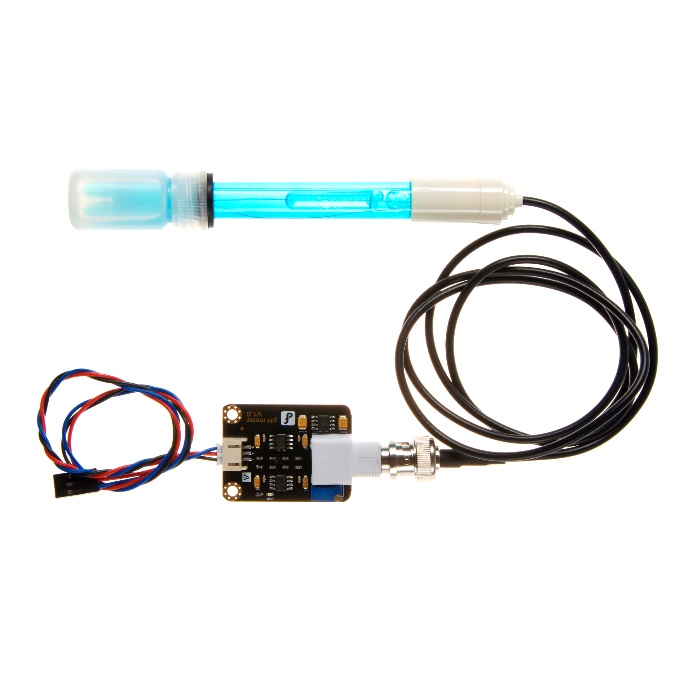
**Introduction**

[](https://www.dfrobot.com/product-1025.html)

Need to measure water quality and other parameters but haven't got any low cost pH meter? Find it difficult to use with [Arduino](https://www.dfrobot.com/category-35.html)? Here comes an analog pH meter, specially designed for **[Arduino controllers](https://www.dfrobot.com/category-104.html)** and has built-in simple, convenient and practical connection and features. It has an LED which works as the Power Indicator, a BNC connector and PH2.0 sensor interface. To use it, just connect the pH sensor with BNC connector, and plug the PH2.0 interface into the analog input port of any [Arduino controller](https://www.dfrobot.com/category-104.html). If pre-programmed, you will get the pH value easily. Comes in compact plastic box with foams for better mobile storage. **Attention:In order to ensure the accuracy of the pH probe, you need to use the standard solution to calibrate it regularly.Generally, the period is about half a year. If you meaure the dirty aqueous solution, you need to increase the frequency of calibration.**

