

ILC/PT Preliminary Report

1000 lb Load Cell / Indicator / NAPT-FORCE-301

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This report documents the preliminary results for the ILC/PT listed above, including data presented by ABC Calibrations to NAPT for evaluation.

The ILC/PT consisted of 6 set points. Your organization submitted results for 6 of which 6 had En values greater than -1 and less than 1. Most accreditation bodies require the En value to be between -1 and 1 to be considered a satisfactory performance in an ILC/PT.

Because this is only the Preliminary Report, reference values and uncertainties are subject to change between issuance of the Preliminary Report and the Final Report. The changes are based on accepted methods for determination of reference data. These requirements are defined in the NAPT Quality Procedure 304-1 "Data and Statistical Analysis Procedure".

In this preliminary evaluation, your reported values are compared against **initial established reference values only**. Please refer to NAPT's supplemental guide to interpretation of reports for in-depth guidance on reports issued by NAPT, available for download at www.proficiency.org

The main purpose of the preliminary report is to provide a means by which to share the data your organization initially submitted to NAPT. Participants are given 10 days to inform NAPT of any errors reported in the data. If changes need to be made to the submittal, NAPT will need to verify all re-submitted data and require objective evidence be submitted before any modifications can be made to the original data. Objective evidence may include original observations, data collection sheets, uncertainty budgets, procedures used and other pertinent documentation.

Please contact NAPT with any questions regarding this Preliminary Report.

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Organization Participating
Reported To:
Performed By:
Date of Participation:

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7/12/2013



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All artifacts used in this ILC/PT are commercially available instruments, chosen based on their ability to provide the wide characterization and spectrum needed. A description of the artifacts utilized in this ILC is listed below.

Model	Serial Number	Attribute	Manufacturer
9840	10057	Digital Indicator	Interface
1110-AO	18550	Force	Interface

During the course of each ILC/PT, NAPT's Technical Director and the Technical Advisor(s) assigned to the ILC/PT conduct comprehensive technical reviews. Data analyses are conducted before, during, and after the artifacts are put into distribution. This is done to assure test integrity and look for trends or anomalies in the data.

Only after a careful review of all the data does NAPT assign an established reference value. To prematurely assign a reference value could be inaccurate and may result in a value that would not pass a robust analysis. Doing so would not ensure confidence in the reference value assigned.

Making an assumption that a single measurement is the correct measurement is not a technically sound process for ensuring the validity of the data in any ILC/PT, after all, no single laboratory is infallible. That is why only after a thorough technical review, will NAPT assign a reference value to an ILC/PT.

Likewise, if you suspect or question any of the preliminary data do not hesitate to contact us.

The Final Report will also include a detailed comparison to the results reported by other participants in this ILC/PT and a graphical presentation of all results submitted. Participants can choose an abridged final report. In the abridged version no graphs are presented.

All NAPT programs are conducted in accordance with ISO/IEC Guide 43-1 and ILAC-G13:2000 requirements for proficiency testing providers.

Table Descriptors: *Following bullets are meant to assist reader of this report in reviewing table.*

- Values are rounded to the resolution of the reference data. Rounding does not affect the data analysis and is for reporting purposes only
- All uncertainties are at (or normalized to) K=2 (coverage factor associated with a 2-sigma, 95%, normal distribution)
- $E_n = (\text{Participant's Reported Value} - \text{Reference Value}) / \text{SQRT}(\text{Participant's Reported Uncertainty}^2 + \text{Reference Uncertainty}^2)$
- S (Satisfactory): Participant's Computed E_n is within range of +1 to -1
- U (Unsatisfactory): Participant's Computed E_n is outside range of +1 to -1
- I (In Range): Participant's Reported Value falls within established reference uncertainty
- W (Within Range): Participant's Reported Value and associated uncertainty overlaps the reference uncertainty.
- O (Out of Range): The Participant's Reported Value and associated uncertainty falls outside the uncertainty limits of the established Reference Value. No agreement in measurements



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Preliminary analysis of the data, ABC Calibrations, submitted to NAPT is shown below.

Individual performance indicators include:

- Your measurement data at each set point
- Preliminary established reference values and uncertainties of artifact(s)
- Preliminary Participant's E_n values, S/U (satisfactory/unsatisfactory) and IWO (in/within/out of range) rating
- Established reference values and uncertainties are subject to change between issuance of the Preliminary and Final Report, changes are based on accepted methods for determination of established reference values

Measurement Description	Reported Value / Reference Value	Reported Uncertainty / Reference Uncertainty	E_n	S/U	IWO
Set Point 1) 100.00 lbf	100.01 / 100.02 lbf	0.10 / 0.23 lbf	-0.03	S	I
Set Point 2) 200.00 lbf	200.01 / 200.03 lbf	0.21 / 0.35 lbf	-0.06	S	I
Set Point 3) 400.00 lbf	400.12 / 400.13 lbf	0.40 / 0.48 lbf	-0.01	S	I
Set Point 4) 600.00 lbf	600.32 / 600.12 lbf	0.60 / 0.68 lbf	0.22	S	I
Set Point 5) 800.00 lbf	800.62 / 800.22 lbf	0.80 / 0.85 lbf	0.34	S	I
Set Point 6) 1000.00 lbf	1000.97 / 1000.24 lbf	1.00 / 1.04 lbf	0.50	S	I