

Professional 24-hour ambulatory blood pressure monitor with Atrial Fibrillation (AFIB) detection

Instruction Manual



The Microlife WatchBP O3 AFIB is designed to provide reliable and unbiased ambulatory blood pressure measurement results, and strictly follows European Society of Hypertension (ESH) and American Heart Association (AHA) recommendations for ambulatory blood pressure measurement. The WatchBP O3 AFIB device has been clinically validated according to the ESH protocol. In addition, this ambulatory blood pressure monitor has an implemented algorithm that allows the detection of atrial fibrillation (AFIB) during 24-hour blood pressure measurement.

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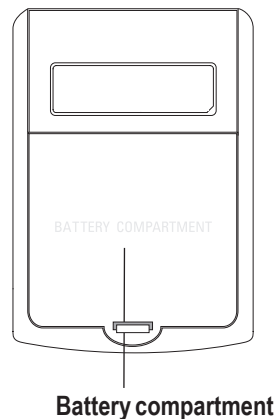
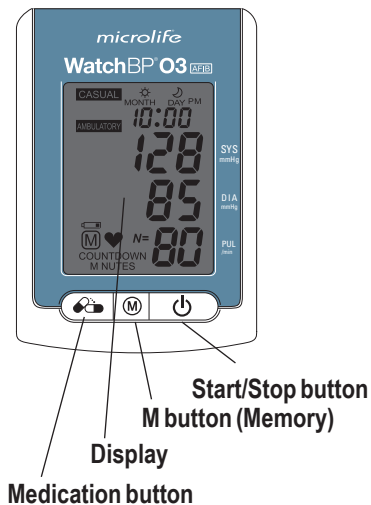
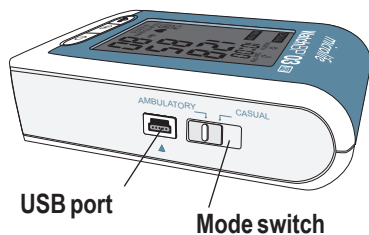
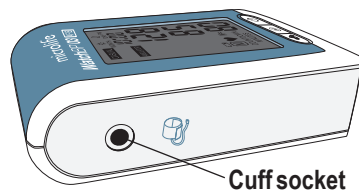
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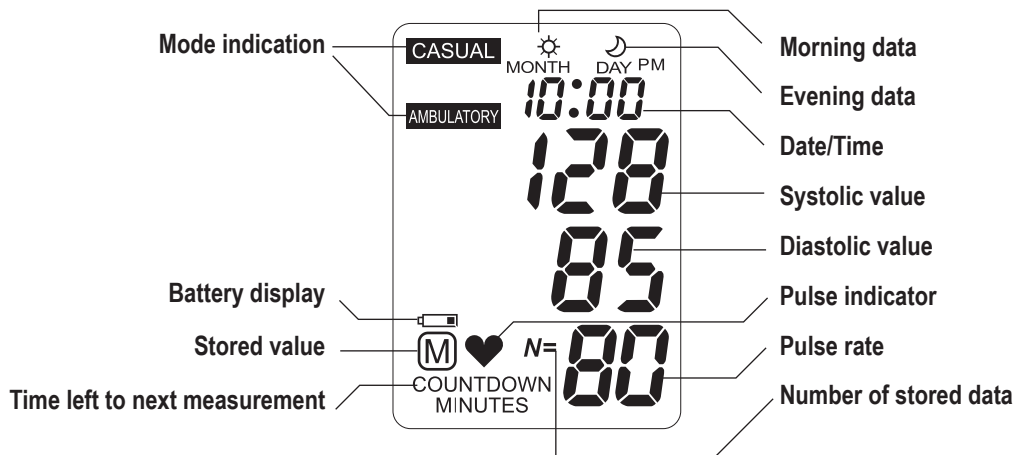
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Product description

Name of parts



Display



Before using the WatchBP O3 AFIB for the first time

Activating the device

Open the battery compartment on the rear of the device and insert 4xAAA alkaline batteries according to the battery polarities (+ / -) and close the compartment. Upon installing new batteries, the year number flashes in the display.



- 2) **Set the month** – Use the M button to set the month. Press the Start/Stop button to confirm.



