

Moisture meter

## Operating Manual

### humimeter BMA-2

Moisture meter for measuring the moisture content of biomass



78,0 °F | 6,16% | 456kg/m<sup>3</sup> | -27,3td | 0,64aw | 51,9%r.H. | 14,8%abs | 100,4g/m<sup>2</sup> | 09m/s | 4,90Ug/l | 1

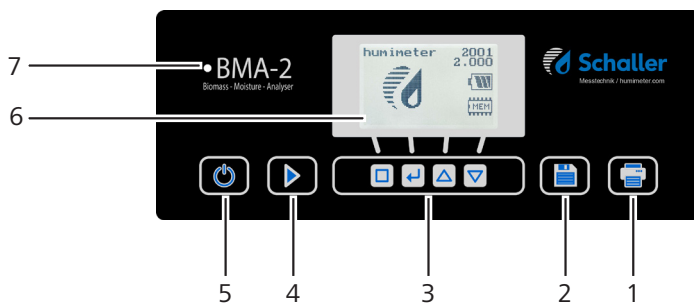
## Your humimeter BMA-2 at a glance

### The main unit



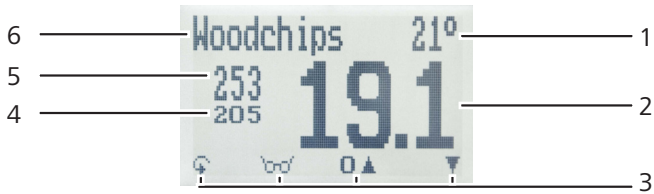
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1	Control panel and display
2	Measuring chamber
3	Drawer
4	USB port
5	Power supply

## The control panel



No.	Name
1	Print button
2	Save button
3	Control buttons for display
4	Start button
5	On/off button
6	Display
7	LED light
	solid blue: ready for use
	flashing blue: measurement in progress
	flashing red: fault (see "11. Faults")

## The display



No.	Name
1	Temperature
2	Moisture content in % (see "6.1 How moisture is defined")
3	Display symbols
4	Atro weight/m <sup>3</sup> (optional)
5	Bulk density (optional)
6	Product type

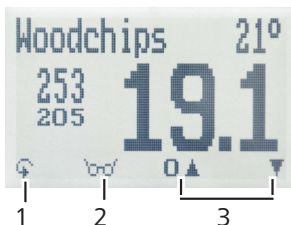
## The display symbols

Symbol	Name	Symbol	Name
	Enter		No
	Up		Change input level
	Down		OK
	Back		Change menu
	Enter numbers		Enter data
	Enter letters		View measurements
	Continue / go right		Delete measurements
	Left		
	Yes		

## The menus

The device has two different menus: product selection menu and main menu:

### Product selection menu



No.	Name
1	Open main menu
2	Show the last recorded values
3	For changing the product type

### Main menu

The main menu comprises the following menu items:

- **Edit Logs:**  
Manual Logs, Clear Logs
- **Print Logs:**  
Last Log, All Logs, Clear Logs
- **Send Logs:**  
Manual Logs, Clear Logs
- **Options:**  
Bluetooth, Date/Time, Language, Unlock, °C/°F, BL On Time, Auto Off Time, Materialcalibration, Password, Reset
- **Status**

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Information about this operating manual

This operating manual is designed to enable you to use the humimeter BMA-2 safely and effectively. It is part of the device, has to be stored nearby and must be easily accessible to users at all times.

All users are required to carefully read and make sure that they have understood this operating manual before using the humimeter BMA-2. All of the safety and operating instructions detailed in this manual have to be observed to ensure the safety of the device.

## 1.2 Limitation of liability

All of the information and instructions provided in this operating manual have been compiled on the basis of the current standards and regulations, the state of the art, and the extensive expertise and experience of Schaller GmbH.

Schaller GmbH does not accept any liability for damage associated with the following, which also voids the warranty:

- Non-observance of this operating manual
- Improper use
- Inadequately qualified users
- Unauthorised modifications
- Technical changes
- Use of unapproved spare parts

This fast measuring procedure can be affected by a range of different factors. For this reason, we recommend periodically checking the device's measurements with a standardised oven-drying method.

We, as the manufacturer, do not accept any liability for any incorrect measurements and associated consequential damage.

### 1.3 Symbols used in this manual

All of the safety information provided in this manual is shown with a corresponding symbol.



#### **WARNING**

It is essential to observe this warning. Non-compliance can lead to serious irreversible or fatal injury.



#### **CAUTION**

It is essential to observe this warning. Non-compliance can lead to injury.



#### **ATTENTION**

It is essential to observe this warning. Non-compliance can lead to damage to property or equipment.



#### **Information**

This symbol indicates important information that enables users to use the device more efficiently and cost-effectively.

### 1.4 Customer service

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## 2. For your safety

The device complies with the following European directives:

- Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment (RoHS)
- Electrical equipment (Low Voltage Directive, LVD)
- Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)
- Machinery

The device corresponds to state-of-the-art technology. However, it is still associated with a number of residual hazards.

These hazards can be avoided through strict observance of our safety information.

### 2.1 Proper use

- Easy to use device for quickly measuring the moisture content of wood chips and other biomass fuels
- The device must only be used for taking measurements on the products defined in the following sections of this manual (see "6. Product types").
- Optionally, it is possible to determine the bulk density and absolute dry weight (ATRO).

### 2.2 Improper use

- The device must not be used in ATEX.
- The device is not suitable for measuring frozen material or material with a temperature of more than +50 °C.
- The device is not waterproof and must be protected from water and fine dust (IP40).

### 2.3 User qualifications

The device must only be operated by people who can be expected to reliably take the measurements. The device must not be operated by people whose reaction times may be slowed due to, e.g. the use of drugs, alcohol or medication.

All persons using this device must have read, understood and follow the instructions provided in the operating manual.

