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Safety Instructions

Please follow all safety instructions provided when used with any BlowerDoor products.



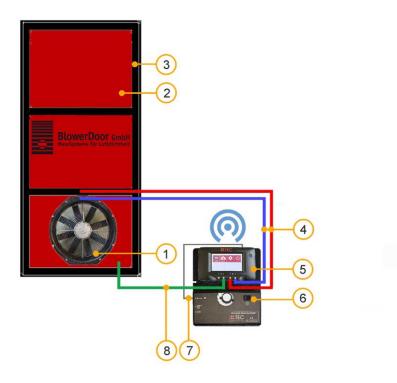
The BlowerDoor fan should only be connected to a properly installed and tested power supply. In case of emergencies, disconnect the power cord from the AC power mains outlet. During installation, use the nearest readily accessible power outlet and keep all objects away from interfering with access to the outlet.

- Disconnect the power plug from the BlowerDoor fan receptacle before examining or making any adjustments to the fan motor, blades or electrical components.
- The BlowerDoor fan is a very powerful and potentially dangerous piece of equipment if not used and maintained properly. Carefully examine the fan before each use. If the fan housing, fan guards, blade, controller or cords become damaged, do not operate the fan until repairs have been made. Repairs should only be made by qualified repair personnel.
- If you notice any unusual noises or vibrations, stop and unplug the fan. If you can't find the source of the problem, contact the manufacturer/distributor. Make sure that there is sufficient clearance between the tips of the fan blades and the fan housing. Examine the motor for excessive dust build-up. Use a vacuum to remove the dust, or blow out the dust with compressed air.
- Keep people, animals and objects away from the BlowerDoor fan when it is operating.
- Press the power plug firmly into the power receptacle on the BlowerDoor fan, and the AC power mains outlet. Failure to do so can cause overheating of the power cord and possible damage.
- Do not use ungrounded outlets or adapter plugs. Never remove or modify the grounding prong. Use only approved and inspected electrical wiring and connections. If using a power extension cord, use an extension cord with a core cross section of at least 1.5 mm² (i.e. type H07 RRF).
- Do not operate the BlowerDoor fan if the motor, controller or any of the electrical connections are wet.
- For long-term operation, such as maintaining building pressure while air-sealing, use a flow ring whenever possible to ensure proper cooling of the BlowerDoor fan motor. This will minimize the heating of the fan and is important in warmer weather.
- The motor is thermally protected and if you experience a motor shut down, be sure to turn off the fan speed controller so that the fan does not restart unexpectedly after the motor cools down.

- Before connecting the speed controller to the fan, be sure that the toggle switch of the controller is at zero and that the control knob is turned completely to the left (counterclockwise).
- The operator should wear hearing protection when in close proximity to the fan operating at high speed.
- In order to prevent the generation of excess building pressure, start each BlowerDoor measurement with a small ring, typically a C-ring.
- During an airtightness test, the building envelope and the BlowerDoor mounting frame experience
 a force of up to 5 kg/m². In order to withstand this force, the mounting frame must be installed
 properly; otherwise it may pop out of the door opening. The mounting frame must be reinstalled if
 the pressure loosens it. Once properly installed, the mounting frame can easily withstand
 pressures of up to 100 Pa.
- Keep the area around the fan clear of obstacles. Maintain a clearance of 1 to 2 meters around the
 fan so that nothing obstructs the air flow into and out of the fan. Also keep at least 30 cm free to
 the sides of the fan air intake. The operator should stand to the side of the fan rather than directly
 in front of it in order to prevent obstructions to air flow.
- Open flames in boilers, fireplaces, and furnaces must be extinguished before starting the test. Any open flame during the test is a potential fire hazard. Additionally, the fan could suck smoke or other by-products of the flame into the building, creating a safety hazard. Fireplaces that share a chimney with the area being tested may not be in operation during the test.
- Equipment safety measures may be compromised if the BlowerDoor system is used in a manner other than recommended in this document, and the BlowerDoor system operation manual.

1 Introduction: The BlowerDoor Standard Measurement System

1.1 Overview: Setup with with digital communication via WiFi connection



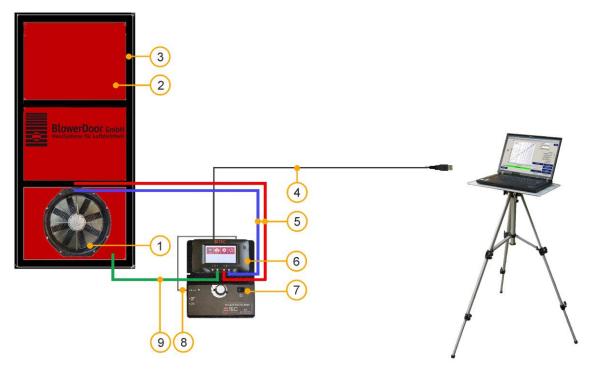


- 1 BlowerDoor fan
- 2 BlowerDoor panel standard size
- BlowerDoor mounting frame standard size
- 4 Set of tubes [connection fan DG-1000, red and blue (3 m each)]
- 5 Digital pressure gauge DG-1000

- 6 Fan speed controller
- 7 Fan control cable [connection DG-1000 controller]
- 8 Set of tubes [capture outside pressure, inside green (3 m), outside transparent (10 m)]

Fig. 1.1: Recommanded set-up of the BlowerDoor standard Measurement System with pressure gauge DG-1000 (here: WiFi connection); see details → Chap. 2.3.2.1 and Chap. 4.

1.2 Overview: Setup with digital communication via USB connection



- 1 BlowerDoor fan
- 2 BlowerDoor panel standard size
- 3 BlowerDoor mounting frame standard size
- 4 USB data cable [DG-1000 laptop]
- 5 Set of tubes [connection fan DG-1000, red and blue (3 m each)]

- 6 Digital pressure gauge DG-1000
- 7 Fan speed controller
- 8 Fan control cable [connection DG-1000 controller]
- 9 Set of tubes [capture outside pressure, inside green (3 m), outside transparent (10 m)]

Fig. 1.2: Set-up of the BlowerDoor standard Measurement System with USB connection between pressure gauge DG-1000 and laptop computer; see details \rightarrow Chap. 2.3.1 and Chap. 4.

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1.3 Applications

The BlowerDoor measurement system is a diagnostic tool used to assess the airtightness of buildings.

Typical uses:

- Assessing airtightness respectively air permeability in new buildings and comparing the results with legal requirements such as the Energy Conservation Act
- Locating leaks during construction (of single family homes, apartments, schools, gymnasiums, etc.)
- Assessing the leakiness of old buildings prior to renovation
- Quality assurance and airtightness testing in passive houses
- Special testing-for clean rooms (operating rooms, laboratories), etc.

2 Installation

2.1 System Requirements

Operating system

TECTITE Express software and drivers run on computers with the <u>full versions</u> of the following operating system:

- Windows 7
- Windows 8
- Windows 10
- Windows 11

Computer

The computer/notebook/laptop must meet the following requirements:

- Pentium 233-MHZ-Processor
- 512 MB RAM
- Internet connection for the installation of USB device driver of DG-1000
- USB port (2.0 or above) or Ethernet port or WLAN interface
- The connected computer is required to comply with IEC 60950-1 or equivalent standards on data port electrical safety isolation.

2.2 Installing TECTITE Express

TECTITE Express is a steering program. With it, you can control the BlowerDoor measurement system over a computer as well as conduct automated tests.

For the automated and semi-automated BlowerDoor measurement, you also need to install the differential pressure gauge DG-1000 (→ Chap. 2.3) in addition to the TECTITE Express software.

The software installation is performed in the following steps:

- After the software download, double-click the file "TECTITE Express Version Setup.exe". to start the installation.
- Follow the instructions of the installation program.

The installation of TECTITE Express is followed by the installation of the TEC PDF Writer necessary for providing a printable protocol of the measurement.

After installation TECTITE Express can be started by clicking the icon on the desktop.

Test File

In the download folder there are samples of building test files of measurements with BlowerDoor Standard (with model 4 fan) and with BlowerDoor MiniFan (with DuctBlaster B); each with the file extension .bld. Open this file in the TECTITE Express and work on it. It is not necessary to set up or connect the measuring equipment to work in the file.

Additional information on the use of the program can be found in Chap. 5.

2.3 Installing the DG-1000

There are different options for connecting your DG-1000 gauge to your laptop computer to create the two-way communication link needed for automated testing with TECTITE Express:

- Connection with a USB data cable using the USB-C interface (→ Chap. 2.3.1)
- Wireless connection between gauge and laptop computer using the build-in WiFi module of DG-1000 (creating and broadcasting a Wireless Network) or by joining an existing WLAN network (→ Chap. 2.3.2).
- Connection with Ethernet cable and a router. The router must be running DHCP Server. A standard
 Ethernet switch can also be used, as long as it is connected to a device running a DHCP server.
 (→ Chap. 2.3.3).

Note:

You must first install the DG-1000 via the USB-C interface (\rightarrow Chap. 2.3.1). If desired, you can then install one of the other connections. Following each installation check whether TECTITE Express recognizes the DG-1000 (\rightarrow Chap. 2.3.4).



Fig. 2.1: DG-1000 ports

DG-1000 connection options

The following interfaces are used to create a link between the DG-1000 and the computer.

The **build-in WiFi module** creates and broadcasts a wireless network that can be used to wireless connect the DG-1000 gauge to a computer or mobile device. The WiFi module also can join an existing wireless network (typically a router). This option can be used to connect the DG-1000 to a computer, or to create a network of multiple gauges that can connect to a computer.

The **USB-C port** on the DG-1000 can be used to create a communication link between the differential pressure gauge and a Windows computer using a USB data cable (USB 2.0 or above).

The **Ethernet port** on the gauge can be used to create a communication link with a router (the router must be running DHCP Server).

Note: The **USB A port** on the DG-1000 is not designed for digital communication to a computer, but for using accessories such as a keyboard.

Bluetooth communication is intended only for connection with TEC apps installed on Android or iOS devices.



For an overview of all DG-1000 connections please see Chap. 3.2.1.

2.3.1 Installing the DG-1000 using USB-C port

Use of the USB-C port requires you to first download from the Internet and install the appropriate USB device driver to the computer.

Required for installation:

- DG-1000
- USB data cable (USB 2.0 or above)
- Laptop/computer with internet connection

Installing the USB device driver:

- Make sure the computer is connected to the internet.
- Windows Update on the computer must be configured to allow downloading and installation of driver software.



Fig. 2.2

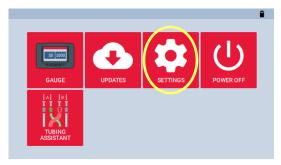
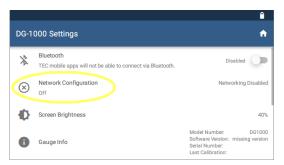


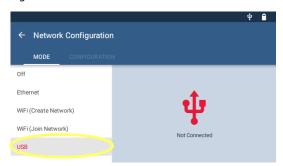
Fig. 2.3

- Turn on the DG-1000 pressure gauge by pressing and holding the power button for approx. 3 seconds until the green power indicator light turns on, and wait until the DG-1000 is booted.
 The bootup process may take some seconds to complete, and the gauge is ready to be used when the home screen appears (shown below).
- To enable the USB-C port on the DG-1000 gauge touch "Settings" on the home screen.



