



# The OD600 DiluPhotometer™ User Manual

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## Declaration of Conformity

This is to certify that the Implen OD600™ conforms to the requirements of the following directives:

**73/23/EEC & 89/336/EEC**

Standards to which conformity is declared

**EN 61 010-1: 2001**

Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use.

**EN 61326: 1998**

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## 1. ESSENTIAL SAFETY NOTES

### 1.1 Unpacking, Positioning and Installation

- Check the contents of the pack against the packing list. If any shortages are discovered, please inform your supplier immediately.
- Inspect the instrument for any signs of damage caused in transit. If any damage is discovered, please inform your supplier immediately.
- Ensure your proposed installation site conforms to the environmental conditions for safe operation:  
Indoor use only  
Temperature 5 °C to 35 °C  
Maximum relative humidity of 80 % up to 31 °C decreasing linearly to 50 % at 40 °C
- The instrument is powered by the internal rechargeable battery or by mains electricity using the supplied power-adaptor. Using the instrument with the mains adapter will automatically recharge the battery.
- The battery will last approx. 1 month when fully charged with normal use.
- A full battery recharge will take approx. 12 hours (overnight).
- Please read through this user manual prior to use.
- Please contact your original supplier in the first instance if you experience technical or sample handling difficulties.

If this equipment is used in a manner not specified or in environmental conditions not appropriate for safe operation, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired and instrument warranty withdrawn.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

### 2.1 Your Spectrophotometer

Your OD600™ is a small, easy to use instrument that is dedicated to measuring samples at a wavelength of 600 nm. It is suitable for measuring growth rates of all types of cell (e.g. *E. coli* and yeast). Combining OD600™ with DiluCell™ 10 or DiluCell™ 20 facilitates measurements with low sample volumes of 200 µl and 100 µl, respectively and a virtual sample dilution of either factor 10 or 20.

With a bandwidth of 40 nm the OD600™ enables also measurements nearby 600 nm like the protein quantification assay according to Bradford (595 nm).

A 600 nm LED source in combination with a fibre optic is used to obtain the measurement. The instrument can be used in incubation cabinets and under anaerobic conditions.

### 2.2 Sample Handling Tips

- Note that the light beam is directed horizontal from the front of the instrument to the back; therefore please ensure the cell is inserted in the correct alignment.
- The optical height is 8.5 mm.
- The cell holder supplied with the instrument accepts:

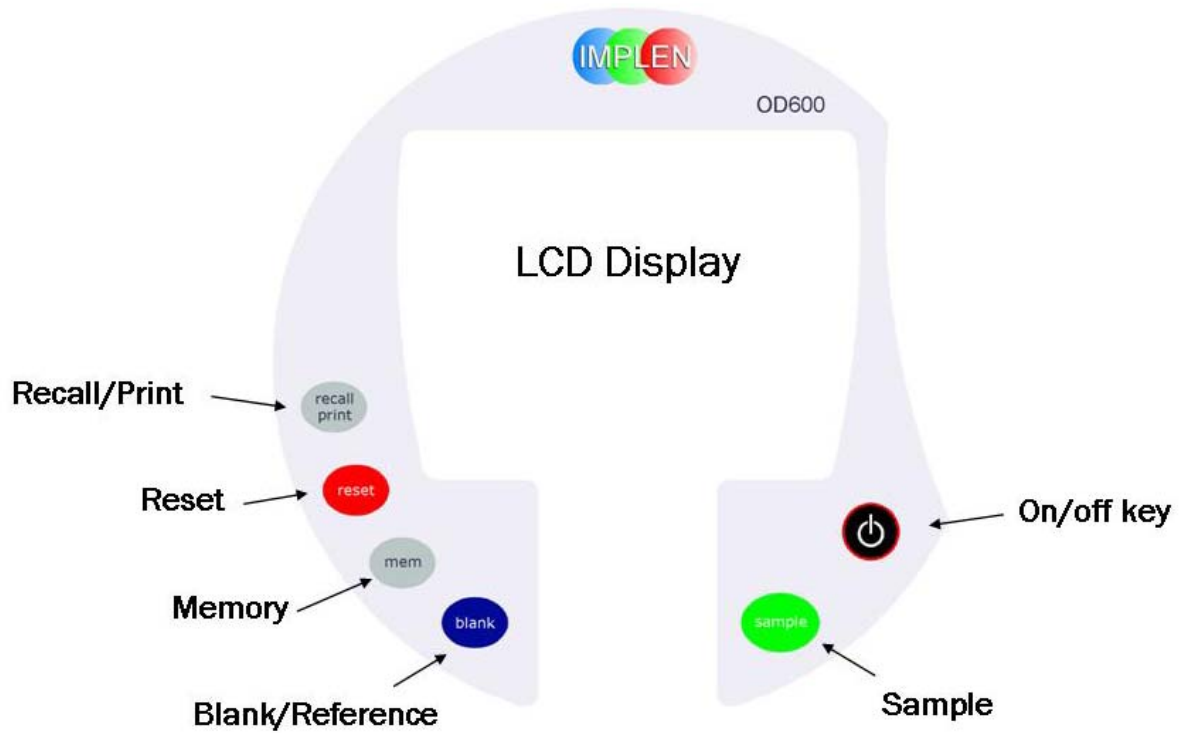
	Pathlength	min. Volume	virtual Dilution	Adapter
<b>DiluCell™ 10</b>	1.0 mm	200 µl	1:10	No
<b>DiluCell™ 20</b>	0.5 mm	100 µl	1:20	No
<b>Macro cuvette (max fill volume 4.5 ml)</b>	10 mm	1 ml	No	No
<b>Semi-micro cuvette (max fill volume 1.4 ml)</b>	10 mm	0.5 ml	No	No
<b>10 mm diameter tubes</b>	n/a*	0.9 ml	No	Yes
<b>12 mm diameter tubes</b>	n/a*	1.1 ml	No	Yes
<b>16 mm diameter tubes</b>	n/a*	2.2 ml	No	No


\*Depends on tube being used.

### **IMPORTANT WARNING**

Always wear protective clothing when handling bacteria or other cells.

### 2.3 Keypad and Display



Key	Action
On/Off key 	Turns the instrument on/off
Blank	Set reference to 0.000 OD at 600 nm on a reference
Sample	Take a measurement
Mem	Memory button
Reset	Press twice to clear stored values
Recall / Print	Print results stored in memory
<b>Display</b>	There is a memory number indicator and a battery indicator



### 3.3 Specifications

	<b>DiluCell™ 10</b>	<b>DiluCell™ 20</b>
Material	PMMA	PMMA
Wavelength Range	340 nm - 950 nm	340 nm - 950 nm
Volume Requirement	200 µl	100 µl
Pathlength (at 8.5 mm centre height)	1.0 mm	0.5 mm
Tolerance	+/- 5 %	+/- 10%
Ordering Information (pack with 96 cells)	<b>DC 10</b>	<b>DC 20</b>

#### Limitations

Do not autoclave DiluCell™.

The DiluCell™ is approved only for the usage with the OD600 DiluPhotometer™.


For solvent compatibility please contact your local Implen partner or the Implen Team at [www.implen.de](http://www.implen.de).





### Using the memory function

The instrument can store up to 99 readings in the memory. The results can then be viewed, printed or downloaded at a later time. This enables readings to be taken at, for example, an incubator and downloaded to a PC in a different laboratory. The results remain in the memory even when the instrument is switched off.

- Step 1** Switch the instrument on by pressing the **ON/OFF**  button.
- Step 2** Press **mem** button to display MEM (if not already displayed).
- Step 3** Place a reference into the cuvette compartment.
- Step 4** Press the **blank** button. The display will show 0.00 but the memory number will not change.
- Step 5** Insert the sample and press the **sample** button. The result will be displayed and automatically stored and the Memory Number will increase by one.
- Step 6** To retrieve the results press **recall/print**. This will print out all of the results held in the memory if the instrument is connected to a PC or printer and cause the memory number to flash. Repeated pressing of the button will display the results in the memory on the screen in reverse order scrolling back to the beginning.
- Step 7** Press **reset** or **mem** to go back to the latest result.
- Step 8** Pressing **reset** when the latest result in the memory is showing will cause the screen to flash “rSt and ?”.
- Step 9** If no further action is taken the screen will revert to its normal state after 7 seconds. If **reset** is pressed again whilst the screen is flashing all of the memory positions will be cleared.

