

# TR150 Portable Battery Powered Indicator



Instruction Manual

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# INTRODUCTION

The TR150 Portable Strain Display Load Cell/Force transducer readout is a microprocessor based portable instrument designed to interface with any full bridge sensor with an output sensitivity of up to 50mV/V. Bridge resistances from 85Ω upwards can be used with the TR150.

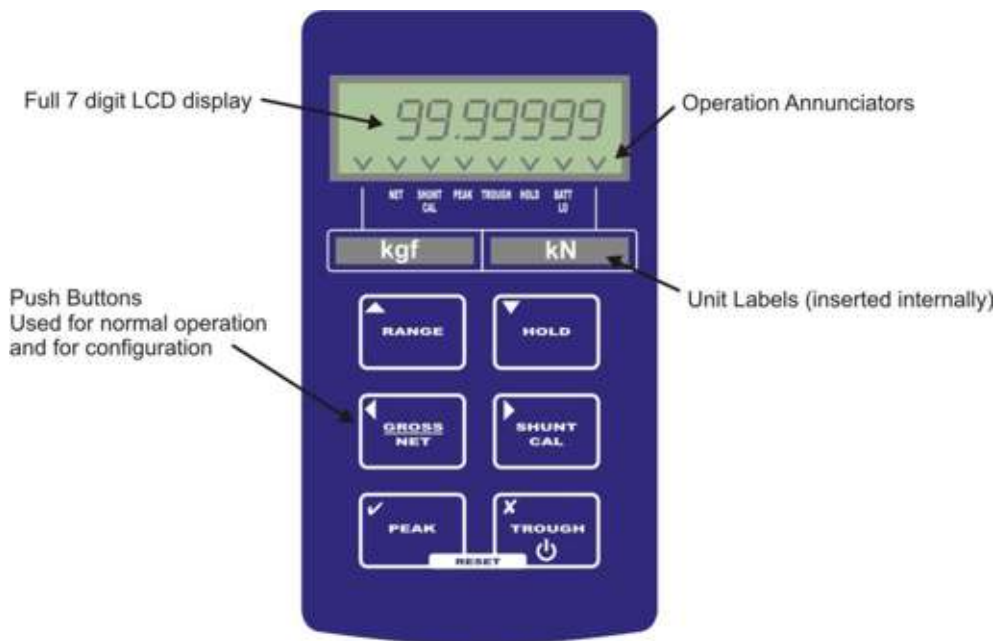
Configuration and calibration of the TR150 is achieved using the front panel push buttons to navigate through a very simple menu structure.

User functions available on the TR150 include:-

- Range Selection
- Display Hold/Freeze
- Gross/Net indication selection
- Peak Hold selection
- Trough Hold selection
- Shunt Cal check

The TR150 is powered by two internal non-rechargeable AA alkaline batteries. There is an option to have rechargeable alkaline batteries, which can be charged without the need for removing them from the TR150.

## USER OPERATION



### **Important Note**

*The unit is supplied calibrated to a particular load cell. All user functions are available via the front keypad. Do not attempt to re-calibrate the TR150, unless you are authorised and have the equipment available to do so.*

## Electrical Connection Information

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### Sensor Connections

The standard sensor connection is a 5 pin 723 series Binder connector. The sensor connector is also used as a charging socket when the re-chargeable alkaline battery option has been ordered. The wiring of the socket is detailed below:-

PIN 1	+ve Excitation
PIN 2	-ve Excitation & -ve Charge Input
PIN 3	+ve Signal
PIN 4	-ve Signal
PIN 5	+ve Charge Input

