

**NEP50xx RS485 & Analogue option**  
Sensor calibrations and Output configurations.

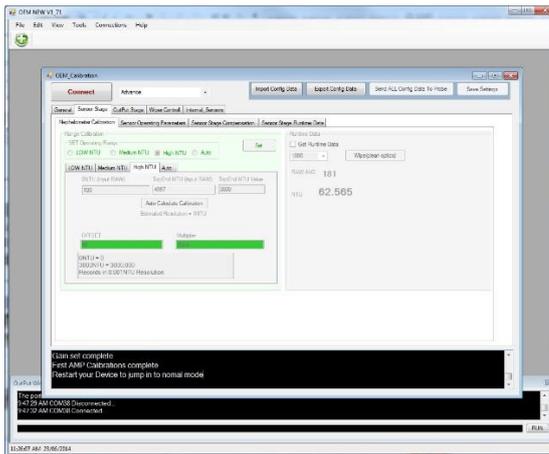
NEPOEM RS485 & Analogue Option.

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## 1.0 Prerequisites

- Observator Instruments NEP OEM calibration software installed PC.

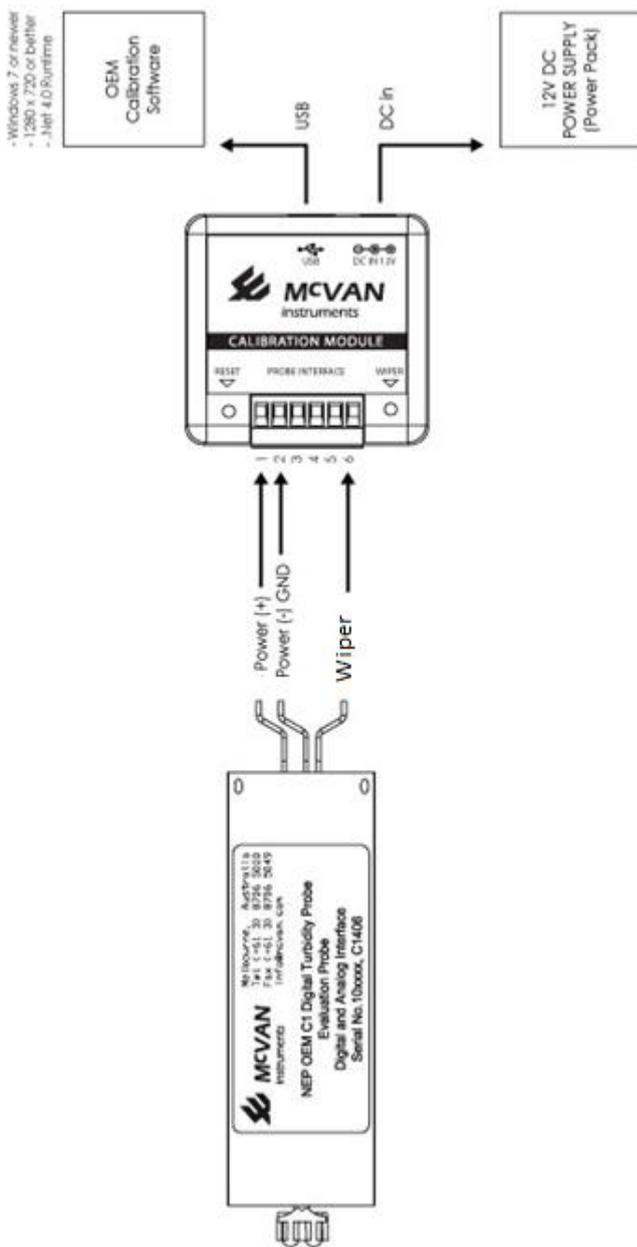


- Observator Instruments OEM calibration module, USB cable and supplied Observator instruments NEP OEM installation disk.



## 2.0 Calibration Hardware Setup

Please setup your probe as follows. Note that the 12V power pack is not required if your USB port can deliver more than 200mA.



( Glanded cable )NEP500x RS485 & analogue option Wire colours and its functions.

Wire colour	NEPOEM Voltage option.
Brown	DC+10Vto30V
Green	GND (-)
Grey	Wiper
White	Voltage out reference to GND
Blue	RS485 (-)
PINK	RS485 (+)

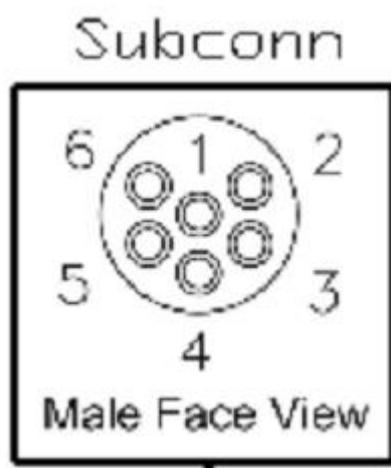
## Subconn connector Option

### NEP50xx with 4-20mA current option. Subconn pins

pin 1	Power(+)12V to 24V
pin 2	GND
pin 3	RS485+
Pin 4	RS485-
Pin 5	Calibration wire turbidity.
Pin 6	4-20mA current out through GND.

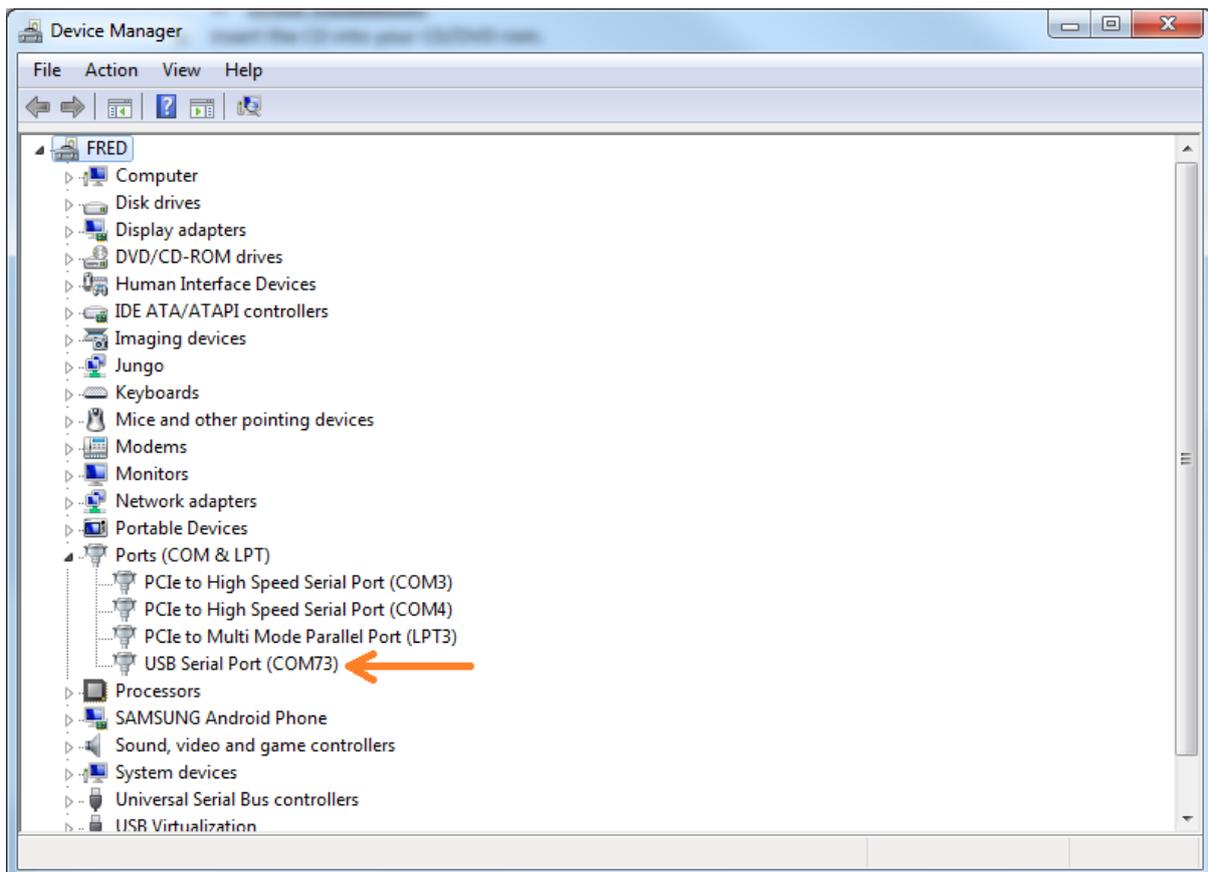
### NEP5000 with pressure option. Subconn pins

pin 1	Power (+) 12V to 24V
pin 2	GND
pin 3	RS485+
Pin 4	RS485-
Pin 5	Calibration wire turbidity.
Pin 6	Calibration pressure.



