QUICK START GUIDE
Kestrel Elite & Sportsman
Weather Meters with Applied Ballistics

www.kestrelballistics.com
Your Kestrel Weather/Environmental Meter is designed to provide accurate measurement of current conditions only. Depending on your location and environment, conditions may change rapidly.

Rapid temperature and humidity changes (i.e., moving your meter from indoors to outdoors) may cause inaccurate readings of temperature and humidity as well as all readings that rely on either of these values. Before relying on readings from your Kestrel Meter, be sure to either a) force air flow over the sensors by waving or slinging your meter through the air; or b) wait until your unit’s readings have stabilized, indicating it has equilibrated to its new environment.

To maximize the accuracy and reliability of your readings:
- Ensure that your Kestrel Meter is in good repair and within factory calibration.
- Take readings frequently and carefully according to the guidelines above.
- Allow your meter’s readings to stabilize after significant changes in temperature or humidity (i.e., changing location from indoors to outdoors).
- Allow a margin of safety for changing conditions and reading errors (2-3% of reading is recommended).

To reduce the risk of injury or death to persons, read and follow these guidelines!

Your Kestrel Weather/Environmental Meter may provide one or more of these measurements relating to estimation of danger of injury to people or animals from heat or cold: Heat Stress Index, Wind Chill Index, Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (“WBGT”), Thermal Work Limit (“TWL”). Note that guidance tables based on these values are based on typical physiological response. Certain individuals or animals may be more susceptible to harm relating to environmental conditions and require additional precautions. For example, very young or elderly individuals, individuals with asthma, and individuals who have not become acclimatized to hot conditions are likely to be more prone to heat injury.

- Know yourself and the individuals and items you are responsible for.
- Where appropriate, seek the guidance of a medical professional.
- Know what to do in the event of heat or cold injury and be prepared with supplies.
- In the case of heat illness, remember the rule – “Cool first, transport second.” An inexpensive ice bath can mean the difference between life and death.

Your Kestrel Weather/Environmental Meter is not a medical device. It is only one source of information and must be employed with care and good judgment.

We recommend that ONLY Lithium AA batteries be used in your Kestrel Ballistics Weather Meter to provide the widest operating temperature range and to avoid damage caused by leaking batteries. If you must use conventional AA batteries, please do not store your Kestrel Meter with the batteries in place. Damage caused by battery corrosion is not covered under warranty.

WARNING: Lithium is a toxic substance and ingestion may cause serious injury or death. Keep lithium batteries out of the reach of children. If swallowed, immediately seek medical help. Have doctor phone 24-hour hotline at (202) 625-3333, call collect if necessary. Dispose of batteries properly and according to local regulations. Do not puncture or burn batteries. If the battery compartment does not close securely, stop using the product and keep it away from children.

BATTERIES

This Quick Start Guide contains only the information you need to get started using your Kestrel meter. For a full user manual with in-depth explanations of these topics, FAQ’s, chat and e-mail support, visit www.kestrelballistics.com.

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(mph | fpm | m/s | km/h | kt)

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<td>POWER</td>
<td>Turns Kestrel on and off. Press for on, hold for two seconds to turn off.</td>
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<td>OPTIONS/ EXIT</td>
<td>Enter the main Options menu or exit a menu.</td>
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<td>SELECT</td>
<td>Access Settings on any measurement screen or select a menu option to enter its submenu or confirm a task.</td>
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Most system-wide and weather setup options are accessed from the main Options menu by pressing the button from any Weather Measurement Screen or the main Targeting Screen.

- **MODE**
  - Bluetooth On/Off
  - Conct
- **DATA PORT**
- **MEMORY OPTIONS**
  - Clear Log
  - Auto Store
  - Store Rate
  - Overwrite
- **GRAPH SCALE**
- **DISPLAY**
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- **ABOUT**
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Your Kestrel Ballistics Weather Meter is both a complete weather meter AND an advanced ballistics calculator. You must select either Weather Mode or Ballistics Mode depending on the functions you desire:

- **Weather Measurements, History and Data Logs** are accessed in **Weather Mode**.
- The Targeting Screen and all ballistics settings (Target, Wind, Gun, Environment, Range Card, Ballistics, Manage Guns) are accessed in **Ballistics Mode**.

**HOW TO SELECT THE OPERATING MODE:**
- Select **Mode** under the Options Menu.
- Set **Mode** to **Weather** or **Ballistics**.

