# AWS-QCM Torque Display



QCM-750f shown with 3/4" Square drive.

**USER'S GUIDE** 

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# INTRODUCTION

# DESCRIPTION

The AWS-QCM torque tester is designed to provide for a wide range of torque testing applications in the smallest foot print at a very reasonable price. Features include an LCD graphics display, built-in battery pack for remote testing and robust design. A menu based user interface allows for a wide range of software configurations while keeping the tester easy to use.

# SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

Dimensions	Width: 4.25", Height: 1", Depth: 7.0", Weight: 1.0 Lbs.			
Power Requirements	9V DC, 150 mA (120V mains adapter standard, 240v mains adapter avaliable). Standard internal NiMH batteries.			
Operating Temperature Range	0°C to 50°C			
<b>Data Communications</b>	RS-232-C			
Accuracy	0.5% of Indicated Reading with AWS series transducers. Optional 0.25% of Indicated.			
Range	10% to 100% at 0.5% accuracy Optional 5% to 100% at 0.5% accuracy Other ranges available upon request			
Display	4 active digits Optional 5 active digits			
Units	8 Selectable engineering units. Special units available, please inquire.			
Fliter	Selectable Hz filter: 125, 250, 500, 1000, 1500, & 2000			

# **OPERATION**

# **DISPLAY OPERATION**

# **Button Function:**

- 1: Turns the display On Zeroes the transducer if no peak has been captured. Clears the reading if a peak has been captured. (Peak and 1<sup>st</sup> Peak Modes)
- 2: Turns the display Off

3: Programmable 'Soft Buttons'. The function of these buttons vary with the current menu set and is shown on the bottom two lines of the display.

4: Accepts the reading into memory Scrolls back one level in the menu system



# SIDE PANEL INPUTS

# DC In

The interface for the AC Adapter supplied with the unit. Use this if you plan on working under Mains power. Use only the AC adapter provided with the unit. Use of another power source will void the warranty and may cause severe damage to the display.

# **RS-232**

If you are downloading to a printer, data collector, computer, etc., this is the mini-plug interface for the RS-232 cable. Values are sent via RS-232 every time the unit auto-clears or the ENT/clr button is pressed

# **CHARGING THE BATTERIES**

- The batteries in this system should last approximately 12 hours when fully charged. The Low-Battery indicator on the display will illuminate when the battery voltage is low. Typically, the user will have between 15-30 minutes before the batteries become too weak to power the unit.
- 2. The batteries are charged any time the system is plugged-in. In Fast Charge mode, i.e. the unit is plugged in and the power is **OFF**, charge time is between 2 and 4 hours depending on battery charge level. The green LED on the front panel will flash when the battery is charging and turned off. It is recommended the tester be plugged in when not in use. This will not harm the unit and will increase battery life.
- Note: If the tester is to be stored for several months, always ensure the battery is completely charged prior to storage.

# **RS-232**

The AWS-QC display can be connected to a printer, computer or data collector via its RS232 interface. Every time a reading is accepted into memory, a peak is cleared, or data is transmitted via the print data menu(s), it is transmitted via the RS-232 port. To download the readings, go to the DATA MENU. Cables are available directly from AWS, or they can be constructed according to the following tables. AWS also offers various software packages to get your readings into excel or other programs. Call us for more information

### **RS232 Transfer Protocol**

Protocol	Value
Cable	9 pin to mini-
	plug.
Baud	9600
Parity	None
Bits	8
S Bit	1
Flow	None

# **RS232 Datastream Format**

mmmbsddddbuuuuucl, where:

m Memory Location

s	Sign (space or -)	С	Carriage Return
d	Data with Decimal Point	I.	Line Feed
u	Units	b	Blank

# **RS232 Cable Pinouts**

Pin #	Description	Pin #	Description
1	Unused	6	Unused
2	Transmit	7	Unused
3	Receive	8	Unused
4	Unused	9	Unused
5	Ground		



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# **PROGRAMMING & NAVIGATION**



The AWS product line has been newly redesigned to provide a consistent interface throughout the product line. We have made the user interface menu driven, as opposed to 'hard coded'. This has provided several advantages. First, once you learn the basics, you can operate any of our products with the shortest learning curve possible. Second, it allows us to offer a greater array of functionality than was previously possible. Third, it allows the user the opportunity to economically upgrade and/or customize the tester at any point in the future.

