

# UT513A

## Operating Manual



### Insulation Resistance Tester

#### Introduction

Uni-Trend Model UT513A Insulation Resistance Tester (hereafter, "the Meter") is a handheld instrument designed primarily to make resistance/ insulation resistance measurement.

#### Unpacking the Meter

The Meter includes the following items:  
Table 1. Unpacking Inspection

| Item | Description                                      | Qty   |
|------|--|-------|
| 1    | English Operating Manual                         | 1 pc  |
| 2    | One plug test lead to one alligator clip (Black) | 1 pc  |
| 3    | One-plug test lead to one alligator clip (Green) | 1 pc  |
| 4    | Two-plug test lead to one alligator clip (Red)   | 1 pc  |
| 5    | 1.5V Battery (LR14)                              | 8 pcs |
| 6    | Tool Box   | 1 pc  |
| 7    | USB Interface Cable                              | 1 pc  |
| 8    | Software   | 1 pc  |

It is recommended to select the specific 8pcs chargeable batteries (LR14) and a charger. In the event you find any missing or damaged part, please contact your dealer immediately.

#### Safety Information

This Meter complies with EN61010-1,61010-2-034, IEC 6155 7-1, IEC 61557-2,safety measurement requirement: Pollution Degree 2, measurement category CAT III 600V and Double Insulation.

**CAT II (measurement category):** Test and measuring circuits connected directly to utilization points (socket outlets and similar points) of the low-voltage MAINS installation.

**CAT III (measurement category):** Test and measuring circuits connected to the distribution part of the building's low-voltage MAINS installation.

Use the Meter only as specified in this operating manual, otherwise the protection provided by the Meter may be impaired.

**⚠ Danger** identifies conditions and actions that pose hazard(s) to the user.

**⚠ Warning** alerts the user to avoid electric shock.

**⚠ Caution** identifies conditions and actions that may damage the Meter and affect accurate measurement.

**⚠ Operating Caution** identifies conditions that user needs to take extra care during operating the Meter

#### ⚠ Danger

Use of instrument in a manual not specified by the manufacturer may impair safety features/protection provided by the equipment. Read the following safety information carefully before using or servicing the instrument.

- Do not apply more than 600V.
- Do not use the Meter around explosive gas, vapor or dust.
- Do not use the Meter in a wet environment.
- When using the test leads, keep your fingers away from the lead contacts. Keep your fingers behind the finger guards on the leads.
- Do not use the Meter with any parts or cover removed.
- When carrying out insulation measurement, do not contact the circuit under test.

#### ⚠ Warning

- Do not use the Meter if it is damaged or metal part is exposed. Look for cracks or missing plastic.
- Be careful when working above AC 30Vr.m.s, 42.4Vpeak or DC 60V. Such voltages pose a shock hazard.
- Discharge all loading of circuit under test after measuring high voltage.
- Do not change battery when the Meter is in wet environment.
- Place test leads in proper input terminals. Make sure all the test leads are firmly connected to the Meter's input terminals.

- Make sure the Meter is turned off when opening the battery compartment.
- Before each use verify tester operation by measuring a known voltage.
- If insulation on probe is damaged, replace a new one which should meet EN 61010-031 standard, rated follow parameters of the

#### ⚠ Caution

- When performing resistance tests, remove all power from the circuit to be measured and discharge all the power.
- When servicing the Meter, use only the test leads and power adaptor with the same model or identical electrical specifications.
- Do not use the Meter if the battery indicator ( ) shows a battery empty condition. Take the battery out from the Meter if it is not used for a long time.
- Do not use or store the Meter in an environment of high temperature, humidity, explosive, inflammable and strong magnetic field. The performance of the Meter may deteriorate after dampened.
- Soft cloth and mild detergent should be used to clean the surface of the Meter when servicing. No abrasive and solvent should be used to prevent the surface of the Meter from corrosion, damage and accident.
- Dry the Meter before storing if it is wet.

#### International Electrical Symbols

International symbols on the Meter and in this manual are explained in Table 2.

Table 2. International Electrical Symbols

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| ⚠   | Risk of electric shock   |
| ⚡   | Equipment protected throughout by DOUBLE INSULATION or REINFORCED INSULATION |
| — — | Direct current   |
| ~   | Alternating current  |
| ⏚   | Grounding  |
| ⚠   | Caution  |
| 🔋   | Low Battery Indication   |
| CE  | Conforms to Standards of European Union                                      |

#### Battery Saver (Sleep Mode)

The Meter enters the Sleep Mode and blanks the display after 15 minutes' inactivity. This is done to conserve battery power. The Meter comes out of Sleep Mode when ON/OFF button is pressed and hold for 1 second.

