Apex Locator

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Dr's Finder NEO

New Concept of Apex Locator

Model : AL-DFA20

User manual

CE 0123

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1 Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the device. The instructions described below have been designed to provide the necessary information for the successful operation, maintenance and safety for the use of this device.

Features

- Touch color screen
- Smallest size
- Rechargeable battery
- Working length select

Description

This unit can be used to detect the apex of root canal.

It is important to understand the following information to use this product safely.

Warning and caution

Warning and caution used in this manual are shown below.



Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in serious injury or death.



Indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor/moderate injury or in damage of property.

Notes and references

Notes and references used in this manual are shown below.



Indicates that potential malfunctions may occur if the description is ignored.



Supplementary information to facilitate better operation.

Installation and Connection

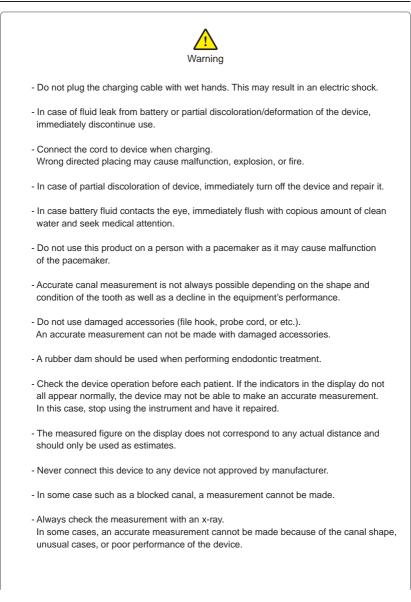


- Keep away from source of ignition to avoid fire or explosion.
- Protect the device from any liquid to avoid electric shock or functional error.
- Place the device on a flat and stable surface. Do not drop device to avoid internal defect that may cause overheating or fire.
- Do not place the electric cord near a gas burner or sources of heat. Should the cord catch on fire, replace with the new one to avoid short-circuit.



- Do not use or leave the unit in areas of high temperature or exposed to direct sunlight, internal circuit defect may cause overheat or fire.
- Securely connect the dust-free power plug to the outlet.
- Use this device ventilated areas. Overheating may cause fire.
- Do not touch the terminal areas of device with finger or conductive objects, such as metal wire or safety-pin. It may electric shock or fire.
- Do not use any accessories other then supplied. It may cause fire or device malfunction.
- Make sure the cables, file hook, lip hook, and etc are securely plugged for each and device. A poor connection can prevent measurement.

Operation



Operation



- Stop using the instrument immediately if you sense something odd or abnormal while taking a measurement.
- Do not use the device ultrasonic scaler with the lip hook attached to the patient. Electric noise from the scaler could interfere with canal measurements.
- Autoclave file hook and lip hook after each patient.



- Avoid damage or use of unnecessary force on the power cord and device. This may cause an electric shock, fire, or malfunction.
- Should battery fluid contact the skin or clothes, immediately wash it off with copious amount water to avoid skin damage.
- Turn off the device, when don't use it.
- Do not use this product for any purpose other than dental use.
- This device is not water prove. Be careful the device from the wet or liquid. In case of malfunction due to this case, it is not covered by warranty.
- Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a dentist (for U.S.A.).
- Blocked canals cannot be accurately measured.
- This device must not be connected to or used in combination with any other apparatus or system. It must be used as an integral component of any other apparatus or system. Manufacturer will not be responsible for accident, equipment damage, bodily injury or any other trouble which results from ignoring this caution.

- Illumination devices such as fluorescent lights and the Film viewer which use an inverter can cause the device to operate erratically.
 Do not use the device near devices such as these.
- Electromagnetic wave interference could cause this device to operate in an abnormal, random and possibly dangerous manner.
 Cellular phone, transceivers, remote controls and all other devices which transmit electromagnetic waves located inside the building should be turned off.
- Do not let the file touch the gums. This will cause the meter to jump to Apex.
- If the canal is extremely dry, the meter may not move until it is quite close to the apex. If the meter does not move, try moistening the canal with oxydol or saline.
- Occasionally the meter will make a sudden and large movement as soon as the file is inserted into the root canal, but it will return to normal as the file is advanced down towards the apex.
- The lip hook could cause an adverse reaction if the patient has an allergy to metals. Ask the patient about this before using the lip hook.
- Take care that medicinal solutions such as formalin cresol or sodium hypochlorite do not get on the file hook or the lip hook. These could cause an adverse reaction such as inflammation.
- Always clip the file hook to the upper part of file shaft, near the handle. The metal and plastic part of the file hook can be damaged if they are attached to the file's cutting part or the transition to the cutting part.
- Use files and reamers with plastic handles only.
 If the file has a metal handle, electrical leakage will occur when the handle is touched by fingers and it will prevent an accurate root canal measurement. Even if the file handle is made of plastic, make sure not to touch the metal part of the file with finger.

