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# 917X Series

Metrology Well

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# 1 Before You Start

## 1.1 Introduction

Fluke’s Hart Metrology Wells (9170, 9171, 9172, and 9173) are designed to be stable heat sources that can be used in a laboratory or field environment. With a calibrated display and an optional built-in reference thermometer input (designated with “-R”), Metrology Wells may also be used as a reference standard.

Metrology Wells feature interchangeable probe sleeves that fit various sized diameter probes.

The Metrology Wells’ controller uses a PRT sensor and thermoelectric modules or heaters to achieve stable, uniform temperatures throughout the block.













The LCD display continuously shows many useful operating parameters including the block temperature, block stability, heating and cooling status, and current set-point. The temperature may be easily set with the control buttons to any desired temperature within the calibrator’s specified range.

Metrology Wells are designed for laboratory performance that can be used anywhere. With proper use, the instrument will provide continued accurate calibration of temperature sensors and devices. Before use, the user should be familiar with the warnings, cautions, and operating procedures of the calibrator as described in the Getting Started Guide.

## 1.2 Symbols Used





Table 1 lists the International Electrical Symbols. Some or all of these symbols may be used on the instrument or in this manual.

Table 1 International Symbols

Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
	AC (Alternating Current)		PE Ground
	AC-DC		Hot Surface (Burn Hazard)
	Battery		Read the User's Guide (Important Information)
	Complies with European Union directives		Off
	DC		On
	Double Insulated		Canadian Standards Association

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Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
	Electric Shock		C-TICK Australian EMC mark
	Fuse		The European Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive (2002/96/EC) mark.
<b>CAT II</b>	OVERVOLTAGE (Installation) CATEGORY II, Pollution Degree 2 per IEC1010-1 refers to the level of Impulse Withstand Voltage protection provided. Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY II is energy-consuming equipment to be supplied from the fixed installation. Examples include household, office, and laboratory appliances.		

### 1.3 Safety Information

Use this instrument only as specified in this guide. Otherwise, the protection provided by the instrument may be impaired. Refer to the safety information in the Warnings and Cautions sections below.

The following definitions apply to the terms “Warning” and “Caution”.

- “Warning” identifies conditions and actions that may pose hazards to the user.
- “Caution” identifies conditions and actions that may damage the instrument being used.

#### 1.3.1 Warnings

To avoid personal injury, follow these guidelines.

##### GENERAL

**DO NOT** use this instrument in environments other than those listed in the User’s Guide.

Inspect the instrument for damage before each use. **DO NOT** use the instrument if it appears damaged or operates abnormally.

Follow all safety guidelines listed in this guide.

Calibration equipment should only be used by trained personnel.

If this equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

Before initial use, or after transport, or after storage in humid or semi-humid environments, or anytime the Metrology Well has not been energized for more than 10 days, the instrument needs to be energized for a “dry-out” period of 2 hours before it can be assumed to meet all of the safety requirements of the IEC 1010-1. If the product is wet

or has been in a wet environment, take necessary measures to remove moisture prior to applying power such as storage in a low humidity temperature chamber operating at 50°C for 4 hours or more.

**DO NOT** use this instrument for any application other than calibration work. The instrument was designed for temperature calibration. Any other use of the instrument may cause unknown hazards to the user.

Completely unattended operation is not recommended.

**DO NOT** place the instrument under a cabinet or other structure. Overhead clearance is required. Always leave enough clearance to allow for safe and easy insertion and removal of probes.

Use of this instrument at **HIGH TEMPERATURES** for extended periods of time requires caution.

Completely unattended high temperature operation is not recommended due to safety hazards that can arise.

If the instrument is used in a manner not in accordance with the equipment design, the operation of the Metrology Well may be impaired or safety hazards may arise.

This instrument is intended for indoor use only.

#### **BURN HAZARD**

Each Metrology Well is equipped with a Block Temperature Indicator (front panel **LED HOT** indicator – U.S. Patent 7,561,058 even when the instrument is unplugged. When the indicator is flashing, the instrument is not powered and the temperature of the block is above 50°C. When the indicator is illuminated, always on, the instrument is powered and the block temperature is above 50°C.

**DO NOT** turn the instrument upside down with the inserts in place; the inserts will fall out.

**DO NOT** operate instrument in any orientation other than vertical (block opening face up). Risk of fire or burn hazard may result due to excessive heat build up.

**DO NOT** operate on a flammable surface or near flammable materials.

**DO NOT** touch the well access surface of the instrument.

The block vent may be very hot due to the fan blowing across the heater block of the Metrology Well.

The calibration well temperature of the Metrology Well is the same as the actual display temperature, for example, if the instrument is set to 700°C and the display reads 700°C, the well is at 700°C.

The air over the well can reach temperatures greater than 200°C for high temperature (400°C and higher) Metrology Wells.

Probes and inserts may be hot and should only be inserted and removed from the instrument when the instrument is operating at temperatures below 50°C.



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**DO NOT** turn off the instrument at temperatures higher than 100°C. This could create a hazardous situation. Select a set-point less than 100°C and allow the instrument to cool before turning it off.

The high temperatures present in Metrology Wells designed for operation at 300°C and higher may result in fires and severe burns if safety precautions are not observed.

#### **ELECTRICAL HAZARD**

These guidelines must be followed to ensure that the safety mechanisms in this instrument will operate properly. This instrument must be plugged into a 115 VAC (230 VAC optional), AC only electric outlet. The power cord of the instrument is equipped with a three-pronged grounding plug for your protection against electrical shock hazards. It must be plugged directly into a properly grounded three-prong receptacle. The receptacle must be installed in accordance with local codes and ordinances. Consult a qualified electrician. **DO NOT** use an extension cord or adapter plug.