## Applications

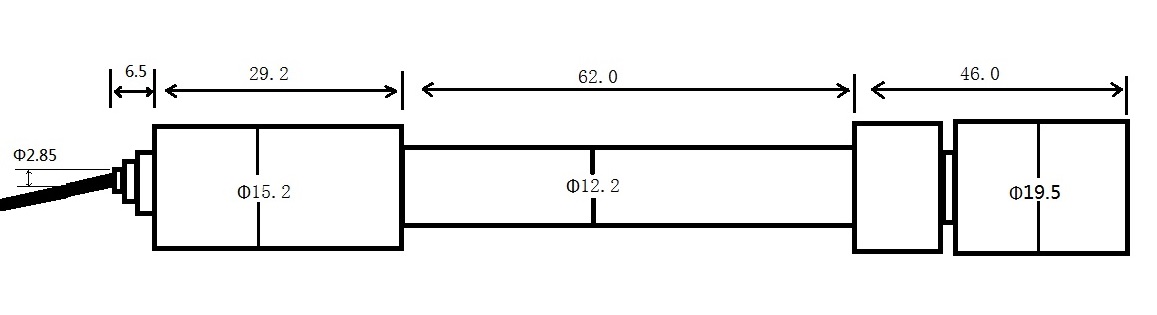
* Water quality testing
* Aquaculture

## Specification

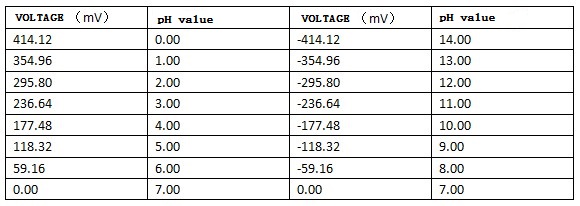
* Module Power : 5.00V
* Module Size : 43mm×32mm
* Measuring Range:0-14PH
* Measuring Temperature :0-60 ℃
* Accuracy : ± 0.1pH (25 ℃)
* Response Time : ≤ 1min
* pH Sensor with BNC Connector
* PH2.0 Interface ( 3 foot patch )
* Gain Adjustment Potentiometer
* Power Indicator LED
* Cable Length from sensor to BNC connector:660mm

## Board Overview

### pH Electrode Size

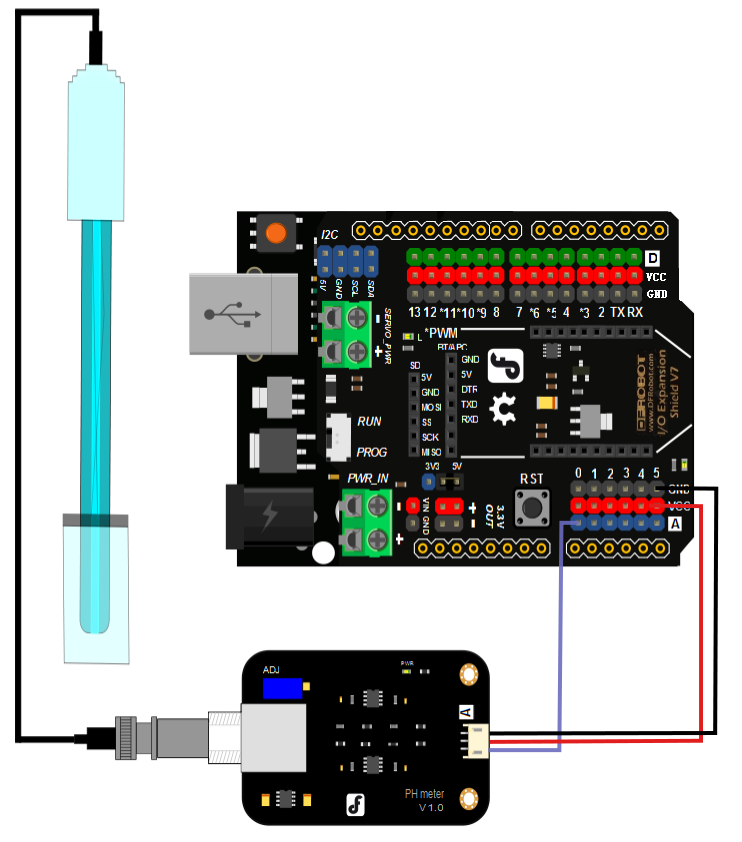


### pH Electrode Characteristics

The output of pH electrode is Millivolts,and the pH value of the relationship is shown as follows (25 ℃): 

## Tutorial

### Connecting Diagram



### Step to Use the pH Meter

**Cautions:**

* Please use an external switching power supply,and the voltage as close as possible to the +5.00V. More accurate the voltage, more higher the accuracy!
* Before the electrode in continuous use every time,you need to calibrate it by the standard solution,in order to obtain more accurate results.The best environment temperature is about 25 ℃,and the pH value is known and reliable,close to the measured value. If you measure the acidic sample, the pH value of the standard solution should be 4.00.If you measure the alkaline sample, the pH value of the standard solution should be 9.18.Subsection calibration, just in order to get a better accuracy.
* Before the pH electrode measured different solutions, we need to use water to wash it. We recommend using deionized water.

