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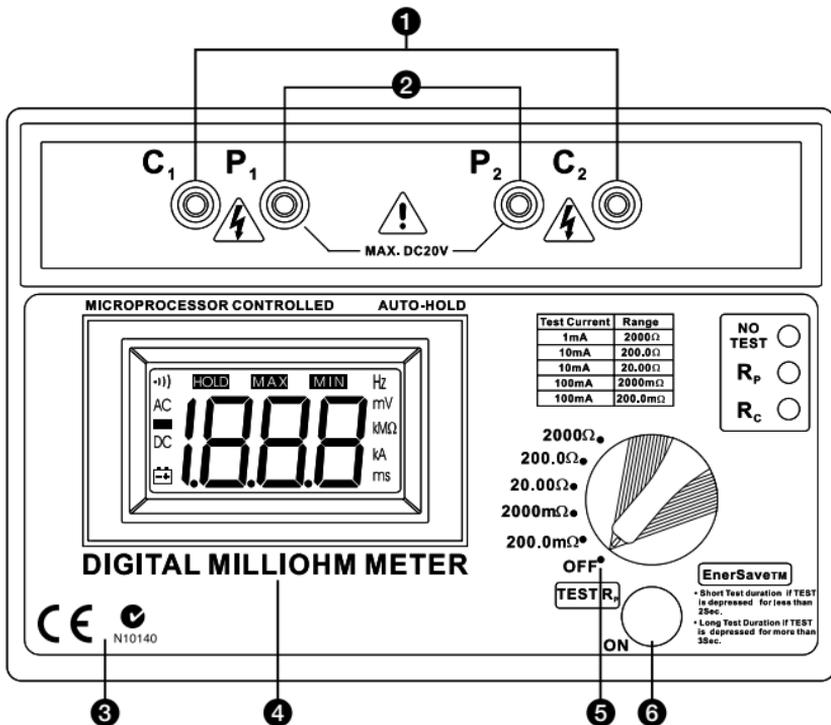
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- ① Current Injection Terminals
- ② Potential Injection Terminals
- ③ Meet LVD & EMC requirement
- ④ Liquid Crystal Display
- ⑤ Rotary Selector Switch
- ⑥ Start / Stop Test

- NO TEST Over Temperature indicator. Lit = Over-temperature or test stopped.
- R<sub>p</sub> Resistance between the current leads too high (fuse!).
- R<sub>c</sub> Resistance between the potential leads too high.

**⚠ CAUTION!**  
If "NO TEST" LED lit, the current source is stopped.

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## SYMBOLS

	Caution ! Refer to the explanation in this Manual
	Caution, Risk of Electric Shock
	Please remove all the test leads before performing maintenance, cleaning, battery replacement, fuse replacement, etc
	Conforms to relevant Australian standards
	Complies with European Directives
	Do not dispose of this clamp meter as unsorted municipal waste. Contact a qualified recycler for disposal.

### **⚠ WARNING!**

*Do not operate this instrument in the presence of gasoline, natural gas, propane, or in other combustible atmospheres.*

## CAUTIONS AND PRECAUTIONS

### Refer to this manual before using the meter

- This instrument should only be used by a competent, suitably trained person which fully understand the test & measurement procedure.
- Read the User's manual carefully and completely before using the instrument. Fully understand the instructions before using this product. Follow the instructions for every test. Take all the necessary precautions. Do not exceed the limits of this instrument.
- The tested circuit must be de-energised and isolated before connections are made to it.
- Do not use test leads, probes or crocodiles/alligators clips that are dirty, damaged or have broken or cracked insulation. Such accessories should be removed and repaired Immediately.
- Always disconnect the test leads before replacing any fuse or battery.
- Always replace the fuse with same type and rating; ensure that they are correctly fitted on fuse terminals.
- Double check the switch settings and leads connections before measuring. Make a sketch to ensure proper operation and principle of measurement is correct and well understood.
- Do not touch any exposed wiring, connections or other "live" parts of an electrical circuit. If in doubt, check the circuit first for voltage before touching it.