- 3) **Set the day** – Press the M button to set the day. Press the Start/Stop button to confirm.

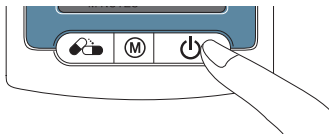


- 4) **Set the time** – Once you have set the hour and minutes and pressed the Start/Stop button the date and time are set, and the current time is displayed.

Setting the date and time

Upon removing the protective strip or installing new batteries, the year number flashes in the display.

- 1) **Set the year** – Use the M button to select the year. Press the Start/Stop button to confirm your selection.





- 5) To change the date and time, briefly take out and put back one battery from the battery compartment. The Year number will flash. Complete the process as described above.

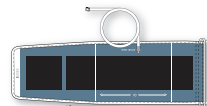
Confirm the cuff size

A variety of different cuff sizes are available.

Only use Microlife cuff!

Washable cuffs are available in both nylon and cotton.

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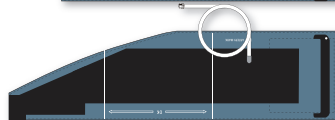


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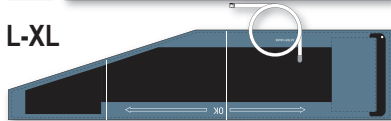
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L-XL



100cm tube with cuff connector

S, L-XL size cuffs can be ordered optionally.

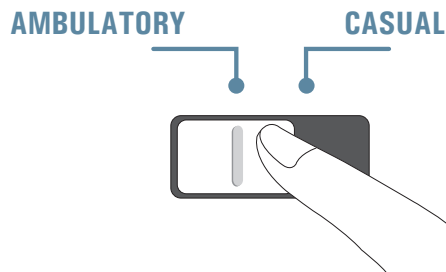
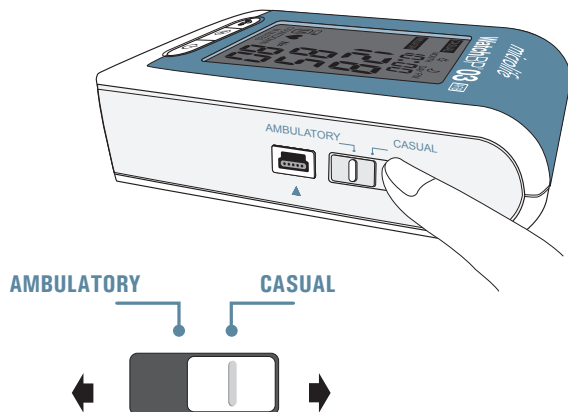
M, L size cuffs are standard delivered.

Selecting the operation mode

Prior to each measurement, use the mode switch on the side of the device to select the preferred measurement mode. The WatchBP O3 AFIB offers two measurement modes: «**AMBULATORY**» and «**CASUAL**».

«**AMBULATORY**» mode


Select «**AMBULATORY**» mode for fully programmable 24-hour ambulatory blood pressure measurement.



Programmable measurement intervals

The device automatically takes measurements at fixed intervals of 15, 20, 30, or 60 minutes, as can be programmed.

15	30
20	60

 The default measurement interval is 30 minutes for the awake hours and 60 minutes for the asleep hours.

Two measurement periods

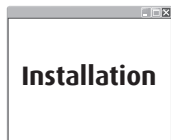
The awake (day) measurement period can be programmed to start at any hour between 00 to 23, and the asleep (night) measurement period can be set to any hour between 00 to 23. Measurement intervals can be set to 15, 20, 30, or 60 minutes for both awake and asleep time periods.




Measurement programming in «AMBULATORY» mode

Installing the software program

- 1) The latest WatchBP Analyzer Software is available from the Microlife website.
<https://www.microlife.com/support/software-professional-products>
- 2) Simply follow the instructions provide in the installation window on the computer screen.
- 3) When installation is finished, be sure to restart the computer before working with the program for the first time.

