



Kestrel[®]

Heat Stress Trackers
by **NK**

**KESTREL 4400 & 4600
INSTRUCTIONAL MANUAL**



AVAILABLE WITH
 **Bluetooth[®]**
WIRELESS DATA TRANSFER

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CAUTION

Your Kestrel brand Weather & Environmental Meter is designed to provide accurate measurement of current conditions only. Depending on your location and environment, conditions may change rapidly.

Rapid temperature and humidity changes (ie moving your meter from indoors to outdoors) may cause inaccurate readings of temperature and humidity as well as all readings that rely on either of these values. Before relying on a Kestrel Meter's readings, use care to either a) force air flow over the sensors by waving or slinging your meter through the air; or b) wait until your unit's readings have stabilized, indicating it has equilibrated to its new environment.

To maximize the accuracy and reliability of your readings:

- *Ensure that your Kestrel Meter is in good repair and within factory calibration.*
- *Take readings frequently and carefully according to the guidelines above.*
- *Allow your meter's readings to stabilize after significant changes in temperature or humidity (ie changing location from indoors to outdoors).*
- *Allow a margin of safety for changing conditions and reading errors (2-3% of reading is recommended).*

Use extra care and good judgment when referring to your Kestrel Meter to make any decisions regarding safety, health or property protection.

WARNING

To reduce the risk of injury or death to persons, read and follow these guidelines!

The Heat Stress, Wind Chill and Thermal Work Limit indices are published indices developed by the National Weather Service to provide decision guidance based on average human physiological response. Certain individuals, animals, equipment or property may be more susceptible to harm relating to environmental conditions, requiring additional precautions. For example, very young or elderly individuals, individuals with asthma or sickling trait, and individuals who have not become acclimated to hot conditions are likely to be more prone to heat illness, heat exhaustion, heat stroke or death.





















- *Know yourself and the individuals and items you are responsible for.*
- *Where appropriate, seek the guidance of a medical professional.*
- *Know what to do in the event of heat illness.*
- *Be prepared with supplies to treat heat illness.*
- *Have and practice a heat illness action plan.*

Your Kestrel Heat Stress Tracker is an environmental meter, not a medical device. It is only one source of information and must be employed with care and good judgment.

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FEATURES & OPTIONS

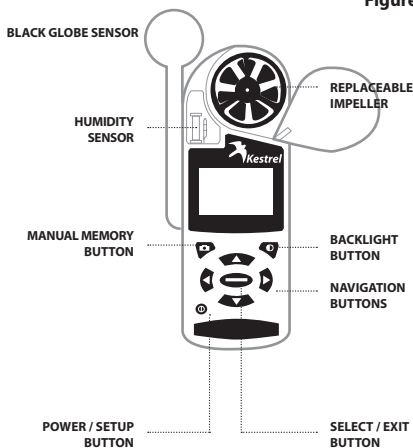
Measurement	Icon	Units of Measure	4400	4600
Wind Speed Air Speed		mph fpm Bft m/s km/h kt	•	•
Wind Direction		Cardinal Points, Degrees		
Crosswind Calculation		mph fpm Bft m/s km/h kt		
Headwind Tailwind		mph fpm Bft m/s km/h kt		
Temperature*		°F °C	•	•
Wind Chill		°F °C	•	•
Relative Humidity		Gpp G/kg	•	•
Heat Stress Index		°F °C	•	•
Globe Temp		°F °C	•	•
Naturally Aspirated Wet				
Bulb Temp		°F °C	•	•
Wet Bulb Globe				
Temp (WBGT)		°F °C	•	•
Thermal Work Limit				
(TWL)		w/m ²	•	•
Dewpoint Temp		°F °C	•	•
Wet Bulb Temp		°F °C	•	•
Humidity Ratio		Gpp G/kg	•	•
Relative Air Density		lb/ft ³ kg/m ³	•	•
Barometric Pressure		inHg hPA psi mb	•	•
Absolute Pressure		inHg hPA psi mb	•	•
Altitude		m ft	•	•
Density Altitude		m ft	•	•
Pressure Trend			•	•
Backlit Display			•	•
NV Backlight			○	○
Bluetooth® Data Transfer			○	○
Data Storage Points			2300	1889

* All Kestrel Meters with temperature measurement allow you to measure air, water, and snow temperature.

○ = Optional Feature

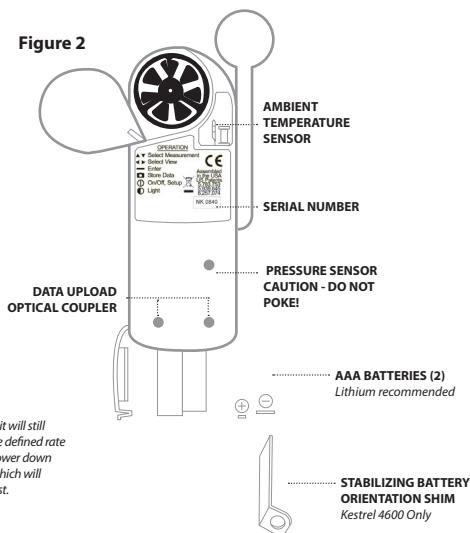
FRONT

Figure 1



BACK

Figure 2



Even when the Kestrel display is off, the unit will still automatically collect and store data at the defined rate (see "Memory Options"). To completely power down the unit, you must remove the batteries, which will cause time, date and user settings to be lost.

Battery Installation

- Insert batteries into bottom of Kestrel unit as shown on battery door.
- Snap door closed.

KESTREL 4600:

AAA batteries have a magnetic signature strong enough to affect the Kestrel compass readings. Please follow this extra step to ensure the batteries stay in proper orientation.

Before closing the door, push the plastic shim (provided with unit) between batteries and place clear ring on end over positive battery "bump."

