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Manual HVAC Meter PCE-T 390



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1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing a digital thermometer PCE-T 390 from PCE Instruments.

- * Type K/J/T/E/R/S, Pt 100 Ohm, measurement with 4 display areas
- * Shows 4 channels on the LCD at the same time
- * Type K: -100 ... 1300 °C
- * Type J: -100 ... 1200 °C
- * Pt 100 Ohm: -199.9 .. 850.0 °C
- * °C/°F, 0.1 degree/1 degree
- * 4 channels (T1, T2, T3, T4), T1-T2
- * Microcomputer circuit provides intelligent function and high accuracy
- * Offset adjustment for the Type K/J/T/E/R/S measurement
- * Offset adjustment for the Pt 100 measurement
- * Measuring unit can be selected: °C or °F
- * Real-time SD memory card datalogger with integrated clock and calendar, real-time data recorder, sampling time adjustable from 1 second to 3600 seconds
- * Manual datalogger function available (set the sampling time to 0 seconds)
- * SD card capacity: 1 ... 16 GB
- * LCD with backlight, easily readable
- * Auto power off or manual power off possible
- * Data hold, records max. and min. reading
- * High accuracy
- * Power by UM3/AA (1.5 V) x 6 batteries or DC 9V adapter
- * RS232/USB PC COMPUTER interface

2 Safety notes

Please read this manual carefully and completely before you use the device for the first time. The device may only be used by qualified personnel and repaired by PCE Instruments personnel. There is no warranty of damages or injuries caused by non-observance of the manual.

- The device may only be used in the approved temperature range.

- The case should only be opened by qualified personnel of PCE Instruments.
- The instrument should never be placed with the user interface facing an object (e.g. keyboard side on a table).
- You should not make any technical changes to the device.
- The appliance should only be cleaned with a damp cloth / use only pH-neutral cleaner.

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3 Specifications

3.1 General

Circuit	Custom o circuit	Custom one-chip microprocessor LSI circuit		
Display	LCD size	LCD size : 52 mm x 38 mm		
	LCD with	green backlight (ON/OFF)		
Channels	T1, T2, T	3, T4, T1-T2		
Sensor type	Type K th	ermocouple probe		
	Type J/T/ 100 Ohm	Type J/T/E/R/S thermocouple probe. PT		
	* works w	ith an 0.00385 alpha		
	coeffici	coefficient, meet DIN IEC 751.		
Resolution	0.1 °C / 1	°C, 0.1 °F / 1 °C		
Datalogger	Auto	1 second to 3600 seconds		
Sampling time		@ Sampling time can be set to 1		
Setting range		second, but memory data may get		
		lost.		
	Manual	Pushing the datalogger button		
		once will save data once.		
		@ Set the sampling time to		
		0 seconds		
		@ Manual mode, select position no. 1 to		
		99		
Memory card	SD memo	SD memory card 1 16 GB		
Advanced	* Set clo	ck time (Year/Month/Date,		
settings	Hour/N	linute/ Second)		
	* Decima	I point of SD card setting		
	* Auto Po	ower Off management		
	* Switch	beep sound ON/OFF		
	* Set terr	perature unit to °C or °F		
	* Set san	* Set sampling time		
	* SD mer	nory card format		

Temperature compensation	Automatic temperature compensation for the K/J/T/E/R/S type thermometer
Linear compensation	Linear compensation for the full range
Offset adjustment	Available for K/J/T/E/R/S type and Pt 100 Ohm
Probe input socket	K/J/T/E/R/S type 2-pin thermocouple socket
	Pt 100 Ohm : earphone socket
Overload indication	Shows " "
Data Hold	Freezes the display reading
Memory recall	Maximum & minimum value
Sampling time of display	Approx. 1 second
Data output	RS 232/USB PC computer interface * Connect the optional RS232 cable - RS232 plug * Connect the optional USB cable - USB plug
Power Off	Auto shut off to save battery life or manual off by pushing button
Operating temperature	0 50 °C
Operating humidity	Less than 85 % RH
Power supply	* Alkaline or heavy duty DC 1.5 V battery (UM3, AA) x 6 pcs or equivalent
	* DC 9V adaptor input (AC/DC power adaptor is optional)