**NOTE!** You can also “jump” between modes by pressing the BACKLIGHT button twice quickly. You will enter Weather Mode at the last Measurement Screen used, making it convenient to take advanced wind averaging measurements, for example.

### KESTREL OPERATING MODES

#### TYPES OF MENU ITEMS

- **Task**
- **Go**
- **Submenu...**
- **Setting...**
- **On**
- **Combo Field...**
- **adjust**
- **Locked Value**
- **Locked Value...**

- **Tasks are executed by highlighting the field and pressing Select.**
- **The presence of a submenu is indicated by a “…” following a field.**
- **Highlight the field and press Select to enter a submenu.**
- **Adjust a setting by pressing left or right.**
- **An arrow indicates there are additional fields off screen.**
- **Adjust the value of a Combo Field by pressing left or right.**
- **Enter the Combo Field sub menu by pressing select.**
- **Navigation buttons indicate available actions on the current screen.**
- **Locked values are either driven by another value or cannot be edited on the current screen.**
- **Locked values may have submenus which are entered by pressing select.**

### KESTREL MENU NAVIGATION

#### TARGETING SCREEN

- **SCAPE ELEVATION ADJUSTMENT**
  - (U = Up/D = Down)
- **SCAPE WINDAGE ADJUSTMENT**
  - (L = Left, R = Right)

- **Targeting Screen**
  - Active Target (Elite Model only)

- **Bluetooth ® Connection Status**

- **Note!** The Windage Adjustment provides two values creating a wind profile bracket based on a 5 second rolling average shown.
- **Windage solution based on the average wind speed.**
- **Shown on Range Card as Wind1.**
- **Windage solution based on the maximum wind speed.**
- **Shown on Range Card as Wind 2.**

- *** Range Card available on Elite Model only.**

- **E 7.68 U**
- **A**
- **W 2.62/4.92L**
- **Tgt... 067° 800yd**
- **Wind... 9:00 mph**
WEATHER MODE SCREENS

MORE MEASUREMENTS

Graph of Stored Data Log

Current Measurement Screen
Press SELECT to enter settings menu for that measurement.

Min Ave Max Screen
Press SELECT to start, stop and clear the Min/Avg/Max tracking.

Data Graph Screen
Press SELECT to enter the Data Log Detail Screen to view logged data points.

Data Points Screen
Press LEFT/RIGHT to scroll through data points. Press OPTIONS to exit Data Log Details Screen.

GETTING STARTED

1. INSTALL BATTERY. Slide the battery door latch and open door. Insert the provided AA lithium battery as indicated by the label. Replace the battery door, ensuring it “clicks” fully into place.

2. POWER ON KESTREL. Press to power on Kestrel.

3. ENTER OPTIONS MENU. Press to enter the Options Menu.

4. CALIBRATE THE COMPASS. Scroll to and select System. Scroll to and select Compass Cal. Follow the on-screen instructions:
   - Place the base of the Kestrel on a flat surface at least 3 feet from any large metal objects.
   - Start the calibration routine. Rotate the Kestrel around its vertical axis 3 times, keeping the unit as vertical as possible and taking approximately 10 seconds per full rotation. You may need to restart the routine a few times until you get the timing correct.

Note! When taking compass readings, keep the Kestrel as vertical as possible for maximum accuracy.

5. EXIT OPTIONS MENU.

ADDITIONAL SETTINGS

All additional settings are accessed from the options menu.

1. SET AUTO SHUTDOWN. Scroll to and select Display. Scroll to Auto Shtdown and choose a time window after which the Kestrel will shut down without any button presses.

2. SET BACK LIGHT. Scroll to and select Display. Scroll to Backlight and set to either standard White or night vision preserving Red.

3. SET DATE AND TIME. Scroll to and select System. Scroll to and select Time & Date. Adjust the time and date.

4. TURN ON/OFF MEASUREMENT SCREENS. Scroll to and select System. Scroll to and select Measurements. Set each measurement screen to either On or Off as desired.

5. SET UNITS. Scroll to and select System. Scroll to and select Units. To change all units select Global, then set Global to Imperial or Metric, and then scroll to Apply and select Go. To set units individually, scroll to each measurement type in the Units submenu and set to the desired units. Units can also be set in the Settings menu for each measurement.

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The Kestrel employs a stable, accurate pressure sensor to measure station pressure, the unadjusted air pressure in your location.