If supplied with user accessible fuses, always replace the fuse with one of the same rating, voltage, and type.

Always replace the power cord with an approved cord of the correct rating and type.

HIGH VOLTAGE is used in the operation of this equipment. SEVERE INJURY or DEATH may result if personnel fail to observe safety precautions. Before working inside the equipment, turn power off and disconnect power cord.

#### **1.3.2 Cautions**

To avoid possible damage to the instrument, follow these guidelines:

To properly calibrate the Metrology Well, the “Fan Limit” must be set to “Auto.”

**DO NOT** leave the sleeve(s) in the instrument for prolonged periods. Due to the high operating temperatures of the instrument, the sleeves should be removed after each use and buffed with a Scotch-Brite® pad or emery cloth (see the Maintenance section of the Technical Guide).

Always operate this instrument at room temperature between 5°C and 50°C (41°F and 122°F). Allow sufficient air circulation by leaving at least 6 inches (15 cm) of clearance around the instrument. Overhead clearance is required. **DO NOT** place the instrument under any structure.

**DO NOT** interchange inserts between Metrology Well models. The inserts provided with the instrument as well as any additional inserts ordered are model specific.

Component lifetime can be shortened by continuous high temperature operation.

**DO NOT** apply any type of voltage to the switch terminals. Applying a voltage to the terminals may cause damage to the controller.

**DO NOT** use fluids to clean out the well. Fluids could leak into electronics and damage the instrument.

**DO NOT** introduce any foreign material into the probe hole of the insert. Fluids, etc. can leak into the instrument causing damage.

**DO NOT** change the values of the calibration constants from the factory set values. The correct setting of these parameters is important to the safety and proper operation of the calibrator.

**DO NOT** slam the probe sheath or sleeves into the well. This type of action can cause a shock to the sensor and affect the calibration.

The instrument and any thermometer probes used with it are sensitive instruments that can be easily damaged. Always handle these devices with care. **DO NOT** allow them to be dropped, struck, stressed, or overheated.

**DO NOT** operate this instrument in an excessively wet, oily, dusty, or dirty environment. Always keep the well and inserts clean and clear of foreign material.

The Metrology Well is a precision instrument. Although it has been designed for optimum durability and trouble free operation, it must be handled with care. Always carry the instrument in an upright position to prevent the probe sleeves from dropping out. The convenient handle allows for hand carrying the instrument.

If a mains supply power fluctuation occurs, immediately turn off the instrument. Power bumps from brown-outs could damage the instrument. Wait until the power has stabilized before re-energizing the instrument.

The probe and the block may expand at different rates. Allow for probe expansion inside the well as the block heats. Otherwise, the probe may become stuck in the well.

Most probes have handle temperature limits. Be sure the air temperature above the Metrology Well does not exceed the probe handle's temperature limit. If the probe handle limits are exceeded, the probe may be permanently damaged.

## **1.4 CE Comments**

### **1.4.1 EMC Directive**

Fluke's equipment has been tested to meet the European Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC Directive, 89/336/EEC). The Declaration of Conformity for your instrument lists the specific standards to which the instrument was tested.

The instrument was designed specifically as a test and measuring device. Compliance to the EMC directive is through IEC 61326-1 Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – EMC requirements (1998).

As noted in the IEC 61326-1, the instrument can have varying configurations. The instrument was tested in a typical configuration with shielded RS-232 cables.

### **1.4.2 Immunity Testing**

The instrument has been designed and tested to meet electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use (IEC 61326-1) for controlled electromagnetic (EM) environments. To that end, the following modifications to the specifications apply. For models 9170-R and 9171-R in a disturbance radio frequency EM field greater than 0.5 V/m in the frequency band 175-250 MHz, the Built-In Reference Input specifications for resistance and temperature accuracy are unspecified.

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#### **1.4.3 Emission Testing**

The instrument fulfills the limit requirements for Class A equipment but does not fulfill the limit requirements for Class B equipment. The instrument was not designed to be used in domestic establishments.

#### **1.4.4 Low Voltage Directive (Safety)**

In order to comply with the European Low Voltage Directive (73/23/EEC), Fluke's equipment has been designed to meet the IEC 1010-1 (EN 61010-1) and the IEC 1010-2-010 (EN 61010-2-010) standards.

### **1.5 Authorized Service Centers**

**[www.itm.com](http://www.itm.com)**

**[www.globaltestsupply.com](http://www.globaltestsupply.com)**

When contacting a Service Center for support, please have the following information available:

- Model Number
- Serial Number
- Voltage
- Complete description of the problem

## 2 Specifications and Environmental Conditions

### 2.1 Specifications

Table 2 Metrology Well Specifications

Specification	9170	9171	9172	9173
<b>Range</b>	−45°C to 140°C (−49°F to 284°F)	−30°C to 155°C (−22°F to 311°F)	35°C to 425°C (95°F to 797°F)	50°C to 700°C (122°F to 1292°F)
<b>Display Accuracy<sup>2</sup></b>	±0.1°C full range		±0.1°C: 35°C to 100°C ±0.15°C: 100°C to 225°C ±0.2°C: 225°C to 425°C	±0.2°C: 50°C to 425°C ±0.25°C: 425°C to 660°C
<b>Stability<sup>1</sup></b>	±0.005°C full range		±0.005°C: 35°C to 100°C ±0.008°C: 100°C to 225°C ±0.01°C: 225°C to 425°C	±0.005°C: 50°C to 100°C ±0.01°C: 100°C to 425°C ±0.03°C: 425°C to 700°C
<b>Axial Uniformity<sup>2</sup> (40 mm [1.6 in])</b>	±0.08°C: −45°C to −35°C ±0.04°C: −35°C to 0°C ±0.02°C: 0°C to 50°C ±0.07°C: 50°C to 140°C	±0.025°C: −30°C to 0°C ±0.02°C: 0°C to 50°C ±0.05°C: 50°C to 155°C	±0.05°C: 35°C to 100°C ±0.09°C: 100°C to 225°C ±0.17°C: 225°C to 425°C	±0.09°C: 50°C to 100°C ±0.22°C: 100°C to 425°C ±0.35°C: 425°C to 700°C
<b>Axial Uniformity<sup>2</sup> (60 mm [2.3 in])</b>	±0.1°C: −45°C to −35°C ±0.04°C: −35°C to 0°C ±0.02°C: 0°C to 50°C ±0.07°C: 50°C to 140°C	±0.025°C: −30°C to 0°C ±0.02°C: 0°C to 50°C ±0.07°C: 50°C to 155°C	±0.05°C: 35°C to 100°C ±0.1°C: 100°C to 225°C ±0.2°C: 225°C to 425°C	±0.1°C: 50°C to 100°C ±0.25°C: 100°C to 425°C ±0.4°C: 425°C to 700°C
<b>Axial Uniformity<sup>2</sup> (80 mm [3.15 in])</b>	N/A	±0.05°C: −30°C to 0°C ±0.04°C: 0°C to 50°C ±0.15°C: 50°C to 155°C	±0.06°C: 35°C to 100°C ±0.12°C: 100°C to 225°C ±0.23°C: 225°C to 425°C	±0.15°C: 50°C to 100°C ±0.30°C: 100°C to 425°C ±0.45°C: 425°C to 700°C
<b>Radial Uniformity</b>	±0.01°C full range		±0.01°C: 35°C to 100°C ±0.02°C: 100°C to 225°C ±0.025°C: 225°C to 425°C	±0.01°C: 50°C to 100°C ±0.025°C: 100°C to 425°C ±0.04°C: 425°C to 700°C
<b>Loading Effect (with reference thermometer)</b>	±0.02°C: −45°C to −35°C ±0.005°C: −35°C to 100°C ±0.01°C: 100°C to 140°C	±0.005°C: −30°C to 0°C ±0.005°C: 0°C to 100°C ±0.01°C: 100°C to 155°C	±0.01°C full range	±0.02°C: 50°C to 425°C ±0.04°C: 425°C to 700°C
<b>Hysteresis</b>	±0.025°C		±0.04°C	±0.07°C
<b>Operating Range<sup>1</sup></b>	5°C to 40°C (41°F to 104°F)			
<b>Well Depth</b>	160 mm (6.3 in)	203 mm (8 in)		
<b>Resolution</b>	0.001° C/F			
<b>Display</b>	LCD, °C or °F user-selectable			
<b>Key Pad</b>	Ten key with decimal and +/- key. Function keys, menu key, and °C/°F key.			
<b>Cooling Time</b>	44 min: 23°C to −45°C 19 min: 23°C to −30°C 19 min: 140°C to 23°C	30 min: 23°C to −30°C 25 min: 155°C to 23°C	220 min: 425°C to 35°C 100 min: 425°C to 100°C	235 min: 700°C to 50°C 153 min: 700°C to 100°C
<b>Heating Time</b>	32 min: 23°C to 140°C 45 min: −45°C to 140°C	44 min: 23°C to 155°C 56 min: −30°C to 155°C	27 min: 35°C to 425°C	46 min: 50°C to 700°C
<b>Size</b>	366 x 203 x 323 mm (14.4 x 8 x 12.7 in) [height x width x depth]			
<b>Weight</b>	14.2 kg (31.5 lb)	14.6 kg (32 lb)	12.2 kg (27 lb)	14.2 kg (31 lb)

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Specification	9170	9171	9172	9173
<b>Power</b>	115 V (±10%), 50/60 Hz, 550 W 230 V (±10%), 50/60 Hz, 550 W		115 V (±10%), 50/60 Hz, 1025 W 230 V (±10%), 50/60 Hz, 1025 W	
<b>System Fuse Ratings</b>	115 V: 6.3 A 250 V 230 V: 3.15 A 250 V		115 V: 10 A 250 V 230 V: 5 A 250 V	
<b>Internal Fuse Ratings</b>	F1: 8 A 250 V F2: 1 A 250 V F4: 4 A 250 V		n/a	
<b>Computer Interface</b>	RS-232 Interface and 9930 Interface-it control software included			
<b>Safety</b>	OVERVOLTAGE (Installation) CATEGORY II, Pollution Degree 2 per IEC-61010-1:2001			

<sup>1</sup>Specifications are given with an ambient temperature of 23°C (73.4°F). Range, display accuracy, axial uniformity, loading effect, cooling time, and heating time are subject to the ambient temperature and may be affected outside the "Full Accuracy" temperature range

<sup>2</sup>Refer to the Maintenance section in the User's Guide regarding maintaining the accuracy of the instrument.