The four buttons on the bottom row are programmable or "Soft Buttons". The functionality of the buttons will vary with the current selection. There are two ways to change settings, or otherwise gain access to the operation of the tester:

1. Live programming: Where the "soft" buttons have text above them, pressing the button will scroll through the options. In the picture above, pressing the down arrow will scroll through the Modes of Operation. These

include Peak,  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  Peak and Track. The Up Arrow will scroll through the engineering units.

- 2. Menu Driven: There are two sets of menus in the display.
  - Bottom right Oval button will scroll through the Tester Operating Functions. For basic testers, this includes the RUN MODE and MEMORY (MEM) MODE. Toggling this button will change the functions of the other soft buttons appropriately.
  - b. MENU (bottom left oval) will take you to the main menu system. Shown below is a sample of one menu screen



# **MENU TREE**

Operation Overview: There are 7 buttons on the display face: On/clr, Off, four programmable or 'soft' buttons, Zero, and Enter. The exact function of the soft buttons is defined by the bottom two rows of text and will vary depending on the current mode of operation. Pressing the ENT button will take you back to the previous screen, until you return to the run mode.

# **Button Operation:**

Run Mode (Current mode displayed):

ON: Clears the peak reading if saved, Zero's the display and erases the memory location otherwise.

ENT: Save current reading in memory if memory is on and clears the peak reading.

Memory Mode (MEM displayed instead of Run): ON: Goes to run mode without erasing memory location. ENT: Scrolls to next empty location.

#### Either Mode:

RUN -> MEM: (soft button) changes the mode of the arrow buttons. Up and Down: (soft buttons) Units and mode respectively for RUN; Memory location for MEM. Depends on the right programmable button. MENU: Enter menus.

# MENU Operation:

ENT: Previous menu.

Up and Down: Scroll through the current menu.

Programmable keys: Menu actions. The text varies depending of the active menu selection.

# **MENU TREE:**

1 **PEAK OPTIONS MENU** SEL: Enters menu.

# 1-1 Auto clear

+, - Set time in seconds.

Auto-clear works in Peak and  $1^{st}$  Peak modes, freeing the operator from manually clearing the display after taking a reading. Auto-clear can be set from one to nine seconds, or completely off.

With auto-clear disabled, this reading will continue to display until the operator stores it by pressing the ENT button, or clears it by pressing the On button.

Pressing the + key will change "Off" to a value of "1", referring to the number of seconds the system will hold a reading on the screen before clearing. Repeatedly press arrow key to scroll from "Off to "9". When the desired value is shown, press the enter button.

Once the unit is returned to operational mode, AC will show on the bottom of the display. Because auto-clear is now active, this reading will show











for the user specified number of seconds and then clear the display. From now on, every reading will clear and be stored automatically into memory.

\* Remember auto-clear will not work in Track Mode.

1-2 Filter

+, - Set filter value in Hz.

125, 250, 500, 1000, 1500 & 2000.

# 1-3 Peak Blanking

+, - Set blanking in percent of full scale.

Peak Blanking sets the minimum threshold at which torque is captured as a peak. Pressing the + and - buttons will toggle this from 2% through 50% of Full Scale. Pressing the ENT button will accept this value and return to Run Mode.

#### 1-4 Sign Lock

+, - Toggle On or Off.

The Sign Lock feature allows the user to select the torque direction of the peak to be captured. With Sign Lock ON, the initial direction or sign is the default direction. Any peak measured in the non-selected direction will be measured, but not captured as a peak. To reset the sign, either cycle the power or zero the unit.

With Sign Lock OFF, the tester will capture both CW and CCW torque.

# **1-5 Edit Limits**

High or Low edits that limit.

Limit editing:

Up and Down: Change the digit specified (5 is decimal point, OFF turns the limit off)

DIG: Changes which digit to edit.

