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Airflow™ Instruments Model TA440/TA440A

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# Chapter 1

## Unpacking and Parts Identification

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Carefully unpack the instrument and accessories from the shipping container. Check the individual parts against the list of components below. If anything is missing or damaged, notify TSI® Incorporated immediately.

1. Carrying case
2. Instrument
3. USB cable

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## Chapter 2

### Setting-up

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#### **Supplying Power to the Alnor® AVM440 / Airflow™ Instruments TA440**

The Alnor® AVM440/Airflow™ Instruments TA440 is powered with four size AA batteries.

##### **Installing the Batteries**

Insert four AA batteries as indicated by the diagram located on the inside of the battery compartment. The Alnor® AVM440/ Airflow™ Instruments TA440 is designed to operate with either alkaline or NiMH rechargeable batteries, although it will not recharge NiMH batteries. Battery life will be shorter if NiMH batteries are used. Carbon-zinc batteries are not recommended because of the danger of battery acid leakage.

##### **Using the Optional AC Adapter**

When using the AC adapter, the batteries (if installed) will be bypassed. Be sure to provide the correct voltage and frequency, which is marked on the back of the AC adapter. The AC adapter will not recharge the batteries.

##### **Using the Telescoping Probe**

The telescoping probe contains the velocity, temperature, and humidity sensors. When using the probe, make sure the sensor window is fully exposed and the orientation dimple is facing upstream.

#### **NOTICE**

For temperature and humidity measurements, make sure that at least 3 inches (7.5 cm) of the probe is in the flow to allow the temperature and humidity sensors to be in the air stream.

##### **Extending the Probe**

To extend the probe, hold the handle in one hand while pulling on the probe tip with the other hand. **DO NOT** hold the cable while extending the probe as this prevents the probe from extending.

##### **Retracting the Probe**

To retract the probe, hold the handle in one hand while pulling gently on the probe cable with the other hand.

## Connecting to a Computer

Use the Computer Interface USB Cable provided with the Alnor® AVM440/Airflow™ Instruments TA440 to connect the instrument to a computer for downloading stored data.

For more information on how to download stored data see Chapter 3 section titled [LogDat2™ Downloading Software](#).

|                                                                                   | <b>CAUTION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | This symbol is used to indicate that the data port of the Alnor® AVM440/Airflow™ Instruments TA440 <b>IS NOT</b> intended for connection to a public telecommunications network. Connect the USB data port only to another USB port. |

## Chapter 3

### Operation

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#### Keypad Functions

|                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>ON/OFF</b> Key                               | Press to turn the Alnor® AVM440/TA440 on and off. During the power up sequence the display will show the following: Model Number, Serial Number, Software Revision and Last Date Calibrated.                         |
| <b>Arrow (▲▼)</b> Keys                          | Press to scroll through choices while setting a parameter.                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>↵ (Enter)</b> Key                            | Press to accept a value or condition.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Arrow (◀ or ▶)</b> and <b>Menu Soft</b> Keys | Press arrow keys to change choices while setting a parameter. Press the Menu soft key to select the Menu selections, which are Display Setup, Settings, Flow Setup, Actual/Std Set up, Data Logging and Calibration. |

#### Common Terms

In this manual there are several terms that are used in different places. The following is a brief explanation of the meanings of those terms.

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sample</b>        | Consists of all of the measurement parameters stored at the same time.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Test ID</b>       | A group of samples. The statistics (average, minimum, maximum, and count) are calculated for each test ID. The maximum number of test IDs is 100.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Time Constant</b> | The time constant is an averaging period. It is used to dampen the display. If you are experiencing fluctuating flows, a longer time constant will slow down those fluctuations. The display will update every second, but the displayed reading will be the average over the last time constant period. For example, if the time constant is 10 seconds, the display will update every second, but the displayed reading will be the average from the last 10 seconds. This is also referred to as a “moving average”. |

## Menus

### DISPLAY SETUP

Display setup menu is where you will setup the desired parameters to be displayed on the running screen. With a parameter highlighted you can then use the ON soft key to have it show up on the running screen or select the OFF soft key to turn off the parameter. Use PRIMARY soft key to have a parameter show up on the running screen in a larger display. Only one parameter can be selected as a primary, and up to 2 secondary parameters can be selected at one time.

### SETTINGS

Settings menu is where you can set the general settings. These include Language, Beeper, Select Units, Time Constant, Contrast, Set Time, Set Date, Time Format, Date Format, Number Format, Backlight and Auto Off. Use the ◀ or ▶ soft keys to scroll through the settings for each option and use the ↵ key to accept settings.