## 2.4 Danger from electric current



### **WARNING**

#### **Electric shock**

Danger to life due to electric shock when operating with a defective mains cable or defective device.

- ▶ Disconnect the device from the power supply and secure it against being switched on again.

Observe the following safety instructions to avoid hazards from electric current:

- Do not use a damaged power cable.
- A damaged power cable may only be replaced by the manufacturer, customer service or a similarly qualified person.
- Do not open any firmly screwed covers from the housing of the unit.
- Do not use the device if it shows any externally visible damage, e.g. to the housing, controls or connection cables, or if it malfunctions.
- A defective device may only be replaced by the manufacturer, customer service or a similarly qualified person. Do not repair the device yourself.
- Do not make any changes to the device, its components or accessories.

## 2.5 General safety information

The following safety information has to be observed at all times to avoid damage to objects and injury to people:

- Do not reach into the interior of the device during operation.
- Keep the device and its power cable away from children under the age of 8.
- Disconnect the device from the power supply if it is to be left unattended for an extended period of time.
- Attention: Danger of tipping! Ensure that the device stands on a stable and level surface.

All of the device's technical features have been inspected and tested before delivery. Every device has a serial number. Do not remove the tag with the serial number.

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## 3. On receipt of your device

### 3.1 Taking the device out of its packaging

- Take the device out of its packaging.
- Next, make sure that it is not damaged and that no parts are missing.
- Do not discard the packaging! In case of shipping the device, the original packaging must be used.
- » We refuse any liability for damages during transport using inadequate packaging.

### 3.2 Making sure that all of the components have been included

Make sure that all of the components have been included by checking the package contents against the following list:

- humimeter BMA-2
- Measuring chamber (12 liters)
- Power supply unit 24VDC 5A with Schuko plus (CEE 7/16)
- 2 pieces of plastic buckets (13 liters)
- Operating manual

Optional accessories:

- USB flash drive with LogMemorizer measuring data recording and analysing software and USB cable (Included in the equipment packages: USB package, Data package, ATRO package) - Described in a separate operating manual
- Integrated printer with 2 pieces of paper rolls (Included in the equipment packages: Data package, ATRO package)
- Determination of bulk density and ATRO dry weight (tons/m<sup>3</sup>) for humimeter BMA-2 (Included in the ATRO equipment package)
- External rechargeable battery - Described in a separate operating manual
- Bluetooth module - Described in a separate operating manual
- Measuring device check test medium - Described in a separate operating manual
- Wheels for transportation (2 pieces)

### 3.3 Setting up the device

Note the following:

- Do not leave the device out in the rain. The device and measuring chamber are not waterproof.
- Do not position the device in damp rooms..
- Place the device on a stable, level and dry surface.
- Do not expose the device to large quantities of dust.
- Do not expose the device to extreme temperatures.
- Protect the device from strong mechanical shocks and loads.
- Keep a sufficient distance of about 10 cm from the wall and other objects.
- Lay the power cable so that it cannot be damaged by edges or hot surfaces.



#### **CAUTION**

##### **Danger of tipping**

Risk of injury due to tipping device

- ▶ Place the device on a stable and level surface.

## 4. Using the device - Basics

### 4.1 Inserting the measuring chamber

1. Open the drawer of the device by lifting and pulling the handle towards you (figure 1).
2. Hang the empty measuring chamber in the drawer.
  - » The handle and the suspension of the measuring chamber must hang in the plastic brackets of the drawer (figure 2).




3. Close the drawer. If necessary, push its handle downwards to fully close it.

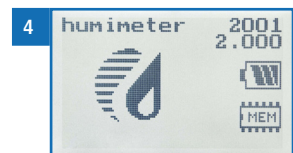
### 4.2 Plugging in the device

1. Make sure that the socket you want to use has the same electrical voltage as described on the name plate of the power supply unit.
2. Plug the power cable into the device (figure 3).
3. Plug the power cable into the power socket.



### 4.3 Switching the device on

- » After plugging in the power cable, the device switches on automatically Or
- Press  for 3 seconds.
- » The display will then show the status indicator **humimeter** (figure 4).




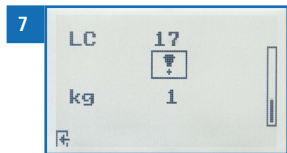
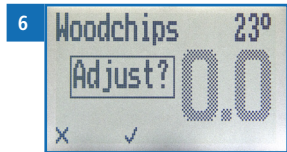
#### 4.4 Automatic drawer check

- » After switching on, the device goes through a sensor check of the drawer. The display will show the message **Check Door** (figure 5).
- Open and close the drawer.



#### 4.5 Automatic calibration

- » After switching on, the device goes through a self-calibration. The display shows the message **Reinitialize?** (figure 6).
- Confirm by pressing .
- » The calibration is effected. The display will appear as shown in figure 7.
- » Once completed, the device will show the measuring window (figure 8).



#### 4.6 Taking a measurement

- For information on how to take a measurement, see section "5. The measuring process".



#### 4.7 Switching the device off

- Press  for 3 seconds.



## 5. The measuring process

### 5.1 Preparing a measurement








**To do so:** The display has to show the measuring window (figure 9).







1. Open the drawer of the device by lifting and pulling the handle towards you (figure 10).
2. Take out the measuring chamber.
3. Completely fill the measuring chamber with the material being measured. Use the included plastic bucket and fill the measuring chamber from the side with the metal plate (figure 11).
4. Wipe off the material at the upper edge of the measuring chamber evenly.
5. Hang the filled measuring chamber in the drawer (figure 12).
  - » The handle and the suspension of the measuring chamber must hang in the plastic brackets of the drawer.
6. Close the drawer. If necessary, push its handle downwards to fully close it.



