## **HD2** the Mobile Moisture Meter for Soils



- ✓ All of the TRIME-PICO probes can be connected to the HD2: TRIME-PICO64, TRIME-PICO32 und TRIME-PICO IPH T3/44.
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- The TRIME-PICO probes measure conductivity with the same large soil volume as it will be used for the TDR moisture measurement.
- ✓ Both durable and waterproof construction ensures safe handling even under difficult environmental conditions.

## A RELIABLE, PRACTICAL AND EASY-TO-USE DETERMINATION OF MOISTURE, SOIL CONDUCTIVITY AND SALT CONTENT WITH TRIME PROBES: PICO64, PICO32 AND PICO IPH T3/44.

IMKO's TRIME TDR-probes can now report soil EC as standard simultaneously with soil moisture content percentage. A manual conversion based on researched curves for different soil types enables the user to derive a soil EC expressed in mg/l TDS (total dissolved salts).



TRIME-PICO probes measure conductivity with the same large soil volume as it will be used for the TDR moisture measurement. The contact of the probe rods inside the soil is far less critical as with "galvanic" EC probes with a point to point measurement where even small air gaps lead to significant deviations.





TRIME-PICO probes use coated and therefore isolated rods which guarantee the non-appearance of galvanic accumulation along the rods allowing for long-run installations over many years. Unisolated rods means a risk of galvanic reactions and possible influence on the sensor's reading with serious problems when the probes must be removed from larger depths due to a rod cleaning.



TRIME-PICO probes measure moisture and conductivity very precisely at a frequency of 1GHz with a better and more exact separation of moisture and conductivity in comparison to capacitive probes with lower frequencies. This means that in practice, a reliable determination of the pore water conductivity ECw and respectively TDS (mg of salt per liter water) is possible at different moisture levels.



All TRIME-PICO probes work with a concurrently basic calibration for moisture and conductivity. This allows a check of the limits of saline stress in soils according to standards of FAO2006 for specific soils.



## THE ANALYSIS OF SOILS FOR ELECTRICAL CONDUCTIVITY ECTRIME

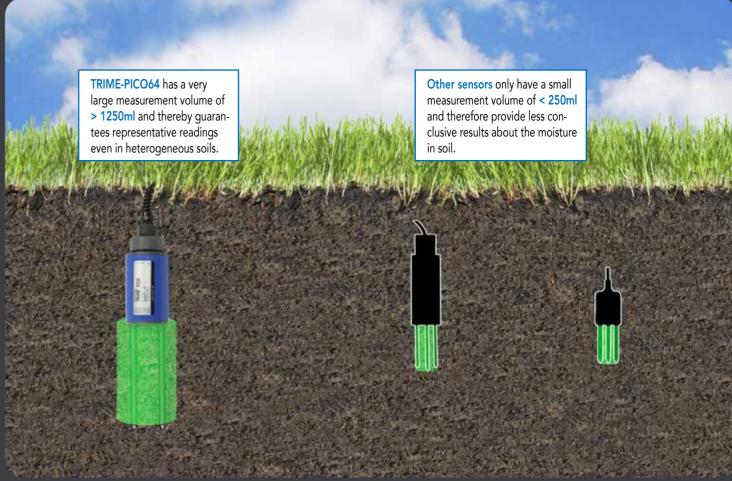
For agricultural and horticultural soils, the measurement of Electrical Conductivity is an immensely important measurement. Electrical Conductivity measures the amount of total dissolved salts (TDS) or total dissolved ions in water. To complicate matters, some ions such as Sodium and Chloride will contribute more to EC than others such as Phosphorus and Potassium.

Plants require nutrients such as Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium, Magnesium in large quantities hence they are called major nutrients and also smaller amounts of elements such as Iron, Manganese, Molybdenum and these are called micro nutrients or sometimes referred to as trace metals. Fertilisers are supplied to plants as compounds for example Ammonium Nitrate which supplies Nitrogen in the form of Nitrate or Ammonium. Micro-organisms will break down these compounds so they are more readily available for uptake by the plants. Levels of some ions such as Chlorides are less desirable and in great quantities can be harmful to plant growth. The quantity of ions or salts in a soil is of huge importance. Too much or too few nutrients will create a restriction in plant growth.

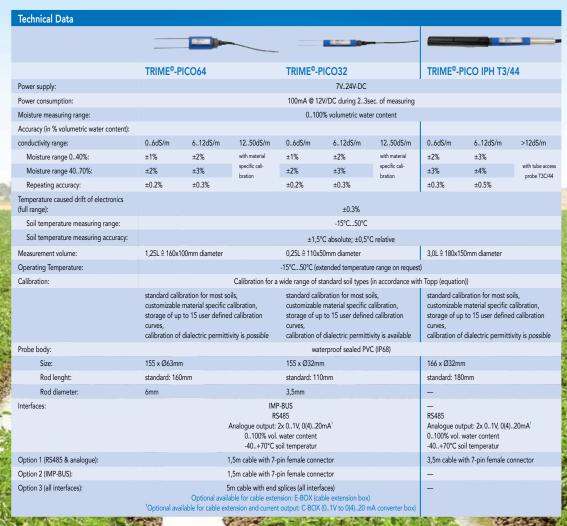
IMKO has studied the subject in detail and has come up with a breakthrough. By using coated rods and measuring over the length of the probes, all TRIME probes can now accurately report what IMKO calls EC<sub>TRIME</sub>. This measurement takes account of soil moisture and conductivity by volume. Because soil



moisture is so important in the calculation of EC, all different TRIME probes now incorporate TDR calibration curves for a selection of soils. Special graphs have been constructed so that the user can convert the EC<sub>TRIME</sub> reading to grams/litre of dissolved salt. So far curves are available for sandy and loam soils and it is intended to produce a handful of curves to cover most situations. At this moment in time, conversion of EC<sub>TRIME</sub> to mg/I TDS is done manually.



## THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY FOR THE BEST MEASUREMENTS





Technical data HD2 Convenient one-hand operation. The multi-line LCD display shows all information at a glance 4,8V-DC, 2000mAh battery Power supply: capacity. Full battery for up to 1,500 measuring cycles sufficient Resolution: 0,01% Calibration (on sensor) Weatherproof, robust aluminium diecast (IP67) 150 x 64 x 36mm (Length x Dimensions: width x height), Weight: 437g

Cal.1 Serial No.:32774 OWN: Sand 0..2mm

Moist.: 4,28 %

Temp.: 19,70 °C

EC<sub>Trime</sub>: 1,11 ds/m

The operating mode "normal" is the ideal mode to display all collected soil parameters of a TRIME-PICO probe. It shows the moisture in "%", the soil temperature in "° C" or "° F" and the soil conductivity EC<sub>TRIME</sub> in "dS / m".

Fast and easy moisture measurement for all kind of soils:



Get three important parameters at a glance:



All packed in a rugged carrying case:

