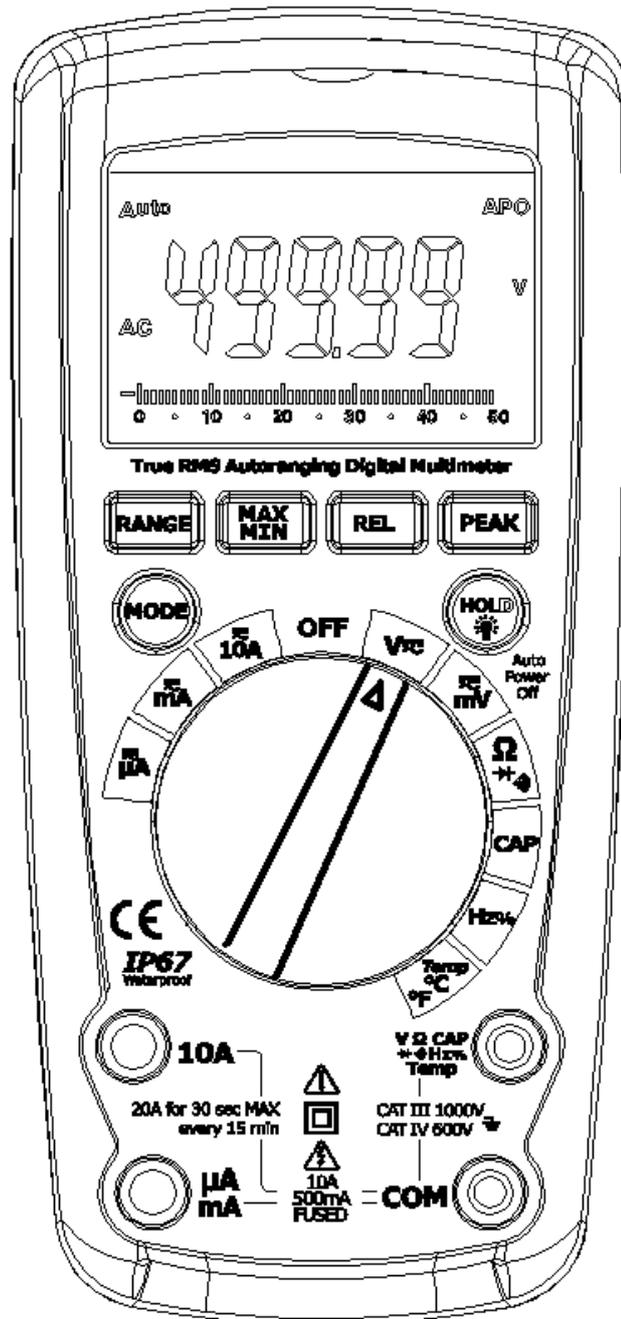


DM-950BT

Operator's Manual

True RMS Industrial Multimeter



Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the DM-950BT True RMS, Autoranging, Multimeter. This meter measures AC/DC Voltage, AC/DC Current, Resistance, Capacitance, Frequency, Duty Cycle, Diode Test, Continuity plus Thermocouple Temperature. It features a waterproof, rugged design for heavy-duty use and has wireless capabilities for unparalleled performance.

Safety



This symbol adjacent to another symbol, terminal or operating device indicates that the operator must refer to an explanation in the operating instructions to avoid personal injury or damage to the meter.

WARNING

This **WARNING** symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION

This **CAUTION** symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, may result in damage to the product.



This symbol advises the user that the terminal(s) so marked must not be connected to a circuit point at which the voltage with respect to earth ground exceeds (in this case) 1000 VAC or VDC.



This symbol adjacent to one or more terminals identifies them as being associated with ranges that may, in normal use, be subjected to particularly hazardous voltages. For maximum safety, the meter and its test leads should not be handled when these terminals are energized.



This symbol indicates that a device is protected throughout by double insulation or reinforced insulation.

2.1 FCC Compliance

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference.
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.



WARNING

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

- This meter includes a wireless module to transmit meter data to a Bluetooth enabled smartphone or tablet.