### 5.2 Taking a measurement

1. Select the required product type (see "6. Product types") by pressing the  or  button **Or**
2. Press the  or  button for 3 seconds.
  - » The display will now show the product type overview (figure 13).
3. Select the required product type (**Woodchips, Coarse chips, Softwood chips, Softwood coarse, Fine woodchips, Pellets, Miscanthus, Shavings Softwood, Sawdust Softwood, Sawdust Hardwood, Corn cob, Empty 1**).  
To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing  **Or**



4. Keep  or  pressed to scroll through the types and confirm by pressing .
5. Press  to start the measurement.

- » The LED is blinking in blue during the entire measurement.
- » The display shows the active measurement process (figure 14).



- » After completion of the measurement, the LED is shining in blue.
- » The display now shows the measured values (figure 15).
- » The displayed value flashes when the moisture content exceeds the measuring range of the selected product type. A flashing value signals lowered accuracy of the measurement. The measuring range limit of the wood chip calibration curves is 60 % moisture content.



6. Once the reading has been taken, it can be saved on the device (see "[5.3 Saving individual readings](#)" or "[5.4 Saving several readings \(a measurement series\) at the same time](#)").
7. Open the drawer and carefully remove the measuring chamber.
8. Empty the measuring chamber completely.

### **i** Information - Measuring accuracy











To increase the measuring accuracy, take three measurements of the same material. When saving the individual readings, the device will automatically calculate the readings' average (see "[5.4 Saving several readings \(a measurement series\) at the same time](#)").

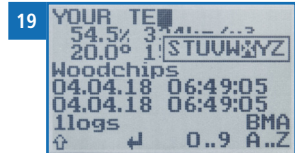
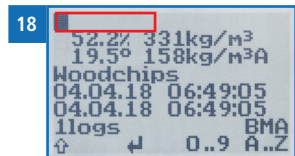
### **i** Information - Incorrect readings

Always make sure to select the correct product type for the material you are measuring. This prevents taking incorrect readings (see "[11. Faults](#)").

## 5.3 Saving individual readings

**To do so:** A measurement has been taken. The display will now appear as shown in figure 16.

1. Press .
  - » The display will now appear as shown in figure 17.
2. Press  to enter a name for the saved reading and to finish the measuring process.
  - » The display will now appear as shown in figure 18.
3. The data you have inputted can be overwritten at any time.
4. **Inputting letters:**  
 Press and hold  to quickly scroll to the required letter and either press it for 3 seconds or press  to confirm the selected letter (figure 19).
5. **Inputting numbers:**  
 Press and hold  to quickly scroll to the required number and either press it for 3 seconds or press  to confirm the selected number.
6. **Moving forward/back:**  
 Press  to switch to another input level.  
 Press  or  to move forward or back.
7. Confirm your entry by pressing .
  - » The data you entered has been saved.

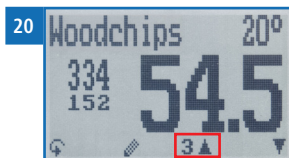



## 5.4 Saving several readings (a measurement series) at the same time

1. Take several readings of the same material (see "5. The measuring process").

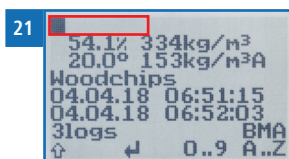
2. Press  after each measurement.

» The display will now appear as shown in figure 20. The marked number shows the number of readings that have already been saved.





3. Press  to enter a name for the saved series of measurements and to finish the measuring process.

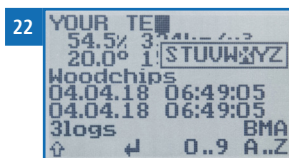
» The display will now appear as shown in figure 21.





4. The data you have inputted can be overwritten at any time.

### 5. Inputting letters:

Press and hold  to quickly scroll to the required letter and either press it for 3 seconds or press  to confirm the selected letter (figure 22).






### 6. Inputting numbers:

Press and hold  to quickly scroll to the required number and either press it for 3 seconds or press  to confirm the selected number.

### 7. Moving forward/back:

Press  to switch to another input level.

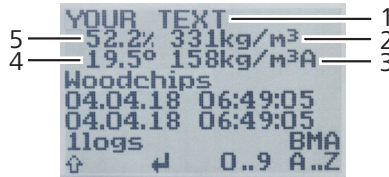
Press  or  to move forward or back.

8. Confirm your entry by pressing .

» The data you entered has been saved.

» The device automatically determines the average moisture content of the saved measuring values.

» The display will show the following information:



No.	Name
1	Name of the measurement series (editable)
2	Bulk density [kg/m³] (average) (optional)
3	Dry weight (atro)/m³ [kg/m³] (average) (optional)
4	Temperature (average)
5	Moisture content (average)


## 5.5 Printing measured values

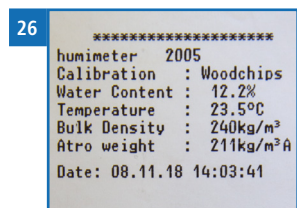
**To do so:** The integrated printer and a paper roll is required (figure 23). Both are included in the equipment packages: Data package and ATRO package.

**Options:** The current measurement or already saved readings can be printed.

### 5.5.1 Printing the current measurement













**To do so:** A measurement has been taken. The display appears as shown in figure 24.

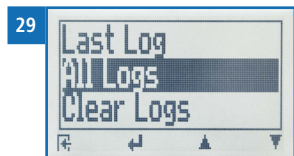
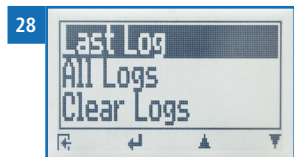
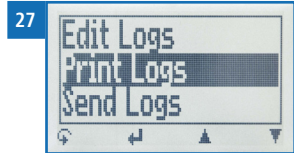
- Press .
  - » The display will show the message **Print** (figure 25).
  - » The current measurement will be printed (Printout figure 26).