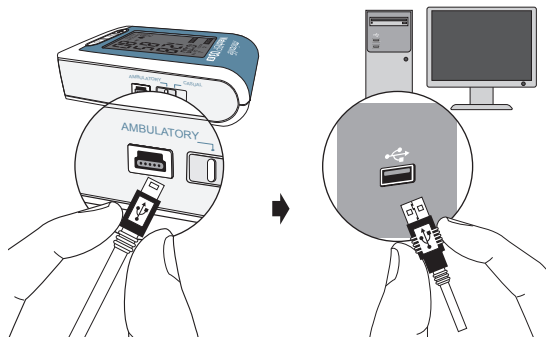


**Restart
your
computer**

 *User manual can be found in the software by clicking on «Help» in the main window.*

Connecting the device to a computer

- 1) Connect the device to the PC. A successful connection is displayed by «PC» on the device.
- 2) Start the software program.
- 3) Enter name, identity number, and date of birth to create a new record (if required).



Programming the measurement procedure

- 1) With “Ambulatory settings” the 24-hour measurement procedure can be programmed. Choose at what time the Day Period and Night Period starts. Using the drop-down menu on the lower-left of the screen, choose from 00 to 23 as the start of day and night periods. For instance the awake time is 06 AM and asleep time is 10PM.

Setting Day and Night Period

Day Period	06 ▼	~ 22 with	15 ▼	minutes interval
Night Period	22 ▼	~ 06 with	20 30 60	minutes interval

- 2) Assign the measurement intervals for the awake and asleep hours by using the drop-down menu to choose from 15, 20, 30, and 60 minutes as the measurement interval.


Measurement interval programming in «AMBULATORY» mode (cont.)

3) Setting ambulatory options.

Setting ambulatory options.

- ☒ Hiding BP data
- ☒ Silent mode

On default the blood pressure data are hidden and the device is in silent mode. In order to show the measured blood pressure values on the LCD screen and to provide a beep before each measurement, click on the squares to the left.

 The display of blood pressure values on the LCD screen can be enabled or disabled.

 The beeper of «AMBULATORY» mode can be enabled or disabled.

4) For setting the highest inflation pressure click on the circle left to “Enable” and click on the arrow to determine the height of the inflation pressure. “Disable” means that the device will automatically search for the right inflation pressure (default).

Setting Highest Inflation pressure

☐ Enable ☒ Disable

180 ▼

140

160

180

200

220

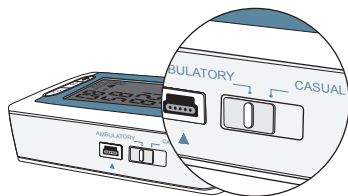
5) Once you have completed the settings, press “Program” to program the schedule into the device.

Program

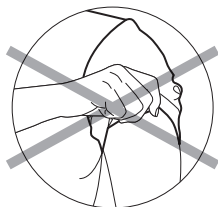


Taking blood pressure measurements in «AMBULATORY» mode

Be sure the device is set to «AMBULATORY» mode.

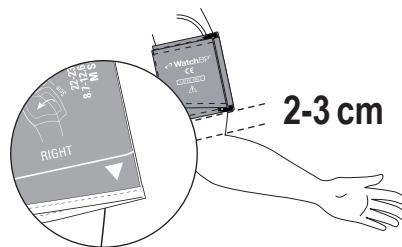


- 1) **Preparing measurement arm** – Remove all clothing covering or constricting the measurement arm.

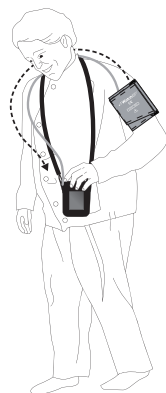


✋ Avoid rolling up long sleeves, as this may lead to constriction of blood flow to the measurement arm.

- 2) **Positioning the cuff and device** – Fit the cuff closely, but not too tight. Make sure that the cuff is 2~3 cm (1 inch) above the elbow with the tube on the inside of the arm. The cuff tube should point upward and be mounted over the patient's shoulder.




- ✋ Adjust the tube holder on the belt of the pouch so it is properly positioned on the shoulder.
- ✋ Attach the tube to the holder so the tube goes up over the shoulder to the other side of the body.
- ✋ Add the device to the pouch with the shoulder sling to carry it.
- ✋ An alternative method is to use a waist belt.

