

R8130

# REED INSTRUMENTS

## Light Meter



## Instruction Manual

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## Introduction

Thank you for purchasing your REED R8130 Light Meter. Please read the following instructions carefully before using your instrument. By following the steps outlined in this manual your meter will provide years of reliable service.

## Product Quality

This product has been manufactured in an ISO9001 facility and has been calibrated during the manufacturing process to meet the stated product specifications. If a certificate of calibration is required please contact the nearest authorized REED distributor or authorized Service Center. Please note an additional fee for this service will apply.

## Safety

Never attempt to repair or modify your instrument. Dismantling your product, other than for the purpose of replacing batteries, may cause damage that will not be covered under the manufacturer's warranty. Servicing should only be provided by an authorized service center.

## Features

- Wide measuring range (up to 40,000 fc or 400,000 lx)
- Easy-to-read backlit LCD display
- 42-segment digital analog bargraph
- Min/Max and Relative Mode functions
- Peak and Data Hold
- Low battery indicator and auto shut off

## Included

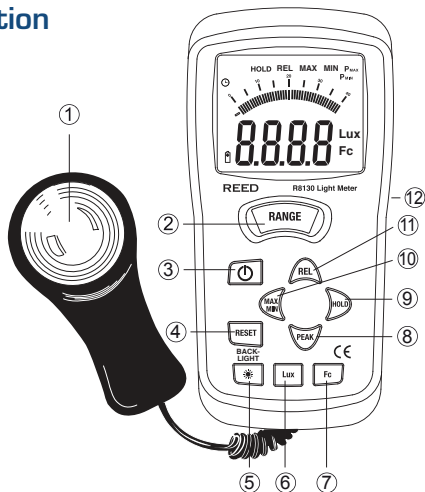
- Sensor Cover
- Protective Holster
- Carrying Case
- Battery

## Specifications

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Measuring Range(s):            | lx: 0 to 400,000<br>fc: 0 to 40,000                              |
| Accuracy:                      | ±(5% rdg.+ 0.5% Full Scale)                                      |
| Repeatability:                 | ±3%  |
| Resolution:                    | lx/fc: 0.01 (Max resolution)                                     |
| Response Time:                 | Bargraph: 13.3 times/second<br>Numeric display: 1.3 times/second |
| Sensor Type:                   | Photo diode with spectral response filter                        |
| Spectral Response:             | CIE Photopic (CIE Human Response Curve)                          |
| Spectral Accuracy:             | CIE $V_{\lambda}$ function $f_1' \leq 6\%$                       |
| Cosine Response:               | $f_2' \leq 2\%$  |
| Display:                       | 3 3/4" (3999) digit LCD  |
| Digital Analog Bargraph:       | Yes (42 segment)   |
| Backlit Display:               | Yes  |
| Data Hold:                     | Yes  |
| Min, Max and<br>Relative Mode: | Yes  |
| Peak Hold:                     | Yes  |
| Overrange Indicator:           | Yes  |
| Auto Shut-Off:                 | Yes (after 30 mins)  |
| Kick Stand:                    | Yes  |
| Tripod Mountable:              | Yes  |
| Low Battery Indicator:         | Yes  |
| Power Supply:                  | 9V battery   |
| Product Certifications:        | CE   |
| Operating Temperature:         | 32 to 104°F (0 to 40°C)  |
| Storage Temperature:           | 14 to 140°F (-10 to 50°C)  |
| Operating Humidity Range:      | 10 to 80%  |
| Dimensions:                    | 7.4 x 2.5 x 1" (188 x 64.5 x 24.5mm)                             |
| Weight:                        | 14.2oz (403g)  |

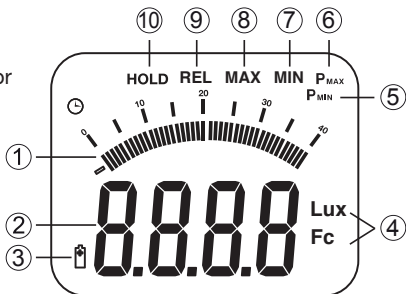
## Instrument Description

1. Light Sensor
2. Range Button
3. Power Button
4. Reset Button
5. Backlight Button
6. Lux Button
7. Foot-candle Button
8. Peak Button
9. Data Hold Button
10. Max/Min Button
11. Relative Mode Button
12. Protective Holster



## Display Description

1. Digital Analog Bargraph
2. Measured Value
3. Battery Capacity Indicator
4. Unit of Measure
5. Peak Min Indicator
6. Peak Max Indicator
7. MIN Indicator
8. MAX Indicator
9. Relative Mode Indicator
10. Data Hold Indicator



# Operating Instructions

## *Light Sensor*

1. The light sensor is permanently attached to the meter.
2. Remove the protective cap to expose the light sensor. When the sensor's protective cap is removed, the light sensor will begin to capture light.

## *Power On/Off*

Press the Power button to turn power on or off.

## *Unit of Measure Selection*

Press the **Lux** button to measure in lx units and the **Fc** to measure in Foot-candles.

## *Measurement Range Selection*

1. Remove the protective cap from the sensor. For overhead lighting, the sensor can be placed on a desk or table top.
2. The display will indicate the light level in "Fc" or "Lux".
3. Press the **RANGE** button to select the range that provides the maximum resolution. If the 'OL' appears the light measurement is out of range. To scroll through the measuring ranges press the **RANGE** button.
4. Press the Backlight button to illuminate the LCD display if needed.

## *MAX/MIN*

Press the **MAX/MIN** button to display the Maximum and Minimum light level values recorded during the measurement process.

