

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

HALO 2



HI9810302

Wireless pH Tester for Soil

with built-in specialized electrode

GroLine®

Dear Customer,

Thank you for choosing a Hanna Instruments® product.

Please read this instruction manual carefully before using this instrument as it provides the necessary information for correct use of this instrument and a precise idea of its versatility.

If you need additional technical information, do not hesitate to e-mail us at tech@hannainst.com.

Visit www.hannainst.com for more information about Hanna Instruments and our products.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. Preliminary Examination	3	7. Bluetooth.....	8
Battery Safety.....	3	8. Hanna Lab Application.....	8
2. Specifications.....	4	Tag a Measurement	8
3. General Description & Intended Use	5	9. Calibration	9
Operating Modes.....	5	Preparation & Guidelines.....	9
Probe Features.....	5	Procedure.....	9
4. Functional Description & LCD Display.....	6	Stand-Alone Tester (Up to Three-Point Calibration) ..	9
5. General Operations	6	With Hanna Lab App (Up to Four-Point Calibration) 10	
Turning the Tester On & Off.....	6	10. Measurement	10
Battery Replacement.....	6	11. Care & Maintenance	11
6. Setup	7	Refilling the Electrode	11
Temperature Unit	7	Storage.....	11
Auto-Off Interval.....	7	12. Warning & Error Messages	11
Calibration Points.....	7	13. Abbreviations	12
Buffer Set.....	7	14. Accessories.....	12
pH Resolution.....	7	Recommendations for Users.....	13
Bluetooth® Wireless Mode	7	Warranty	13
Bluetooth Pairing.....	7	Certification.....	14
Date & Time	7		

The Bluetooth® word mark and logos are registered trademarks owned by Bluetooth SIG, Inc.

All rights are reserved. Reproduction in whole or in part is prohibited without the copyright owner's written consent, Hanna Instruments Inc., Woonsocket, Rhode Island, 02895, USA.

Hanna Instruments reserves the right to modify the design, construction, or appearance of its products without advance notice.

1. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Remove the tester and accessories from packaging and examine them carefully. For further assistance, please contact your local Hanna Instruments® office or email us at tech@hannainst.com.

Each **HI9810302** is supplied with a starter kit consisting of:

- pH 4.01 buffer solution, 20 mL sachet (2 pcs.)
- pH 7.01 buffer solution, 20 mL sachet (2 pcs.)
- Cleaning solution for soil deposits, 20 mL sachet (1 pc.)
- Cleaning solution for humus deposits, 20 mL sachet (1 pc.)
- Electrode storage solution, 13 mL dropper bottle (1 pc.)
- Gelled bridge electrolyte, 13 mL dropper bottle (1 pc.)
- 3V Lithium battery — CR2032
- Battery safety insert
- Quick reference guide with instrument quality certificate

Note: *Save all packing material until you are sure that the tester works correctly. Any damaged or defective item must be returned in its original packing material with the supplied accessories.*

Battery Safety



WARNING

- **INGESTION HAZARD:** This product contains a button cell or coin battery.
- **DEATH** or serious injury can occur if digested.
- A swallowed button cell or coin battery can cause **Internal Chemical Burns** in as little as **2 hours**.
- **KEEP** new and used batteries **OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**.
- **Seek immediate medical attention** if a battery is suspected to be swallowed or inserted inside any part of the body.



- Remove and immediately recycle or dispose of used batteries according to local regulations and keep away from children. Do NOT dispose of batteries in household trash or incinerate.
- Even used batteries may cause severe injury or death.
- Call a local poison control center for treatment information.
- Coin-cell battery type CR2032
- Nominal voltage 3.0 V
- Non-rechargeable batteries are not to be recharged.
- Do not force discharge, recharge, disassemble, heat above 85 °C (185 °F) or incinerate. Doing so may result in injury due to venting, leakage or explosion resulting in chemical burns.
- Ensure the batteries are installed correctly according to polarity (+ and —).
- Do not mix old and new batteries, different brands or types of batteries, such as alkaline, carbon-zinc, or rechargeable batteries.
- Remove and immediately recycle or dispose of batteries from equipment not used for an extended period of time according to local regulations.
- Always completely secure the battery compartment. If the battery compartment does not close securely, stop using the product, remove the batteries, and keep them away from children.

