

MiniTest

Dairy Vacuum & Pulsation Meter USER MANUAL

Part No. DR51-0028-10

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FCC Compliance Statement

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference, and
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Declaration of Conformity

Standards to which Conformity is Declared:

- EN 61000-4-2
- EN 61000-4-3
- EN 61000-6-1
- EN 61000-6-2
- EN 61000-6-4
- IEC 61326-1:2005
- EU Directive 2002/95/EC
- EU Directive 2004/108/EC
- China RoHS (See following page)

Manufacturer's Name: innovAg Pty. Ltd.

Manufacturer's Address: 37/328 Reserve Road, Cheltenham
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Type of Equipment: Pulsation Tester/ Vacuum Gauge

Brand Name: MiniTest II

Model Number: DR40-0080

零件项目(名称) (Component Name)	有毒有害物质或元素(Hazardous Substances or Elements)					
	铅 Lead (Pb)	汞 Mercury (Hg)	镉 Cadmium (Cd)	六价铬 Chromium VI Compounds (Cr6+)	多溴联苯 Poly- brominated Biphenyls (PBB)	多溴二苯醚 Poly-brominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDE)
印制电路主要配件 (Main Printed Circuit Assembly)	○	○	○	○	○	○
Enclosure	○	○	○	○	○	○
LCD	○	○	○	○	○	○
Silicone tubing	○	○	○	○	○	○
Metal fittings	○	○	○	○	○	○
Front panel label	○	○	○	○	○	○
Rating labels	○	○	○	○	○	○

O: 表示该有毒有害物质在该部件所有均质材料中的含量均在 SJ/T 11363-2006标准规定的限量要求以下。
O: Indicates that this toxic or hazardous substance contained in all of the homogeneous materials for this part is below the limit requirement in SJ/T 11363-2006.

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X: Indicates that this toxic or hazardous substance contained in at least one of the homogeneous materials used for this part is above the limit requirement in SJ/T 11363-2006.

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the equipment specified above conforms to the above Directives and Standards.



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Date: 30 October 2001

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1. What is a MiniTest?

MiniTest is a small, light, handheld instrument for testing vacuum supplies and pulsators in dairies. It uses the same high-accuracy analysis as its 'big brother' DairyTest Professional, but in a smaller, lighter, lower-cost format. It is intended for use by personnel with technical knowledge of dairy operation as an accessory to a professional test kit, eg. for bench-testing of pulsators or a quick check on dairy performance. It has only a single vacuum port and cannot be connected to a PC or printer.

If you have difficulties, we have a Freecall help line within Australia (1800 061 167). International users should call their local distributor or contact us via email innovag@innovag.com.

2. Safety Precautions

MiniTest is intended to be used in the milking stall – always allow for the unpredictable nature of animals.

During the measurements, sharp needles may be used – take care they don't hurt people or animals.

Always ask the dairy farmer about the behaviour of the animals and milking method used.

If using MiniTest in wet tests, always keep the unit above the test point to prevent fluid entering. **Damage to the unit from fluid entering the sensor is not covered under the warranty.**

3. Maintenance and Calibration

Maintenance

Clean the MiniTest with a moist cloth. Do not use cleaning agents.

MiniTest performs a self test when turned on, turning on all segments of the LCD. If an error message is displayed (E-01 for example), or you suspect the unit is damaged; contact innovAg or the local distributor for further information.

Calibration

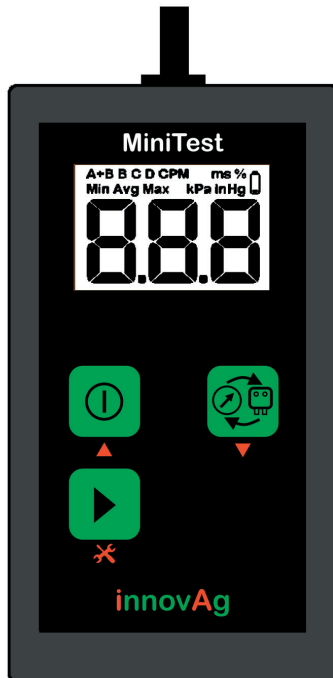
MiniTest automatically performs a zero calibration when turned on. **Do not turn on your MiniTest with vacuum connected.** If the unit

reads other than zero on start-up, a manual 'force-zero' feature can be used. Refer to Section 12: 'Troubleshooting your MiniTest'.

A complete calibration should be performed with an approved and certified calibration test instrument every 24 months. This can be organised by InnovAg or the local distributor.

4. The Front Panel

In Pulsation Mode, MiniTest can measure six pulsation parameters (A+B, B, C, D ratios, rate and Max Vacuum) and provide indication of B-phase drop and pulsation stability. In Vacuum Mode three vacuum parameters are measured (Minimum, Average and Maximum). The picture below shows the front panel indicators and controls.







Low-Battery Indication

If the remaining battery capacity is getting low the battery symbol will flash. Replace/recharge the batteries.

5. Vacuum – Setting up

MiniTest can display vacuum in either kiloPascals (kPa) or inches-of-mercury (inHg) units as required. The **Units Indicator** on the left-hand side of the display will appear next to those currently set.