ENABLE WIRELESS

1. Press and hold "REL" button for >2 seconds, you will hear a double beep, a wireless icon will appear in the display and the green wireless indicator light will start blinking.
2. Pair the meter to the smartphone by following instructions in the iDMM manual.
3. Once paired, the data from the meter will be wirelessly transmitted to the display on a smartphone or tablet.

PER IEC1010 OVERVOLTAGE INSTALLATION CATEGORY

OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY I

Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY I is equipment for connection to circuits in which measures are taken to limit the transient overvoltages to an appropriate low level.

Note – Examples include protected electronic circuits.

OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY II

Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY II is energy-consuming equipment to be supplied from the fixed installation.

Note – Examples include household, office, and laboratory appliances.

OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY III

Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY III is equipment in fixed installations.

Note – Examples include switches in the fixed installation and some equipment for industrial use with permanent connection to the fixed installation.

OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY IV

Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY IV is for use at the origin of the installation.

Note – Examples include electricity meters and primary over-current protection equipment

CAUTIONS

- Improper use of this meter can cause damage, shock, injury or death. Read and understand this user manual before operating the meter.
- Always remove the test leads before replacing the battery or fuses.
- Inspect the condition of the test leads and the meter itself for any damage before operating the meter.
- Use great care when making measurements if the voltages are greater than 25 VAC RMS or 35 VDC. These voltages are considered a shock hazard.
- Warning! This is a class A equipment. This equipment can cause interferences in the living quarters; in this case the operator may be required to carry out adequate measures.
- Always discharge capacitors and remove power from the device under test before performing Diode, Resistance or Continuity tests.
- Voltage checks on electrical outlets can be difficult and misleading because of the uncertainty of connection to the recessed electrical contacts. Other means should be used to ensure that the terminals are not "live".
- If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.
- This device is not a toy and must be kept out of the reach of children. It contains hazardous objects as well as small parts that children could swallow. If a child should accidentally swallow any component, please contact a physician immediately.
- Do not leave batteries and packing material lying around unattended; they can be dangerous for children.
- In case the device is going to be unused for an extended period, remove the batteries to prevent them from draining or from damaging the meter.
- Expired or damaged batteries can cause irritation on contact with the skin. Always use suitable hand protection when handling damaged or suspected damaged batteries.
- See that the batteries are not short-circuited. Do not throw batteries into the fire.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

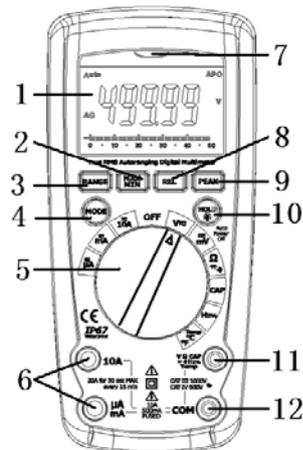
This meter has been designed for safe use, but must be operated with caution. The rules listed below must be carefully followed for safe operation.

- **NEVER** apply voltage or current to the meter that exceeds the specified maximum.
- **USE EXTREME CAUTION** when working with high voltages.
- **DO NOT** measure voltage if the voltage on the "COM" input jack exceeds 600V above earth ground.
- **NEVER** connect the meter leads across a voltage source while the function dial is in the current, resistance, or diode mode. Doing so can damage the meter.
- **ALWAYS** discharge filter capacitors in power supplies and disconnect the power when making resistance or diode tests.
- **ALWAYS** turn off the power and disconnect the test leads before opening the covers to replace the fuses or batteries.
- **NEVER** operate the meter unless the back cover and the battery and fuse covers are in place and fastened securely.
- If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

Input Protection Limits	
Function	Maximum Input
V DC or V AC	1000 VDC/AC rms
mA AC/DC	500 mA 1000V fast acting fuse
A AC/DC	10A 1000V fast acting fuse (20A for 30 seconds max every 15 minutes)
Frequency, Resistance, Capacitance, Duty Cycle, Diode Test, Continuity	1000 VDC/AC rms
Temperature	1000 VDC/AC rms

