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Digital NEEDLE DETECTOR

USER TRAINING COURSE

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NeedleFinder™



Model: NF-1

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My Profile

- professionally focusing on research in “**Needle Management**” since 1998
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Today you will learn...

- **About all machine settings**
- **How to adjust threshold
0.8/1.0/1.2mm**
- **How to measure metal signal
from garments and trims**
- **How to do 9-point test**
- **About double-detection**

Ferrous Test Samples



- 1.0mm ferrous test card will be used throughout the following video demo.
- QMAX special ferrous test sample block with different height (i.e., 10/20/30/40mm)



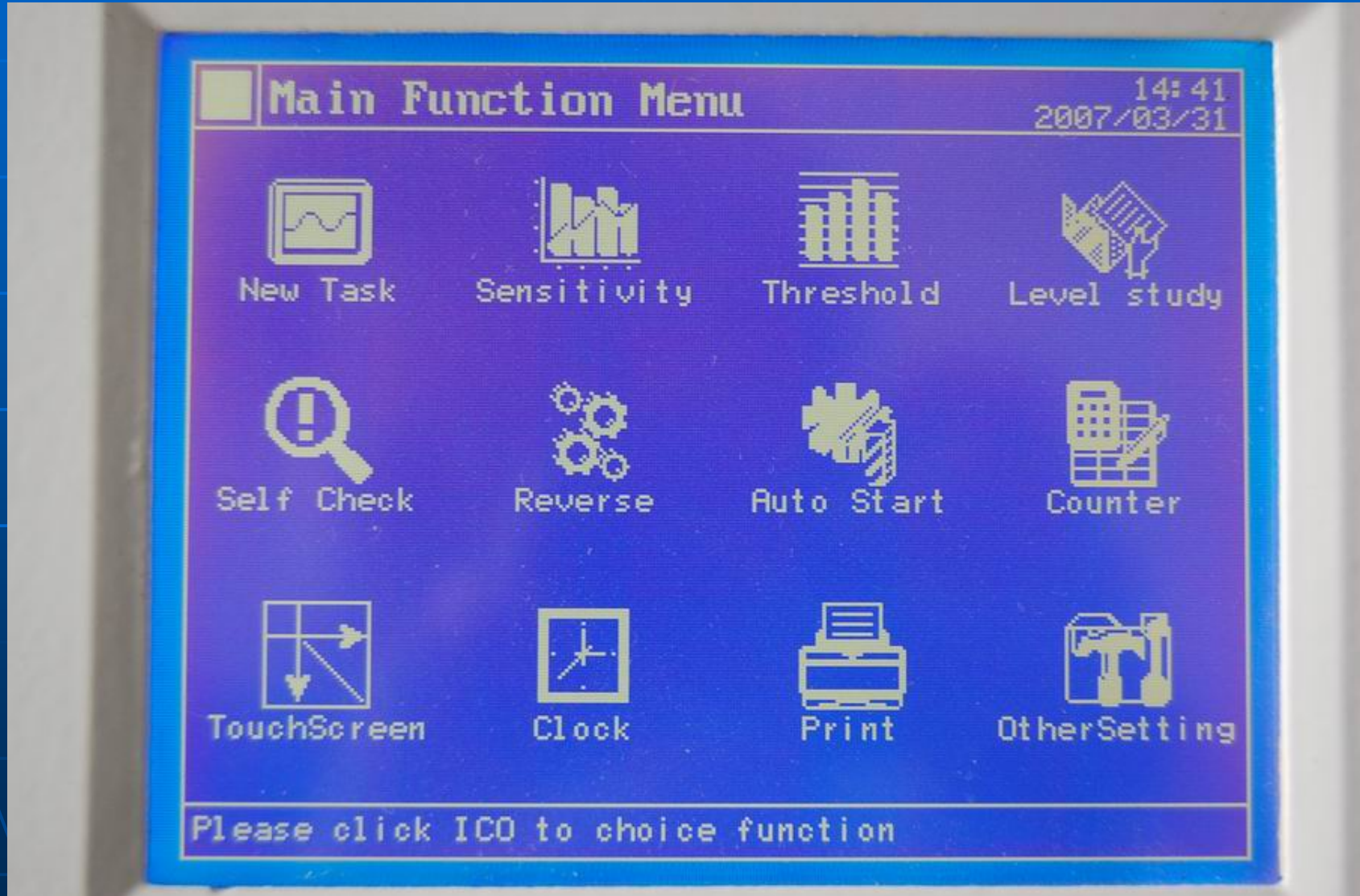
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Touch Screen

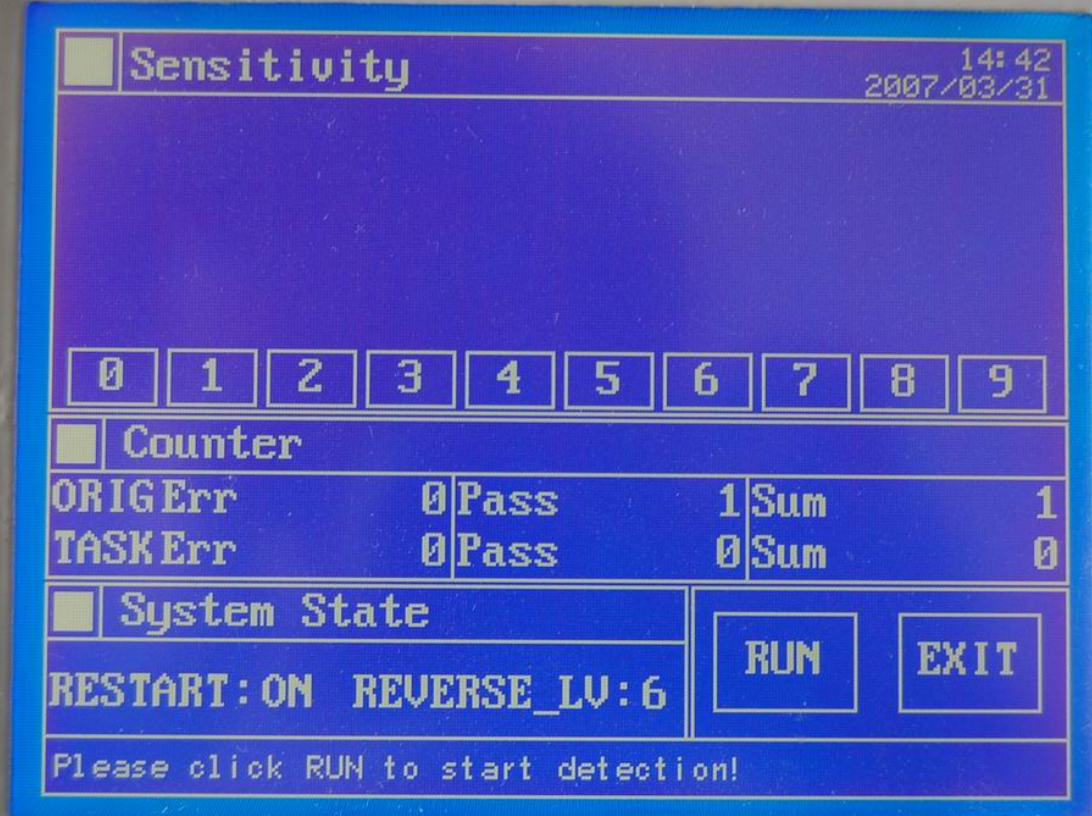
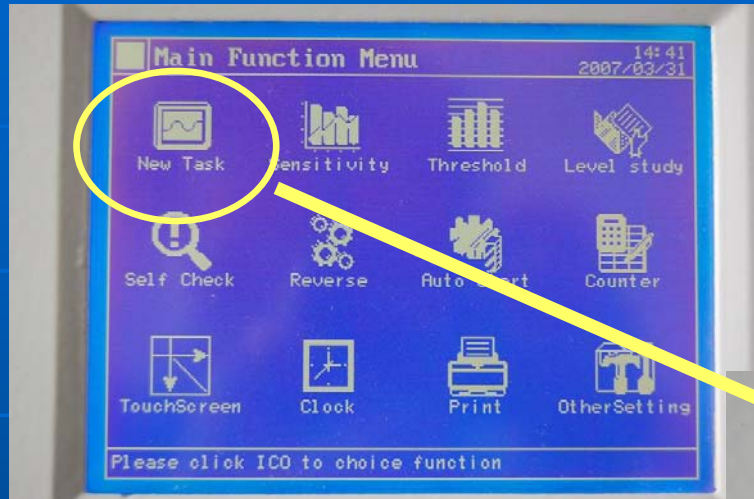


