

# **User Manual**

Release 1.2

#### **PAT-Channel-1**

Single channel station for one battery test cell



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### 1 Preamble

#### 1.1 Purpose and Target Audience

This manual describes the structure, function, operation, and maintenance of the PAT-Channel-1. It is intended for the device's end users, who can be any person who interacts directly with it. The term "end user" usually includes laboratory personnel specifically trained to operate this instrument and are familiar with all the precautions required to work in the laboratory.

Only an authorized properly qualified, and experienced person 18 years of age or older may use the PAT-Channel-1, who:

- has read and understood these installation and operating instructions
- is familiar with the installation and operation of this or a similar device
- is aware of all possible dangers and acts accordingly

#### 1.2 Storage Instructions

Before using this product, make sure you have read and understood the complete instructions and all safety information. Failure to follow these instructions may result in minor or serious injury.

Follow all instructions. This will prevent accidents that could result in property damage or injury. Keep all safety information and instructions for future reference and pass them on to subsequent product users.

The manufacturer is not liable for property damage or injuries resulting from incorrect handling or failure to comply with the safety instructions. In such cases, the warranty becomes void.

### **1.3 Obtaining Documents and Information**

A current version of the documentation is available on the following website:

https://el-cell.com/support/manuals/

Alternatively, you can scan this QR code, to access the website:





## **2 Product Description**

The PAT-Channel-1 is a fully featured, single-channel potentiostat/galvanostat/ impedance analyzer operated in conjunction with a PAT-Controller. It has a docking socket for one PAT series test cell and external connectors to connect a test cell of a different type or a separate docking station.



PAT-Controller-8

### **3 Features**

- Fully equipped with PStat/GStat/EIS
- PAT docking station
- D-Sub port for active shielded cell cable, I<sup>2</sup>C bus signals and analog input
- USB 2.0 port for additional sensor data

## **4 Technical Data**

- Height: 97 mm
- Length: 164 mm
- Width: 105 mm
- Weight: 1.3 kg
- Temperature operation range -20 to +40 °C
- Humidity: non condensing





PAT-Channel-1 All measurements in mm

# **5** Specifications



### 5.1 Accuracy Contour Plot

#### 5.2 Test Channel Specifications

| General                   |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Control voltage           | -7 to +7 V  |
| Compliance voltage        | -8 V to +8 V (no load)  |
| Current                   | ±100 mA   |
| Cell electrode connection | 3 electrodes, sense connections, connection matrix            |
| ADC                       | 2x24 Bit  |
| DAC                       | 1x18 Bit  |
| PGStat bandwidth ranges   | 500 kHz, 50 kHz,5 kHz   |
| Slew rate                 | 2.5 V/µs  |
| Sampling interval (rate)  | 1 ms (1000 samples per second)with intelligent data recording |
| Input impedance           | >100 MΩ    20 pF  |
| Computer Interface        | 1 GBit Ethernet   |
|                           | Multiuser   |
|                           | Device runs standalone (immune to network interruptions)      |



| Voltage                  |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Acquisition voltages     | Full cell voltage                              |
|                          | Both half-cell voltages                        |
|                          | Auxiliary voltage                              |
| Measurement accuracy     | ±0.02% FSR (Full Scale Range)                  |
| Measurement noise floor  | 30 μV peak-peak typical                        |
| Control resolution       | 57 μV (18 Bit)                                 |
|                          | EIS amplitude: 3 μV                            |
|                          | (additional 16 Bit DAC for EIS)                |
| Current                  |  |
| Current ranges           | ±100 mA  |
|                          | ±10 mA   |
|                          | ±1 mA  |
|                          | ±100 μA  |
|                          | Auto Range                                     |
| Measurement noise floor  | <1 μA @ 100mA                                  |
|                          | <100 nA @ 10mA                                 |
|                          | <10 nA @ 1mA                                   |
|                          | <1 nA @ 100µA                                  |
| Measurement accuracy     | ±0.05% FSR                                     |
| Control resolution       | 1 nA min. (18 Bit)                             |
| Impedance (each channel) |  |
| Frequency range          | 100 μHz to 100 kHz                             |
| Impedance modes          | PEIS and GEIS (each with simultaneous          |
|                          | measurement of full- and half-cell impedances) |
| Impedance range          | 1 mΩ to 100 MΩ                                 |
| EIS quality indicator    | SFDR (Spurious Free Dynamic Range)             |
| EIS drift correction     | yes  |
| EIS adaptive amplitude   | yes  |
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| Other                                 |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Additional measurement (each channel) | Multiple digital I <sup>2</sup> C bus sensors, e.g., for cell |
|                                       | temperature and gas pressure,                                 |
|                                       | 1x analog voltage input, e.g., for dilatometer                |
|                                       | signal  |
| Calibration                           | Fully automatic self-test and self-calibration with           |
|                                       | internal voltage references and internal                      |
|                                       | calibration cells (maintenance-free)                          |
|                                       |   |
| Software                              | EL-Software with :  |
|                                       | Experiment designer   |
|                                       | Cell and material management with database                    |
|                                       | Script editor with syntax check                               |
|                                       | Live data monitoring  |
|                                       | Analysing and reporting capabilities                          |
| Cell identification                   | Supports PAT-Button for reading the unique test               |
|                                       | cell serial number  |

