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1. Overview of the PressureChecker

The PressureChecker™ is a calibrated device that can be used to verify proper functioning and accuracy of PendoTECH Single Use Pressure Sensors and monitors non-invasively. It can be used to test the sensors in-situ without the requirement to access the fluid path. In its small, hand-held enclosure are all the devices necessary to perform the required function. PendoTECH Pressure Sensors are 100% tested at several points in the manufacturing process, however, this device gives the ability to verify the performance of the sensor by the end-user. PendoTECH Pressure Sensors are also frequently used on single use bioreactors to measure pressure in the bag. The required resolution is often less than 1 psi and the PressureChecker has the readability and ability to regulate pressure in this range. It also has an internal pressure sensor simulator and can be used to verify proper functioning of monitors such as the PressureMAT™, PendoTECH Process Control Systems, or 3rd party monitors.

There are numerous applications in biopharmaceutical production processes where the device can be used.

System Components Supplied:

- PDKT-650-950 PressureChecker pressure sensor and monitor verification tool (with 9V alkaline battery)
- PDKT-650-905 4 foot connecting tube with luer slip
- Calibration Certificate

1.1. Key Features

The PressureChecker incorporates a specially designed pressure cylinder and precision solid-state transducer for generating and measuring static pressure from -7 to +10.5 psi. The adjustment knob is used to regulate the pressure, and the pressure value is shown on the liquid crystal display. A built-in pneumatic port provides the external connection for fittings to connect to the sensor test port.

- Verify proper functioning of sensor and monitors
- Verify proper function of sensor in-situ by accessing the atmospheric reference side of sensor
- NIST Traceable
- Can be returned for annual calibration
- Battery operated for portability

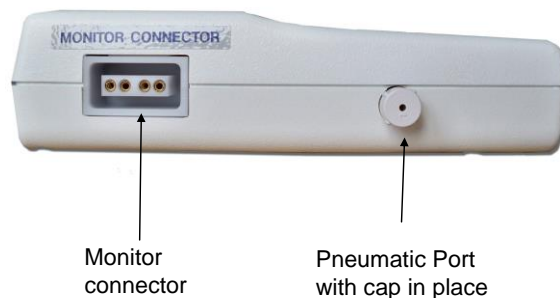
1.2. Device Details

1.2.1. Hardware Details

Device details are as shown:

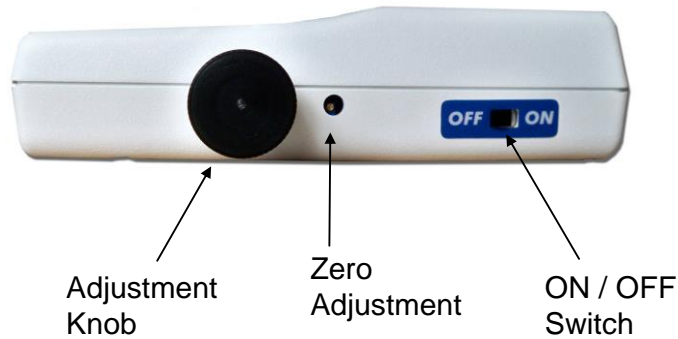


The connections on the left side panel are as shown below:



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The control functions are on the right side panel as shown below:



