify faults of the Device provided that the housing is not damaged and the warranty seals are available.

The Manufacturer may withdraw its warranty obligations when:

1. The Device is used for purposes other than those specified in this operation manual;

2. The Device operation, storage, and transportation conditions and requirements specified in this operation manual are not met;

3. There are mechanical damages of the Device as a result of careless handling.

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# WARRANTY CERTIFICATE



# **INFORMATION ABOUT REPAIR**

Date of Application	Fault Type	Repair	Completed/Not Completed (Date, Signature, Stamp)



Date of calibration test	Valid till	Calibrator

# INFORMATION ABOUT CALIBRATION TEST

