

## HAND-HELD TENSION METER DX2-EDM



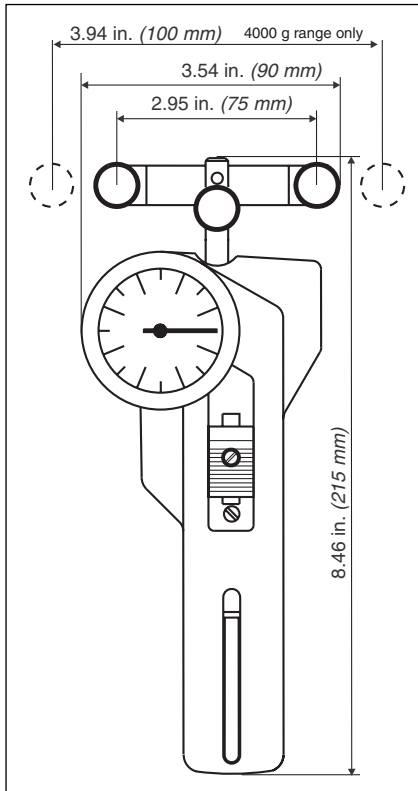
### Operating Instructions

## 6.0 SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Calibration</b>	According to factory procedure
<b>Accuracy*</b>	± 1% full scale (FS) or ± 1 graduation on scale
<b>Scale diameter</b>	41 mm
<b>Temperature range</b>	45 to 115 °F (10 - 45 °C)
<b>Air humidity</b>	85% RH, max.
<b>Housing material</b>	Die-cast aluminum
<b>Housing dimensions (L x W x H)</b>	8.6 in x 3.5 in x 1.7 in (188 x 85 x 45mm)
<b>Weight (net)</b>	Approx. 1.04 lb. (470 g)
<b>Guide rollers</b>	V-grooved
<b>Line Speed</b>	2000 m/min max.
<b>Roller Material</b>	Standard hardcoated aluminium

\* Using factory standard materials and procedures. Special calibration using customer sample is available. Specifications subject to change without notice.

### 6.1 Dimensions



### 6.2 Spare Rollers

You should regularly inspect the rollers to assure that they are running easily and smoothly. You can replace the rollers yourself, as necessary. When ordering spare rollers, please indicate the tension meter model and the serial number (on the rear side of the tension meter).

**Standard rollers:** P/N R1000

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**WARNING**

The device must not be operated in explosion hazard areas and must not come into contact with aggressive substances.



**WARNING**

Tensions that exceed the tension range of the instrument by more than 100 % may cause permanent damage to the movement and must be avoided under any circumstances.

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

DX2-EDM Tension Meters are hand-held, mechanical instruments which accurately measure the running as well as static tensions at the wire used in wire EDM machines.

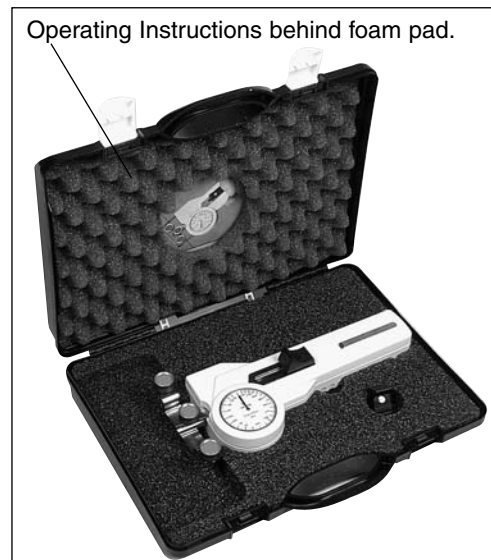
The DX2-EDM employs the 3-roller principle for tension measurement where the outer two reference guide rollers remain fixed during measurement to establish a wrap angle over the middle sensing roller. The middle roller, acting against an internal calibrating spring, is displaced relative to the line tension. This displacement is converted to rotary motion to turn a pointer on a scale to give a reading in grams tension.

### 1.1 Complete Kit (included in shipment)

- Tension meter
- Special finger support
- Operating instructions
- Carrying case

### 1.2 Unpacking

Unpack the tension meter and inspect it for any shipping damage. Notices of defect must be filed within 10 days of receipt of the tension meter.