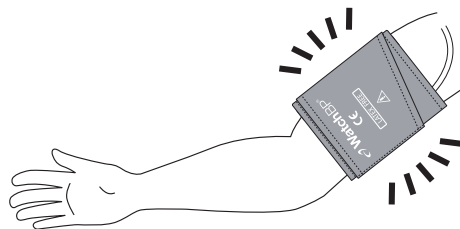


- 3) **Next measurement indicator** – The device will display the next measurement time, indicated by a countdown in minutes on the display.



 The screen will display X countdown minutes to indicate the time to the next measurement.


- 4) One minute before the next scheduled measurement, the device will partially inflate and immediately deflate the cuff to remind the patient of the upcoming measurement.




 Measurement reminders will be disabled for asleep hours.

Taking blood pressure measurements in «AMBULATORY» mode (cont.)

- 5) **Measurement reminder** – Five seconds before the next measurement, the device can emit a short series of beeps to notify the patient of the coming measurement (optionally). The beep will be off on default.

 The beeper of «AMBULATORY» mode can be enabled via software setting. (see P.14)


 The device will not beep prior to asleep measurement in «AMBULATORY» mode.


- 6) **During measurements** – the patient should be reminded to remain still, refrain from talking, and to breathe normally during the measurement. If the patient is occupied when a measurement begins, the patient should, when safe, relax the measurement arm.

 The patient can stop any single measurement at anytime by pressing the Start/Stop button.


- 7) **Repeat measurements in case of an error** – The device will automatically repeat the measurement after a two minute countdown should an error occur during measurement.




 If the repeat measurement encounters an error again, the device will take an extra measurement after a four minutes countdown. If the extra measurement is not successfully either, the device will record an error message.

 If the device stops taking measurements, the patient should return the device to the physician to determine the cause of error.

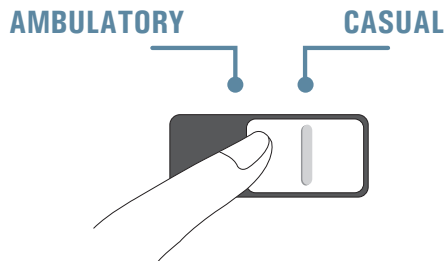
- 8) **Storing measurement data** – The WatchBP O3 AFIB device can store up to 250 single measurements in **«AMBULATORY»** mode.

 *When the memory is full, each new measurement will automatically overwrite the earliest measurement.*

 *The display of blood pressure values on the LCD screen can be disabled in <<Ambulatory>> mode by means of software setting.*

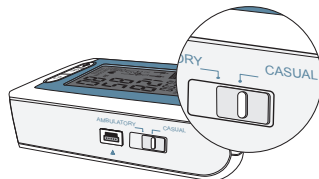
Taking blood pressure measurements in «CASUAL» mode

In «CASUAL» mode, the device functions like a regular blood pressure monitor – single measurements are automatically stored and can be reviewed at a later stage. The casual mode can be used to perform a single blood pressure measurement to test if the device is functioning properly. Do not forget to put the device back in «Ambulatory» mode before sending away the patient for 24-hour blood pressure measurement.




Taking blood pressure measurements

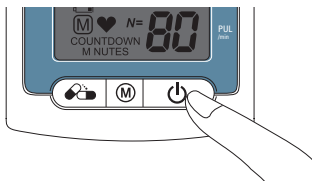
Be sure the device is set to «CASUAL» mode.



- 1) **Applying the cuff** – The cuff should fit closely around the arm, but not too tight, and be placed 2~3cm above the elbow with the tube on the inside of the arm. The patient should support the arm at the same height as the heart during the measurement.

 Additional instructions on taking proper blood pressure measurement can be found on www.watchbp.com.

- 2) **Start the measurement** – Press the Start/Stop button to start the measurement.



- 3) **During the measurement** – The cuff will inflate automatically. A single measurement will be performed by each push on the Start/Stop button.

- 4) **Finishing the measurement** – Once the measurement is complete, the measurement value is automatically stored for later reference. If an error displays after the measurements, the process should be repeated.

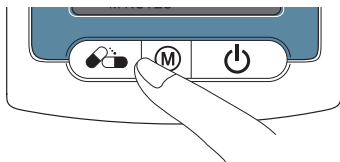
- 5) **250 measurements safely stored** – The WatchBP O3 AFIB device can store up to 250 single measurements in «**CASUAL**» mode.

