

optris® BR 400

Calibration source BR 400



FEATURES

- Radiator temperature up to 400°C
- Excellent homogeneity, precision & long-term stability
- Compact and rugged design
- Perfect for calibrating and testing infrared sensors
- Scope of supply: Calibration source, power supply cable, calibration certificate, manual

General Specifications

Ambient temperature	0°C to 50°C (during operation)
Weight	4.5 kg
Dimensions (H x W x D)	325 mm x 230 mm x 230 mm
Scope of supply	Calibration source, power supply cable, calibration certificate, manual

Electrical Specifications

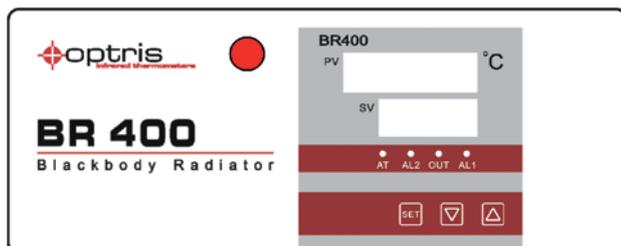
Temperature sensor	Pt100
Controller	PID
Power supply	230 V/ AC (± 10 %) (optional: 110 V/ AC model)
Power consumption	max. 1000 W

Measurement Specifications

Temperature range (at $T_{Amb} = 23\text{ °C}$)	$T_{Amb} +5\text{ °C}$ to 400°C
Accuracy	± 0.5°C at 50°C ¹⁾ ± 1.0°C at 100°C ¹⁾ ± 1.3°C at 250°C ¹⁾ ± 2.0°C at 400°C ¹⁾
Temperature resolution	0.1°C
Aperture	128 mm
Emissivity	0.97 ±0.02 (for 8-14 μm)
Warm-up time	15 min. (from 25°C to 100°C) 40 min. (from 25°C to 400°C)
Cool-down time	60 min. (from 100°C to 50°C) 90 min. (from 400°C to 50°C)

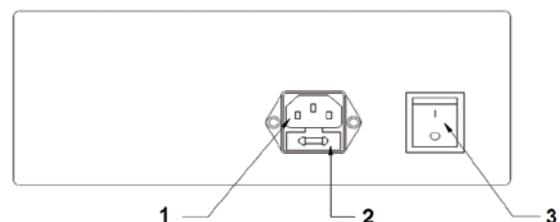
¹⁾ For exact temperature determination of calibration source we recommend the use of a reference IR thermometer (e.g. optris LS DCI).

Operating elements front: PID-controller



Operating elements/Connections backside:

- 1 - Power supply
- 2 - Fuse
- 3 - Power switch



How are infrared thermometers calibrated at Optris?

Infrared thermometers are calibrated with the help of reference radiation sources, so called black bodies. These radiant sources are able to produce different temperatures with a high stability (see also section The Black Body).

Knowing the exact value of the radiation temperature is essential for the calibration process. It can be measured by either using a contact thermometer (in combination with the determination of the emissivity) or a transfer standard infrared thermometer. This value can then be used to determine the device constant for an initial calibration of the infrared sensors. In order to conduct a post-calibration by customers or local calibration facilities, the calibration temperature should be near the temperatures which occur at the respective applications.

Optris makes use of a transfer standard radiation thermometer LS-PTB (see figure) to measure the radiation temperature of a reference source. The LS-PTB is based on the portable IR thermometer optris LS. The LS-PTB needs to be traceable to the international temperature scale from 1990 (ITS-90). Thus, it is calibrated by the PTB (German national metrology institute) on a regular basis.

ITS-90 is a very good approximation of thermodynamic temperature. It is based on 17 well-reproducible fixed values such as melting points of highly pure metals. Within the framework of ITS-90 the LS-PTB is compared to national temperature standards from the PTB. This comparison within a closed chain of comparative measurements with a known uncertainty in measurement takes place on a regular basis.

Based on the LS-PTB, Optris produces the LS-DCI as a high-precision reference IR thermometer for its customers. The DCI units are produced with pre-selected components supporting a high stability of measurement. In combination with a dedicated calibration at several calibration points the LS-DCI achieves a higher accuracy than units from series production.



Automated calibration stations at Optris GmbH

The optics of an IR thermometer is described by the distance-to-spot-ratio (D:S). Depending on the quality of the optics a certain amount of radiation is also received from sources outside the specified measurement spot. The maximum value here equals the radiation emitted by a hemispheric radiant source. The respective signal change in correlation with a resize of the radiation source is described by the Size-of-source effect (SSE).

As a result of this correlation all manufacturers of IR thermometers use accurately defined geometries for the calibration of their units; meaning depending on the aperture of the radiation source (A) a distance (a) between the IR thermometer and the reference source is defined. Thus, the value specified in datasheets and technical documentation as measurement field is in general a certain defined percentage of this radiation maximum – values of 90% or 95% are common.

Optris GmbH has up-to-date in-house laboratories which fulfill the mandatory requirements for calibration stations. When issuing calibration certificates it is not only the laboratory temperature and humidity that is documented but also the measurement distance and source diameter (calibration geometry).



optris LS-PTB and certificates of PTB institute



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