



OPERATOR MANUAL



IDENTIFICATION DATA OF THE MANUFACTURER

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READER UNIT

Code	Model
020410	TQA

STATIC TRANSDUCERS

Code	Model	Torque range	Accuracy
023001/I	KTI1	0.05 - 1 Nm	± 2 cNm
023005/I	KTI5	0.3 - 5 Nm	± 4 cNm
023020/I	KTI20	0.5 – 20 Nm	± 10 cNm
023050/I	KTI50	2 - 50 Nm	± 20 cNm
023100/I	KTI100	5 – 100 Nm	± 40 cNm

ROTARY TRANSDUCERS

Code	Model	Torque range	Accuracy
021406/R5	KTE5 + 020079	0.5 – 5 Nm	± 4 cNm
021406/R25	KTE25 + 020079	2 - 25 Nm	± 12,5 cNm
021406/R50	KTE50 + 020079	5 – 50 Nm	± 20 cNm
021406/R100	KTE100 + 020079	10 – 100 Nm	± 40 cNm

DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY



KOLVER S.r.l. declares that the new tool here described: control unit model KDU-1A is in conformity with the following standards and other normative documents: 2006/42/CE, LVD 2014/35/UE, EMCD 2014/30/UE, EN 62841-2-2:2014, EN 62841-1: 2015, EN 60204-1, EN 61000-6-2, EN 61000-6-4.

It is also in conformity with RoHS III normative (2011/65/UE and following 2015/863).

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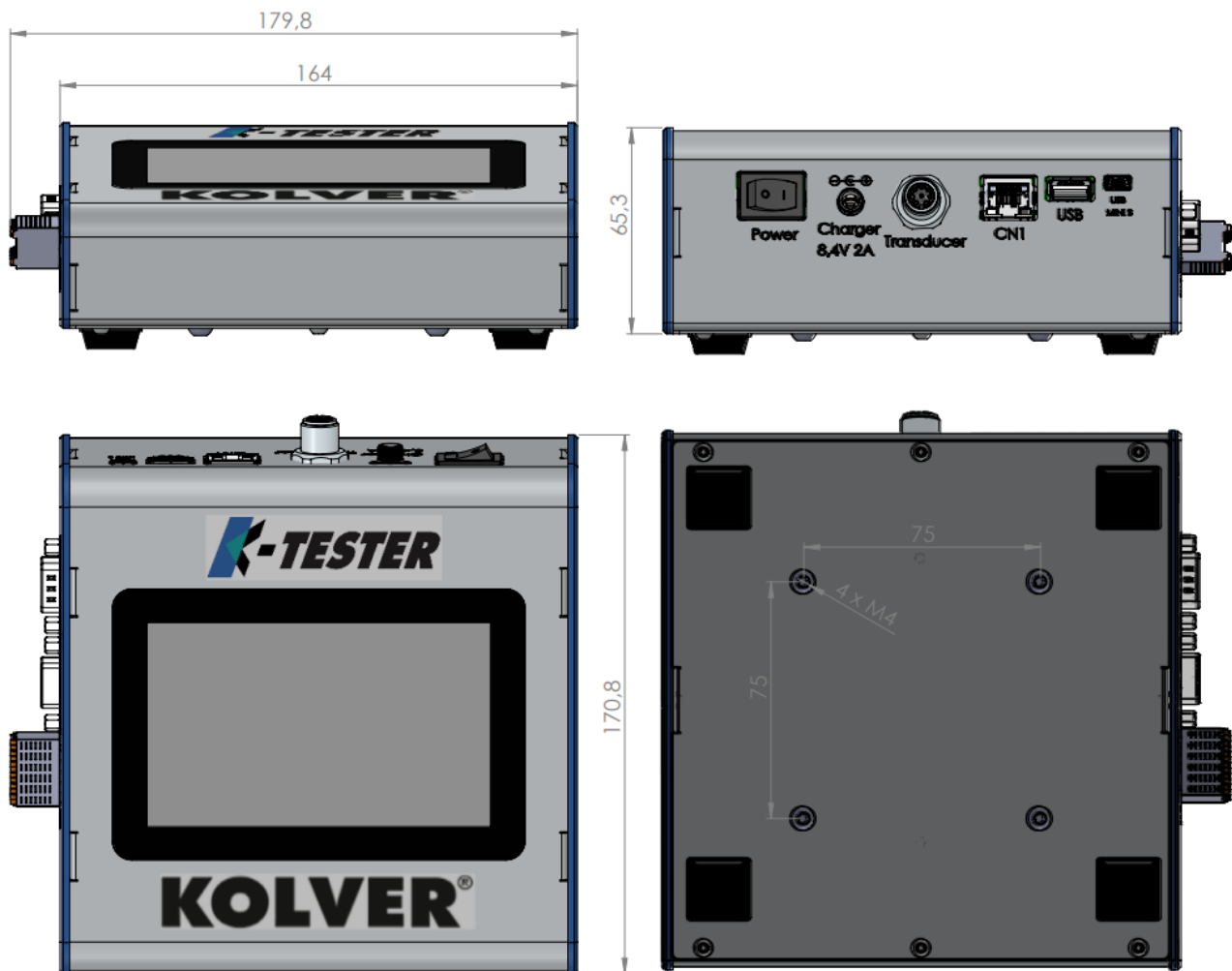
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INSTALLATION

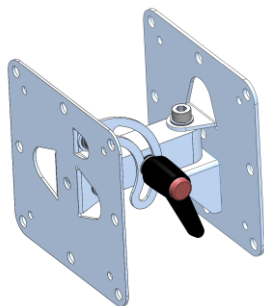
Reader mounting

The K-TESTER unit is free-standing. It can be wall mounted via 4x M4x8mm screws in the back.



Also available separately:

- vertically and horizontally adjustable bracket (part number 010401)
- swivel table stand (part number 010402)

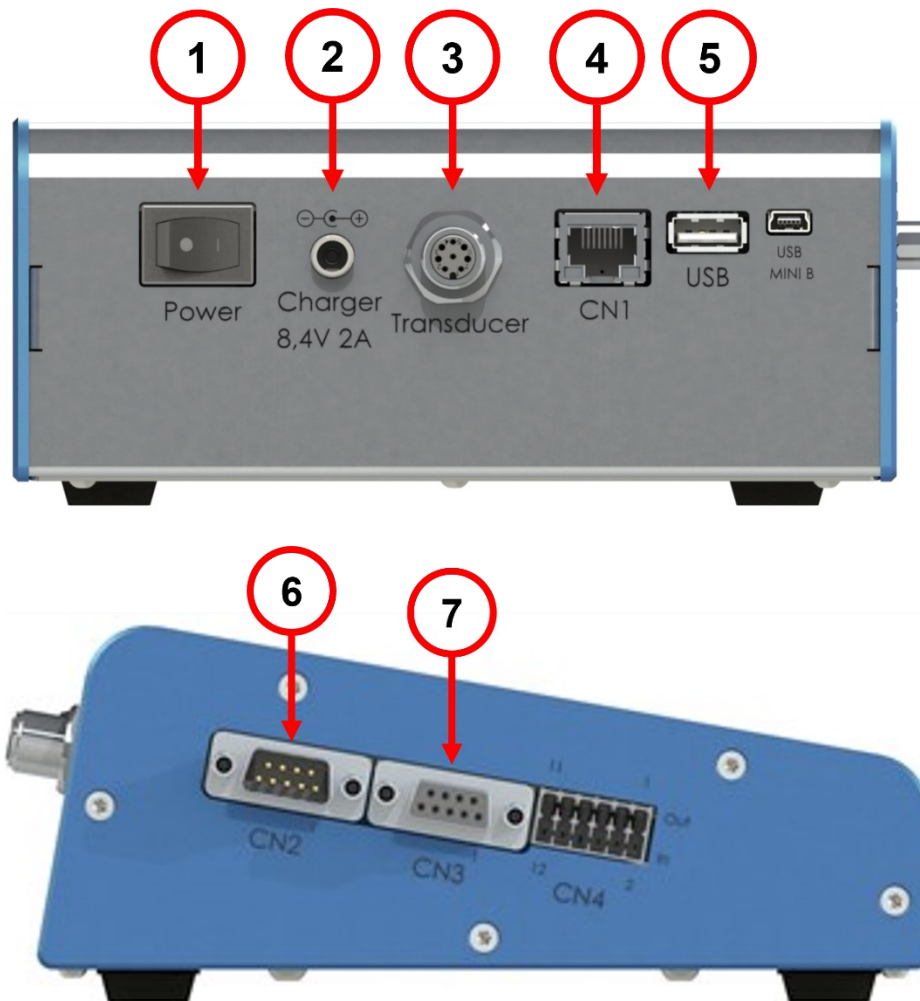


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010402

Connectors



1. Power On/Off

2. Charger (ONLY USE ORIGINAL CHARGER)

Only use the original power adapter / charger included with the K-TESTER to power the K-TESTER unit and charge the internal Li-Ion battery. Kolver is not responsible for damages or injuries arising from using a third-party charger.

The K-TESTER is powered by an internal Li-Ion battery. As such, it should be stored in a climate-controlled environment, away from sources of heat, humidity, and vibration. The included charger can power the unit and charge the battery at the same time. When fully charged, the battery can power the unit for approximately 10 hours. Charge time is 4-5hr.

3. Transducer

To connect to a KTI transducer or KTEI box (part number 020079) for KTE rotary transducers.



K-TESTER with KTI transducer



K-TESTER with KTEI board and KTE rotary transducer

4. Ethernet

To connect to the K-Torque-Analyzer software.

5. USB

Plug in a FAT32 formatted flash drive to automatically save torque results, report, as well as backup or restore all settings.

6. Serial male DB9

To connect a barcode scanner for program recall or serial number tracking. See [Connecting a barcode scanner](#).

7. Serial female DB9

To connect a serial printer, PLC, or other device and receive results.

Serial port parameters: RS232 – 9600 baud – 8 data bits – 1 stop bit – no parity

8. CN4 Digital I/O

Digital I/O to connect Screw OK/NOK signals on a PLC or other device.

