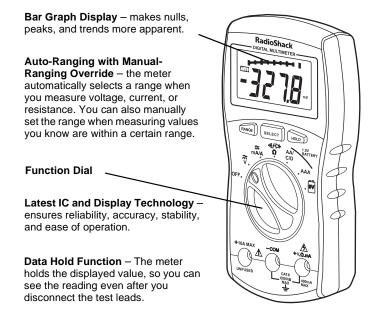


# 29-Range Auto/Manual **Digital Multimeter**

OWNER'S MANUAL -Completely read this manual before using this meter.

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Thank you for buying a RadioShack 29-Range Auto/Manual Digital Multimeter. Your multimeter is a portable, compact autoranging digital multimeter. It is ideally suited for field, lab, shop, and home applications. The multimeter provides accurate measurements and is built to provide the highest possible reliability. The meter measures DC and AC voltage up to 600V, DC and AC current up to 10A, resistance up to 40M $\Omega$ , and tests 1.5V C, D, AA, AAA, and 9V batteries. Its 3 $^3$ /4-digit digital display can show up to 4,000 units. Its bar graph display appears with the digital display to let you easily see nulls, peaks, and trends.

# A WORD ABOUT SAFETY

We have taken every precaution in designing this meter to ensure that it is safe. Safe operation depends on you, the operator. We recommend that you follow these simple safety rules.

- This equipment is rated for installation category II (max. 3600 VA).
- Never apply voltages to the meter that exceed the limits given in the specifications. Never apply more than 600V DC or AC between the input jacks and ground.
- Use extreme caution when working with voltages above 30V RMS and 42.4V peak or 60V DC. Always disconnect power from the circuit you are measuring before you connect test leads to high-voltage points.
- Never connect to a voltage source when you select the diode check,

continuity function, resistance measurement, or any of the battery test or current measurement functions.

- Always discharge any capacitors of the circuit under test before you attach test leads.
- Always turn off power and disconnect the test leads from the circuit before replacing the meter's batteries or the fuse.
- Never operate the meter unless its back cover and battery cover are fully closed and the screws fully tightened.
- Because many AC/DC sets have a potentially hot chassis, be sure the top of your workbench and the floor underneath it are made of nonconductive materials.

This meter is fully calibrated and tested. Under normal use, no further adjustment should be necessary. If the meter requires repair, do not try to adjust it yourself. Take it to your local RadioShack store.

The UL mark does not indicate that this product has been evaluated by Underwriters Laboratories for the accuracy of its readings.

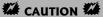
Your meter requires three AAA batteries (not supplied).

Your meter also has these additional features.

**Auto Power Off** — the meter turns itself off after about 30 minutes if you do not change any setting, helping conserve battery power.

**Auto-Polarity Operation** — protects your meter and gives valid measurements when you connect the leads in reverse polarity.

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  IF YOU ARE
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- IF THIS EQUIPMENT IS USED IN A MANNER NOT SPECIFIED BY THE MANUFACTURER, THE PROTECTION PROVIDED BY THE EQUIPMENT MAY BE IMPAIRED.
- TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS PRODUCT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.
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  ONLY



- Completely read this manual before using the meter.
- This meter passes the stringent safety tests required by Underwriters Laboratories.

**Diode-Check Function** — The meter safely checks semiconductor junctions for opens, shorts, or normal.

**Battery Test Function** — Lets you easily test batteries under load condition.

Overload and Transient Protection — helps protect the meter from accidental overload in most ranges.

### SAFETY MARKS

For your safety, we have added special markings to the meter's panel to remind you of the measurement limitations.

400mA MAX The maximum current that this meter can measure at this jack is 400 mA DC and AC.



**Caution:** Be extra careful when making highvoltage measurements; DO NOT TOUCH TERMINALS OR PROBE ENDS.



**Caution:** Risk of electric shock! Refer to the complete operating instructions.



The meter is protected by double insulation.