Controls and Jacks

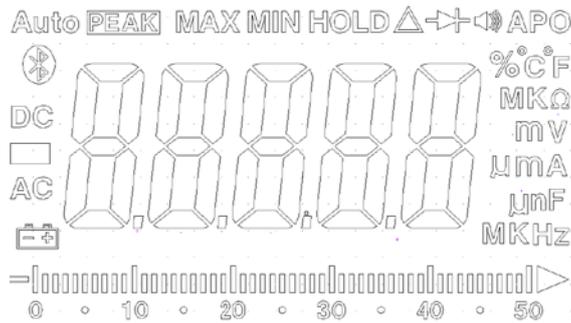
1. 50,000 count LCD
2. MAX/MIN button
3. RANGE button
4. MODE button
5. Function dial
6. mA, μ A and 10A input jacks
7. Wireless LED indicator
8. RELATIVE and Wireless Power button
9. PEAK button
10. HOLD and  (Backlight) button
11. Positive input jack
12. COM input jack



Note: Tilt stand and battery compartment are on rear of unit.

Symbols and Enunciators

-))) Continuity
-  Diode test
-  Low Battery
- n nano (10^{-9}) (capacitance)
- μ micro (10^{-6}) (amps, cap)
- m milli (10^{-3}) (volts, amps)
- A Amps
- k kilo (10^3) (ohms)
- F Farads (capacitance)
- M mega (10^6) (ohms)
- Ω Ohms
- Hz Hertz (frequency)
- % Percent (duty ratio)
- AC Alternating current
- DC Direct current
- $^{\circ}$ F Degrees Fahrenheit
- MAX Maximum



- APO** Auto Power Off
- PEAK** Peak
- V** Volts
- REL** Relative
- AUTO** Autoranging
- HOLD** Display hold
- $^{\circ}$ C Degrees Centigrade
- MIN** Minimum

Operating Instructions

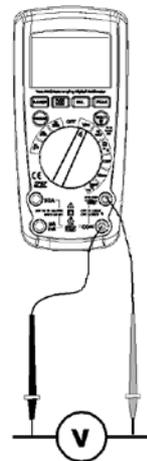
WARNING: Risk of electrocution. High-voltage circuits, both AC and DC, are very dangerous and should be measured with great care.

1. ALWAYS turn the function dial to the **OFF** position when the meter is not in use.
2. If “OL” appears in the display during a measurement, the value being measured exceeds the range you have selected. Change to a higher range.

AC/DC VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS

CAUTION: Do not measure DC voltages if a motor on the circuit is being switched ON or OFF. Large voltage surges may occur that can damage the meter.

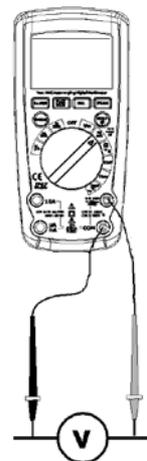
1. Rotate the function dial to the **V** position.
2. Press the **MODE** button to select “**DC**” or “**AC**” on the LCD
3. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack. Insert the red test lead banana plug into the positive **V** jack.
4. Touch the black test probe tip to the negative side of the circuit.
Touch the red test probe tip to the positive side of the circuit.
5. Read the voltage in the display.



DC/AC MILLIVOLT MEASUREMENTS

CAUTION: Do not measure DC/AC voltages if a motor on the circuit is being switched ON or OFF. Large voltage surges may occur that can damage the meter.

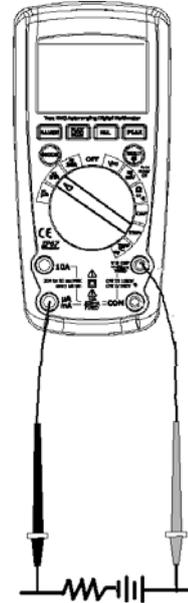
1. Rotate the function dial to the **mV DC-AC** position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack.
Insert the red test lead banana plug into the positive **V** jack.
3. Press the **MODE** button to select “**DC**” or “**AC**” millivolts.
4. Touch the black test probe tip to the negative side of the circuit.
Touch the red test probe tip to the positive side of the circuit.
5. Read the voltage in the display.



