



# HAKKO FX-952

SOLDERING STATION

High-output, temperature controlled soldering station

## Instruction Manual

Thank you for purchasing HAKKO FX-952 soldering station.

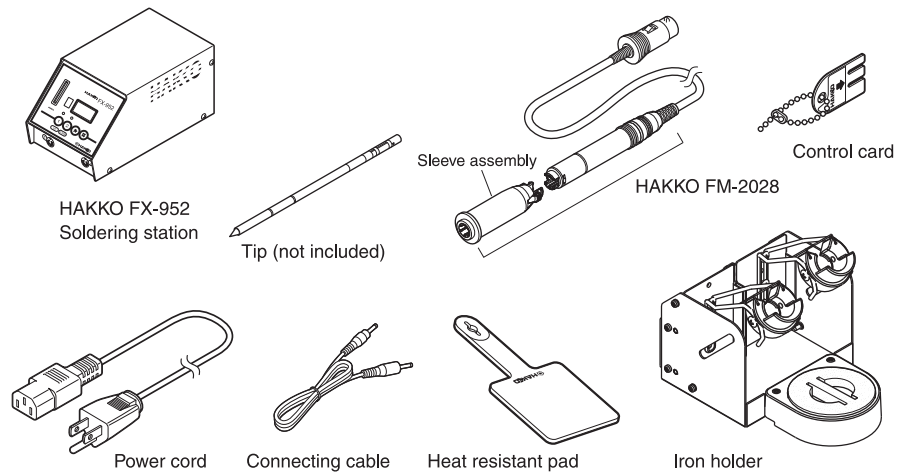
Please read this manual before operating the HAKKO FX-952.

Keep this manual readily accessible for reference.

### 1. PACKING LIST AND PART NAMES

Please check to make sure that all items listed below are included in the package.

HAKKO FX-952 soldering station .....	1	Heat resistant pad .....	1
HAKKO FM-2028 soldering iron .....	2	Iron holder .....	1
Control card .....	1	Connecting cable .....	2
Power cord .....	1	Instruction manual .....	1



### 2. SPECIFICATIONS

HAKKO FX-952 soldering station	
Power consumption	140W
Temperature range	200 - 450°C (400 - 840°F)
Temperature stability	±5°C (±9°F)

#### ● Station

Output	24V
Dimensions	113 (W) × 106 (H) × 206 (D) mm
Weight	2.6kg

#### ● HAKKO FM-2028 soldering iron

Power consumption	70 W (24 V)
Tip to ground resistance	< 2 Ω
Tip to ground potential	< 2 mV
Length of cord	1.2 m (4 ft.)
Total length (w/o cord)	188 mm (7.4 in.) with 2.4D tip
Weight (w/o cord)	30 g (0.07 lb.) with 2.4D tip

#### NOTE:

The temperature was measured using the HAKKO 191 or FG-100 thermometer.

\* This product is protected against electrostatic discharge.

\* Specifications and design are subject to change without notice.

#### ■ Electrostatic Protection

This product includes such features as electrically conductive plastic parts and grounding of the handpiece and station as measures to protect the device to be soldered from the effects of static electricity. Be sure to observe the following instructions:

1. The handle and other plastic parts are not insulators, they are conductors. When replacing parts or repairing, take sufficient care not to expose live electrical parts or damage insulation materials.
2. Be sure to ground the unit during use.



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### 3. WARNINGS, CAUTIONS AND NOTES

#### ⚠ WARNING

Warnings, cautions and notes are placed at critical points in this manual to direct the operator's attention to significant items. They are defined as follows:

⚠ **WARNING:** Failure to comply with a WARNING may result in serious injury or death.

⚠ **CAUTION:** Failure to comply with a CAUTION may result in injury to the operator, or damage to the items involved. Two examples are given below.

**NOTE** : A NOTE indicates a procedure or point that is important to the process being described.

#### ⚠ CAUTION

When power is ON, tip temperatures will be between 200 and 450°C. (392 to 840°F.) To avoid injury or damage to personnel and items in the work area, observe the following:

- Do not touch the tip or the metal parts near the tip.
- Do not allow the tip to come close to, or touch, flammable materials.
- Inform others in the area that the unit is hot and should not be touched.
- Turn the power off when not in use, or left unattended.
- Turn the power off when changing parts or storing the HAKKO FX-952.
- This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
- Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.