#### Battery Indication

There is a battery indicator shown on the upper left corner of the display. Please refer to Table 3 for detailed explanation. When using battery test, the voltage maximum is 14.0V and minimum is 10.0V.

Table 3. Battery Indication

| Battery indicator | Cell voltage (#2 Carbon battery) | Recommend test gear                              |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 🔋                 | < 9.9V                           | Can not use for testing, suggest replace battery |
| 🔋                 | 10.0V~10.5V                      | use for 500V/1000V test                          |
| 🔋                 | 10.6V~11.7V                      | use for 500V/1000V/2500V test                    |
| 🔋                 | > 11.8V                          | use for 500V/1000V/2500V/5000V test              |
| 🔋                 | > 14.0V (For power adaptor only) | use for 500V/1000V/2500V/5000V test              |

When charging battery is applied, the charging battery work mode should be selected at the startup: Press and hold USB button prior to startup, then press down ON/OFF, LCD screen will display CHA or GEN, and select to display CHA by pressing the up/down key, after pressing USB key to confirm, the Meter successfully enters the charging battery work mode. GEN means the general alkaline battery work mode.

#### The Meter Structure

Below Figure 1 and Table 4 shows the Meter front structure and description

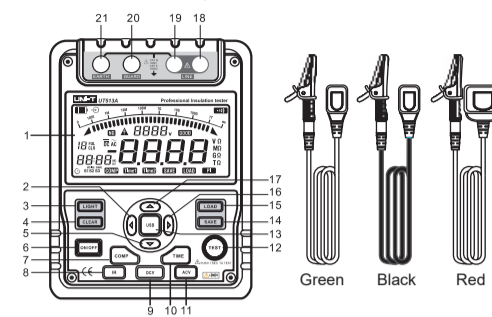


Figure 1. The Meter Front Structure

Table 4. Meter Front Description

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 1  | LCD   |
| 2  | ◀ Arrow Button  |
| 3  | Emergency Stop  |
| 4  | Data Clear the Display Backlight Button   |
| 5  | ▼ Arrow Button  |
| 6  | On/Off Button   |
| 7  | Compare Button  |
| 8  | Insulation Resistance Button  |
| 9  | DC Voltages measurement Button  |
| 10 | Timer Button.   |
| 11 | AC Voltages measurement Button  |
| 12 | Test Button   |
| 13 | USB Button  |
| 14 | Data Store Button.  |
| 15 | Data Recall Button  |
| 16 | ▶ Arrow Button  |
| 17 | ▲ Arrow Button  |
| 18 | LINE: High voltage input terminal (Connected to two-plug red test lead)   |
| 19 | High voltage line shielding input terminal ( Connected to two-plug red test lead )  |
| 20 | GUARD: Grounding protection input terminal (Connected to one-plug black test lead)  |
| 21 | EARTH: High resistance measurement input terminal (Connected to one-plug test lead)   |
| 22 | Testing leads:<br>Two-plug red test lead to one alligator clip.<br>One-plug black test lead to one alligator clip.<br>One-plug green test lead to one alligator clip. |

Below Figure 2 and Table 5 shows the Meter side structure and description

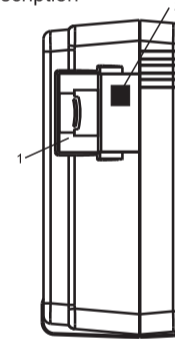


Figure 2. The Meter Side Structure

Table 5. Meter Side Description

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 1 | Safety Shutter |
| 2 | USB Port       |

#### Display

Table 6 and Figure 3 describe the display.

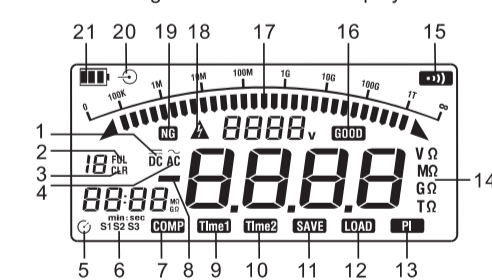


Figure 3. Display

Table 6. Display Description

| Number | Meaning                                    |
|--------|--|
| 1      | Indicator for DC voltage                   |
| 2      | Indicator for data store full              |
| 3      | Indicator for clearing                     |
| 4      | Indicator for AC voltage                   |
| 5      | Indicator for timer                        |
| 6      | Step symbol                                |
| 7      | Indicates selected pass/fail compare value |
| 8      | Indicates for negative reading             |
| 9      | Timer 1 symbol                             |
| 10     | Timer 2 symbol                             |
| 11     | Data store is on                           |
| 12     | Data recall is on                          |