Changing/checking the setting.

1. Make sure the unit is turned ON and in Vacuum mode. (**Min**, **Avg** or **Max** displayed).
2. Press and hold the Forward/Setup key for about 3 seconds to enter setup mode. The display will show *UNT* (Units). 
3. Press either the Power/Up or Mode/Down keys to change between kPa and inHg.  
4. Press the Forward/Setup key to save the changes and return to normal operation. 

Auto Exit

MiniTest will automatically exit Setup mode after 1 minute if you don't press any keys.

Startup Mode

Vacuum mode defaults to Average (AVG) on startup. The setting is kept when the mode is changed to Pulsation but is reset when the unit is turned off or the batteries run flat.

6. Checking Vacuum

When set to Vacuum mode, MiniTest will display the minimum (Min), average (Avg) or maximum (Max) vacuum level on the digital display.

Press the Forward/Setup key until the required parameter is selected.



Auto-power OFF

If there is no vacuum on the port and you don't push any keys the unit will automatically turn OFF after 10 minutes to save battery life.





What is it measuring?

All vacuum measurements are taken over a rolling 1.6 second period, sampled 1000 times per second.

7. Pulsators – Setting up

MiniTest can display Pulsation Ratios (A+B, B, C and D) as either percentage (%) of the total cycle, or in milliseconds (ms). The selected method applies to all ratio parameters (A+B, B, C and D). Rate measurement is fixed in Cycles-per-minute (CPM).

Changing/checking the setting.

1. Make sure MiniTest is turned ON and in Pulsation mode.
2. Press and hold the Forward/Setup key for about 3 seconds to enter setup mode. The display will show *RAT* (Ratio). 
3. Press either the Power/Up or Mode/Down key to set the required Ratio display method; percentage (%) or milliseconds (ms).  
4. Press the Forward/Setup key to save the changes and return to normal operation. 

Auto Exit

The tester will automatically exit Setup mode after 1 minute if you don't press any keys.

Saved Settings

Settings are kept until changed by you. They **do not** reset when the unit is turned off or the batteries run flat.

8. Checking Pulsation

MiniTest can display Pulsation Ratios A+B, B, C and D as well as Rate (in CPM).

Press the Forward/Setup key until the required parameter is selected.
Note: Use Vacuum Mode to measure Maximum Vacuum of the pulsation waveform.



Stability Indication

If the current reading varies from the average by more than 5%, then the pulsation being measured is not stable. **Avg** will flash to warn the user to wait until the readings settle. If **Avg** does not stop flashing, there is a problem with the pulsation being measured.

B-Phase Drop Indication

If a vacuum drop of more than 4kPa is detected within the B Phase then the pulsation is not within ISO specification and 'B' will flash to warn the user.

Auto-power OFF

If there is no vacuum on the port and you don't push any keys, MiniTest will automatically turn OFF after 10 minutes to save battery life.

What is it measuring?

All Pulsation measurements are taken using 4kPa thresholds, sampled 1000 times per second. Readings conform to ISO standards by averaging over 5 cycles. A 'rolling' system is used where measurements from the current cycle and the four previous ones are averaged together, which means ISO requirements are met while the screen is still continuously updated.

9. Software Version and Calibration Date

To display both MiniTest 's software version number and last calibration date use the following sequence:

1. With MiniTest turned off, press and hold all three buttons. After 3 seconds the display will show the version number, e.g. P03 means Program version 03.
2. Release the buttons.
3. The last calibration date will then be shown in 4 steps:

CAL Calibration date follows.