This equipment is rated for INSTALLATION CATEGORY II (3600VA max.).



The maximum voltage that this meter can measure is 600V RMS AC or 600V DC. To avoid electric shock or instrument damage, do not connect the two input terminals (–COM and +V. $\Omega$ .mA) to any source that exceeds 600 volts with respect to earth/ground.

10A MAX. UNFUSED

The maximum current you can measure at this jack is 10 amps DC/AC. This jack is not fuse-protected.

#### **PREPARATION**

#### **INSTALLING BATTERIES**

Your meter requires 3 AAA batteries (not supplied) for power. Batteries are available at your local RadioShack store or online at www.radioshack.com. 🗘

- 1. Set the function dial to OFF. Then unplug the test leads.
- 2. Use a Phillips screwdriver to loosen the battery cover's screw on the back of the meter. Then remove the battery cover.
- 3. Install the batteries according to the polarity markings (+ and -) in the battery compartment.
- 4. Replace the battery compartment cover and secure it with the screw.

When □ appears on the left side of the display or the meter stops operating properly, replace the batteries.

# **CONNECTING** THE TEST LEADS

The test leads (black and red) supplied with your meter are rated for 1000 volts. Use only test leads of the same rating as the meter. You can order replacement leads



**Black Test Lead** 

from your local RadioShack store.  $\Lambda$ 

# $\dot{\underline{\Lambda}}$ WARNING $\dot{\underline{\Lambda}}$

- Although the test leads are rated for 1000 volts, do not try to measure any voltage greater than 600 volts DC/600 volts RMS AC.
- If you connect one test lead to a hot wire first and touch the other test lead tip, you could receive an electric shock.

### $ec{ec{ecta}}$ battery notes $ec{ecta}$

- Dispose of old batteries promptly and properly.
- Do not burn or bury batteries.
- Use only fresh batteries of the required size and recommended type.
- Do not mix old and new batteries or different types of batteries (standard or alkaline).
- If you do not plan to use the meter for a month or more. remove the batteries. Batteries can leak chemicals that can destroy electronic parts.

# CAUTION W

- Be sure to select the correct function before you touch the test leads to the circuit or component to be tested.
- When the meter is not in use, always leave the function dial set to OFF.

### $\emptyset$ note $\emptyset$

- The meter sounds a warning tone when you set it to measure anything except current and connect a test lead to + 10A MAX. This reminds you not to touch the circuit with the test leads.
- If the function dial is not set to OFF and nothing appears on the display, the meter might be in its auto power shut-off mode. Press any button or rotate the function dial to any position except OFF to turn on the meter. If the meter remains off, set the function dial to OFF then set it to any function except OFF. If the meter still remains off, replace the batteries (see "Installing Batteries" on Page 5).

- 1. Remove the plastic plugs from both test leads.
- 2. Plug the black test lead's right-angled end into **–COM** (common) on the front of the meter.
- 3a. Plug the red test lead's right-angled end into +V. $\Omega$ .mA on the front of the meter.

#### OR

3b. To measure current higher than 400 mA, plug the red test lead's right-angled end into + 10A MAX on the front of the meter.

#### **OPERATION**

# TAKING ACCURATE MEASUREMENTS

For the most accurate reading, the temperature should be between 65° and 83°F (18° and 28°C) (75% RH maximum).

# TURNING THE METER ON/OFF AND TESTING THE DISPLAY

To turn on the meter, rotate the function dial to any function except **OFF**. To turn off the meter, rotate the function dial to **OFF**.

To test the meter's display, turn off the meter, and then hold down any button while turning on the meter. The meter turns on and all segments on the display appear. Release the button you are holding down to turn off the test.

### **BEFORE YOU START**

Familiarize yourself with the meter's operation before you use it for the first time by following these steps.  $\triangle$ 

1. Rotate the function dial to select one of the following measurements, then repeatedly press SELECT to choose the function you want.