Transducers and Joint Simulators

KTI transducers

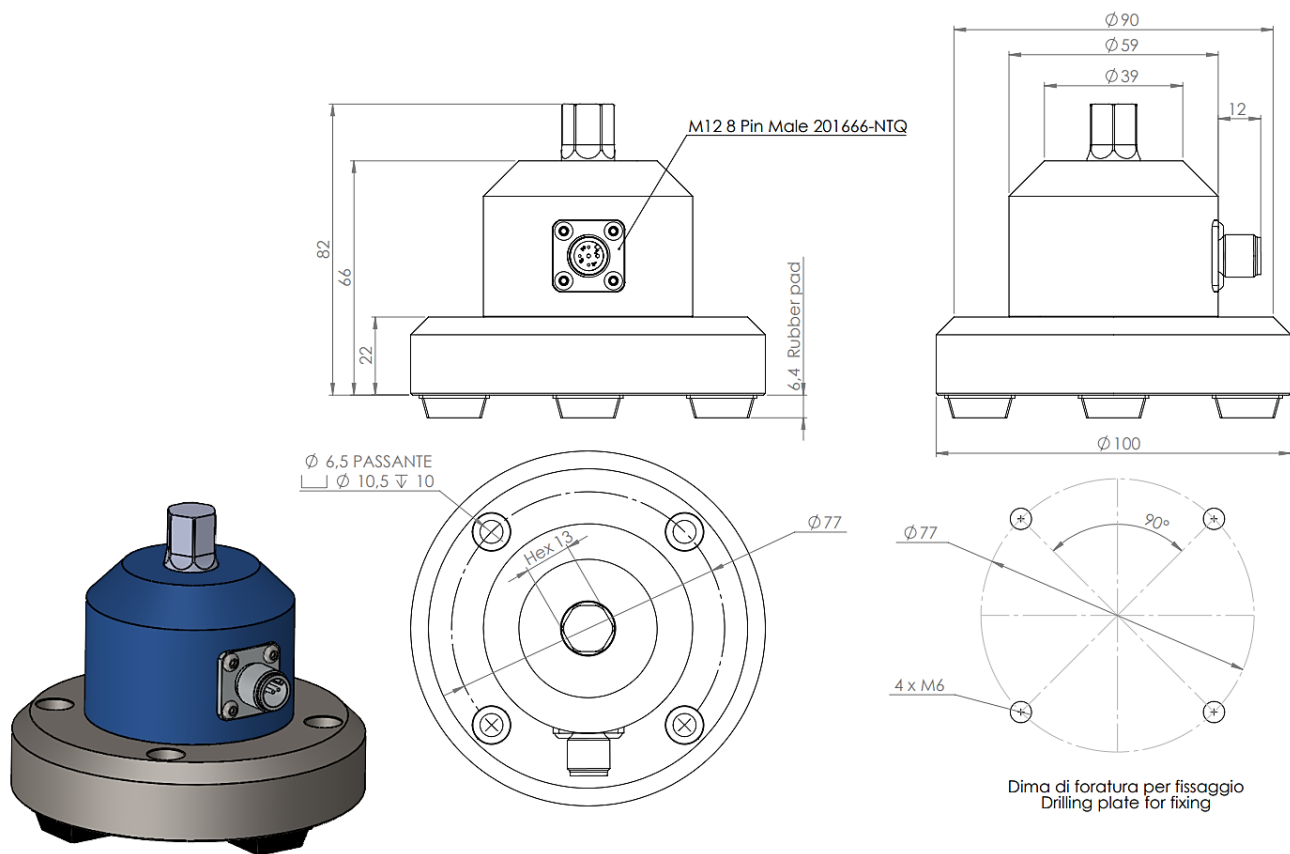
Securely fix the KTI transducer to the work area via the four fixing holes.

Never use a KTI transducer without having it securely fixed to the work surface.

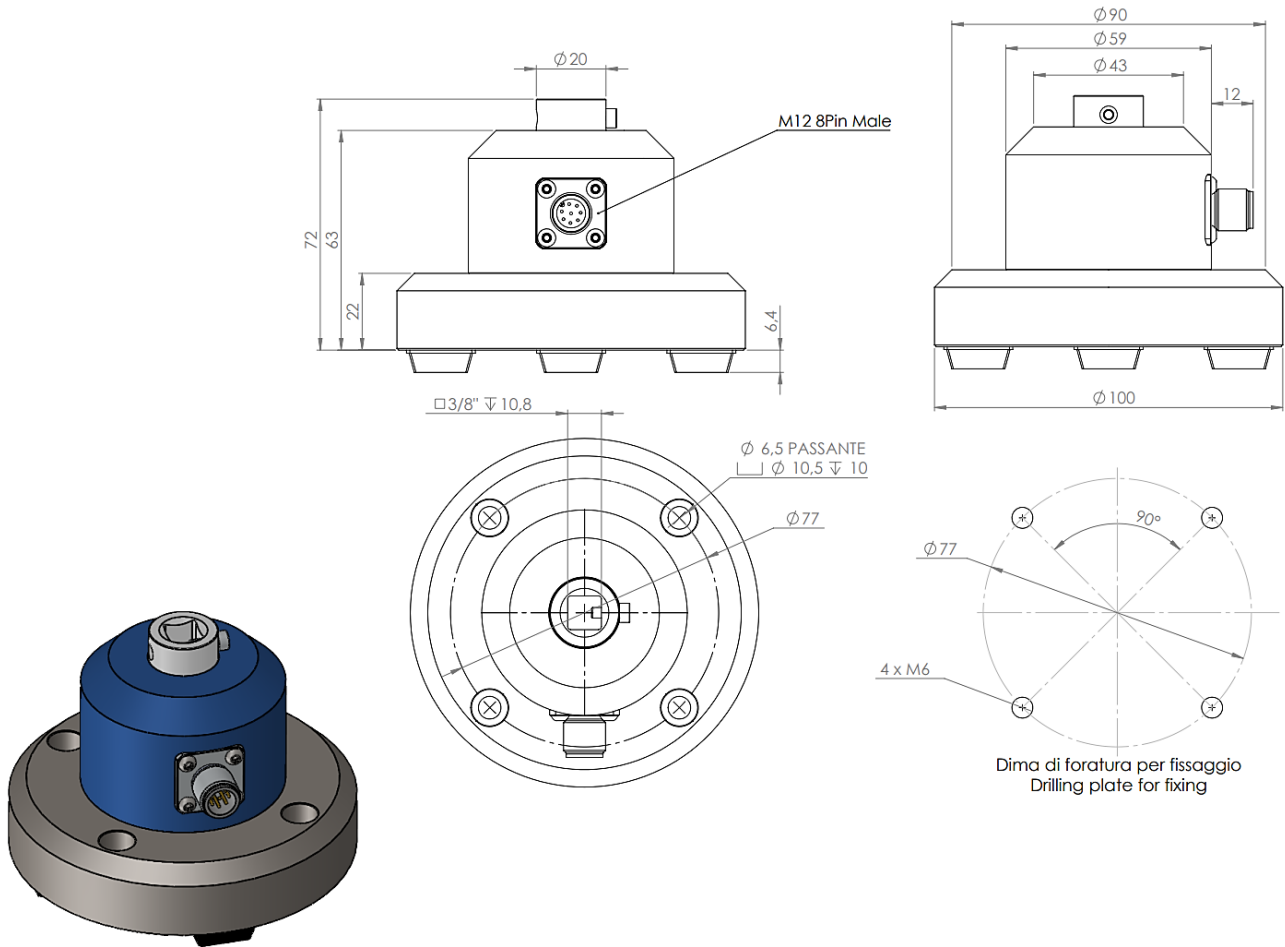
Even a low power tool can deliver enough torque to spin an unsecured KTI transducer on its axis, potentially injuring personnel and/or damaging the unit.

The rubber feet/pads can be removed to fix on a benchtop or plate.