1. Press the **MAX/MIN** button to enter the MAX/MIN function. The "MAX" symbol will appear on the LCD display and hold only the highest reading. The display will update only when a higher reading is measured.
2. Press the **MAX/MIN** button. The "MIN" symbol will appear on the LCD display and hold only the lowest reading. The display will update only when a lower reading is measured.
3. Press the **MAX/MIN** button again. The "MAX MIN" symbol will appear flashing and the meter will now display the current reading, but will continue to record the highest and lowest values.

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4. Press the **MAX/MIN** button again to toggle between "MAX" and "MIN" displays.
5. To exit the "MAX MIN" mode, press and hold the **MAX/MIN** button until the MAX and MIN symbols disappear.

### **Data Hold**

Press the **HOLD** button to freeze the displayed reading. The "MANU HOLD" symbol will appear on the LCD display. Press the **HOLD** button again to resume normal operation. When the "Data Hold" function is enabled the analog bargraph will continue to display level changes.

### **Peak Hold**

The Peak Hold feature allows the meter to capture light pulses that rise or fall down to 10 $\mu$ s.

1. Press and hold the **PEAK** button until "CAL" appears on the LCD display.
2. Momentarily press the **PEAK** button. The 'PMAX' symbol will appear on the LCD display. The meter will then measure and display any light pulses. The display will hold the results until a higher pulse appears.
3. Press the **PEAK** button again to display the "PMIN" values.
4. To exit the "Peak Hold" mode, press and hold the **PEAK** button until the 'PMAX' or 'PMIN' symbol disappears.

### **Relative Mode**

Measurements can be displayed as a difference between the measured light level and a stored reference value.

1. To store a reading as a reference, press the **REL** button when the desired reference measurement is on the LCD display.
2. All subsequent displayed readings will be "relative" to the stored reference value. For example, if the reference value is 1000 and the actual light level is 1250, the meter will display 250.
3. To view the reference value, press the **REL** button again so that the "REL" symbol begins to flash. The displayed value will be the reference value.
4. To exit the Relative mode, press and hold the **REL** button until the "REL" symbol disappears.

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## ***RESET***

Press the **RESET** button to clear internal memory and exit from REL, HOLD, PEAK and MAX/MIN. The **RESET** button will also reset the auto power off timer.

## ***Backlight***

Press the Backlight button to turn the backlight on. Press the button again to turn it off.

## **Battery Replacement**

When the low battery icon appears on the LCD display, the battery will need to be replaced. In order to replace the battery, proceed with the following steps.

1. Turn off the meter.
2. Remove the Phillips-head screw located on the battery compartment.
3. Remove the battery cover.
4. Replace the 9V battery.
5. Reinstall the battery cover.

## **Applications**

- OSHA work environment compliance
- Cinematography and photography applications
- Museum exhibits
- Lighting system installation
- Environmental monitoring
- Interior design projects
- Industrial applications



## Appendix A: Recommended Light Levels by Application

1 fc = 10.76 lx

| LOCATIONS |                                | lx          | fc      |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| OFFICE    | Conference, Reception Room     | 200~750     | 18~70   |
|           | Clerical Work                  | 700~1,500   | 65~140  |
|           | Typing Drafting                | 1,000~2,000 | 93~186  |
| FACTORY   | Production Line                | 300~750     | 28~70   |
|           | Inspection Station             | 750~1,500   | 70~140  |
|           | Electronic parts assembly line | 1,500~3,000 | 140~279 |
|           | Packing Work, Entrance         | 150~300     | 14~28   |
| HOTEL     | Public Space                   | 100~200     | 9~18    |
|           | Reception                      | 200~500     | 18~47   |
|           | Cashier                        | 750~1,000   | 70~93   |
| STORE     | Indoor Stair Corridors         | 150~200     | 14~18   |
|           | Show Window, Packing Table     | 750~1,500   | 70~140  |
| HOSPITAL  | Patient Room, Warehouse        | 100~200     | 9~18    |
|           | Medical Examination Room       | 300~750     | 28~70   |
|           | Operating Room                 | 750~1,500   | 70~140  |

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|        |                                 |           |        |
|--------|---------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| SCHOOL | Auditorium, Indoor<br>Gymnasium | 100~300   | 9~28   |
|        | Classroom                       | 200~750   | 18~70  |
|        | Laboratory, Library             | 500~1,500 | 47~140 |

## Product Care

To keep your instrument in good working order we recommend the following:

- Store your product in a clean, dry place.
- Change the battery as needed.
- If your instrument isn't being used for a period of one month or longer please remove the battery.
- Clean your product and accessories with biodegradable cleaner. Do not spray the cleaner directly on the instrument. Use on external parts only.

## Product Warranty

REED Instruments guarantees this instrument to be free of defects in material or workmanship for a period of one (1) year from date of shipment. During the warranty period, REED Instruments will repair or replace, at no charge, products or parts of a product that proves to be defective because of improper material or workmanship, under normal use and maintenance. REED Instruments total liability is limited to repair or replacement of the product. REED Instruments shall not be liable for damages to goods, property, or persons due to improper use or through attempts to utilize the instrument under conditions which exceed the designed capabilities. In order to begin the warranty service process, please contact us by phone at 1-877-849-2127 or by email at [info@reedinstruments.com](mailto:info@reedinstruments.com) to discuss the claim and determine the appropriate steps to process the warranty.

## Product Disposal and Recycling



Please follow local laws and regulations when disposing or recycling your instrument. Your product contains electronic components and must be disposed of separately from standard waste products.

## Product Support

If you have any questions on your product, please contact your authorized REED distributor or REED Instruments Customer Service by phone at 1-877-849-2127 or by email at [info@reedinstruments.com](mailto:info@reedinstruments.com).

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