**(1)**Connect equipments according to the graphic,that is,the pH electrode is connected to the BNC connector on the pH meter board，and then use the connection lines,the pH meter board is connected to the ananlong port 0 of the [Arduino controller](https://www.dfrobot.com/category-104.html). When the Arduino controller gets power,you will see the blue LED on board is on. **(2)**Upload the sample code to the Arduino controller. **(3)**Put the pH electrode into the standard solution whose pH value is 7.00，or directly shorted the input of the BNC connector.Open the serial monitor of the Arduino IDE,you can see the pH value printed on it,and the error does not exceed 0.3. Record the pH value printed,then compared with 7.00, and the difference should be changed into the "Offset" in the sample code. For example,the pH value printed is 6.88,so the difference is 0.12.You should change the "# define Offset 0.00" into "# define Offset 0.12" in your program. **(4)**Put the pH electrode into the pH standard solution whose value is 4.00.Then wait about one minute,adjust the gain potential device, let the value stabilise at around 4.00.At this time,the acidic calibration has been completed and you can measure the pH value of an acidic solution. **Note:If you want to measure the pH value of other solution,you must wash the pH electrode first!** **(5)** According to the linear characteristics of pH electrode itself, after the above calibration,you can directly measure the pH value of the alkaline solution, but if you want to get better accuracy, you can recalibrate it. Alkaline calibration use the standard solution whose pH value is 9.18.Also adjust the gain potential device, let the value stabilise at around 9.18. After this calibration, you can measure the pH value of the alkaline solution.

### Sample Code

Sample code for testing the PH meter and get the sensor feedback from the Arduino Serial Monitor.

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# This sample code is used to test the pH meter V1.0.

# Editor : YouYou

# Ver : 1.0

# Product: analog pH meter

# SKU : SEN0161

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#define SensorPin A0 //pH meter Analog output to Arduino Analog Input 0

#define Offset 0.00 //deviation compensate

#define LED 13

#define samplingInterval 20

#define printInterval 800

#define ArrayLenth 40 //times of collection

int pHArray[ArrayLenth]; //Store the average value of the sensor feedback

int pHArrayIndex=0;

void setup(void)

{

pinMode(LED,OUTPUT);

Serial.begin(9600);

Serial.println("pH meter experiment!"); //Test the serial monitor

}

void loop(void)

{

static unsigned long samplingTime = millis();

static unsigned long printTime = millis();

static float pHValue,voltage;

if(millis()-samplingTime > samplingInterval)

{

pHArray[pHArrayIndex++]=analogRead(SensorPin);

if(pHArrayIndex==ArrayLenth)pHArrayIndex=0;

voltage = avergearray(pHArray, ArrayLenth)\*5.0/1024;

pHValue = 3.5\*voltage+Offset;

samplingTime=millis();

}

if(millis() - printTime > printInterval) //Every 800 milliseconds, print a numerical, convert the state of the LED indicator

{

Serial.print("Voltage:");

Serial.print(voltage,2);

Serial.print(" pH value: ");

Serial.println(pHValue,2);

digitalWrite(LED,digitalRead(LED)^1);

printTime=millis();

}

}

double avergearray(int\* arr, int number){

int i;

int max,min;

double avg;

long amount=0;

if(number<=0){

Serial.println("Error number for the array to avraging!/n");

return 0;

}

if(number<5){ //less than 5, calculated directly statistics

for(i=0;i<number;i++){

amount+=arr[i];

}

avg = amount/number;

return avg;

}else{

if(arr[0]<arr[1]){

min = arr[0];max=arr[1];

}

else{

min=arr[1];max=arr[0];

}

for(i=2;i<number;i++){

if(arr[i]<min){

amount+=min; //arr<min

min=arr[i];

}else {

if(arr[i]>max){

amount+=max; //arr>max

max=arr[i];

}else{

amount+=arr[i]; //min<=arr<=max

}

}//if

}//for

avg = (double)amount/(number-2);

}//if

return avg;

}

### Precautions

* The electrode used for the first or long set without re-use, the electrode bulb and the sand core, immersed in the 3NKCL solution activated eight hours.
* The electrode plug should be kept clean and dry.
* Electrode reference solution is the 3NKCL solution.
* Measurement should be avoided staggered pollution between solutions, so as not to affect the accuracy of measurement.
* Electrode blub or sand core is defiled which will make PTS decline, slow response. So, it should be based on the characteristics of the pollutant, adapted to the cleaning solution, the electrode performance recovery.
* The electrode should not be long-term immersed in acid chloride solution.