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### RS232 Port Connections

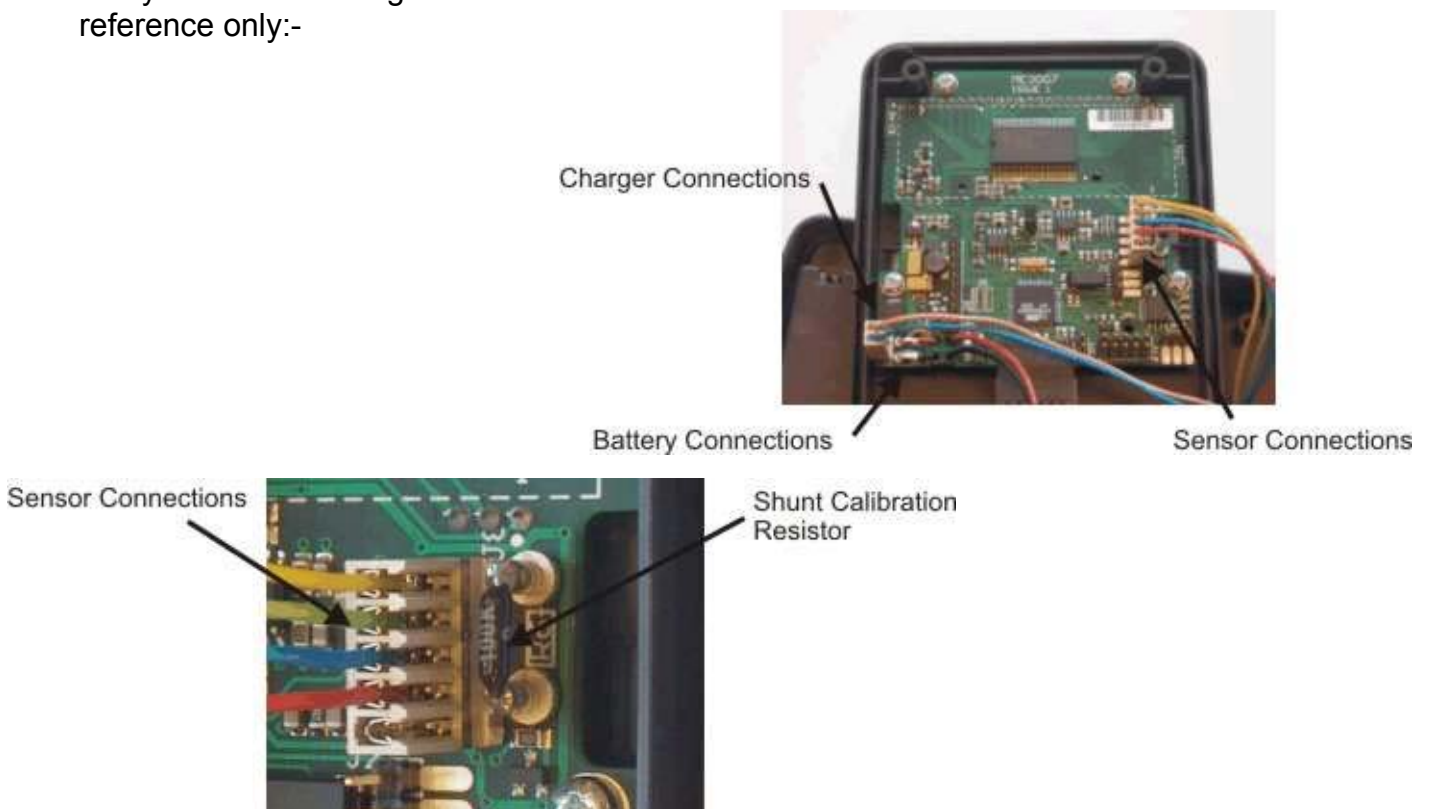
If the TR150 has been ordered with the optional RS232 output, then this will be available via an 8 pin 723 series Binder connector. The wiring for this is detailed below:-

PIN 1	Tx
PIN 2	Rx
PIN 3	Gnd









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### Internal Connections

It may be necessary from time to time to know what the internal connections are. For example, if you disturb some of the connections whilst trying to insert the range legends, or if you need to change the internal shunt calibration resistor. These are shown below for reference only:-



