



# User Manual

## for the Light Weight Deflectometer (LWD)

### ZFG 3.0

according to German standards  
Technical Test Code for Soils and Rock Mechanics in  
Road Construction  
(Technischer Prüfvorschrift  
für Boden und Fels im Straßenbau)  
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ZFG 3.0 with printer



ZFG 3.0 with carrier bag

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## Primary note

This user manual refers to the default settings of the measurement device. When changes on the settings have been made, the described characteristics can differ. In regarding chapters are links which leads to additional information.

For ZFG 3.0 different configurations are available. This manual mainly refers to the 10 and 15 kg configuration.

## 1 Purpose

The dynamic plate load test with the help of the ZFG 3.0 light weight deflectometer (LWD) is a rapid method of determining the **dynamic deflection modulus  $E_{vd}$  [MN/m<sup>2</sup>]**. This allows conclusions to be made about the load-bearing capacity and compaction of soils.

In accordance with German regulations **TP BF-StB Part B8.3**, the procedure can be used on mixed-grained and coarse-grained soils up to a grain size of maximum 63 mm, loose base courses, and backfill material and for soil improvement. It is used in civil and road construction. It is ideal for documentation, self-monitoring and preparing reports.

When the compaction of very high compacted sub bases has to be measured, we recommend the 15 kg loading device. With its 1.5 times drop load, the measure limit is extended up to 105 MN/m<sup>2</sup>

The light drop weight tester can be used alternatively to static plate load device according to DIN 18 134, and has the following benefits:

- no necessity for a loaded truck as a required counter balance in the static plate bearing test or the tripod required for settlement measurement
- testing facilities in restricted spaces, for example during rail track construction, trench backfilling, for general backfill, in boreholes or other locations with difficult access
- low space requirements and low test equipment weight
- low time requirements for testing - around 3 minutes for each measuring point

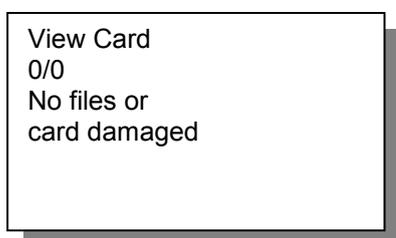
Correlations between  $E_{vd}$  and  $E_{v2}$  can be found in Chapter 8 – Calibration.

## 2 Concept of saving

The measurements are saved on the SD-card, which is plugged into the SD-slot of the measurement device. The measurement device uses the sub directory „ZFG“ of the SD-card. There are three different file types in it: .ZXZ-files, .NRZ-files and .ZXC-files.

Each measurement will be saved in an own ZXZ-file. The file name contains the test number (e.g. 10 measurements have been saved so that 10 .ZXZ-files are created in the folder (0001.ZXZ...0010.ZXZ)).

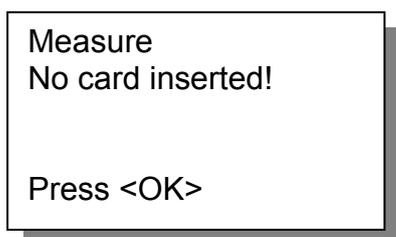
The number of .ZXZ-files is saved in the ZFG.NRZ-file. The ZFG.ZXC file contains the card number. The measurement device uses every file. When manual changes are made (i.e. renaming or deleting of files) it is possible, that the measurement device does not recognize the „ZFG“ folder anymore. In this case, when you try to view the card in measurement device, the following screen appears:



To avoid problems, it is not recommended to manually change the „ZFG“ folder. To back up data, save the whole folder „ZFG“. If data are not needed anymore, delete the complete folder.

### 2.1 Measuring without SD-card

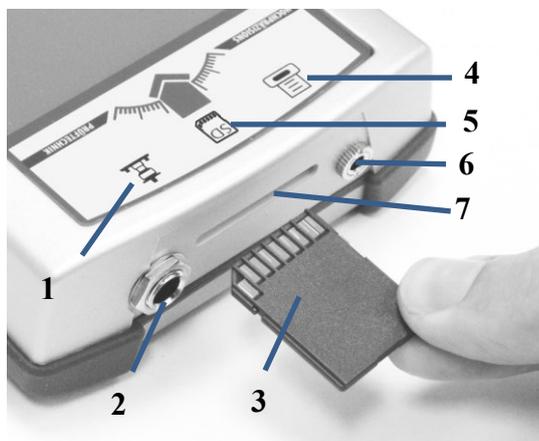
It is possible to perform measurements without plugged in SD-card. In this case, the measurement will not be saved. When starting a measurement without SD-card, following warning appears on screen:



## 2.2 Plug in/ remove SD-card

To plug the SD-card into the ZFG 3.0 hold the card as shown on Picture 1. Push the card in as far as possible until a click sounds. When the card is plugged in correctly, it sticks 3 mm out of the top.

To remove the card, push it into the device. It sounds a click and the card will be pushed out 7 mm. Now it can be pulled out.



1. Symbol LWD
2. Sensorjack at ZFG 3.0
3. SD-card
4. Symbol printer
5. Symbol SD-card
6. Printerjack at ZFG 3.0
7. SD-slot

Picture 1: ZFG 3.0 top side

*Be careful when plugging in or removing the SD-card. Be sure to insert the card the right way round. The SD-card has to be plugged in and removed easily from the slot.*

### 3 **Measuring with the ZFG 3.0**

Variations through chapter 4.5.5 – Text input or chapter 4.5.6 Preloading are possible.

#### 3.1 **User advice for engaging drop weight**

To engage the drop weight in the release device, operate the release device with one hand and pull the drop weight to the end stop with the other hand. Then, engage the release device. Be sure the detent engages in the indentation of the drop weight.