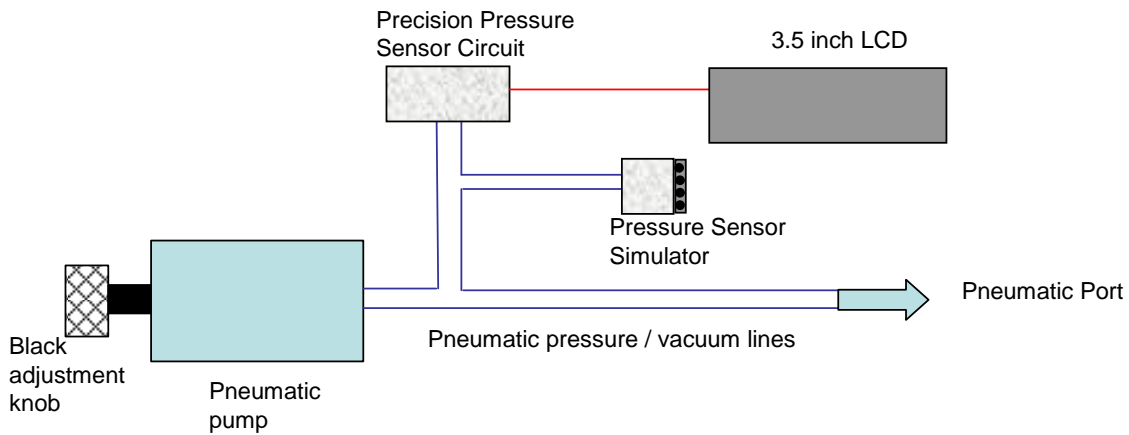
1.2.2. Specifications

Operating Pressure Range	-7 to +10.5 psi, 0.01 psi resolution Certified Range: -6 to +6 psi, 0.01 psi resolution
Temperature	Operating 15C to 40C Storage -20C to 65C
Operating Humidity	80% RH Max., Non-condensing
Accuracy	+/- 1% of reading or 0.01 psi, whichever is greater
Repeatability / Hysteresis	+/- 0.15% of Full Scale Output
Over Pressure Rating	14.5 psi
Pressure Sensor Simulator	Sensitivity: 0.2584mV/psi/volt +/- 1% Excitation: 2 to 10 VDC Input Impedance: 350 Ohms +/- 10% Output Impedance: <400 Ohms Asymmetry: < 1% Unbalance: 1.45 psi
Power Requirements	One 9 Volt battery
Battery Life	150 hours constant use, 15 months intermittent use, low battery indicator (BAT) appears when voltage drops below 7.2 volts
Display	3.5 inch LCD with 0.5 inch high digits and negative polarity indicator (for vacuum indication)
Dimensions	5.75 x 1.5 x 3.1 inches (L x D x W) 146 x 38 x 79 mm
Weight	9.7 Ounces (275 grams)

1.2.3.Theory of Operation

Positive and vacuum pressures can be generated within the PressureChecker and applied to a system under test. The pressure delivered is indicated on PressureChecker’s liquid crystal display for quick comparison to the monitor. By applying a vacuum to the sensor test port, the linearity, and accuracy of the pressure sensor can be tested. Since the pressure sensor is a true differential device (measures gauge pressure relative to atmosphere), applying vacuum is equivalent to applying a pressure to the fluid path so the system can be checked to verify calibration very easily without accessing the fluid path or breaking sterility if a sterile fluid path. Even though it may not be possible to test the entire range of the pressure sensor, the proper function and sensor output accuracy of 0.2584 mV/psi/V can be verified to be within accuracy specification because this applies across the range of sensor pressures.

The pressure sensor simulator, which is housed inside PressureChecker’s monitor connector, is a pressure sensor of the same type as that used in the PendoTECH Single User Pressure Sensor . When using the exclusive simulator feature of the PressureChecker, the pressure sensor is replaced with a device having the same operating characteristics and not with a device which “simulates” only some of its operating characteristics. A pressure (or vacuum) generated internally by PressureChecker’s pneumatic pump, is applied to both the precision pressure transducer (which is connected to the 3.5 inch display) and to the pressure sensor simulator. Referencing the diagram, the signal from the precision pressure transducer is sent to the panel meter circuit, where it is converted from an analog voltage to a digital number and displayed in psi on the LCD readout. The signal from the sensor simulator is sent to the monitor to which it is connected, and from which it receives its excitation power. The monitor and LCD are then compared.