Table 3 Built-in Readout Specifications

Specifications	Built-in Reference Input	
<b>Temperature Range<sup>1</sup></b>	-200°C to 962°C (-328°F to 1764°F)	
<b>Resistance Range</b>	0Ω to 400Ω, auto-ranging	
<b>Characterizations</b>	ITS-90 subranges 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 Callendar-Van Dusen (CVD): R0, ALPHA, DELTA, BETA	
<b>Resistance Accuracy<sup>1</sup></b>	0Ω to 20Ω: 0.0005Ω 20Ω to 400Ω: 25 ppm (0.0025%)	
<b>Temperature Accuracy<sup>1,2</sup></b>	10Ω PRTs: ±0.013°C at 0°C ±0.013°C at 50°C ±0.014°C at 155°C ±0.014°C at 225°C ±0.019°C at 425°C ±0.028°C at 700°C	25Ω and 100Ω PRTs: ±0.005°C at -100°C ±0.007°C at 0°C ±0.011°C at 155°C ±0.013°C at 225°C ±0.019°C at 425°C ±0.027°C at 661°C
<b>Temperature Resolution</b>	0.001° C/F	
<b>Operating Range</b>	5°C to 40°C (41°F to 104°F)	
<b>Calibration</b>	NIST-traceable calibration provided	
<b>Recommended Probes</b>	5626-15-D or 5614-12-D3	

<sup>1</sup>Specifications are given with an ambient temperature of 23°C (73.4°F). Resistance accuracy and temperature accuracy are subject to the ambient temperature and may be affected outside the "Full Accuracy" temperature range.

<sup>2</sup>The temperature range may be limited by the reference probe connected to the external "Probe" connection of the Metrology Well. Does not include sensor probe accuracy. It does not include probe uncertainty or probe characterization errors.

<sup>3</sup>The 5614-12-D's temperature range is 420°C.

## 2.2 Environmental Conditions

Although the instrument has been designed for optimum durability and trouble-free operation, it must be handled with care. The instrument should not be operated in an excessively dusty or dirty environment. Maintenance and cleaning recommendations can be found in the Maintenance section.

- The instrument operates safely under the following environmental conditions:

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- temperature range: 5-40°C (41-104°F)
- ambient relative humidity: maximum 80% for temperature <31°C, decreasing linearly to 50% at 40°C
- pressure: 75kPa-106kPa
- mains voltage: within ±10% of nominal
- vibrations in the calibration environment should be minimized
- altitude: less than 2,000 meters
- indoor use only

## **3 Quick Start**

### **3.1 Unpacking**

Unpack the instrument carefully and inspect it for any damage that may have occurred during shipment. If there is shipping damage, notify the carrier immediately.

Verify that the following components are present:

#### **9170**

- 9170 Metrology Well
- 9170-INSX Insert (X=A, B, C, D, E, or F)
- Power Cord
- RS-232 Cable
- Getting Started Guide
- User's Guide
- Report of Calibration and calibration label
- DIN Connector (-R units only)
- Well Insulator
- Tongs (insert removal tool)
- 9930 Interface-it Software and User's Guide

#### **9171**

- 9171 Metrology Well
- 9171-INSX Insert (X=A, B, C, D, E, or F)
- Power Cord
- RS-232 Cable
- Getting Started Guide
- User's Guide
- Report of Calibration and calibration label
- DIN Connector (-R units only)
- Well Insulator
- Tongs (insert removal tool)
- 9930 Interface-it Software and User's Guide

#### **9172**

- 9172 Metrology Well
- 9172-INSX Insert (X=A, B, C, D, E, or F)
- Power Cord
- RS-232 Cable

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- Getting Started Guide
- User's Guide
- Report of Calibration and calibration label
- DIN Connector (-R units only)
- Tongs (insert removal tool)
- 9930 Interface-it Software and User's Guide

### 9173

- 9173 Metrology Well
- 9173-INSX Insert (X=A, B, C, D, E, or F)
- Power Cord
- RS-232 Cable
- Getting Started Guide
- User's Guide
- Report of Calibration and calibration label
- DIN Connector (-R units only)
- Tongs (insert removal tool)
- 9930 Interface-it Software and User's Guide

If all items are not present, contact an Authorized Service Center.

## 3.2 Setup



**NOTE:** *The instrument will not heat, cool, or control until the "CONT ENABLE" parameter is set to "On." Refer to Set-Point Setup on page 16 to set this parameter.*

Place the calibrator on a flat surface with at least 6 inches of free space around the instrument. Overhead clearance is required. DO NOT place under a cabinet or structure.

Plug the Metrology Well power cord into a mains outlet of the proper voltage, frequency, and current capability (see Specifications for power details). Observe that the nominal voltage corresponds to that indicated on the back of the calibrator.

Carefully insert the probe sleeve into the well. Probe sleeves should be of the smallest hole diameter possible still allowing the probe to slide in and out easily. Sleeves of various sizes are available from Fluke Calibration. The well must be clear of any foreign objects, dirt and grit before the sleeve is inserted. The sleeve is inserted with the two small tong holes positioned upward.

Turn on the power to the calibrator by toggling the switch on the power entry module. After a brief self-test, the controller should begin normal operation. The main screen will appear within 30 seconds. If the instrument fails to operate, please check the power connection.

The display will show the well temperature, and wait for user input before heating or cooling to current set-point.



### 3.3 System Setup

Before using the instrument, the parameters in this section need to be setup (Main Menu: SYSTEM|SETUP MENU).

### 3.4 Display

#### Language

Select the preferred language (English, French, or Chinese) using the right/left arrow keys and press “ENTER” to accept the selection.

#### Decimal

The decimal of the numbers in the instrument can be either a comma or decimal. Select the desired decimal type using the right/left arrow keys and press “ENTER” to accept the selection.

#### 3.4.1 Measure

##### Stability Limit



**NOTE:** *Metrology Wells should not be expected to operate better than the stability limit specification set forth in the Specifications section of this guide. Therefore, the minimum setting of the stability limit should not be less than the stability specification set forth in the Specifications section.*

The stability limit of the instrument is the parameter which allows the instrument to notify the user when it has achieved the stability limit set in this parameter. There are two notifications: visual and audible. The visual notification is always active. When the instrument is operating within the stability limit, the stability parameter on the main screen will remain highlighted as long as the instrument is within the given specification, otherwise the parameter will not be highlighted. The audible, if enabled, alerts the user once per set-point when the instrument achieves the set stability limit. Use the numeric keys to set the desired stability limit and press “ENTER” to accept the new stability limit.