#### 3.2 **Preparation**

Prepare a measurement by applying the load plate all-over the test area by rotating and pushing. Ensure that there are no hollows underneath the load plate. In this case, fill the hollows with dry medium sand. Then, put the load device on the load plate.

Connect the load plate to the ZFG 3.0 with the electronic lead.

Pull the transport lock.



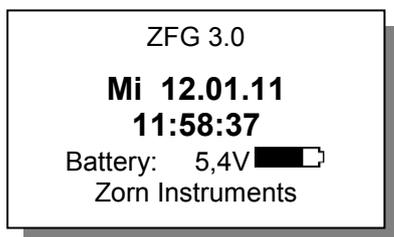
*To avoid damages, be sure the transport lock is in the right position*

**3.2.1** Perform 3 pre-load pulses. To do so, lift the drop weight and engage it into the release device (reference to chapter 4.5.6 - Preloading **Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.**). When holding the guiding rod vertical, disengage the drop weight and catch it after rebound. After this, engage the drop weight in the release device. This has to be done 3 times.

### 3.3 Performing a measurement

#### 3.3.1 Switch on device

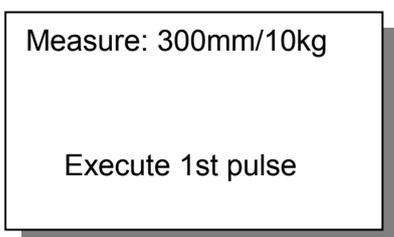
After preparation of measurement (chapter 3.2 - Preparation) switch on the device by pressing the **<On/Off>** Button. The following start screen appears:



The current date/time and battery voltage with load capacity are shown. If you want all data to be saved on SD-card, plug it in now.

#### 3.3.2 Start measurement

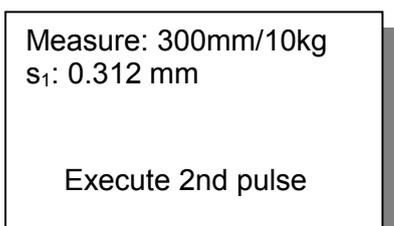
Press **<OK>** Button to start a measurement. The screen shows the following:



The display shows the current measurement type (i.e. diameter of load plate and mass of drop weight). If available, switch to desired measurement type (see chapter 4.5.3 Type).

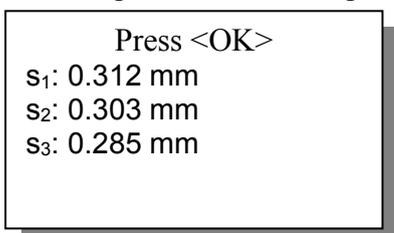
In the second line, the command to execute the 1<sup>st</sup> drop appears. A single beep signals readiness.

After executing the 1<sup>st</sup> pulse, the display shows the deflection  $s_1$ .



The beep signals the readiness for the execution of the 2<sup>nd</sup> pulse.

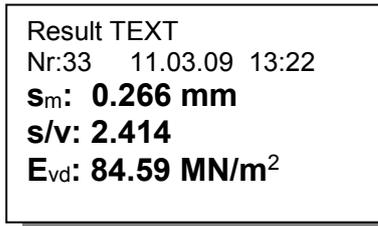
This procedure repeats until the 3<sup>rd</sup> pulse.



After that, all three deflection values are shown and it a double beep signal sounds. The measurement will be saved automatically on SD-card. By pressing the Button **<OK>**, the results are shown.

### 3.4 Evaluation and Printing the results

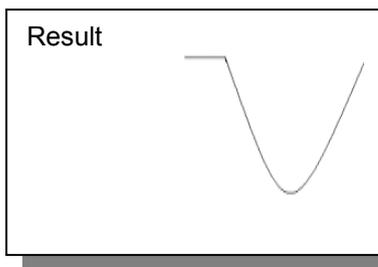
Following results are shown:



Meaning of the lines:

1. Screen mode and possibly text input.
2. Test number (only with plugged in SD-card), date and time.
3. s<sub>m</sub> = mean value of deflection in mm.
4. s/v = degree of compatibility, which gives information about whether the existing soil can be compacted further or not. It is an empiric value. Evaluation is only based on already compacted soil (in general: s/v < 3,5 no further compaction possible; s/v > 3,5 further compaction possible).
5. E<sub>vd</sub> = dynamic deflection modulus in MN/m<sup>2</sup> (MPa).

To show the deflection graphs and individual deflection values, press the <**Mode**> Button.



Print the protocol by pressing the <**Print**> Button (see section 7.1.3.1 Usage of the printer for further information).

Finish measurement by pressing <**OK**>.

*Please check after measurement if the data has been saved on SD-card (Menu "View Card"). When "repeat pulse" is shown on the display during the measurement (along with a double beep), the reason is a plausibility check. It can be caused by hard engagement of the drop weight. When this message appears continuously it is possible, that the soil is too soft ( $v > 4.000\text{mm/s}$  or  $s > 20\text{mm}$ ) or too hard ( $s < 0.1\text{mm}$ ). Also possible is a faulty sensor, a connection problem or a broken lead. In this case, the measurement can not be continued (see section 4.8 **Fehler! Verweisquelle konnte nicht gefunden werden.**)*

#### 3.4.1 After measurement

After performing a measurement, the device can be switched off by pressing the <**ON/OFF**> button. It is also possible to continue with the next measurement. See also chapter 5 Care and maintenance.

