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K0450**

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## Pressure Automated Calibration Equipment

Calibration manual K0450

### PACE5000



### PACE6000



### PACE Indicators





## **Introduction**

This technical manual provides calibration instructions for the PACE Pressure Controllers and Indicators.

**The features shown and described in this manual may not be available on some models.**

## **Safety**

The manufacturer has designed this equipment to be safe when operated using the procedures detailed in this manual. Do not use this equipment for any other purpose than that stated.

This publication contains operating and safety instructions that must be followed to ensure safe operation and to maintain the equipment in a safe condition. The safety instructions are either warnings or cautions issued to protect the user and the equipment from injury or damage.

Use suitably qualified \* calibration technicians and good engineering practice for all procedures in this publication.

## **Pressure**

Do not apply pressures greater than the maximum working pressure to the equipment. It is the responsibility of the calibration technician to apply pressures within the published pressure range and to only use external pressure equipment with correctly rated fittings and components.

## **Toxic Materials**

There are no known toxic materials used in construction of this equipment.

## **Maintenance**

The equipment must be correctly maintained, the manufacturer's procedures should be carried out by authorized service agents or the manufacturer's service departments.

## **Technical Advice**

For technical advice contact the manufacturer.

\* A qualified calibration technician must have the necessary technical knowledge, documentation, special calibration/test equipment and tools to carry out the required work on this equipment.

## Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in this manual; the abbreviations are the same in the singular and plural.

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| abs      | Absolute   |
| a.c.     | Alternating current  |
| ALT      | Altitude   |
| BSP      | British pipe thread  |
| CAS      | Calculated airspeed  |
| CSK      | Countersunk  |
| d.c.     | Direct current   |
| DPI      | Digital Pressure Instrument  |
| e.g.     | For example  |
| etc.     | And so on  |
| Fig.     | Figure   |
| ft       | Foot   |
| g        | Gauge  |
| Hg       | Mercury  |
| HTS      | High tensile steel   |
| Hz       | Hertz  |
| IAS      | Indicated airspeed   |
| i.e.     | That is  |
| IEC      | International Electrotechnical Commission                          |
| IEEE 488 | Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers standard 488 data |
| in       | Inch   |
| kg       | Kilogram   |
| kts/kn   | knot   |
| LCD      | Liquid crystal display   |
| m        | Metre  |
| mA       | Milliampere  |
| max      | Maximum  |
| mbar     | Millibar   |
| min      | Minute or minimum  |
| mm       | Millimetre   |
| mV       | Millivolts   |
| MWP      | Maximum working pressure   |
| No.      | Number   |
| NPT      | National Pipe Thread   |
| PACE     | Pressure Automated Calibration Equipment                           |
| Para.    | Paragraph  |
| PDCR     | Pressure transducer  |
| PED      | Pressure Equipment Directive                                       |
| psi      | Pounds per square inch   |
| PTX      | Pressure transmitter   |



|        |  |
|--------|--|
| ROC    | Rate of Climb                                  |
| RS232  | Serial communications data standard            |
| RtCAS  | Rate of calculated airspeed                    |
| RtMach | Rate of Mach                                   |
| SCPI   | Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments |
| UUT    | Unit under test                                |
| V      | Volts  |
| VFC    | Volts-free contact                             |
| +ve    | Positive                                       |
| -ve    | Negative                                       |
| °C     | Degrees Celsius                                |

## Associated publications

K0447 PACE5000/6000 User Guide and Safety Instructions  
 K0467 PACE1000 Indicator User Guide and Safety Instructions  
 K0443 PACE5000/6000 Controller User Manual  
 K0470 PACE1000 Indicator User Manual  
 K0476 Pressure Control Module User Guide and Safety Instructions  
 K0472 SCPI Communications Manual  
 K0469 Heritage Communications Manual - Instrument Emulation

## Symbols

The equipment contains the following symbols to identify hazards.



This equipment meets the requirements of all relevant European safety directives. The equipment carries the CE mark.



This symbol, on the instrument, indicates that the user should refer to the user manual.



This symbol, on the instrument, indicates do not throw-away in domestic bin, hazardous material, dispose correctly in accordance with local regulations.

