

## Bluelab Truncheon™ - Do's and Don'ts

### Do's

- Do clean the probe face at least weekly, or even more often if you are using additives or nutrient solutions that contain oils, as these can contaminate the probe and give an inaccurate reading.
- Do on occasion check the accuracy status of your Truncheon, using the Bluelab CF27.7 conductivity standard. The Bluelab Truncheon does not require calibration, as this is locked in during manufacture, but checking the status tells you that you are adequately cleaning the probe face. Always use fresh solution.
- Do always replace the shroud on the probe to protect the probe face and ensure accurate readings.
- Do wait 5 – 10 minutes for the reading to stabilize if the probe temperature is very different to the solution temperature and stir the probe in solution or place probe where there is good movement.
- Do check batteries on occasion to check for deterioration or swelling.

### Don'ts

- Don't touch the probe face with your fingers or you will contaminate the probe surface. The only time you can place your fingers on the probe is when you are cleaning the probe with the liquid scourer.
- Don't wipe the probe face with a cloth or any object – only shake dry.
- Don't use rechargeable batteries
- Don't throw away your Instruction Manual – keep it in a safe place so you may refer back to it if needed. The cleaning instructions are in the manual and until you are very familiar with the procedure you should refer back to these to ensure you are carrying them out correctly.