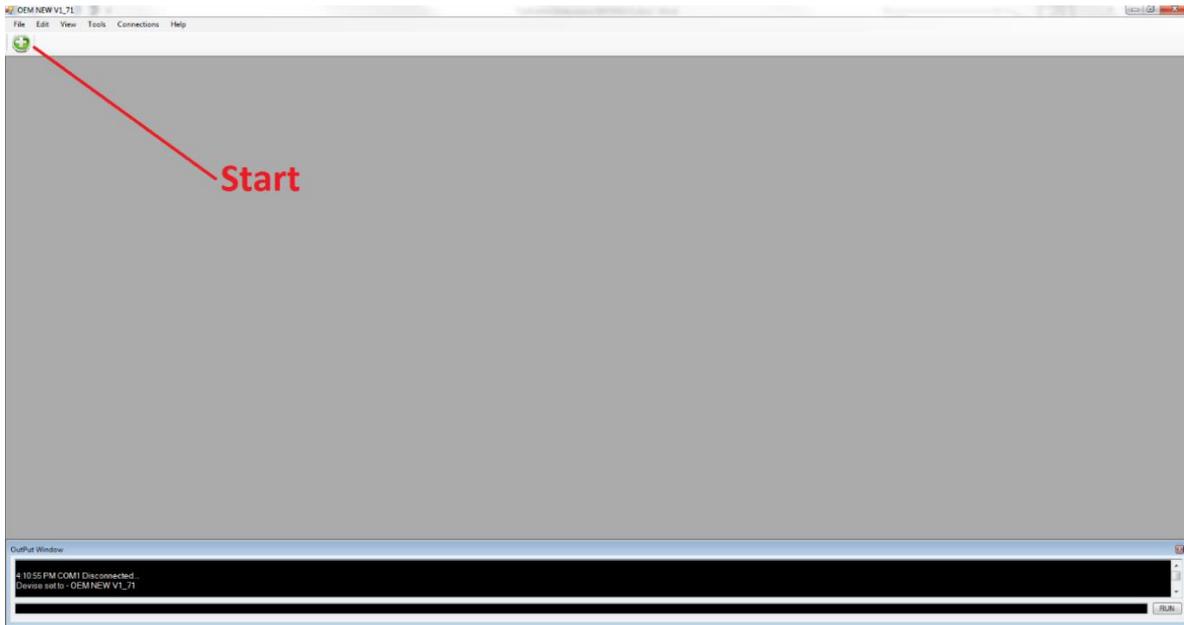
## 3.0 Driver Installation

- a. Insert the CD into your CD/DVD rom.
- b. Connect Calibration module to the PC via supplied USB cable.
- c. Open “Windows device manager” and select the newly connected device.
- d. Right click and click “Update device software” and then click “driver software from your computer” option.
- e. Using the “Browse” button select optic diver when prompt and OK.
- f. Wait for completion of driver installation.
- g. After successful installation “Windows device manager” should display a com port in “Ports (COM & LPT)” Category.
- h. Note the new port number.

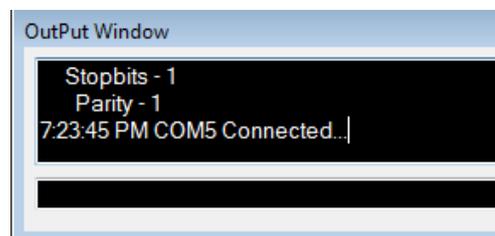
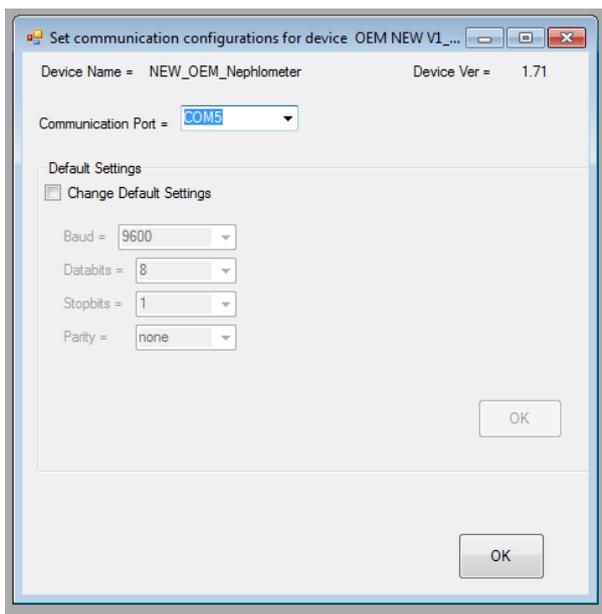


## 4.0 Software Connection Setup

- a. Run calibration software and press “Start” Button.

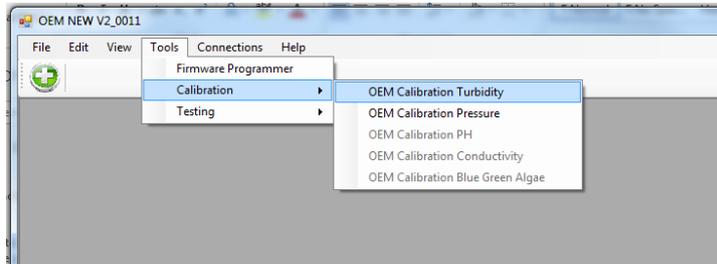


- b. Select the correct COM port from dropdown box and press OK.

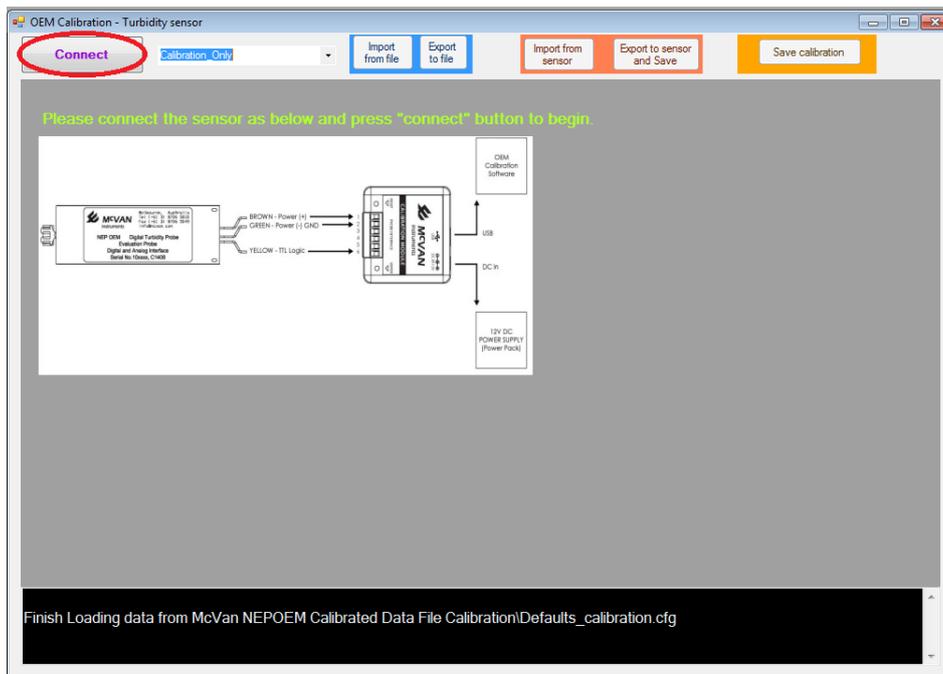


Note - Output Window should show following when correct communications port is select

c. Go to “Tools”, “Calibration” and select “OEM Calibration Turbidity”.



Note – Step 3.d will run the Calibration Window. Pressing the maximise button (top right) will enable a larger view.



Simultaneously, press the “Connect Button” on the user interface and “Reset” button on Calibration Module.

Output Window should show following when successful.

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Finish Loading data from McVan NEPOEM Calibrated Data File Calibration\OEMNEW_C Defaults.cfg
Restart your Device to jump in to Runtime_Test/Cal Mode
Now your Device is in Runtime_Test/Cal Mode
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“SN -xxxxx

Calibration & configuration data has been imported from attached sensor.

Compensation data tables have been imported from attached sensor. ”

Note 1 - First line showing that all the calibration data displaying are defaults values.

Note 2 - Select “Advance” in top left drop down window to display all Available Options.

## 5.0 Practices & Principles

### A. Abstract

Chapter 5.0 outlines the strict guidelines that an operator should follow during the operation of the turbidity sensors. It is highly recommended that all operation staff read this chapter thoroughly independent of prior background knowledge. **Failure to do so may result in undesired measurement discrepancies.**

### B. Laboratory Equipment

Quality laboratory equipment is essential during the calibration stages to minimise errors that may arise in the laboratory. Essential lab equipment includes: in-date reference solutions, infrared absorbent containers, wash solution, compressed air and a vice and stand.

#### 0 NTU reference (Amco Clear) & 'Top End'

Reference solutions



Figure 5.1

Stand and Vice



Figure 5.2

Wash Solution



Figure 5.3

Infrared Absorbent Container



Figure 5.4

Compressed Air



Figure 5.5

All reference solutions should be replaced after expiry.  
Infrared absorbent containers should be thoroughly washed after usage.  
Wash solutions replaced regularly.

### **C. Probe Cleaning**

Turbidity probe heads should always be cleaned before immersion into a reference solution. This process consists of rinsing the probe head with a 0 NTU wash solution (distilled water is acceptable) then removing the moisture with compressed air.

Stains or other foreign matter may be removed with a lint free cloth. However, the probe should again be blown with a compressed air if a cloth is applied.

