



Statement of conformity in calibration certificates



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## **Calibration certificates**

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Calibration certificates are the visible result of any calibration. They provide information about the unit under test and state the measurement results with the (extended) uncertainty.

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The general requirements are defined by ISO 9001:2015, which states (in section 7.1.5.2, Measurement traceability, extract):

When measurement traceability is a requirement, or is considered by the organization to be an essential part of providing confidence in the validity of measurement results, measuring equipment shall be:

a) calibrated or verified, or both, at specified intervals, or prior to use, against measurement standards traceable to international or national measurement standards; when no such standards exist, the basis used for calibration or verification shall be retained as documented information; ...

This documentation requirement was adapted in DIN ISO/IEC 17025: 2017, the international standard for the accreditation of calibration laboratories.

As well as listing the requirements for laboratories, this standard provides valuable information about what customers can expect from the calibration service, and it also describes the related documentation that the customer is entitled to receive.

A calibration certificate corresponding to a traceable calibration must be compliant with DIN ISO/IEC 17025: 2017.

#### DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025:2017, 7.8.2 states that a calibration certificate must always include:

- a) a title (e.g. "Test Report", "Calibration Certificate" or "Report of Sampling");
- b) the name and address of the laboratory;
- c) the location of performance of the laboratory activities, including when performed at a customer facility or at sites away from the laboratory's permanent facilities, or in associated temporary or mobile facilities;
- d) unique identification that all its components are recognized as a portion of a complete report and a clear identification of the end;
- e) the name and contact information of the customer;
- f) identification of the method used; a description, unambiguous identification, and, when necessary, the condition of the item;
- g) the date of receipt of the test or calibration item(s), and the date of sampling, where this is critical to the validity and application of the results;
- h) the date(s) of performance of the laboratory activity;
- i) the date of issue of the report;

- reference to the sampling plan and sampling method used by the laboratory or other bodies where these are relevant to the validity or application of the results;
- k) a statement to the effect that the results relate only to the items tested, calibrated or sampled; the results with, where appropriate,
- I) the units of measurement;
- m) additions to, deviations, or exclusions from the method;
- n) identification of the person(s) authorizing the report;
- o) clear identification when results are from external providers.

**NOTE:** Including a statement specifying that the report shall not be reproduced except in full without approval of the laboratory can provide assurance that parts of a report are not taken out of context.

In addition to these basic requirements, DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025:2017 specifies further requirements and devotes a separate chapter to them in section 7.8.4, Specific Requirements for Calibration Certificates:

#### 7.8.4.1 In addition to the requirements listed in 7.8.2, calibration certificates shall include the following:

a) the measurement uncertainty of the measurement result presented in the same unit as that of the measurand or in a term relative to the measurand (e.g. percent);

**NOTE** According to ISO/IEC Guide 99, a measurement result is generally expressed as a single measured quantity value including unit of measurement and a measurement uncertainty.

- b) the conditions (e.g. environmental) under which the calibrations were made that have an influence on the measurement results;
- c) a statement identifying how the measurements are metrologically traceable (see Annex A);
- d) the results before and after any adjustment or repair, if available;
- e) where relevant, a statement of conformity with requirements or specifications (see 7.8.6);
- f) where appropriate, opinions and interpretations (see 7.8.7).

# DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025:2017 goes on to cover requirements for statements of conformity in a specific section on this subject:

#### 7.8.6 Reporting statements of conformity

7.8.6.1 When a statement of conformity to a specification or standard is provided, the laboratory shall document the decision rule employed, taking into account the level of risk (such as false accept and false reject and statistical assumptions) associated with the decision rule employed, and apply the decision rule.

**NOTE:** Where the decision rule is prescribed by the customer, regulations or normative documents, a further consideration of the level of risk is not necessary.

# 7.8.6.2 The laboratory shall report on the statement of conformity, such that the statement clearly identifies:a) to which results the statement of conformity applies;b) which specifications, standards or parts thereof are met or not met;

c) the decision rule applied (unless it is inherent in the requested specification or standard).

**NOTE:** For further information see ISO/EC Guide 98-4.

#### 5.1 Remarks:

According to the requirement stated in standard DIN EN ISO 6789-2: 2017, the calibration result is within  $\pm 4\%$ , traceable to national standards.





A statement of conformity of this sort can be one short sentence in everyday language.

## Statement of conformity in a calibration certificate

A statement of conformity is included in the certificate in response to requests from many holders of measuring equipment. It indicates whether or not a measuring device complies with specifications (e.g. the manufacturer's specifications) at the end of a calibration.

To make this decision, it is necessary to determine the "rule": the standard mentions a "decision rule". There is no binding requirement for a statement of conformity. This can be agreed between the calibration laboratory and the device holder/owner, so there are various models for agreements that can be reached.

