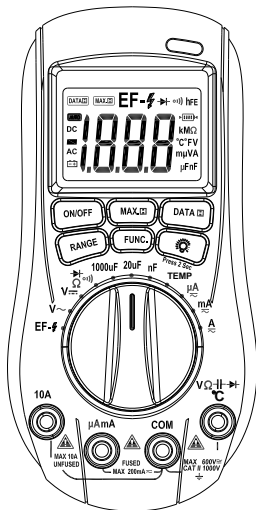


DIGITAL MULTIMETER

USER'S MANUAL



1.GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

This multimeter has been designed according to IEC61010 concerning electronic measuring instruments with an overvoltage category (CAT II, CAT III 600V) and pollution 2.

To get the best service from this instrument, read carefully this user's manual and respect the detailed safety precautions.

1.1 Precautions safety measures


1.1.1 Preliminary

- * When using this Multimeter, the user must observe all normal safety rules concerning:
 - protection against the dangers of electric current.
- * For your own safety, only use the test probes supplied with the instrument. Before using, check that they are in good condition.

1.1.2 During use


- * If the meter is used near noise generating equipment, be aware that display may become unstable or indicate large errors.
- * Do not use the meter or test leads if they look damaged.
- * Use the meter only as specified in this manual; otherwise, the protection provided by the meter may be impaired.
- * Use extreme caution when working around bare conductors or bus bars.
- * Do not operate the meter around explosive gas, vapor, or dust.
- * Check the main function dial and make sure it is at the correct position before each measurement.
- * When the range of the value to be measured is unknown, check that the range initially set on the multimeter is the

highest position.


- * To avoid damages to the instrument, do not exceed the maximum limits of the input values.
- * Caution when working with voltages above 60VDC or 30VAC rms. Such voltages pose a shock hazard.
- * When using the probes, keep your fingers behind the finger guards.
- * Before changing functions, disconnect the test leads from the circuit under test.
- * Disconnect circuits power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before testing resistance, continuity or diode.
- * Before attempting to insert transistors for testing, always be sure that test leads have been disconnected from any measurement circuits.
- * Before measuring current, turn off power to the circuit before connecting the meter to the circuit.
- * Change the battery when the  symbol appears to avoid incorrect data.


1.1.3 Symbols:


Symbols used in this manual and on the instrument:

 **Caution:** refer to the instruction manual. Incorrect use may result in damage to the device or its components.

 Earth

 This instrument has double insulation.

 Fuse: F 250mA/250V

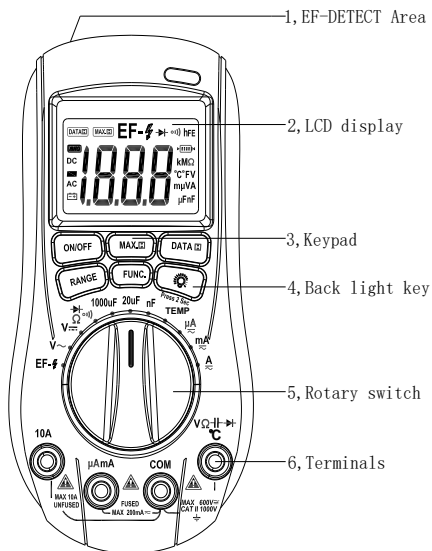
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1.1.4 Instructions

- * Before opening up the instrument, always disconnect from all sources of electric current and make sure you are not charged with static electricity, which may destroy internal components.
- * Any adjustment, maintenance or repair work carried out on the meter while it is live should be carried out only by appropriately qualified personnel, after having taken into account the instructions in this present manual.
- * If any faults or abnormalities are observed, take the instrument out of service and ensure that it can not be used until it has been checked out.
- * If the meter is not going to be used for a long time, take out the battery and do not store the meter in high temperature or high humidity environment.
- * For continue protection against fire, replace fuse only with the specified voltage and current rating: F250mA/250V.
- * Never use the meter unless the back cover and battery cover are in place and fastened fully.

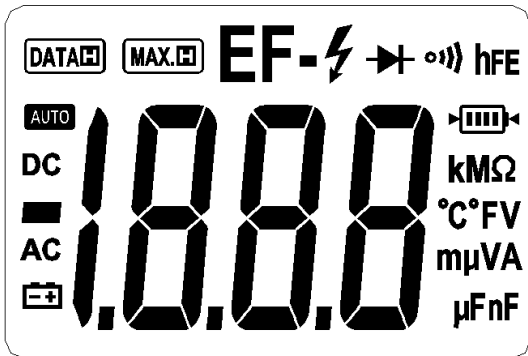
2. DESCRIPTION

2.1 Instrument Familiarization



2.2 LCD Display

3 1/2 digit, 18 mm high LCD.