To prevent accidents or damage to the HAKKO FX-952, be sure to observe the following:

- Do not use the HAKKO FX-952 for applications other than soldering.
- Do not allow the HAKKO FX-952 to become wet, or use it when hands are wet.
- Do not modify the HAKKO FX-952.
- Use only genuine HAKKO replacement parts.
- Do not bend or damage the control card. If the card does become damaged, do not force the card into the station slot.
- Do not strike the iron against hard objects to remove excess solder. This will damage the iron.
- Be sure the work area is well ventilated. Soldering produces smoke.
- While using HAKKO FX-952, don't do anything which may cause bodily harm or physical damage.

### 4. INITIAL SETUP

#### A. Iron holder

- Loosen the adjusting screws to change the angle of the iron receptacle as you like, then tighten the screws.

- The sponge is compressed. It will swell when moistened with water. Before using the unit, dampen the sponge with water and squeeze it dry.

1. Put the small cleaning sponge in one of the five holes in the iron holder base.
2. Add water to the iron holder base. The small sponge will keep the large sponge moist through capillary action.
3. Wet the large sponge, squeeze it dry and put it on the iron holder base.

- Use of the sleep function

When using the sleep function, insert one end of the connecting cable into the jack at the back of the iron holder and the other end into the jack at the back of the soldering station to connect them.

#### NOTE:

Confirm that the jack number of the soldering station matches the jack number of the iron holder before connecting the cable.

Example: Jack number ① of the soldering station → Jack number ① of the iron holder

#### ⚠ CAUTION

Be sure to turn off the power before connecting or disconnecting the connecting cable.

#### B. Handpiece cord assembly

Pass the iron cord through the hole in the heat resistant pad.

#### C. Soldering station

#### ⚠ CAUTION

Be sure the power switch is OFF before connecting or disconnecting the soldering iron cord. Failure to do so may result in damage to the circuit board.

#### ⚠ CAUTION

Remove power and iron cords by holding the plug-not the wires.

1. Insert the power cord into the receptacle at the back of the station.  
Insert the soldering iron cord into the receptacle at the front of the station.
2. Set the iron in the iron holder.
3. Plug the power cord into a grounded wall socket.

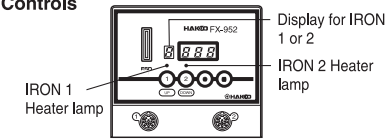
#### ⚠ CAUTION

The HAKKO FX-952 is protected against electrostatic discharge and must be grounded for full efficiency.

### 5. OPERATION

#### Controls and displays

##### Controls



The front panel of the HAKKO FX-952 soldering station has the following controls:

- Four control buttons:

- ① – Initiates a data entry mode.
- ✱ – End of sequence signal (terminates a phase of a data entry mode); when pressed for less than one second, displays settings already stored.
- ② – Switches the display to IRON 1
  - The display for the temperature and the heat to the IRON 1 will show ON/OFF alternately by pressing more than one second.
  - Increases the value in the appropriate display window.
- ③ – Switches the display to IRON 2
  - The display for the temperature and the heat to the IRON 2 will show ON/OFF alternately by pressing more than one second.
  - Decreases the value in the appropriate display window.

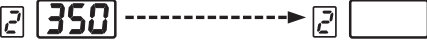
#### ● Operation

1. Turn the power switch ON.

2. Once the temperature is reached, the buzzer sounds. The heater lamp at the lower right of the temperature display [350] starts blinking.

When you need one soldering iron only, refer to the following example.

(Ex.) IRON 2 is not required



#### NOTE:

Power is not supplied to IRON 2 in this state. To use IRON 2 again, hold down button ②. Holding down the button turns the power on.

#### ● Changing the temperature setting

The allowable changes for temperature setting are:  
°C.....200 - 450°C  
°F.....400 - 840°F

Example: 350°C to 400°C for IRON 1

1. Confirm that the display of IRON is ①.

If it shows ②, press ① button to show ①.

2. Insert the control card into the slot in the front of the unit.

- The hundreds digit will begin to flash, indicating that the unit is in the TEMPERATURE SET mode and data may be entered.

3. Entering the hundreds digit

- Press the ② or ③ button to set the desired figure. When the desired figure is displayed, press the ✱ button to enter. The tens digit will begin to flash.

4. Entering the tens digit

- Press the ② or ③ button to set the desired figure. When the desired figure is displayed, press the ✱ button to enter. The units digit will begin to flash.

5. Entering the units digit

- Press the ② or ③ button to set the desired figure. When the desired figure is displayed, press the ✱ button to enter. The desired temperature is now entered into the system memory and heater control will begin.