### 5.5.2 Printing already saved readings

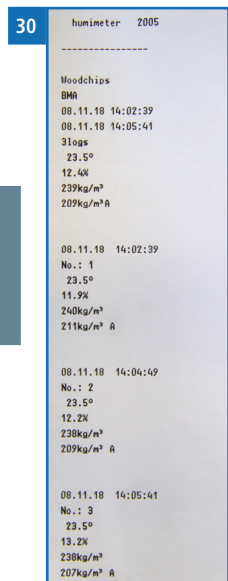
**To do so:** You must have taken and saved one or several readings.

1. Press .
2. Select **Print Logs** (figure 27). To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
3. Select **Last Log** (figure 28) to print the last recorded measurement series. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing  Or
4. Select **All Logs** (figure 29) to print all recorded measurement series. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
  - » The display will show the message **Print**.
  - » The selected measurement series will be printed (Printout figure 30).
5. Press  to leave the **Print Logs** menu.
6. Press  to leave the main menu.








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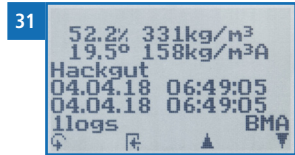
Make sure to regularly clear the data memory (see "5.8 Deleting all measured values (data log)"). This helps to save printing paper.




## 5.6 Viewing individual readings









**To do so:** You must have saved a reading (e.g. **1 log**).  
 The display will now show .

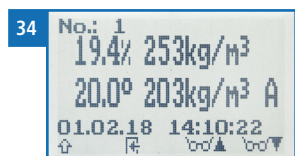
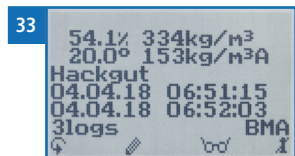
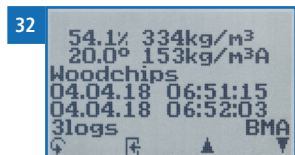
1. Press .
2. Select the required reading. To do so, press  or .
  - » The display will now appear as shown in figure 31.
3. Press  to leave this screen.



## 5.7 Viewing individual readings from a series of measurements











**To do so:** You must have saved a reading (e.g. **3 log**).  
 The display will now show .

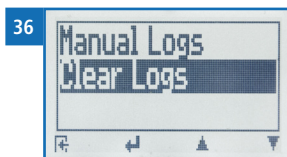
1. Press .
2. Select the required reading. To do so, press  or .
  - » The display will now appear as shown in figure 32.
3. Press  to switch to another input level.
  - » The display will now appear as shown in figure 33.
4. Press  again.
  - » The display will now appear as shown in figure 34.
5. Navigate to the required reading (**No.: 1, No.: 2, No.: 3**). To do so, press  .
6. Press  to leave this screen.




## 5.8 Deleting all measured values (data log)








**To do so:** You must have taken and saved one or several readings.

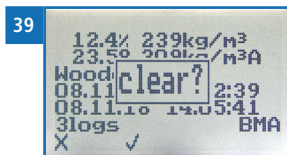
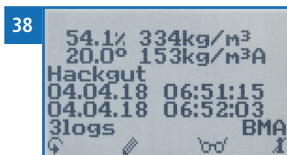
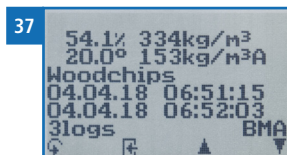
1. Press .
2. Select **Edit Logs** (figure 35). To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
3. Select **Clear Logs** (figure 36). To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
  - » The display will show the message **clear?**
4. Confirm by pressing .
  - » The data log has been deleted.
5. Press  to leave the **Edit Logs** menu.
6. Press .



## 5.9 Deleting individual measurement series

**To do so:** You must have saved a measured value (e.g. **1 log**) or a series of measurements (e.g. **3 logs**). The display will now show .

1. Press .
2. Select the required reading. To do so, press  or .
  - » The display will now appear as shown in figure 37.
3. Press  to switch to another input level.
  - » The display will now appear as shown in figure 38.
4. Press .
  - » The display will show the message **clear?** (figure 39).
5. Confirm by pressing .
  - » The measurement has been deleted.
6. Press .





## 6. Product types

Product name	Product type	Measuring range
Woodchips	See <a href="#">"6.3.1 Wood chips"</a>	5 % - 70 %
Coarse chips	See <a href="#">"6.3.2 Coarse wood chips"</a>	5 % - 70 %
Softwood chips	See <a href="#">"6.3.3 Softwood chips"</a>	5 % - 70 %
Softwood coarse chips	See <a href="#">"6.3.4 Softwood coarse chips"</a>	5 % - 70 %
Fine woodchips	See <a href="#">"6.3.5 Fine wood chips"</a>	5 % - 70 %
Pellets	Wood pellets Ø 6 mm	5 % - 14 %
Miscanthus	Chopped miscanthus (P16)	5 % - 35 %
Shaving Softwood	Shavings from softwood	5 % - 45 %
Sawdust Softwood	Sawdust from softwood	10 % - 60 %
Sawdust Hardwood	Sawdust from hardwood	10 % - 60 %
Corn cob	Corn cobs (chopped or whole cobs)	10 % - 40 %
Empty 1	Free curve for special products	
Empty 2	Free curve for special products	
Empty 3	Free curve for special products	
Reference	! Only for testing the moisture meter !	

### 6.1 How moisture is defined

The device measures and shows a material's moisture content. The moisture content readings it displays are calculated in relation to the material's overall mass:

$$\%WG = \frac{M_n - M_t}{M_n} \times 100$$

$M_n$ : Mass of the sample with average moisture content

$M_t$ : Mass of the sample with zero moisture content

%WG: Moisture content (in accordance with EN ISO 18134-2)

## 6.2 Definition of wood chips types (Norm EN ISO 17225-1)

The given numbers, in accordance with EN ISO 17225-1, refer to the particle sizes that fit through the round screen openings.