- Dual language interface: English / Chinese
- Touch to select language

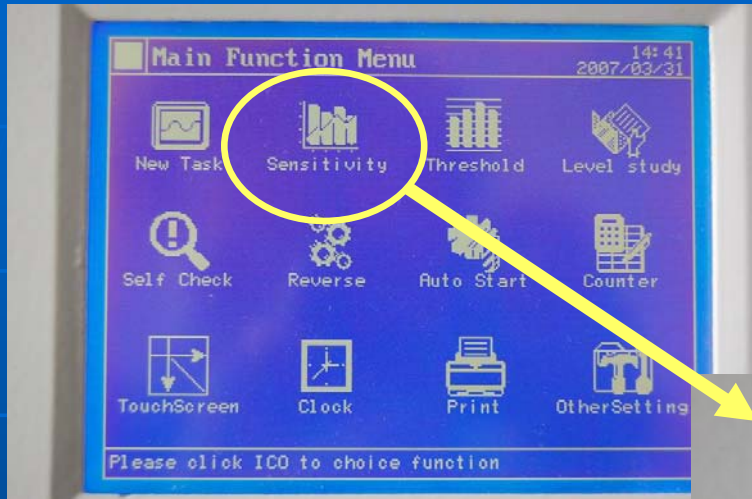
Main Function Menu



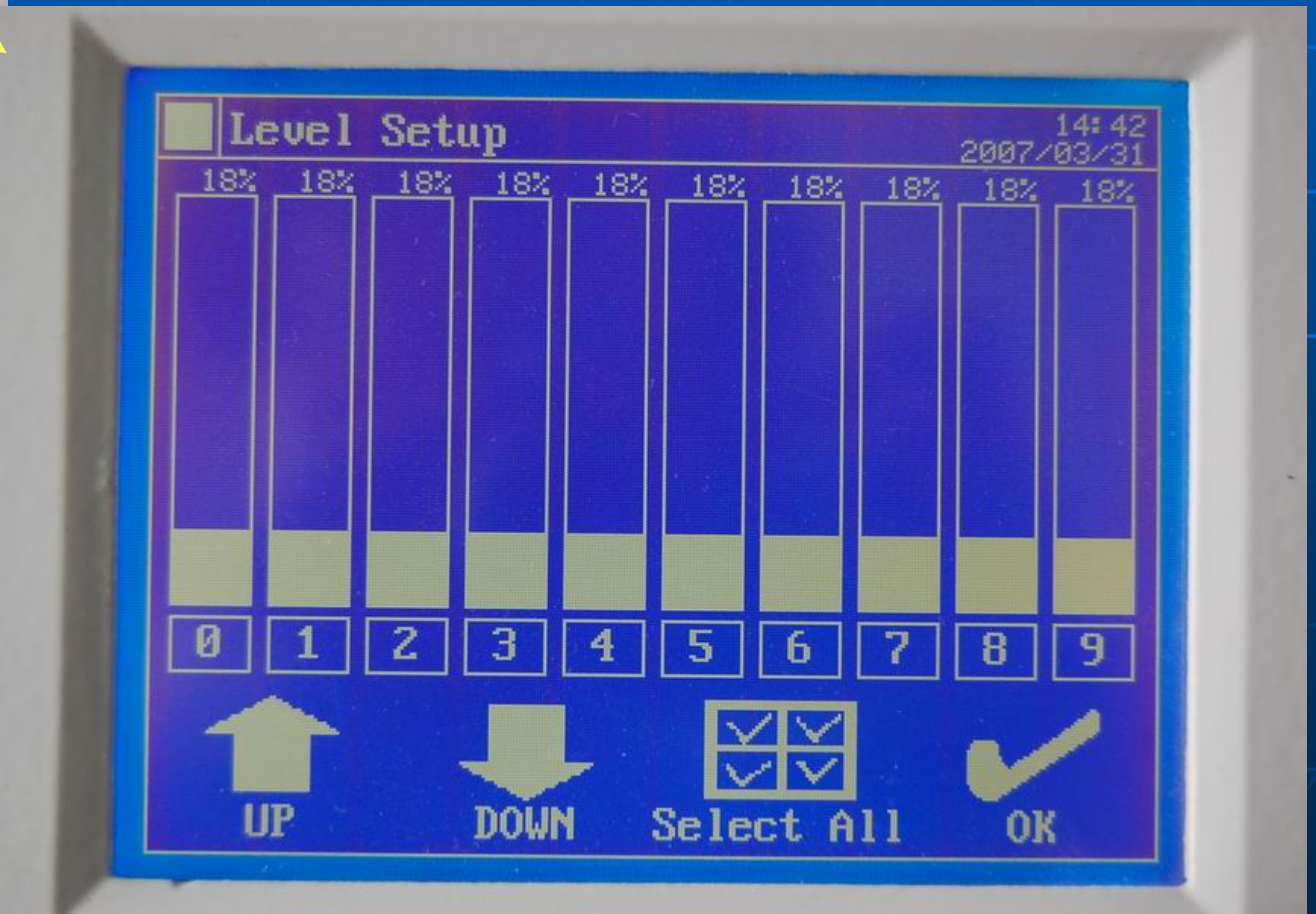
New Task



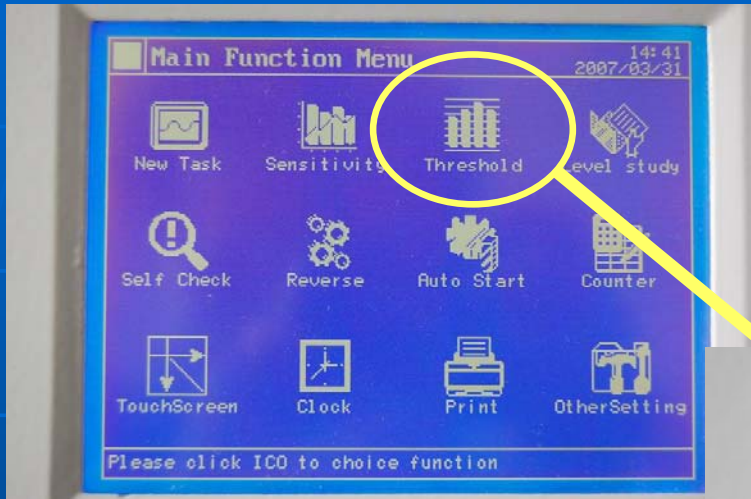
Sensitivity



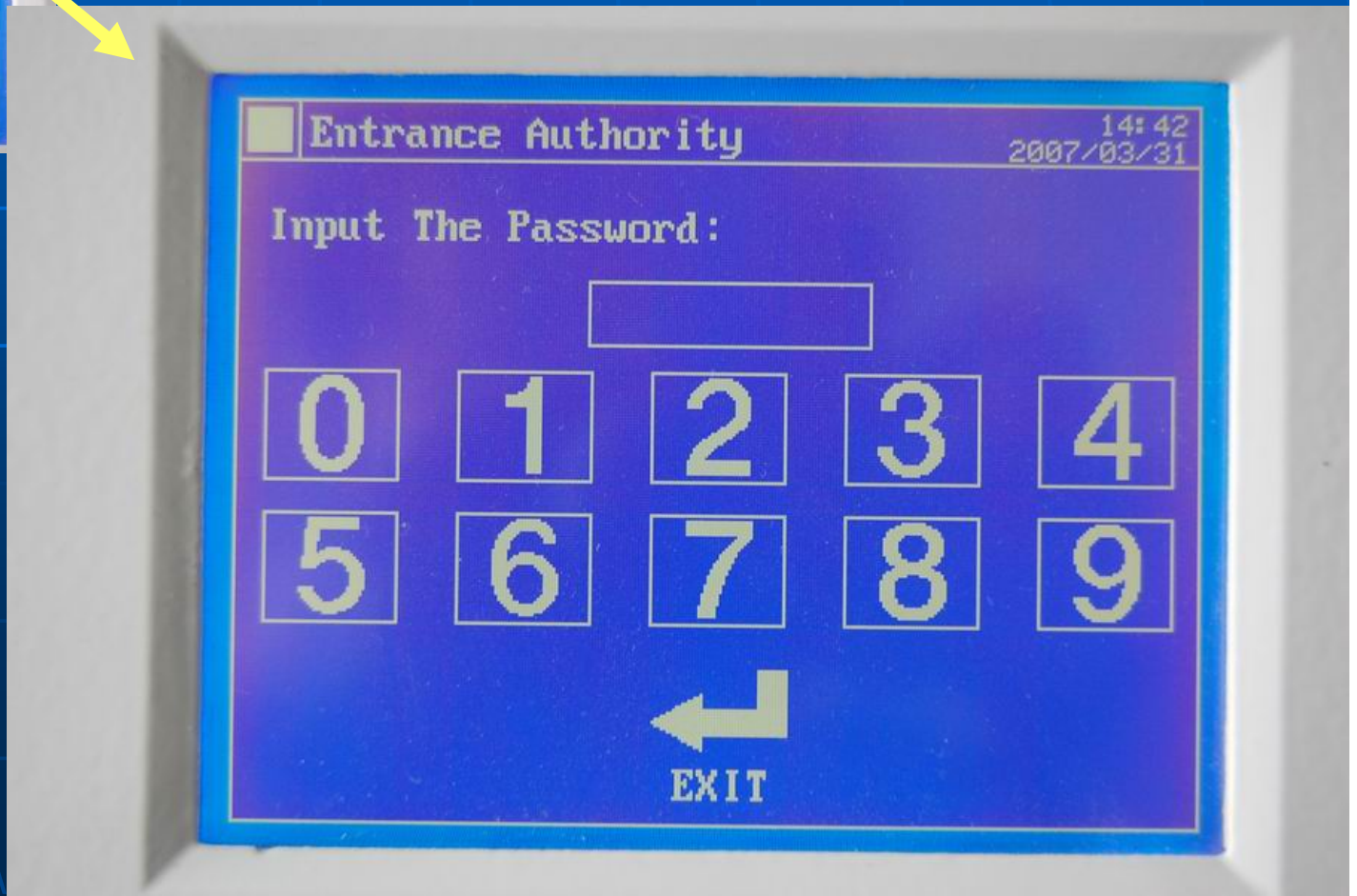
- showing threshold at **18%** level
- Allowing **82%** product signal to pass through without triggering the alarm



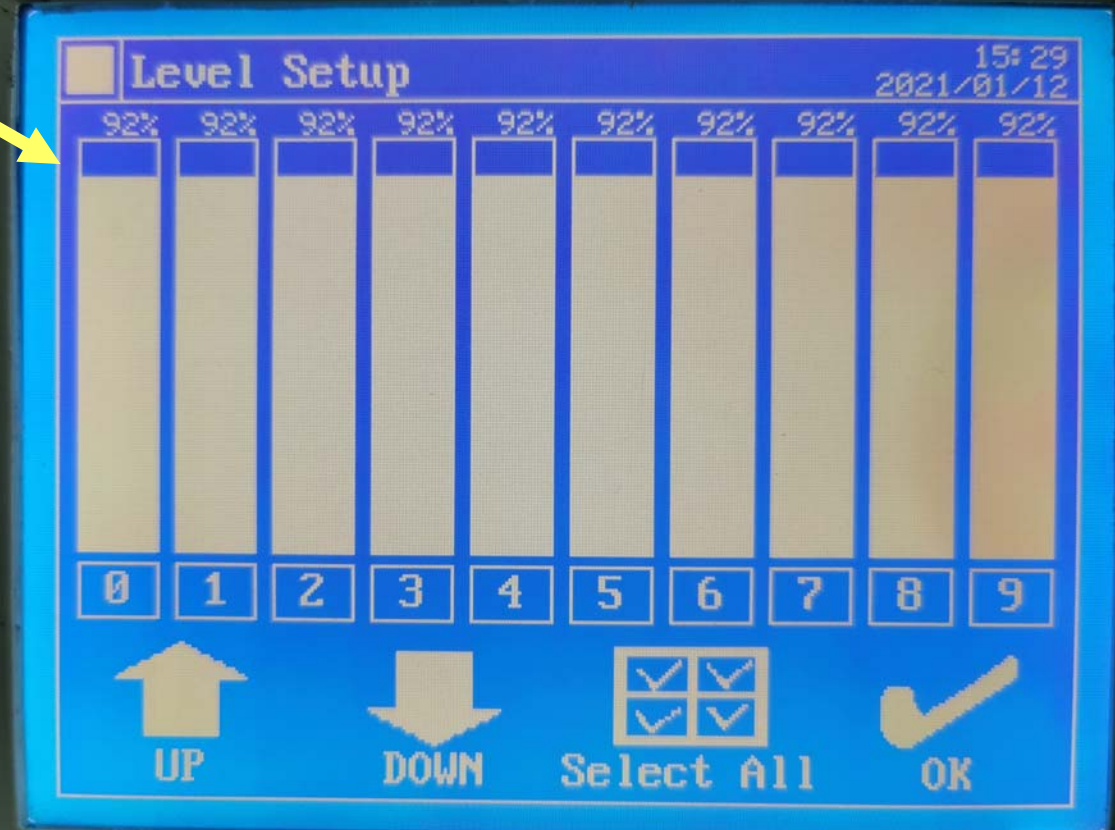
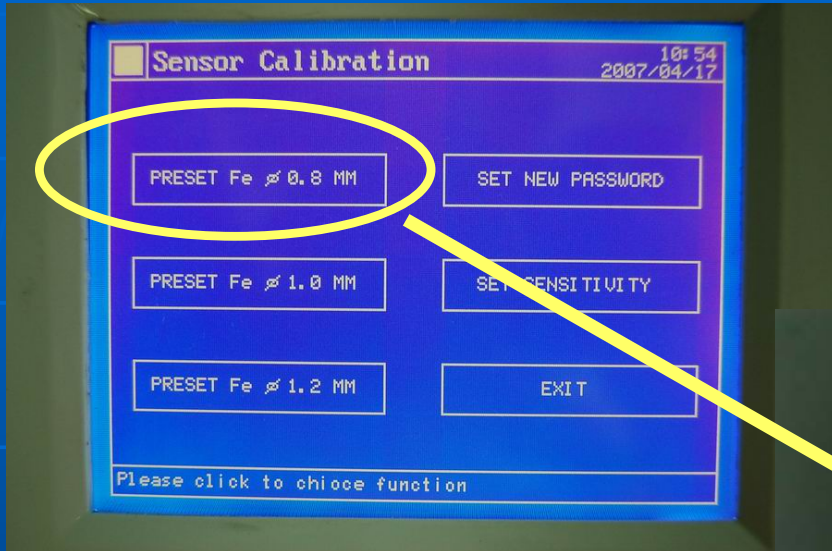
Threshold (1/4)



Enter password to
select sensitivity

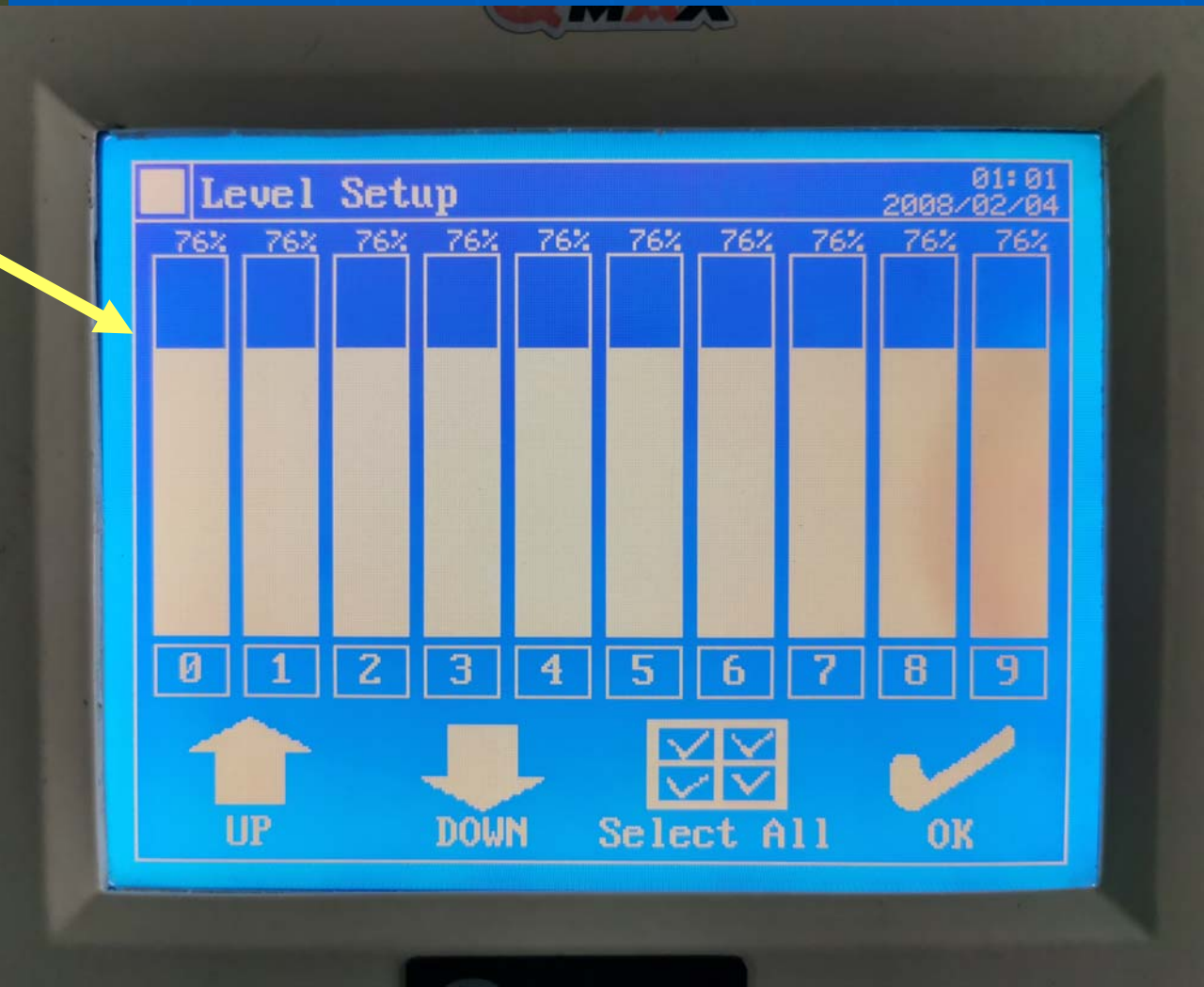
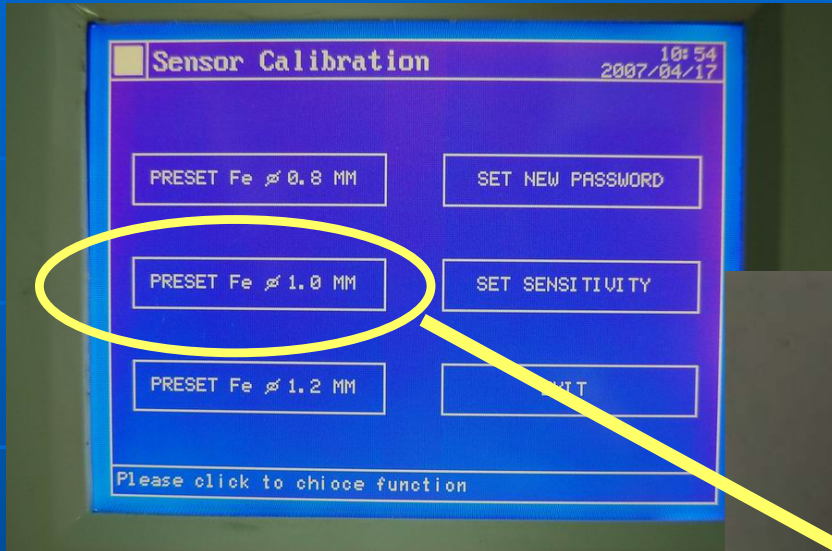


