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FOR THE USE OF  
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# BRIEF INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE USE OF THE RULE.

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## Introduction.

**B**y the aid of the Calculating Rule, multiplication and division can be effected with a sufficient degree of accuracy for most cases occurring in practice, while other, and frequently rather complicated calculations connected therewith, can be made quickly and with certainty. In addition, an entire series of algebraic, trigonometric and technical calculations can be carried out with the aid of the instrument, so that the Calculating Rule has now become indispensable to the student and the practical man.

A. W. FABER'S Calculating Rules are made of boxwood, one of the few kinds of wood possessing great strength and hardness. It enables very smooth surfaces to be produced and hence the frictional resistance between the rule and slide is less with this than other softer kinds of wood, while a smoother movement of the slide results. The most careful selection and treatment of the wood before working it, combined with the constructive improvements in the Calculating Rule, also assist in producing an exceptionally uniform movement between the slide and rule.

A. W. FABER'S Calculating Rules, Nos. 360, 361, 363, 364, 365, 367 & 369, as well as the new **Calculating Rule for Electrical and Mechanical Engineers** (No. 368) now being issued, are only supplied in white dull celluloid, with deeply engraved lines. In accordance with the wishes of a large number of clients, blue has been selected as the colour of the lines, which colour, on the dull celluloid has a restful effect upon the eye.

The following brief instructions only indicate the fundamental calculations which can be carried out with the Calculating Rule. For special study the guide issued in book form is recommended; this contains numerous examples, with figures, and 55 settings of the rule are shown, furnishing the student with an excellent introduction to the practical application of the Calculating Rule.

## Definitions.

In the following instructions, the several parts of the Calculating Rule will be briefly referred to as follows: The two parts firmly connected with each other is the "rule"; the part movable in the rule is the "slide", and the sliding aluminium frame, carrying a glass plate with a line across it, is the "cursor". The graduations on the rule and slide from 1 to 100 are called the "upper scales", and those from 1 to 10, on the lower part of the rule, the "lower scales". The graduations marked S and T, on the back of the slide are intended for reading the sines and tangents of angles to 90°, and 45° respectively. The graduations marked L on the same side of the slide, enable the logarithms of numbers of from 1 to 10 to be read off. At the back of the rule at the right and left ends, slots with special marks or "Indices" are formed, which are used when employing the S, T or L graduations.

The graduations on the rule represent graphically, the logarithms of the numbers from 1 to 10 and from 1 to 100, as well as the logarithms of the trigonometrical functions. Multiplication and division can be carried out on the upper, as well as on the lower scales. In the upper scale, the distance, 1 to 10, is equal to that of 10 to 100, and the entire length of 1 to 100, is equal to the length of 1 to 10 on the lower scale. In consequence, the accuracy of the readings is greater by one decimal on the lower scale than on the upper one. The upper scale should be used chiefly where great accuracy is not important or for combined multiplication and division.

Two numbers are multiplied together by adding the distances corresponding to the numbers on the rule and slide.

## Multiplication.

Example 1. Fig. 1:  $2.45 \times 3.0 = 7.35$ .

Set 1 on the slide under 2.45 on the upper scale, place the line on the cursor over 3 on the slide, and read off the product, 7.35 on the upper scale of the rule under the line on the cursor.

If the calculation is to be made on the lower scale, place 1 on the slide above 2.45 on the lower scale, move the cursor until its line is above 3 on the lower scale on the slide, and read off the product 7.35, on the lower scale of the rule.

Example 2. Fig. 2:  $7.5 \times 2.5 = 18.75$ .

In using the upper scale proceed exactly as in Example 1. When using the lower scale, however, it will be found that the second factor 2.5 no longer falls within the rule, and reading as before is consequently not possible. In that case, set 10 on the lower scale of the slide above 7.5 on the lower scale of the rule, move the cursor line over 2.5 on the lower scale of the slide, and read under the cursor line, 1.875; but, as the setting was made with 10, the correct reading is  $1.875 \times 10 = 18.75$ .

As will be evident from these examples, it is immaterial whether the setting is made with the right or the left end of the slide; this only affects the number of places in the result. It also follows from these examples, that continued multiplication, that is to say, when more than two factors are involved, can be carried out very easily, as the intermediate results need not be read off, it being only necessary to set the cursor to the second factor as before and to bring one end of the slide under the cursor, when the multiplication by the third factor can at once be made and read off, or further multiplications made.

Two numbers are divided, one by the other, by subtracting from one another the distances corresponding to the numbers; the divisor being always subtracted from the dividend.

## Division.

Example 3. Fig. 3:  $8.25 \div 5.5 = 1.5$ .