- P16 at least 75% of the mass between 3.15 and 16mm
- P31 at least 75% of the mass between 8 and 31.5mm
- P45 at least 75% of the mass between 8 and 45mm
- P63 at least 75% of the mass between 8 and 63mm

## 6.3 Selection of calibration curve for wood chips

The calibration curves for wood chips depend on the wood type (hardwood, softwood), the size of the chips (size classes according to norm EN ISO 17225-1) as well as on the content of fine fraction.

If you are not sure which calibration curve is the best suited for your material, it is recommended to carry out a reference measurement by kiln-drying (according to EN ISO 18134-2).

Schaller GmbH will be happy to advise you on the selection of the right calibration curve. Please send a picture of your wood chips, placing a measuring tape to the material, to [support@schaller-gmbh.at](mailto:support@schaller-gmbh.at). You will receive a recommendation from us immediately.

### 6.3.1 Wood chips

For wood chips with fine fraction, consisting of at least one third hardwood. The fine fraction mainly derives from barks, small branches and bushes. For wood chips sizes from P31 to P45. See example pictures [40](#) and [41](#).

If your wood chips contain few fine fraction or no fine fraction or if the wood chips contain a higher proportion of softwood, use one of the following calibration curves.

### 6.3.2 Coarse wood chips

For coarse wood chips without fine fraction, consisting of at least one third hardwood. This curve is predominantly suited for measuring wood chips deriving from logs and full trees. For wood chips sizes from P45 to P63. See example pictures [42](#) und [43](#).

If your wood chips contain a higher proportion of softwood, use one of the following calibration curves.

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### 6.3.3 Softwood chips

For wood chips with fine fraction, mainly (more than two thirds) consisting of softwood (spruce, fir, pine, larch). The fine fraction mainly derives from barks, small branches and bushes. For softwood chips sizes from P16 to P45. See example pictures [44](#) and [45](#).

If your wood chips contain few fine fraction or no fine fraction, use one of the following calibration curves.

### 6.3.4 Softwood coarse chips

For coarse wood chips without fine fraction, mainly (more than two thirds) consisting of softwood (spruce, fir, pine, larch). This curve is predominantly suited for measuring wood chips deriving from logs and full trees as well as sawmill residues. For wood chips sizes from P45 to P63. See example pictures [46](#) and [47](#).

### 6.3.5 Fine wood chips

For fine wood chips with a high proportion of fine fraction, where at least two thirds of the content are of a particle size below 16 mm (P16). The fine fraction mainly derives from barks, small branches and bushes (e.g. forest residue, fine short rotation coppice). See example picture [48](#) and [49](#).

For wood chips purely from ash trees, wood chips sizes from P16 to P45, also choose this calibration curve.

Example pictures wood chips



Example pictures coarse wood chips

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Example pictures softwood chips



Example pictures softwood coarse chips



Example pictures fine wood chips





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## 6.4 Notes for the measurement of wood shavings

The weight of the measured shavings must be at least 380 g. Otherwise the shavings in the chamber have to be compressed to 380 g.

## 6.5 Notes for bulk density and dry weight (atro)/m<sup>3</sup>

For determining the bulk density according to norm EN 14961 a round bucket is used.

As the humimeter BMA-2 device uses a rectangular measuring chamber, a compensation factor is stored in the device. This compensation factor has been optimised for wood chips and therefore can differ when measuring other material types. The bulk density of biomass material during transport can change considerably (compacting), when measuring the volume a material cone has to be considered.

An eventual discrepancy of the bulk density directly influences the displayed dry weight (atro)/m<sup>3</sup>.

## 6.6 Notes for comparative measurement with oven-drying method

The device uses a much higher sample quantity than the drying oven (12-fold to 20-fold quantity of kiln-drying method). Furthermore, to determine a more accurate average moisture value in case of inhomogeneous material, there can be effected several measurements within a short time.

Considering a sampling error due to the considerably smaller sample quantity as well as the content of volatile matters, resin etc. (that are not water), the kiln-drying method will practically reach an accuracy of approx. +/- 3 %. Therefore, if the measuring values of these two very different methods of determining the water content are compared, differences of +/- 3 % can be considered to be normal.

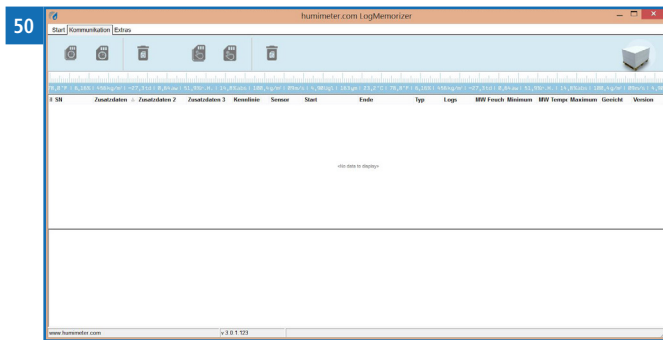
In the standard EN ISO 18134-2 is declared that the drying oven method provides no absolute values, but only comparable values.

## 7. Using the LogMemorizer program

**To do so:** The device is provided with USB interface, and the USB stick with LogMemorizer software and USB cable are available (Included in the equipment packages: USB package, Data package or ATRO package).

### 7.1 Installing/Opening the program

1. Insert the USB stick with the LogMemorizer program into the USB port on your computer.
  2. Open the **setup** application.
  3. Follow the installation instructions.
1. Open LogMemorizer.
    - » The screen will now display the LogMemorizer's interface (figure 50).
    - » Before using LogMemorizer, please refer to the the separate LogMemorizer operation manual for the correct configuration of the USB COM Port.



For more information on LogMemorizer, please refer to the separate LogMemorizer operating manual supplied with the device.