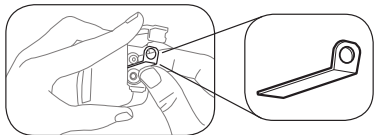




Figure 1





❏ When replacing batteries in the Kestrel 4600, always keep the shim and re-insert with new batteries as described.

Turning ON and OFF






- Press  to turn on the meter.
- Hold  for 3 seconds to turn off the meter.

❏ You can also select "Off" on the Main Setup Menu options.

Main Setup Menu



- When unit is on, press  to access the Main Setup Menu which is used to customize preferences.
- Press  and  to scroll through the options.
- Press  to select the highlighted option.

Date and Time Setup

- After battery installation, the meter will automatically enter the Date and Time Setting mode.
- Press  and  to scroll to each option.
- Press  and  to adjust each option.
- Press the  button to exit to the Main Setup Menu.

System

Contrast, auto shutdown, and calibrations can be reconfigured as needed in the System screen.

- Use  or  to highlight one of the following options:

Contrast



- Press  or  to increase or decrease the display contrast from 0 (lightest) to 20 (darkest).

Auto Shutdown

- Press  or  to set the time at which the display will automatically shut off after non-use (choose 15 min, 60 min, or Off to de-activate auto shutdown).

❏ Battery life will be shortened if the Auto Shutdown is turned to "Off."

Batteries

- Press  or  to select the appropriate battery type in use (choose Lithium, NiMH or Alkaline).

Baro Cal







❏ Recalibration of this sensor is not recommended without speaking to an NK technician. See "Barometric Pressure & Altitude Setup" section on page 17 for calibration instructions.

Humidity Cal

☐ *Recalibration of this sensor is not recommended without speaking to an NK technician. Full humidity calibration instructions are provided with the Kestrel RH Calibration Kits. The unit may also be returned to NK for calibration.*




Visit www.nkhome.com for more information.

Date & Time

- Press  to enter the Main Setup Menu.
- Use  or  to highlight Date & Time.
- Press  to enter the Date & Time Screen.
- Press  or  to change each value.

Language


Display text can be set to 1 of 5 languages: English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish.

- Press  or  to scroll the desired language.
- Press  to select the highlighted language.



Restore

This menu contains options for global settings of all units to metric or imperial, and returning the reference values for the Alt and Baro screens to default (0 ft, 29.92 inHg).

To change units:














- Press  or  to scroll to the desired setting and press  or .

To return the reference values for the Baro and Alt screens to default:

- Scroll to Defaults and press  or .

Memory Options

- Press  or  to scroll to one of these options:

Clear Log	Go	Press  or  to clear stored data (will also clear Min/Max/Avg log).
Reset MMA	Go	Press  or  to clear Min/Max/Avg data (Chart data will remain intact).
Auto Store	On	Press  or  to turn "On" (data will automatically store at Store Rate) or "Off" (data will only store when manually captured with the button).
Store Rate*	1hr	Press  or  to increase or decrease frequency at which data is stored (from 2 sec - 12 hr).
Overwrite	On	Press  or  to turn "On" (will discard oldest data point to capture new data when log is full) or "Off" (will not capture new data when log is full).
Man Store	On	Press  or  to turn "On" or "Off" (Off will disable  button).

* When unit is off, data will continue to be stored unless the 2 sec or 5 sec Store Rates have been selected.

Data Storage





To manually store data, press the  button. The screen will confirm data storage status.

- **Data Stored:** verifies that data was captured and will appear on chart.
- **Full:** indicates overwrite is off and data log is full.
- **Off:** indicates that the Manual Store button has been disabled.

☐ *See Main Setup Menu for more information on memory.*








Measurements

Use this setup to “hide” unwanted Measurement screens from the normal Measurement navigation.

- Use  or  to scroll to the desired Measurement screen.
- Press  or  to turn screen “On” and “Off”.





☐ *The Kestrel Meter will continue to log data for hidden measurements. To view logged data of the hidden measurement, go to Measurement setup, select the Measurement screen you want to view, and turn it back “On.”*

When the Kestrel is in Chart mode, the upper and lower limits of the graph scale may need to be adjusted to fully view all data points. You can customize these value limits using the Graph Scale setup.

- Press  or  to scroll to the Measurement you want to adjust, then press .
- In the new screen, use  or  to highlight “Set High” or “Set Low”.
- Press  or  to adjust the value limit of your chosen option.










Units

This setup option lets you select units of measure to best suit your application.

- Use  or  to scroll to each measurement.
- Press  or  to change the unit of measurement.

User Screens




The Kestrel allows you to set up to 3 customized User Screens that will display 3 **current** Measurement values on the same screen. These screens are helpful for quick reference if you need to monitor multiple measurements at once. The User Screen option allows you to customize your user screens.

- Press  or  to highlight User Screen 1, 2 or 3, then press .
- Use  or  to set your preferred measurement option.
- Press  or  to highlight the remaining lines, and use  or  to set those Measurement options.

Repeat these steps to set up the other User Screens.

When accessed through the Measurement navigation, each User Screen will display current data for the chosen measurements as programmed.

Figure 1

User	Screen 2
	22.5 °F
	48.6 %
	1014.6 inHg

Sample User Screen

Measurement Screens

- Press or to scroll through the Measurement screens.

Measurement Modes

- From your chosen Measurement screen, use or to scroll through the Mode options:

Current: Displays instantaneous reading.

Min/Max/Avg: Displays the Minimum, Maximum, and Average readings from stored data (Displays --- if no data has been stored).

Chart: Displays graph of stored data points for each measurement.

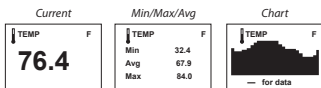


Figure 1

To View Chart Data:

- Press while viewing a chart. A cursor will appear on the most recent data point.
- Press or to scroll through saved data:

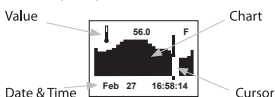


Figure 2

The data value will be displayed at the top of the screen. The date and time when each data point was stored will be displayed at the bottom of the screen.