#### Normative/specifications to be agreed for the statement of conformity:

- Statement of conformity according to 14253-1
- Statement of conformity according to ILAC G9 8-2009
- Statement of conformity according to DAkkS-DKD-5
- Statement of conformity disregarding the measurement uncertainty
- Statement of conformity according to individual customer requirements

From them, statements about conformity/the decision rule can be derived according to customer requirements . For example:

- disregarding the measurement uncertainty
- "shared risk"
- individual requirements

An agreement must be made with the calibration laboratory if a statement of conformity is requested in the calibration certificate.

#### Various practices are currently applied for the (legal) definition of this agreement:

- The calibration laboratory includes its own wording in the order confirmation; this can also take the form of a small footnote
- The calibration laboratory has a flyer/information letter stating the decision rule, unless agreed otherwise
- A wording is included in the calibration laboratory's General Terms and Conditions

If the calibration laboratory is requested to include a statement of conformity in the calibration certificate, the decision rule should also be specified. Otherwise, the decision rule notified to the customer in one of the ways described above, or in a similar way, is regarded as an agreement! The most common models for a decision rule are presented and explained below.





The instrument complies with the specifications, taking the measurement uncertainty into account.



The measurement is within the error limits. Even if the measurement uncertainty is taken into account, the result will meet – but will not exceed – the specification limits.



The measurement is within the error limits. Taking the measurement uncertainty into account, no statement can be made about compliance with the specification. Compliance is more likely than failure.



The measurement is outside the error limits. Taking the measurement uncertainty into account, no statement can be made about compliance with the specification. Compliance is less likely than non-compliance.



When the measurement uncertainty is taken into account, the measurement result is above the upper error limit. The instrument does not meet the specifications.

#### Decision rule – what does it mean?

The diagram shows possible cases that can occur when a measurement is recorded. In each case, the measured value is on the dashed line, and the double T represents the measurement uncertainty that applies to the measurement.

For the first two measuring points, the measured value – including the assigned measurement uncertainty – is clearly within the specification limit.

The second measurement is also within the limits. The uncertainty hits the upper limit. This is still assessed as "Case 1".

In "Case 2", it can be seen that the measured value coincides exactly with the specification limit – but due to the measurement uncertainty involved, the value could also lie outside the specification limit.

In "Case 3", it can be seen that the measured value is clearly outside the specification limit – but due to the measurement uncertainty involved, the value could also be within the specification limit.

In "Case 4", when the measurement uncertainty is included, the value is out of specification.

ILAC Guideline G8 (ILAC: International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation) defines these situations as "Cases":



a clear statement on conformity or non-conformity can only be made for Case 1 and Case 4.

Summary: There is no binding requirement for a statement of conformity. This can/must be agreed between the calibration laboratory and the device holder/owner if a statement of conformity is requested.



#### Must a device be "compliant"?

The purpose of a calibration is to determine a measurement deviation. Ideally, a measuring device would always display exactly the value that it is measuring.

In practice, this is never the case. But when is the device "OK" – and when is it not "OK"?

#### All measuring devices have three basic characteristics:

- Precision
- Repeatability
- Linearity

If a measuring device always measures "wrongly" at the same point in its characteristic curve, this is not a problem: the correct value can be determined with the help of a correction table. In modern devices, the table can be stored in a memory block with automatic correction of the display. Calibration certificates indicate the values determined over the measuring range – the user can correct the measurement results.

But many users find that this involves too much expense or effort, so the Standards Committee was asked to devise an easy way of evaluating the calibration result. Users want to be able to see quickly whether their device is as precise as it was when they bought it. To achieve this, the statement of conformity was introduced.

However, there is still no reason not to work with the measured values determined during calibration – the device is not defective.



## General information about calibrations

• During calibrations, around 8% of all test and measurement devices are found to need adjustments or repairs.

#### This figure of 8% does not include:

- Devices identified as "defective" when presented to the manufacturer or calibration service (these are often identical).
- Cases where the operator knew that there was a failure (malfunction or breakage). The 8% figure refers to devices presented for "calibration only", which users did not suspect of measuring incorrectly or inaccurately.
- This number involves a degree of uncertainty, but it is based on evaluation of a large device pool (> 250,000 devices including over 10,000 different device types, ranging from simple multimeters to spectrum analyzers and high-end equipment).

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## Standards, norms and references

The following documents are the basis and normative reference for this guideline. There are several subordinate documents that may have to be applied.

- International Vocabulary of Metrology. Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM), August 2012; DIN e.V. (publisher), Burghart Brinkmann (author)
- DIN EN ISO 17025:2017: General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories
- DIN EN ISO 10012:2003: Measurement management systems. Requirements for measurement processes and measuring equipment
- ILAC-G8:03/2009: Guidelines on the Reporting of Compliance with Specification

- IATF 16949: Quality management system requirements for automotive production and relevant service parts organizations
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