Select "Network Configuration".

Fig. 2.4



Select "USB C" from the Network Configuration options.

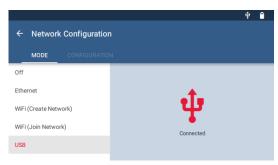
The networking status in the Network Configuration screen will show "Not Connected".

Fig. 2.5



- Connect the DG-1000 to your laptop via the USB-C interface using a USB data cable (USB 2.0 or higher).
- The appropriate device driver software is searched for on the Internet and installed.

Fig. 2.6



 Once the driver is installed, the networking status in the Network Configuration screen of the gauge will update to say "Connected."

Fig. 2.7

TEC software installed on the laptop computer will now be able to detect the DG-1000 and create a communication link.

2.3.2 Wireless connection of the DG-1000 (WiFi)

The DG-1000's built-in WiFi module can be configured to create and broadcast a wireless network that can be connected to directly from a computer or mobile device (\rightarrow Chap. 2.3.2.1). The DG-1000 can join an existing wireless network (\rightarrow Chap. 2.3.2.2).

2.3.2.1 Connection via the integrated WiFi module



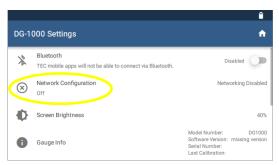
Fig. 2.8

 Turn on the DG-1000 pressure gauge by pressing and holding the power button for approx. 3 seconds until the green power indicator light turns on, and wait until the DG-1000 is booted.
 The bootup process may take some seconds to complete, and the gauge is ready to be used when the home screen appears (shown below).



To enable WiFi (Create Network) touch "Settings" on the home screen.

Fig. 2.9



Select "Network Configuration".

Fig. 2.10



Fig. 2.11

- Select "WiFi (Create Network)" from the Network Configuration options.
- The DG-1000 will begin broadcasting a secured wireless network with the following settings SSID: DG1000-(serial number of gauge) Password: dg1000pw



 Select and connect to the DG-1000's wireless network on a computer or mobile device.

To connect to this network, you will be asked for a password. The default password is: **dg1000pw**.

Fig. 2.12

Note:

If your laptop is already connected to another wireless network, you must disconnect from this network before establishing the connection to the DG-1000's wireless network. The DG-1000 must be on, in order for the WiFi network to be visible on your laptop.

TEC software installed on the computer or mobile device should now be able to detect the gauge and create a communication link.



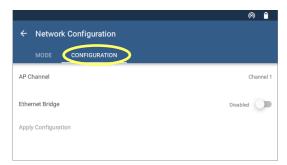
The DG-1000's wireless network simply connects the pressure gauge to the computer or mobile device. **There is no connection to the Internet.** Occasionally this will be displayed on the computer or mobile device.



For strong wireless connection we recommend to switch the *Wireless Adapter Settings* for battery and cable connection on "Maximum Performance".

Fig. 2.13

If interference on the WiFi Channel is suspected, follow these steps to broadcast on a different AP Channel at DG-1000.

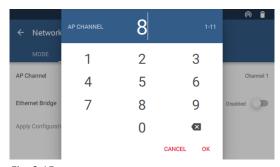


Configuration options.

Select "WiFi (Create Network)" from the Network

• Then select "Configuration".

Fig. 2.14



 Touch AP Channel and enter in a different number between 1 and 11.
 Confirm with "OK" and then apply the configuration.



Fig. 2.15

2.3.2.2 Connection to an existing WiFi network

The DG-1000 can join a wireless network using one of these methods.

- The DG-1000 can search for nearby wireless networks and populate a list so one can be selected and joined.
- A wireless network name (SSID) can be manually typed in, searched for and then joined.



Fig. 2.16

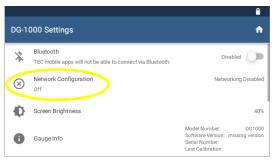
 Turn on the DG-1000 pressure gauge by pressing and holding the power button for approx. 3 seconds until the green power indicator light turns on, and wait until the DG-1000 is booted.

The bootup process may take some seconds to complete, and the gauge is ready to be used when the home screen appears (shown below).



 To enable WiFi (Join Network) touch "Settings" on the home screen.

Fig. 2.17



Select "Network Configuration".

Fig. 2.18



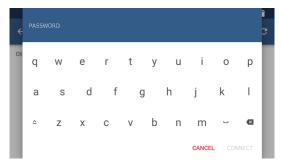
Fig. 2.19

Select "WiFi (Join Network)".
 Then touch "Select WiFi Network".
 The DG-1000 starts searching for networks.



 Select which WiFi network the DG-1000 should connect to from the populated list.

Fig. 2.20



 A pop-up window will appear asking for the password. Use the keypad provided to enter the password.

Then touch "Connect".

Fig. 2.21

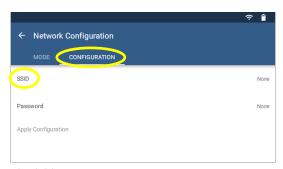


Fig. 2.22

Notes:

Should the password require a character that is not part of the keyboard on the gauge, connect a keyboard using the USB-A port on the gauge and enter the info using the external keyboard.

The DG-1000 does not have an option for entering a username, so WiFi networks that require a username can't be connected to by the DG-1000.



Older software versions may need to manually enter the WiFi network SSID. To do this, touch "WiFi (Join Network)", then "Configuration", and provide the required information.

The status on the Mode screen will say "Joined" if the DG-1000 was able to connect.

Fig. 2.23

Once the DG-1000 joins a wireless network, the gauge can be accessed using TEC software, if the computer or mobile device running the software is also connected to the same network.

2.3.3 Installing the DG-1000 using Ethernet port

The Ethernet port on the gauge can be used to create a wired two-way communication link with a router running DHCP.



Required for installation:

- DG-1000
- Ethernet cable (Network cable, stranded CAT5 cable)
- Router running DHCP Server!

Installation steps:



Fig. 2.24

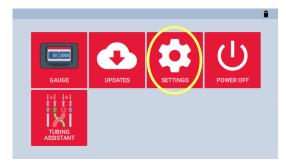


Fig. 2.25

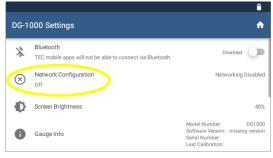


Fig. 2.26

Turn on the DG-1000 pressure gauge by pressing and holding the power button for approx. 3 seconds until the green power indicator light turns on, and wait until the DG-1000 is booted.

The bootup process may take some seconds to complete, and the gauge is ready to be used when the home screen appears (shown below).

To enable Ethernet connection touch "Settings" on the home screen.

Select "Network Configuration".



Select "Ethernet".
Ethernet will initially displays "Not Connected" on the right half of the screen.

Fig. 2.27



Fig. 2.28

 Plug in an Ethernet cable into the DG-1000's Ethernet port and into the Ethernet port on a router (in Fig. 2.28: red cable).

The Network Configuration status should update to show "Connected".

If the status continues to show "Not Connected" after two minutes, make sure the cables have been installed correctly and that the router is powered and running DHCP Server.

• Connect the computer to the same router, using either an additional Ethernet cable, or through a wireless connection.

Once this connection is made, TEC software installed on the computer should be able to detect the DG-1000 and create a communication link. Ethernet cables can be up to 100 meter long and still provide a robust communication link.

2.3.4 Testing whether TECTITE Express recognizes the DG-1000

Automated testing, semi-automated testing or cruising cannot begin until the necessary communication link between your laptop and DG-1000 has been established. Directly following the installation, it is thus recommended to check whether the DG-1000 is recognized by your laptop.

Turn on your DG-1000 and connect to laptop computer (→ Chap. 2.3.1 to 2.3.3.)
 Start the TECTITE Express software for your check.

Alternative 1:

Go to the *File* menu and open a *New Measurement*. Continue to click to the window *Test Graph (Auto Method)*. TECTITE Express will automatically begin to scan for a pressure gauge.

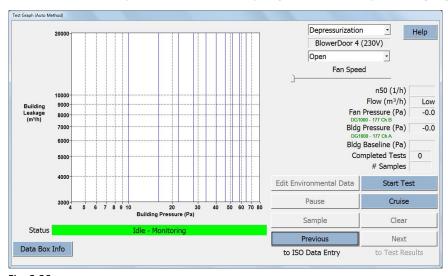
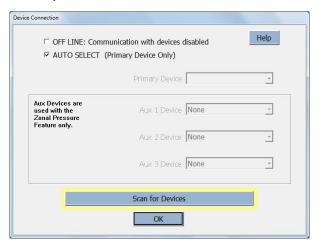


Fig. 2.29

A green status bar indicates that the DG-1000 has been installed correctly and is recognized by TECTITE Express. **DG-1000 is now fully remote controlled by TECTITE Express.**

Alternative 2:

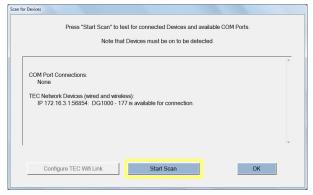
In the **Options** menu, select **Device Connection**.



The window will open set to **AUTO SELECT**:

To check your computer for all currently installed connected BlowerDoor devices and available COM ports click on the *Scan for Devices* button.

Fig. 2.30



Once the Scan window is open, clicking on **Start Scan** will provide a list of all installed communication ports on your computer. The scan will also show all BlowerDoor Devices that are connected to the listed communication ports.

Fig. 2.31



In addition, if you are using DG-1000's build-in WiFi module and your laptop is connected to the WiFi network, the scan will show all the device connected through this wireless network.



Wireless communication is only enabled when AUTO SELECT is checked.

Information:

- The Primary Device is the DG-1000 that will be used to measure building pressure and fan flow during the Blower Door test. The Primary COM Port is the communication port on your computer that will be used to communicate with the Primary Device.
- Checking the AUTO SELECT button in the COM Port Selection window will allow TECTITE Express to
 automatically search for BlowerDoor devices on all available communication ports on your
 computer. If you are unsure which COM Port to use, check the AUTO SELECT button. AUTO SELECT
 will attempt to establish a communication link with the first device that it finds. If a
 communication link is established, this device is considered the Primary Device.
- If you uncheck **AUTO SELECT**, you may specify a Primary COM Port (COM 1 through COM 256). This is only possible with a cable connection!

3 Components of the BlowerDoor Standard Measurement System



Fig. 3.1

Portable BlowerDoor equipment

The measuring fan, the adjustable mounting frame (in the grey transport bag), the differential pressure gauge DG-1000 in a padded bag as well as the accessory bag. The accessory bag contains the red BlowerDoor panel, the fan speed controller, hoses, the fan cap, the reference guide, the calibration certificates and if chosen a leak-locating device.

3.1 Measuring fan and speed controller



Fig. 3.2

BlowerDoor fan with flow rings A, B, C, D, E and fan cap

The flow rings are inserted face-up so that the cable passes through the recess in the C-ring.

The measuring fan and the rings are labeled with the device number CE XXXX. The calibration of the rings is only valid together with the corresponding fan.

On delivery, the fan cap is in the accessory bag.



Fig. 3.3

BlowerDoor speed controller

The speed controller is mounted on the gauge board.

