

Mini

ORP Probe

Reads	ORP
Range	+/-2000mV
Connector	SMA
Response time	95% in 1s
Max pressure	100 PSI
Max depth	60m (197 ft)
Temperature range °C	1 – 80 °C
Cable length	89mm (3.5")
Internal temperature sensor	N/A
Time before recalibration	~3 Months
Life expectancy	~1.5 Years
Maintenance	N/A



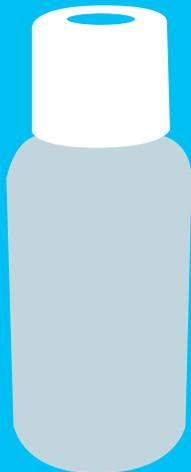
Specifications

Max depth	60m (197 ft)
Cable length	89mm (3.5")
Weight	29 grams
Speed of response	95% in 1 second
Dimensions	9.5mm x 67mm (0.4" x 2.6")
SMA connector	Yes
Sterilization	Chemical only

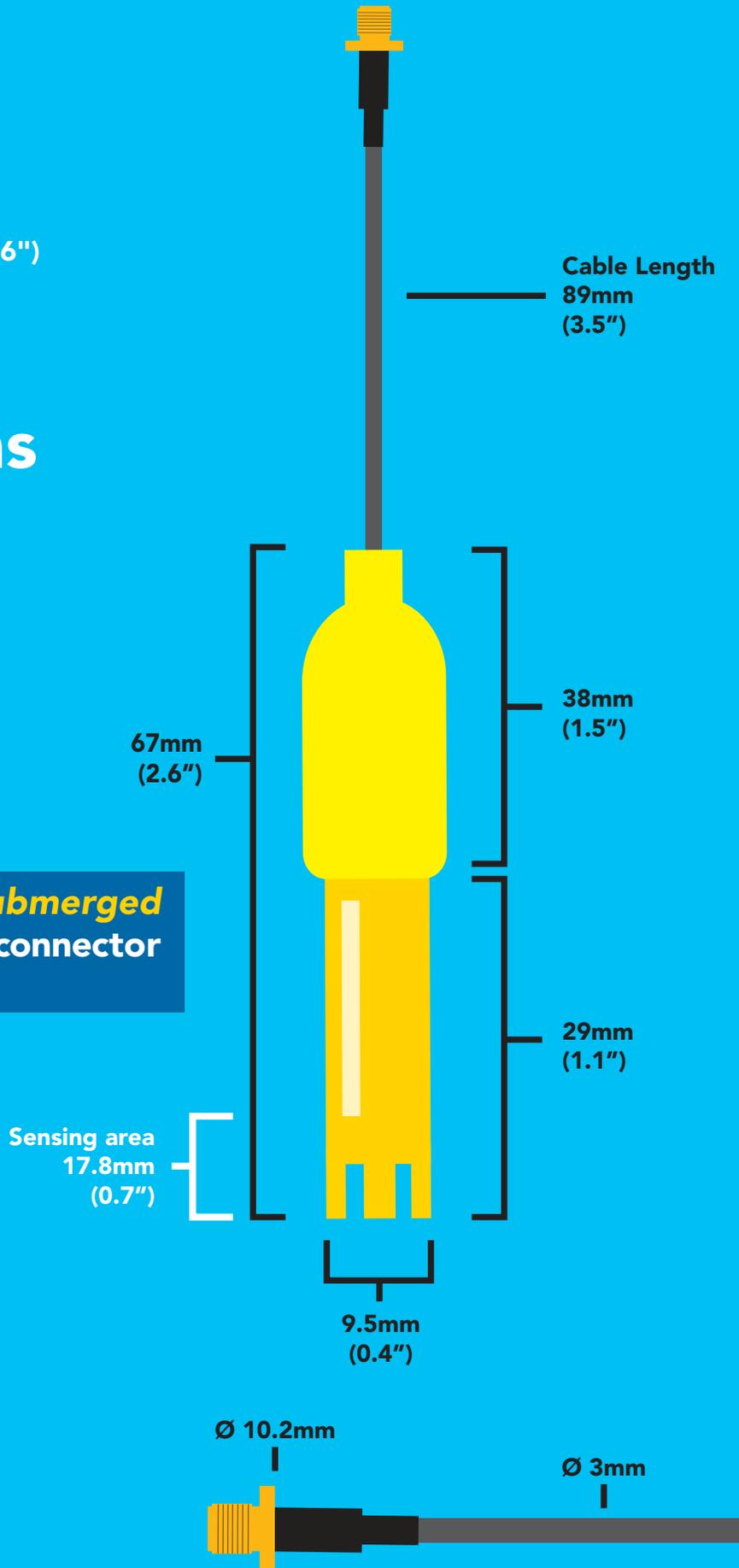
Typical Applications

- Standard lab use
- Field use
- Soil
- Low ionic and ultra-pure water
- Strong reducing agents
- Samples containing heavy metals
- Hydroponics / aquaponics
- Beer, wine and other liquor
- Food safe

This Mini ORP probe can be **fully submerged** in fresh or salt water, up to the SMA connector **indefinitely**.



Soaker bottle



Operating principle

ORP stands for **oxidation/reduction potential**. Oxidation is the loss of electrons and reduction is the gain of electrons. The output of the probe is represented in millivolts and can be positive or negative.