2. SPECIFICATIONS

pH	Range	0.00 to 12.00 pH
	Resolution	0.01 or 0.1 pH
	Accuracy	± 0.05 pH @ 25 °C (77 °F)
mV *	Range	pH/mV conversion
	Resolution	0.1 or 1 mV
Temperature	Range **	0.0 to 60.0 °C (32.0 to 140.0 °F)
	Resolution	0.1 °C; 0.1 °F
	Accuracy	± 0.5 °C; ± 0.9 °F
Calibration	Up to three points or four points * Automatic buffer recognition with Standard buffers Hanna® (pH 1.68 *, 4.01, 7.01, 10.01) or NIST (pH 1.68 *, 4.01, 6.86, 9.18)	
Temperature compensation	Automatic (ATC) or Manual (MTC) *	
Electrode	Body material	Polyvinylidene Fluoride (PVDF)
	Glass	Low Temperature (LT)
	Junction	Open
	Reference cell	Double, Ag/AgCl
	Electrolyte	Gel (refillable)
	Tip / Shape	Conic, Ø 5 x 10 mm (Ø 0.19 x 0.39")
	Outer diameter	12 mm (0.47")
	Length	75 mm (2.95")
Battery type	3V Lithium — CR2032	
Battery life	Approximately 1000 hours (500 hours with Bluetooth enabled)	
Environment	0 to 50 °C (32 to 122 °F)	
Casing	IP65 ingress protection	
Dimensions / Weight	51 x 150 x 21 mm (2.0 x 5.9 x 0.8") / 45 g (1.6 oz.)	

* Available with Hanna Lab App

** Measuring outside the recommended operating temperature range may damage the electrode.

Note: The tester can display measurements from -2.00 to 16.00 pH. Measurements outside of the pH range will flash. In this case assess the integrity of the tester and the type of measured sample.

3. GENERAL DESCRIPTION & INTENDED USE

HI9810302 is a professional wireless pH tester, part of Hanna Instruments® HALO2 family.

HALO2 has an integrated Bluetooth module with an open protocol that permits users to utilize their own application or to use the Hanna Lab App with a compatible smart phone or tablet, to gain full pH meter functions.

- The HI9810302 tester has a compact, waterproof casing, and automatic pH calibration at up to three points, or four points when used with the Hanna Lab App.
- Automatically compensated temperature readings are displayed on a large LCD.
- Accurate and easy to use, the tester is ideal for agricultural, hydroponics, and greenhouse growers that need to monitor the pH of the soil.

Operating Modes

The HI9810302 can be used as a stand-alone pH tester or connected to the Hanna Lab App.

The Hanna Lab App turns a compatible smart device into a full-featured pH meter. Features include: electrode condition, GLP with time-stamp, live-readings, mV resolution, manual temperature compensation, stability criteria, calibration reminder, pH (mV) and temperature alarms, tester ID, and data sharing.

Probe Features

The rugged **PVDF electrode body** is easy to clean. Resistant to most chemicals (e.g. solvents, sodium hypochlorite), ultraviolet light, and fungal growth, the PVDF body also has high-abrasion resistance and mechanical strength.

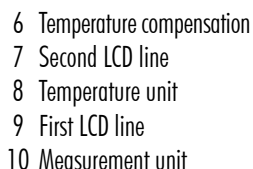
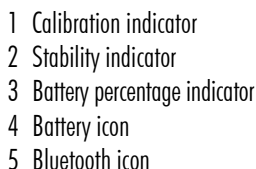
The **conical tip** allows for easy penetration into solids and semisolids.

The **PVDF outer junction sleeve** can be removed and cleaned. Once cleaned, a small amount of supplied gel electrolyte is added and the junction is refreshed, improving the measurement and extending the life of the tester.

The **double junction** design presents a silver-free electrolyte solution interacting with the sample, making the electrode less susceptible to clogging and guaranteeing a fast response and stable reading.