Power Current	Normal operation (w/o SD card, data saving and LCD backlight OFF): approx. DC 11 mA
	When SD card saves data but LCD backlight is OFF): approx. DC 30 mA
	 * with LCD backlight on, the power consumption will increase by approx. 6 mA.
Weight	278 g
Dimension	177 x 68 x 45 mm (7.0 x 2.7 x 1.9 inch)
Accessories Included	* instruction manual1 pc
Optional Accessories	* K type thermocouple probe TP-01, TP-02A, TP-03, TP-04

3.2 Electrical (23 ±5 °C)

Pt 100 Ohm:

Resolution	Range	Accuracy
0.1 °C	-199.9 850.0 °C	±(0.4 % + 1 °C)
0.1 °F	-327.0 999.9 °F	± (0.4 % + 1.8 °F)
1 °F	1000 1562 °F	± (0.4 % + 2 °F)
* Pt 100 Ohm probe TP-101 is an optional accessory		

K/J/T/E/R/S type:

Sensor	Resolution	Range	Accuracy
Туре			
K type	0.1 °C	-50.1100.0 °C	± (0.4 % + 1 °C)
		-50.0 999.9 °C	± (0.4 % + 0.5 °C)
	1 °C	1000 1300 °C	± (0.4 % + 1 °C)
	0.1 °F	-58.1148.0 °F	± (0.4 % + 1.8 °F)
		-58.0 999.9 °F	± (0.4 % + 1 °F)
	1 °F	1000 2372 °F	± (0.4 % + 2 °F)
J type	0.1 °C	-50.1100.0 °C	± (0.4 % + 1 °C)
		-50.0 999.9 °C	± (0.4 % + 0.5 °C)
	1 °C	1000 1150 °C	± (0.4 % + 1 °C)
	0.1 °F	-58.1148.0 °F	± (0.4 % + 1.8 °F)
		-58.0 999.9 °F	± (0.4 % + 1 °F)
	1 °F	1000 2102 °F	± (0.4 % + 2 °F)
T type	0.1 °C	-50.1100.0 °C	± (0.4 % + 1 °C)
		-50.0 400.0 °C	± (0.4 % + 0.5 °C)
	0.1 °F	-58.1148.0 °F	± (0.4 % + 1.8 °F)
		-58.0 752.0 °F	± (0.4 % + 1 °F)
E type	0.1 °C	-50.1100.0 °C	± (0.4 % + 1 °C)
		-50.0 900.0 °C	± (0.4 % + 0.5 °C)
	0.1 °F	-58.1148.0 °F	± (0.4 % + 1.8 °F)
		-58.0 999.9 °F	± (0.4 % + 1 °F)
	1 °F	1000 … 1652 °F	± (0.4 % + 2 °F)
R type	1 °C	0 … 600 °C	± (0.5 % + 1 °C)
		601 1700 °C	± (0.5 % + 1 °C)
	1 °F	32 … 1112 °F	± (0.5 % + 2 °F)
		1113 3092 °F	± (0.5 % + 2 °F)
S type	1 °C	0 … 600 °C	± (0.5 % + 1 °C)
		601 … 1500 °C	± (0.5 % + 1 °C)
	1 °F	32 … 1112 °F	± (0.5 % + 2 °F)
		1113 2732 °F	± (0.5 % + 2 °F)
Note:			

a. Accuracy value is specified for the meter only.

b. Accuracy is tested under an environmental temperature within 23 ± 5 °C. c. Linearity Correction :memorises the thermocouple's curve into the intelligent CPU

 $@\,above\ specifications\ tested\ under\ an\ environmental\ RF\ field\ strength\ below\ 3\ V/M\ and\ frequency\ below\ 30\ MHz$