Measurement	Function (select using SELECT button)
$\simeq$	Measures DC voltage.
V	2. Measures AC voltage.
	<ol> <li>Measures amperage:</li> </ol>
<u>~</u> mA/A	<ul><li>DC 40/400 mA</li><li>AC 40/400 mA</li><li>Measures amperage:</li></ul>
	<ul><li>DC 4/10 A</li><li>AC 4/10 A</li></ul>
• <b>》</b> /-₩/Ω	Measures resistance.
	2. Checks continuity.
	<ol><li>Checks diodes.</li></ol>
AA/ C/D	Tests 1.5V C, D, and AA batteries.
AAA	Tests 1.5V AAA batteries.
9V	Tests 9V batteries.

For example, to measure a diode, rotate the function dial to  $-\Omega$ , then press **SELECT** twice. ->>+ appears.

 $\triangle$  WARNING  $\triangle$ 

Always turn off power to the circuit you are about to measure before you connect the test leads to high voltage.



- Overflow is when the meter tries to display 4001 or more units. Underflow is when the meter tries to display 379 or fewer units.
- If nothing appears on the display, press any button to turn on the meter.
- The display might show a "phantom" reading in some DC and AC voltage ranges when the test leads are not connected to a circuit. This is normal. The high input sensitivity produces a "wandering" effect. When you connect the test leads to a circuit, a real measurement appears.

Your meter automatically enters the auto range mode when you turn it on. In the auto range mode, AUTO appears and the meter automatically selects the next higher or lower range (if available) when the measurement causes the display to overflow or underflow.

- To select manual range mode, press
   RANGE while the meter is in auto-range
   mode.
   AUTO disappears.
- Repeatedly press RANGE to select different ranges. The decimal point shifts each time you press RANGE.
- 4. Hold down **RANGE** for about 2 seconds to exit manual range mode and return to its auto-range mode.
- Set the meter to the different measurement ranges. The unit of measure that appears on the display shows the range that the meter is currently set to.

For example, **mV** appears in the 400 mV range. Also, note the position of the decimal. For example, if **0.000V** appears, the meter is set to measure less than 4 volts. If **000 V** appears, the meter is set to measure up to 600 volts.

Read the range in volts, amps, or ohms as indicated by the position of the decimal point.

Range	Display
400 mV	ddd.d mV
4 V	d.ddd V
40 V	dd.dd V
400 V	ddd.d V
600 V	ddd V
40 mA	dd.dd mA
400 mA	ddd.d mA
4 A	d.ddd A
10 A	dd.dd A
400 Ω	$\operatorname{ddd.d}\Omega$
4 kΩ	d.ddd k $\Omega$
40 kΩ	dd.dd k $\Omega$
400 kΩ	ddd.d k $\Omega$
4 ΜΩ	d.ddd M $\Omega$
40 ΜΩ	$\operatorname{dd.dd} \mathbf{M}\Omega$

 Connect the black test lead then the red test lead to the circuit you want to measure. To measure different circuits, see "Making Measurements" on Page 12.

#### HOLDING A MEASUREMENT

Press **HOLD** to hold all indications on the display. The meter holds the measured value and **Hold** appears on the display even if you remove the test leads from the circuit.

# CAUTION W

If **0.F** (overflow) appears, the value you are measuring exceeds the range you set, or you do not have the test leads connected to a component when the meter is set to its resistance or diode function.

This is normal when you measure resistance or a diode with **0.F** appears.

If you are measuring voltage or current when **0.F** appears, however, immediately disconnect the test leads from the circuit.

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+V.Ω.mA is fuseprotected. If the meter does not work, check the fuse (see "Replacing the Fuse" on Page 20).  $\triangle$  WARNING  $\triangle$ 

Do not change the function dial's setting with the meter's leads connected to the circuit under test.

To cancel hold, press **HOLD** again or set the function dial to another setting. **Hold** disappears.

