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**General Safety Instructions**

⚠️ **WARNING**
Read all safety warnings and instructions. Before using the appliance, read these safety instructions, the appliance’s operator’s manual (found on the enclosed CD) and all labels on the appliance.
- Do not allow persons unfamiliar with the appliance, these safety instructions, and the appliance’s operator’s manual to operate the appliance.
- This appliance can be dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times. This enables better control of the appliance in unexpected situations.
- Ensure adequate safeguards at the work site (e.g. surveying site when measuring on roads, construction sites, etc.)

⚠️ **WARNING**
The device produces visible laser beams, which are emitted from the appliance. This device is a Class 2 laser product in accordance with IEC 60825-1:2007
- Laser light - Do not stare into beam or view directly with optical instruments.

Do not point laser light at others. Laser light can cause eye damage.
- Avoid dangerous environments.
- Do not use in rain, snow, damp or wet locations. Do not use in the presence of explosive atmospheres (gaseous fumes, dust or flammable materials).
- Maintain appliances. If damaged, have the appliance repaired before use. Accidents may be caused by poorly maintained appliances.
- Use appliance only with specifically designated accessories.
- Use of any other accessories may create a risk of injury.
- This tool is designed to be powered by 2-AAA batteries properly inserted into the tool.
- Do not attempt to use with any other voltage or power supply.
- Do not leave batteries within the reach of children.
- Do not mix new and used batteries.
- Do not mix brands (or types within brands) of batteries.
- Do not mix rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries.
- Install batteries according to polarity (+ / –) diagrams.
- Properly dispose of used batteries immediately.
- Do not incinerate or dismantle batteries.
- Under abusive conditions, liquid may be ejected from the battery, avoid contact. If contact accidentally occurs, flush with water. If liquid contacts eyes, additionally seek medical help.
- Liquid ejected from the battery may cause irritation or burns.
- Keep hands away from all moving parts.
- Watch out for erroneous measurements if the appliance is defective or if it has been dropped, misused or modified.
- Carry out periodic test measurements. Particularly after the appliance has been subject to abnormal use, and before, during and after important measurements.
- Do not dispose of appliance or batteries together with household waste material! Appliance and batteries that have reached the end of their life must be collected separately and returned to an environmentally compatible recycling facility.
- Have your appliance serviced by a qualified repair person using only identical replacement parts.
- This will ensure that the safety of the appliance is maintained.
- Maintain labels and nameplates. These carry important information. If unreadable or missing, contact a MILWAUKEE service facility for a free replacement.
- The device conforms to the most stringent requirements of the relevant electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) standards and regulations. Yet, the possibility of causing interference in other devices cannot be totally excluded.
Instrument Set-up

Introduction

⚠️ The safety instructions and the user manual should be read through carefully before the product is used for the first time.

📖 The person responsible for the product must ensure that all users understand these directions and adhere to them.

The symbols used have the following meanings:

⚠️ WARNING
Indicates a potentially hazardous situation or an unintended use which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

⚠️ CAUTION
Indicates a potentially hazardous situation or an unintended use which, if not avoided, may result in minor injury and/or appreciable material, financial and environmental damage.

ℹ️ Important paragraphs which must be adhered to in practice as they enable the product to be used in a technically correct and efficient manner.

Overview
Instrument Set-up

Display

- Area / Volume
- Stake out
- Measuring reference
- Circumference
- Wall area
- Addition / Subtraction
- 2nd result
- Battery
- Memory
- Pythagoras
- Min/Max Measuring
- Units
- Main line

Insert batteries

To ensure a reliable use, do not use zinc-carbon batteries. Change batteries when battery symbol is flashing.
Instrument Set-up
Labeling

Laser Radiation
Do not stare into the beam
Laser class 2
acc. IEC 60825-1:2007
Maximum radiant power: <1mW
Emitted wavelength: 620-690nm
Beam divergence: 0.16 x 0.6 mrad
Impulse duration: 0.2 x 10^-9 s - 0.8 x 10^-9 s

Subject to change (drawings, descriptions and technical data) without prior notice.
Operations

Switching ON/OFF

- **Press ON button 2 sec to start continuous laser mode. If no key is pressed for 180 sec, the device switches off automatically.**

Clear

- **1x**
  - Undo last action.

- **2x**
  - Leave actual function, go to default operation mode.

Message Codes

If the info icon appears with a number, observe the instructions in section "Message Codes". Example:

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Beep ON/OFF

- **2 sec simultaneously**

Illumination ON/OFF

- **2 sec simultaneously**

Distance unit setting

- **Switch between the following units:**
  - 0.000 m 0.00 ft
  - 0.0000 m 0'00" 1/32
  - 0.00 m 0.00 in
  - 0.00 m 0 in 1/32

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Operations

Adjusting measuring reference / tripod

1. Distance is measured from the front of the device.

2. Distance is measured from the tripod thread permanently.

3. Distance is measured from the rear of the device (standard setting).

Multifunctional endpiece

The orientation of the endpiece is automatically detected and the zero point is accordingly adjusted.
Measuring Functions

Measuring single distance

1. Aim active laser at target.

2. Target surface: Measuring errors can occur when measuring to colourless liquids, glass, styrofoam or semi-permeable surfaces or when aiming at high gloss surfaces. Against dark surfaces the measuring time increases.

