

PIE CALIBRATORS

The Altek* Replacements







PIE Calibrators are Evolutionary!

Did you know that Altek* Calibrator designs are over 15 years old? PIE Calibrators are entirely new designs that are more rugged, have longer battery life and are just as easy to use as the Altek* you have used for years. Is your Altek* Calibrator discontinued? Browse through this comparison guide and see how the PIE replacement for your favorite calibrator stacks up.

PIE Calibrators are designed and built by members of the same team that designed and built the calibrators now manufactured by Fluke* under the Altek* label.

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PIE - Built for Calibration Professionals

Simplify your day-to-day calibration tasks

I & E technicians have to do more and more every day with less help and shrinking budgets. PIE Calibrators help you simplify your job with calibrators that are technician friendly. They are compact, easy to learn, simple to setup and accurate. PIE technician friendly calibrators are all about ease of use. PIE's unique and intuitive EZ-DIAL Double Click Menu makes them simpler to setup than larger calibrators with their complicated button filled panels and confusing menus. Use a PIE Calibrator right out of the box instead of wasting time learning to use more complex calibrators.

Technician suggested evolutionary design

PIE Calibrators include features requested by I & E technicians. They are designed and built by members of the same team that created the calibrators now manufactured by Fluke* under the Altek* label. We have been designing calibrators since the 1980s and for PIE since 2001. Improvements over other brands include simple "Double Click Menu", rubber boot with tilt stand, backlit displays with larger digits, rugged switches and battery compartments for fast battery changes. From simple thermocouple and RTD sources to multifunction calibrators PIE has what you are looking for at a price to fit your budget.

Support when you need it anywhere in the world

PIÈ Calibrators are made in the USA and are backed by a Three Year Warranty. All PIE Calibrators come with a free NIST Traceable Certificate that is signed and dated. Altek's come only with an unsigned Statement of Calibration Practices with a certificate of calibration available for an extra charge. We recommend annual recalibration of our products. Contact PIE or your local distributor for factory recalibration. Calibration may also be performed by your company's calibration laboratory or any of your qualified calibration vendors. Calibration procedures are posted on our website.



More Than a Simple Boot Flip out the tilt stand and free up both hands for calibration adjustments

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PIE Model 820 Compared to Altek*

Multifunction Process Calibrator mA • V • TC • Ω • RTD • Hz



Advantages of the PIE Model 820 over the Altek* Model 820

- Automatic stepping & ramping
 Setup 2, 3, 5 & 11 steps or continuous ramp from 5 to 60 seconds to match your test procedures
- Larger display with backlight
 Easy viewing in dark locations. Icons on the display show where to
 plug in the test leads.
- More resistant to accidental damage Rubber boot and stronger switches
- More Thermocouple & RTD ranges with 0.1° resolution & better accuracy
 Compatible with smart transmitters, multichannel recorders,

Compatible with smart transmitters, multichannel recorders, PLCs and DCSs (the Altek 820 RTD output is not compatible with many smart transmitters and system input cards)

- Smaller & 25% lighter Pocket sized and easier to carry
- LED for optical pickups & troubleshooting LED flashes green in synch with frequency output. Illuminates red for overload conditions



PIE Model 820 is smaller & 25% lighter



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Deluxe 'Hands-Free' carrying case with zippered pocket for manual and test leads

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PIE Model 830 Compared to Altek*

Multifunction Process Calibrator mA • V • TC • Ω • pH • RTD • Hz • Pressure Loop Diagnostics • Transmitter Supply



Advantages of the PIE Model 830 over the Altek* Model 830

• Higher Accuracy

Accurate to 0.006 mA, Pt 100 Ohm RTD to 0.2°C/0.4°F,

Type K to 0.3°C/0.6°F, pH to 0.003 pH

Loop Diagnostics - Unique to PIE
 Only multifunction calibrator that can power up a loop and tell you that there is moisture, corrosion or a ground fault causing current to leak to ground.

• Simulates a pH probe

Calibrate pH transmitters & analyzers before attaching probe to verify that each is working correctly

Isolated internal 24 V loop supply
 Calibrate 2-wire transmitter with electrical isolation between the input and the output for more accurate and stable readings.

• Wider range of pressure modules & scales
Choose from 32 different modules with up to 32 engineering units for greater compatibility with your processes.

• Works with more instruments
Compatible with smart transmitters, multichannel recorders, PLCs and DCSs - GUARANTEED!
More Thermocouple & RTD ranges with 0.1° resolution and better accuracy.

• Smaller, 25% lighter and easier to hookup

Pocket sized and easier to carry. Icons on the display indicate where to plug in the test leads.

