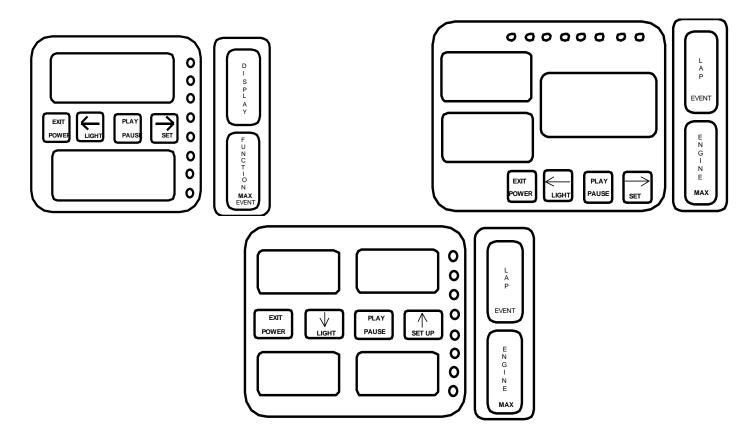
Note: These instructions cover current versions. If you have an older version, and find the instructions don't exactly match, please contact Digatron at <a href="mailto:support@digatronusa.com">support@digatronusa.com</a> or toll free at 866.344.2876.



### **DT-50K Instructions**

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# **Welcome to Digatron**

This manual covers the operation of your DT-50K instrument. This includes any 52, 53 or 54 instrument. All 50 series instruments function the same; the only difference is the number of displays.

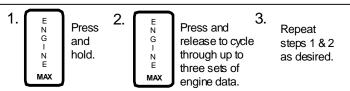
Both racers and recreational riders can use this instrument. Racers may be interested in recording in time segments, either laps or sections of the strip or course. Recreational drivers will usually be interested in recording without time segments. This book provides the information you need to quickly set up and use your instrument. It is a great reference guide. If you are interested in learning more about how your Digatron instrument can help you analyze your engine functions and driving techniques, please visit our website, www.digatronusa.com, or phone (509) 467-3128

# **Instrument Functions**

### A. Power/Record

Start Vehicle. Instrument turns on and starts recording automatically when a tach signal is received. Records for 2 hours, then records over oldest data.

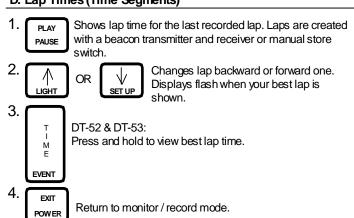
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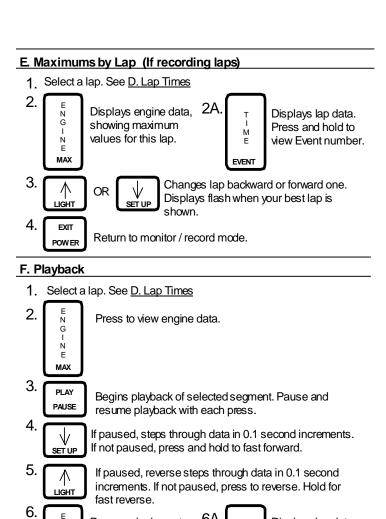


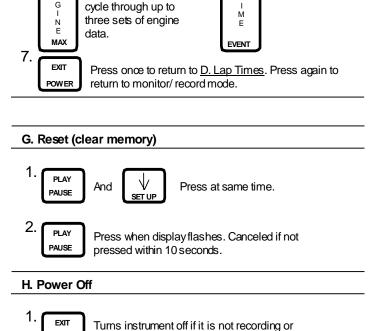
### C. Best Lap Time



### D. Lap Times (Time Segments)







receiving a tach signal.

receive any button presses or a tach signal.

The instrument will turn off automatically if it does not

6A

Displays lap data.

Press and release to

cycle through up to

E N G I

POW ER

**OR** 

# **Battery Installation**

Two AAA batteries power the DT-50K. These allow the instrument to run for 40 hours with the backlight on and 150 hours with the backlight off. The instrument will display | \_ | , signaling that the batteries are low, several hours before the functions becomes inaccurate.

To replace the batteries, remove the screw from the battery door on the back of the instrument. Replace the two batteries, observing battery polarity.

If your instrument is stored for a long period of time, remove the batteries.

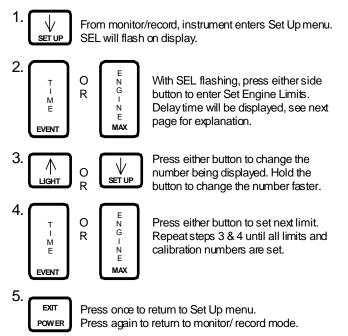
# **Setting Limits and Warning Lights**

Limits and warning lights warn you of conditions that could be harmful to your vehicle's engine. They should be set at levels that allow you to react to the visual warnings before engine damage occurs.

There are two ways to set your limits and warning lights:

- ♦ With Your Instrument (see below).
- With Your PC, download cable and configuration software (page 11).