Just like a pH probe measures hydrogen ion activity in a liquid; an ORP probe measures electron activity in a liquid. The ORP readings represents how strongly electrons are transferred to or from substances in a liquid. Keeping in mind that the readings do not indicate the amount of electrons available for transfer.

pH Probe



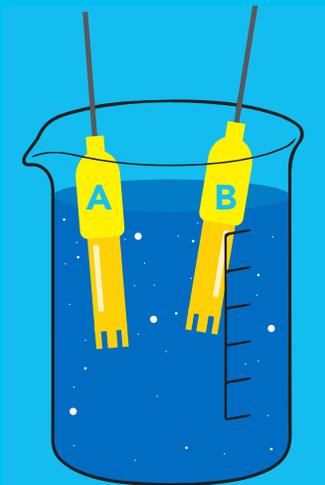
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When reading the ORP of a liquid that has very few electrons available for transfer ORP readings can appear to be inconsistent.

The water is unreactive and has only trace amounts of electron movement. *These readings are equivalent to the readings you see with an unconnected multimeter.*

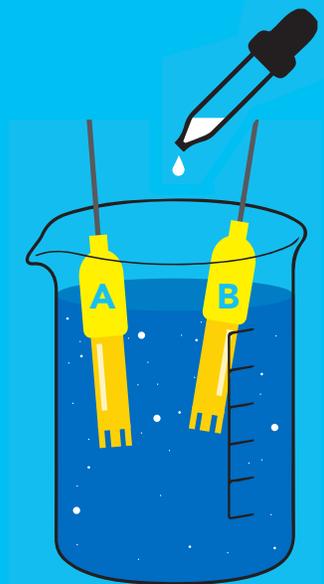
-234.6
Reading A



Tap water

24.2
Reading B

606.9
Reading A



Tap water

**Add just a drop of bleach
(which is an oxidizing agent)**

605.3
Reading B

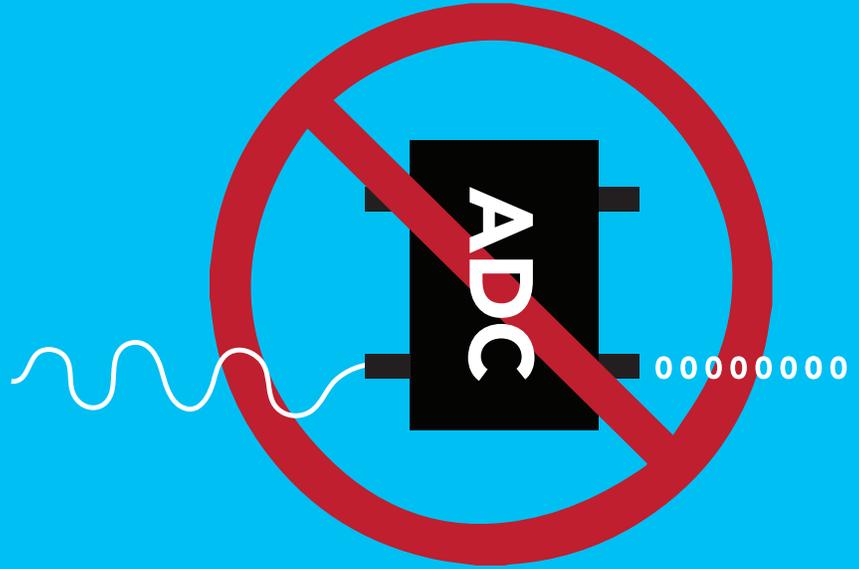
An ORP probe has a platinum tip that is connected to a silver wire, surrounded by silver chloride. That silver wire is then connected to a KCL reference solution. Because platinum is an unreactive metal it can "silently observe" the electron activity of the liquid without becoming apart of whatever reaction is occurring in the liquid.