To use your Kestrel to measure barometric pressure (station pressure adjusted for local elevation), you must enter a correct reference value for your altitude. Accurate barometric readings require that no elevation changes be made while taking measurements.

To use your Kestrel to measure altitude changes (changes in station pressure associated with changes in elevation), you must enter a correct reference value for your starting barometric pressure. Accurate altitude readings depend on stable, weather related barometric air pressure while measurements are taken.

Synched values between the Altitude and Barometer measurement screens allow reference value updates on either screen to automatically update reference values on the other. You cannot use your Kestrel as a barometer and altimeter simultaneously.

**SETTING REFERENCE VALUES ON BARO MEASUREMENT SCREEN:**
- Scroll to the Baro measurement screen and select Settings.
- Adjust either the Altitude or the Barometric Pressure value to a local, known value obtained from a mapping reference, GPS, or accurate weather station in the same location.

**SETTING REFERENCE VALUES ON ALTITUDE MEASUREMENT SCREEN:**
- Scroll to the ALTITUDE measurement screen and select Settings.
- Adjust either the Altitude or the Barometric Pressure value to a local, known value obtained from a mapping reference, GPS, or accurate weather station in the same location.

**Note!** You should enter new reference values whenever you are using the Altitude or Barometer functions and your location or the weather conditions have changed.

**Note!** You do NOT need to enter Altimeter or Barometer reference values to obtain accurate ballistics targeting solutions. The ballistics calculator employs the station pressure.

Don’t forget! Set your Operating Mode to Ballistics on the Options Menu to use Ballistics features!

For ease of access, the ballistics Targeting Screen also contains the Ballistics Menu. Simply scroll down from the Targeting Screen to access these settings and submenus:
- Target
- Wind
- Gun
- Environment
- Range Card
- Ballistics (Limited on Sportsman model, full on Elite model)
- Manage Guns

**Note!** The back of this guide contains a full Glossary of the terms used. Please read these definitions!

CREATE OR EDIT A GUN PROFILE:
- Scroll to and select Manage Guns. Either select an existing gun to edit or select New Gun.
- Scroll up and select Gun to rename the gun. Use the scroll/adjust buttons to enter a new name, then exit the naming menu.
- Set the remaining values in the Gun sub menu to match your gun, bullet and scope combination.
- Exit to the Manage Guns menu and ensure the new gun is set to On.

A great resource for finding accurate bullet data is www.appliedballisticsllc.com.
An accurate crosswind measurement requires that the Kestrel "know" both the direction of fire and the wind direction and strength. You may use the Kestrel's built-in compass and wind measuring and averaging features to capture these values:

**CAPTURING THE DIRECTION OF FIRE:**
- Select Tgt to enter the Target menu, scroll down and select DoF, then scroll down and select Capture.
- Follow the on-screen instructions:
  - While holding the Kestrel vertical, point the back of the unit directly towards the target and select Capture.
- DoF will automatically be populated in the Target menu.

**CAPTURING THE WIND INPUTS:**
- In the Target menu, scroll down and select WD, WS1, or WS2.
- Scroll down and select Capture.
- Follow the on-screen instructions:
  - While holding the Kestrel vertical, point the back of the unit directly into the wind and select Capture.
  - Continue to point the Kestrel into the wind for at least 5 seconds to capture a sample of the winds. Select End Capture.
- WD, WS1, WS2 will automatically be populated in the Target menu.

**MEASURING WIND**

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**CALIBRATING MUZZLE VELOCITY:***

**The Muzzle Velocity Calibration function allows you to obtain a more accurate muzzle velocity by combining user input data and actual shot results and calculating the actual bullet speed.**

**CALIBRATING MUZZLE VELOCITY:**
- Scroll to and select Gun in the Ballistics Menu.
- After accurately inputting all other gun, bullet, and scope parameters, as well as wind values and direction of fire, scroll to MV and adjust to your best estimate of your gun's muzzle velocity.
- Select MV to enter the MV sub menu. Scroll to and select Cal MV.
- The Cal MV range is the suggested target distance at which to calibrate. For best results, find a range where you can shoot to between 90% and 100% of the recommended range but no further. Calibrating at less than 90% of the recommended range will lessen accuracy and less than 80% or beyond the recommended range will not be valid.
- Adjust Range to match the actual distance to your target where you are shooting. Accuracy here is key! Use a quality ranger finder if you are not on a measured range.
- Apply the suggested elevation hold shown in Drop in your scope turrets or reticle.
- Take a number of shots to determine the actual bullet drop. Adjust Drop to match the actual observed bullet drop of the bullet at that range. For example, if the point of impact is 1.5 Milis below the bullseye adjust the Drop value to be 1.5 Milis greater.
- A new MV will be automatically calculated to match the actual impact of your round. (In this example, the MV will be decreased.) No chronograph required!
- A (+) or (−) in front of the MV value indicates the new MV has been calibrated up or down.
- Exit to accept the new MV value.