 *When the memory is full, each new measurement will automatically overwrite the earliest measurement.*

Recording the taking of medication

Medication record

The patient can record the time of medication intake by pressing the medication button.



- 1) Press and hold the medication button for 2 seconds and the Pill icon will appear.

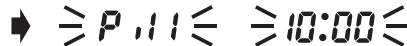


Press the pill button and hold two seconds until "Pill" appears.

- 2) Release the Medication button and the Pill icon will flash in alternation with the recorded time.



➡ **Press and hold**



- 3) Medication record is saved after the beep sound.

Medication record can be used in both modes.

The beeper can be disabled via software setting.

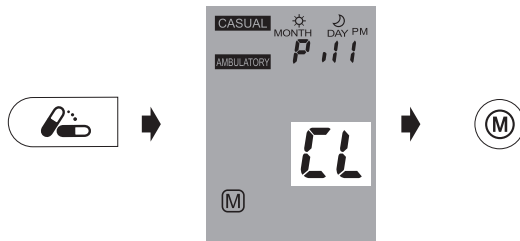
50 records safely stored


The WatchBP O3 AFIB device can store up to 50 medication records.

 When the memory is full, the device will display "Full".

Delete stored medication records

To clear the memory of all medication records, press and hold the medication button for 7 seconds. The "CL" symbol will flash. Press the M button to delete the memory or the Start/Stop button to cancel the deletion.



 Pressing the M button to delete data will erase all medication recordings in the selected mode.

Special Function: atrial fibrillation (AFIB) screening

Screening for atrial fibrillation during blood pressure measurement

The device is designed to screen atrial fibrillation during blood pressure measurements in the «**AMBULATORY**» mode. This device is able to detect atrial fibrillation with high accuracy: a sensitivity of 97% and a specificity of 89%*. If atrial fibrillation is detected this will be shown in the report.



AFIB Detector

The device can screen for atrial fibrillation during blood pressure measurement.

Occasionally, the device might falsely detect atrial fibrillation which can have two causes:

- 1) The arm has moved during blood pressure measurement. For this reason it is of essential importance to keep the arm still during the measurement.
- 2) Some arrhythmia (irregular heart beat) other than atrial fibrillation might be present.

- * Wiesel J, *et al.* Detection of atrial fibrillation using a modified microlife blood pressure monitor. Am J Hypertens, 2009; 22: 848-52.
- * Stergiou GS, *et al.* Diagnostic accuracy of a home blood pressure monitor to detect atrial fibrillation. J Hum Hypertens, 2009; 23: 654-8..

-  This device detects atrial fibrillation, a major cause of stroke. Not all risk factors for stroke, including atrial flutter, may be detected by this device.
-  This device may not detect atrial fibrillation in people with pacemakers or defibrillators.

Important facts about atrial fibrillation

Atrial fibrillation is a common heart rhythm problem and a common cause of major strokes. It affects 8% of those 65 years and older and about 20% of all strokes are caused by atrial fibrillation.

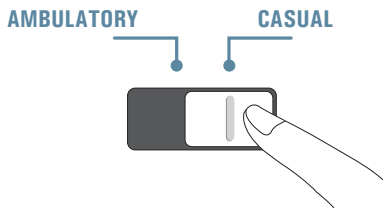
Atrial fibrillation is a rhythm problem that can last from a few minutes, to days or weeks and even years. Atrial fibrillation can lead to the formation of blood clots in the heart. These clots can break off and flow to the brain causing stroke.

One sign of atrial fibrillation is palpitations. However, many people have no symptoms and therefore may remain undetected whereas diagnosing atrial fibrillation early followed by adequate treatment can largely reduce the chance of getting a stroke.

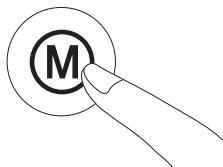
Viewing, transferring and deleting measurement data

Viewing measurement data

- 1) Use the mode switch to first select the type of measurements to be viewed.