• LED for optical pickups & troubleshooting

LED flashes green in synch with frequency output. Illuminates red for overload conditions



Compact setup in upgraded carrying case saves space and is easier to carry than the Altek 830 with the pressure module and ModPack 91 pressure module holder.

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PIE Model 830

More tools in a Smaller Calibrator Loop Diagnostics • Transmitter Supply mA • V • pH • TC • Ω • RTD • Freq • Pressure

Unique features of the PIECAL 830



With LoopScope running the 830 simultaneously displays the sensor input along with the loop current, power supply voltage and loop load in ohms.

830 detects uncontrolled current in the loop due to a flooded junction box.

Use the PIE 830 as a Universal Isolated Transmitter

Swap out a faulty transmitter to diagnose control issues. If replacing the transmitter fixes the problem leave the 830 in place while you go to the shop to obtain and configure a replacement. Turn on LoopScope while running as a transmitter and see the status of the loop. Use the LoopScope to simultaneously display current, power supply voltage and loop resistance (load) in live loops.



Automatically detect 2, 3 or 4 wire RTDs.



Continuity tester with beeper to find broken wires and shorts.

830 shows where to plug in the test leads for each connection.



Sources pH - 830 has a dedicated pH range as well as wider millivolt ranges



Built-in troubleshooting toolsDetect hidden loop problems caused by ground faults & current leakages.



Hands free carrying case with pockets for the PIE 830 and the Pressure Module.

Back of case has zipped pocket for the manual, test leads, hoses & pressure fittings.



PIE Model 334 Compared to Altek*

4-20 mA Loop Calibrator



Advantages of the PIE 334 over the Altek* 334A

- Backlit display with larger digits
- More resistant to accidental damage Rubber Boot and Stronger Switches
- Separate battery compartment with 4 "AA" batteries
 No more removing housing with screwdriver to replace
 three expensive 9V batteries. Calibration seals remain intact.
- Calibrate more devices between battery changes
 Drives more loop instruments (up to 1200 Ohms) for entire
 battery life



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Do more than a 334. Step up to an automated calibrator with built-in Loop Diagnostics!

PIE Model 334 Plus

Automated 4-20 mA Calibrator



Advantages of the PIE 334Plus over the Altek* 334 & 334A

- **Higher resolution display with backlight**Full five digit display easily viewed in dark locations
- 250 Ω Hart compatible resistor No disassembly to move internal jumper
- Detects loop current leakages
 Measure ground current leakage from faulty wiring,
 flooded conduit and corrosion bridges. Leakage appears
 as a zero shift and helps you decide if the transmitter
 needs calibration or if there is some problem in the
 loop wiring. Patented and exclusive to PIE!
- Automatic stepping & ramping
- More resistant to accidental damage Rubber boot and stronger switches
- Calibrate more devices between battery changes
 Drives more loop instruments (up to 1200 Ohms) for entire
 battery life



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PIE Model 434 Compared to Altek*

Automated Diagnostic 4-20 mA Calibrator



Advantages of the PIE Model 434 over the Altek* Model 434

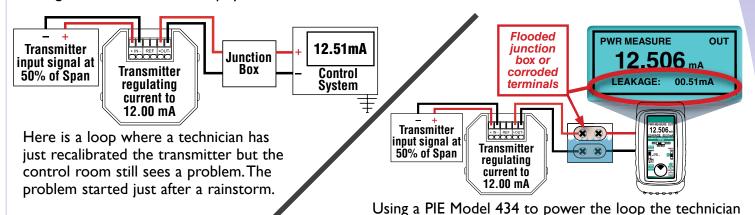
- Larger display with backlight Easy viewing in dark locations
- Easy selection of 250 Ω Hart compatible resistor No disassembly to move internal jumper
- Detects loop current leakages
 Measure ground current leakage from faulty wiring, flooded conduit and corrosion bridges. Leakage appears as a zero shift and helps you decide if the transmitter needs calibration or if there is some problem in the loop wiring. Patented and exclusive to PIE!
- More resistant to accidental damage Rubber boot and stronger switches
- Less expensive battery changes
 Four versus six "AA" batteries
- Simpler automatic stepping & ramping
 Stroke valves open or closed with fast dialing from 4 & 20 mA



Typical problem found with Loop Diagnostics

If you find a loop where the transmitter is calibrated correctly but all the readings elsewhere in the loop have a fixed offset this is due to a Zero Shift. This zero shift is typically caused by some current in the loop bypassing the transmitter. This might be caused by ground faults, moisture or corrosion.