##### Example:

A specific calibration process requires the instrument be operating within  $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$ . “0.1” would be entered into the stability limit parameter. When the instrument is within  $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$ , “STAB: X.XXX $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ” will be highlighted and the audible alarm (if enabled) will notify the user that the instrument is operating within  $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Use the numeric keys to set the desired stability limit and press “ENTER” to accept the new stability limit.

#### Stability Alarm (STAB ALARM)

The audible alarm described in “Stability Limit” is turned on or off using this parameter. Select either “On” or “Off” using the right/left arrow keys and press “ENTER” to accept the selection.

### 3.5 Setting the Temperature

The users guide explains in detail how to set the temperature set-point of the calibrator using the front panel keys. The procedure is summarized here.

#### 3.5.1 Set-point Setup

1. From the main screen, press “ENTER” once to access the “CONTROL SET POINT” menu.
2. Press +/- to set a positive or negative temperature. If the “-” symbol is not present, the temperature is assumed to be positive. Use the number keys to set the desired temperature. Press “ENTER” to set the temperature and continue setting up the set-point information. If the other information in the set-point menu does not need to be edited at this point, press “EXIT” to return to the main screen



**NOTE:** Each time the instrument is turned off and back on, the “CONT ENABLE” parameter is set to “Off”.

3. The “CONT ENABLE” parameter enables or disables active heating or cooling of the instrument. This parameter must be set to “On” for the instrument to heat or cool. Using the right/left arrow keys, select “On” to allow the instrument to heat or cool or select “Off” to disable heating and cooling.
4. The scan rate of the instrument can be set from 0.1 to 99°C/min, however the actual scan rate is limited by the natural heating or cooling rate of the instrument. Use the number keys to set the desired scan rate and press “ENTER”.

When the set-point temperature is changed the controller will switch the thermoelectric modules or heater on or off to raise or lower the temperature. The displayed well temperature will gradually change until it reaches the set-point temperature. The well may require 5 to 10 minutes to reach the set-point depending on the span. Another 5 to 10 minutes is required to stabilize with  $\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  of the set-point. Ultimate stability may take 15 to 20 minutes more of stabilization time.

### 3.6 Reference Probe (-R models only)

The reference probe section of the user manual explains in detail how to set up the reference probe of the calibrator using the front panel keys. The procedure is summarized here.

### 3.6.1 Probe Connection

A PRT is the only type of probe that is supported by the reference thermometer input. The PRT (RTD or SPRT) probe connects to the reference thermometer input using a 5-pin DIN connector. Figure 1 shows how a four-wire probe is wired to the five-pin DIN connector. One pair of wires attaches to pins 1 and 2 and the other pair attaches to pins 4 and 5 (pins 1 and 5 source current and pins 2 and 4 sense the potential). If a shield wire is present it should be connected to pin 3.

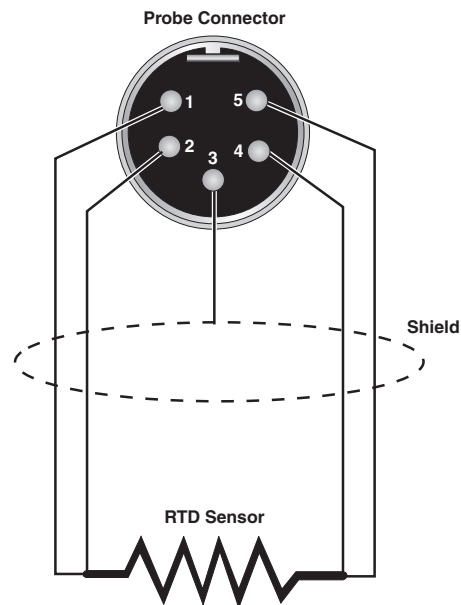


Figure 1 Probe connector wiring

A two-wire probe can also be used with the reference thermometer. It is connected by attaching one wire to both pins 1 and 2 of the plug and the other wire to both pins 4 and 5. If a shield wire is present it should be connected to pin 3. Accuracy may be significantly degraded using a two-wire connection because of lead resistance.

### 3.6.2 Measure Temperature

To make temperature measurements using your probe, the following parameters must be set up:

1. From the main screen, press the “MENU” button. Access the reference probe select menu (REF MENU|SELECT). Select “Probe 1” using the right or left arrow button. Press “ENTER” to accept the probe to be used.
2. To enable “Probe 1,” use the  $\triangleright$  or  $\triangleleft$  button to turn the reference probe “On.” Press “ENTER” to accept the selection.
3. Press the “Setup” soft key (Main Menu: REF MENU|SETUP). In the reference probe setup menu, select “Probe 1” and press “ENTER”.

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4. Select the calibration type for the probe (ITS-90, CVD, or Res) using the  $\triangleright$  or  $\triangleleft$  keys. Press “ENTER” to accept the calibration type.
5. Use the numeric keys to enter the serial number and calibration coefficients of the probe. Press “ENTER” after each parameter is entered to accept the new parameter value. Calibration coefficients can be found on a report of calibration that was shipped with your probe. If no coefficients can be found, contact the manufacturer or vendor of the probe for assistance. If the probe is out of calibration, Fluke offers calibration services. Contact an Authorized Service Center for assistance on obtaining a calibration for the probe.
6. After the reference probe has been enabled, the focus of the temperature display can be set. The focus is disabled if the reference probe is disabled. From the reference menu, press the “Focus” soft key (Main Menu: REF MENU|FOCUS). Use the  $\triangleright$  or  $\triangleleft$  key to select reference focus. Press “ENTER” to accept the selection. The largest temperature on the display will now be the reference temperature.