AC/DC CURRENT MEASUREMENTS

CAUTION: Do not make 20A current measurements for longer than 30 seconds. Exceeding 30 seconds may cause damage to the meter and/or the test leads.

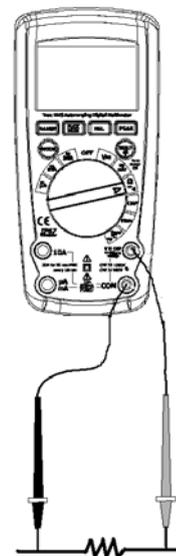
1. Insert black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack.
2. For current measurements up to 5000 μ A DC, set the function dial to the **μ A** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **μ A/mA** jack.
3. For current measurements up to 500 mA DC, set the function dial to the **mA** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **μ A/mA** jack.
4. For current measurements up to 10A DC, set the function dial to the **10A** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **10A** jack.
5. Press the **MODE** button to select "**DC**" or "**AC**" amps.
6. Remove power from the circuit under test, then open up the circuit at the point where you wish to measure current.
7. Touch the black test probe tip to the negative side of the circuit. Touch the red test probe tip to the positive side of the circuit.
8. Apply power to the circuit.
9. Read the current in the display.



RESISTANCE MEASUREMENTS

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect power to the unit under test and discharge all capacitors before taking any resistance measurements. Remove the batteries and unplug the line cords.

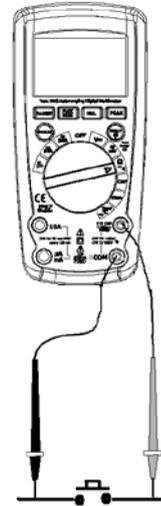
1. Rotate the function dial to the Ω position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack. Insert the red test lead banana plug into the positive Ω , red jack.
3. Press the **MODE** button to select Ω function.
4. Touch the test probe tips across the circuit or part under test. It is best to disconnect one side of the part under test so the rest of the circuit will not interfere with the resistance reading.
5. Read the resistance in the display.



CONTINUITY CHECK

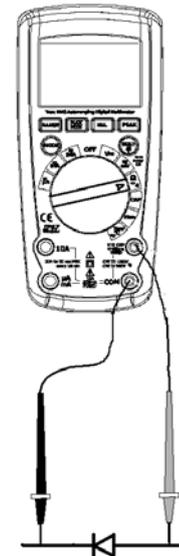
WARNING: To avoid electric shock, never measure continuity on circuits or wires that have voltage on them.

1. Rotate the function dial to the Ω  position.
2. Insert the black lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack. Insert the red test lead banana plug into the positive Ω , red jack.
3. Press the **MODE** button to select , icon will appear on the display.
4. Touch the test probe tips to the circuit or wire you wish to check.
5. If the resistance is less than approximately 35Ω , the audible signal will sound. If the circuit is open, the display will indicate “OL”.



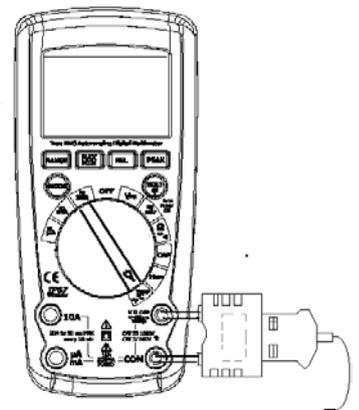
DIODE TEST

1. Rotate the function dial to the Ω  position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack and the red test lead banana plug into the positive Ω , red jack.
3. Press the **MODE** button to select , icon will appear on the display.
4. Touch the test probes to the diode under test. Forward voltage will typically indicate 0.400 to 0.700V. Reverse voltage will indicate “OL”. Shorted devices will indicate near 0V and an open device will indicate “OL” in both polarities.



THERMOCOUPLE TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENTS

1. Rotate the function dial to the **Temp °F °C** position.
2. Insert the Temperature Probe into the input jacks, making sure to observe the correct polarity.
3. Press the **MODE** button to select **°F** or **°C**, icon will appear on the display.
4. Touch the Temperature Probe head to the part whose temperature you wish to measure. Keep the probe touching the part under test until the reading stabilizes.
5. Read the temperature in the display.