Turn on Ground Leak Detection and use the PIE Model 334Plus, 434 or 532 to power up the loop. Any current that isn't controlled by the transmitter or other current control element will be indicated as leakage on the calibrator's display.



detects a leakage of 0.51 mA - the same offset seen in the control room. He walks the loop and opens a junction box releasing a stream of water. The loop is again in control.

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PIE Model 532 Compared to Altek 934*

ma/V Loop Calibrator with Loop Diagnostics



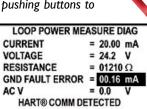
Advantages of the PIE Model 532 over the Altek* Model 934

Troubleshoot problems with advanced diagnostics

Quickly find current leaks and loop errors with simultaneous display of loop current, voltage and resistance along with stray AC voltages. Patented and exclusive to PIE!

- Detect HART signals without an oscilloscope
 Indicates HART PRESENT when a HART signal is found & flashes a ♥
 when the HART is polling.
- Easier to setup

 Easy push button menu instead of holding and pushing buttons to change settings
- Simpler & easier battery changes Single 9V battery vs. 6 'AA' batteries.
- Smaller and lighter
 Easier to carry and hold in your hand
- Simpler automatic stepping & ramping





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PIE Model 134 Compared to the Altek Model 134-2

Pocket-Mate 4-20 mA Loop Calibrator



Advantages of the PIE Model 134 over the Altek* Model 134-2

- Larger display with bargraph Built-in belt clip
- **Drives more devices in a loop**Full 24 Volt supply versus 18 Volt supply
- Easy selection of 250 Ω HART compatible resistor Requires disassembly to move internal jumper
- Separate battery compartment
 No more removing housing with screwdriver to replace batteries. Calibration seals remain intact.



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PIE Model 235 Compared to Altek*235

Process Voltage Calibrator



Advantages of the PIE Model 235 over the Altek 235

- Wider ranges with greater accuracy
 More than twice as accurate with 10 times
 greater resolution. Dedicated ranges to 999.99 mV,
 20.000 V, 1.000 to 5.000 V and 0.0% to 100.0% of 1 to
 5 V for recorders in 4 to 20 mA Loops.
- Automatic stepping
- Larger display with backlight Easy viewing in dark locations
- More resistant to accidental damage Rubber boot and stronger switches
- Separate battery compartment with 4 "AA" batteries
 No more removing housing with screwdriver to replace three expensive 9V batteries. Calibration seals remain intact.
- Simulate a pH probe
 Calibrate pH transmitters and analyzers before attaching probe to verify that each is working correctly.





Keep Power Plant 10-50 mA loops up with the Model 535

4-20 / 10-50 mA/V Loop Calibrator

- Calibrate Milliamp & Voltage Instruments
 - Source & Read 0.000 to 52.000 mA & -25.00 to 125.00% of 10-50 and 4-20 mA with five digit display Source 0.000 to 20.000 V & Read -99.99 to 99.99 V, Simulate 2-Wire Transmitters, Power & Read Transmitters Menu selectable 250 Ohm resistor for HART compatibility
- Stroke 10-50 mA valves and power transmitters

 Built-in 45 Volt power supply delivers the power to operate your I/Ps where other calibrators fail
- Popular with many nuclear power plants
 Fully compatible with Foxboro and other 10-50 mA instruments
- Calibrate with Lab Accuracy
 Accurate to ±(0.025% of Reading + 4 lsd) within 0.01 mA

Multifunction 850 with 10-50 mA Available

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PIE Models 322-1 & 422 Compared to Altek*

Thermocouple Calibrators



Advantages of the PIE Model 322-1 over the Altek* Model 322-1

- Automatic stepping
- Larger display with backlight Easy viewing in dark locations
- More resistant to accidental damage Rubber boot and stronger switches
- Separate battery compartment
 No more removing housing with screwdriver to replace batteries. Calibration seals remain intact.
- Easily change thermocouple types
 Reconfigure without resetting calibrator



Do you have T/C types other than J, K,T & E? Check out the PIE 422!

