

Pin Moisture Meter

with Bluetooth®

Model MR55

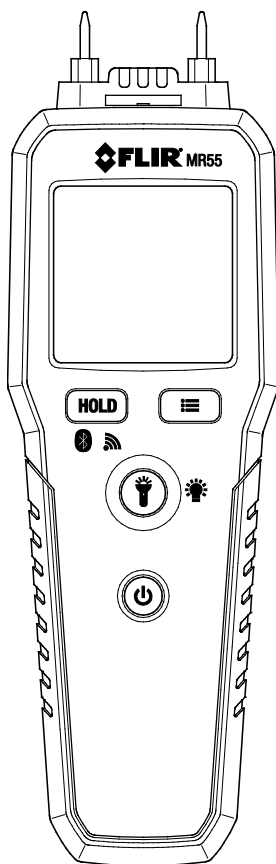


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1. Advisories

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2. Introduction

Thank you for selecting the FLIR MR55 Pin Moisture Meter with Bluetooth connectivity. This instrument detects moisture in wood and other building materials. The MR55 also measures Relative Humidity (RH) and ambient Temperature. This device is shipped fully tested and calibrated and, with proper use, will provide years of reliable service.

2.1 Key Features

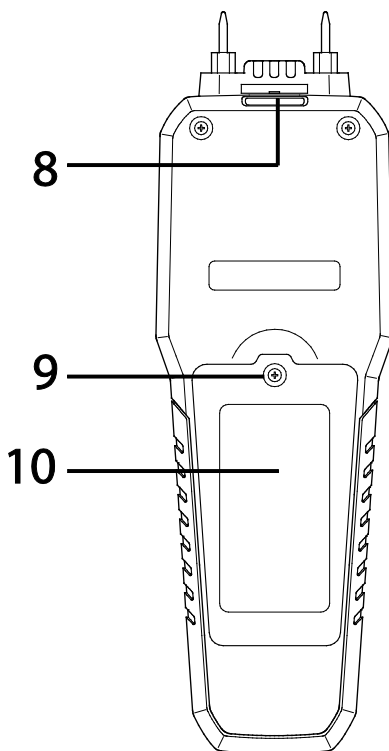
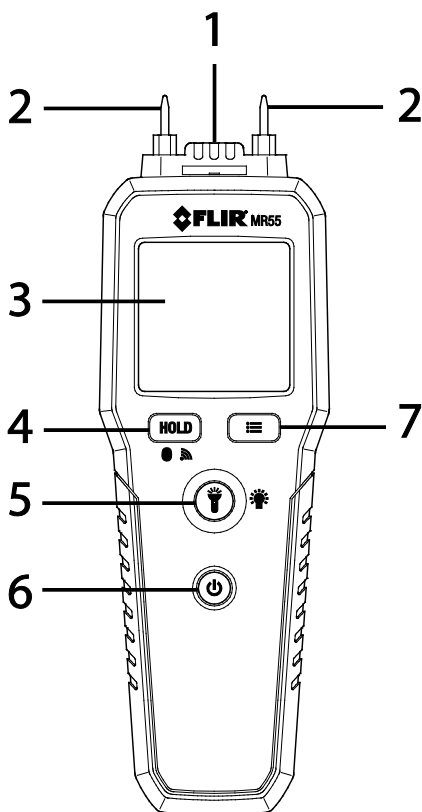
- Resistance-based pin moisture measurements for wood and other building materials including plywood, drywall, oriented strand board (OSB), brick, cement screed, concrete, cement mortar, anhydrite screed, lime mortar, and plaster
- Ambient Temperature and Relative Humidity measurements
- Test material group selectivity
- Bluetooth data transmission
- Worklight
- Backlit LCD
- Self-test calibration verification (test points in protective cap)
- Replaceable electrode pins
- Data Hold
- Battery powered (2 x 1.5V 'AA' cells)
- Automatic Power OFF after 20 minutes

