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Model: HI981030

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the proper use and maintenance of your Hanna Groline HI981030 Soil PH Tester. This device is designed for accurate and reliable pH measurements directly in soil, aiding in optimal plant growth and soil management. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the instrument.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Observe the following safety precautions to ensure safe operation and to prevent damage to the instrument:

- Handle the glass electrode with care. It is fragile and can break if dropped or mishandled.
- Do not immerse the entire meter in water. Only the probe tip is designed for immersion.
- Keep the instrument out of reach of children.
- Store the electrode in its protective cap with storage solution when not in use to prevent drying.
- Dispose of batteries and calibration solutions according to local regulations.

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW



This image displays the Hanna Groline HI981030 Soil pH Tester. The device is white with green branding, featuring a digital display showing a pH reading of 5.54. The elongated probe extends from the main body, designed for direct soil measurement.

The Hanna Groline HI981030 is a portable pH meter specifically designed for direct soil measurement. It features a robust, conical tip electrode for easy penetration into soil and a clear LCD display for reading pH values.

Key Components:

- **LCD Display:** Shows pH readings and status indicators.
- **Power/Mode Button:** Used to turn the meter on/off and access calibration mode.
- **Conical pH Electrode:** Specialized probe for direct soil insertion.
- **Protective Cap:** Covers the electrode and holds storage solution.

4. SETUP

4.1. Battery Installation

The meter operates on standard batteries. To install or replace batteries:

1. Locate the battery compartment cover, usually on the back or top of the meter.
2. Remove the cover.
3. Insert new batteries, observing the correct polarity (+/-).
4. Replace the battery compartment cover securely.

4.2. Initial Probe Preparation

Before first use, or after prolonged storage, the electrode needs conditioning:

1. Remove the protective cap from the electrode.
2. Rinse the electrode tip with distilled or deionized water.
3. Condition the electrode by soaking it in Hanna HI70300 pH storage solution for at least 30 minutes. This ensures optimal performance and response time.

5. CALIBRATION

Regular calibration is essential for accurate pH measurements. Calibrate the meter at least once a week, or more frequently if high accuracy is required or after measuring very acidic or alkaline samples.

5.1. Required Solutions

- pH 7.01 buffer solution (e.g., Hanna HI7007)
- pH 4.01 buffer solution (e.g., Hanna HI7004) or pH 10.01 buffer solution (e.g., Hanna HI7010) depending on your expected pH range.
- Distilled or deionized water for rinsing.

5.2. Calibration Procedure

1. Turn the meter on by pressing the Power/Mode button.
2. Rinse the electrode with distilled water and gently blot dry.
3. Immerse the electrode tip into the pH 7.01 buffer solution.
4. Press and hold the Power/Mode button until 'CAL' appears on the display. The meter will automatically recognize the buffer.
5. Once the first point is calibrated, rinse the electrode again.
6. Immerse the electrode tip into the second buffer solution (e.g., pH 4.01). The meter will automatically calibrate the second point.
7. Once calibration is complete, the meter will return to measurement mode.

6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1. Preparing the Soil Sample

For best results, prepare your soil sample as follows:

1. Remove any surface debris or large particles from the area to be tested.
2. If the soil is dry, moisten it with distilled water until it is damp but not waterlogged. Allow it to sit for 15-20 minutes.
3. Create a small hole in the soil using a non-metallic rod or stick to avoid damaging the electrode.

6.2. Taking a Measurement

1. Turn the meter on.
2. Carefully insert the conical pH electrode into the prepared soil hole. Ensure good contact between the electrode tip and the moist soil.
3. Allow the reading to stabilize on the LCD display. This may take a few minutes.
4. Record the pH value.
5. After measurement, remove the electrode from the soil.
6. Rinse the electrode thoroughly with distilled water to remove any soil particles.

7. MAINTENANCE

7.1. Electrode Cleaning

Regular cleaning of the electrode is crucial for accurate readings and extended electrode life.

- After each use, rinse the electrode with distilled water.
- If the electrode is visibly dirty or readings become sluggish, soak the electrode in a cleaning solution (e.g., Hanna HI7061 general purpose cleaning solution) for 15-30 minutes.
- Rinse thoroughly with distilled water after cleaning.

7.2. Electrode Storage

Proper storage prevents the electrode from drying out and ensures quick response times.

- Always store the electrode with its protective cap filled with Hanna HI70300 pH storage solution **Never store in distilled or deionized water.**
- If the storage solution level is low, refill it.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Unstable or erratic readings	Dirty electrode, air bubbles, dry junction, old buffer solutions	Clean electrode, ensure proper immersion, re-condition electrode, use fresh buffer solutions, re-calibrate.
Meter does not calibrate	Expired or contaminated buffer solutions, dirty electrode, damaged electrode	Use fresh buffer solutions, clean electrode, replace electrode if damaged.
Slow response time	Dry electrode, dirty electrode, low temperature	Re-condition electrode in storage solution, clean electrode, allow sample to reach room temperature.
No display or faint display	Low or dead batteries	Replace batteries.

9. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Product Dimensions	2 x 6 x 1 inches
Item Weight	0.018 ounces
Manufacturer	Hanna Instruments
ASIN	B07Q2GFQQC
Item Model Number	HI981030

10. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Hanna Groline HI981030 Soil PH Tester is covered by a manufacturer's warranty against defects in materials and workmanship. For specific warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Hanna Instruments website.

For technical support, troubleshooting assistance, or to inquire about replacement parts and accessories, please contact Hanna Instruments customer service directly. Contact information can typically be found on the manufacturer's website or in the product packaging.