PIE Model 422

Automated T/C Calibrator for 14 T/C Types



Advantages of the PIE Model 422 over the Altek* Model 422

- Automatic stepping
- Larger display with backlight Easy viewing in dark locations
- More resistant to accidental damage Rubber boot and stronger switches
- Separate battery compartment
 No more removing housing with screwdriver to replace batteries. Calibration seals remain intact.
- Easily change thermocouple types
 Reconfigure without resetting calibrator
- Verify cold junction temperature & output

Secondary display of compensated millivolt setting and cold junction temperature



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PIE Model 211 & 3 Compared to Altek*

Automated RTD Calibrator



Advantages of the PIE Model 211 over the Altek* 211

- Compatible with newer instrumentation Works with Rosemount & Honeywell smart transmitters, PLCs, DCSs, multi-channel recorders and other pulsed excitation devices. Higher accuracy at low excitation currents.
- Automatic stepping
- · Larger display with backlight Easy viewing in dark locations
- More resistant to accidental damage Rubber boot and stronger switches
- Separate battery compartment No more removing housing with screwdriver to replace batteries. Calibration seals remain intact.
- Easily change RTD types Reconfigure without resetting calibrator



Do you have 1000 Ohm RTDs? Check out the PIE Model 311 with secondary display of Ohms!

PIE Model 311

Automated Universal RTD Calibrator



Advantages of the PIE Model 311 over the Altek* Model 311

- · Compatible with newer instrumentation Works with Rosemount & Honeywell smart transmitters, PLCs, DCSs, multi-channel recorders and other pulsed excitation devices. Higher accuracy at low excitation currents.
- More RTD ranges Pt 1000 Ohm curves - outputs up to 4000 Ohms
- Automatic stebbing
- Larger display with backlight Easy viewing in dark locations
- More resistant to accidental damage Rubber boot and stronger switches
- Separate battery compartment No more removing housing with screwdriver to replace batteries. Calibration seals remain intact.
- Easily change RTD types Reconfigure without resetting calibrator
- **Verify RTD temperature & output** Secondary display of ohms to check RTD tables

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PIE Models 510B & 511B Compared to Altek 11*

RTD Simulator



Advantages of the PIE Model 510B over the Altek* Series 11

- Continuously select output temperatures
 Works with all instrument ranges across the full range in °C & °F. Not limited to 11 temperature steps!
- Single Type Works with Pt 100 & 1000 Ohm, Cu or Ni RTDs

One simulator replaces ALL the ranges for any single RTD type of the Altek $\,$ I $\,$

- Instantly select output three temperatures

 Flip the EZ-Check™ switch to calibrate zero, span and mid-point
- LCD display with backlight Easy viewing in dark locations
- More resistant to accidental damage
 Optional rubber boot for extra protection



PIE Model 511B



Advantages of the PIE Model 511B over the Altek* Series 11

- Continuously select output temperatures
 Works with all instrument ranges across the full range in °C & °F.
 Not limited to 11 temperature steps!
- 10 RTD Types Works with Pt 100 & 1000 Ohm, Cu & Ni RTDs

One simulator replaces ALL the types and ranges of the Altek 11

- Instantly select output three temperatures

 Flip the EZ-Check™ switch to calibrate zero, span and mid-point
- LCD display with backlight Easy viewing in dark locations
- More resistant to accidental damage
 Optional rubber boot for extra protection



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PIE Models 520B & 521B Compared to Altek 22*

Thermocouple Source



THERMOCOUPLE SOURCE

Advantages of the PIE Model 520B over the Altek* Series 22

- Continuously select output temperatures
 Works with all instrument ranges across the full range in °C & °F. Not limited to 22 temperature steps!
- Single TC Type Works with types J, K, T, E, R, S, B, N, G, C, D, L, U, or P
 One source replaces ALL the ranges for any single T/C type of the
- Instantly select output three temperatures
 Flip the EZ-Check™ switch to calibrate zero, span and mid-point
- LCD display with backlight Easy viewing in dark locations

Altek 22

More resistant to accidental damage
 Optional rubber boot for extra protection



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PIE Model 521B Thermocouple Source

Advantages of the PIE Model 521B over the Altek* Series 22 • Continuously select output temperatures

Works with all instrument ranges across the full range in °C & °F. Not limited to 22 temperature steps!

• 14 TC Types - Works with types J, K, T, E, R, S, B, N, G, C, D, L, U and P

One source replaces all the ranges for all types of the Altek 22

- Instantly select output three temperatures Flip the EZ-Check $^{\text{TM}}$ switch to calibrate zero, span and mid-point
- LCD display with backlight Easy viewing in dark locations
- More resistant to accidental damage
 Optional rubber boot for extra protection



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PIE Model 525B Automated Thermocouple & RTD Calibrator

High Resolution & Accuracy Thermocouple & RTD Calibrator It's like a Model 422 & 311 combined into one pocket sized calibrator



