

# Automatic Digital Controller for Compression Machines





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## Unpacking

Initial inspection should include checking for physical damage during shipping and obvious external damage to the product.

Package contents are defined by your packing list. Each Loader is configured according to customer specifications. In your inspection, make certain that the contents of your shipment match the documentation provided by your packing list.

## Installation and Equipment Setup

### Electrical Connections

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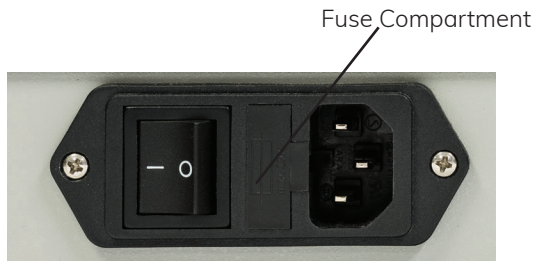


Fig. 1 Power Switch



# Instrumentation Connections and Setup

## HCM-5080 Rear Instrumentation Panel



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**Once your compression machine is setup in its final position, you should have all instrumentation validated/calibrated by a certified calibrator. Per ASTM, all concrete testing machines are required to be calibrated every time they are moved. See calibration instructions in the Equipment Setup section of this manual.**

Below are photos of an instrumentation input and the instrumentation plug. Install the plugs into the inputs by lining up the guide at the bottom of the plug with the slot at the bottom of the input.



Instrumentation Input



Instrumentation Plug

Once you have installed the instrumentation into the correct inputs, your rear panel should look like this if you are using all four inputs.

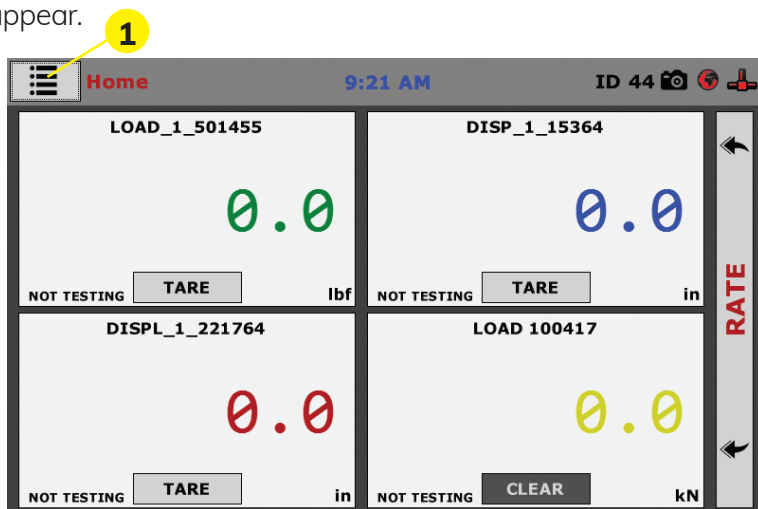


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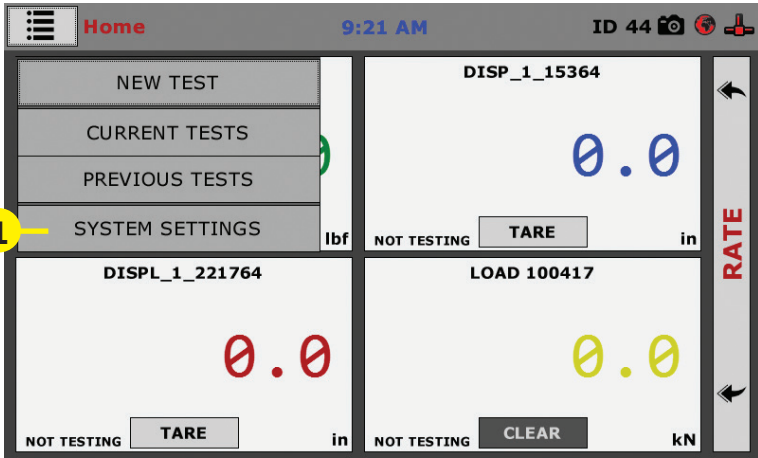
respond to an input on the back of the controller. Refer to the Equipment Setup section of this manual, page 25 for additional information and instructions. Third-party instrumentation, which is compatible, can also be used with the HCM-5080. If you plan to use third-party compression machines or instrumentation, please refer to the Equipment Setup section of this manual, page 29, for instructions.

## Initial Set Up

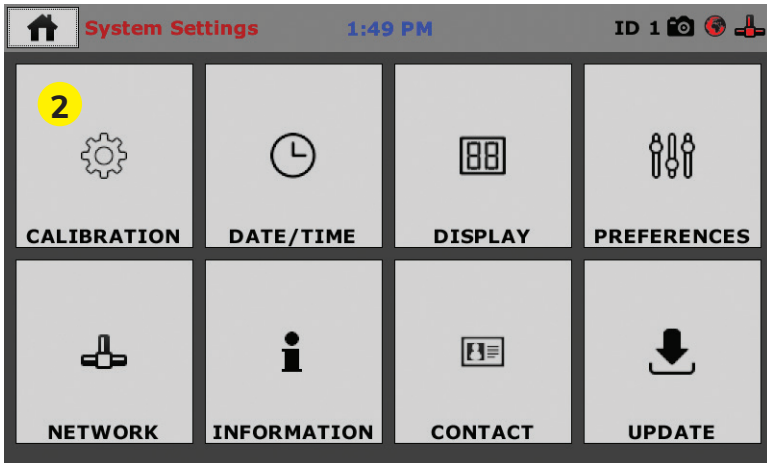
When your HCM-5080 is first turned on, the screen below will appear.



From this screen, to confirm your machine instrumentation has been calibrated or to begin the calibration process, navigate to the Calibration section by clicking the Menu icon in the top left corner of the screen (1). When you click on this button, you will see a drop-down menu appear, see below.

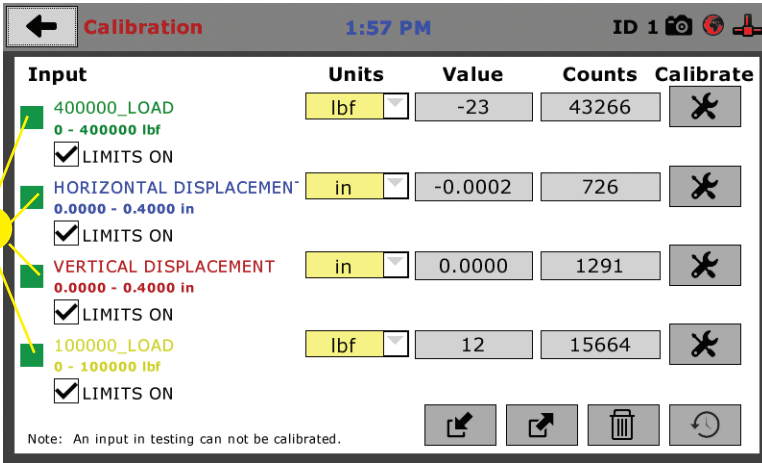


Navigate to the bottom of this drop-down menu and click on System Settings (1). You will see the following screen.



## Initial Set Up — Calibration

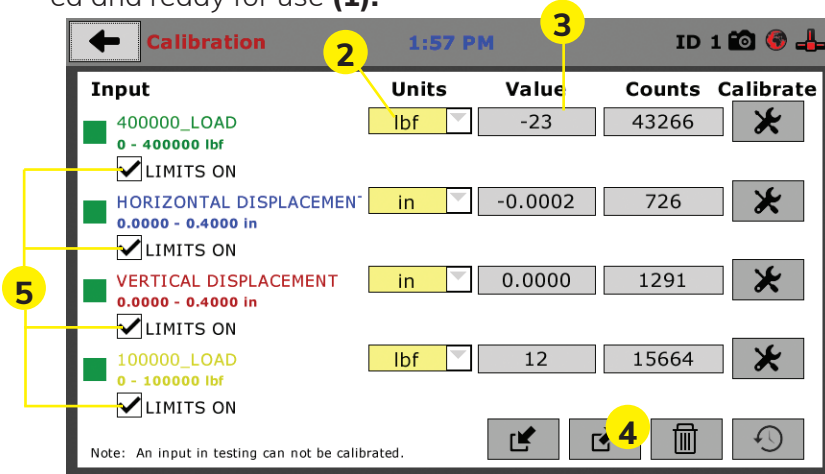
Click on the Calibration tab in the top left corner (2). You will see the following screen.



### Calibration Input Screen

The Calibration Input Screen (above) is used to monitor and calibrate instrumentation and assign them to the specific channels of the HCM-5080. The Calibration Input Screen provides a summary of the calibration status of each channel. At this time, verify the calibration information.

A green box at the left of a channel indicates that the channel has instrumentation assigned to it and that it is calibrated and ready for use (1).



Each channel has a “Limits On” check box. Use the Limits On to keep the machine from exceeding the sensor limits of the instrumentation. By selecting this option, before the test can exceed the limits of the sensors, all tests will stop running and the motor will stop to avoid damaging connected instrumentation.

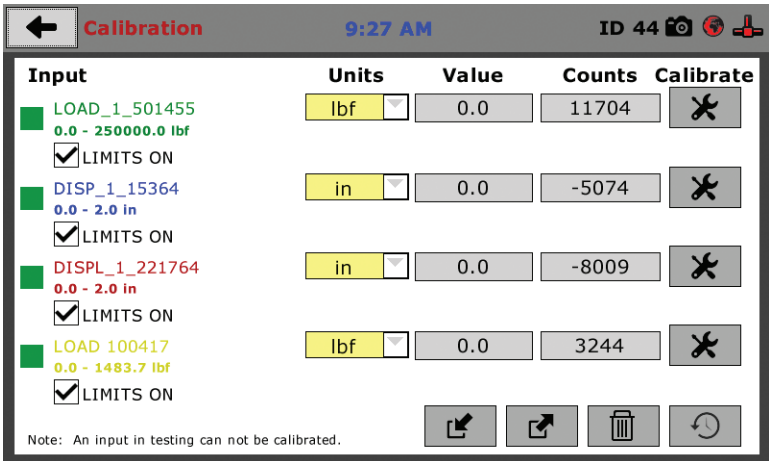
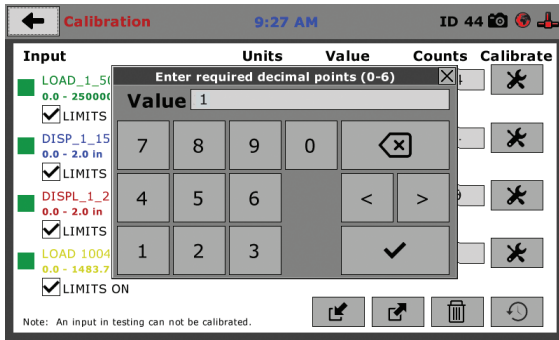
**Note: An input cannot be calibrated during testing.**

## Units (2)

In this field, a calibrated instrument will display the units that were chosen for use at the time of calibration. This field can also be used to automatically toggle conversion of units between imperial and metric units if the need arises.

## Value (3)

This field displays the current calibration value. This value can be set with up to 4 decimal point accuracy. If the instrument is not calibrated, the unit will read "N/A." To change the numbers of decimals shown, click on the field and the following window will appear. Fill in the number of decimal points desired **(1)**.



The screen above shows a typical calibration setup. In this example, the HCM-5080 has been set up with two channels for Load and two channels for Displacement.

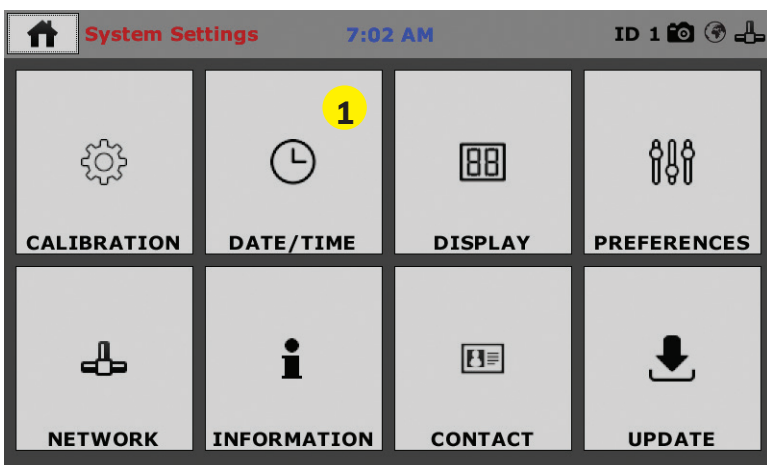
Channels 1 and 4 are set for Load readings and Channels 2 and 3 are set for Displacement readings.

## Export Calibration via USB (4)

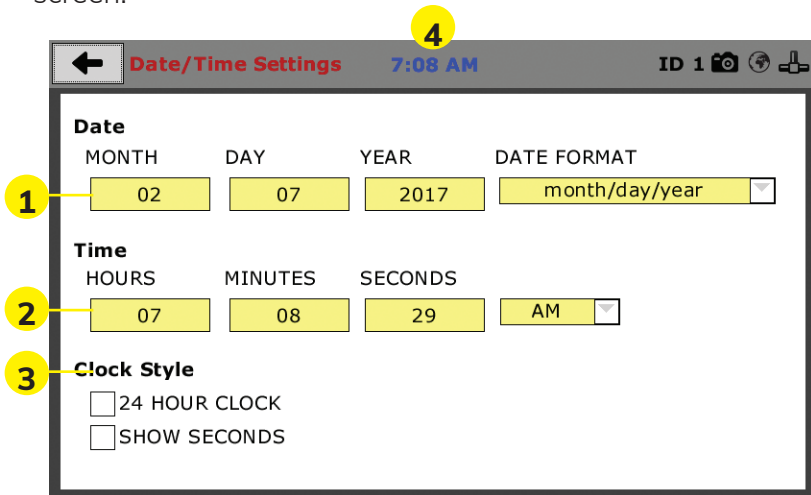
Press this button to select calibrations to export via USB. It is a good practice to export all your calibrations to a thumb drive. In case of a problem this practice allows you to recover your calibration data quickly.

## Initial Set Up — Date and Time

To set up Date and Time settings, return to the System Settings screen and click on the Date/Time Panel. **(1)**



Click on the Date/Time tab **(1)**. You will see the following screen.



## Date (1)

Set the month, day, year, and date display format.

## Time (2)

Set the hours, minutes, seconds, and am/pm.

## Clock Style (3)

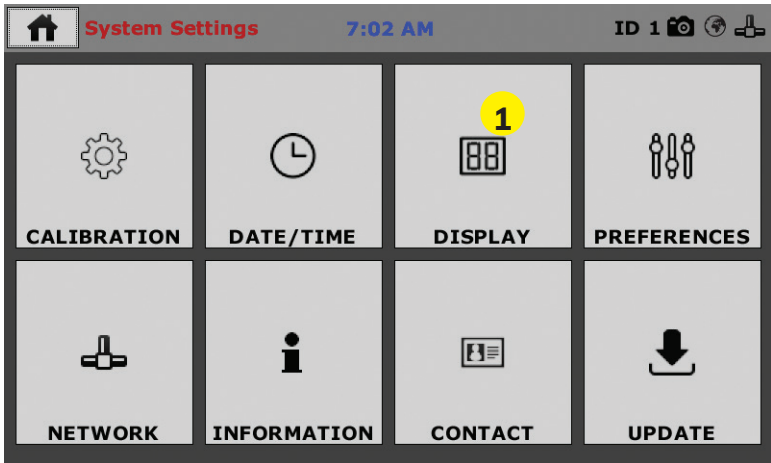
Select a clock view, either a 24-hour or 12-hour clock, as well as the option to show seconds or not.