2. Using the Device

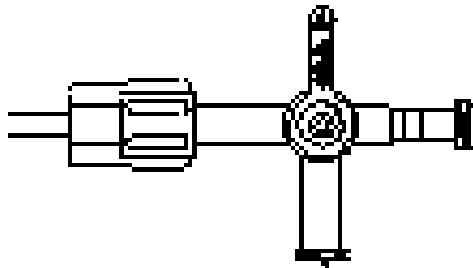
2.1. Testing sensors non-invasively

Positive and vacuum pressures can be generated within PressureChecker and applied to a sensor under test. The pressure delivered is indicated on PressureChecker's liquid crystal display for quick comparison to the monitor. By applying a vacuum to the sensor test port, the linearity and accuracy of the pressure sensor can be tested. Since the pressure sensor is a true differential device (measures gauge pressure relative to atmosphere), applying vacuum is equivalent to applying a pressure to the fluid path so the system can be checked to verify calibration very easily without accessing the fluid path or breaking sterility if a sterile fluid path. Even though it may not be possible to test the entire range of the pressure sensor, the proper function and sensor output accuracy of 0.2584 mV/psi/V can be verified to be within accuracy specification because this applies across the range of sensor pressures to 30 psi. Beyond the 30 psi, there is a non-linear output that both the PressureMAT and PendoTECH Control Systems can interpret and display the actual pressure reading. Regardless, the PressureChecker only can be used in its specified range which is below 30 psi.

NOTE: During the following steps the fluid path of the sensor must be exposed to atmosphere

Steps:

1. Connect the sensor to the monitor cable
2. Connect the 4 foot air tube with stop cock and slip luer on one end to the sensor test port and the PressureChecker pneumatic port on the other end.
3. Zero the system- properly zeroing the system is important for accuracy determination. To zero do the following:
 - a. Position the handle on the stopcock to vent both the sensor and pneumatic port to atmosphere.

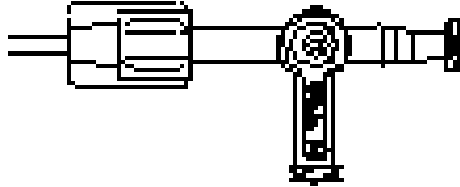


- b. Tare the sensor at the monitor per its operating instructions
 - c. If the PressureChecker display does not read 0.00, turn the zero adjustment located on the right side using a small screwdriver

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- d. When both the monitor and PressureChecker read zero, position the stop cock as shown and the sensor and setup is ready for testing:

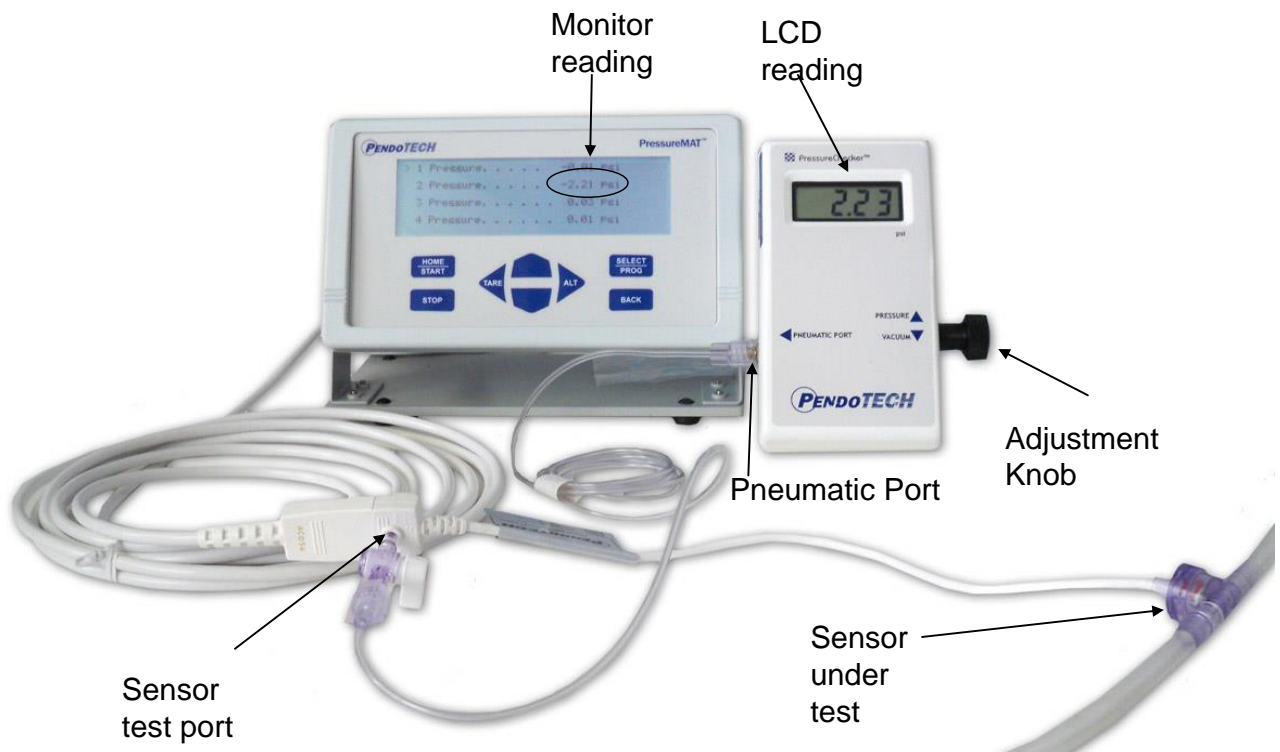


WARNING: IF THE SYSTEM APPEARS TO BE LOSING PRESSURE, CAREFULLY CHECK ALL FITTINGS AND CONNECTIONS

WARNING: DURING THIS TESTING DO NOT EXCEED +7 PSI OR THE SENSOR UNDER TEST MAY BE DAMAGED.

WARNING: DURING THIS TESTING DO NOT APPLY LESS THAN -7 PSI OR THE PRESSURE SENSOR SIMULATOR MAY BE DAMAGED.

4. As pressure is generated by turning the adjustment knob, the pressure applied to the sensor is indicated on the PressureChecker display. This pressure reading is compared to the reading on the monitor to determine the sensor and setup accuracy.



5. Interpretation of Results

Determining if a pressure sensor is accurate requires only one measurement at a known amount of applied pressure. This involves the following steps:

- a. Apply a pressure from -6 psi to +6 psi as indicated on the PressureChecker display
- b. Record the pressure from the monitor display
- c. From the accuracy specification on each item in the setup (sensor, monitor, PressureChecker) determine the maximum allowable deviation in pressure.
- d. Compare the results from step “b” with step “c”. If the results from “b” fall into the range calculated in “c”, the sensor under test is within the specification.

Example on calculation of allowable deviation:

PressureChecker accuracy specification:	1% of reading
Pressure Sensor accuracy specification:	2% of reading
<u>PressureMAT monitor accuracy specification:</u>	<u>1% of reading</u>
ALLOWABLE DEVIATION = 4% of reading	

- e. A linearity graph may also be plotted to verify linearity. Plot the results of monitor reading versus PressureChecker reading in the range of 0 psi to 6 psi (0 psi to -6 psi on the PressureChecker) to verify the linearity.

2.2. Using as a monitor simulator to test a monitor

The pressure sensor simulator, which is housed inside PressureChecker's monitor connector, is a pressure sensor of the same type as that used in the PendoTECH Single User Pressure Sensor. When using the exclusive simulator feature of the PressureChecker, the pressure sensor is replaced with a device having the same operating characteristics and not with a device which "simulates" only some of its operating characteristics. A pressure (or vacuum) generated internally by PressureChecker's pneumatic pump, is applied to both the precision pressure transducer (which is connected to the 3.5 inch display) and to the pressure sensor simulator.