## Pressure units and conversion factors

| Pressure units            | Factor (hPa)   | Pressure units            | Factor (hPa) |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| mbar                      | 1.0            | cmH <sub>2</sub> O @ 20°C | 0.978903642  |
| bar                       | 1000.0         | mH <sub>2</sub> O @ 20°C  | 97.8903642   |
| Pa (N/m <sup>2</sup> )    | 0.01           | kg/m <sup>2</sup>         | 0.0980665    |
| hPa                       | 1.0            | kg/cm <sup>2</sup>        | 980.665      |
| kPa                       | 10.0           | torr                      | 1.333223684  |
| MPa                       | 10000.0        | atm                       | 1013.25      |
| mmHg @ 0°C                | 1.333223874    | psi                       | 68.94757293  |
| cmHg @ 0°C                | 13.33223874    | lb/ft <sup>2</sup>        | 0.4788025898 |
| mHg @ 0°C                 | 1333.223874    | inH <sub>2</sub> O @ 4°C  | 2.4908891    |
| inHg @ 0°C                | 33.86388640341 | inH <sub>2</sub> O @ 20°C | 2.486413     |
| mmH <sub>2</sub> O @ 4°C  | 0.0980665      | inH <sub>2</sub> O @ 60°F | 2.487641558  |
| cmH <sub>2</sub> O @ 4°C  | 0.980665       | ftH <sub>2</sub> O @ 4°C  | 29.8906692   |
| mH <sub>2</sub> O @ 4°C   | 98.0665        | ftH <sub>2</sub> O @ 20°C | 29.836983    |
| mmH <sub>2</sub> O @ 20°C | 0.097890364    | ftH <sub>2</sub> O @ 60°F | 29.8516987   |

### Unit Conversion

To convert FROM pressure VALUE 1 in pressure UNITS 1

TO pressure VALUE 2 in pressure UNITS 2, calculate as follows:

$$\text{VALUE 2} = \frac{\text{VALUE 1} \times \text{FACTOR 1}}{\text{FACTOR 2}}$$

#### Note:

The PACE instrument contains selectable pressure units and user defined units. Use the conversion factors to calculate a user defined unit from the table above. Refer to the data sheets for the list of selectable pressure units.

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## 1 Calibration Procedures for PACE Controllers

### Introduction

The PACE controller incorporates a calibration facility; for the PACE to stay accurate, a calibration check should be carried out at chosen intervals. If the accuracy of the PACE is not within the permissible deviation, carry out a calibration adjustment.

### Calibration Status

Using the **Measured Pressure/Instrument Status** menu, the calibration status of the calibrator can be displayed on the front panel screen. The status menu includes **Calibration History** which gives a list of dates of the stored calibration corrections.

#### **Note:**

*The Date and Time must be set correctly using the **Measured Pressure/Global Set-up/Calibration** menu.*

### Calibration Equipment

The original GE Calibration Certificate shows the measurement uncertainty of the original calibration standard.

### Preliminary Operations

Review and become familiar with the whole procedure before beginning a calibration process.

Allow at least one hour for the PACE to thermally stabilize in a thermally stable environment after switching on and before calibration.

Before starting a calibration procedure:

Carry out a leak test as detailed in PACE user manual K0443.

### Notes on calibration

The pressure standard output port and the reference level must be at the correct level or use height-corrected applied pressure.

To prevent applied calibration pressure “back feed”, fit blanking plugs to both positive and negative supply ports on the manifold.

Make sure that before starting a calibration procedure both pressures on gauge measurements are equalised and stable.

Set the PACE units of pressure to one of the required units for calibration.