## 4 Menu

In the menu, further functions are available. Enter the Menu from the start screen by pressing the **<Mode>** button. Scroll through the menu by pressing the **<Mode>** button again. By pressing the **<OK>** button it is possible, to select a menu item.

Save and exit menu by pressing **<On/Off>**.

### 4.1 Measure

Starts measuring (see chapter 3.3 performing a measurement).

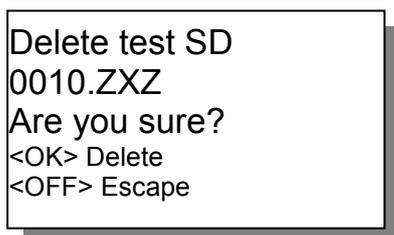
### 4.2 View card

This menu item allows to view the data, which has already been saved on the SD-card.

- At first, the last saved data set is shown.
- Scroll through the data sets with the **<+>** or **<->** buttons.
- With the **<Mode>** button it is possible to switch to the graph view and back.
- Press **<Print>** to create a printout of a data set.

### 4.3 Delete test

Deletes the last saved measurement. The following screen appears:



In this example, the last test number is 10. When the **<OK>** button is pressed, the data set will be deleted irreversibly.

### 4.4 Delete card

Deletes all data sets in Folder "ZFG" on the SD-card. The prompt shows the number of data sets which are going to be deleted.

### 4.5 Settings

In the menu item 'Settings' it is possible to customize the device for the user's needs. Settings is a sub menu. Following items are available (scroll with **<Mode>**, change with **<+>** or **<->** Save and exit with **<On/Off>**)

#### 4.5.1 Language

There is a choice between German, English, French, Polish, Slovenian/Croatian, Italian, Serbian, Hispanic, Portuguese, Russian and Chinese.

#### 4.5.2 LCD contrast

Changes the pixel brightness of the display.

### 4.5.3 Type

If the device is prepared for several measurement types, it is possible to change the current measurement type for measuring (i.e. 300mm/10kg, 300mm/15kg, CBR etc.).

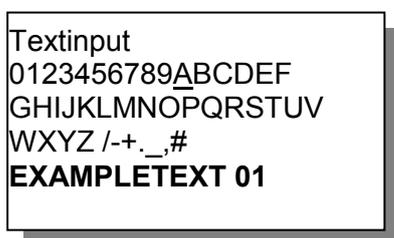
### 4.5.4 Unit

The unit of  $E_{vd}$ -can be shown in MN/m<sup>2</sup> or MPa.

### 4.5.5 Text input

By the text input function, it is possible to add text to a measurement. The user can insert any text at the beginning of a measurement. The text input is shown on the printout and will be saved in the according .ZXZ-file of the data set. When the data set is read in by the software, it appears in the text field "Remarks".

By default, the text input function is disabled (off). To activate the function, change its state to on. When the device and text input function is activated, press <OK> to start a measurement. First, the following text input display appears:



The selected character is marked with a cursor (under score, here: 'A'). Change the cursor position with the <+/-> buttons. The <Print> button adds the selected character to the text input. 16 characters can be inserted. The text input is shown in the last line of the display. The last character will be deleted by pressing <Mode> button. Push <OK> to finish text input and continue with the measurement.

The inserted text will be displayed as suggestion on the next measurement. If the last character of the text is a number, it will be automatically increased by one.

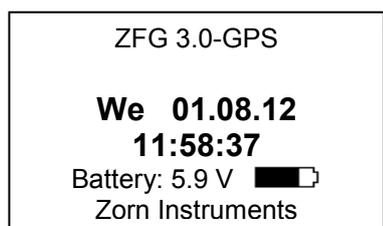
### 4.5.6 Preloading

When preloading is switched on at the measurement device, the user is asked to perform the three preloading pulses before the measurement. When preloading pulses were finished, measurement starts automatically. The preloading pulses do not influence the result and will not be saved.

By default, this function is disabled (off). To enable it, select „on“.

### 4.5.7 GPS

- only for devices with GPS module-



GPS = Global Positioning System; used for position fixing.

The GPS module receives free-to-air satellite signals. Reception is only available to a limited extent under roofing, covers, and in enclosed rooms. The satellite signals are received by the GPS module in order to fix the current position. Depending on the satellite signal strength, the device may require between 30 and 120 seconds before the location coordinates can be viewed in the display. The location coordinates are displayed in place of 'Zorn Instruments'.

If no satellite signals can be received (e.g. due to enclosed rooms) soil compaction measurements (incl. data storage) are still possible without position fixing.

**Note:** The power consumption of the device increases when the GPS receiver is switched on. Approximately 150 measurements (with an activated GPS receiver) can be accomplished with one battery pack only.

#### 4.5.8 Coordinates

- only for devices with GPS module-

In accordance to current settings, the location coordinates are displayed either as longitude/latitude or in the UTM format (Universal Transverse Mercator).

#### 4.6 Set clock

Enables adjustment of the date and time shown. The selected value can be changed with the <+> or <-> button. It is marked with a cursor (underscore). Use the <Mode> button to move the cursor. Save and exit with <On/Off>.

##### Notice

When menu item “Set clock” is selected, the cursor marks the value “ppm”. This value is responsible for accuracy of the clock. Only change this value, when the clock is too slow or too fast.

#### 4.7 Info

Shows the devices data (firmware version, device number, calibration factor and -date, used language)

It is possible to print the data. Leave menu item with the <On/Off> button.