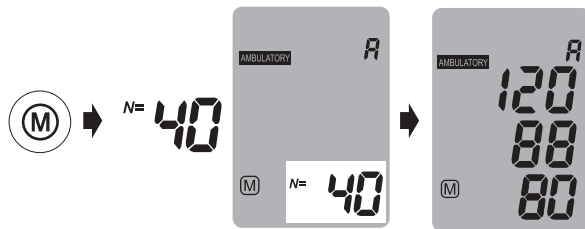


- 2) Then press the M button



In «AMBULATORY» mode

- 1) When the M button is pressed, it briefly displays the total number of measurements stored, e.g. N=40, followed immediately by the average of all measurement data stored in the memory.



☞ «A» is displayed when the number shown is the average of all data.

≧ A ≦

☞ «--» will display when the number of measurements is less than 12.



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- 2) Pressing the M button briefly displays the total number of awake measurements stored, e.g. N=20, followed immediately by the average of all measurements during awake hours.



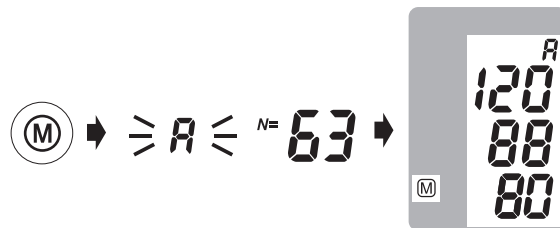
- 3) Pressing M button once again briefly displays the total number of nighttime measurements stored, e.g. N=20, followed immediately by the average of all measurements during night hours.



-  All individual readings can be viewed by repeatedly pressing the M button.
-  The display of BP reading and memory of Ambulatory Mode can be disabled via software setting.

In «CASUAL» mode

- 1) When the M button is pressed, it briefly displays the total number of measurement data stored, e.g. N=63, followed immediately by the average of all measurement data stored in memory.

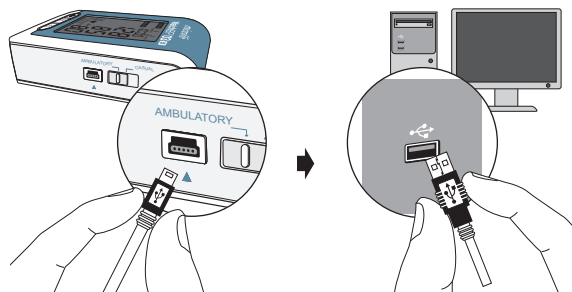


- 2) All individual readings can be viewed by repeatedly pressing the M button.

Viewing, transferring and deleting measurement data on the PC. (cont.)

Transferring measurement data

- 1) Connect the device to the PC. A successful connection is displayed by «PC» on the device.
- 2) Start the software program.
- 3) To transfer the data in both modes and the medication compliance record, click «Download BP data to PC».



☞ System Requirements: 1GHz CPU, 512MB Memory, 4.5GB free hard disk space, Microsoft Windows 10/11.

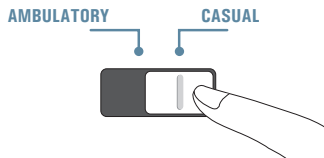
Software commands	
Store data	Click «Save Excel report» or «Save PDF report», the file name is formed automatically from the patient's identity number and the suffix «WatchBPO3 AFIB_(date).xls». or WatchBPO3 AFIB_(date).pdf»
View the data	Click «Open file»
Delete the memories	Click «Clear Memory»
Close the program	Click «Exit»

- ☞ Please unplug and re-plug the USB cable to the PC if the software instructs to do so.
- ☞ The program will prompt to synchronize the date/time of the device to that of the PC.
- ☞ Before using «Clear Memory» or «Exit» make sure the data are stored.
- ☞ Press «Help» to open user manual of software

Deleting measurements

Data from «**AMBULATORY**» and «**CASUAL**» mode measurements can be deleted independent of each other.

- 1) Use the mode switch to first select the type of measurements you wish to delete.



- 2) Press the M button and hold it until the CL symbol flashes.



- 3) Release the M button and press it once more while the delete symbol flashes.



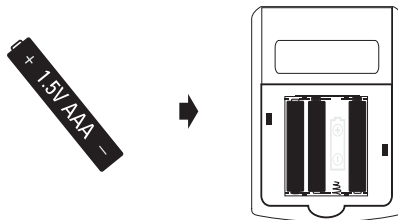
 Each deletion will erase the entire records of each mode.