**Note!** Selecting Wind in the Ballistics Menu jumps directly to the WD, WS1, & WS2 entries in the Target Menu.
**Note!** For maximum accuracy of compass readings when capturing DoF and Wind, the Kestrel must be held as vertically as possible — be careful not to tilt it away from you while taking readings.
**Note!** Any time you are using the Kestrel to calculate an elevation hold (including when calibrating muzzle velocity and DSF) a direction of fire plus wind direction and speeds must be input. These inputs contribute to an accurate elevation solution.

**Note!** The suggested MV Cal range is the distance where the bullet slows to Mach 1.2. If the suggested range cannot be matched it is better to shoot at a shorter/closer distance rather than further. However, as the MV calibration range decreases, so does MV calibration accuracy. Try to shoot as close to the recommended MV Cal range as possible.
**Note!** If the MV-Temp table has been populated, MV values will be locked by the MV-Temp table and MV values will not be automatically adjusted by the MV Cal procedure above.
The Drop Scale Factor (DSF) function allows you to calibrate the BC of your round beyond the supersonic range of the bullet and maintain accurate solutions out to transonic and subsonic ranges. DSF calibration does not impact the supersonic flight path of the bullet.

CALIBRATING DSF:
» Scroll to and select Gun in the Ballistics Menu.
» After accurately inputting all other gun, bullet, and scope parameters, as well as MV, wind values and direction of fire, scroll to and select CAL DSF.
» The Cal DSF range is the suggested target distance at which to calibrate. For best results, find a range where you can shoot to at least 90% of the recommended range. Calibrating at less than 90% of the recommended range will lessen accuracy and less than 80% of the recommended range will not be valid. Calibrating DSF at distances beyond the recommended Cal DSF range is ok.
» Adjust Range to match the actual distance to your target where you are shooting. Accuracy here is key! Use a quality ranger finder if you are not on a measured range.
» Apply the suggested elevation hold shown in Drop in your scope turrets or reticle.
» Take a number of shots to determine the actual bullet drop. Adjust Drop to match the actual observed bullet drop of the bullet at that range. For example, if the point of impact is 1.5 Mils below the bullseye, adjust the Drop value to be 1.5 Mils greater.

» A new DSF value will be automatically calculated to match the actual impact of your round in the transonic or subsonic range.
» A (+) or (-) in front of the DSF value indicates the DSF value has been calibrated up or down. A DSF value of 1 indicates no change to BC in the transonic or subsonic range.
» Exit to accept the new DSF value.
» Up to 6 DSF values can be created to calibrate BC through the transonic and subsonic range. Calibrating DSF one time can create more than one DSF Cal value.
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Note! Entering DSF values at a shorter range than a previously entered DSF value will overwrite the longer range value.

ENVIRONMENT
Accurate Temperature, Humidity and Pressure measurements are critical to calculating an accurate Targeting Solution. It is important that the values measured by the Kestrel represent the ambient values, and for this the Kestrel needs continuous airflow over its sensors. When using a Kestrel in a position where airflow could be restricted, such as low to the ground or resting on a shooting mat or rock, it is better to make periodic environmental captures to avoid inaccurate measurements.

HOW TO CAPTURE ENVIRONMENTAL MEASUREMENTS:
» In the Ballistics Menu, scroll to and select Environment then scroll to Update.
» Adjust Update to Yes and then wave the Kestrel rapidly through the air for 5-10 seconds. If the area allows, and your lanyard is secure, you may also “sling” the Kestrel around by the lanyard.
» Immediately adjust Update back to No to fix the environmental measurements you have just captured.

NOTE! Repeat this process every half hour or any time the temperature or pressure changes significantly.

HOW TO SET THE LATITUDE:
Latitude is necessary for accurate Coriolis calculations.
» In the Ballistics Menu, scroll to and select Environment then scroll to Lat.
» Adjust Lat to match your local latitude.

