Damp Training
Survey and Equipment Application

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- *What Equipment Do You Take ?*

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Determinination of Damp

- *5, 6.....7 Senses*
- *Endescopes – Traditional and Extendable Video*
- *Moisture Meters..... Pin Type*
- *Capacitance Meter – Radio Frequency*
- *Hygrometer Applications, Floor Units etc*
- *Deep Bore Probes*
- *Speedy Meter – Calcium Carbide Meter*
- *Salts Analysis*
- *Wall temperature Guns*
- *Thermal Imagery*
- *Data Loggers*
- *Finally last resort and one sure and exact way ..... Laboratory Testing*

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Electronic moisture meters

Pros	Cons
Accurate **quantitative** readings in timber	Relative/qualitative readings in masonry/plaster
Fast **qualitative** readings for profiling many plaster and masonry	Subject to widespread misuse
Easy to use	Credibility on-site often misplaced
Offers moderate credibility on site	Can over-read due to salt contamination and less common causes.
Cheap to buy	Cannot be used for diagnosis to BRE245
Offers instant results	Interpretation of test results requires training and experience
Can be used with deep wall probes and hammer electrodes	
Many offer radio frequency or capacitance mode for below surface readings (without damage).	
Many offer Psychrometric measurements for condensation and mould inspections	
Non-destructive	



This meter can instantly calculate vapour pressure, air temperature, dew point, surface temperature and it can wirelessly link to the authors thermal imaging camera, overlaying real-time data within the thermogram.

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PROTIMETER DIGITAL MINI MOISTURE METER

Pin-type measurement
Industry standard pin-type measurement allows the user to quickly assess the moisture content within building materials

'Traffic light' scale
Coloured LEDs (green for 'dry', yellow for 'at risk', red for 'wet') indicate the moisture level quickly and clearly. Also includes numerical digital display

Simple operation
Incredibly simple, two button operation provides fast and accurate readings



Measurement range
6-90% represents the moisture content of wood (%) and the WME (wood moisture equivalent) within other construction materials

Free accessories
Comes with carry pouch, instructional documentation, an extension lead for accessing tricky areas, wrist lanyard and a calibration checking device

Specifications

MOISTURE MEASUREMENT RANGE	7.9% to 99% WME (pin measurement) Dry (green)-7-16.9 At Risk (yellow) 17-19.9 Wet (red) – 20-99.9
DISPLAY 1	Digital LCD backlit
DISPLAY 2	60 LEDs green (dry), yellow (at risk) and red (wet)
DEPTH OF MOISTURE	Pin up to 0.5 in (12.7mm)
POWER	9V battery (supplied)
WEIGHT	8 oz (including battery)
DIMENSIONS	7.5 in x 2.75 in x 1.9 in (190 mm x 70 mm x 49 mm)





Pin Probes Mode

The Protimeter Surveymaster features in-built pin probes which allow you to quickly and accurately measure the moisture in various materials.

Calibrated for wood the results are given on the WME (wood moisture equivalent) scale which allows you to measure accurately the conditions of other materials such as plaster & brickwork.



Non-Invasive Mode

This professional moisture meter features an industry leading non-invasive mode which allows you to check the relative moisture condition over large areas without the need to make holes with the pin probes.

This mode measures sub surface moisture between 1-3cm beneath the surface so is also well suited to users who wish to test beneath finished surface such as tiles you to search for sub surface moisture problems behind finished surfaces such as tiles where the use of pin probes is not possible.

Why Treat Damp Meters With Caution ?

- *Calibrated to Woodwork*
- *Affected by Salts.....*
- *Density*
- *Anything which conducts electricity*
- *Carbon*
- *Surface Condensation*

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Diagnosing Damp







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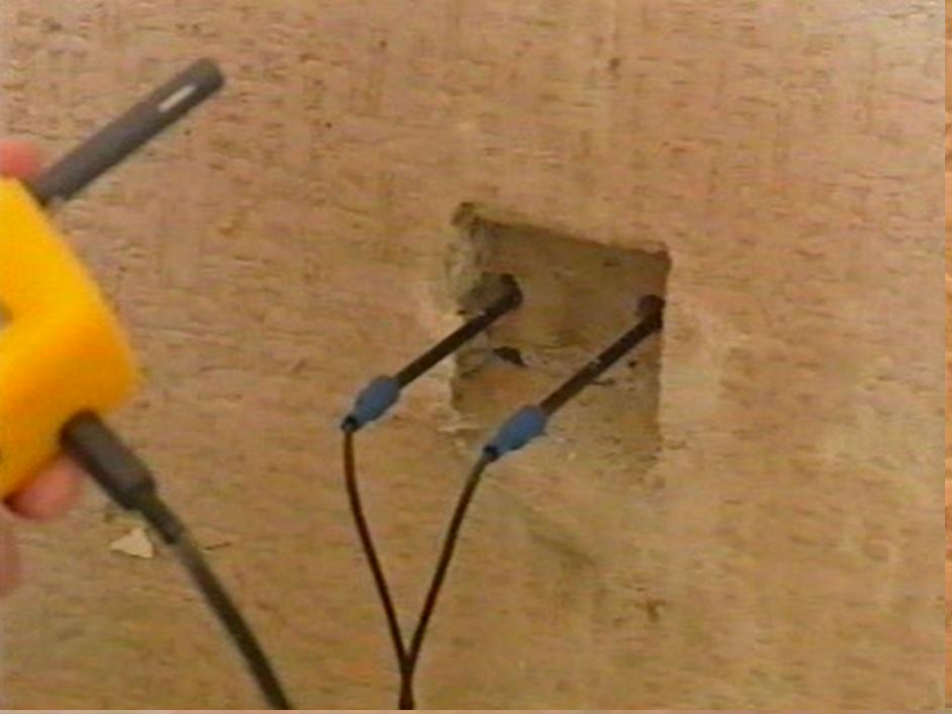

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Chemical moisture meters – (speedy), for use in damp diagnosis – pros and cons

Pros	Cons
Accurate **quantitative** readings (total moisture content as percentage by wet weight)	Requires specialist calibration for scales and the gauge
Fast for 'one off' readings	Very slow for profiling with only consecutive test results – one after the other.
Offers good credibility on site	Credibility on-site often misplaced
Easy to use	Harmful/explosive gas emissions
Offers access to diagnosis to BRE 245 if used in the lab	Subject to widespread misuse
	The sample is destroyed in the process
	Cannot practically be used for BRE 245 diagnosis of multiple samples (too slow).
	Interpretation of test results requires training and experience
	Destructive, especially for profiling
	Requires separate samples for hygroscopic %mc to be determined
	Many reading uses lots of reagent which is expensive, harmful and wasteful.



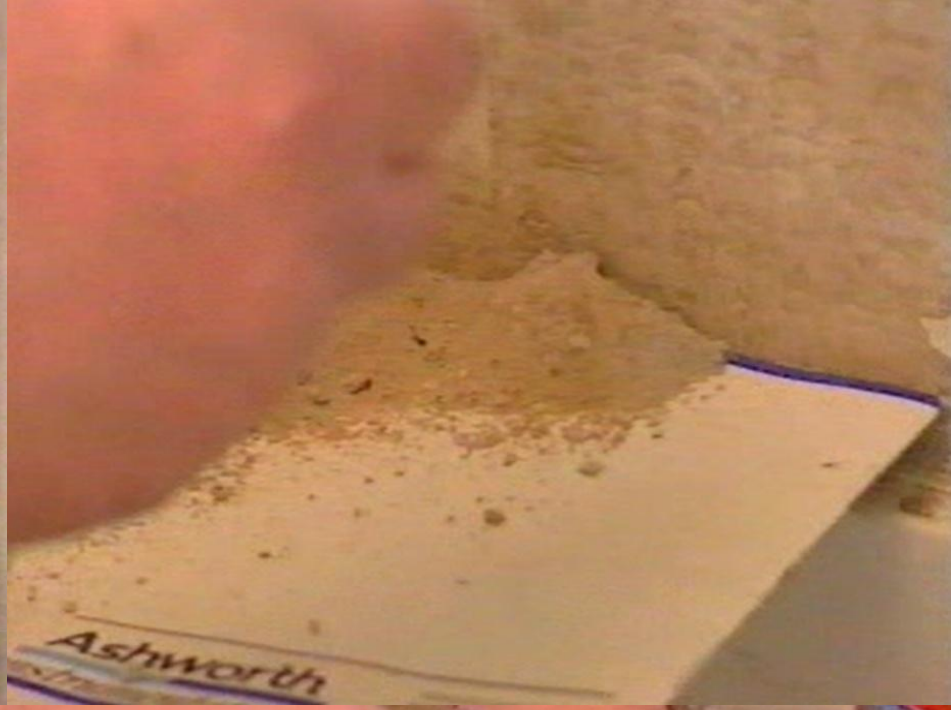











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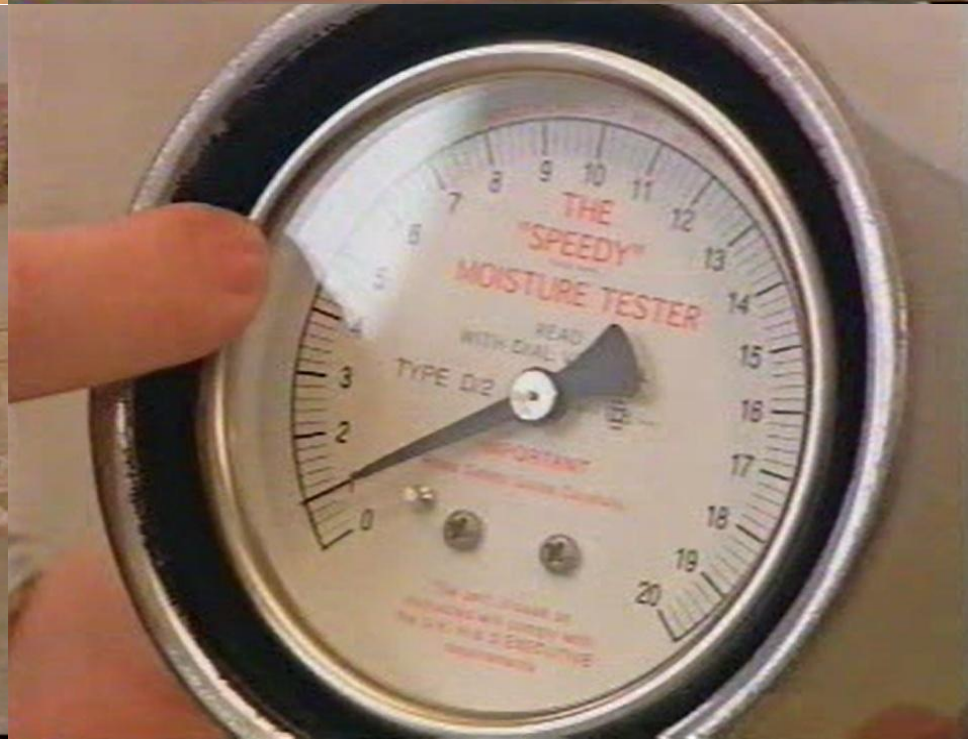





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Very simple and takes just a few minutes
A colour change will indicate whether or
not certain nitrates and chlorides are present



Protimeter Salt Analysis

Determine the presence of electrically conducting salts contamination on site



The Protimeter Salt Analysis kit enables a surveyor to analyses samples of wallpaper and plaster for the presence of soil salts.

Certain nitrates and chlorides are deposited by evaporation of soil-water (rising damp) on the surface of walls. A meaningful analysis can therefore be carried out provided a wall has not been disturbed for several years.

It consists of two chemicals packed in sachets of the correct amount for each test, a bottle of distilled water, and two measuring beakers.

The test is very simple and takes just a few minutes. A colour change will indicate whether or not certain nitrates and chlorides are present.

The diagnosis of the origin of salts should not be made on the presence of salt alone, but considering other information available such as the moisture distribution within the building. A high reading of nitrates may signify that evaporation of soil water has continued for a long time. Soil salts are hygroscopic.

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Protimeter Salts Analysis Kit

Model: BLD4900

Supplied with:
+ Nitrate No 1 - 10 Tablets
+ Nitrate No 2 - 10 Tablets
+ Chloride - 10 Tablets
+ Plastic scoop
+ 10cc Measuring beaker
+ 60cc Measuring beaker
+ Bottle of De-Ionised water
+ Instructions
+ Large carrying case

Price: £75.00
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List price: £75.00

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Protimeter Salts Analysis Refill Pack

Model: BLD4901

Supplied with:
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+ Chloride - 10 Tablets