### **D. Probe Immersion**

For accurate readings, the reference solution should be poured into an infrared absorbent container. This will minimise ambient radiation from disrupting the probe reading. Furthermore, there should be a minimum of 70mm height from the reference solution's surface to the container bottom.

turbidity probe in 0 NTU solution  
probe is clamped in place



Figure 5.6

Turbidity probes should be inserted into the reference solution at a non-perpendicular angle with respect to the liquid surface. This will minimise the likelihood of bubble formation upon the optic head.

Once the conditions listed above have been satisfied, fix the probe into position with a clamp and stand. Figure 5.6 illustrates an appropriately configured measurement apparatus.

#### **E. Wiping**

Before logging data, the operator should always perform at least one wipe. The operator should note the raw NTU value before and after the wipe. If the raw NTU value changes significantly, it is likely that air bubbles have formed on the optic head. In this case, Section D should be repeated. Otherwise, proceed to Section F.

#### **F. Measuring & Stabilisation**

Provided Section E & D were performed without error, the turbidity probe is now ready to acquire data. Set the probe into data acquisition mode and observe the behaviour of the raw NTU value. Probe data will be valid once the raw NTU stabilises. Stabilisation typically takes anywhere between 5 to 10 seconds. However more time may be required for low NTU solutions (less than 100 NTU).

#### **G. Post Measurement Cleaning**

Turbidity probes should be cleaned immediately after usage. Failure to do so may result in the formation of stains that could pollute reference solutions.

## 6.0 General Settings

### A. Firmware Version

The current firmware revision running on the connected probe.

### B. Serial Number

Unique serial number assigned to the running probe during manufacturing. Serial numbers cannot be changed.

### C. Password

Factory usage only.

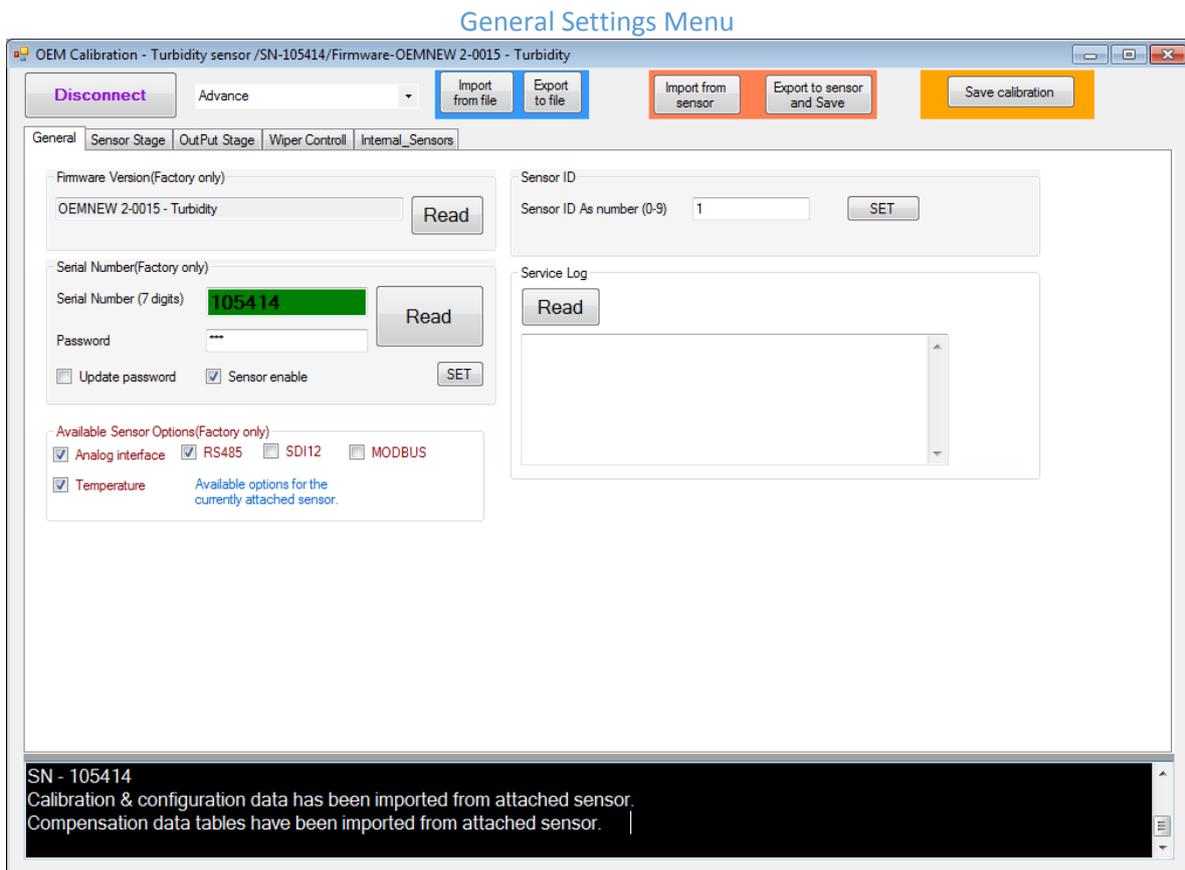


Figure 6.1

### D. Sensor ID

Current ID of running sensor. Sensor ID can range from 0 to 9. Sensor ID is used for serial output.

### E. Service Log

The Service Log is an ongoing record of runtime characteristics. Click the read button to get updated information.

#### **F. Available Sensor Options**

A list of output interfaces available to the probe. Corresponding hardware must be physically installed into the probe for outputs to be available.

## 7.0 Turbidity Sensor Calibration

*Please read Chapter 5.0 Practices & Principles before attempting calibration instructions outlined in chapter 7.*

### A. Equipment

Before attempting calibration, please ensure that you have the following equipment:  
 0 NTU reference solution (Amco Clear), one 'top end' reference solution per each range, a vice stand, wash solution (Distilled water or Amco Clear), one infrared absorbent container per reference solution, compressed air.

0 NTU reference (Amco Clear) & 'Top End'

Reference solutions



Figure 7.1

Stand and Vice



Figure 7.2

Wash Solution



Figure 7.3

Infrared Absorbent Container



Figure 7.4

Compressed Air



Figure 7.5

### B. Preparation

Please thoroughly read Chapter 6.0 Section X before attempting subsequent steps!

### C. Navigation

The turbidity range and sensitivity calibration options are located under the ‘Sensor Stage’ primary tab and ‘Sensor Calibrations’ secondary tab.

### D. Range Selection

The turbidity sensor probe comprises three turbidity ranges; low, medium and high. Each range is optimised for measuring specific levels of turbidity (Check order information for target ranges).

NOTE: The ‘Auto’ option is not a discrete range, but rather a mechanism for the probe to dynamically adjust the range settings during data acquisition, thus automatically selecting appropriate range for the current sample. This is covered in section G.

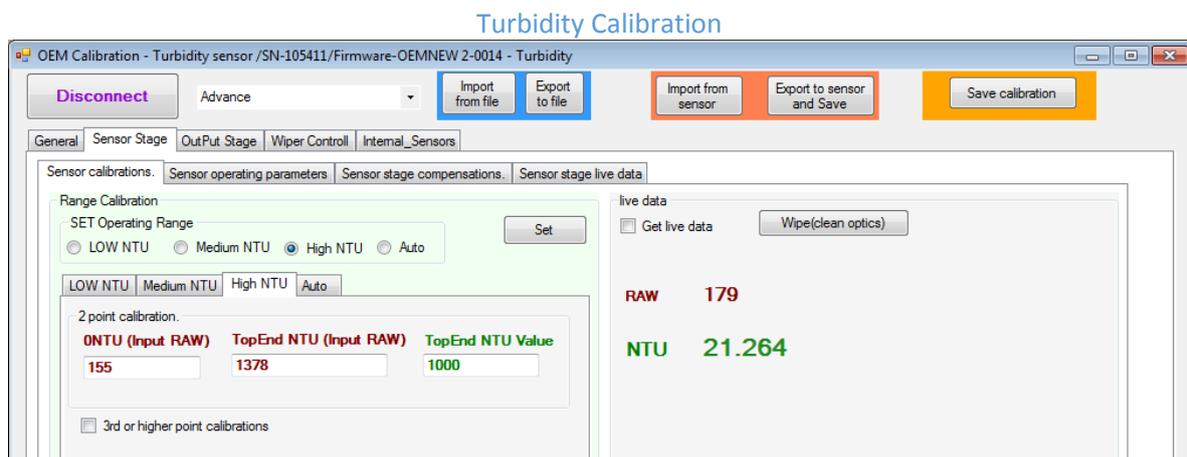


Figure 7.1

### E. 2-Point Calibration

This is the process of normalising measured data between two reference points; ‘low end’ (0 NTU reference) and ‘top end’.

#### a. Turbidity Value

To commence calibration of a particular range, the target ‘top end’ turbidity rating must first be specified. In the example illustrated in figure 7.1, the ‘top end’ solution has a turbidity rating of 1000 NTU. Thus, in this case we input the integer value of 1000 into the ‘TopEnd NTU Value’ text field (field in green).

#### b. Low End

Secondly, we must acquire the zero NTU offset of the turbidity sensor (NOTE: The offset is specific to each individual sensor). This is achieved by measuring the turbidity of a 0 NTU reference solution.