### 7.2 Exporting measuring values to a computer

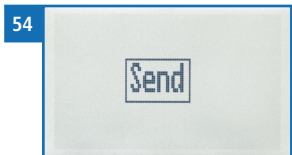
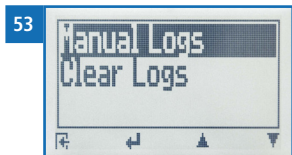
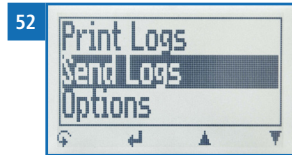
**To do so:** LogMemorizer must be installed. And you must have taken and saved one or several moisture readings.

**Options:** You can export moisture readings from the humimeter BMA-2 and initiate the export at your computer.

## Exporting moisture readings from the humimeter BMA-2

Connect the humimeter BMA-2 to your computer using the supplied USB cable.

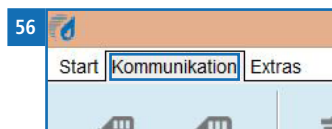
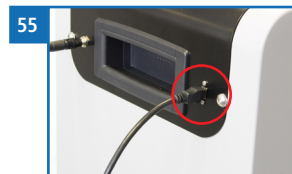
1. Insert the USB Mini B connector into the humimeter BMA-2 (figure 51).
2. Insert the USB connector into the computer.
3. Open LogMemorizer on your computer.
4. Switch on the humimeter BMA-2.
5. Press .
6. Select **Send Logs** (figure 52). To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
7. Select **Manual Logs** (figure 53). To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
  - » The display will then show the message **Send** (figure 54).
  - » All of the measuring values saved on the humimeter BMA-2 will now be sent to your computer.



## Initiating the data export at your computer

Connect the humimeter BMA-2 to your computer using the supplied USB cable:

1. Insert the USB Mini B connector into the humimeter BMA-2 (figure 55).
2. Insert the USB connector into the computer.
3. Open LogMemorizer on your computer.
4. Switch on the humimeter BMA-2.
5. Open the **Communication** tab in LogMemorizer (figure 56).







6. Select and click on one of the buttons shown in figure 57:
- » **Import all manual logs** (for importing all manually saved readings) **or**
  - » **Import most recent manual log** (for importing the most recent manually saved logs).

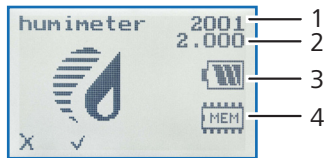


No.	Name
1	Import all manual logs
2	Import most recent manual log



- » The measuring values saved on the humimeter BMA-2 will now be sent to your computer.

## 8. Checking the device's status

1. Press .
2. Select **Status**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
  - » The display will then show the status indicator **humimeter**.
  - » The display will show the following information:



No.	Name
1	Serial number
2	Software version
3	Battery status
4	Memory status















3. Confirm by pressing .
4. Press  to leave the main menu.

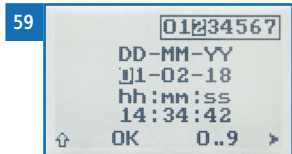
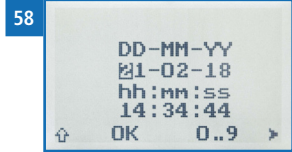
## 9. Configuring the device

### 9.1 Turning on Bluetooth













The information on Bluetooth is provided in a separate operating manual.

### 9.2 Adjust the date/time

1. Press .
2. Select **Options**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
3. Select **Date/Time**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
  - » The display will now appear as shown in figure 58.
  - » The format for the date is **DD-MM-YY** (Day-Month-Year).
  - » The format for the time is **hh:mm:ss** (Hour:Minutes:Seconds).
4. **Inputting numbers:**  
 Press and hold  to quickly scroll to the required number and either press it for 3 seconds or press  to confirm the selected number (figure 59).
5. **Moving forward:**  
 To move forward between **DD-MM-YY** and **hh:mm:ss**, press .
6. **Moving back:**  
 Press  to switch to another input level. To move backward between **DD-MM-YY** and **hh:mm:ss**, press .
7. Confirm the date/time by pressing **OK**.
  - » The settings have been saved.
8. Press  to leave the **Options** menu.
9. Press  to leave the main menu.













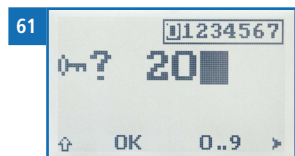
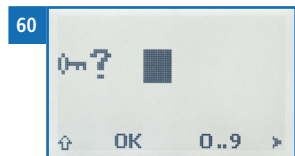
## 9.3 Selecting a language



1. Press .
2. Select **Options**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
3. Select **Language**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
4. Navigate to the required language. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
  - » The settings have been saved.
5. Press  to leave the **Options** menu.
6. Press  to leave the main menu.

## 9.4 Activating options

To do so: Some of the options are deactivated.

1. Press .
2. Select **Options**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
3. Select **Unlock**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
  - » The display will now appear as shown in figure 60.
  - » On delivery, the four-digit password is the device's serial number.
4. **Inputting numbers:**  
Press and hold **0..9** to quickly scroll to the required number and either press it for 3 seconds or press  to confirm the selected number (figure 61).
5. **Moving back:**  
Press  to switch to another input level.  
To move back, press .
6. Confirm the four-digit password by pressing **OK**.















- » The settings have been saved.
  - » The **°C/°F**, **BL On Time**, **Auto Off Time**, **Materialcalib.**, **Password**, **Reset** options are now activated.
7. Press  to leave the **Options** menu.
  8. Press  to leave the main menu.

## 9.5 Deactivating options

Once the device has been switched restarted, the **°C/°F**, **BL On Time**, **Auto Off Time**, **Materialcalib.**, **Password**, **Reset** options will be deactivated again.

