## Calculator Appendix L

## Scientific Notation

A number in scientific notation is expressed as a number between 1 and $10(1 \leq n<10)$ times a power of 10 .

For example, 345 in scientific notation is written as $3.45 \times 10^{2}$ while .0948 is written as $9.48 \times 10^{-2}$.


Using the MODE key, either the NORMAL or SClentific notation mode can be selected. With the NORMAL mode selected, the following shows how to convert $3.45 \times 10^{2}$ to NORMAL mode, 345 .


Enter $3.45 \times 10^{2}$ by first entering $\mathbf{3 . 4 5}$. Press $2^{\text {nd }} \mathbf{E E}$ to produce this result on the display. E indicates that whatever follows is to be the exponent of 10 .

Now enter 2 (the exponent of 10), and then press ENTER. The answer, 345, in NORMAL mode is displayed.

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With the SCI mode selected, the following shows how to convert 345 to SCI mode, 3.45E2 (which means $3.45 \times 10^{2}$ ).

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When in the SCI mode, all results of calculations will be displayed in scientific notation as illustrated with this problem:
$3478(.052)+3.788=1.84644 \times 10^{2}$


