



Soil Density Gauge Quick Start Guide

Define or Edit a Material

TransTech Systems Schenectady, NY, USA Soil Density Gauge Patents: 5,900,738; 6,414,487; 7,219,024 Copyrighted 2008 SDG Model 1.2
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Material Selection Menu (1) Select User Defined Material (2) Edit User Defined Material 0 to Exit to Main Menu
Edit User Defined Material DK BR SAND W GR SOIL 2 SOIL 3 SOIL 4 SOIL 5 SOIL 6 UP/DOWN to Scroll ENTER to Preview Material 0 to Exit to Main Menu
Preview Material Soil ID: 77.197 Description: DK BR SAND W GR Max Dry Dens: 133.90 Opt Moisture: 6.88 PL: 9.00 LL: 8.00 Cu: 7.57 Cc: 0.89 UP/DOWN to Scroll
Preview Material %Gravel: 15.4 %Fines: 8.1 %Sand: 76.5 %Greater than 3 in.: 0.0 %Greater than 1/4 in.: 7.3 UP/DOWN to Scroll 0 to Exit to Material Menu ENTER to Edit Material
Edit Material 1 of 12 Description: DK BR SAND W GR Soil ID: 77.197 MAX Dry Dens: 133.90 Opt Moisture: 6.88 PL: 9.00 LL: 8.00 UP/DOWN to Select Property Press ENTER to Edit Property 0 to Exit to Main Menu
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Edit Material Property ID: 77.197 New ID: 99.198 UP to Exit to Edit Material Menu ENTER to Accept and Continue

Turn the SDG on by pressing the ON button. After a few seconds the TransTech boot up screen will appear followed by the Main Menu screen.

The Main Menu screen will display five options as shown:
Press 2 to view the Material Selection Menu

Press 2 to Edit a User Defined Material

Use the up and down arrow keys to select the material you want to edit.
 Highlight the material to be edited, and then press ENTER to view the first page of material properties.
 Press the Up or Down arrow key to view the second page of material properties.

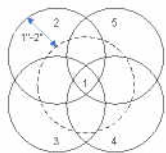
Confirm that the material displayed is the material to be edited then press ENTER. Use the arrow keys to scroll through the material properties and highlight the property to be edited. The active material property will be highlighted.

Press ENTER to select the active material property and open an edit screen. Once the new property is correctly entered, press ENTER to accept the new property and return to the Edit Material screen. Press the up arrow to return to the Edit Material Menu without making any changes.

Press 0 to return to the Main menu. The material that was just edited will now be the active material displayed on the Main Menu.

Running a Test

After charging the battery, configuring the gauge, and defining a material to test, the SDG is ready to make density measurements.
Measurement Pattern



A complete test consists of five individual measurements taken in a "cloverleaf" pattern at the test location. Upon completion of each reading, the SDG will prompt the operator to move to the next location.

When placing the SDG at a location for a measurement, **DO NOT** push down on the unit to 'seat' the unit in place. Set the unit down on the surface and check to see if it rocks side-to-side.

Do not touch the SDG while it is taking a measurement.

Measure Density

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The Main Menu will display the currently selected material. Press the 1 key to display and verify its properties.

Start Measurement

Current Material
OK BR SAND W GR

ENTER to Start Measurement
0 to Exit to Main Menu

Average Measurements
Soil type OK BR SAND W GR
1700 Tests
Please move gauge to location 1

ENTER to Take Measurement
0 to Exit to Start Measurements

% Compaction: 107.0
% Moisture: 6.3
Wet Dens: 152.2 lb/ft³
Dry Dens: 143.2 lb/ft³
Vol. Moisture: 9.0 lb/ft³
Latitude: 42 47.1681N
Longitude: 73 54.7780W
ENTER to Start Next Reading
0 to Exit to Main Menu



Use the arrow keys to view all of the user defined material properties.

Verify that the properties of the current material are correct for the material being measured and press ENTER to accept it and proceed to make a measurement.

Move the gauge to locations 2, 3, 4 and 5 and continue to take measurements.

At the conclusion of a test the results are calculated and displayed.
View and/or record the results and press ENTER to make another measurement on the same material or press 0 to return to the Main Menu.

Data Storage and Downloading Data

The SDG saves two types of data files. One file contains information that is referred to as *diagnostic* data, the other file contains information that is referred to as *measurement* data. Data files can be removed from the SDG via a USB flash drive.

Measurement Data

The measurement data is an electronic record of all complete tests. It is a comma delimited text file containing the following information:

Test Number, Dry Density, Wet Density, Moisture Content, Volumetric Moisture, % Compaction, Material Name, Time, Date, Latitude, Longitude, UTC Time, UTC Date.

The measurement data is saved to a file that is automatically named by the SDG at the time of download. The following naming format is used:

month:month:day:day:hour:hour:minute:minute.mnt
03061510.mnt for March 6, 3:10 PM

The SDG is designed to store 30 complete tests (30 sets of five measurements).

As the maximum storage capacity is approached (at 25 measurements) the SDG will issue a warning that the operator will need to download records from the data base. At this time it is advised that users download the data then clear the database.

Downloading Data

Main Menu

(1) Use Current Material
OK BR SAND W GR
(2) Material Selection Menu
(3) Setup Menu
(4) Standardize Gauge
(5) Data Storage and Reporting

Download Menu

(1) Download Diagnostic Data
(2) Download Measurement Data

0 Exit to Data and Reports Menu

Insert USB Flash Drive

ENTER to Download
0 to Exit to Data and Reports Menu

Downloading

04251115.dat

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Data and Reports Menu

(1) Download Data to USB Drive
1700 tests
(2) Clear Memory

0 to Exit to Main Menu

From the Main Menu press 5 to enter the Data and Reports Menu

Press 1 to download the current diagnostic data

There will be a prompt to insert a USB flash drive and press enter to continue

Press ENTER to initiate the download. An audible indication will be given upon completion of the download and the display will return to the Data and Reports Menu.

Clearing the Data Base

Verify that the desired data files have been downloaded the proceed to clear the database.

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Data and Reports Menu

(1) Download Data to USB Drive
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(2) Clear Memory

0 to Exit to Main Menu

Delete Data

|||||
You Are About To Clear the
Memory
|||||

0 Exit to Data and Reports Menu
ENTER to Clear Memory

From the Main Menu press 5 to enter the Data and Reports Menu.

Press 2 to clear the data base

Press ENTER on the Delete Data screen and the data base will be cleared.



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