

SenTix[®] H
SenTix[®] HW
SenTix[®] HWS

pH combination electrodes with refillable liquid
reference system and ground junction

**Accuracy when
going to press**

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Technical data

General data

WTW model	Reference electrolyte	Junction	NTC	Special features
SenTix [®] H	KCl 3 mol/L, Ag ⁺ free	Ground	No	Adjustable ground junction
SenTix [®] HW	KCl 3 mol/L, Ag ⁺ free	Ground	No	Adjustable ground junction
SenTix [®] HWS	KCl 3 mol/L, Ag ⁺ free	Ground	Yes	

Measurement and application characteristics

WTW model	pH measuring range	Allowed temperature range	Membrane resistance at 25 °C	Typical application
SenTix [®] H	0 ... 14	0 ... 80 °C	< 2 GOhm	Highly alkaline and highly saline solutions
SenTix [®] HW	0 ... 14	0 ... 60 °C	< 800 MOhm	Solutions with low ion contents, emulsions, suspensions
SenTix [®] HWS	0 ... 14	-5 ... 100 °C	< 600 MOhm	

Shaft dimensions, shaft material, electrical connection

WTW model	Shaft			Electrical connection		
	Length [mm]	Ø [mm]	Material	Combination electrode connection	Meter connection	Cable length
SenTix [®] H	170	12	Glass	S7 plug-in connector	depending on S7 cable*	
SenTix [®] HW	170	12	Glass	S7 plug-in connector	depending on S7 cable*	
SenTix [®] HWS	170	12	Glass	SMEK head	depending on SMEK cable*	

* Connection cable not included in the scope of delivery of the combination electrode (see WEAR PARTS AND ACCESSORIES)

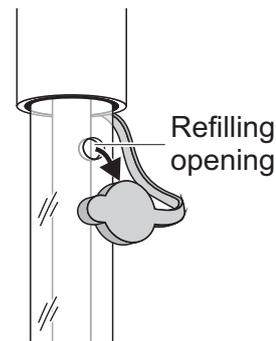
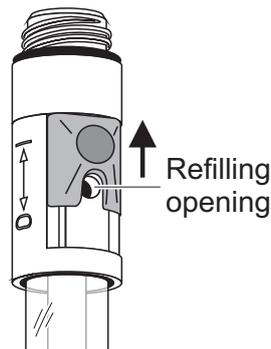
Commissioning, measuring, calibration

Commissioning

The combination electrode is filled with reference electrolyte solution in the factory. Prepare the combination electrode for measuring as follows:

- Open the refilling opening for the reference electrolyte solution. Depending on the model, the stopper of the refilling opening is an elastomer stopper or a slider.

The refilling opening must always be open during calibration and measurement!



- Remove the watering cap from the electrode tip. Possible salt deposits in the area of the watering cap do not affect the measuring characteristics and can easily be removed with deionized water.



Note

Please keep the watering cap. It is required for the combination electrode to be stored. Always keep the watering cap clean.

- Connect the combination electrode to the meter
- Calibrate the combination electrode according to the operating manual of the meter. When doing so, observe the general rules on the following page.

Ground junction of the SenTix HWS

When the SenTix HWS combination electrode is delivered, the ground sleeve is fixed with a shrinkable tubing. For commissioning, carefully remove the shrinkable tubing with a sharp knife or scalpel.

Caution:

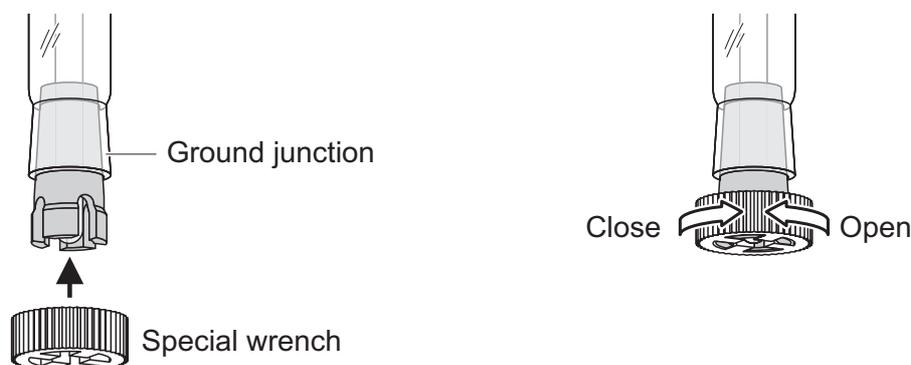
The ground sleeve is made of synthetic material and can easily be damaged!

To moisten the ground surfaces hold the combination electrode in a vertical position with the refill opening open and carefully loosen the ground junction by turning it slightly until reference electrolyte solution comes out of the junction. Then put the ground sleeve on again while turning it slightly.

Ground junction of SenTix H and SenTix HW

With the ground junction of the SenTix H and SenTix HW combination electrodes, the electrode outflow can be adjusted with a thread:

- Hold the combination electrode with the pH glass membrane pointing downward. Using the provided special wrench, open the ground junction until some electrolyte solution can be seen to come out of the junction and all ground surfaces are completely moist.



- Carefully and using little power close the junction until the contact between the rough ground surfaces can be noticed as a resistance. The combination electrode is now ready to measure.

Caution: Always use very little power to close the junction so the ground surfaces are not damaged!

- The ground junction can be opened further so that more electrolyte solution comes out.