ENT: Accepts changes.

# **2 SYSTEM MENU**

SEL: Enters menu.

#### 2-1 Sleep

+, -: Set time in minutes.

To conserve battery life, the display is equipped with a "sleep" mode, which sets the limit to standby after a user-settable amount of time has passed without activity. Press the + key to increase the number of minutes the unit will wait for input, or the - key to decrease the number. The highest







possible sleep setting is 20 minutes. Press ENT to accept the value and continue to the next function.

2-2 Lockout Menu SEL: Enter menu.
2-2-1 Mode Lockout Toggle on or off.
2-2-2 Units Lockout Toggle on or off.
2-2-3 Scroll Lockout Toggle on or off.

# 2-3 Contrast

+, -: Change the contrast of the display.

# **2-4 Information**

SYS: Gives detailed info about the system. TD: Gives detailed info about the transducer.

# **3 DATA MENU**

SEL: Enters menu.

# 3-1 Print Memory

Send: Prints the currently saved readings.

# 3-2 Clear Memory

CLR: Followed by ENT clears the readings saved in memory.



# 3-3 Reset All

CLR: Followed by ENT clears all readings and all sets. Should be used approximately every 5000 readings.

# **DESCRIPTION OF FUNCTIONS**

The following is a description of the standard features of the AWS product line.

# **OPERATING MODE**

Current operating mode (Peak, 1st Peak or Track) will show on the display. Press the  $\mathbf{\nabla}$  key to toggles between them.

#### Peak

Displays and retains the maximum torque experienced by the wrench, as occurs when operating the wrench in the tightening direction. The Peak Mode is used for all power tools and some dial wrenches.

#### **1st Peak**

Detects the "first peak" of torque experienced by the wrench, capturing the initial torque as occurs when the torque wrench cams over. First Peak is used primarily for Click torque wrenches and cam over screwdrivers.

# Track

Displays torque as it is being applied to the transducer. Track mode is used primarily for verifying calibration of the unit.

# **ENGINEERING UNITS**

Shows the current engineering units.  $\blacktriangle$  Press the key to cycle through the eight possible choices: Kgf m, KgfCm, gfCm, cNm, Nm, FT LB, IN LB, IN OZ.

# **FULL SCALE**

This screen shows the Full-Scale value of the Torque Shaft. This is not a field adjustable value.

#### Low Limit

Use the low limit setting as a means of visually flagging the operator when a reading fails to reach a desired minimum value. A small down arrow will appear on the screen if a peak is captured below the limit setting.

The limit is adjusted by using the navigation buttons to set the first four digits to the desired value. The fifth digit is used to select the decimal point position. The up and down buttons under the "Soft" button **Change** will

change the value from 0-9. Pressing the "soft" **DIG** will scroll through the digit positions. When the correct value is entered, pressing the **ENT** button will return you to the menu system.

Once all the digits have been set, press the **MEM** key to accept the value and return to Program Function mode. The next time a reading is taken, "LO" will appear on the display if the captured value is less than the low limit

# **HIGH LIMIT**

Use the high limit setting as a means of visually flagging the operator when a reading falls over a desired maximum value. High limits are set in the identical way as low limits. Please refer to the Low Limit section for details.

NOTE ON LIMITS: The green LED on the front of the display will flash when a peak is captured that falls within the limit setting.

# SERVICE AND WARRANTY

#### SERVICE

To ensure the best possible support for our customers, Advanced Witness Series maintains a complete calibration and repair facility for all its products. We keep in stock most replacement parts for torque testers, transducers, and our line of digital wrenches. When you buy a product from us, the only place you need to go for parts and service is...us! For service, call (408) 453-5070, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm Pacific Coast Time.

#### THE WARRANTY CARD

In order to ensure protection of the warranty as described below, you MUST fill in the appropriate information on the warranty card that came with your unit and return it to Advanced Witness Series, Inc. within 30 days of receipt of item.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that this system and various components need calibration and certification on a periodic basis. By returning the card to us, you will receive timely notification as to when this re-calibration and re-certification is due.

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