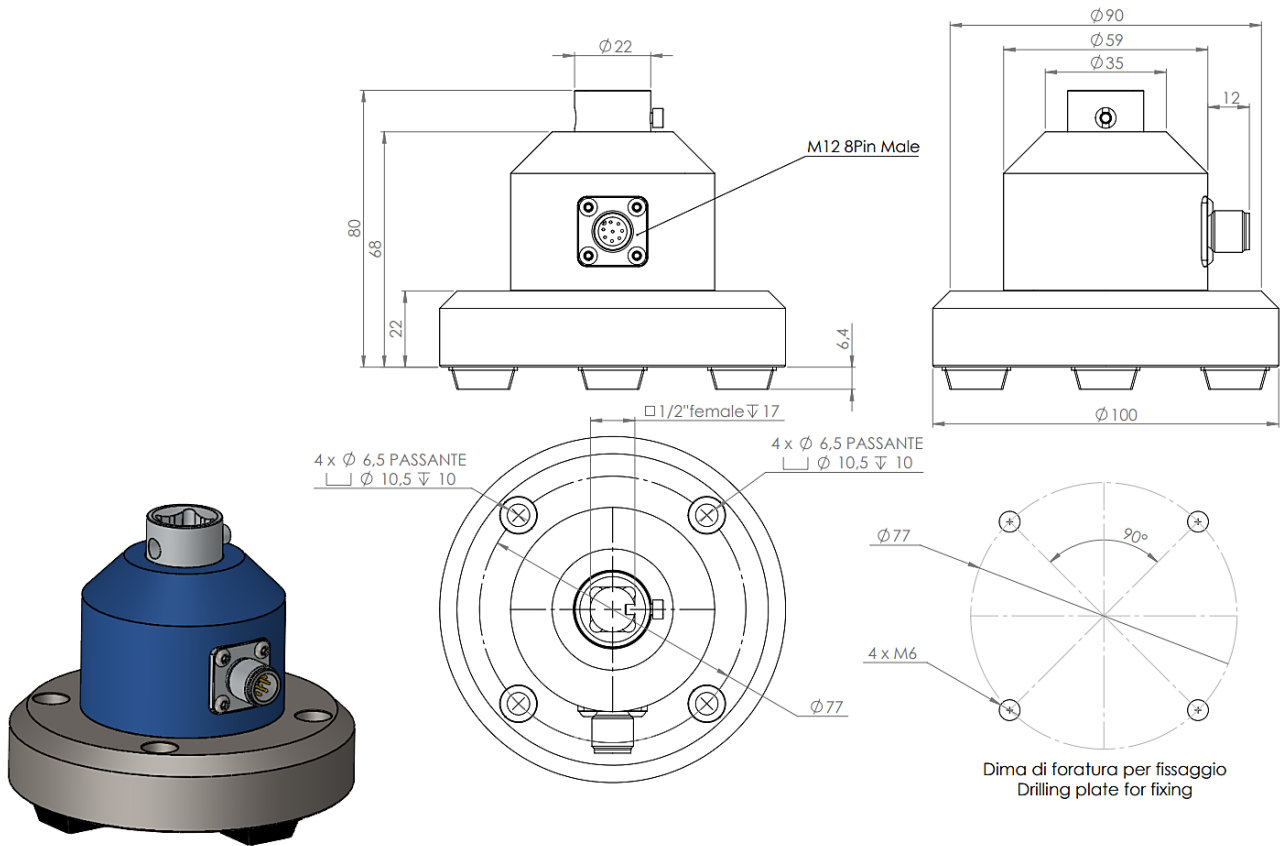
KTI 1-5-20



KTI 50



KTI 100



Joint Simulators

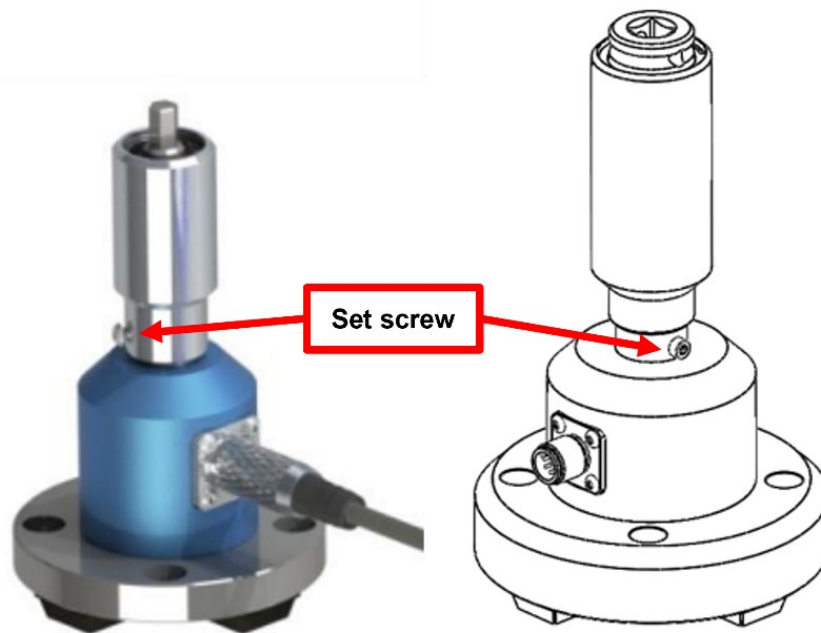
KTI transducers should always be used with the accompanying joint simulator.

Each model joint simulator is specifically designed by Kolver for optimal performance in its rated torque range. Left-hand thread models of each joint simulator are available upon request.

The joint simulator serves two very important functions:

1. It allows the torque tool to rotate and reach its target speed before encountering any load. This is critical to accurately measure the output of a torque tool. Verifying and calibrating a torque tool “statically”, without allowing for any rotation of the drive, is a common mistake and can yield results that are very non-representative of the real performance in the field.
2. It allows simulating different torque-rate joints, to match the profile of the real assembly joint where the torque tool being calibrated or verified will be used more closely. The torque rate is adjusted by rearranging the washers inside the simulator.

Securely fix the joint simulator to the KTI transducer using the provided set screw:



When properly installed, there should be no “play” (motion) when twisting the KTI relative to the work surface nor when twisting the housing of the joint simulator relative to the KTI transducer. Any amount of motion or wiggle could negatively affect the accuracy and precision of the torque measurement.

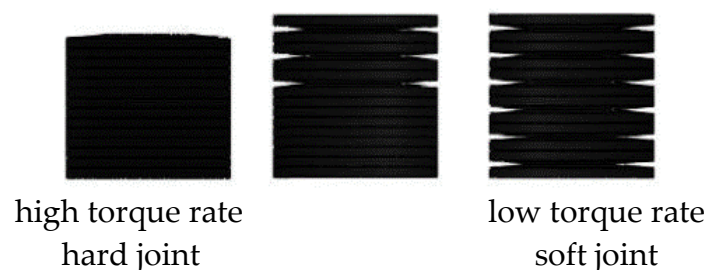
When performing a measurement, always reverse the joint simulator a few revolutions before initiating the tightening.

Adjusting the torque rate on joint simulators

Refer to the exploded drawings below for each model joint simulator.

Using a snap ring removal tool, disassemble the joint simulator.

Re-stack the washers same-side-up or alternating-sides to adjust the torque rate, for example:



Micro-torque M1.6/M2/M3 threaded hole joint simulators

Special order only, specifically designed to eliminate any rotational inertia from the measurement. This simulator simply provides a threaded hole to fasten into. Available with M1.6, M2, and M3 threaded hole.

Fastener not provided. Use washers as needed to adjust the torque rate. There are no internal washers. Recommended for precision measurements below 1 Nm.

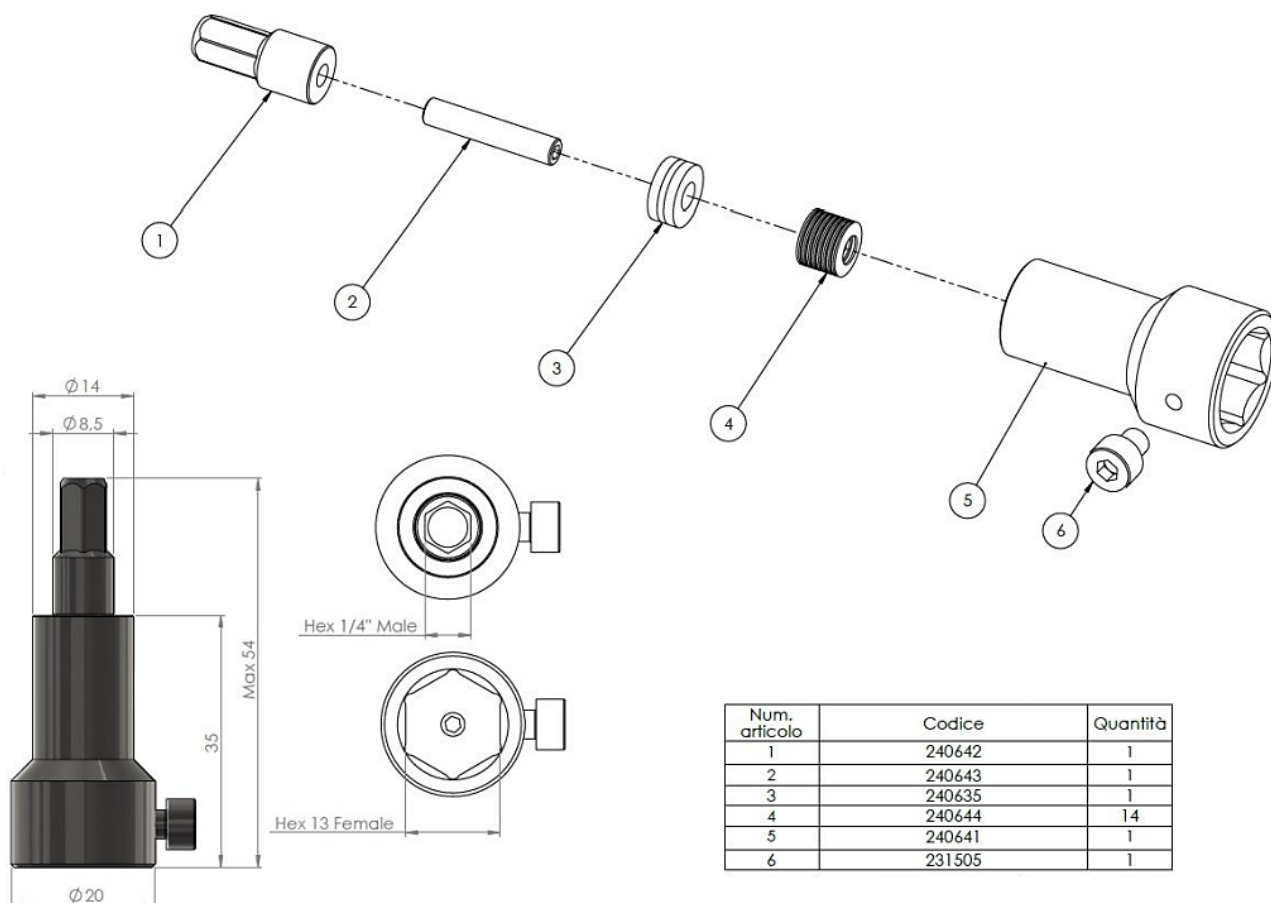
Code	Model	Input	Output
240620	Hex 13/M1.6	Female threads M1.6	Hex 13mm female
240621	Hex 13/M2	Female threads M2	
240622	Hex 13/M3	Female threads M3	



M4 - 1 Nm low inertia joint simulator with spring washer

Included standard with KTI 1.

Code	Model	Max Torque	Input	Output
240640	Hex 13-1/4" M4	1 Nm	Hex 1/4" male	Hex 13mm female



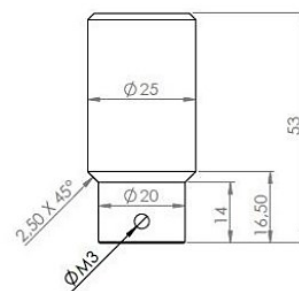
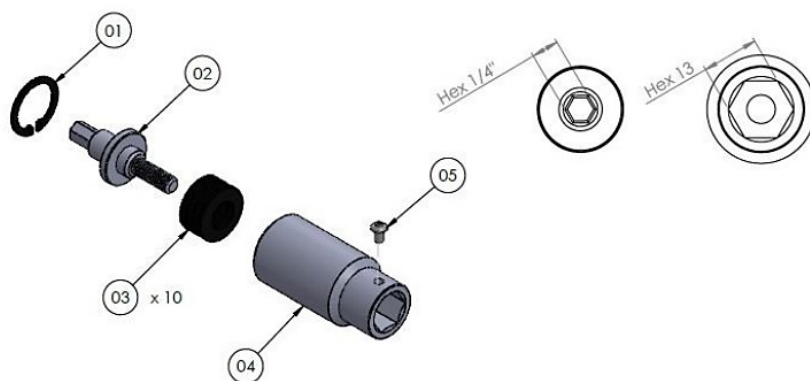
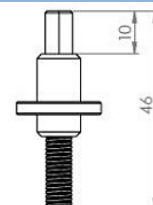
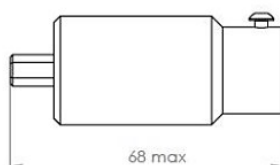
M6 – 5 Nm / M8 – 20 Nm joint simulator with spring washer

Included standard with KTI 5 (240600) and KTI 20 (240800).