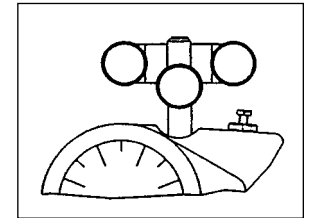
### 1.3 Model Ranges

Tension Ranges (cN)	Roller Distance (c:c) mm	Calibration Material
050 - 2000	75	PA: 0.30 mmØ
150 - 2200	75	PA: 0.30 mmØ
100 - 3000	75	PA: 0.30 mmØ
200 - 4000	100	PA: 0.40 mmØ

## 5.0 OPTIONS

### 5.1 Air Dashpot Damping

DX2-EDM Tension Meters incorporate a moderate amount of movement damping to smooth out some high frequency tension fluctuation. However, where process fluctuations result in rapid pointer swings which make it difficult or near impossible to read the scale, an optionally-available Air Dashpot Damping mechanism can be provided to slow down the pointer swings to permit a reading. In setting up the mechanism, it is best to set the damping rate just to the point where a readable pointer results with minimal pointer swings. The amount of damping is set by turning the small slotted screw or hex-head screw of the damping assembly located near the guide-roller mounting bracket. The Air Dashpot must be installed at time of original manufacture. It cannot be added later.

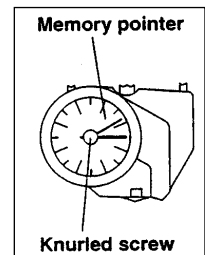


CAUTION

***Do not set the damping rate too high as this will damage the instrument.***

### 5.2 Memory Pointer

The optional Memory Pointer assembly retains the highest reading obtained during a measuring period. Before using the instrument, rotate the knurled pointer knob clockwise until the "memory" pointer tab contacts the measuring pointer at zero. During operation and after instrument removal, the trailing "memory" pointer will hold the maximum reading until reset with the pointer knob.



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## 4.1 Frequency Of Calibration Verification

Frequency of calibration accuracy verification depends on many factors. These include frequency and extent of tension overloads, operating speeds, length of operating times, environment, care in handling, etc. Such determination is best made by the user's Quality Assurance Department based on the user's experience. However, a quick calibration check near the anticipated process tension levels should be done to confirm the integrity of the instrument, as follows:

1. At the beginning of each work session.
2. Every time a unit is dropped.
3. Whenever process readings seem to be out of tolerance for no apparent reason.

The quick check can be made with a simple load stand, as shown section 4.2, using a sample of the process material and weights that are close to the tensions encountered in the process. Be sure to move the tension meter up and down slowly to simulate the motion of the running process material. This will check the condition of the guide roller ball bearings and remove any inertia effect of the movement. Readings that change with this motion reversal may indicate the possibility of a guide roller ball bearing problem.

In the case of wire, which might be slightly deformed by the action of the 3- roller system during static measurement, always move to a fresh portion of the wire each time a measurement is made. (In production, the instrument always "sees" a fresh portion.)

## 4.2 NIST Calibration

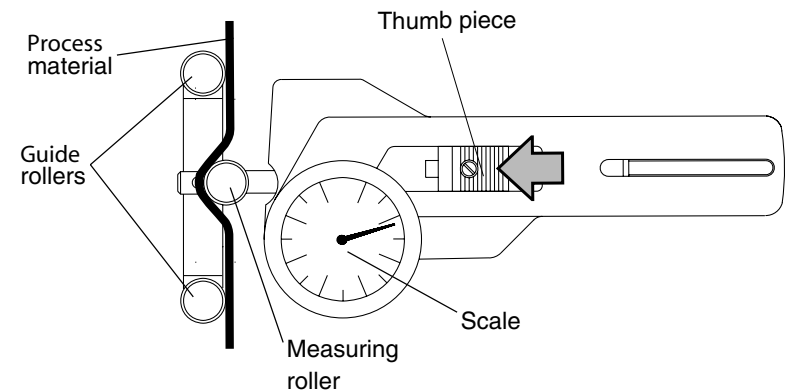
While all DX2-EDM instruments are furnished with a Calibration Certificate which certifies that they have been calibrated in accordance with factory procedures and were found to meet all published accuracy specifications, such calibrations do not fulfill ISO-9000 requirements since no record of measured values are kept or are submitted. Where ISO-9000 requirements are to be met, NIST calibration is optionally available but must be specified at time of order placement or after repair.