When the station is ON and the card is in the station, the data entry procedure follows:

#### Displays

The HAKKO FX-952 has a three-digit display element. Depending upon the selected mode, it will display:

- Normal mode:  
Sensor temperature (tip temperature)
- Data entry:  
Selected quantity (see 'data entry procedures' for exact characteristics)
- Temperature scale:  
°C or °F, depending upon selection
- Error detection:  
Refer to 'ERROR MESSAGES' section

In addition, heater lamps will flash when the station has reached the desired temperature, indicating that it is ready for use.

An audible buzzer is provided to alert the operator when:  
• The station has reached the set temperature. The buzzer will sound once.

- When the low temperature threshold has been crossed, the buzzer will sound continuously. This buzzer will shutoff when the sensed temperature returns to the acceptable range.
- When a foreign substance, an incompatible tip, or the soldering end of the tip is inserted into the HAKKO FM-2028, the display will blink and the buzzer will sound continuously.
- The auto power shutoff is activated and the power to the heating element is shutoff, the buzzer will sound three times.

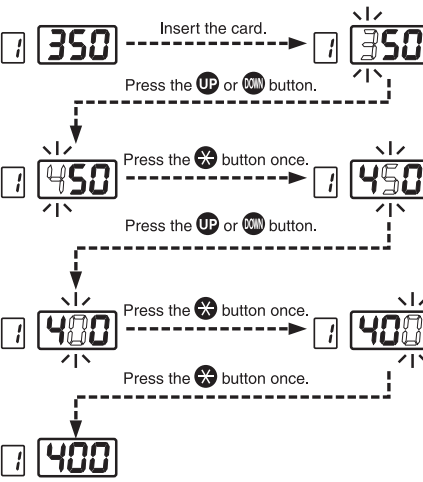
#### ⚠ CAUTION

The HAKKO FX-952 is preset at 350°C at the factory. Check the temperature setting by pressing the ✱ button. The set temperature will be displayed for two seconds.

#### ⚠ CAUTION

Place the iron in the iron holder when not in use.

1. Change the display of IRON to ②.
2. Press ② button until the displayed figure disappears. (See figure on left)
3. Press ① button to display IRON 1.  
The change is stored in the system memory and does not disappear even after power off.



#### NOTE:

If power is switched off or lost during the execution of this procedure, no data will be entered. The entire procedure must be repeated from step 1.

#### NOTE:

Temperature setting can be changed even during the display for the temperature and the heat to the iron is OFF, if HAKKO FM-2028 soldering iron and tip are connected properly.

1. Hold the ✱ button down for at least one second. The current temperature setting will be displayed, then the hundreds digit will begin to flash. This indicates that the station has entered the temperature setting mode. Continue with the procedure of 3 - 5, above.
2. When the ✱ button is pressed for less than one second, the current temperature setting is displayed for two seconds, then returns to show the actual tip temperatures.



5. OPERATION

● Replacing the tip

⚠ CAUTION

The tip may be hot. Avoid holding the hot tip for a long time even if using the heat-resistant pad. Otherwise burns may result.

**Removing the tip:**  
Hold down the lock release buttons in the sleeve assembly, pull out the tip together with the sleeve assembly from the connector.

⚠ CAUTION

- Be sure to keep the lock release buttons hold down while pulling out the sleeve assembly. Failure to do so will damage the locking mechanism.
- Be sure to pull out the tip only after separating the sleeve assembly from the connector. Otherwise, the sleeve assembly may fall down and break.

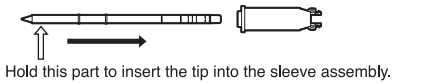
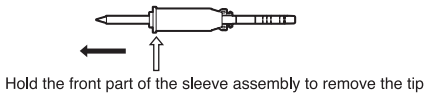
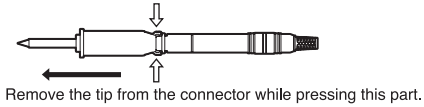
- Holding the front end of the sleeve assembly, pull out the tip.

**Inserting the tip:**  
Holding the front end of the tip, insert it into the sleeve assembly.

⚠ CAUTION

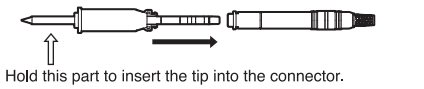
Insert the tip into the sleeve assembly until it clicks into place. When you hear it clicks, avoid forcing the tip into the sleeve assembly.

