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## CALIBRATION PROCEDURE FOR CENTRIFUGAL HAND-HELD MECHANICAL TACHOMETER (GENERAL)

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**SECTION I  
IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION**

**1. Test Instrument Identification.** This bulletin provides instructions for the calibration of Centrifugal Hand-Held Mechanical Tachometer (General). The manufacturer's manual was used as the prime data source in compiling these instructions. The equipment being calibrated will be referred to as the TI (test instrument) throughout this bulletin.

**a. Model Variations.** None.

**b. Time and Technique.** The time required for this calibration is approximately 1 hour, using the physical technique.

**2. Forms, Records, and Reports**

**a.** Forms, records, and reports required for calibration personnel at all levels are prescribed by TB 750-25.

**b.** Adjustments to be reported are designated (R) at the end of the sentence in which they appear. When adjustments are in tables, the (R) follows the designated adjustment. Report only those adjustments made and designated with (R).

**3. Calibration Description.** TI parameters and performance specifications which pertain to this calibration are listed in table 1.

Table 1. Calibration Description

Test instrument parameters	Performance specifications
RPM	Low range: 50 to 500 RPM (increments of 2) Medium range: 500 to 5000 RPM (increments of 20) High range: 5000 to 50,000 RPM <sup>1</sup> Accuracy: ±2% of FS

<sup>1</sup>TI calibration/verification limited to 10,000 RPM due to standard limitations.

**SECTION II  
EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

**4. Equipment Required.** Table 2 identifies the specific equipment to be used in this calibration procedure. This equipment is issued with Secondary Transfer Calibration Standards Set AN/GSM-287 or AN/GSM-705. Alternate items may be used by the calibrating activity. The items selected must be verified to perform satisfactorily prior to use and must bear evidence of current calibration. The equipment must meet or exceed the minimum use specifications listed in table 2. The accuracies listed in table 2 provide a four-to-one ratio between the standard and TI. Where the four-to-one ratio cannot be met, the actual accuracy of the equipment selected is shown in parenthesis.

**5. Accessories Required.** The accessories required for this calibration are common usage accessories issued as indicated in paragraph 4 above and are not listed in this calibration procedure.

Table 2. Minimum Specifications of Equipment Required

Common name	Minimum use specifications	Manufacturer and model (part number)
TACHOMETER CALIBRATOR <sup>1</sup>	Range: 250 to 10,000 RPM Accuracy: ± 0.5%	Ideal Aerosmith, Model 1790

<sup>1</sup>Limited deployed.

### SECTION III CALIBRATION PROCESS

**6. Preliminary Instructions**

**a.** The instructions outlined in paragraphs 6 and 7 are preparatory to the calibration process. Personnel should become familiar with the entire bulletin before beginning the calibration.

**b.** Items of equipment used in this procedure are referenced within the text by common name as listed in table 2.

**c.** Unless otherwise specified, verify the result of each test and, whenever the test requirement is not met, take corrective action before continuing with the calibration. Adjustments required to calibrate the TI are included in this procedure. Additional maintenance information is contained in the manufacturer’s manual for this TI.

**d.** Unless otherwise specified, all controls and control settings refer to the TI.

**7. Equipment Setup**

**WARNING**

HIGH VOLTAGE is used or exposed during the performance of this calibration. DEATH ON CONTACT may result if personnel fail to observe safety precautions. REDUCE OUTPUT(S) to minimum after each step within the performance check where applicable.

**a.** Connect test equipment to appropriate power source, apply power, and allow warm-up as required by the manufacturer.

**b.** Mechanically zero TI pointer, if applicable

**8. RPM**

**a. Performance Check**

(1) Select a minimum of four evenly spaced calibration speeds over the range of the TI being calibrated, up to 90% of full TI range (limited to 10,000 RPM on TI high range (see table 1)). On multi-range TIs, select four evenly spaced calibration speeds on one range and one speed on each remaining range.

(2) Select tachometer calibrator **CW** direction and ensure the **STOP** control is activated.

(3) Holding TI in horizontal position, insert tip into hole drive of tachometer calibrator, utilizing any adapters as required by TI.

(4) Set tachometer calibrator display select switch as necessary (**1X** or **2X**) to achieve desired RPM speed.

(5) Press tachometer calibrator **START** control and adjust **SPEED** control for a TI indication of the first speed selected in (1) above.

(6) The tachometer calibrator display indication will be within the applicable specification listed in table 1.

(7) Repeat (4) through (6) above for each remaining range and speed selected in (1) above. If TI reads in both directions, check both CW and CCW directions.

**b. Adjustments.** No adjustments can be made.


**9. Final Procedure**

**a.** Deenergize and disconnect all equipment.

**b.** Annotate and affix DA label/form in accordance with TB 750-25.

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