Appendix

New batteries should be used for each patient monitoring session. “AAA” alkaline batteries are the main power source of WatchBP O3 AFIB.

How to Replace batteries

- 1) Open the battery compartment at the back of the device.
- 2) Replace the batteries – ensure correct polarity as shown by the symbols in the compartment

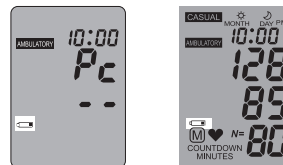


Battery indicator

When the batteries are approximately 25% left, the low battery symbol (partly filled battery displayed) is displayed on the LCD. Although the device will continue to measure reliably, it's recommended to replace the batteries as soon as possible.

When the batteries are flat, the empty battery symbol (flat battery displayed) is displayed on the LCD. You cannot take any further measurements and must replace the batteries.

The buzzer keeps beeping when connecting to the PC, even in low battery and empty battery status, until the batteries are replaced.



- ⚠ Caution: do not use rechargeable batteries.
- 👉 Use 4 new, long-life 1.5V, size AAA alkaline batteries.
- 👉 Do not use batteries out of expiration date.
- 👉 Remove batteries if the device will not be used for a prolonged period.
- 👉 The “Device Area” in the WatchBP Analyzer software displays the battery status when the device is connected to the software. If the voltage is too low and may not last for a 24-hour session, the “Renew battery” message will be highlighted.

Safety, care, accuracy test and disposal

Safety and protection

This device may only be used for the purposes described in these instructions. The device comprises of sensitive components and must be treated with caution. The manufacturer cannot be held liable for damage caused by incorrect application.



Read the instruction manual carefully before using this device, especially the safety instructions, and keep the instruction manual for future use.



- Ensure that children do not use the device unsupervised; some parts are small enough to be swallowed.
- Only activate the pump when the cuff is installed.
- Do not use the device if you think it is damaged or if anything appears unusual.
- Read the further safety instructions in the individual sections of the instruction manual.
- Do not connect the device to a computer until prompted to do so by the computer software.

Observe the storage and operating conditions described in the “Technical specifications” section of this manual.



Protect the device from water and moisture



Protect the device from direct sunlight



Protect the device from extreme heat and cold



Avoid proximity to electromagnetic fields, such as those produced by mobile phones



Never open the device



Protect the device from impact and drops



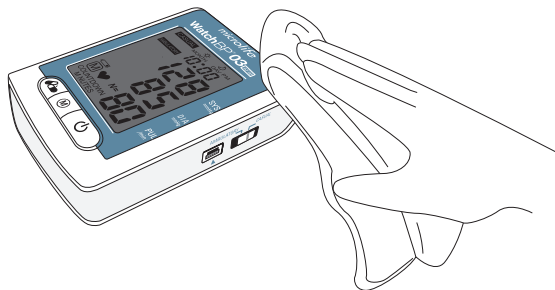
Do not immerse or spray the device

Device care

Use a soft cloth with one of the following recommended cleaning solutions to wipe the exterior of the device:

- Mild soap and water
- Hydrogen peroxide solution (3% diluted with water)
- Sodium hypochlorite solution
(1:10 dilution of household chloride bleach in water)
- Isopropyl alcohol (70% solution)

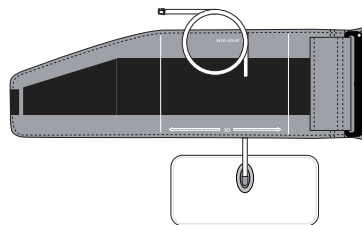
Then wipe the exterior of the device with a soft, dry cloth.



Cleaning the cuff

Take out the bladder. Fold and place the cuff cover inside a washing bag. Wash the cuff cover with warm water (43°C; 110°F) and a mild detergent in the washing machine.

Pasteurization : wash the cuff cover in 75°C(167°F) hot water for 30 minutes.



Do not iron the cuff!

Accuracy test

We recommend the WatchBP O3 AFIB device to be tested for accuracy every 2 years or after mechanical impact (e.g. being dropped). Please contact Microlife to arrange an accuracy test.