3. Description

3.1 Meter Description

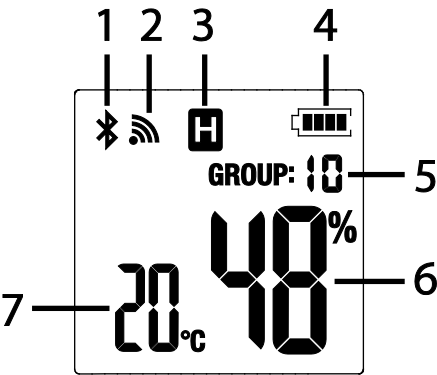
1. Temperature and Relative Humidity sensors
2. Measurement electrode pins
3. Display (backlit LCD)
4. Data Hold (short press) / Bluetooth transmit (long press)
5. Worklight ON/OFF (short press) and backlight ON/OFF (long press)
6. Power button (long press ON/OFF)
7. Material Group number (short press) and °C, °F, RH% selection (long press)
8. Worklight
9. Battery compartment lock
10. Battery compartment cover

Note: Protective cap not pictured



3.2 Display Description

- 1. Bluetooth (BLE) icon (when paired)
- 2. Transmission icon (appears for 3 seconds at the start of transmission)
- 3. Data Hold
- 4. Battery status
- 5. Material group number
- 6. Moisture measurement
- 7. Ambient temperature (°C, °F) and RH% display area



3.3 Button Description

	Long press to power the meter ON/OFF
HOLD	Short press to freeze/unfreeze displayed readings. Readings must first be held before they can be transmitted via Bluetooth
	Long press to transmit held reading to remotely paired device
	Short press to switch Worklight ON/OFF
	Long press to switch display backlight ON/OFF
	Short press to select a material group number (1~11) Long press to step through ambient temperature (°C, °F) and relative humidity readings (shown on lower left display digits)

4. Operation

CAUTION: The electrode measurement pins are sharp; Use care when handling. Cover the pins with the protective cap when the instrument is not in use.

4.1 Meter Power and APO

1. Two (2) 1.5V 'AA' batteries (rear compartment) power the meter.
2. Long press the power button  to switch the meter ON/OFF. When ON, the meter display will appear as shown in the meter description section above. If the meter display does not switch ON, please check the batteries.
3. The meter's APO feature automatically switches the meter OFF after 20 minutes of inactivity.

4.2 Measuring Temperature and Relative Humidity

The ambient temperature and relative humidity sensors are located at the top of the meter (item 1 in the *Meter Description* section).

Moisture measurements are automatically temperature compensated. The meter calculates the compensation using the ambient temperature measurements.

1. The temperature or humidity reading appears on the bottom left of the LCD.
2. Long press the  button to step through °F, °C, and Relative Humidity readings.
3. Remove the protective cap when taking ambient measurements.
4. Replace the cap when finished.

4.3 Moisture Measurements

1. Power the meter and select the appropriate material group using the  button (short presses). See the Material Group Reference sections for details.
2. The meter detects moisture through the electrode pins positioned at the top of the meter. Carefully remove the protective cap and push the pins firmly into the material under test. For wood applications, insert the pins perpendicular to the wood's fiber structure.
3. View the readings on the LCD. Take several readings in a variety of locations for the best representation of the moisture present.
4. The measurement range for wood is 7 to 99%. The measurement range for other building materials is 1 to 99% (Group 10) and 1 to 35% (Group 11). Readings are automatically temperature compensated.
5. Replace the protective cap after each use.

4.4 Bluetooth Transmission Basics

- When connected with a remote device, the MR55 shows the Bluetooth icon .
- To transmit a displayed reading to a remotely paired device, first short press the **HOLD** button to freeze the reading.
- Long press the   button to send the data. The transmission symbol  will appear for 3 seconds during transmission. The information transmitted consists of the moisture reading, material group number, and the temperature or humidity reading (depending on which you select to display on the meter). See the dedicated Bluetooth section for technical details.
- Note that when you switch the meter ON, the Bluetooth icon will be OFF. It only appears when you connect the MR55 with a remote device. Further, you cannot transmit data unless the display is showing the Bluetooth icon.