### FLOW SET UP

In Flow Setup mode, there are four types: Round Duct, Rectangle Duct, Duct Area, and Horn. Use the ◀ or ▶ soft keys to scroll through the types and then press the ↵ key to accept the desired type. To change the value, highlight the Enter Settings option and press the ↵ key. Use the instructions below to change the value of the type that you selected.

### NOTICE

The horn numbers are the models of the horns. For example, 100 refers to a horn model number AM 100. Only horns with Model numbers as follows can be used with this function: AM 100, AM 300, AM 600 and AM 1200. If a horn model number is chosen, the instrument will return to measuring mode and use a preprogrammed curve to calculate flow rate from velocity.

### ACTUAL/STANDARD SETUP

Choose Actual/Standard measurements and parameters in the Act/Std Setup menu. Within this menu, the user can also select Standard Temperature, Standard Pressure and a source for the actual temperature. The actual barometric pressure must be entered to convert air velocity and volume measurements to actual conditions.

## DATA LOGGING

### Measurements

Measurements to be logged are independent of measurements on the display, and must therefore be selected under

**DATA LOGGING → Measurements.**

### Log Mode/Log Settings

You can set Log Mode to Manual, Auto-save, or Cont-key.

- Manual mode does not automatically save data, but instead prompts the user to save a sample.
- In Auto-save mode, the user manually takes samples that are automatically logged.
- In Cont-key mode, the user starts taking readings and logging by pressing the ↵ key. The instrument will continue taking measurements until the ↵ key is pressed again.
- Auto-save and Cont-Key modes have the following additional Log Settings:

| <u>Mode</u> | <u>Log Settings</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|
| Auto-save   | Log Interval        |
| Cont-key    | Log Interval        |

- Pressing the ▲▼ keys simultaneously will lock the keypad to prevent unauthorized adjustments to the instruments. To unlock the keypad, press the ▲▼ keys simultaneously.

### Delete Data

Use this to delete all data, delete test or delete sample.

### % Memory

This option displays the memory available. Delete All, under Delete Data, will clear memory and reset the memory available.

## **LogDat2™ Downloading Software**

LogDat2™ software can be downloaded from the [TSI Software And Firmware Wizard | TSI](#) page. Once downloaded onto your PC, click the application file to begin installation. Follow the on-screen instructions to install the software.

To download data from the Alnor® AVM440/Airflow™ TA440, connect the supplied computer interface USB cable to the Alnor® AVM440/Airflow™ Instruments TA440 and to a computer USB port. Then run the LogDat2™ downloading software. Within the LogDat2™ software, either select the tests to be downloaded or double-click on a test to open it.

## Chapter 4

### Maintenance

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The Alnor® AVM440/Airflow™ Instruments TA440 requires very little maintenance to keep it performing well.

#### Recalibration

To maintain a high degree of accuracy in your measurements, we recommend that you return your Alnor® AVM440 / Airflow™ Instruments TA440 to TSI® Incorporated for annual recalibration. Please contact one of TSI's offices or your local distributor to make service arrangements and to receive a "Service Request" number. To fill out an online "Service Request" form, visit TSI®'s website at [tsi.com/service](http://tsi.com/service).

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The Alnor® AVM440/Airflow™ Instruments TA440 can also be recalibrated in the field using the CALIBRATION menu. These field adjustments are intended to make minor changes in calibration to match a user's calibration standards. The field adjustment **IS NOT** intended as a complete calibration capability. For complete, multiple-point calibration and certification, the instrument must be returned to the factory.

#### Cases

If the instrument case or storage case needs cleaning, wipe it off with a soft cloth and isopropyl alcohol or a mild detergent. Never immerse the Alnor® AVM440/Airflow™ Instruments TA440. If the enclosure of the Alnor® AVM440/Airflow™ Instruments TA440 or the AC adapter becomes broken, it must be replaced immediately to prevent access to hazardous voltage.

#### Storage

Remove the batteries when storing the unit for more than one month to prevent damage due to battery leakage.

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## Chapter 5

### Troubleshooting

Table 5-1 lists the symptoms, possible causes, and recommended solutions for common problems encountered with the Alnor® AVM440/Airflow™ Instruments TA440. If your symptom is not listed, or if none of the solutions solves your problem, please contact TSI®.