# **6** Construction and Connections



Back:



PAT-Controller

Top:



| LED         | Signal                       | Meaning  |
|-------------|------------------------------|--|
| Front panel | Red, lighting interval 3 sec | Initializing mainboard   |
| Front panel | Red, permanent               | Mainboard error  |
| Front panel | Green, permanent             | Mainboard operational  |
| Front panel | Blue*, permanent             | PAT-Controller is waiting for<br>the assignment of an IP<br>address from the DHCP<br>server<br>or<br>Establishing USB connection<br>or<br>Performing firmware update<br>(mainboard+channel board,<br>can take up to 5 min) |
| Channel     | Red, lighting interval 3 sec | Initializing channel board   |
| Channel     | Red, permanent               | Channel board error  |
| Channel     | Green, permanent             | Channel board operational  |

### 6.1 LED Signals Overview

\* This feature is only available in devices with serial numbers starting from CH1-0169. Older devices may not show any signs of life during these operating states.



#### 6.2 Pin Assignment D-Sub Connector

# **7 Safety Precautions**



WARNING: A WARNING indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.



Do not operate the device with any cover removed.



Do not use the device in a wet environment. Protect equipment from liquid intrusion.



Do not push any objects into the openings of the device.



Do not operate the device beyond the allowed temperature range in the Technical Data chapter.



Do not attempt to service your equipment yourself. If it fails, contact our technical support, as stated at the end of this manual.



### 8 Installation

**Note:** To operate the PAT-Channel-1 you need a PAT-Controller connected to an Ethernet Local Area Network (LAN). EL-Software Server (the server application of EL-Software) must be installed on the LAN server, and EL-Software Client (the client component of EL software) must be on at least one client PC. The installation instructions for the PAT-Controller and EL-Software can be found in separate manuals.

1. Place the PAT-Channel-1 on a flat, dry, and clean surface.

2. Connect the PAT-Channel to the PAT-Controller-8 using the supplied USB cable. The cable connects the USB port on the PAT-Channel (labeled "PAT-Controller") to one of the 8 USB ports (labeled "Channel") on the PAT Controller.

3. Insert a PAT series test cell into the PAT socket, until the cell audibly clicks into place. This ensures that the electrical contact is properly established. To remove a cell, press the push button next to the PAT socket to release the lock and then remove the cell.

Alternatively, connect another cell type or a PAT docking station via the D-Sub connector of the PAT-Channel and a special cable. For example, this option can be used to operate a test cell at extreme temperatures in a climate chamber. An adapter is optionally available to test coin cells in the PAT socket.

# 9 Cleaning

Wipe the PAT-Channel-1 with a moist tissue. Do not use aggressive chemicals for cleaning. Protect the device from dust and moisture.

# 10 Unpacking

Check the packages' contents against the list below to verify that you have received all of the required components. Contact EL-CELL, if anything is missing or damaged.

