Refractive index measurement for laboratories and the industry

Features

- The KERN ORA refractometers are universal, maintenance-free analogue handheld refractometers
- The handy and robust design allows the easy, efficient and sustainable use in everyday life
- Manually calculated conversions and errors of the user are avoided by multiple selectable scales
- These scales are especially developed, exactly calculated and checked. They are also characterized by their thin and clear lines
- The optical system and the prism cover are made of special material which allows a low-tolerance measuring
- All ORA models are equipped with an eyepiece for easy and smooth setting for many different diopter strengths
- The models marked with “ATC” have an automatic temperature compensation which enables accurate measurement at different ambient temperatures (10 °C/30 °C)
- The following accessory-parts are included:
  - Storage box
  - Calibration liquid
  - Calibration block (if required)
  - Pipette
  - Screwdriver
  - Cleaning tissue
- Further accessories are optionally available

Technical data

- Die-cast housing of copper-aluminium alloy, chrome coated
- Measurement temperature without ATC: 20 °C
- Measurement temperature range with ATC: 10 °C/30 °C
- Dimensions of the box: 205×75×55 mm (depending on the model)
- Product length: approx. 130 – 200 mm (depending on the model)
- Net weight approx. 135 – 600 g (depending on the model)

Note: Also available with calibration certificate,

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Scope of application: Sugar

The following models are particularly suitable for the measurement of the “BRIX” value. They are used to determine the sugar content in food, especially in fruit, vegetables, juice and soft drinks. In the same ideal way these refractometers serve for monitoring processes in the industry (coolant monitoring, oils, water-based mixtures).

The main scope of applications is:
- Industry: Monitoring of lubricants for process and quality control
- Food industry: Beverages, fruits and sweets
- Agriculture: Determination of the degree of ripeness of fruits for quality control in harvesting, determination of colostrum milk quality
- Restaurants and large-scale catering establishment

Model	Scales	Measuring range	Division	ATC
KERN				
ORA 10BB*	Brix	0 – 10 %	0,1 %	
ORA 10BA	Brix	0 – 10 %	0,1 %	✓
ORA 20BB*	Brix	0 – 20 %	0,1 %	
ORA 20BA	Brix	0 – 20 %	0,1 %	✓
ORA 32BA	Brix	0 – 32 %	0,2 %	✓
ORA 62BB*	Brix	28 – 62 %	0,2 %	
ORA 62BA	Brix	28 – 62 %	0,2 %	✓
ORA 82BB	Brix	45 – 82 %	0,5 %	
ORA 80BB	Brix	0 – 80 %	0,5 %	

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Scope of application: Honey

The following models are particularly suitable for the measurement of the “BRIX” value, as well as the water content in honey and “degrees Baumé” to determine the relative density of liquids.

The main scope of applications is:
- Beekeeping
- Honey production

Model	Scales	Measuring range	Division	ATC
KERN				
ORA 3HB*	Brix Baumé Water content	58 – 92 % 38 – 43 °Bé 12 – 27 %	0,5 % 0,5 °Bé 1 %	
ORA 3HA	Brix Baumé Water content	58 – 92 % 38 – 43 °Bé 12 – 27 %	0,5 % 0,5 °Bé 1 %	✓
ORA 6HB	Water content according to AOAC standard	12 – 30 %	0,1 %	
ORA 6HA	Water content according to AOAC standard	12 – 30 %	0,1 %	✓

ORA 6HB + 6HA: no calibration certificate possible

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Scope of application: Salt

The following models are particularly suitable for the measurement and concentration control of the mass fraction of natrium chloride in water as well as of the content of NaCl (salt) in water. This is often used in the preparation and the cooking of sauces, bases for pastries, the production of brines (e.g. for white cheese) and the preparation of seafood and marinades for meat.

The main scope of applications is:
- Food industry
- Restaurants and large-scale catering establishment
- Aquaristic: Fishkeepers/Fishfarmers in sea and sweetwater

Model	Scales	Measuring range	Division	ATC
KERN				
ORA 1SB*	Salt content (NaCl) ‰ specific gravity	0 – 100 ‰ 1,000 – 1,070 sg	1 ‰ 0,001 sg	
ORA 1SA	Salt content (NaCl) ‰ specific gravity	0 – 100 ‰ 1,000 – 1,070 sg	1 ‰ 0,001 sg	✓
ORA 3SB*	Salt content (NaCl) % Brix	0 – 28 % 0 – 32 %	0,2 % 0,2 %	
ORA 3SA	Salt content (NaCl) % Brix	0 – 28 % 0 – 32 %	0,2 % 0,2 %	✓

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Scope of application: Wine

The following models are particularly suitable for the measurement of the content of sugar in fruits. It indicates the expected °Alcohol of the fruit. The degree of ripeness of fruit (fruit-sugar) can also be determined, such as e.g. grapes.