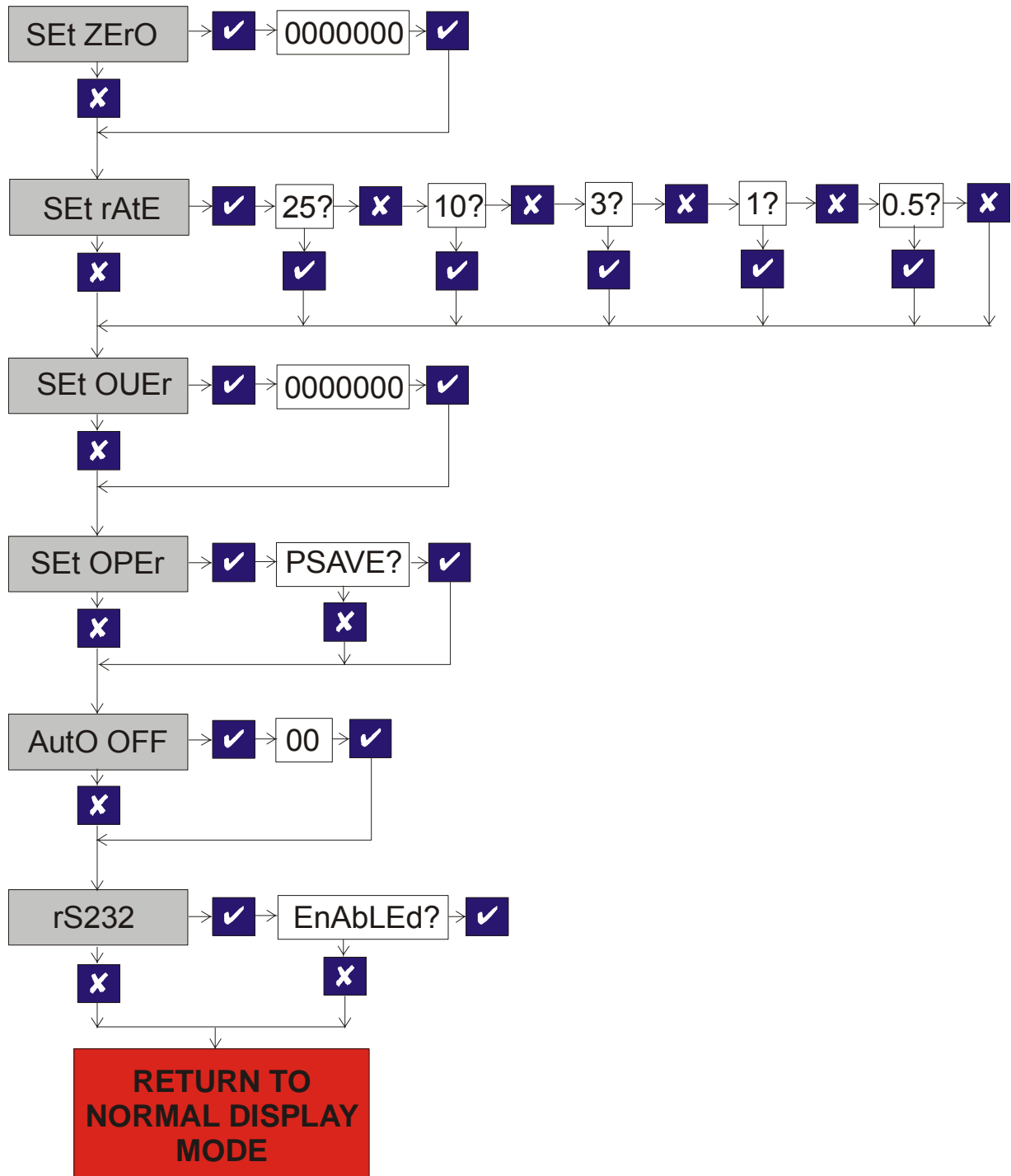
There are six push buttons on the front panel of the TR150, which are available for use in normal operation. Each of these is described below:-

Front Panel Button	Function of Button in Normal Operation Mode
	<p>To switch the TR150 ON or OFF press and hold the  button.</p>
	<p>The <b>RANGE</b> button allows the user to toggle between two independent scales. The range that has been selected is highlighted by an annunciator.</p>
	<p>The <b>HOLD</b> button allows you to hold/freeze the current display value when the button is pressed. Pressing the <b>HOLD</b> button again releases the display. The <b>HOLD</b> annunciator is illuminated when in the <b>HOLD</b> mode, and the display will flash to warn that the user is not viewing instantaneous display values.</p>
	<p>The <b>GROSS/NET</b> button, when pressed, allows the user to toggle between Gross or Net display values. This can be useful in many applications where it is necessary to display the change in value from a certain part of the measurement range. When in <b>NET</b> mode the <b>NET</b> annunciator is lit. When in <b>GROSS</b> mode, the <b>NET</b> annunciator is not lit.</p>
	<p>The <b>SHUNT CAL</b> button can be pressed by the user at any point in time. The standard unit shunts a 100kΩ resistor across the negative excitation and negative signal connections. If this is performed at the end of the calibration procedure, then a figure can be noted so the user can check calibration accuracy or connection integrity. The button has to be held down to operate. When held down the SHUNT CAL annunciator is lit and the display will flash to warn that the user is not viewing instantaneous display values.</p>
	<p>When the <b>PEAK</b> button is pressed, the display will show the last Peak reading. To reset the Peak reading, press the <b>PEAK</b> and <b>TROUGH</b> buttons simultaneously. When in <b>PEAK</b> mode, the <b>PEAK</b> annunciator will be lit and the display will flash to warn that the user is not viewing instantaneous display values. To turn off Peak mode, press the <b>PEAK</b> button again.</p>
	<p>When the <b>TROUGH</b> button is pressed, the display will show the last Trough reading. To reset the Trough reading, press the <b>PEAK</b> and <b>TROUGH</b> buttons simultaneously. When in <b>TROUGH</b> mode, the <b>TROUGH</b> annunciator will be lit and the display will flash to warn that the user is not viewing instantaneous display values. To turn off Trough mode, press the <b>TROUGH</b> button again.</p>