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System description 4



- 4-1 Display
- 4-2 Power button (ESC, backlight button)
- 4-3 Hold button (Next button)
- 4-4 REC button (Enter button)

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 4-5 Type button (▲ button, L button)
 4-6 T1-T2 button (▼ button, R button)
 4-7 SET button (time check button)
 4-8 Logger button (OFFSET button, sampling time check button)
- 4-9 T1, T2, T3, T4 input socket (type K, type J)
- 4-10 PT1 input socket (Pt 100 Ohm)
- 4-11 PT2 input socket (Pt 100 Ohm)
- 4-12 RS-232 output terminal
- 4-13 DC 9V adaptor socket
- 4-14 tripod fix nut
- 4-15 battery cover screws
- 4-16 battery compartment cover
- 4-17 stand
- 4-18 SD card socket

5 Measuring procedure

Type K measurement

1) Power on the meter by pressing the "Power button" (3-2) once.

* When the meter is powered on, pressing the "Power button" once (>2 s) will turn off the meter.

2) The default temperature sensor type of the meter is the K type sensor; the display will indicate "K". The default temperature unit is °C (°F).

3) Insert the K type K probe into the T1, T2, T3, T4 input socket (4-9). The LCD will show the 4 channels (T1, T2, T3, T4) and the temperature value at the same time.

Type J/T/E/R/S measurement

All the measuring procedures are same as the Type K (section 4-1) except from the selection of the temperature sensor type. Type J/K/T/E/R/S can be selected by pressing the "Type Button" (4-5) several times until the LCD display shows the right type.

Pt 100 Ohm measurement

1) All the measuring procedures are same as the Type except from the selection of the temperature sensor type. "Pt" can be selected by pressing the "Type Button" (4-5) several times until the LCD display shows "Pt" as follows:



2) Insert the Pt 100 Ohm probe (optional) into the **PT1 input socket (4-10) PT2 input socket (4-11)** * The Pt 100 Ohm measurement only allows max. two channels (two probes) to be used.

T1-T2 measurement

If two probes are inserted: type K/J/T/E/R/S: use T1, T2 input socket / Pt 100 Ohm: use PT1, PT2 input socket.

When you press the "T1-T2 button" (4-6), the display will show the difference in temperature between T1, T2 (PT1, PT2) as follows:



Data Hold

During the measurement, press the "Hold Button" (4-3) once to hold the measured value and the LCD will display a "HOLD" symbol.

Press the "Hold Button " once again to release the Data Hold function.

Data Record (Max., Min. reading)

The data record function records the maximum and minimum readings. Press the "REC Button" (4-4) once to start the Data Record function and there will be a "REC "symbol on the display.
 With the "REC" symbol on the display:

a) Press the "REC Button" (4-4) once, the "REC MAX" symbol along with the maximum value will appear on the display. If you wish to delete the maximum value, just press the "Hold Button" (4-3) once, the display will show the "REC" symbol only and run the memory function continuously.

b) Press the "REC Button" (4-4) again, the "REC MIN" symbol along with the minimum value will appear on the display. If you want to delete the minimum value, just press the "Hold Button" (4-3) once, the display will show the "REC" symbol only and carry out the memory function continuously. c) To exit the memory record function, press and hold the "REC" button for at least 2 seconds. The display will revert to the current reading.

LCD Backlight ON/OFF

After turning the power ON, the "LCD Backlight" will be activated automatically. During the measurement, press the "Backlight Button" (4-2) once to turn OFF the "LCD Backlight". Press the "Backlight Button" once again to turn ON the "LCD Backlight" again.

6 Datalogger

Preparation before using the datalogger function

a. Insert an SD card (1 GB to 16 GB, optional) into the "SD card socket" (4-18). The front side of the SD card should face the bottom of the case.

b. If you use the SD card with the meter for the first time, it is recommended to take care of the "SD card Format" first.

c. Time setting

When the meter is used for the first time, the clock time should be set exactly.

d. Decimal format setting

The numerical data structure of the SD card is decimal by default, for example "20.6" "1000.53".