|    |                                  |
|----|----------------------------------|
| 13 | Indicator for polarization index |
| 14 | Unit symbols                     |
| 15 | The continuity buzzer is on      |
| 16 | Compare feature pass             |
| 17 | Analogue bar graph               |
| 18 | Risk of electric shock           |
| 19 | Compare feature fail             |
| 20 | Indicator for power adaptor      |
| 21 | Battery life indicator           |

#### Key Functions

Table 7. Key Description

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| <b>ON/OFF</b> | Turn on or off the Meter. Press and hold the button for 1 second to turn the Meter on. Press again to turn off the Meter. The Meter defaults at 500V range and under continuous measurement of insulation resistance when turned on.   |
| <b>LIGHT</b>  | Press to turn on/off the backlight.  |
| <b>CLEAR</b>  | Press to clear the saved data.   |
| <b>SAVE</b>   | Press to store the current measurement value. The Meter can save up to 18 sets. When the stored readings memory is full, the Meter shows FULL and stop storing. Press and hold CLEAR to clear the stored value in order to store the next measurement value.   |
| <b>LOAD</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Press once to recall the first stored value.</li> <li>Press again to exit Load feature.</li> <li>Load feature can only be used when there is no high voltage output.</li> </ul>   |
| ▲             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When the insulation resistance measurement has no testing voltage output, press to select previous voltage range.</li> <li>Under load mode: press to recall the previous stored value.</li> </ul>   |
| ▼             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When the insulation resistance measurement has no testing voltage output, press to select next voltage range.</li> <li>Under load mode: press to recall the next stored value.</li> </ul>   |
| ◀             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When setting the timer for the measurement of insulation resistance or polarization index, press to decrement the time. The maximum length of time is 15 minutes and 30 seconds, the Meter will automatically carry out measurement.</li> <li>When compare function is enabled for insulation resistance measurement, press to decrement a resistance comparing value.</li> <li>After polarization index measurement, press to display polarization index, TIME 2 and TIME 1 insulation resistance values in sequence.</li> </ul> |
| ▶             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When setting the timer for the measurement of insulation resistance or polarization index, press to increment the time. The maximum length of time is 30 minutes and 30 seconds, the Meter will automatically carry out measurement.</li> <li>When compare function is enabled for insulation resistance measurement, press to increment a resistance comparing value.</li> <li>After polarization index measurement, press to display polarization index, TIME 2 and TIME 1 insulation resistance values in sequence.</li> </ul> |
| <b>USB</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Press once to start the data transferring to the computer via USB, USB symbol shows on the display.</li> <li>Press again to stop the data transferring to the computer via USB, USB symbol disappears.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>COMP</b>   | Set a pass / fail limit for insulation tests. The default value is 10MΩ  |
| <b>TIME</b>   | Press to step through continuous, timed and polarization index measurements in sequence.   |
| <b>TEST</b>   | Press to stop or start an insulation resistance test   |
| <b>IR</b>     | Press to initiate insulation resistance measurement  |
| <b>DCV</b>    | Press to initiate DC voltage measurement   |
| <b>ACV</b>    | Press to initiate AC voltage measurement   |

#### Measurement Operation

This section explains how to make measurements.

Press and hold ON/OFF to turn on the Meter, press again to turn off the Meter. The Meter defaults at 500V range and under continuous measurement of insulation resistance when turned on.

#### A. Measuring Voltage



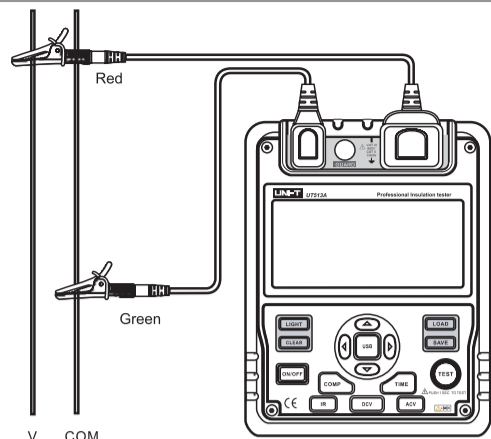


Figure 4. Voltage Measurement

**Operating Caution**

- To avoid harm to you or damage to the Meter, please do not attempt to measure voltages higher than 600V or 600V rms, although readings may be obtained.
- Special care should be taken when measuring high voltage.

