



Standard Specification for Solid State Bargraph Meters for Shipboard Use [Metric]¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification provides the requirements for design, construction, performance, and testing of solid state bargraph-type indicating meters.

1.2 The solid state bargraph meters covered by this specification are intended for use in shipboard applications of electrical measurement. This specification covers the requirements and quality assurance provisions for solid state, panel-type (edgewise), and rectangular switchboard-type instruments, which use light-emitting diodes (LEDs) for bargraph indication and optional digital displays.

1.3 This specification's requirements may be invoked for specialized measurement applications where another quantity, for example, position, weight, concentration of a trace element in an atmosphere sample, and so forth, is converted to electrical energy for display and measurement. Special dial markings shall be specified for such cases.

1.4 The values stated in metric units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

B117 Practice for Operating Salt Spray (Fog) Apparatus

D3951 Practice for Commercial Packaging

F1166 Practice for Human Engineering Design for Marine Systems, Equipment, and Facilities

2.2 Federal Specifications:

TT-E-529 Enamel, Alkyd, Semigloss, Low VOC Content³

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from Standardization Documents Order Desk, Bldg. 4 Section D, 700 Robbins Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111-5098, ATTN: NPODS.

2.3 Federal Standards:

H28 Screw Thread Standards for Federal Services³

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

3.1.1 *accuracy, n*—the accuracy is a number that defines the limit of errors expressed as a percentage of full-scale value.

3.1.2 *center-zero meter, n*—meter with display mode characterized by a sequentially illuminated string of LEDs starting at the center scale zero position and extending in either direction from zero, proportional to the polarity and magnitude of the input signal.

3.1.3 *dual bargraph display, n*—two completely independent bargraph displays included in a single enclosure.

3.1.4 *end-scale value, n*—the value of the actuating electrical quantity that corresponds to end scale indication. When zero is not at the end or at the electrical center of the scale, the higher value is used. See **Table 1**.

3.1.5 *end-zero meter, n*—meter with display mode characterized by a sequentially illuminated string of LEDs starting from a zero point, normally at the left for switchboard-style meters or horizontally installed edgewise meters, or the bottom of vertically installed edgewise meters, that extends in the direction of full-scale value.

3.1.6 *full-scale value, n*—full-scale value is the largest value of the actuating electrical quantity that can be indicated on the scale. For instruments with zero between the ends of the scale, the full-scale value is the arithmetic sum of the values of the actuating electrical quantity corresponding to the two ends of the scale.

3.1.7 *response time, n*—the response time is the time required for the indicating means to display a new value after a step change has occurred in the measured quantity to a new constant value.

3.1.8 *scale division, n*—a scale division is the increment between the centers of two consecutive scale marks. The number of scale marks is one more than the number of scale divisions. For example, 10 scale divisions require 11 scale marks.