Start by first placing the probe in the reference 0 NTU solution. Next, tick the ‘Get Live Data’ check box. Subsequently, the probe will commence measuring the solution. Allow the turbidity sensor a few seconds to stabilise (Please refer to Chapter 6 Section X for

**recommended turbidity measuring practices**). The turbidity sensor’s raw measurement (value in red) should stabilise between 100 and 200 (Ignore the NTU reading for now).

Once stabilised, un-tick the ‘Get Live Data’ check box. Next, copy the raw measurement integer into the ‘ONTU (Input RAW)’ text field.

**c. Top End**

Place the probe into the ‘top end’ solution. Next tick the ‘Get Live Data’ check box. Allow the probe time to stabilise (**Please refer to Chapter 6 Section X for recommended turbidity measuring practices**). Once stabilised, un-tick the ‘Get Live Data’ check box. Next, either click on the ‘TopEnd NTU (Input Raw)’ label or in the adjacent text field, manually input the raw NTU value. Finally click the ‘Set’ button.

To clarify results, replace the probe into known turbidity solutions ranging between zero and the ‘top end’ solution.

**d. Committing to Memory**

Once satisfied with results, click the ‘Save Calibration’ button in the top right hand corner of the working window (the button on the orange background). This will instruct the probe to retain the calibration settings even after power down.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Point and Higher Tuning**

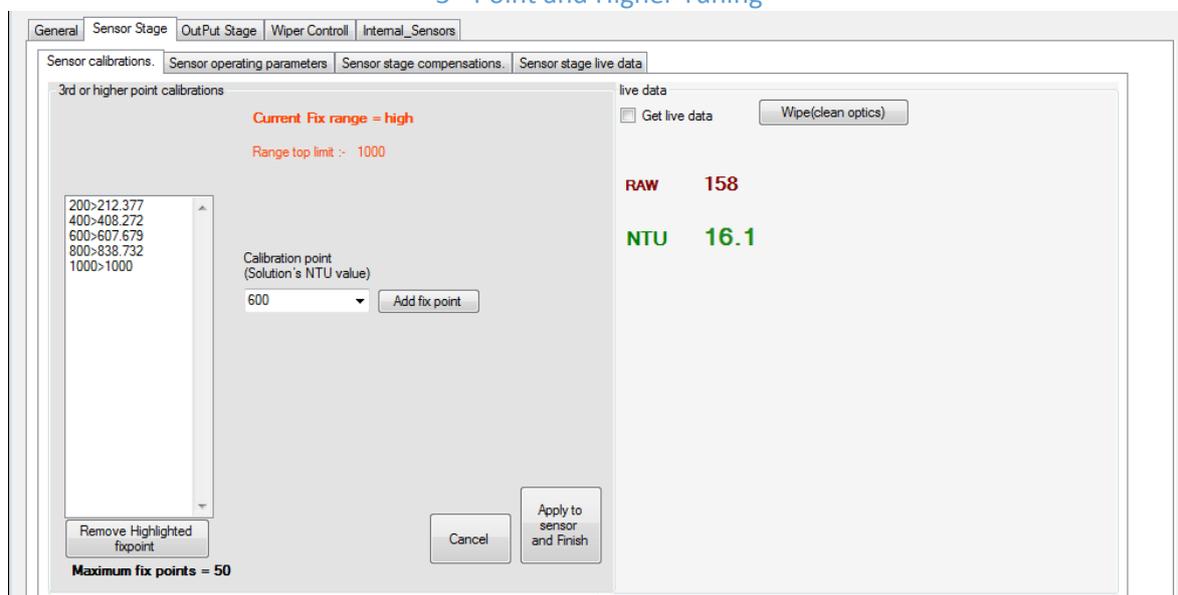


Figure 7.2

**F. 3<sup>rd</sup> Point or Calibrate Linear Compensation Table**

The accuracy of the turbidity probes can be further tuned by performing a 3<sup>rd</sup> point of higher tuning calibration. This process will change the contents of the linear compensation table. This involves clamping select measurement points to known turbidity sample solutions. Thus, reducing drift between the zero offset and the ‘top end’ measurement.

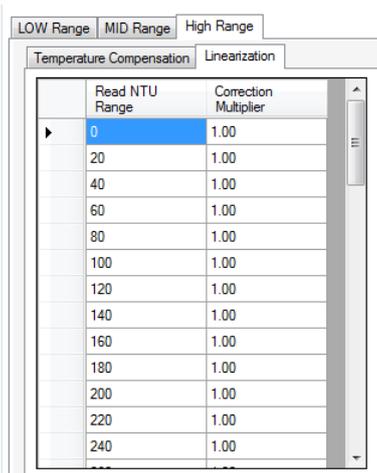
**3<sup>rd</sup> point of higher tuning may only be performed after completing a 2-point calibration.**

NOTE: 3<sup>rd</sup> point or higher tuning should only be performed if the sample solutions are from the same manufacturing batch as the ‘top end’ solution. Tuning with mismatched batch solutions may result in measurement extreme measurement drift!

To commence a 3<sup>rd</sup> point, first tick the ‘3<sup>rd</sup> or higher point calibration’ check box. Next click the ‘Start’ button. This will display the tuning screen.

On the tuning screen, first set the turbidity level in the drop down box such that it corresponds to the available sample solutions. Next, place the probe into the sample solution and obtain a reading via ticking the ‘Get Live Data’ check box. Once the measurement has stabilised (**Please refer to Chapter 6 Section X for recommended turbidity measuring practices**), click the ‘Add fix point’ button. Repeat for all desired reference solutions.

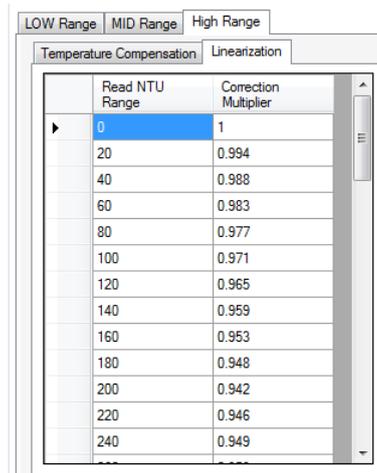
Blank Compensation Table Before 3<sup>rd</sup> Point Calibration



Read NTU Range	Correction Multiplier
0	1.00
20	1.00
40	1.00
60	1.00
80	1.00
100	1.00
120	1.00
140	1.00
160	1.00
180	1.00
200	1.00
220	1.00
240	1.00

Figure 7.3

Completed Compensation Table After 3<sup>rd</sup> Point Calibration



Read NTU Range	Correction Multiplier
0	1
20	0.994
40	0.988
60	0.983
80	0.977
100	0.971
120	0.965
140	0.959
160	0.953
180	0.948
200	0.942
220	0.946
240	0.949

Figure 7.4

After all fixed points have been added to the probe, click the ‘Apply to sensor and Finish’ button. This will bring the tuning data into effect. Finally, click the ‘Save Calibration’ button, thus ensuring that data is retained after power down.

Results may be clarified by clicking the ‘Get Live Data’ check box and measuring the sample solutions.

## G. Auto-Ranging

### a. abstract

The Auto-Ranging feature is a mechanism for the probe to dynamically adjust the range settings during data acquisition. Thus, ensuring that the probe always operates in the range that will give the finest available resolution.

To enable the auto-ranging feature, the probe must first be calibrated for all three ranges.

### Auto-Range Setup

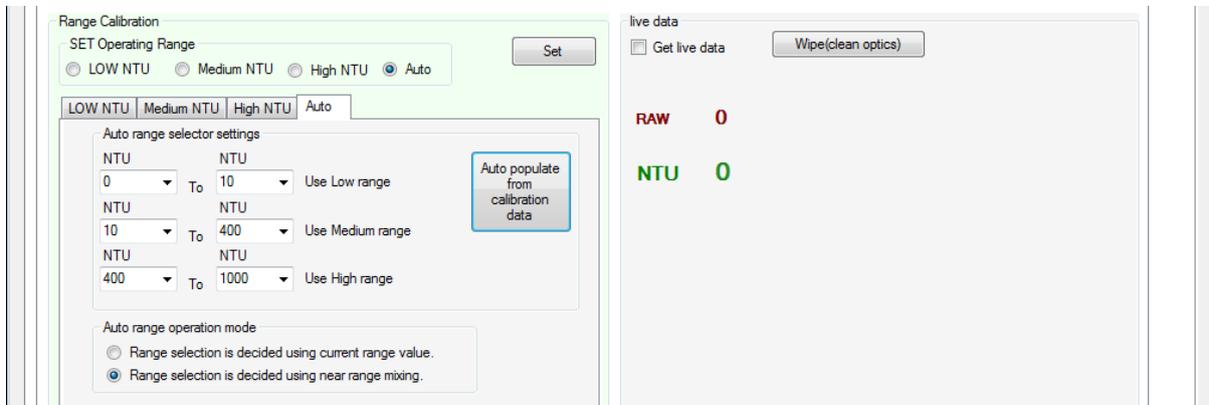


Figure 7.3

### b. Navigation

The Auto-Range feature can be accessed by clicking on the 'Sensor Stage' tab, 'Sensor Calibrations' tab and finally selecting the 'auto' radio button.