## FAQ

| **Q&A** | **Some general Arduino Problems/FAQ/Tips** |
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| **A** | For any questions, advice or cool ideas to share, please visit the [**DFRobot Forum**](http://www.dfrobot.com/forum/). |

**Introduction**

* This pH combination electrode is made of sensitive glass membrane with low impedance. It can be used in a variety of PH measurements with fast response, good thermal stability. It has the good reproducibility, difficult to hydrolysis, and basically eliminate the alkali error . 0 to 14pH range, the output voltage of the electrode is linear. The reference system which consist of the Ag/AgCl gel electrolyte salt bridge has a stable half-cell potential and excellent anti-pollution performance. The ring PTFE membrane is not easy to Be clogged, so the electrode is suitable for long-term online detection.
* **This product is only a part. Its usage is same with the**[**pH meter (SKU:SEN0161)**](http://dfrobot.com/wiki/index.php/PH_meter_SKU:_SEN0161_)**, and the Industrial one is suitable for long-term monitoring.**

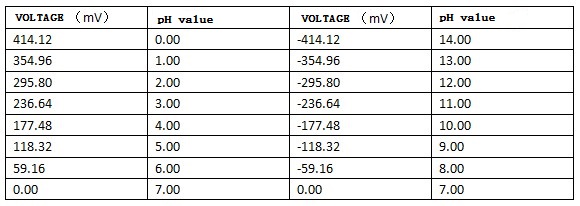
**Applications**

The electrode is suitable for all kinds of printing, circuit board factory, wastewater containing chromium and other industrial and domestic sewage pH monitoring.

**Specification**

* Length (with protective cover): 17.7cm
* Diameter: 2.74cm
* Wire Length: 5m
* Connector: BNC
* Measuring Range: 0-14pH
* Measuring Precision: ≦0.02pH
* Suitable Temperature: 0-60 ° C
* Response Time: 10sec
* Drift: ≦0.02PH/24hours
* Resistance of Sensitive Membrane: ≦200\*10^6Ω
* Slope: ≧95 %
* Electrode's Equipotential Point: 7±0.5PH

## ****pH Electrode Characteristics****

The output of the pH electrode is Millivolts, and the relationship between pH value and output voltage is shown as follows (25 °C): 

## ****Dimensional Drawing****



## ****Use and Maintenance****

* Electrode must be known before the measurement standard buffer solution PH value calibrated to improve the measurement accuracy , PH value of the buffer to be reliable, and the closer the measured value , the better , generally no more than three PH.
* Sensitive glass bubble ball electrode tip is not in contact with a hard object , any breakage and hair will rub the electrode failure.
* Electrode receptacle must be kept clean and dry height , if tarnished available medical cotton and ethanol to wipe and dry , definitely prevent the output ends of a short circuit , otherwise it will lead to inaccurate measurements or failure.
* Measurements should be taken before the bubble inside the glass bulb rejection to , otherwise it will cause measurement errors , measurement, should stir the electrode in the test solution still placed to reduce response.
* Both before and after measurements and clean the electrode with deionized water to ensure measurement accuracy, the viscosity was measured in a sample , the electrodes need to use deionized water to remove the solvent.
* Passivated electrode will produce long-term use , the phenomenon is sensitive to low gradient , slow response , inaccurate readings , then you can lower end of the electrode bulb with 0.1M solution soak for 24 hours ( preparation 0.1M dilute hydrochloric acid : 9ml hydrochloride Diluted with distilled water to 1000ml), then use 3Mkcl solution soak for several hours to restore performance.
* Glass bulb liquid surface contamination or blockage , but also make the electrode passivation , at this time , should be based on the nature of the pollutant , the appropriate cleaning solution.
* Electrode cycle is about a year, after aging should be promptly replaced with new electrodes.