# **UT Thickness Gauge**

# **DC-4000**

# **Instruction Manual**



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# **1. General Description**

The Model DC-4000 is a visual A / B scan ultrasonic thickness gauge. It is capable of measuring the thickness of various materials with accuracy as high as  $\pm$  0.01 mm or  $\pm$  0.001 inches.

It is a Multi-Mode thickness gauge that has the ability to measure the thickness through painted or coated surfaces. This unit can measure the thickness of metallic and non-metallic materials such as steel, aluminum, titanium, plastics, ceramics, glass and any other good ultrasonic wave conductor. With the particular probe, DC-4000 can measure some composite materials, such as fiberglass.

The DC-4000 comes with following features:

- The larger colorful TFT display
- Automatic probe recognition,
- Automatic probe zero calibration
- •Verious optional probe from 1MHz- 10MHz
- Automatically locates the detection point if the measurment is out of the viewable display area.
- Allow user to adjust the range of GAIN, RANGE, DELAY, GATE, BLANK, E-BLANK in manual-measurment mode.
- Limitation setting, alarm with sound and display.
- Multi languege
- Memory of 100 files X 100 data, transfer data to PC without software, available for any windows operating systems.
- Measurment screen automatic frozen, which make it easy to analyze the data for the user.

## 2. Standard Delivery

- Main Unit
- Echo-Echo transducer (D5301)
- 75ML Couplant
- Build-in calibration block (Thickness=4mm, Velocity = 5920m/s)
- USB Cable
- Carrying case
- Operating manual
- Calibration Certificate

# **3. Technical Specifications**

Measurement range	E-E: 3.00mm $\sim$ 25.00mm		
	T-E: 0.65mm $\sim$ 400.00mm		
Resolution	0.01mm(0.001inch), 0.1mm (0.01inch)		
	E-E:D5301(5MHz),		
Ontional probes	T-E:D5008(5MHz), D7006 (7.5MHz),		
optional probes	D7004(10MHz), D2012 (2.5MHz)		
	D1025 (1MHz ), D5113(5MHz,High-Temp.)		
Velocity range	1000m/s~9999m/s		
Measurement rate	2 /s and 10/s in fast mode		
Average mode	2 to 9 times average measurement		
Limited setting	With Low-high indication and alarm		
Measuring Units	mm / inch		
Memory	Memory of 10,000 readings in 100 files		
Data output	USB to PC without software		
Display	320×240 TFT Color LCD		
Battery	2 x AA Batteries		
Operating	<b>-20</b> °C∼ <b>+50</b> °C		
Measuring temp.	-20 $^\circ\!\mathrm{C}{\sim}$ +350 $^\circ\!\mathrm{C}$ (according to transducers)		
Dimensions	116mm(L)×64mm(W)×27mm(H)		
Weight	0.26kg (including batteries)		

## 4. Overview



1. LCD Screen2. KeyPad3. Battery Pack4. Transducer port5. Standard Test Block6. USB port

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## 5. Keypad Functions





#### On & Off Key

Function 1 It is used to power the unit either ON or OFF.Function 2 Pressing this key to escape the menu setting and return back to the main measurement screen.



#### Menu Key

Function 1 It is used to enter the menu and confirm the selection.Function 2 It is as a shortcut key in A-scan mode. After finish one A-scan meansurment (keeping the Parameters field in highlight), press this key to store the current set-up parameters into the CUSTOM SETTING.

# F1

F2

## F1 Key

Function 1 In A-scan manual mode, it is a toggle button mainly used to set up the parameters RANGE, GAIN, DELAY,

GATE, BLANK by adjusting the key 🙆 💟 😒

**Function 2** In B-scan mode, press this key to clear current gragh And ready for next measurement.

## F2 Key

**Function 1** Press this key to toggle between display view options-A-Scan, B-SCAN and DIGITS.

**Function 2** In A-scan mode, press this key to save current custom setup that has been modified or created by the user.



- Function 1 It is used to navigate the menus and increase values while setting the parameters.
- Function 2 In measurment mode, press this key to store the current measurment reading.



# DOWN key

- **Function 1** It is used to navigate the menus and decrease values while setting the parameters.
- Function 2 In the measurment mode, it is used as the calibration Key. Put the probe in the air, press this key to complete the calibration.



#### Function 1 It is used to navigate the menus and decrease values while setting the parameters.

- **Function 2** In A-SCAN mode, press this key to enter CUSTOM SETTING screen to open a setup that has been saved before.
- **Function 3** In B-Scan mode, press this key to control the thickness reading indicator(the small yellow triangle).