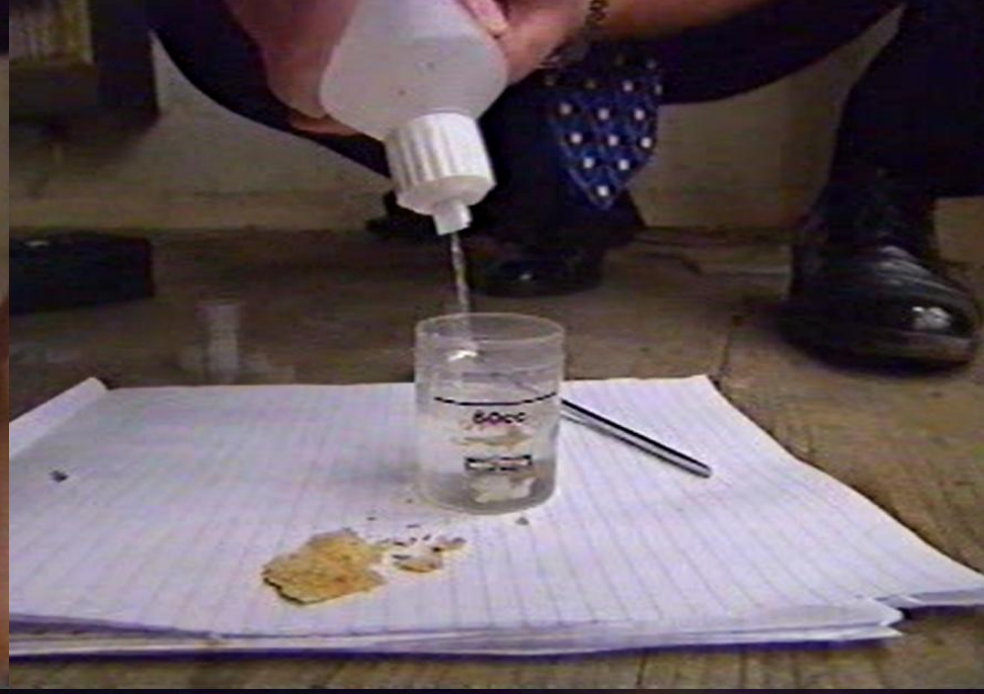
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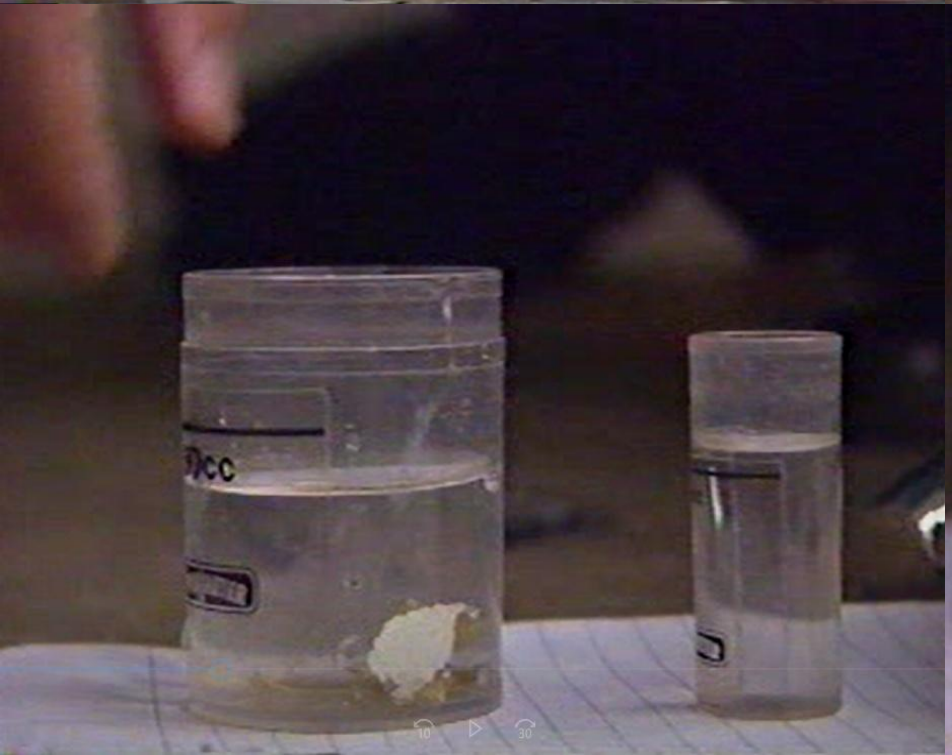
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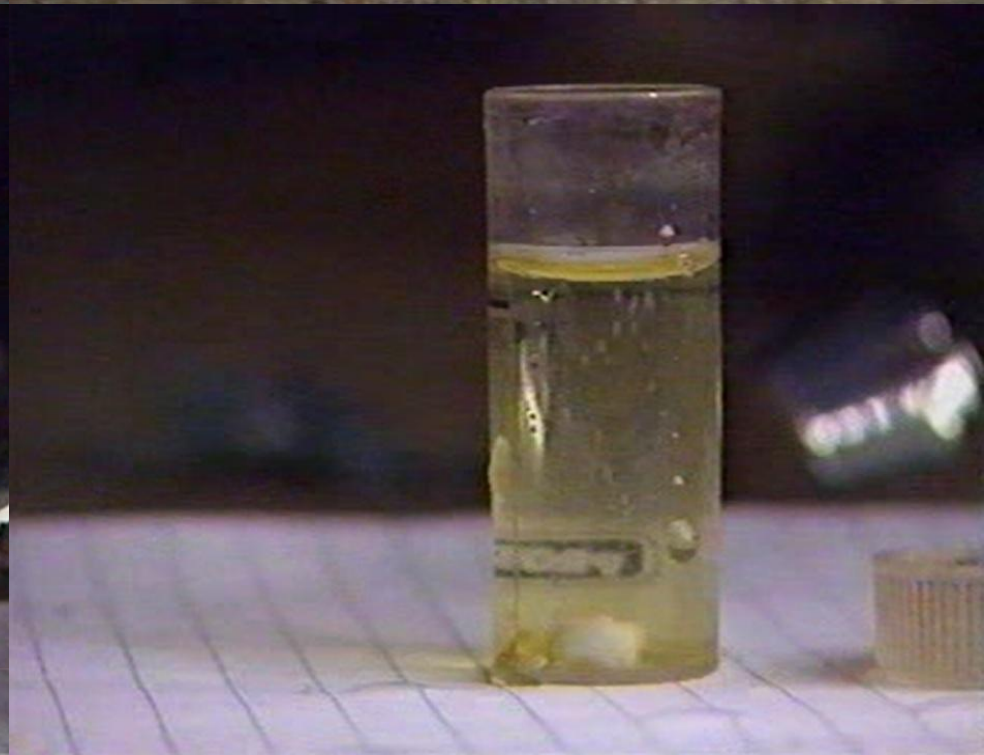
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Gravimetric – oven drying method of damp testing to BRE 245

Accurate **quantitative** readings	Requires calibration of scales and hygrometer plus specialist lab oven
Very fast for multiple readings and concurrent test results	Slow for 'one off' readings
Allows separation of hygroscopic and free moisture in one sample	Expensive set up and maintenance costs
Easy compliance with BRE 245	Destructive
Samples undamaged for further analysis	Interpretation of the results requires training and experience



Two profiles being 'air dried at 75%RH before oven drying (essential to calculate the hygroscopic moisture content). BRE 245

Reading the above you can see some shared pros and cons. Comparing the tables reveals some obvious differences – only the electronic meters are non-destructive and quick for profiling on site (multiple tests very fast).

Only the chemical moisture meter and gravimetric methods offer **quantitative results**, acceptable for a BRE245 test.

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Protimeter MMS 2

Four-In-One Moisture Measurement System



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Smaller Humidity Sensor
A small humidity sensor is housed at the rear of the instrument based on the Hygrostick. This reduces the overall dimension of the instrument. However, if the user requires the digital Quickstick, this can be attached.



Direct Moisture Measurements
The Protimeter MMS2 incorporates two metal pins housed at the top of the instrument to undertake direct moisture measurements. Similarly measurements using the radio mode can be undertaken as normal through a sensor housed on the reverse of the instrument.



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Protimeter MMS2 features non-contact Surface Temperature (IR) laser thermometer



Protimeter MMS2 features a Quikstick ST sensor for rapid response readings



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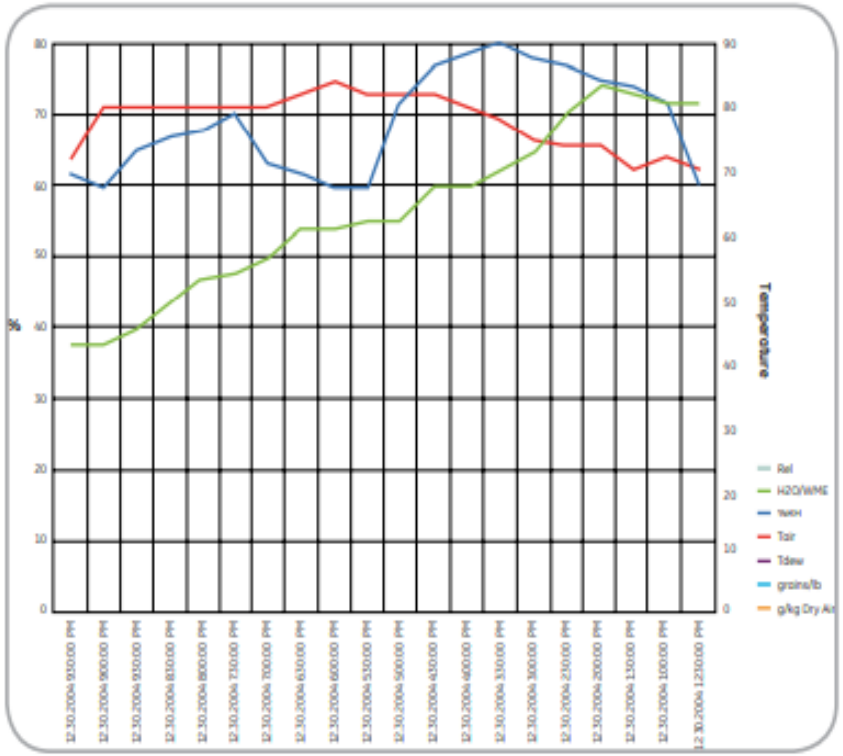
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Data Storage Functions

When concise and accurate environmental readings need to be reported, the MMS Plus gets the job done. The ability to record readings instantly at the push of a button, and to continuously log when left on site, makes this instrument ideal for many applications including:

- Building survey
- Fire and flood restoration
- Concrete floor moisture measurement
- Indoor air quality
- Environmental health



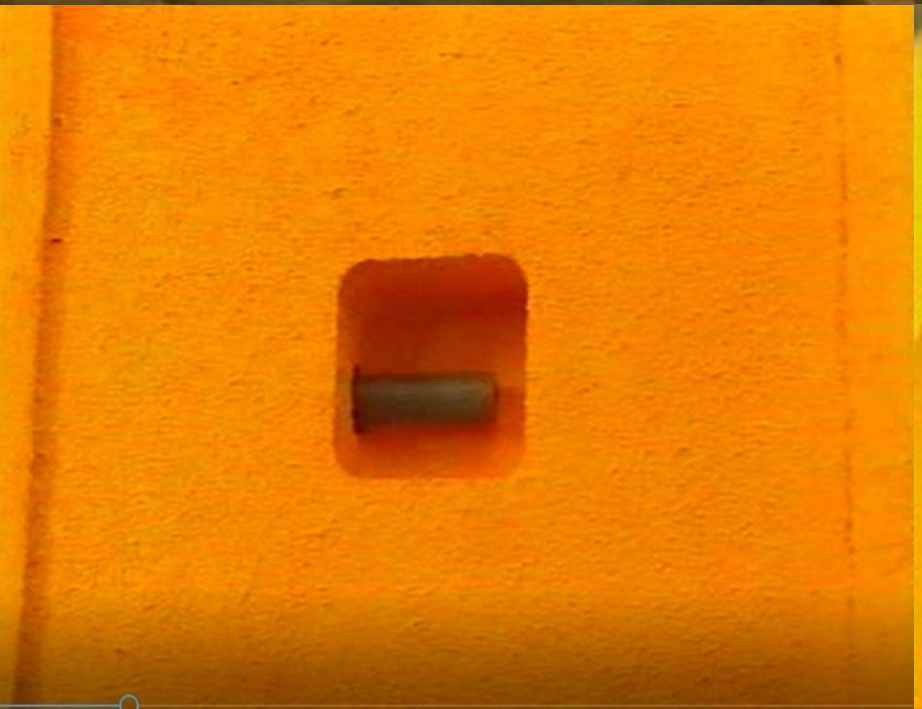
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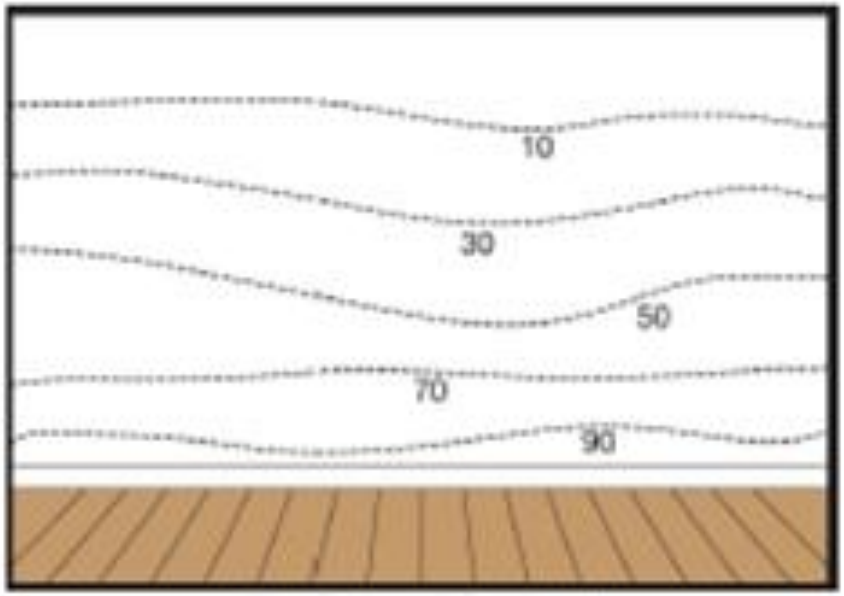


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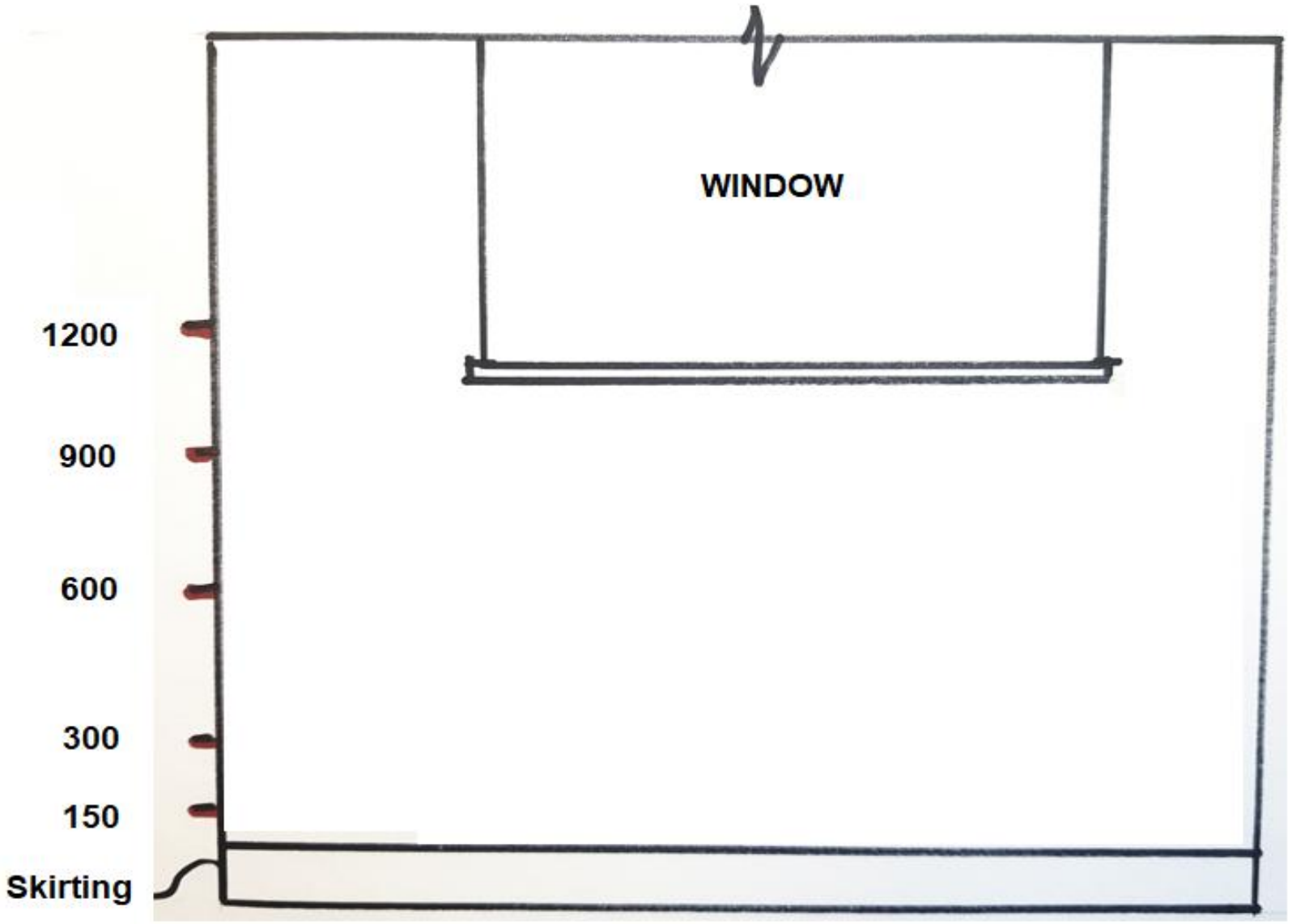



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INTERNAL WALL ELEVATION



	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
1.200mm	90% wme	8%	45%	100%	12%	9%
900mm	70%wme	20%	35%	100%	9%	9%
600mm	40% wme	80%	45%	100%	12%	12%
300mm	9% wme	85%	16%	100%	17%	85%
150mm	8%wme	90%	34%	100%	98%	98% (see patch)
Skirting board	4%wme	64%	24%	4%	64%	45%

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Profiling

	Penetrating damp	Rising damp	Condensation	Foil behind the surface (wall is dry)	Plaster Bridging	Active rising damp just started
1.200mm	90% wme	8%	45%	100%	12%	9%
900mm	70%wme	20%	35%	100%	9%	9%
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Areas of interest: inside the property.



Image 5. Internal wall.

No dpc was observed where internal walls have been removed. If there is a dpc below this level it is not effective.

WME: 25.6% – Dampness detected.



Image 6. Internal wall.

Moisture levels are near ceiling height on some walls.

WME: 100% – Dampness detected.



Image 7. Internal wall

Some walls have a thick sand and cement rendered coating, which, on the surface is only moderately damp but beneath the surface:

Search Mode: 215 – Dampness detected.

When the moisture meter is used in the search mode, on masonry, any reading over 200 warrants further investigation for dampness.

See Recommendations & Conclusions at the end of this report.

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Areas of interest: inside the property.



Image 8. Front window frame.

Timber window frames and lintels did not show high moisture content.

Moisture content: – 12.4%



Image 9. Risk of condensation.

Although no condensation was forming on walls or floors at the time of visit, some flooring showed to be at risk of condensation forming.

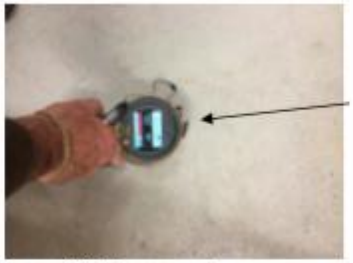


Image 10. Floor screed.

The floor screed when tested showed to be damp beneath the surface.

