



# NEPHELOMETER OPERATION MANUAL

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**There are no user serviceable parts located inside the cover of this device.**

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# 1. Safety

## 1.1. Safety Indicators

This manual uses a **CAUTION** and a **WARNING** indication.

Familiarize yourself with the following definitions for the meanings of these indicators.

A **CAUTION** indicates a hazard and calls attention to a procedure that if not correctly followed could result in damage to the instrument. Do not proceed beyond a caution indicator without understanding the hazard.

A **WARNING** indicates a hazard to you and calls attention to a procedure that if not correctly followed could result in injury or even death. Do not proceed beyond a warning without understanding the hazard.

## 2. Setting Up

### 2.1. Unpacking

When you unpack the Nephelometer and accessories, inspect the carton for obvious damage. If the carton is damaged notify the carrier. Unpack everything and make a visual inspection.

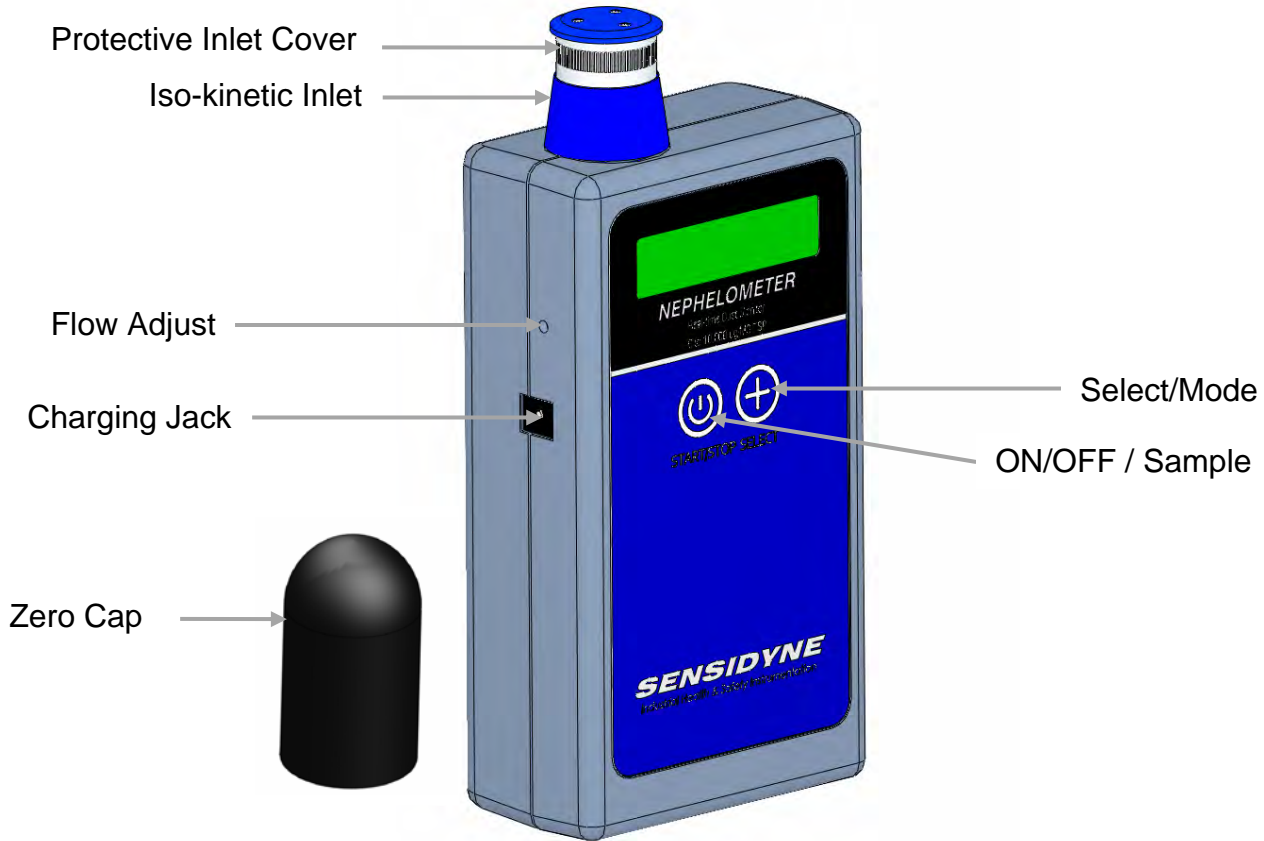
You should have the following:

1. Nephelometer
2. 100-240 VAC to 8.4 VDC Lithium Ion Smart Charger w/ power cord
3. USB Communications Cable
4. Zero Cap with storage bag
5. Operation Manual
6. Nephelometer Calibration Certificate
7. CD containing companion software
8. Sheath-Air Filter with storage bag

If any of the above components are missing contact your supplier.