2.3 ON/OFF key

This key is used to turn the meter on or off

2.4 FUNC. key

Put down the 'FUNC.' when measuring the current. Meter will be transformed between DC and AC range. Put 'FUNC.' When measuring the temperature, meter will transform between °C and °F range. Put 'FUNC.' When measuring resistance, diode and continuity, meter will transform among

them.

2.5 RANGE key

Selection of the automatic (default) or manual mode:
Short press < 1 sec. on the key, the beep sounds briefly.
Switch from manual to auto ranging mode:
Long press > 1 sec. on the key, the beep sounds briefly.
In manual mode, ranges selection:
Press successively < 1 sec. on the key.
This key is operative in V and Ω ranges.

2.6 DATA-H key

Fixes the display on the current value and memories it (short press).
A second short press returns the meter to normal mode.

2.7 MAX.H key

Fixes the display of maximum value(short press).
A second short press returns the meter to normal mode.

2.8 key

This key is used to turn the back light on or off. Press the key >2 sec. the backlight will be turned on. Press the key again, the backlight will be turned off.
The key isn't operative in **EF-~~f~~** range.

2.9 Rotary switch

This switch is used to select functions and desired ranges.

There are different functions and 11 ranges provided.

2.10 Terminals

VΩ- hC → h : Terminal receiving the red lead for voltage, resistance, capacitance, temperature, diode and continuity measurements.

COM: Terminal receiving the black lead as a common reference.

BATT/uAmA: Battery / Terminal receiving the red lead for battery/uA/mA measurement.

(battery measurement only VA20/20B)

10A: Terminal receiving the red lead for 10A measurement.

3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

3.1 General specifications

Environment conditions:

600V CAT.III and 1000V CAT. II

Pollution degree: 2

Altitude < 2000 m

Operating temperature:

0~40 °C, (<80% RH, non-condensing)

Storage temperature:

-10~60 °C, (<70% RH, battery removed)

Temperature Coefficient:

0.1×(specified accuracy) / °C (<18 °C or >28 °C)

MAX. Voltage between terminals and earth ground:

600V DC or AC

Fuse Protection:

uAmA: F 250mA/250V Ø5×20


Sample Rate: 3 times/sec for digital data.

Display: 3 1/2 digits LCD display with max. reading 1999,
Automatic indication of functions and symbols.

Range selection: automatic and manual.

Over Range indication: LCD will display "OL".

Low battery indication:

The "" is displayed when the battery is under the proper operation range.

Polarity indication: "-" displayed automatically.

Auto power off:

If there is no key or dial operation for 15 minutes, the meter will power itself off to save battery consumption.

One minute before power off, the beeper will sound 5 sounds. The beeper will sound again before power off.

Power source: 4.5V battery

Dimensions: 156(L)×82(W)×29(H) mm.

Weight: 225g. Approx. (battery included).

Accessories: User's manual. Test leads.

"K" type thermocouple.

3.2 Measurement specifications

- * Accuracy: \pm (% of reading + number of digits) at 18°C to 28°C (64°F to 82°F) with relative humidity to 80%.

3.2.1 No contact AC Voltage detector

Sensitivity	Frequency	distance
>50V	50Hz	< 100mm

3.2.2 DC Voltage

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
200mV	0.1mV	$\pm (0.7\% \text{ of rdg} + 2 \text{ digits})$
2V	0.001V	
20V	0.01V	$\pm (0.7\% \text{ of rdg} + 2 \text{ digits})$
200V	0.1V	
600V	1V	

Input impedance: 10M Ω

Maximum input voltage: 600V DC.

3.2.3 AC Voltage

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
200mV	0.1mV	$\pm (0.8\% \text{ of rdg} + 3 \text{ digits})$
2V	0.001V	
20V	0.01V	
200V	0.1V	
600V	1V	$\pm (1\% \text{ of rdg} + 3 \text{ digits})$

Input impedance: 10M Ω

Maximum input voltage: 600V AC rms.

Frequency Range: 40Hz-400Hz,

Response: Average, calibrated in rms of sine wave

3.2.4 DC Current

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
200 μ A	0.1 μ A	\pm (1.2% of rdg +3 digits)
2000 μ A	1 μ A	
20mA	0.01mA	
200mA	0.1mA	
2A	0.001A	\pm (2.0% of rdg +10digits)
10A	0.01A	

Overload protection: F 250mA/250V fuse for μ mA range.

Maximum input current: 250mA DC for μ A and mA ranges.