Threshold (2/4)



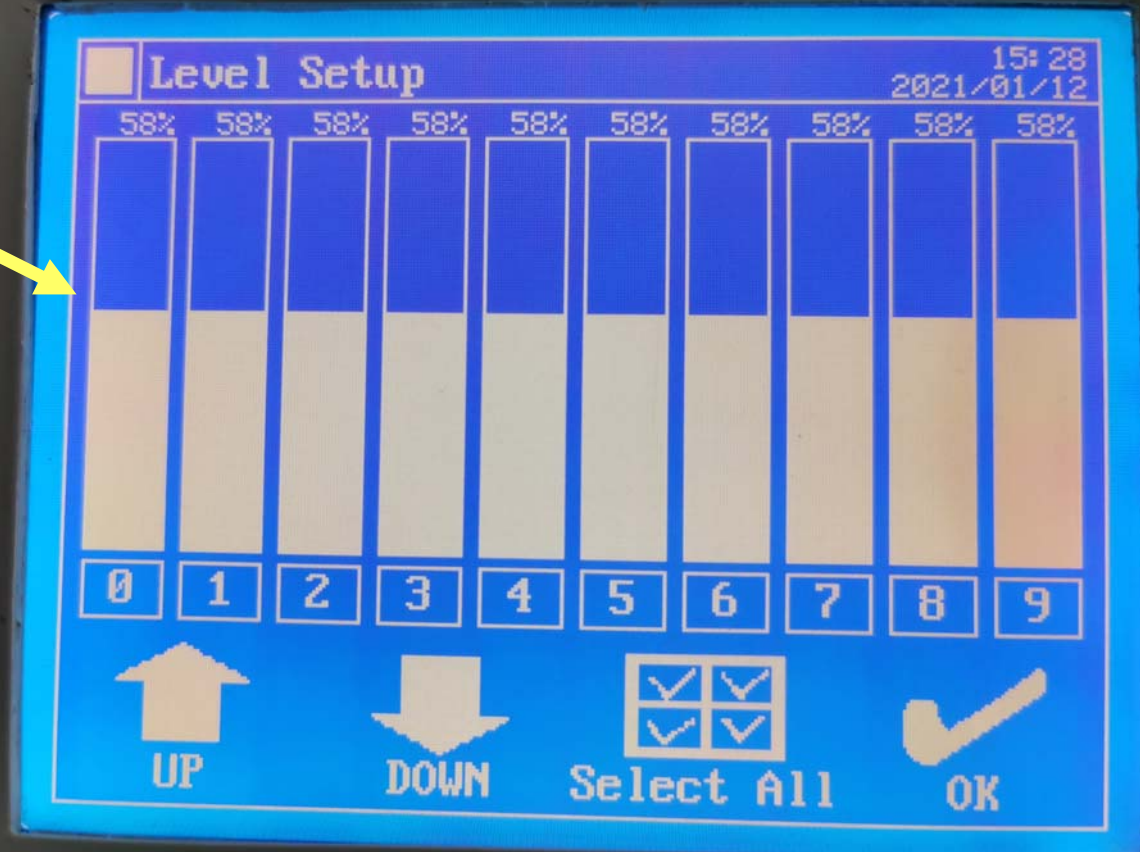
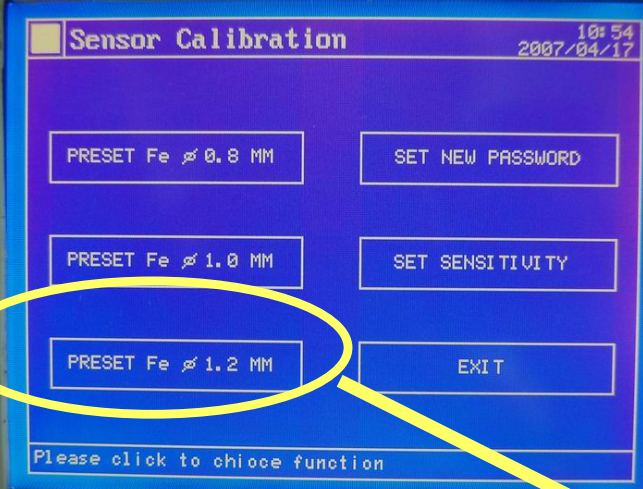
- selecting **0.8mm** to set threshold at **92%** level
- Allowing **8%** product signal to pass through without triggering the alarm

Threshold (3/4)



- selecting **1.0mm** to set threshold at **76%** level
- Allowing **24%** product signal to pass through without triggering the alarm

Threshold (4/4)



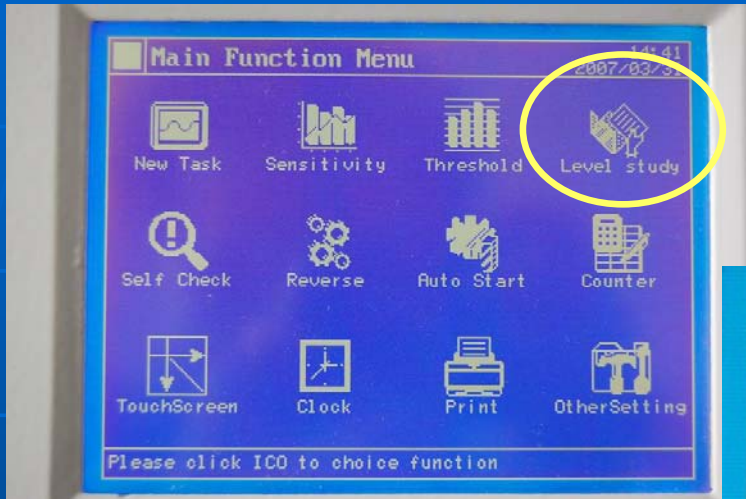
- selecting **1.2mm** to set threshold at **58%** level
- Allowing **42%** product signal to pass through without triggering the alarm

Threshold (VIDEO)

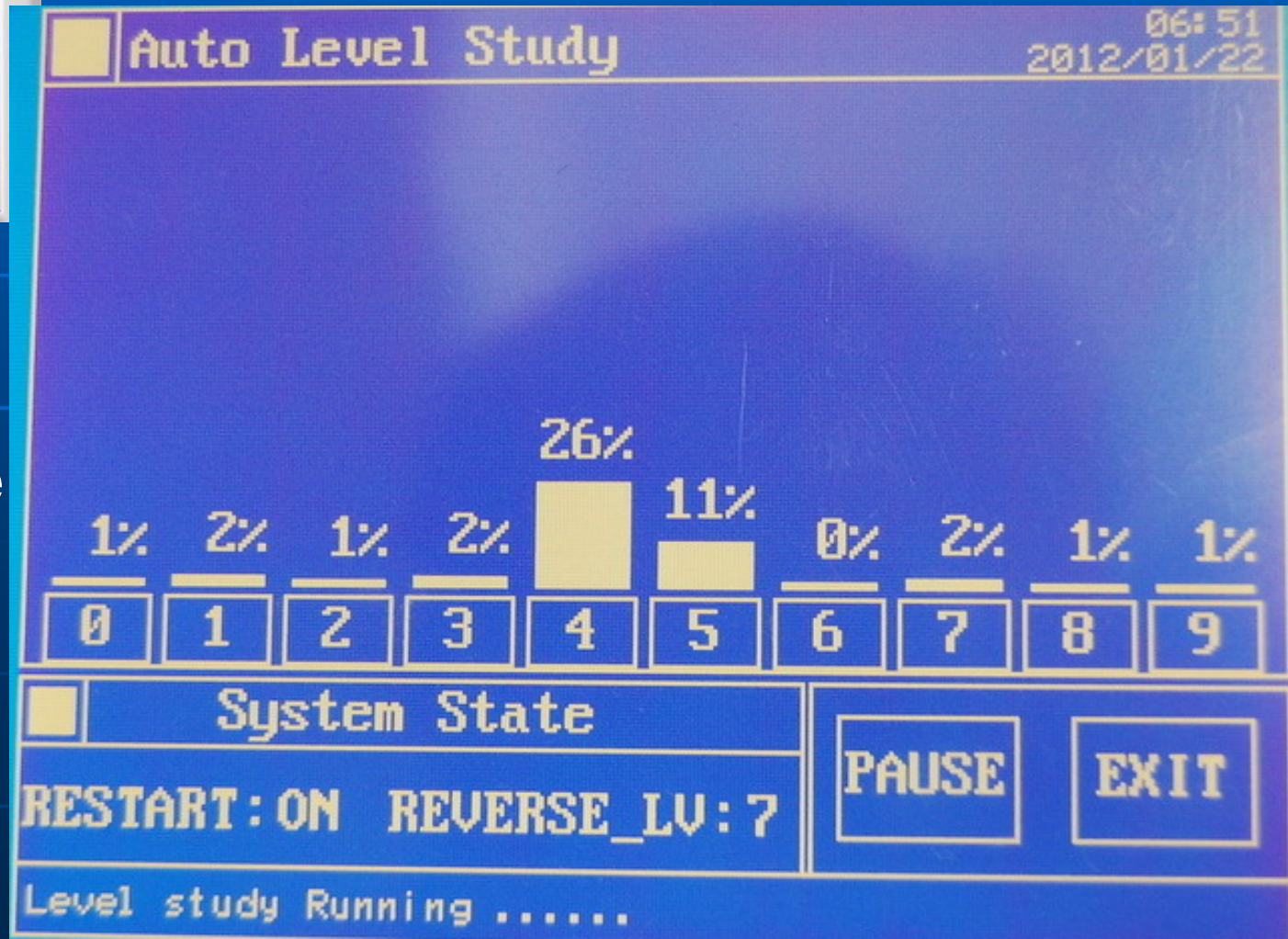
selecting different sensitivity to set threshold signal allowance



Level study (signal measuring)



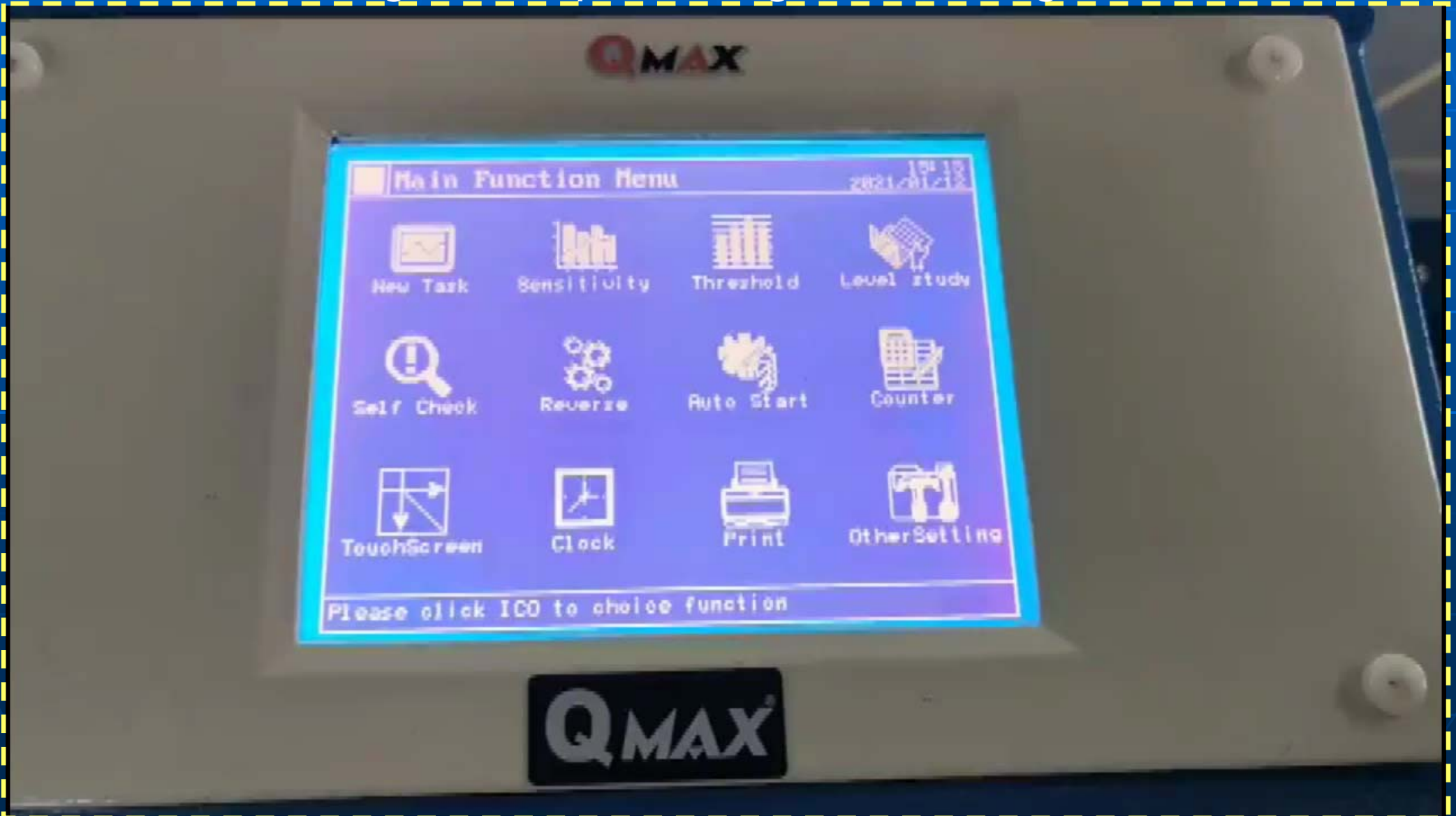
Presenting garment / trims / ferrous test card to measure the metal signal (%)