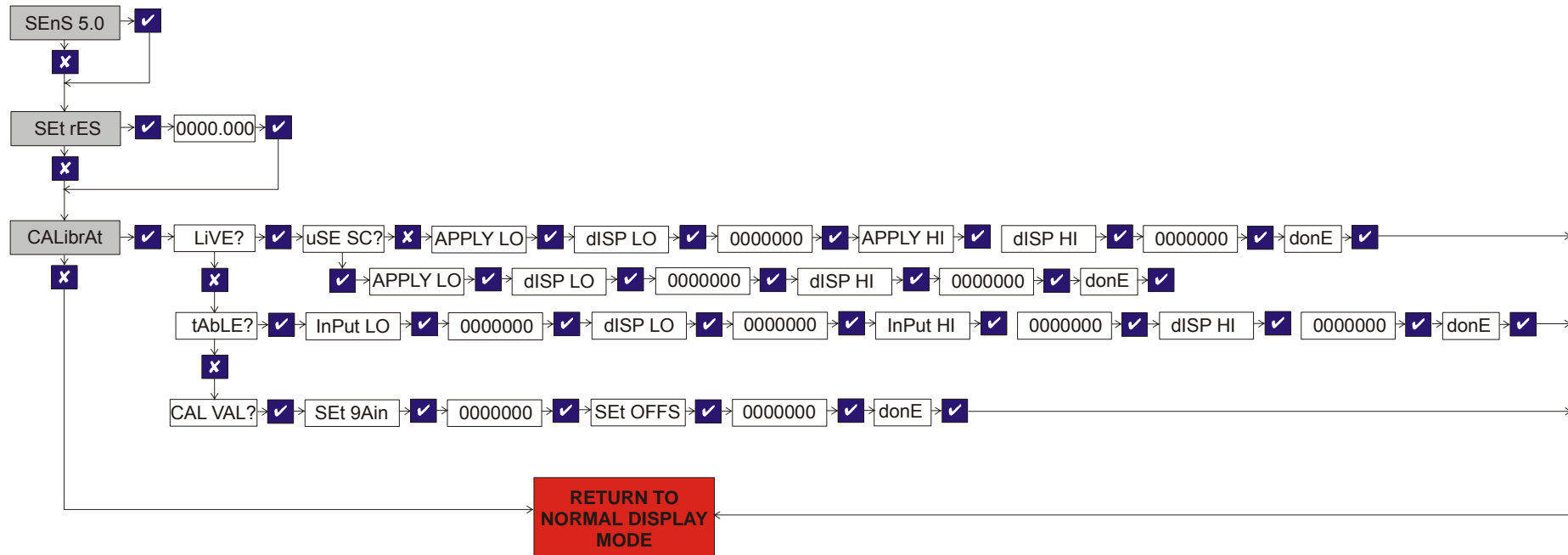
## MENU STRUCTURE

The TR150 has two menus, details of which are outlined below:-

A CONFIGURATION MENU enables the user to tailor the operation to meet a specific application requirement. The values selected in the CONFIGURATION MENU are completely independent for each range.



A CALIBRATION MENU is used to calibrate each of the two ranges with independent scales, as well as setting the display resolution for each range.



## CONFIGURATION MENU

To enter the **CONFIGURATION MENU**, press and hold


















and



buttons for 3 seconds.

Parameter	Set-up Information
<b>SEt ZErO</b>	<p>PRESS  TO SKIP TO NEXT MENU ITEM            PRESS  TO SET A NEW SYSTEM ZERO</p> <p>This allows the user to introduce a fixed offset to the display value. The GROSS and NET values are then displayed with this offset taken into account.</p> <p>Values between <b>-9999999</b> and <b>+9999999</b> can be entered, using the  and  buttons to select a digit and the  and  buttons to increment or decrement the digits. Press  to accept the value and move onto the next parameter.</p>
<b>SEt rAtE</b>	<p>PRESS  TO SKIP TO NEXT MENU ITEM            PRESS  TO CHANGE THE UPDATE RATE</p> <p>This allows the user to set the display update rate. The options available are the update rates of the display in Hz. Please note that the 25Hz update is only available in <b>PEAK</b> or <b>TROUGH</b> mode.</p> <p>When you choose to change the update rate, you will be prompted whether you want to select 25Hz. If you do not, press . You will then be prompted to select any of the other values which, in order, are 10Hz, 3Hz, 1Hz, 0.5Hz. To set the update rate for the value you want, press .</p>
<b>SEt OUEr</b>	<p>PRESS  TO SKIP TO NEXT MENU ITEM            PRESS  TO SET OVERLOAD ALARM</p> <p>This allows the setting of a visual overload. The value entered is the display value at which the TR150 flashes <b>OUErLOAD</b>.</p> <p>Values between <b>-9999999</b> and <b>+9999999</b> can be entered, using the  and  buttons to select a digit and the  and  buttons to increment or decrement the digits. Press  to accept the value and move onto the next parameter.</p>