However, in certain countries (Europe ...) the "," is used as the decimal point, for example " 20, 6 "

"1000,53". Under these circumstances, the decimal character should be changed first.

Auto datalogger (Set sampling time ≧1 second)

a. Start the datalogger

Press the "REC Button (4-4) once. The LCD will show the text "REC". Then press the "Logger Button" (4-8); "REC " will flash and the beeper will sound. At the same time, the measuring data along with the time information will be saved to the memory circuit.

b. Pause the datalogger

When using the datalogger function, when you press the "Logger Button" (4-8) once, the datalogger function will be paused (stop to save the measuring data into the memory circuit temporarily). "REC" will stop flashing.

Note: If you press the "Logger Button" (4-8) once again, the datalogger function will be carried out again and the text "REC" will flash.

c. Finish the datalogger

When pausing the datalogger, press and hold the "REC Button" (4-4) for at least two seconds, the "REC" indication will disappear and the datalogger function will be finished.

Manual datalogger (Set sampling time = 0 seconds)

a. Set sampling time to 0 seconds

Press the "REC Button" (4-4) once. The LCD will show the text "REC", then press the "Logger Button" (4-8) once, "REC" will flash once and the beeper will sound once. At the same time, the measuring data along with the time information and the position no. will be saved to the memory circuit. Note:

* For the 4-channel measurement, the lower right display area will show the position/location no. (P1, P2... P99) and the T4 measurement value alternately.

* During execution of the manual datalogger function, use the "▲ Button" (4-5) or the "▼ Button" (4-6) to set the measuring position (1 to 99, for example room 1 to room 99) to identify the measurement location.

b. Finish the Datalogger

Press the "REC Button" (4-4) continuously for at least two seconds. The "REC" indication will disappear and the datalogger will be finished.

Check time information

During normal measurement (no datalogger), when you press the "Time check Button" (4-7) once, the lower LCD display will present the time information Year/Month, Date/Hour, Minute/Second.

Check sampling time information

During normal measurement (no datalogger), when you press the "Sampling Button" (4-8) once , the lower LCD display will present the sampling time information in the second unit.

SD card data structure

1) When SD card is used with the meter for the first time, the SD card will generate a folder: **TMA01**.

2) If you execute the datalogger function for the first time, under the route TMA01\, a new file called TMA01001.XLS will be generated. After exiting the datalogger function and starting it again, the data will be saved to TMA01001.XLS until the data column reaches 30,000 columns. Then, a new file will be generated, for example TMA01002.XLS.

3) Under the folder TMA01\, if there are more than 99 files in total, a new route will be generated, such as TMA02\.....

4) The file's route structure : TMA01\ TMA01001.XLS TMA01002.XLS TMA01099.XLS TMA02\ TMA02001.XLS TMA02002.XLS TMA02099.XLS TMAXX\ Remark : XX : Max. value is 10.

7 Saving data from the SD card to the computer (EXCEL software)

1) After executing the data logger function, remove the SD card from the "SD card socket" (4-18). 2) Insert the SD card into the computer's SD card slot.

3) Power ON the computer and run the "EXCEL software". Download the saved data file (for example the file name: TMA01001.XLS, TMA01002.XLS) from the SD card to the computer. The saved data will appear on the EXCEL software display. The user can then use those EXCEL data to make further data or graphical analyses.

8 Advanced settings

When you do not execute the Datalogger function, press the "SET Button" (4-7) continuously for at least two seconds to enter the "Advanced Setting" mode. Then press the "Next Button" (4-3) several times to select one of the seven main functions. The lower display will show:

dAtE..... Set clock time (year/month/date, hour/minute/second)

dEC......Set SD card decimal character

PoFF.....Auto power OFF management

bEEP....Switch beeper sound ON/OFF

t-CF..... Select the temperature unit to °C or °F

SP-t.....Set sampling time (hour/minute/second)

Sd F..... SD memory card format

Note:

When executing the "Advanced Setting" function, pressing the "ESC Button" (4-2) once will exit the "Advanced Setting" function and the LCD will return to normal.