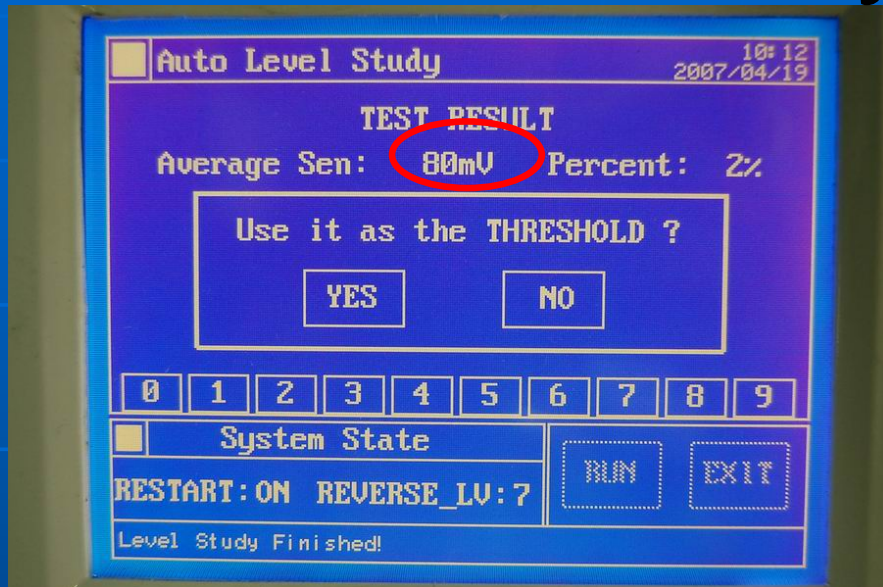
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Level study (VIDEO)

Different garment producing different signal level

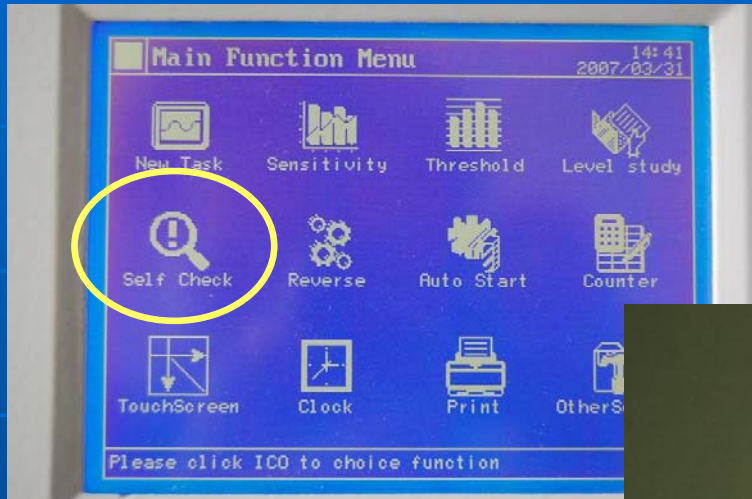


Level study (product learn)

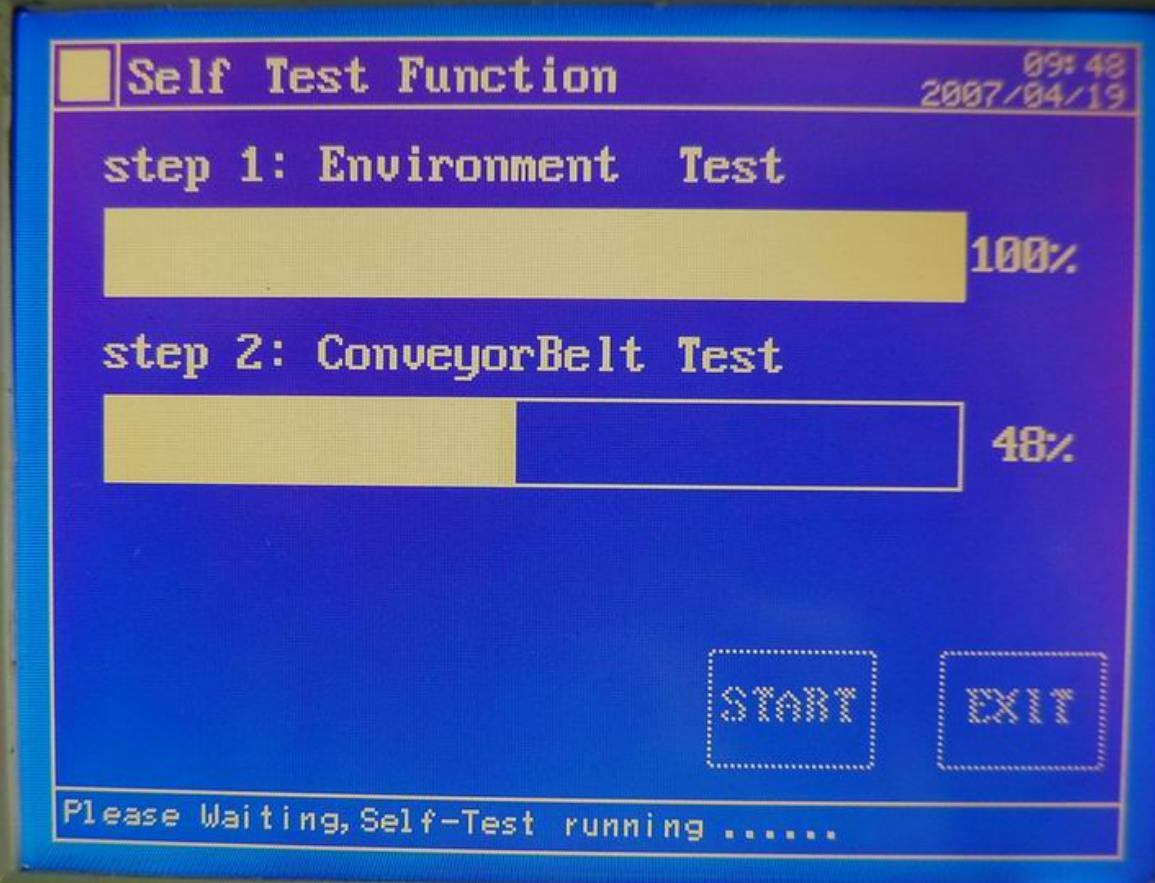


- If inherent product signal is relatively high, using “Product Learn” can set a new threshold.
- The garment will be scanned **three** times during the learning process.
- Ideal for **stone-washed** garment, denim, difficult accessories, or with relatively high inherent product signal.

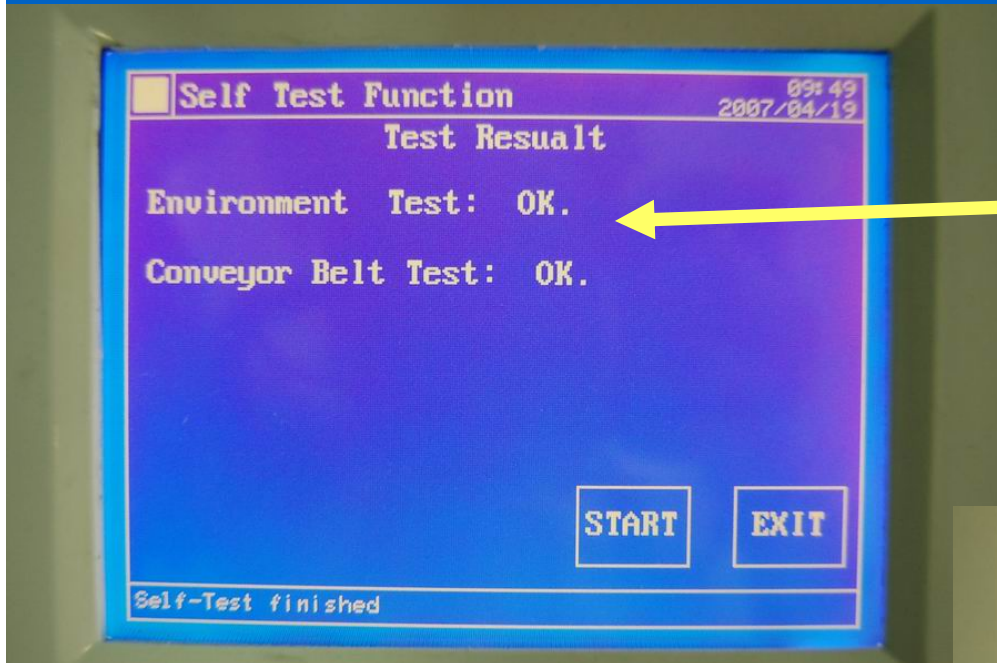
Self Check



Press START to activate (1) Environment Test & (2) Conveyor Belt Test



Self Check

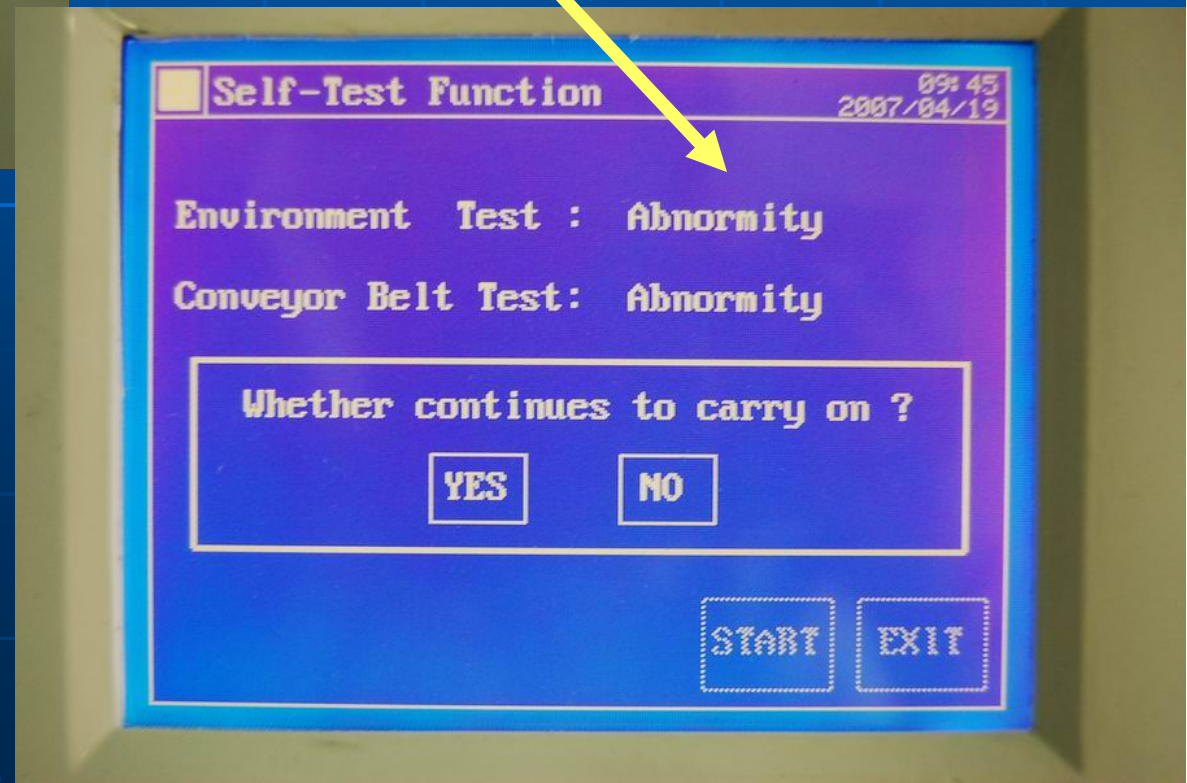


Two Results:

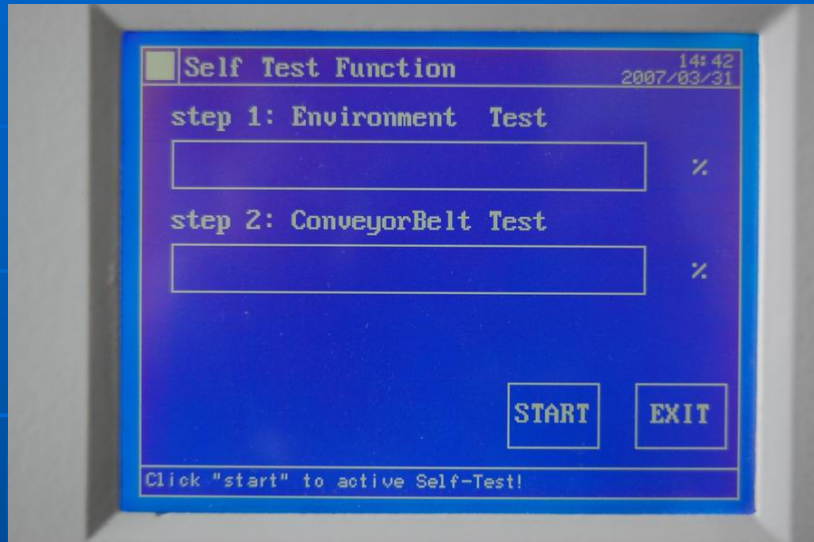
1. OK

2. Abnormity (=fail)

A yellow arrow points from the text '2. Abnormity (=fail)' to the 'Environment Test : Abnormity' line in the second screenshot.