3.2 DG-1000



Fig. 3.4 DG-1000

Differential pressure and flow gauge DG 1000 for automatic, semi-automatic and manual

BlowerDoor measurement in padded bag with

- two lithium Ion batteries (rechargeable); installed
- USB-C charger
- USB data cable
- Fan control cable

DG-1000 display is available in the following languages: English, German, Spanish, French, Italian, Norwegian, Dutch, Portuguese, Chinese.

3.2.1 Overview of the DG-1000



Fig. 3.5

3.2.2 Applications

The DG-1000 is a digital pressure gauge with two channels for measuring differential pressures. The DG-1000 can be used for airtightness testing in the following ways:

• If connected to a laptop, the DG-1000 automatically controls the fan. You can maintain a constant building pressure for leakage detection, and you can also conduct an automated (as well as

semi-automated) series of measurements to determine air flow at negative and positive pressures.

- The DG-1000 can control the fan to maintain a building pressure (cruise feature) without being connected to a computer. In addition to custom defined pressure differences, pressure difference of 50 Pa (for leakage detection), 25 Pa, 75 Pa, 0 Pa and +0 Pa are preset.
- You can also conduct manual measurements and read the differential pressures from the gauge's display.

The gauge regularly zeroes out the sensors (you will hear a clicking noise).



Do not move the DG-1000 during the test.

3.3 Mounting frame and panel



Fig. 3.6

BlowerDoor adjustable mounting frame

Four external braces for mounting frame: Two vertical braces for the sides (long) and two horizontal braces for the top and bottom (short). Two internal cross bars – one with Velcro to support the fan.



Fig. 3.7: Ends of the external braces of frame



Fig. 3.8: Ends of the internal cross bars

4 Installing the BlowerDoor Measurement System

The BlowerDoor system is installed in an exterior doorway, usually in a French doorway on the lowest floor being tested. It is installed in this location instead of in the main doorway of the building so that the leakage of the main door is included in the airtightness test results.

Installation in the external door of a large room is a good option. Air must flow through the fan unobstructed. A minimum clearance of 1.5 meters must be maintained around the fan (see Appendix B).



The BlowerDoor system is typically controlled from inside the building. All BlowerDoor equipment (bags, frames, fans, computer, paperwork, cable reel, etc.) is placed in the same room as the testing device.

A power supply of 220-240 V is required (electrical outlet or power cable from cable reel to worksite power distribution).

Fig. 4.1

To prepare the building, close all external doors and windows, open all internal doors, and apply temporary seals if necessary.

4.1 Installing the tubing for measuring outside pressure



One end of the clear 10 m tubing (for measuring outside pressure) is placed about 10 m from the building. Place a T-piece over this end to prevent disturbances from wind.

Once the mounting frame and panel have been installed, the other end of the clear tubing will be connected to the panel (see Fig. 4.7 below).

Fig. 4.2

4.2 Installing the mounting frame and panel

The mounting frame and panel are installed from inside the building.

The four external braces of mounting frame are laid on the ground so that they form a rectangle (Fig. 3.3). The clamping levers and adjustment knobs should all be on the same side of the frame. The opposite ends of the frame should be identical (either with two clamping levers and adjustment knobs in the corner, or without the levers and knobs).



Fig. 4.3

The four external braces are joined with button catches (push down on the button, connect the bars, and release the button so that it locks into position).





The clamping levers (1) must be open before the adjustment knobs (2) are used.

Fig. 4.4

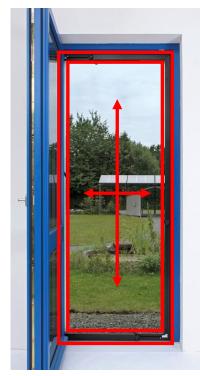


Fig. 4.5

Once the four external braces have been assembled, adjust the frame to loosely fit the dimensions of the door frame (leave about a finger's width on all sides).

Slide the frame into the door opening.

Re-adjust the frame height and width to the door opening by loosening the knobs on the braces and extending the frame pieces. After the braces have been adjusted, retighten the knobs.

To leave enough space for installing the panel, do not fully adjust the frame to the door opening. Leave about one finger's width of space.



Unfold the BlowerDoor panel on the floor and place the assembled frame on top (with the clamping levers pointing up). The Velcro straps on the panel should also face up.

Loosely fold the panel around the frame and secure it with the Velcro straps.

Fig. 4.6



Fig. 4.7

Before installing the fan into the panel opening, attach the clear outside tubing to the outside of the green patch at the bottom of the panel.

When installing the frame, make sure that the tube is not jammed between the frame of the door and the BlowerDoor frame.



You are now ready to fit the frame and panel into the doorway. Place one foot on the bottom horizontal brace of mounting frame and one hand against the top brace. Loosen the adjustment knob of one of the vertical braces. Slide the braces apart and press them firmly into the door opening. Once the height is fixed, retighten the adjustment knob on the vertical brace. Repeat on the other side.

To adjust the frame width, use the same method on the top and bottom horizontal braces.

Fig. 4.8

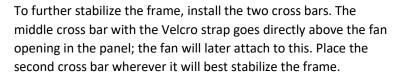


Fig. 4.9

Finally, engage all four clamping levers. This tightly secures the frame in the doorway.



Fig. 4.10



To install the cross bars, release the adjustment knobs on the bars, slide the cross bar halves apart, insert the ends of the cross bars into the slots on the vertical frame braces, tighten the adjustment knobs and engage the clamping levers to tighten the frame.

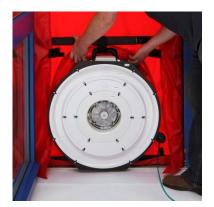


Fig. 4.11

You can test the stability of the frame by pulling on the cross bars. If the frame moves, tighten it further.

If the power supply is located outside of the building, run the power cable from the cable reel through the fan opening in the panel.

4.3 Installing the BlowerDoor fan, flow rings, and speed controller



For a negative pressure test, fit the fan into the elastic collar in the panel so that the flow rings are facing into the room. The rubber pad on the bottom of the fan is set on the lower frame brace. The elastic collar should fit snugly around the fan.

Fig. 4.12



The Velcro strap on the cross bar directly above the opening in the panel holds the fan in place. Pull the strap through the handle on the fan and secure it.

Fig. 4.13



Begin the test with flow rings A, B and C installed.

Fig. 4.14

Changing the flow rings

Each flow ring has an ideal measurement range (appendix B.2). When **automatically recording a series of measurements** with TECTITE Express, the software will indicate a change of flow rings.

If the **aperture of the flow ring** chosen during leakage detection **is too big**, you will reach a building pressure of, for example, 50 Pa, but will remain below the measuring range for this ring. The building envelope is more airtight than expected and you will have to insert a smaller ring.

If the **aperture of the flow ring** chosen **is too small**, you will not even reach the desired building pressure differential of, for example, 50 Pa at full fan speed. In this case, the building envelope is less airtight than expected and you will have to continue the measurement with the next biggest ring size.



To **change the flow ring**, rotate the ring clips to remove a flow ring. Insert the correct ring face-up (identifying letter facing up and the flow nozzle pointing into the fan) and retighten the fastener clips.

Fig. 4.15

View of fan inlet – open fan, flow rings A, B, and C









Fig. 4.16

Installing rings D and E





Flow ring D attaches directly to the center of ring B (remove ring C before inserting ring D). The letter D faces upward. When using flow ring D or E, the red tubing for measuring the flow of the fan (fan pressure) connects to ring D.

Fig. 4.17



Putting on the fan cover

Seal off the fan by installing the nylon fan cover over the fan. The fan is sealed in order to measure the building baseline pressure during the airtightness test.

Fig. 4.18



Fig. 4.19

Hang the fan speed controller and the DG-1000 on the upper of the two cross bars using the clamp on the back of the gauge board. Before connecting the speed controller to the fan, make sure the switch on the controller is set to "off" and that the control knob is turned completely to the left (minimum).



Next, the fan speed controller is connected to the fan and to the power supply.

Fig. 4.20

4.4 Connecting tubing to fan and nylon panel



Connect one end of the green tubing to the patch at the bottom right corner of the panel. Outside the building, the clear tubing should have been connected to the same patch.

Fig. 4.21



Fig. 4.22

For determining the flow of the fan when using **open fan** and **flow rings A, B, and C**, connect the red tubing to the port marked in red on the fan electrical box. The blue tubing should be connected to the port marked in blue.



For determining the flow of the fan when using **flow rings D and E**, connect the red tubing to the port on ring D. The blue tubing remains connected to the port marked blue on the fan electrical box.

Fig. 4.23

4.5 Connecting the Pressure Gauge DG-1000

4.5.1 Power supply for the DG-1000

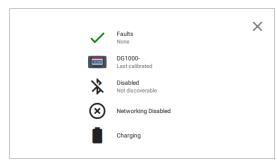


Fig. 4.24

The DG-1000 uses two lithium-ion batteries that are rechargeable and replaceable. The battery compartment is located on the back of the gauge.

To view the current battery level, turn on and boot up the DG-1000 and touch the battery icon. A pop-up will appear at the bottom of the screen indicating the battery level.

For details see Appendix B.1.

4.5.2 Connecting the DG-1000 to the fan speed controller



The DG-1000 is mounted on the gauge board using the four magnets on its backside.

Connect the gauge to the fan speed controller with the fan control cable (the cable with a 3.5 mm jack at each end).



Note:

Before storing the pressure gauge in its pocket, remove all connected cables.

Fig. 4.25

Fig. 4.26

4.5.3 Connecting the DG-1000 to a laptop

In order to conduct automated measurements with a laptop and TECTITE Express, connect the DG-1000 to the laptop and to the fan speed controller (see also Section 2.3).



Fig. 4.27

Interfaces of DG-1000

- Build-in WiFi module
- USB-C port (left marking) for USB data cable and charger
- Ethernet port (middle) for connection to a router
- Fan control jack for linking fan control cable to speed controller

Note:

If TECTITE Express does not recognize the DG-1000, see Chap. 2.3.4.

4.5.4 Connecting the tubing to the DG-1000



Fig. 4.28: Tube connection at DG-1000

Channel A: Building Pressure Differential

INPUT: **open** (building pressure)

REF: green tubing (outside

pressure)

Channel B: Fan Pressure Differential (flow)

INPUT: red tubing (fan pressure)

REF: **blue** tubing (fan reference

pressure)



Fig. 4.29

If there is air turbulence near the gauge, perhaps due to location (e.g. a narrow hallway), slip an additional piece of tubing over Channel A (input). Face the open end of this tubing away from the air turbulence.

Note:

DG-1000 has a tubing assistant app for various measuring tasks. To do this, open the tubing assistant via the start screen.

4.6 Overview of the Negative Pressure Test and Positive Pressure Test

4.6.1 Overview of the negative pressure test / depressurization measurement

The flow rings point inward, and air is sucked out of the building.