Code	Model	Max Torque	Input	Output
240600	Hex 13-1/4" M6	5 Nm	Hex 1/4" male	Hex 13mm female
240800	Hex 13-1/4" M8	20 Nm	Hex 1/4" male	Hex 13mm female

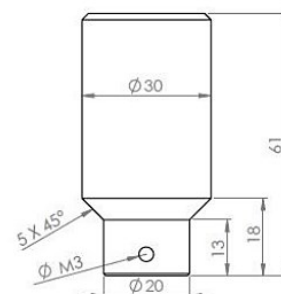
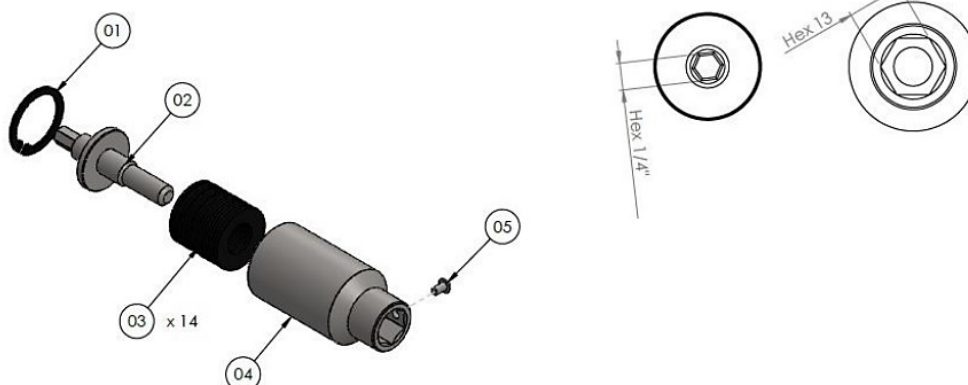
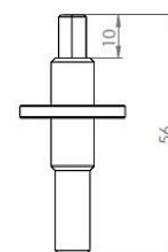
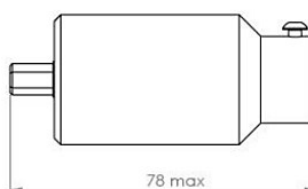
240600

N°	Code	Quantity
1	240601	1
2	240602	1
3	240603	10
4	240604	1
5	240605	1



240800

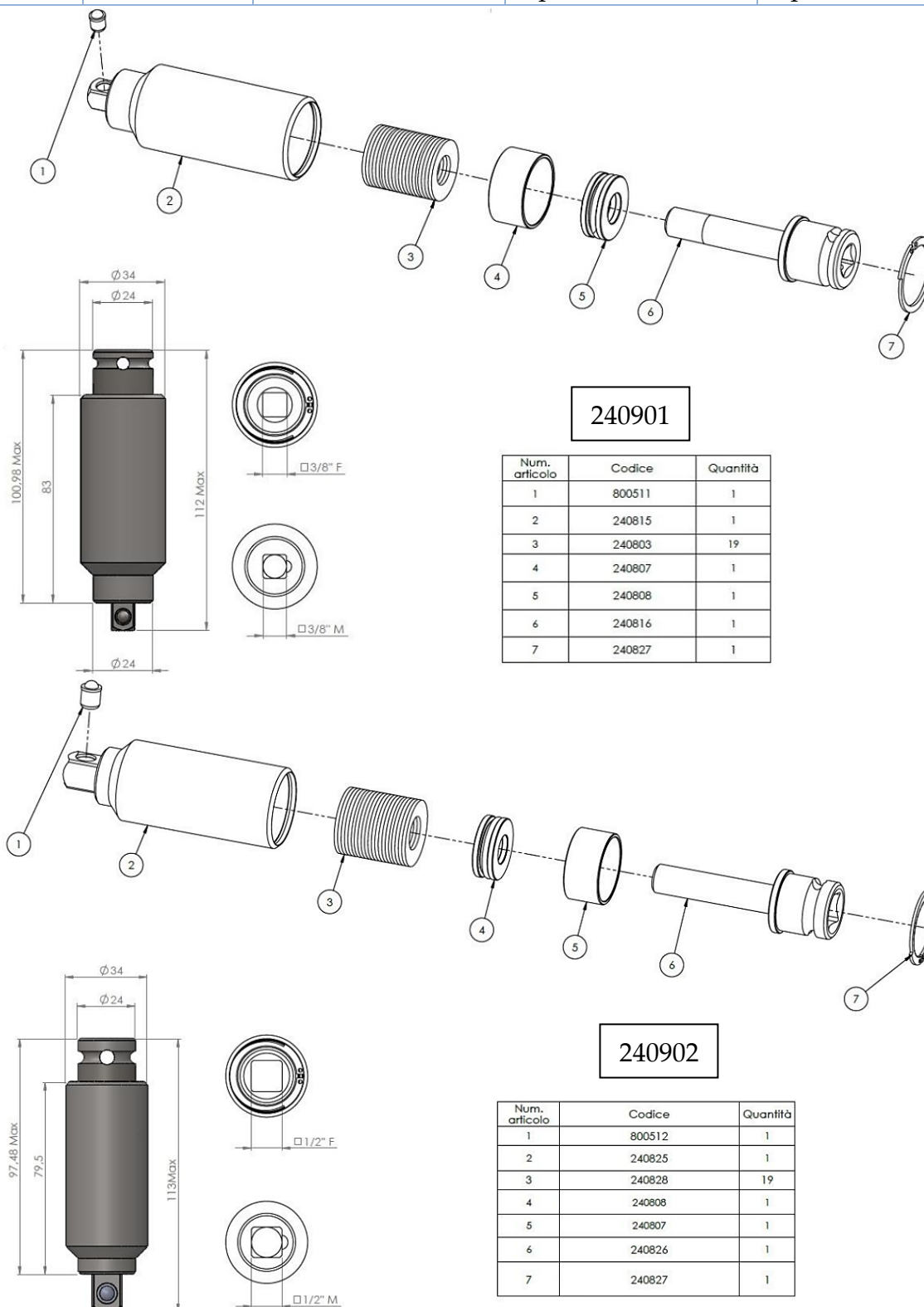
N°	Code	Quantity
1	240801	1
2	240802	1
3	240803	14
4	240804	1
5	240605	1



M12 – 50 Nm / M12 - 100 Nm joint simulator with spring washer

Included standard with KTI 50 and KTI 100

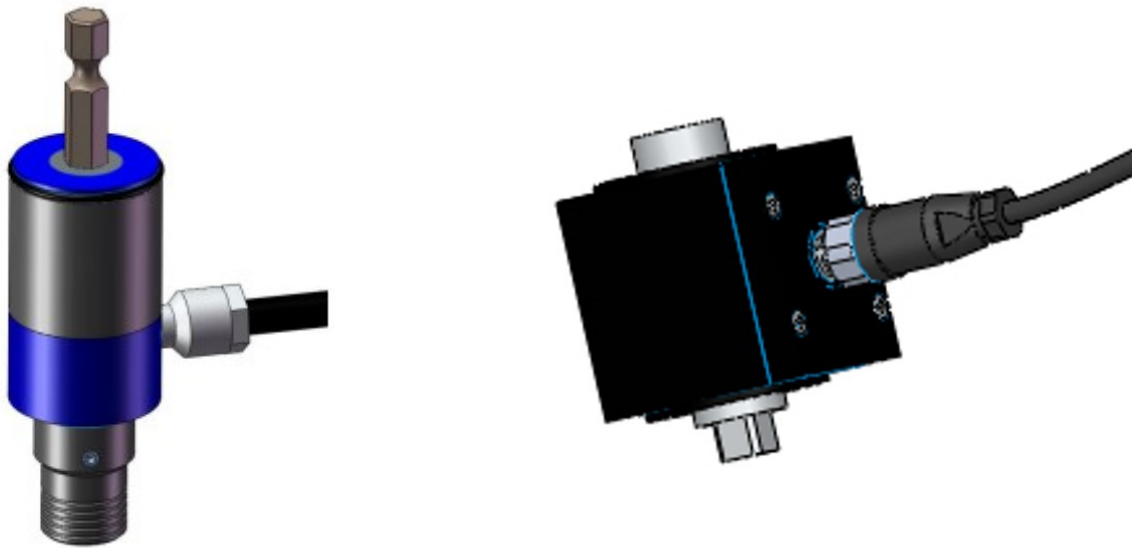
Code	Model	Max Torque	Input	Output
240901	3/8" M12	50 Nm	Sq 3/8" female	Sq 3/8" male
240902	1/2" M12	100 Nm	Sq 1/2" female	Sq 1/2" male



KTEI transducers

With KTE rotary transducers, you can measure and analyze the torque curve of the real assembly joint. This is useful when you want to verify and calibrate a torque tool on the real assembly joint, and/or when analyzing the characteristics of a new assembly joint.

Simply connect the input side of the KTE transducer to the bit-holder of your torque tool and install the screwdriving bit on the output side of the KTE transducer.



QUICK START

Connect the KTI transducer or the KTEI board and KTE rotary transducer.

Turn the unit on through the on/off switch on the lower panel.

The K-TESTER will recognize the KTI or KTEI transducer connected and load the associated calibration information.

Note: every time a KTI or KTEI transducer is powered on, it performs a zero-point self-calibration. It is therefore imperative that there are no torque, no forces, and no bending moments or physical stresses applied to the transducer while it is powering up. External loads can be caused for example by objects (screwdrivers) or hands resting on the KTI or KTEI transducer. Having a torque/load applied during power up can result in incorrect torque readings until the next time the unit powered cycled off/on. The power up phase of the transducer only lasts a few seconds.

The unit will operate in either of two modes: FREE-RUN or TARGET-TORQUE.

In FREE-RUN mode, the unit will only display the instantaneous torque reading.

In TARGET-TORQUE mode, the unit will display the peak torque measured during a measurement interval defined in the program settings.

In most cases, TARGET-TORQUE mode is the preferred working mode.

To select the operating mode: tap the menu button on the top-right corner of the screen to enter the main menu, tap the “general settings” tile on the bottom right corner, and enable or disable the first setting in the list “TARGET TORQUE MODE”.

In this menu you can also change the measurement units.

For TARGET TORQUE mode, you will need to adjust a few simple settings.

Navigate to the main menu and tap the PROGRAMS tile.

Select the desired program number (1 to 200).