# Setting the Engine Limits and Delay Time



Function limits are set in the following order: Delay Time, Temp1 (C1), Temp2 (C2), Temp3 (C3), Temp4 (C4), Tach (RPM), Tach calibration number, MPH limit and MPH calibration number (minus any functions that you do not have). Also, if you are not using any functions on your instrument, set its limit to any number greater than 200.

## About Delay Time (Optional, for Racing)

Some sanctioning bodies do not allow racers to use infrared beacon transmitters and receivers. If this is true for you, set your delay time to .1.

The delay time allows your instrument to ignore extra infrared beacon signals at the track. Delay time is the time, in tenths of a second, that your instrument ignores beacon signals after receiving a signal. The delay time must be less than your best possible time between beacons, or the instrument will miss your beacon signal. Delay time is set in 5EL of Set Up mode.

For example, if it takes you approximately 14 seconds to complete a run, set your delay number for 13 or 12 seconds. After your instrument receives its first beacon signal, it will ignore all signals for 13 or 12 seconds.

\*Note: If you are not a racer, set your delay time to .1.

# **Tach Calibration Number (RPM1)**

The Tach limit requires two separate parameters. The first is the maximum revolutions per minute (RPM) for safe engine operation. The second number, the Tach calibration, allows the instrument to display the correct RPM for your engine. The instrument divides the Tach input signal by the Tach calibration number. This number can be .5 to 31.

The most frequently used numbers are:

- 1 for single cylinder 2 cycle and most 4 cycle motors
- 2 for 2 cylinder 2 cycle and 4 cylinder 4 cycle motors

If you are unsure of the exact Tach calibration number for your engine, experiment. If your calibration number is currently set at 1 and the RPM displayed is double what it should be, set the calibration number to 2.

### **MPH Calibration Number**

Your MPH calibration number is set based on your tire circumference and the number of objects being sensed. You can calculate your MPH calibration number using the following technique or use the chart on page 9.

Tire circumference is used for the MPH calibration number when one object is sensed per tire revolution. If more than one object is sensed, divide the tire circumference by a number equal to the number of objects. For example, if you are sensing six nuts on a tire rim, divide your tire circumference by six. For best results, it is recommended to sense one object for every 12" to 24" inches of tire circumference.

To measure your tire's circumference, place a drop of oil on the top of the tire to be measured. With the driver in the kart, push the kart forward at least one complete revolution of the tire. Now measure from the center of one oil spot to the center of the next oil spot. This is your tire circumference; round it to the nearest tenth of an inch.

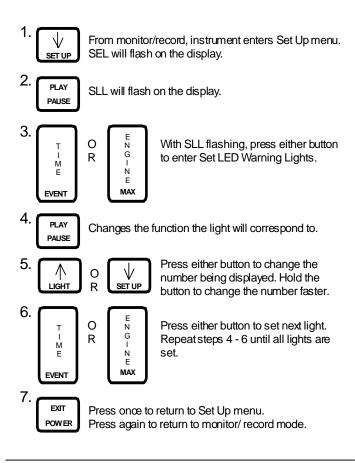
The tire circumference, divided by the number of items being sensed, is your MPH calibration number.

*Note:* Tire circumference will increase from 2% to 4% during a race depending on how hot the day is. For highest accuracy, add approximately 3% to your tire circumference to account for expansion.

	MPH	Cal.	Numbe	Table		
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Tire	1	2	3	4	5	6
Circ	input	inputs	inputs	inputs	inputs	inputs
33.5	34.5	17.3	11.5	8.6	6.9	5.8
33.625	34.6	17.3	11.5	8.7	6.9	5.8
33.75	34.8	17.4	11.6	8.7	7.0	5.8
33.875	34.9	17.4	11.6	8.7	7.0	5.8
34	35.0	17.5	11.7	8.8	7.0	5.8
34.125	35.1	17.6	11.7	8.8	7.0	5.9
34.25	35.3	17.6	11.8	8.8	7.1	5.9
34.375	35.4	17.7	11.8	8.9	7.1	5.9
34.5	35.5	17.8	11.8	8.9	7.1	5.9
34.625	35.7	17.8	11.9	8.9	7.1	5.9
34.75	35.8	17.9	11.9	8.9	7.2	6.0
34.875	35.9	18.0	12.0	9.0	7.2	6.0
35	36.1	18.0	12.0	9.0	7.2	6.0
35.125	36.2	18.1	12.1	9.0	7.2	6.0
35.25	36.3	18.2	12.1	9.1	7.3	6.1
35.375	36.4	18.2	12.1	9.1	7.3	6.1
35.5	36.6	18.3	12.2	9.1	7.3	6.1
35.625	36.7	18.3	12.2	9.2	7.3	6.1
35.75	36.8	18.4	12.3	9.2	7.4	6.1
35.875	37.0	18.5	12.3	9.2	7.4	6.2
36	37.1	18.5	12.4	9.3	7.4	6.2

# Setting the LED Warning Lights

Multiple warning lights can be set to the same function, but only one function can be set to a light.