### c. Enabling

The Auto-Range feature is enabled by clicking the 'Auto populate from calibration data' button. This will setup the overlapping turbidity values by extracting the results from the three rangers. Next, click the 'Set' button. Finally, click the 'Save calibration' button.

### d. Verification

Verify the auto-ranging feature by sampling differing solutions that fall into the low, medium and high ranges. If setup correctly, the probe will automatically change its operating range to best suit the current solution.

## 9.0 Analogue Voltage Output Calibration

### **A. Navigation**

The analogue voltage output configuration settings are located under the 'Output Stage' primary tab and 'Analogue Out\_RAW\_setup' secondary tabs (Figure 8.2).

### **B. Enabling Analogue Voltage Output**

The voltage output is enabled by checking the 'Analogue' tick box. The sample rate can be adjusted by changing the integer value of the field box located next to the tick box. The integer value expresses the sample period in milli-seconds.

### **C. Physical Calibration Setup**

The voltage output can be measured with a laboratory grade multimeter (or voltmeter). All voltage enabled probes are calibrated in factory with digital multimeters.

### **D. Adjusting Bottom Limit**

Select the 'Set 0 NTU Offset' radio button. Click 'Apply/Test' and the probe will output the voltage associated with the 0 NTU offset. The 0 NTU voltage offset can be adjusted by moving the range slider. To increase the offset voltage, move the slider to the right. To decrease the offset voltage, move the slider to the left. Offset changes take effect after pressing the 'Apply/Test' button.

### **E. Adjusting Top Limit**

Repeat step D procedure, but with the 'Set Top end Limit' radio control selected.

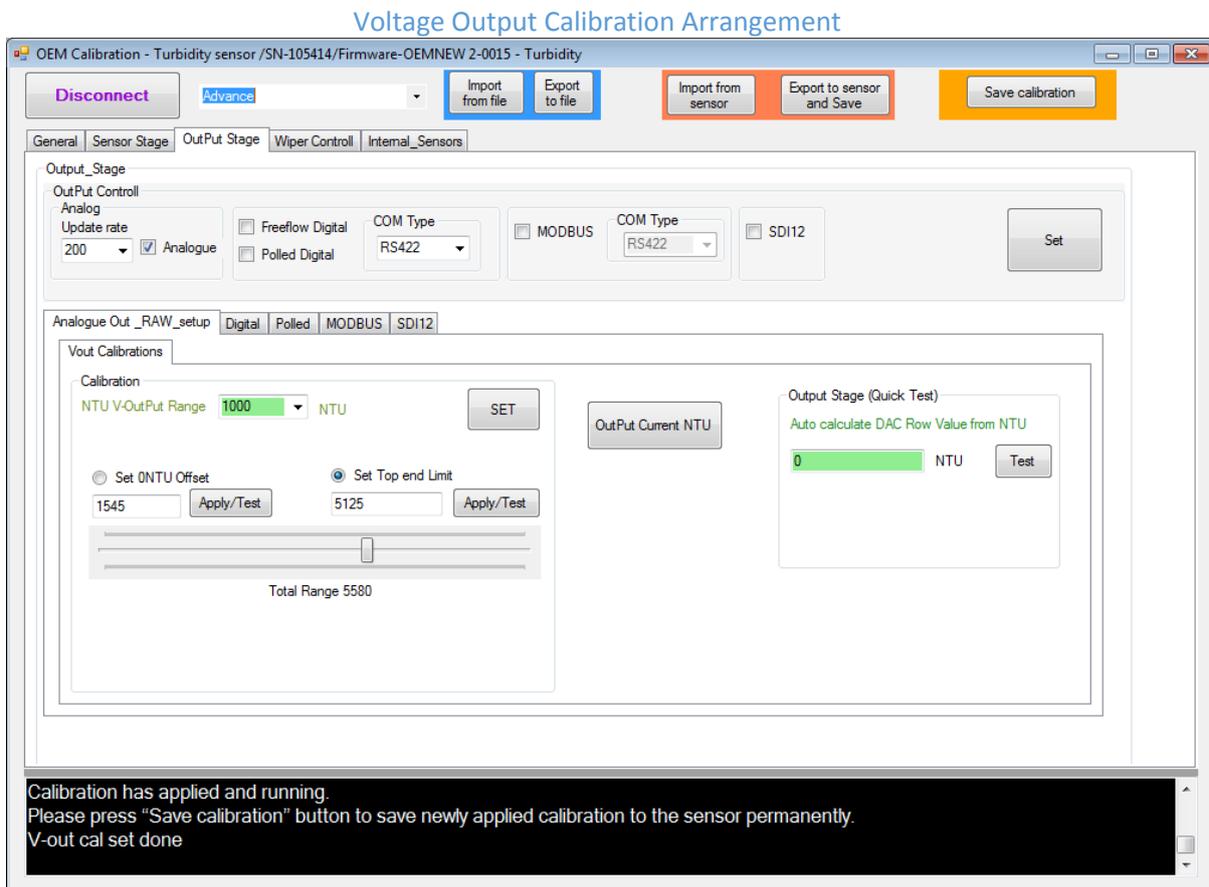


Figure 9.2

### F. Setting Target Turbidity Upper Limit

The target turbidity upper limit can be set by specifying the turbidity level in the 'NTU V-Out Range' text box on the 'Vout Calibrations' tab.

For example, in figure 9.2 it can be observed that the target turbidity upper limit is set to 1000 NTU. In the case the probe measure a solution of 1000 NTU, the voltage induced on the output will be equal to the voltage specified by the 'Top Limit' (Section E). Similarly, if the probe measures a 0 NTU solution, the voltage on the output will be equal to the voltage specified by the 'Bottom Limit' (Section D).

### **G. Committing Calibration to Memory**

Once satisfied with the settings, click the 'Set' button in the top right hand corner of the Calibration tab. Next click the 'Set' button on the 'Output Stage' tab. Finally, click the 'Save Calibration' button in the top right hand corner of the active window.

### **H. Verification**

Analogue voltage outputs for turbidity levels may be simulated using the 'Output Stage (Quick Test)' feature. To do this, input an expectant turbidity level into the 'Auto calculate DAC Raw Value from NTU' value field. Next click the 'Test' button. The probe will subsequently output the corresponding voltage.

## 10.0 Analogue Current Loop

### **A. Abstract**

The Analogue Current Loop output facilitates a milli-ampere current output interface. The current loop has a specified bottom limit of 4mA and an upper limit of 20mA.

### **B. Navigation**

The analogue current output configuration settings are located under the 'Output Stage' primary tab and 'Analogue Out\_RAW\_setup' secondary tab (Figure 10.2).

### **C. Enabling Analogue Current Loop Output**

The current loop output is enabled by checking the 'Analogue' tick box. The sample rate can be adjusted by changing the integer value of the field box located next to the tick box. The integer value expresses the sample period in milli-seconds.

### **D. Physical Calibration Setup**

The current loop output can be measured with a laboratory grade multimeter (or ammeter).

A load resistance must be placed in series with the ammeter. The recommended load resistance is 100 ohms, however load resistance may vary between 50 to 270 ohms. All current loop enabled probes are calibrated in factory with Fluke 15B digital multimeters.

### **E. Adjusting Bottom Limit**

Select the 'Set 0 NTU Offset' radio button. Click 'Apply/Test' and the probe will output the current associated with the 0 NTU offset. The 0 NTU current offset can be adjusted by moving the range slider. To increase the offset current, move the slider to the right. To decrease the offset current, move the slider to the left. Offset changes take effect after pressing the 'Apply/Test' button.

### **F. Adjusting Top Limit**

Repeat step D procedure, but with the 'Set Top end Limit' radio control selected.