Built-in **temperature sensor** at the tip of the pH electrode allows for rapid determination of the sample temperature and a high-accuracy temperature reading.

Front & Back view

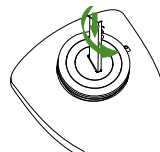


5. GENERAL OPERATIONS

Turning the Tester On & Off

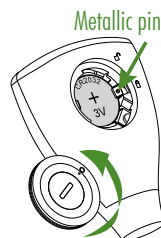
- Turn the tester face down. Use an appropriately sized slotted screwdriver to remove the battery cover. Set the battery cover aside.
 - Remove the battery insulation film.
 - Press the ON/OFF button to turn the tester on or off.
- Initialization screen displays all LCD segments, followed by the battery percentage. The tester enters measurement mode.
- Before the tester turns off, **"OFF PWR"** is displayed briefly.
 - Press and hold the ON/OFF button to turn the tester off when connected to Bluetooth.
-

Press then twist counterclockwise
to open battery compartment



Battery Replacement

1. Turn off the tester.
2. Turn the tester face down and remove the battery cover. Set the battery cover aside.
3. Press the metallic pin to push old battery out.
4. Place the new battery with positive (+) sign facing out.
5. Reset the date and time in setup, or connect to the Hanna Lab App to update it automatically.
6. Align the mark on the cover (⊙) with the open lock icon (🔓) on the case.
7. Press then rotate the screwdriver clockwise until the mark on the cover aligns with the closed lock icon (🔒).



Note: Only use specified battery type. Dispose of old battery in accordance with local regulations.

6. SETUP

The Setup button is located inside the battery compartment. After Setup configuration, replace the cover.

Setup Menu Navigation

- Press the Setup button to enter Setup mode and navigate menu items.
- To exit Setup mode, press the Setup button after "SEL TIME" option is displayed.
- Press the ON/OFF button to configure menu item options.

Temperature Unit

Option: °C or °F

Press ON/OFF button to select desired temperature unit.



Auto-Off Interval

Option: 8, 60 min., or "----" (disabled)

Press ON/OFF button to select desired interval.

To save battery life, after the selected auto-off interval has elapsed, the tester will automatically turn off.



Calibration Points

Option: 2P or 3P

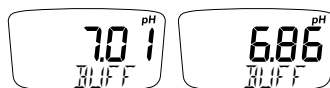
Press ON/OFF button to select between up to two- or up to three-point calibration.



Buffer Set

Option: 7.01 pH (Hanna®) or 6.86 pH (NIST)

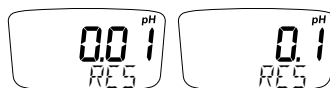
Press ON/OFF button to select the calibration buffer set (Hanna or NIST).



pH Resolution

Option: 0.01 pH or 0.1 pH

Press the ON/OFF button to select resolution.



Bluetooth Wireless Mode

Option: On, PAIR, or OFF

Press ON/OFF button to select Bluetooth option at start-up.



Bluetooth Pairing

Option: dEL PAIR

Press ON/OFF button to delete saved paired device.



Date & Time

Option: SET TIME

Press ON/OFF button to set the date and time.

Option: YEAR, MO, DAY, HOUR, and MIN

Use the Setup button to select the option and press the ON/OFF button to change the selected option.



7. BLUETOOTH

With “**PAIR BLU**” or “**ON BLU**” selected in Setup, the Bluetooth icon (✱) will blink for up to 45 seconds, indicating the tester is in discoverable mode. Once connected, the icon will stop blinking. If not connected, the icon is not displayed.

- Select “**ON BLU**”, to enable Bluetooth without bonding.
- Select “**PAIR BLU**”, to enable Bluetooth with bonding. A 6-digit bonding pin is displayed the first time the tester and smart device are paired. Once the devices are paired, the bonding pin is not required when reconnected.
- Select “**OFF BLU**”, to disable Bluetooth.
- Select “**DEL PAIR**”, to delete all paired devices. If PAIR BLU is enabled, a bonding pin will need to be re-entered.

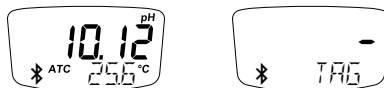
8. HANNA LAB APPLICATION

- The Hanna Lab App is available on the App Store[®] and on Google Play.
- Consult the Help section of the application for information on calibration, measurement, data logging, and sharing.
- When the tester is in discoverable mode, it will appear in the list of “Available Devices”.
- Within the application, tap “Connect” to pair the tester with the device. All readings are transmitted directly to the application.

Tag a Measurement

Once connected to the application, the ON/OFF button can be pressed to tag the current reading.

- Press the ON/OFF button from measurement mode. The display shows “**SET TAG**”, followed by “**- TAG**”.
- The reading on the application will flash green and the note icon (📌) will be displayed. Tap the note icon (📌) to add an annotation.



9. CALIBRATION

Preparation & Guidelines

1. Remove the probe from the plastic storage cap. Save the cap for probe storage.
2. Rinse off any storage solution or salts that may be on the body.
3. Verify there is solution inside the pH bulb by shaking the probe down to restore continuity as the solution may have moved up the stem during shipping.
4. For best results, use a rinse beaker and a separate calibration beaker for each buffer. Discard rinsing buffers after use.

Procedure

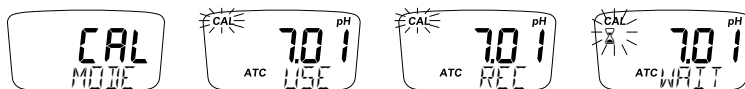
For most applications it is recommended to start with pH 7.01 buffer (or pH 6.86).

To restore factory defaults, press and hold the ON/OFF button. "CAL CLR" is displayed.

Note: It is recommended to calibrate the electrode with buffers at the temperature it will be used at.

Stand-Alone Tester (Up to Three-Point Calibration)

1. Rinse the electrode tip with purified water and blot dry. Then rinse with the buffer being used for calibration.
2. Press and hold ON/OFF button until "CAL MODE" is displayed.
3. When "7.01 USE" or "6.86 USE" is displayed ("CAL" tag blinking), place the electrode tip in the correct buffer.
4. When the buffer has been recognized, "REF" is displayed.
"WAIT" is displayed with the stability indicator (⊗) blinking until the reading is stable. Wait until the measurement is stored and the stability indicator disappears.



5. To save a one-point calibration and return to measurement mode, press the ON/OFF button.
"CAL SAVE" is displayed briefly.

With 2P option selected

6. Place the tip of the electrode in the second buffer rinse beaker, then in the second calibration buffer. Wait until the measurement is stored and the stability indicator disappears.
7. After the second point has been stored, "CAL SAVE" is displayed briefly and the tester will return to measurement mode automatically.

With 3P option selected

6. Place the tip of the electrode in the second buffer rinse beaker, then in the second calibration buffer. Wait until the measurement is stored and the stability indicator disappears.
7. Place the tip of the electrode in the third buffer rinse beaker, then in the third calibration buffer. Wait until the measurement is stored and the stability indicator disappears.
8. After the third point has been stored, "CAL FIVE" is displayed briefly and the tester will return to measurement mode automatically.

With Hanna Lab App (Up to Four-Point Calibration)

Connect the tester to the Hanna Lab App and follow the calibration procedure.

See the App Help section for the calibration procedure.

10. MEASUREMENT

The pH tester allows direct testing in the soil without taking samples or creating a slurry.

1. Inspect the pH probe to ensure the bridge electrolyte gel has not dried out. Refill if necessary.
2. Calibrate the pH tester.
3. Using an auger (HI721319), make a 20 mm (0.78") hole down into the soil.
The hole needs to be the same depth each time to avoid pH discrepancies.
4. Add some distilled or deionized water to the hole; the soil should be damp but not saturated.
5. Rinse the electrode with tap water and insert into the hole.
6. Allow for the reading to develop or stabilize.
7. After measurement, gently rinse off leftover soil (avoid using cloth or wipe).

Note: Direct soil pH testing is not recommended if the ground is stony or hardened as the electrode can be damaged. If the soil is stony or hard, take a representative soil sample and add HI7051 Soil preparation solution.