### **AUTOMATIC POWER OFF**

Your meter conserves power by automatically turning off about 30 minutes after the last time you changed the setting (even if you are making measurements), The meter beeps as it turns itself off.

### **USING POWER LOCK**

Follow these steps to set the meter so that it does not turn off automatically.

- 1. Rotate the function dial to **OFF** to turn off the meter.
- Hold down HOLD and SELECT at the same time, then turn on the meter. PLoc appears.
- 3. Release **HOLD** and **SELECT**. **PL0C** disappears and PWR Lock appears.

To reset the meter so that it automatically turns itself off, turn off the meter then turn it on.  $\frac{PwR}{Lock}$  disappears.

#### USING THE BAR GRAPH



In addition to the numeric display, the meter displays all measurements on a bar graph which consists of 8 segments at the top of the display.

Each segment represents a value of 500 when you measure voltage, current, resistance and diodes.

Segments of the bar graph also appear when the reading is above 0.8 volts for 1.5 volt C/D/AA/AAA size batteries or above 4.8 volts for 9V batteries.

One segment of the bar graph appears for each 0.1 volt if you are measuring C, D, AA, and AAA batteries. One segment of the bar graph appears for each 0.6 volts, if you are measuring 9-volt batteries. If all segments of the bar graph appear, the battery being measured is fresh.

For example, if you are measuring DC voltage and the displayed value is 2.560 volts, 6 segments appear on the bar graph.



- Each segment of the bar graph represents a unit of measurement used by the meter for the function you selected. The segments do not represent the actual number of volts, ohms, and current measured by the meter.
- The bar graph updates about 4 times per second, providing a better indication of levels and trends for different types of measurements.

# riangle Warning riangle

- When measuring high voltages, always clamp the meter's black test lead to ground or neutral first, then the red test lead second. (The hot wire is usually colored red, black, or blue in AC wiring circuits). If one lead is clamped to the hot wire first and you touch the meter's other test lead, you could receive an electric shock.
- The maximum input limit for voltage measurement is 600 V DC/AC (RMS). To avoid electrical shock and damage to the meter, never try to measure a DC voltage above 600 volts or an AC voltage above 600 volts RMS with respect to ground.

# NOTE ✓

When you measure DC voltage, – appears on the left side of the display if you touch the black test lead to a point in the circuit that has a higher voltage potential than the point where you connected the red test lead.

# MAKING MEASUREMENTS

# Measuring DC/AC

**VOLTAGE**  $\triangle$ 

- 1. Set the function dial to  $\frac{\sim}{v}$ .
- Repeatedly press SELECT to select DC or AC. 
   appears for AC voltage measurement.

If the meter is set to automatic range control, the meter automatically moves to the range that gives the best reading.

- To set manual range control, press RANGE. Then change the range (if necessary) by repeatedly pressing RANGE.
- Touch the black test lead then the red test lead to the circuit you want to test.

If the meter is set to the 400mV DC manual range and you measure an overrange input, **0F** continues to appear even after you remove the input. This is not a malfunction. If this happens, touch the test leads together or change the meter's setting to clear it.

# Measuring AC Voltage Riding On a DC Source Bias $\triangle$

- Disconnect power from the circuit you will test.
- Set the function dial to The meter automatically selects auto range and the DC measurement mode.
- 3. Press **SELECT** to select the AC mode. appears.
- 4. Connect the black test lead to the circuit's neutral or ground lead.
- Connect a 0.1 microfarad/100V mylar capacitor in series with the positive terminal of the voltage source and the red test lead.
- 6. Apply power to the circuit. The display shows the AC voltage. ⚠
- When you finish measuring AC voltage, turn off the power of the circuit under test, then disconnect the capacitor you connected in Step 5.

# Measuring Three-Phase AC Voltage

Your multimeter is designed primarily to measure household AC voltages. If you want to measure 3-phase, line-to-line voltage, please note the following:

- Because of the dangers inherent in measuring three-phase circuits, we strongly recommend you do not use this meter for such applications.
- The actual voltage can be greater than the circuit's rated line-to-ground voltage.