4.5 Display Backlight

Long press the backlight button  to switch the LCD backlight ON/OFF. Overuse of the backlight will shorten battery life considerably.

4.6 Worklight

Short press the Worklight button  to switch the beam ON/OFF. To conserve battery life, use the light only as needed.

4.7 Data Hold

Short press the **HOLD** button to freeze/unfreeze the displayed reading. The 'H' icon appears when the data hold mode is active. You must freeze a reading first, before transmitting the reading data via Bluetooth.

4.8 Material Group Selection

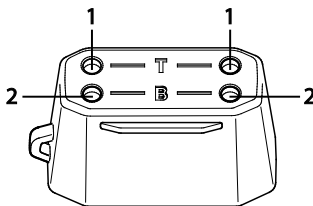
Short press the  button to step through the material group numbers (1 ~ 11). See the Material Group Reference section for details.

4.9 Temperature (°C, °F) and Relative Humidity Display Selection

Long press the  button to step through °F, °C, and Relative Humidity readings. These readings appear on the lower left LCD area.

4.10 Calibration Verification Test

With the meter ON and set to Group 1, touch the measurement pins to the test points labeled 'T' on the protective cap (test points '1' in accompanying diagram). The display will read 18% (± 2) if the test passes. Next, touch the measurement pins to the test points labeled 'B' on the protective cap (test points '2' in the accompanying diagram). The display will read 26% (± 2) if the test passes. Please return the MR55 for service if either self-test consistently fails.



5. Bluetooth Technical Details

When connected with a remote device running the **FLIR Tools™** mobile app, the MR55 (using the **METERLiNK®** protocol) can send readings for display on the remote device. When connected to a compatible FLIR camera that supports **BLE** (Bluetooth Low Energy), the MR55 can send meter readings for display on the camera screen.

Download the **FLIR Tools** mobile app from the Google Play™ Store, the Apple App store, or from here: <https://www.flir.com/products/flir-tools-app/>

1. When successful communication between the meter and a remote device or FLIR camera is established, the Bluetooth icon  appears on the meter display.
2. Refer to the **FLIR Tools** help utility (in the mobile app) for detailed information and tutorials regarding the **FLIR Tools** application.
3. Refer to Section 4.4 *Bluetooth Transmission Basics* for using the meter to transmit data via Bluetooth.

6. Maintenance

6.1 Cleaning

- Wipe the meter housing and pins with a soft, damp cloth. Use a mild detergent if necessary. Do not use solvents or abrasives.
- Always keep the instrument dry.
- Prevent dirt from accumulating at the electrode pins.

6.2 Battery Installation and Replacement

If the instrument does not switch ON or if the battery status icon indicates a low battery voltage, please replace the batteries:

1. Remove the Phillips head screw at the rear of the instrument and remove the battery compartment cover.
2. Install or replace the two (2) x 1.5V 'AA' batteries observing correct polarity.
3. Secure the battery compartment before operating the meter.

6.3 Electrode Pin Replacement

To replace the two electrode pins:

1. Remove the protective cap
2. Unscrew and remove the electrode pins
3. Install the new pins
4. Replace the protective cap

7. Safety

- The electrode pins are sharp; please use caution when handling the meter. Keep the protective cover in place when not in use.
- Keep the instrument dry.
- Do not strike the meter to push the pins further into the material under test. Always hold the meter by its side grips when firmly pressing the pins into the tested material.
- Store the batteries separately when the meter is to be stored for periods longer than 60 days.