- Insert the tip securely into the connector.
- NOTE:  
Improper insertion of the tip will cause **[5-E]** to appear on the display.



⚠ CAUTION

When holding the head of the tip, there is a danger of burn. Be sure to use the heat-resistant pad.



● How to enter the tip offset value into the HAKKO FX-952

**Example 1**  
If the measured temperature is 410°C and the set temperature is 400°C, the difference is -10°C (need to decrease by 10°C). So, enter the figure which 10 is deducted from present offset value.

- Check if IRON 1 is selected with the display window.**  
If not, press **1** button to switch into IRON 2.
- Insert the control card into the slot in the station.**
  - The station is now in the temperature setting mode. Set the temperature at 400°C (750°F).
- Press the # button on the front panel.**
  - Press the **UP** or **DOWN** button to select the value for the leftmost digit.  
You can select a value of "0" (plus) or "-" (minus). (This is also true in °F mode.) Select "0" or "-" and then press the **✖** button.  
The middle digit will blink. Enter the offset value.  
You can enter a value from "0" to "5". (In °F mode, you can enter a value from "0" to "9".) For the middle and rightmost digits, enter the values in the allowable ranges for offset values.

The allowable ranges for offset values are:	
°C.....	-50 - +50°C
°F.....	-90 - +90°F

If the value outside the above ranges is entered, the hundreds digit will blink, indicating that the system has reverted to the beginning of the mode and procedure must be repeated from the beginning.

4. Measure the tip temperature with tip thermometer after it is stabilized.

⚠ CAUTION

During offset data entry mode with blinking, the tip temperature is controlled by present offset value.

5. Enter the offset value

**When the station is ON and the card is in the station, the offset entry procedure follows:**

- Hold the **#** button down for at least one second. The current offset value will be displayed, then the hundreds digit will begin to flash. This indicates that the station has entered the offset value mode. Continue with the procedure of 3 for 'How to enter the tip offset value into the HAKKO FX-952.'
- When the **#** button is pressed for less than one second, the current offset value is displayed for two seconds, then returns to show the actual tip temperatures.

6. PARAMETER SETTINGS

The HAKKO FX-952 comes from the factory with the following values preset.

	IRON 1	IRON 2
°C or °F	°C	
Power save	15 min.	15 min.
Low temperature alarm setting	150°C	
Resetting the supervisor or operator control setting	40	
Setting temperature	350°C	350°C
Buzzer setting (C-E sound, S-E sound)	ON	
Buzzer setting (Set temperature alert)	ON	

● Entering the parameter  
1 °C of °F temperature display

2 Power save setting  
Set the time from the placement of the soldering iron on the iron holder to the activation of the sleep function.

NOTE:

When not using the power save function, do not connect the iron holder and the soldering station with the connecting cable.

- Power save example:**
- 0 Sleep (immediately after the soldering iron is placed on the iron holder)
  - 10 Sleep (10 minutes after the soldering iron is placed on the iron holder)
  - 30 Auto-power shutoff (30 minutes after the soldering iron is placed on the iron holder)

NOTE:

The power save time can be set in steps of one minute (30 minutes max.)

- When the sleep function is activated, the temperature of the tip begins to drop
- When the display shows **[SLP]**, pressing any button the power will be turned on again.

NOTE:

The sleep function does not work in case the setting temperature is less than 300°C/570°F.

- When the auto-power shutoff function is activated and power to the heater is shut off, the buzzer sounds three times.
- When the display shows **[---]**, and to begin soldering, cycle the power switch OFF, then ON.

3 Resetting the low temperature alarm tolerance setting

The unique function alerts the operator when the sensed temperature drops below a set limit. Should this occur, an error message will be displayed, and the buzzer will sound continuously. When the temperature returns within the allowable range, the buzzer will stop.

Range of allowable low temperature alarm tolerance for °C: 30 - 150°C
for °F: 60 - 300°F

**Example:** When the setting temperature is 350°C and the low temperature alarm tolerance is 100°C, buzzer will sound when the tip temperature will drop over 250°C.