#### 4.8 Calibration / Self-test

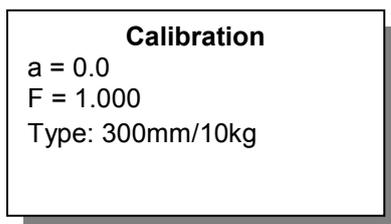
This menu item can be used to check the proper functioning of the sensor and the connection to the electronics. When the connection between sensor and electronics is ok, **a** shows  $0.0 \pm 5$ . The value of **a** changes by 2 when turning the load plate upside down (bearing bold down).

The line **Type** shows the current used measurement type.

##### Self-test

If **a** shows a different value, which is not changing when moving the load plate, the device is faulty. A reason may be a broken lead or a faulty jack or sensor. In this case, contact the manufacturer to detect the error.

**F** is the calibration factor. It can only be changed by authorized calibration points.



#### 4.9 Update Firmware

Firmware can only be updated after contact with the manufacturer. In this case, the user gets further information from the manufacturer.

## 5 Care and maintenance

### 5.1 Care of loading device

After the measurement, the loading device must be cleaned of any dirt using a dry cloth. The chrome-plated guide rod must **not** be greased. Heavy soiling must be removed using spirit or kerosene. The drop weight tester must be stored carefully during transport, and the drop height must be checked at regularly. The correct drop height is stated on the calibration report and on the calibration nameplate on the drop weight.

### 5.2 Battery change

Batteries must be changed, when the warning “Battery empty” appears, the battery symbol signals emptiness or when the device cannot be switched on anymore.

- Unscrew the two screws on the back of the device and open the battery compartment.
- Remove old batteries and replace them with new ones. Ensure that the batteries have the right polarity. This is shown at the bottom of the battery compartment.
- When finished, close the battery compartment and screw it down.



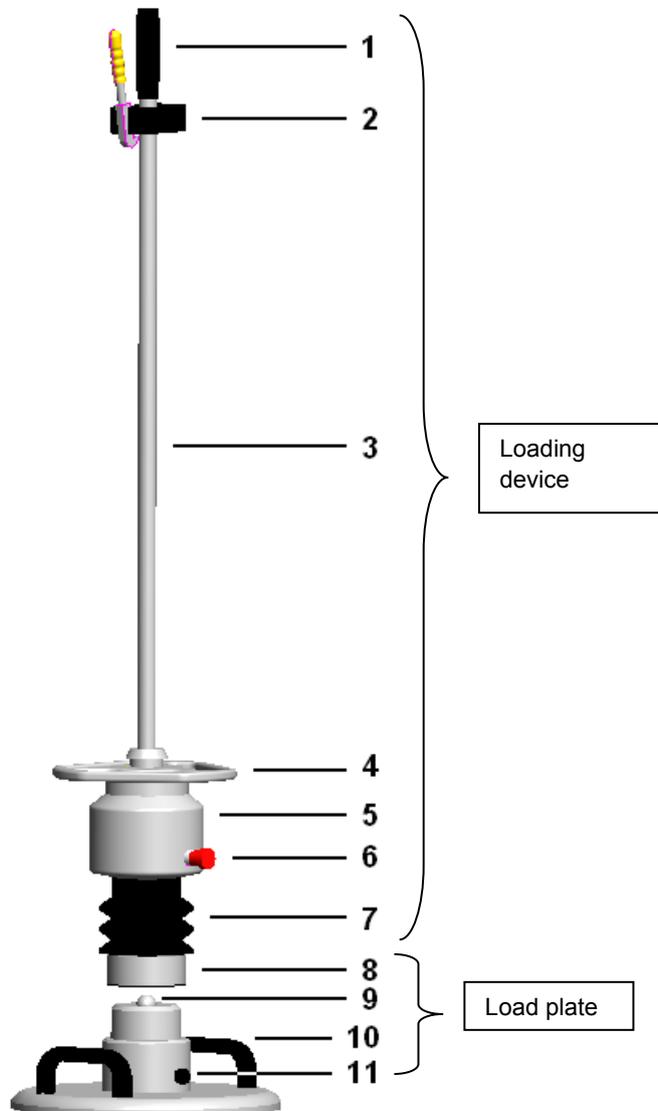
*Picture 2: ZFG 3.0 with opened battery compartment*

Instead of batteries, it is also possible to use rechargeable batteries (4x1.2V). In this case, the state of charge is invalid. A too low state of charge will be shown.

Picture 3: Mechanic of LWD

## 6 Technical data

### 6.1 Mechanic and terms



1. Handle
2. Top limit stop with release device
3. Guide rod
4. Handle on drop weight
5. Drop weight
6. Transport lock
7. Set of plate springs
8. Anti-tip device
9. Centering
10. Carrying handle
11. Sensor jack on load plate

## 6.2 Loading device

Mass of drop weight	10 kg	15 kg
Total weight of loading device	15 kg	20 kg
Maximum width	200mm	
Height	1135 mm	1150 mm
Maximum drop force	7,07 kN	10,6 kN
Pulse duration	17 ms ± 1,5 ms	
Max. soil pressure	0,1MN/m <sup>2</sup>	0,15MN/m <sup>2</sup>

## 6.3 Load plate

Diameter of load plate	300 mm
Height	130 mm
Weight of load plate	15 kg

## 6.4 Settlement gauge

Dimensions	100x210x40 mm
Weight	ca. 440 g
Deflection range	0,3 bis 5 mm ± 0,02 mm
Range $E_{vd}$	5...70MN/m <sup>2</sup> 70...105MN/m <sup>2</sup>
Range of sensor	± 100 g
Frequency range	0 bis 500 Hz
Operating temperature	0 bis 40 °C

## Power supply

Battery	4,8...6V (4x 1.2...1.5V Type mignon / AA)
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## Automatic switch-off

When not in use	4 min
When battery is empty	$U < 3,9V$

## 7 Scope of delivery

ZFG 3.0 is offered in 3 different versions:

1. ZFG 3.0 with carry bag
2. ZFG 3.0 with suitcase
3. ZFG 3.0 with printer (incl. suitcase)

Scope of delivery	1.	2.	3.
ZFG 3.0 electronic	X	X	X
Loading device	X	X	X
Load plate	X	X	X
Measurement cable	X	X	X
SD-card (min 1 GB)	X	X	X
User manual and short manual	X	X	X
Calibration protocol	X	X	X
Carry bag	X		
Suitcase with screwdriver		X	X
Printer, AC-adapter, printer cable, replacement part for thermal paper			X

### 7.1 Optional equipment

As required, following additional equipment can be bought.