# N WARNING A

- To avoid injury or damage to your meter, never try to measure an AC voltage that is riding on a DC source bias where the peak AC voltage exceeds 100 V with respect to earth ground.

  To avoid electrical
- To avoid electrical shock, do not physically touch the test leads, the capacitor, or the circuit under test while applying power.

# **CAUTION**

Before measuring AC voltage riding on a DC source bias, measure the DC voltage first. If it exceeds 100V, stop measuring.

# NOTE ✓

In the 400 V and 400mV ranges, the decimal point appears in the same position (one place to the left). To distinguish between the two ranges, **mV** appears in the 400mV range and V appears in the 400 V range.

# $\triangle$ warning $\triangle$

- This voltage (692.8V AC) exceeds the meter's rating.
   Therefore, you should not connect the meter to this circuit or to any equipment connected to the circuit. Doing so could present a dangerous shock hazard to you, and could also damage the meter.
- When the meter is set to its current measurement function, do not apply voltage directly across terminals. You must connect the meter in series with the circuit.

# CAUTION W

- When the meter is set to its current measurement function, never connect the test leads across a voltage source. Doing so can damage the meter or the circuit under test. The maximum input limit for AC/DC current measurement is 10A.
- If you do not know the amount of current in the circuit you are measuring, always connect the red test lead to + 10A MAX.

Three-phase industrial circuits are extremely powerful. You can be burned severely and even killed if you create an accidental short in these panels.

Before measuring voltages, put on protective clothing – a face shield and fireproof gloves and upper body protection is required. If you do not have this protection, DO NOT MEASURE THESE CIRCUITS.

Most 3-phase power circuits are rated by their line-to-line voltage. This voltage is higher than the line (or phase) to ground voltage. To determine if a line-to-line 3-phase voltage exceeds the rating of this meter, multiply the rated line-to-ground voltage by 1.732 (the square root of 3). For example, if the rated line-to-ground voltage is 400 volts, the line-to-line voltage is 400 × 1.732 = 692.8 V AC.  $\triangle$ 

#### Measuring DC/AC Current

To measure AC or DC current, you must break the circuit and connect the test leads to two circuit connection points. The connection must be in series with the circuit under test.

- 1. Disconnect power from the circuit you will test and discharge all capacitors.
- 2. Rotate the function dial to mA/A
- Repeatedly press SELECT to select DC or AC. 
   appears for AC current measurement.
- Connect the black test lead to one of the two connection points on the broken circuit.

- 5. To measure current larger than 400 mA, plug the red test lead into +10 A MAX. Otherwise, plug the red test lead into  $+V.\Omega.mA$ . Then connect the red test lead to the other connection point on the broken circuit.
- 6. Apply power and read the results on the display.

#### Measuring Resistance

The resistance measuring circuit in your meter compares the voltage gained through a known resistance (internal) with the voltage developed across an unknown resistance. 🛆 🗱

- 1. Disconnect power from the circuit you will test and discharge all capacitors.
- 2. Rotate the function dial to  $\sqrt[4]{-}$ / $\Omega$ .
- 3. Repeatedly press SELECT to set the meter to measure resistance.  $\Omega$ ,  $\mathbf{K}\Omega$ , or  $\mathbf{M}\Omega$  appears.
- 4. Connect the black test lead to one lead of the component you want to measure.
- 5. Connect the red test lead to the other lead of the component you want to measure, or remove one of the leads of the component you want to measure from its circuit and touch the test leads across the component. If the meter is set to automatic range control, it automatically moves to the proper range. 🛚

### $\dot{\mathbb{N}}$ WARNING $\dot{\mathbb{N}}$

Be sure the circuit under be sure the circuit und test has all power removed and any associated capacitors are fully discharged before you make resistance measurements.