NOTE! Latitude default is the middle of North America if no new value is entered. Setting both DoF and Lat to 0 will effectively turn Coriolis correction off.

CONTINUOUS WIND CAPTURE
As an alternative to the Wind Capture method described previously, you may mount your Kestrel on a tripod using the Kestrel Vane Mount. The Vane Mount ensures the Kestrel remains oriented into the wind and allows for continuous update of the windage solution. For convenience, this method works best when the firing solution is being displayed on a mobile device using Kestrel LINK Ballistics.

HOW TO SET THE KESTREL TO CONTINUOUS WIND CAPTURE
» Select the correct Gun and Target and set the Direction of Fire.
» In the Ballistics Menu, highlight Wind and press the red Capture button. An arrow will appear next to the Wind menu item to indicate the unit is now in wind capture mode.
» While in wind capture mode, manual inputs to the unit will be locked and changes in wind speed or direction will automatically update the Targeting Screen Windage solution.
» To close wind capture press the red Capture button again.
If your Kestrel is marked LiNK on the bottom front label, it can be connected wirelessly to other LiNK-compatible devices. LiNK is powered by Bluetooth Smart®, also known as Bluetooth® LE, which is available in most iOS devices released after 2014 and Android devices released after 2015, as well as in a USB Dongle available from Kestrel that supports connectivity to Windows and Mac OS devices. LiNK-enabled Kestrel units can connect to mobile devices running Kestrel LiNK Ballistics allowing you to view your targeting solutions remotely, build and manage gun profiles, access the Applied Ballistics custom drag models and install firmware updates. LiNK-enabled units can be run wirelessly to computers using the Kestrel Dongle. On Windows PC’s use the Applied Ballistics Profile Loader to create and install gun profiles and access the Applied Ballistics custom drag model library. (Applied Ballistics Custom Drag Models can only be used in Elite units.)

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CONNECTING TO A COMPUTER, MOBILE PHONE OR TABLET:
» On your phone or tablet, follow the links at www.kestrelballistics.com to locate the Applied Ballistics Profile Loader program to download the Applied Ballistics Profile Loader to your computer. Insert your Kestrel USB Dongle (available separately) into an open USB port.
» On the Kestrel, open the Options Menu and select Bluetooth. Set Bluetooth to On. Set Conct to PC/Mobile mode, the Kestrel’s Status will change to Available, indicating that it is available for pairing with a computer or mobile device.
» Ensure the computer or mobile device is available for pairing with a computer or mobile device.
» Search for profile/tablet. Access the Kestrel’s Network Settings. Set Bluetooth to On. Set Conct to Device. Scroll to Name and select New, then wait for the list of available devices in range to populate.
» Select a device from the available list. Once connected, the settings menu for that device will open, allowing you to manage the device’s settings.
» Exit to the Bluetooth menu. Status should indicate Connected, meaning the pairing is active and your Kestrel is ready to communicate.

CONNECTING TO/ADJUSTING A PREVIOUSLY PAIRED LINK-COMPATIBLE DEVICE:
» Follow the directions for connecting to a new device except instead of selecting New in the Name field, scroll left or right to find the desired device.
» Status will change to Searching. If the device is in range and in active pairing mode, a connection will be made and Searching will change to Connected, indicating that the pairing is active and your Kestrel is ready to communicate.

BLUETOOTH CONNECTION INDICATOR:
» When connected to any LiNK compatible device, a *icon will appear in the Targeting screen in the upper right.
» If the paired device goes to sleep or if the connection is lost, the * icon may disappear but should automatically reestablish the connection and the icon should reappear.

Note! LiNK range is typically 100 ft/30M line of sight. Shorter distances should be expected if there are obstacles such as walls or metal enclosures. Range is also impacted by the signal strength of the other device.

CONNECTING TO COMPUTERS USING USB CABLE:
All Kestrel 5 Series units can connect to a computer via the Data Transfer Port using the USB Data Transfer Cable available separately. Kestrel LiNK software is available for Windows and Mac for downloading logged weather data and installing firmware updates. Applied Ballistics Profile Loader is available for Windows only and can be used to create and install gun profiles and access the Applied Ballistics Custom Drag Model Library. (Applied Ballistics Custom Drag Models can only be used in Elite units.)