## 4 Parts and Controls

This section describes the exterior features of the Metrology Well.

### 4.1 Back panel

The following are found on the back of the Metrology Well (see Figure 2 ).

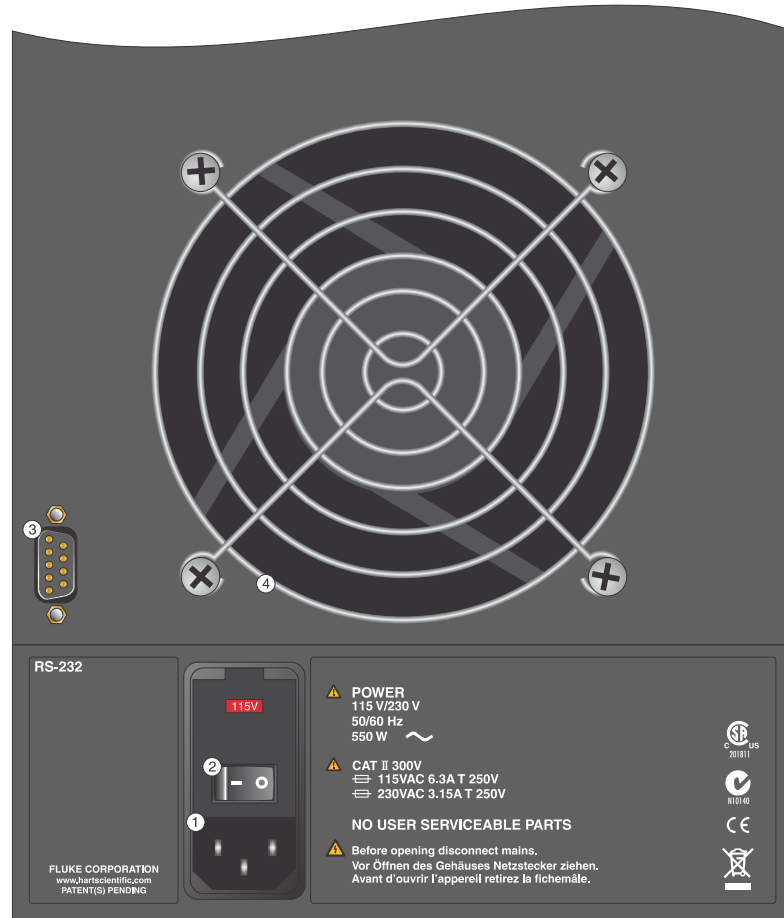


Figure 2 Metrology Well back panel view

#### Power Cord Plug (1)

The power supply cord attaches to the back panel. Plug the cord into an AC mains supply appropriate for the voltage range as specified in the specifications tables.

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#### **Power Switch (2)**

The power switch is located on the power entry module of the unit at the bottom left of the back panel.

#### **Serial Connector (3)**

The serial connector is a 9-pin subminiature D type located on the back panel. The serial (RS-232) interface can be used to transmit measurements and control the operation of the Metrology Well.

#### **Fan (4)**

The fan is necessary to keep the internal components cool. Always make sure air can flow freely underneath and around the instrument.

## 4.2 Front panel

The following are found on the front of the Metrology Well (see Figure 3, on opposite page).

#### **Display (1)**

The display is a 320 x 240 pixel monochrome graphics LCD device with a bright CCFT backlight. The contrast can be adjusted using the  $\triangle$  or  $\nabla$  arrow buttons on the front panel. The display is used to show current control temperature, measurements, status information, operating parameters, and soft key functions.

#### **Soft Keys (2)**

The soft keys are the four buttons immediately below the display (labeled F1 to F4). The functions of the soft keys are indicated on the display above the buttons. The function of the keys may change depending on the menu or function that is selected.

#### **Buttons (3)**

The front panel buttons allow you to select menus, enter numeric data for operating parameters, move the cursor on the display, change the display layout, and adjust the contrast of the display.

#### **Reference Thermometer Connection (-R models only) (4)**

The 5-pin DIN connector on the front panel allows a reference probe to be attached to the unit for use with the reference thermometer function of the unit.

#### **Switch Connectors (5)**

The switch hold patented DWF connector posts are located on the right side of the front panel.

**Block Temperature Indicator (U.S. Patent 7,561,058) (6)**

The block temperature indicator lamp allows users to know when the block temperature is above 50°C.