To measure voltage, set up the Meter as Figure 4 and do the following:

1. Press **DCV** or **ACV** button to select DC voltage or AC voltage measurement
2. Insert the red and green test leads into **EARTH** and two **LINE** terminals.
3. When measuring DC voltage, if negative voltage is present on the red test lead, "-" symbol will show on the display.

**Note**

- When voltage measurement has been completed, disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test and remove testing leads away from the input terminals of the Meter.

**B. Measuring Insulation Resistance**

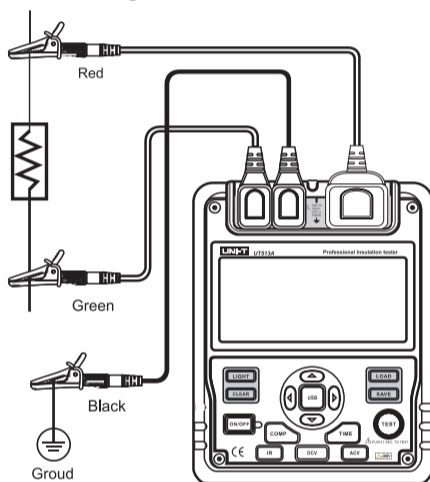


Figure 5. Insulation Resistance Measurement

**Operating Caution**

- When performing insulation resistance tests, remove all power from the circuit to be measured and discharge all the power.
- Operating the Meter must be very careful as it outputs dangerous voltage during measurement. Must make sure the tested object is firmly clipped, hands are away from the clips, then press **TEST** button to output high voltage.
- Do not short circuit the testing leads during high voltages output or test insulation resistance after high voltages output. This kind of incorrect operating may cause sparking and fire, which damages the Meter and cause personal injury.
- Do not measure over 10 seconds when: measuring resistance < 2MΩ with use of 500V, measuring resistance < 5MΩ with use of 1000V, measuring resistance < 10MΩ with use of 2500V, measuring resistance < 20MΩ with use of 5000V.

To measure insulation resistance, set up the Meter as Figure 5 and do the following:

1. Press **IR** button to select insulation resistance measurement.
2. When there is no testing voltage output, press ▲ and ▼ button to 500V, 1000V, 2500V or 5000V voltage range.
3. When performing insulation resistance tests, remove all power from the circuit to be measured and discharge all the power.
4. Insert the red test lead into two **LINE** terminals, the black one into **GUARD** and the green one into **EARTH**.
5. Connect the red and green alligator clip to the circuit to be measured, negative voltage outputs from **LINE** terminal.
6. Choose one of insulation resistance measurement modes shown as below:

**a) Continuous Measurement**

- Press **TIME** button to select continuous mode, there is no timer icon on the LCD.
- Press ▲ and ▼ hold **TEST** button for 1 second to carry out begin and output insulation resistance test voltage **TEST** button light up, ▲ blinks on every 0.5 seconds.
- Press **TEST** button to turn off the voltage output, when measurement is completed. **TEST** button lights off, ▲ disappears. The LCD shows the current insulation resistance measurement value.

**b) Timed Measurement**

- Press **TIME** button to select timed mode, the LCD displays **TIME 1** and ☺ symbols.
- Press ▲ and ▼ buttons to set the time (00:10~15:00). Within 1 minute, the time increment or decrement by every 10 seconds. Afterward, the time increment or decrement by every 30 seconds.
- Then press and hold **TEST** button for 2 second to carry out the measurement. **TIME 1** and ▲ are displayed and blinked on the LCD on every 0.5 seconds.
- When the set time is reached, the test voltage output will be turned off, and the measurement will be automatically stopped. The LCD displays the insulation resistance reading.

**c) Polarization Index (PI) Measurement**

- Press **TIME** button to select timed mode, the LCD displays **TIME 1** and ☺ symbols.
- Press ▲ and ▼ buttons to set the time (00:10~15:00). Within 1 minute, the time increment or decrement by every 5 seconds. Afterward, the time increment or decrement by every 30 seconds.
- Press **TIME** button again. **TIME 2, PI** and ☺ symbols appear on the LCD.
- Press ▲ and ▼ buttons to set the time (00:15~15:30). Within 1 minute, the time increment or decrement by every 10 seconds. Afterward, the time increment or decrement by every 30 seconds.
- Then press and hold **TEST** button for 2 seconds to carry out timed measurement.
- **TIME 1** and ▲ are displayed and blinked on the LCD on every 0.5 seconds before **TIME 1** set time is reached.
- **TIME 2** and ▲ are displayed and blinked on the LCD on every 0.5 seconds before **TIME 2** set time is reached.
- When the two set time are reached, the test voltage output will be turned off and the measurement will be automatically stopped. The LCD displays the polarization index reading.
- Press ▲, ▼ to step through the polarization index, **TIME 2** and **TIME 2** insulation resistance readings.