Parameter	Set-up Information
<p><b>SEt OPER</b></p>	<p>PRESS  TO SKIP TO NEXT MENU ITEM  PRESS  TO SELECT OPERATION MODE</p> <p>This allows the enabling or disabling of the power save mode, which updates at 1 reading per second and pulses the sensor excitation. This results in a lower accuracy (1 digit in 10,000).</p> <p>To enable press   To disable press </p>
<p><b>AUtO OFF</b></p>	<p>PRESS  TO SKIP TO NEXT MENU ITEM  PRESS  TO SET AUTO POWER OFF</p> <p>This enables the setting of an auto power off value. The value entered is in minutes. If no front panel buttons are pressed for the time set here, then the indicator will automatically power off to conserve battery life.</p> <p>Values between <b>05</b> and <b>99</b> can be entered (<b>00</b> leaves the TR150 permanently powered), using the  and  buttons to select a digit and the  and  buttons to increment or decrement the digits. Press  to accept the value and move onto the next parameter.</p>
<p><b>rS232</b></p>	<p>PRESS  TO SKIP THIS PARAMETER AND EXIT MENU  PRESS  TO ENABLE THE RS232 OUTPUT</p> <p>This feature allows you to enable or disable the RS232 output. Further details of the RS232 format are provided on page 13 of this manual. The RS232 output is an option that has to be ordered with the TR150. To conserve battery life, it is suggested that the RS232 output is disabled when it is not required.</p> <p>To enable press   To disable press </p>

## CALIBRATION MENU

To enter the **CALIBRATION MENU**, press and hold



and



buttons for 5 seconds.

Parameter	Set-up Information
<b>SEnS 5.0</b>	<p>PRESS  TO SKIP TO NEXT MENU ITEM            PRESS  TO CHANGE SENSOR INPUT SENSITIVITY</p> <p>This allows the calibration engineer to change the sensitivity range of the TR150 when connecting to sensors with an output of greater than 5mV/V. The TR150 is factory set for 5mV/V. To ensure the unit is set to 5mV/V press .</p> <p>To select 50mV/V, you need to power down the unit and access the internal circuit board. Move link LK1 and place it onto JP1. Power on the TR150 and return to this point of the calibration menu. You will notice that the menu parameter has changed to <b>SEnS 50.0</b>. Press  to change the sensitivity to 50mV/V and move on to the next parameter.</p>
<b>SEt rES</b>	<p>PRESS  TO SKIP TO NEXT MENU ITEM            PRESS  TO THE SET THE DISPLAY RESOLUTION</p> <p>This parameter sets the decimal point position for the display and the resolution, i.e. a value of <b>000.005</b> would display the reading to 3 decimal places and the readings will change in steps of 0.005.</p> <p>The decimal point position is moved one place to the right each time you press the  and  together.</p> <p>Any value can be entered for the resolution, using the  and  buttons to select a digit and the  and  buttons to increment or decrement the digits. Press  to accept the value and move onto the next parameter.</p> <p>To save the settings and move on to the next parameter press .</p>
<b>CALibrAt</b>	<p>PRESS  TO SKIP THIS PARAMETER AND EXIT MENU            PRESS  TO THE ENTER THE CALIBRATION ROUTINE</p> <p>If you have chosen to enter the calibration routine, you will be prompted whether you want to select <b>LIVE</b>. If you do not, press ; otherwise press . You will then be prompted to select either of the other calibration methods which, in order, are <b>tAbLE</b> and <b>CAL VAL</b>. To select any of the calibration methods, press ; otherwise press .</p> <p>For more detailed calibration information, please refer to the calibration section of the manual.</p>

## Operation Features

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### Normal Display Operation


The TR150 has a full 7 digit display, which can be scaled using the calibration menu to suit the application in which it is to be used. The display can show the instantaneous, peak or trough values. It is also possible to hold the displayed value (this only operates when not in peak or trough modes).

The display update rate, decimal point position and resolution can be set to suit.

The TR150 has two independent ranges. All values set in one range are totally independent from the other.

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### Switching the TR150 On/Off

The TR150 is switched ON or OFF by pressing and holding down the  button for 3 seconds.

It is also possible to set an Auto-off value in the configuration menu, so that the TR150 automatically switches itself off if there is no keyboard activity within a preset time.

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### RANGE Button

The range feature allows for one of two totally independent setup ranges to be selected. To switch between ranges simply press the range button.

When you enter either the calibration menu or configuration menu, the parameters you will be setting are those for the range you have selected. An annunciator is lit to identify which range has been selected.

