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Chapter 1
Before You Start

Safety Information

The Fluke Model 87 and Model 89 Series IV True RMS Multimeters (hereafter referred to as the “meter”) comply with:

- EN61010.1:1993
- ANSI/ISA S82.01-1994
- CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 1010.1-92
- 1000V Overvoltage Category III, Pollution Degree 2
- UL 3111-1

Use the meter only as specified in this manual. Otherwise, the protection provided by the meter may be impaired. Refer to safety information in Table 1-1.

A **Warning** identifies conditions and actions that pose hazards to the user. A **Caution** identifies conditions and actions that may damage the meter or the equipment under test.

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Table 1-1. Safety Information

⚠Warning

To avoid possible electric shock or personal injury, follow these guidelines:

- **Do not use the meter if it is damaged. Before you use the meter, inspect the case. Look for cracks or missing plastic. Pay particular attention to the insulation surrounding the connectors.**
- **Inspect the test leads for damaged insulation or exposed metal. Check the test leads for continuity. Replace damaged test leads before you use the meter.**
- **Do not use the meter if it operates abnormally. Protection may be impaired. When in doubt, have the meter serviced.**
- **Do not operate the meter around explosive gas, vapor, or dust.**
- **Do not apply more than the rated voltage, as marked on the meter, between terminals or between any terminal and earth ground.**
- **Before use, verify the meter's operation by measuring a known voltage.**
- **When measuring current, turn off circuit power before connecting the meter in the circuit. Remember to place the meter in series with the circuit.**
- **When servicing the meter, use only specified replacement parts.**
- **Use caution when working above 30 V ac rms, 42 V peak, or 60 V dc. Such voltages pose a shock hazard.**
- **Avoid working alone.**

Table 1-1. Safety Information (cont.)

⚠Warning

- **When using the probes, keep your fingers behind the finger guards on the probes.**
- **Connect the common test lead before you connect the live test lead. When you disconnect test leads, disconnect the live test lead first.**
- **Remove test leads from the meter before you open the battery door.**
- **Do not operate the meter with the battery door or portions of the cover removed or loosened.**
- **To avoid false readings, which could lead to possible electric shock or personal injury, replace the batteries as soon as the low battery indicator ( ) appears.**
- **Use only type AA batteries, properly installed in the meter case, to power the meter.**
- **To avoid the potential for fire or electrical shock, do not connect the thermocouples to electrically live circuits.**

Caution

To avoid possible damage to the meter or to the equipment under test, follow these guidelines:

- **Disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before testing resistance, continuity, diodes, or capacitance.**
- **Use the proper terminals, function, and range for your measurements.**
- **Before measuring current, check the meter's fuses and turn power OFF to the circuit before connecting the meter to the circuit.**

Symbols

Symbols used on the meter and in this manual are explained in Table 1-2.

Table 1-2. International Electrical Symbols

	AC (Alternating Current)		Earth ground
	DC (Direct Current)		Fuse
	AC and DC		Double insulated
	Battery		Important information
	Complies with relevant Canadian Standards Association directives		Complies with European Union directives
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Chapter 2
Getting Acquainted

Introduction

Although this manual describes the operation of both Models 87 and 89, all illustrations and examples assume use of Model 89. Additional capabilities with Model 89 are discussed in Chapter 4. These capabilities include the following:

- Model 89 provides memory functions and one additional position (VIEW MEM) on the rotary switch.
- Model 89 provides for communication with a PC via an infrared (IR) port.

Turning the Meter On

To turn the meter on, turn the rotary switch from OFF to any switch setting.

The ac volts function (shown in Figure 2-1) is assumed in the following discussion. You do not need connections to the input terminals at this time.

If you want a view of the full display (all segments illuminated), press and hold HOLD while turning the meter on. Release the button when you are done viewing the full display.

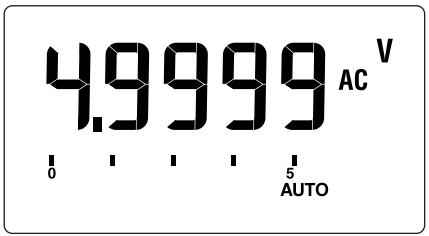

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Figure 2-1. AC Volts Display

Battery Considerations

The meter uses four AA alkaline batteries. The following paragraphs describe several techniques used to conserve battery power.

