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A Distinguished Window into the Rough and Tumble World of Calibration

Definitely a Meaningful Article

We're freshly off the month-long celebration of Cal Corner's birthday after September, and just in time for another distinguished newsletter. Last month was all about our newsletter's one-year anniversary as a testament to the written word. A couple months before that was all about Independence Day. So that means it's probably well past time for some substantive metrology-related discussion here in the main article for once, right?

Well that depends...are you a nerd like Kal down there? Always answering questions about certs and accreditation and things like that? Yeah, we didn't think so.

Listen, Kal might look all cute and adorable, but he's actually a hardline union guy. If we start taking too much of his job doing the straight-edge calibration expert thing, he's been known to send some of his AFL-CIO cronies to gently persuade us to back off. So let him take care of the actual metrology, and why don't we spend one more month with some nonsense that only loosely relates to

what a calibration newsletter should actually contain?

Also – and not that this will surprise anyone – but the editor here is dangerously permissive (some might say grossly negligent) in terms of what makes it into print, out the door, and into the hands of hundreds of customers. So, it's not like one more month of this is going to be the thing that suddenly wakes him out of his corner-office stupor, with his feet up on his desk while he tests the far limits of Corporate's internet access policy. As long as we casually remind you that calibration exists and that you'll almost certainly fail your next quality audit without our services, we've done our job.

Also, we're apparently now using the newsletter to subtly threaten our fan/customer base. Which, frankly, is a bold and exciting new direction for us to be going in!

About This Issue

- This is the second issue in a row where the term 'nerd' has been thrown around to describe someone just because they're focused on actual calibration

Ask Kal, the Calibration Quokka



Hey Kal, can you talk a little bit about End of Month vs. Date-to-Date calibration cycles?

End of Month calibrations mean that for whichever date your device is calibrated, it will be due again on the last day of the month when its cycle comes up. For example, if your gage block set is on a 12-month cycle and you have it calibrated on October 14, 2019, it will be due again on October 31, 2020. If that same gage block set were on a date-to-date cycle, it would be due again on October 14, 2020.

There are a couple pros and cons to each way of doing it (such as, EOM cycles allow a little more flexibility in scheduling the calibration the next time around), but it really comes down to your company preferences and quality system needs!

Have a general calibration-related question you'd like answered?
Email newsletter@dts-na.com with "Ask Kal" as the subject!



ISO Audit ✓



One thing that the folks here are happy to see in our rear-view mirror (especially our lab manager/quality manager, Ralph) is our bi-annual ISO 17025 audit.

This year wasn't just any old audit, either. DTS successfully completed the requirements to meet the newest ISO 17025:2017 standard. And we did it with over a year to spare: 17025:2005 goes away for all calibration labs as of December 1, 2020.

Besides that, we added to our accreditation scope. While we've successfully used 2- and 3-point bore micrometers for years, we now have them as part of our accredited scope for calibration.

We should also point out that unlike Tommy Boy, we weren't taken by surprise when we received the good news about passing!



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