- Press or to review the chart data for other measurements.

MAX/AVG FUNCTIONS - Wind Speed & Wind Chill

These values are measured independently from stored and charted data to allow the user to start and stop the averaging period in the manner most appropriate for their application. Averaging on all wind-related values will be started and stopped together.

To measure these values:

- Press or to scroll to a wind measurement screen, then use or to select Min/Max/Avg screen.
- Press to begin collecting data.
- Press again to stop data collection and display the Maximum and Average values.

This routine will work simultaneously for both measurements, regardless of which one is displayed when run. No other Min/Max/Avg or stored data will be affected.

- To clear data, press when the screen says "— clear".

Other measurements will display min / max / avg data based on the data stored in the log (using either auto-stored or manually captured data). This data can be cleared by using "Reset MMA" under memory options.

Backlight

- Press to activate backlight for one minute.
- Press again to deactivate the light manually.

MEASURING HEAT STRESS

The Kestrel Heat Stress Trackers will only yield accurate measurements using the following guidelines. It is important that the meter be fully acclimated to the measurement environment for accurate readings.

Proper Placement

The Heat Stress Trackers should always be used at least 3 feet from the ground. If the unit is laid on the ground, it will compromise the measurements of user's conditions. To ensure proper placement, NK recommends using the Kestrel Vane Mount and Collapsible Tripod, which is included with select models or can be purchased separately.

Optimal Acclimating Time

If taken from a cool environment, where the Kestrel Heat Stress Tracker was stored, to an outside heat stress climate, the unit will need to adjust accordingly. Give the unit a minimum of 7 minutes to adjust to the outside climate if taken from storage (examples: air conditioned building, car glove box, truck gearbox, etc). 10 minutes of acclimation time is recommended. If worn on the person without the Black Globe exposed, the meter will need at least 2 minutes to display accurate measurements (examples: jeans pocket, shirt pocket, etc).

Repeat Measurements

When transporting the unit with the intention of taking repeat measurements, such as on a hike or march, try to keep the unit exposed as much as possible. A Kestrel Belt-Clip Carry Pouch or MOLLE-Compatible Tactical Carry Pouch is ideal for this purpose as the Black Globe sensor remains exposed to the air.

□ *Note: Please read the cautions and warnings on page 2 of the manual carefully. Consider all relevant factors, such as amount of work being completed, distance traveled with respect to people or animals, or*

WET BULB GLOBE TEMPERATURE

Measuring

The unit will calculate and display Wet Bulb Globe Temperature based on Globe Temperature, Relative Humidity, Ambient Temperature, Barometric Pressure, and Wind Speed.

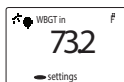
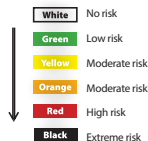


Figure 1

SIX USER-SETTABLE WARNING ZONES







The Kestrel Heat Stress Trackers allow you to customize the settings of your heat-related warning zones based on your specific needs.













Your Kestrel Heat Stress Tracker allows you to activate and set up to six customized heat stress warning zone thresholds to trigger warnings identified by color names on screen. The warnings are in increasing order of severity of risk of heat injury as shown.

Figure 2

SET OUTDOOR/INDOOR MODE AND TURN ON THE WARNING ZONES

- Navigate to the WBGT Screen.
- Press  to enter the Settings Screen.
- Use  or  to change the "Type" setting between outdoor and indoor.
- Use  to highlight "Warnings," then use  or  to turn on or off.

TO SET WBGT WARNING ZONES

- Press  while on the WBGT Screen.
- Use  to highlight "Warning setup" and press .
- Use  or  to scroll to different warnings zones identified by color names.
- Press  to enter the selected warning zone.
- On the selected warning zone screen, press  to turn the "Warning" on or off.
- Press  to highlight "Temp." Use  or  to adjust the temperature value. Refer to the "WBGT Reference Guidelines" on the reverse side of this insert for suggested settings.

When a warning zone is turned "On," the WBGT screen will display the appropriate warning color (i.e. Warning: White) related to the specified temperature.


 *Note: The Red Warning Zone is further identified by a reverse flash of the warning. The Black Warning Zone will reverse flash the WBGT value to alert the user. See below screenshots for examples of the screen reverse flash.*



Figure 3

WARNING

The following WBGT Reference Guidance Charts are summarized from well-regarded published papers, policies and position statements relating to preventing heat injury. These guidelines are provided for reference only and do not constitute medical advice.

These guidelines, and your Kestrel Heat Stress Tracker, must be employed with care and good judgment. Please remember that certain individuals are more susceptible to exertional heat stress and the Kestrel Heat Stress Trackers are environmental meters, not medical devices. For more information on heat stress injury prevention, visit HeatStress.com.

When in doubt, set your Zone Thresholds lower, reduce work time and increase rest and hydration.

Figure 4

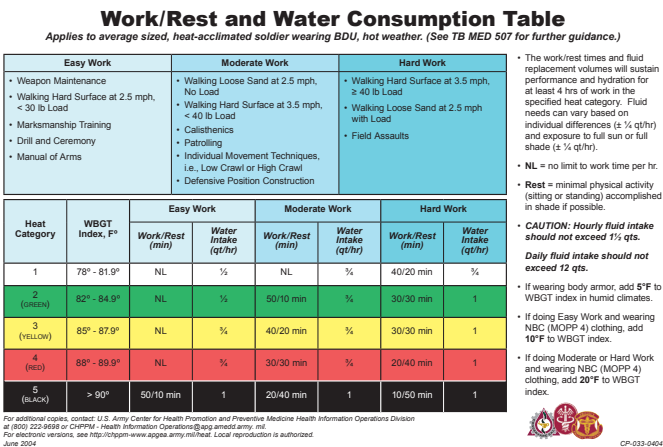


Figure 4: Work/Rest ratios and Water Consumption Guidelines. (Source: U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Health Information Operations Division. URL: <http://safety.ucanr.org/files/2091.pdf>)