Calibration and measurement: General rules

- Make sure the refilling opening for the reference electrolyte solution is open.
- Avoid the displacement of any solution (sample or buffer solution) from one measurement to the next by taking the following measures:
 - Shortly rinse the calibration and sample beakers with the solution the beakers are to be filled with next.
 - Between measurements, rinse the combination electrode with the solution that follows. Alternatively, you can also rinse the combination electrode with deionized water and then carefully dab it dry.
- Immerse the combination electrode in the solution in a vertical or slightly tilted position.
- Make sure the immersion depth is correct. The ground junction must be completely submerged in the solution. At the same time, the level of the reference electrolyte must be at least 2 cm above the level of the solution.
- Provide approximately the same stirring conditions for measuring as for calibrating.

Subsequent calibrations

The frequency of subsequent calibrations depends on the application. Many meters provide an option where you can enter a calibration interval. After the calibration interval has expired, the meter will automatically remind you of the due calibration.

Storage

During short measuring breaks

With the refilling opening open, immerse the combination electrode in reference electrolyte (KCl 3 mol/L, Ag⁺ free). Observe the minimum depth of immersion. Prior to the next measurement, shortly rinse the combination electrode with the test sample or deionized water.

**Note**

Prevent contact of the pH membrane to the beaker bottom to avoid scratches on the pH membrane.

Overnight or longer**Note**

pH combination electrodes must not be stored dry or in deionized water. The combination electrode could be permanently damaged by this. If the liquid in the watering cap has dried up, condition the combination electrode in reference electrolyte (KCl 3 mol/L, Ag⁺ free) for at least 24 hours.

**Note**

During longer storing periods, salt sediments may develop on the watering cap. They do not affect the measuring characteristics and can easily be removed with deionized water when the combination electrode is put into operation again.

Aging

Every pH combination electrode undergoes a natural aging process. With aging, the responding behavior becomes slower and slower and the electrode slope and asymmetry change. Moreover, extreme operating conditions can considerably shorten the lifetime of the combination electrode. These are:

- Strong acids or lyes, hydrofluoric acid, organic solvents, oils, fats, bromides, sulfides, iodides, proteins
- High temperatures
- High changes in pH and temperature.

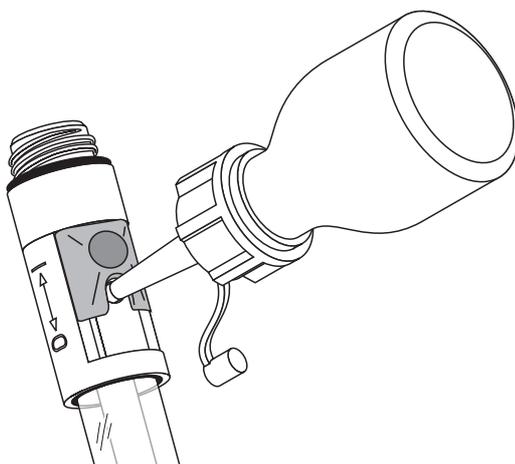
The warranty does not cover failure caused by measuring conditions and mechanical damage.

Maintenance and cleaning

Refilling the reference electrolyte

During operation, a small amount of reference electrolyte leaks through the junction from the combination electrode into the test sample. If the level of reference electrolyte becomes too low with time, refill it through the refilling opening. Refilling is very easy with the enclosed dropping bottle. Proceed as follows:

- Cut off the tip of the dropping bottle at a right angle until the opening in the tip can be seen
- Open the refilling opening of the combination electrode
- Press the tip of the dropping bottle into the refilling opening while turning it slightly
- Pump the reference electrolyte in the shaft using the dropping bottle
- Pull the dropping bottle out of the refilling opening while turning it slightly if necessary.



Cleaning

Remove water-soluble contamination by rinsing with deionized water. Remove other contamination as follows:

Contamination	Cleaning procedure
Fat and oil	Rinse with water containing household washing-up liquid
Lime and hydroxide deposits	Rinse with citric acid (10 % by weight)
Proteins	Immerse in pepsin cleaning solution PEP/pH for approx. 1 hour. Note: Make sure the level of the reference electrolyte is above that of the cleaning solution.



Note

Hydrofluoric acid, hot phosphoric acid and strong alkaline solutions destroy the glass membrane.

If you want to clean and rinse the ground junction, you can open it as follows:

- SenTix H and SenTix HW: completely unscrew the ground stopper (see figure on Seite 13).
- SenTix HWS: slide the ground sleeve from the ground stopper towards the shaft while turning it slightly.

After cleaning

Rinse the combination electrode with deionized water and condition it in reference electrolyte solution for at least 1 hour. Then recalibrate the combination electrode.

Wear parts and accessories

Description	Model	Order no.
Reference electrolyte solution 250 mL (KCl 3 mol/L, Ag ⁺ free)	KCl-250	109 705
Pepsin cleaning solution 3 x 250 ml	PEP/pH	109 648
Connection cable S7 plug-in connector/DIN, 1 m	AS/DIN	108 110
Connection cable S7 plug-in connector/DIN, 3 m	AS/DIN-3	108 112
Connection cable S7 plug-in connector/BNC, 1 m	AS/BNC	108 114
Connection cable SMEK head/DIN, 1 m	AS S/D1	108 120
Connection cable SMEK head/DIN, 3 m	AS S/D3	108 122
Connection cable SMEK head/BNC, 1 m	AS S/B1	108 125
Connection cable SMEK head/BNC, 3 m	AS S/B3	108 126



Note

Detailed information on our wide range of buffer solutions and more accessories is given in the price list of the WTW catalog "Laboratory and field instrumentation".