Permament / Minimum-Maximum measuring

1. 2 sec

2. The minimum and maximum distance measured is displayed (min, max.). The last value measured is displayed in the main line.


Add / Subtract

1. The next measurement is added to the previous one.

2. The next measurement is subtracted from the previous one.

3. The result is shown in the main line and the measured value above. This process can be repeated as required. The same process can be used for adding or subtracting areas or volumes.
Measuring Functions

Area

1x

1. Aim laser at first target point.

2. Aim laser at second target point.

The result is shown in the main line and the measured value above.

2 sec

24.352 m²

19.823 m

Circumference

Area
Measuring Functions

Volume

1. Aim laser at first target point.
2. Aim laser at second target point.
3. Aim laser at third target point.

The result is shown in the main line and the measured value above.

- Circumference: 80.208 m
- Ceiling/floor area: 208.703 m²
- Volume: 78.694 m³
Measuring Functions

Pythagoras (2-point)

1. Aim laser at upper point.

2. Aim laser rectangular at lower point.

3. Notice additional Pythagoras measurement information at the bottom of the next page.

Pythagoras (3-point)

1. Aim laser at upper point.

2. Aim laser at rectangular point.

3. Aim laser at lower point.

4. Notice additional Pythagoras measurement information at the bottom of the next page.

5. Pythagoras measurements:

   - Pressing the measuring key for 2 sec in the function activates automatically Minimum or Maximum measurement.
Measuring Functions

Stake out

1. Move device slowly along the stakeout line. The distance to the next stake out point is displayed.

2. Approve value and start measurement.

3. Adjust value

4. When approaching a stake out point to less than 0.1 m the instrument starts to beep. The function can be stopped by pressing the CLEAR/OFF button.

0.240 m is missing up to next 0.625 m distance.
Measuring Functions
Memory (10 last displays)

1. **M**
   - 10 last displays are displayed.

2. **^ +/− M**
   - Navigates through 10 last displays.

3. **M C/OFF M**
   - The value from the main line can be used for further calculations.
   - 2 sec simultaneously
   - Memory is completely deleted.

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### Technical Data

**Distance measurement**

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<td>± 2.5 mm / ± 0.10 in ***</td>
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<td>Range of target plate</td>
<td>60 m / 197 ft</td>
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<td>Typical Range*</td>
<td>60 m / 197 ft</td>
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<td>Range at unfavourable condition ****</td>
<td>50 m / 164 ft</td>
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<td>Smallest unit displayed</td>
<td>0.1 mm / 1/32 in</td>
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<td>Ø laser point at distances</td>
<td>6 / 30 / 40 mm (10 / 50 / 60 m)</td>
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**General**

- Laser class: 2
- Laser type: 635 nm, < 1 mW
- Protection class: IP54 (dust- and splash water protected)
- Autom. laser switch off: after 90 s
- Autom. power switch-off: after 180 s
- Battery durability (2 x AAA): up to 5000 measurements
- Dimension (H x D x W): 117 x 57 x 32 mm 4.6 x 2.4 x 1.3 in
- Weight (with batteries): 0.14 kg / 4.938 oz
- Temperature range:
  - Storage: -25 to 70 °C -13 to 158 °F
  - Operation: -10 to 50 °C 14 to 122 °F

* applies for 100 % target reflectivity (white painted wall), low background illumination, 25 °C
** applies for 10 to 500 % target reflectivity, high background illumination, -10 °C to + 50 °C
*** Tolerances apply from 0.05 m to 10 m with a confidence level of 95%. The maximum tolerance may deteriorate to 0.1 mm/m between 10 m to 30 m and to 0.2 mm/m for distances above 30 m
**** applies for 100 % target reflectivity, background illumination of approximately 30'000 lux

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**Message Codes**

If the message **Error** does not disappear after switching on the device repeatedly, contact the dealer.

If the message **Info** appears with a number, press the Clear button and observe the following instructions:

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<td>Calculation error</td>
<td>Perform measurement again.</td>
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<td>252</td>
<td>Temperature too high</td>
<td>Let device cool down.</td>
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<td>253</td>
<td>Temperature too low</td>
<td>Warm device up.</td>
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<td>Received signal too weak, measuring time too long</td>
<td>Change target surface (e.g. white paper).</td>
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<td>256</td>
<td>Received signal too high</td>
<td>Change target surface (e.g. white paper).</td>
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<td>257</td>
<td>Too much background light</td>
<td>Shadow target area.</td>
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<td>258</td>
<td>Measurement outside of measuring range</td>
<td>Correct range.</td>
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<td>260</td>
<td>Laser beam interrupted</td>
<td>Repeat measurement.</td>
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**Care**

- Clean the device with a damp, soft cloth.
- Never immerse the device in water.
- Never use aggressive cleaning agents or solvents.
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