CONNECT YOUR KESTREL METER TO YOUR COMPUTER USING THE DATA TRANSFER CABLE:
» On your computer, follow the links at www.kestrelballistics.com to download Kestrel LiNK for PC or Mac. Install.
Or (Windows only):
» Follow the links at www.kestrelballistics.com to download the Applied Ballistics Profile Loader to a PC. Install.
» On your Kestrel in the main Options menu, scroll to and select Data Port and set to On.
» Insert the USB Data Transfer Cable into a USB port and plug into the Data Transfer Port on the back of the Kestrel unit.
» Follow the directions in the Kestrel LiNK or Applied Ballistics Profile Loader program to confirm the connection and perform program actions.
DIRECTION – Compass heading in true or magnetic North.

WIND SPD – Wind Speed is the measurement of the wind passing through the impeller. For greatest accuracy, point the back of the Kestrel directly into the wind.

CROSSWND – Crosswind uses the internal compass and a user selected heading to calculate the crosswind component of the full wind.

HEADING – Headwind uses the internal compass and a user selected heading or target direction to calculate the headwind component of the full wind.

TEMP – Ambient Temperature is the temperature measured at the thermistor. For best results, ensure the thermistor is not exposed to direct sunlight and is exposed to good airflow.

CHILL – Wind Chill is a calculated value of the perceived temperature based on temperature and wind speed.

HUMIDITY – Relative Humidity is the amount of moisture currently held by the air as a percentage of the total possible moisture that the air could hold.

HEAT INDEX – Heat Index is a calculated value of the perceived temperature based on temperature and relative humidity.

DEW POINT – Dew Point is the temperature at which water vapor will begin to condense out of the air.

WET BULB – Wet Bulb is the lowest temperature that can be reached in the existing environment by cooling through evaporation. Wet Bulb is always equal to or lower than ambient temperature.

BARO – Barometric Pressure is the local station (or absolute) pressure adjusted to mean pressure. An accurate reading depends on a correct altitude input and unchanging altitude while measuring.

ALTITUDE – Altitude is the vertical distance associated with given atmospheric pressure. An accurate reading depends on correct initial barometric pressure input and stable barometric pressure while measuring.

STATION – Station Pressure (Absolute Pressure) is the pressure exerted by the atmosphere at the location.

DENS ALT – Density Altitude is the altitude at which the density of the theoretical standard atmospheric conditions (ISA) would match the actual local air density.

TARGET MENU

Active – Setting a target to active makes it selectable in the main target screen. (Not available in Sportsman models)

TR – Target Range is the distance from the muzzle of the rifle to the target.

DoF – Direction of fire is the direction from the position of the target.

Ideg – Inclination is the angle above or below horizontal from the position of the shooter to the target.

Icos – Inclination Cosine is the cosine of the angle above or below horizontal from the position of the shooter to the target.

TS – Target Speed is the speed of the target perpendicular to the direction of fire.

TD – Target Direction is the direction of travel of the target perpendicular to the direction of fire.

WD – Wind Direction is the direction the wind is coming from in relation to the direction of fire.

WS1 – Wind Speed 1 is a five second rolling average wind speed.

WS2 – Wind Speed 2 is a five second rolling maximum wind speed.

GUN MENU

MV – Muzzle Velocity is the speed of the bullet as it leaves the muzzle. MV can be measured with a chronograph or calculated using the MV Cal function. An MV estimate is often provided by cartridge manufacturers or in reloading manuals.

DM – A Drag Model is the known aerodynamic drag profile of a standard projectile against which an actual bullet is referenced. Ballistics coefficients based on G1 drag models are more widely available, ballistic coefficients based on G7 drag models are more representative of a typical hollow tip, boat tail bullet. (Applied Ballistics Custom Drag Models – Using one of the Applied Ballistics custom drag models replaces the use of a standard projectile drag model and it’s associated BC. When a custom drag model is used, the BC value appears as a 1. Applied Ballistics custom drag models can only be used in Elite units.)

BC – A Ballistic Coefficient is a ratio that represents the ability of the bullet to overcome air resistance and maintain velocity while in flight in comparison to a standard projectile. Be sure to match the G1 / G7 drag model setting to the BC value you are using. G1 BCs can not be used with G7 drag models and vice-versa.

BW – Bullet Weight is the weight of the bullet measured in grains or grams.