## Clock (4)

The current time is displayed and is located on every controller screen. Clicking on the time from any screen, you will be taken to the Date/Time Settings Screen.

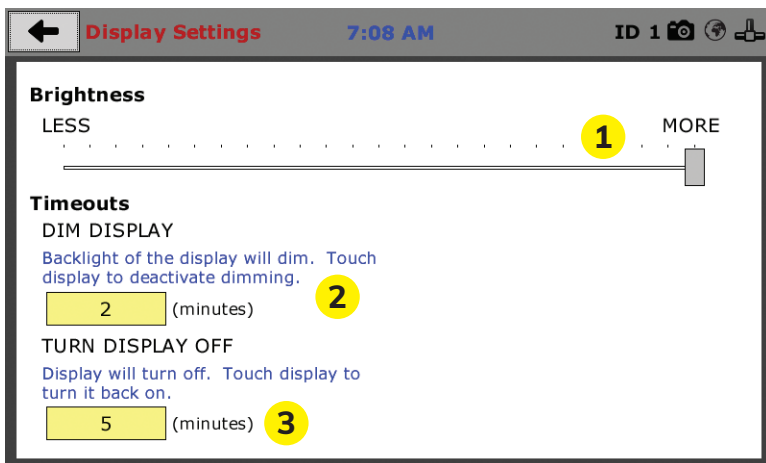
### Initial Set Up — Display

To set up Display settings, return to the System Settings screen and click on the Display Panel. **(1)**



Click on the Display tab **(1)**. You will see the following screen.





### Brightness (1)

Slide the gray bar to the left or right to adjust brightness.

### Dim Display (2)

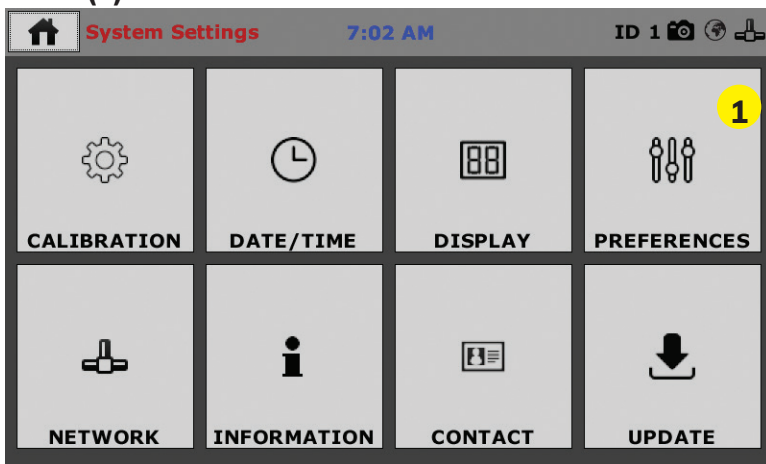
The backlit display will automatically dim to save power. Click the yellow box to change the number of minutes before the display goes dim. After the time has elapsed, touch the display to deactivate dimming.

### Turn Display Off (3)

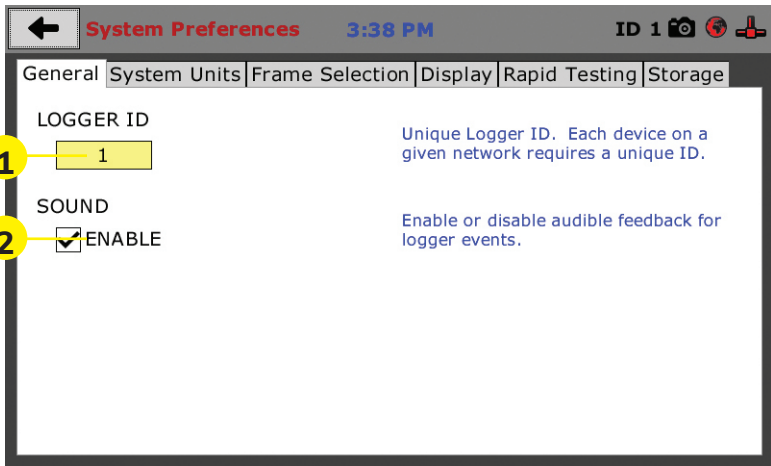
The display will automatically turn off to save power. Click the yellow box to change the number of minutes before the display powers off.

## Initial Set Up — Preferences

This screen is accessed by clicking on the “Preferences” button. (1)



Click on the Preferences tab **(1)**. You will see the following screen.



## Preferences – General Tab

The Preferences panel is comprised of four (4) tabs and defaults to the General tab, see above.

### Logger ID (1)

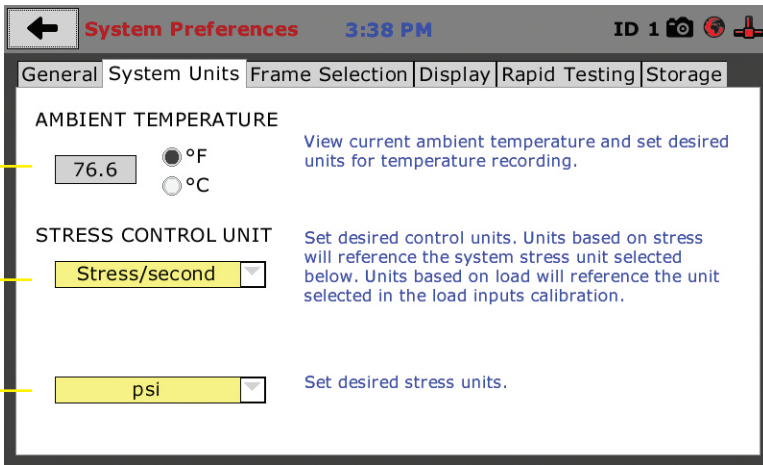
Each machine that is connected to your network requires a unique Logger ID. These numbers can be assigned any number between 1-245. In most cases, if you are setting up a new machine it has been given the Logger ID 1. This would show in the Logger ID field. (1). If this number conflicts with another machine's Logger ID, one of the machines will have to be changed to another Logger ID.

### Sound (2)

Checking this box enables or disables audio feedback for logger events.

## Preferences – System Units Tab

This screen is accessed by clicking on the "System Units" Tab under System Preferences.



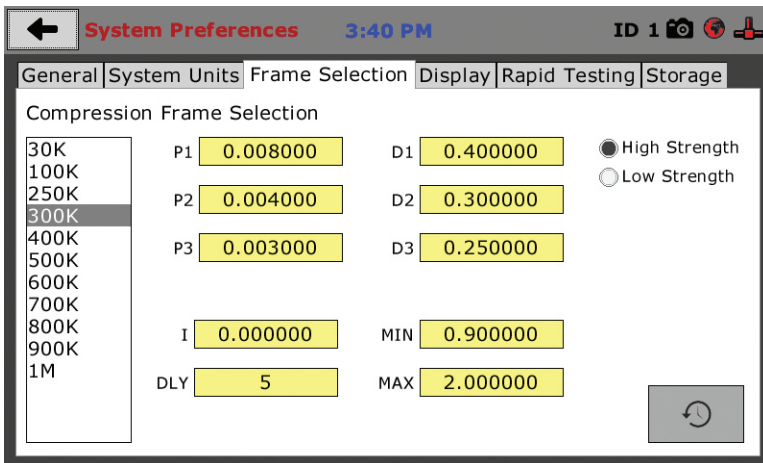
### Ambient Temperature (1)

This field displays the current ambient temperature and allows you to select desired units (Fahrenheit or Celsius) for temperature recording.

### Stress Control Unit (2)

Choose the desired stress control unit you wish to use from the popup window (2). Then choose the desired units from the second popup window (3).

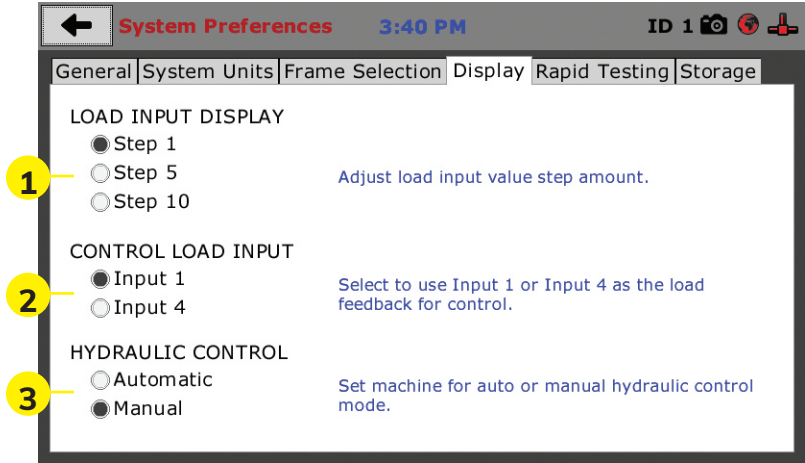
### Preferences – Frame Selection



This screen is for use by calibrators or service personnel only, DO NOT CHANGE SETTINGS WITHOUT CONSULTING HUMBOLDT PERSONNEL FIRST.

The information displayed here are the factory settings for your compression machine and should not be changed. All necessary information will be set at the factory. Ignore the High Strength and Low Strength radio buttons as these settings are for diagnostics and controlled during a test by your choice of the appropriate ASTM standard you wish to use.

## Preferences – Display Tab



### Load Input Display

Use this section to choose the desired load input value increment you wish to see on the screen. An example of this would be if you want your visual readings to register by 10 , i.e. 200, 210, 220... choose Step 10.

### Control Load Input

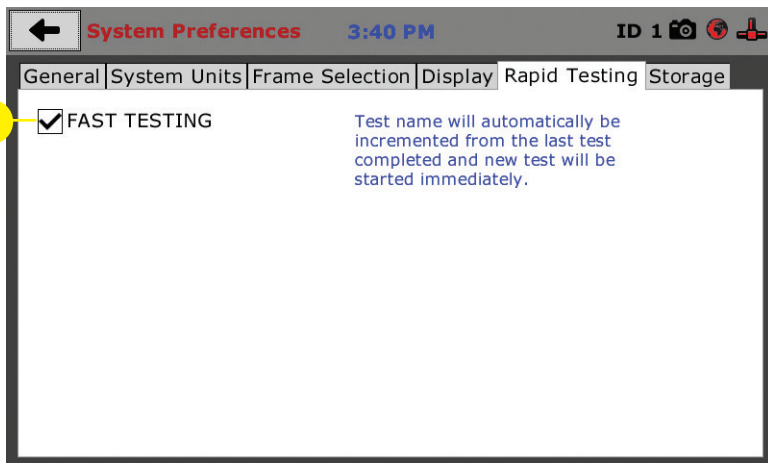
Use this section to choose which compression machine input you wish to use for your test. If you only have one compression machine, you will usually use Input 1. If you have two compression machines you would need to choose which machine you wanted to use for the current test.

### Hydraulic Control

Use this section to choose whether you are going to use automatic or manual pump operation for your testing. In all but specialized testing, you will probably be choosing automatic. However, you will use the manual setting for calibration operations.

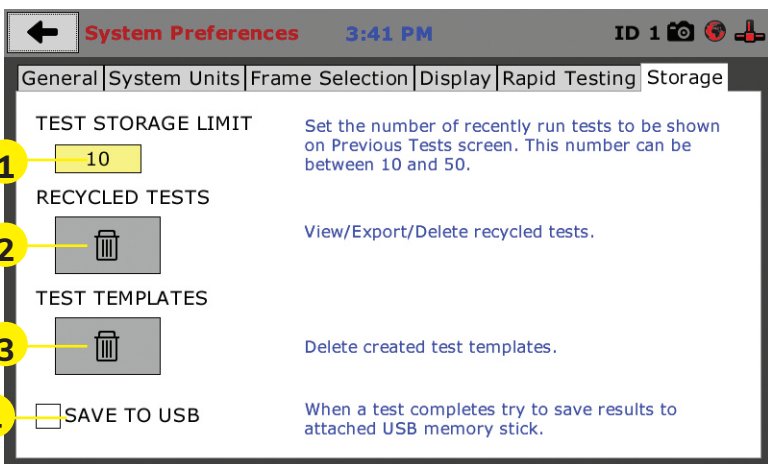
## Preferences – Rapid Testing

This screen is accessed by clicking on the Rapid Testing Tab under System Preferences. Clicking the check box next to Fast Testing **(1)** will allow the controller to automatically create a new test name based on the last test and start the new test immediately.



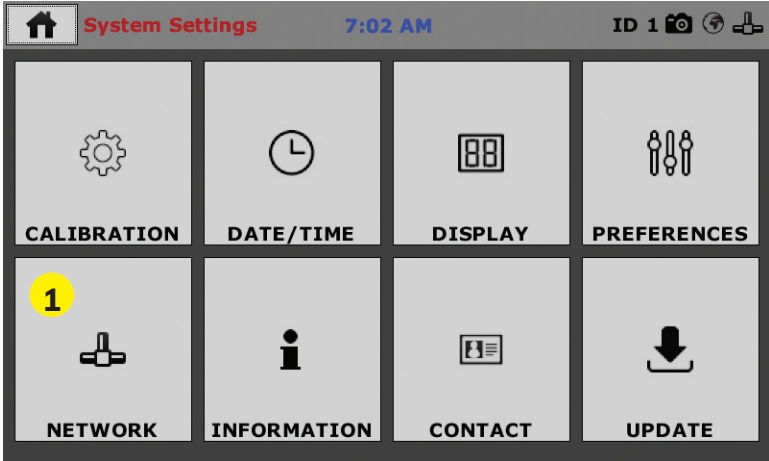
## Preferences – Storage Tab

This screen is accessed by clicking on the Storage Tab under System Preferences.

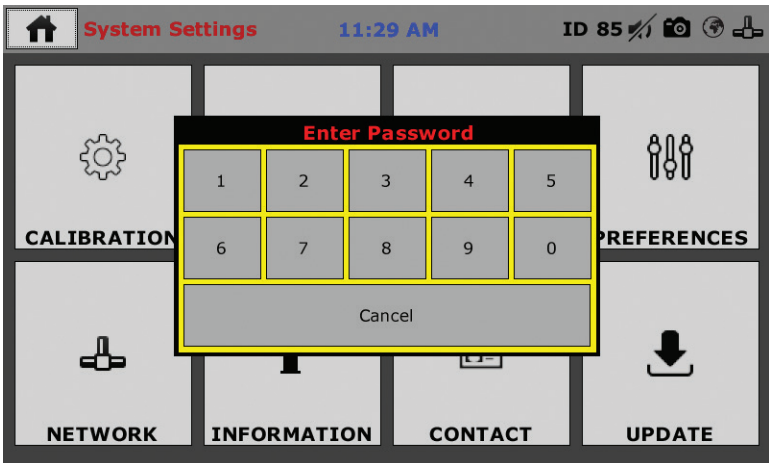


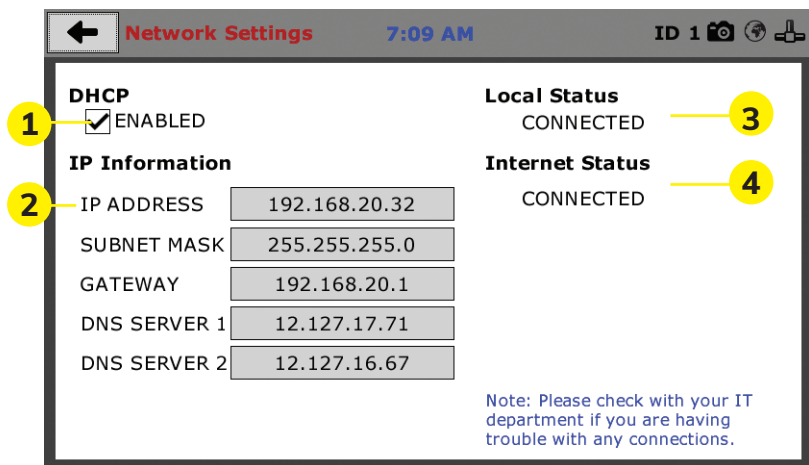
## Initial Set Up — Network

To set up Network settings, return to the System Settings screen and click on the Network panel. **(1)**



A password is required to access the Network Settings. That password is: **27604**.