The TR150 is supplied with engineering unit legends; these can be slid into a window, located on the inside of the front panel. These labels then help to further identify the units being displayed for each range. Please refer to the photo below:-



## **HOLD Button**

The hold button allows the user to freeze the display as it is pressed. When pressed again the display returns to its normal operating mode. When in hold mode, the display will flash and the hold annunciator will be lit, to ensure that this feature is not accidentally turned on without the user noticing.

The hold feature cannot be used when the TR150 is in either peak or trough modes.

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## **GROSS/NET Button**

The gross/net button, when pressed, toggles between the gross and net display values. This enables the user to zero the display (by putting the TR150 into net mode) and show the change in readings from that point.

This is useful for certain weighing applications where a tare weight exists, which can be removed by putting the TR150 into net mode.

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## **SHUNT CAL Button**

The shunt calibration button, when pressed, puts an internal 100k $\Omega$  resistor across the –ve excitation and –ve signal of the sensor, generating a simulated output from the sensor and therefore giving a simulated display value. This can be pressed immediately after the sensor has been calibrated with the TR150 and noted down for later reference. The value noted can be used to get an idea of the calibration accuracy at a later date, or for checking the integrity of the sensor and sensor cabling.

The shunt calibration resistor can be changed to suit specific requirements. It is suggested that a 15ppm  $\pm$ 0.1% tolerance resistor is used.

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## **PEAK Button**

When pressed, this button puts the TR150 into peak mode. This will show the highest reading and hold it on the display until it is reset or a higher value is reached. To reset the display, press the peak and trough buttons simultaneously. In peak mode, it is possible to capture peaks at a rate of up to 25Hz. To turn off the peak mode, press the peak button again.

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## **TROUGH Button**

When pressed, this button puts the TR150 into trough mode. This will show the lowest reading and hold it on the display until it is reset or a lower value is reached. To reset the display, press the peak and trough buttons simultaneously. In trough mode, it is possible to capture troughs at a rate of up to 25Hz. To turn off the trough mode, press the trough button again.

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## CONFIGURATION MENU Parameters

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### SEt ZERo Parameter

The **SEt ZERo** parameter is meant to be accessible to the user. It allows the removal of fixed offset values from the display, so that the GROSS and NET features can operate from a zero point. This may also be considered as a manual tare facility. To zero the display, simply enter the value that you wish to subtract from the display in the **SEt Zero** parameter. i.e. if the display reads 000.103 and you wish it to read 000.000, then enter 000.103 in the **SEt ZERo** parameter.

Different values can be set for each RANGE.

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### SEt rAtE Parameter

The **SEt rAtE** value sets the display update rate. The options available are 25Hz, 10Hz, 3Hz, 1Hz and 0.5Hz. Different updates rates can be set for each RANGE.

The 25Hz rate only updates at this rate when in the PEAK or TROUGH modes. When in normal display mode, it has been limited to a 3Hz update as the digit fluctuations are impossible to view with the human eye.

The 10Hz, 3Hz, 1Hz and 0.5Hz rates update the display every 100mS, 300mS, 1000mS and 2000mS respectively. The TR150, when it leaves the factory, is set at 3Hz.

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### SEt OVEr Parameter

The **SEt OVEr** parameter allows the user to set a visual alarm. The value that is entered is the display value at which you want the alarm to activate. When the alarm is activated, the word **OVErLOad** appears in the display. To remove the alarm, the display value must be reduced to a value that is lower than that set in the **SEt OVEr** parameter. This can be very useful as a safety feature, or simply as a quick indication of when a preset level has been reached.

The value entered can be anywhere over the entire display range, so there are no limitations. Different values and settings are available for each RANGE.

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### SEt OPEr Parameter

The TR150 has a special power saving mode, which can be enabled or disabled within this parameter. When asked whether you wish to select **P SAvE?**, pressing  will put the TR150 into power save mode for the RANGE selected. Pressing  will de-activate the power save facility.

When the power save facility is activated, battery life is conserved by pulsing on the excitation voltage to the sensor. As a result the accuracy is reduced, as is the update rate. When in this mode, the quickest update rate is 3Hz and the accuracy of the display is reduced to 1 digit in 10,000. It is important to note these limitations when deciding whether to use the power save facility. However, it is also possible to set one RANGE with power save activated and the other without.

The benefit is that the battery life, based on a 350Ω sensor bridge being connected, increases from 45 hours to 450 hours.

It is also important to remember that when the TR150 is re-calibrated with a sensor, the power save facility will be automatically turned off. If required, the power save facility will therefore need to be re-activated after calibration has been completed.

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### **AUtO OFF Parameter**

The **AUtO OFF** parameter is another power saving feature. It allows for the setting of a time period in minutes, between 05 and 99 (00 de-activates **AUtO OFF**) ie. if this was set to 25, then if the TR150 detects no keyboard activity for a continuous 25 minute period, then the TR150 will switch itself off to conserve power. If any keyboard activity is detected during the 25 minutes, then the time period is restarted.