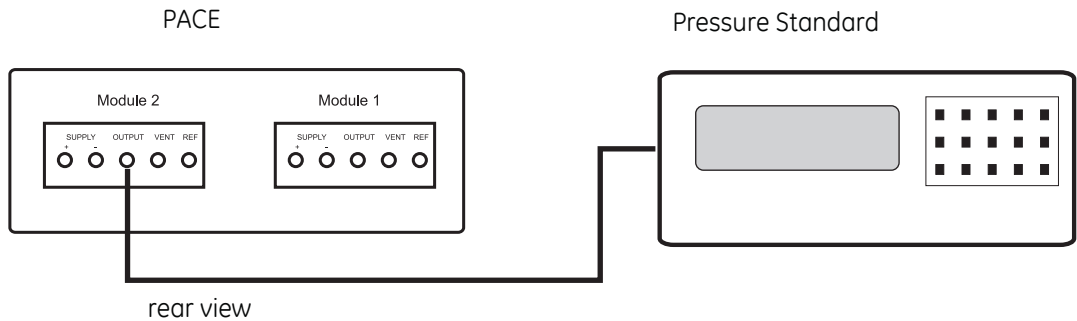


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## Connecting the Calibrator

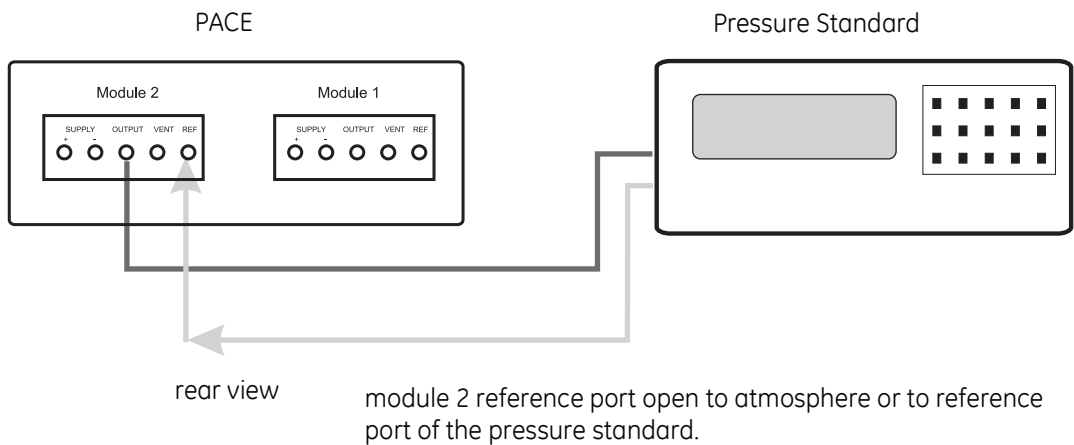
Connect the calibrator for each pressure range as follows:

Connect the output of the pressure standard to the PACE module output port.



## Gauge Reference

If the pressure standard has a reference connection, then connect this to the PACE reference port on the module manifold. Otherwise the calibrator reference port should be open to atmosphere.



## Absolute Range

### Note

The PACE adds the barometric reading to a gauge range to produce an absolute range.

## Calibration Check (All Ranges)

### Procedure

Set the calibrator to measure mode:

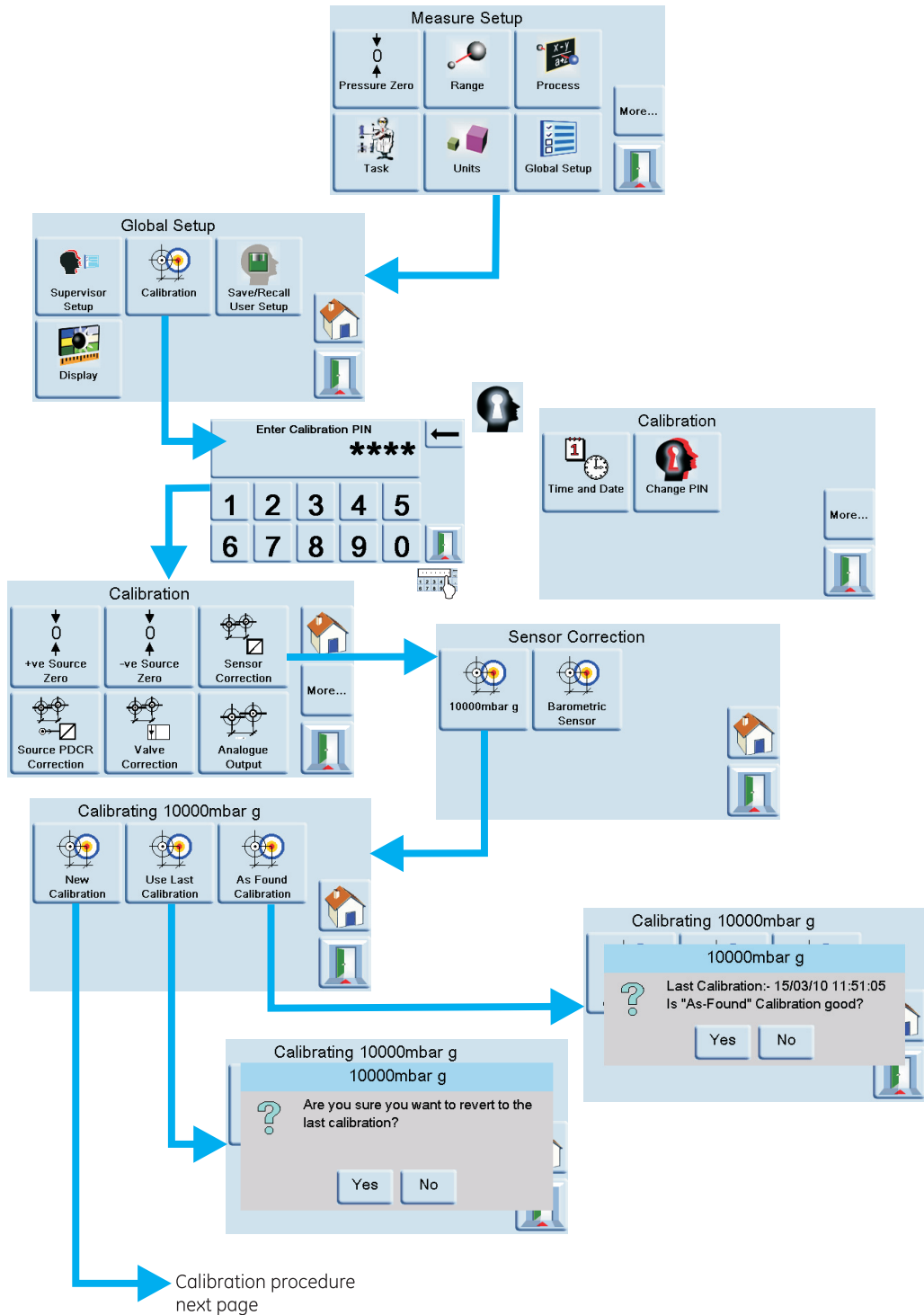
- 1 Connect calibration standard for the pressure range to be checked.
- 2 Press **Task** and select **Basic**.
- 3 With the pressure standard connected to the correct pressure port, select **Measured Pressure** and press **Range** to select the gauge pressure range to be checked.
- 4 Barometric pressure can be displayed in the status area.

Gauge ranges should be zeroed as follows:

- 1 Press **Measured Pressure/Zero** to zero the selected range.
- 2 On completion of the zero operation, the display shows Zero completed successfully.
- 3 Adjust calibration pressure to the first pressure value.
- 4 Compare the pressure value on the calibration standard to the value displayed and record the difference.
- 5 Repeat (3) and (5) for each pressure.
- 6 If the recorded difference exceeds the permissible deviation for the selected range, the calibrator requires a calibration adjustment for that range. Refer to sales data sheets SDS0001 and SDS0008 for permissible deviation.
- 7 Select the next pressure range for a calibration check.
- 8 After completing all calibration checks, adjust calibration standard to atmospheric pressure.
- 9 Disconnect calibration standard from the output.

If no further calibration is required, switch off the PACE.

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### Calibration Adjustment

To adjust a calibration range of the calibrator, proceed as follows.

- 1 Connect the calibrator for the range to be adjusted, as detailed in Calibration Check.

#### **Note**

*The calibration adjustments must be carried out in any order.*

- 2 Select **Measured Pressure/Global Set-up/Calibration**, enter the Calibration **PIN (4321)**.
- 3 Select **Sensor Correction**.
- 4 Select the pressure range to be corrected.
- 5 Select **New Calibration**.
- 6 The display shows the first value to be set on the pressure standard and to press **OK** when the applied pressure is stable. Use the numeric keys to enter the precise applied pressure.