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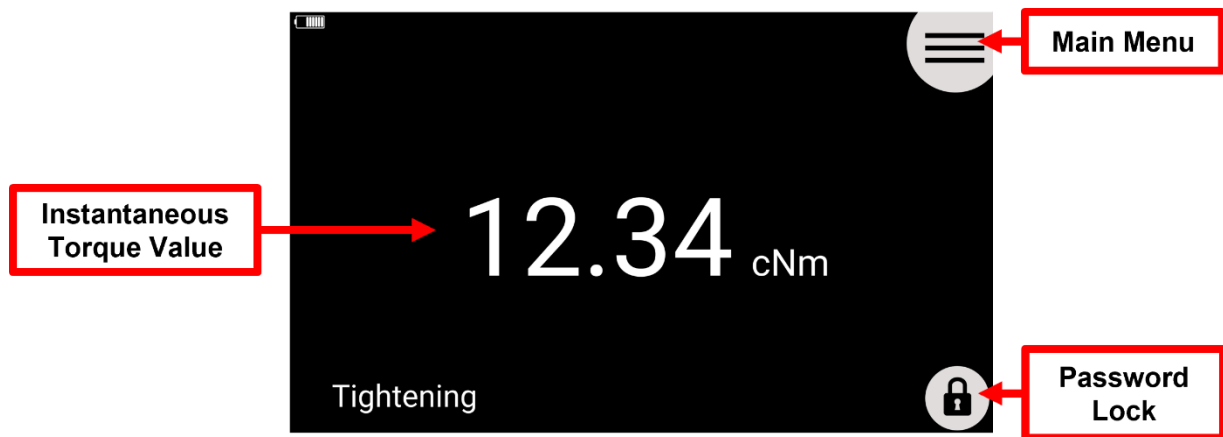
Enter the desired MAX/MIN limits and the TARGET torque for the measurement.

Tap the checkmark at the top-right corner of the screen to save the settings and return to the main screen to take your measurements.

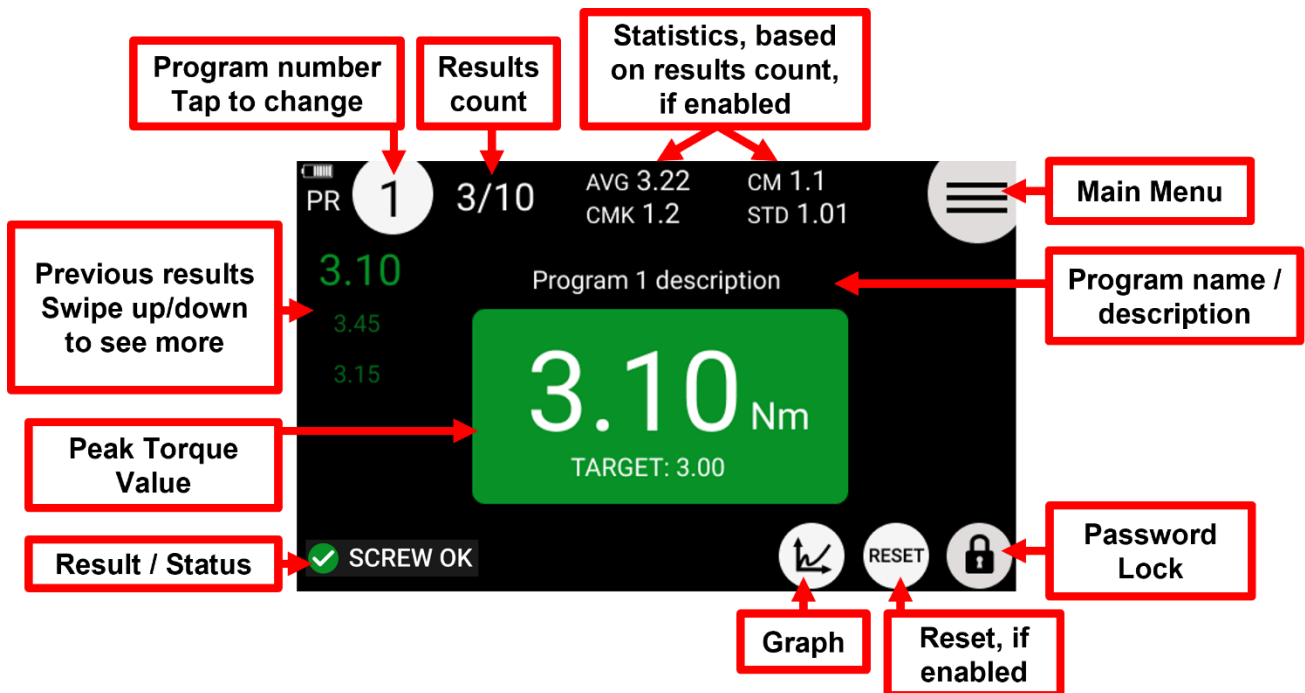
For more details on each setting, refer to the rest of this manual.

OPERATING THE K-TESTER

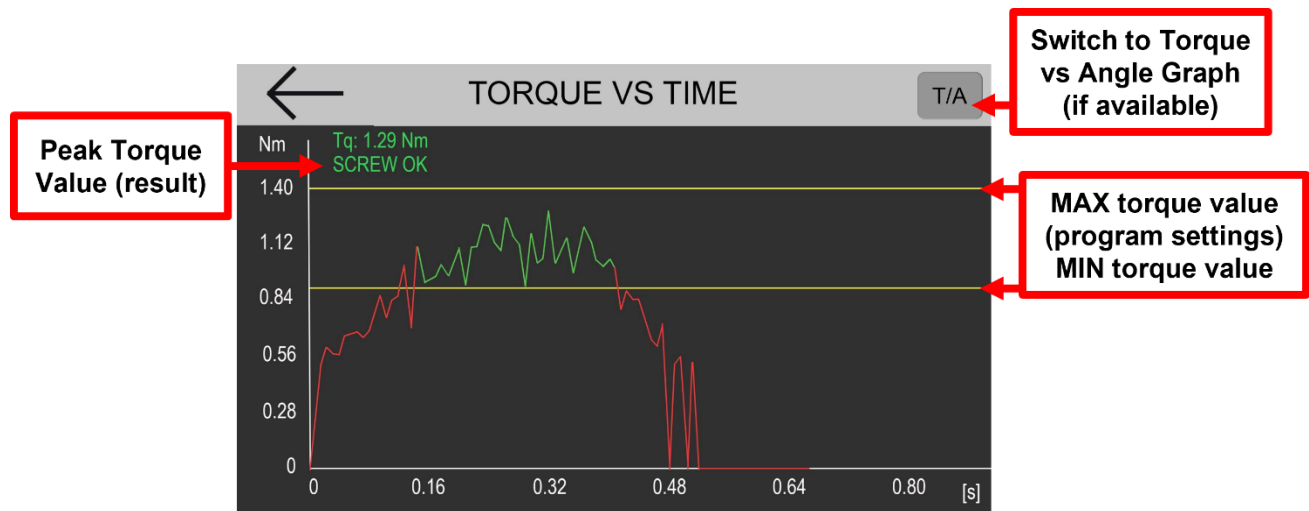
Main Screen – FREE-RUN mode



Main Screen – TARGET-TORQUE mode

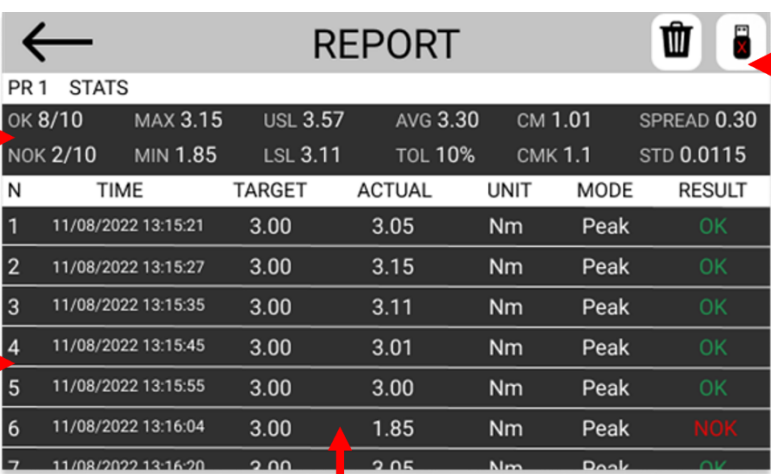


Main Screen – GRAPH



Reports Screen

Access the reports from the main menu



Save + clear

Statistics of results so far

**Previous results
Swipe up/down
to see more**

**If USB drive present: swipe left/right to navigate previous program results.
No USB drive present: only latest set is available**

N	TIME	TARGET	ACTUAL	UNIT	MODE	RESULT
1	11/08/2022 13:15:21	3.00	3.05	Nm	Peak	OK
2	11/08/2022 13:15:27	3.00	3.15	Nm	Peak	OK
3	11/08/2022 13:15:35	3.00	3.11	Nm	Peak	OK
4	11/08/2022 13:15:45	3.00	3.01	Nm	Peak	OK
5	11/08/2022 13:15:55	3.00	3.00	Nm	Peak	OK
6	11/08/2022 13:16:04	3.00	1.85	Nm	Peak	NOK
7	11/08/2022 13:16:20	2.00	2.05	Nm	Peak	OK

Connecting a barcode scanner

With a barcode scanner, you can select a program by scanning its associated barcode, and/or you can associate a barcode with the measurement data to be recorded.

The K-TESTER is compatible with RS-232 capable barcode scanners (such as Kolver P/N 020050 and 020051), and with USB scanners via Kolver's USB-to-RS232 adapter P/N 010415.

Any barcode type supported by the scanner will work with the K-TESTER.

Connecting serial barcode scanner

Connect the barcode scanner to the CN2 connector of the K-TESTER.

If using a 2D barcode scanner such as Kolver P/N 020051, you must also connect the external power supply included with the scanner.

The barcode scanner should be configured with the following serial connection parameters:

RS232 – 9600 baud – 8 data bits – 1 stop bit – no parity

For Kolver P/N 020051, this is done by scanning the included configuration barcode. For other scanners, refer to their user manual.

Connecting a USB barcode scanner

Connect the barcode scanner to the USB port of the Kolver adapter P/N 010415.

Connect the adapter to the CN2 connector of the K-TESTER using the serial "null modem" cable provided with the adapter.

Finally, connect the power cord for the adapter 010415.

Use

To register a barcode to a program for program recall, tap the barcode box in the Programs menu.