# **CAUTION**

Your meter has a circuit to protect the resistance range from over-voltage. However, to prevent accidentally exceeding the protection circuit's rating and to ensure a rating and to ensure a correct measurement, never connect the test leads to a source of voltage while the function dial is set to  $-1/-1/-1/\Omega$ .

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range.

- When you are measuring current, if your measurement exceeds the currently selected range, **0.F** appears until the measured voltage or current is reduced to a value below the currently selected
- If the measured current's polarity is negative, – appears before the value.

#### **CAUTION**

Do not connect the test leads to a source of voltage with the function dial set to  $4/4+\Omega$ . This could damage the meter or the circuit being connected.

### $ec{eta}$ note $ec{eta}$

- The jack labeled +V.Ω.mA is fuseprotected. If the meter cannot measure in 40/ 400mA ranges, check the fuse (see "Replacing the Fuse" on Page 20).
- With no resistance connected across the test leads (meaning resistance is infinite), **0.F** appears when you set the meter to measure resistance. This is normal.
- If you want to set the meter to manual range mode, press RANGE to set manual range mode and repeatedly press RANGE to change the range.
- If you are measuring resistance of about 1MΩ or more, the display might take a few seconds to stabilize. This is normal.

As with the voltage range, use the measuring units that appear on the display to determine the current resistance range. If only  $\Omega$  appears, the values of the measurements are in ohms. If k and  $\Omega$  appear, the meter is measuring kilohms (1 kilohm =  $1000\Omega$ ). If M and  $\Omega$  appear, the meter is measuring megohms (1 megohm =  $1,000,000~\Omega$ ).

#### CHECKING CONTINUITY ##

You can use the meter to check for shorted or open electrical circuits.

- 1. Disconnect power from the circuit you will test and discharge all capacitors.
- 2. Rotate the function dial to  $\sqrt[4]{-}$  $\Omega$ .
- Repeatedly press SELECT to select the continuity function. and appears on the right side of the display.
- 4. Connect the black test lead to one side of the circuit you want to check.
- 5. Connect the red test lead to the other side of the circuit you want to check. Shrt appears and the buzzer sounds if the circuit resistance is less than about 50 ohms (meaning the circuit has low ohmage or is shorted). Open appears and the meter's buzzer does not sound if the circuit resistance is greater than about 50 ohms (meaning the circuit is not shorted and greater than about 50 ohms).

#### **CHECKING DIODES**

This procedure lets you check diodes, transistors, and other semiconductors for opens, shorts, and normal operation. It also lets you determine the forward voltage and polarity for diodes. (This is handy when you need to match a diode).

- 1. Disconnect power from the circuit you will test and discharge all capacitors.
- 2. Rotate the function dial to  $-1/\Omega$ .
- Repeatedly press SELECT to select the diode function. → appears on the right side of the display.
- 4. Connect the black test lead to the cathode or one pin of the component you want to check.
- 5. Connect the red test lead to the anode or the other pin of the component you want to check, or remove one of the leads of the component you want to measure from its circuit and touch the test leads across the component. Then note the first reading.
- 6. Reverse the test leads and note the second reading.

If one reading shows a value and the other is overrange (.0F appears) the device is good. If .0F appears during both readings, the device is open. If both values are very small or zero, the device is shorted.

#### **Checking Diode Polarity**

Many diodes have a stripe or mark on one side. The marked side of the diode indicates

# CAUTION W

Do not connect the test leads to a source of voltage with the function dial set to  $\sqrt[3]{-\frac{1}{2}}$  This could damage the meter or the circuit being connected

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- When you test most semiconductors, the values might vary depending on the temperature.
- The values that appear during a diode check show the actual forward voltage (max. 1.2V). If the voltage exceeds 1.2V, 0.F appears. This means the diode check cannot be made using this meter.

the diode's cathode or negative (-) side. The other side is the anode or positive (+) side.