Set the cursor to 8.25 on the lower scale, bring 5.5 on the lower scale of the slide under the cursor line and read 1.5 on the lower scale of the rule under 1 of the lower scale of the slide.

If the calculation is to be made with the upper scale, set the cursor to 8.25, bring 5.5 on the upper scale of the slide under the cursor line and read 1.5 on the upper scale of the rule above 1 on the upper scale of the slide.

Compound calculations, that is to say, multiplications and divisions in immediate sequence can easily be made with the Calculating Rule. The intermediate results need not be read off if it is not necessary to know them, and after the last setting the correct final result will appear. It is best to begin such calculations with a division, then follow with a multiplication, then another division and again a multiplication and so on.

Practice is required in order to calculate quickly and with certainty by means of the Calculating Rule. The values of the separate graduations in the several scales must become impressed on the memory, more particularly those that are not marked with figures. The estimation of all those numerical values which are not marked on the rule, must be practised, that is to say, the value of the spaces between adjacent graduations must be learnt. With some practice the requisite accuracy will be obtained, and it will be found that this estimating is not by any means as difficult as it appears at first sight.

## Reading the Scales.

The determination of the number of places in the result likewise requires some consideration. In most cases the number of figures in the result will be known beforehand, and consequently only the numerical values come into question in these cases. It is only necessary to observe that the results will appear correctly on the rule if the factors can be set without changing the

## Number of Places in Result.

slide as explained in Exercise 2. But in division the result must be divided by 10 or 100, when the reading is made with 10 or 100. In the same way, in multiplication, the result must be multiplied by 10 or 100, when the setting is made with 10 or 100, instead of 1. In all cases in which the factors are greater or less than the readings on the Calculating Rule permit, they must be brought by division or multiplication by 10, 100 or 1000 etc. to a value which can be set on the Calculating Rule. Naturally the result has then to be multiplied or divided by 10, 100, 1000 etc. as the case may be.

**Squares  
and Square Roots.**

From the arrangement of the graduations on the upper scale, from 1 to 10 being equal to 10 to 100, and the whole, 1 to 100 being equal to 1 to 10 on the lower scale, it is evident that above any number on the lower scale its square can be read on the upper scale. Reversely, below each number on the upper scale is found its square root on the lower scale.

Example 4. Fig. 4:  $3^2 = 9$ .

Place the cursor line over 3 on the lower scale, and under the line, read the square (9) on the upper scale.

Example 5. Fig. 4:  $\sqrt{81} = 9$ .

Place the cursor line over 81 on the upper scale, and read off under the cursor line, the square root (9) on the lower scale.

**Cubes and Cube  
Roots.**

The raising of a number to its third power or the extraction of a cube root will be most easily shown by an example:

Example 6. Fig. 4:  $1.4^3 = 2.774$ .

Set 1 on the lower scale of the slide to 1.4 on the lower scale of the rule; move the cursor line over 1.4 on the upper scale of the slide and read 2.774 on the upper scale of the rule, under the cursor line.

Example 7. Fig. 5:  $\sqrt[3]{1.728} = 1.2$ .

Set the cursor to 1.728 on the upper scale of the rule, move the slide (in this case to the right) until the same number (1.2) appears simultaneously on the upper scale of the slide under the cursor line, and on the lower scale of the rule under 1 on the lower scale of the slide.

**Sines  
and Tangents.**

To determine the values of the sines and tangents of any angle, the scales marked S and T on the back of the slide are used with the index marks in the slots at the ends of the Calculating Rule.

Example 8. Fig. 6:  $\text{Sin. } 32^\circ = 0.5299$ .

Set the angle  $32^\circ$  on the S scale either under the right hand or the left hand upper index in the slots, and read off the value of the sine (0.5299) on the upper scale of the slide, either under 100 or 1 of the upper scale of the rule.

Example 9. Fig. 7:  $\text{Tan. } 7^\circ 20' = 0.1286$ .

Set the angle  $7^\circ 20'$  on the T scale above the left hand lower index and read off the value of the tangent (0.1286) on the lower scale of the slide above 1 on the rule.

It must be observed, that the values of the sines and tangents up to  $5^\circ 40'$ , are read as 0.0 . . . . those above  $5^\circ 50'$  being read as 0 . . . .

**Logarithms.**

As remarked above, the scale marked L on the back of the slide, enables the logarithm of a given number to be found.

Example 10. Fig. 8:  $\text{Log. } 1.35 = 0.1303$ .

Set 1 on the lower scale of the slide above 1.35 on the lower scale of the rule, and read off the value of the log. (0.1303) on the L scale above the right hand lower index.