To activate a barcode mode, navigate to the General Settings menu and select BARCODE MODE from one of the following:

OFF: disables barcode functionality


ON SN: scan a barcode and the tightening data for the current program will contain the scanned barcode

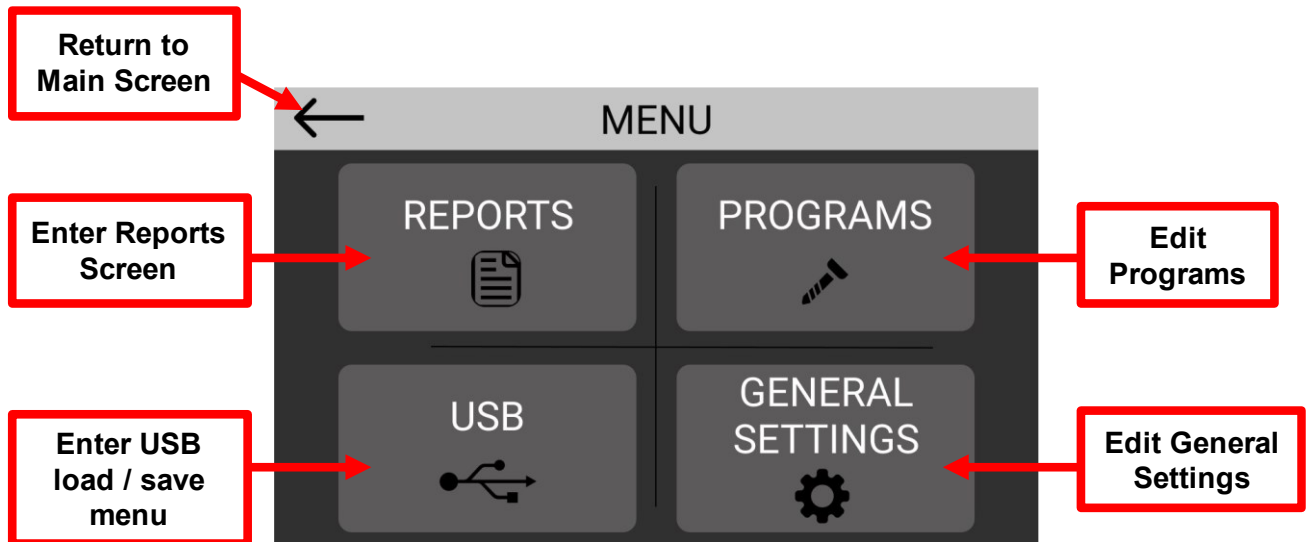
ON PROG: scan a barcode and the program number to which that barcode has been previously registered (via the Programs menu) will be loaded

ON SN+PROG: the K-TESTER will prompt for two consecutive barcode scans: first the SN mode scan and then the PROG mode scan

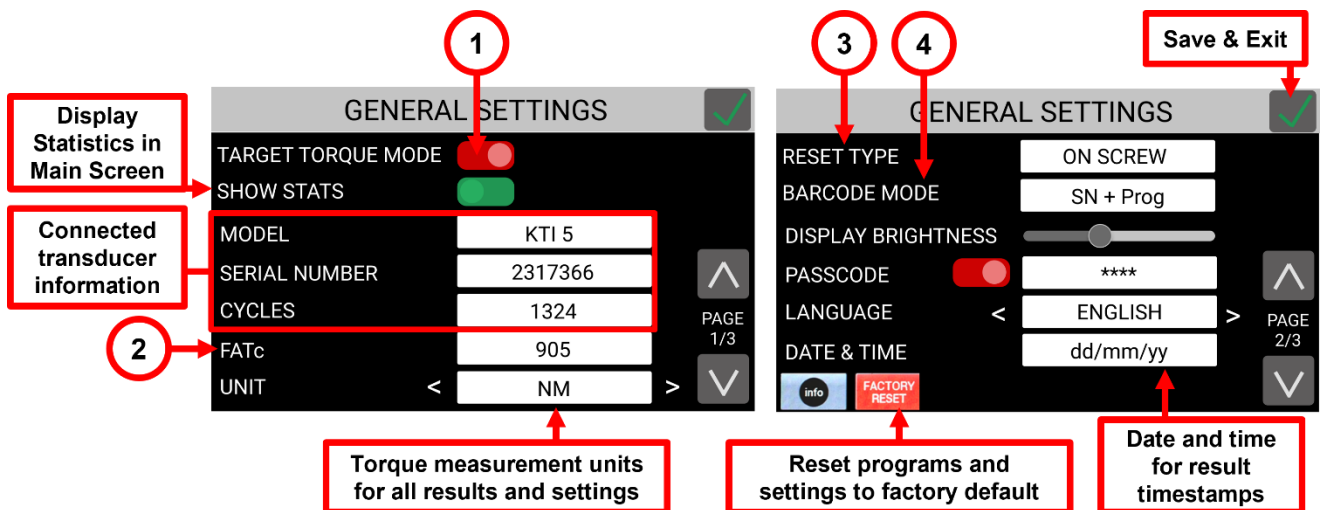
CONFIGURING THE K-TESTER

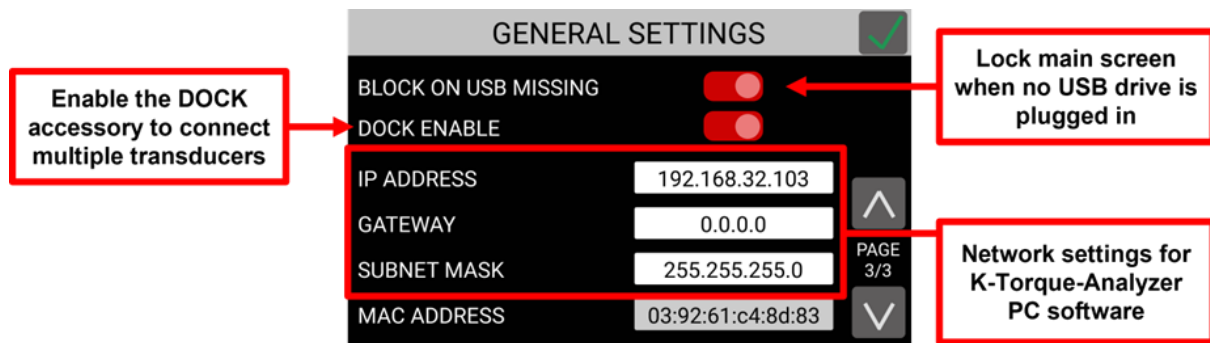
MAIN MENU

From the main screen, enter the main menu by tapping on the  button on the top right.



GENERAL SETTINGS





(1) TARGET TORQUE MODE

On: activates “target torque” operating mode. Program settings, reports, and statistics are active in this mode.

Off: activates “free running” mode. In this mode, programs are disabled and the main screen only shows the instantaneous torque value. Reports and statistics are disabled.

(2) FATc (calibration factor)

FATc is the calibration factor of the connected transducer.

Tap the edit box to enter the calibration factor edit screen.

Calibration should only be performed by qualified personnel. Calibration instructions are available separately (contact Kolver).

(3) RESET TYPE

Configures or disables the RESET button on the main screen.

OFF: no reset button

ON SCREW: tapping the reset button deletes the last measurement and decreases the screw count by one

ON PROG: tapping the reset button deletes all measurement data of the current program so far and resets the screw count to zero

(4) BARCODE MODE

Configures or disables barcode functionality. See [Connecting a barcode scanner](#).

PROGRAMS



(1) TORQUE TARGET, MIN, MAX

TARGET: the desired target torque for the tool being tested or calibrated. This value is also used to calculate the Cm and Cmk six-sigma statistics.

MIN: the minimum torque. If no torque values within the measurement are above this value, the result is considered "NOK" (bad/red/no pass).

MAX: the maximum torque. If any torque value within the measurement exceeds this value, the result is considered "NOK" (bad/red/no pass).

If the peak value of the measurement falls within the MIN and MAX values, the result is considered "OK" (good/green/pass).

(2) TOLERANCE (Cmk)

This value affects the Cm and Cmk (coefficient of machine capability, six-sigma measure) statistics. For the same set of torque values, a larger tolerance will yield a higher Cm and Cmk value. This value has no impact on whether the torque measurement is considered "OK" or "NOK".

(3) MODE

The MODE only affects the retention of the torque value on display on the main screen.

PEAK: during and after the measurement, the peak value so far is the value displayed on the screen.

TRACK: during the measurement, the instantaneous is always displayed on the screen.

The MODE has no impact on the beginning and end of the measurement.

(4) SCREWS

This is the number of measurements of this program. The statistics are calculated and refreshed with every measurement, up and until the value of "SCREWS". Starting a new measurement after reaching the number of "SCREWS" will restart the statistics and clear the current report.

Therefore, users should match this value to the number of measurements that they intend to perform when calibrating a tool, if they want to see statistics calculated over the desired set of measurements.

(5) BARCODE

Tap to assign a barcode to this program. See [Connecting a barcode scanner](#).

(6) LOW PASS

The transducer samples the torque 15,000 times a second (15 kHz). The high-frequency torque data is digitally filtered through a low-pass filter.

With this option, you can decrease the frequency of the filter to obtain smoother torque curves. Using a lower filtering frequency can be appropriate when measuring torques near the low end of the transducer torque range, to smooth out noise in the signal.

Turn **ON** and select a lower frequency to obtain smoother curves.

Turn **OFF** to use the default filter (highest frequency). If unsure, leave this option **OFF**.

(7) TRIGGER

These settings define the beginning and end points of a measurement.

AUTO: choose auto to automatically select appropriate settings based on the transducer model connected.

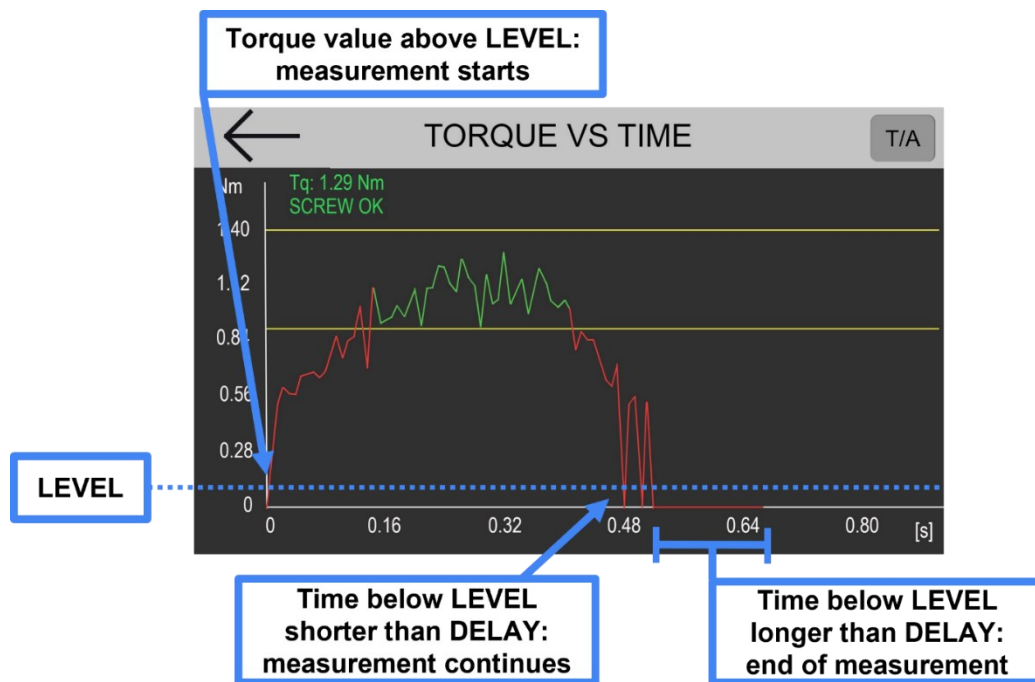
LEVEL: the minimum torque above which a new measurement begins. A good starting point for this value is the minimum nominal torque of the transducer model to be used with this program. This value can be adjusted lower or higher as needed.