#### **Note**

*The display also shows throughout this procedure the message **Calibrating** and the selected pressure range.*

- 7 Select **Accept** to store the first value and the display goes to the next pressure value to be set.
- 8 Select **Repeat** to re-apply the same pressure and **Quit Calibration** to exit the calibration of this pressure range.
- 9 Repeat steps (5) to (7) for the next value.
- 10 Carry out a calibration check to verify this procedure.
- 11 After completing the calibration procedures, adjust the calibration standard to atmospheric pressure. Disconnect calibration standard from the PACE.

# 1 PACE Controllers

Calibrating 10000mbar g  
Measure mbar  
**478.91**  
Apply the lowest range pressure (point 1 of 3)  
Note the applied value  
Accept when measured value is stable

Edit if required. mbar  
**479.02**  
←  
+/-  
1 2 3 4 5 .  
6 7 8 9 0

Calibrating 10000mbar g  
Measure mbar  
**479.11**  
Apply the mid range pressure (point 2 of 3)  
Note the applied value  
Accept when measured value is stable

Calibrating 10000mbar g  
Measure mbar  
**994.42**  
Keep the second calibration point? (point 2 of 3)  
Accept to continue  
Press Retry to repeat Measure/Enter

Calibrating 10000mbar g  
Measure mbar  
**1494.05**  
Keep the third calibration point? (point 3 of 3)  
Accept to continue  
Press Retry to repeat Measure/Enter

Calibrating 10000mbar g  
Measure mbar  
**1493.45**  
Calibration complete. Accept the calibration to return to the calibration menu. Press Escape to the reject the calibration.

## 2 Calibration Procedures for PACE Indicators

### Introduction

The PACE indicator incorporates a calibration facility; for the PACE to stay accurate, a calibration check should be carried out at chosen intervals. If the accuracy of the PACE is not within the permissible deviation, carry out a calibration adjustment.

### Calibration Status

Using the **Measured Pressure/Instrument Status** menu, the sensor calibration status of the indicator can be displayed on the front panel screen. The status menu includes **Calibration History** which gives a list of dates of the stored calibration corrections.

#### **Note:**

*The Date and Time must be set correctly using the **Measured Pressure/Global Set-up/Calibration** menu.*

### Calibration Equipment

The original GE Calibration Certificate shows the measurement uncertainty of the original calibration standard.

### Preliminary Operations

Review and become familiar with the whole procedure before beginning a calibration process.

Allow at least one hour for the PACE to thermally stabilize in a thermally stable environment after switching on and before calibration.

Before starting a calibration procedure:

Carry out a leak test as detailed in PACE Indicator user manual K0470.

### Notes on calibration

The pressure standard output port and the indicator reference level must be at the correct level or use height-corrected applied pressure.

Make sure that before starting a calibration procedure both pressures on gauge measurements are equalised and stable.

Set the PACE units of pressure to one of the required units for calibration.



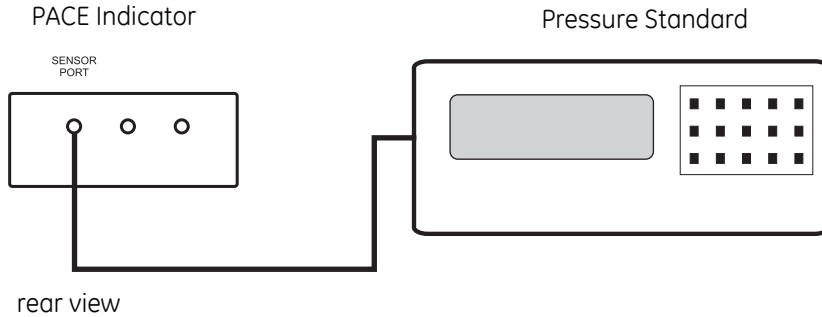
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### Connecting the Indicator