Automatic Power Off

The display blanks and the meter goes into a “sleep” mode if you have not changed the rotary switch position or pressed a button for a set period. While in Sleep mode, pressing any button turns the meter on. The meter then returns to the display for the function selected with the rotary switch; all previously activated button features (HOLD, Hz, etc.) are discarded.

The automatic power off is preset to 15 minutes. From the setupmenu, you can specify a maximum period of 23 hours, 59 minutes. If you set the period to 0, the meter remains on until you turn the rotary switch to OFF or the batteries become too weak.

Automatic power off does not occur if the meter is in MIN MAX, FAST MN MX, AutoHOLD, or LOGGING (Model 89) mode.

Automatic Backlight Off

Press ☼ to select the backlight level (low, high, or off.) In low or high, the backlight turns off automatically after a given period. This period is also preset to 15 minutes and can be set to a maximum of 99 minutes from the setup menu. If the period is set to 0, the backlight is on indefinitely and can only be turned off by pressing ☼ or turning the meter off.

Note

See Chapter 5 for power off and backlight off setup information.

Low Battery Indication

A constant battery icon (▬+) in the upper left corner of the display notifies you that the batteries are low and should be replaced.

⚠Warning

To avoid false readings, which could lead to possible electric shock or personal injury, replace the batteries as soon as the battery icon (▬+) appears.

A flashing battery icon means that battery failure is imminent. The backlight cannot be used in this condition. MIN MAX and FAST MN MX features turn off. For Model 89, logging and communications also cease.

Rotary Switch

Turn the meter on by selecting any measurement function (identified with white letters around the rotary switch). The meter presents a standard display for that function (range, measurement units, modifiers, etc.) The display may also be influenced by some of the choices made in Setup.

Use the blue button to select any rotary switch alternate function (labeled in blue letters). You can also use other buttons to choose modifiers for the selected function.

When you turn the rotary switch from one function to another, a display for the new function appears. Button choices made in one function do not carry over into another function.

With Model 89, a VIEW MEM switch position is available; refer to Chapter 4 for more information.

The rotary switch is shown in Figure 2-2. Each position is described in Table 2-1.

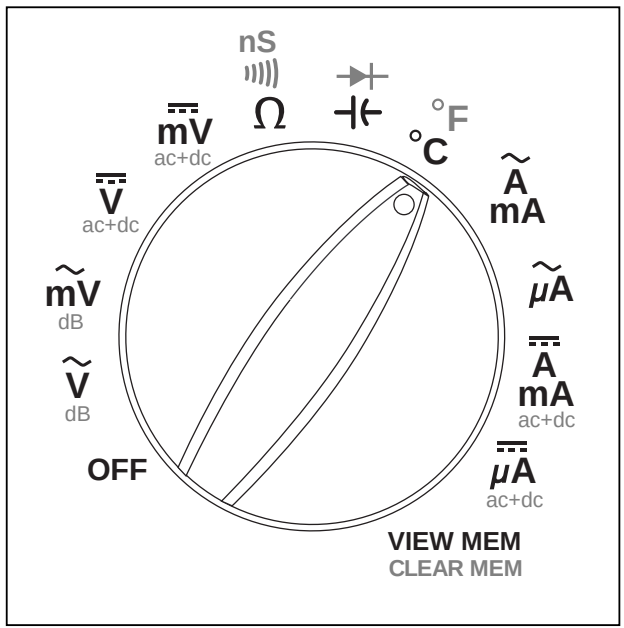

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Figure 2-2. Rotary Switch

Pushbuttons

The buttons activate features that augment the function selected with the rotary switch. The buttons are shown in Figure 2-3 and described in Table 2-2.

Use the blue button (◯) to access functions labeled in blue for some of the rotary switch positions. Table 2-1 defines all blue button functions.

Use the yellow button (▭) followed by other buttons to access additional features. These features appear in yellow above the appropriate keys. Table 2-2 defines yellow button features. This manual identifies the yellow button feature in parentheses following the button sequence . For example, activating the FAST MN MX mode appears as ▭ MIN MAX (FAST MN MX).