## Network Settings Screen

The screen above is the Network Settings screen, it provides information on your IP information and network status.

### DHCP (1)

Check this box to enable/disable the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP). If enabled, your machine will pick up IP information from your router. If disabled, you will need to manually enter the network information for a static IP, please consult your network administrator for this.

### IP Information (2)

This information will be filled in automatically if the DHCP is checked, otherwise you will have to manually supply this information. The IP address must be unique for each machine.

### Local Status (3)

This indicates the status of the local network connection, Connected or Disconnected.

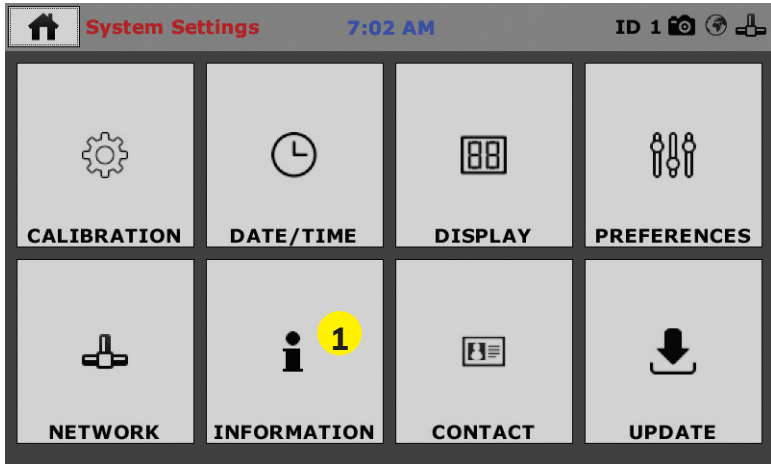
### Internet Status (4)

This indicates the status of your Internet connection, Connected or Disconnected.

**Note: If you are experiencing issues with any connections, please contact your IT department for assistance.**

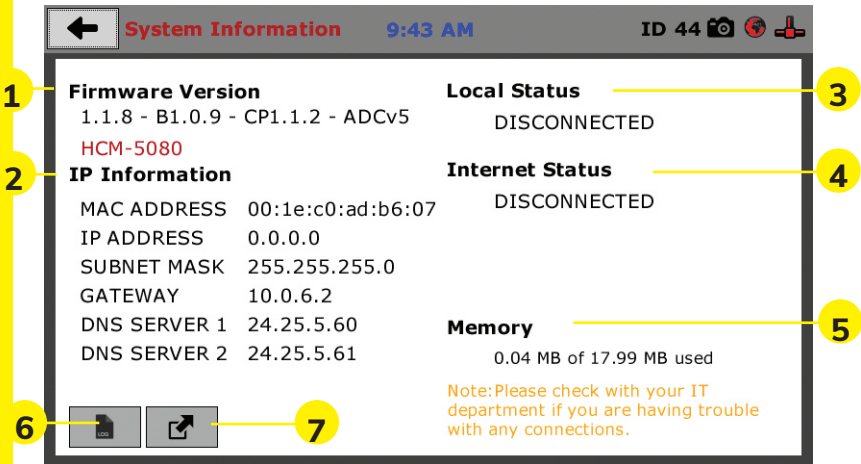
## Initial Set Up — Information

Clicking on this panel provides a view of the current status of the machine. (1)



## System Information

Below is a view of the System Information screen. It provides a current status of the machine.



### Firmware Version (1)

The current version of the machine firmware is shown here. If you contact product support, you will need to supply this information.

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### Memory (5)

This indicates the current status of how much available memory is being used by the machine

### Factory Screen (6)

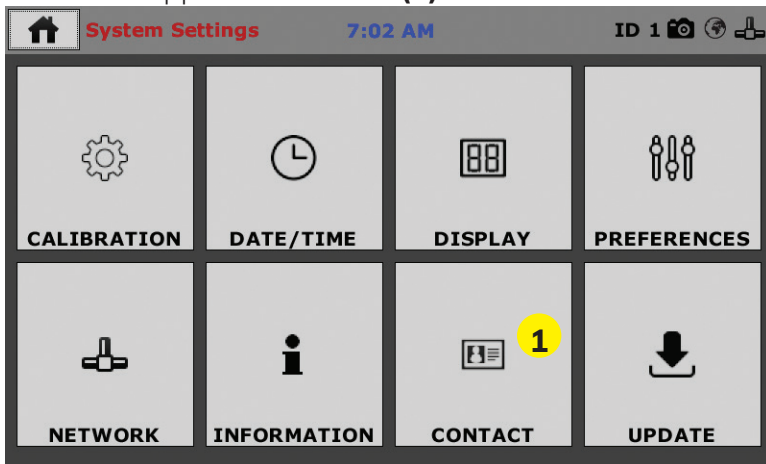
This is for Humboldt use only.

### Export Log File (7)

This button exports a log file from the machine to a USB thumb drive. Be sure to insert a thumb drive before exporting the file or you will receive an error. This file can be helpful in trouble shooting by Humboldt Support.

## Initial Set Up —Contact

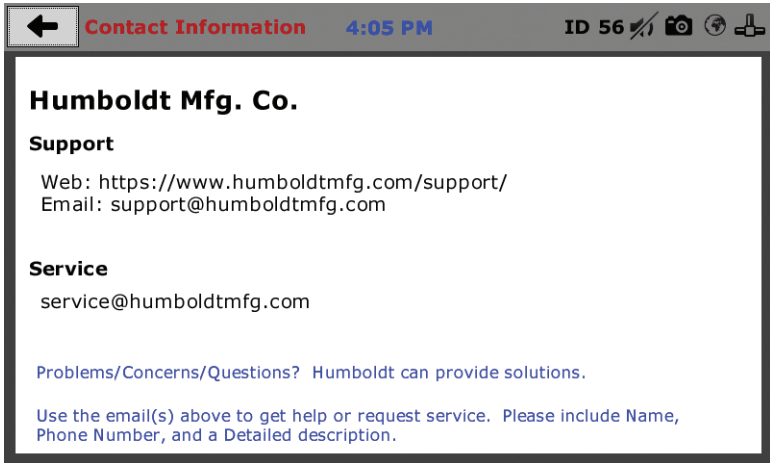
Clicking on this panel provides contact information for Humboldt Support and Service(1)



### Contact Information

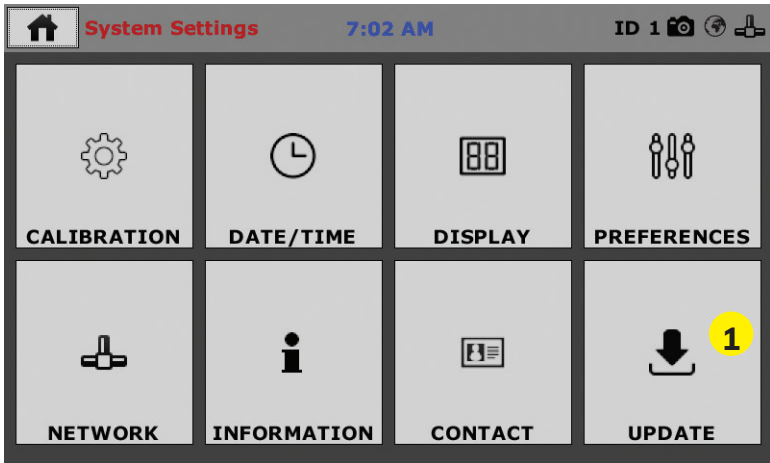
Below is a view of the Contact Information screen showing contact information for Humboldt Support and Service.

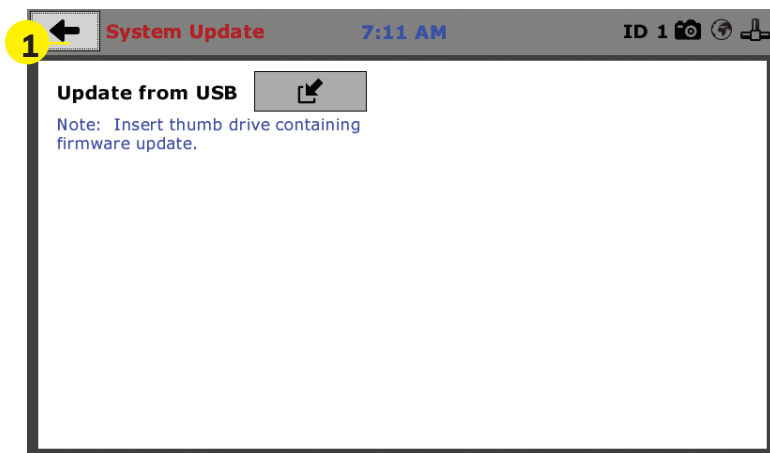
**For quickest response go to this link on our website: <https://www.humboldtmfg.com/support> and fill in the support form.** This will provide us with the necessary information to assist you and you will be added to the next position in the support cue. You can also email Humboldt Support at [support@humboldtmfg.com](mailto:support@humboldtmfg.com) or Humboldt Service at [service@humboldtmfg.com](mailto:service@humboldtmfg.com). Please include contact information and a detailed description of your reason for contact.



## Initial Set Up — Update

Clicking on this panel provides information on checking for Updates, performing updates and an update history for the machine. **(1)**



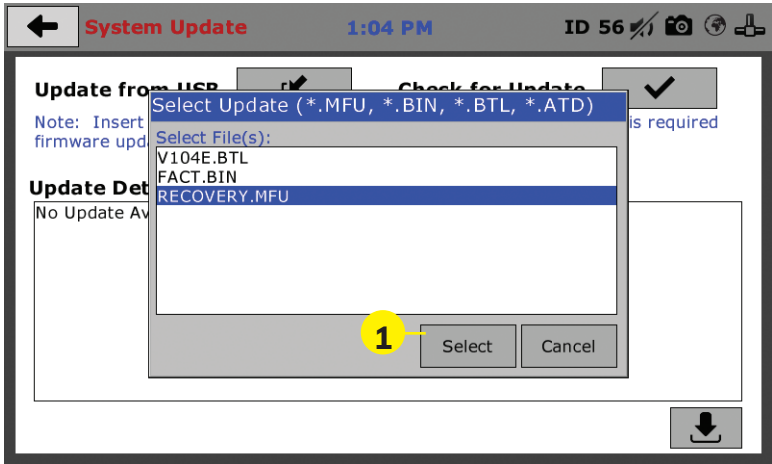


### Update from USB (1)

Software updates for your machine can be downloaded from the Humboldt website Support Area using a computer. To access the Software Update area, go to: <https://www.humboldtmg.com/support/software.php>.

Once on this page, click on the Elite Series Firmware tab.

- 1) You will see a list of Humboldt Elite Series machines.
- 2) Click on the HCM-5080 Current Version link and the firmware update will begin to download to your computer.
- 3) Once the download is complete, load the file onto a USB thumb drive and insert the thumb drive into the USB port on the front of the HCM-5080.
- 4) With the USB thumb drive inserted into the USB port, click on Update from USB **(1)**.
- 5) A window will open and you will see a list of Updates. Select a file to use for your update and click the Select button.



- 6) The update process will begin. This may take several minutes. Your HCM-5080 may reboot several times during the update, do not turn off or reset machine during this process.



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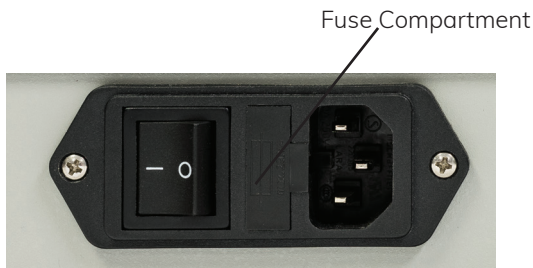


Fig. 1 Power Switch

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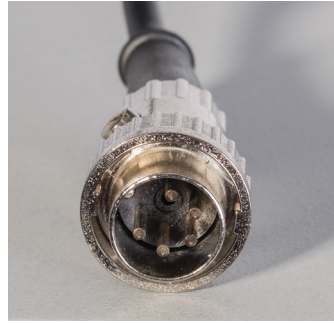
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Instrumentation  
Input



Instrumentation Plug

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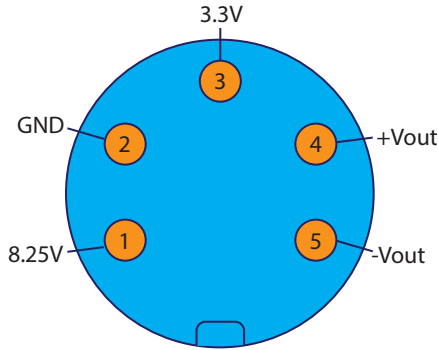


If you purchased multiple compression machines and/or compressometers/extensometers with your Compression machine/Controller, their input plugs will be marked to correspond to the correct type of input on the back of the controller. Remember: Inputs 1 and 4 are configured to read Load and Inputs 2 and 3 are configured to read Displacement.



## Third-Party Instrumentation

Third-party load cells/transducers and compression machines, which are compatible, can also be used with the HCM-5080. Compatible units must work with an excitation voltage of 8.25 volts and produce an output of 0-5 volts. Prior to use, all third-party instrumentation must be configured and calibrated. If you are using third-party cables for load cells/transducers connections, make sure they are wired to be compatible with the HCM-5080, see illustration below. Plugs to connect third-party instrumentation to the Humboldt HCM-5080 are available; order part HS-000474.



## Calibration of Instrumentation

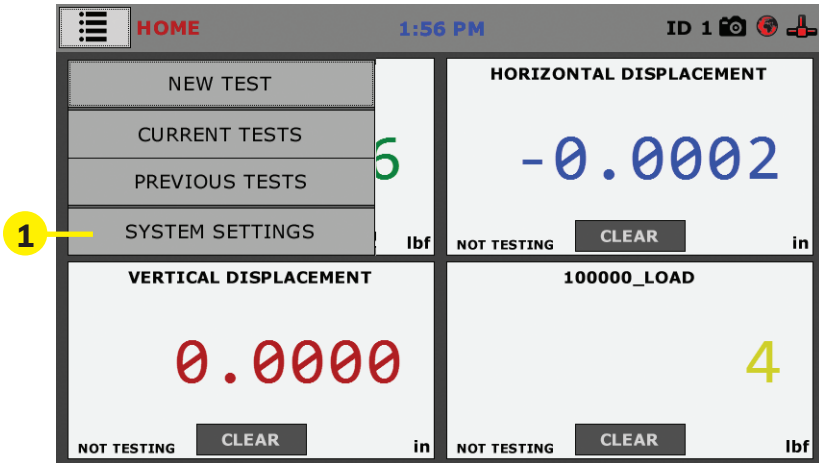
**Once your compression machine is setup in its final position, you should have all instrumentation validated/calibrated by a certified calibrator. See calibration instructions in the Equipment Setup section of this manual.**

## How to Perform a Calibration

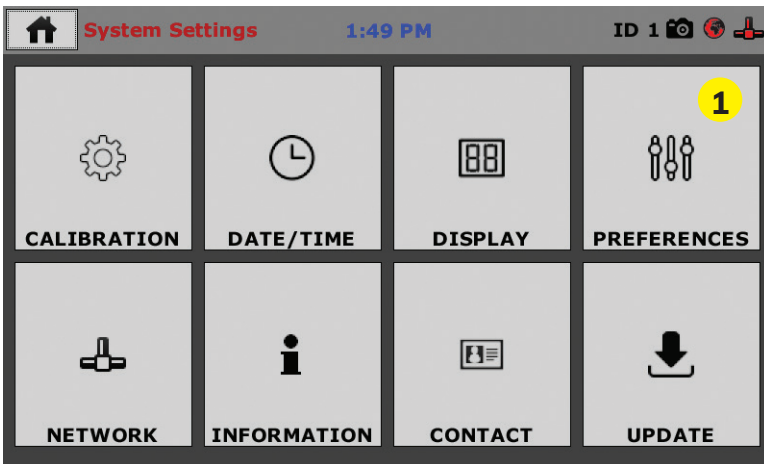
Humboldt recommends and standard lab practice dictates that your HCM-5080 should be calibrated periodically. For most, this period is usually a year, though other rules may apply to the frequency of calibration.