Maintenance



- Use only accessories supplied from manufacturer to avoid fluid leak, explosion, or malfunction.
- Do not disassemble or overhaul the device. Unusual performance may cause injuries, electric shock, fire, or malfunction.
- Be careful from any liquid when cleaning.



- Do not use solvent (containing orange oil, ethanol or acetone) when clean the device.
- User must be in charge of operation, maintenance and check.
- Do not autoclave the probe cord.

3 List of components

Please check the contents described below when removing the contents from the original packaging.



Main body



File hook (x 2 ea)

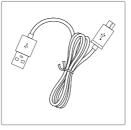


Lip hook (x 3 ea)

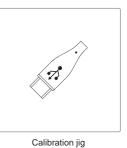


Probe cord & extension cord

Ruler (x 2 ea)



Charging cable





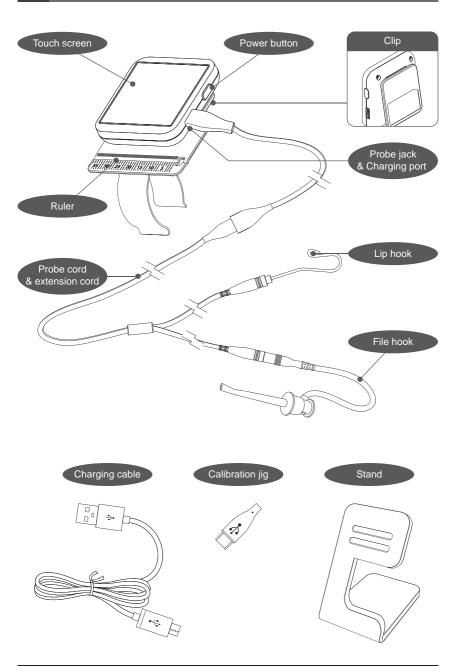


Stand



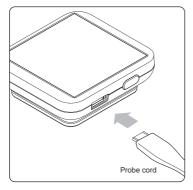
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4 Parts identification



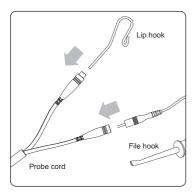
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1. Connecting the probe cord



Insert the probe cord completely into the probe jack on the upper side of device carefully.

- Make sure the probe cord plug is securely plugged into the probe jack. A poor connection can prevent measurement.
- Do not drop anything on or bang the probe cord plug after it has been inserted into the probe jack.



Insert file hook and lip hook into the probe cord.



It doesn't matter connect the file hook and lip hook any female connector.

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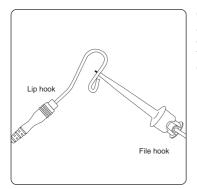
2. Checking the function



Click power button. The display will appear on screen with beep sound.



The device turn off after 1 minute without use.



Check that the probe cord is properly plugged in the jack. And check that the file hook and lip hook are properly connected to the probe cord.

Then Touch metal part of the file hook with the lip hook. Check that all the meter bars on the display light up.



Check the device operation before each patient.

If the indicators in the display do not all appear normally, the device may not be able to make an accurate measurement.

In this case, stop using the instrument and have it repaired.

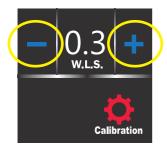
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3. Working length setting

Set the working length on the setting mode.



Drag the screen on upper side to go setting mode.

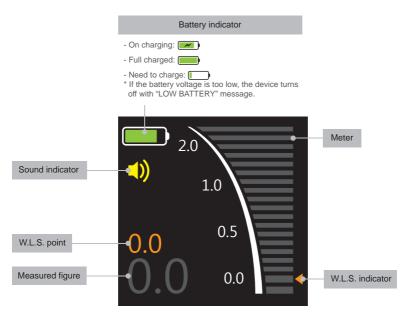


Adjust working length by click + or - icon





1. Operation display and buttons

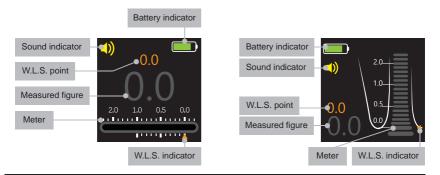




The meter reading does not correcspond to any actual distance and should only used as estimates.

Reference

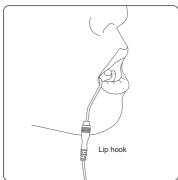
Can change the display style by drag left or right.