7.1 FCC Compliance

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference.
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

1. Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
2. Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
3. Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
4. Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

WARNING

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

8. Specifications

Measurements	Moisture, relative humidity, & ambient temperature
Moisture measurement type	Electrical resistance
Display	Backlit, multifunction LCD
Electrode length	0.4 in (10mm)
Electrode pins	Integrated, replaceable
Worklight	White LED
Auto Power OFF (APO)	After 20 minutes
Power supply	Two (2) 1.5V ‘AA’ batteries (rear compartment)
Low battery indicator	 (100% to empty)
Operating Temperature	32 to 122°F (0 to 50°C)
Operating Humidity	85% Relative Humidity maximum
Housing material	Impact resistant plastic
Drop-proof	6.6 in (2 m)
IP rating	IP40
Safety Compliance	CE, RCM
Dimensions	7.4 x 2.3 x 1.3 in (188 x 58 x 33 mm)
Weight	5.6 oz (160 g) battery excluded

Measurements

Function	Range	Accuracy
Moisture in wood Group 1~9	7 to 29%	± 2% MC*
	30 to 99%	Reference Only
Moisture in building materials Group 10 and 11	1 to 99% (Group 10)	Reference Only
	1 to 35% (Group 11)	
Ambient Temperature	32 to 122°F (0 to 50°C)	± 2°F (1°C)
Ambient Relative Humidity	0 to 10%	± 4%
	10 to 85%	± 2%

** Maximum specified range is dependent on the fiber saturation point for specific species. Beyond this point, the reading can only be used as a relative reference value. For more information on fiber saturation please refer to ASTM D7438. Accuracy specification is based on the analysis in J. Fernández-Golfín et al. Actual real-world accuracy depends on a variety of factors; For more information, refer to ASTM D4444, section 6.*

Relative Humidity Sensor Note

The meter should be stored in an environment with a relative humidity like the area to be tested. If the storage humidity differs by more than 50% RH from the area under test, an acclimation period of up to 24 hours may be required to meet the specified RH accuracy.

9. Material Group Reference

9.1 Common Names of Timbers (BS888/589:1973) with group nos.

Group 1 ~ 8 for timbers

Group 9 for plywood, drywall, and oriented strand board (OSB)

Group 10 for brick, cement screed, and concrete

Group 11 for cement mortar, anhydrite screed, lime mortar, and plaster

Group 10 and 11 are not specified for accuracy and should be used for reference only

Abura	4	Gurjun	1	Pine, American Long Leaf	3
Afara	1	Hemlock, Western	3	Pine, American Pitch	3
Aformosa	6	Hiba	8	Pine, Bunya	2
Azelia	4	Hickory	5	Pine, Caribbean Pitch	3
Agba	8	Hyedunani	2	Pine, Corsican	3
Amboyna	6	Iroko	5	Pine, Hoop	3
Ash, American	2	Ironbank	2	Pine, Huon	2
Ash, European	1	Jarrah	3	Pine, Japanese Black	2
Ash, Japanese	1	Jelutong	3	Pine, Kauri	4
Ayan	3	Kapur	1	Pine, Lodgepole	1
Baguacu, Brazilian	5	Karri	1	Pine, Maritime	2
Balsa	1	Kauri, New Zealand	4	Pine, New Zealand White	2
Banga Wanga	1	Kauri, Queensland	8	Pine, Nicaraguan Pitch	3
Basswood	6	Keruing	5	Pine, Parana	2
Beech, European	3	Kuroka	1	Pine, Ponderosa	3
Berlina	2	Larch, European	3	Pine, Radiata	3
Binvang	4	Larch, Japanese	3	Pine, Red	2
Birch, European	8	Larch, Western	5	Pine, Scots	1
Birch, Yellow	1	Lime	4	Pine, Sugar	3
Bisselon	4	Loliondo	3	Pine, Yellow	1
Bitterwood	5	Mahogany, African	8	Poplar, Black	1
Blackbutt	3	Mahogany, West Indian	2	Pterygota, African	1
Bosquiea	1	Makore	2	Pyinkado	4
Boxwood, Maracaibo	1	Mansonia	2	Queensland Kauri	8
Camphorwood, E African	3	Maple, Pacific	1	Queensland Walnut	3
Canarium, African	2	Maple, Queensland	2	Ramin	6
Cedar, Japanese	2	Maple, Rock	1	Redwood, Baltic (European)	1
Cedar, West Indian	8	Maple, Sugar	1	Redwood, Californian	2
Cedar, Western Red	3	Matai	4	Rosewood, Indian	1