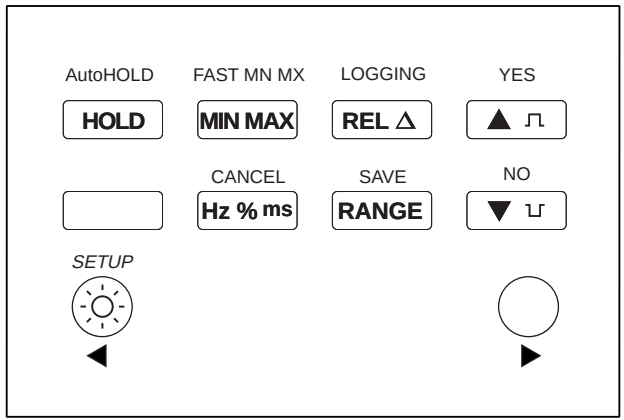

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Figure 2-3. Pushbuttons

The following yellow button features are not available on Model 87: *(*YES), *(*NO), (LOGGING), and (SAVE).

Table 2-1. Rotary Switch Selections

Position	Rotary Switch Function	◯ Blue Key Function
dB ~ V	AC voltage measurement from 0 V to 1000.0 V	dB over AC, AC over dB
dB ~ mV	AC millivolt measurement from 0 mV to 3000.0 mV	dB over AC, AC over dB
ac+dc ~ V	DC voltage measurement from 0 V to 1000.0 V	AC over DC (AC in primary display, DC in secondary display), DC over AC, ac+dc
ac+dc ~ mV	DC millivolt measurement from 0 mV to 3000.0 mV	AC over DC (AC in primary display, DC in secondary display), DC over AC, ac+dc
nS Ω	Resistance measurement from 0 Ω to 30.000 MΩ	Continuity test Conductance measurement from 0 nS to 50.00 nS
→ | ⊣⊢	Capacitance measurement from 0.001 nF to 50 mF	Diode test
°F °C	Temperature measurement	Toggles between °C and °F.

Table 2-1. Rotary Switch Positions (cont.)

Position	Rotary Switch Function	◯ Blue Key Function
A mA~	AC current measurements from 0 mA to 20.000 A	none
μA~	AC current measurements from 0 μA to 5000.0 μA	none
A ⎓ mA ac+dc	DC current measurements from 0 mA to 20.000 A	AC over DC (AC in primary display, DC in secondary display), DC over AC, ac+dc
μA ⎓ ac+dc	DC current measurements from 0 μA to 5000.0 μA	AC over DC (AC in primary display, DC in secondary display), DC over AC, ac+dc
VIEW MEM	(Model 89 only.) Access data held in the meter's memory. See Chapter 4 for more information.	CLEAR MEM. See Chapter 4 for more information.

Table 2-2. Pushbuttons

Button	Description	Yellow Button Function	Description
Note *Press [ ] to access "Yellow Button Functions." The [ ] box and the 24-hour clock appear in the lower corners of the display and the primary display freezes, allowing time to press a second button.*			
☼ ◁	Press to turn backlight on or off. Also, in Setup, use the arrow function (◁) to select the previous digit or item in a list.	SETUP [ ] ☼	Press to access Setup selections. Press to store a Setup selection and proceed to the next selection.
HOLD	Press to freeze the displayed value. Press again to release the display.	AutoHOLD [ ] HOLD	Press to begin AutoHOLD; the last stable reading is displayed.
MIN MAX	Press to start retaining min, max, and average values. Press successively to display max, min, and average values. Press [ ] Hz % ms (CANCEL) to stop.	FAST MN MX [ ] MIN MAX	Press to start FAST MN MX mode, where min and max values for short duration events are stored.
REL Δ	Press to store the present reading as an offset reference; subsequent readings show only the relative difference from this value. Press again to show the difference as a percentage of the reference.	LOGGING [ ] REL Δ	Press to start Logging (Model 89). Press [ ] + Hz % ms (CANCEL) to stop.

Table 2-2. Pushbuttons (cont.)