This can be a useful feature in a site environment, should the TR150 be left unintentionally powered on.

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### **rS232 Parameter**

This parameter allows the user to enable the RS232 output from the TR150, by pressing  when prompted by **EnAbLEd?** on the display. Pressing  will disable the RS232.

The output format is ASCII. The display value is passed to the RS232 port each time the display updates, with a carriage return at the end of each data string. The string information is as follows:-


Baud Rate	=	9600 baud
Stop bits	=	1
Parity	=	None
Data bits	=	8

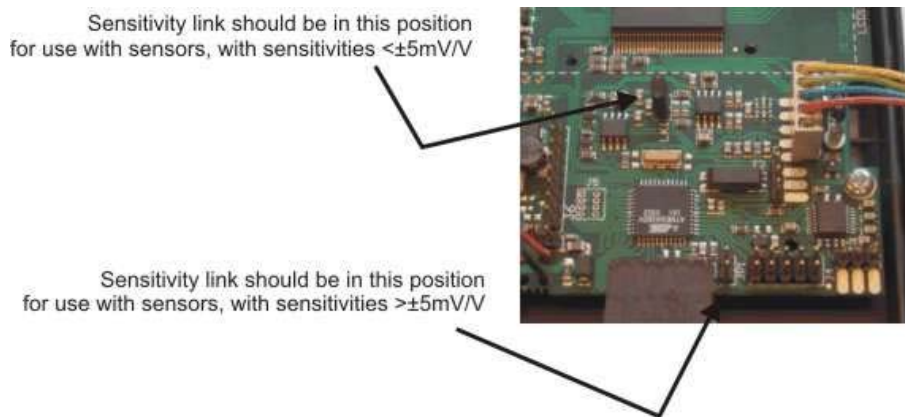
## CALIBRATION MENU Parameters

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### SEnS 5.0 Parameter






The TR150 is factory set to enable calibration with sensors generating an output signal of 5mV/V or less. In the majority of cases, it will not be necessary to read higher signal levels. If, however, a higher sensitivity sensor is used with the TR150, it will be necessary to gain access to the internal PCB (you must turn the TR150 off) to move link LK1 to JP1 (see picture below). This will allow the TR150 to accept signals of up to 50mV/V.

Once this link has been moved, you will need to go back into the CALIBRATION MENU. When re-entering the menu, you will notice that the parameter **SEnS 5.0** has changed to **SEnS 50.0**. To change the sensitivity to 50mV/V, press . The TR150 will now check the position of the link and change the sensitivity. It will now be necessary to re-calibrate any sensors that you may previously have calibrated to this instrument.



### SEt rES Parameter

This parameter enables the setting of two features on the TR150. It allows you to set the decimal point position of the display, by pressing the  and  together, to move the point position (each press moves the decimal point position one place to the right).

It also allows for the setting of the display resolution or the number of display counts the display changes with an input change. To change the resolution, use the  and  buttons to select the digit you want to change and the  and  buttons to increment or decrement the digits. Press  to accept the value.

### CALibrAt Parameter

This parameter is used to calibrate and scale the TR150 with a sensor. There are two basic methods of calibration available. These are **LIVE** and **tAbLE**. There is also a third parameter which can be used for maintenance and recording purposes. This parameter is **CAL VAL**. The **CAL VAL** value can be viewed after a calibration has been completed and will show the offset and gain figures from any stored calibration. If these figures are noted, they can be used to re-enter at a later date if calibration data is lost for any reason, or if the calibration data from a sensor needs to be transferred to another TR150.

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## Calibration Procedures





























The best method of calibration, if it is possible to do so, is the **LiVE** calibration, as this reads in the sensor signal at two calibration points and scales the TR150 automatically. If this is not possible, then the sensitivity figure (in mV/V) from the sensor calibration certificate can be used to scale the TR150, by using the **tAbLE** calibration. This may be the only option available if you are unable to apply a known stimulus to the sensor, which quite often is the case.

