

**information on the materials natural moisture content.** This is most important when dealing with wood products.

**When using the unit to detect rising damp,** if the light stays with **in the green area, the moisture content is normal** and rising damp should not be suspected. The **yellow area indicates a suspicion of dampness.**

If the light reaches **the red area, there is a damp problem** that will need to be rectified. The higher the reading, the greater the saturation.

## EQUIPMENT CARE

**Never push the equipment beyond its design limits.** If it is unsuitable for the task you are performing **DO NOT USE OR RELY ON IT.** Contact your local HSS Safe and Sure Depot for advice.

**Keep the equipment clean** - you will find this less of a chore if you clean it regularly, rather than wait until the end of the hire period.

When not in use, **store the equipment somewhere clean, dry and safe** from thieves.

## FINISHING OFF

**Replace the electrode protective cover, then disconnect the remote sensor if being used.**

**Place everything in the case ready for return,** to your local HSS Safe and Sure Depot.



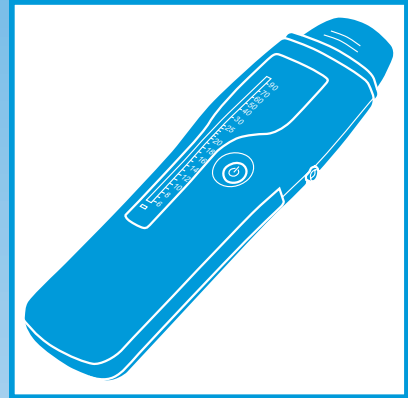
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## Operating & Safety Guide SS611

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# Damp Meter

**A hand held device for measuring moisture content in various materials.**

## GENERAL SAFETY

**For advice** on the safety and suitability of this equipment **contact your local HSS Safe and Sure Depot.**

**There is a serious risk of personal injury** if you do not **follow all instructions** laid down in this guide.

The hirer has a responsibility to **ensure that all necessary risk assessments have been completed** prior to the use of this equipment.


**This equipment should only be used by an operator who has been deemed competent to do so by his/her employer.**

**This equipment may be used in a workplace subject to a permit to work.**

**It is the hirers responsibility to ensure that the equipment's technical specification meets the requirements of any such permit to work** prior to starting work. For further technical information contact your local HSS Safe and Sure Depot.

**This equipment should be used by an able bodied, competent adult** who has read and understood these instructions. Anyone with either a temporary or permanent disability, should seek expert advice before using it.

**Keep children, animals and bystanders away from the work area.** Cordon off a NO GO area using either cones, barriers or tape, available for hire from your local HSS Safe and Sure Depot.

 **Never use this equipment if you are ill, feeling tired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.**

**Wear sensible, suitably protective clothing and footwear** plus any safety wear appropriate to the work in progress.

**Make sure you know how to operate this equipment safely and are aware of its limitations** before you use it. **Make sure that everyone is aware of what you are doing.**

**Check the condition of the equipment before use.** If it shows signs of damage or excessive wear, return it to your local HSS Safe and Sure Depot.

Take all necessary precautions to **protect yourself and others against the possibility of contracting infectious diseases in your work environment.**

**Always switch OFF the equipment when not in use.**

**Ensure the work area is well lit and ventilated,** if in doubt, ask about lighting and ventilation equipment at your local HSS Safe and Sure Depot.

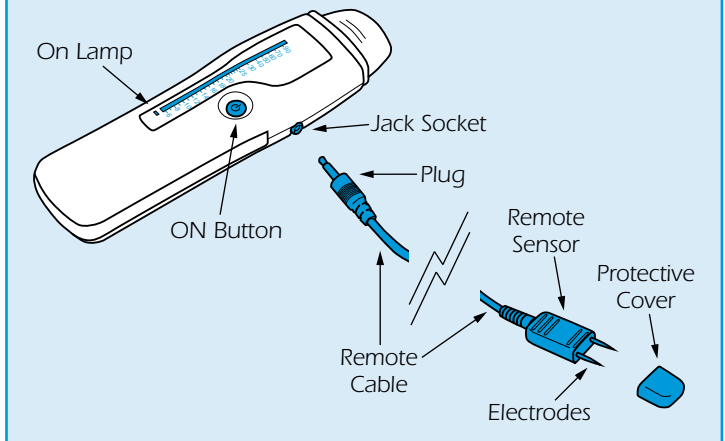
## GETTING STARTED

**Remove the Damp Meter from its case,** complete with the remote cable.

**To switch the unit ON** press the **ON button** and the unit will perform a self test. The unit will switch itself off automatically after 30 seconds of non-activity.

**The ON lamp will illuminate,** to indicate the unit is ready.

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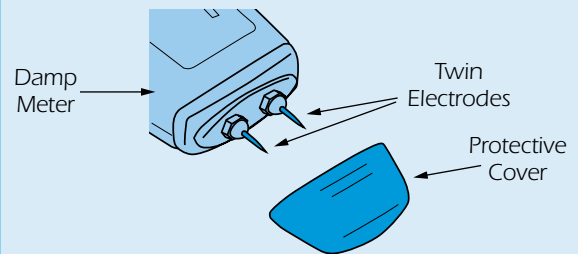


You can now **reveal the twin electrodes** by carefully **removing the protective cover.**

If using the remote sensor, this **should be plugged into the jack socket on the side of the unit** before **switching ON.**

## BASIC TECHNIQUES

### Electrodes



**Switch the unit ON** then once ready, **remove the electrodes protective cover.**

**Push the electrodes against the surface of the material being tested,** allowing the tips to penetrate the surface. Test awkward areas using the remote sensor attachment

**The lights and scales indicate the percentage of moisture within the material being tested,** on a scale of 1 to 100.

**These percentages should be read along side**

### Scale

