Texas Instruments 83PL/TBL/1L1/A

Texas Instruments TI-83 Plus Graphing Calculator User Manual

Model: 83PL/TBL/1L1/A

Brand: Texas Instruments

1. Introduction

The Texas Instruments TI-83 Plus is a powerful graphing calculator designed for students and professionals in mathematics and science. It features a pragmatic key layout and an easy-to-use graphing interface, supporting a simple programming language for creating conversion programs. The calculator can store and analyze up to 10 matrices and data in lists with up to 999 elements per list. It allows interactive equation solving for different variables and simultaneous viewing of equations, graphs, and coordinates on a split screen. The TI-83 Plus supports various plot types including scatter, box-and-whisker, XY-line, histogram, and normal probability plots. It provides readily accessible advanced statistics, regression analysis, graphical analysis, and data analysis, along with functions crucial for calculus, engineering, financial, logarithm, trigonometry, and hyperbolic calculations. Its clear display and fast processing make it an essential tool for mathematics and science coursework, including statistics and finance, and it is permitted for use on various standardized tests like PSAT/NMSQT, SAT I, SAT II Math, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, and AP Calculus exams.



Figure 1.1: The Texas Instruments TI-83 Plus Graphing Calculator.

2. Setup

2.1 Battery Installation

The TI-83 Plus graphing calculator requires four AAA alkaline batteries for primary power and one lithium battery for backup memory. Follow these steps to install or replace the batteries:

1. Ensure the calculator is turned **OFF**.
2. Locate the battery compartment cover on the back of the calculator.
3. Slide the cover downwards to remove it.
4. Carefully remove the old AAA batteries, if present.
5. Insert four new AAA alkaline batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+ and -) as indicated inside the compartment.
6. To replace the backup lithium battery (CR1616 or equivalent), locate the small circular compartment near the top of the main battery area. Use a small screwdriver or coin to open it, replace the battery, and close the cover. This backup battery helps retain memory when main batteries are removed.
7. Replace the main battery compartment cover by sliding it back into place until it clicks securely.
8. Turn the calculator **ON** to verify proper installation.

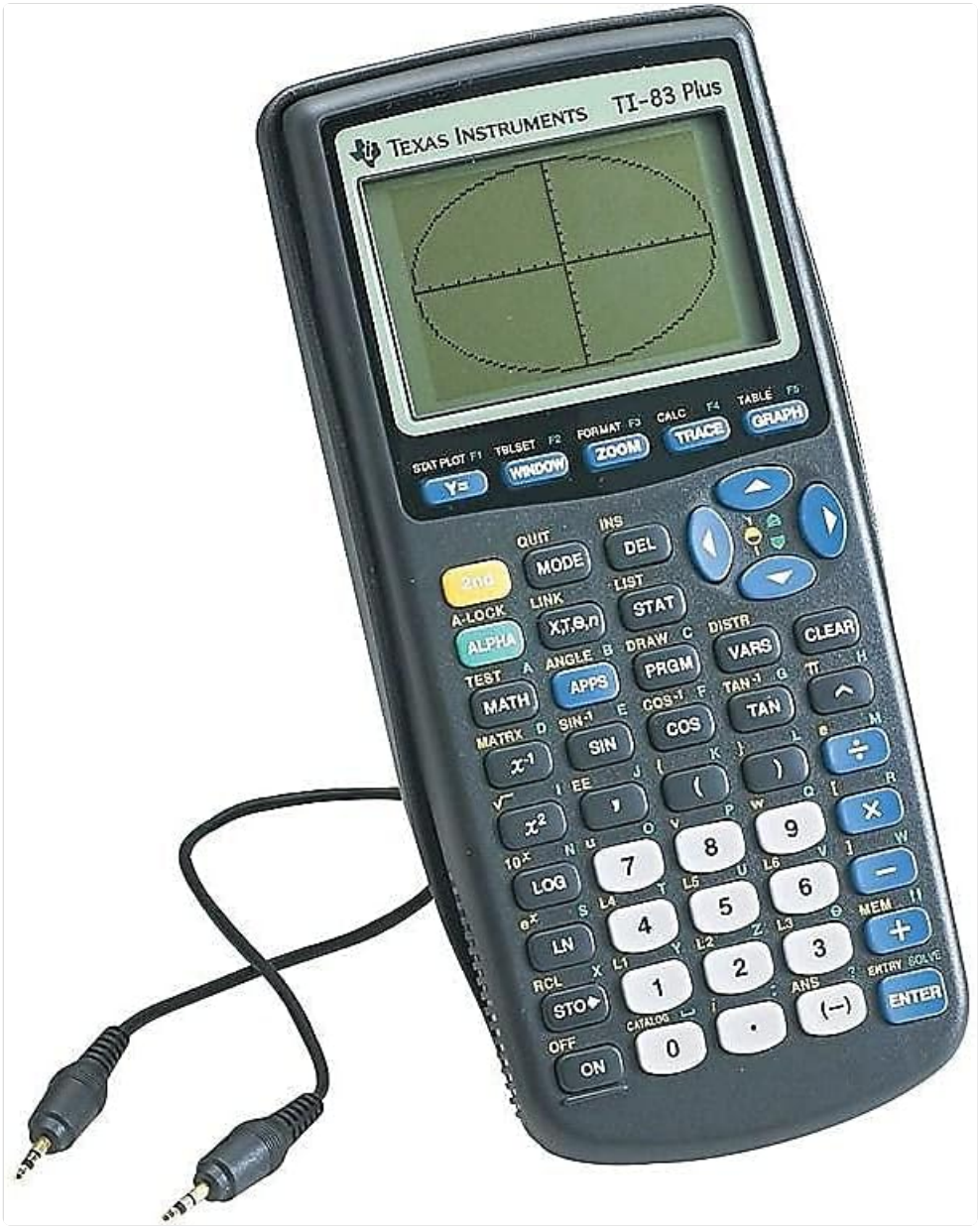


Figure 2.1: Rear view of the TI-83 Plus with battery compartment open.

