What Does It Measure?

The Corneometer[®] CM 825 is the **most used instrument worldwide** to obtain exact and reproducible values of the **hydration level** of the skin surface, mainly the stratum corneum.

The Measuring Principle

The measurement is based on **capacitance measurement** of a dielectric medium. The Corneometer[®] CM 825 measures the change in the dielectric constant due to skin surface hydration by capacitance differences of a precision capacitor.

Fields of Application

The hydration measurement is the **basic measu**rement for all applications in **basic research and** cosmetics.

- Ideal instrument for formulation, claim support
 and efficacy testing of moisturizers.
- It is used for objective **clinical trials** and their monitoring.
- It gives information on the course of **cosmetic treatments**.
- Demonstration for occupational health to alert people to specific skin hazards and convince them of skin protection measures.

Advantages

- Substances on the skin (e.g. salts or residues of topical applied products) have only minimal
 influence due to capacitance measurement.
- The high quality electronics of the probe allow a very quick measurement (1 s). This is important to avoid occlusion effects.

- The measurement depth is very small (10-20 µm of the Stratum corneum) to exclude the influence of water in deeper skin layers.
- The probe is small and lightweight for **easy** handling and measurement on all body sites.
- The spring in the probe head ensures **constant pressure** on the skin, enabling exact, reproducible measurements which do not influence the skin.
- **Easy cleaning** of the probe sensor.
- Worldwide established as "corneometry" with a broad range of studies.
- Even used for space missions on the ISS.*
- Available for C+K **MPA-systems**, as stand-alone device (MDD) and wireless probe (operation with MPA Wireless software).



Technical Data (for probe with cable)

Dimensions: 11 cm, Measuring surface: 49 mm², Weight: 41 g; Units: arbitrary Corneometer[®] units 0-120, Measurement principle: capacitance, Measurement frequency: 0.9-1.2 MHz, Measurement uncertainty: ± 3% Technical changes may be made without prior notice.

* Study by DermaTronnier, instruments verified for space by Kayser-Threde GmbH on behalf of the DLR space travel management.

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