Note: The temperature probe is fitted with a type K mini connector.

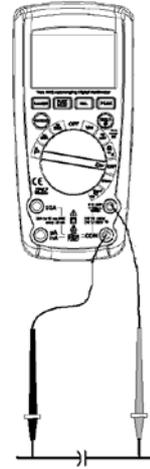
A mini connector to banana connector adaptor is supplied for connection to the input banana jacks.

Note: The temperature range of the supplied thermocouple probe is -20 to 250°C (-4 to 482°F)

CAPACITANCE MEASUREMENTS

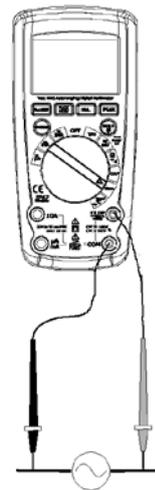
WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect power to the unit under test and discharge all capacitors before taking any capacitance measurements. Remove the batteries and unplug the line cords.

1. Rotate the function dial to the **CAP** position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack. Insert the red test lead banana plug into the positive **V** jack.
3. Touch the test leads to the capacitor to be tested.
4. Read the capacitance value in the display



FREQUENCY (DUTY CYCLE) MEASUREMENTS

1. Rotate the function dial to the **Hz/%** position.
2. Insert the black lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack and the red test lead banana plug into the positive **Hz** red jack.
3. Touch the test probe tips to the circuit under test.
4. Read the frequency on the display.
5. Press the **MODE** button to select %, icon will appear on the display.
6. Read the % duty cycle in the display.



AUTORANGING/MANUAL RANGE SELECTION

The meter will default to Autoranging mode. This automatically selects the best range for the measurements being made and is generally the best mode for most measurements. For measurement situations requiring that a range be manually selected, perform the following:

1. Press the **RANGE** button. The “**AUTO**” display indicator will turn off.
2. Press the **RANGE** button to step through the available ranges until you select the range you want.
3. To exit the Manual Ranging mode and return to Autoranging, press and hold the **RANGE** button for >2 seconds.

Note: Manual ranging does not apply for the Temperature functions.

MAX/MIN

1. Press the **MAX/MIN** button to activate the MAX/MIN recording mode. The **MAX** icon will appear. The meter will display and hold the maximum reading and will update only when a new "max" occurs.
2. Press the **MAX/MIN** button again and the **MIN** icon will appear. The meter will display and hold the minimum reading and will update only when a new "min" occurs.
3. To exit MAX/MIN mode press and hold the **MAX/MIN** button for >2 seconds.

Relative mode

The relative measurement feature allows you to make measurements relative to a stored reference value. A reference voltage, current, etc. can be stored and measurements made in comparison to that value. The displayed value is the difference between the reference value and the measured value.

1. Perform the measurement as described in the operating instructions.
2. Press and Hold the **REL** button to store the reading in the display and the "REL" indicator will appear on the display.
3. The display will now indicate the difference between the stored value and the measured value.
4. Press and Hold the **REL** button to exit the relative mode.

PEAK HOLD

The Peak Hold function captures the peak AC voltage or current. The meter can capture negative or positive peaks as fast as 1 millisecond in duration. Press the **PEAK** button. "**PEAK MAX**" will appear in the display, Press the **PEAK** button again and the display icon "**PEAK MIN**" will appear. The meter will update the display each time a higher positive or negative peak occurs. Press and hold the **PEAK** button for 2 seconds to exit the mode.

DISPLAY BACKLIGHT

Press the **HOLD/☼** button for >2 second to turn the backlight on. The backlight will automatically turn off after 10 seconds.

HOLD

The hold function freezes the reading in the display. Press the **HOLD** button to activate or to exit the **HOLD** function.

LOW BATTERY INDICATION

When the low battery  icon appears in the display, the battery should be replaced.

AUTO POWER OFF

The auto off feature will turn the meter off after 15 minutes. To disable the auto power off feature, hold down the **MODE** button and turn the meter on. "**APO d**" will appear in the display. Turn the meter off and then on again to re-enable the auto power off feature.