# **RIGHT Key**

- Function 1 It is used to navigate the menus and increase values while setting the parameters.
- Function 2 In DIGIS and A-SCAN mode, the readout will be changed between mm to inch by pressing this key.
- Function 3 In B-Scan mode, press this key to control the thickness reading indicator(the small yellow triangle).

## 6. Display Screen



**A-SCAN MODE** 

- **1. Thickness reading -** Digital readout of thickness. Display with white colore means in testing, with blue colore means frozen.
- 2. The 1st back wall indicator The Red ▼ indicates the first back wall
- 3. Gate indicator The red line can be adjusted up or down.
- **4. Full waveform** Display with green colore means in testing, with blue colore means In frozen)
- 5. Blank indicator The length of Red line changes with the BLANK number adjusted.
- 6. Delay value indicator
- 7. Parameters field Gain, Delay, Blank, E-blank, Range adjustable
- 8. Memory location Files 100 X 100 data can be stored
- 9. Transducer model The transducer automatically recognizes and display

**10. Velocity** 

- 11. End of Range indicator
- **12. E-blank indicator -** The length of Pinkel line changes with theE- BLANK number adjusted.
- **13. The 2nd back wall indicator** -The Purple ▼ indicates the second back wall
- 14. Power life
- 15. Measuring mode
- 16. Measuring unit- millimeters or inches

#### **BIG DIGITS MODE**



- 1. Velocity
- 2. Transducer model The transducer automatically recognizes and display
- 3. Measuring mode
- **4. Thickness Reading -** Digital readout of thickness. Display with white colore means in testing, with blue colore means frozen.
- 5. Gain value Can be adjusted from 10-50
- 6. Power life
- 7. Measuring unit millimeters or inches
- 8. Memory location Files 100 X 100 data can be stored
- **9. Hot menu indicators -** Press the corresponding button, easy to convers the display or function.



- **1. Thickness reading -** Digital readout of thickness. Display with white colore means in testing, with blue colore means frozen.
- 2. Min. value indicator Indicates where the minimum is located.
- 3. B scan graphic
- **4. Thickness reading indicator -** Indicates where the current thickness reading is Located.
- 5. Gain value Can be adjusted from 10-50.
- 6. Velocity
- 7.Transducer model The transducer automatically recognizes and display.
- 8.Power life
- **9.B scan disply range -** Displays the range set in the menu and auto divides into 5 equal parts.
- **10. Min. value reading -** Displays the minimum value of workpiece.
- **11.Hot menu indicators -** Press the corresponding button, easy to convers the disply or function.

# 7. Quick startup guide

**Step one:** Selecting the Transducer and Probe zero & calibration The first step in using DC-4000 is to select the transducer type according to frequency and diameter. The oprional transducers and its specification are listed below:

Туре	Freq. (MHz)	Dia. (mm)	Meas. Rang (mm)	Working Temp.	Application
D5301	5.0	10	E-E 3.0∼25 T-E 1.44∼200	<b>&lt;60°</b> ℃	Used in the measurement through the coating (E-E)and normal measurement (T-E)
D1025	1.0	20	$3.0{\sim}200$ $5.0{\sim}40$ (For fiberglass)	<b>&lt;60</b> ℃	Used in the measurment of composite materials, such as fiberglass.
D5008	5.0	8	0.8~300	<b>&lt;60</b> ℃	Used in many common measurements
D7006	7.5	6	0.65~50	<b>&lt;60</b> ℃	Used in the measurement of thin wall thickness and small curvature surface.
D7004	10.0	4	0.65~20	<b>&lt;60</b> ℃	Used in the measurement of thin wall thickness and small curvature surface.
D2012	2.0	14	2.0~400	<b>&lt;60</b> ℃	Used in the measurement of coarse particles such as cast iron.
D5113	5.0	13	3.0~200	<b>&lt;350</b> ℃	Used in the thickness measurement when the temperature is less than 350 $^{\circ}$ C.

Plug in the suitable transducer, turn the DC-4000 on using the  $\bigcirc$  Key. The gauge does an auto calibration of the transducer, thus eliminating the need for an on-block zero. After turning on the gauge, the screen flashs the Series No. and software version, and then, it cames into the measurement mode directly.

If user turning on the unit without the transducer, screen will remind to "Plug in the probe". At this moment, please insert a transducer into the socket, the gauge directly cames into the measurement mode after Auto calibration.

	Message	Message
THICKNESS GAUGE SN: NC00013 Version: 1.32	Plug in the probe	Auto. calibration Please wait

**Note:** Please use the standard transducer offered. Otherwise the unit does not work normally and displaying "Error".

If user feel the thickness reading is incorrect during the measurement, please

put the probe in the air, and preess of for zero calibration at any time.

**Note:** For Auto calibration, Make sure the transducer is not coupled to the test piece when the gauge is first turned on and that there is no couplant on the end of the transducer. The transducer should also be at the room temperature, clean without any noticeable wear.