The HAKKO FX-952 has the following six parameters:

- °C or °F temperature display selection
- Power save
- Low temperature alarm setting
- Supervisor or operator control setting
- Buzzer setting (C-E sound, S-E sound)
- Buzzer setting (Set temperature alert)

NOTE:

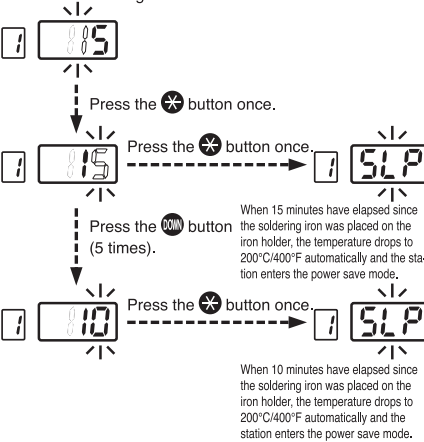
Power save parameter (2) can be set for Iron 1 and Iron 2 respectively. The other parameter (1, 3, 4) settings are for common between Iron 1 and Iron 2.

Once the station enters parameter mode, set the parameters in the order shown below. Once all the parameters have been set, normal operation will be resumed.

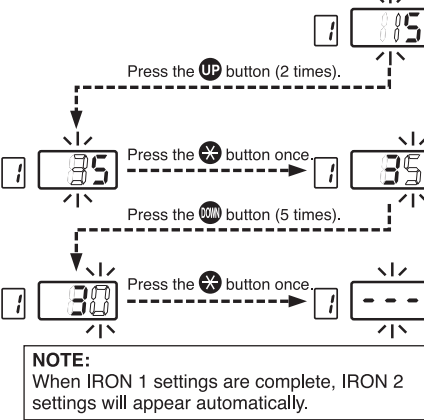
- Turn power OFF.
- Insert the control card into the card slot in the front of the unit.
- Press and hold down the **✖** and **#** buttons simultaneously, and then turn power ON.
- Hold **✖** and **#** buttons down until the display shows **[1C]** (Celsius) or **[1F]** (Fahrenheit). When either the display shows either or , the station is in parameter input mode.
  - Pressing either the **UP** and **DOWN** button will cause the display to alternate between **[1C]** or **[1F]**.
  - When the desired scale is displayed, select by pressing the **✖** button. The system will automatically sequence to power save mode.

When the station enters the parameter input mode, the procedure is as follows.

**EXAMPLE:** Set the time to 10 minutes in the power save setting.



**EXAMPLE:** Set the auto-power shutoff function.



- When the station enters low-temperature alarm tolerance setting mode, the hundreds digit begins flashing. Enter and store the value in the same manner as described in "Changing the temperature setting."
- If you enter a value exceeding the allowable range shown to the left, you will be brought back to entering a value in the hundreds digit. If this occurs, reenter a correct value.
- Once the value is stored, the system will automatically sequence to offset free setting mode.

6. PARAMETER SETTINGS

4 Resetting the supervisor/operator control setting

To change the supervisor/operator control settings, the procedure is as follows.

- The display will show **[4 0]** or **[4 1]** when this mode is entered.

**[4 0]**: No offset value can be entered without inserting the card.

**[4 1]**: An offset value can be entered without inserting the card.

Pressing the **UP** or **DOWN** button will change **[4 0]** and **[4 1]**. When the desired setting is displayed, select by pressing **✖** button.

5 Buzzer setting (C-E sound, S-E sound)

- In the buzzer sound setting mode, which sets whether to sound the buzzer when a sensor error or soldering iron error occurs, either **[5 0]** or **[5 1]** is displayed.

**[5 0]**: The buzzer does not sound.

**[5 1]**: The buzzer sounds.

Select **UP** or **DOWN** and press the **✖** button.

6 Buzzer setting (Set temperature alert)

- In the set temperature alert setting mode, either **[6 0]** or **[6 1]** is displayed.

**[6 0]**: The buzzer does not sound.

**[6 1]**: The buzzer sounds.

Select **UP** or **DOWN** and press the **✖** button. The system will exit the parameter setting mode and begin heater control. It is now ready for normal operation.

7. ERROR MESSAGES

If an error occurs with the IRON that is not currently selected, the display will automatically switch to display the error message. The display returns to normal after the error is corrected.

● Sensor Error

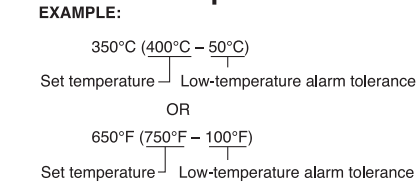


When there is the possibility that a failure has occurred in the sensor or heater (including the sensor circuit), **[5-E]** is displayed and the power is shut down.

NOTE:

The sensor error also occurs if the tip is not inserted properly.

● Low-temperature alarm tolerance error



● Heater terminal short circuit error



● Soldering iron error



- When **[1]** or **[2]** is displayed

Hold the **1** or **2** button down to turn the power on.