MAINTENANCE

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads from any source of voltage before removing the back cover or the battery or fuse covers.

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not operate your meter until the battery and fuse covers are in place and fastened securely.

This Multimeter is designed to provide years of dependable service, if the following care instructions are performed:

1. **KEEP THE METER DRY.** If it gets wet, wipe it off.
2. **USE AND STORE THE METER IN NORMAL TEMPERATURES.** Temperature extremes can shorten the life of the electronic parts and distort or melt plastic parts.
3. **HANDLE THE METER GENTLY AND CAREFULLY.** Dropping it can damage the electronic parts or the case.
4. **KEEP THE METER CLEAN.** Wipe the case occasionally with a damp cloth. DO NOT use chemicals, cleaning solvents, or detergents.
5. **USE ONLY FRESH BATTERIES OF THE RECOMMENDED SIZE AND TYPE.** Remove old or weak batteries so they do not leak and damage the unit.
6. **IF THE METER IS TO BE STORED FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME,** the batteries should be removed to prevent damage to the unit.

BATTERY INSTALLATION

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads from any source of voltage before removing the battery cover.

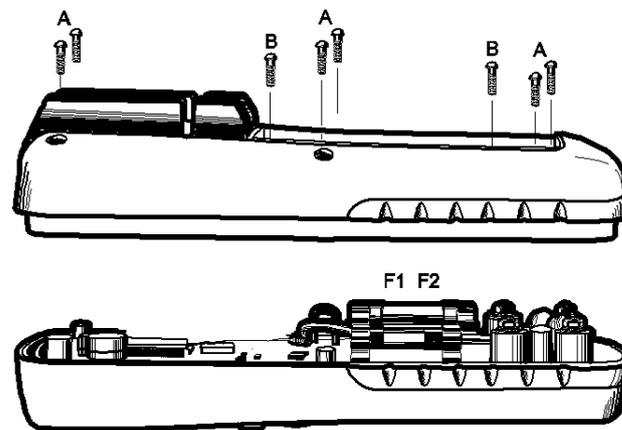
1. Turn power off and disconnect the test leads from the meter.
2. Open the rear battery cover by removing two screws (B) using a Phillips head screwdriver.
3. Insert the battery into battery holder, observing the correct polarity.
4. Put the battery cover back in place. Secure with the screws.

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not operate the meter until the battery cover is in place and fastened securely.

NOTE: If your meter does not work properly, check the fuses and batteries to make sure that they are still good and that they are properly inserted.

REPLACING THE FUSES

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads from any source of voltage before removing the meter cover.



1. Disconnect the test leads from the meter.
2. Remove the battery cover (two "B" screws) and the battery.
3. Remove the six "A" screws securing the rear cover.
4. Gently remove the old fuse and install the new fuse into the holder.
5. Always use a fuse of the proper size and value (0.5A/1000V fast blow for the 600 mA range 10A/1000V fast blow for the 10A range)
6. Replace and secure the rear cover, battery and battery cover.

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not operate your meter until the fuse cover is in place and fastened securely.

Function	Range	Resolution	Accuracy
<i>DC Voltage</i>	50mV	0.001mV	$\pm(0.06\% \text{ reading} + 9 \text{ digits})$
	500mV	0.01mV	$\pm(0.06\% \text{ reading} + 4 \text{ digits})$
	5V	0.0001V	
	50V	0.001V	
	500V	0.01V	
	1000V	0.1V	$\pm(0.1\% \text{ reading} + 5 \text{ digits})$
<i>AC Voltage</i>			50 to 1000Hz
	50mV	0.001mV	$\pm(1.0\% \text{ reading} + 9 \text{ digits})$
	500mV	0.01mV	
	5V	0.0001V	
	50V	0.001V	
	500V	0.01V	
	1000V	0.1V	
All AC voltage ranges are specified from 5% of range to 100% of range			
<i>DC Current</i>	500 μ A	0.01 μ A	$\pm(1.0\% \text{ reading} + 3 \text{ digits})$
	5000 μ A	0.1 μ A	
	50mA	0.001mA	
	500mA	0.01mA	
	10A	0.001A	
	(20A: 30 sec max with reduced accuracy)		
<i>AC Current</i>			50 to 1000Hz
	500 μ A	0.01 μ A	$\pm(1.5\% \text{ reading} + 9 \text{ digits})$
	5000 μ A	0.1 μ A	
	50mA	0.001mA	
	500mA	0.01mA	
	10A	0.001A	
	(20A: 30 sec max with reduced accuracy)		
All AC voltage ranges are specified from 5% of range to 100% of range			

NOTE: Accuracy is stated at 65°F to 83°F (18°C to 28°C) and less than 75% RH.