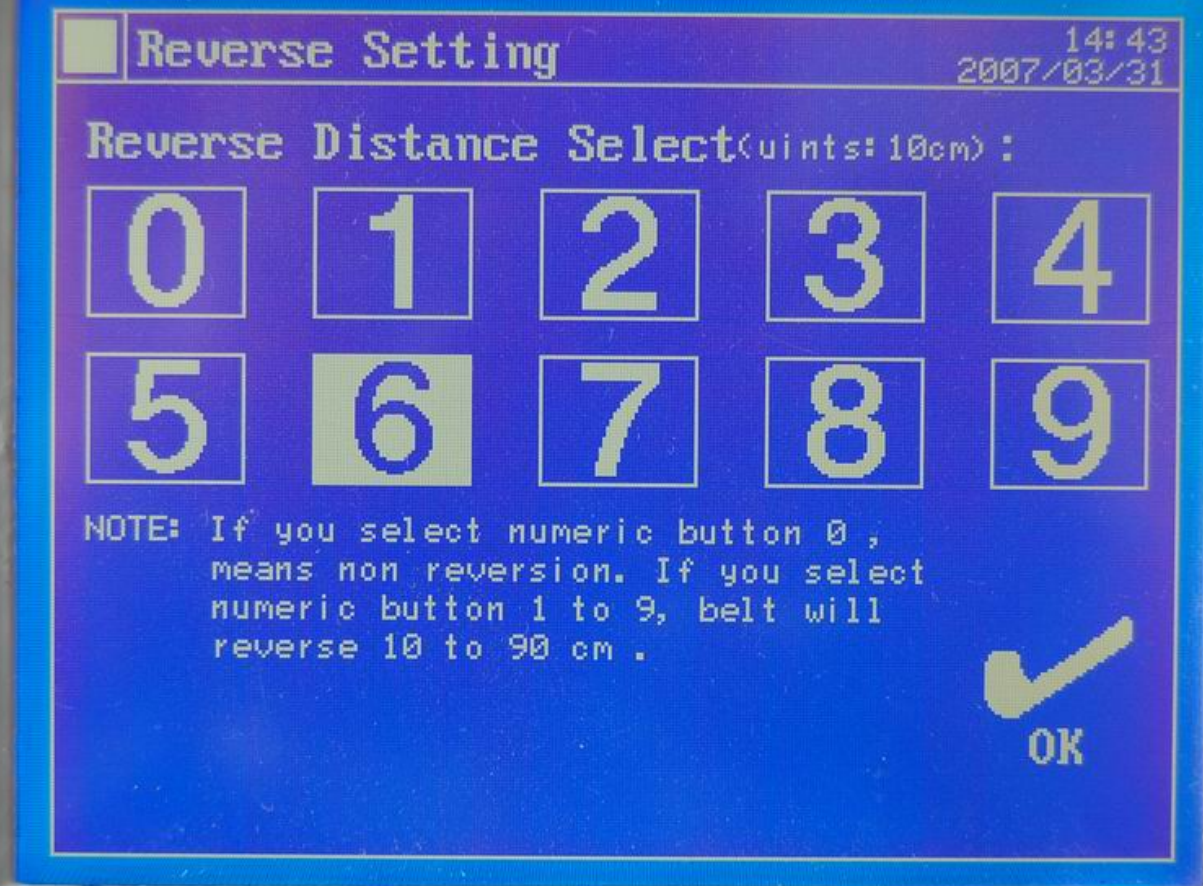
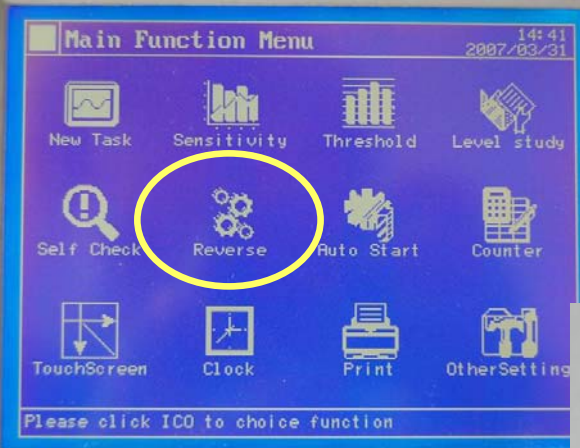
Self Check



- Self Test can be activated by user at anytime if needed
- Machine will carry out 2 tests:
 1. Environment Test
 2. Conveyor Belt Test

Reverse

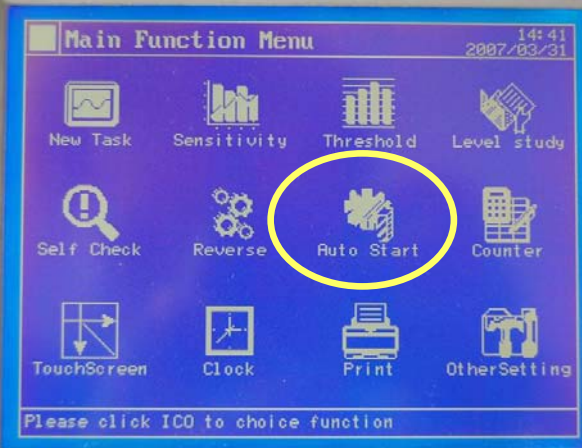
Default reverse distance is 60cm



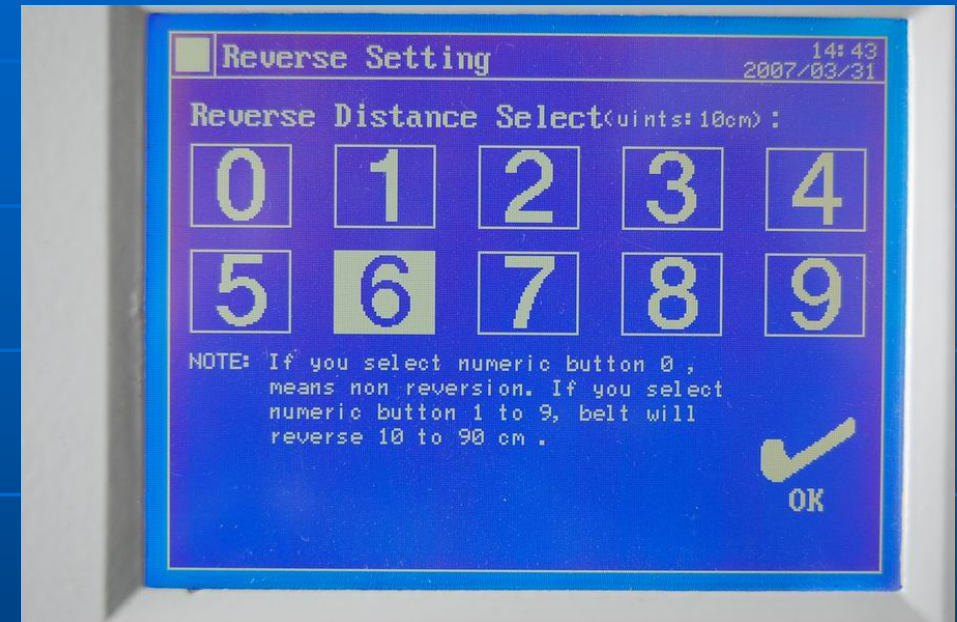
Auto Start

Default setting is YES [Y]

Select NO [N] to deactivate auto start



Auto Start & Auto-Retract

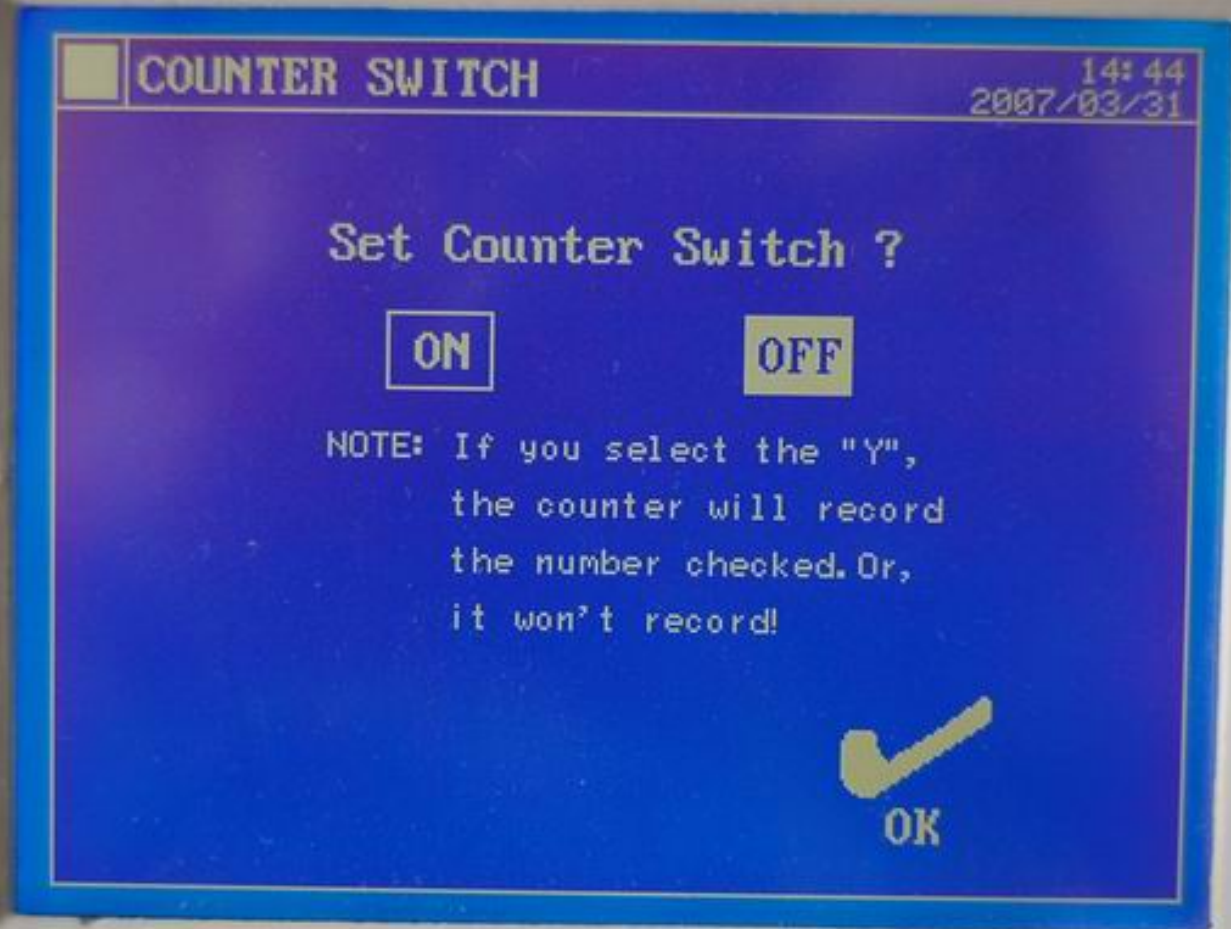
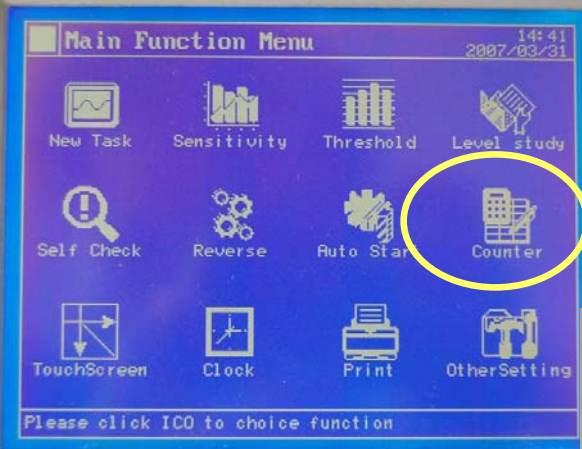


- Conveyor belt can be set to **auto-start** and / or **auto-retract**
- Help increase the productivity
- Belt speed: 32 m / min (50Hz)
- Hourly throughput : 2,000 pieces of garments