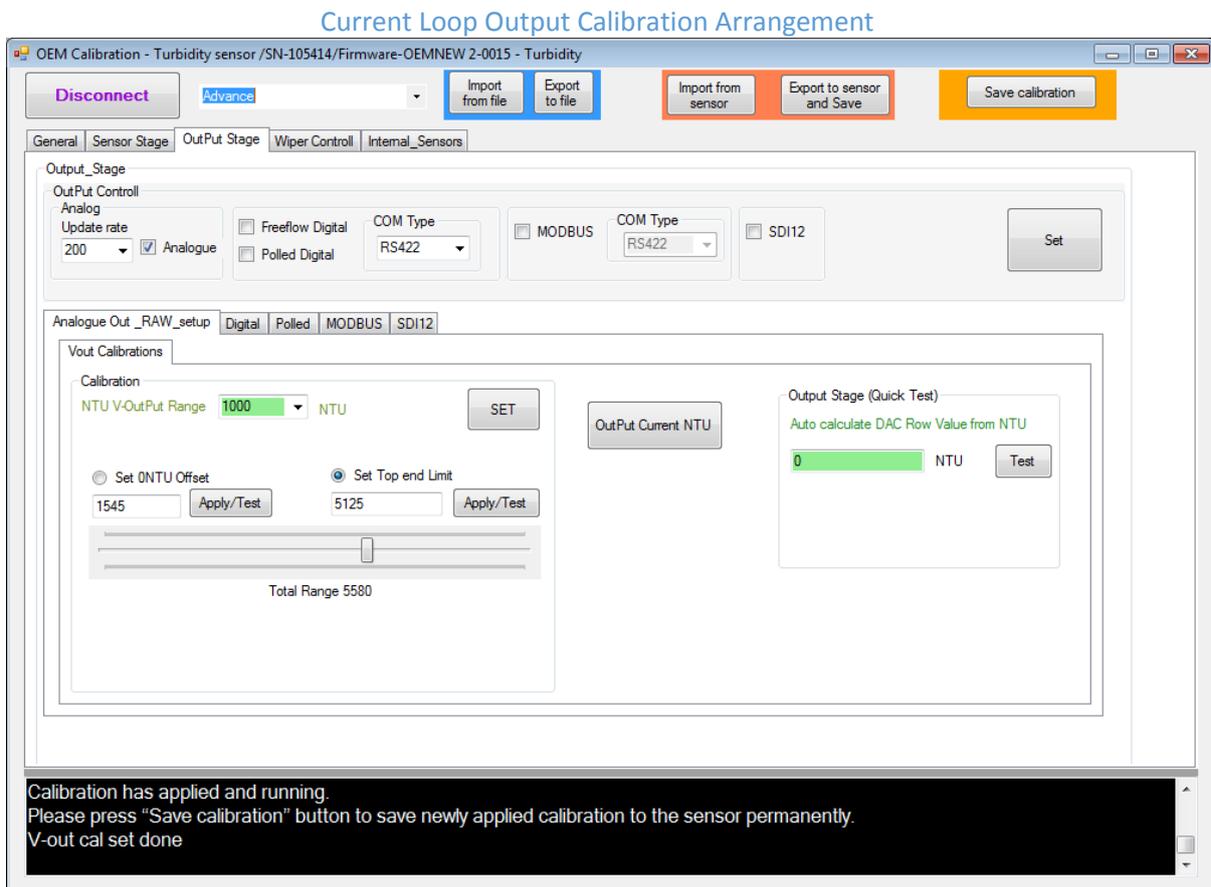


Figure 10.2

### G. Setting Target Turbidity Upper Limit

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Note that the Target Turbidity Upper Limit may be adjusted without having to repeat Section E & F.

#### **H. Committing Calibration to Memory**

Once satisfied with the settings, click the 'Set' button in the top right hand corner of the Calibration tab. Next click the 'Set' button on the 'Output Stage' tab. Finally, click the 'Save Calibration' button in the top right hand corner of the active window.

#### **I. Verification**

Analogue voltage outputs for turbidity levels may be simulated using the 'Output Stage (Quick Test)' feature. To do this, input an expectant turbidity level into the 'Auto calculate DAC Raw Value from NTU' value field. Next click the 'Test' button. The probe will subsequently output the corresponding voltage.

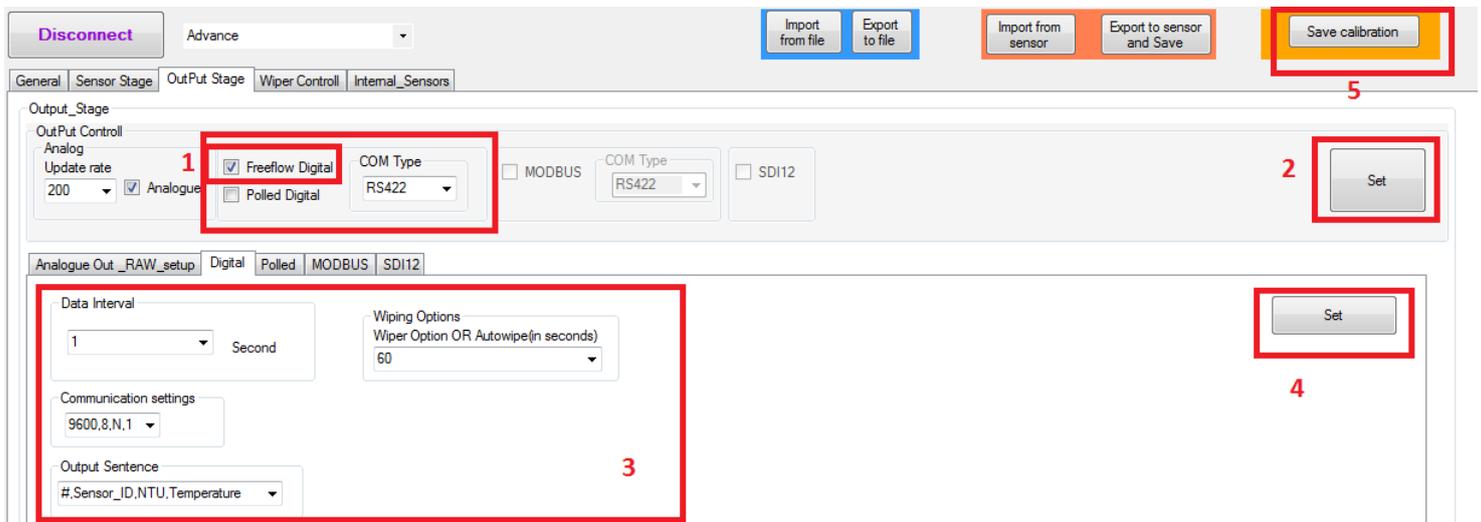
## 11.0 Serial output using RS485

The sensor can operate in two modes using Rs422/RS485 electrical data output.

1. Continuous free flow.
2. Rs485 Poled.

### Continuous free flow.

Please use the following settings and press buttons 4, 2 and 5 in sequence after selecting settings 1 and 3.

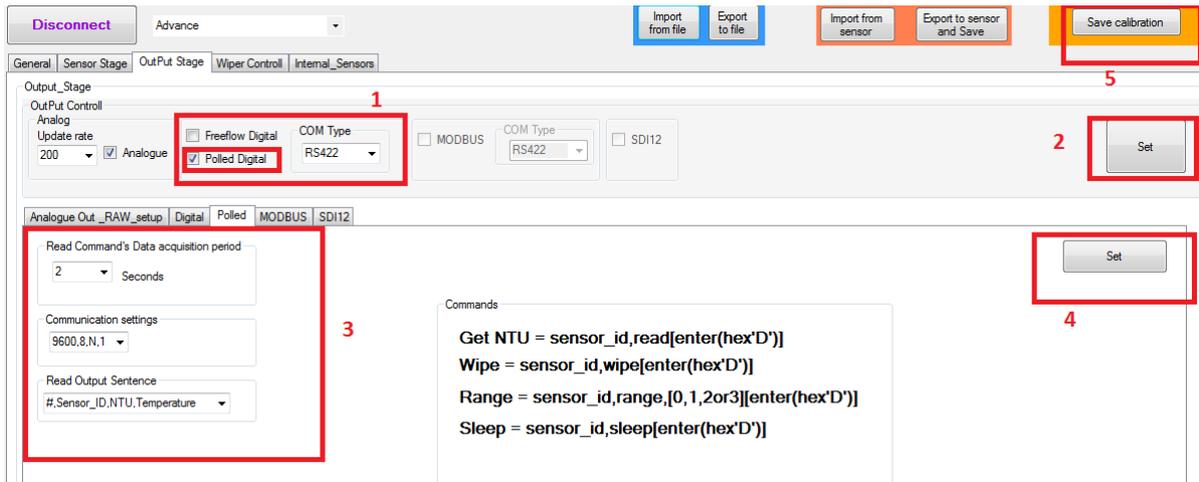


The screenshot shows the 'Output Stage' configuration page in the OBSERVATOR software. The 'Analog' section is active, and the 'Freeflow Digital' option is selected. The 'COM Type' is set to 'RS422'. The 'Update rate' is set to '200'. The 'Data Interval' is set to '1' second. The 'Wiping Options' are set to '60' seconds. The 'Communication settings' are set to '9600,8,N,1'. The 'Output Sentence' is set to '#,Sensor\_ID,NTU,Temperature'. The 'Set' buttons for the 'Freeflow Digital' and 'Wiping Options' sections are highlighted with red boxes and labeled '2' and '4' respectively. The 'Save calibration' button is highlighted with a red box and labeled '5'. The 'Update rate' dropdown is labeled '1'.

This will output Continuous RS422 data every 1 second Baud 9600, 8, n, 1 and auto wipe every 60 seconds.

### RS485 polled.

Please use the following settings and press buttons 4, 2 and 5 in sequence after selecting settings 1 and 3.