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Figure 5

GUIDANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS	
WBGT READING	ACTIVITY GUIDELINES & REST BREAK GUIDELINES
UNDER 82.0	Normal activities - Provide at least three separate rest breaks each hour of minimum duration of 3 minutes each during workout.
82.0 - 86.9	Use discretion for intense or prolonged exercise; watch at-risk players carefully; Provide at least three separate rest breaks each hour of a minimum of four minutes duration each.
87.0 - 89.9	Maximum practice time is two hours! For football: players restricted to helmet, shoulder pads and shorts during practice. All protective equipment must be removed for conditioning activities. For all sports: Provide at least four separate rest breaks each hour of a minimum of four minutes each.
90.0 - 92.0	Maximum length of practice is one hour, no protective equipment may be worn during practice and there may be no conditioning activities. There must be 20 minutes of rest breaks provided during the hour of practice.
OVER 92	NO OUTDOOR WORKOUTS! Cancel exercise; delay practice until a cooler WBGT reading occurs.

GHSA Heat Index Record Sheet. Georgia High School Athletic Association Heat Index Measurement and Record. 2012:1.

Figure 6

GUIDANCE FOR ATHLETIC TRAINERS			
WBGT	FLAG COLOR	LEVEL OF RISK	COMMENTS
<18°C (<65°F)	Green	Low	Risk low but still exists on the basis of risk factors.
18-23°C (65-73°F)	Yellow	Moderate	Risk level increases as event progresses through the day.
23-28°C (73-82°F)	Red	High	Everyone should be aware of injury potential; individuals at risk should not compete.
>28°C (82°F)	Black	Extreme or Hazardous	Consider rescheduling or delaying the event until safer conditions prevail; if the event must take place, be on high alert.

Roberts WO. Medical management and administration manual for long distance road racing. In: Brown CH, Gudjonsson B, eds. *IAAF Medical Manual for Athletics and Road Racing Competitions: A Practical Guide*. Monaco: International Amateur Athletic Federation Publications; 1998:39–75.

Figure 7

GUIDANCE FOR CHILDREN'S SPORTS PRACTICE		
MODIFYING PRACTICE SESSIONS FOR EXERCISING CHILDREN		
WBGT		RESTRAINTS ON ACTIVITIES
°F	°C	
<75.0	<24.0	All activities allowed, but be alert for the prodromes of heat-related illness in prolonged events.
75.0-78.6	24.0-25.9	Longer rest periods in the shade; enforce drinking every 15 min.
79.0-84.0	26.0-29.0	Stop activity of unacclimatized persons and high-risk persons; limit activities of all others (disallow long-distance races, cut the duration of other activities).
>85.0	>29.0	Cancel all athletic activities.
Notes: 1. Source: reference (7). 2. These guidelines do not account for clothing. Although the effects of the uniform clothing and protective equipment (i.e., American football) on sweating and body temperature in younger athletes are unknown, uniforms should be considered when determining playing/practice limitations based on the WBGT. 3. Eight to 10 practices are recommended for heat acclimatization (30–45 min each; one per day or one every other day). 4. Differences of local climate and individual heat acclimatization status may allow activity at higher levels than outlined in the table, but athletes and coaches should consult with sports medicine staff and should be cautious when exceeding these limits.		

American Academy of Pediatrics. Climatic heat stress and the exercising child and adolescent. *Pediatrics* 106(1):158–159, 2000.

In addition to utilizing the guidance that is applicable to your environment and/or event, please refer to YOUR SPECIFIC STATE'S REQUIREMENTS for measuring WBGT and heat acclimatization guidelines.

Figure 8

ISO 7243 THRESHOLD LIMIT VALUES FOR WORK ENVIROMENTS						
WORK-REST REGIMEN	WORK LOAD					
	LIGHT		MODERATE		HEAVY	
	°C	°F	°C	°F	°C	°F
Continuous work	30.0	86.0	26.7	80.1	25.0	77.0
75% work + 25% rest; each hour	30.6	87.1	28.0	82.4	25.9	78.6
50% work + 50% rest; each hour	31.4	88.5	29.4	84.9	27.9	82.2
25% work + 75% rest; each hour	32.2	90.0	31.1	88.0	30.0	86.0

Parsons, Ken. Heat Stress Standard ISO 7243 and its Global Application. *Industrial Health* 2006(44):368-379.

Measuring

The unit will also display a measure of human heat stress known as “Thermal Work Limit,” or “TWL.” TWL is based upon Globe Temperature, Relative Humidity, Ambient Temperature, Barometric Pressure, Wind Speed, and parameters specific to the population using the Thermal Work Limit measurement. These parameters are the Intrinsic Clothing Insulation Factor (IClo), Vapor Permeation Factor (VPF), Position of the body (Pos), and surface area of the person (Area). See Clothing Ensemble Level Setting Screen below. TWL is measured in terms of the heat energy a person can dissipate from their surface area in Watts per square meter (w/m²). TWL incorporates recommended acclimatization, buffer and withdrawal zones as depicted in the following chart (page 15).



Figure 1

To Change TWL settings:

- Press while on the Thermal Work Limit screen.
- Use or to scroll to different ensembles.
- Press to select the desired ensemble.
- A bullet indicates the selected ensemble.
- Press to exit the WBGT settings screen.
- If Custom is selected, each factor specific to the user can be altered (shown above).
- To view the specifics of an ensemble, press after selecting it.
- If viewing the Custom ensemble specs, use or to adjust each value, and or to scroll to different parameters.
- Press to exit the ensemble specs, and once more to exit TWL settings screen.