11. CARE & MAINTENANCE

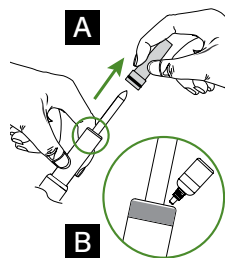
- Never immerse the tester over the maximum immersion level.
- Fresh buffers should be used for each calibration. Once the sachets are opened the buffer value can change over time.
- If the electrode is slow or sluggish, soak it in cleaning solution for 20 minutes. Rinse with water and hydrate the electrode in storage solution for a minimum of 30 minutes before calibrating.
- If measurements are taken successively, rinse the probe thoroughly in distilled or deionized water to eliminate cross-contamination between measurements.

Refilling the Electrode

- To remove the electrode sleeve, carefully rotate and slide it off (A). Set it to one side.

Note: Handle the probe with care, the pH electrode stem is made of glass.

- Rinse off any traces of electrolyte gel from sleeve. Soak the electrode tip in HI70061 General purpose cleaning solution (or HI700661, HI700663, HI700664) for 20 minutes. Rinse with distilled or deionized water.
- Refill the reference well with HI9071 Gelled bridge electrolyte (B).
- Replace the sleeve. Ensure the o-ring is fixed inside the electrode. Rinse off excess gel with distilled or deionized water.
- Shake the probe down gently to eliminate any trapped air bubbles.
- Soak the probe in HI70300 Electrode storage solution for a minimum of 30 minutes before calibrating.



Storage

To ensure a quick response, the glass tip and junction should be kept hydrated.

When not in use, add a few drops of storage solution to the storage cap. If storage solution is not available, pH 4.01 or pH 7.01 buffer can be used.

Note: Do not store the electrode in distilled or deionized water.

12. WARNING & ERROR MESSAGES



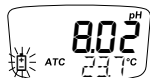
"---- WRNG" displayed during calibration.

Invalid buffer. Check the buffer value and use fresh buffer.



Measured value displayed blinking.

Measured value is out of electrode range. Clean the electrode to improve condition.



Battery icon (BATT) displayed blinking.

Battery is below 10 %, replace the battery.



"BATT DEAD" and tester turns off.

Depleted battery, replace the battery.

13. ABBREVIATIONS

ATC	Automatic Temperature Compensation
GLP	Good Laboratory Practice
MTC	Manual Temperature Compensation
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology

14. ACCESSORIES

Ordering Information	Product Description
pH Buffer Solution	
HI50016-02	pH 1.68 buffer solution, 20 mL sachet (25 pcs.)
HI70004G	GroLine pH 4.01 buffer solution, 20 mL sachet (25 pcs.)
HI70006P	pH 6.86 buffer solution, 20 mL sachet (25 pcs.)
HI70007G	GroLine pH 7.01 buffer solution, 20 mL sachet (25 pcs.)
HI70009P	pH 9.18 buffer solution, 20 mL sachet (25 pcs.)
HI70010P	pH 10.01 buffer solution, 20 mL sachet (25 pcs.)
HI77400P	pH 4.01 & 7.01 buffer solution, 20 mL sachet (10 pcs., 5 each)
HI770710P	pH 10.01 & 7.01 buffer solution, 20 mL sachet (10 pcs., 5 each)
Electrode Cleaning Solution	
HI70061G	GroLine general purpose cleaning solution, 20 mL sachet (25 pcs.)
HI700661P	General purpose cleaning solution for agriculture, 20 mL sachet (25 pcs.)
HI700663P	Cleaning solution for soil deposits, 20 mL sachet (25 pcs.)
HI700664P	Cleaning solution for humus deposits, 20 mL sachet (25 pcs.)
Electrode Storage Solution	
HI70300G	GroLine electrode storage solution, 20 mL sachet (25 pcs.)
HI70300-023	GroLine electrode storage solution, 230 mL
Electrode Fill Solution	
HI9071	Gelled bridge electrolyte, 13 mL dropper bottle
Other Accessories	
HI7051M	Soil preparation solution, 230 mL
HI721319	Soil auger

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USERS

Before using this product, make sure it is entirely suitable for your specific application and for the environment in which it is used. Any variation introduced by the user to the supplied equipment may degrade the tester's performance. For your and the tester's safety do not use or store it in hazardous environments.