General | Sensor Stage | OutPut Stage | Wiper Control | Internal\_Sensors

Disconnect | Advance | Import from file | Export to file | Import from sensor | Export to sensor and Save | Save calibration

OutPut Stage

OutPut Control

Analogue

Update rate: 200

Freeflow Digital  Polled Digital

COM Type: RS422

MODBUS  SDI12

Set

Analogue Out\_RAW\_setup | Digital | Polled | MODBUS | SDI12

Read Command's Data acquisition period: 2 Seconds

Communication settings: 9600,8,N,1

Read Output Sentence: #Sensor\_ID.NTU.Temperature

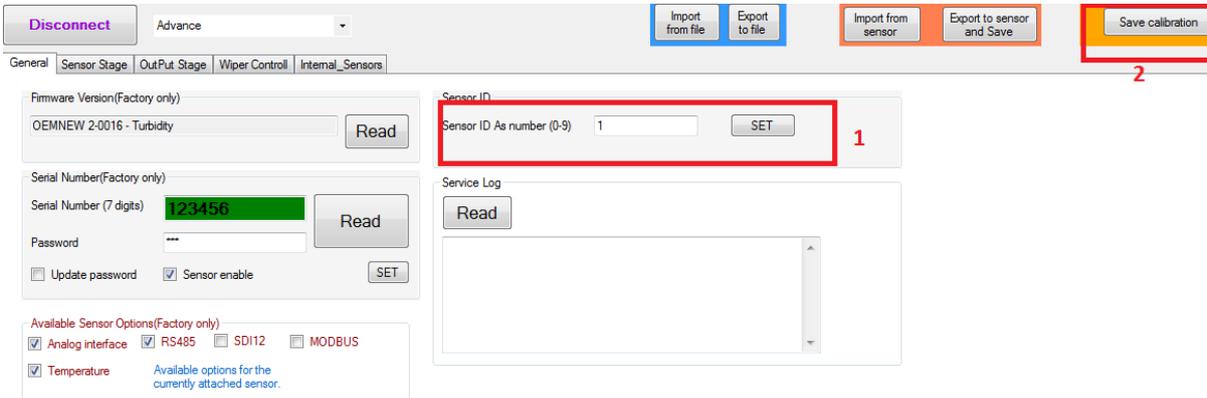
Commands

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Get NTU = sensor_id,read[enter(hex'D)]
Wipe = sensor_id,wipe[enter(hex'D)]
Range = sensor_id,range,[0,1,2or3][enter(hex'D)]
Sleep = sensor_id,sleep[enter(hex'D)]
```

Set

### Set Sensor ID.

Please do step 1 and 2 in sequence.



Disconnect | Advance | Import from file | Export to file | Import from sensor | Export to sensor and Save | Save calibration

General | Sensor Stage | OutPut Stage | Wiper Control | Internal\_Sensors

Firmware Version(Factory only): OEMNEW 2-0016 - Turbidity

Serial Number(Factory only): 123456

Available Sensor Options(Factory only):  Analog interface  RS485  SDI12  MODBUS  Temperature

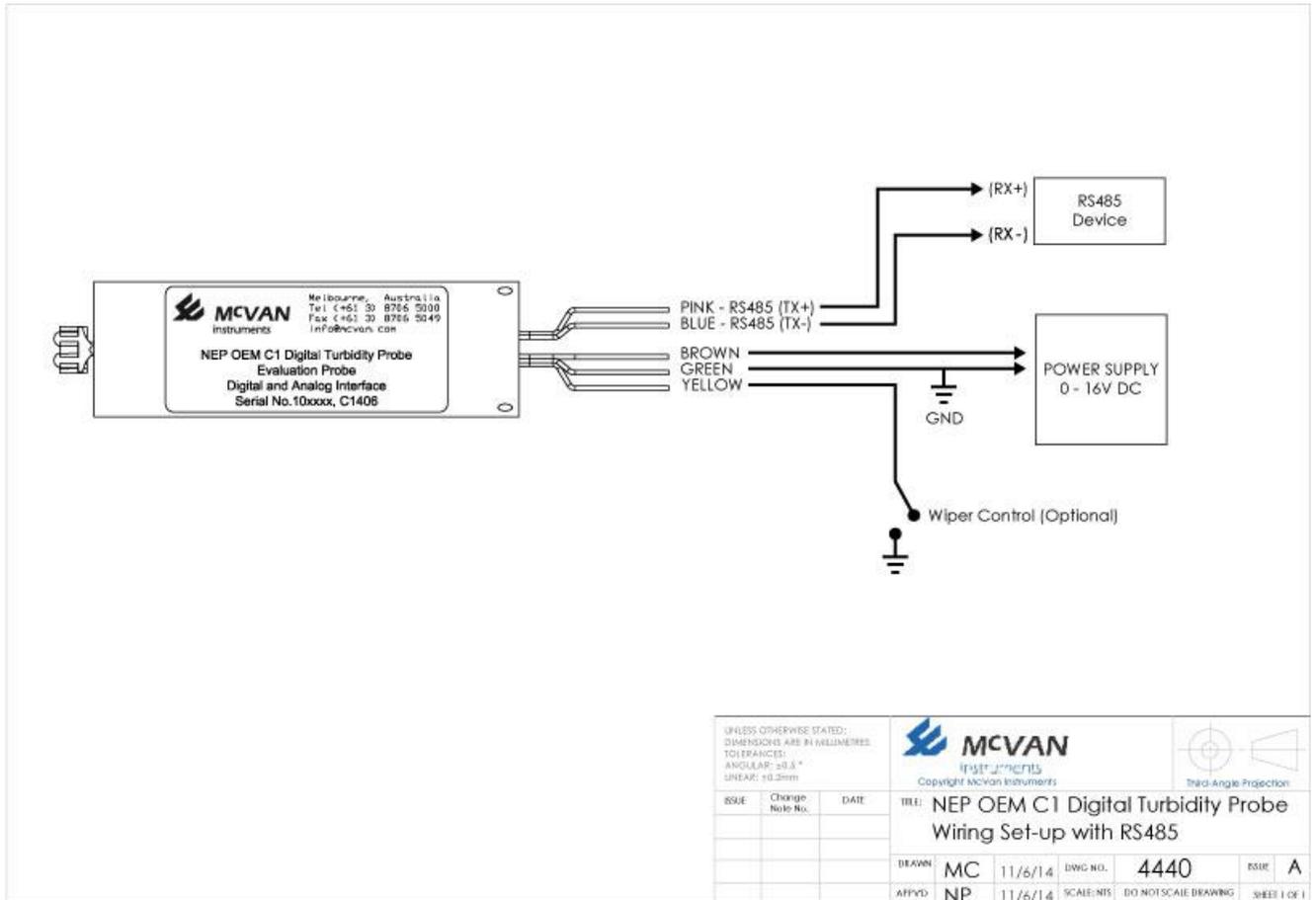
Sensor ID: Sensor ID As number (0-9): 1

Service Log

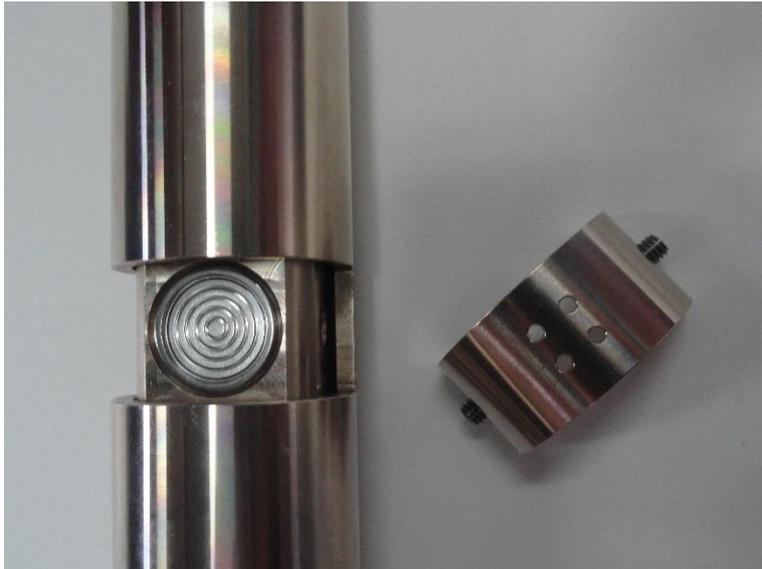
Set

With above settings the sensor will wait for following RS485 commands and responds accordingly.

**Recommended RS485 and RS422 test setup.**



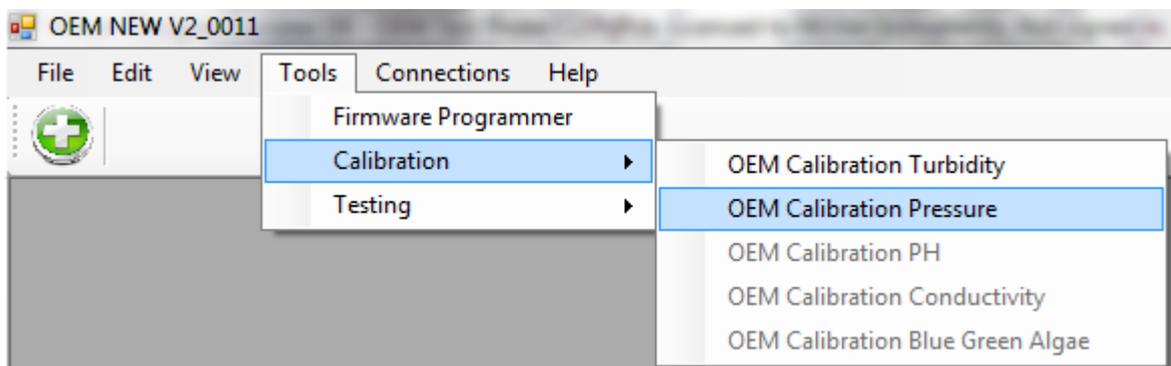
## 12.0 Pressure Sensor calibration.



### Communication information.

Please plug appropriate calibration plug in to calibration module and follow step 3 through 5C.

**8.a** To calibrate temperature sensor please click “Tools” menu item then Press “OEM Calibration Pressure”



Press “Connect button” and then press “Reset” button in the Calibration module. Output Window should show following when successful.

***Sensor now is in calibration mode.***

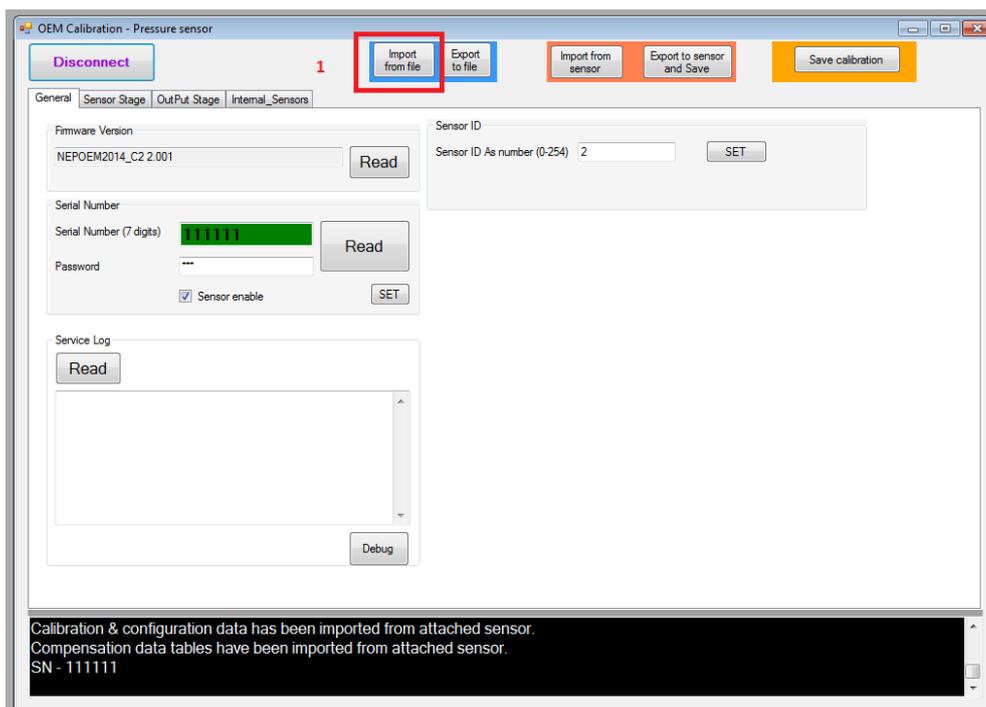
***SN - 111111***

***Calibration & configuration data has been imported from attached sensor.***

***Compensation data tables have been imported from attached sensor.***

When the sensor establishes the connection to the pc software, software will then attempt to synchronize with the sensor. This will transfer all the calibration and configuration data to PC software.