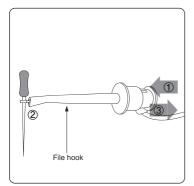
2. Operation



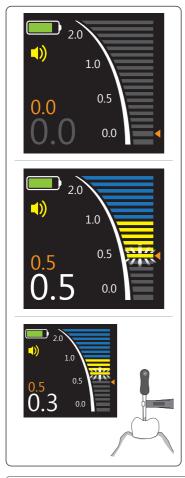
1) Turn the device on.



2) Hook the lip hook in the corner of the patient's mouth.



- 3) Clip the file hook to the metal shaft of the file.
- ① Press in direction of arrow with the thumb.
- ② Clip the file
- ③ Release thumb.



Note

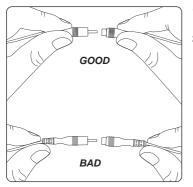
Make sure to take x-ray to check the results.



The beep sound is changed as measured figure.

- 4) Determine the working length.
- The beep sound is changed as measured figure.
- * The working length will differ somewhat depending on each individual tooth.
- This discrepancy must be judged by the dentist as he works on the tooth.

3. After using the device



1) Turn the device off

2) Disconnect the probe cord and other cords or cables.

- Do not pull directly on the cords when connecting or disconnecting the probe and file hook.
 - Always grip the connectors to connect and disconnect cords.
- Do not wrap the probe cord around the body of the main unit.

4. Charging

Note

Connect charging cable (micro USB) to device. And connect the charging cable.



- Charging time is around 1~1.5 hours.

- Can use the electric power source USB port from or 5V AC adapter.



AC adapter for charging should be 5V. If use other voltage adapter, the device could get malfunction.

5. Turn off

Click the power button for 2 seconds, then the device will be turn off.



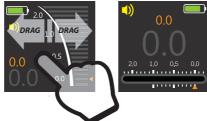
If the device is not working for 1 minutes, the device will be turn off to save electric power.

6. Functions

1) Display style

There are 3 display style. Drag by finger to left or right.





 Sound on/off Click the sound indicator by finger.



Sound on



7. Setting mode

Drag the display from bottom to up as follow image by finger. To back drag the display to up again.



8. Timer mode

Drag the display from up to bottom as follow image by finger. To back drag the display to up again.



Click Min. or Sec. Then adjust the time by click +, - icon.



Click and hold the + or - icon, then the figure change speed will be increased.

9. Accessory

1) Ruler

Included ruler can be use as follow





2) Calibration jig

* Accuracy check

- Connect the calibration jig on the probe jack. And turn on the device.
- Check the measured figure shows 2.9.



* Calibration

- If the figure doesn't show 2.9 from the accurate check, need to calibrate as follow step:
 - i) Drag the display from bottom to up as follow image by finger. To back drag the display to up again.





ii) Connect the calibration jig and click Calibration icon.







iii) click "YES" button.



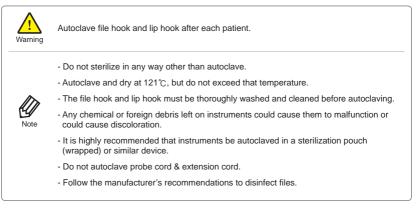
iv) Wait till "CALIBRATION SUCCESS" message. And if "CALIBRATION SUCCESS" message is shown, calibration is done.



Sterilization

- 1. Autoclaveable components
- File hook
- Lip hook
- Ruler

Recommended temperature and time: 121°C, 20 minutes minimum with a sterilization pouch. Minimum drying time after sterilization: 10 minutes



- 2. Sterilize surface of main unit and probe cord & extension cord
- Clean the device gently with a clean, soft, lint-free cloth.
- Do not use solvents or any liquid when clean the device. The device is not waterproof.
- Do not use sharp or pointed tool to clean, as they may damage or scratch the device.
- Remove restorative material gently with plastic spatula. Avoid using sharp tools to clean the main unit.



- In case change battery, please contact local dealer or Good Doctors.

8 Trouble shooting

If the device does not work normally, please refer to the following points.

| Problem | Check points | Response |
|--|---|--|
| No power | Check the battery power | Charge the battery |
| Cannot make a measurement. | Check cord connection. | Check that all connections are properly secured. |
| | Check probe cord, file hook for broken wire. | Touch the lip hook to the file hook to check probe cord conductivity. |
| | Device check | Test with calibration jig. |
| No sound. | Check sound is off | Turn the sound on. |
| Can not set W.L.S. | Check the setting | Set the W.L.S. on the setting mode. |
| Display does not appear. | Check the battery power. | If it is not battery power problem, the screen may be malfunctioning. |
| Measured figure is unstable. | Is lip hook making good contract with oral mucosa? | Make sure the lip hook makes good contact with the oral mucosa. |
| | Is the file hook dirty? | Clean the file hook. |
| Measured figure overreacts or is too sensitive. (Measurements are too short. | Is blood or saliva overflowing from the opening of the crown? | If blood or other fluids overflow the canal, the current will leak to the gums and the meter will jump to apex. Clean the canal, canal opening and tooth crown thoroughly. |
| Poor accuracy. Erratic results.) | Is the canal filled with blood, saliva or chemical solutions? | The meter bar may suddenly swing when it breaks the surface of fluids inside the canal, but it will return to normal as the file is advanced down toward the apex. |
| | Is the tooth surface covered with cutting debris or chemical solutions? | Clean entire tooth surface. |
| | Is the file touching the gingival tissue? | This will cause the meter bar to suddenly jump all the way to the "APEX |