#### 7.1.1 Carrier bag

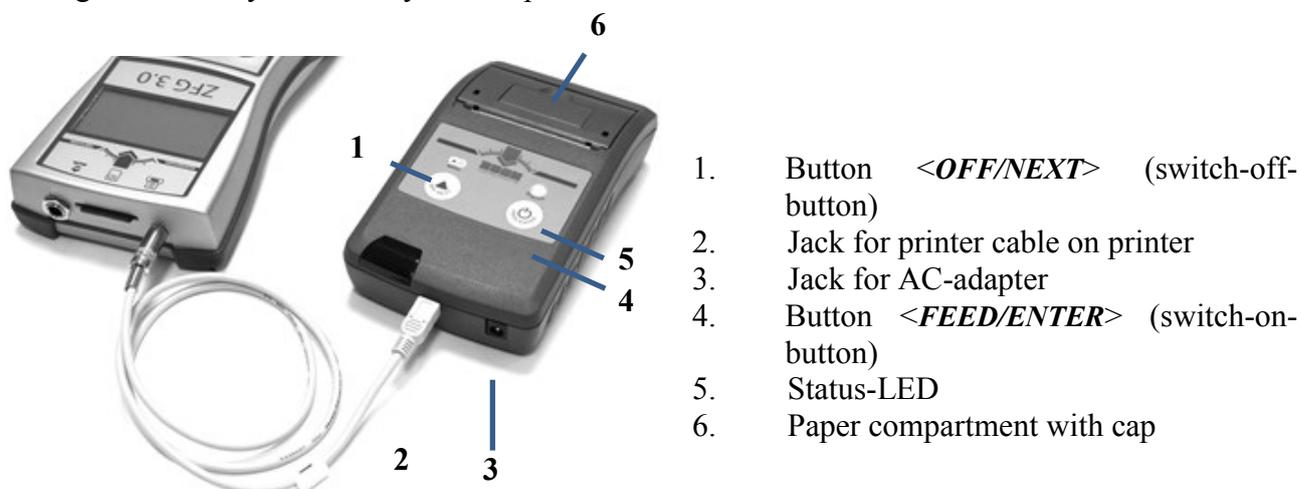
The carry bag protects the ZFG 3.0 during transportation and measurement. If the ZFG 3.0 is delivered in a carrier bag, the electric measurement lead is 2 m long.

#### 7.1.2 Suitcase

The suitcase protects the electronic device better against environmental influences. The screwdriver can be used to open the battery compartment.

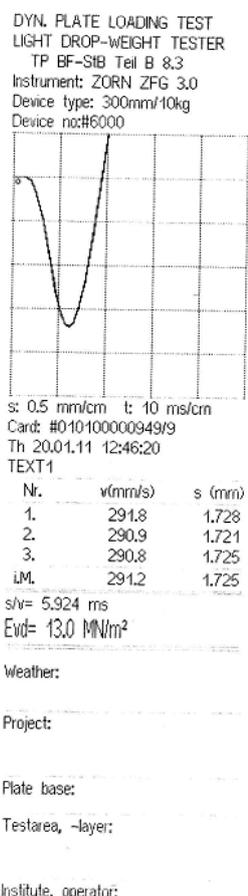
### 7.1.3 Printer

The following information refer to the printer GBT-4378-Flash-V.24. Changes to the default settings should only be made by trained personnel.



Picture 4: ZFG 3.0 with connected printer

#### 7.1.3.1 Usage of the printer



When a printer is connected and has been detected by ZFG 3.0, an information appears on the start screen (see section 3.3.1) about the loading capacity of the printer. This is shown by a voltage value and a battery symbol . When the battery symbol shows empty, you can only do very few printouts. When printer voltage is lower than 4.6V, the warning „Printer battery empty“ appears. The battery of the printer has to be charged using the provided AC-adapter.

1. To use the printer, connect it to the ZFG 3.0. Use the provided lead (Mini-USB – 3.5mm plug) and insert the 3.5mm plug into the provided jack (see Picture 1 No. 6) and the Mini-USB plug into the provided jack of the printer (see Picture 4 No. 2).
2. Switch on the printer (<FEED/ENTER> button).
3. Press <Print> on ZFG 3.0 to trigger a print job.

The printer information on the start screen appears or is updated, once the printer is connected to the ZFG 3.0 and

1. ZFG 3.0 is switched on,
2. <Print> button on start screen is pressed or
3. a print job was done.

Picture 5:  
Printout example

### 7.1.3.2 Charge printer

Only use the provided AC-adapter to charge the printer. Please note: a new set of batteries reaches its full capacity after 3 full charge- and discharge cycles. Deep discharge damages the battery. When a battery was deeply discharged, charging can stop after 30 minutes. In this case, restart charging by replugging the AC-adapter. When the battery is faulty or “consumed”, replace it with a *original* one.