Keep the carton and packing material for reuse.

## 2.2. Familiarization



Item	Description
Charging Jack	Plug Lithium Ion charger module into the jack to charge the batteries.
Protective Inlet Cover	Protects the unit from dust entering inlet during storage.
Iso-kinetic Inlet	Reduces count errors due to mismatched sample flow velocity.
Flow Adjust	Adjusts the flow rate of the unit. Factory Set.
USB Port (not shown, on reverse side)	For downloading of data and unit set up.
ON/OFF Sample	Button to turn unit ON and Off and to start new sample.
Select / Mode	Button to select Environment and operation mode .
Zero Cap	Rubber cap used for zeroing instrument.



## **2.3. General Information**

### **2.3.1. General Information**

The Nephelometer measures particulate in the air using a laser engine. Laser light is scattered by the particles in the view volume and detected by a photo detector. This information is then multiplied by a K factor and displayed on the screen and logged as a sample event.

The Nephelometer logs each sample event into memory; data is transferred to a computer using the companion software. A cable is supplied for connection to the USB port on the user's computer. Each sample event records a time, date, serial number, environmental setting and an average concentration.

Several special features have been included in the 80570 that make it easy to use.

### **2.3.2. Environmental Factors**

Environmental Factors allow the user to match the Nephelometer to specific conditions of the area to be monitored. Each Environmental Factor has a name and a correction factor (K factor) for the specific environment. These Environmental Factors provide the best accuracy, and are particularly valuable when diverse environments are measured.

Ten Environmental Factors may be stored in the Nephelometer; the ten factors are selected by using the companion software and selecting from the 99 user created factors in the software, each with name, description, and correction factor.

### **2.3.3. Sheath Air**

Air is drawn in through the top mounted inlet and then the sample air is surrounded by a sheath of clean filter air. This sheath protects the sensor from contamination. The inlet may be closed to keep particulate out of the sensor during periods when the unit is not in operation.

### **2.3.4. Automatic Power Saving**

The unit will power down when the unit is not sampling and no key press or communication activity for 5 minutes.

### **2.3.5. Selectable Sample Modes**

In MANUAL (M) mode a timed one minute measurement cycle begins and upon completion of the measurement cycle, the collected data is stored. During the measurement cycle the real time data is displayed, at the end of the measurement cycle the average concentration is displayed until the operator either pushes **Start/Stop** again or the **Select** button is depressed.

In CONTINUOUS (C) mode samples are taken as above, however, the unit will continue to make 60 second measurement cycles until the **Start/Stop** sample key is depressed.

In STEL (S) mode 60 second samples are taken for a 15 minute period and upon completion the unit will stop sampling.

### **2.3.6. Utility Software**

The supplied software is designed to simplify set-up operations and to download data records from the Nephelometer into a standard data file.

Refer to 360-0139-01 for software operation.

## 2.4. Operation

The battery pack inside the Nephelometer should be charged for 2.5 hours prior to use (**WARNING**: see section 3.2 – Battery Pack for instructions and safety).

Press the **Start/Stop** button to turn the unit on. The startup screen will appear for 3 seconds followed by the main screen.



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### Startup Screen



1,234 ug/m<sup>3</sup> (M)  
ENVIRONMENT 1

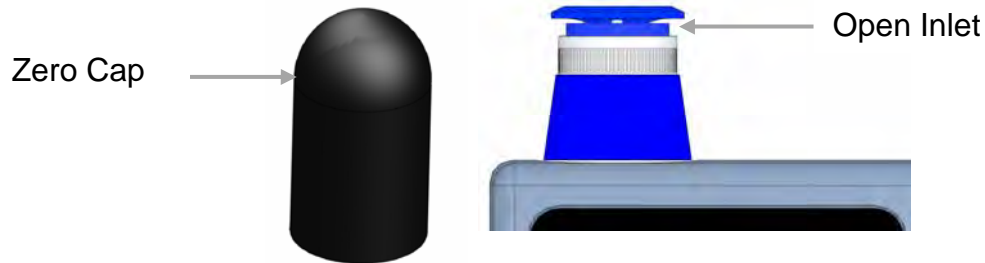
### Main Screen

The first line on the display shows the sample concentration in micrograms-per-cubic-meter (ug/m<sup>3</sup>). The letter in parenthesis (M) at the right hand side of the first line indicates the Sample Mode. This value will be M, C, or S for Manual, Continuous or STEL modes respectively.