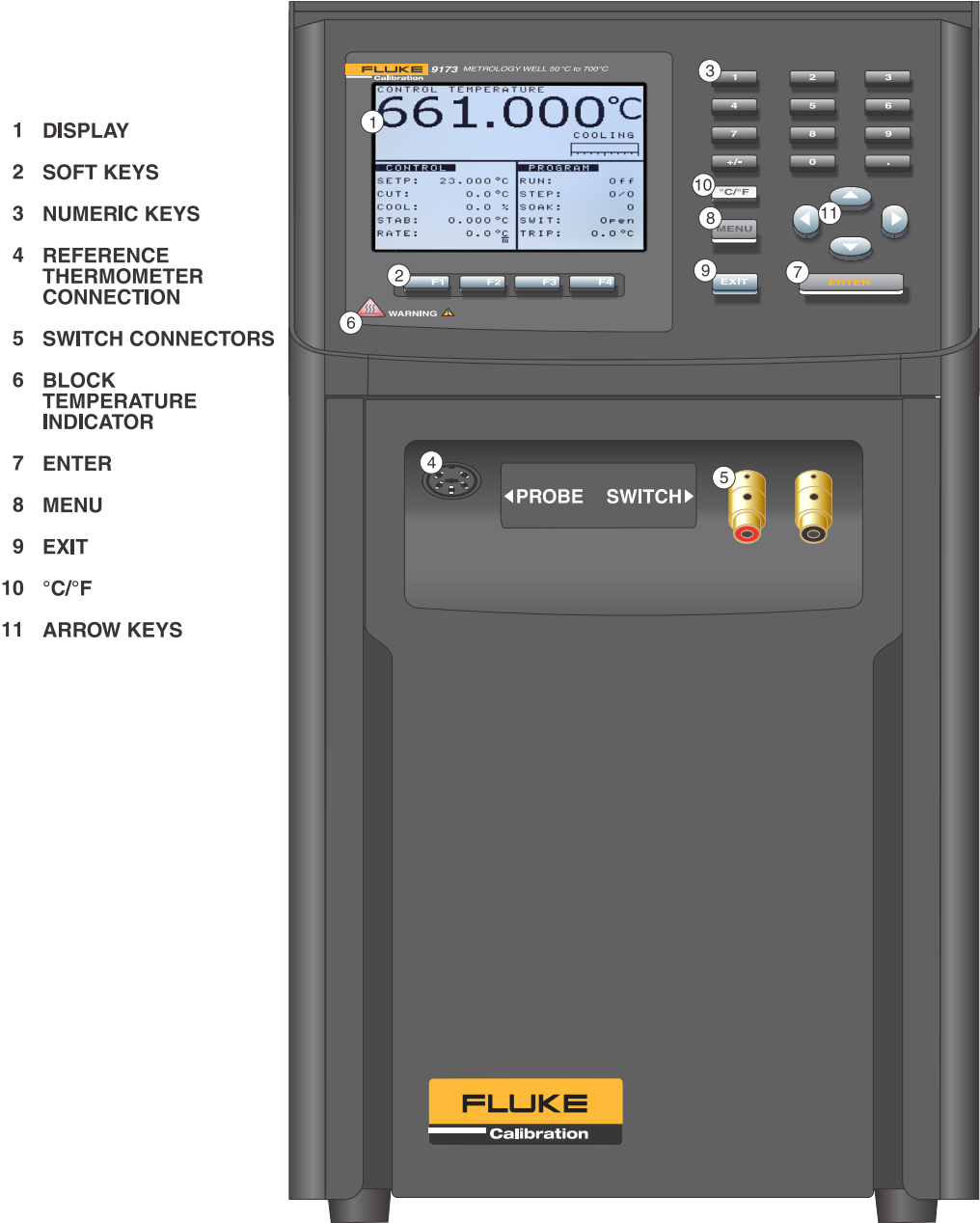


Figure 3 Metrology Well front panel view

### **4.3 Front Panel Display**

The front panel display is shown in detail in Figure 3, on previous page and its features are described below.

#### **Control Focus**

The most recent block temperature measurement is shown in large digits in the box at the top of the screen. While viewing the main screen, the left arrow key enables the control focus view. The main control parameters are shown in the box at the bottom left of the screen. The current program selected is shown in the box at the bottom right of the screen.

#### **Reference Focus (-R models only)**

The most recent reference thermometer measurement is shown in large digits in the box at the top of the screen. While viewing the main screen, the right arrow key enables the reference focus view. The main control parameters are shown in the box at the bottom left of the screen and the current program selected is shown in the box at the bottom right of the screen.

#### **Heating/Cooling Status**

Just above the “PROGRAM” box there is a bar graph that will indicate HEATING, COOLING, or CUTOUT. This status graph indicates the current level of heating or cooling if the instrument is not in cutout mode.

#### **Soft Key Functions**

The four boxes at the bottom of the display indicate the functions of the soft keys (F1–F4). These functions change with each menu.

#### **Editing Windows**

While setting up and operating the instrument, you are often required to enter or select parameters. Editing windows appear on the screen when necessary to show the values of parameters and allow you to change them.

### **4.4 Front Panel Buttons**

The functions of the front panel buttons are described below and shown in Figure 3, on previous page.

#### **Soft Keys (2)**

The four soft keys (F1–F4) just below the display are used to select menus or menu functions. The functions of the soft keys are indicated in text just above the soft keys on the display. The functions of the soft keys change depending on the selected menu. Pressing the “EXIT” key allows the user to exit from a sub-menu or window and returns to the previous menu or main screen.



### **Numeric Keys (3)**

The ten number keys, the decimal point, and +/- keys are used to enter numeric data.

### **ENTER (7)**

The “ENTER” key is used to enter a new parameter value or option or as a shortcut key to the set-point menu while viewing the main screen. When the value of any parameter is changed “ENTER” must be pressed to accept the new value. If the up/down arrow, exit or menu buttons are pressed before “ENTER”, the cursor will leave the parameter and any changes made to it will be canceled. Within a window with a list of parameters, pressing “ENTER” will also move the cursor down to the next parameter. If the cursor is at the bottom of the list, pressing “ENTER” with or without changing the parameter will exit the window. The “ENTER” button may also be used during some operations to affirm or continue with an action or choice.



**NOTE:** *The “ENTER” button must always be pressed after changing a parameter to accept the new value or option.*

### **Menu (8)**

The menu key allows the user to access all parameter and settings menus. From the main menu, the user can use the soft keys to access submenus and functions.