**Load Supplied Calibration & Configuration file supplied by the factory calibration.**



Press “Import Config Data” button and select and open correct calibration file [Serial Number].cfg file.

*Note1 – Factory will supply this unique [Serial Number].cfg file with each probe and this contains the factory calibration data and configuration data specific to each probe.*

*Note2- Please select “Advance” in top left drop down window to display all Available Options.*

*Note3- Press “Read” button under Serial number group in “General” to read attached probes serial number.*

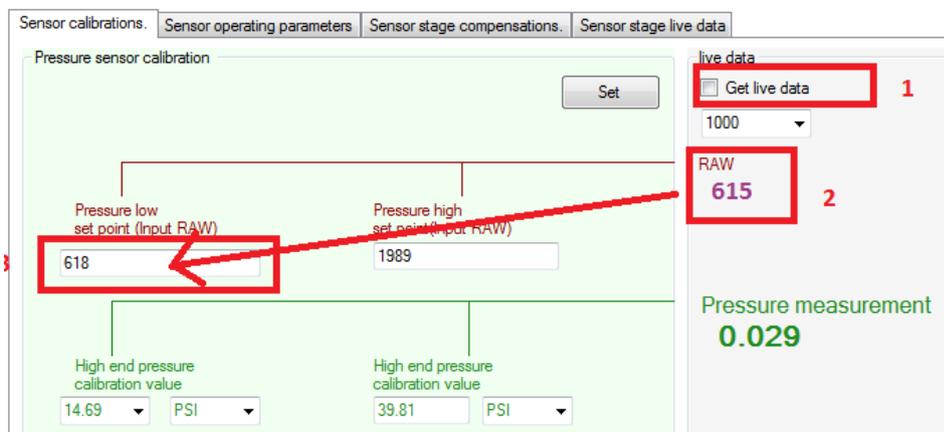
**Requirements before the pressure calibration begin.**

- Pressure sensor calibration is required a constant pressure chamber which to apply various air or hydraulic pressures to the sensor while it’s in calibration mode.
- A reference pressure sensor is required to monitor and to get calibration data.

**Pressure sensor calibration.**

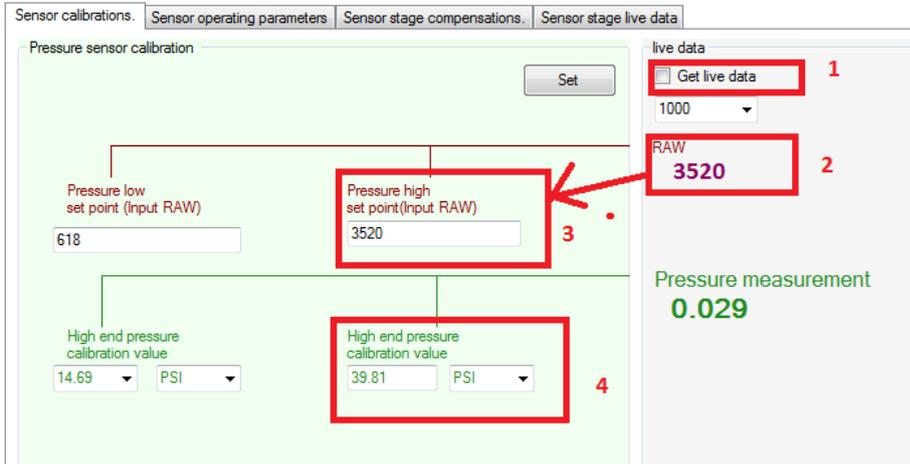
After establishing the calibration connection with the PC software please open the “sensor calibration” tab to begin calibration.

**Calibration step#1 (low end pressure calibration)** = Expose the pressure sensor to normal sea level pressure(~14.3PSI) and press get live data check box and allow 1 minute settling time. If RAW value appear to be stable enter the RAW data to “*pressure low set point*” Text box.



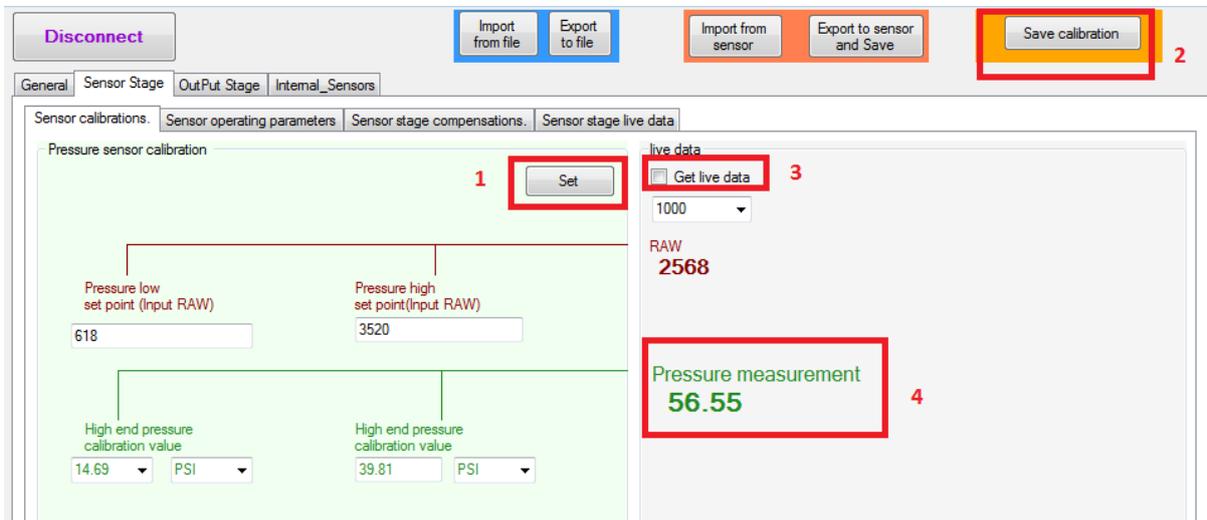
**Calibration step#2 (High end pressure calibration)** = Expose the pressure sensor to maximum pressure point and press get live data check box and allow 1 minute settling time. If RAW value

appear to be stable enter the RAW data to “pressure high set point” Text box.



Then type reference pressure sensor value in “high end pressure calibration value” text box (step 4)

**Calibration step#2(apply pressure calibration)** = Press “Set” button in “pressure sensor calibration” window to apply to above values to the sensor. After completion of the setup press “live data” checkbox again to check pressure measurement “in green” shows as same as reference probe



Please note at this point applied data is saved in probes temporary memory and press “Save calibration” button to store calibration permanently.

**Calibration step#3** = If sensor readout is within 0.02 FSO from the reference then the probe is assume to be calibrated. Press “Save Calibration” button and exit.

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