NOTE: During the following steps the fluid path of the sensor must be exposed to atmosphere

Steps:

1. Remove the 4 foot air tube with stop cock from the PressureChecker pneumatic port and place the cap on the pneumatic port and tighten in place (or the stop cock may be closed by turning handle parallel with tubing and positioned under the tubing)
2. Connect the monitor cable to the PressureChecker Monitor Connector port
3. Zero the system- properly zeroing the system is important for accuracy determination. To zero do the following:
 - a. Zero the PressureChecker with the Adjustment Knob
 - b. Tare pressure simulator per the monitor operating instructions
 - c. If the PressureChecker display does not read 0.00, turn the zero adjustment located on the right side using a small screwdriver
 - d. When both the monitor and PressureChecker read zero, the sensor and setup is ready for testing

WARNING: IF THE SYSTEM APPEARS TO BE LOSING PRESSURE, CHECK TO SEE THE PNEUMATIC PORT IS CLOSED TO ATMOSPHERE

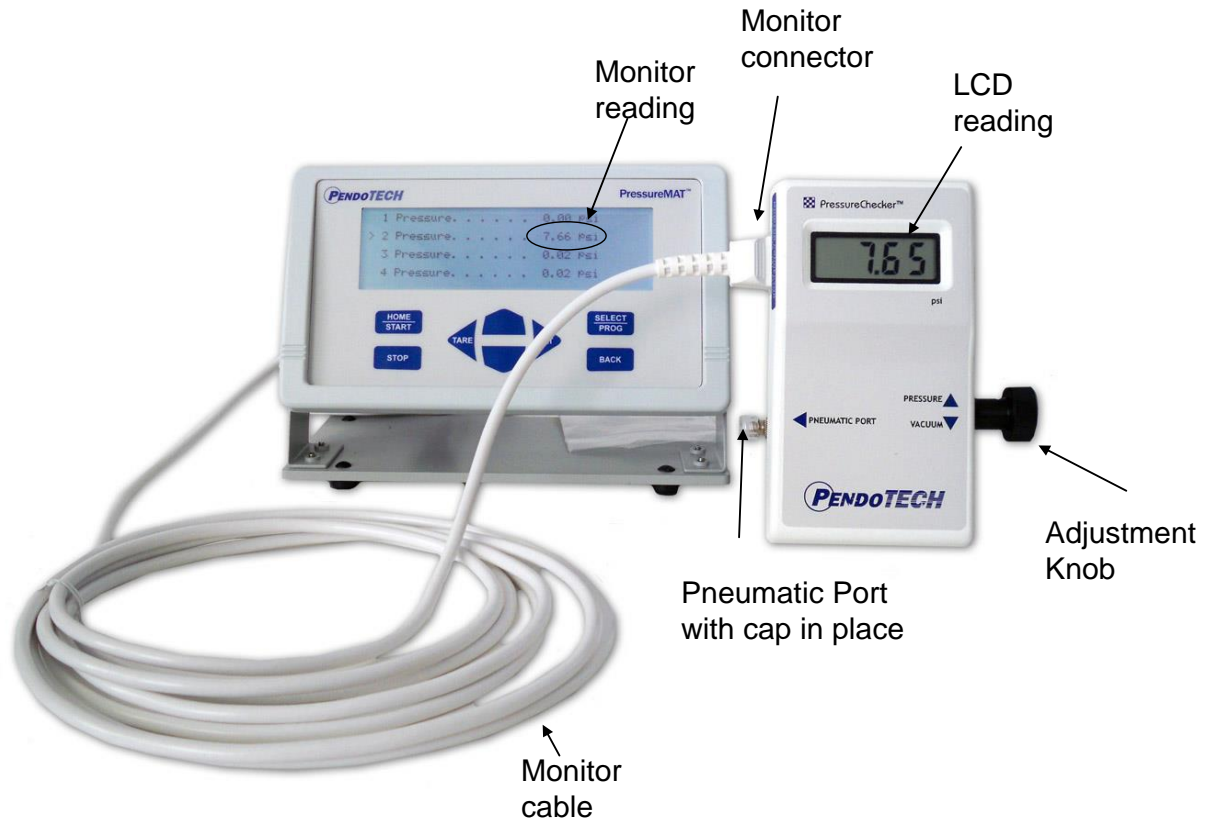
WARNING: DURING THIS TESTING DO NOT EXCEED 10.5 PSI OR THE INTERNAL PRECISION PRESSURE TRANSDUCER MAY BE DAMAGED.