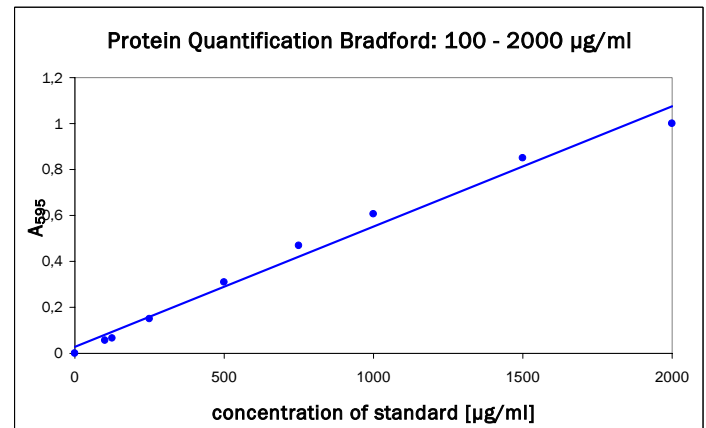
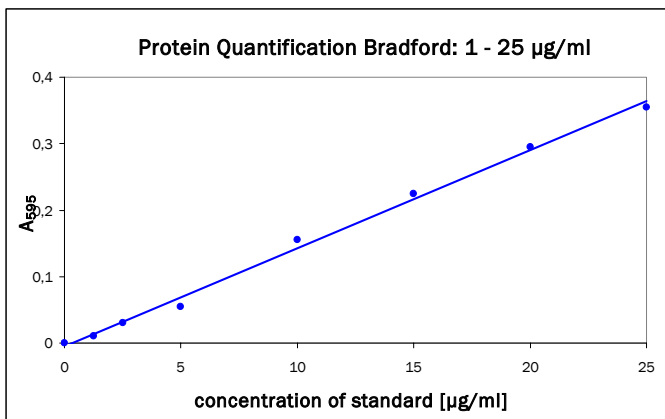
**Important Note:** The instrument can store up to 99 readings.  
The hundredth reading will automatically overwrite the first reading.

## 5. OD600™ - STANDARD CUVETTE APPLICATION

### 5.1 Protein Quantification with Bradford Assay

#### 5.1.1 Description

Bradford Assay is a rapid and accurate method used to determine the total protein concentration of a sample by quantifying the binding of a dye, Coomassie Brilliant Blue G-250, to an unknown protein. The assay is based on the observation that the absorbance maximum for an acidic solution of Coomassie Brilliant Blue G-250 shifts from 465 nm to 595 nm when binding to protein occurs. By comparing this binding to that of different, known concentrations of a standard protein, the concentration of the unknown protein can be calculated. Standard curves with bovine serum albumin (BSA) are given below as an example.




#### 5.1.2 Operation Instructions

##### Important Note:

Please follow the detailed protocols supplied with your Bradford assay kit to ensure accurate results.

##### Making a measurement:

- Step 1** Switch the instrument on by pressing the **ON/OFF**  button.
- Step 2** Place a reference into the cuvette compartment.
- Step 3** Press the **blank** button. The display will show 0.00.
- Step 4** Remove the reference and replace with standard solutions.
- Step 5** Press the **sample** button. The display will show the OD of the standard solutions in absorbance units.
- Step 6** Create a standard curve.
- Step 7** Measure the absorbance of sample solutions.
- Step 8** Determine the protein concentration of unknown samples according to the standard curve.