### 7.1.3.3 Self test of printer

To check the printer without the ZFG 3.0, it is possible to run a self test. Disconnect the Printer from the ZFG 3.0. Switch off the printer (wait one minute). Press <**FEED/ENTER**> button, longer than 3 seconds, a test printout will be created. Firmware version and a set of characters will be printed. When no printout was done or the printout is faulty please note section 7.1.3.4 Problems using the printer and 7.1.3.5 Change paper.

### 7.1.3.4 Problems using the printer

When the printer is not detected by ZFG 3.0 following screen appears:

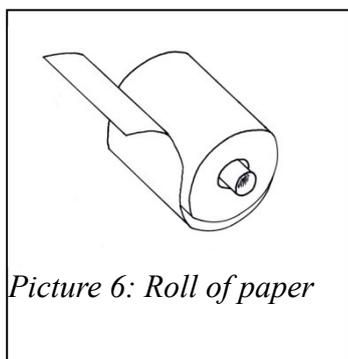


In this case, it is not possible to create printouts. When the steps from section 7.1.3.1 Usage of the printer were noted, check if the power supply of the printer is ensured. Doing this, switch off ZFG 3.0 and press the <**FEED/ENTER**> button on the printer. The power supply is ok, when the LED flashes green. Charge the battery if the LED stops flashing after less than 1 minute or LED does not respond to the button.

Perhaps, the paper is empty. In this case the LED flashes red. Fill in a new roll of thermal paper (see section 7.1.3.5 – Change paper).

### 7.1.3.5 Change paper

To change the paper, open the cap of the paper compartment. Remove the empty roll of thermal paper (or the capsule on which the paper was rolled) and replace it with a new one. Please note, that the roll is in that way inserted in the printer, that it will be unrolled from the bottom (see Picture 6). Place the beginning of the roll above the tear-off edge. Finally, close the paper compartment by pushing the cap.



When printing fails after changing the paper, it may have been inserted incorrectly (upside down) or it is not thermal paper.

### 7.1.3.6 **Technical data**

Type of printer                      Thermal printer  
Type of paper                        Thermal paper; width: 57mm, Ø: max. 31mm

#### **Power supply**

Battery                                4xNiMH mignon (AA) cells, 1500mAh, rechargeable  
AC-adapter                         unregulated wall plug transformer; 6V, 500mA

Time of charging for fully discharged batteries is approx. 4 hours.

### 7.1.4 **Transport box**

The transport box serves to store and transport the measurement device.



*Picture 7: Transport box*

### 7.1.5 **Transport trolley**



*Picture 8: Transport trolley with suitcase*

## 7.1.6 Software

The software comes on a CD, along with an USB-SD adapter.

### 7.1.6.1 Short manual

A detailed manual for the software is on the installation CD, is generated by the software by pressing „F1“ or can alternatively be accessed in the menu Help/Show Manual.

#### 7.1.6.1.a) Installation

Supported operating systems: Windows 2000, XP, Vista, 7

1. Put the installation CD into the CD drive
2. When the CD does not start by itself, open the file „ZFG-Software\_Setup.exe“, which is located on CD.
3. Follow the instructions

#### 7.1.6.1.b) Read in data

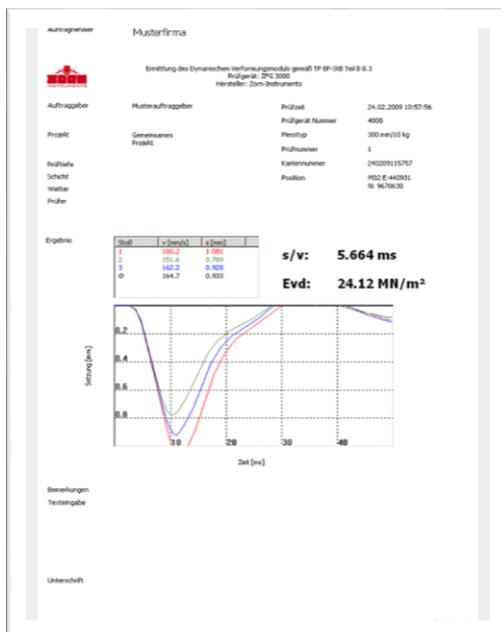
1. Start the program „ZFG Software“
2. Click in menu „File“ on „Read in...“
3. Select i.e. the Folder „ZFG“ on the SD-card and click on „ZFG.NRZ“
4. All files in folder will be read in and shown in an overview.
5. Select desired data sets and click OK to transfer it into the document.

#### 7.1.6.1.c) Save and open files

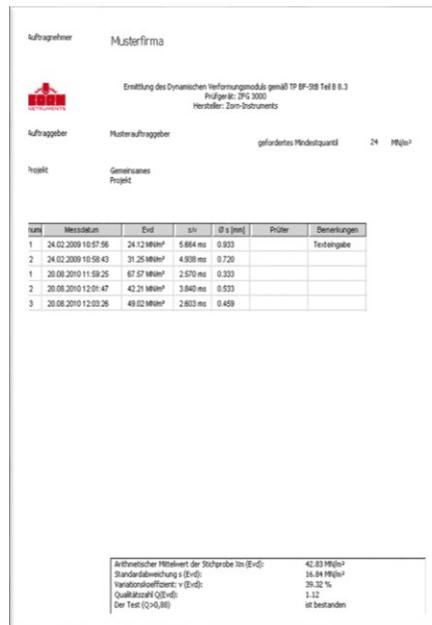
Saving and opening documents is similar to the windows-default. Saved files use the file extension zfg3.