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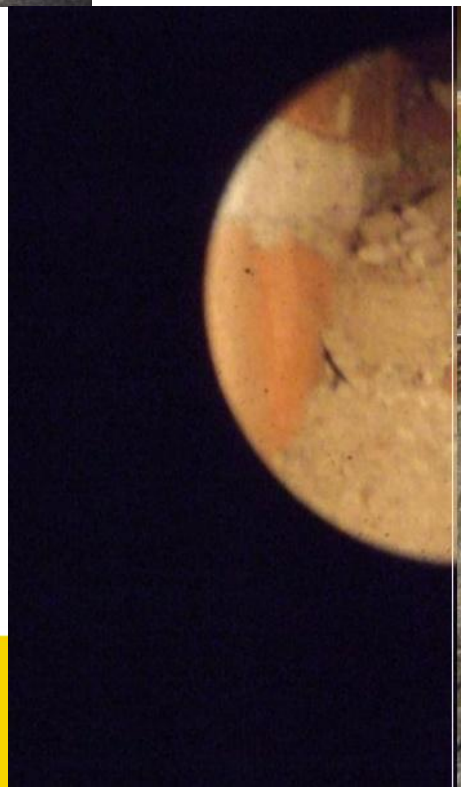
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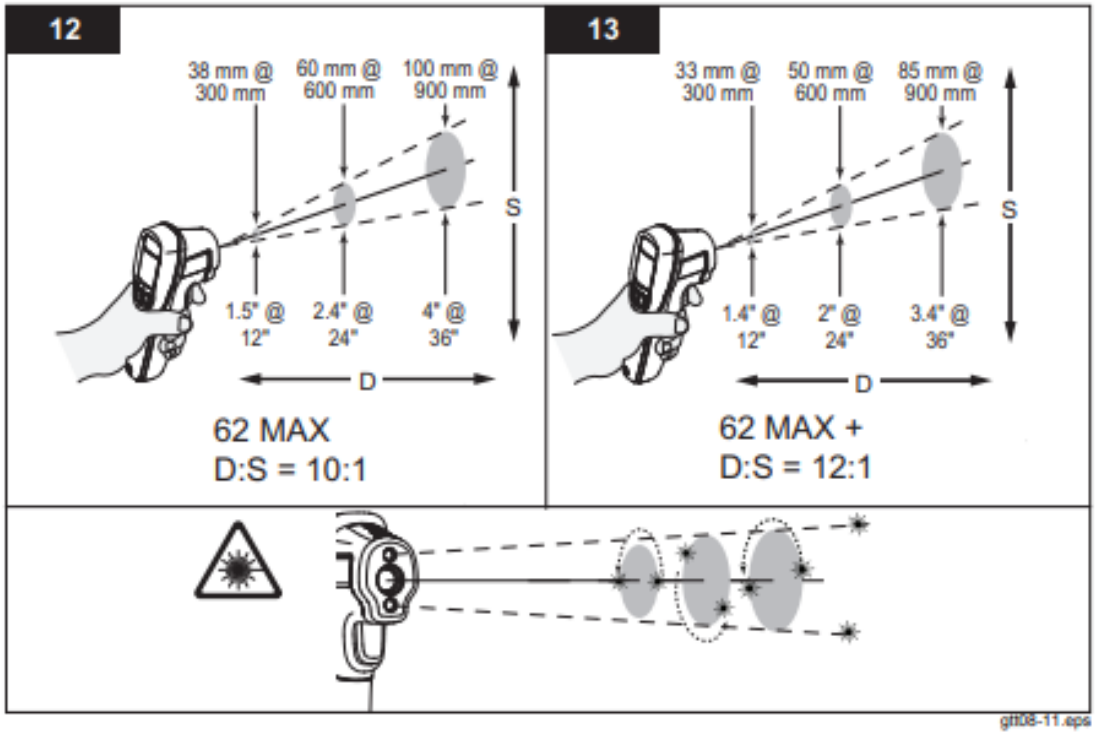
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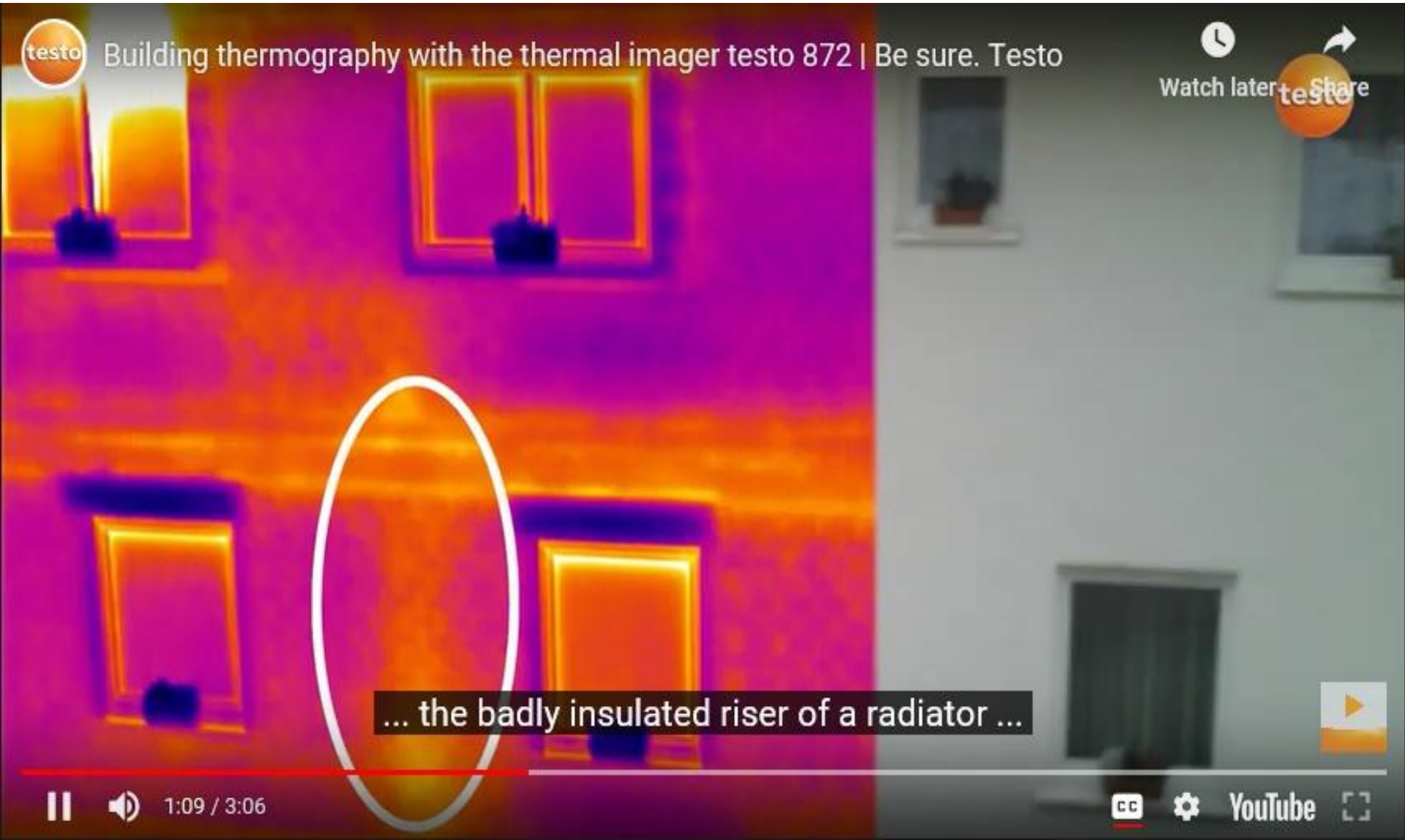
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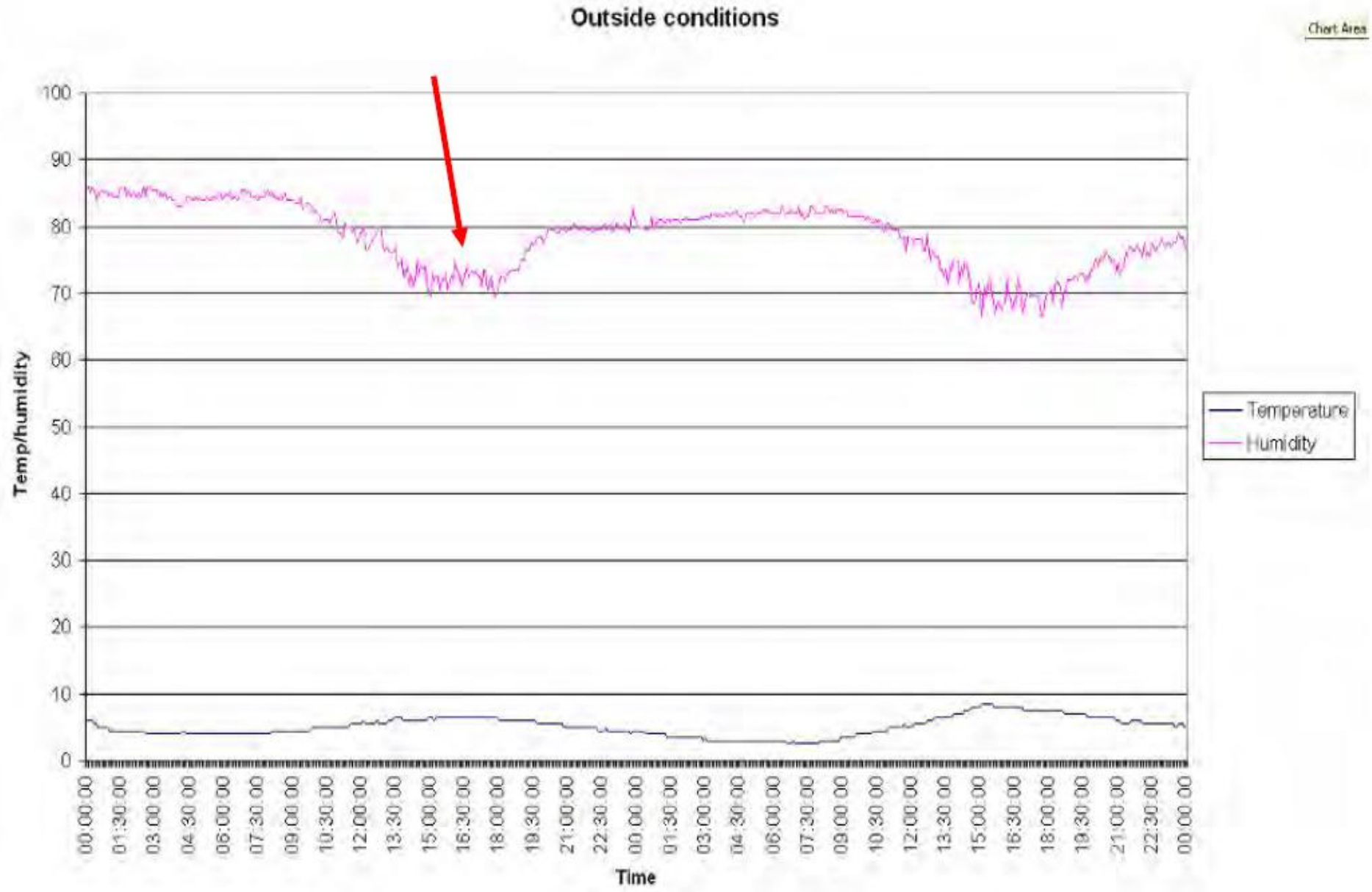