An ORP probe is a passive device that detects a current generated from the oxidation or reduction chemical substances in water. This current (which can be positive or negative) is very weak and cannot be detected with a multimeter, or an analog to digital converter.



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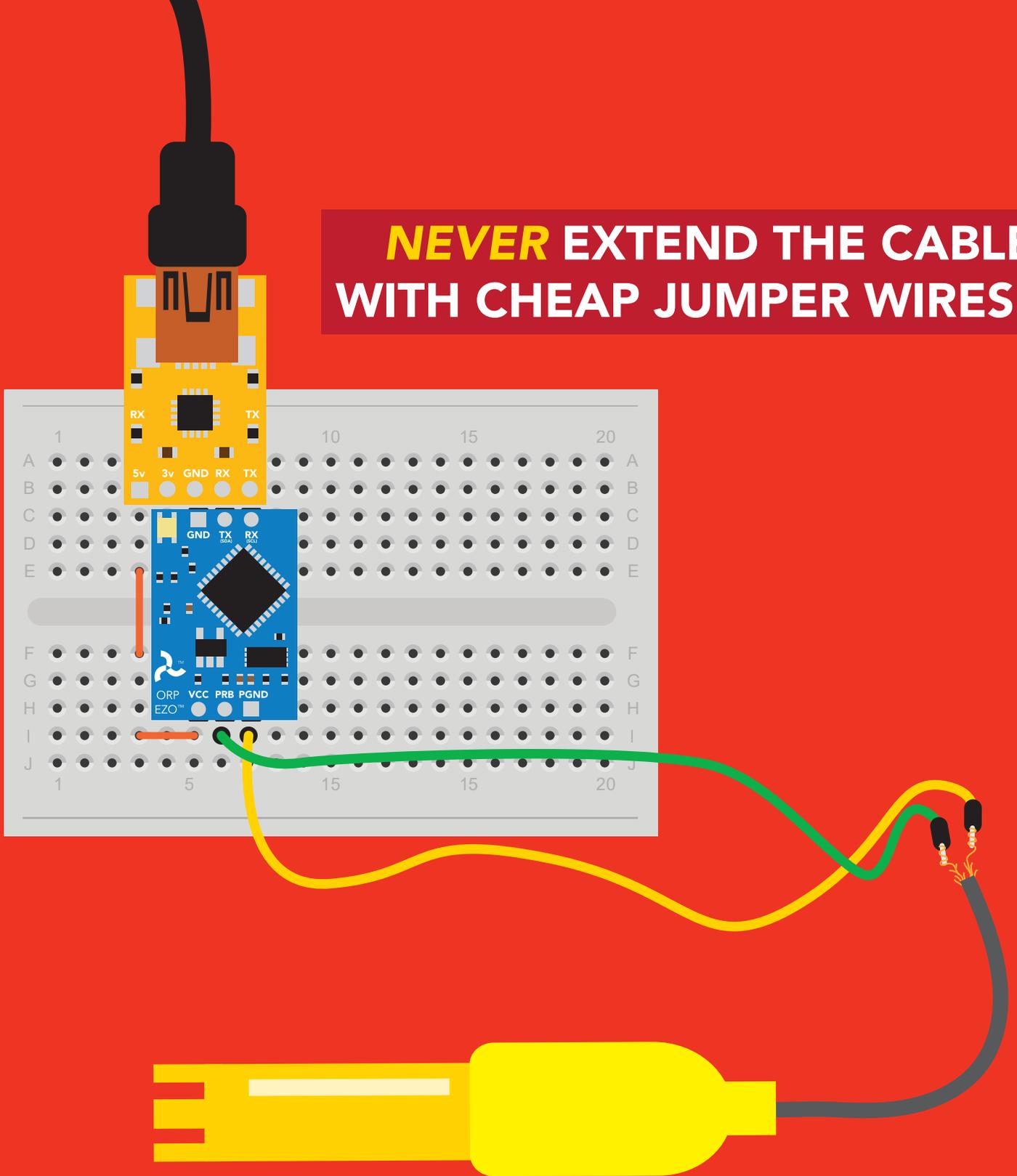
How often do you need to recalibrate an ORP probe?