**6. TROUBLE SHOOTING NOTES**

ERROR INDICATION	SOLUTION
A flashing Absorbance reading of 2.00 Abs is obtained.	This indicates an Absorbance of more than 1.99 and is therefore out of range. The sample needs to be diluted or use DiluCell™ 10 or DiluCell™ 20 for virtual dilution.
A negative reading is obtained.	In normal measurements the test sample has a positive Absorbance compared to that of the Reference. Negative readings will be obtained if the Reference and Test cuvettes are mixed up.
A flashing Absorbance reading of -0.30 Abs is obtained.	This indicates an Absorbance of less than -0.30 Abs and is therefore out of range. You need a higher concentrated sample.
Unexpected results are obtained.	Any bubbles in solution will produce considerable error. Check LED is flashing
REF is displayed when sample is pressed	The baseline has not been set. Replace the sample with a blank or reference and press blank. The samples can then be tested.
No reading is obtained when using the instrument in battery mode.	Check that there is sufficient battery power available. The battery power available is indicated by the battery symbol at the bottom right hand corner of the display. Three bars in the battery indicate that it is fully charged. If only one or no bars are present the battery needs to be recharged. Connect the instrument to the electric power supply using the adaptor/recharge unit. The battery will be fully recharged in 12 hours.
The OD600™ value is different to that obtained on another instrument in the lab.	When you measure turbid solutions you do not measure the absorbance/transmittance of light at the detector, you measure the amount of scattered light that reaches the detector. Thus optical geometry is very important - the further the distance from the sample to the detector, the greater the effect of the scattered light. Thus instead of harvesting at 0.4 OD, for example, you have to do it at 0.8 OD. A simple conversion factor can be calculated from the OD 600 of your existing instrument compared to that of the OD600™ instrument.

## 7. ACCESSORIES

DiluCell™ 10	DC 10
DiluCell™ 20	DC 20
Adapter set for 10 and 12 mm tubes	B-80-3000-57

## 8. MAINTENANCE

### 8.1 Cleaning and General Care of the Instrument

The instrument has no serviceable parts.

The instrument requires little maintenance, but the following are considered good practice:

1. Keep the instrument clean and dry. Wipe off any spilt liquids immediately. Clean with a slightly damp cloth; a non-abrasive water-based soap or detergent may be used. The instrument may be wiped.
2. Remove the cuvettes from the instrument when not in use.
3. Store in a cool place away from corrosive chemicals or fumes.

### 8.2 De-contamination Procedure

To decontaminate we recommend that the instrument is wiped with ethanol or other antibacterial detergent as required. A soaked cloth may be inserted into the cuvette chamber or ethanol sprayed directly into the compartment.

The instrument can be sterilised using formaldehyde or ethylene oxide, but not with UV light (due to plastic degradation).

For severe contamination it is possible to remove the 4 screws in the base and separate the top and bottom covers (taking care to not drop the battery inside the instrument). The contaminated areas in the instrument may then be wiped with a suitable anti-bacterial detergent.

## 9. SPECIFICATION AND WARRANTY

### Technical Specification

<b>Wavelength</b>	600 nm
<b>Bandwidth</b>	40 nm
<b>Range</b>	Optical Density -0.3 A to 1.99 A
<b>Accuracy</b>	<±0.05 A at 1 A using Neutral Density Filters
<b>Repeatability</b>	±0.02 A at 1 A
<b>Controls</b>	6 button - power, blank, sample, memory, reset, recall/print
<b>Optical height</b>	8.5 mm
<b>Cuvette holder</b>	Fixed with drain hole. Accepts DiluCell™10, DiluCell™20, 10 mm pathlength semi micro and macro cuvettes or 14-16 mm round tubes.
<b>Output</b>	RS232, USB
<b>Memory</b>	99 readings
<b>Display</b>	Custom LCD
<b>Power requirements</b>	External power adaptor (110 to 220 V, 50/60 Hz, 20 VA) or internal rechargeable NiMH battery
<b>Approximate dimensions</b>	180 x 150 x 60 mm
<b>Weight</b>	0.6 kg

Specifications are measured after the instrument has warmed up at a constant ambient temperature and are typical of a production unit. As part of our policy of continuous development, we reserve the right to alter specifications without notice. The product does not fulfil the specific requirements of the IVD.

### Warranty

- IMPLEN guarantees that the product supplied has been thoroughly tested to ensure that it meets its published specification. The warranty included in the conditions of supply is valid for 12 months only if the product has been used according to the instructions supplied. IMPLEN or your supplier can accept no liability for loss or damage, however caused, arising from the faulty or incorrect use of this product.