Button	Description	Yellow Button Function	Description
△ ⎍	• In Setup, increment a digit . • In counter functions, select positive pulse slope. • In ohms continuity, select beep on open. • In VIEW MEM, see Chapter 4.	(none)	
▽ ⎎	• In Setup, decrement a digit . • In counter functions, select negative pulse slope. • In ohms continuity, select beep on short. • In VIEW MEM, see Chapter 4.	(none)	
RANGE	Exit AUTO and enter MANUAL ranging. In MANUAL, select next input range. Press [ ] Hz % ms (CANCEL) to return to AUTO.	SAVE [ ] RANGE	Press to save present reading (Model 89)
Hz % ms	Successively press for frequency, duty cycle, and pulse width.	CANCEL [ ] Hz % ms	CANCEL any ◯ (blue key) function and all other button features.
◯ ▷	The blue button. Press to access blue functions on the rotary switch. In Setup, use arrow function (▷) to select the next digit or item in a list.	(none)	

Selecting the Range

Press RANGE to select either a fixed range or the autorange feature.

Note

You cannot use RANGE in conductance, diode test, and temperature functions or with the REL, MIN MAX, and FAST MN MX features. These selections all use a specific fixed range.

Autoranging (AUTO lighted in the display) always comes on initially when you select a new function. In autorange, the meter selects the lowest input range possible, ensuring that the reading appears with the highest available precision (resolution).

If AUTO is already on, press RANGE to enter MANUAL ranging in the present range. You can then select the next manual range each time you press RANGE. Return to autoranging by pressing (CANCEL) Hz % ms.

Understanding the Display

Display features are shown in Figure 2-4 and described in Table 2-3. Major display features are described in the following paragraphs.

Note

You can show all display segments (as shown in Figure 2-4) by pressing HOLD while turning the meter on. Release HOLD to turn off the full display.

Primary Display

The primary display usually shows the present reading for the rotary switch function. For most of these functions, the primary display can be set to show 4 or 5 digits. See Chapter 5 for more information about display digits.

Other uses for this display are:

- AUTOHold: most recent held reading.
- MIN MAX: maximum, minimum, or average value.

- dB (in ac volts functions): the dBm or dBV value.
- REL: the difference between the present reading and a stored reference reading.
- Setup: various messages (see Chapter 5).
- Overload conditions: OL displayed.
- Error conditions.

Secondary Display

The secondary display often shows the present reading when the primary display shows some other feature (MIN MAX, REL Δ, etc.)

When multiple features are active, the secondary display shows one of the values. For example, Hz could appear in the secondary display while dB appears in the primary display.

Bar Graph

The bar graph provides an analog indication of the measured input. For most measurement functions, the bar graph updates 40 times per second. Since this response is much faster than the digital display, the bar graph is useful for making peak and null adjustments and for observing rapidly changing inputs. The bar graph is not available in temperature, capacitance, ac over dc, dc over ac, and ac+dc functions.

