

FAX REF 6047  
TO

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:Ed Avila

:Teledyne

FROM

:John S. Lamb

Dear Ed,

We have tested almost 100 Nellcor SpO2 cables from repaired Nellcor probes.

The Resistor values are as follows

7.44Kohm	1
7.45	2
7.46	9
7.47	15
7.48	13
7.49	21
7.50	14
4.51	9
7.52	4
7.53	3
7.54	1
7.68	1

This is a typical distribution curve around a resistor value of 7.5Kohm with a +/- 1% tolerance.

It would therefore appear that Nellcor are no longer matching LED's to a resistor value on Finger probes.

We tested 1 Dura Y @ 7.97Kohm

Two Disposable 8.03 Kohm & 8.23 Kohm

These tests are too few in number to be meaningful but it appears that the disposable with a difference of 2% may be using a different or even wider tolerance LED's.

NB

If a 7.5Kohm resistor is added to a BCI probe it will work on a Nellcor instrument

Investigation has shown that on a Nellcor connector Pins 1 & 2 are joined by a 7.5Kohm resistor.

Pin 7 is a screen

On a BCI pins 1, 6 & 7 are shorted out to a screen

We are looking at other DP9 connectors on other models and will keep you informed. However the above information should make life easier for UDT. i.e.

Kind Regards,





# VIAMED



Date: 3/11/97  
Manufacturer: Nellcor  
Oximeter Model: N200  
Probe Type: Finger  
Probe Resistor: 4K  
Notes: Resistor reduced to 4K using an adaptor cable.

Reading at 100%:	100
Reading at 99%:	100
Reading at 98%:	99
Reading at 97%:	98
Reading at 96%:	97
Reading at 95%:	96
Reading at 94%:	95
Reading at 93%:	94
Reading at 92%:	94
Reading at 91%:	93
Reading at 90%:	92
Reading at 85%:	87
Reading at 80%:	83
Reading at 75%:	78
Reading at 70%:	73
Reading at 65%:	68
Reading at 60%:	63

Notes: Just within  $\pm 3$  spec.



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# VIAMED



Date: 3/11/97  
Manufacturer: Nellcor  
Oximeter Model: N200  
Probe Type: Finger  
Probe Resistor: 5K  
Notes: Resistor altered to 5K using an adaptor cable.

Reading at 100%: 100  
Reading at 99%: 100  
Reading at 98%: 99  
Reading at 97%: 98  
Reading at 96%: 97  
Reading at 95%: 96  
Reading at 94%: 95  
Reading at 93%: 94  
Reading at 92%: 94  
Reading at 91%: 93  
Reading at 90%: 92  
Reading at 85%: 87  
Reading at 80%: 82  
Reading at 75%: 78  
Reading at 70%: 73  
Reading at 65%: 68  
Reading at 60%: 63

Notes: Within  $\pm 3$  spec.



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# VIAMED



Date: 3/11/97  
Manufacturer: Nellcor  
Oximeter Model: N200  
Probe Type: Finger  
Probe Resistor: 7K

Notes: Resistor set to this value using  
an adaptor cable

Reading at 100%: 100  
Reading at 99%: 100  
Reading at 98%: 99  
Reading at 97%: 98  
Reading at 96%: 97  
Reading at 95%: 96  
Reading at 94%: 95  
Reading at 93%: 94  
Reading at 92%: 93  
Reading at 91%: 92  
Reading at 90%: 91  
Reading at 85%: 86  
Reading at 80%: 81  
Reading at 75%: 76  
Reading at 70%: 72  
Reading at 65%: 67  
Reading at 60%: 62

Notes: Still within spec., appears  
fairly stable and fast to react.



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Date: 3/11/97  
Manufacturer: Nellcor  
Oximeter Model: N200  
Probe Type: Finger  
Probe Resistor: 0  
Notes: Resistor turned down to zero  
using an adaptor cable

Reading at 100%:	98
Reading at 99%:	97
Reading at 98%:	96
Reading at 97%:	94
Reading at 96%:	93
Reading at 95%:	92
Reading at 94%:	91
Reading at 93%:	90
Reading at 92%:	89
Reading at 91%:	88
Reading at 90%:	88
Reading at 85%:	84
Reading at 80%:	80
Reading at 75%:	77
Reading at 70%:	75
Reading at 65%:	72
Reading at 60%:	70



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# VIAMED



Date: 3/11/97  
Manufacturer: Nellcor  
Oximeter Model: N200  
Probe Type: Finger  
Probe Resistor: 7.74K  
Notes: Resistor set to this value using  
an adaptor cable. This is the  
highest the resistor would go  
before being more than  $\pm 3\%$   
inaccurate.