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## 2.0 OVERVIEW

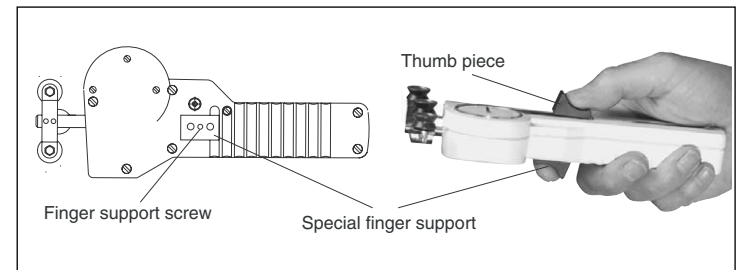
### 2.1 Operating Elements



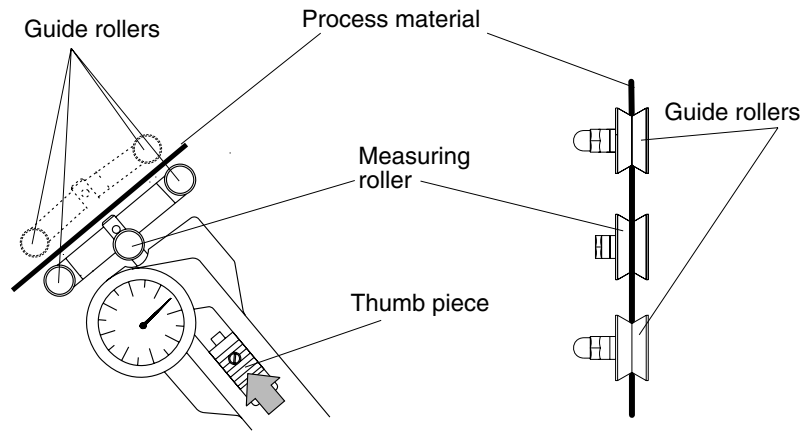
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### 2.2 Mounting Special Finger Support

Whenever useful and necessary, the tension meter is supplied with a special finger support. We recommend mounting the finger support when measuring high tension to reduce the necessary effort to move the outer rollers with the Thumbpiece on the front of the tension meter and facilitate acquisition of the wire to be measured. Place the special finger support in the recess located on the rear side of the tension meter and fasten it with the finger support screw.



### 3.0 TAKING A MEASUREMENT



1. Prior to engaging the material under test, part the 3-roller system by pushing and holding the Thumbpiece forward—see arrow above.
2. Keeping the outer rollers extended, bring the instrument behind or under the wire and move it so that the process material is in contact with V-groove of the bottom sensing roller.
3. Slowly release pressure on the Thumbpiece until the outer rollers return to their original position. This will automatically direct the material into the guide roller grooves.
4. The scale pointer will show line tension directly in grams or kilograms.

#### Removal

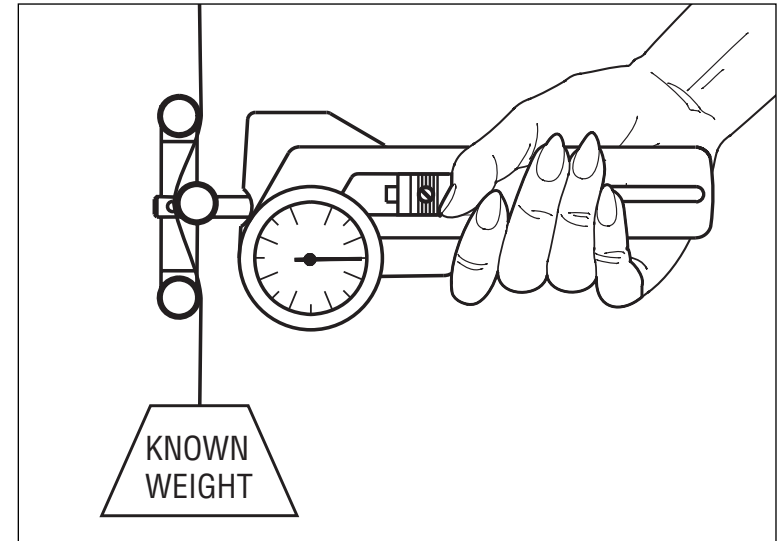
1. To remove the instrument from the process material, push the Thumbpiece forward again to open the 3-roller system. With the outer rollers extended, move the instrument away from the material.
2. Remove the instrument and SLOWLY release pressure on the Thumbpiece, allowing the outer rollers to return to their original position.



CAUTION

***Do not let the Thumbpiece snap back as this may affect calibration and also damage the instrument.***

### 4.0 VERIFYING CALIBRATION



1. Suspend a known weight that corresponds to the tension to be measured (pay attention to the correct unit of measure) from the process material, vertically, see figure above.  
**NOTE:** Always use a fresh portion of the material to be measured.
2. Push the thumbpiece as far as it will go in the direction indicated by the arrow and thread the material to be measured between the guide rollers and the measuring roller. Refer to Section 3.0.
3. Slowly release pressure on the thumb piece until the outer rollers return to their original position.
4. Before the final check, move the instrument slowly up and down to compensate any friction caused by the instrument and thus ensure repeatability.
5. The tension value should be equal to the value of the suspended weight.

***If this procedure shows a deviation beyond the allowable tolerance and a reliable operation is no longer allowed, the instrument has to be recalibrated or repaired. For recalibration, return the tension meter to the factory.***

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