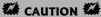
If a diode is not marked, you can use your meter to check the diode's polarity. As you follow the steps under "Checking Diodes" on Page 17, connect the black test lead to one side, connect the red test lead to the other side, then measure and note the voltage. Then reverse the test leads, and measure and note the second reading. The side of the diode where the meter shows a higher voltage using the red test lead is the anode (+) side.

#### **CHECKING BATTERIES**

The meter can accurately check batteries under designated load conditions. You can use the meter to test 1.5V C-, D-, AA-, and AAA-size batteries and 9V batteries.

 Rotate the function dial to one of these settings, depending on the battery you want to check.

If The Battery You Are Checking Is a	Rotate the Function Dial To
AA, C, or D	AA/C/D
AAA	AAA
9V	9V



While the function dial is set to any battery check function, do not connect the test leads to a source of voltage that is not a battery listed in this section. This could damage the meter or the circuit being connected.

2. Connect the black test lead to the battery's negative (-) terminal and the red test lead to the battery's positive (+) terminal. Then use this table to determine the battery's charge.

Battery Size	Range	Display	Action
AAA AA C D	< 1 volt	<b>Bad</b> and the number of volts appear.	Replace battery.
	1 – 1.1 volts	Good flashes and the number of volts appears.	Consider replacing battery.
	1.1 – 1.5 volts	Good and the number of volts appear.	Battery is good.
	> 1.5 volts	Good and the number of volts appear.	Battery is full.
9V	< 6 volts	<b>Bad</b> and the number of volts appear.	Replace battery.
	6 – 6.6 volts	Good flashes and the number of volts appears.	Consider replacing battery.
	6.6 – 9 volts	Good and the number of volts appear.	Battery is good.
	> 9 volts	Good and the number of volts appear.	Battery is full.



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- When testing 1.5V C, D, AA and AAA size batteries, if the battery's voltage is below 0.010 volts, Bad or Good do not appear.
- appear.
  When testing 1.5V C, D, AA and AAA size batteries, if the battery's voltage is above 2 volts, **.0F** appears until the measured voltage is reduced to a value below 2 volts. below 2 volts.
- When testing a 9V battery, if the battery's voltage is below 0.10 volts, **Bad** or **Good** do not appear.
- When testing a 9V battery, if the battery's voltage is above 11 volts, .0F appears until the measured voltage is reduced to a value below 11 volts.
- The jack labeled +V.Ω.mA is fuseprotected. If the meter does not measure properly, check the fuse (see "Replacing the Fuse" on Page 20).
- If you connect the test leads in reverse polarity, – appears on the left side of the display.

# **CARE**

Keep the meter dry; if it gets wet, wipe it dry immediately. Use and store the meter only in normal temperature environments. Handle the meter carefully; do not drop it. Keep the meter away from dust and dirt, and wipe it with a damp cloth occasionally to keep it looking new.

# $\triangle$ WARNING $\triangle$

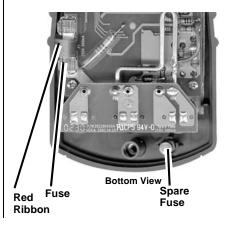
- Do not let any water drip inside the meter while cleaning it.
- Make sure that the meter is completely dry before using it.

#### **CLEANING**

To keep the meter looking new, occasionally wipe it with a cloth slightly dampened with water. Do not use harsh chemicals, cleaning solvents, or strong detergents to clean the meter.

#### REPLACING THE FUSE

If the meter does not operate, you might need to replace the fuse with the supplied spare fuse.



CAUTION W

Do not use a fuse brand or rating other than these specified here. Doing so might damage your meter. The meter contains a 5 × 20mm, 500mA. 250V ceramic fuse (Radio Shack Cat. No. 270-1070). 🗥 🗱

- 1. Set the function dial to OFF and unplug the test leads.
- 2. Use a Phillips screwdriver to loosen both screws on the back cover of the meter. Then lift off the cover.
- 3. To remove the fuse, gently pull the red ribbon wrapped around it. The fuse pops out.
- 4. If the fuse is blown, discard it and save the red ribbon. Then remove the supplied spare fuse, slip it into the ribbon, and insert the fuse into the fuse holder.
- 5. Replace the back cover of the meter then secure it with the screws.