#### **Step Two:** Treatment of the measured surface

When the surface to be measured is too rough or rusty heavily, please perform the treatment according to the following methods:

- 1. Clean the measured surface by grinding, polishing or filing, etc. or use coupling agent with high viscosity for that.
- 2. Use coupling agents on the workpiece surface to be measured.
- 3. Take multiple measurements around the same testing point.

#### Step Three: Setting velocity

Sound velocity plays an important role in measurement. Different material is of different sound velocity. When the sound velocity is incorrect, it will cause wrong measured results. There are 3 ways to set the material's sound velocity, which are:

- 1. Directly select preset material velocity. Please refer to 8.2.1.2 on page 3.
- 2. Input the new velocity which is not preset into the menu. Please refer to 8.2.1.3 on page 4.
- 3. Get the accurate sound velocity of the workpiece which the thickness is known. Please refer to 8.2.1.4 on page 4.

#### Step Four: Measurment

The DC-4000 is now ready to measure. There are four different measurment view options, A-Scan RF+, A-Scan HALF+, B-Scan and DIGITS, each with a specific purpose.

A-Scan RF+: It shows both the positive and the negative peaks.

A-Scan HALF +: It shows the positive.

B-Scan: It displays a time based cross section view of test material.

DIGITS: It is a basic digital thickness gauge look and feel. The color and larger ditigs make it much easier for the operator to monitor the thicknee readings.

User can toggle between the different view mode options by pressing

# 8. MENU

8.1 MEA. (Measurment)

DC-4000 provides two measurement modes, T-E mode and E-E mode.

MEA. SET.	MEM.	FUN.			
T-E Mode					
E-E Mode					
	a		ļ		
1) Press the	Ľ	key to	o illuminate <b>MEA.</b>		
2) Press	)or 🕑	to s	elect T-E or E-E mode, Press	1	to confirm.

#### 8.1.1 T-E Mode:

When T-E mode is selected, all probes are available. And measurment modes of Standard, Minimum, Difference, Average and limitation can be selected.

MEA. SET. MEM. FUN.	T-E Mode
T-E Mode	Standard
E-E Mode	Minimum
	Difference
	Average
	Limitation

#### **1**.Standard Measurement:

With this function, DC-4000 displays the current measurement value, satisfied with the normal measuring needs.



3) Press the O key to exit setting and DC-4000 is now ready to perform measurements.

#### 2. Minimum Measurement:

When taking measurements, DC-4000 displays the smallest thickness reading it found. It is suitable for testing the curvature surface or needs to get the minimum value which is widely used in the measurement of pipeline.

Note: it is not recommended to use this function when measuring cast iron or alloy materials.



The following pages outline how to enable and set up this feature.

- 1) Press the 🖉 key to illuminate **MEA**.
- 2) Use 🙆 💟 🔄 🖄 keys to scroll through the sub menu items until

Minimum is highlighted.Press the 💷 key to confirm.

3) Press the 0 key to exit setting and DC-4000 is now ready to perform measurements.

#### 3. Difference mode:

In the quality Control environment, it is sometimes necessary to know the difference between a nominal (target) thickness value and an actual thickness value. With the Difference mode enabled, DC-4000 will display the positive (+) or negative(-) difference from an entered nominal value.



The following pages outline how to enable and set up this feature.

1) Press the 🙋 key to illuminate **MEA**.

2) Use 🐼 💟 😒 keys to scroll through the sub menu items until **Difference** is highlighted.Press the 🗊 key to confirm. The Display will show as follows:

Input value
00.00 mm

- 3) Press the 🖾 or ≥ key to move the cursor,
- 4) Press the A or A key to change the numbers and Dot position. The value could be set as 0.000, 00.00 and 000.00. The 1<sup>st</sup> and the last position can be set numbers 1-9 as a circle. The 3<sup>rd</sup> positions can be set numbers 1-9 and dot as a circle.
- 5) Press the 💷 key to confirm.
- 6) Press the 0 key to exit setting and DC-4000 is now ready to perform measurements.
- *Note:* 500.0 is the Max. value can be set. If User sets the value exceeding the max. value, the unit will correct it as 500.0 automatically.

#### 4. Average mode:

With this function, DC-4000 displays the average value of 2 to 9 measured points. It can help user to check the surface planeness of flat board and their manufacturing process.