Calculation Tips:

PI = 3-minute ~ 10-minute resistance / 30-second ~ 1-minute resistance

|          |           |      |         |             |
|----------|-----------|------|---------|-------------|
| PI       | 4 or more | 4~2  | 2.0~1.0 | 1.0 or less |
| Standard | The best  | Good | Warning | Bad         |

**d) Compare Function**

- Press **COMP** button to select compare feature. **COMP** symbol displays on the LCD..
- Press ▲ and ▼ buttons to set the compare value
- You can choose compare from: 10MΩ, 20MΩ, 30MΩ, 40MΩ, 50MΩ, 60MΩ, 70MΩ, 80MΩ, 90MΩ, 100MΩ, 200MΩ, 300MΩ, 400MΩ, 500MΩ, 600MΩ, 700MΩ, 800MΩ, 900MΩ, 1GΩ, 2GΩ, 3GΩ, 4GΩ, 5GΩ, 6GΩ, 7GΩ, 8GΩ, 9GΩ, 10GΩ, 20GΩ, 30GΩ, 40GΩ, 50GΩ, 60GΩ, 70GΩ, 80GΩ, 90GΩ, 100GΩ, 200GΩ, 300GΩ, 400GΩ, 500GΩ, 600GΩ, 700GΩ, 800GΩ, 900GΩ
- Press and hold **TEST** button for 2 seconds to carry out the measurement.
- The **NG** symbol will display if the insulation resistance value is smaller than compare value. Otherwise **GOOD** symbol will be displayed.

**Connecting USB Interface**

See Figure 7 for USB interface connection.

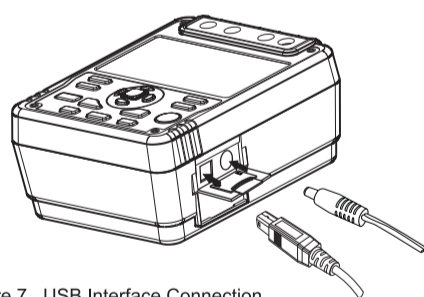


Figure 7. USB Interface Connection

1. Install the included software, the installation guide can be seen from the CD.
2. Open the side safety shutter, then you will see there is a USB port.
3. Insert the included USB cable to the Meter's USB port and the other end to the computer.

**Maintenance**

This section provides basic maintenance information including battery replacement instruction.

**Warning**

Do not attempt to repair or service your Meter unless you are qualified to do so and have the relevant calibration, performance test, and service information.

**A. General Service**

- Periodically wipe the case with a damp cloth and mild detergent. Do not use abrasives or solvents.
- To clean the terminals with cotton bar with detergent, as dirt or moisture in the terminals can affect readings.
- Turn the Meter to OFF when it is not in use.
- Take out the battery when it is not using for a long time.
- Do not use or store the Meter in a place of humidity, high temperature, explosive, inflammable and strong magnetic field.
- If the Meter is wet, dry it before use.

**B. Replacing the Battery**

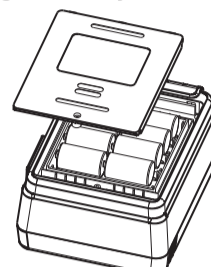


Figure 8. Battery Replacement

**Warning**

To avoid electric shock, remove all the test leads from the Meter when replacing the batteries.

**Operating Caution**

- Don't mix to use old and new batteries.
- Be careful the polarity is correct when installing batteries.
- Do not use the Meter if the battery indicator ( ) shows a battery empty condition.
- Do you carry out measuring during the battery compartment is open.

Follow Figure 8 and proceed as follows to replace the battery:

- Turn the Meter to OFF and remove all connections from the terminals.
- Remove the screw from the battery compartment, and separate the battery compartment from the case bottom.
- Replace with 8pcs of new 1.5V (LR14) batteries.
- Rejoin the case bottom and battery compartment, and reinstall the screw.