- Calibrate with Precision

 High resolution to 0.1° and 0.01° F & °C; Accurate to 0.2°
- Source and Read Multiple Thermocouple Types plus mV J, K, T, E, R, S, B, N, G, C, D, L (J-DIN), U (T-DIN) and P (Platinel II); -13.0000 to 80.0000 mV
- Platinum 10, 50, 100, 200, 500 & 1000 Ohm (alpha = 3850), Platinum 100 Ohm (alpha = 3902, 3916, 3926), Copper 10 & 50 Ohm, and Nickel 120 Ohm. Or calibrate from 0.000 to 400.000 and 0.00 to 4000.00 Ohms. For RTDs the fixed or pulsed sensor current is measured by the calibrator.
- Fast calibration with automatic output stepping
 Easily set any value quickly to within 0.1° or 0.01° with the adjustable digital potentiometer
 "DIAL" plus store any three temperatures for instant recall with the EZ-CHECK™ switch. Choose
 between 2, 3, 5, 11 steps and ramp to automatically increment the output in 100%, 50%, 25%, 10%
 or 5% of span. Select step time from 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 & 60 seconds.
- Compatible with ALL process instruments

 No competitor's calibrator is compatible with as many process instruments! Connect directly to the temperature inputs of transmitters, PLCs, DCS & multichannel recorders to verify their outputs or displays. RTD simulation works with older instruments with fixed excitation currents and newer multichannel instruments that switch the excitation current between input channels.
- Measure & troubleshoot thermocouple & RTD sensors

 Trouble shoot sensor connections and find broken wires or corroded connections. The PIE 525B measures probes to 0.1 or 0.01 °C or °F. Secondary display shows the millivolt or resistance value corresponding to the sensor temperature as well as the junction temperature measured by the calibrator. Trouble shoot sensor connections and find broken wires with patented technology. Connect your two, three or four wire RTDs and the PIE 525B automatically detects the connections.
- Calibration Lab Accurate & Stable

The internal cold junction thermistor is accurate to $\pm 0.05^{\circ}$ C and is traceable to NIST. The sensor is thermally bonded to an isothermal mass which includes brass blocks with screw terminals for connection of bare thermocouple wires along with a miniature thermocouple connector for fast connections. The circuitry uses an extremely stable voltage reference and low drift components which make the PIE 525B more accurate than most other handheld and benchtop thermocouple calibrators.

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PIE Model 541 Compared to Altek*942 & 40A

Frequency Calibrator



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Advantages of the PIE Model 541 over the Altek* Model 942

Easier to setup
 Easy push button menu instead of turning the calibrator off and back on to change settings

• Simpler & easier battery changes Single 9V battery vs. 6 'AA' batteries. Auto-Off saves batteries.

• Smaller and lighter
Easier to carry and hold in your hand

Calibrate optical pickups
 LED flashes in sync with frequency output. LED also flashes in sync with reading for fast adjustment of trigger level.



• Generates & Measures Frequency
Altek is limited to 40 set output frequencies with no
display. The PIE Model 541 outputs and measures a
wider range of frequencies.

Outputs Sine Waves
Outputs Sine Waves, Zero based Square Waves and Zero
Crossing Square Waves



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Frequency



and RTD



Milliamp and Voltage



Multifunction

Optional Certificate of

Calibration with Test Data

that must be requested

when calibrator is ordered.

Calibration Certificates and Warranties

PIE Calibrators come calibrated & certified

Did you know that Altek Calibrators come standard with an undated, unsigned Statement of Calibration Practices without a serial number. When ordered from a distributor you have the option of paying for various levels of calibration and cetificates.

PIE Calibrators are made in the USA and come standard with a Certificate of Calibration Card and a Three Year Warranty. You may optionally purchase a Certificate of Calibration with Test Data. The test data must be requested when the calibrator is ordered.



Standard Certificate of Calibration Card included free with each calibrator purchased.

We recommend annual recalibration of our products. Contact PIE or your local distributor for factory recalibration. Calibration may also be performed by your company's calibration laboratory or by any of your qualified calibration vendors. Calibration procedures are posted on our website.

Standard Three Year Warranty

Three years of protection from any defects in materials or workmanship included with every calibrator. If your calibrator should fail, and is physically undamaged, we will repair it free of charge under our Standard Warranty.

Repair/Replacement Three Year Warranty (-RW)

Available for a small additional charge at time of purchase. Three years of protection from any defects in materials or workmanship PLUS Three years of protection from physical damage. If you use calibrators frequently and under extreme conditions, the Repair/ Replacement Warranty is the best choice. This warranty provides for the repair or replacement of the covered calibrator during the first three years no matter what happens to the calibrator! If the calibrator is dropped, run over, or is abused until it ceases to function, we will repair or replace it no charge. No questions asked.

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