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T-E Mode		30 91 mm AVG
Standard		
Minimum		
Difference		have been a second seco
Average		·
Limitation		<u> </u>
		GAIN 30 VEL: 5920 m/s F001 - 005 D5008

The following pages outline how to enable and set up this feature:

- 1) Press the 💷 key to illuminate **MEA**.
- 2) Use 🙆 💟 💟 keys to scroll through the sub menu items until

Average is highlighted. Press the key to confirm. The Display will show as follows:

Average
Average times
ž

- 3) Press the  $\bigcirc$  or  $\bigcirc$  key to change the numbers among 2 to 9,
- 4) Press the 🙋 key to confirm.
- 5) Press the 🤷 key to exit setting and DC-4000 is now ready to perform measurements.

#### 5. Limitation Mode

This function allows the user to set an audible and visual (Hi/Lo) parameter when measurements. If the measurement falls below or above the HI/LO limits, set by the user, the red H or green L will be displayed and the beeper sounded. This improves the speed and efficiency of the inspection process by eliminating constant viewing of the actual reading displayed.



The following pages outline how to enable and set up this feature:

1) Press the 🙋 key into MEA.

2) Use 🙆 💟 🔄 keys to scroll through the sub menu items until Limitation is highlighted. Press the 😰 key to confirm. The display will show as follows:



- 3) Use 🐼 🐼 😒 keys to set the low / high limitation. The value could be set as 0.000, 00.00 and 000.00. The 1<sup>st</sup> and the last position can be set numbers 1-9 as a circle. The 3<sup>rd</sup> positions can be set numbers 1-9 and dot as a circle. Press the 🚺 key to confirm.
- 4) Press the 🙆 key to exit setting and DC-4000 is now ready to perform measurements.

#### 8.1.2 E-E Mode

The E-E (echo-echo) mode allows the user to measure the thickness of metals that have been previously coated or painted on the surface. This enables the user to determine the thickness of the metal without having to remove the paint. When E-E mode is selected, only probe D5301 is available. The following pages outline how to enable and set up this feature:

MEA. SET. MEM. FUN.	20.61mm E-E
T-E Mode	
E-E Mode	
	Wenter
	10 VEL: 5920 m/s
	DELAY: 10 F001 - 002 D5301

1) Press the 🔛 key to illuminate MEA.

- 2) Use 🐼 🧭 🔄 keys to scroll through the sub menu items until E-E Is highlighted.Press the 🖉 key to confirm.
- 3) Press the 🔘 key to exit setting and DC-4000 is now ready to perform measurements.

### 8.2 SET.

This function allows user to set following parameters of measurement.

MEA. SET. MEM. FUN.	MEA. SET. MEM. FUN.
Velocity rate	Rectification 1
Resolution	A-SCAN custom setting
Probe calibration	B-SCAN display range
Measurement rate	
Auto measurement	
Manual measurement	

The following pages outline how to enable and set up these parameters.

#### 8.2.1 Velocity rate

Sound velocity plays an important role in measurement. Different types of material have different inherent sound velocities. If the gauge is not set to the correct sound velocity, all of the measurements the gauge makes will be erroneous by some fixed percentage.

MEA. SET. MEM. FUN.	Velocity rate
Velocity rate	Materials
Resolution	Velocity Input
Probe calibration	Velocity measurement
Measurement rate	Velocity storage
Auto measurement	
Manual measurement	

If the name or sound-velocity of the material to be measured is known, the user could select material name directly in the menu **Materials.** Or input the known velocity in the menu **Velocity Input.** 

And the user could measure the sound velocity by using the function **Velocity measurement** If the sound-velocity of the material to be measured is unknown, but the exact thickness of which is know.

#### 1. Materials

The DC-4000 presets 9 common materials' sound velocity. They are: aluminum, titanium, steel, stainless steel, glass, copper, cast iron, brass, polystyrene.

The user may opt to choose such basic material type from the menu. It's important to note that these velocitys will not always be an exact representation of the material being tested. Use these values only if a close approximation is acceptable.

Velocity rate	Materials	Materials
Materials	Aluminum	Cast iron 1
Velocity Input	Titanium	Brass
Velocity measurement	Steel	Polystyrene
Velocity storage	Stainless steel	
	Glass	
	Copper I	

The following pages outline how to enable and set up this feature:

- 1) Press the wey to illuminate **SET-Velocity rate-Materials**,
- 2) Use 🙆 💟 😒 keys to scroll through the sub menu items until

The target material is highlighted.Press the 💷 key to confirm.

3) Press the 0 key to exit setting and DC-4000 is now ready to perform measurements.

#### 2. Velocity input

If the material velocity is known, the useer may wish to simply enter the velocity number into the DC-4000, rather than have the DC-4000 calculate the velocity value on using a know thickness. And DC-4000 also can store 4 new velocities as custom.



6) Press the O key to exit setting and DC-4000 is now ready to perform measurements.