Set clock time (year/month/date, hour/minute/second)

1) Press the "Enter Button" (4-4) once, use the "▲ Button" (4-5) or the "▼ Button" (4-6) to adjust the value (setting starts from year value). After the desired value is set, press the "Enter Button" (4-4) once to go to the next value (for example, first setting value is year, followed by month, date, hour, minute, second value).

2) After setting all the time values (year, month, date, hour, minute, second), the screen will jump to the "SD card decimal character" setting.

Note:

After the time value is set, the internal clock will run precisely even when power is off (if battery is not low).

Decimal point of SD card setting

The numerical data structure of the SD card uses the "." as the decimal point by default, for example "20.6" or "1000.53". However, in certain countries (Europe ...) the "," is used as the decimal point, for example "20,6" or "1000,53". Therefore, in some European countries, the decimal point should be changed first.

When the lower display shows "dEC",

1) use the "▲ Button" (4-5) or the "▼ Button" (4-6) to set the upper value to "bASI" or "Euro". bASI means that the "." as decimal point is set as default.

Euro means that the "," as decimal point is set as default.



2) After setting the upper text to "bASI" or "Euro", pressing the "Enter Button" (4-4) will save the setting function as default.

Auto power OFF

When the lower display shows "PoFF",
1) use the "▲ Button" (4-5) or the "▼ Button" (4-6) to set the upper value to "yES" or "no".
yES - Auto Power Off enabled
no - Auto Power Off disabled
3) After selecting "yES" or "no", press the "Enter Button" (4-4) to save the default setting.

Switch beeper sound ON/OFF

 Use the "▲ Button" (4-5) or the "▼ Button" (4-6) to select "yES" or "no".
 yES - meter's beep sound will be ON by default no - meter's beep sound will be OFF by default
 After selecting "yES" or "no", press the "Enter Button" (4-4) to save the default setting.

Set the temperature unit to °C or °F

When the lower display shows "t-CF", 1) use the "▲ Button" (4-5) or the "▼ Button" (4-6) to select "C" or "F". C - Temperature unit is °C F - Temperature unit is °F 2) After the display unit is selected ("C" or "F"), press the "Enter Button" (4-4) to save the default setting.

Set sampling time (seconds)

When the lower display shows "SP-t",

1) use the "▲ Button" (4-5) or the "▼ Button" (4-6) to adjust the value (0, 1, 2, 5, 10, 30,60, 120, 300, 600, 1800,3600 seconds).

Note:

If you set the sampling time to "0 second", it is ready for the manual datalogger function.

2) After the sampling value is selected, press the "Enter Button" (4-4) to save the default setting.

SD memory card format

When the lower display shows "Sd F",

1) use the "▲ Button" (4-5) or the "▼ Button" (4-6) to set the upper value to "yES" or "no".

yES - to format the SD memory card

no - not format the SD memory card

2) If you select "yES", press the "Enter Button" (4-4) once again. The display will show the text "yES Ent". If you are sure that you wish to format the SD memory card, press the "Enter Button" once. The SD card will be cleared which means that all data saved on it will be deleted.

9 Power supply from DC adaptor

The meter can also receive its power supply from the DC 9V power adaptor (optional). Insert the plug of the power adaptor into the "DC 9V Power Adapter Input Socket" (4-13). The meter will permanently be powered ON when you use the DC ADAPTER power supply (The power button function is disabled).

10 Battery replacement

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1) When the left corner of the LCD display shows " ", it is necessary to replace the battery. However, normally measurements can still be taken for several hours after the low battery indicator appears before the instrument becomes inaccurate.

2) Loosen the "Battery Cover Screws" (4-15) and remove the "Battery Cover" (4-16) from the instrument and remove the battery.

