



testo 206
pH/Temperature Measuring Instrument

Instruction Manual



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2 General Information

General Information

Please read this document through carefully and familiarise yourself with the operation of the product before putting it to use. Keep this documentation to hand so that you can refer to it when necessary.

Symbols and what they mean

Symbol	Meaning	Remarks
 Warning!	Warning text: Warning! Serious physical injuries could occur if the precautionary measures specified are not taken.	Please read warning carefully and take the precautionary measures specified.
 Caution!	Warning text: Caution! Light physical injuries could occur if the precautionary measures specified are not taken.	Please read warning carefully and take the precautionary measures specified.
	Note	Pay particular attention to Notes.
	Button name	Press button.
Text, 	Display content	Text or symbol is shown on the display.

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1. Safety Information



Avoid electrical hazards:

- ▶ Do not measure on or near live parts!



Preserving product safety/warranty claims:

- ▶ Operate the instrument properly and according to its intended purpose and within the parameters specified. Do not use force.
- ▶ Do not store together with solvents (e.g. acetone).
- ▶ Temperature data on probes/sensors refer only to the measurement area of the sensors. Do not expose handles and cables to temperatures greater than 70°C if they are not specifically designed for higher temperatures.
- ▶ Open the instrument only when this is expressly described in the documentation for maintenance purposes.
- ▶ Only the maintenance and service work described in the documentation should be carried out. Please adhere to the steps specified. For safety reasons, only original spare parts from Testo should be used.



Ensure correct disposal:

- ▶ Disposal of defective rechargeable batteries and spent batteries at the collection points provided.
- ▶ Send the instrument directly to us at the end of its life cycle. We will ensure that it is disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.

2. Intended Purpose

testo 206 is a practical instrument for spot check measurements of pH value and temperature.

It has different applications depending on the probe/BNC module used.

testo 206 with pH1 immersion probe

Measurement of liquid substances in the following sectors:

- Food companies (e.g. fruit juices)
- Industry (e.g. refrigerant, electroplating, chip production, paints and varnish, print products)
- Chemistry (e.g. cleaning agents)
- Environmental protection (e.g. drinking water/waste water)
- Swimming pools, aquaria
- Agriculture
- Fish farming
- Pharmaceuticals and biotechnology

testo 206 with pH2 penetration probe

Measurement of semi-solid substances in food production and processing: e.g. marmelades, marzipan, pastes, ready-to-serve salad, gelling agents, fruit, milk products, bakery and confectionery products. Laboratory measurements in companies involved in the processing of food.

testo 206 with pH3 BNC module

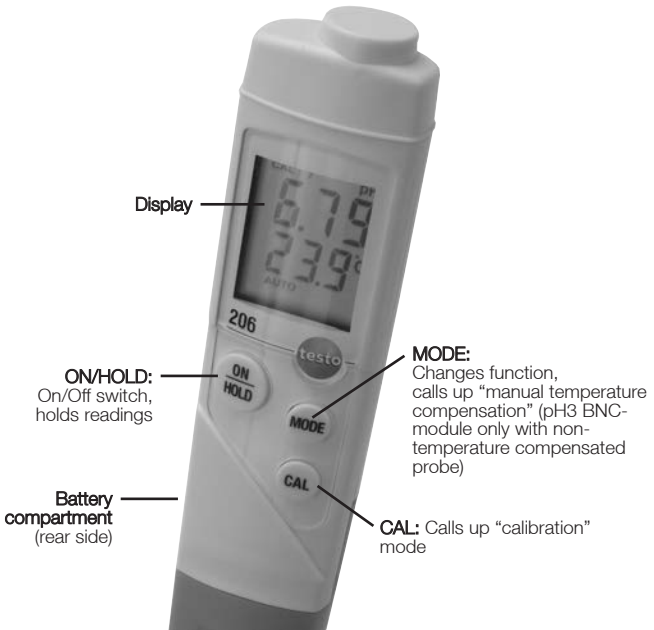
The BNC socket is used to connect external pH probes. Ranges of application depend on the probe attached.



testo 206 is not suitable for diagnostic measurements in the medical sector.