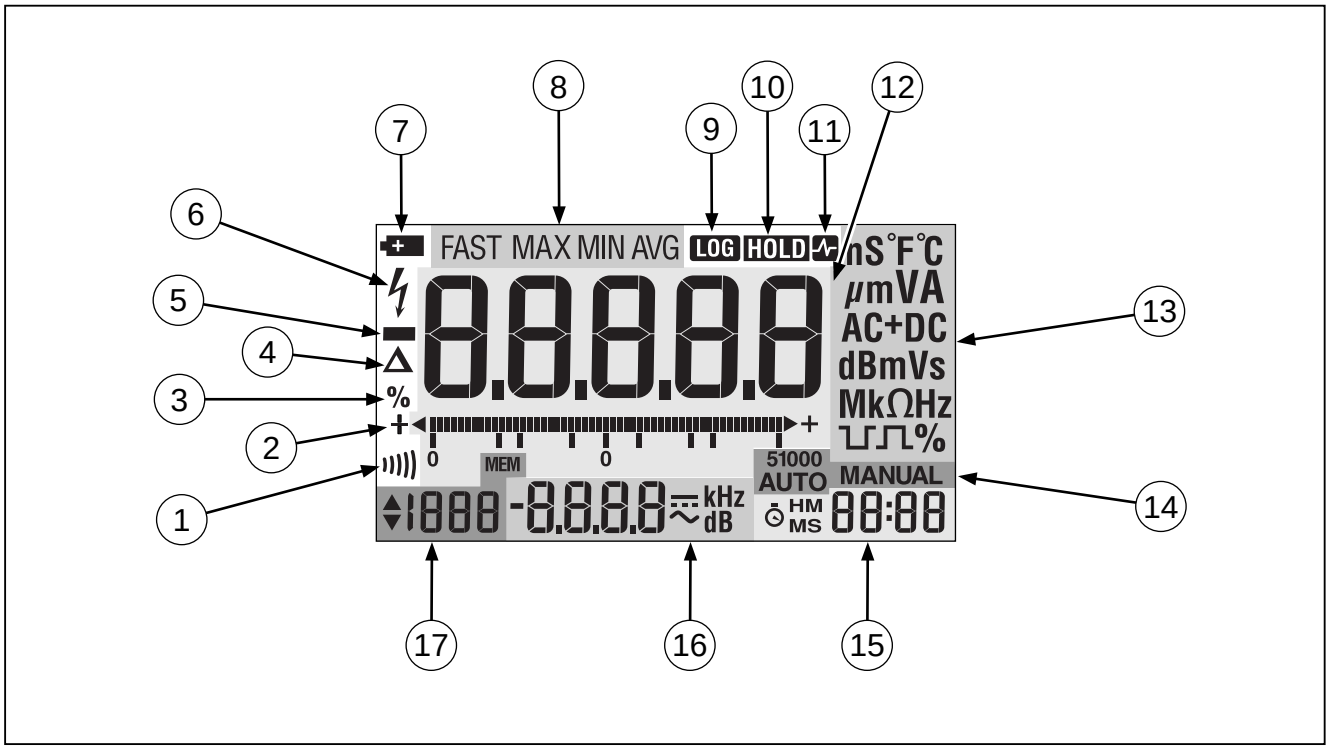

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Figure 2-4. Display Features

Table 2-3. Display Features

Number	Feature	Description
①		Continuity test function is selected.
②		Bar Graph. In normal operation 0 (zero) is on the left. In Relative %, 0 is in the center, negative values are to the left and positive to the right. The polarity indicator left of the bar graph shows the polarity of the input. Both polarity indicators appear in REL% mode. The arrow right of the bar graph indicates an overload condition. Both arrows appear (without bar graph) when you can use ⚙ (◁) and ◯ (▷) to select settings in the setup mode.
③	%	Percent difference in Relative mode is being displayed in the primary display. The reference value is shown in the secondary display
④	Δ	Relative (REL Δ) mode is active. The primary display has been modified by the reference value shown in the secondary display.
⑤	–	Indicates negative readings. In Relative mode, this sign indicates that the present input is less than the stored reference.
⑥	ϟ	>30 V ac and/or dc is present at the input terminals.
⑦		Low battery. If flashing, battery failure is imminent, and logging and backlight are disabled. **⚠Warning** **To avoid false readings, which could lead to possible electric shock or personal injury, replace the battery as soon as the low battery indicator appears.**

Table 2-3. Display Features (cont.)

Number	Feature	Description
⑧	**FAST**	FAST MN MX mode is enabled. ([ ] [MIN MAX])
	MIN	Minimum reading displayed.
	MAX	Maximum reading displayed.
	AVG	Average reading displayed.
⑨	**LOG**	Readings are being recorded in memory (Model 89 only.) ([ ] + [REL Δ])
⑩	**HOLD**	The meter is in Hold mode. ([HOLD])
⑪	**HOLD**	AutoHold is active. ([ ] + [HOLD])
⑫	8.8.8.8.8	Primary Display (4-1/2 digit)
	OL	Overload input.
⑬		Measurement Units
	V, mV	V: Volts. The unit of voltage. mV: Millivolt. 1 x 10^{-3} or 0.001 volts.
	dBm, dBV	For ac volts functions, reading is shown in decibels of power above or below 1 mW (dBm) or decibels of voltage above or below 1 V (dBV).

Table 2-3. Display Features (cont.)