Note: “Acclim” will blink on the TWL screen when the meter detects that Acclimatization is the current zone. In the Buffer or Withdrawal zones, the number will flash as shown in the screenshots below. For information on TWL interventions, refer to Figure 2. For typical numeric values for each factor, refer to Figure 3.



Figure 2

TWL (w/m ²)	> 220	140-220	115-140	< 115
Working Zone	Unrestricted	Acclimatization	Buffer	Withdrawal
Interventions	<p>No limits on self-paced work for trained, hydrated workers.</p>	<p>No restriction for acclimatized workers Workers with uncertain acclimatization status should not work alone in this zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of increased risk of heat illness • Dehydration test for first two shifts back from leave 	<p>Buffer zone exists to identify situations in which environmental conditions may be limiting to work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any practicable intervention to reduce heat stress should be implemented e.g. provide shade, improve ventilation etc • Working alone to be avoided if possible • Unacclimatized* workers not to work in this zone • Use the technical information sheets 'Work-rest cycling – sample schedules' and 'Fluid requirements for working in heat' to prescribe maximum exposure time, work/rest cycling and fluid intakes appropriate for type of work and conditions 	<p>Work limited to essential maintenance or rescue operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No person to work alone • No unacclimatized* person to work • Documentation required authorising work in hostile thermal conditions for specific purpose • Specific induction required emphasizing hydration and identifying signs of heat strain • Apply 20 minutes of work – 40 minutes rest schedule • Required fluid intake exceeds 600 ML per 30 minutes • Personal water bottle (2 liter capacity) must be on the job at all times • Mandatory dehydration testing at end of shift

*Unacclimatized workers are defined as new workers who have been off work for more than 14 days due to illness or leave (outside the tropics).

Figure 3: TWL values, working zones, and interventions. Source: Health Authority, Abu Dhabi.
URL: http://haad-safe.ae/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=27&Itemid=50

ENSEMBLE	IClo	VPF	POSITION	VALUE
Men's business suit: Long sleeve shirt/tweed suit jacket & long, loose trousers	1.13	0.37	Lying down	0.00
Short sleeve shirt/denim shorts	0.41	0.43	Standing up	1.00
Work Clothes: Short sleeve shirt/long trousers (denim)	0.50	0.40		
Work Clothes & Coveralls	0.96	0.39		

Figure 4: (left/above) Typical values for IClo, VPF, and POS. Typical value for Area of a man is 1.7. Sources: "Heat and Moisture Transfer Through Clothing" (http://www.ibpsa.org/proceedings/BS2009/BS09_1360_1366.pdf), and "A Comprehensive Database for Estimating Clothing Insulation," Institute for Environmental Research, Kansas State University; Elizabeth McCullough and Byron James.

BLUETOOTH SETUP (BLUETOOTH ENABLED METERS ONLY)

To transfer your Kestrel's real-time and logged data wirelessly and automatically to a laptop or PDA, follow these set up steps.

Enable the Kestrel's BLUETOOTH Capability

- Press  to enter the Main Menu.
- Use  or  to highlight "Bluetooth," then press .
- Use  or  to change from "Off/Disabled" to "On/Ready".

Set BLUETOOTH Range

In Bluetooth screen:

- Use  or  to highlight "Range".
- Use  and  adjust the range to "Low" (3ft) or "High" (30ft).

Obtain your Kestrel BLUETOOTH PIN and ID

For added security, each Kestrel comes with a unique PIN and ID number to ensure proper pairing.

In the Bluetooth screen:

- Use  to highlight "Info," then press  to view your unique ID and PIN.

Pair Your Kestrel with Your Computer

First, make sure your Kestrel unit's Bluetooth is set to ON. Open the Bluetooth management software on your computer and follow the prompts to enter the PIN. A COM Port will be assigned and displayed in the software once connection to the Kestrel is established.*

☐ *This is a general guideline for pairing your Kestrel with your computer. Individual Bluetooth software programs and navigation may vary, and some computers do not come equipped with Bluetooth capability and will need additional products to communicate via Bluetooth.*

* A "Bluetooth Error" screen will appear on the Kestrel if pairing is unsuccessful.

Set Up Kestrel Communicator Software

- Go to: www.nkhome.com/support/kestrel-support/manuals-and-downloads.
- Scroll down to software under Kestrel.
- Download and install the Kestrel Communicator Software from this link.
- Once installed, the "Kestrel Communicator" icon will appear on your desktop. Click on the icon and use the "Help" tab to find full instructions for use.

Setting Barometric Pressure & Altitude

The Kestrel meter measures “station pressure”, which changes in response to both changes in altitude and changes in atmosphere. Barometric pressure is a measurement of the air pressure adjusted to sea level. To obtain accurate barometric pressure and altitude readings, you must first know EITHER your location’s current barometric pressure OR your current altitude.

☐ Station pressure is displayed if the reference altitude is set to zero.

☐ Be sure to adjust your reference measurements for altitude and/or barometric pressure when you change your location or when there have been dramatic changes in weather conditions.

OPTION 1

Start with Known Altitude for your Location

- Use or to scroll to highlight the “BARO” screen
- Press to enter the “REF BARO” screen

Baro Displays current Barometric Pressure

Ref Alt Use or to set the known Altitude

Sync Alt Use or to switch “On” and sync the Baro reading to the “Altitude” screen

When “Sync Alt” is turned “On,” the current Barometric Pressure data is automatically used as a reference for Altitude, and both screens will show accurate readings.

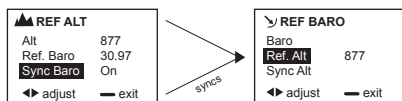


Figure 1

OPTION 2

Start with Known Barometric Pressure for your Location

- Use or to highlight the “Altitude” screen
- Press to enter the “REF ALT” screen

When “Sync Baro” is turned “On,” the current Altitude data is automatically used as a reference for Barometric Pressure, and both screens will show accurate readings.

