

Anemometer – UNI-T UT363 BT

Anyone at the field watching me trying to use my old electronic anemometer will have learned a rich vocabulary. So I was in a mood to change it when I came across one on tomtop that looked better. It was about £14 so without another thought I sent off for it. What can I say about it? It works. No cussing. The buttons have very clear functions and the choices are intuitive. It is now available from UK suppliers such as those on eBay.



The meter can be set up on a tripod or fixed to a post. Strangely the threaded mounting hole is on the back rather than the bottom so the tripod head will have to be tilted over by 90°. Pointless anyway as you would normally want to hold it as high as you can, rather than on a tripod. The on-off button allows you to set up a bluetooth link with a nearby mobile phone running a phone app, though I haven't managed to get it to link so far.

Blast from the past

Here is the anemometer I used to use when slope soaring a loong time ago. It is a very simple device from Dwyer in the the US. A tiny ball is pulled up the tube by the wind going over the top of the tube. For very windy days, when you didn't dare raise your arms in case you took off as well, you put your finger over the top and the suction came from a tiny hole. I am going to test it against the new one. Oh yes, the pipe cleaner is to dry out the inside of the tube.



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