23- Calibration day, eg. 23rd

-11 Calibration month, eg. November

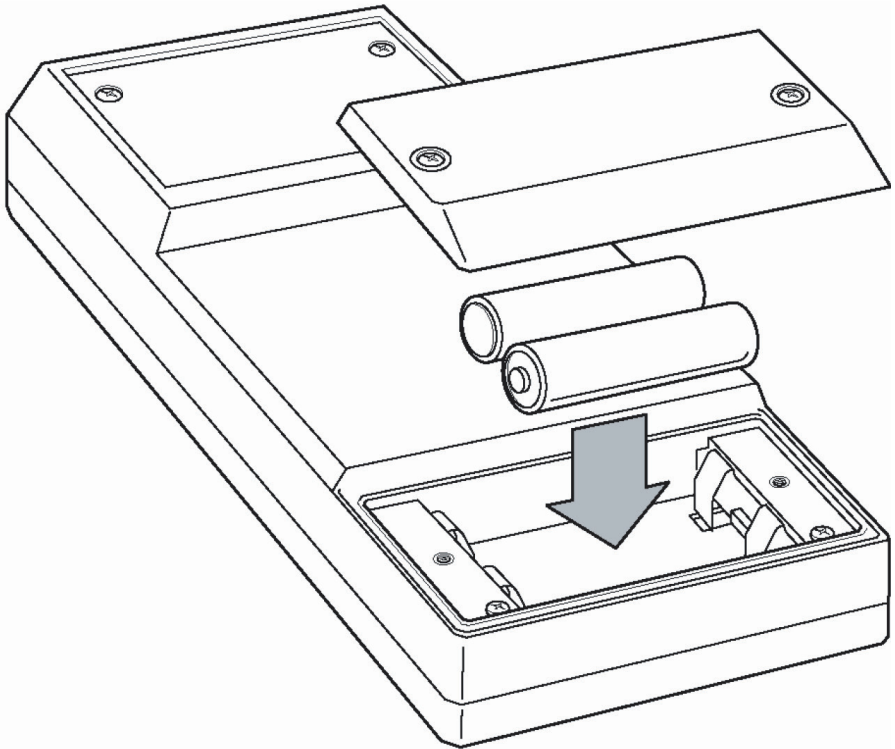
-14 Calibration year, eg. 2014

10. Replacing the batteries

When it is time to replace MiniTest's batteries, the battery symbol will start to flash.

We recommend the batteries be replaced as soon as possible once the low battery indicator starts, to prevent unreliable readings or operation.

Batteries should not be left in the unit for extended periods in case of leakage. Use quality Alkaline or NiMH 'AA' rechargeable cells.



11. Repairs

**DO NOT OPEN THE CASE
THERE ARE NO USER SERVICABLE PARTS INSIDE
YOU MAY VOID YOUR WARRANTY.**

Defective units should always be sent to innovAg or your nearest distributor.

Smaller repairs that can be performed by your distributor are:

- Changing parts of the housing.
- Replacing hoses
- Calibration (only if a certified original calibrator is used)

For other defects, please contact the manufacturer for further instructions:

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12. Troubleshooting with your MiniTest

Before returning your MiniTest for repair, check the following:

- The unit does not turn on or won't stay on – replace batteries.
- The battery symbol is flashing – batteries are getting low.
- MiniTest reads vacuum with no vacuum connected – disconnect from the vacuum supply and turn it off and on again to reset the zero. If it still does not display zero, the button sequence below will manually force the unit to accept the pressure value on the port as zero:-

1. Turn the unit on. Select VAC mode.

2. Press and hold the Mode/Down key.



3. Then press and hold both the Power/Up and Forward/Setup keys.



4. After a few seconds the digists should go off and the screen should show ' . . ' indicating the manual zero has been accepted. Release all keys and check the display shows *0.0*.

- Damaged MiniTests should be returned for repair. There are no user serviceable parts inside the case and opening it may void your warranty.
- If you have a question or problem you cannot solve, contact innovAg or your local distributor.

13. Specifications

Display:

3 digit x 7 segment LCD

Vacuum

Maximum, average or minimum.

Pulsation

Ratios – A+B, B, C, D in % or ms

Rate – CPM

MaxVac

B-Phase drop – B flashes if more than 4kPa drop in B-phase

Stability – Avg flashes until values settle to ISO requirements

Pulsation:

Rate range: 40 to 500 CPM.

Rate accuracy: $\pm 2\%$.

Ratio accuracy: $\pm 2\%$ of calculated value.

Time (ms) accuracy: $\pm 2\%$.

Vacuum:

Range: +10 to -80 kPa at 1 atm.

Accuracy: ± 0.5 kPa

Repeatability: ± 0.3 kPa

Resolution: 0.1 kPa

General:

Sample rate: 1000 samples/sec.

Operating temperature: 5 to 40°C

Storage temperature: 0 to 60°C

Automatic turn-off time: 10 minutes after last key press
if no vacuum on port.

Batteries: two 'AA' Alkaline or NiCd/NiMH rechargeable cells.

ALL InnovAg testers include:

- Digital calibration with certificate supplied.
- Re-calibration service available.
- Selectable units: Vacuum – kPa & inHg, Pulsation ratios (where included) – % and ms.
- Pulsation measurements (where included) conform to ISO standard with stability indication.
- Auto power off and low battery indication.
- Automatic vacuum zero (with manual zero if required).

*Specifications are subject to change without notice.

14. Warranty

InnovAg Pty. Ltd. provides the following limited two-year warranty warranty to the original purchaser of MT (“product”). This warranty cannot be assigned or transferred to subsequent purchasers. The registration form must be completed and returned to innovAg in order to be able to claim under this Warranty.

WHAT WE WILL DO

If the product fails under normal use and service because of a manufacturing defect in materials or workmanship within the warranty period, innovAg will, at its option either repair or replace the product with an equivalent product. The repaired or replacement product will be warranted under the terms of this warranty for the remainder of the applicable warranty period. Repair may include the replacement of parts or components with functionally equivalent reconditioned parts or components with functionally equivalent reconditioned parts or components.

WARRANTY PERIOD

The term of this warranty is two (2) years from the date of purchase.

WHAT IS NOT COVERED

This warranty does not cover any failures of equipment not supplied by innovAg, nor does it cover any failures of or damage to the product due to:

- (i) improper handling, misuse, neglect, accident, improper installation , non-compliance with the directions for use;
- (ii) any internal or external alteration or modification of any kind which in the opinion of innovAg will affect the ability to service the product; or
- (iii) repair by anyone other than an authorised innovAg Service Centre.

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