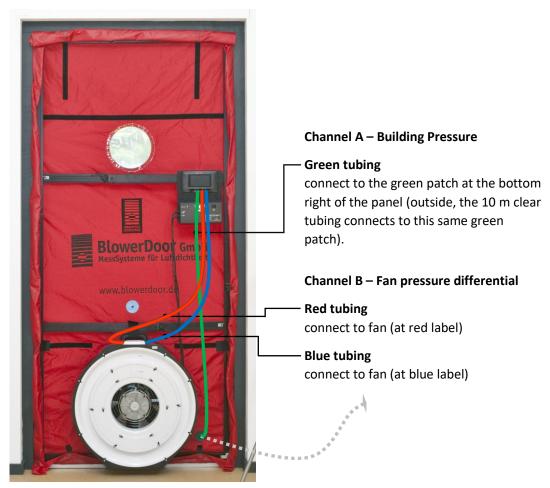


Fig. 4.30

If flow ring D or E is used, the red tubing should be connected to ring D instead of to the fan.

4.6.2 Overview of the positive pressure test / pressurization measurement



For a **positive pressure test**, the fan is **turned around**. The flow rings point outwards, and air is sucked into the building.

The tubing connections do not change.



Optional:

If you encounter strong pressure fluctuations while recording the pressurization series, connect a separate transparent tube to the free connection of Channel A on the DG-1000 and place the end of the tube into a flow-reduced area.





If flow ring D or E is used, the red tubing should be connected to ring D instead of to the fan.

5 Computer-Controlled Tests with TECTITE Express

Verification of airtightness layer is carried out with software TECTITE Express in accordance to the European measurement standards of EN ISO 9972 or EN 13829. TECTITE Express makes data entry easy and allows you to take one-point measurements.



Fig. 5.1

TECTITE Express offers detailed help for all windows (i.e. warning message windows). The *Help* button always appears in the upper right of the window. Familiarity with the European standards ISO 9972 and/or EN 13829 is helpful!

The main window of TECTITE Express is explained in detail below:



Opening TECTITE Express

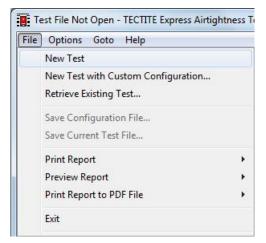
Once the program has been installed, click the TECTITE Express icon on the desktop to open.



Fig. 5.3

TECTITE Express start-up screen

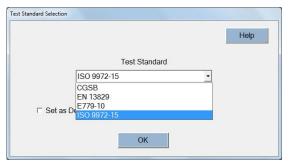
After clicking the icon, the start-up screen appears.



Opening a new measurement file

To begin a new measurement select the item *File/New Test* in the menu bar.

Fig. 5.4



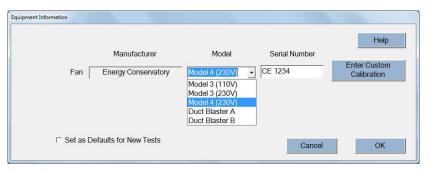
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Test Standard Selection

Use this window to select the Measuring Standard EN ISO 9972 or EN 13829. The ISO is preselected.

Check marking the box Set as Defaults for New Tests will save the selected Test Standard so that it will be applied to all future new tests.

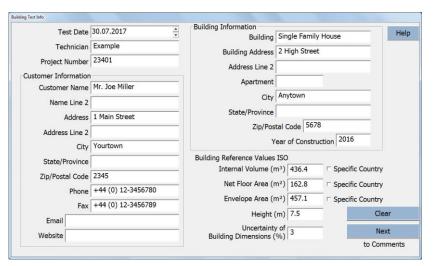
Fig. 5.5



Equipment Information

Use this window to select the fan model and enter its serial number.

Fig. 5.6



Building test information window

Enter all data relevant to the test in this window: dates, tester, customer, building address and building data.

Fig. 5.7

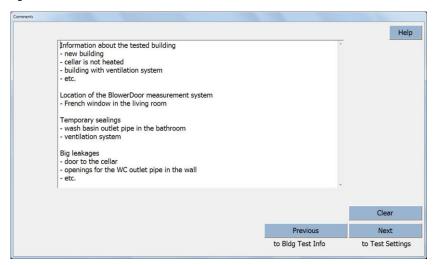
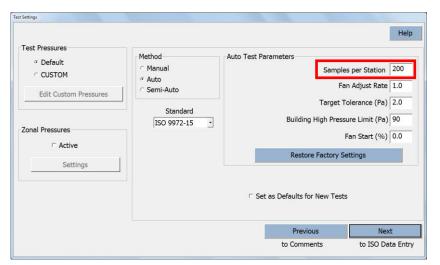


Fig. 5.8

Comments window

This window is for additional notes such as placement of the BlowerDoor Measurement System, temporary seals, building condition at the time of the test, and large leaks.



Test settings window

Use this window to change the pre-set measurement series and other test settings as well as to change the selected measuring standards if necessary.

Fig. 5.9

Note:

An increase in the *Samples per station* (measuring points per pressure differential) to, for example, 300 will improve accuracy since more values are used to determine the mean value. This is especially useful when it is windy. (For further information, see also Section 5.2.2.)

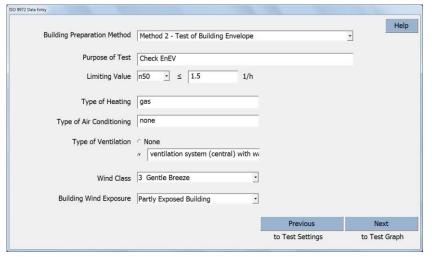
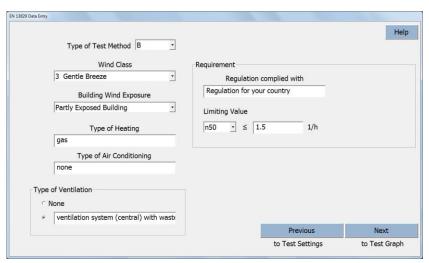


Fig. 5.10

EN ISO 9972 data entry window

Enter all data pertaining to the measurement standards.

For data entry in accordance to EN 13829, see Fig. 5.11.

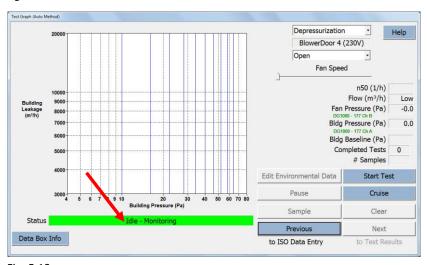


EN 13829 data entry window

Enter all data pertaining to the measurement standards.

For data entry in accordance to EN ISO 9972, see Fig. 5.10.

Fig. 5.11



Test graph window (measurement and leakage curve)

This window controls the automated measurement including the method of testing (positive or negative pressure).

Fig. 5.12

A green status bar indicates that the DG-1000 has been installed correctly and is recognized by TECTITE Express. **DG-1000** is **now fully remote controlled by TECTITE Express.**

If the status bar is grey, check if the gauge is switched on, if the cables are connected correctly, or if the WiFi-connection has been established. Make sure that the Bluetooth function of the computer is turned off.

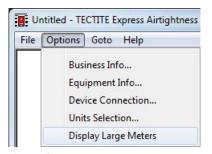


Before beginning the automated test, make sure that the speed controller is on and that the knob is set to minimum.

In order to create a test report that meets the standards, first check the building for leaks at a constant negative pressure of 50 Pa (see Chap. 5.1). Then, take and record a series of measurements at both negative and positive pressure (see Chap. 5.2).

5.1 Leakage Detection at Constant Negative Pressure with TECTITE Express

For an initial assessment of airtightness, and for locating leaks during a walk-through, generate a constant pressure differential (usually -50 Pa) in the building.



Displaying measurements

Under *Options*, select *Display Large Meters* to see a large display of real-time measurements that are being taken.



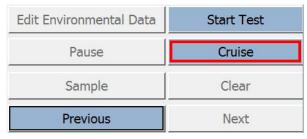


Fig. 5.14

Keeping the building pressure differential at 50 Pa

Hitting the *Cruise* button instructs TECTITE Express to run the BlowerDoor fan automatically at a constant pressure differential until the *Stop Cruise* button is hit.

Cruise Test Conditions

Prior to starting the Cruise Test, decide if it is necessary or not to set a *Baseline* and the building pressure by inserting the desired *Cruise Pressure* (50 Pa).

Fig. 5.15

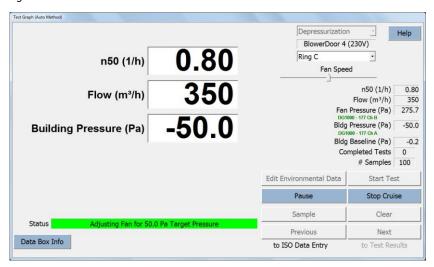


Fig. 5.16

Test graph window / Display Large Meters

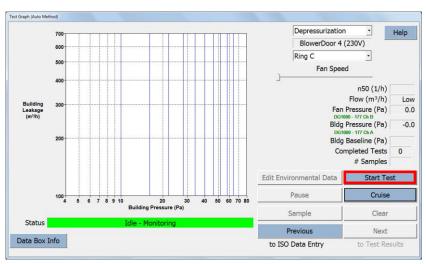
Building pressure, current flow rate, and the estimated air change rate n_{50} at 50 Pa are shown in the large display window.

If the flow rate is not displayed, use a smaller flow ring. If the air change rate n_{50} is not displayed, the building volume has not been entered, or the building pressure is less than 40 Pa.

To deactivate the large display, deselect the menu item *Options/Display Large Meters*.

5.2 Taking a Series of Measurements with TECTITE Express

5.2.1 Automated Measurement



Test and leak graph window

Now start the automated test by hitting *Start Test*. The software will interactively guide you through the test procedure.

Fig. 5.17

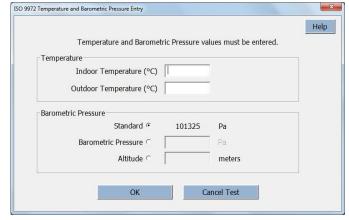
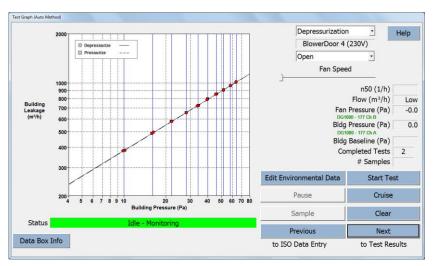


Fig. 5.18

Temperature and Barometric Pressure Entry

Temperature – indoor and outdoor – and barometric pressure values must be entered prior to starting the measurement.

After measurement, this data can be changed in the Test Graph by clicking on **Edit Environmental Data**.



Display of a complete test at negative and positive pressure

Negative and positive pressure measurements can be taken directly after each other. TECTITE Express shows both curves in one diagram.

Fig. 5.19

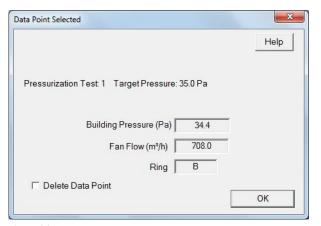


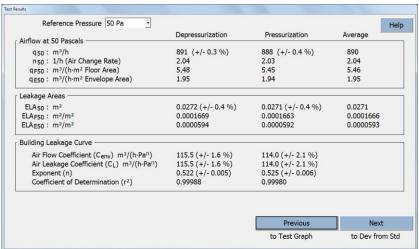
Fig. 5.20

Data point selection and deletion

Individual data points can be reviewed and permanently deleted from the graph.