To perform a calibration, it will be necessary to either hire a calibration service to come in to calibrate your machine or you must have the necessary calibration equipment to perform this service.

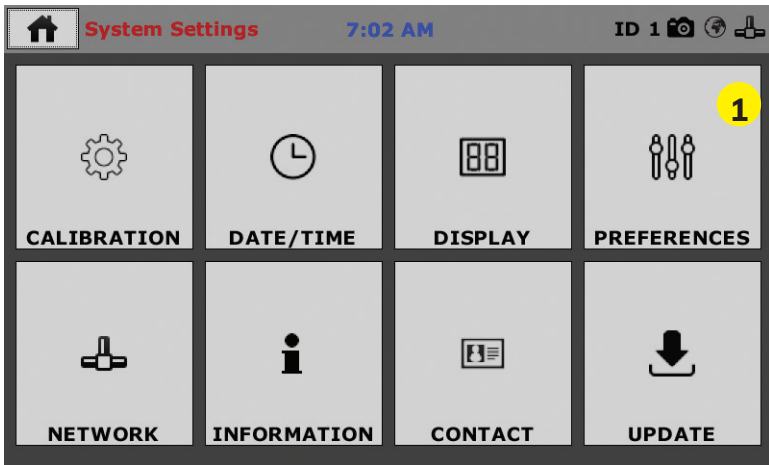
Before you can perform a calibration the compression machine must be in Manual Mode. To Set this, click on the Menu icon in the top left corner of the screen (1). When you click on this button, you will see a drop-down menu appear, see below.



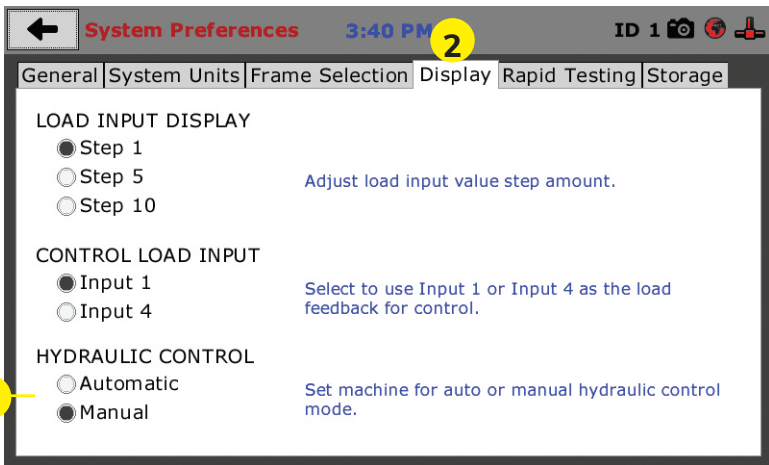
Navigate to the bottom of this drop-down menu and click on System Settings (1). You will see the following screen.



Click on the Preferences tab in the top right corner (1). You will see the following screen.

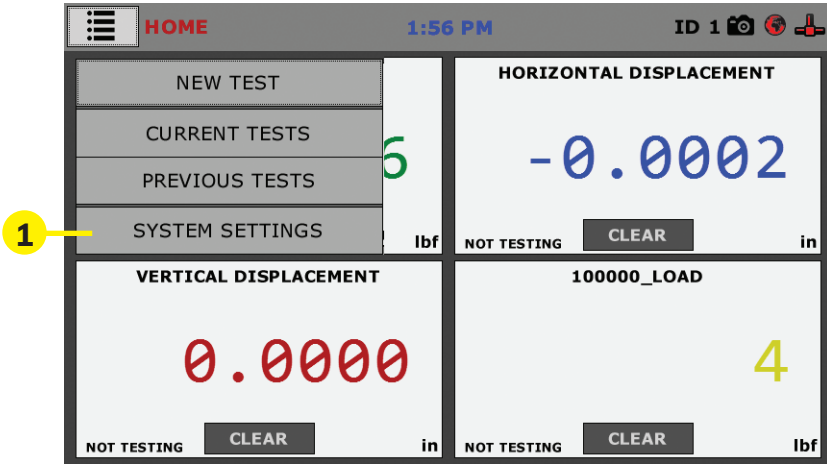


Click on the Preferences Tab **(1)**. On the next screen, click on the Display Tab **(2)**, you will see the following screen.

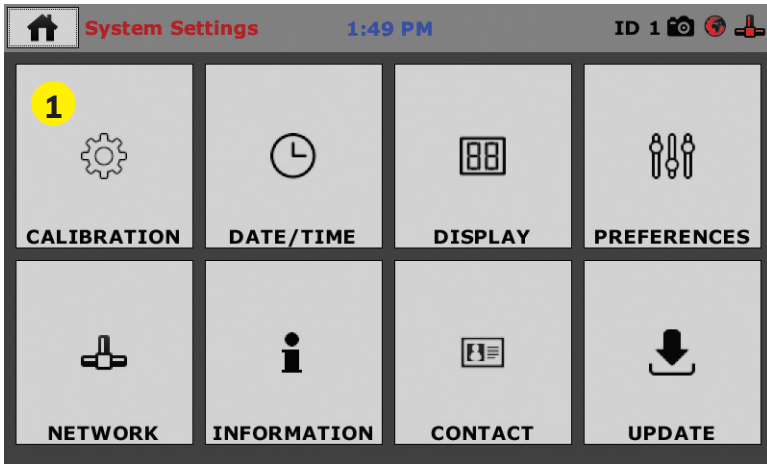


Go to Hydraulic Control **(3)** section and make sure Manual is selected. This is required for the Calibration operation.

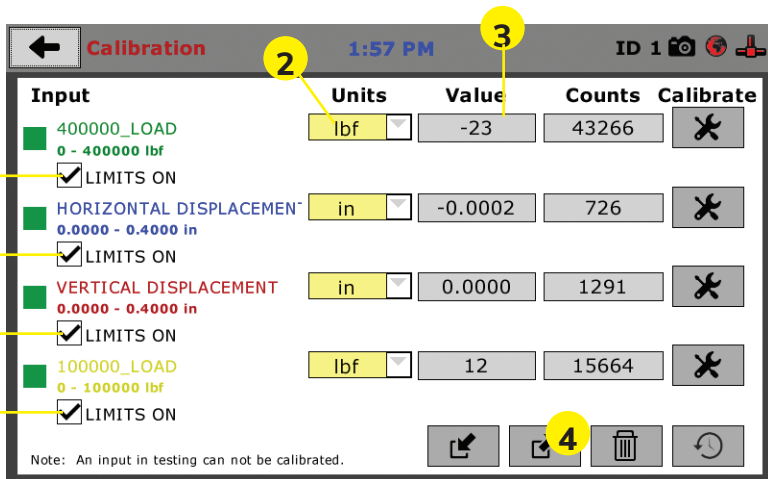
To begin a calibration, navigate to the Calibration section by clicking the Menu icon in the top left corner of the screen (1). When you click on this button, you will see a drop-down menu appear, see below.



Navigate to the bottom of this drop-down menu and click on System Settings (1). You will see the following screen.



Click on the Calibration tab in the top left corner (1). You will see the following screen.



## Calibration Input Screen

The Calibration Input Screen (above) is used to monitor and calibrate instrumentation and assign them to specific channels of the HCM-5080. The Calibration Input Screen provides a summary of the calibration status of each channel. At this time, verify the calibration information.

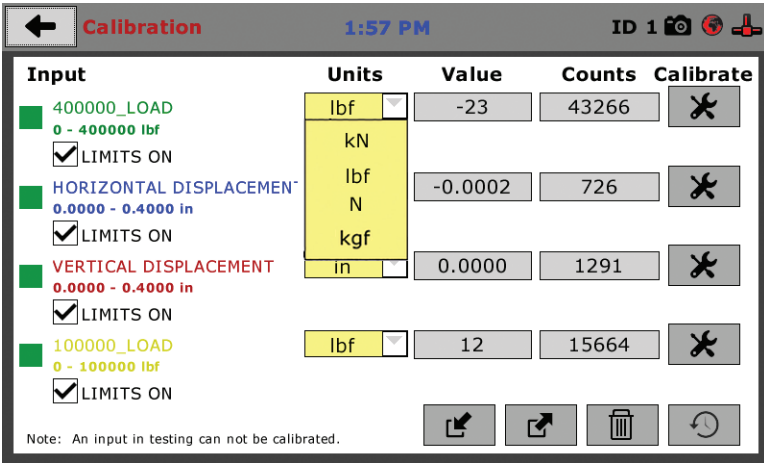
A green box at the left of a channel indicates that the channel has instrumentation assigned to it and that it is calibrated and ready for use **(1)**.

Each channel has a “Limits On” check box (1). Use the Limits On to keep the machine from exceeding the sensor limits of the instrumentation. Selecting this option will safe guard you instrumentation by stopping all test and the motor before the test can exceed the limits of the sensors.

**Note: An input cannot be calibrated during testing.**

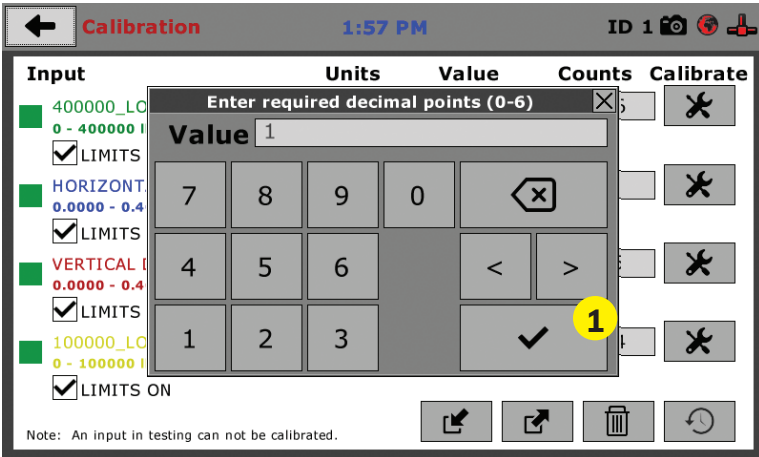
### Units (2)

In this field, a calibrated instrument will display the units that were chosen for use at the time of calibration. This field can also be used to automatically toggle conversion of units between lb.-in. and SI units if the need arises. To view choices for types of Units, click on the Units field and the Unit choices will be displayed, see on next page.



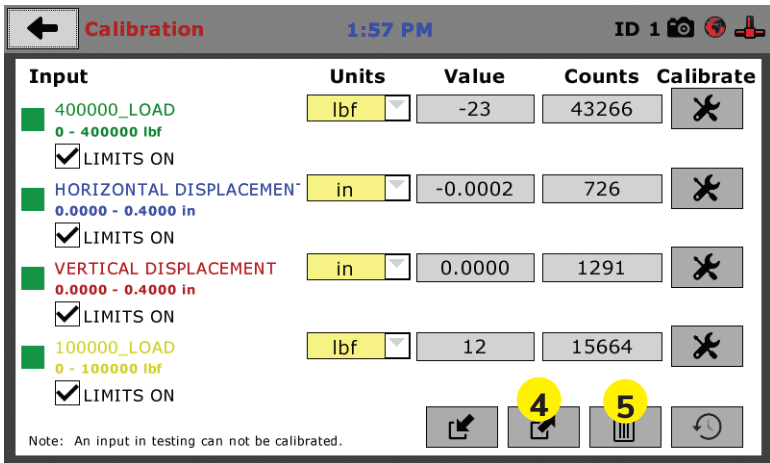
### Value (3)

This field displays the current calibration value. For compression machines this value would typically be set to 1 decimal point. If the instrument is not calibrated, the unit will read "N/A". Clicking on this field will bring up a window where you can enter the required decimal points required for the value. Once you have entered a value, Click the Check Mark **(1)** in the lower right-hand corner to save the value



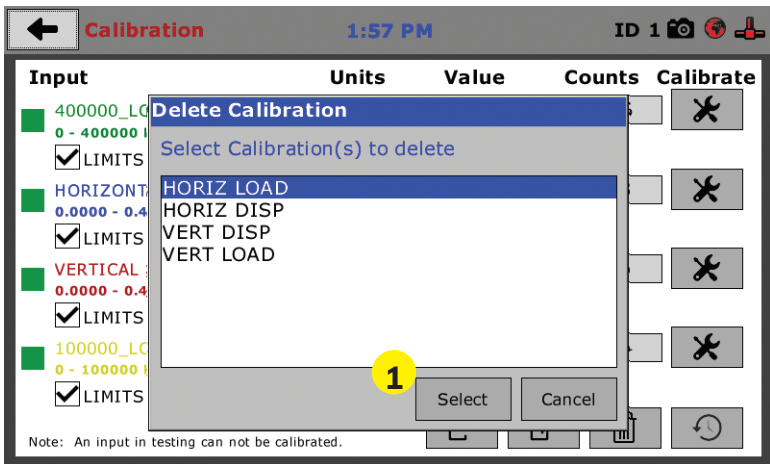
### Performing a New Calibration

The first step in calibrating instrumentation to an input is to remove any calibration that is already being used for that input. To do this, Press the Export Calibration Button **(4)** (see next page) to select calibrations to export via USB. It is a good practice to export all your calibrations to a thumb drive. In case of a problem this practice allows you to recover your calibration data quickly.



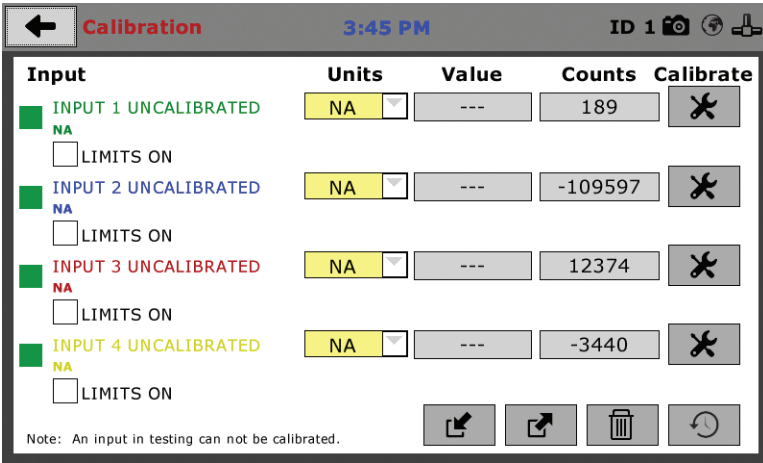
Once your calibrations have been saved, you will see a pop up screen that says: Calibration Export Successful.