| | Is there pulp tissue left inside the root canal? | Accurate measurements cannot be obtained if a large amount of pulp tissue is left inside the root canal. |
|---|--|---|
| | Is the file touching a metal prosthesis? | Touching a metal prosthesis with the file allows a flow of current to gingival tissue or periodontal pocket and will cause the meter to jump to the "APEX". |
| | Are proximal surfaces infected with caries? | Current can flow through the caries infected area to the gums and prevent and accurate measurement from being made. |
| | Are there lateral canals or is the tooth fractured? | The meter bar may jump to "APEX" when it reaches the opening of a lateral canal of the opening of a fractured tooth that allows the current to flow to the gingival tissue. |
| | Does a broken crown allow leakage of electric current? | Build up an insulating barrier to stop the leakage. |
| | Is there lesion at the apex? | A lesion can destroy the apical foramen through absorption and an accurate measurement cannot be obtained. |
| | Is the file hook broken or dirty? | Replace or clean the file hook. |
| | | |
| Measured figure does not move at all or only when | Is the canal blocked? | Open the passage all the way through the apical constriction first and then take the measurement. |
| the file tip is close to the apical foramen. | Is the apical foramen very large and open? | If the apical foramen is large or wide open and not completely formed, the measured figure will suddenly jump when the file tip gets close to the apex. |
| | Is the canal extremely dry? | Moisten the canal with oxydol or a saline solution. |
| | | |

* If the user is unable to inspect the device himself or if the device fails to work properly after being adjusted or after parts are replaced, contact local dealer or manufacturer.



9 Specification

Equipment Class

Model: Trade name: Power supply: Safety: EMC (Electro-Magnetic Compliance): Protection from electric shock: Protection from ingress of liquids:

AL-DFA20 Dr's Finder Neo 3.7V Lithium-polymer IEC60601-1 IEC60601-2 Type BF

Operation, transport, and storage condition for the main unit

| Operation conditions | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ambient temperature range: | +10C ~ +40C / 50F ~ 104F |
| Relative humidity: | 30 ~ 80 RH% without condensation |
| Atmospheric pressure range: | 800 ~ 1060 hPa |

Additional Information

| Main unit | Measurement | Approx. 43 x 46 x 16 mm / Approx. 24 g |
|----------------|---------------|--|
| File hook | Length | Approx. 200 mm (included hook tip) |
| Lip hook | Length / Dia. | Approx. 65 mm / Approx. 2.15 mm |
| Probe cord | Length | Approx. 70 cm |
| Extension cord | Length | Approx. 60 cm |
| Stand | Measurement | Approx. 43 x 67 x 62 mm / Approx. 52 g |

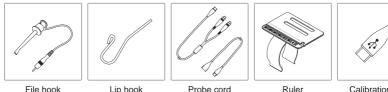
Symbol

| CE 0123 | This device conforms with the European Directive, 93 / 42 / EEC which includes the requirements for electromagnetic compatibility | | |
|-------------------|--|--|--|
| X | This symbol is appixed to fulfill the requirements of EU Directive 2012/19/EU Article 11. This equipment cannot be disposed of as unsorted municipal waste within the European Union. Follow local regulations for disposal. | | |
| SN | Serial number oo oo oo oooo Model / Month / Year / Serial | | Attention, consult accompanying documents. |

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| ҟ | Type BF applied part (File hook, Lip hook) | | Manufacturer |
|--|---|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Ţ | Prevent by wet. | PAPER | This box is paper recyclable. |
| | Do not device on place where get direct sunshine. | Y | Fragile item |
| -10°C | Transport and storage temperature. | \mathbf{X} | No hooks |
| EC REP Authorized representative in the European Community | | | |

Accessories 0



Lip hook



Ruler

Calibration jig

11 Warranty

This product is only shipped after strict inspection. Should the product incur any problems under normal use conditions within on year form the date of purchase, the repair will be free of charge. However, repair of accessories (File hook, Lip hook, Probe cord, batteries, or transportation costs) are not covered by the warranty. For more information refer to the 12. Warranty card.

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