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## Precautions

- Always ensure that the circuit to be measured is switched "OFF", isolated and completely de-energized before connecting the test leads.
- If it is probable that the instrument's protection has been impaired due to electrical, mechanical or environmental damage, it must not be used. It should be returned to your nearest distributor or agent for checking and repair.
- To prevent damage to the liquid crystal display, the minimum storage temperature of -20°C must be observed. It should also be noted that below 0°C the operation of the LCD will be sluggish

**⚠ Warning, risk of electric shock.**

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## UNPACKING AND INSPECTION

Your shipping carton should include:

- 1 MO-100 Milliohm Meter
- 1 Shoulder Belt
- 1 Test Lead (Green Color)
- 1 Test Lead (Red Color)
- 1 Test Lead (Blue Color)
- 1 Test Lead (Black Color)
- 8 Alkaline Battery (SIZE AA, 1.5V)
- 1 Spare Fuse (0.5A/ 250V)
- 1 User's Manual

If any of the items are damaged or missing, return the complete package to the place of purchase for an exchange.

## INTRODUCTION

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- The Milliohm Meter is a battery operated instrument which supply a low current to the circuit under test, with which, stable, accurate measurement of low resistance can be made, still, over a wide range of values.
- Resolution on the lowest range is 100 $\mu$  ohm and on the highest range, 1 ohm.
- The meter has 5 measuring ranges, from 200.0 milli-ohm to 2000 ohms
- Measurements are displayed on a 3½ digit custom liquid crystal display with large digits.
- This instrument is powered from batteries only (alkaline or rechargeable equivalent).
- It has a regulated DC constant current source with current of 1mA 10mA and 100mA.
- The instrument supply that current to the resistance being measured through the C1 and C2 terminals (C1 being +, C2 being -).
- The voltage drop across the resistance under test is measured by the potential terminals P1 and P2 (P1 being +, P2 being -).
- Should the current regulation drops out, the Rc LED will lit, indicating that the resistance in the current circuit is too high. (Lowering the current by selecting a higher resistance range can solve the regulation.)
- Should the Rp LED lit, that mean that the voltage measured on the resistance is too high, and therefore over-range.
- The resistance is measured precisely when the RP and RC LEDs do not lit. If anyone of these leds lit, then the measurement can be inaccurate.
- The meter has a built-in custom 3½ digit liquid crystal display can be viewed in most lightning conditions. This display indicates the differences conditions (Hold, m, buzzer, polarity condition of load, + or -, automatic decimal point change).
- The instrument takes measurements for 10 seconds if the "ON" "TEST Re button is depressed for less than 2 seconds. If the same push button is pressed for more than 3 seconds, the test will carry on for 60 seconds.
- The tester switch "OFF" completely when the rotary switch is in the "OFF" position.
- The tester "Hold" the last reading before stopping the test.
- The tester is fuse protected and has a crowbar between C1 and C2.

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- This crowbar is activated by voltage. If the voltage is too high, that crowbar will blow the fuse automatically to interrupt the circuit.
  - The voltage between P1 and P2 is also protected for over voltage but does not have a fuse.
  - The tester has a temperature shut down. The temperature sensing is done on the current regulation transistor.
  - Should this over-temperature LED lit, allow the instrument to cool down for a while before proceeding further.
  - The milliohm meter, with its measuring range of 100u ohms to 2000 ohms, is suitable for a wide range of applications such as:
    1. Measuring the winding resistance of electric motors, generators and transformers.
    2. Bond testing in mines, aircraft, railways, ships, domestic and industrial wiring installations.
    3. Measuring the ring main continuity testing in industrial and domestic wiring installations
    4. Measuring resistance in electronic equipment such as shunts, pcb tracks, switch and relay resistance.
    5. Checking compression joints on overheads lines.
    6. Testing and maintenance of switchboard /sub-station equipment on such items as fuses, joints, contacts and bonds.

## **OPERATION**

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### **Preparation For Use**

When unpacked, the tester should be inspected for any visible signs of damage, and the preliminary checks described in the user's manual should be performed to ensure that it is operating correctly. If there is any sign of damage, or if the instrument does not operate correctly, return it to your nearest supplier.

### **Check the Battery**

If the battery symbol is shown on the LCD, then replace the batteries with new alkalines batteries before proceeding.

### **Check the Current Regulation**

- Connect the current leads to C1 and C2.
- Select a range, and short the current test leads. The RC led should go off, indicating that the current regulation is ok.

### **Check the Voltage Measurement**

- Connect the potential leads to P1 and P2.
- Short the P1 and P2. The display should indicate 0000.
- Remove the short from P1 and P2 and C1 and C2. Touching the potential test leads P1 to C1 and P2 to C2, the RP led should lit, indicating an over-voltage or over-range.