### **LiVE Calibration Procedure**

- (1) When **CALibrAt** is displayed, press
- (2) **LiVE ?** will now be displayed. Press
- (3) You will be prompted **uSE SC ?**. This can be selected if you wish to use the shunt calibration figure from a sensor calibration certificate (care should be taken that the shunt calibration resistor used originally with the sensor is the same as is fitted in the TR150). If you wish to use this, press ; otherwise press
- (4) You will then be prompted with **APPLY LO**. At this point, ensure that the low calibration stimulus is applied to the sensor and allow to settle for approx. 3 seconds. Then press
- (5) You will then be prompted with **dISP LO**. Press  and enter the display value required with the low stimulus applied to the sensor. The value can be entered by using the  and  buttons to select a digit and the  and  buttons to change the digit. When the value has been set, press
- (6) You will then be prompted with **APPLY HI** (*unless you chose to **uSE SC ?**, in which case jump to the next stage*) At this point ensure that the high calibration stimulus is applied to the sensor and allow to settle of approx. 3 seconds, then press
- (7) You will then be prompted with **dISP HI**. Press  and enter the display value required with the high stimulus applied to the sensor. The value can be entered by using the  and  buttons to select a digit and the  and  buttons to change the digit. When the value has been set, press
- (8) You should now see **donE** displayed. This means the calibration was successful. Press  to return the TR150 to normal operation mode, with the new calibration data stored. If you see **FaiLEd**, then you will need to repeat the calibration, checking that you have completed the procedure in the correct order, and that the sensor is connected correctly.



## **tAbLE** Calibration Procedure

- (1) When **CALibrAt** is displayed, press .
- (2) **LiVE ?** will now be displayed. Press .
- (3) **tAbLE ?** will now be displayed. Press .
- (4) You will be prompted with **InPut LO**. Press .
- (5) Now enter the zero offset sensitivity of the sensor by using the  and  buttons to select a digit and the  and  buttons to change the digit. When the value has been set, press . If you do not know this, simply enter all zeros.
- (6) You will then be prompted with **dISP LO**. Press  to enter the display value required for the low input figure entered. The value can be entered by using the  and  buttons to select a digit and the  and  buttons to change the digit. When the value has been set, press .
- (7) You will then be prompted with **InPut HI**. Press .
- (8) Now enter the sensitivity figure supplied for the sensor by using the  and  buttons to select a digit and the  and  buttons to change the digit. When the value has been set, press .
- (9) You will then be prompted with **dISP HI**. Press  to enter the display value required for the high input figure entered. The value can be entered by using the  and  buttons to select a digit and the  and  buttons to change the digit. When the value has been set, press .
- (10) You should now see **donE** displayed. This means the calibration was successful. Press  to return the TR150 to normal operation mode, with the new calibration data stored. If you see **FaiLEd**, then you will need to repeat the calibration, checking that you have completed the procedure in the correct order, and that the sensor is connected correctly.

## Specifications

<b>Performance</b>	Input Type:	Strain Gauge Full Bridge Sensors
	Input Range:	Up $\pm 5\text{mV/V}$ ( $\pm 50\text{mV/V}$ can be supplied, with factory set option)
	Non Linearity:	$\pm 0.005\%$ FSD
	Thermal Drift:	$< 5 \text{ ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$
	Excitation Voltage:	5Vdc ( $\pm 4\%$ ), 59mA maximum current
	Minimum Bridge Resistance:	85 $\Omega$ (4off 350 $\Omega$ sensors in parallel)
	Internal Battery:	2off AA size alkaline, access via sealed rear compartment
	Battery Life:	45 hours (Typical 450 hours in low power mode), with 350 $\Omega$ sensor
<b>Indication</b>	Update Rate:	Up to 40mS (can be set in configuration menu)
	Display Type:	7 digit LCD display, 8.8mm high digits
	Display Resolution:	1 part in 250,000 at 1Hz update rate 1 part in 65,000 at 10Hz update rate
<b>Control Variables</b>	Annunciators:	Low Battery warning; peak; trough; hold; net; shunt cal; range
	Front Panel User Keys:	Tactile Keys with recessed rims for:- ON/OFF Switches TR150 power on/off RANGE Selects between two ranges HOLD Hold the current display value, press again to release GROSS/NET Zero's display ( $\pm 100\%$ range) SHUNT CAL Generates simulated input for indicator testing PEAK Enables peak hold TROUGH Enables valley/trough hold
	Settable Parameters:	Tare/Zero value; display resolution/decimal point position; display update rate; low power mode; auto power off;
	<b>Mechanical</b>	Electrical Connection:
<b>Environmental</b>	Physical Size:	See drawing below
	Weight:	260 grams
	Legends:	Insert legends for engineering unit identification (supplied)
	Operating Temperature:	$-10^\circ\text{C}$ to $+50^\circ\text{C}$
<b>Environmental</b>	Environmental Rating:	IP65 (when mating plug fitted)
	Enclosure Type:	ABS, dark grey (Leather Carry Case Optional)
	Safety/Low Voltage Directive	73/23/EEC amended by 93/68/EEC To IEC 1010-1:1990, EN 61010 – 1 – 1993 89/336/EEC
	EMC Directive	EN 50 081 – 1 : 1992 (Light Industrial)
	Emissions	EN 50 081 – 2 : 1992 (Heavy Industrial) pr EN 50 093 : 1991
	EMC Emissions	EN 50 082 – 1 :1992 (Light Industrial)
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## Mechanical Dimensions