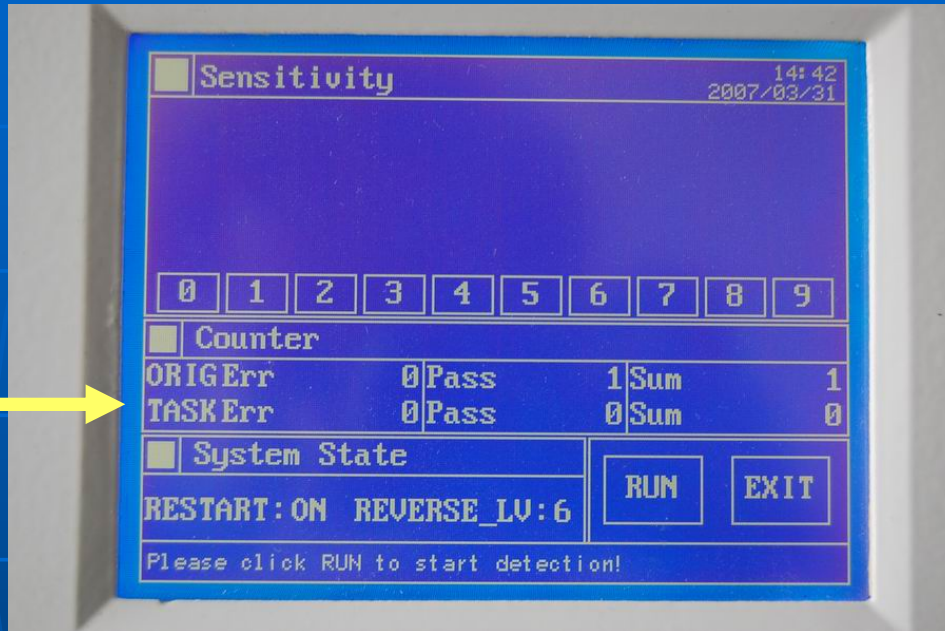
Counter

Default setting is ON

Select OFF to deactivate the counter.
Photo sensor will be turned off



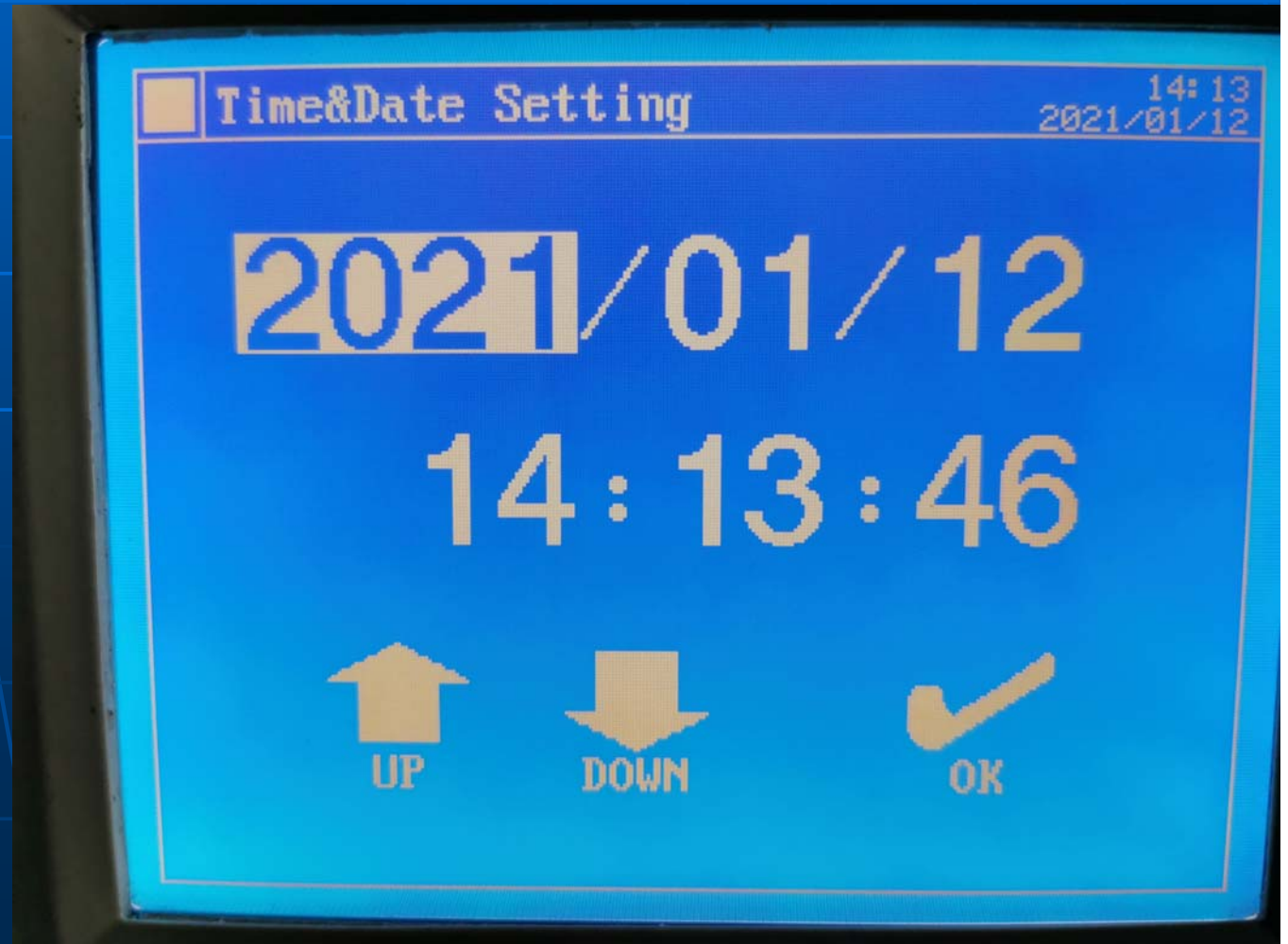
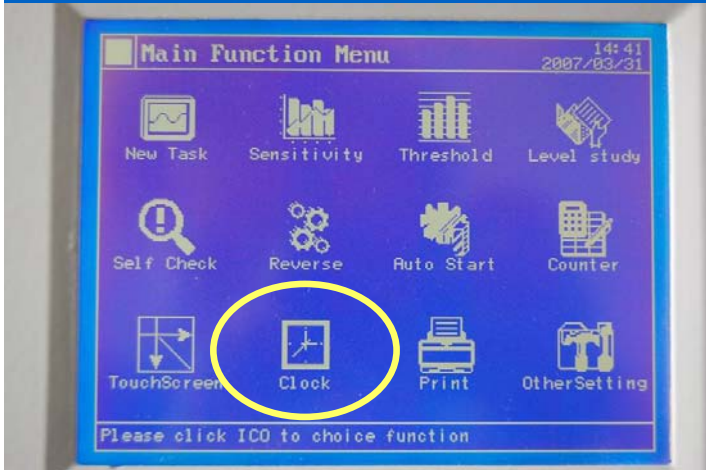
Counter



- No. of pieces PASSED (=PASS)
- No. of pieces DETECTED (=ERR)
- Total no. of pieces INSPECTED (= SUM)
- Record can be reset to zero at user's own choice
- Counter function can be switched OFF or ON at user's own choice

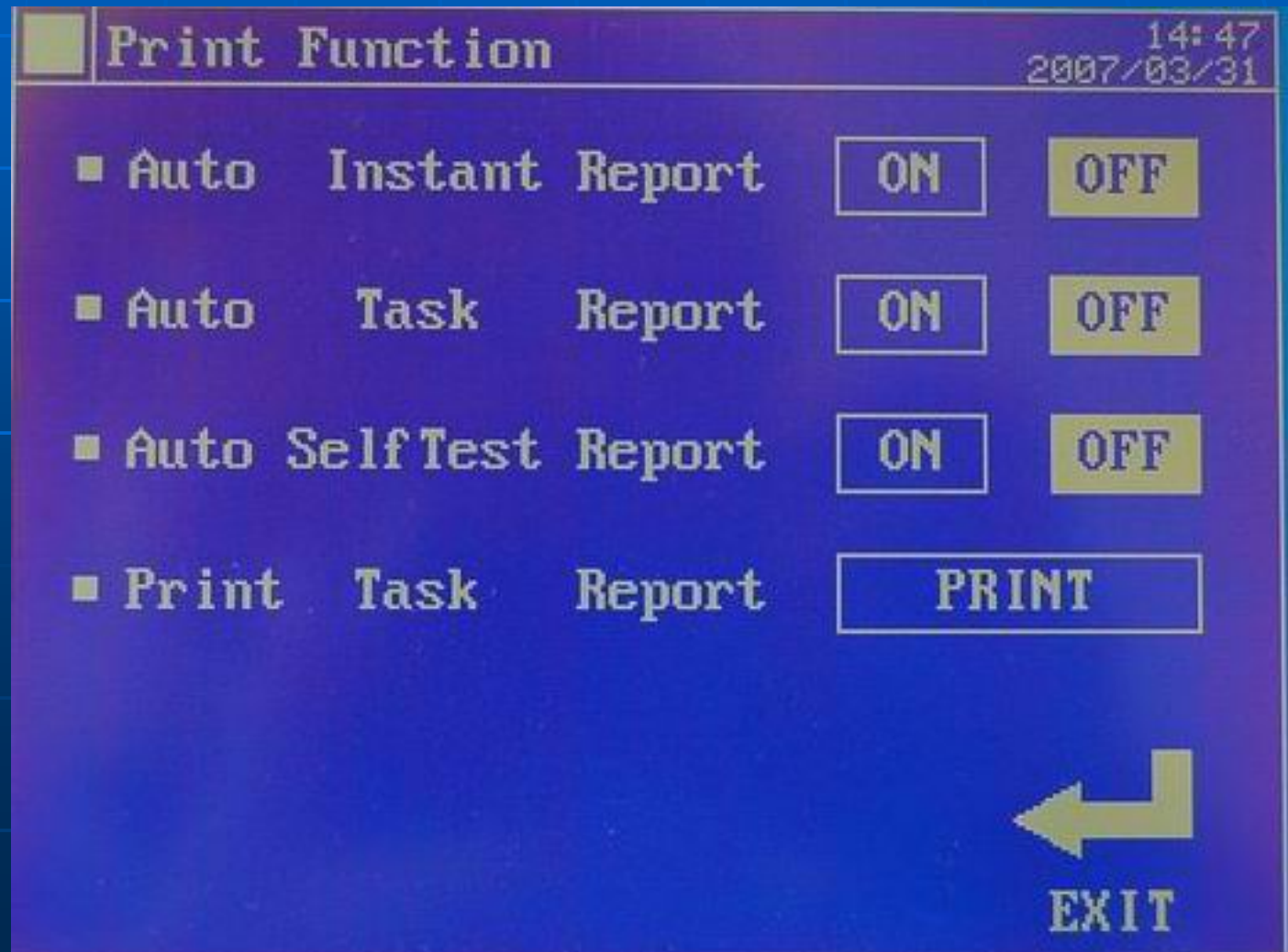
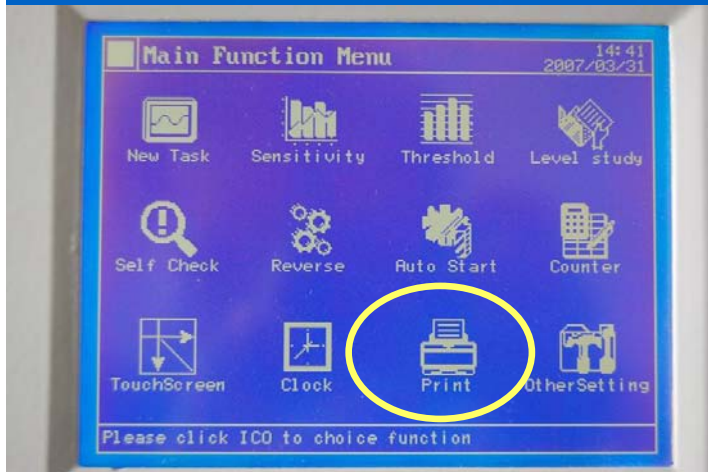
Clock

Press on the screen to select.
Press UP / DOWN to adjust.



Print

Press PRINT to produce a paper report



Print

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TASK REPORT

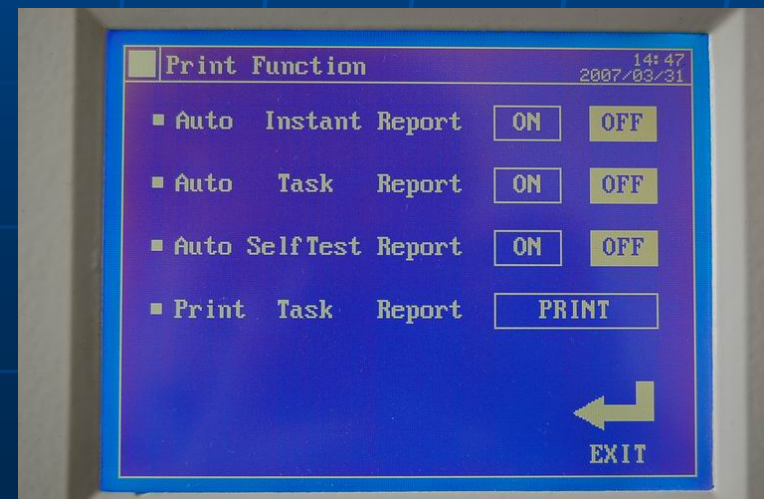
*****
TASK COUNTER
  Passed   :    285
  Detected :    15
  Total    :    300