#### 3. Velocity measurement

Sometimes the sound velocity of a material is not known. In this case a sample with a known thickness can be used to determine the sound velocity. It would be very handy to carry a set of mechanical calipers to use in conjunction with the DC-4000 in the field.

The following steps outline how to enable and set up this feature:

- 1) Physically measure an exact sample of the material or a location directly On the material to be meaured using a set of calipers or a digital micrometer.
- 2) Apply a drop of couplant on the transducer and place the transducer in steady contact with the sample or actual test material.
- 3) The display should show a thickness reading(probably incorrect).
- 4) Having achieved a stable reading, remove the transducer. (If the Displayed thickness changes from the value shown while the transducer Was coupled, repeat step 3.)
- 5) Press the 💷 key to illuminate **SET**, Use 🙆 💟 😒 keys to scroll through the sub menu items until **Velocity Measurement** is

highlighted. Press the 💷 key to confirm.



- 6) Press the S or key to move the cursor, press the S or S key to adjust the displayed velocity up or down, until the thickness value displayed matches the thickness of the sample piece. And now the displaying sound velocity value is accurate.
- 7) Press the 💷 key to confirm and store it into **Velocity Storage**,
- 8) Press the 🙆 or 💟 key to Illuminate the target place, Press the 💷 key to confirm.
- 9) Press the 9 key to exit setting and DC-4000 is now ready to perform measurements.

#### 4. Velocity storage

It allows user to store 4 new Velocities as custom and use it in future measurment. User can get the custom velocities by the features of



The following steps outline how to enable and set up this feature:

- 1) Press the wey to illuminate **SET-VELOCITY RATE**
- 2) Use 🙆 💟 😒 keys to scroll through the sub menu items until

**Velocity storage** is highlighted. Press the key to confirm.

- 3) Press 🙆 🖄 key to illuminate the target velocity, Press 💷 to confim.
- 4) Press 0 to exit and DC-4000 is now ready to perform measurements.

#### 8.2.2 Resolution

User can select the displayed resolution. When 0.01mm or 0.001 inch be selected, the workpiece surface to be measured should be smooth for the purpose of getting an accurate value.

The following pages outline how to enable and set up this feature:

1) Press the 💷 key to illuminate SET.

2) Use 🐼 🧭 😒 keys to scroll through the sub menu items until

**Resolution** is highlighted.Press the 💷 key to confirm.

3) Press  $\bigotimes$  key to select resolution and unit. Press 2 to confirm.

MEA. SET. MEM. FUN.	Resolution
Velocity rate	0.1mm
Resolution	0.01mm
Probe calibration	0.01in
Measurement rate	0.001in
Auto measurement	
Manual measurement	

4) Press the (1) key to exit setting and DC-4000 is now ready to perform measurements. *Notice:* It is recommended to use 0.1 mm or 0.01in when probe D5113 or D2012 is selected.

#### 8.2.3 Probe Calibration

It causes error during the primary stage of usage or operate for long time. User should make probe calibration during following three aspects are happened.

- 1. The probe itself or the temperature variation,
- 2. System error caused by the match between the unit and the transducer,
- 3. Calculation error caused by the sound velocity set in the unit is different from that of the actual material.

This feature requires a sample piece of the specific material to be measured, the exact thickness of which is known. E.g. from having been measured by some other means. Or to use the build-in standard test block (4MM) comes with DC-4000.

The following steps outline how to enable and set up this feature:

- 1) Apply a drop of couplant on the transducer and place the transducer in steady contact with the sample or standart test block.
- 2) Having achieved a stable reading, remove the transducer.
- 3) Press the 🗐 key to illuminate **SET**, Use 🐼 😢 😒 keys to Scroll through the sub menu items until **Probe calibration** is highlighted.

Press the key to confirm. <u>MEA.</u> <u>SET. MEM. FUN.</u> Velocity rate Resolution <u>Probe calibration</u> Measurement rate Auto measurement Manual measurement

4) Press the 🙆 or 💟 key to adjust the displayed reading up or down, until the thickness value displayed matches the thickness of the test

block or sample piece. Press the 💷 key to confirm.

5) Press the 🚇 key to exit setting, Test the block or sample piece again to verify the result.

#### 8.2.4 Measurement rate

The DC-4000 performs measurement of 2 times/second and 10 times / second. 2 times/second is quite adequate for single measurements. And 10 times/second is recommended to measure the high temperature surfaces.



The following steps outline how to enable and set up this feature:

- 1) Press the 💷 key to illuminate **SET**
- 2) Use 🙆 🧭 🔄 keys to scroll through the sub menu items until **Measurment rate** is highlighted.
- 3) Press the  $\bigtriangleup$  or  $\Join$  key to select **2 times/S** or **10 times/S**. Press the key to confirm.
- 4) Press the O key to exit setting and DC-4000 is now ready to perform measurements.

