Automatic Levels
Model No. 40-6926, 40-6960, 40-6962

Instruction Manual

Congratulations on your choice of this Automatic Level. We suggest you read this instruction manual thoroughly before using the instrument. Save this instruction manual for future use.
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2. Features and Functions

- Water resistant, sealed construction for use in most weather conditions
- Wire-hung, magnetically dampened compensator
- Large, easy-to-use focusing knob
- 360° horizontal circle
- Penta prism for bubble viewing
- Top-mounted optical sight for quick reference
- Fine adjustment knobs on left and right sides with endless horizontal drive
- 1:100 stadia for distance estimation
- 5/8” x 11 threads to fit standard tripods
3. Location of Part/Components

- Circular bubble vial
- Observation prism
- Circular bubble vial
- Eyepiece cover
- Eyepiece focusing knob
- Horizontal circle
- Leveling screw
- Adjusting screws for circular bubble vial
- Compensator check button
- Horizontal circle reference mark
- Optical sight
- Focusing knob
- Objective lens
- Horizontal tangent knob
- Base plate
4. Operating Instructions

**IMPORTANT:** It is the responsibility of the user to verify the calibration of the instrument before each use.

**Set-Up**
Set the tripod up level and in a comfortable position to view through the telescope. Connect the instrument to the tripod with the 5/8”-11 central screw. Using the leveling screws, center the circular bubble.

**Aiming and Focusing**
Focus the cross hairs by turning the eyepiece focusing knob until the cross hairs are sharp and black.

Focus the telescope by locating a target, such as a leveling rod, using the optical sight. Looking through the eyepiece, use the focusing knob to bring the target into sharp focus. Center the cross hair to the target using the horizontal tangent knobs on either side of the instrument.
Reading measurements using a Leveling Rod

Height reading
Read the rod where it is intersected by the horizontal hair. For example, the height reading in Figure 1 is 2.0 ft.

Distance Measurement
Read the rod where it is intersected by the upper and lower stadia hairs. In Figure 1, these readings are at 1.9 ft. and 2.1 ft. The stadia ration is 1:100, therefore the distance from the instrument to the rod is: $(2.1 - 1.9) \times 100 = 20$ ft.

Angle Measurement
As shown in figure 2, sight point A and note the reading on the horizontal circle. Rotate the level and sight point B. The angle turned is the difference between A and B. The angle $A0B = x^\circ = A - B$. 
5. Calibration

5.1 Compensator Check Button
Check the compensator for proper operation before use or anytime the operation of the instrument is in question. Push and release the compensator check button to shake the compensator. The compensator should return to the exact horizontal position sighted before the check button was pressed.

5.2 Circular Bubble Vial
Center the vial bubble using the leveling screws, then rotate the instrument 180°. The bubble should remain centered (Fig. 3). If the bubble moved from the center, the vial needs adjustment (Fig. 4).

Turn the leveling screws to bring the bubble halfway to center (Fig. 5). Using the allen wrench, turn the two vial adjustment screws to center the bubble (Fig. 6).

Repeat the above procedure until the bubble remain centered when the level is rotated 180°.
5.3 Line-of-Sight
The line-of-sight needs to be horizontal within 3mm of level to be accurate.

Set up and level the instrument on a tripod midway between two leveling rods set approximately 100 ft. to 160 ft. (30m to 50m) apart. Sight rods A and B; the height readings are a1 and b1 (Fig. 7). The value “H” is equal to (a1 - b1). Move the instrument to within 6 ft. (2m) of rod A and re-level. Again sight rods A and B; these height readings are a2 and b2 (Fig. 8).

If a1 - b1 = a2 - b2 = H, the line-of-sight is horizontal. If not, the level should be adjusted as follows.

Because the instrument is set halfway between A and B, any error in the line-of-sight causes both readings to be erroneous by the same amount. Error e cancels out, so the value a1 - b1 = H is correct. Therefore, a2 - H = b3, the adjusting value.

To adjust, unscrew the eyepiece cover. Turn the adjusting screw with the adjusting pin (Fig. 9) until the horizontal cross hair gives the reading b3 on rod B. Repeat the above procedure until \{(a1 - b1) - (a2 - b2)\} ≤ 3mm.
6. Technical Specifications

Telescope: Erect

Magnification: 26X (40-6926), 30X (40-6960), 32X (40-6962)

Leveling accuracy: ± 1/16”/200 ft. (±1.5mm/160m)

Working range:
- Up to 350’ (100m) (40-6926)
- Up to 400’ (120m) (40-6960)
- Up to 450’ (130m) (40-6962)

Clear objective aperture: 40 mm

Field of view: 1º 30’

Shortest focusing distance: 0.0315” (0.8m)

Stadia ratio: 100

Stadia addition: 0

Water resistant: Yes

Sensitivity of bubble: 8’ (2mm)

Circle graduation: 1º

Standard deviation for 1km double-run leveling: 0.0689” (1.75mm)

Compensator:

Working range: ± 15’

Setting accuracy: ± 0.8”

Dimensions: 7.520” x 5.197” x 5.394” (191 x 132 x 137mm)

Weight: 3.395 lbs (1.54Kg)

Center screw thread: 5/8” - 11
7. Care and Handling
Care must be taken to maintain the accuracy of the instrument.

- After each use, the instrument should be wiped clean and kept in its carrying case.
- Remove dust from the lenses with a soft brush or a nonabrasive wipe. Never touch the lenses with your fingers.
- Store the instrument in a dust-free area with low humidity.
- A bag of silica gel dryer is included with each instrument.

8. Product Warranty
Johnson Level & Tool offers a three year limited warranty on each of its products. You can obtain a copy of the limited warranty for a Johnson Level & Tool product by contacting Johnson Level & Tool's Customer Service Department, as provided below, or by visiting our web site at www.johnsonlevel.com. The limited warranty for each product contains various limitations and exclusions.

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NOTE: The user is responsible for the proper use and care of the product. It is the responsibility of the user to verify the calibration of the instrument before each use.

For further assistance, or if you experience problems with this product that are not addressed in this instruction manual, please contact our Customer Service Dept.

In the U.S., contact Johnson Level & Tool’s Customer Service Department at 888-9-LEVELS.

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9. Product Registration

Enclosed with this instruction manual you will find a warranty registration card to be completed for your product. You will need to locate the serial number for your product that is located on the bottom of the unit. PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER LIMITATIONS OR CONDITIONS OF JOHNSON LEVEL & TOOL’S LIMITED WARRANTY, JOHNSON LEVEL & TOOL MUST HAVE RECEIVED YOUR PROPERLY COMPLETED WARRANTY CARD AND PROOF OF PURCHASE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF YOUR PURCHASE OF THE PRODUCT OR ANY LIMITED WARRANTY THAT MAY APPLY SHALL NOT APPLY AND THERE SHALL BE NO WARRANTY.
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