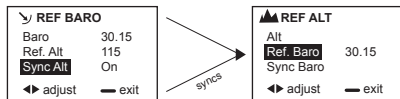
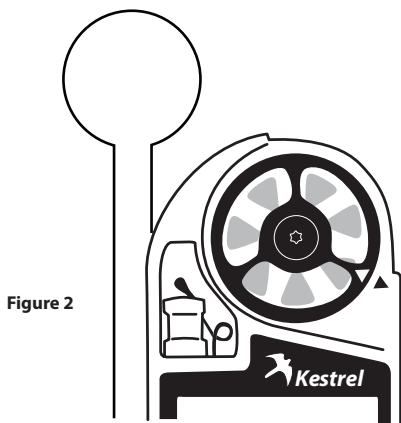
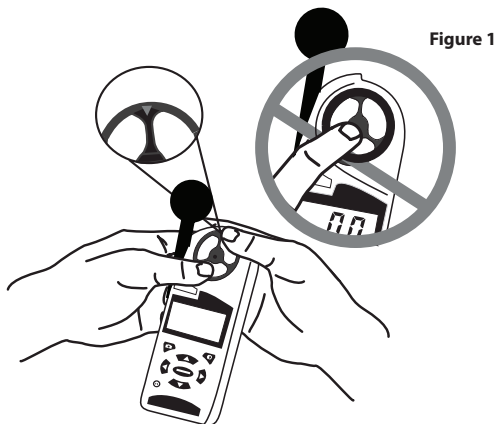


Figure 2

☐ “Density Altitude” screen data is calculated from the absolute values of station pressure, relative humidity and temp., and is not affected by the reference values entered in the “Baro” and “Altitude” screens.

Replacing the Kestrel impeller

- ❑ Press only the sides of the impeller when removing and inserting to avoid damaging the precision hub bearing. (Figure 1).
- Press FIRMLY on the impeller module to remove it.
- Insert the new impeller so the side that has the small triangle (close to the perimeter) faces the front of the Kestrel when installed. Orient one "arm" of the module straight up. (Figure 2). The impeller can be pushed in from either side.



In addition to Wind Speed and Wind Chill, the **Kestrel 4600** also measures Direction, Headwind/Tailwind and Crosswind.

Digital Compass Calibration

☐ *The digital compass must be calibrated to correct for the AAA batteries' magnetic field. It must be re-calibrated every time the battery door is opened, and it will not display or log any direction values until calibration is complete.*



***Impeller should be removed during calibration for best results.*

- Remove the impeller by pressing the edges to pop it out (reinsert after calibration is complete).

To Calibrate:


- In Main Setup Menu, use  or  to highlight "System", then press .
- Press  to highlight "Compass Cal", then press .

Follow the prompts on screen:

- Hold the Kestrel meter vertically in your hand (alternatively support unit vertically on a table).
- Press  to start.
- Slowly spin the upright meter around three (3) full times.
- Each rotation should take approximately 10 seconds.
- When calibration is finished, the screen will read "Cal Complete".
- Press  to exit to Main Menu.

To verify the digital compass' accuracy, test it against a compass; the Kestrel meter readings should be within $\pm 5^\circ$ of the reference compass or better. If readings appear incorrect, simply run the calibration routine again.

Calibration Error Messages

There are three error messages that the meter may display during calibration. Press  to exit the error screen and run the calibration again.

- *Magnetic Batteries:* The magnetic field of the Kestrel's batteries is interfering with calibration. Simply open the battery door, rotate one or both batteries, and run the calibration again.
- *Too Slow:* The unit was spun too slowly during calibration.
- *Too Fast:* The unit was spun too quickly during calibration.

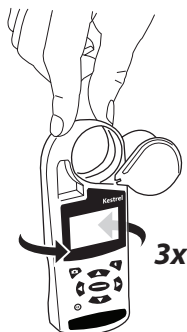








Figure 1

Measuring Direction

☐ *The Kestrel 4600's digital compass must be vertical to achieve accurate readings. Keep the unit positioned as close to vertical as possible when using any compass-related feature. After opening the battery door, you must re-run the calibration routine or readings will not register. For maximum accuracy, the impeller should be spinning while measuring to eliminate its magnetic pull.*

True North vs. Magnetic North Readings

The Kestrel 4600 default Direction display mode is Magnetic North. To view Direction in True North mode:

- In the Direction screen, press .
- Use  or  to choose your mode.
- If you choose True North, use  to highlight "Variation", then use  or  to input the Variation for your location.





To measure Direction:

- Hold the unit vertically and point the BACK of the unit toward the direction you want to measure.
- The unit will display the cardinal direction and degrees.

☐ *The Direction measurement does not record Max and Average and will display N/A on that mode screen.*

Measuring Headwind/Tailwind & Crosswind

The Kestrel 4600 automatically calculates Headwind and Crosswind with respect to a runway or target direction. You must first set the "Heading" to view these measurements:

- Press  while on the Headwind or Crosswind screen.
- Use  or  to choose "Auto Set" or "Manual Set", then press .

In Auto Set: Point the unit down the runway or target, then press  to automatically set the heading.

In Manual Set: Use  or  to enter the known runway or target heading, and press  to save.

☐ *Both screens will always display the Magnetic North heading at the top (even if the Direction screen is set to True North mode).*

- After setting the heading, scroll to the desired parameter and orient the Kestrel so the wind blows directly through the impeller.

VANE MOUNT ASSEMBLY

Assembling the Vane Mount

If your Kestrel included a Vane Mount or if you purchased it separately, below are the instructions for assembling this mount. The Kestrel Vane Mount allows you to mount your Kestrel on any 1/4-20 equipped tripod for long-term condition monitoring. The Vane Mount will keep your Kestrel correctly oriented into the wind to fully capture relevant conditions.

