

INSTRUMENTATION AND FIELD INSTRUMENTS SERVICING

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Introduction

Instrumentation plays a critical role in ensuring stable, efficient, and safe industrial operations across sectors such as oil and gas, power generation, water treatment, and manufacturing. Accurate field instruments support process reliability, reduce operational risks, and help engineers maintain optimal production levels. This training course provides a deep and structured understanding of measurement principles, calibration techniques, field troubleshooting, and maintenance practices used in modern industrial plants.

Participants will explore how different instruments operate, how to detect performance deviations, and how to apply practical servicing techniques to keep systems running at peak efficiency. The course also introduces current industry standards and highlights real operational challenges faced by instrumentation technicians and engineers. Through this learning journey, participants gain the confidence to solve technical issues, improve system performance, and support their organizations with strong instrumentation knowledge.

Instrumentation and Field Instruments Servicing Course Objectives

- Understand the fundamentals of industrial instrumentation and measurement systems.
- Explain how sensors, transmitters, controllers, and final elements function within process control loops.
- Identify common field instrument types such as pressure, temperature, flow, and level devices.
- Apply correct calibration procedures using standard tools and reference equipment.
- Troubleshoot common faults in field instruments through structured diagnostic steps.
- Conduct preventive and corrective maintenance to improve reliability and extend instrument lifespan.
- Evaluate signal conditioning, wiring, and communication challenges, including HART and smart instrument protocols.
- Interpret technical drawings, P&IDs, and datasheets to support field servicing tasks.
- Enhance operational performance by improving measurement accuracy and reducing instrument downtime.



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Course Methodology

This course uses instructor-led presentations, technical demonstrations, practical case studies, and interactive discussions to support applied learning. Hands-on examples help participants understand real maintenance and troubleshooting processes.

Who Should Take This Course

- Instrumentation technicians
- Maintenance engineers
- Electrical and control engineers
- Process and operations personnel
- Supervisors responsible for plant reliability and instrumentation
- Anyone involved in instrumentation servicing and field troubleshooting

Instrumentation and Field Instruments Servicing Course Outlines

Day 1: Fundamentals of Instrumentation and Measurement Systems

- Introduction to instrumentation in industrial operations
- Measurement principles: accuracy, precision, range, sensitivity, linearity
- Understanding control loops: sensors, transmitters, controllers, final elements
- Types of industrial signals: analog, digital, pneumatic
- Overview of standard instrumentation documentation (P&IDs, loop diagrams)
- Basics of HART and smart instrument technologies
- Safety considerations when working with field instruments

Day 2: Field Instrument Types and Working Principles

- Pressure measurement instruments: strain gauge, differential pressure transmitters



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- Temperature instruments: RTDs, thermocouples, thermowells
- Flow measurement: orifice plates, magnetic flowmeters, turbine flowmeters, Coriolis meters
- Level instruments: differential pressure level, ultrasonic, radar, floats
- Understanding instrument selection criteria for different applications
- Installation best practices to improve measurement accuracy
- Reading and interpreting instrument datasheets

Day 3: Calibration Techniques and Testing Procedures

- Introduction to calibration standards and reference instruments
- Steps for calibrating pressure, temperature, and flow devices
- Zero, span, and linearity adjustment
- Loop calibration and simulation
- Using calibrators, multimeters, and process meters
- Recording calibration results and preparing reports
- Common calibration errors and how to avoid them

Day 4: Troubleshooting and Maintenance of Field Instruments

- Common field instrument problems and failure modes
- Diagnosing wiring and signal issues
- Troubleshooting pneumatic and digital communication faults
- Corrective maintenance vs. preventive maintenance
- Cleaning, checking, and replacing parts
- Identifying root causes using structured troubleshooting steps





- Testing instruments after servicing

Day 5: Advanced Servicing, Smart Instruments & Field Applications

- Working with smart transmitters and advanced diagnostics
- HART and Fieldbus communication basics
- Remote monitoring and online diagnostic tools
- Integration of field instruments with SCADA and control systems
- Improving reliability through predictive maintenance practices
- Case studies from oil & gas, power plants, and industrial facilities
- Final workshop: developing a servicing plan for instrument performance improvement

Conclusion

By successfully completing the Instrumentation and Field Instruments Servicing course with Gentex Training Center, participants gain strong technical knowledge in measurement systems, calibration, and troubleshooting. They will be able to maintain field instruments more efficiently, support reliable plant operations, and contribute to improved performance across industrial processes. This learning foundation enhances their ability to identify problems early, apply the right servicing techniques, and ensure high-quality measurement standards in their organizations.