By clicking in the previous *Test Graph* window on a data point will bring up a *Data Point Selected* window which lists the measured parameters for the data point, and includes a data point deletion option.

results.



The results are shown with the preset reference pressure of 50 Pa. If needed, the reference pressure can be changed (according to countryspecific requirements).

Test results window

overview of the test

This window displays an

Fig. 5.21

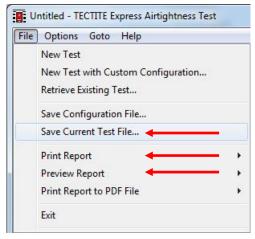


Fig. 5.22

Saving, viewing, and printing results

Under *File* you can

- Save the test current results
- Print the test report (For further information, see also Chap. 6)
- Preview the test report with all important data

5.2.2 Semi-automated Measurement

If you have

- a very airtight building,
- a test when there is a lot of wind,
- a test when a lot of vapour barriers (foils, etc.) are visible inside the building
- or a combination of the three points

the automated BlowerDoor Test in TECTITE Express maybe don't work proper. Then use the Semi-Automated Test.

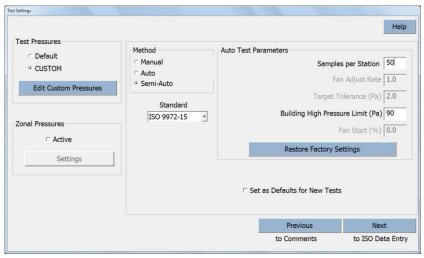


Fig. 5.23

Test settings window

Select **Semi-Auto** if you will use a DG-1000 for automated collection of test readings, but will be manually controlling the BlowerDoor fan.

In a semi-automated test, just *Samples per Station* and *Building High Pressure Limit (Pa)* can be adjusted from the Auto Test Parameters.

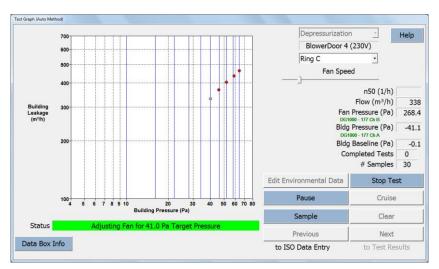


Fig. 5.24



Fig. 5.25

To perform a semiautomated test:

- Turn the speed controller carefully and slowly with your hand.
- Then, wait until the cursor is more or less stable. It takes some time to attain stable pressure do not make any unnecessary adjustments while waiting.
- If the cursor is stable then press the button Sample to collect the data for this target pressure.

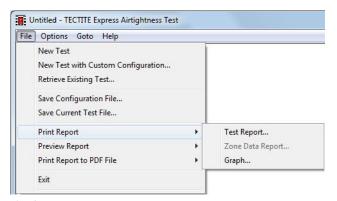


For more detailed information on the respective screens, notes, and warnings a *Help* button is provided for each screen.



6 Creating a test report

The TECTITE Express program allows you to print, preview or create a PDF file for a set of preformatted reports including a Detailed Test Report and a Test Graph.



Report printing and previewing options are available by clicking on *File* in the Main Menu.

The printing and preview functions within TECTITE Express utilize the printer drivers and configuration options currently installed in your computer.

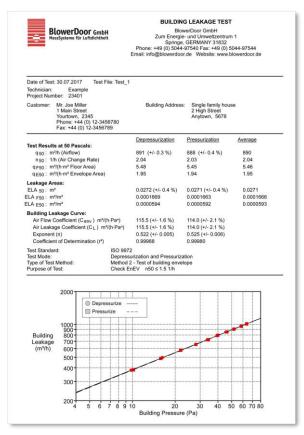
Fig. 6.1

Note:

The report format is dependent on the Test Standard selected in the *Test Settings* screen.

6.1 Detailed Test Report

The detailed Test Report contains a complete listing of the building data, test data, test results, as well as any comments input into the Comment screen.



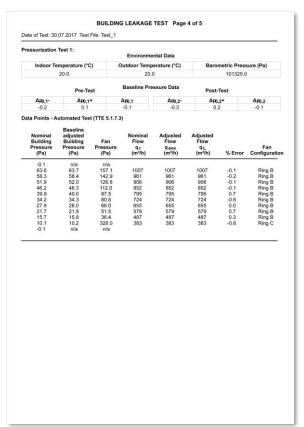
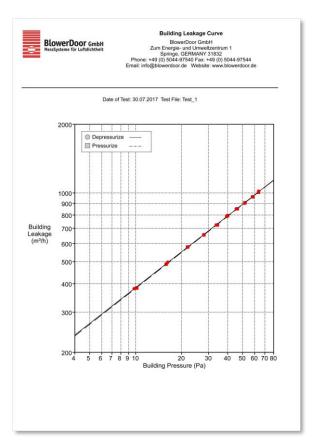


Fig. 6.2

6.2 Test Graph



The Test Graph is similar to the graph of fan airflow (or leakage) vs. building pressure from the Test Graph screen. It can be used to visually estimate the relationship between air leakage and building pressure.

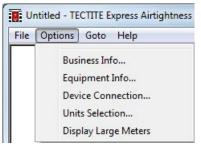
Fig. 6.3

6.3 Creating a PDF File of the Test Reports

TECTITE Express makes it easy to create a PDF file of any of the reports. Simply choose the **Print Report to PDF File** option, and then enter the name and location of the file to be saved in the file save window that appears. Once created, these files can be viewed on any computer that has PDF viewing software installed.

6.4 Putting Business Name and Logo on the Reports

The name, address, and contact information for your business can be placed at the top of the first page of all printed reports by completing the *Business Info* window.



To access the *Business Info* window, click on *Options* in the Main Menu, and then select *Business Info...*.

Fig. 6.4

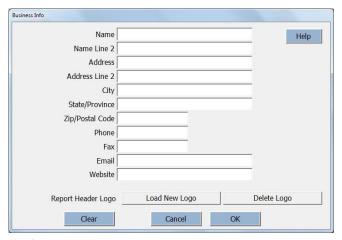


Fig. 6.5

Information entered in the *Business Info* window is saved as part of the data files.

To insert a logo at the top of the printed reports, simply click on the *Load New Logo* button. In the *Select Logo File* window which appears, find and select the desired image file from your computer. TECTITE Express allows you to choose the following file types for a logo image: bmp, jpg, tif, and emf.

7 Leakage Detection Using the DG-1000's Cruise Control (without laptop)



Fig. 7.1

Automatic one-point measurement at a constant building pressure differential can be executed optionally at 50 Pa, 25 Pa, 75 Pa, and -0 Pa and +0 Pa as well as at a customer defined pressure differential, with BlowerDoor system including DG-1000 (without laptop).

Remote controlling the DG-1000 via TECTITE Express or via a mobile device with the app TEG-Gauge is also possible. The app is available free of charge at the Apple App Store and at the Google Play Store.

Testing air barriers during construction with a BlowerDoor system is crucial to ensuring a good building envelope. During construction, it is easy to detect and fix leaks in the air barrier. A constant pressure differential of 50 Pa is generated in the building. As leaks are fixed, the DG-1000's Cruise Control feature automatically adjusts the BlowerDoor fan to maintain the 50 Pa pressure differential. The DG-1000 also displays the volume flow rate through the BlowerDoor fan.

The Cruise Control feature on the DG-1000 also allows you to quickly assess the airtightness of existing buildings.

No measurement according to European Standard

The one-point measurement is no substitute for a measurement according to standard (EN 13829 or EN ISO 9972). If a test that conforms to the standard is required, the test must be performed with a series of measurements, a laptop, and TECTITE Express.

Please contact us for information on manual tests.

7.1 Conducting the Test

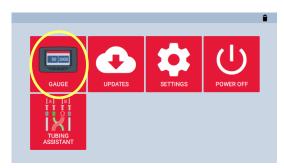


Fig. 7.2

Turning on DG-1000 and launching Gauge App

- Turn on the DG-1000 pressure gauge by pressing and holding the power button for approx. 3 seconds until the green power indicator light turns on, and wait until the DG-1000 is booted. The bootup process may take some seconds to complete, and the gauge is ready to be used when the home screen appears (shown below).
- Touch "Gauge" to start Gauge App.



Fig. 7.3

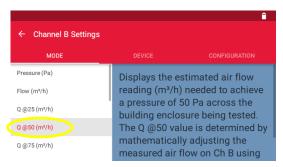


Fig. 7.4



Fig. 7.5

Selecting the measuring mode

When the device turns on, it is set to **Pressure (Pa)** (channel A, see on the top in the left cell). For channel B, the last selected setting is set (see on the top in the right cell).

- To change, touch the currently displayed measurement mode at the top of the right cell.
- Select mode Q@50 (m³/h) on Channel B.
 "Q" signifies flow.
 - In this mode, Channel A measures the building pressure differential. Channel B displays the calculated airflow at 50 Pa. The magnitude of this airflow depends on the size of the flow ring installed and the speed of the fan.
- Use the arrow to return to gauge screen.

Choosing the flow ring and the BlowerDoor model

- Install the desired flow ring on the fan. It is recommended to begin with ring C (to avoid excessive pressure differentials).
- On the DG-1000, the fan model and the flow ring configuration must be set accordingly.
- To change, touch the currently displayed fan model or ring at the bottom of the right cell.

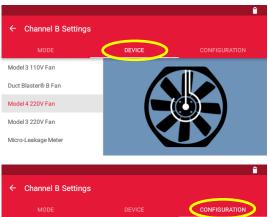






Fig. 7.7

- Select the fan model and the installed flow ring on the DG-1000. The current fan model and flow ring appears at the bottom of the right cell of the display. "Model 4 220 V fan" and "open fan" configuration is preselected.
- Use the arrow to return to gauge screen.

Turning on the speed controller

Turn on the speed controller switch only when the knob is turned all the way to the left.

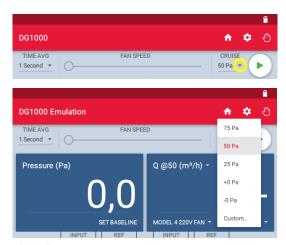


Fig. 7.8

Target pressure

 Touch the small gray triangle under "Cruise" to display the target pressure differentials and select or enter them manually.

A target pressure of 50 Pa is preset.

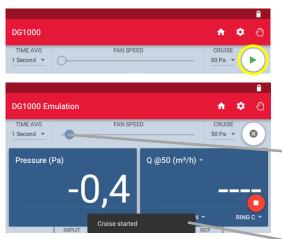


Fig. 7.9

Activating Cruise Control on the DG-1000

 Press the Play icon to the start Cruise function. The fan is automatically adjusted to the selected building pressure difference (target pressure).

The fan speed controller starts to move.

The display of the play icon changes to an and a red stop icon appears in the lower right corner of the screen.

A pop-up at the bottom of the screen indicates for a brief moment "cruise started".



Cruise canceled

Fig. 7.10

The Channel A shows the pressure difference.

The Channel B shows the estimated airflow at 50 Pa V_{50} in m^3/h .

Stopping the test

- Cruise will turn off when the X is touched, but the fan will continue running. When the X is touched, a pop-up will appear at the bottom of the screen that says "Cruise canceled."
- Touch the red stop icon in the bottom right corner of the screen to stop the fan. When the fan is stopped a pop-up will appear at the bottom of the screen that says "Fan stopped."