The second line on the display shows the ENVIRONMENTAL FACTOR NAME and during operation will show status/progress. An operational progress bar is displayed while the unit is sampling.

## 2.5. Start Sample Event

Before sampling, remove the zero cap (store cap in storage bag) and open the protective inlet cover by sliding the hood down.



Press and release the **Start/Stop** key to start a sample event. The following screens illustrate the operation of the MANUAL (M) sampling. If the **Start/Stop** button is depressed during a measurement cycle, the measurement will stop and data will not be stored for that measurement.

0 ug/m<sup>3</sup> (M)  
STARTING

0 ug/m<sup>3</sup> (M)  
|

The concentration reading is updated every second.

12 ug/m<sup>3</sup> (M)  
■■■■ Progress Bar.

After the sample event is complete the display will look as follows.

1,234 ug/m<sup>3</sup> (M)  
ENVIRONMET 1

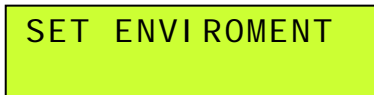
## 2.6. Select Key

There are two parameters which can be set using the **Select** Key. One allows the user to select the Environment factor and the other allows the user to select the Sample Mode.

The Select Key can only be used when the unit is not sampling.

Pressing the **Select** key will display the Select screen. This screen allows the user to choose which setting to change. The preference is given to the Set Environment screen as this is the parameter likely to be changed the most.

The select screen is shown below.

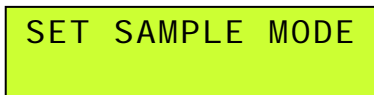


SET ENVIRONMENT

### Select Screen

Releasing the **Select** Key within 3 seconds will bring up the Set Environment Screen

Holding the **Select** Key down for 3 seconds will change the display to Set Sample Mode as shown below.



SET SAMPLE MODE

### Sample Screen

Releasing the **Select** Key will bring up the Set Sample Mode screen

## 2.7. Set Environment Screen

Here the ENVIRONMENT setting can be changed.



SET ENVIRONMENT  
FIRE

Pressing the **Select** key will cycle the Environment setting through the available selections.

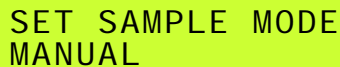
The Main screen will be displayed after 3-seconds of no key presses.

Pressing the **Start/Stop** key at anytime will display the Main screen and start the sample event.

Releasing the **Select** key will bring up the Set Sample Mode screen

## 2.8. Set Sample Mode Screen

Here the SAMPLE MODE setting can be changed.



SET SAMPLE MODE  
MANUAL

There are three choices for Sample Mode.

Pressing the **Select** key will cycle the Sample Mode setting through the available selections, Manual, Continuous and STEL.

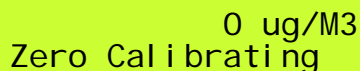
The Main screen will be displayed after 3-seconds of no key presses.

Pressing the **Start/Stop** key at anytime will display the Main screen and start the sample event.

## 2.9. Zero Calibration

The 80570-8200 software will place the unit into a zero calibration mode.

The display indicates the following when zero calibrating. This process is completely automated and only requires the user to install the zero cap over the inlet.



0 ug/M3  
Zero Calibrating

### 3. Trouble Shooting and Maintenance

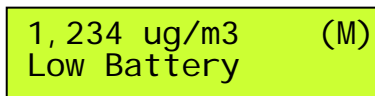
There are no user serviceable parts inside of the unit.

#### 3.1. Errors and Alarms

Certain operational failures are displayed and recorded in the Alarm Log. In the event of one of the following errors, the error is shown on the second line of the display. Typical display with error is shown below.

##### 3.1.1. Battery Alarm

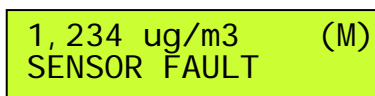
A low battery condition is checked for when the unit is sampling. When the battery voltage goes below 6.0 volts the Sample will be stopped and Low Battery will be displayed. This alarm is logged in the Alarm Log.



1,234 ug/m3 (M)  
Low Battery

##### 3.1.2. Laser Current Error

Laser current is measured (IOP) and if the current exceeds a preset value the alarm is triggered. As the laser degrades, it takes more and more current to maintain the same output level. When it fails altogether, the current will go to maximum.

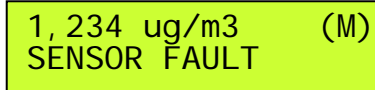


1,234 ug/m3 (M)  
SENSOR FAULT

The unit will display SENSOR FAULT and operation will be suspended. Only the Power button will be active to turn off the unit. This is due to the nature of the fault. The unit is not capable of taking valid measurements if this occurs. This alarm is logged in the Alarm Log.

