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#### Animal Food Products



Application notes

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## Wet Pet Food / Feed Stock

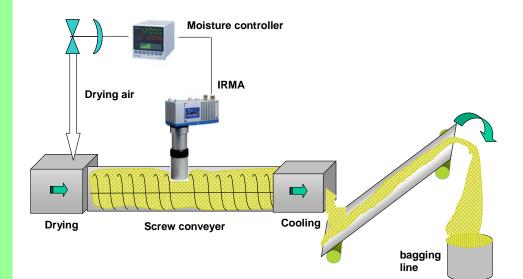
Moisture control for Pet Food is and has been in important roll in the Pet Food and Feed Stock Industries. It controls;

- 1. Product hardness, palatability, consistency in size and taste,
- 2. Weight of product, shelf life, and
- 3. Process efficiency.

CHINO IRMA Series high speed and non-contact measurement system can measure product's moisture content of 15 to 30%, accuracy within +/-0.4% and be utilized to improve product quality as well as manufacturing process efficiency.

CHINO IRMA Series can be used at various stages of the manufacturing process. Specifically determined calibration curve can be used for products that may be in different form, color and temperature from stage to stage and from product to product.

CHINO IRMA Series can be used as stand alone or connected to a PC or DCS plant control system. Both analog (4 to 20mA DC) and digital (RS-485 or LAN Ethernet) outputs are provided. A remote setting display unit, which connects up to 9 detector units, can be used to set various detector functions and also displays measured values.



#### Wet Pet Food / Feed Stock

Products / Location	Parameter	Range
Semi-moist pet food	Moisture	25 to 35%
Fish meal (animal feed)	Moisture	15 to 40%
Wet canned dog food	Moisture	60 to 90%

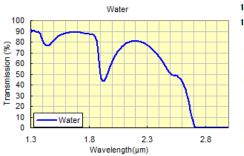
#### **Recommended model / Item**

* General moisture unit		
Model : IRMA1100S	Qty:1	
* Air purge hood		
Model : IR-WEA	Qty:1	
* Calibration checker plate		
Model : IR-WEB	Qty:1	

#### Installation

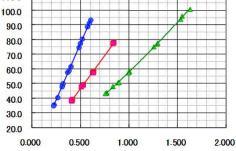
Mount IRMA to make the light beam falls onto the target perpendicularly. Choose locations not to have blades of the screw coming into the spot of measurement. It is recommended to choose locations where the distance between the unit's lens and the target is stable. In case of steam or dust being presence, air purging with filtered instrument air will eliminate any steam or dust coming into the beam path. It is also recommended to conduct periodical "Zero-Calibration".

## Absorption characteristic



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**Calibration curve** 



Moisture(water) has a unique infrared absorption spectrum regions. Water absorbs at wavelength of 1.43, 1.94, and 3 micrometers.

Mirror type

Calibration curve is a correlation between moisture determined by customer's reference instrument and IR absorption measured by IRMA.

[Basic sample test for moisture]

1. Prepare samples with various moisture content

2. Show each sample to IRMA and record absorption level

3. As conducting step-2, determine moisture level with your reference instrument

4. Put all data points on a X/Y graph and see if there's a correlation Note: Reference instrument may vary depending on the method (by volume or weight).

