

THERMOMETER IN HOUSE VERIFICATION PROCEDURE #37

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Equipment Checked: THERMOMETERS (AASHTO T 88, T 100)

Purpose:

This method provides instructions for calibration of testing thermometers to check for accuracy. Test thermometers are calibrated against NIST certified thermometers.

Inspection Equipment Required:

1. Thermometer H-2610.12C, -20 degrees C to 102 degrees C., NIST certified.
2. Thermometer H-2610.7C, -2 degrees C to 300 degrees C., NIST certified.

Water Bath Procedure:

Place certified calibrated thermometer and thermometer to be calibrated in a water bath. Heat bath to desired range. Take readings from calibrated thermometer and thermometer to be calibrated at selected points and compare the readings. If the readings do not match add or subtract the difference, whichever is appropriate, to the future readings of the thermometer being calibrated.

Oven Procedure:

Place certified calibrated thermometer and thermometer to be calibrated in a beaker of sand. Heat the beaker of sand with thermometers in an oven to desired range. Take readings from calibrated thermometer and thermometer to be calibrated at selected points and compare the readings. If the readings do not match add or subtract the difference, whichever is appropriate, to the future readings of the thermometer being calibrated.