Cherry, European	8	Meranti, Red (dark/light)	2	Rubberwood	7
Chestnut	3	Meranti, White	2	Santa Maria	7
Coachwood	6	Merbau	2	Sapele	3
Cordia, American Light	5	Missanda	3	Sen	1
Cypress, E African	1	Muhuhi	8	Seraya, Red	3
Cypress, Japanese (18-28%mc)	3	Muninga	6	Silky Oak, African	3
Cypress, Japanese (8-18%mc)	8	Musine	8	Silky Oak, Australian	3
Dahoma	1	Musizi	8	Spruce, Japanese (18-28%mc)	3
Danta	3	Myrtle, Tasmanian	1	Spruce, Japanese (8-18%mc)	8
Douglas Fir	2	Naingon	3	Spruce, Norway (European)	3
Elm, English	4	Oak, American Red	1	Spruce, Sitka	3
Elm, Japanese Grey Bark	2	Oak, American White	1	Sterculia, Brown	1
Elm, Rock	4	Oak, European	1	Stringybark, Messmate	3
Elm, White	4	Oak, Japanese	1	Stringybark, Yellow	3
Empress Tree	8	Oak, Tasmanian	3	Sycamore	5
Erimado	5	Oak, Turkey	4	Tallowwood	1
Fir, Douglas	2	Obeche	6	Teak	5
Fir, Grand	1	Odoko	4	Totara	4
Fir, Noble	8	Okwen	2	Turpentine	3
Gegu, Nohor	7	Olive, E African	2	Utile	8
Greenheart	3	Olivillo	6	Walnut, African	8
Guarea, Black	8	Opepe	7	Walnut, American	1
Guarea, White	7	Padang	1	Walnut, European	3
Gum, American Red	1	Padauk, African	5	Walnut, New Guinea	2
Gum, Saligna	2	Panga Panga	1	Walnut, Queensland	3
Gum, Southern	2	Persimmon	6	Wandoo	8
Gum, Spotted	1	Pillarwood	5	Wawa	6
				Whitewood	3
				Yew	3

9.2 Botanical names of timbers with MR55 group numbers

Abies alba	1	Eucalyptus acmenicides	3	Picea jezoensis (8-18%mc)	8
Abies grandis	1	Eucalyptus crebra	2	Picea sitchensis	3
Abies procera	8	Eucalyptus diversicolor	1	Pinus caribaea	3
Acanthopanax ricinifolius	1	Eucalyptus globulus	2	Pinus contorta	1
Acer macrophyllum	1	Eucalyptus maculate	1	Pinus lampertiana	3
Acer pseudoplatanus	5	Eucalyptus marginata	3	Pinus nigra	3
Acer saccharum	1	Eucalyptus microcorys	1	Pinus palustris	3
Aetoxicon punctatum	6	Eucalyptus obliqua	3	Pinus pinaster	2
Aformosia elata	6	Eucalyptus pilularis	3	Pinus ponderosa	3
Afzelia spp	4	Eucalyptus saligna	2	Pinus radiata	3
Agathis australis	4	Eucalyptus wandoo	8	Pinus spp	2
Agathis palmerstoni	8	Fagus sylvatica	3	Pinus strobus	1
Agathis robusta	8	Flindersia brayleyana	2	Pinus sylvestris	1
Amblygonocarpus andogensis	1	Fraxinus Americana	2	Pinus thunbergii	2
Amblygonocarpus obtusungulis	1	Fraxinus excelsior	1	Pipadeniastrum africanum	1
Araucaria angustifolia	2	Fraxinus japonicus	1	Piptadenia africana	1
Araucaria bidwilli	2	Fraxinus mardshurica	1	Podocarpus dacrydiodes	2
Araucaria cunninghamii	3	Gonystylus macrophyllum	6	Podocarpus spicatus	3
Berlinia grandiflora	2	Gossweilodendron balsamiferum	8	Podocarpus totara	4
Berlinia spp	2	Gossypiospermum proerox	1	Populus spp	1
Betula alba	8	Grevillea robusta	3	Prunus avium	8
Betula alleghaniensis	8	Guarea cedrata	7	Pseudotsuga menzesii	2
Betula pendula	8	Guarea thomsonii	8	Pterocarpus angolensis	6
Betula spp	8	Guibortia ehie	2	Pterocarpus indicus	6
Bosquiera phoberos	1	Hevea brasiliensis	7	Pterocarpus soyauxii	5
Brachylaena hutchinsii	8	Intsia bijuga	2	Pterygota bequaertii	1
Brachystegia spp	2	Juglans nigra	1	Quercus cerris	4
Calophyllum brasiliense	7	Juglans regia	3	Quercus delegatensis	3
Canarium schweinfurthii	2	Khaya ivorensis	8	Quercus gigantean	3
Cardwellia sublimis	3	Khaya senegalensis	4	Quercus robur	1
Carya glabra	5	Larix decidua	3	Quercus spp	1
Cassipourea elliotii	5	Larix kaempferi	3	Ricinodendron heudelotti	5
Cassipourea melanosana	5	Larix leptolepis	3	Sarcocephalus diderrichii	7
Castanea sutiva	3	Larix occidentalis	5	Scottellia coriacea	4