# **SPECIFICATIONS**

Accuracies at 23°C ± 5°C, < 75% RH. DC VOLTS (Maximum Measurement: 600V) 400mV .....  $\pm$  0.5% of Reading, ± 4 in Last Digit 4V - 40V - 400V .....  $\pm 0.8\%$  of Reading, ± 4 in Last Digit 600V ..... ± 1.0% of Reading, ± 4 in Last Digit AC VOLTS (600 V RMS Maximum at 50/60Hz, Average responds, RMS calibrated, DC Coupled) 400mV ..... ± 1.2% of Reading, ± 5 in Last Digit 4V ..... ± 0.8% of Reading, ± 5 in Last Digit 40 - 400V - 600V ..... ± 1.2% of Reading,



To avoid electric shock, you must disconnect the test leads before you remove the back cover. Do not operate your meter until the back cover is in place and secured.

DC CURRENT (Maximum Measurement: 10A)
40mA - 400mA ± 1.2% of Reading,
± 4 in Last Digit
4A - 10A ± 1.5% of Reading,
± 4 in Last Digit
AC CURRENT (Average responds, RMS
calibrated, 10A maximum, DC Coupled)
40mA - 400mA ± 1.5% of Reading,
± 4 in Last Digit
4A - 10A ± 2.0% of Reading,
± 4 in Last Digit
RESISTANCE
$400-4k-40k\Omega$ $\pm$ 1.2% of Reading,
± 4 in Last Digit
$400k - 4.0M\Omega$ ±1.2% of Reading,
± 4 in Last Digit
$40M\Omega$ $\pm 2.0\%$ of Reading,
± 4 in Last Digit
BATTERY TEST
1.5V C/D/AA (150mA ± 10% load current)
± 5.0% of Reading, ± 4 in Last Digit
1.5V AAA (50mA ± 10% load current)
± 5.0% of Reading, ± 4 in Last Digit
9V Battery (10mA ± 10% load current)
± 5.0% of Reading, ± 4 in Last Digit
DIODE MODE
Open Circuit Voltage < 1.6Vdc
Test Current 0.8 mA (Typical)
CONTINUITY BEEPER
Continuity (short):<= $50 \pm 30$ Ohms
Open:> 50 ± 30 Ohms
Open Circuit:<1.6 Volts
Short Circuit Current:< 1.0 mA
Beeper Volume (at 5 cm) 65 dB Min. (audio scale)

#### **GENERAL**

Maximum Common Mode Voltage
600V DC or RMS AC
Battery Life (Alkaline) at 1 hour use per day
About 350 days
Sleep Mode timing
Range Up Detect Value Overflow
( >4000 Counts)
Range Down Detect Value 380 Counts
Low Battery Indicationlower than 3.35V
± 0.35 V
Sleep Mode current 25 µA Normal,
40µA Max.
Input Impedance (DCV/ACV) 10 Mohm
Power Source $3 \times AAA$ batteries
Operating Temperature 41°F to 104°F
(+ 5°C to + 40°C)
Storage Temperature – 4°F to 140°F
(- 20°C to + 60°C) Humidity Maximum Relative Humidity
80% for temperatures up to 87.8°F
(31°C), decreasing linearity to 50% relative
humidity at 104°F (40°C)
Pollution Degree2
Altitude up to 6561.6 feet (2000 m)
Dimensions (HWD) $5^9/10 \times 2^9/10 \times 1^1/2$ In.
$(150 \times 74 \times 38 \text{ mm})$
Weight Approx 6 oz (170 g)
Accessories Spare F500mA/250V Fuse (1) Shrouded Test Leads (Red/Black) (2)
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