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Calibration Corner

Metrology for the Masses

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A Distinguished Window into the Rough and Tumble World of Calibration

Inaugural Newsletter Fills Popular Demand

Like most calibration labs, vendors, manufacturers, and customers, we got into the world of metrology mainly because of the fame, glory, and boundless riches.

However, we also thought that while we were here, it might not be such a bad idea if we found a way to reach out and communicate metrology issues and questions in an accessible medium in a way that could potentially be beneficial to a variety of people in or around the industry.

Calibration Corner exists to meet that obvious and (what we presume to be) insatiable demand.

Looking for a fascinating glimpse into the world of ISO-17025? You've found it.

Eager to hear about the latest goings on with traceability standards? Look no further.

Want informational blurbs supposedly from a small marsupial with an alliterative pun name that's not even particularly clever? We're almost 100% sure you won't find that anywhere else.

So please, we hope you don't mind reading through and letting us know any questions that you may want addressed. And after all...it's work-related, so feel free to take your time.

About This Issue

- 1 concrete ramp was destroyed for this newsletter
- 63% of readers will search "Quokka" on Google; 3% will accidentally search with Bing first
- 'Wrap Text' was used 237 times for formatting, 170 times with unintended results

Ask Kal, the Calibration Quokka

Hey Kal, what's the difference between a short form cert and a long form cert?

A short form certificate – also known as a certificate of conformance or compliance – comes with an item from the manufacturing saying essentially that they made it correctly per an appropriate standard, and it's traceable to NIST, and is presumed to be correctly made straight out of the box.

A long form cert, also sometimes called a certificate of calibration, is NIST traceable, and includes calibration measurements, tolerances, standards and procedures used, and is what you'd expect to see come back with your equipment when you send it out for calibration. Different places may use slightly different terminology to mean essentially these two categories.



Acquisitions, Hires, and Renovations: DTS Making Changes for Growth

Diamond Technical Services had a busy year or so from summer 2017 to now.

Following the acquisition of Amyoung Thread Gage – a leading laboratory in the Northeast specializing in the calibration and repair of threaded gages – DTS has significantly expanded its capabilities in this arena (in addition to growing an impressive library of set plugs overnight).

To meet the increased demand, DTS has added calibration technicians, a shipping/receiving professional, admin personnel, a customer advocate representative and a business development manager – and there's still seats to fill!

That's to say nothing for the interior renovations, additional spacing, lab size increase, and (sadly to some, overdue to others) the demolition of an old, defunct ramp out back that would have been fitting scenery for a crumbling post-apocalyptic set.



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