## 9.6 Selecting °C/°F

**To do so:** All of the options must be activated (see "9.4 Activating options").













1. Press .
  2. Select **Options**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
  3. Select **°C/°F**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
  4. Navigate to the required temperature scale, i.e. Celsius (°C) or Fahrenheit (°F). To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
  - » The settings have been saved.
5. Press  to leave the **Options** menu.
  6. Press  to leave the main menu.



## 9.7 Reducing the device's power consumption













### 9.7.1 Configuring the display illumination time

**To do so:** All of the options must be activated (see "9.4 Activating options").

1. Press .
2. Select **Options**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
3. Select **BL On Time**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
4. Select the required display illumination period (30 seconds/2 minutes/5 minutes/10 minutes). To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
- » The settings have been saved.
5. Press  to leave the **Options** menu.
6. Press  to leave the main menu.

### 9.7.2 Configuring automatic switch-off

**To do so:** All of the options must be activated (see "9.4 Activating options").









1. Press .
2. Select **Options**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
3. Select **Auto Off Time**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
4. Select the period of time you want the device to stay switched on (4 minutes, 6 minutes, 10 minutes, 30 minutes). To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
- » The settings have been saved.
5. Press  to leave the **Options** menu.
6. Press  to leave the main menu.

## 9.8 Configuring the material calibration function


The type calibration function is described in a separate operating manual.

## 9.9 Changing the password



**To do so:** All of the options must be activated (see "9.4 Activating options").

1. Press .
2. Select **Options**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
3. Select **Password**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing 
  - » The display will show the current password.
4. Overwrite the current password. To do so, press and hold **0..9** to quickly scroll to the required number and either press it for 3 seconds or press  to confirm the selected number.

### Moving back:









Press  to switch to another input level.

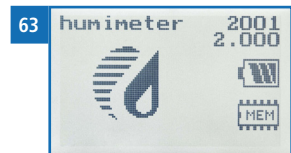
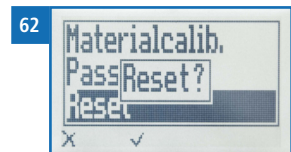
To move back, press .

5. Confirm the new four-digit password by pressing **OK**.
  - » The settings have been saved.
6. Press  to leave the **Options** menu.
7. Press  to leave the main menu.

## 9.10 Resetting the device to its factory settings

To do so: All of the options must be activated (see "9.4 Activating options").

1. Press .
2. Select **Options**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
3. Select **Reset**. To do so, press  or  and confirm by pressing .
  - » The display will then show the message **Reset?** (figure 62).
4. Confirm by pressing .
  - » The device will now be reset to its factory settings. All of your personal settings will be lost.
  - » The display will show the status indicator **humimeter** (figure 63).
  - » Resetting the device will not affect the saved measuring values.



## 10. Cleaning and maintenance

Regularly cleaning and maintaining the device will ensure that it will have a long service life and stay in good condition.

### 10.1 Care instructions

- Do not leave the device out in the rain. The device and measuring chamber are not waterproof.
- Do not position the device in damp rooms.
- Place the device on a stable, level and dry surface.
- Do not expose the device to large quantities of dust.
- Do not expose the device to extreme temperatures.
- Protect the device from strong mechanical shocks and loads.
- Keep a sufficient distance of about 10 cm from the wall and other objects.
- Lay the power cable so that it cannot be damaged by edges or hot surfaces.

## 10.2 Cleaning the device



### ATTENTION

#### Do not clean with fluids

Water or cleaning fluid getting inside the device can destroy the device.

- ▶ Only clean with dry materials.



### ATTENTION

#### Damage due to improper cleaning

Damage to the golden contacts on the weighing plate (figure 64) can destroy the device.

- ▶ Do not touch the golden contacts during cleaning.

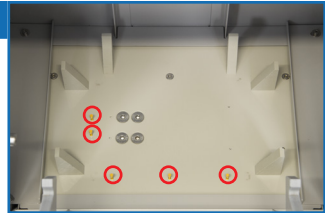
### Measuring chamber

- Clean the measuring chamber with a cloth or a soft brush.

### Interior

- » The weighing plate (figure 64) must always be free of wood chips or dirt.
- Remove wood chips or dirt with the vacuum cleaner.

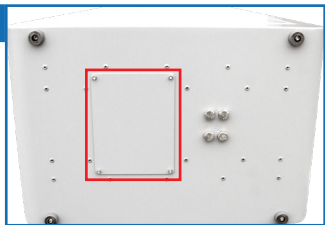
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### Weighing cell

- » At the bottom of the device there is a cover (figure 65).
- Unscrew the cover after approx. 200 measurements.
- Remove wood chips or dirt with the vacuum cleaner.

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## 10.3 Replacing the printer paper roll

**To do so:** The integrated printer and a paper roll is required. Both are included in the equipment packages: Data package or ATRO package.

1. Lift the tab of the printer all the way up (figure 66).
  - » The printer cover pops open.
2. Remove the empty paper roll.
3. Place a new, opened paper roll into the printer (figure 67).
4. Keep hold of the beginning of the paper roll and close the printer cover.
  - » The printer is now ready to use again (figure 68).



## 10.4 Checking the calibration


The device's calibration should be checked regularly.





**To do so:** The test medium (figure 69) for checking the measuring device is required. The device's calibration check is described in a separate operating manual.



## 11. Faults

If the measures listed below fail to remedy any faults or if the device has faults not listed here, please contact Schaller GmbH.