The Vane Mount is designed for extreme light weight and portability, and assembles in seconds. The Portable Vane Mount contains four components: a zippered carry pouch, a cup bracket with incorporated level, a boom and a flight.

Step 1



Assemble the boom. Unfold the two pieces and stretch the bungee gently, then slide the two pieces together (like a tent pole).

Step 2



Attach the flight to the flat end of the boom. Grasp the silver bungee end AND the transparent bungee washer, then pull the bungee out about 1/2 an inch. Drop the bungee into the slot in the center of the flight while slipping the boom end into the opening in the center of the flight.

Step 3



The assembled flight and boom looks like this.

Step 4



Attach the boom to the cup bracket. Locate the arrow on the inside of the cup bracket base. Insert the boom end in the direction of the arrow, all the way through the base of the vane mount. Grasp the silver bungee end AND the small bungee washer, then pull the boom back, stretching the bungee. Drop the bungee into the slot and slip the boom end into the opening near the compass. Gently rotate the boom until the angled end "seats" into the base of the opening.

Step 5



Attach the Vane Mount to your tripod and level your tripod. Spin the Vane Mount knob onto the 1/4-20 mount on your tripod. Slip your Kestrel into the Vane Mount with the display facing the bubble level and the back side of the Kestrel facing the flight and boom. Adjust the flight so it is vertical. Observing the level on the Vane Mount, fairly adjust your tripod so the Vane Mount is level and rotates freely and evenly.

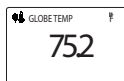
☐ When Autostore is on and the unit is off, the heat stress measurements will not be stored because they use calculations that cannot be performed without power. When reviewing data in the graphical display, the symbol “—” will appear at the top of the display for any points not logged due to the above condition.

In wind-related measurements, a timer will appear at the bottom of the screen after starting the MMA feature – this timer displays the elapsed time. Additionally, for each minute this feature is running a data set will be stored in memory reflecting the instantaneous conditions at that time. This will happen regardless of memory settings.

For additional information on memory options and logging data, please refer to the main Kestrel 4000 series manual.

GLOSSARY

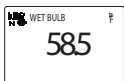
Globe Temperature



The Black Globe on the Kestrel Heat Stress Trackers is representative of the amount of heat-absorption via the color black. Typically, Globe Temperature is taken using a 6" diameter copper globe painted black with an internal thermometer. However, the Kestrel 4400 and 4600 use a 1" copper globe painted black for calculations.

Globe Temperature is representative of the temperature of the Black Globe itself without accounting for air temperature.

Naturally Aspirated Wet Bulb Temperature



The Kestrel Heat Stress Trackers' Naturally Aspirated Wet Bulb Temperature function accounts for the effects of humidity on the human body. By combining relative humidity and wind speed, the temperature displayed is indicative of the evaporative cooling happening to the Kestrel 4400 or 4600.

$$= 0.7 T_{NWB} + 0.2 T_G + 0.1 T_D$$

Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT)

The WBGT is a composite measurement of Naturally Aspirated Wet Bulb, Globe Temperature & Dry Bulb Temperature. This environment data combines temperature, humidity, wind speed and thermal radiation to access heat stress.

$$\text{Outdoor WBGT} = 0.7 T_{NWB} + 0.2 T_G + 0.1 T_D$$

$$\text{Indoor WBGT} = 0.7 T_{NWB} + 0.3 T_G$$

Where T_{NWB} = Naturally Aspirated Wet Bulb Temperature

T_G = Globe Temperature

T_D = Dry Bulb Temperature

Thermal Work Limit (TWL)

Like WBGT, TWL uses environmental measurements, including thermal radiation, to predict work limits for people exposed to heat stress. Different attributes of clothing (such as its ability to insulate and allow water vapor to pass through it) are also used to calculate TWL.

Acclimatization (Acclimatize)

Defined as the process of gradually adjusting to a change in environment (such as a change in temperature, humidity, etc). During TWL mode "Acclim" will flash when the value being displayed falls within the acclimatization zone. For example, people who have not worked in such conditions should not be left alone until they have acclimatized, a process requiring several days of gradually increased exposure to heat stress conditions.

Black Globe

Typically a 6" copper sphere colored matte black with a thermometer in the center. This thermometer reads the surface temperature of the Black Globe, which indicates the radiant heat exposure of one in sunlight. The Kestrel 4400 and 4600 Heat Stress Trackers use a 1" Black Globe that is calibrated to achieve the same measurements as a 6" globe.

Maintenance & Storage

Use proper care when storing this device to ensure that no damage will occur to the display window. Storage in a temperate climate is recommended. Turning off Auto Store is also recommended to preserve battery life when storing for an extended period.

Software

To download the Kestrel Communicator software, visit:
www.nkhome.com/support/kestrel-support/manuals-and-downloads.

Calibrations, Certifications & Service

Every NK product is tested and calibrated before it leaves our factory. We warrant that it will perform within specifications when you receive it. The unit may be returned to NK for factory calibration, or you can contact NK for field calibration instructions (RH Calibration Kits are available on our website).

Each Kestrel Meter comes with a Certificate of Conformity, stating the specifications for that product.

If you are concerned your Kestrel is not performing within specifications upon receipt, please contact us and we will review your concerns. If necessary, we will test or recalibrate any unit within 30 days of purchase.

Beyond 30 days, we offer reasonably-priced tests, calibration services, NIST-traceable calibrations, and full Kestrel Meter tune-ups.

We offer full factory service on every product we manufacture for as long as we make the product (and as long after as component availability permits). If we cannot repair a product, we will offer you a replacement under our Loyalty Discount (even for accidental damage and misuse).

Please contact NK if you feel your product is not working properly. We can often solve product issues by phone or e-mail, saving you the time and expense of returning the unit. If we require the product to be returned, you can obtain a Return Authorization to expedite the handling of your return.