BD – Bullet Diameter is the diameter of the bullet measured in inches or millimeters. (Note! Ensure bullet diameter is correct. The given name of a bullet’s caliber does not always match its actual diameter, for example 300WM is actually .308”, not .300”)
BL – Bullet Length is the length of the bullet measured in inches or millimeters. Automatically calculated from bullet weight. May be overridden if actual bullet length is known.

ZR – Zero Range is the distance from the muzzle to the target at which the rifle was zeroed.

BH – Bore Height (Scope Height) is the distance from the center axis of the rifle barrel to the center axis of the scope. This can be measured from the top of the bolt to the middle of the windage turret plus half the diameter of the bolt.

ZH – Zero Height is a modification to impact elevation at zero range, often used when adding a suppressor or using a subsonic load. (Not available in Sportsman models)

ZO – Zero Offset is a modification to impact windage at zero range, often used when adding a suppressor or using a subsonic load. (Not available in Sportsman models)

RT – Rifle Twist is the distance it takes for the rifling of your barrel to make one full rotation. RT is often provided by the gun or barrel manufacturer. It can also be measured by marking a tight-fitting cleaning rod and measuring the insertion distance required to make one full rotation.

Rtd – Rifle Twist Direction is the rotational direction of the rifle twist. A right hand twist (most common) is clockwise from behind the rifle.

Eunit – Elevation Unit is the unit of measure used in a scope and reticle for elevation, either TMOA, SMOA, or Mil.

Eclick – Elevation Clicks is a user-settable ratio of number of clicks of the elevation turret per TMOA, SMOA, or Mil.

Wunit – Windage Unit is the unit of measure used in a scope and reticle for windage, either TMOA, SMOA, or Mil.

Wclck – Windage Clicks is a user-settable ratio of number of clicks of the windage turret per TMOA, SMOA, or Mil.

Enclck – Elevation Clicks is a user-settable ratio of number of clicks of the elevation turret per TMOA, SMOA, or Mil.

DSF – Drop Scale Factor is a truing value of the ballistic coefficient applied at transonic and subsonic speeds. (Not available in Sportsman models)

CLIK – Click is the value of each click of the turret where the user selects the number of clicks equal one TMOA, SMOA, or Mil, based on the turrets of their scope.

Update – Setting Update to Yes inputs live measurements for temperature, pressure, and relative humidity into the ballistic solver. Selecting No for Update captures current environmental inputs and makes them user editable.

Lat – Latitude. Can be found on a map or internet search for your area.

Temp – Ambient Temperature is the temperature measured at the external temperature sensor.

SP – Station Pressure (Absolute Pressure) is the pressure exerted by the earth’s atmosphere at any given point.

RH – Relative Humidity is the amount of moisture currently held by the air as a percentage of the total possible moisture that the air could hold.

Dalt – Density Altitude is the altitude at which the density of the theoretical standard atmospheric conditions (ISA) would match the actual local air density.

SpnDft – Spin Drift is a correction for lateral drift caused by the change to the bullets axis of rotation as it follows the arc of its trajectory. (Not available in Sportsman models)

Wcap – Wind Capture toggles between applying the windage correction to just the currently selected target or to all targets.
Additional Ballistics data available on Elite Model only:

**vCor** – Vertical Coriolis Correction is the amount of the elevation solution attributed to the Coriolis effect.

**hCor** – Horizontal Coriolis Correction is the amount of the windage solution attributed to the Coriolis effect.

**SpnD** – Spin Drift is the amount of the windage solution attributed to the spin drift.

**AerJ** - Aerodynamic Jump is the amount of the elevation solution attributed to aerodynamic jump.

**ToF** – Time Of Flight is the time required for a bullet to reach its target at a given range.

**MaxO** – Max Ordinate is the maximum height above the axis of the barrel that a bullet will reach.

**Drop** – Drop is the total drop the bullet experiences.

**Rsub** – Subsonic Range is the distance traveled by the bullet at which it slows to subsonic speed (<Mach 1).

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**IMPELLER REPLACEMENT**

1. Press only the sides of the impeller when removing and inserting to avoid damaging the precision hub bearing. (Figure 1).
   - Press FIRMLY on the impeller module to remove it.
   - Insert the new impeller so the side that has the small triangle (close to the perimeter) faces the front of the Kestrel when installed.

2. Orient one “arm” of the module straight up. (Figure 2). The impeller can be pushed in from either side.

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![Figure 1](image1.jpg)

![Figure 2](image2.jpg)
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