ORIGINAL COUNTER
  Passed   :   1150
  Detected :    50
  Total    :   1200

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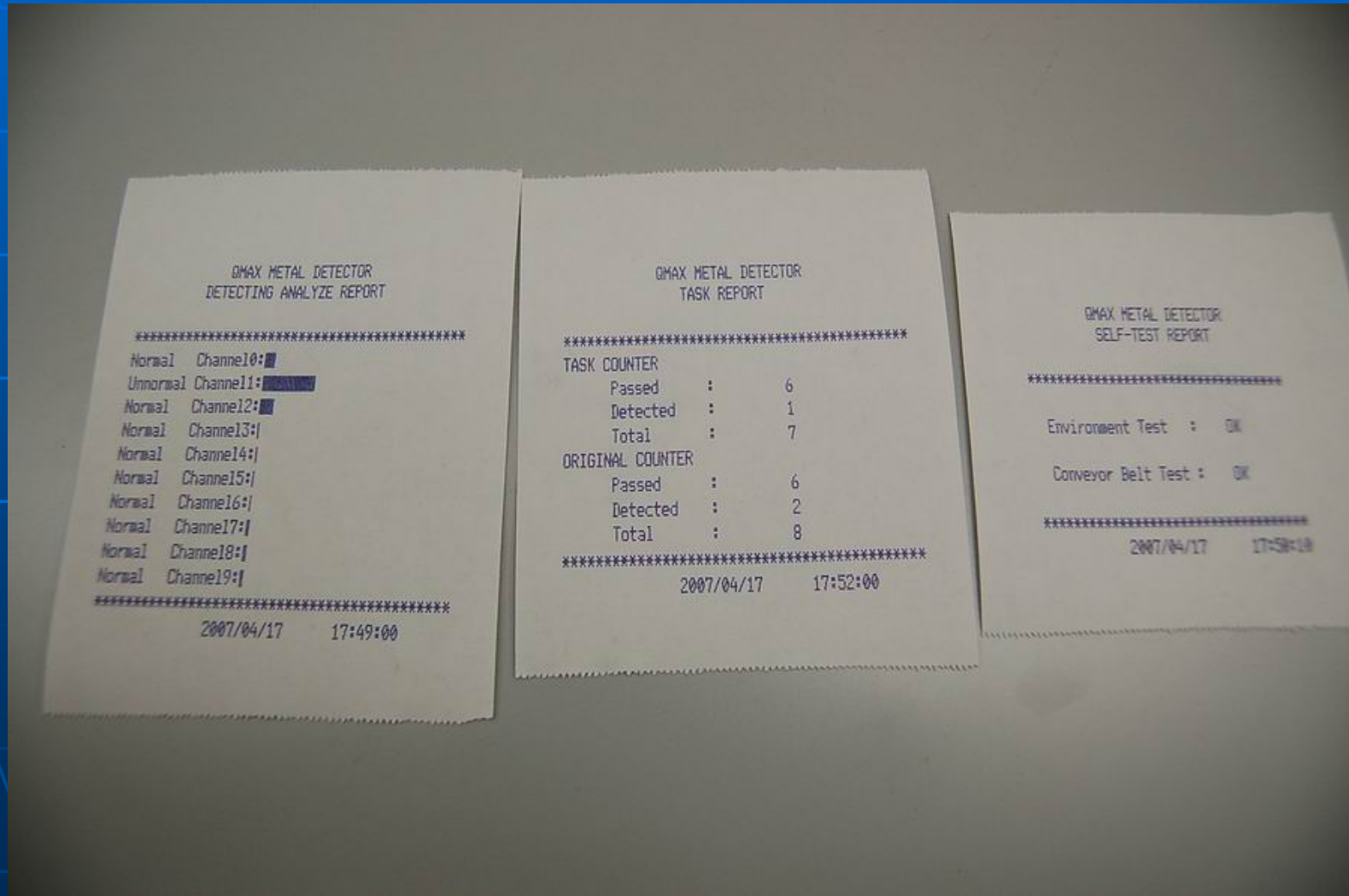


- Printer is included
- No driver installation needed
- Normal print paper roll
- Ideal for data management / QA monitoring



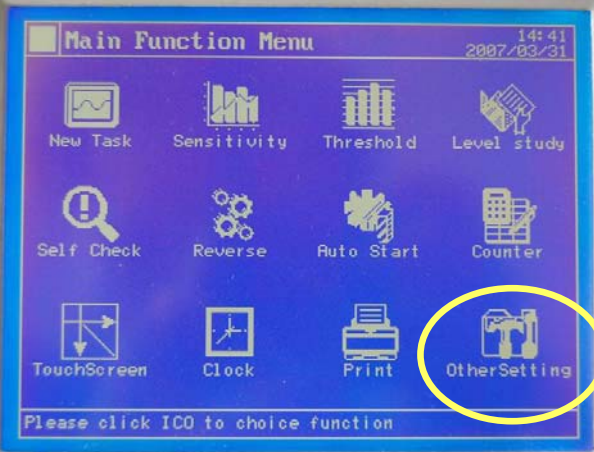
Print

Samples of Print Reports



Other Settings

1. Counter record to be cleared.
2. Timer calibration setting from 0 to 4 hours interval (seldom used)



9 Point Test

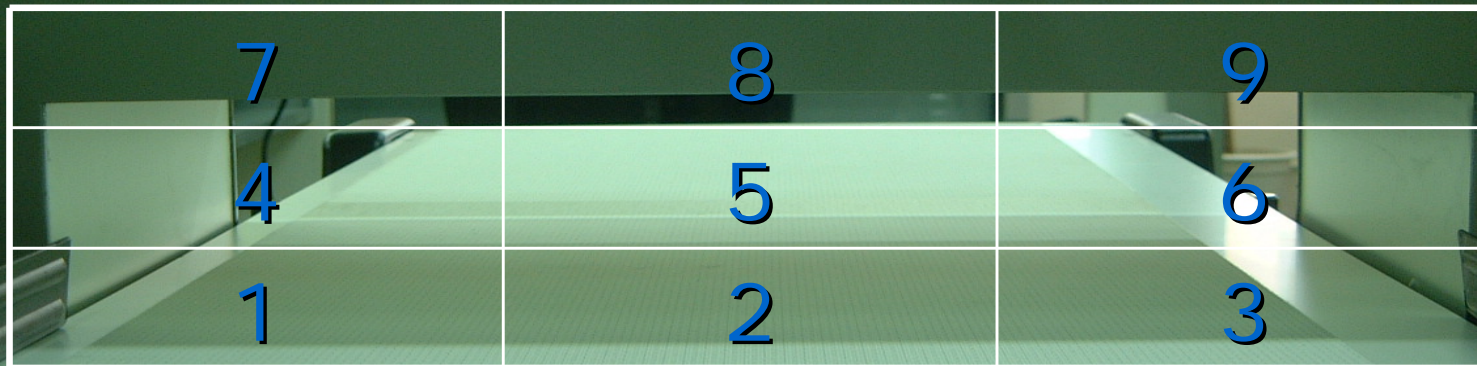
9-point Position

CROSS SECTION OF NEEDLE DETECTOR TUNNEL

TOP	A7	A8	A9
CENTRE	A4	A5	A6
BOTTOM	A1	A2	A3

9 Point Test

9-Point Position



7	8	9
4	5	6
1	2	3

**Different
position results
in different
metal signal**

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9 Point Test (VIDEO)

- Ferrous Test card & calibration block is used



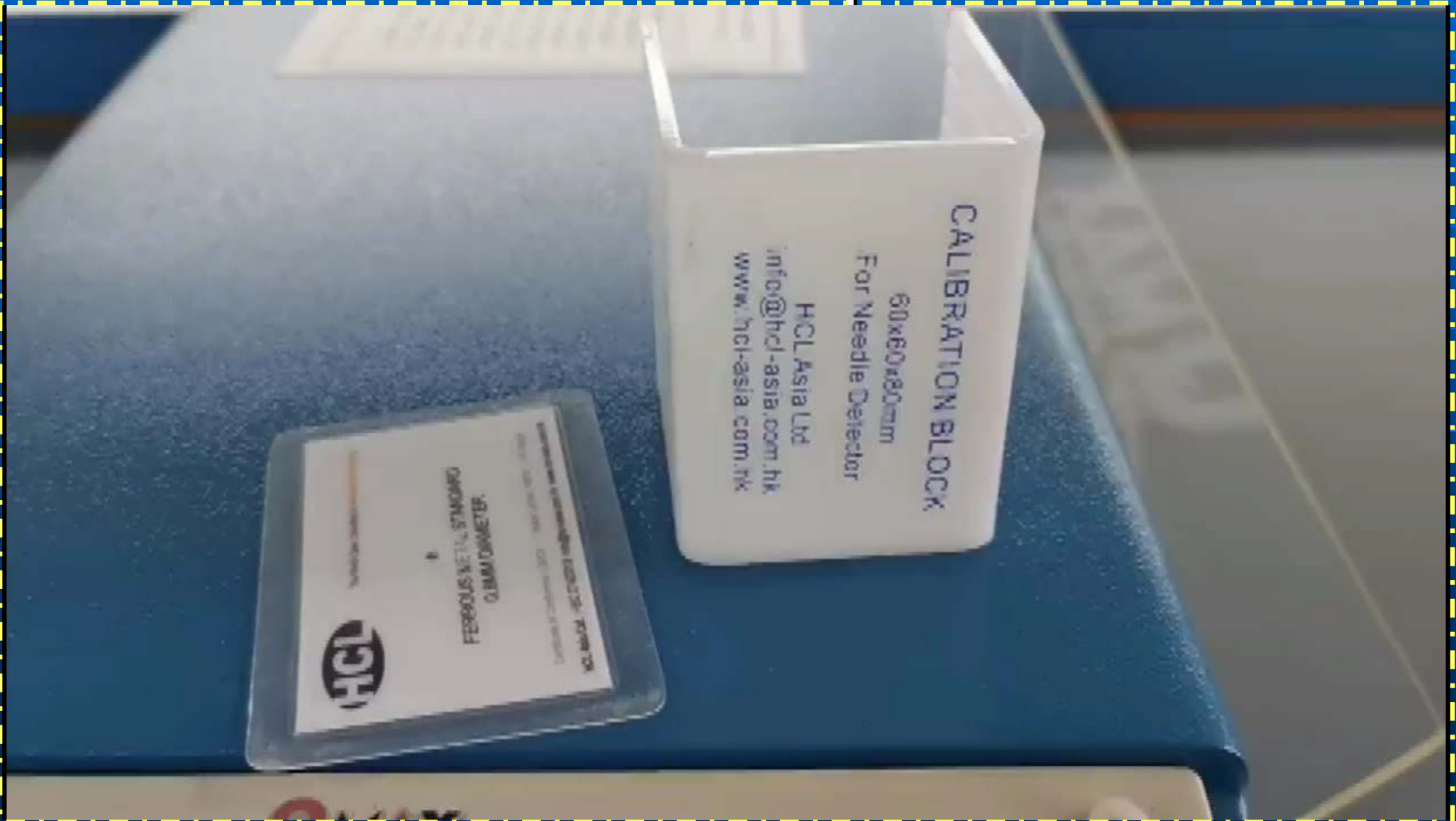
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9 Point Test (VIDEO)

- Ferrous test block is used



Different metal signal (video) at different point



Metal locator



- 10 detecting sensors (built-in from left to right naming from 0 to 9) across the aperture
- Needle fragment on the garment will be located
- LED indicator display (e.g., **3X** = Sensor #3) shows the needle position
- Handheld needle detector can be a supplementary tool

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Deactivating Counter

before calibration



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Product too close
to the detection head



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Handheld detector limitations



Trims ferrous signal

- **Inherent Ferrous Signal on garments**
 - Metal Component of Various Trims: Zipper, Buttons, Buckles, etc.
 - Heavy Metal Dye-Stuff (esp. in Black color, Dark Navy) on Fabrics or Plastics
 - Shape or structure of metal trims (e.g. Loop effect)
 - Mineral elements from Stonewash or Garment-wash
 - Re-cycled papers



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Trims ferrous signal (video)



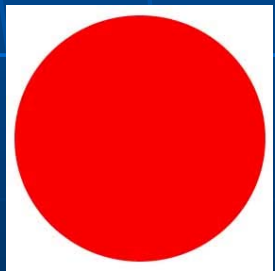
Ferrous Metal Standard

0.8mm / 1.0mm / 1.2mm

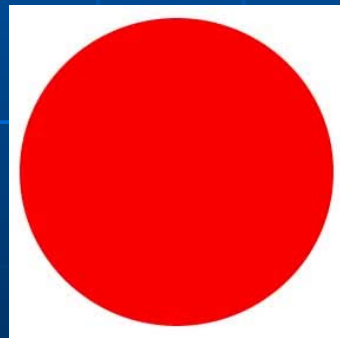


Ferrous Metal Standard

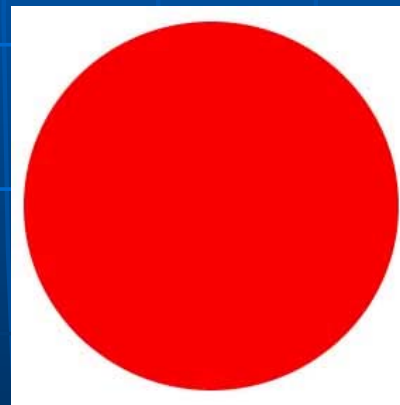
How different in % are their signals?



0.8mm



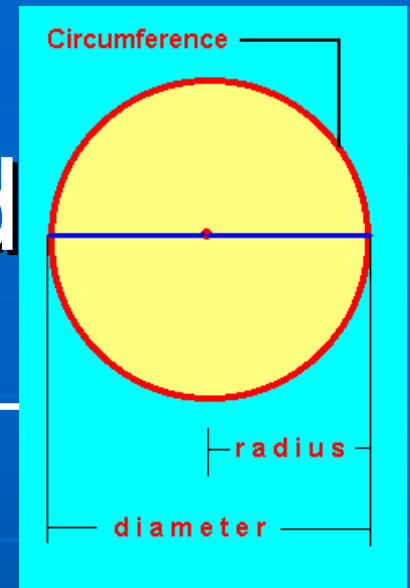
1.0mm



1.2mm



Ferrous Metal Standard



Metal Sphere Diameter (mm)	Sphere Volume* (mm ³)	Relative %**
0.8mm	0.27mm ³	52%
1.0mm	0.52mm³	100%
1.2mm	0.90mm ³	173%
1.5mm	1.77mm ³	340%

* Sphere volume = $\frac{4}{3} \cdot \pi \cdot r^3$

**100% = 0.52mm³

Aperture Size vs Sensitivity

Which aperture is more sensitive?