### 3.1.3. Counter Error

The output of the optical engine is a frequency. There is always frequency of >1000 pulses per second regardless of actual concentration measured. If the output falls below this value the sensor is no longer functioning correctly.

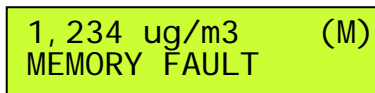


1,234 ug/m3 (M)  
SENSOR FAULT

The unit will display SENSOR FAULT and operation will be suspended. Only the Power button will be active to turn off the unit. This alarm is logged in the Alarm Log.

### 3.1.4. Memory Error

Each time a record is written to memory the memory is validated for proper function. If this process fails the unit will no longer be able to record new data records.



1,234 ug/m3 (M)  
MEMORY FAULT

The unit will display MEMORY FAULT and operation will be suspended. Only the Power button will be active to turn off the unit.



### 3.2. Battery Pack

**WARNING:** There are no user serviceable components inside the Nephelometer. Do not attempt to change the internal battery pack. The wrong battery pack could cause serious damage, a fire, or explosion. The Nephelometer should be sent to a service center where a factory qualified person would change and properly dispose of the battery pack.

This device contains Lithium Ion battery technology and should only be charged with the supplied 8.4 VDC Lithium Ion Smart Charger unit. Never connect a power source greater than 8.4 VDC to this device.

When the battery is low enough to need charging, a “Battery Low” message is displayed on the display and the pump will not turn on when the **Start/Stop** key is pushed.

To charge the battery pack, plug the 8.4 VDC Lithium Ion Smart Charger unit into an AC power outlet. The module is universal and will work with power line voltages of 100 to 240 volts, 50 to 60 Hz. Take the barrel connector on the end of the cord coming from the Charger module and plug it into the charger input socket on the side of the Nephelometer (See section 2.2 Familiarization). To fully charge a discharged battery pack should take around 2.5 hours.

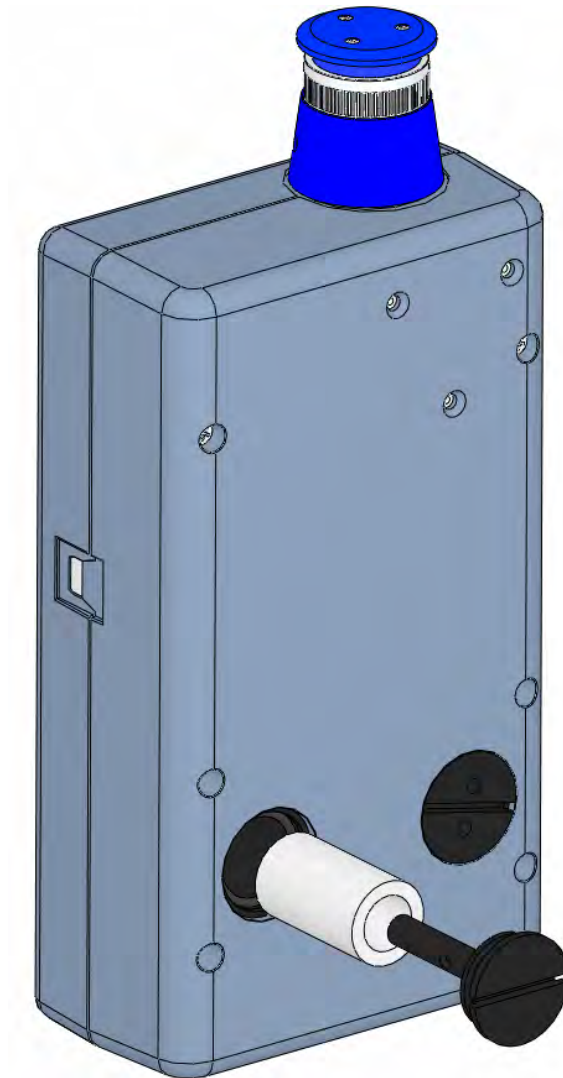
**NOTE:** After the batteries are completely charged, the smart charger will stop charging. The next time it is used, it must be disconnected from AC power, and then reconnected to the AC outlet to restart the charge cycle.

The battery pack inside the Nephelometer when fully charged will power the Nephelometer for about 10 hours of continuous use. Under normal intermittent or manual operation however, there is considerably less battery drain and up to 25 hours of use is possible.

If the Nephelometer is to be used powered by its battery pack on a daily basis, connect the charger after every few days of usage, or as needed.