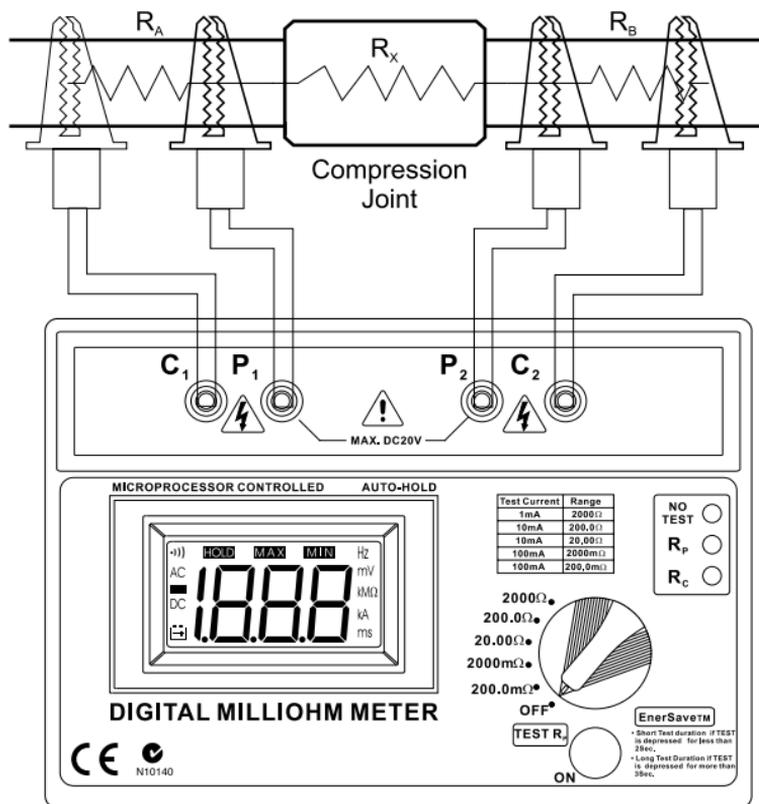
This proving test can be repeated on all the ranges if need be.

You can also check the polarity indication of the milli-voltmeter by touching the potential test leads P1 to C2 and P2 to C1, the RP LED should lit, indicating an over-voltage or over-range. The - indicator should be indicating - on the LCD, showing the polarity change.

Total check can be done by shorting all the test leads together C1, C2, P1, P2. The display should indicate close to 0000 (depending of the crocodiles clips used and how they are shorted). Both RC and RP LED should be OFF, indicating that everything work ok.

## Measuring

- Perform the preliminary checks before proceeding with measurement and ensure that the precautions listed are observed.
- Connect the test leads (color coded) to the instrument as shown.
- The current test leads must always be outside of the potential test leads.
- Please note that the shorter the potential test leads, the better long potential test leads will pick up noise.
- Screened test leads are recommended for better environmental noise rejection.



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## Test Leads

The test leads supplied with the instrument are suitable for connecting to conductors up to 17mm in diameter or bus bars 17mm tick. There will be, instances where the item being measured require larger jaws, and the user is advised to make up his own leads. There will be occasions when longer leads are required due to the geometry of the item being tested. Some guidance notes should as sit in the assembly of such leads:

- Length of the potential leads should be as short as possible.
- Insulated 16/0.2mm, tinned copper wire is recommended.
- The two potential leads should have the same length to minimize inaccuracies due to unbalance.

## Supplied Potential Test Leads

- P1+ test lead is of Red color, shrouded, 4mm safety plug which at one end have a crocodile (alligator) clip for connection to the resistance to be measured. The other end plugs into the meter (4mm shrouded) color coded sockets.
- P2 - test lead is of Blue color, shrouded, 4mm safety plug which at one end have a crocodile (alligator) clip for connection to theresistance to be measured. The other end plugs into the meter (4mm shrouded) color coded sockets

## Supplied Current Test Leads

- C1+ test lead is of Green color, shrouded, 4mm safety plug which at one end have a crocodile (alligator) clip for connection to the resistance to be measured. The other end plugs into the meter (4mm shrouded) color coded sockets.
- C2 - test lead is of Black color, shrouded, 4mm safety plug which at one end have a crocodile (alligator) clip for connection to the resistance to be measured. The other end plugs into the meter (4mm shrouded) color coded sockets.

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## Thermal Effects

- Temperature can have a significant effect on the performance of a milliohm meter due to the temperature coefficient of the resistance under test and thermal EMF's across the dissimilar conductors.
- Most conductors have a large temperature coefficient of resistance. For example: 0.4%/°C for copper. A copper conductor that has a resistance of 10.00m ohm at 20°C will increase to 10.40m ohm at 30°C. This change should be taken into account when making measurements.
- A current going through a resistance will also elevate its temperature. So duration of the test can change the resistance.
- When measuring the resistance of item, such as current shunts, which have joints of dissimilar conductors, thermal EMF can affect the accuracy of the measurement. This condition can be detected if the reading alters when the leads are reversed. To compensate for this effect, the average of the two readings should be taken as the true measurement.