## PC Software: Set Up & Analysis

All limits and warning lights can be set on your PC with our configuration software. This software also allows you to change which function is displayed in each window. Recorded information can be downloaded to a PC. The instrument must be in Monitor/Record mode, with no Tach signal when hooked up to a computer. **The instrument does NOT need sensors hooked up.** Download the software from www.digatronusa.com. Attach the download cable to the white connector on your instrument. Attach the other end to any serial port on your PC. Then follow the computer's instructions.

# Recording

The instrument records in sessions called Events (shown by an **E**), which start each time the instrument begins recording. Within Events, time segments (Laps, **L** on the display) are created with infrared beacon receivers and transmitters or with a store switch. To end an Event your engine must be turned off, the *Exit* button must be pressed, or the Tach must go below 200 RPM (this value can be changed on your PC).

### **Moisture**

Your instrument is designed to be water resistant. We recommend keeping it as dry as possible. Please cover or remove your instrument before washing your vehicle. Digatron offers tach bags to help keep the instrument dry. If moisture does get inside the instrument, remove the endcap without switches and let the instrument air out in a dry environment. A hairdryer, on low power, can accelerate drying.

# **Erratic Readings**

If the instrument encounters excessive electrical interference it will display ERR on the left side of the top display. The stored data might be invalid, and may need to be erased.

To erase your stored data, see Reset on page 4.

The ERR enunciator can also indicate an incorrect instrument or sensor installation. If your instrument is doing strange things, put it in Set Limits and check to see that the limits and calibration number(s) are still where you set them (see page 5).

Installing a resistance plug boot can normally solve electrical interference problems. We recommend using an NGK boot, #LB05EMH.

### To avoid erratic readings:

- ♦ Keep your temperature and Tach leads separated by at least 3".
- Route the leads as far away from the coil as possible.
- ♦ Install the Tach lead on the plug wire at least 2" back from the plug boot. If you still have a problem, try a different location on the plug wire.
- ♦ Make sure your tach sensor ground wire is attached to bare metal.
- Replacing one or all of your sensors often solves this problem.

Please contact Digatron if your problem continues.

# **Button Functions**

# **<u>Lap</u>** (top, side button) (2) functions

- A. Displays lap time and number.
- B. Press and hold to show best lap time.

### **Engine** (bottom, side button) (2) functions

- A. Cycles between up to three sets of data.
- B. Press and hold to show maximums and designators.

### **Power / Exit** (2) functions

- A. Turns the instrument on and off.
- B. Exits Set Up and Playback modes.

### $\leftarrow$ / **Light** (2) functions

- A. Press and hold to dim warning lights, and turn backlight on and off.
- B. Decreases values in Set Up and Playback.

# $\rightarrow$ / Set Up (2) functions

- A. Enter Set Up.
- B. Increases values in Set Up and Playback.

### Play / Pause (2) functions

- A. Press for lap times, lap maximums and playback.
- B. Pauses and resumes playback.

## **Reset Instrument** Erases recorded data and for troubleshooting.

A. Press **Play / Pause** and  $\rightarrow$  at the same time.

Then press **Play / Pause** within

# **Designator Definitions**

The following is a list of designators that can appear in the main part of your display:

- 5EL select this to set your engine limits
- 5LL select this to set your warning lights
- none displayed if the *Play* button is pressed and there is no recorded data
- OFF displayed if a warning light is set to not come on
- [AL displayed when setting the Tach or MPH calibration number
- lob displayed if your batteries are low

Pres Play during a reset of memory, press the *Play* button to proceed with reset

- clr displayed if a reset of memory was successful
- no [Lr displayed if a reset of memory is not successful
  - LLP last lap time
  - CLP current lap time
  - ыр best lap time
  - ក្នុ lap distance
  - Hr5 total hours
- odo odometer
- displayed when recording and the *Play* button is pressed
- Erun displayed if the engine is on when trying to enter Playback
- P [ displayed when the instrument is communicating with your PC
- Channel 1, Channel 2, which are temp1 and temp2 respectively
- --- when shown on the top of a display, the function is over ranging. when shown on the bottom of a display, the function is under ranging

The following is a list of enunciators that can appear on the side of your displays. These show what function is in the display:

RPM tach MPH miles per hour CHT cylinder head temperature EGT exhaust gas temp.

MEM memory ERR error

# **Repairs and Warranty Information**

If you have any questions about the operation of your instrument, please call. One of our technicians will be happy to help you. Please have your instrument nearby to help while troubleshooting with the technician.

With the exception of physical damage and normal wear, there will be no charge for service required on internal parts for two years from date of purchase and for external parts for one year. Be sure to fill out and return your warranty card for our records. If we do not have a card on file for your instrument, you will be charged for repairs unless you can provide us with a proof of purchase date.

When returning an instrument for repair, please use the repair form found on our website or enclose a note indicating your return address, phone number and a detailed description of the problem. Send your instrument and sensors so that we can check the complete system.

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