3. Product Description

3.1 Display and control elements



3.2 Probe/BNC modules

Immersion probe (pH1)



Penetration probe (pH2)



BNC module (pH3)



3.3 Power

Power is via a button cell (Typ CR2032, 3V; included with delivery).

3.4 TopSafe



TopSafe protects the instrument from moisture and mechanical strain (impact). We recommend you always use TopSafe.

! The IP68 protection class is achieved if the instrument is placed inside the TopSafe and is closed.



3.5 Storage cap

The storage cap filled with electrolyte gel is used to store the probe between measurements.

The probe is only immediately ready to operate if stored in electrolyte gel.

If the probe has been out of the electrolyte gel for a longer period of time, it must be stored in the electrolyte gel for approx. 12 hours to regenerate.

The storage cap can also be attached to the wall/transport bracket.

3.5 Wall/Transport bracket



The wall/transport bracket with belt holder and attachment unit for the storage cap is used for the safe storage of the measurement instrument at a fixed point or during transport.

4. Initial Operation

4.1 Insert battery

- 1 Open the TopSafe sealing cap and remove instrument.
- 2 Open battery compartment on rear of instrument.
- 3 Insert button cell (Type CR2032, 3V). The (+) sign must be visible.
- 4 Close battery compartment.
- 5 Remove protection strip on the storage cap.

4.2 Connect external probe (BNC module pH3 only)

- ▶ Attach BNC plug from the external probe to the BNC socket and seal with the aid of a bayonet coupling.

5. Operation

5.1 Switching on/off

- ▶ Switch on instrument: .
 - All segments light up briefly and the instrument changes to the measurement mode.
- ▶ Switch off instrument: Keep pressed.

5.2 Setting instrument

The following functions can be set:

Function	Description	Setting options
Temperature unit	Sets unit	°C or °F
Auto Hold (AUTO HOLD)	Automatically holds reading, as soon as it is stable*	On (switched on) or OFF (switched off)
Gradient/Offset	Displays gradient and offset values stored in the instrument (amount)	None (Information only)
Calibration method (CAL)	Sets 1, 2 or 3 point calibration	1P, 2P or 3P
Calibration points (CAL pH)	Sets calibration points	1P: 4, 7 or 10 2P: 4 7 or 7 10

Function	Description	Setting options
Auto Off (AUTO OFF)	Instrument switches off automatically after 10 minutes if no button has been pressed	On (switched on) or OFF (switched off)
Beeper (bP)	Warning sound (button pressed, stable reading reached with Auto Hold function switched on)	On (switched on) or OFF (switched off)

* Modification less than 0.02pH in 20s

! The setting procedure can be interrupted by switching off the instrument. The modifications are then not saved.

The instrument is switched off.

- 1 Opening the setting mode: **MODE** is kept pressed + **ON/HOLD**.
- 2 Select temperature unit (**°C** or **°F**): **CAL**.
Confirm selection: **MODE**.
- 3 Switch Hold on (**On**) or off (**OFF**): **CAL**.
Confirm selection: **MODE**.
 - The gradient and offset values stored in the instrument are displayed as information.
- 4 Change view: **MODE**.
- 5 Select calibration method (**1P**, **2P** or **3P**): **CAL**.
Confirm selection: **MODE**.
If 1 or 2 point calibration has been set:
 - ▶ Select calibration points (**4**, **7** or **10**, and **4 7** or **7 10**): **CAL**.
Confirm selection: **MODE**.
- 6 Switch Auto Off on (**On**) or off (**OFF**): **CAL**.
Confirm selection: **MODE**.
- 7 Switch beeper on (**On**) or off (**OFF**): **CAL**.
Confirm selection and save settings: **MODE**.
 - All of the segments light up briefly and the instrument changes to the measurement mode.