Because every use case is different, there is no set schedule for recalibration.

If you are using your probe in a fish tank, a hydroponic system or any environment that has generally weak levels of chemical reactions you will only need to recalibrate your probe once per year for the first 2 years. After that every ~3 months.

If you are using the ORP probe in batch chemical manufacturing, industrial process, or in a solution that is known to have strong chemical reactions, then calibration should be done monthly or in extreme cases after each batch.

NEVER EXTEND THE CABLE
WITH CHEAP JUMPER WIRES!

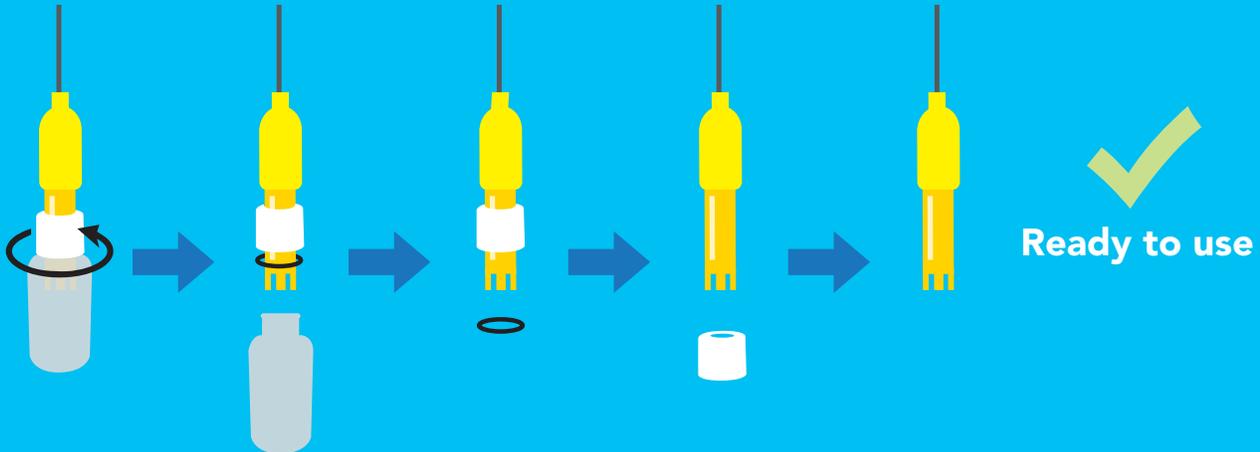


**DO NOT CUT THE PROBE CABLE
WITHOUT REFERRING TO **THIS DOCUMENT!****

Helpful operating tips

ORP probes must stay wet and cannot be allowed to dry out, this is why every ORP probe is shipped in a plastic soaker bottle containing ORP probe storage solution. The probe should remain in the bottle until it is used. If the probe is used infrequently, the bottle and its solution should be saved and the probe stored inside.

- 1** Remove the probe by loosening the cap of the soaker bottle, turning it counter clockwise and pulling the probe up and out. Then, slide the O-ring and the cap off the probe.



- 2** Vigorously stir the probe in the sample, calibration solution, or rinse solution. This action will bring solution to the probes surface quicker and improve the speed of response.



Probe cleaning

Coating of the ORP bulb can lead to erroneous readings including shortened span. The type of coating will determine the cleaning technique. Soft coatings can be removed by vigorous stirring or by the use of a squirt bottle. Organic chemical, or hard coatings, should be chemically removed. A light bleach solution or even a 5 – 10% hydrochloric acid (HCl) soak for a few minutes, often removes many coatings. **Do not use abrasive materials on the ORP probe.**