#### 8.2.5 Auto measurement

This feature is recommended to measure some basic materials. All parameters are preset according to the different transducers. For A-scan mode, it is a convenient way to let DC-4000 find the detection point and bring the waveform signal into view automatically.



The following steps outline how to enable and set up this feature:

- 1) Press the wey to illuminate SET
- 2) Use 🙆 🧭 🖄 keys to scroll through the sub menu items until

Auto measurement is highlighted. Press the 💷 key to confirm.

- 3) Press the 💷 key to confirm.
- 4) Press the O key to return to the measurement screen and began Taking readings. There is **Auto** displayed on the left down corner of screen.

#### 8.2.6 Manual measurement

This feature allows user to make fine adjustment of RANGE, GAIN, DELAY, GATE, BLANK, and E-BLANK manualy in A-SCAN mode. They can be set through toggle the HOT MENUS what is displayed at the lower left side of the screen.

And once the above mentioned parameters are set, it will remain the same for B-SCAN and DIGITS display.

#### Range

The range refers to the overall viewable range being displayed on the screen. Make change the range of display, shorten or enlarge it, finally serve User conveniently.



The following steps outline how to enable and adjust the RANGE.

- 1) Press once to illuminate **RANGE**.
- 2) Use keys (+1), (-1), (-coarse adjustment), (+ coarse adjustment) to adjust value.

#### Gain

The gain can be adjusted over a wide range. The setting of the gain is crucial in orde to obtain valid reading during the meansurment process. Too much gain may result in erronrous measurements, by detecting on noise rather than the actual material back wall itself. Too little gain may result in detection on an undesirable section of the waveform.

The gian will also be represented in both the BSCAN and DIGITS views. The following steps outline how to enable and adjust the GAIN.



- 1) Press once to illuminate **GAIN**.
- 2) Use keys (+1), (-1), (-coarse adjustment), (+ coarse adjustment) to adjust value.

#### Delay

The starting DELAY is the value displayed on the bottom lower left side of the display in both RF+ and HALF+ views. It is the minimum thickness value that can be viewed on the display.

The following steps outline how to enable and adjust the DELAY.



2) Use keys (+1), (-1), (-coarse adjustment), (+ coarse adjustment) to adjust value.

#### Gate

GATE is used in both T-E and E-E modes. The purpose of GATE is to force DC-4000 to measure the useful echo wave.

The following steps outline how to enable and adjust the GATE.



1) Press once to illuminate **GATE**.

2) Use keys (+1), (-1), (-coarse adjustment), (+ coarse adjustment) (+ coarse adjustment) to adjust value.

#### Blank

BLANK is used in T-E mode. Make change of Blank to conceal those useless echoes that influence measuring result. When making changes, the red line at the left bottom conner changes accordingly. User could take it as for reference and achieve the best measuring effect.

The following steps outline how to enable and adjust the BLANK.



- 1) Press once to illuminate **BLANK**.
- 2) Use keys (+1), (-1), (-coarse adjustment), (+ coarse adjustment) to adjust value.

#### E-Blank

E-BLANK is used in E-E mode. Make change of E-Blank to conceal useless echoes from the first useful echo to the range setting by User, so that User could achieve good test result. When making changes, the pink line changes accordingly, User could take it as for reference and achieve the best measuring effect.

The following steps outline how to enable and adjust the E-BLANK.



#### Saving the setting

**E-BLANK** 

Once all the parameters are set, there is two ways to save the setting.

- 1)The user can Press [1] to store this setting into the current location. When turn on the gauge next time, this setting will be displayed.
- 2) Or the user can Press 2 to store this setting into the A-SCAN CUSTOM **SETTING** for further use while measuring the same workpiece.

#### 8.2.7 Rectification

DC-4000 supply two display views of A-sacn. RF+ mode shows both the positive ans the negative peaks. HALF+ mode shows the upper of complete waveform only.



The following steps outline how to select the RECTIFICATION.

- 1) Press the 💷 key to illuminate SET
- 2) Use 🖄 🖄 keys to scroll through the sub menu items until

**RECTIFICATION** is highlighted.Press the way to confirm.

- 3) Press 🙆 💟 😒 key to select RF+ or HALF+,
- 4) Press 💷 to confirm and return to the measurement screen and bigan







HALF+

#### 8.2.8 A-SCAN custom setting

DC-4000 can store 4 A-SCAN custom settings. This feature savs a great deal of time and knowledge for future inspection of the same job or project. Also it eliminates error between two or more users during the setup and calibration process.

A-SCAN ci	ustom setting
Setting 1	RANGE 36
Setting 2	GAIN 31
Setting 3	DELAY 18
Setting 4	GATE 15
, in the second se	BLANK 29.2
	E-BLANK 2.7

The following steps outline how to open/store an A-SCAN CUSTOM SETTING.