To begin to remove existing calibrations, click on the trash can icon **(5)** to begin to erase the Input calibrations you wish to recalibrate. When you press the trash can icon, this screen will appear.



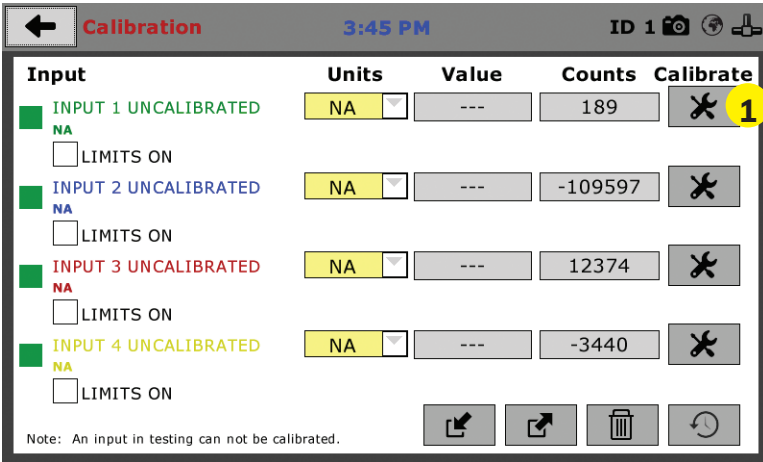
On this screen, select an Input calibration to delete, one at a time, and then press the Select button **(1)**. The calibration will be deleted. You can do this for all Inputs you wish to calibrate.

Once all Input calibrations have been cleared, your Calibration window should look like the one below with no Inputs calibrated.



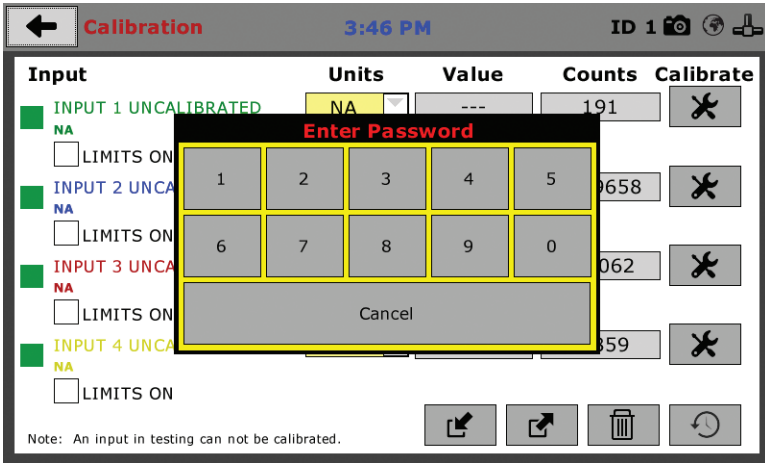
Calibrating your instrumentation to the appropriate Input requires a separate device, which can provide precise and specific loads or displacement, and, which has been certified to be accurate.

Once this has been done, click the Calibrate button next to the appropriate Input **(1)**.

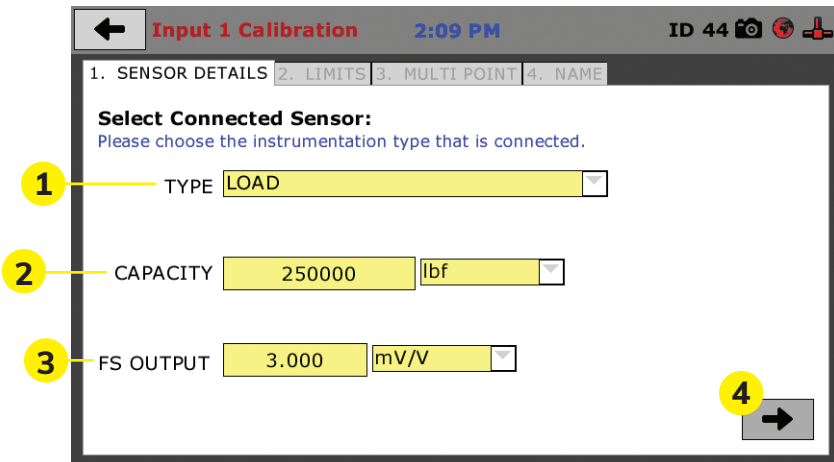


A pop-up window will appear requiring you to enter the password, which is **22234**.





Upon filling in the password, you will see this screen, Tab 1 Sensor Details of the Calibration settings.



On Tab 1, the Sensor Type **(1)** will default to Load. Clicking on the yellow popup menu allows you to change this if necessary. For Capacity **(2)**, fill in the maximum capacity of the sensor and choose either lbf, kN, N or kgf. For FS output **(3)**, refer to the calibration sheet, which came with the instrument you are using and enter it here, and then choose mV/V. The next page shows typical calibration sheets with the FS Output information highlighted in orange.



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|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Model             | HM-2300-020 |
| Full scale Output | 3.0012mV/V  |
| NTEP#             | 06-080      |
| Serial#           | 216907      |
| Capacity          | 2,000 lb    |
| Date              | 01/20/2017  |

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Zero Balance             | 1.00% FS                     |
| Rated Excitation         | 10 Vdc                       |
| Compensated Temp. Range  | 14 to 104 °F (-10°C to 40°C) |
| Insulation Res.          | >1,000 Megohms at 50V DC     |
| Barometric Effect        | Nil                          |
| Input Resistance         | 385± 15Ω                     |
| Output Resistance        | 350± 3Ω                      |
| Minimum Dead Load        | 40Lb                         |
| Vmin                     | 0.080Lb                      |
| Safe overload (150%)     | 150% of capacity             |
| Ultimate Overload (300%) |                              |

|                    |              |       |              |
|--------------------|--------------|-------|--------------|
| <b>Wiring Code</b> |              |       |              |
| Red                | + Excitation | Black | - Excitation |
| Green              | + Output     | White | - Output     |

**Caution: Cutting cable will affect the Full Scale Output calibration and voids warranty!**

Data obtained utilizing standards traceable to the National Institute of Standards & Technology.

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**Test Report & Data**

Linear Displacement Sensor      3500 Full Bridge balance output

Model **HM-2310.10**      Serial No **15869**

|   |          |                          |                  |
|---|----------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Test Results</b>   |          |                          |                  |
| Test Volts  | 5.00     | Volts Sensitivity @ 25mm | 6.880 mV/V       |
| Displacement  | 25.69 mm | Non Linearity            | 0.04% Full Scale |
| <small>Test data is based on best fit line (worst case for error)</small> |          |                          |                  |

**Input volts**      2-10      AC or DC

|   |             |                             |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Wiring Connections</b>                                       | Pin No      | Pin No.                     |
| Excitation +  | Red      1  | Signal +      Green      4  |
| Excitation -  | Blue      2 | Signal -      Yellow      5 |
| <small>Pin No. - Only when factory fitted with DIN plug</small> |             |                             |

**Operational Notes**

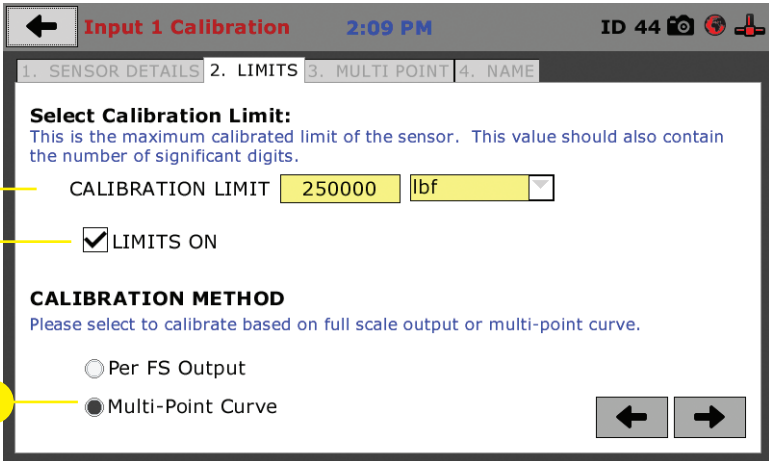
- The outer case must not be distorted when clamping the sensor, a full diameter clamp is strongly recommended.
- The sensor is not recommended for use in hostile or extreme environments without protection.
- Special tools are required to remove the plunger tip (anvil). This Anvil forms the mechanical stop for the extent of the plunger travel and must only be removed under controlled conditions that prevent the spindle being depressed into the body of the sensor.

**Notes**

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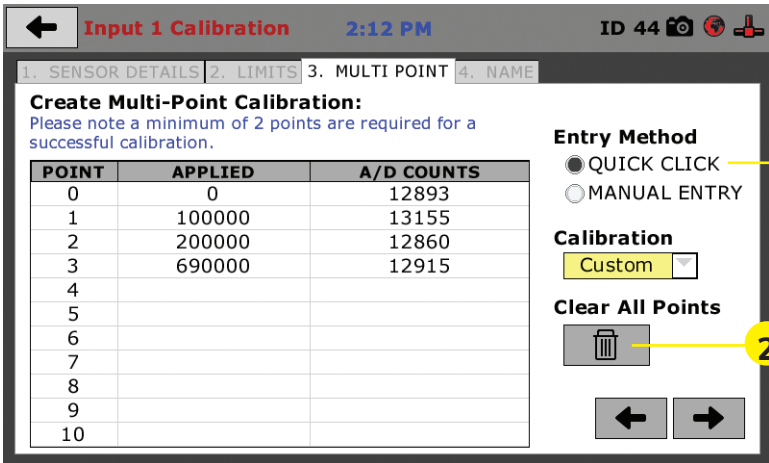
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Once this is complete, click on the Right Arrow (4), in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen to save these settings. You will be taken to Tab 2, Limits.



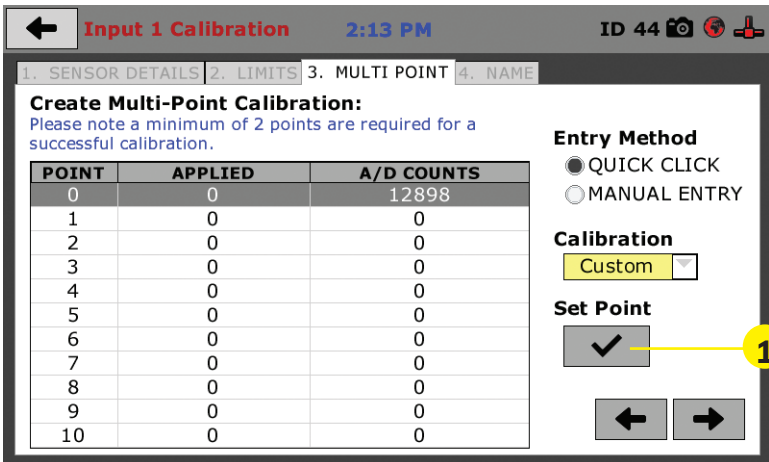
On Tab 2, in the Calibration Limit field (1), enter the maximum calibrated limit of the sensor. This value should contain the number of decimal points you require for degree of accuracy, up to 5 points. Each channel has a "Limits On" check box (1). Use the Limits On to keep the machine from exceeding the sensor limits of the instrumentation. Selecting this option will safe guard your instrumentation by stopping all tests and the motor before the test can exceed the limits of the sensors. Calibration Method (3) should be set to Multi-Point Curve of up to a maximum of 10 points.

Choose Multi-Point Curve (Recommended calibration method) and click on the Right Arrow in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen, you will be taken to Tab 3 (see below).

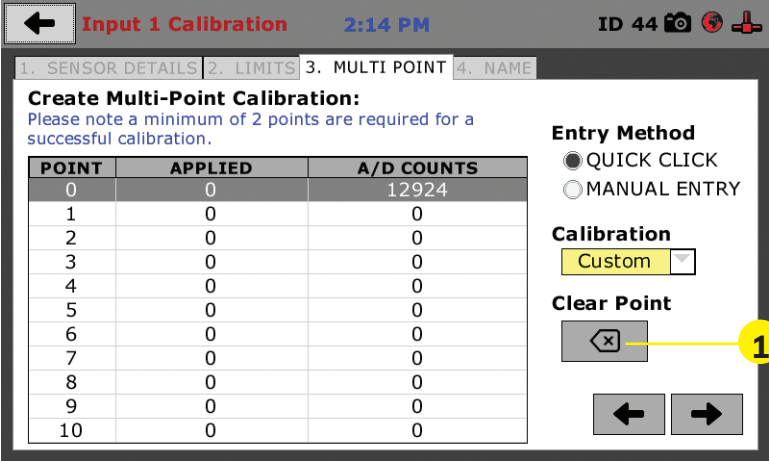


On Tab 3, choose the Quick Click Entry Method (1). Calibration will automatically be set to custom. This allows you to set up a calibration curve of up to 10 points. To begin the calibration procedure, click on the trash can icon to “Clear All Points” (2).

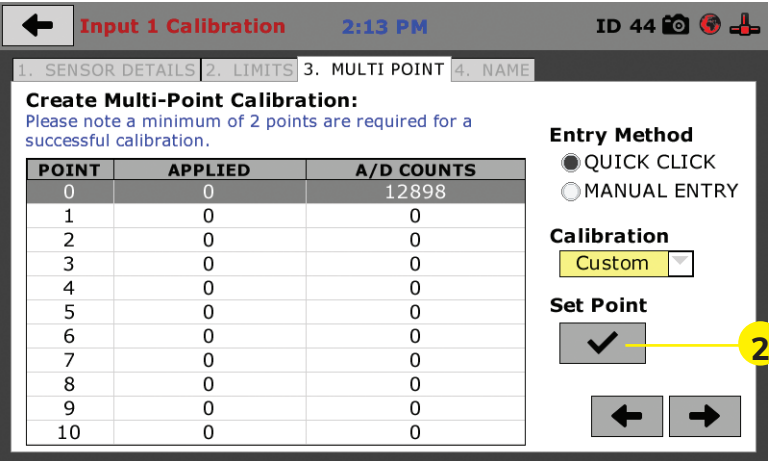
To begin calibrating the 250,000 lbf compression machine for our example we will begin by selecting the first row, or “Point 0”. Once the row is selected click on Set Point (1), see below.



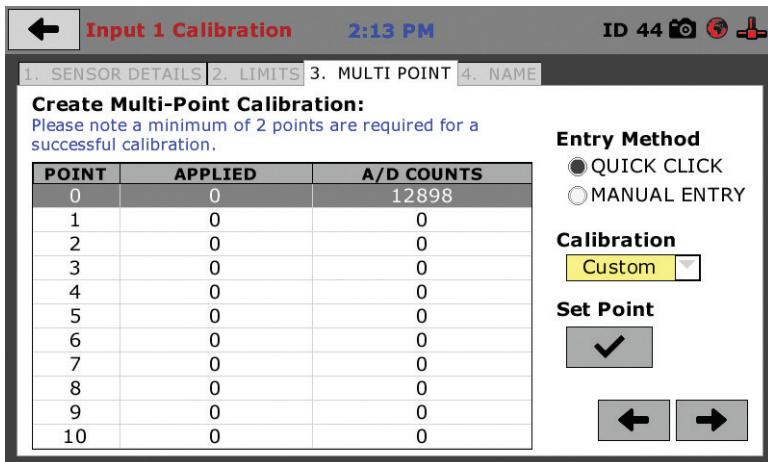
This selects the row for our zero point, and the Set Point will change to Clear Point (see below).