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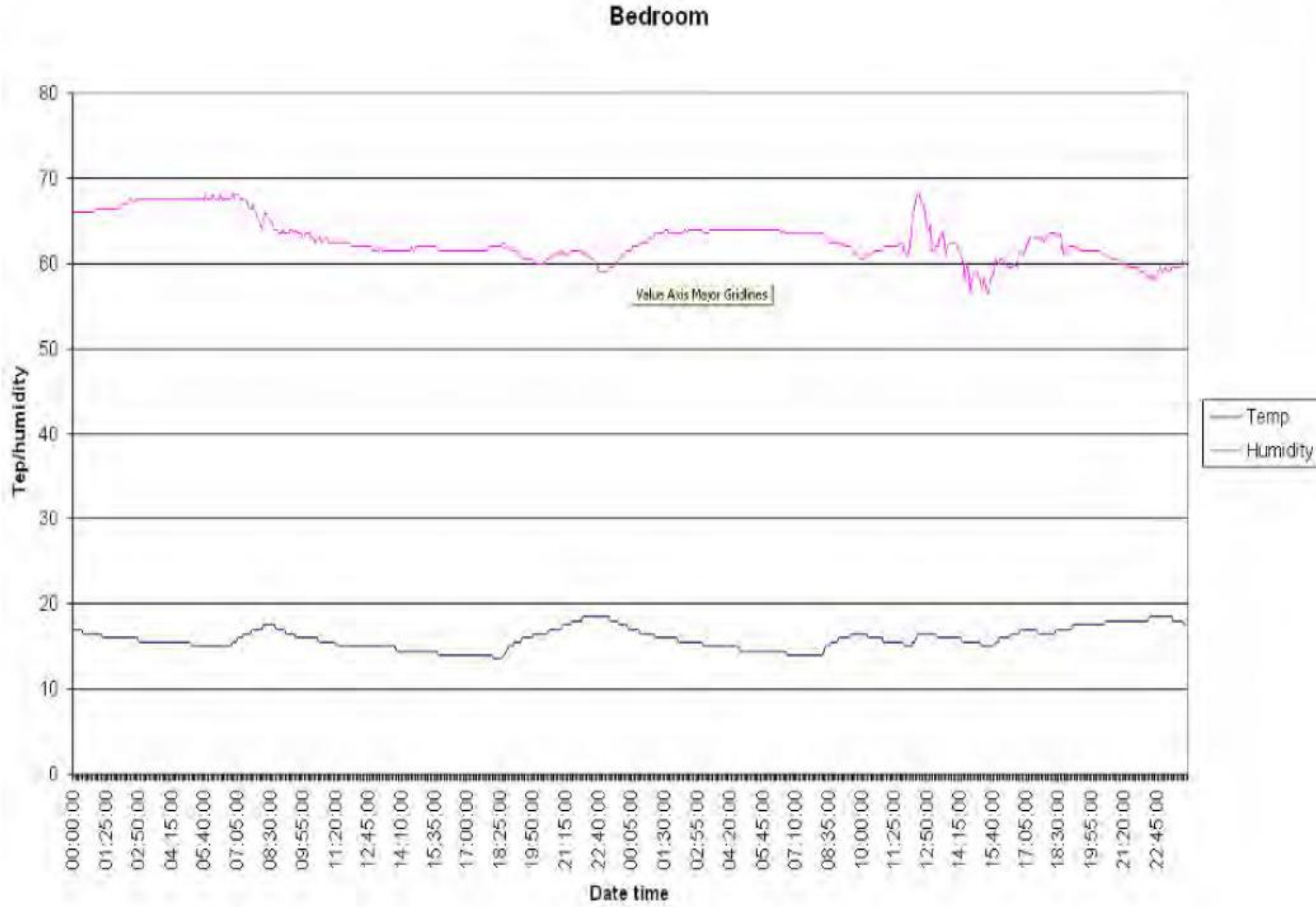
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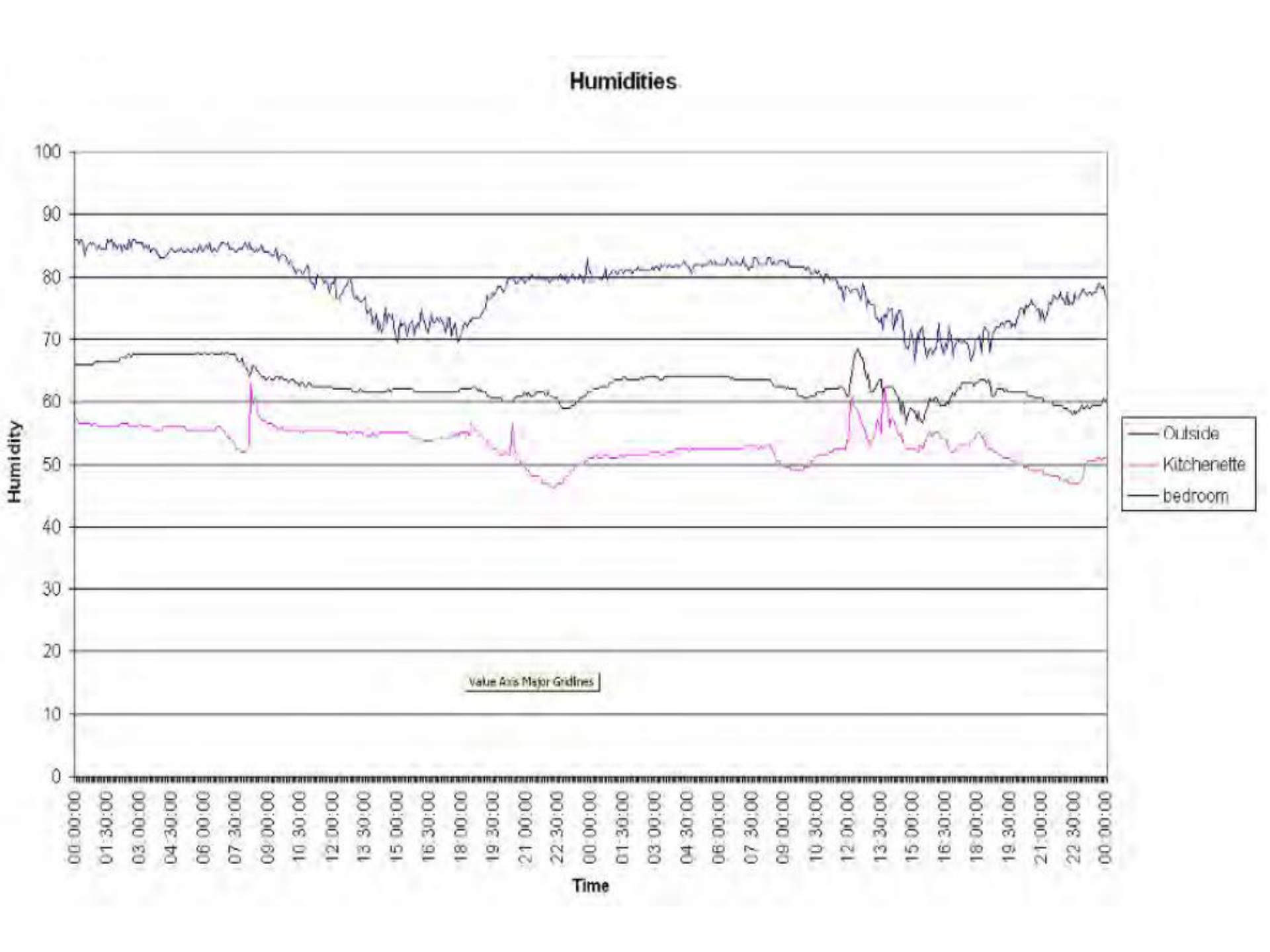
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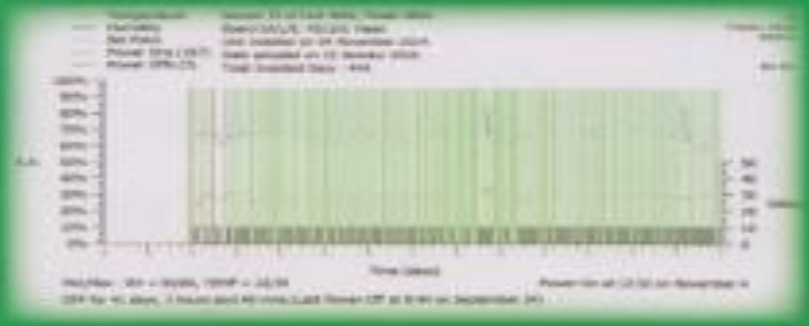