WARRANTY

HI9810302 is warranted for a period of one year against defects in workmanship and materials when used for its intended purpose and maintained according to instructions. This warranty is limited to repair or replacement free of charge. Damage due to accidents, misuse, tampering, or lack of prescribed maintenance is not covered. If service is required, contact your local Hanna Instruments® office. If under warranty, report the model number, date of purchase, serial number, and the nature of the problem. If the repair is not covered by the warranty, you will be notified of the charges incurred. If the tester is to be returned to Hanna Instruments, first obtain a Returned Goods Authorization (RGA) number from the Technical Service department and then send it with shipping costs prepaid. When shipping any product, make sure it is shipped back in compliance with shipping regulations, thoroughly cleaned and free of any chemicals, and is properly packaged for complete protection.

CERTIFICATION

All Hanna[®] instruments conform to the CE European Directives.



RoHS
compliant



Disposal of Electrical and Electronic Equipment. The product should not be treated as household waste. Instead, hand it over to the appropriate collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment, which will conserve natural resources.

Disposal of waste batteries. This product contains batteries, do not dispose of them with other household waste. Hand them over to the appropriate collection point for recycling. Ensuring proper product and battery disposal prevents potential negative consequences for the environment and human health. For more information, contact your city, your local household waste disposal service, or the place of purchase.

Regulatory Notices for stand-alone, Bluetooth, low-energy modules

All modules have identical operation. All references to US FCC Rules and Canadian RSS standards on device classification and operation, listed here under BMD-300 Module, apply to all models noted here. Remove the battery cover to check the installed module.

BMD-300 Module

United States (FCC) FCC ID: 2AA9B04

This device complies with FCC Rules, Part 15, Subpart C "Intentional Radiators" and Subpart B, Chapter §15.105. This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case, users are required to correct the interference at their own expense.

Canada (ISED) IC: 12208A-04

This device complies with Industry Canada license exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device. Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes: (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

Australia / New Zealand (RCM) BMD-300 complies with the AS/NZS 4268:2017.

Japan (MIC) R210-106799

South Korea (KCC) R-CRM-Rgd-BMD-300

Brazil (ANATEL): Contains ANATEL approved module # 00820-21-05903.

Mexico (IFETEL): Este equipo contiene el módulo con IFT #: NYCE/CT/0146/17/TS.

BMD-350 Module

United States (FCC) FCC ID: 2AA9B05

Canada (ISED) IC: 12208A-05

Japan (MIC) R210-108944

South Korea (KCC) R-C-Rgd-BMD-350

Australia / New Zealand (RCM) BMD-350 complies with the AS/NZS 4268:2017

Eurasia (EAC) EA3C N RU 1-US.HA27.B.00650/18

Brazil (ANATEL) Contains ANATEL approved module # 00857-21-05903

China (SRRC) CMIT ID: 2018DJ7255

Mexico (IFETEL) Este equipo contiene el módulo con IFT #: RCPBIM18-1491

ANNA-B112 Module

United States (FCC) FCC ID: XPYANNAB1

Canada (ISED) IC: 8595A-ANNAB1

Contains Transmitter Module
Taiwan (NCC) CCAI18LP2200T2

South Korea (KCC) R-C-ULX-ANNA-B12

South Africa (ICASA) ICASA TA-2019/1203 Approved

China (SRRC) CMIT ID: 2021DJ6698

Australia / New Zealand (ACMA) ANNA-B1 complies with AS/NZS 4268:2012 standard

Japan (MIC) R204-810005

The module complies with the Japanese Technical Regulation Conformity Certification of Specified Radio Equipment (ordinance of MPT N°. 37, 1981), Article 2, Paragraph 1, Item 19 "2.4 GHz band wide band low power data communication system".



Brazil (ANATEL) This equipment operates on a secondary basis and, consequently, must accept harmful interference, including from stations of the same kind, and may not cause harmful interference to systems operating on a primary basis.