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# **FLNTU Characterization Sheet**

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## **Chlorophyll Scale Factor**

Chlorophyll concentration expressed in µg/l can be derived using the equation:

### CHL (µg/I) = Scale Factor x (Output - Dark Counts)

	Analog		Digital		
Dark Counts	0.052	V	43	counts	
Scale Factor (SF)	6	µg/l/V	0.0073	µg/I/count	
Maximum Output	4.98	V	4130	counts	
Resolution	1.1	mV	1.0	counts	
Ambient temperature during calibration	21.0	°C			

## Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) Scale Factor

Turbidity units expressed in NTU can be derived using the equation:

#### NTU = Scale Factor x (Output - Dark Counts)

	Analog		Digital	
Dark Counts	0.060	V	50	counts
NTU Solution Value	2.96	V	2420	counts
Scale Factor (SF)	2	NTU/V	0.0024	NTU/count
Maximum Output	4.98	V	4130	counts
Resolution	1.2	mV	1.0	counts
Ambient temperature during calibration	21.0	°C		

#### **Definition of terms:**

Dark Counts: Signal output of the meter in clean water with black tape over detector.

NTU Solution Value: Signal output of the turbidity sensor when measuring a sample of interest.

**SF (CHL)**: Determined using the following equation:  $SF = x \div$  (output - dark counts), where x is the concentration of the solution used during instrument characterization. SF is used to derive instrument output concentration from the raw signal output of the fluorometer.

**SF (NTU)**: Scale factor is determined using the following equation:  $SF = xx \div$  (Output - Dark counts), where xx is the value of a Formazin concentration. For example:  $12.2 \div (2011 - 50) = 0.0062$ .

Maximum Output: Maximum signal output the fluorometer is capable of.

Resolution: standard deviation of 1 minute of collected data.