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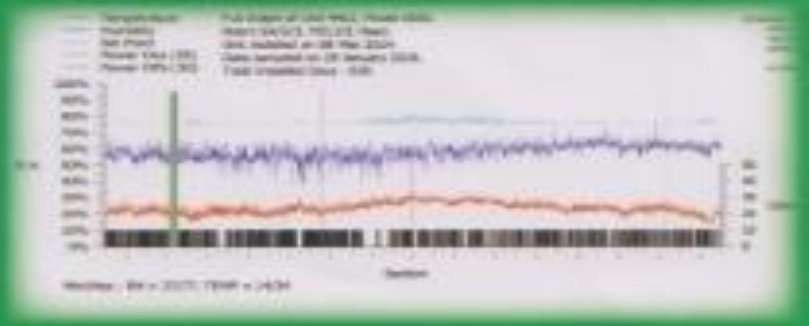

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Time
Outside
Kitchenette
bedroom

DataFan *Putting You in Control*





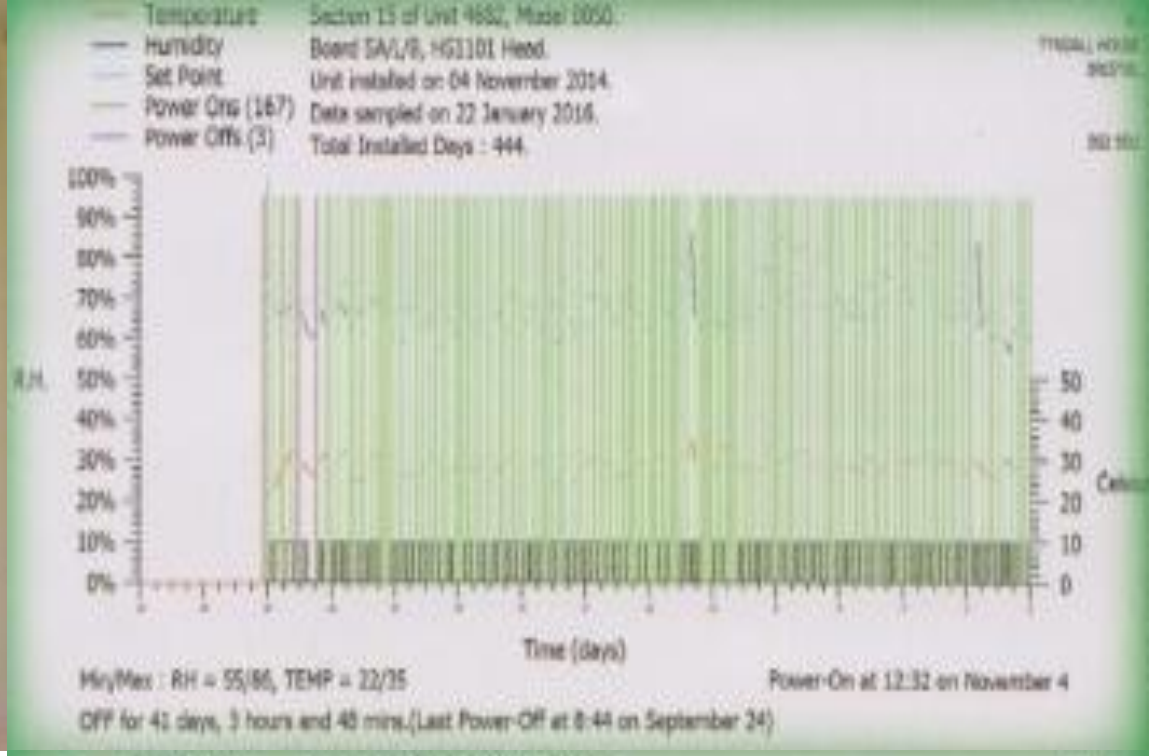


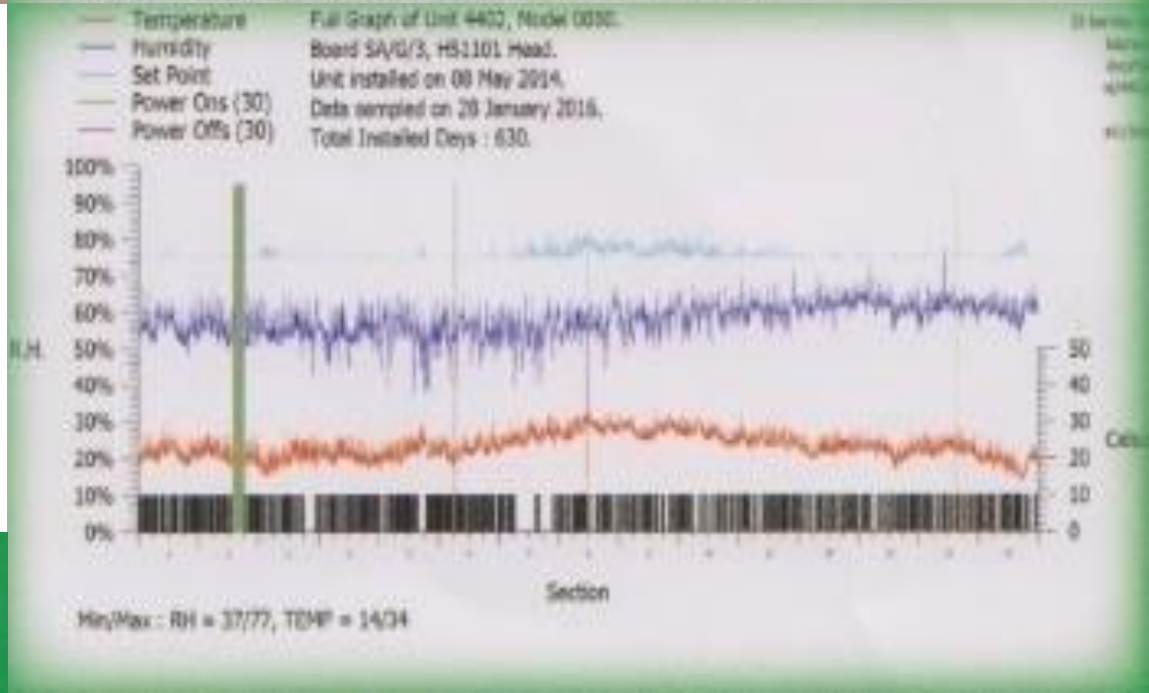


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For more information and details on how this fan can help you please fill in the form on the back.

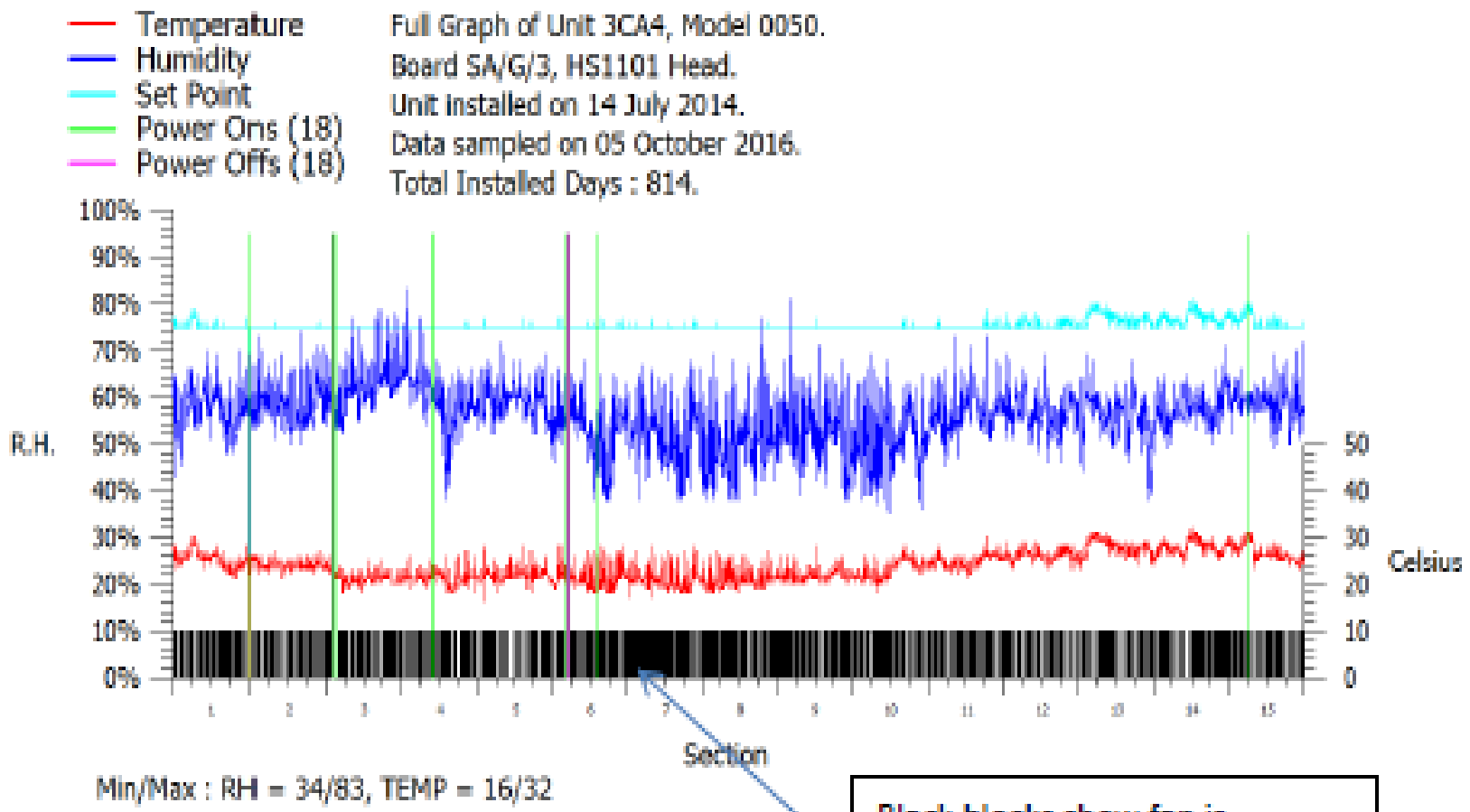






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Bathroom full graph



Black blocks show fan is working very hard; a warning sign of underlying damp issues/ lacking airflow or ventilation in other areas.