- 1. Opening a custome setting.
  - 1) Press the 💷 key to illuminate SET
  - 2) Use 🙆 💟 keys to scroll through the sub menu items until **A-SCAN**

**CUSTOM SETTING** is highlighted.Press the way to confirm.

- 3) Press  $\bigotimes$  key to select target setting.
- 4) Press 2 to confirm and return to the measurement screen and Began taking readings.
- 2. Store a custom setting

Once the DC-4000 parameters and features have be adjusted for an application, the user can Press to save this setting to any one of 4 custom seting locations.

#### 8.2.9 B-SCAN display range

It's important to note that the measurement range of B-scan on the display be set wide enough, so that the Maximum thickness of the material can be viewed on the display.



twice go to B-SCAN interface.

# 8.3 MEM.

The gauge has a memory capacity of 10,000 measurements in 100 files. The current memory location will be displyed on the screen as F000-000 in both A-scan and DIGIS mode. The files are numbered from 1-100, and measurement number will be followed automatically from 001. This feature allows user to complet following function:

MEA.	SET.	MEM.	FUN.
Set a	new file	е	
Memo	ry read		
Delete	a file		
Delete	all file	S	
Data t	ransfer		

#### 8.3.1 Set a new file

The following steps outline how to set a **new memory file.** 

- 1) Press the 💷 key to illuminate **MEM**.
- 2) Use keys to scroll through the sub menu items until set a new

File Is highlighted.Press the key to confirm.

MEA. SET. MEM. FUN.	Memory unit	
Set a new file Memory read	Input file No.	
Delete a single file Delete all files	File <b>0</b> 01	
Data transfer		
3) Press 🔇 or ≥ to move	e the cursor, Press	or 💟 set the file
Number (001-100 can be se	et), Press 💷 to confirm	n.
4) Press 💿 to return to the	measurement screen.	
NOTE: After taking every mea	surement, press  🔬 k	ey to store this reading
with a location numbe	r.	
8.3.2 Memory Read		
It is sometimes necessary to g	o back and view the sto	red readings. The
following pro <u>ced</u> ures outline h	now to read memory.	
1) Press the 💷 key to illum	inate <b>MEM.</b>	
2) Use 🙆 💟 keys to scroll t	through the sub menu it	ems until <b>Memory</b>
<b>read</b> is highlighted. Press th	ie 💷 key to confirm.	
3) Press ≤ ≥ to move th	e cursor. Press 🙆 💟	to set the target File

Number. Press 횐 to c	onfirm. All stored reading	gs in this file v	vill be
Displayed. And press	or 💟 to page forwa	rd or backwar	d.
MEA. SET. MEM. FUN.	Memory read	F 001	004/100
Set a new file	Input file No.	001	001/100
Memory read	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	22.73	mm
Delete all files	File 001	5920	m/s
Data transfer		D5301	STD
8 3 3 Delete a file			
1) Dross the law to illur	minata NAENA		
2) Use 💟 💟 keys to scro	oll through the sub menu	i items until <b>D</b>	elete a file
Is highlighted. Press the	key to confirm.		
3) Press 🚺 📐 to move	the cursor, Press 🙆 🕻	ど to set the	target File
Number. Press 🗐 to co	nfirm.		
MEA. SET. MEM. FUN.	Delete a single file	Delete a si	ngle file
Set a new file	Input file No.		
Delete a file		Yes	;
Delete all files		No	
Data transfer			
A) Lise A M keys to se	lect VES or NO press	key to conf	irm
8.3.4 Delete all files			
1) Pross the key to illur	minato MEM		
2) Use 2 keys to scro	oll through the sub menu	i items until <b>D</b>	elete all
files is highlighted. Press	the 🖾 key to confirm		
MEA. SET. MEM. FUN.	Delete All files		
Set a new file Memory read	Voc		
Delete a file	165		
Delete all files Data transfer	No		
3) Use 🙆 💟 keys to se	lect YES or NO,press 🙋	key to confi	rm.
8.3.5 Data Transfer			
The data can be transferred	to PC using USB cable. T	Then User cou	ıld copy
them into DOC. ,TXT. Or Ex	cel for further analysis. P	rocedure is as	follows:

1) Press the 💷 key to illuminate **MEM.** 

- 2) Use 🐼 🔯 keys to scroll through the sub menu items until **Data transfer** Is highlighted. Press the 😰 key to confirm.
- 3) Connect the DC-4000 with PC using the cable which comes with the standard delivery; then a new disk will be shown on the PC.
- 4) Open the new disk, double click DATA File and all files stored in DC-4000 will be shown as .TXT document.
- 5) Double click one file to open it, user could copy the data into Word, Excel For further analysis.