Note all values before switching off the fan and the DG-1000!

Note:

The red stop icon will appear on all screens within the Gauge app during cruise, so the fan can be stopped from any screen within the Gauge app.

If the Home screen is opened during cruise, the fan will automatically stop!

7.2 Notes on the DG-1000 Display

7.2.1 Display of air flow at 50 Pascal

The DG-1000 automatically estimates the air flow at 50 Pa using the following formula:

Estimated air flow rate (m³/h) at 50 Pa = Measured air flow rate (m³/h) \cdot [50 Pa / current test pressure (Pa)]^{0,65}

7.2.2 Display of other specific values on channel B

Values can be displayed, for example:

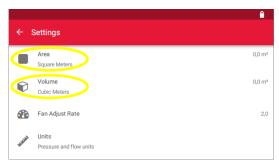
- Actual differential pressure: Pressure (Pa)
- Actual air flow rate: Q (m³/h)
- Calculated airflow rate at 25 Pa, 50 Pa, 75 Pa: Q @xx Pa (m³/h)
- Air change rate: n_{50} in order to display it is required to enter the building volume in the gauge app settings.
- Air permeability: $Q @50 Pa (m^3/h)/m^2$ in order to display it is required to enter the building envelope area in the gauge app settings.
- Air leakage rate per net floor area: $Q @50 Pa (m^3/h)/m^2$ in order to display it is required to enter the net floor area in the gauge app settings.

7.2.3 Input of building area and building volume



Fig. 7.11

To enter the building reference values, open the "Settings" menu at gauge app by touching the gear icon.



Touch "Area" or "Volume" to enter the values and confirm with "OK".

Use the arrow to return to gauge screen.

Fig. 7.12

Changing flow rings

Turn off the fan before changing the flow ring. Then set the flow ring configuration on the DG-1000.

Beeping sound during Cruise

If the chosen flow ring is too small for the building (if a test pressure of 50 Pa can't be reached), you will hear a beeping sound from the DG-1000. End the test, and install the next largest flow ring on the fan. Set the new flow ring configuration on the DG-1000 and then begin the new test. Turn off the fan before changing the flow ring.

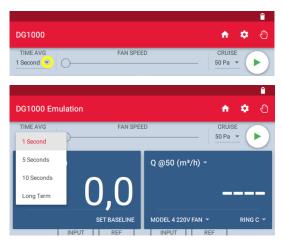
Channel B shows "Low" instead of a flow reading

"Low" appears in the Channel B display when the flow ring is too large. In this case, the air flow being measured is below the range of the flow ring. Repeat the test with the next smallest ring. Make sure the fan is off before changing the ring.

Possible causes:

• The building envelope is very tight.

Strong fluctuations



1 second.

To change, touch the small gray triangle next to "1 second" (= pre-set measurement time interval).

If the display is fluctuating, change the time averaging

setting on the gauge and choose the 5 or 10 second or Long-term averaging period. The default period is

Fig. 7.13

Channel B shows "Polarity"

If "Polarity" appears in the right display, the pressure tubes on channel B are probably interchanged. Please check the connections (see section 4.5.4 and section 4.6).

Appendix A: Technical Data

A.1 Minneapolis BlowerDoor Measuring Fan (Model 4.1)

Performance: $19 \text{ m}^3/\text{h} - 7,200 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ at a pressure differential of 50 Pa

Accuracy: Open fan, rings A through C (air flow of approx. 80 –

7,200 m 3 /h) \pm 4 %, with rings D and E (air flow of approx. 19 –

 $80 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}) \pm 5 \% \text{ or } \pm 1.7 \text{ m}^3/\text{h} \text{ (whichever is greater)}$

meets EN ISO 9972:2015, EN 13829, FD P50-784, CIBSE TM23,

ATTMA TS-1, ASTM E779-10, ASTM E1554-07, CGSB-149-10-M86, RESNET 2012, NFPA 2001

Electrical Input: 220-240 V, 50 Hz, 3.7 A, 1 Ph.

Fan Over-Current Protection Fuse: 250VAC/5AF VDE/UL approved.

Fan Motor Rating: 600 Watt, Class B Insulation, Thermally Protected.

Fan Control Jack Isolation Rating: $V_{ISO} > 2500 V_{RMS}$

Operational Environment: 0° to +50° C, 10-90% R.H. (non-condensing)

Fan Weight: 15 kg

Dimensions: (L x W x H) 61 x 60 x 25 cm

Noise Emission: At a distance of 1 m < 80 dB (on average 60 dB)

A.2 **Digital Pressure Gauge DG-1000**

Number of Pressure Channels: two (independent)

Pressure Range: - 2.500 Pa to + 2.500 Pa

Display Resolution: 0.1 Pa for readings 0 – 999.9 Pa

1 Pa for readings 1000 Pa and larger

± 0.9 % of pressure reading or ± 0.12 Pa (whichever is greater) Accuracy at Typical Use Conditions¹:

1) Typical conditions are a temperature range of 12,2° to 32,3° C, and a two year

calibration interval.

ASTM Standard E779-03, E1554-07, CGSB-149.10-M86, ATTMA Technical Standard 1 and NFPA 2001, RESNET and

US ACE

Recommended Calibration Interval: two years according to the manufacturer's specification

Units of Measure: Channel A: differential pressure in Pa or in. H₂O

> Channel B: differential pressure in Pa or in. H₂O; Airflow in m³/h, l/s or cfm; Airflow @ 25, 50 or 75 Pa in m³/h, l/s or cfm; Air Change Rate n₅₀ in 1/h; Airflow per unit area @ 25, 50 or 75

> meets EN ISO 9972:2015, EN 13829:2000, FD P50-784:2016-07,

Pa in $(m^3/h)/m^2$, $(I/s)/m^2$ or cfm/ft²

Automatic zeroing: On start up and then once every 10 seconds.

Tilt and motion compensation between auto-zeros.

Display/Touch Screen: (L x H) 480 x 272 pixels, 9.5 x 5.3 cm, capacitive touch screen

Display Backlight: User adjustable (default 40%)

Time Averaging: 1 second, 5 second, 10 second or long-term average

(continuous update)

Operating Temperature Range²: 5.5° C to 46° C

Storage Temperature Range: -20° C to 60° C

Digital Pressure Gauge DG-1000 continued

Power: Two lithium ion batteries (rechargeable and replaceable; size

18650, 2600 mAh, 3.7v, protected), charging via the supplied

USB-C-charger

Battery Life: Over 15 hours of continuous use with default settings, 13 hours

of continuous use with default settings and WiFi or Bluetooth

active

Auto-Off Time Adjustable from 10 minutes to never (= no auto off)

Dimensions: (L x W x H) 177 x 107 x 36 mm

Weight: approx. 445 g

Compatibility: Compatible with all TEC devices

Stand-alone: Cruise control for one-point measurement: Automatically

maintains a building pressure differential of 0, 25, 50, 75 Pa or

customer defined pressure differential.

Connections to PC/laptop: WiFi, USB-C, and Ethernet connection

Connection to mobile device Bluetooth

In connection with a laptop: Automated test, semi-automated test (TECTITE Express)

Logging data of pressure differentials (TECLOG)

Recommended Calibration Interval: 2 years

A.3 Software TECTITE Express

Version 5.1

Indication for Belgium Software tested according to the specifications of annex 1 of

STS-P 71-3.

A.4 BlowerDoor Mounting Frame and BlowerDoor Panel

BlowerDoor Mounting Frame standard size (adjustable)

Material: Extruded aluminum

Minimum and maximum width: 0.71 m to 1.14 m

Minimum and maximum height: 1.32 m to 2.43 m

Seal: EPDM flexible gasket

BlowerDoor Panel

Material Nylon with built-in vinyl window

Appendix B: Calibration, Maintenance, and Care

B.1 DG-1000

Software-Update

For verification and to install updates of the operating software, the DG-1000 must establish an internet connection: Turn on the DG-1000 and connect it to a stable internet connection either via an Ethernet cable or wirelessly over WiFi (Join network). Connecting the DG-1000 to a computer using a USB cable or Bluetooth will NOT establish an internet connection and updates can NOT be installed.

For connection via Ethernet, plug in the Ethernet cord into the DG-1000 Ethernet port and into a router with internet connection. Set the selected connection type in the DG-1000 menu "Settings" / "Network configuration".

For a wireless connection to the Internet, select the menu "Settings" / "WiFi (Join network)" and touch on the right SELECT WiFi NETWORK (→ Chap. 2.3.2.2).



Fig. 8.1

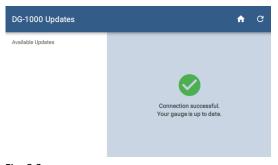


Fig. 8.2

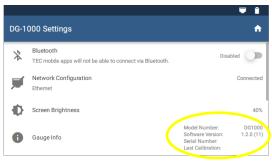
Once an Internet connection is established, return to the home screen using the arrow and the Home icon and then select "Updates".

The DG-1000 indicates if the device is already up-to-date (\rightarrow Fig. 7.2).

Any available updates will be listed on the left side of the Updates screen. To install an update, select the update from the list and touch the "Install" button. Follow the instructions.

Please ensure sufficient battery capacity of the DG-1000 for a smooth update!

After successful installation, touch "Power off" or "Reboot" to complete the update process.



Check that the DG-1000 successfully updated by going to the "Settings" screen and checking the software version.

Fig. 8.3

Calibration

A calibration label is located on the back of the gauge that includes the gauge serial number and the date it was last calibrated. This information is also available in the DG-1000 settings screen.

We recommend recalibrating the DG-1000 every 24 months. During the recalibration process, the "as found" calibration of the gauge is tested and recorded. The calibration is then adjusted and the gauge is retested.

If damage is suspected, have the DG-1000 inspected by our service.

Safety, warnings and troubleshooting information

- Do not operate the gauge if any liquid gets inside the gauge.
- If the inside of the gauge gets wet, immediately turn off the gauge and remove the batteries. Leave the battery compartment cover off to allow for drying. Dry the batteries with a towel and allow the batteries to air dry for at least 12 hours. Allow the gauge to air dry for at least 12 hours before inserting the batteries and powering back on.
- If a liquid gets inside the pressure ports, contact the BlowerDoor GmbH.
- Do not attempt to dry any of the electrical connectors with a Q-Tip or similar item.

Lithium Ion battery (rechargeable)

General information

The battery compartment of the DG-1000 is located on the back of the gauge. The DG-1000 uses two lithium-ion batteries that are rechargeable and replaceable. The manufacturer recommends using the Tenergy Li-Ion battery, size 18650, 2600 mAh, 3.7 V protected.

Safety and warnings

- Do not leave the batteries in direct sunlight or in an area heated by sunlight. The battery could generate heat, smoke or flames.
- Do not use the batteries when there is rust present, the batteries have a bad smell or if the batteries are damaged in any other way.
- Keep the batteries out of the reach of children and animals.
- If fluid from the battery leaks out and makes contact with skin, wash with soap and water. The fluid may cause irritation. If that happens please see a doctor immediately.
- Do not expose the batteries to extreme heat, flames or liquids.
- Do not modify or disassemble the batteries as this could result in leakage or explosion.
- When replacing the batteries in the gauge, use identical, fresh batteries.
- Always charge both batteries at the same time.