### **EXIT (9)**

The “EXIT” key is used to cancel an operation, exit a window, as a shortcut key to the cutout menu while viewing the main screen, or return from a lower menu to a higher menu. In any window, pressing “EXIT” will immediately exit the window and go to the previous window or menu. If a parameter is entered or changed and “EXIT” is pressed before “ENTER”, the change will be canceled. During some operations the “EXIT” key may be used to cancel the operation. If a cutout condition exists, press the “EXIT” key to access the Cutout menu. To reset the cutout, select the “RESET CUT-OUT” parameter and select “YES” using the  $\triangleright$  or  $\triangleleft$  keys. Press “ENTER” to reset the Cutout.

### **°C/°F (10)**

The “C/F” key allows the user to change the display units from Celsius to Fahrenheit and vice-versa while viewing the main screen.

### **Up/Down ( $\triangle$ / $\nabla$ )Arrows (11)**

The up and down arrow keys have three functions: move the cursor through a list of parameters in a window, scroll through parameters list that is longer than can be displayed, and, while viewing the main screen, change the contrast of the display.

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**NOTE:** Parameter entry will abort if the up or down arrow key is pressed before “ENTER”. Therefore, the up or down arrow keys can be used to cancel a parameter change.

#### Left/Right (◀ ▶) Arrows (11)

The left and right arrow keys have three functions: move from digit to digit while editing a parameter, select or change an option for some parameters, and change focus from control to reference or from reference to control. Remember, “ENTER” must always be pressed to save a new value or option selected.

### 4.5 Accessories

- 9170-CASE, Case, 9170–3 Carrying
- 9170-DCAS, Case, Transportation with wheels, 9170–3 Metrology Wells
- 9170-INSA, Insert, A, 9170, miscellaneous holes
- 9170-INSB, Insert, B, 9170, comparison holes
- 9170-INSC, Insert, C, 9170, four 0.25 inch holes
- 9170-INSD, Insert, D, 9170, metric, miscellaneous holes
- 9170-INSE, Insert, E, 9170, metric, 0.25 inch reference, miscellaneous holes
- 9170-INSF, Insert, F, 9170, metric, 0.25 inch reference, comparison holes
- 9170-INSG, Insert, G, 9170, EA testing
- 9170-INSY, Insert, Custom, 9170
- 9170-INSZ, Insert, Blank, 9170
- 9171-INSA, Insert, A, 9171, miscellaneous holes
- 9171-INSB, Insert, B, 9171, comparison holes
- 9171-INSC, Insert, C, 9171, four 0.25 inch holes
- 9171-INSD, Insert, D, 9171, metric miscellaneous holes
- 9171-INSE, Insert, E, 9171, metric, 0.25 inch reference, miscellaneous holes
- 9171-INSF, Insert, F, 9171, metric, 0.25 inch reference, comparison holes
- 91710-INSG, Insert, G, 9171, EA testing
- 9171-INSY, Insert, Custom, 9171
- 9171-INSZ, Insert, Blank, 9171
- 9172-INSA, Insert, A, 9172, miscellaneous holes
- 9172-INSB, Insert, B, 9172, comparison holes
- 9172-INSC, Insert, C, 9172, four 0.25 inch holes
- 9172-INSD, Insert, D, 9172, metric miscellaneous holes
- 9172-INSE, Insert, E, 9172, metric, 0.25 inch reference, miscellaneous holes
- 9172-INSF, Insert, F, 9172, metric, 0.25 inch reference, comparison holes
- 9172-INSG, Insert, G, 9172, EA testing
- 9172-INSY, Insert, Custom, 9172

- 9172-INSZ, Insert, Blank, 9172
- 9173-INSA, Insert, A, 9173, miscellaneous holes
- 9173-INSB, Insert, B, 9173, comparison holes
- 9173-INSC, Insert, C, 9173, four 0.25 inch holes
- 9173-INSD, Insert, D, 9173, metric miscellaneous holes
- 9173-INSE, Insert, E, 9173, metric, 0.25 inch reference, miscellaneous holes
- 9173-INSF, Insert, F, 9173, metric, 0.25 inch reference, comparison holes
- 9173-INSG, Insert, G, 9173, EA testing
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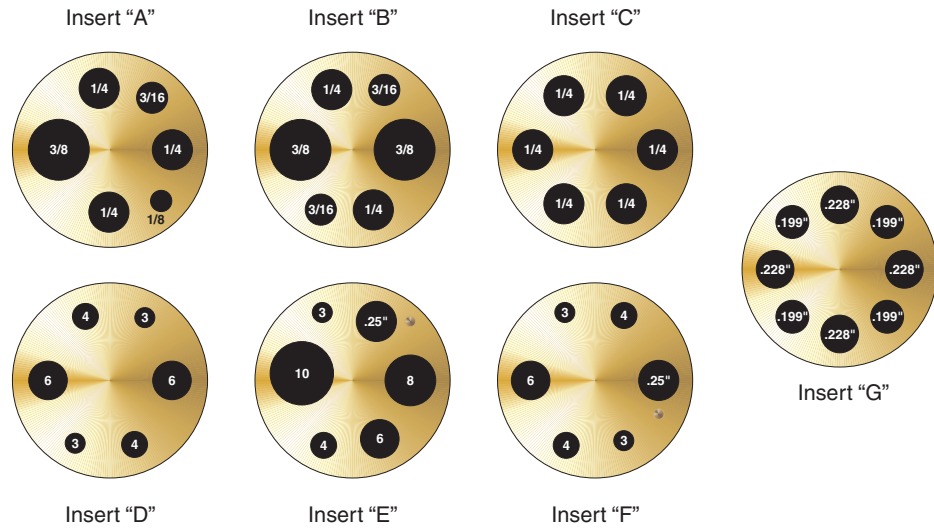


Figure 4 Metrology Well insert options. Probe sizes indicated in inches for A, B, and C, and millimeters for sleeves D, E, and F except for 0.25 inch reference holes in E and F.