

# Harwell

## ***VR-7***

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## INTRODUCTION

The Harwell VR-7 is a pocket-sized, portable DC Voltage Reference. It offers excellent short and long term drift, low temperature coefficient, and low noise.

## DEVICE SPECIFICATIONS

Performance Specifications	
Output Voltage	2/2.048/5 VDC
Output Accuracy	$\pm 8 \mu\text{V/V}$
Typical Temperature Coefficient	$\pm 3.58 \text{ ppm/}^\circ\text{C}$ (18-28°C)
Battery Life	120 hrs (approximate)
Low Battery Indicator Voltage	7 V

Mechanical Specifications	
Height	29mm
Width	30mm
Length	55mm
Weight	23.5g (Banana Plug Version) 16.3g (Post version)

Environmental	
Specified Operation	Temperature Range: 18 °C to 28 °C Relative Humidity: 0% to 90% to 28 °C, Noncondensing Altitude: 0 m to 1830 m (0 ft to 6000 ft)

Electromagnetic Compatibility	
USA (FCC)	47 CFR 15 subpart B, this product is considered an exempt device per clause 15.103 (b)

## POWER REQUIREMENTS

Battery: One (1) 9V Battery (IEC 6LR61)

Power Consumption: <5mA

Battery Life: >120 hours

Power Indicator: Green LED

Low Battery Indicator: Red LED, illuminates when battery voltage is ~7V.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

**WARNING:** This device is a voltage reference and not designed to be a power source. Output current is limited to 10ma.

1. Insert a 9V battery into the battery compartment located on the back of the device
2. Turn the device on by sliding the power switch to the ON position.
3. Ensure that the LOW BATT indicator does not illuminate, other replace battery.
4. Allow 15 minutes for the device to warm up and settle.
5. The output now may be measured at the output terminals.
6. Turn off the device when not in-use to reduce drift.

## CALIBRATION

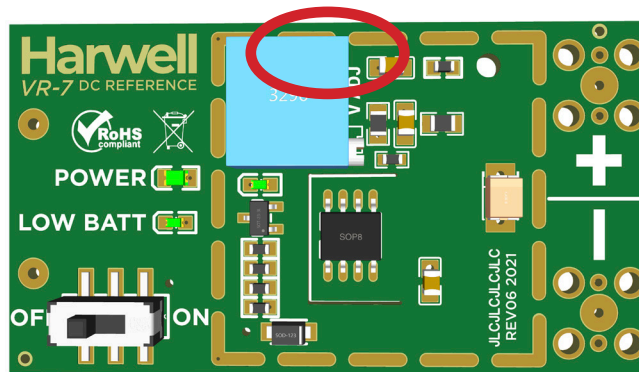
Your device was calibrated to within 0.008% of its nominal value at 23 °C.  
The recommended calibration interval is 12 months.

## RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

- 7.5-8.5 Digit Multimeter or Keysight 34420A/Keithley 2182A + Fluke 732 DC Reference
- Bourns H-90 Adjustment tool or Precision Slotted 1.8mm (.070") Screwdriver

## CALIBRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Insert a fresh 9V battery into the device.
2. Turn on the device and allow the unit to operate and stabilize for at least 1 hour.
3. Attach test leads and measure output.
4. If output is not within specifications, adjustment is required.
5. Remove the RF shield by gently lifting on the corner of the shield using a plastic spudger or flat screwdriver. **Shield edges may be sharp be careful to avoid injury.**
6. Locate the blue adjustment trimmer located in the upper left corner. The adjustment screw is located on the right, under the shield frame.
7. Slowly turn the adjustment screw using a flat blade screwdriver until the unit is within specifications. 1/4 of a turn is approximately 5 microvolts. Allow the unit to settle for 30mins.
8. Measure and repeat adjustment procedure if necessary.
9. Replace cover.



## A NOTE ON NOISE/EMF

This device has been engineered to reduce the effect of EMF however still may be effected due to the nature of low voltage measurements. Any radio sources may induce microvolt variances. For best results, keep cellphones, computers, access points, microwave ovens either off or as far away as possible during device usage. This also applied to certain lighting devices using transformers such as with fluorescent lamps. We also recommend using low EMF test connectors to reduce the effect of thermal EMF from dissimilar metals.

QUESTIONS?

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