Too low a value might generate unintended measurements when coupling the tool to the transducer and/or general handling of the transducer.

Too high a value might result in missing important features at the beginning of the tightening (this is mainly relevant for joint analysis with rotary transducers).

DELAY: the amount of time that the torque readings must remain below the **LEVEL** value, for the measurement to be considered finished. 0.1 seconds by default. If the electric screwdriver being calibrated uses a two-speed approach, for example KOLVER KDS and PLUTO series screwdrivers, it is recommended to increase this value to 0.3 seconds to ensure that the entire tightening cycle is captured in a single measurement.

SPEED: this is a future setting for torque & angle rotary transducers.



(8) SUBSTITUTE UNITS

Select a different torque measurement unit for this program only.

If OFF, the measurement units selected in the "General Settings" menu will be used..

(9) ROTATION

The torque measurement direction (clockwise or counter clockwise)

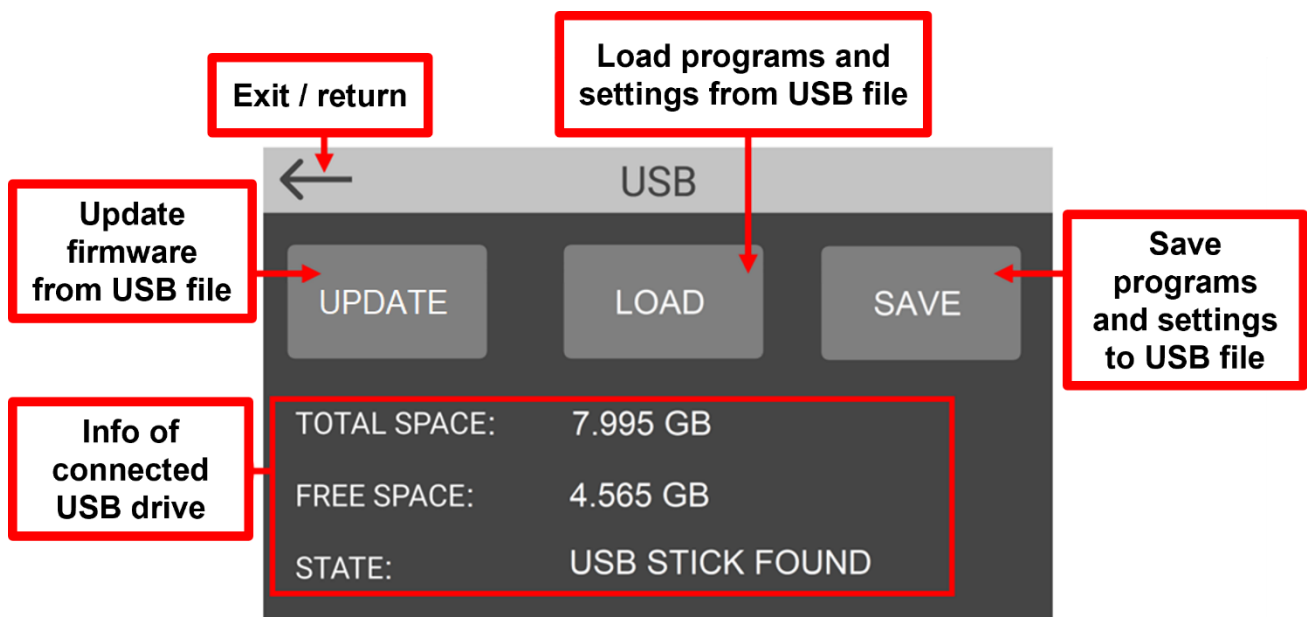
(10) DOCK TRANSDUCER

If using the DOCK accessory to connect multiple transducers to the K-TESTER unit, first activate the "DOCK ENABLE" option in the "General Settings" menu, and then you will be able to select here the transducer to be used with this program.

USB

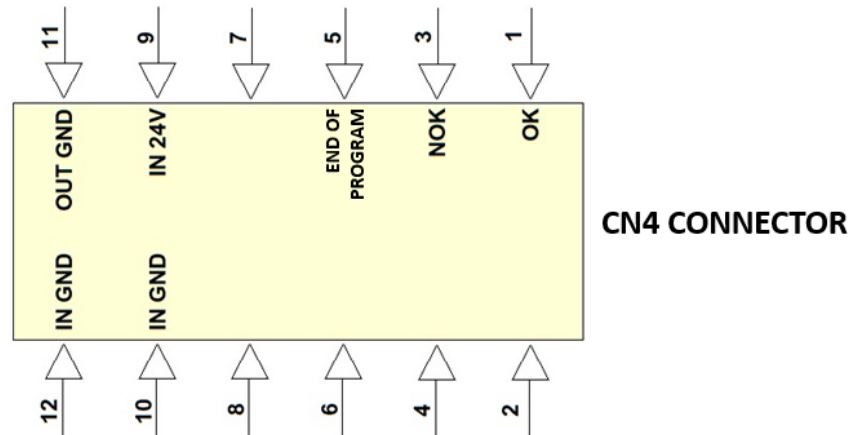
The USB menu allows saving all program and setting parameters to a USB drive, loading previously saved programs and settings (replacing current settings), and updating the firmware of the K-TESTER from a Kolver-provided USB update file.

The filesystem of the USB drive must be FAT32. The 8gb Kolver-provided USB drive included with the K-TESTER is already formatted FAT32, however any USB drive can easily be re-formatted to FAT32 from a PC or Mac (right click -> format -> select FAT32 for filesystem and “quick format”. Note: all data and contents in the USB drive is erased when formatting).



CN4 I/O

Supply 12 to 24 VDC to PIN 9, with negative/ground on PIN 11 to activate the outputs:



Pin 1: (OK) indicates the tightening was completed within the program parameters

Pin 2: (NOK) indicates the tightening was completed outside the program parameters

Pin 3: (End of Program) when last OK tightening was the Nth OK tightening, where N is the number of screws in the current program

K-TORQUE-ANALYZER PC SOFTWARE

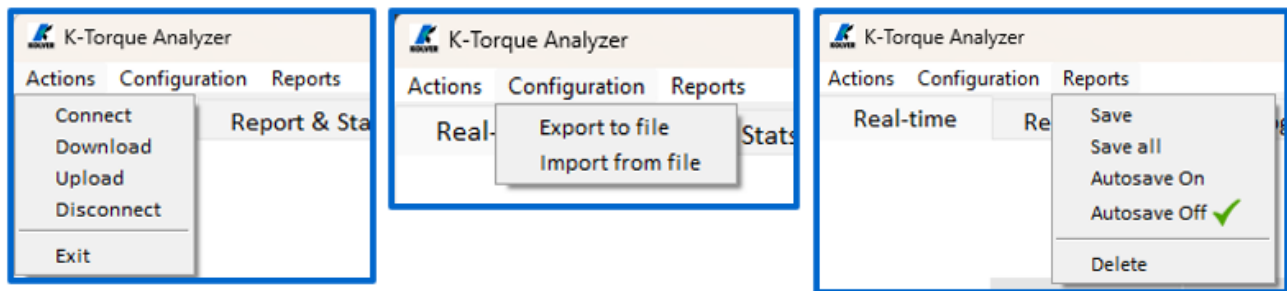
K-TORQUE ANALYZER is the companion software for managing the K-TESTER and visualizing graphs & reports from a tablet/pc connected via ethernet.

Download from www.kolver.com

The software provides:

- real-time displaying and archiving of data from the K-TESTER
- analysis and comparison of tightening operations and torque data
- reporting
- managing device settings and programs

MENU BAR



ACTIONS

- connect/disconnect from controller
- download/upload configuration from/to controller

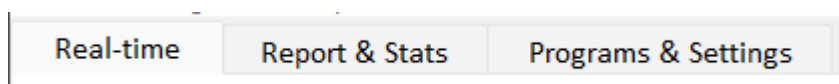
CONFIGURATION (programs and settings)

- import from file
- export to file

REPORTS

- save last program (i.e. last batch) results to CSV
- save all results to CSV
- enable/disable autosave
- clear all results

TABS



REAL TIME

Visualize the graph and results in real time

If working with **TORQUE TARGET** mode **ON**, relevant information such as min/max limit is displayed on the screen.

Right-click on graph to navigate the graph via the available functions:

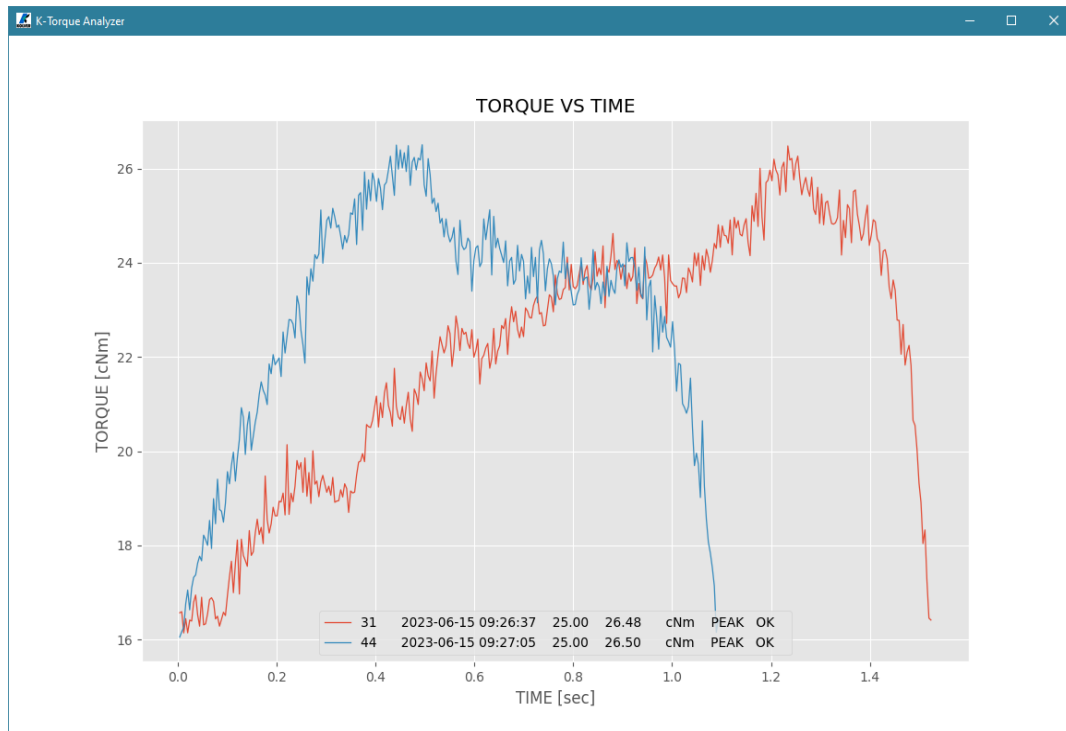
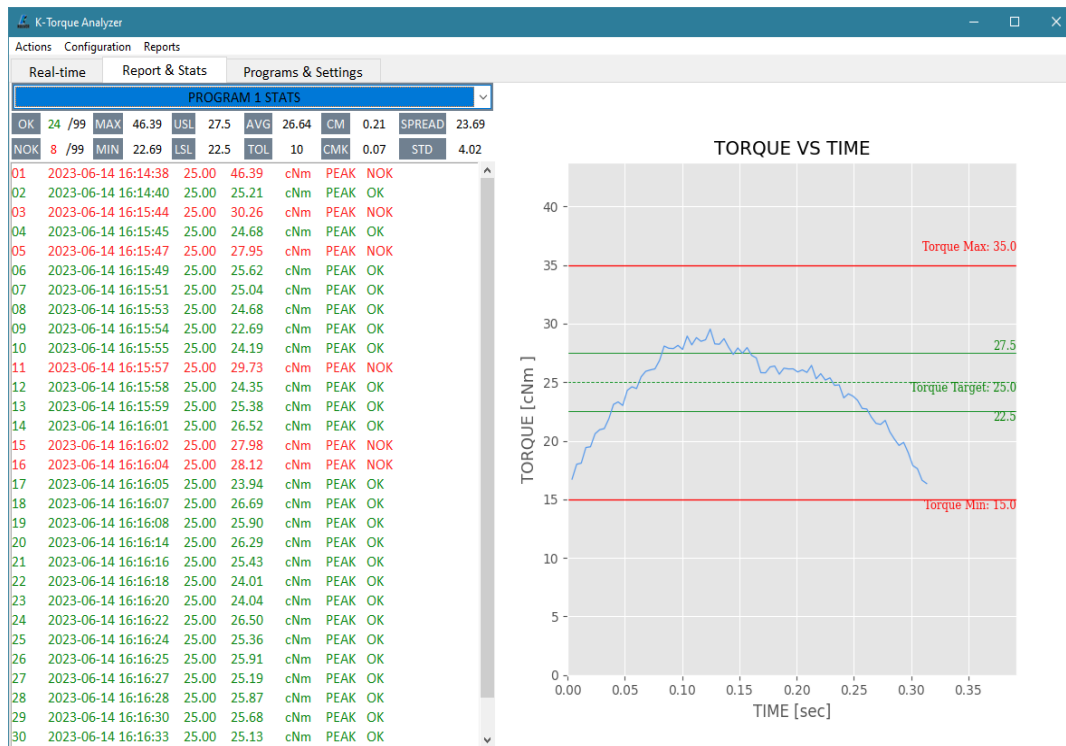
- _ Home: return to home view
- _ Back: return to previous view
- _ Forward: return to last view
- _ Move: pan the view
- _ Zoom: select an area to zoom
- _ Save: save a picture of the graph to a file



With **TORQUE TARGET** mode **OFF**, a plain graph is shown and the peak value is highlighted on the right side of the screen.

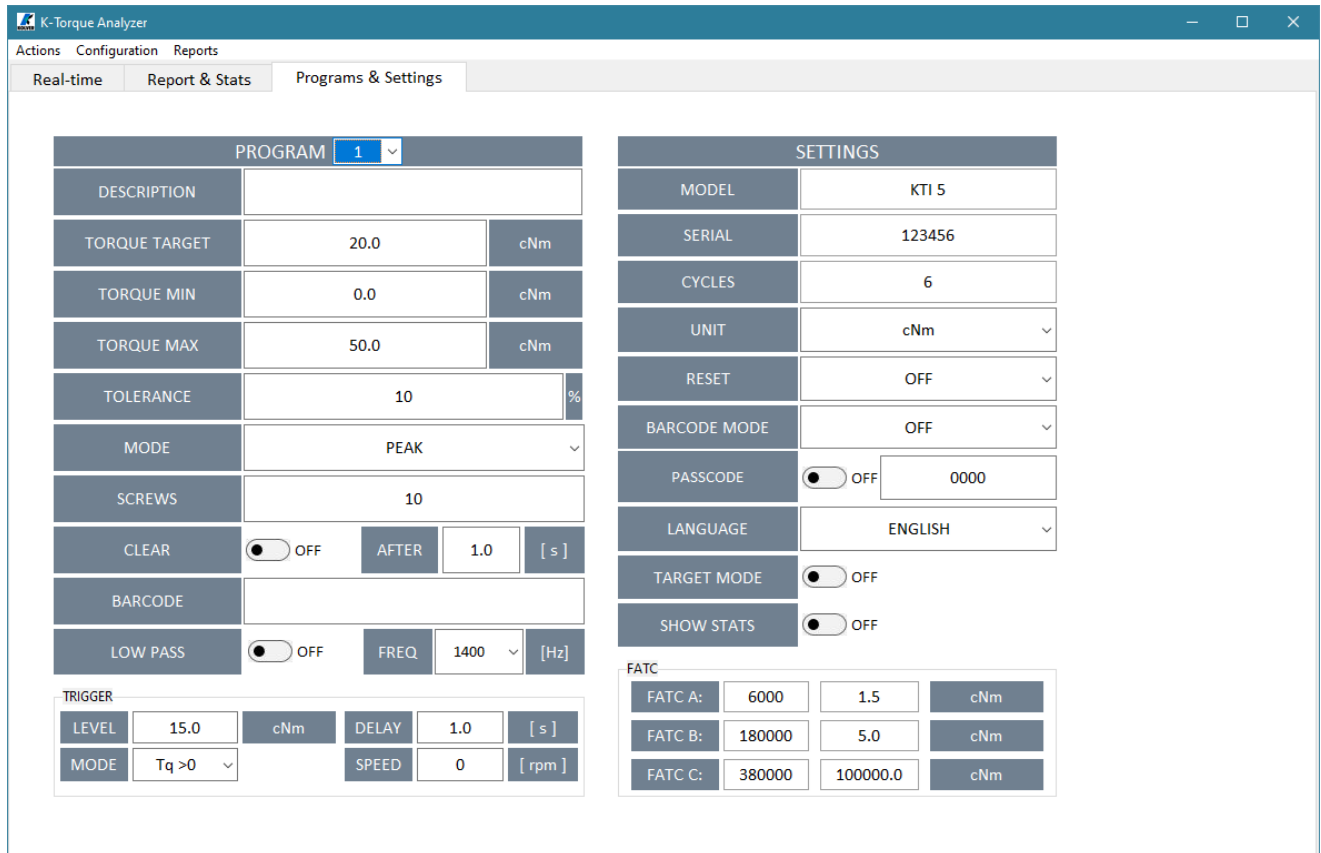
REPORTS & STATS

Review all the recorded results so far, relevant statistics such as Cm and Cmk. Select one or more results to graph and visualize superimposed for comparison (right-click to bring up graph controls).



PROGRAMS & SETTINGS

View and modify all program parameters and settings.



The screenshot shows the K-Torque Analyzer software interface with the 'Programs & Settings' tab selected. The interface is divided into two main sections: 'PROGRAM' and 'SETTINGS'.

PROGRAM Section:

- PROGRAM 1** (selected)
- DESCRIPTION:** (empty field)
- TORQUE TARGET:** 20.0 cNm
- TORQUE MIN:** 0.0 cNm
- TORQUE MAX:** 50.0 cNm
- TOLERANCE:** 10 %
- MODE:** PEAK
- SCREWS:** 10
- CLEAR:** OFF (toggle), AFTER 1.0 [s]
- BARCODE:** (empty field)
- LOW PASS:** OFF (toggle), FREQ 1400 [Hz]
- TRIGGER:**
 - LEVEL:** 15.0 cNm
 - DELAY:** 1.0 [s]
 - MODE:** Tq > 0
 - SPEED:** 0 [rpm]

SETTINGS Section:

- MODEL:** KTI 5
- SERIAL:** 123456
- CYCLES:** 6
- UNIT:** cNm
- RESET:** OFF
- BARCODE MODE:** OFF
- PASSCODE:** OFF (toggle), 0000
- LANGUAGE:** ENGLISH
- TARGET MODE:** OFF (toggle)
- SHOW STATS:** OFF (toggle)
- FATC:**
 - FATC A:** 6000, 1.5, cNm
 - FATC B:** 180000, 5.0, cNm
 - FATC C:** 380000, 100000.0, cNm

MAINTENANCE AND CARE

The K-TESTER is a low maintenance instrument. Handle with care, as you would any other high precision instrument. The K-TESTER contains a Lithium Ion battery: store accordingly.

If using a KTI transducer, open and re-lubricate the joint simulator threads every one hundred thousand cycles or whenever the rotation no longer feels smooth.

CALIBRATION

Contact Kolver to obtain calibration instructions.

The transducers can be re-calibrated in-house, by an external lab, or by Kolver. The calibration data is stored in the transducer board (within the KTI transducers, or within the 020079 board for rotary transducers).

GUARANTEE

This KOLVER product is guaranteed against defective workmanship or materials, for a maximum period of 12 months following the date of purchase from KOLVER, provided that its usage is limited to single shift operation throughout that period. If the usage rate exceeds of single shift operation, the guarantee period shall be reduced on a pro rata basis. If, during the guarantee period, the product appears to be defective in workmanship or materials, it should be returned to KOLVER or its distributors, transport prepaid, together with a short description of the alleged defect. KOLVER shall, at its sole discretion, arrange to repair or replace free of charge such items.

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