3. Operating Instructions

3.1 Key Layout Overview

The TI-83 Plus keyboard is organized into several functional areas:

- **Graphing Keys:** Located at the top, these keys (Y=, WINDOW, ZOOM, TRACE, GRAPH) are used for defining, viewing, and analyzing graphs.
- **Navigation Keys:** The blue arrow keys allow movement of the cursor on the screen and graph.
- **Editing Keys:** DEL, INS, CLEAR are used for editing entries and clearing screens.
- **Advanced Function Keys:** Keys like MATH, APPS, PRGM, VARS, STAT provide access to menus for advanced mathematical operations, applications, programming, variables, and statistical functions.
- **Trigonometric and Logarithmic Keys:** SIN, COS, TAN, LOG, LN for common functions.
- **Numeric Keypad:** Standard number keys (0-9) and decimal point.
- **Operation Keys:** +, -, *, /, ^ for arithmetic operations and exponents.
- **Entry Key:** ENTER executes commands and calculations.
- **Second and Alpha Keys:** The yellow **2nd** key accesses the second function printed above each key. The green **ALPHA** key accesses the green letters and symbols printed above each key.

3.2 Basic Calculations

To perform a basic calculation, simply type the expression and press **ENTER**. For example, to calculate 5 + 3, press **5 + 3 ENTER**. The result will be displayed on the screen.

3.3 Graphing Functions

The TI-83 Plus excels at graphing. To graph a function:

1. Press **Y=** to access the equation editor.
2. Enter your function (e.g., *X^2 + 2X - 1*) into one of the Y= lines. Use the **X,T,θ,n** key for the variable X.
3. Press **ZOOM** and select an appropriate zoom option (e.g., **ZStandard** for a standard -10 to 10 window).
4. Press **GRAPH** to display the graph.
5. Use **TRACE** to move along the graph and view coordinates.

3.4 Statistical Analysis

The calculator offers robust statistical features:

1. Press **STAT**.
2. Select **1:Edit...** to enter data into lists (L1, L2, etc.).
3. After entering data, press **STAT** again, then navigate to **CALC**.
4. Choose the desired statistical calculation (e.g., **1-Var Stats** for one-variable statistics).
5. Specify the list containing your data and press **ENTER** to view results.

3.5 Programming

The TI-83 Plus supports programming in TI-Basic. You can create, edit, and run programs to automate complex calculations or perform repetitive tasks. Access the programming menu by pressing **PRGM**.

4. Maintenance

4.1 Battery Replacement

Refer to section 2.1 for detailed instructions on replacing the main AAA batteries and the backup lithium battery. Regular replacement of the main batteries is recommended to ensure optimal performance. The backup battery typically lasts longer but should be checked periodically.
Important: To avoid losing data and programs when replacing the main AAA batteries, ensure the backup lithium battery is functional. If the backup battery is also low or dead, data loss may occur.

4.2 Cleaning

To clean your TI-83 Plus calculator:

- Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe the exterior of the calculator.
- For stubborn smudges, slightly dampen the cloth with water or a mild, non-abrasive cleaner. Avoid excessive moisture.
- Do not use harsh chemicals, abrasive cleaners, or solvents, as these can damage the calculator's finish or internal components.
- Keep the display screen free of scratches by using the provided hard slide cover when not in use.

5. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your TI-83 Plus, try the following common troubleshooting steps:

- **Blank Screen:**
  - Check if the batteries are properly installed and have sufficient charge. Replace if necessary.
  - Adjust the display contrast. Press **2nd** then **UP arrow** to increase contrast, or **2nd** then **DOWN arrow** to decrease contrast.
- **Calculator Not Turning On:**
  - Ensure batteries are new and correctly inserted.
  - Press the **ON** button firmly.
  - Try resetting the calculator (this will clear memory). Locate the **RESET** button on the back (often a small hole requiring a paperclip). Press it briefly.
- **Error Messages:**
  - Consult the full user manual (link in Section 7) for specific error code meanings and solutions.
  - Common errors include *ERR:SYNTAX* (incorrect input format) or *ERR:DOMAIN* (input outside function's domain).
- **Slow Performance:**
  - Ensure batteries are not low.
  - Clear unnecessary programs or data to free up memory.

6. Specifications

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Model Number	83PL/TBL/1L1/A
Item Weight	9 ounces
Product Dimensions	7.3 x 1 x 3.5 inches
Batteries Required	4 AAA alkaline, 1 Lithium Metal (backup)
Display	64 x 96 pixel LCD, 8 lines per page
RAM	24KB
Flash ROM	160KB
Material Type	Plastic
Color	Gray
Connectivity	Optional TI-Graph Link for PC connection (cable and software sold separately)

7. Warranty Information

The Texas Instruments TI-83 Plus Graphing Calculator comes with a one-year limited warranty from the manufacturer. For specific details regarding warranty coverage, terms, and conditions, please refer to the official documentation included with your product or contact Texas Instruments customer support.

Legal Disclaimer: Returns accepted on all unopened merchandise. A 10% restocking fee applies. If the product is in any condition other than what it was sent in, returns or replacements may not be accepted. Additional shipping insurance is recommended for returns beyond the included $20 insurance.

8. Support and Resources

For comprehensive information, advanced features, and detailed examples, please refer to the official user manual:
Download Official TI-83 Plus User Manual (PDF)
For further assistance, technical support, or to inquire about accessories like the TI-Graph Link cable, please visit the official Texas Instruments website or contact their customer service department.

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