## SPECIFICATION

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### Electrical

#### Measuring Ranges :

0 - 200.0m ohms in steps of 100 $\mu$  ohm

0 - 2000m ohms in steps of 1m ohm

0 - 20.00 ohms in steps of 10m ohm

0 - 200.0 ohms in steps of 100m ohm

0 - 2000 ohms in steps of 1 ohm

#### Accuracy :

$\pm 0.5\%$  of reading  $\pm 2$  digits over the  
Operating temperature range,  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  
 $+55^{\circ}\text{C}$ , with the supplied test leads.

#### Test Current :

1mA  $\Rightarrow$  2000 ohms range.

10mA  $\Rightarrow$  200 / 20 ohms ranges.

100mA  $\Rightarrow$  2000m / 200m ohms ranges

#### Test Current Accuracy : $\pm 0.1\%$

#### Protection Fuses :

Supply = 0.5 A, HBC, 5 x 20mm, DIN

Current = 0.5 A, HBC, 5 x 20mm, DIN

Voltage = 0.5 A, HBC, 5 x 20mm, DIN

#### Safety : Complied with CE regulation

### Mechanical

Case Size : 110mm (H) X 250mm (W) X 190mm (D)

Bump Test : IEC68-2-29

Vibration Test : IEC1010, clause 8.3

Drop Test : IEC1010, clause 8.4

Impact Test : IEC1010, Clause 8.2

Weight : 1.542kg

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## Rated Environmental Conditions

1. Indoor Use
2. Pollution Degree 2
3. Altitude up to 2000 meter
4. Relative humidity 80% max
5. Ambient temperature 0°C ~ 40°C

**CE** - EMC: Conforms to EN61326-1.

This product complies with requirements of the following European Community Directives: 89/ 336/ EEC (Electromagnetic Compatibility) and 73/ 23/ EEC (Low Voltage) as amended by 93/ 68/ EEC (CE Marking). However, electrical noise or intense electromagnetic fields in the vicinity of the equipment may disturb the measurement circuit. Measuring instruments will also respond to unwanted signals that may be present within the measurement circuit. Users should exercise care and take appropriate precautions to avoid misleading results when making measurements in the presence of electronic interference.

## MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

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If there appears to be a malfunction during the operation of the meter, the following steps should be performed in order to isolate the cause of the problem.

1. Check the battery. Replace the battery immediately when the symbol “” appears on the LCD.
2. Review the operating instructions for possible mistakes in operating procedure.

Except for the replacement of the battery, repair of the meter should be performed only by a Factory Authorized Service Center or by other qualified instrument service personnel.

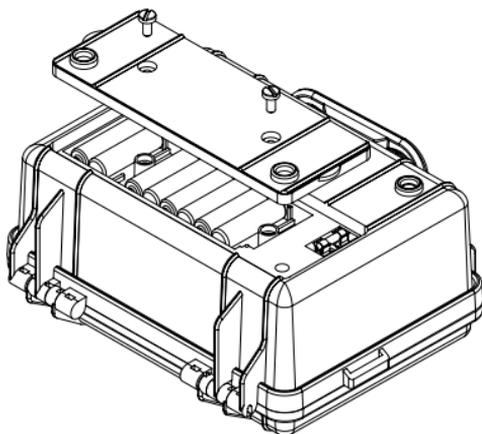
The front panel and case can be cleaned with a mild solution of detergent and water.

Apply sparingly with a soft cloth and allow to dry completely before using. Do not use aromatic hydrocarbons, Gasoline or chlorinated solvents for cleaning.

## BATTERY REPLACEMENT

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1. Disconnect the test leads from the instrument and remove the battery cover and the batteries.
2. The tester's battery is situated under the tester.
3. Replace with eight 1.5V AA light batteries, taking care to observe correct polarity. (Alkaline batteries are recommended.)
4. Reinstall battery holder and the battery cover.



## FUSES REPLACEMENT

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The maximum continuous voltage which can be applied across the potential and current leads is around 10.7V. Applying more than that voltage will automatically blow their respective fuses.