Fault	Cause	Remedy
Measuring error	The temperature of the material being measured is too low or high. I.e. the material's temperature is lower than 0 °C or higher than +50 °C.	The temperature of the material being measured has to be between 0 °C and +50 °C.
	Frozen material or material mixed with snow Accuracy decreases significantly	The material must not be frozen or mixed with snow.
	Wrong product type	Check whether you have selected the right product type (product) before taking a reading (see "5.2 Taking a measurement").
	Mouldy or rain wet material Accuracy decreases significantly	Only measure dry, not mouldy material.
	Insufficient material in the measuring chamber	Ensure that the measuring chamber is completely filled with material; there must not be less nor more material in it.
	Wrong filling procedure	The measuring chamber has to stand on the ground when filling it. Always use the included bucket for the filling.
LED flashing red	Wrong filling direction  Drawer not closed correctly	Always fill the measuring chamber from the side with the metal plate.  Close the drawer completely. Press  to confirm the error message.

Fault	Cause	Remedy
	Measuring chamber is not in the device while taking a measurement	Put the filled measuring chamber into the device. Press  to confirm the error message.
	Measuring chamber empty while taking a measurement	Put the filled measuring chamber into the device. Press  to confirm the error message.
	Measuring chamber wrongly positioned while taking a measurement	Put the filled measuring chamber correctly into the device. Press  to confirm the error message.
	Motor overloaded while compressing the material	Check the content of the measuring chamber. Press  to confirm the error message.
<b>Incorrect calibration</b> (the exclamation mark on the display does not go away)	Material in the measuring chamber during calibration	Empty the measuring chamber completely.
	Pollution of contacts of the measuring chamber	Clean the contacts of the measuring chamber according to " <a href="#">12.1 Cleaning the contacts of the measuring chamber</a> ".
<b>Data transfer to Log Memorizer failed</b>	Interface has not been configured	The interface only has to be configured once. To do so, press the F1 key on your computer and read the Help file of the Log Memorizer program.

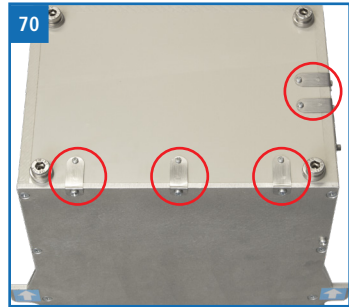
## 12. Troubleshooting

### 12.1 Cleaning the contacts of the measuring chamber

**To do so:** The automatic calibration is not successful and the exclamation mark on the display does not go away. The contacts of the measuring chamber are polluted.

1. Lightly sand the contacts (figure 70) with a fine sandpaper (K400). The contacts are made of stainless steel.
2. Clean the contacts with a cloth and cleaning alcohol.

If this measure does not remedy the fault, please contact Schaller GmbH.





## 13. Transportation, storage and disposal

### 13.1 Transporting the device



#### ATTENTION

##### Damage due to improper transport

The device can be damaged or ruined by a dispatch with various parcel services or by post.

- ▶ Only ship the device in its original packaging.
- ▶ Only ship the device by a freight forwarder.

Before you transport the device, carry out the following activities:

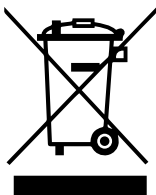
1. Remove the measuring chamber. It must not be inside the instrument during transport or shipment.
2. Disconnect the power cable from the device and the power socket.
3. Only pack the device in its original packaging.

### 13.2 Storing the device

The device must be stored as follows:

- Do not store outdoors.
- Store in a dry and dust-free place.
- Protect the device from sunlight.
- Avoid mechanical shocks/loads.
- Storage temperature: -20 °C to +60 °C

### 13.3 Disposing of the device



Devices marked with this symbol are subject to Directive 2012/19/ EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE).

If the device is being operated outside the European Union, the national regulations on the disposal of such devices that apply in the country of use must be observed.

Electronic devices must not be disposed of as domestic waste.

The device must be disposed of appropriately using appropriate collection systems.

## 14. Device information

### 14.1 EC declaration of conformity

# DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY

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in accordance with the following Directives:

Low Voltage Directive 2014/35/EU,  
EC Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC,  
Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive 2014/30/EC,

We

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hereby declare that the following product type:

Product: **humimeter BMA ; BMA-2**

is in conformity with the applicable essential requirements of the above mentioned directives.

Among others, the following harmonised standards were correspondingly applied:

- EN ISO 12100-2010 Safety of machinery – General principles for design – Risk assessment and risk reduction
- EN ISO 13857 Safety of machinery – safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper limbs
- EN 349 Safety of machinery – minimum gaps to avoid crushing of parts of the human body
- EN ISO 13849-1 Safety of machinery – Safety-related parts of control system – Part 1: General principles for design

For the above mentioned product a complete documentation with manual of instruction in original version is available.

In case of any changes not agreed upon with the manufacturer, this declaration of conformity loses its validity.

This declaration is subject to the responsibility of:

St. Ruprecht, 06.08.2018



Schaller GmbH  
Maximilian Schaller  
General Manager

## 14.2 Equipment packages

In addition to the standard version without any accessories, the device is available in three further, different equipment variants:

### USB package

- USB flash drive with LogMemorizer measuring data recording and analysing software and USB cable

### Data package

- USB flash drive with LogMemorizer measuring data recording and analysing software and USB cable
- Integrated printer

### ATRO package

- USB flash drive with LogMemorizer measuring data recording and analysing software and USB cable
- Integrated printer
- Determination of bulk density and dry weight (atro) in tons/m<sup>3</sup> (only for wood chip products)

## 14.3 Technical data

Display resolution	0.1% moisture content
Measuring range	5 to 70% moisture content (dependent on product type)
Operating temperature	0 °C to +50 °C
Storage temperature	-20 °C to +60 °C
Temperature sensor	Infrared (non-contact)
Temperature compensation	Automatic
Probenmenge	12 liters
Power supply	100-240VAC 1.2A 50-60 Hz
Plug	Schuko plug, CEE 7/16
Display	128 x 64 illuminated matrix display
Dimensions (WxDxH)	432 x 282 x 862 mm
Weight	29 kg (including measuring chamber)
IP rating	IP 40



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