**Specifications**

**Safety and Compliances**

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Certification | CE   |
| Compliances   | EN 61010-1, 61010-2-034, 61557-1, 61557-2, CAT III 600V overvoltage and double insulation standard |

**General Specifications**

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Display (LCD)           | Digital: 9999 counts Analog bar graph.  |
| Display Backlight       | Bright backlight for clear readings in poorly lighted areas.  |
| Computer connection     | Via USB interface.  |
| Data Logging and Recall | 18 sets   |
| Autorange               | The Meter automatically selects best range  |
| Warning                 | ▲ and red light will on.  |
| Test Voltage            | Automatically source the voltage.   |
| COMP Measurement        | Use the Compare function to set a pass/fail compare level for the insulation measurements.  |
| PI Measurement          | Polarization Index is the ratio of insulation resistance. Preset the timer for two points and the Meter will carry out the measurement automatically.         |
| TIME                    | To carry out measurement by setting a specified time within 15 minutes.   |
| Overloading             | Display <b>OL</b> on insulation resistance range  |
| Battery Indicator       | Display [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]   |
| Icon Display            | Equips with function and battery indicator icons.   |
| Current Consumption     | Maximum: around 1.0A<br>Average: around 20mA  |
| Operating Temperature   | -10°C~40°C (14°F~104°F)   |
| Storage Temperature     | -20°C~60°C (-4°F~152°F)   |
| Relative Humidity       | ≤ 85%RH @ 0°C~40°C below;<br>≤ 90%RH @ -20°C~60°C:  |
| Intended use            | Indoor use  |
| Altitude                | ≤2000m  |
| Battery Type            | 8pcs of 1.5V (LR14) alkaline battery or power adaptor (input voltage 230V, 50 /60Hz, 150mA, input DC15V, 1.0A).<br>Power adaptor is optionally at extra cost. |
| Dimensions (HxW xL)     | 202 x 155 x 94 mm   |
| Weight                  | Approx. 2kg (including battery)   |

**Accuracy Specifications**

Accuracy: ± (% of reading) + [number of least significant digits], guarantee for 1 year.

Operating temperature: 18°C~28°C

Relative humidity: 45~75%RH

Insulation measurement usage: At room temperature, the new alkaline battery of no.2 can provide more than 600 times insulation measurements (test conditions: 5000V, 5Mohm loader, open 5 seconds and stop 25 seconds)

**A. Voltage Measurement**

|                   |             |                    |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
|                   | DC Voltage  | AC Voltage         |
| Measurement Range | ±30 ~ ±600V | 30V~600V (50/60Hz) |
| Resolution        | 1V          |                    |
| Accuracy          | ± (2%+3)    |                    |

**B. Insulation Resistance Measurement**

|                      |   |   |  |   |
|----------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Output Voltage       | 500V  | 1000V   | 2500V  | 5000V   |
| Display Range        | 0.0MΩ~20GΩ  | 0.0MΩ~40GΩ  | 0.0MΩ~100GΩ  | 0.0MΩ~1000GΩ  |
| Open Circuit Voltage | DC 500V 0%~+20%   | DC1000V 0%~+20%   | DC 2500V 0%~+20%   | DC5000V 0%~+20%   |
| Test Current         | 1mA~1.2mA @ 500kΩ   | 1mA~1.2mA @ 1MΩ   | 1mA~1.2mA @ 2.5MΩ  | 1mA~1.2mA @ 5MΩ   |
| Accuracy             | 0.0MΩ~99.9MΩ: ±(3%+5)<br>100MΩ~9.99GΩ: ±(5%+5)<br>10.0GΩ~20.0GΩ: ±(10%+5) | 0.0MΩ~99.9MΩ: ±(3%+5)<br>100MΩ~9.99GΩ: ±(5%+5)<br>10.0GΩ~40.0GΩ: ±(10%+5) | 0.0MΩ~99.9MΩ: ±(3%+5)<br>100MΩ~9.99GΩ: ±(5%+5)<br>10.0GΩ~100GΩ: ±(10%+5) | 0.0MΩ~99.9MΩ: ±(3%+5)<br>100MΩ~9.99GΩ: ±(5%+5)<br>10.0GΩ~99.9GΩ: ±(10%+5)<br>Above 100GΩ: [±(20%+5)<br>Humidity: Below 50%] |
| Short Circuit        | Maximum than 2.0mA  |   |  |   |

**Operating Caution**

At any output voltage, when the tested resistance is less than 10MΩ, the testing time cannot exceed 10 seconds continuously.

Note: For insulation resistance measurement, if the measured capacitive reactance is greater than about 100nF, it may cause reading to fluctuate significantly.

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