Tunnel [A] : 20cm H x 65cm W

Tunnel [B] : 10cm H x 65cm W



A

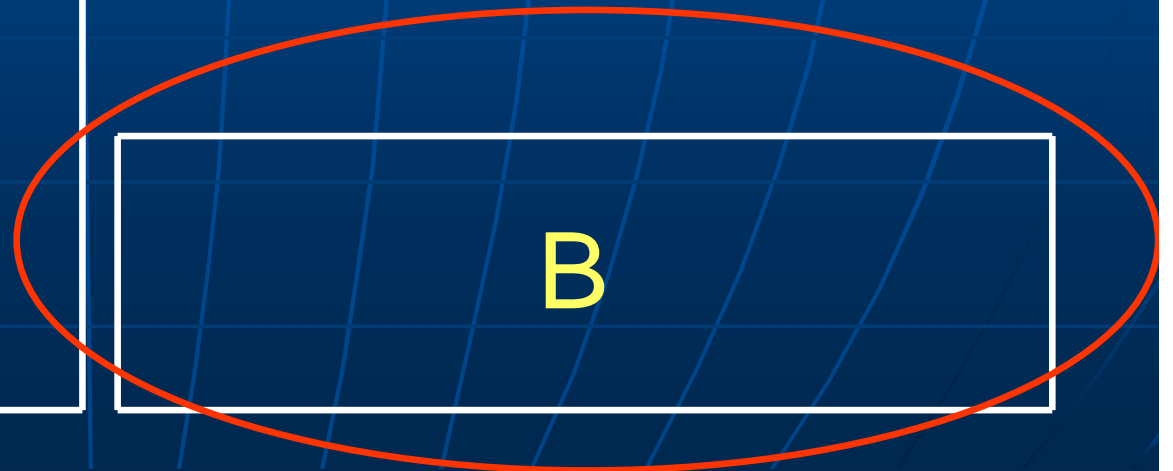
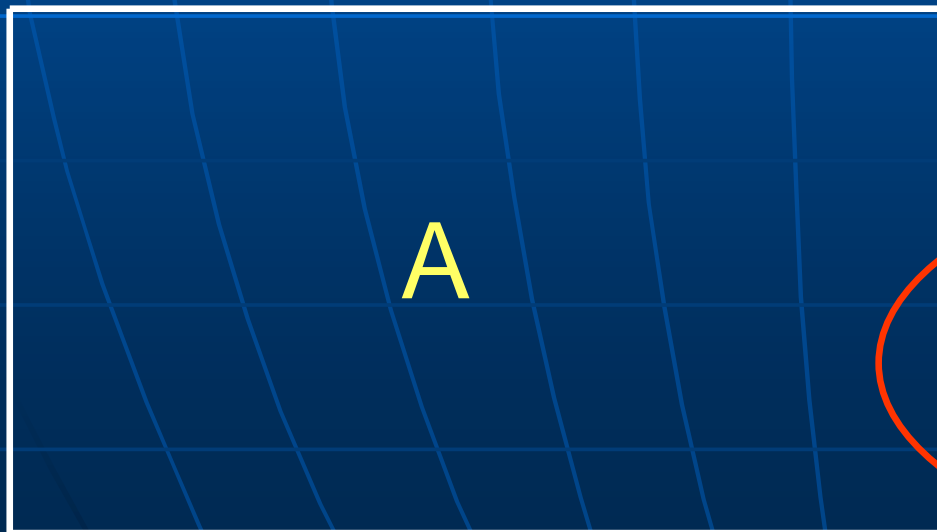
B

Aperture Size vs Sensitivity

Which aperture is more sensitive?

Tunnel [A] : 20cm H x 65cm W

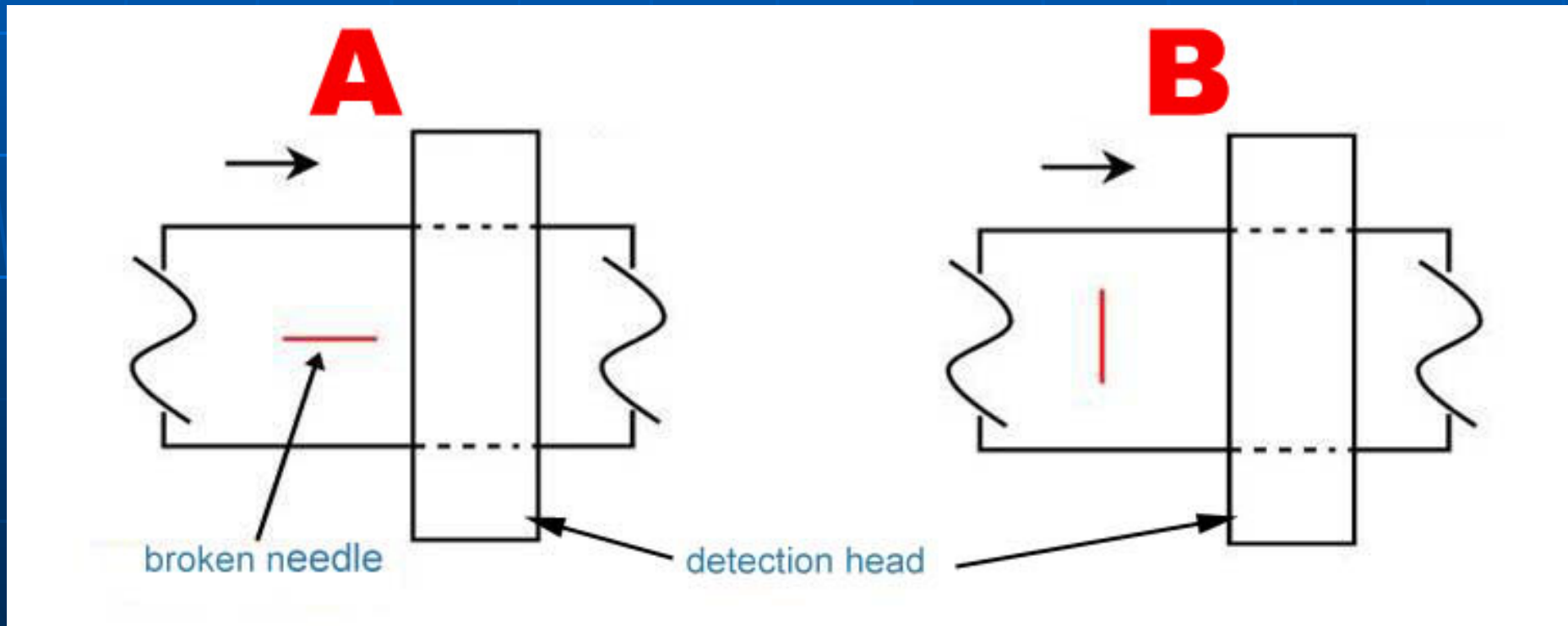
Tunnel [B] : 10cm H x 65cm W



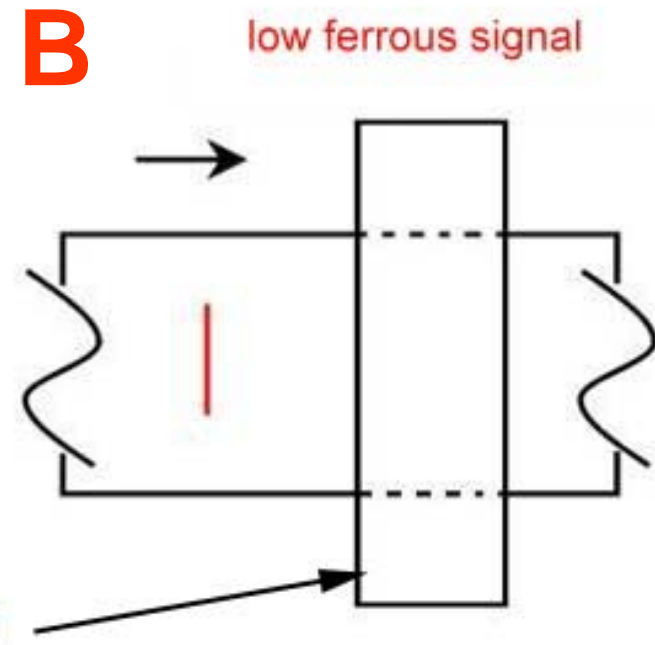
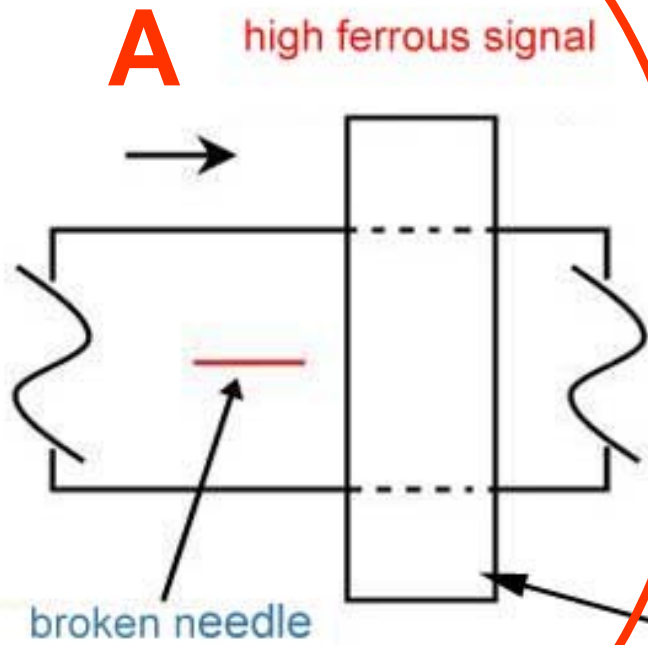
Needle Orientation



Which one produces higher signal?



Needle Orientation

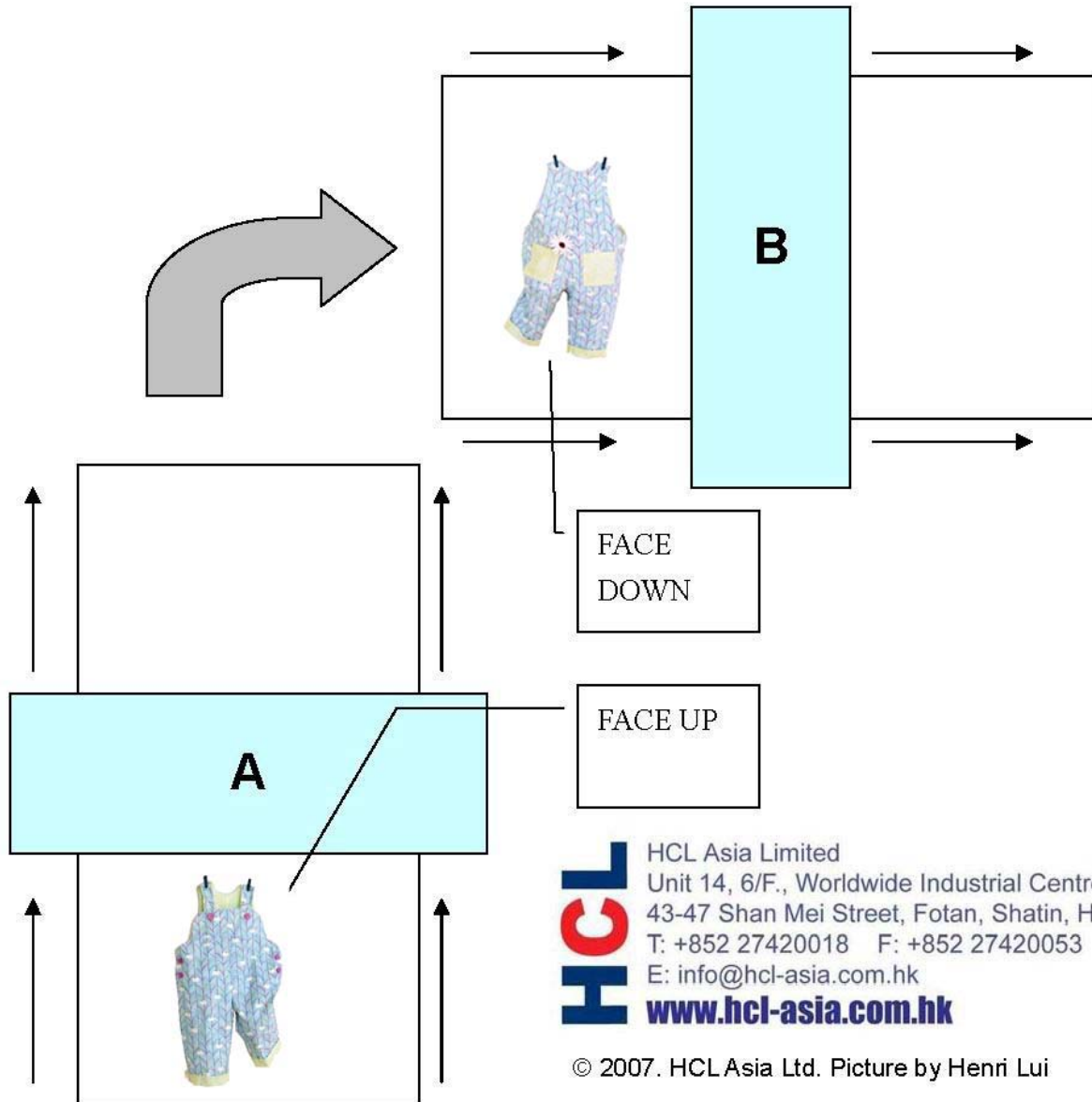


Double-Detection

- **1st Check** ✓
 - **Standard Checking** (minimum practice)
- **2nd Check** ✓✓
 - **Turn the garment 90° & “upside down”, then check again** (secure practice)

**** Double-Detection can greatly reduce the risk of un-checked items ****

Double-Detection



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Double-Detection

2nd time

1st time



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Double Detection



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