Cedrela odorata	8	Liquidambar styraciflua	1	Sequoia sempervirens	2
Ceratopetalum apetalum	6	Lourea klaineana	8	Shorea spp	2
Chamaecyparis spp (18-28%mc)	3	Lourea trichiloides	8	Sterculia rhinopetala	1
Chamaecyparis spp (8-18%mc)	8	Maesopsis eminii	8	Swietenia candollei	1
Chlorophora excelsa	5	Mansonia altissima	2	Swietenia mahogany	2
Cordia alliodora	5	Millettia stuebelianii	1	Syncarpia glomulifera	3
Croton megalocarpus	8	Mimusops heckelii	2	Syncarpia laurifolia	3
Cryptomelia japonica	2	Mitragyna ciliata	4	Tarrietia utilis	3
Cupressus spp	1	Nauclea diderrichii	7	Taxus baccata	3
Dacrydium franklinii	2	Nesogordonia papaverifera	3	Tectona grandis	5
Dalbergia latifolia	1	Nothofagus cunninghamii	1	Terminalia superba	1
Diospyros virginiana	6	Ochroma pyramidalis	1	Thuja plicata	3
Dipterocarpus (Keruing)	5	Ocotea rodiaei	3	Thujopsis dolabrata	8
Dipterocarpus zeylanicus	1	Ocotea usambarensis	3	Tieghamella heckelii	2
Distemonanthus benthamianus	3	Octomeles sumatrana	4	Tilia americana	6
Dracontomelum mangiferum	2	Olea hochstetteri	2	Tilia vulgaris	4
Dryobalanops spp	1	Olea welwitschii	3	Triplohiton scleroxylon	6
Dyera costulata	3	Palaquium spp	1	Tsuga heterophylla	3
Endiandra palmerstoni	3	Paulownia tomentosa	8	Ulmus americana	4
Entandrophragma angolense	7	Pericopsis elata	6	Ulmus procera	4
Entandrophragma cylindricum	3	Picea excelsa	3	Ulmus thomasi	4
Entandrophragma utile	8	Picea abies	3	Xylia dolabriformis	4
Erythrophloeum spp	3	Picea jezoensis (18-28%mc)	3	Zelkova serrata	2

9.3 %WME Table (% Wood Moisture Equivalent)

Standard Scale	Wood Species Group							Chipboard
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
%WME								
7	8	9	8	7	7	11	11	7
8	10	11	9	8	7	12	11	8
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