#### 7.1.6.1.d) Printout

It is possible to print single protocols, the statistic (in menu File/Print) or all at once (menu File/Project print)



Picture 9: Printout single view



Picture 10: Printout statistic view

## **8 Calibration**

According to German standard, LWDs have to be calibrated annually.

### **Calibration points**

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Further calibration points in Germany are available on the website of the German federal institute for road construction (Bundesanstalt für Straßenwesen “BASt”).

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<http://www.bast.de/DE/Qualitaetsbewertung/Anerkennung/strassenbau/Liste-Kalibrierstellen/kalibrierstellen.html>

Several calibration points are distributed all over the world. Feel free to contact us, to find out where your nearest calibration point is.

## 9 Correlations

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### 4.5.2 Requirements for deflection modulus

The information provided below is based on the 10% minimum quantile.

When constructing roads of Construction Classes SV and I to IV (see A & B tables) on frost-protected substrate or substructure, then the following deflection modulus of at least

$$E_{v2} = 120 \text{ MN/m}^2 \text{ or alternatively } E_{vd} = 65 \text{ MN/m}^2$$

and for Construction Classes V and VI a deflection modulus of at least

$$E_{v2} = 100 \text{ MN/m}^2 \text{ or alternatively } E_{vd} = 50 \text{ MN/m}^2$$

is necessary.

The deflection modulus  $E_{v2}$  is to be verified in accordance with a static plate load test in accordance with DIN 18134 and the deflection module  $E_{vd}$  with a dynamic plate load test in accordance with TP BF Part B 8.3.

*When the requirements were meet, through compaction of the sub bases on the planum, it is sufficient to achieve a deflection modulus on the planum of at least*

$$E_{v2} = 100 \text{ MN/m}^2 \text{ or alternatively } E_{vd} = 50 \text{ MN/m}^2$$

*and for Construction Classes V and VI a deflection modulus of at least*

$$E_{v2} = 80 \text{ MN/m}^2 \text{ or alternatively } E_{vd} = 40 \text{ MN/m}^2.$$

In the case of frost-sensitive substrate or substructure, a deflection modulus of at least

$$E_{v2} = 45 \text{ MN/m}^2 \text{ [or alternatively } E_{vd} = 25 \text{ MN/m}^2]$$

is required on the planum.

After improving the soil and in the case of frost-sensitive substrate or substructure, a deflection modulus of at least

$$E_{v2} = 70 \text{ MN/m}^2 \text{ [or alternatively } E_{vd} = 40 \text{ MN/m}^2]$$

is required on the planum.<sup>1</sup>

If the specifications do not specify whether the deflection modulus is static or dynamic, it must be verified for cases stated in this section; verification should always take place using the static deflection modulus.

*If the required deflection modulus cannot be achieved on the planum through compaction, either*

1. *the substrate or substructure must be improved or consolidated, or*
2. *the thickness of the loose sub bases must be increased.*

These activities or locale experiences must be stated in the specifications.

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<sup>1</sup>Quotes of former ZTVE

Table A

<b>Number of authoritative traffic load</b>	<b>construction class</b>
more than 3200	SV
1800 to 3200	I
900 to 1800	II
300 to 900	III
60 to 300	IV
10 to 60	V
up to 10	VI

Table B

<b>Road type</b>	<b>construction class</b>
Highway	SV, I, II
main street, walking path with a heavy traffic load	II, III
walking path with traffic load	IV
service road, walking path	V
service road, Wheelchair-accessible residential street	VI

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Table 9: Guide value for correlation of static deflection modulus  $E_{v2}$  or dynamic deflection modulus  $E_{vd}$  to compaction ratio  $D_{pr}$  for course-grained soils groups

<b>Soils group</b>	<b>Static deflection modulus <math>E_{v2}</math> in <math>MN/m^2</math></b>	<b>Dynamic deflection modulus <math>E_{vd}</math> in <math>MN/m^2</math></b>	<b>Compaction ratio <math>D_{pr}</math> in %</b>
GW, GI	$\geq 120$	$\geq 65$	$\geq 103$
	$\geq 100$	$\geq 50$	$\geq 100$
	$\geq 80$	$\geq 40$	$\geq 98$
	$\geq 70$	$\geq 30$	$\geq 97$
GE, SE, SW, SI	$\geq 80$	$\geq 50$	$\geq 100$
	$\geq 70$	$\geq 40$	$\geq 98$
	$\geq 60$	$\geq 35$	$\geq 97$

**Fig. 2 Normal requirements for the construction of rail tracks on soil bodies**

Route type		Formation		Capping layer					Soil formation		Standard cross-section		
Route category <sup>1)</sup>	Superstructure	E <sub>v2</sub> [MN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	E <sub>vd</sub> <sup>2)</sup> [MN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	Grain mixture	D <sub>pr</sub> (-)	Standard thickness [cm]			E <sub>v2</sub> [MN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	E <sub>vd</sub> <sup>2)</sup> [MN/m <sup>2</sup> ]	in accordance with Appendix 1, Fig.		
						Frost effect area					Embankment	Cutting	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	I	II	III	11			12
New construction	P 300	Ballast top layer	120	50	kg1/2	1,00	70	70	70	80	40/35	a 1.1	a 1.3
		Solid track	120	50	kg2	1,00	<sup>3)</sup> 40	<sup>3)</sup> 40	<sup>3)</sup> 40	60	35/30	a 1.2	a 1.4
	P 230 M 230	Ballast top layer	120	50	kg1/2	1,00	50	60	70	60	40/35	a 1.9	a 1.7
		Solid track	120	50	kg2	1,00	<sup>3)</sup> 40	<sup>3)</sup> 40	<sup>3)</sup> 40	60	35/30	a 1.6	a 1.8
	P 160, M 160 G 120, R 120	Ballast top layer	100	45	kg1/2	1,00	40	50	60	45	35/30	a 1.9	a 1.10
	R 80, G 50 other tracks	Ballast top layer	80	40	(KG 1/2) <sup>4)</sup>	1,00	30	40	50	45	30/25	A 1.11	A 1.12
Strengthening <sup>5)</sup> Maintenance	P 230 M 230	Ballast top layer	80	40	kg1/2	1,00	30	40	50	45	30/25	A 1.13	A 1.13
		Solid track	100	45	kg2	1,00	<sup>3)</sup> 40	<sup>3)</sup> 40	<sup>3)</sup> 40	45	30/25	A 1.14	A 1.14
	P 160, M 160 G 120, R 120	Ballast top layer	50	35	kg1/2	1,00	20	25	30	30	25/20	A 1.15	A 1.15
	R 80, G 50 other tracks	Ballast top layer	40	30	(KG 1/2) <sup>4)</sup>	0,97	20	20	20	20	25/20	A 1.16	A 1.16