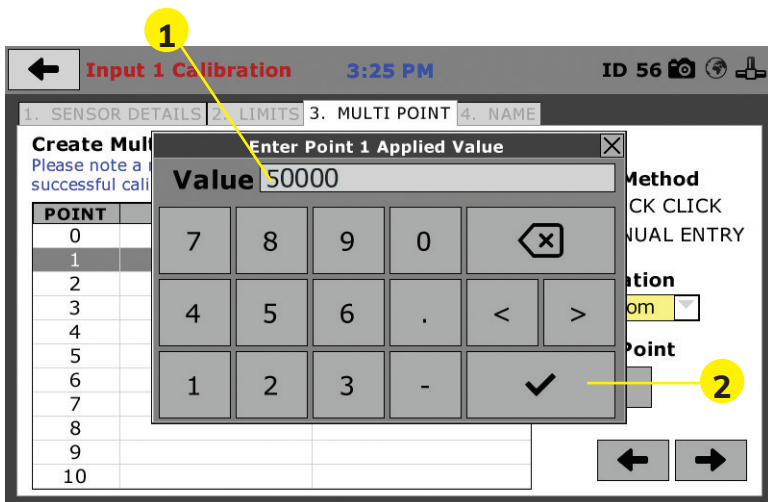
Click on Clear Point (1) and the number field under A/D Counts in Row 0 will switch to zero for a moment and then begin blinking with a reading. Click on Set Point (2)



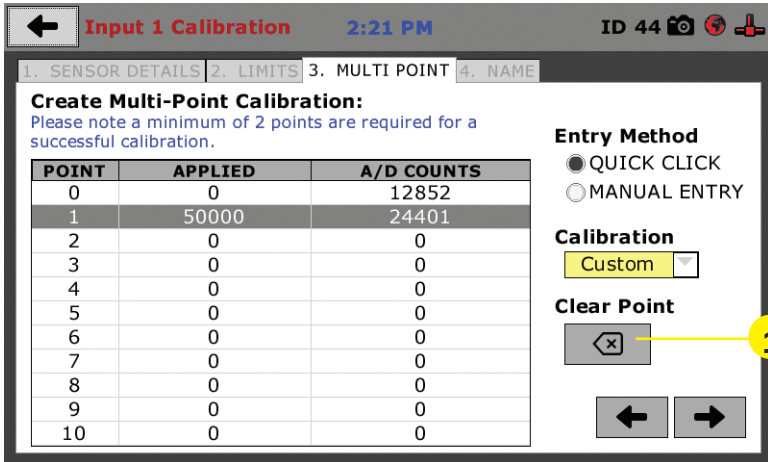
This sets our zero point calibration (see below). Since in this example we are calibrating a 250,000 lbf machine, we will calibrate our remaining points in 50,000 lbf increments.



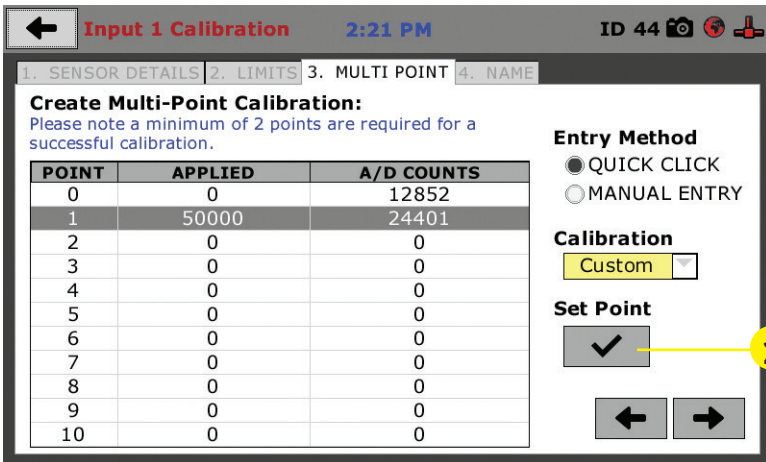
So, for our first calibration point, click on Row 1. A popup window will come up and in the Value field enter 50000 (1). Click the Check Mark (2) in the lower right hand corner of the window



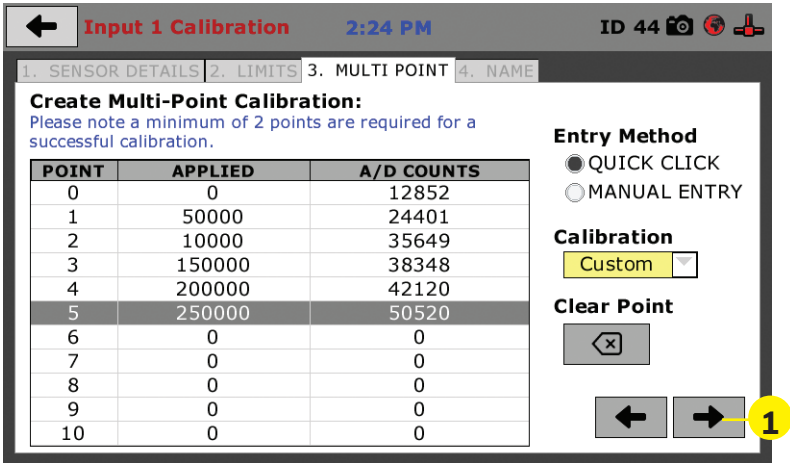
Your window will now have Row 1 selected and the Applied Column will read 50000 (see below)



As we did before, Click on the Clear Point button (1). The A/D Counts field for Row 1 will begin to blink. Using the Motor Control Knob, located in front of the pump on the Compression Machine, slowly turn the potentiometer clockwise until you have reached a reading of 50,000 on your calibration device. At that point, Click on the Set Point button (2)

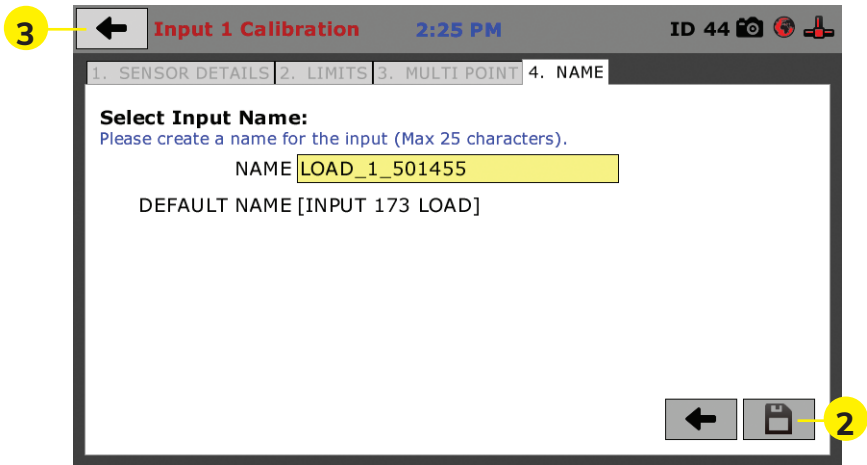


Continue this process until you have completed all rows of the calibration. The window will look like this, see below.



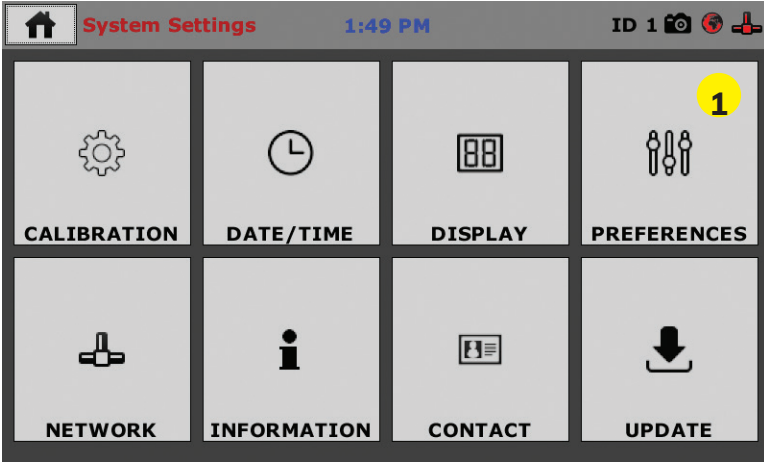
Once all Points have been calibrated, click on the Right Arrow **(1)** in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen. You will be taken to Tab 4.

On Tab 4, you will be asked to name the calibrated Input. Fill in your Input Name and click on the Save button **(2)** to save your calibration.

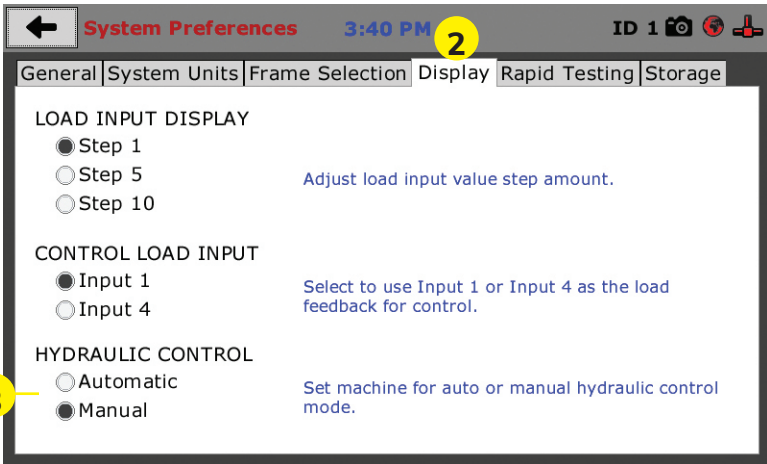


Your compression machine is now ready for use. To return to the Home Screen, click on the Arrow **(3)** in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.

After calibration, be sure to change the hydraulic control back to automatic. To do this, return to the System Settings window and click on the Preferences tab.



On the next screen, click on the Display Tab **(2)**, you will see the following screen



Go to Hydraulic Control **(3)** section and make sure Manual is selected. This is required for the Calibration operation.



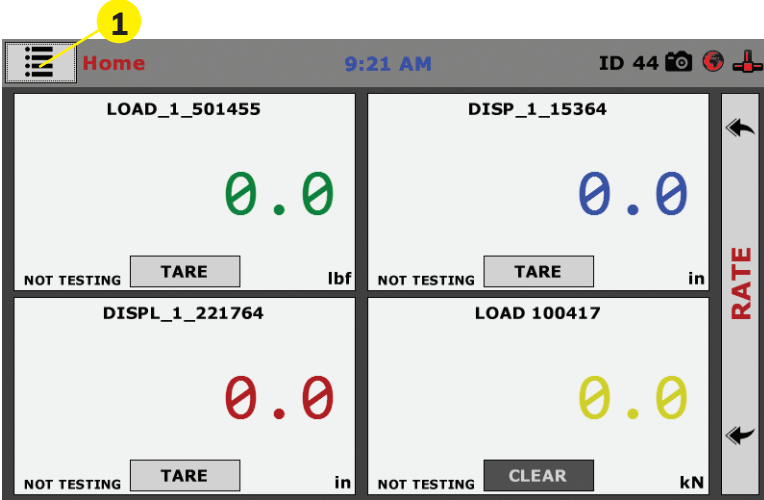


# Test Setup

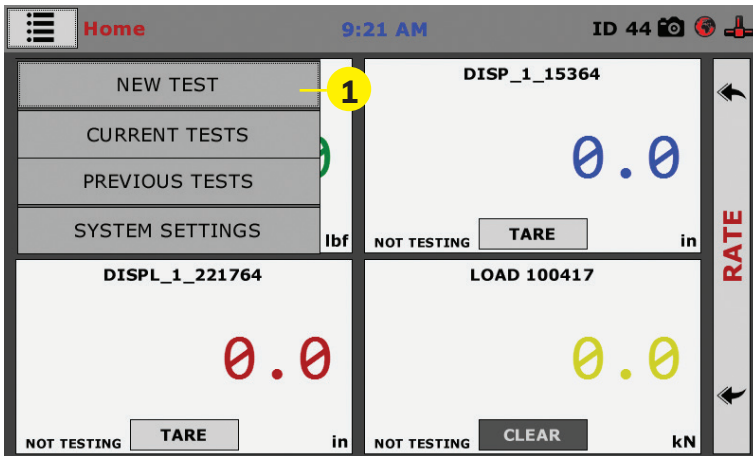
## Test Setup

To begin a new test, such as ASTM C39 for cylinders, prepare your cylinder and mount it into the compression machine per the standard you are using for your test.

Click on the Menu icon in the top left corner of the Controller's screen (1).

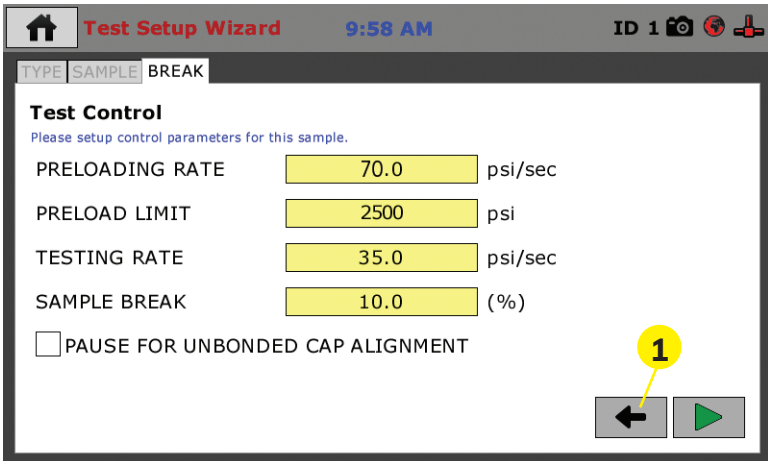


When you click on this button, you will see a drop-down menu appear, see below. Click on NEW TEST (1).



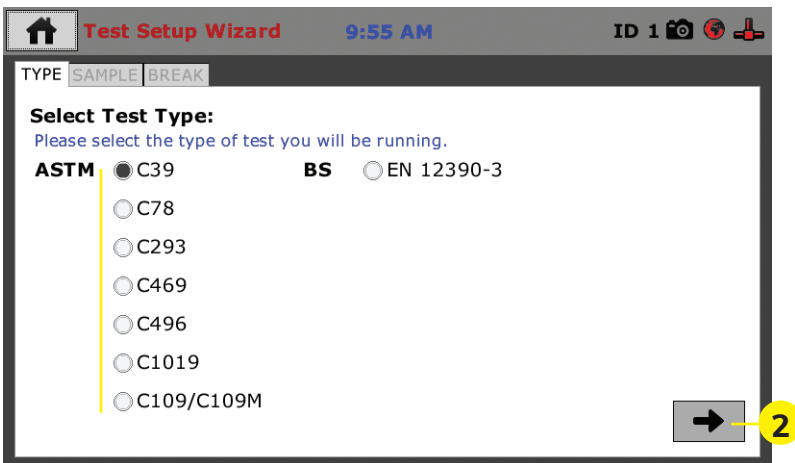
## Test Setup Wizard – Select Test Type

Clicking on NEW TEST **(1)** above brings up the Test Setup Wizard (see below). The Controller will default to the third tab: Break. Here, if you know the settings you want to use, you can fill in the test parameters.