5.3 Measuring

Setting up the instrument

- ! If large quantities of the electrolyte gel are stuck to the probe when removed from the storage cap, it is a sign that the gel is spent.
- ▶ A new storage cap is needed.
 - ▶ Clean off the pH probe before and after each measurement with low concentration soap water followed by tap water (water temperature should be below 40°C). Dab dry with a paper towel. Do not rub.
 - ▶ When using the BNC module, please note the application information included with the external probe.

- 1 Carefully remove storage cap.
- 2 Switch on instrument: .

Carry out measurement



Warning!

Measurement tip made of glass, risk of breakage!

Risk of injury on account of glass parts which remain in the measurement medium.

- ▶ Check measurement tip of pH probe after each measurement for damage.

- ▶ Immerse/penetrate probe in the medium to be measured.
- The measured pH and temperature values are displayed. The readings are updated twice a second.
 - ▶ Hold readings manually: .
 - ▶ Restart measurement: .
- If Auto-Hold is switched on, **AUTO HOLD** flashes until the instrument has found a stable pH reading. The readings are then frozen (**AUTO HOLD** lights up). If no stable pH readings have been found within 300s, the measurement is stopped (⊖ and **AUTO HOLD** light up).
 - ▶ Restart measurement: .

Manual temperature compensation

! This function is only available with a connected BNC module (pH3) if a pH probe without temperature sensor is connected. The temperature can then be adapted to the temperature of the medium being measured.

- 1 Open manual temperature compensation mode: **MODE**.
 - ▶ Increase value: **CAL**. Keep button pressed to get through values quickly.
- 2 Change setting direction: **MODE**.
 - ▶ Lower value: **CAL**. Keep button pressed to get through values quickly.
- 3 Finish setting: **MODE**.
 - All segments light up briefly and the instrument will change to the measurement mode.

Finish measurement

- 1 Switch off instrument: Keep **ON/HOLD** pressed.
- 2 Clean off the pH probe with low concentration soap water followed by tap water (water temperature should be below 40°C). Dab dry with a paper towel. Do not rub.
- 3 Insert probe in the storage cap.

! The probe tip must be immersed in the electrolyte gel. Keep electrolyte gel clean.

5.4 Calibrating instrument

! Please also adhere to the instructions supplied with the buffer solution (Testo buffer: see label).

The instrument is switched on and is in the measurement mode.

- 1 Open calibration mode: **CAL**.
 - testo 206-pH3 with pH probe without temperature sensor: The set temperature value for manual temperature compensation is displayed for 2s. The value must correspond to the temperature of the buffer solution.
 - Calibration point (4, 7 or 10) is shown and **CAL** flashes.

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2 Skip calibration point: **MODE**.

-or-

Immerse probe in the buffer solution and start calibration:

CAL.

- The instrument waits for a stable reading : **AUTO** flashes.
- If a stable reading is available (change less than 0.02pH in 20s), the calibration point calibrates and the instrument changes to the next calibration point (if available) or to the gradient and offset value display.

▶ Carry out calibration manually: **CAL**.

3 Repeat Step 2 for additional calibration points.

- Once calibration is complete, the amount of the gradient and offset value is shown. If the amount of the gradient value is less than 50mV / pH or the amount of the offset value is greater than 60mV, the pH electrode is spent and must be replaced.

4 Return to measurement view: Press any button.

6. Service and Maintenance

6.1 Checking electrolyte gel

- ▶ Check the electrolyte gel in the storage cap regularly for contamination and ensure it is filled to the correct level. Replace storage cap if necessary.

6.2 Cleaning housing/TopSafe

- ▶ Clean housing with a damp cloth (soap water) if dirty. Do not use abrasive cleaning agents or solutions!
TopSafe can also be cleaned in the dishwasher.

6.3 Changing the module

- ! The instrument must be newly calibrated if a module is changed (See 5.4 Calibrating instrument, P. 11)!

Instrument must be switched off. Plug contacts in the instrument should not be touched!

- 1 Unscrew the screws at the back of the instrument.
- 2 Remove module and attach new module.


- ! There must be rubber sealing rings available for the screws.
 - ▶ Check that the sealing rings are in their correct position.

- 3 Tighten screws.

6.4 Changing battery

- 1 Open battery compartment at the back of the instrument.
- 2 Remove spent button cell and insert new button cell (Type CR2032, 3V). The (+) symbol should be visible.
- 3 Close the battery compartment.

7. Questions and Answers

Question	Possible causes	Possible solution
Readings instable.	Static charge. Air cushion from measurement electrode gets into measurement tip. pH electrode has dried out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Rinse off pH electrode with tap water or low concentration soap water. ▶ Shake pH electrode in a downward direction like with a fever thermometer. ▶ Place pH electrode for several hours in water or diluted hydrochloric acid.
 lights up.	Remaining capacity of battery < 10h.	▶ Change battery (See 6.4 Changing battery, P. 13)
Instrument switches itself off.	Auto Off function is switched on.	▶ Auto Off. (See 5.2 Setting instrument, P. 8)
Er1 lights up.	Invalid gradient value of pH electrode. pH electrode defective.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Recalibrate instrument, a new buffer solution could be used. ▶ When using a probe without temperature sensor: check set temperature value. ▶ Change probe.
Er2 lights up.	Invalid offset value of the pH electrode. pH electrode defective.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Recalibrate instrument, a new buffer solution could be used. ▶ Change probe.
Er3 lights up.	Invalid gradient value of pH electrode following 3 point calibration. pH electrode defective.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Recalibrate instrument, a new buffer solution could be used. ▶ Change probe.

8. Technical data

Type	testo 206-pH1	testo 206-pH2	testo 206-pH3
Parameters	pH/°C		
Sensor	pH electrode/NTC		
Measurement range	0 to 14 pH / ±0 to +60°C (short-term to +80°C, max. 5min)		
Resolution	0.01 pH / 0.1 °C		
Accuracy	±0.02 pH / ±0.4 °C		
Temperature compensation	Automatic	Automatic	Depending on external probe
Probe	Probe module w/ immersion probe	Probe module w/ penetration probe	BNC module w/ connection socket
Measuring rate	2/s		
Operating temperature	±0 to +60°C		
Storage temperature	-20 to +70°C		
Power	1 x button cell, Type CR2032, 3V		
Battery life	Approx. 80h		
Housing	Instrument: ABS, TopSafe: PU		
Protection Class	With TopSafe: IP68		
CE guideline	89/336/EEC		
Dimensions (LxBxH)	110 x 33 x 20 (without probe and Topsafe)		
Warranty	2 years, excluding probe modules		

9. Accessories and Spare Parts

Name	Item no.
Probe module/Immersion probe pH1 incl. storage cap with electrolyte gel	0650 2061
Probe module/Penetration probe pH2 incl. storage cap with electrolyte gel	0650 2062
Probe type 1 incl. storage cap with electrolyte gel for testo 206 pH3	0554 2063
Probe type 14 incl. storage cap with electrolyte gel for testo 206 pH3	0554 2064
Storage cap 206 with electrolyte gel, 1 off	0554 2067
Storage cap 206 with electrolyte gel, 3 off	0554 2068
Storage cap Standard (for external probes) with electrolyte gel, 1 off	0554 2053
Storage cap Standard (for external probes) with electrolyte gel, 3 off	0554 2054
pH buffer solution (4.01pH), 250ml, 1 off	0554 2061
pH buffer solution (4.01pH), 250ml, 3 off	0554 2062
pH buffer solution (7.00pH), 250ml, 1 off	0554 2063
pH buffer solution (7.00pH), 250ml, 3 off	0554 2064
pH buffer solution (10.01pH), 250ml, 1 off	0554 2065
pH buffer solution (10.01pH), 250ml, 3 off	0554 2066
Aluminium case	0650 2064



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