**NOTE**: Damaged shipments must remain within the original packaging for freight company inspection.

#### List of components:

- PAT-Channel-1
- USB cable 2.0, type C, 3m, ELT9797



# **11 EC Declaration of Conformity**

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|---------------------|---|---|
|                     | laratio   | n of Conformity   |
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| Product:            |   | PAT-Channel-1   |
| The designated      | product is in con   | formity with the  |
|                     | Compatibility Dire  | 35/EU<br>ective (CEM) 2014/30/EU<br>e Directive (RoHS) 2011/65/EU |
| and the followin    | g harmonised st   | andards:  |
| Safety: IEC 610     | 10-1  |   |
| • EMC: IEC 613      | 26  |   |
| Emissions           |   |   |
| EN 55011            | : Conducted Class<br>: Radiated Class A<br>)-3-2: Harmonic Cu | N   |
| Immunity            |   |   |
| IEC 6100            | 0-4-3: EM field   |   |
|                     | 0-4-4: Burst  |   |
|                     | )-4-5: Surge<br>)-4-6: Conducted I                            | RF  |
|                     | 0-4-8: Magnetic Fi  |   |
| IEC 6100            | 0-4-11: Voltage Di  | p/Short Interruptions   |
| Hamburg, 18.09.2020 |   |   |
| n. Ul               | _   |   |
| Michael Hahn, CEO   |   |   |

The products described conform with the following harmonized standards:

| EN 61010-1:2010        | Sicherheitsbestimmungen für elektrische Mess-, Steuer-,<br>Regel- und Laborgeräte – Teil 1: Allgemeine Anforderungen<br>(DIN EN 61010-1, VDE 0411-1:2011-07)<br>Safety requirements for electrical equipment for<br>measurement, control and laboratory use - Part 1: General<br>requirements<br>(IEC 61010-1:2010 + Cor. :2011) |
|------------------------|--|
| EN 61010-2-201:2014    | Sicherheitsbestimmungen für elektrische Mess-, Steuer-,<br>Regel- und Laborgeräte - Teil 2-201: Besondere<br>Anforderungen für Steuer- und Regelgeräte<br>(DIN EN 61010-2-201:2014, VDE 0411-2-201:2014-01)<br>Safety requirements for electrical equipment for  |
|                        | measurement, control and laboratory use - Part 2-201:<br>Particular requirements for control equipment<br>(IEC 61010-2-201:2013)   |
| EN 61010-2-010:2015-05 | Sicherheitsbestimmungen für elektrische Mess-, Steuer-,<br>Regel- und Laborgeräte - Teil 2-010: Besondere<br>Anforderungen an Laborgeräte für das Erhitzen von Stoffen<br>(DIN EN 61010-2-010:2014; VDE 0411-2-010:2015-05)  |
|                        | Safety requirements for electrical equipment for<br>measurement, control and laboratory use - Part 2-201:<br>Particular requirements for control equipment<br>(IEC 61010-2-201:2013)   |
| EN 61326-1:2013        | Elektrische Mess-, Steuer-, Regel- und Laborgeräte - EMV-<br>Anforderungen - Teil 1: Allgemeine Anforderungen<br>(DIN EN 61326-1:2013-07, VDE 0843-20-1:2013-07)<br>EMC requirements - Part 2-3: Particular requirements - Test  |
|                        | configuration, operational conditions and performance criteria<br>for transducers with integrated or remote signal conditioning<br>(IEC 61326-2-3:2012)  |

| EN 61326-2-3:2013-07 | Elektrische Mess-, Steuer-, Regel- und Laborgeräte - EMV-<br>Anforderungen - Teil 2-3: Besondere Anforderungen -<br>Prüfanordnung, Betriebsbedingungen und Leistungsmerkmale<br>für Messgrößenumformer mit integrierter oder abgesetzter<br>Signalaufbereitung<br>(DIN EN 61326-2-3:2013-07, VDE 0843-20-2-3:2013-07)        |
|----------------------|--|
|                      | Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory<br>use - EMC requirements - Part 2-3: Particular requirements -<br>Test configuration, operational conditions and performance<br>criteria for transducers with integrated or remote signal<br>conditioning<br>(IEC 61326-2-3:2012)                              |
| EN 50581: 2013-02    | Technische Dokumentation zur Beurteilung von Elektro- und<br>Elektronikgeräten hinsichtlich der Beschränkung gefährlicher<br>Stoffe<br>(DIN EN 50581; VDE 0042-12:2013-02)<br>Technical documentation for the assessment of electrical and<br>electronic products with respect to the restriction of<br>hazardous substances |

# 12 Warranty

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