The main scope of applications is:
- Agriculture: Wine-growing and fruit-growing
- Wine-production
- Must and alcohol production

°Oe = Degree Oechsle, °KMW = Klosterneuburger Must balance

Model	Scales	Measuring range	Division	ATC
KERN				
ORA 1WB*	Oechsle KMW (Babo) Brix	0 – 140 °Oe 0 – 25 °KMW 0 – 32 %	1 °Oe 0,25 °KMW 0,2 %	
ORA 1WA	Oechsle KMW (Babo) Brix	0 – 140 °Oe 0 – 25 °KMW 0 – 32 %	1 °Oe 0,25 °KMW 0,2 %	✓
ORA 3WB*	Oechsle Brix	30 – 140 °Oe 0 – 32 %	1 °Oe 0,2 %	
ORA 3WA	Oechsle Brix	30 – 140 °Oe 0 – 32 %	1 °Oe 0,2 %	✓

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Scope of application: Beer/alcohol

The following models are particularly suitable for determining the sugar content of the original wort of beer in its unfermented state. The value can be read straightaway, without having to be converted, using the SG Wort and Degrees Plato scales. In addition, the percent by volume and percent by mass scales can be used to determine the alcohol content of clear spirits.

The main scope of applications is:
- Beer brewers
- Alcohol production

Model	Scales	Measuring range	Division	ATC
KERN				
ORA 3AB*	Brix Original gravity (specific weight)	0 – 32 % 1,000 – 1,130	0,2 % 0,001	
ORA 3AA	Brix Original gravity (specific weight)	0 – 32 % 1,000 – 1,130	0,2 % 0,001	✓
ORA 4AB*	Plato	0 – 18° P	0,1° P	
ORA 4AA	Plato	0 – 18° P	0,1° P	✓
ORA 1AB	Percentage by volume Percentage by volume	0 – 50 % (v/v) 50 – 80 % (v/v)	1 % (v/v) 2,5 % (v/v)	
ORA 2AB	Percentage by mass Percentage by mass	0 – 50 % (w/w) 50 – 80 % (w/w)	1 % (w/w) 2,5 % (w/w)	

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Scope of application: Urine

The following models are particularly suitable for the measurement of the specific gravity (sg) in urine, the quantitiy of serum (serumproteine) in urine (doping control among athletes), and the refractive index.

The main scope of applications is:
- Hospitals
- Doctor's surgeries/Physicians
- Medical training institutions
- Nursing homes
- Sports medicine (doping test)
- Veterinary

Model	Scales	Measuring range	Division	ATC
KERN				
ORA 2PB*	Serum protein Urine (spec. gravity) Refractive index	0 – 12 g/100 ml 1,000 – 1,050 1,3330 – 1,3600 nD	0,2 g/100 ml 0,002 0,0005 nD	
ORA 2PA	Serum protein Urine (spec. gravity) Refractive index	0 – 12 g/100 ml 1,000 – 1,050 1,3330 – 1,3600 nD	0,2 g/100 ml 0,002 0,0005 nD	✓
ORA 5PB	Serum protein Urine (s. g. dog) Urine (s. g. cat)	2 – 14 g/100 ml 1,000 – 1,060 1,000 – 1,060	0,1 g/100 ml 0,001 0,001	

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Scope of application: Industry/Automotive

The following models are particularly suitable for the measurement and determination of AdBlue®, glycol concentration ethylene (EG) and propylene (PG), battery fluid (BF), urea, the freezing point of windscreen wash water (CW). Furthermore these models are suitable for the measurement of thermal exchange systems.

The main scope of applications is:
- Automotive industry: Car-workshops and producers, in accordance with the VW standards G11/G12 and G13
- Chemical industry
- Solar industry: Antifreeze monitoring

Model	Scales	Measuring range	Division	ATC
KERN				
ORA 4FB*	Ethylene glycol (G11/12) Propylene glycol (G13) Windshield washer fluid Battery fluid	-50 – 0 °C -50 – 0 °C -40 – 0 °C 1,10 – 1,40 kg/l	1 °C 1 °C 5 °C 0,01 kg/l	
ORA 4FA	Ethylene glycol (G11/12) Propylene glycol (G13) Windshield washer fluid Battery fluid	-50 – 0 °C -50 – 0 °C -40 – 0 °C 1,10 – 1,40 kg/l	1 °C 1 °C 5 °C 0,01 kg/l	✓
ORA 1UB*	Urea	0 – 40 %	0,2 %	
ORA 1UA	Urea	0 – 40 %	0,2 %	✓
ORA 4UB*	Urea Ethylene glycol (G11/12) Propylene glycol (G13) Windshield washer fluid Battery fluid	30 – 35 % -50 – 0 °C -50 – 0 °C -40 – 0 °C 1,10 – 1,40 kg/l	0,2 % 1 °C 1 °C 5 °C 0,01 kg/l	
ORA 4UA	Urea Ethylene glycol (G11/12) Propylene glycol (G13) Windshield washer fluid Battery fluid	30 – 35 % -50 – 0 °C -50 – 0 °C -40 – 0 °C 1,10 – 1,40 kg/l	0,2 % 1 °C 1 °C 5 °C 0,01 kg/l	✓

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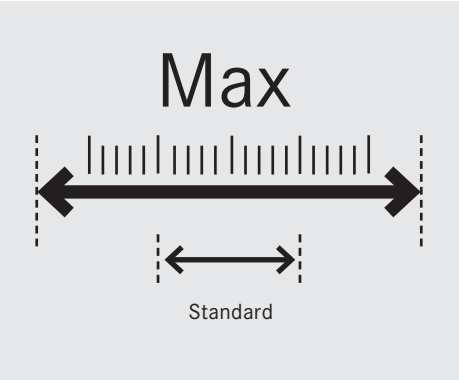
Scope of application: Expert applications



The following models have a special large measuring range for the refractive index and large divided scales for the measurement and clear reading of Brix values.