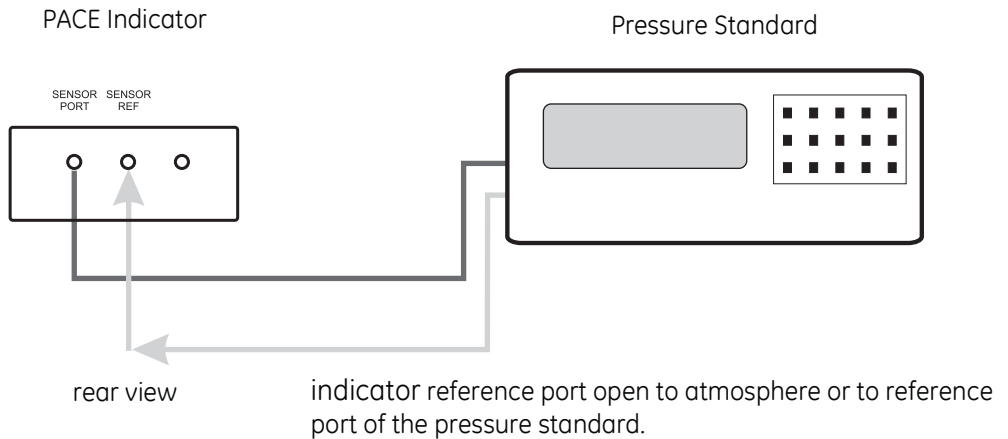
Connect the indicator for each pressure range as follows:

Connect the output of the pressure standard to the indicator port.



### Gauge Reference

If the pressure standard has a reference connection, then connect this to the indicator reference port. Otherwise the indicator reference port should be open to atmosphere.



### Absolute Range

#### Note

*The indicator adds the barometric reading to a gauge range to produce an absolute range.*

### Calibration Check (All Ranges)

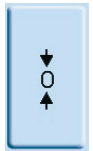
#### Procedure

Set the indicator to measure mode:

- 1 Connect calibration standard for the pressure range to be checked.
- 2 Press **Task** and select **Basic**.
- 3 With the pressure standard connected to the correct pressure port, select **Measured Pressure** and press **Range** to select the gauge pressure range to be checked.
- 4 Barometric pressure can be displayed in the status area.

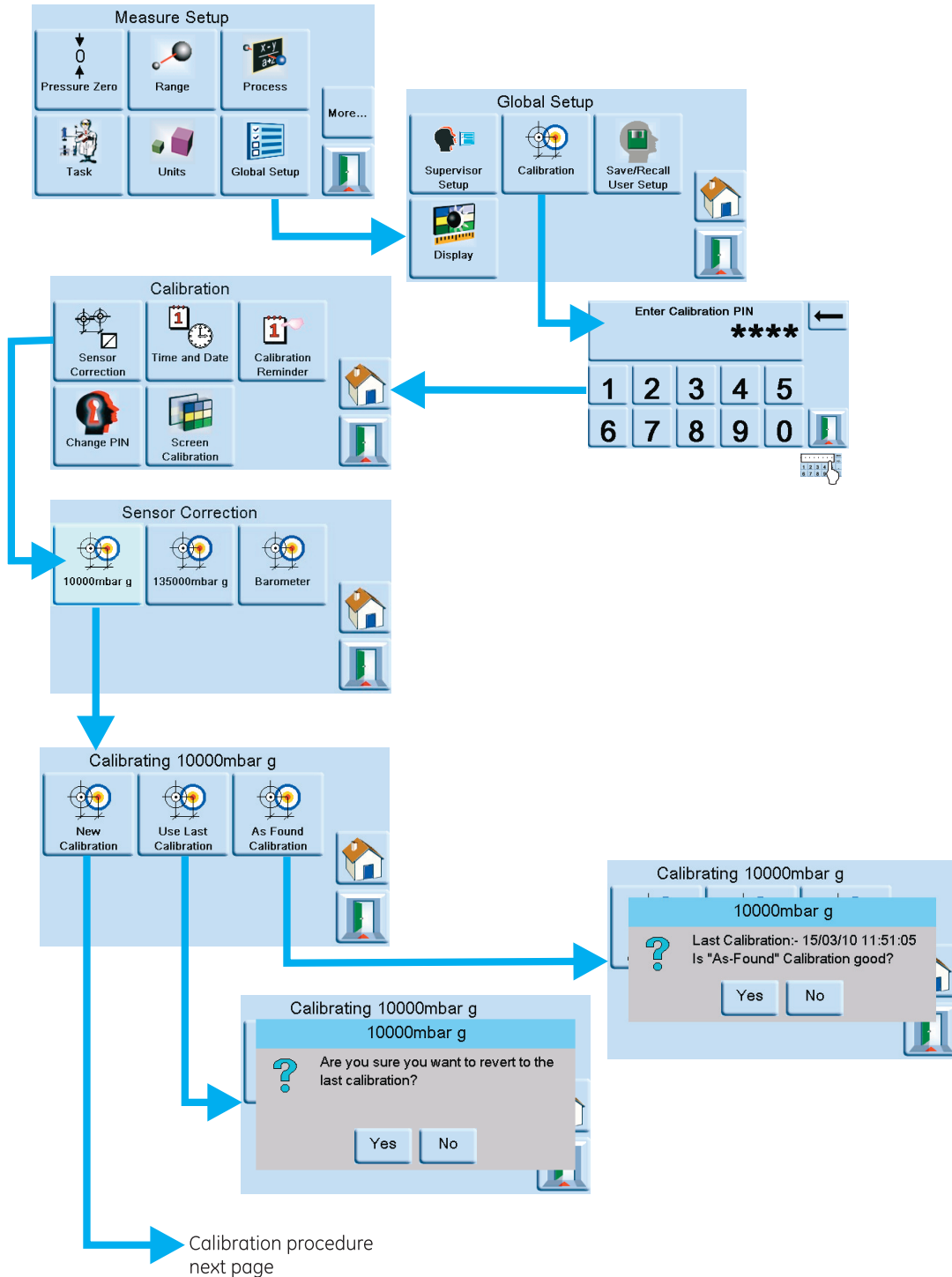
Gauge ranges should be zeroed as follows:

- 1 Press **Measure Pressure/Zero** to zero the selected range or press the zero button on the screen.
- 2 On completion of the zero operation, the display shows Zero completed successfully.
- 3 Adjust calibration pressure to the first pressure value.
- 4 Compare the pressure value on the calibration standard to the value displayed and record the difference.
- 5 Repeat (3) and (5) for each pressure.
- 6 If the recorded difference exceeds the permissible deviation for the selected range, the indicator requires a calibration adjustment for that range. Refer to the sales data sheet for permissible deviation.
- 7 Select the next pressure range for a calibration check.
- 8 After completing all calibration checks, adjust calibration standard to atmospheric pressure.
- 9 Disconnect calibration standard from the output.



If no further calibration is required, switch off the PACE indicator.

## 2 PACE Indicators



### Calibration Adjustment

To adjust a calibration range of the indicator, proceed as follows.

- 1 Connect the indicator for the range to be adjusted, as detailed in Calibration Check.

#### **Note**

*The calibration adjustments must be carried out in any order.*

- 2 Select **Measured Pressure/Global Set-up/Calibration**, enter the Calibration **PIN (4321)**.
- 3 Select **Sensor Correction**.
- 4 Select the pressure range to be corrected.
- 5 Select **New Calibration**.
- 6 The display shows the first value to be set on the pressure standard and to press **OK** when the applied pressure is stable. Use the numeric keys to enter the precise applied pressure.

#### **Note**

*The display also shows throughout this procedure the message **Calibrating** and the selected pressure range.*

- 7 Select **Accept** to store the first value and the display goes to the next pressure value to be set.
- 8 Select **Repeat** to re-apply the same pressure and **Quit Calibration** to exit the calibration of this pressure range.
- 9 Repeat steps (5) to (7) for the next value.
- 10 Carry out a calibration check to verify this procedure.
- 11 After completing the calibration procedures, adjust the calibration standard to atmospheric pressure. Disconnect calibration standard from the PACE indicator.

## 2 PACE Indicators

Calibrating 10000mbar g  
Measure mbar  
**478.91**  
Apply the lowest range pressure (point 1 of 3)  
Note the applied value  
Accept when measured value is stable

Edit if required. mbar  
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1 2 3 4 5 .  
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