**Table 5-1: Troubleshooting the Alnor® AVM440 / Airflow™ Instruments TA440**

| Symptom                                | Possible Causes        | Corrective Action                                                       |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| No Display                             | Unit not turned on     | Switch unit on.                                                         |
|                                        | Low or dead batteries  | Replace batteries or plug in AC adapter.                                |
|                                        | Dirty battery contacts | Clean the battery contacts.                                             |
| Velocity reading fluctuates / unstable | Fluctuating flow       | Reposition probe in less-turbulent section or use longer time constant. |
| Instrument Error message appears       | Memory is full         | Download data if desired, then <b>DELETE ALL</b> memory.                |
|                                        | Fault in instrument    | Factory service required on instrument.                                 |

#### WARNING!

Remove the probe from excessive temperature immediately: excessive heat can damage the sensor. Operating temperature limits can be found in [Appendix A, Specifications](#).

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# Appendix A

## Specifications

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Specifications are subject to change without notice.

### **Velocity Probe:**

Range:..... 0 to 6000 ft/min (0 to 30 m/s)

Accuracy<sup>1&2</sup>: .....  $\pm 3\%$  of reading or  $\pm 3$  ft/min ( $\pm 0.015$  m/s),  
whichever is greater

Resolution: ..... 1 ft/min (0.01 m/s)

### **Duct Size:**

Range:..... 1.0 to 500 inches in increments of 0.1 in.  
(2.5 to 1270 cm in increments of 0.1 cm)

### **Volumetric Flow Rate:**

Range:..... Actual range is a function of actual velocity, and  
duct size

### **Temperature from Velocity Probe:**

Range:..... 14 to 140°F (-10 to 60°C)

Accuracy<sup>3</sup>: .....  $\pm 0.5^\circ\text{F}$  ( $\pm 0.3^\circ\text{C}$ )

Resolution: .....  $0.1^\circ\text{F}$  ( $0.1^\circ\text{C}$ )

### **Relative Humidity from Velocity Probe:**

Range:..... 5 to 95% RH

Accuracy<sup>4</sup>: .....  $\pm 3\%$  RH

Resolution: .....  $0.1\%$  RH

### **Wet Bulb Temperature from Velocity Probe:**

Range:..... 40 to 140°F (5 to 60°C)

Resolution: .....  $0.1^\circ\text{F}$  ( $0.1^\circ\text{C}$ )

### **Instrument Temperature Range:**

Operating (Electronics): ... 40 to 113°F (5 to 45°C)

Operating (Probe): ..... 14 to 140°F (-10 to 60°C)

Storage:..... -4 to 140°F (-20 to 60°C)

### **Instrument Operating Conditions When Using the Optional AC Adapter:**

Altitude up to 4000 meters

Relative humidity up to 80% RH, non-condensing

Pollution degree 1 in accordance with IEC 664

Transient over voltage category II

### **Data Storage Capabilities:**

Range:..... 12,700+ samples and 100 test IDs (one sample can  
contain fourteen measurement types)

**Logging Interval:**

Intervals:..... 1 second to 1 hour

**Time Constant:**

User selectable

**Response Time:**

Velocity:..... 200 msec

Temperature:..... 2 minutes (to 66% of final value)

Humidity: ..... <1 minute (to 66% of final value)

**External Meter Dimensions:**

3.3 in. × 7.0 in. × 1.8 in. (8.4 cm × 17.8 cm × 4.4 cm)

**Meter Probe Dimensions:**

Probe length:..... 40 in. (101.6 cm)

Probe diameter of tip:..... 0.28 in. (7.0 mm)

Probe diameter of base:..... 0.51 in. (13.0 mm)

**Articulating Probe Dimensions:**

Articulating section length: 6.0 in (15.24 cm)

Diameter of articulating knuckle: 0.38 in (9.5 mm)

**Meter Weight:**

Weight with batteries: 0.6 lbs (0.27 kg)

**Power Requirements:**

Four AA-size batteries (included) or AC adapter (optional) 9 VDC, 300 mA min.

- <sup>1</sup> Temperature compensated over an air temperature range of 40 to 150°F (5 to 65°C).
- <sup>2</sup> The accuracy statement of ±3.0% of reading or ±3 ft/min (±0.015 m/s), whichever is greater, begins at 30 ft/min through 6000 ft/min (0.15 m/s through 30 m/s).
- <sup>3</sup> Accuracy with instrument case at 77°F (25°C), add uncertainty of 0.05°F/°F (0.03°C/°C) for change in instrument temperature.
- <sup>4</sup> Accuracy with probe at 77°F (25°C). Add uncertainty of 0.1% RH/°F (0.2% RH/°C) for change in probe temperature. Includes 1% hysteresis.

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