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Your Kestrel Weather & Environmental Meter was designed, developed and built in the USA by Nielsen-Kellerman Co. of US and imported components. We are a lean manufacturing enterprise committed to continuous improvement of our products, processes, people and partners. We strive to conduct our business in a sustainable manner and minimize harm to the environment by actively implementing company-wide plans to conserve energy, reduce waste, and recycle.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.



We ship every Kestrel 4000 Series Meter exclusively with Made in the USA Energizer® Brand Ultimate Lithium AAA batteries for improved reliability, capacity, cold-weather performance and weight. We strongly recommend that you use only Energizer Ultimate Lithium batteries in your Kestrel Meter.

NK no longer installs or recommends installing “regular” alkaline batteries in your Kestrel Meter. Alkaline batteries are prone to leaking potassium hydroxide, particularly as they near full discharge due to the pressure of the hydrogen gas formed internally. Once a leak has occurred, the potassium hydroxide and carbon dioxide from the air form potassium carbonate crystals that grow and follow along the metal electrodes to the circuit board, causing oxidation of the circuit and components. This damage is usually irreversible.

If you choose to install Alkaline batteries despite these warnings, it is important to take these steps to reduce the likelihood of a battery leak and resulting corrosion and damage:

- Use US-made, name-brand batteries wherever possible. Do not mix brands of batteries.
- Do not mix batteries of different ages or usage – replace both batteries at the same time with new batteries that have not reached their expiration date.
- Remove batteries for long-term storage (more than one month of non-use). Even when powered down, the Kestrel continues to log data and slowly discharge the batteries.
- To avoid fully discharging your batteries, try to change your batteries when below 20% capacity.
- Inspect your batteries occasionally (at least every three months) and remove immediately if you notice ANY moisture or white crystalline material at either end.

And remember, always store your Kestrel meter within the specified temperature limits: -22.0 °F to 140.0 °F | -30.0 °C to 60.0 °C. Be particularly careful not to leave a Kestrel meter with any type of batteries installed inside a hot car in the summer.

WHAT DO TO IF YOU HAVE A LEAK

If you notice you have a leaking alkaline battery, be careful not to touch it with your bare skin or allow it to come in contact with your eyes as the leaking material is very caustic. Remove and dispose of both batteries. If possible, loosen and vacuum out any white powder. **DO NOT BLOW INTO THE COMPARTMENT TO REMOVE THE POWDER** – it can cause eye or skin damage and will be driven further inside the unit. You may attempt to use a cotton swab moistened with white vinegar to clean the contacts and gently swab out the battery compartment. Do not exert any force against the contacts inside the battery compartment or you may bend or break them. Allow the battery compartment to dry completely, install fresh batteries, and test the unit.

For units made prior to 2014, and shipped by NK with alkaline batteries installed, NK will provide full warranty coverage for battery corrosion damage for two years. For units more than two years old, or for units made after January 1, 2014 and shipped with lithium batteries installed, battery corrosion damage is covered under our Customer Loyalty Trade-In Program, which provides a generous discount toward a replacement Kestrel meter. Please contact NK Support to arrange a replacement under this program.

CHOOSING & USING BATTERIES FOR YOUR KESTREL

Your Kestrel meter is powered by two AAA size batteries. Here is a guide to selecting the right chemistry/type of battery for your meter:

BATTERY TYPE	EXAMPLE BRAND NAMES	SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS
Lithium AAA Recommended by Kestrel for most applications!	Energizer® Ultimate Lithium *Energizer owns a patent on Lithium chemistry batteries in the USA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved cold-weather operational range. Best capacity when streaming data via Bluetooth®. Relatively high cost. (Note: because the Kestrel is a low power circuit, there is little advantage to the higher priced "Ultimate" batteries.) Somewhat less available – need to purchase spares in advance.
Low Self-Discharge Rechargeable NiMH	Eneloop® Duracell® StayCharged® Tenergy® Centaura® Energizer® Recharge PowerPlus®	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precharged rechargeable batteries which hold their charge for up to one year. Lowest capacity option. Option to charge multiple sets for use in the field offers cost savings, particularly with Bluetooth® data streaming. LESS likely to leak and cause corrosion when left in the Kestrel.
Alkaline AAA	Duracell® Ultrapower Duracell® Procell® Energizer® Max Rayovac® (many others)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowest cost option. Most readily available. Easy to obtain and use for intensive, short-term operations. Restricted cold weather performance – Kestrel circuitry will not operate below 0°F/-18°C. Environmental impact of disposal. MOST likely to leak and cause corrosion when left in the Kestrel. Follow below guidelines for storage and removal carefully!

Your Kestrel Heat Stress Tracker is warranted to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for a period of FIVE YEARS from the date of its first consumer purchase. NK will repair or replace any defective meter or part when notified within the warranty period, and will return the meter via domestic ground shipping or NK's choice of method of international shipping at no charge. The following are excluded from warranty coverage: damage due to improper use or neglect (including corrosion); damage caused by severe or excessive impact, crushing or mechanical harm; modifications or attempted repairs by someone other than an authorized NK repair agent; impeller failure not caused by a manufacturing defect; normal usage wear; and/or damage caused by failed or leaking batteries; and accuracy issues resolvable by recalibration. If no warranty registration or proof of purchase is provided, the warranty period will be measured from the meter's date of manufacture.

Except for the warranties set forth herein, NK disclaims all other warranties, expressed, implied or statutory, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. Any implied warranties that may be imposed by applicable law are limited to the term of this warranty. In no event shall NK be liable for any incidental, special or consequential damages, including, but not limited to, loss of business, loss of profits, loss of data or use, whether in an action in contract or tort or based on a warranty, arising out of or in connection with the use or performance of an NK product, even if NK has been advised of the possibility of such damages. You agree that repair, and (upon availability) replacement, as applicable, is your sole and exclusive remedy with respect to any breach of the NK Limited Warranty set forth herein.

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