Function	Range	Resolution	Accuracy
Resistance	50Ω	0.001Ω	±(0.3% reading + 9 digits)
	500Ω	0.01Ω	
	5kΩ	0.0001kΩ	±(0.3% reading + 4 digits)
	50kΩ	0.001kΩ	
	500kΩ	0.01kΩ	
	5MΩ	0.0001MΩ	
	50MΩ	0.001MΩ	±(2.0% reading + 10 digits)
Capacitance			±(3.5% reading + 40 digits)
	500nF	0.01nF	±(3.5% reading + 10 digits)
	5μF	0.0001 μF	
	50 μF	0.001 μF	
	500 μF	0.01 μF	
	5000μF	0.1μF	±(5% reading + 10 digits)
	50mF	0.001mF	
Frequency	50Hz	0.001Hz	±(0.1% reading + 1 digits)
	500Hz	0.01Hz	
	5kHz	0.0001kHz	
	50kHz	0.001kHz	
	500kHz	0.01kHz	
	5MHz	0.0001MHz	
	50MHz	0.001MHz	
	Sensitivity: 0.8V RMS min. @ 20% to 80% duty cycle and <100kHz; 5Vrms min @ 20% to 80% duty cycle and > 100kHz.		
Duty Cycle	0.1 to 99.90%	0.01%	±(1.2% reading + 2 digits)
	Pulse width: 100μs - 100ms, Frequency: 5Hz to 150kHz		
Temp (type-K)	-58.0 to 2192.0°F	0.1°F	±(1.0% reading + 4.5°F) (probe accuracy not included)
	-50.0 to 760.0°C	0.1°C	±(1.0% reading + 2.5°C) (probe accuracy not included)

Enclosure	Double molded, Waterproof to 1 meter (IP67)
Diode Test	Test current of 0.9mA maximum, open circuit voltage 2.8V DC typical
Continuity Check	Audible signal will sound if the resistance is less than 35Ω (approx.), test current <0.35mA
PEAK	Captures peaks >1ms
Temperature Sensor	Requires type K thermocouple
Input Impedance	>10MΩ VDC & >3MΩ VAC
AC Response	True RMS
ACV Bandwidth	40Hz to 1000Hz
Crest Factor	≤3 at full scale up to 500V, decreasing linearly to ≤1.5 at 1000V
Display	40,000 count backlit liquid crystal display with bar graph
Overrange indication	“OL” is displayed
Auto Power Off	15 minutes (approximately) with disable feature
Polarity	Automatic (no indication for positive); Minus (-) sign for negative
Measurement Rate	8 times per second, nominal
Low Battery	“  ” is displayed if battery voltage drops below operating voltage
Battery	One 9 volt (NEDA 1604) battery
Fuses	mA, μA ranges; 0.5A/1000V ceramic fast blow A range; 10A/1000V ceramic fast blow
Operating Temperature	41°F to 104°F (5°C to 40°C)
Storage Temperature	-4°F to 140°F (-20°C to 60°C)
Operating Humidity	Max 80% up to 87°F (31°C) decreasing linearly to 50% at 104°F (40°C)
Storage Humidity	<80%
Operating Altitude	7000 ft. (2000 meters) maximum
Weight	0.806 lb (365.9g) (includes holster)
Size	6.69” x 3.2” x 2.0” (170 x 81 x 50 mm) (includes holster)
Safety	This meter is intended for origin of installation use and protects the users, by double insulation per EN61010-1 and IEC61010-1 2 nd Edition (2001) to Category IV 600V and Category III 1000V; Pollution Degree 2.
Approvals	 CE, FCC



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