3) Replace it with 6 DC 1.5 V batteries (UM3, AA, Alkaline/heavy duty) and put the cover back on.4) Make sure the battery cover is secured after changing the battery.

11 RS232 PC serial interface

The instrument has an RS232 PC serial interface via a 3.5 mm terminal (4-12). The data output is a 16-digit stream which can be utilized for the user's specific application. An RS232 lead with the following connection will be required to link the instrument with the PC.



The 16 digits data stream will be displayed in the following format: D15 D14 D13 D12 D11 D10 D9 D8 D7 D6 D5 D4 D3 D2 D1 D0

Each digit indicates the following status:

D15	Start Word	
D14	4	
D13	When showing the upper display data = 1 When showing the lower display data = 2	
D12, D11	Fault alarm system for display	
	°C = 01 °F = 02	
D10	Polarity 0 = Positive 1 = Negative	
D9	Decimal point (DP), position from right to left 0 = no DP, 1= 1 DP, 2 = 2 DP, 3 = 3 DP	
D8 to D1	Display reading, D1 = LSD, D8 = MSD, e. g.: if the display reading is 1234, then D8 to D1 is : 00001234	
D0	End Word	

RS232 FORMAT: 9600, N, 8, 1

Baud rate	9600
Parity	No parity
Data bit no.	8 data bits
Stop bit	1 stop bit

12 Offset adjustment

Type K/J/T/E/R/S offset adjustment

1) Set the function to Type K (or other type J/E/R/T/S).

2) Insert the probe into the T1 input socket (4-9).

3) Press the "Offset button" (4-8) continuously for at least two seconds, then release it. The display will show:



* Use the "▲ button" (4-5) and the "▼ button" (4-6) to adjust the desired value on the right bottom of the display.

* When you press the "Enter button" (4-4) once, the adjusted value will be saved into the memory and then the device will return to the normal measuring screen and finish the offset adjustment procedure. * The above offset adjustment for Type K/J/T/E/R/S is valid for T1, T2, T3, T4 at the same time.

Pt 100 Ohm offset adjustment

1) Set the function to Pt 100 Ohm.

2) Insert the Pt 100 Ohm probe to the PT1 (PT2) input socket.

3) Press the "Offset button" (4-8) continuously for at least two seconds, then release it. The display will show:



4) If you wish to make the offset adjustment for Pt 1, insert the probe into the PT1 input socket. Press the "L button" (4-5) once so that the display will show an example as follows. If you want to make the offset adjustment for Pt 2, insert the probe to the PT2 input socket. When you press the "R button" (4-6) once, the display will show an example as follows:



* Use the "▲ button" (4-5) and the "▼ button" (4-6) to adjust the desired value on the right bottom side of the display.

* Press the "Enter button" (4-4) once. The adjusted value will be saved to the memory, then the device will return to the normal measuring screen and finish the offset adjustment procedure.

* The above offset adjustment for Pt 100 Ohm is valid for PT1, PT2 individually.

13 Optional type K temperature probe

(Туре К) ТР-01	* Max. short-term operation
	Temperature: 300 °C (572 °F)
	 * Ultra-fast response thermocouple suitable for many general purpose applications
Thermocouple	* Meas. range: -50 … 900 °C,
	-50 … 1650 °F
	* Dimensions: 10 cm tube, ø 3.2 mm
Thermocouple	* Meas. range: -50 1200 °C,
probe	-50 2200 °F
(Type K), TP-05	* Dimensions: 10 cm tube, ø 8 mm
Surface probe	* Meas. range: -50 400 °C,
(Туре К), ТР-04	-50 … 752 °F
	* Dimensions: temp. sensing head – ø 15 mm Probe length - 120 mm

14 Patent

The meter (SD card structure) has already got patent or pending patent status in the following countries:

Germany	No. 20 2008 016 337.4
JAPAN	3151214
TAIWAN	M 358970
	M 359043
CHINA	ZL 2008 2 0189918.5
	ZL 2008 2 0189917.0
USA	Patent pending



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