Disposal



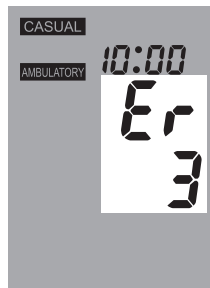
Batteries and electronic instruments must be disposed of in accordance with the locally applicable regulations, and not as domestic waste.

Error messages

If an error occurs during measurement, the measurement is interrupted and an error message «Er» is displayed.



- The device will take another measurement automatically when an error occurs.
- Please consult your doctor, if this or any other problem occurs repeatedly.
- If you think the results are unusual, please read through the information in this instruction manual carefully.



Error	Description	Potential cause and remedy
«Er 1»	Signal too weak	The pulse signals on the cuff are too weak. Re-position the cuff and repeat the measurement.
«Er 2»	Error signal	During the measurement, error signals were detected by the cuff, caused for instance by movement or muscle tension. Repeat the measurement, keeping your arm still.

«Er 3»	No pressure in the cuff	An adequate pressure cannot be generated in the cuff. A leak may have occurred. Replace the batteries if necessary. Repeat the measurement.
«Er 5»	Abnormal result	The measuring signals are inaccurate and no result can therefore be displayed. Read through the checklist for performing reliable measurements and then repeat the measurement.

«HI»	Pulse or cuff pressure too high	The pressure in the cuff is too high (over 300 mmHg) OR the pulse is too high (over 200 beats per minute). Relax for 5 minutes and repeat the measurement.
«LO»	Pulse too low	The pulse is too low (less than 30 beats per minute). Repeat the measurement.
«ErF»	The device has gone into “single fault condition”	Single fault condition means that the measurement is aborted to protect the patient from being harmed or the device from being damaged. Re-position the cuff and repeat the measurement. Replace the batteries if necessary. If the error persists, contact microlife or the local distributor.

Technical Specifications

Operating temperature:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 - 40 °C / 50 - 104 °F
Storage temperature:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -20 - +55 °C / -4 - +131 °F • 15 - 90 % relative maximum humidity
Weight:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 260g (including batteries)
Dimensions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 115 x 80 x 35 mm
Measuring procedure:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • oscillometric, corresponding to Korotkoff
Measurement range:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SYS: 60~255 mmHg • DIA: 30~200 mmHg • 30 - 199 beats per minute – pulse
Cuff pressure display:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range: 0 - 299 mmHg • Resolution: 1 mmHg • Static accuracy: pressure within ± 3 mmHg • Pulse accuracy: ± 5 % of the readout value
Power source:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4X1.5 V Batteries; size AAA

Ingress Protection (IP) Rating:

IP22: Protected against solid foreign objects of 12.5 mm diameter and greater. Protected against vertically falling water drops when the device is tilted up to 15°

* The device must be worn inside the "WatchBP O3 Zipper Pouch" just can approach IP22.

Reference to Standards:

- Device corresponds to the requirements of the standard for non-invasive blood pressure monitor.

EN 60601-1

EN 60601-1-2

EN 60601-1-11

EN IEC 80601-2-30

EN ISO 81060-2

- Device fulfils the stipulations of the standard EN 60601-1-2

The stipulations of the EU Directive 93/42/EEC for Medical Devices Class all have been fulfilled.

Electromagnetic compatibility:

CE 0044



Type BF applied part

Microlife reserves the right to alter technical specifications without prior written notice.

Guarantee Card

This device is covered by a two-year guarantee from the date of purchase. This guarantee is valid only on presentation of the guarantee card completed by the owner confirming date of purchase or purchase receipt. Batteries and wearing parts are not covered by this guarantee.

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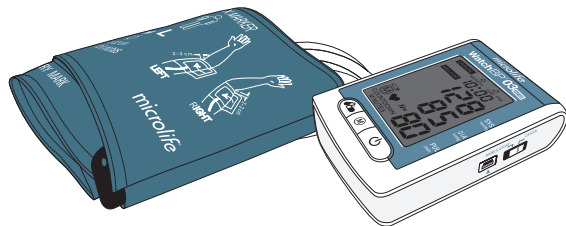
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