WARNING: DURING THIS TESTING DO NOT APPLY LESS THAN -7 PSI OR THE PRESSURE SENSOR SIMULATOR MAY BE DAMAGED.

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4. To test the following is an example set-up



5. Interpretation of Results

Determining if the monitor and interface cable are functioning properly requires only one measurement at a known amount of applied pressure. This involves the following steps:

- Apply a pressure from -6 psi to +6 psi as indicated on the PressureChecker display
- Record the pressure from the monitor display
- From the accuracy specification on each item in the setup (monitor, PressureChecker, and pressure sensor simulator) determine the maximum allowable deviation in pressure.
- Compare the results from step “b” with step “c”. If the results from “b” fall into the range calculated in “c”, the monitor and interface cable are within the specification.

Example on calculation of allowable deviation:

PressureChecker accuracy specification:	1% of reading
Pressure sensor simulator accuracy specification	1% of reading
<u>PressureMAT monitor accuracy specification:</u>	<u>1% of reading</u>
ALLOWABLE DEVIATION = 3% of reading	

- If the readings differ by more than allowable, first replace the monitor cable to make sure it is not faulty. If this is not the problem, it may be the monitor and contact PendoTECH for further assistance (see Appendix B).

3. Key System Components

3.1. Power Supply and Low Battery Indicator

The solid state electronics of the PressureChecker are powered by a 9 volt alkaline battery. Because it uses CMOS circuitry, a 9 volt alkaline battery will last over a year in normal use. A low battery indicator is activated to alert the user when battery voltage drops below 7.2 VDC. When the "BAT" (low battery indicator) comes on, the battery must be replaced within a couple of hours of use for operation within specifications. Slide the battery compartment door open and replace the battery with an equivalent 9 volt alkaline battery.

WARNING: Remove battery from unit before storing for an extended period of time. If the unit has not been used for 12-15 months, replace the battery (see "Battery Life" in Specification Table).

3.2. Precision Pressure Transducer

The PressureChecker's precision miniature piezoresistive pressure transducer generates electrical signals proportional to the pressure (or vacuum) generated by the internal pneumatic pump or applied externally to the pneumatic port. The certified operating pressure range is from -6 to +6 psi. The maximum allowable test pressure is from -7 to +10.5 psi (+7 psi if a sensor test port is connected to pneumatic port because the creates a vacuum on the sensor under test and -7 psi is the sensor lower limit). The maximum allowable (overpressure) limit is 14 psi. If more than 14 psi is applied to, or generated by the pneumatic pump, its calibration accuracy could be affected and the precision pressure transducer could be permanently damaged.

WARNING: Do not apply greater than 14 psi to the precision pressure transducer. It may be permanently damaged or accuracy may be affected.

3.3. Display

The LCD Digital Panel Meter is a multi-purpose device that converts analog voltages from the transducer into digital information and simultaneously displays it on the 3½ digit liquid crystal display.

3.4. Pressure Generating Cylinder

Static pressure (or vacuum) levels are generated using a unique piston and cylinder arrangement. Turning the adjustment knob clockwise will generate pressure. Turning the adjustment knob counterclockwise will generate vacuum at the connection port. The pump is internally connected to the PressureChecker's precision pressure transducer, the pressure sensor simulator, and the pneumatic port. The pressure generating cylinder incorporates precision parts with controlled assembly techniques and testing. Therefore, if defective, it is not user serviceable and should be returned to the factory for repair or replacement.

APPENDIX A: PRODUCT WARRANTY

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APPENDIX B: Service Information

A PressureChecker which is under warranty must be returned to PendoTECH for repair. If out of warranty, the user should call PendoTECH for over-the-phone assistance and our service staff will help determine if the should be returned for repair.

The PressureChecker should be checked for calibration every twelve months, or as often as company policy requires. The calibration service is available from PendoTECH for a fee and a new calibration certificate will be issued.

For factory service or calibration, please contact PendoTECH at request@pendotech.com or call +1-609-802-1262 for a return authorization number.

Then pack the unit carefully, preferably in the original shipping container, insure, and ship to PendoTECH.