Reading at 100%:	99-100
Reading at 99%:	99
Reading at 98%:	97
Reading at 97%:	96
Reading at 96%:	95
Reading at 95%:	95
Reading at 94%:	93
Reading at 93%:	92
Reading at 92%:	91
Reading at 91%:	90
Reading at 90%:	90
Reading at 85%:	84
Reading at 80%:	79
Reading at 75%:	73
Reading at 70%:	69-70
Reading at 65%:	62-63
Reading at 60%:	57



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Date: 3/11/97  
Manufacturer: Nellcor  
Oximeter Model: N200  
Probe Type: Finger  
Probe Resistor: 2K  
Notes: Resistor reduced to 2K using an adaptor cable.

Reading at 100%:	98
Reading at 99%:	97
Reading at 98%:	96
Reading at 97%:	95
Reading at 96%:	94
Reading at 95%:	92
Reading at 94%:	91
Reading at 93%:	90
Reading at 92%:	89
Reading at 91%:	88
Reading at 90%:	88
Reading at 85%:	83
Reading at 80%:	80
Reading at 75%:	77
Reading at 70%:	75
Reading at 65%:	72
Reading at 60%:	70

Notes: More than  $\pm 3\%$  inaccurate



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Manufacturer: Nellcor  
Oximeter Model: N200  
Probe Type: Finger  
Probe Resistor: 3K

Notes: Resistor reduced to 3K using an adaptor cable.

Reading at 100%: 100  
Reading at 99%: 100  
Reading at 98%: 99  
Reading at 97%: 99  
Reading at 96%: 98  
Reading at 95%: 97  
Reading at 94%: 96  
Reading at 93%: 95  
Reading at 92%: 94  
Reading at 91%: 93  
Reading at 90%: 92  
Reading at 85%: 88  
Reading at 80%: 83  
Reading at 75%: 78  
Reading at 70%: 74  
Reading at 65%: 69  
Reading at 60%: 64

Notes: No longer accurate at this resistor value.



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Date: 3/11/97  
Manufacturer: Nellcor  
Oximeter Model: N200  
Probe Type: Finger  
Probe Resistor: 6K

Notes: The resistor on this probe was reduced to 6K using an adaptor cable.

Reading at 100%:	100
Reading at 99%:	100
Reading at 98%:	99
Reading at 97%:	99
Reading at 96%:	98
Reading at 95%:	97
Reading at 94%:	97
Reading at 93%:	95
Reading at 92%:	94
Reading at 91%:	94
Reading at 90%:	92
Reading at 85%:	88
Reading at 80%:	83
Reading at 75%:	78
Reading at 70%:	73
Reading at 65%:	68
Reading at 60%:	63

Notes: Still just within  $\pm 3\%$



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Date: 3/11/97  
Manufacturer: Nellcor  
Oximeter Model: N200  
Probe Type: Finger  
Probe Resistor: 9.51K

Notes: This was the maximum value the resistor could be taken to before the oximeter refused to accept the probe.

Reading at 100%:	99
Reading at 99%:	98
Reading at 98%:	97
Reading at 97%:	95
Reading at 96%:	93-94
Reading at 95%:	92
Reading at 94%:	91
Reading at 93%:	89
Reading at 92%:	88
Reading at 91%:	86
Reading at 90%:	85
Reading at 85%:	78
Reading at 80%:	70
Reading at 75%:	63
Reading at 70%:	57
Reading at 65%:	50
Reading at 60%:	44

Notes: Extremely inaccurate at this resistor value.



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## Variation in product specification

**P856RA Nellcor compatible**

**S/N 941568 ME to 941667 ME**

**Variation from Viamed specification:**

During the design of this probe a range of Nellcor probes was tested for resistor value.

Nellcor use this resistor for two purposes.

- 1) It informs the instrument that a probe exists
- 2) Disposables probes use 8K23 - 8K03
- 3) Y use 7k97

It became apparent that a 7K5 ohm resistor was being used by Nellcor finger probes although no actual specification has been actually published. A wide variation around this value did not effect the accuracy of the probes.

However it was decided that Viamed would use 7K5 ohm +/- 1%

Although this increased the expense it was felt that it would be better to be as accurate as possible leaving a larger margin for errors.

This batch appear to be using a +/- 5% tolerance resistor.

Although accuracy should not be compromised the supplier has been advised that in future the correct specification for this resistor must be used.

This batch have all been tested and released on my authority

J.S.Lamb

Managing Director

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