The main scope of applications is:
- Universal application, especially when extra large measuring ranges are required

Model	Scales	Measuring range	Division	ATC
KERN				
ORA 80BE	Brix	0 – 50 % 50 – 80 %	0,5 % 0,5 %	
ORA 90BE	Brix	0 – 42 % 42 – 71 % 71 – 90 %	0,2 % 0,2 % 0,2 %	
ORA 1RE*	Refractive index	1,333 – 1,405 nD 1,405 – 1,468 nD 1,468 – 1,517 nD	0,005 nD 0,005 nD 0,005 nD	
ORA 4RR*	Refractive index	1,440 – 1,520 nD	0,001 nD	

*no calibration certificate possible

ORA 4RR

ORA 90 BE/ORA 1RE

ORA 80BE

Scope of application: Gemmology/Jewellery

This model has a special refracting-index range for jewellery. For this refractometer there is a nice leather bag in the scope of delivery included.

The main scope of applications is:
- Jewellers
- Training/Education
- Jewellery industry

Model	Scales	Measuring range	Division
KERN			
ORA 1GG*	Refractive index	1,30 – 1,81 nD	0,01 nD

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ORA 1GG

Accessory parts: Analogue refractometer – ORA

Prism coverplate with LED ORA-A1101

Calibration liquid/Contact liquid

Leather bag ORA-A2103

Calibration block

Model	Description
KERN	
ORA-A1101	Prism coverplate with integrated LED illumination
ORA-A2103	Leather bag for analog refractometers
ORA-A2107	Leather bag for Gem refractometers (Spare part)
ORA-A1010	Calibration liquid – distilled water – Set of 5 Volume: 5× approx. 3 ml
ORA-A1002	Contact liquid – Clove oil (for Calibration value 19,6%) Volume: approx. 2 ml
ORA-A1003	Calibration liquid – saturated salt solution Volume: approx. 2 ml
ORA-A1004	Contact liquid – Clove oil (for Calibration value 78,8%) Volume: approx. 2 ml
ORA-A1005	Calibration block for models ORA 82BB, ORA 3HA, ORA 3HB, ORA 6HA, ORA 6HB , ORA 4RR
ORA-A1007	Contact liquid – Diiodomethane “Standard” (Refractive index: 1,74 nD) Volume: approx. 2 ml
ORA-A3001	Contact liquid – Diiodomethane “Pro” (Refractive index: 1,79 nD) Volume: approx. 2 ml
ORA-A1008	Calibration block for model ORA 1GG
ORA-A2001	Prism coverplate (spare part)

Relationship overview – refractometer calibration (analogue)

Model refractometer	Calibration value	Calibration liquid	Article number liquid	Calibration block	Article number calibration block
ORA 10BA; ORA 10BB; ORA 18BB; ORA 1WA; ORA 1WB; ORA 20BA; ORA 20BB; ORA 32BA; ORA 32BB; ORA 3SA; ORA 3SB; ORA 3WA; ORA 3WB; ORA 7WA; ORA 80BB; ORA 80BE; ORA 3AB; ORA 3AA	0 % Brix	distilled water	ORA-A1010	–	–
ORA 4AA; ORA 4AB	0 ° Plato	distilled water		–	
ORA 1UA; ORA 1UB	0 % Urea	distilled water		–	
ORA 4FA; ORA 4FB; ORA 4UA; ORA 4UB	0 °C EG/PG/CW	distilled water		–	
ORA 1SA; ORA 1SB	0 ‰ Salinity	distilled water	ORA-A1010	–	–
ORA 2SA; ORA 2SB	0 % Salt (NaCl)	distilled water		–	
ORA 2AB	0 % Vol (weight)	distilled water		–	
ORA 2PA; ORA 2PB; ORA 5PB	1,000 sg Urine	distilled water		–	
ORA 62BA; ORA 62BB	29,6 % Brix	saturated salt solution	ORA-A1003	–	–
ORA 3HA; ORA 3HB; ORA 82BB	78,8 % Brix	Clove oil CAS 8000-34-8	ORA-A1004	yes	ORA-A1005
ORA 4RR	1,4875 nD	Clove oil CAS 8000-34-8	ORA-A1004	yes	ORA-A1005
ORA 6HA; ORA 6HB	19,6 % Water content	Clove oil CAS 8000-34-8	ORA-A1002	yes	ORA-A1005
ORA 1GG	1,515 nD	Diiodomethane CAS 90-11-9	ORA-A1007	yes	ORA-A1008