



## **Scientific Notation**

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

For example, 345 in scientific notation is written as 3.45 X 10<sup>2</sup> while .0948 is written as 9.48 X  $10^{-2}$ .



Using the **MODE** key, either the NORMAL or SCIentific 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 X  $10^2$  by first entering **3.45**. Press **2<sup>nd</sup> EE** to produce this result on the display. E indicates that whatever follows is to be the exponent of 10.

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





With the **SCI** mode selected, the following shows how to convert 345 to **SCI** mode, 3.45E2 (which means 3.45 X 10<sup>2</sup>).

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Enter **345** and then press **ENTER**. The equivalent of 345 in scientific notation, 3.45E2, is displayed.

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 X 10<sup>2</sup>

3478\*.052+3.788 1.84644e2