Battery run time, storage and recharge:

Battery run time is 15 hours, depending on connection type and screen brightness. To help preserve the battery run time, we recommend keeping the screen brightness at or below 40% and to turn off WiFi/Bluetooth when not needed.

All batteries self-discharge over time. The manufacturer recommends charging the batteries for a few hours once every three months using the included charger regardless of battery level. Batteries should be charged in temperatures between 9° C and 32° C.



Fig. 8.4

The batteries can be fully charged in about two hours using the USB-C port and included charger. Charge the batteries overnight for optimal battery performance. When the batteries are charging the indicator lights (green and amber) will be on. The amber light will turn off when the batteries are fully charged; it flashes if there is a charging error.

The DG-1000 will also be slowly charged when connected to a computer via a USB-C data cable. When the gauge is connected, the USB-C indicator lights will be on.

Instructions for disposing of the batteries



Batteries and accumulators do not belong to household waste, but must be disposed of separately.

Touch screen – use and care

- A screen protector is included with the DG-1000. Replacement screen protectors can be purchased from BlowerDoor GmbH.
- To clean the screen, use the microfiber cloth included with the DG-1000.
- Do not clean the screen with flux, water, acetone, ethanol, isopropyl alcohol, toluene or ammonia (glass cleaner).

Maintenance

- Operating temperature: 5.5° C to 46° C
- Storage temperature: -20° C to 60° C
- Avoid condensation (for example, when switching between dry and moist environments).
- Do not store the gauge in areas where it may come into contact with chemical vapor. The vapor can cause corrosion.
- Do not use the gauge when the batteries should be replaced (measurements may be inaccurate).
- Do not expose the gauge to excessive pressure.
 Note: It is easy to slam the gauge in doors during tests.

Reset DG-1000

A recovery disk (micro-SD card) is available from BlowerDoor GmbH. It should be used only if you need to reset the DG-1000 to the factory settings. If a situation arises where the recovery disk may need to be used, consult with BlowerDoor GmbH technical support.

B.2 BlowerDoor Fan

Calibration parameters for Models 4 and 4.1

| Fan configuration | Calibration parameters | | | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------|---|-----------------------------|--|
| | Air flow readings | С | | n | |
| Open fan | flow (m³/h) = | 745.4 | • | (fan pressure in Pa) 0.4848 | |
| Ring A installed | flow $(m^3/h) =$ | 273.2 | • | (fan pressure in Pa) 0.4952 | |
| Ring B installed | flow $(m^3/h) =$ | 81.69 | • | (fan pressure in Pa) 0.4968 | |
| Ring C installed | flow $(m^3/h) =$ | 19.30 | • | (fan pressure in Pa) 0.5157 | |
| Ring D installed | flow (m³/h) = | 12.31 | • | (fan pressure in Pa) 0.5032 | |
| Ring E installed | flow $(m^3/h) =$ | 4.761 | • | (fan pressure in Pa) 0.5166 | |

Note:

All air flow measurements shown on the DG-1000 are adjusted to an air density standard of 1.204 kg/m³. This corresponds to an air density under ambient conditions of 20° C and 101325 Pa. The adjustment is based on the CGSB regulation CAN/CG-SB-149.10-M86. This measurement does not include the actual airflow through the fan.

To find the actual air flow, use the formula provided by the manufacturer:

airflow
$$_{measured}$$
 (m³/h) = airflow $_{reading}$ (m³/h) · Air density (kg/m³) *)

*) Density of the air that flows through the fan. With negative pressure in the building, that is the density of the inside air. With positive pressure in the building, that is the density of the outside air.

Note:

TECTITE Express, the accompanying program, corrects the airflow automatically.

Calibration

We recommend that the fan be recalibrated every four years. Contact our office for more information.

With the exception of damage, the fan should retain its factory-set calibration settings between the recommended calibrations. Damage may include damage to the flow sensor, shifting of the motor or blades within the fan housing, damage to the housing itself, and leaks in the tubing or flow sensor. Periodically check the fan for damage.

Range of ring

| Ring | Min. fan pressure (Pa) | minimum air flow (m³/h) | maximum air flow at 50 Pa (m³/h) |
|----------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Open fan | 25 | 3549 | approx. 7200 |
| Ring A | 25 | 1345 | approx. 3900 |
| Ring B | 20 | 362 | approx. 1600 |
| Ring C | 15 | 78 | approx. 430 |
| Ring D | 15 | 48 | approx. 190 |
| Ring E | 15 | 19 | approx. 70 |

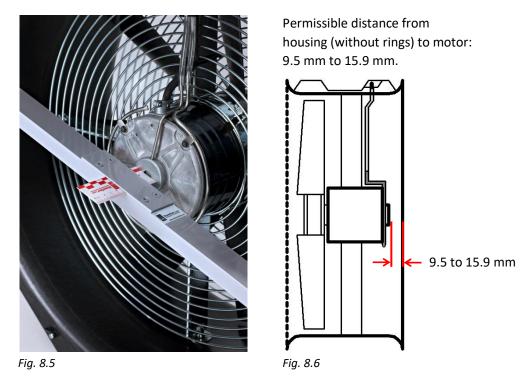
The fan is calibrated to a pressure differential of up to 80 Pa, but can be calibrated to differentials of up to 100 Pa. To do this, the data points must lie on the line of best fit.

Maintenance

Periodically examine the fan regarding the motor position, the tightness of flow sensor and tubing, and whether the ring clips are tight (if necessary tighten screws). Furthermore the fan should always be free from dust deposit.

Testing the motor position

To test the motor position, remove all rings. Lay a straight edge upright over the fan housing. Use a ruler or a yard stick to measure the distance between the straight edge and the motor, and then compare to the permissible motor distance.



If the permissible distance is exceeded, the fan must be sent to our offices for calibration and repairs.

Testing the flow sensor

The fan is equipped with a pressure sensor to determine the air flow from the fan and the installed ring. The sensor is made of thin stainless steel tubing.

Regularly check that the flow sensor does not appear broken and attaches tightly to the fan.



Fig. 8.7 Flow sensor

Regularly test the flow sensor and tubing for leaks.

Find the four pin holes in the steel tubing on the back of the sensor. Temporarily seal them, e.g. with masking tape. Attach a piece of tubing to the connection on the electrical box marked in red (near the handle). Next, suck on the open end of the tube; if there are no leaks in the tubing, a vacuum will be created. If you cannot create a vacuum, send the fan in for repairs. Remove the tape.

Cleaning the fan

Use a damp cloth to remove dust deposits on the motor, rings, blades, and housing. **Note:** Keep the air intake free of obstacles.

Keep the inlet area of the fan free of all obstacles

For a controlled regulation, the inlet area of the BlowerDoor fan must be free of all obstacles.

Simple rules for smooth operation

Install the fan in the outer doorway of a large open area. Do not install the fan in doors that open onto narrow hallways or staircases. Make sure that there is a clearance of at least 1.5 m (with an open fan, or more depending on the ring) from the intake of the fan. The fan outlet must have a clearance of at least 1 m. For greatest accuracy, also maintain a clearance of 30 cm on all sides of the intake.

If the fan must be installed next to a staircase or other large obstacle, use a flow ring.

Open the door in which the fan is installed as far as possible.

B.3 Fan Speed Controller

If the Model 4 Bower Door fan stops running or fails to respond to speed commands:

- Verify that the fan speed controller is turned ON.
- Verify that the fan speed controller power cord is plugged into an AC power mains outlet.
- Verify that the AC power mains outlet has electrical power.
- Verify that the fan connect cord from the fan speed controller is plugged into the receptacle located on the fan electrical box.
- Turn the fan speed control knob from minimum to maximum and back to minimum. If the fan fails to respond then the internal fuse may be blown and need to be replaced.

Replacing the fuse



CAUTION – HAZARDOUS VOLTAGES INSIDE MODEL 4 SPEED CONTROLLER.

UNPLUG POWER CORD FROM AC POWER MAINS OUTLET BEFORE SERVICING SPEED CONTROLLER.

Replacement Fuse Specification: 5 Amp, 250 VAC, 5 X 20 mm, FAST acting, approved by VDE/UL.

Opening the Model 4 Speed Controller Enclosure:

- Verify the power cord is **not** plugged into an AC mains power and that the controller power switch is **OFF**.
- Remove the four screws attaching the bottom enclosure cover to the two endplates
- Carefully separate the bottom cover from the rest of the enclosure. Do not disconnect the green and yellow ground wire which connects the top and bottom halves of the enclosure.

Replacing the fuse:



Fig. 8.8

- Locate the terminal block fuse holder next to the printed circuit board and power line filter. See Image below for details.
- Firmly grasp the black handle of the fuse holder and pull out the old fuse.
- Carefully slip the old fuse out of the black handle. Insert the new fuse into the black handle.
- Align the rib on the black handle with the notch in the terminal block fuse holder.
- Press the black handle and new fuse back into the terminal block fuse holder.

Reassembling the Model 4 Speed Controller Enclosure:

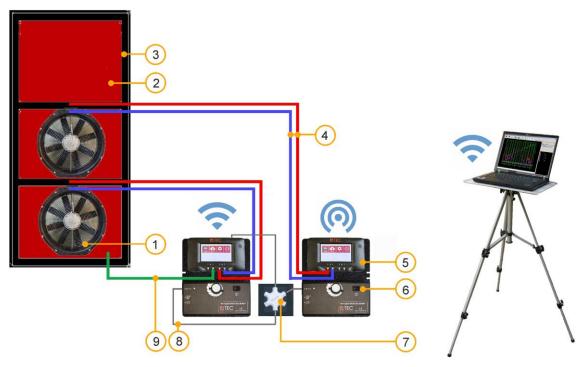
- Position the bottom enclosure cover in place between the two end plates.
- **CAUTION** verify that no wires are being pinched as the enclosure is closed.
- Replace the four screws. With each screw, align the screw in its hole perpendicular to the end plate. Rotate the screw counterclockwise about one full turn until the threads drop into place.
- Tighten each screw and verify that each screw is tight.

Verify Operation:

- Reconnect the controller power cord to the AC power mains outlet.
- Turn **ON** the controller Power Switch.
- Adjust speed control knob from minimum to half speed and verify fan operation.
- Resume normal use of speed controller.