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Quote from Ril 836, Deutsche Bahn AG (German Rail), (20.12.1999 a)

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<sup>1)</sup> Route categories in accordance with module 413.0202

P 300	High-speed transport routes	300 km/h
P 230	Passenger transport routes (ABS)	230 km/h
M 230	Mixed transport routes (ABS)	230 km/h
P 160	Passenger transport routes (I+II)	160 km/h
M 160	Mixed transport routes	160 km/h
G 120	Goods transport routes	120 km/h
R 120	Regional transport routes	120 km/h
R 80	Regional transport routes	80 km/h
G 50	Goods transport routes	50 km/h

<sup>2)</sup> Dynamic deflection modulus: Application conditions see Section 6; Para. 5

on soil formation: 1. Value for coarse-grained soils

2. Value for mixed and fine-grained soils

<sup>3)</sup> This thickness assumes a hydraulically-bonded based course underneath the solid track of at least 30 cm thickness

<sup>4)</sup> Also coarse-grained soils GW, GI, SW and SI; see Module 836.0503, Section 3

<sup>5)</sup> If the route is being overhauled for high-speed transport, new construction criteria apply

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Wetzlar

### Backfilling of trenches

Verification of compaction with light drop weight tester in accordance with TP BF-StB Part 8.3

Indicators for the allocation of

- Compaction ratio  $D_{pr}$
- Dynamic deflection modulus  $E_{vd}$

	Required compaction at various depths (ZTVT-StB 95*) (ZTVE-StB 94)	Based on guide values for allocation to $D_{pr}$ (ZTVE-StB 94 Tab. 8)	Proposal for allocation of $E_{vd}$ to $E_{v2}$ (in acc. w. FGSV AA Prüftechnik, Oct. 96 edition) <sup>1)</sup>
Soils group	Compaction ratio $D_{pr}$	Deflection modulus $E_{v2}$	Deflection modulus $E_{vd}$
DIN 18 196	%	MN/m <sup>2</sup>	MN/m <sup>2</sup>
GW, GI (e.g. stony soil or mineral aggregate 0/32)	≥ 103	≥ 120	≥ 60
	≥ 100	≥ 100	≥ 50
	≥ 98	≥ 80	≥ 40
	≥ 97	≥ 70	≥ 35
GE,SE,SW,SI	≥ 100	≥ 80	≥ 40
	≥ 98	≥ 70	≥ 35
	≥ 97	≥ 60	≥ 32
mixed and fine- grained soils	≥ 100	≥ 45	≥ 25
	≥ 97	≥ 30	≥ 15
	≥ 95	≥ 20	≥ 10

1) These indicator values can be used as guide values for the verification of the compaction achieved in acc. w ZTVE-StB 94, para. 14.2.5 as agreed between client and contractor.

## **10 Warranty**

We provide 24 months warranty from date of delivery for all deficiencies that occur on our equipment in the manner that we choose either to repair any deficiency free of charge or replace damaged (faulty) parts with new ones.

No warranty claims can be made especially for damage caused by improper use; normal wear; handling, which does not comply with the operating instructions; improper handling; insufficient care and maintenance; non-use of original parts; higher force (natural catastrophes, fire, etc.) or transport accidents.

## **11 Safety instructions**



In order to avoid accidents and damages on device, secure the drop weight with the transport lock! When measuring, be sure the transportation lock stays unfixed.

Do not handle under the drop weight when it is engaged on top.

Only plug in the measurement lead, when the drop weight is on bottom.

It is recommended to wear safety shoes.

## **12 Information on safe disposal**



ZORN INSTRUMENTS takes back your ZFG 3.0 and the associated load device free of charge for disposal.

The customer have to pay the cost for transport and packaging.

### 13 EU – declaration of conformity

	<b>EC-Declaration of Conformity</b> in accordance with the EEC low-voltage directive 2006/95/EC in accordance with appendix III B; of 12th December 2006						
Hereby we explain that those corresponds to below designated products in its conception and design as well as in circulation the execution the fundamental safety and health requirements of the Community directive low-voltage brought by us. In the case of a change of the product not coordinated with us this explanation loses its validity.							
<b>Manufacturer's name or of his representative:</b>	Zorn Instruments e. K. Benzstraße 1 D-39590 Stendal						
<b>Description of the electrical equipment:</b>	Measurement device for the determination of load-bearing capacity and compaction of soils ZFG 3.0, ZFG 3.0 GPS starting from 5595 2012						
<b>The agreement with further valid guidelines / regulations following for the product is explained:</b>							
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