10A DC for 10A ranges (unfused).

3.2.5 AC Current

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
200 μ A	0.1 μ A	\pm (1.5% of rdg + 5 digits)
2000 μ A	1 μ A	
20mA	0.01mA	
200mA	0.1mA	
2A	0.001A	\pm (3.0% of rdg + 10 digits)
10A	0.01A	

Overload protection: F 250mA/250V fuse for μ mA range.

Maximum input current: 250mA AC rms for mA ranges.

10A AC rms for 10A ranges
(unfused).

Frequency Range: 40Hz-400Hz,

Response: Average, calibrated in rms of sine wave



3.2.6 Resistance

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
200 Ω	0.1 Ω	$\pm(1.0\%$ of rdg +3digits)
2k Ω	1 Ω	$\pm(1.0\%$ of rdg +1digit)
20k Ω	10 Ω	
200k Ω	100 Ω	
2M Ω	1k Ω	
20M Ω	10k Ω	$\pm(1.0\%$ of rdg +5 digits)

Open circuit voltage: approx. 0.25V

Overload protection: 250V DC or 250V AC rms.

3.2.7 Diode and Audible continuity Test

Range	description	Test Condition
	Built-in buzzer sounds if resistance is less than approx.40 Ω	Open circuit voltage: approximate 0.5V
	Display read approx. forward voltage of diode	Forward DC Current: approx. 1mA Reversed DC Voltage: approx. 1.5V

Overload protection: 250V DC or 250V AC rms.

3.2.8 Temperature(Only VA20B/20C)

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
-20°C to 0°C	1°C	±(5% of rdg +4 digits)
1°C to 400°C	1°C	±(1% of rdg +3 digits)
401°C to 1000°C	1°C	±(2% of rdg +3 digits)
0°F to 50°F	1°F	±(5% of rdg +4 digits)
51°F to 750°F	1°F	±(1% of rdg +3 digits)
751°F to 1800°F	1°F	±(2% of rdg +3 digits)

Overload protection: 50V DC or 50V AC rms.

3.2.9 Capacitance(Only VA20C)

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
20nF	0.01nF	± (4.0% of rdg +10 digits)
200nF	0.1nF	
2μF	0.001μF	
20μF	0.01μF	
200μF	0.1μF	
1000μF	1μF	

Overload protection: 50V DC or 50V AC rms.

3.2.10 Battery Test(Only VA20/20B)

Range	Resolution	Function
1.5V	0.01V	Show the approx. voltage of battery
3V	0.01V	
9V	0.01V	

- Overload Protection:

1.5V,3V,9V Range:F 250mA/250V fuse (quick acting).

- Test Current:

1.5V Range: approx. 50mA

3V Range: approx. 30mA

9V Range: approx. 12mA

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTION

4.1 No contact AC Voltage detector



There is no auto power off function. And the backlight isn't operative in this range.

Set rotary switch to the **EF-⚡** range. Then the green LED of the LED indicator is bright.

Put the EF-DETECT AREA close to the lead or the power socket, if AC electrical voltage is present, the red LED

indicator which in the top of the meter will flash and the audible warning will sound, and the figure **EF-⚡** will be displayed on the LCD.

4.2 Voltage measurement



To avoid electrical shock and/or damage to the instrument, do not attempt to take any voltage measurement that might exceed 600VDC or 600VAC rms. Do not apply more than 600VDC or 600VAC rms between the common terminal and the earth ground.

Set rotary switch to the ACV or DCV range.

Press "RANGE" key to select manual range or auto range

Connect the black and red test leads to the COM and V terminals respectively

Connect the test leads to the circuit being measured

Read the displayed value. The polarity of red test lead connection will be indicated when making a DC measurement.

4.3 Resistance measurement



To avoid electrical shock and/or damage to the instrument, disconnect circuit power and

discharge all high-voltage capacitors before measuring resistance.

Set the rotary switch to Ω   range

Press "FUNC." key to enter the resistance measurement

Press "RANGE" key to select manual range or auto range

Connect the black and red test leads to the COM and $V\Omega$ terminals respectively.

Connect the test leads to the circuit being measured and read the displayed value.

In order to ensure the best accuracy in measurement of low resistance, short the test leads before measurement and memory the test probe resistance in mind. This necessary to subtract for the resistance of the test leads.

NOTE:

For measuring resistance above $1M\Omega$, the meter may take a few seconds to stabilize reading. This is normal for high resistance measuring.

When the input is not connected, i.e. at open circuit, the figure "OL" will be displayed for the overrange condition.