### 3.3. Filter

The Nephelometer has a 0.2 micron filter to produce the clean air for the sheath system. This filter will normally need to be changed on an annual basis but may require a more frequent change if used in extremely dirty environments.



Remove the filter element by unscrewing the filter holder cap. Replace filter and install filter holder cap.

### 3.4. Service Schedule

**WARNING:** There are no user serviceable components inside this instrument. The covers on this instrument should not be removed or opened for servicing, calibration or any other purpose except by a factory-authorized person. To do so may result in exposure to visible laser radiation that can cause blindness.

Sensor, vacuum pump requires access to the inside of the Nephelometer and a factory-authorized person must do this. Contact Sensidyne, LP for service information, including a Return Material Authorization (RMA) Number.

Calibrating the Nephelometer requires specialized equipment and a skilled technician. Sensidyne, LP maintains a calibration facility for calibrating particle counters according to industry-accepted methods like ASTM and traceable standards. The sensor in the Nephelometer should be calibrated on a yearly basis.

### 3.5. Service Schedule Table

Item To Service	Frequency	Done By
Filter	yearly	Customer or Factory Service
Inspect pump	Yearly	Factory service only
Test battery pack	Yearly	Factory service only
Calibrate Sensor	Yearly	Factory service only

### 3.6. Troubleshooting

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A factory-authorized person should perform replacement of the sensor, vacuum pump, filter or any component inside the Nephelometer.

Symptom	Possible Cause	Correction
Does not turn on, no display	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Low battery</li> <li>2. Defective Battery</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Charge battery 2.5 hrs</li> <li>2. Send to service center</li> </ol>
Display turns on but pump does not	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Low Battery</li> <li>2. Defective pump</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Charge battery 2.5 hrs</li> <li>2. Send to service center</li> </ol>
Keypad functions do not Work	Loose connector or defective component inside	Send to service center
Sample result remains at zero after sampling	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pump stopped</li> <li>2. Laser diode bad</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Send to service center</li> <li>2. Send to service center</li> </ol>
Sample result is lower than normal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Something may be stuck in the inlet nozzle and blocking the beam</li> <li>2. Contaminated optics in sensor</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Blow into nozzle with a can of 'Aero Duster'.</li> <li>2. Send to service center</li> </ol>
Sample result is higher than normal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Air leak in sensor</li> <li>2. Noisy laser</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Send to service center</li> <li>2. Send to service center</li> </ol>
Battery pack does not hold a charge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Defective or worn out battery pack</li> <li>2. Defective power cords</li> <li>3. Defective charger module or chords</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Send to service center</li> <li>2. Check with an Ohm-meter</li> <li>3. Contact your distributor to get another charger</li> </ol>

## 4. Specification

Measurement Method	Scattered laser light
<u>Performance</u>	
Concentration Range	0.1 – 10,000 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (0.0001 to 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Resolution	1 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (0.001 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Sensitivity	1 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (0.001 mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Accuracy	± 5% traceable standard with 0.6 µm (0.0006 mg) PSL
Sample Mode	Selectable: Manual: 60 seconds Continuous: runs until stop key is depressed STEL: 15 minutes
Flow	1 lpm, with sheath air inlet
<u>Electrical</u>	
Light Source	Laser Diode
Power	7.2V Lithium ion 2200 mAh Self-contained battery pack – Provides for 25 hours of typical intermittent operation, up to 10 hours continuous use.
AC Adapter/Charger	AC to DC module, 100 – 240 VAC to 8.4 VDC @ 1500 mA
Charging Time	2.5 Hours
Communications	USB Mini B Type
Logging	4000 Records
Real Time Clock	Battery backed set through the PC program
<u>Interface</u>	
Display	2 line x 16 character LCD
Keyboard	2 key pushbutton type
<u>Physical</u>	
Size	Height = 6.25" (15.9 cm) Width = 3.63" (9.22 cm) Thickness= 2.00" (5.08 cm)
Weight	1.74 lbs – 28 ounces – (0.79 kg)
<u>Environmental</u>	
Operating Temperature	0° C to +50° C
Storage Temperature	-20° C to +60° C
<u>Accessories</u>	
Supplied	Operation Manual USB Cable AC to DC Converter Module with IEC AC Power Cord Zero Cap 80570-8200 Software



# Declaration of Conformity



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**Declares, that the product(s):**

**Product Names:** Dust Monitor

**Model Numbers:** 80570

**Product Options:** All

**Are in compliance with the following documents:**

**EMC:** Emissions: CISPR 11:1990 / EN 61326-1  
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