The screenshot shows the 'Test Setup Wizard' interface with the 'BREAK' tab selected. The title bar includes a home icon, the text 'Test Setup Wizard', the time '9:58 AM', and 'ID 1' with camera, globe, and printer icons. Below the title bar are three tabs: 'TYPE', 'SAMPLE', and 'BREAK'. The main content area is titled 'Test Control' and contains the instruction 'Please setup control parameters for this sample.' There are four input fields: 'PRELOADING RATE' (70.0 psi/sec), 'PRELOAD LIMIT' (2500 psi), 'TESTING RATE' (35.0 psi/sec), and 'SAMPLE BREAK' (10.0 (%)). A checkbox labeled 'PAUSE FOR UNBONDED CAP ALIGNMENT' is at the bottom left. At the bottom right, there are two arrow buttons: a left arrow and a right arrow. A yellow circle with the number '1' points to the left arrow button.

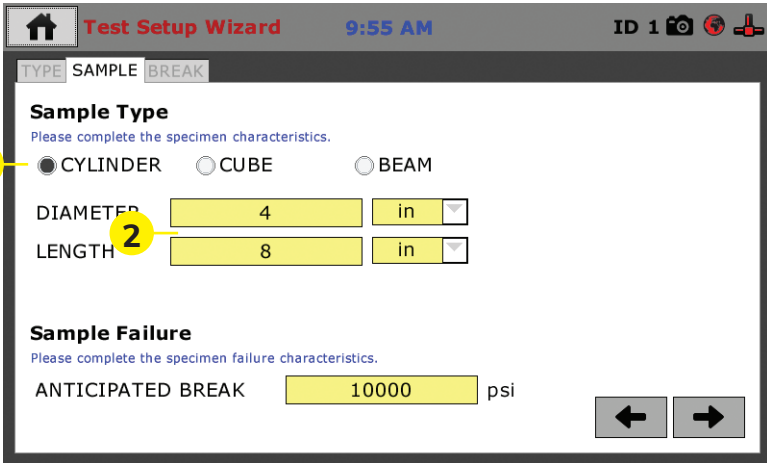
However, if you want to choose a Standard Test Type, click on the Left Arrow **(1)** twice to move to the first tab of the Wizard. Here you can select the type of test you want to perform — ASTM C39, C78, C293, C469, C1019, C109/109M and BS EN 12390-3.



The screenshot shows the 'Test Setup Wizard' interface with the 'TYPE' tab selected. The title bar is the same as in the previous screenshot. Below the title bar are three tabs: 'TYPE', 'SAMPLE', and 'BREAK'. The main content area is titled 'Select Test Type:' and contains the instruction 'Please select the type of test you will be running.' There are two groups of radio buttons: 'ASTM' with options C39, C78, C293, C469, C496, C1019, and C109/C109M; and 'BS' with option EN 12390-3. A yellow vertical line highlights the 'ASTM' group. At the bottom right, there is a right arrow button. A yellow circle with the number '2' points to this right arrow button.

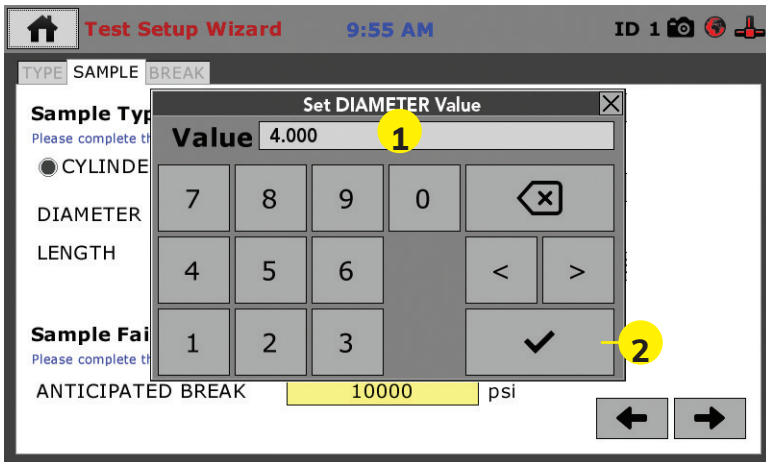
Select a test **(1)** from the choices provided on the screen above by clicking on the radio button next to the test. In this example we have chosen ASTM C39. Then, click on the Right Arrow button **(2)** in the bottom right-hand corner.

You will see the following screen.

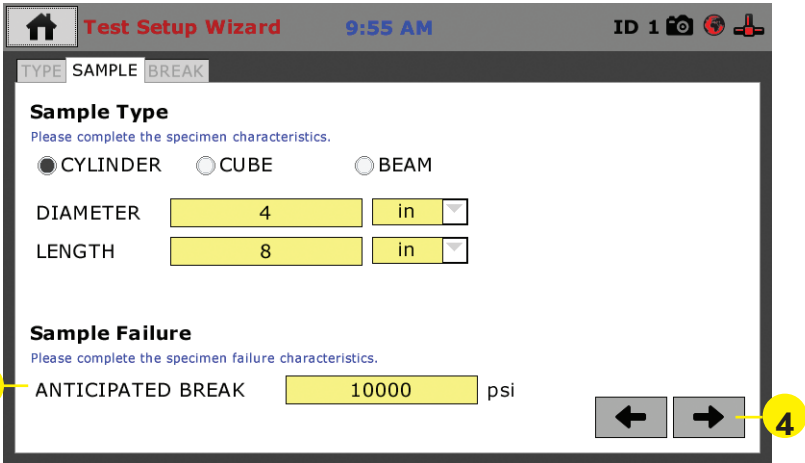


## Test Setup Wizard – Sample Type

The screen above allows you to choose the type of test specimen **(1)** to be tested and to fill in its size in the corresponding yellow fields **(2)**. Because we chose ASTM C39 on the previous screen, the machine will automatically choose Cylinder as your Sample Type. When you click on the yellow fields, a Set Value screen will popup to allow you to set these values, see below **(1)**. Once you have entered a value, Click the Check Mark **(2)** in the lower right-hand corner to save the value, see below.

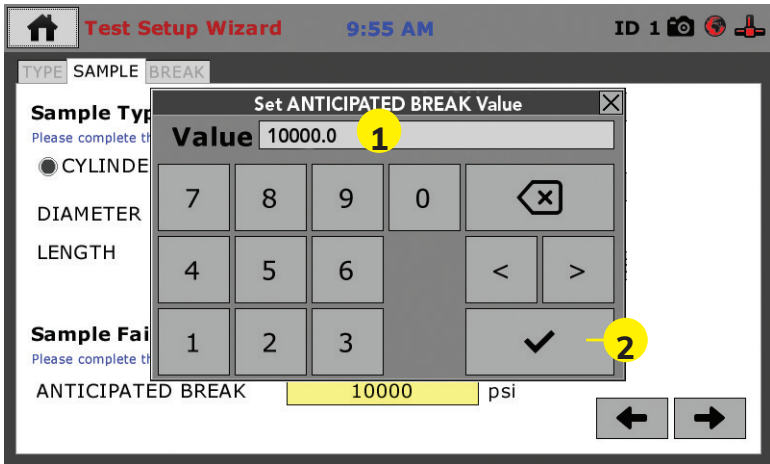


You will be returned to the Sample Tab of the Test Setup Wizard, below.



You can also provide an Anticipated Break (Sample Failure) value in the yellow field **(3)** provided.

When you click on the yellow fields, a Set Value screen will popup to allow you to set these values, see below **(1)**.



Once you have entered a value, Click the Check Mark **(2)** in the lower right-hand corner to save the value. You will be returned to the Sample Tab of the Test Setup Wizard.

Once you have filled in the needed data, click on the Right Arrow button **(4)** in the bottom right-hand corner of the Sample Tab of the Test Setup Wizard to continue. You will now see the following screen.

## Test Setup Wizard – Break – Test Control

**Test Control**  
Please setup control parameters for this sample.

1 PRELOADING RATE 70.0 psi/sec

2 PRELOAD LIMIT 2500 psi

3 TESTING RATE 35.0 psi/sec

4 SAMPLE BREAK 10.0 (%)

5  PAUSE FOR UNBONDED CAP ALIGNMENT

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On this screen, you will enter values, which dictate your test parameters. To begin, you can set a Preloading Rate **(1)** and Preload Limit **(2)**, which establishes a base load prior to the actual test. If you specified the specific test you want to run on the Type tab and the “anticipated break” on the Sample tab, these fields will have been auto populated with the correct values.

You will also enter a value for the Rate of the Test **(3)** in accordance to the ASTM Spec. The Sample Break **(4)** value refers to the percentage of the initial break load the test will continue before stopping. There is also a check box **(5)** for providing a pause in the process to allow for alignment of an unbonded cap, if necessary.

## Test Setup Wizard – Start

You are now setup to run a test. Proceed with the test by pressing the Green Arrow **(6)** in the bottom, right-hand corner of the screen above. You will see the following screen.

**Select Trigger Parameters:**

Value

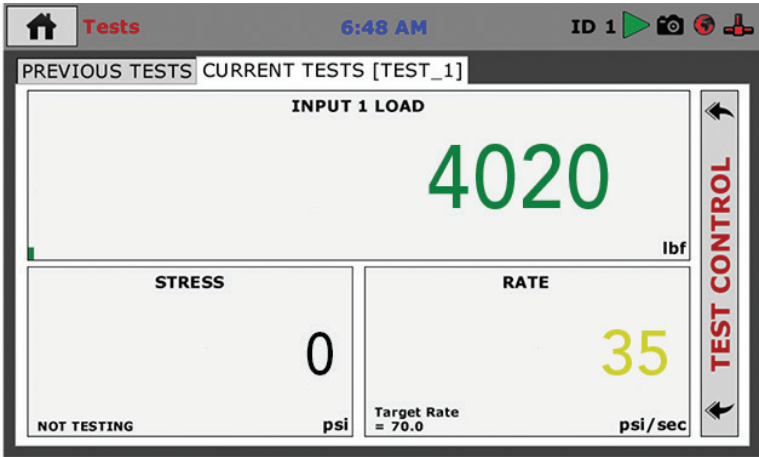
Set Test Name

1

2

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In the Value Field **(1)** (above) give your test a name. When finished, click on the check mark key **(2)** to save. You will see the following screen.

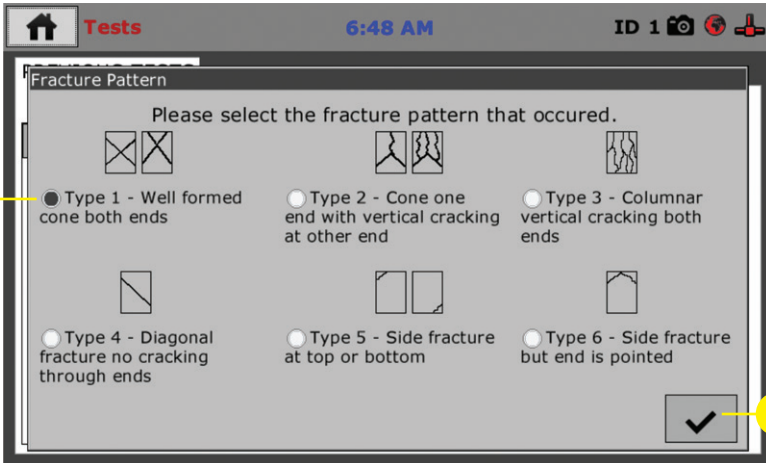


Once the test name has been saved, the controller will begin the test. Since the HCM-5080 controls both the pump and logging functions, the controller facilitates the testing operation by stepping through the preload and the testing sequence automatically.

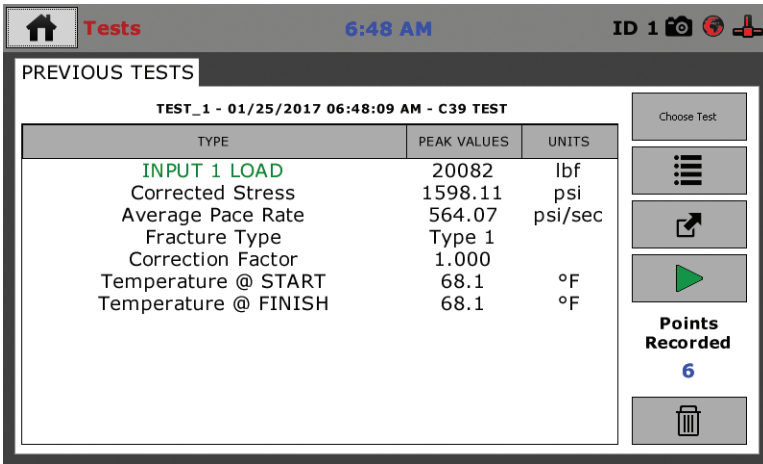
The controller will engage the compression machine and move the platen at a fast rate of speed until it senses the test specimen. At that point it will reduce the rate of travel to the Specification you have chosen for your test.

When the specimen breaks, the controller will continue to log until it detects a reduction in the Load of 10% of the Peak Value. At this point it will automatically stop the test and return the platen to the home position.

When the test reaches its end, the screen below will come up on the Controller. Here, you need to select the fracture pattern that occurred during the test by clicking the radio button next to the illustration that best represents the break **(1)**. Once you've selected a fracture pattern, click on the Check Mark **(2)** in the lower right-hand corner of the screen to continue.



You will now see the screen below, which provides the results of the completed test.



If you plan on breaking multiple samples using the same parameters and you have selected Fast Testing on the Rapid Testing Tab of the System Preferences.



You can set your next specimen into the compression machine and push the green arrow button to begin a new test. **(1)**.

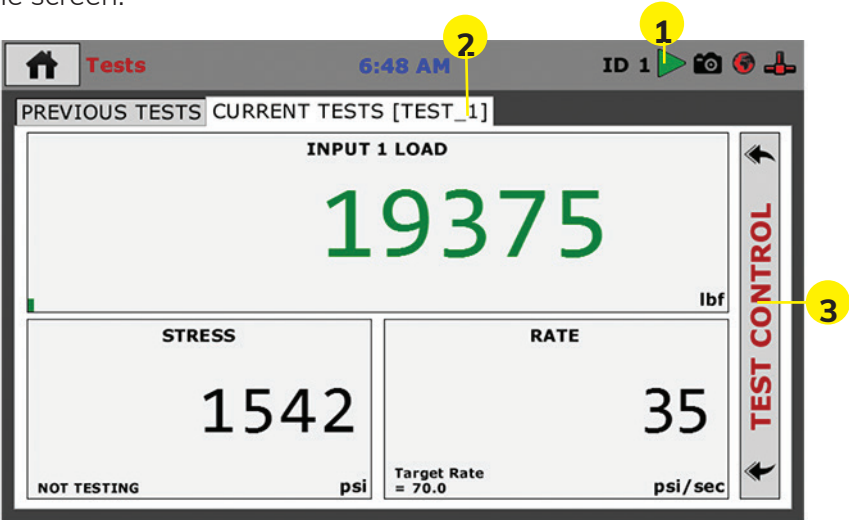
| TYPE                 | PEAK VALUES | UNITS   |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|
| <b>INPUT 1 LOAD</b>  | 20082       | lbf     |
| Corrected Stress     | 1598.11     | psi     |
| Average Pace Rate    | 564.07      | psi/sec |
| Fracture Type        | Type 1      |         |
| Correction Factor    | 1.000       |         |
| Temperature @ START  | 68.1        | °F      |
| Temperature @ FINISH | 68.1        | °F      |

A new test will begin and each new test will be given a unique name by adding a number at the end of the name you chose previously for these tests.