#### 8.4 FUN.

It allows user to adjust follwing functions:

MEA.	SET.	MEM.	FUN.
Switch	off mo	de	
Langu	ages		p
Contra	ast		
Defau	lt		
Inform	ation		

#### 8.4.1 Swich off mode

Auto shut down after 1 Min. 3 Min. 5 Min. can be selectable.

MEA.	SET.	MEM.	FUN.
Switch	off mo	de	
Langu	ages		p
Contra	ast		
Defau	lt		
Inform	ation		

Switch off mode	
1 minute	
3 minutes	
5 minutes	
	_

#### 8.4.2 Languages

The gauge provides muti-languages for selection.



#### 8.4.3 Contrast

User can adjust contrast of display.



#### 8.4.4 Default

During the usage, when User can not ensure why the problems comes out and with some questions on setting, he can use this function to make the parameters to restore the factory status to eliminate any abnormal because of the parameters setting.

MEA. SET. MEM. FU	JN.	MEA. SET. ME	EM. FUN.	Default
Switch off mode		Switch off mode		
Languages	po	Languages	٣	Yes
Contrast		Contrast		100
Default		Default		No
Information		Information		

#### 8.4.5 Information

The screen displays the Transducer Number.



# 9. Measuring technology

#### 9.1 Measuring methods

The unit provides many measuring methods.

- 1. Single point measuring method: use the probe to measure any point Of the workpiece to be measured and the displayed value is the thickness.
- 2. Two point measuring method: Perform two measurements on the Same point of the measured surface, in the second measurement, Splitting plane of the probe should be 90 degree, take the minimum as The thickness value.
- 3. Multiple point measurement method: perform several measurements In a circle about 30mm in diameter and take the minimum value as the thickness value.
- 4. Continuous measurement methods: apply the single point Measurement method, and take measurements continuously along the designated route, the intervals should be less than 5mm, and take the minimum value as the workpiece's thickness.

#### 9.2 Pipeline measurement method

During the measurement, make the probe's crosstalk interlayer plate be perpendicular or parallel to the axial line of the pipeline. For a pipeline with larger diameter, the probe's crosstalk interlayer plate should be perpendicular to the axial line of the pipeline, but for pipeline with small diameter, User should perform measurements making the crosstalk being both parallel and perpendicular to the axial line of the pipeline and take the minimum readout as the thickness value.

### **10. Maintenance and precautions**

#### 10.1 Power check

When the power is low, the low battery indicator will appear, at this moment User should replace the battery in time, or it will affect the measuring accuracy. The backlight cannot be switched on for a long time, because it is a big consumer of electricity.

Note: if the unit did not used for a long time, please take out of the battery to avoid leakage to damage the unit.

#### **10.2** Precautions

#### 10.2.1 General precautions

The unit should avoid strong vibration, do not let it in an excessively humid environment, plug in or out the probe should hold the jacket to avoid the core wire of the probe damaged.

#### 10.2.2 Precaution during the measuring

- 1. During the measurement, only the measuring icon appears and displayed stable, it can be regarded as a good measurement.
- 2. If there are large quantity coupling agents attached on the measured surface, when taking away the probe, it will cause error, so when the measurement is completed, please move the probe away from the measured surface quickly.
- 3. If the probe wears out, it will cause the displayed value unstable, please replace the probe.

		Sound Velocity		
Material	M/s	Inch/µS		
Air	330	0.013		
Aluminum	6300	0.250		
Alumina Oxide	9900	0.390		
Beryllium	12900	0.510		
Boron Carbide	11000	0.430		
Brass	4300	0.170		
Cadmium	2800	0.110		
Copper	4700	0.180		
Glass(crown)	5300	0.210		
Glycerin	1900	0.075		
Gold	3200	0.130		
lce	4000	0.160		
Inconel	5700	0.220		
Iron	5900	0.230		
Iron (cast)	4600	0.180		
Lead	2200	0.085		
Magnesium	5800	0.230		
Mercury	1400	0.057		
Molybdenum	6300	0.250		
Polyurethane	1900	0.0700		
Polythylene	1900	0.070		
Polystyrene	2400	0.0930		
Quartz	5800	0.230		
Rubber, Butyl	1800	0.070		
Silver	3600	0.140		
Steel, Mild	5920	0.233		
Steel, Stainless	5800	0.228		
Teflon	1400	0.060		
Tin	3300	0.130		
Titanium	6100	0.240		
Tungsten	5200	0.200		
Uranium	3400	0.130		
Water	1480	0.584		
Zinc	4200	0.170		

#### **APPENDIX : Sound Velocity Measurement Chart**