Appendix C: Expansion Capabilities of the BlowerDoor Measurement System

Set-up possibility of BlowerDoor MultipleFan (2 fans) – WiFi connection



- 1 BlowerDoor fan (2 pcs)
- 2 BlowerDoor panel standard size with 2 openings
- 3 BlowerDoor mounting frame standard size
- 4 Set of tubes [connection fan DG-1000, red and blue (3 m)] (2 pcs)
- Fig. 9.1

- 5 Digital pressure gauge DG-1000 (2 pcs)
- 6 Fan speed controller (2 pcs)
- 7 Communication jack
- 8 Cable with jack plugs (2 pcs)
- 9 Set of tubes [capture outside pressure, inside green (3 m), outside transparent (10 m)]

Set-up possibility of BlowerDoor MultipleFan (3 fans) – WiFi connection

- 1 BlowerDoor fan (3 pcs)
- 2 BlowerDoor panel standard size with 3 openings
- 3 BlowerDoor mounting frame standard size + additional upper/middle cross bar
- 4 Set of tubes [connection fan DG-1000, red and blue (3 m)] (3 pcs)

Fig. 9.2

- 5 Digital pressure gauge DG-1000 (2 pcs)
- 6 Fan speed controller (3 pcs)
- 7 Communication jack
- 8 Cable with jack plugs (3 pcs)
- 9 Set of tubes [capture outside pressure, inside green (3 m), outside transparent (10 m)]

Set-up possibility of BlowerDoor MultipleFan (3 fans) – cable connection

- 1 BlowerDoor fan (3 pcs)
- 2 BlowerDoor panel standard size with 3 openings
- 3 BlowerDoor mounting frame standard size + additional upper/middle cross bar

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- 4 Set of tubes [connection fan DG-1000, red and blue (3 m)] (3 pcs)
- 5 Ethernet cord (2 pcs) [connection DG-1000 router (2 m)]

- 6 Router (DHCP) incl. Ethernet cord (10 m) [connection router laptop]
- 7 Digital pressure gauge DG-1000 (2 pcs)
- 8 Fan speed controller (3 pcs)
- 9 Communication jack
- 10 Cable with jack plugs (3 pcs)
- 11 Set of tubes [capture outside pressure, inside green (3 m), outside transparent (10 m)]

Fig. 9.3

Set-up possibility of BlowerDoor MultipleFan (1 + 2 fans) - WiFi connection

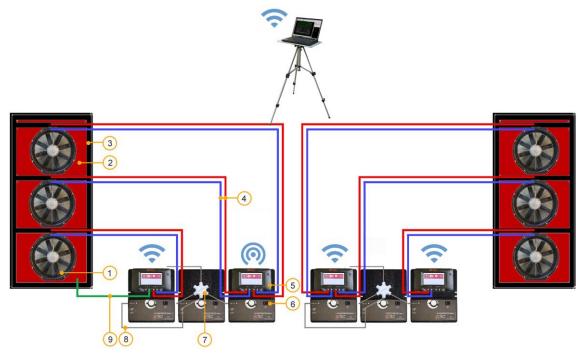


- 1 BlowerDoor fan (3 pcs)
- 2 BlowerDoor panel standard size
- 3 BlowerDoor mounting frame standard size (2 pcs)
- 4 BlowerDoor panel standard size with 2 openings
- 5 Set of tubes [connection fan DG-1000, red and blue (3 m)] (3 pcs)

Fig. 9.4

- 6 Communication jack
- 7 Digital pressure gauge DG-1000 (2 pcs)
- 8 Fan speed controller (3 pcs)
- 9 Cable with jack plugs (3 pcs)
- 10 Set of tubes [capture outside pressure, inside green (3 m), outside transparent (10 m)]

Set-up possibility of BlowerDoor MultipleFan (6 fans)



- 1 BlowerDoor fan (6 pcs)
- 2 BlowerDoor panel standard size with 3 openings (2 pcs)
- 3 BlowerDoor mounting frame standard size + additional upper /middle cross bar (2 pcs)
- 4 Set of tubes [connection fan DG-1000, red and blue (3 m)] (6 pcs)

Fig. 9.5

- 5 Digital pressure gauge DG-1000 (4 pcs)
- 6 Fan speed controller (6 pcs)
- 7 Communication jack (2 pcs)
- 8 Cable with jack plugs (6 pcs)
- 9 Set of tubes [capture outside pressure, inside green (3 m), outside transparent (10 m)]

Set-up possibility of BlowerDoor MultipleFan (12 fans)

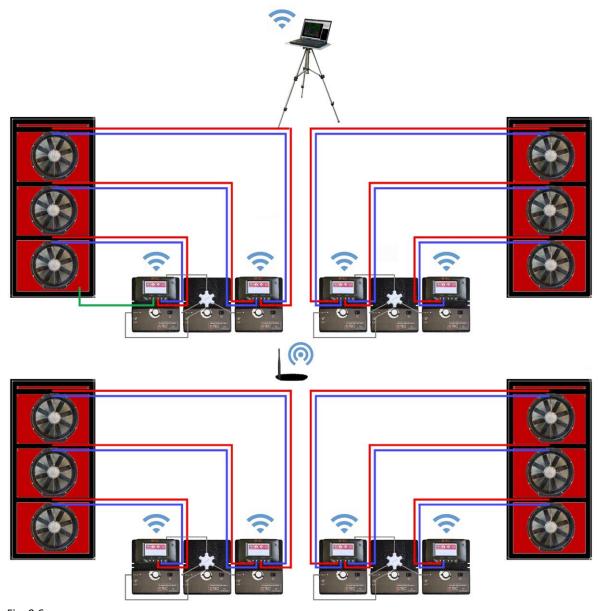


Fig. 9.6

Our Service Offer

Calibration of your BlowerDoor Measurement Systems

At \pm 4 % (flow rings A - C) and \pm 5 % (flow rings D + E), both the accuracy of the BlowerDoor testing flow rings as well as that of the pressure gauge DG-1000 at \pm 0.9 % clearly exceed the legal minimum requirements.

To maintain the high measuring accuracy of the BlowerDoor Measurement System, we recommend ensuring regular calibration: For the DG-1000, adjustment and manufacturer's calibration is recommended at an interval of two years. The accuracy of the BlowerDoor testing fan should be checked by calibration every four years. A previous fan check forms part of each fan calibration. The requirements of the national legislation should be considered for pressure gauge and fan.

In addition to the very high quality manufacturer's calibration, BlowerDoor GmbH also offers accredited calibrations with DAkkS calibration, which are conducted according to a standard defined by the German accreditation body (Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle GmbH, DAkkS).

BlowerDoor GmbH offers calibration of fans and of pressure gauges at favorable prices. Details are available on www.blowerdoor.com.

Seminars and in-house training

In addition to the extensive seminar program covering aspects of an airtight building envelope offered by the Energie- und Umweltzentrums am Deister, BlowerDoor GmbH and its contract partners also provide individual training on site or on-demand webinars. Contact us for more information!

Service at your construction site

If required, we will lend our competence to support you in conducting a BlowerDoor measurement at your construction site. Contact us for an offer tailored to your needs!

Listing in the directory of providers of BlowerDoor measurements

As a BlowerDoor testing team, your listing in our online database is free of charge. Contact us at info@blowerdoor.com if you would like an address entry, including a link to your email address and website in our directory of BlowerDoor test providers.

CompetenceCenter

All BlowerDoor testing teams receive access to our virtual Center of Competence at www.blowerdoor.com free of charge, where we regularly provide you with news and offer interesting information for download. Contact us if you have not yet received your client number and access data from BlowerDoor GmbH.

Advertising material for BlowerDoor testing teams

Upon request, we support BlowerDoor testing teams with professional printable files on BlowerDoor measurements free of charge. The material will feature your own contact data and company logo. (View a sample at www.blowerdoor.com.) If interested, send us an e-mail with your complete address and your company logo as a jpg file in printable resolution to info@blowerdoor.com.

Technical Support

Should you have unexpected technical problems while conducting BlowerDoor measurements, our tech support team is available free of charge during our office hours at the following number: +49(0)5044/975-57 (chargeable call to German landline).

Guarantee

Object of the guarantee:

BlowerDoor Standard, BlowerDoor MiniFan and BlowerDoor MultipleFan System

Besides the guarantee set forth in the law, BlowerDoor GmbH offers you a total of four years of guarantee for the complete BlowerDoor Measurement System (BlowerDoor fan including low flow rings and fan cover, DG-1000, mounting frame and nylon panel, speed controller, tube set, and accessory bag). The guarantee starts with date of purchase. It takes into account all claims under guarantee submitted to BlowerDoor GmbH in writing during the period of guarantee.

Should a claim under guarantee require the measuring equipment to remain at the premises of BlowerDoor GmbH for more than 7 days, customers upon request will be loaned a corresponding replacement for the duration of the repairs. BlowerDoor GmbH will bear the cost of shipping to the client's premises on the basis of standard cost of freight. Upon repair and on receipt of the repaired measuring device, customers shall send the measuring device loaned to them back to BlowerDoor GmbH at their own expense immediately. The costs as well as the risk of loss or damage on the way to or from the point where the claims under guarantee are accepted are borne by the respective shipping party.

Claims under guarantee cannot be considered

- when the measuring device or the object under guarantee has not been operated according to specifications, e.g. has not been properly handled or stored, in particular also when the operating instructions have not been observed or maintenance has been neglected,
- when the measuring device or the object under guarantee has been opened or repaired by nonauthorized workshops or other people,
- when the measuring device or the object under guarantee shows damages that can be traced to wear or tear.

In accordance with this guarantee, BlowerDoor GmbH shall only provide guarantee services if the guarantee case is immediately and without any delay communicated to BlowerDoor GmbH in writing.

This guarantee shall not cover consequential damages, in particular financial losses for the customer caused by failure of the equipment.

Upon completion of the guarantee service, ownership of the parts replaced shall fall to BlowerDoor GmbH.

Process/Delivery

Only BlowerDoor GmbH, Zum Energie- und Umweltzentrum 1 in 31832 Springe-Eldagsen/Germany (Tel.: +49(0)5044/975-40) shall be entitled to accept claims under guarantee. Customers shall send the faulty measuring device or component to BlowerDoor GmbH. BlowerDoor GmbH shall bear the cost of return shipping on the basis of standard cost of freight.

The costs and risk of loss or damage on the way to or from the point where the claims under guarantee are received are borne by the respective shipping party.



EC-Declaration of Conformity

THE ENERGY CONSERVATORY 2801 21st Avenue South, Suite 160 Minneapolis, MN 55407 USA

declares that the product

Minneapolis Blower Door Model 4.1

conforms to the council directives and harmonized standard requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use:

EC-Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC

EN 61010-1:2010

EC-EMC Directive 2004/108/EC

EN 61326-1:2006; Part 1 EN 61326-2-1:2005-12; Part 2-1

| EN 61000-3-3:2008 | EN 61000-4-5 | | |
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| EN 61000-4-2 | EN 61000-4-6 | | |
| EN 61000-4-3 | EN 61000-4-11 | | |
| EN 61000-4-4 | EN 61000-3-2:2006; A1:2009; A2:2009 | | |

Certification Laboratory

EC-Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC: TUV SUD America, Minneapolis MN

EC-EMC-Directive 2004/108/EC: International Certification Services, Glencoe MN

European Representative:BlowerDoor GmbH

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TEC DG-1000

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EC-RTTE 1999/EC

ETSI EN 301 489-17 V2.2.1:2012, referencing EN 301 489-1 V1.9.2:2011 EN 60950-1:2006 + A12:2011

EC-Low Voltage Directive 2014/35/EU

EN 61010-1:2010

EC-EMC Directive 2004/108/EC

EN 61326-1:2013

| EN 55011:2009 + A1:2010 | EN 61000-4-5:2006 | | |
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| EN 61000-4-2:2009 | EN 61000-4-6:2009 | | |
| EN 61000-4-3:2006 + A1:2008 + A2:2010 | EN 61000-4-8:2010 | | |
| EN 61000-4-4:2004 + AC:2006 + A1:2010 | EN 61000-4-11:2004 | | |

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