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Director's Message



Unlike contact thermometry, infrared temperature measurement is subject to several error sources. Although emissivity is familiar to many, another common error source is reflectivity. In order to compensate for errors due to reflections, imaging and non-imaging radiometers have inputs for entering Reflected Temperature. Depending upon the make and model of the instrument, this control

may be referred to as TAM, Ambient Temp, Background, or Reflected Temperature.

Since all real world objects have emittance values of less than 1.0, some infrared energy will always be reflected from a measured object's surface. The Reflected Temperature feature found on radiometers will mathematically compensate for this error source provided that it has been properly set by the operator.

Listed below are the general steps for measuring and compensating for Reflected Temperature when using an imaging radiometer and a diffuse infrared reflector. A diffuse reflector can be made from a crumpled and re-flattened sheet of aluminum foil that has been wrapped around a piece of cardboard.

- Place imager at desired location and distance from object to be measured
- Aim and focus imager
- Place diffuse reflector in front of, and in same plane as, object's surface
- With imager's E control set to 1.0, measure apparent temperature of diffuse reflector
- Conduct procedure three times and average results
- Enter averaged value into radiometer's Reflected Temperature input

When measuring Reflected Temperature, make certain to maintain a safe distance from any hot or energized targets and observe all necessary safety precautions. When entering Reflected Temperature into your radiometer, be sure to access the proper menu as some imagers have inputs for Reflected Temperature as well as ambient air temperature.

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