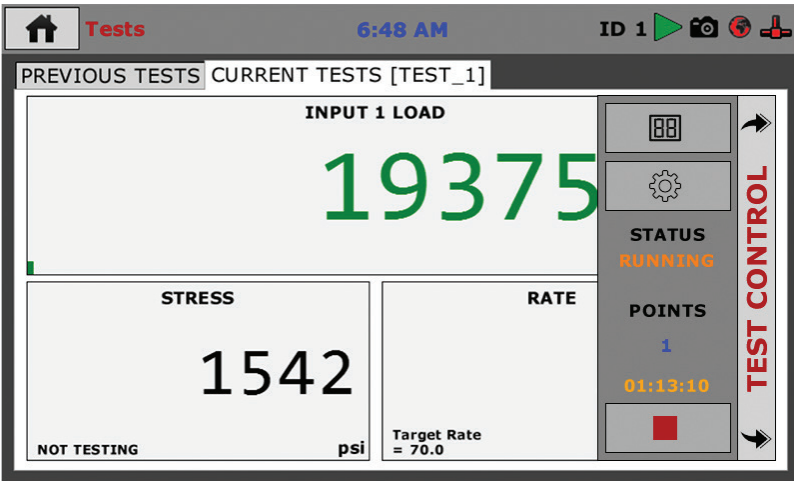
To continue for each new test, follow the instructions outlined previously on how to run a test above. If you didn't choose Fast Testing, you will have to name each test as described previously.

## Tests — Test Control Tab

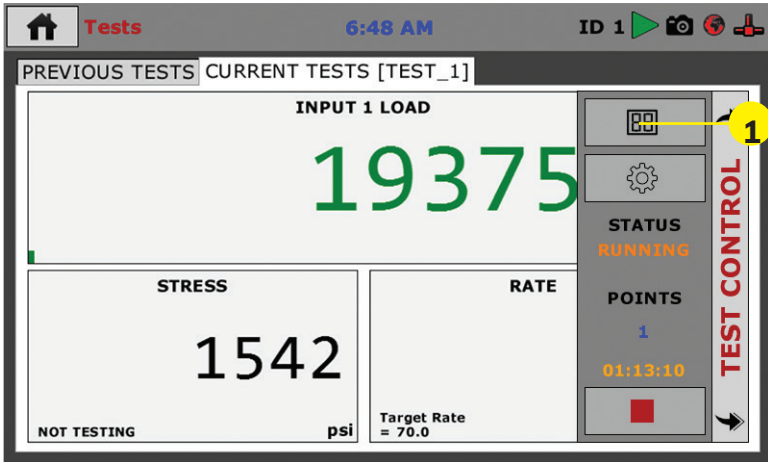
Below is the Current Test Screen, the Green Arrow (1) in the screen header indicates that a test is currently running. The name of the test (2) is shown in the current tab. To access different views, control or stop the current test, click on the Test Control tab (3) at the right of the screen.



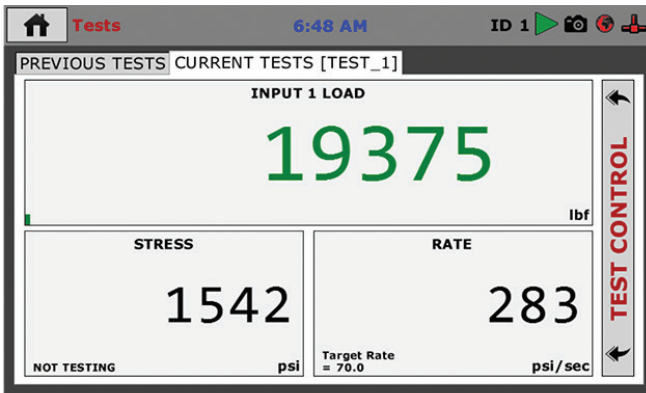
Clicking on this tab opens the Test Control panel, see below.



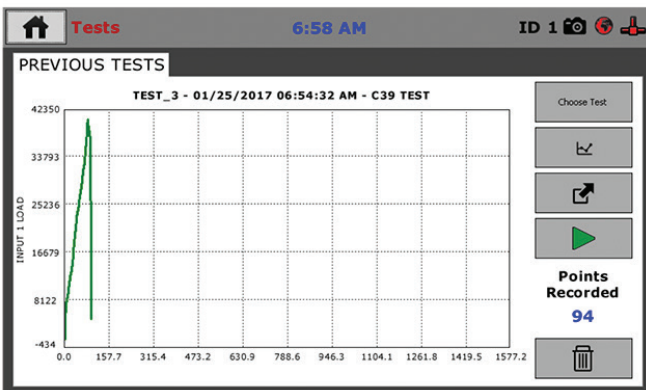
To Toggle through the different available views of a current test, click on the Switch Views button **(1)**.



The views that are available are: Live Readouts, Graph or Tabulation. Examples of these screens are below.



Live Readouts



Graph

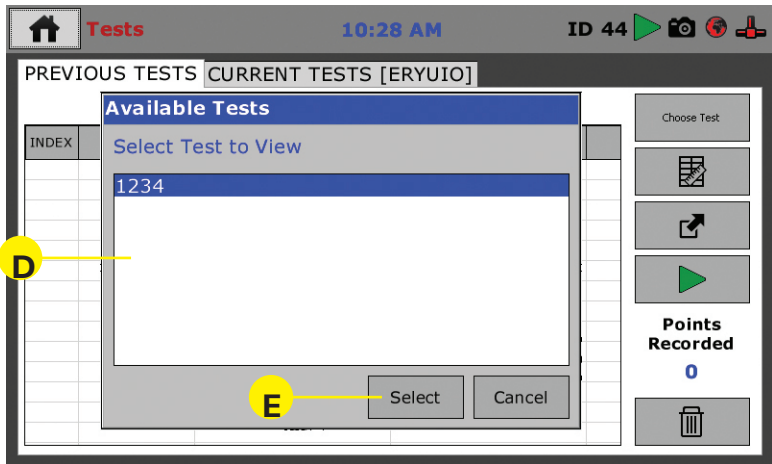
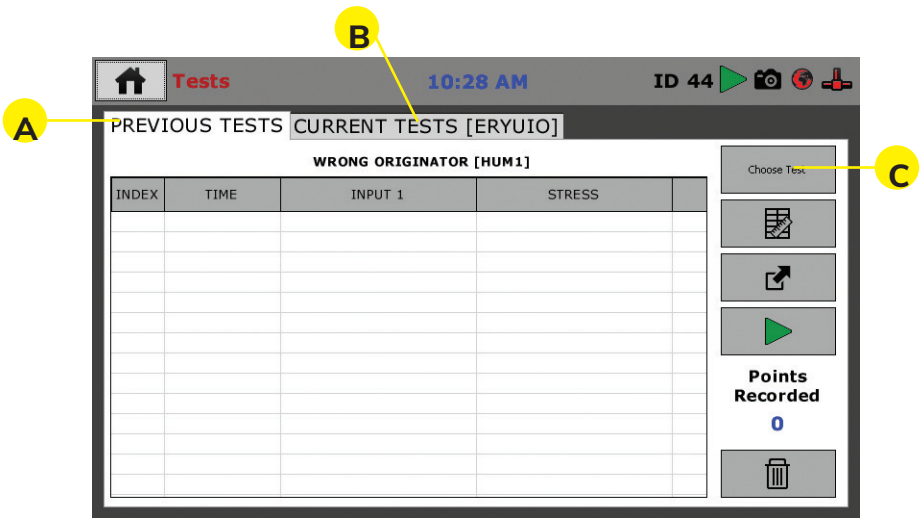
| INDEX | TIME     | INPUT 1 | STRESS  | RATE     |
|-------|----------|---------|---------|----------|
| 0     | 00:00:00 | 740     | 58.89   | 0.00     |
| 1     | 00:00:01 | 12775   | 1016.60 | 954.85   |
| 2     | 00:00:02 | 14945   | 1189.29 | 172.51   |
| 3     | 00:00:03 | 18570   | 1477.75 | 288.76   |
| 4     | 00:00:04 | 6530    | 519.64  | -958.11  |
| 5     | 00:00:04 | 1905    | 151.60  | -1906.97 |

### Tabulation

In the Tabulations view, the controller will record a reading every second of the test. The latest readings will be at the bottom.

Also available on the Test Control Tab are the following items:

**Test Selection (2)** By clicking on the Test selection button (2) brings up the screen below. Here you can toggle between the Previous Tests tab (A), which shows previous test data and the Current Test tab (B). To select a previous test Click the Choose Test button (C). A popup menu will appear listing the previous tests to choose from (D). Choose the test you want to view from the list and then click Select (E).



**Status Monitor (3)**, This indicates whether a test is running or not running.

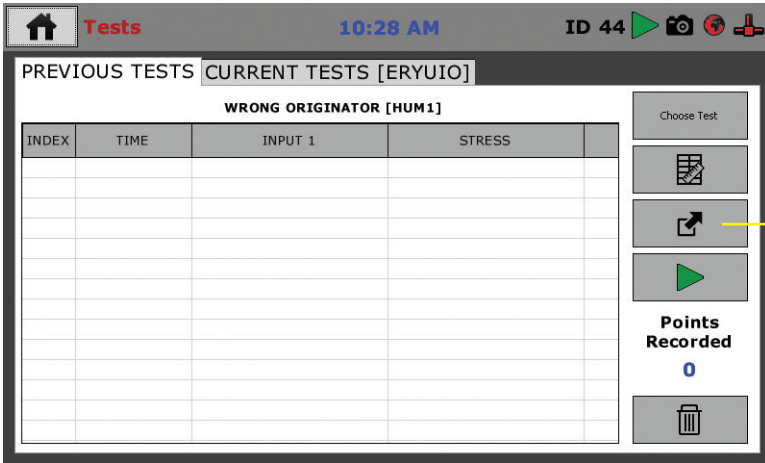
**Points (4)** indicates how many total test points have been recorded in the current test at any given time.

**Start Time (5)** This indicates the starting time that the current test was triggered.

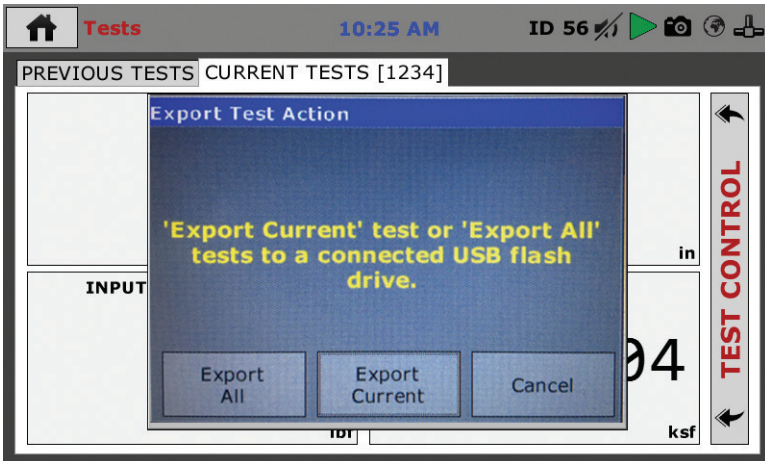
**Stop Test button (6)**, When clicked, this button will stop the current test.

## Exporting Data — Test Control Tab

To export test data for use with Microsoft Excel® and other similar programs, First insert a USB flash drive into the USB slot on the front of the HCM-5080. Next, Click on the Export button



You will see the following screen. You have the choice of exporting All tests or just the Current test. Your choice will be loaded to the installed USB flash drive.



Test Data is exported in Humboldt HTD format. To read this data, you will need Humboldt's HM Data Download software. This software can be downloaded from our website at the following URL: <https://www.humboldtmg.com/support/software.php>

## **HCM-5080.3F Specifications**

### **The Humboldt HCM-5080 Controller**

Humboldt's HCM-5080 compression machine controller is designed to make breaking cylinders, cubes and beams easier and more precise. This controller delivers a whole new level of speed, accuracy and ease-of-use for compression machines. Its 7" color screen provides a large and clean layout of information and makes quick, visual monitoring a breeze.

The HCM-5080 Controller is set up with four independent data channels and is configured at the factory to have two channels to read load and two channels to read displacement—one for horizontal and one for vertical. This design allows you to set up your configuration to include your compression machine to break cylinders and perform compressometer and extensometer tests, as well as another machine to break cylinders, all of which can be controlled from the single HCM-5080 Controller.

### **Testing Standards**

The HCM-5080 controller incorporates these standard tests in its design: ASTM C39, C78, C293, C469, C496, C1019, C109/C109M and EN 12390-3. Just pick the test you want to run as you configure your test and the controller will handle it. And, at the end of the test, the piston can be set to return to the start position for the next test, speeding up testing operations. The controller can also automatically hold a load at any desired point for a specific time.

### **Controller**

The HCM-5080 controller provides a 7" (178mm) touch-screen controller, giving you finger-tip control of your testing processes, as well as providing real-time, visual views of your data in both tabular and graph formats. The touch screen provides colorful, at-a-glance monitoring of testing functions without a computer.

Operators can see all the data in several formats at the machine while the test is running. Data can then be viewed simultaneously or downloaded later to a computer in the lab, in the next room or at a different location.

### **Controller Features:**

- 4-channel data acquisition
- Hi-res, 7", waterproof, touch-screen provides total control and real-time graphical display of tests
- Machine control and data acquisition via machine touch-screen
- Real-time graphical chart and numerical display of test via touch-screen display
- Effective sampling rate of 1 reading per second
- Stores up to 1000 tests with 3000 points per test
- USB port provides data transfer to thumb drive, PC or tablet, plus it can power a wireless access point for wireless communications

| HCM-5080 Controller Specifications |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| HCM-5080<br>HCM-5080.4F            | 120V 60Hz<br>220V 50/60Hz                         |
| Display                            | 7" (178mm) VGA (480 x 800) Resistive-touch screen |
| Processor                          | Dual 32-bit ARM                                   |
| RAM                                | 4GB   |
| Analog to digital converter        | 24 bit  |
| Data acquisition                   | 4 Channels  |
| Data Speed                         | 1000Hz (1kHz)                                     |
| Logging speed                      | 1 reading per second                              |
| Multi-test storage                 | 1000  |
| Points per test                    | 3000  |

| HCM-5080 Controller Includes                                   |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| HCM-5080.800   | Controller                 |
| HCM-5080.900 (120 60Hz)<br>or<br>HCM-5080.900.4F (220 50/60Hz) | Pump Controller            |
| HCM-5080.925   | Hydraulic Power Pack       |
| HCM-5080.950   | Power Pak Installation Kit |

| Accessories |   |
|-------------|---|
| HCM-4177    | Pressure Transducer, 10,000 psi with Cable and Plug |
| HCM-4177.1  | Pressure Transducer, 10,000 psi                     |
| HCM-4177.4  | Cable for Pressure Transducer 10,000 psi with Plug  |
| HCM-005050  | ISO VG 46Hydraulic Oil, 1L (2L required)            |



## **General Warnings**

Do not start machine without verifying pump has been filled with oil. Use appropriate PPE while operating device. Do not operate without closing safety cage. Keep body parts clear of moving surfaces when operating machine. Ensure all motion has stopped prior to adding or removing testing samples or support equipment.

## **Safety Warnings**

Operators should take care to operate this machine under maximum load restrictions. The machine is programmed at the factory to provide safety shutdown if the upper or lower maximum travel is exceeded, as well as if the upper instrument calibration is exceeded.

## **Electrical Warnings**

Typically, there is no reason for the operator to open the machine. However, if the customer's engineers attempt to change settings to the circuit board connected to the back panel, the machine must first be unplugged. Unplugging the internal connection to the back panel circuit board while the machine is under power will result in permanent damage to the circuit board.

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