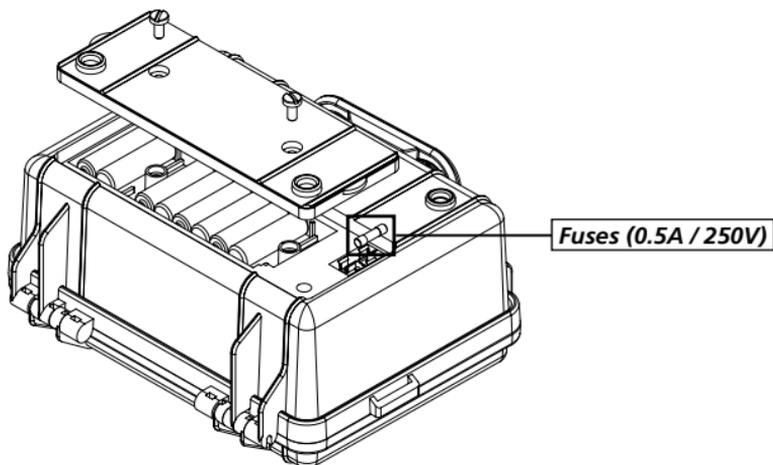
However, the crowbar trigger can be factory adjusted for your application.

We have specially selected that method to stop damaging the instrument, should it be misused

There are three fuses:

- **Power Supply Fuse**

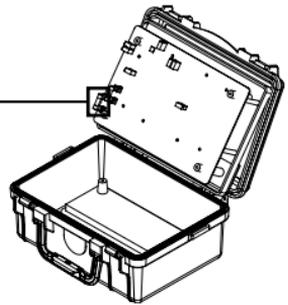
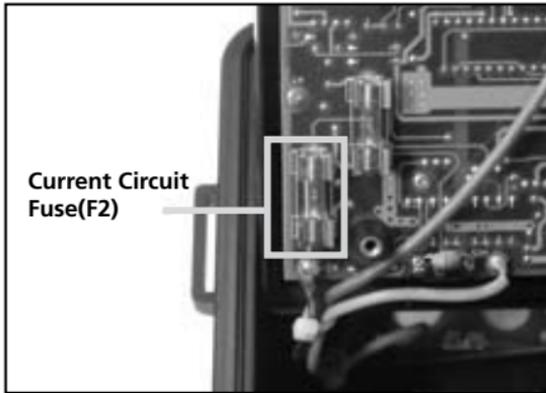
The power supply fuse is situated under the tester. Open the battery compartment, and replace the fuse with the same type (0.5 A, >24V, Slow Blow)



- **Current Circuit Fuse**

Fuse protection is provided on the current terminals. This fuse is situated under the Printed Circuit Board. To access it, you need to unscrew the four mounting screws which are holding the front panel. Two of these screws are located under the foots, and the two others are located inside the battery compartment.

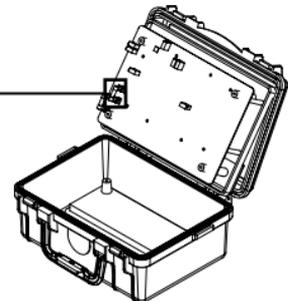
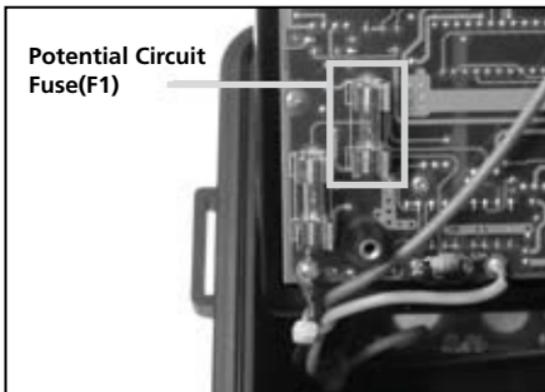
The fuse is automatically blown by the crowbar, should voltage be present on the resistance under test. This is to prevent damage to the instrument. It is indicative of this fuse being blown is the RC Led stays "on". (HBC, 0.5 A, 250Vac, Slow Blow)



- **Potential Circuit Fuse**

Fuse protection is provided on the potential terminals. This fuse is situated under the Printed Circuit Board. To access it, you need to unscrew the four mounting screws which are holding the front panel. Two of these screws are located under the feet, and the two others are located inside the battery compartment.

The fuse is automatically blown by the crowbar, should voltage be present on the resistance under test. This is to prevent damage to the instrument. If the preliminary tests does not lit R P this is indicative of this fuse being blown. (HBC, 0.5A, 250Vac, Slow Blow)



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