4.4 Continuity measurement



To avoid electrical shock and/or damage to the instrument, disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before testing for Continuity.

Set the rotary switch to Ω   range

Press "FUNC." key to enter the continuity measurement

Connect the black and red test leads to the COM and Ω

terminals respectively.

Connect the test leads to the resistance in the circuit being measured.

When the test lead to the circuit is below 40Ω , a continuous beeping will indicate it.

Note: continuity test is available to check open/short of the circuit.

4.5 Diode measurement



To avoid electrical shock and/or damage to the instrument, disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before testing diodes.

Set the rotary switch to Ω \rightarrow \blacktriangle \leftarrow range

Press "FUNC." key to enter the diode measurement

Connect the black and red test leads to the COM and Ω terminals respectively.

Connect the red test lead to the anode, black test lead to the cathode of the diode under testing.

The meter will show the approx. forward voltage of the diode. If the lead connection is reversed, only figure "OL" displayed.


4.6 Capacitance measurement



To avoid electrical shock and/or damage to the instrument, disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before measuring capacitance. Use the DC voltage function to confirm that the capacitor is discharged.

Set the rotary switch to capacitance range.

Press "RANGE" key to select manual range or auto range

Connect the black and red test leads to the COM and  terminals respectively.

Connect the test leads to the capacitor being measured and read the displayed value.

NOTE:

The meter may take a few seconds (1000 μ F range, 30 seconds) to stabilize reading. This is normal for high capacitance measuring.

To improve the accuracy of measurements less than 4nF, subtract the residual capacitance of the meter and leads.

4.7 Temperature measurement



To avoid electrical shock, do not connect the thermocouples with the electriferous circuit.

Set the rotary switch to TEMP range. And the LCD display will show the current environment temperature.

Press "FUNC." key to enter $^{\circ}$ C or $^{\circ}$ F measurement

Connect the red lead of "K" type thermocouple into the $^{\circ}$ C jack and the black lead of "K" type thermocouple into the "COM" jack.

Contacting the object is measured with the thermocouple probe.

Read temperature value on the LCD display.

4.9 Current measurement



To avoid damage to the meter, check the meter's fuse before proceeding. Use the proper terminals, function, and range for your measurement.

Set the rotary switch to the μA , mA or A range.

Press "FUNC." key to select DCA or ACA measuring mode.

Connect the black test lead to the COM terminal and the red test leads to the mA terminal for a maximum of 200mA. For a maximum of 10A, move the red test lead to the 10A terminal.

Connect test leads in series with the load in which the current is to be measured.

Read the displayed value. The polarity of red test lead connection will be indicated when making a DC measurement.

When only the figure "OL" displayed (Buzzer will sound continually), it indicates overrange situation and the higher range has to be selected.

4.10 TESTING BATTERY

Connect the black test lead to the **COM** jack and the red test lead to the **BATT** jack.

According to the different type of the tested battery (1.5V, 3V, 9V), set the transform switch to the proper range position.

Connect test leads battery under measurement.

You can get reading from LCD. The polarity of red test lead connection will be indicated.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1 General Maintenance



To avoid electrical shock or damage to the meter, do not get water inside the case. Remove the test leads and any input signals before opening the case.

Periodically wipe the case with a damp cloth and mild detergent. Do not use abrasives or solvents. Dirt or moisture in the terminals can affect readings.

To clean the terminals:

Turn the meter off and remove all test leads.

Shake out any dirt that may be in the terminals.

Soak a new swab with a cleaning and oiling agent (such as WD-40).

Work the swab around in each terminal. The oiling agent insulates the terminals from moisture-related contamination.

5.2 Fuse replacement



Before replacing the fuse, disconnect test leads from any circuit under test.

To prevent damage or injury, replace the fuse only with specified ratings.

Set the meter to OFF state.

Disconnect test leads from any inputs terminals.

Use a screwdriver to unscrew the three screws secured on the back cover and the battery cover, then unscrew the two screws under the battery cover.

Separate the back cover from the top case.

Replace the fuse only with specified ratings:

F 250mA/250V \varnothing 5×20.


Replace the back cover and secure by the screws.

5.3 Battery replacement



Before replacing the battery, disconnect test leads from any circuit under test, turn the meter off and remove test leads from the input terminals.

Use the following procedure:

When the battery voltage drop below proper operation range the  symbol will appear on the LCD display and the battery need to be replaced.

Set the meter to OFF state.

Disconnect test leads from any inputs terminals.

Use a screwdriver to unscrew the two screws secured on the battery cover.

Replace the battery with three new 1.5V batteries (AAA).

Replace the battery cover by the two screws.