Number	Feature	Description
⑬	**AC+DC**	For dc volts and dc amps functions, reading represents the rms total of ac and dc measurements.
	Ω, kΩ MΩ,	Ω: Ohm. The unit of resistance. kΩ: Kilohm. 1 x 10^3 or 1000 ohms. MΩ: Megohm. 1 x 10^6 or 1,000,000 ohms.
	nS	S: Siemens. The unit of conductance. nS: Nanosiemens. 1 x 10^{-9} or 0.000000001 Siemens.
	nF, μF	F: Farad. The unit of capacitance. nF: Nanofarad. 1 x 10^{-9} or 0.000000001 farads μF: Microfarad. 1 x 10^{-6} or 0.000001 farads.
	°C ,°F	Degrees Celsius (default) or Fahrenheit
	A, mA, μA	A: Amperes (amps). The unit of current. mA: Milliamp. 1 x 10^{-3} or 0.001 amperes. μA: Microamp. 1 x 10^{-6} or 0.000001 amperes.
	Hz, kHz, MHz	Hz: Hertz. The unit of frequency. kHz: Kilohertz. 1 x 10^3 or 1000 hertz. MHz: Megahertz. 1 x 10^6 or 1,000,000 hertz.

Table 2-3. Display Features (cont.)

Number	Feature	Description
⑭	**51000** **AUTO** **MANUAL**	Range. Digits display range in use.
⑮	MS 88:88 HM 88:88	Time Display. Used with HOLD, AutoHOLD, MIN MAX, FAST MN MX, SAVE, and LOGGING (Model 89). Elapsed Time Display (⏲ on): shown in minutes:seconds to maximum of 59:59 - used if time since Min, Max, or Logging started is less than 60 minutes. Always used for Min, Max, Avg. Displays hours:minutes after 1 hour. 24-hour Display (⏲ off): shown in hours:minutes to maximum of 23:59. For setting the 24-hour clock, refer to Chapter 5.
⑯	8.8.8.8	Secondary Display
⑰	**MEM** ▲▼ 1888	Memory Index Display (Model 89). Also used for dBm reference resistance. ▲▼ appears when you can use △ ⎍ and ▽ ⎎ to increment or decrement settings.

Using the Input Terminals

All functions except current use the TEMPERATURE Ω V and COM inputs. Current functions use the inputs shown below:

- A mA~ or A mA ac+dc function: Use A and COM inputs from 400 mA to 20 A. Use mA/µA and COM for inputs ≤ 400 mA.
- µA~ or µA ac+dc function: Use mA/µA and COM for inputs ≤ 5000.0 µA.

If a test lead is plugged into the mA/µA or A terminal, but the rotary switch is not correctly set to one of the current measuring positions, the Input Alert™ beeper warns you by making a chirping sound. This warning is intended to stop you from attempting to measure voltage, continuity, resistance, capacitance, or diode values when the leads are plugged into a current terminal.

Figure 2-5 shows the input terminals.

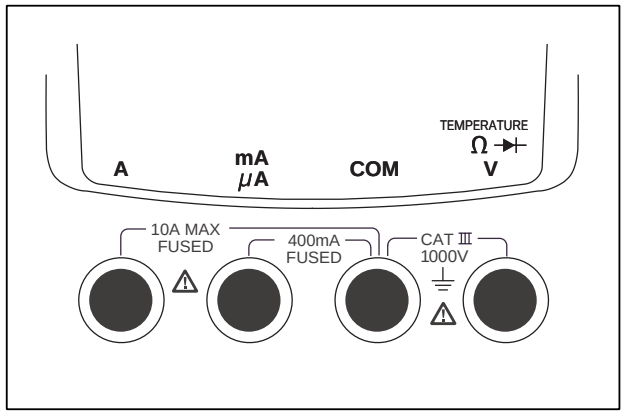

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Figure 2-5. Input Terminals

Using Display Hold

Press HOLD to enter the Display Hold mode and freeze the present reading and its time stamp. New readings now appear in the secondary display. See Figure 2-6. To exit Display Hold mode, press HOLD again.

In the MIN MAX mode, Display Hold functions like a toggle, interrupting and resuming the MIN MAX operations.

With Model 89, you cannot use Display Hold while logging data. Model 89 allows you to save the frozen reading to memory by pressing [ ] RANGE (SAVE).

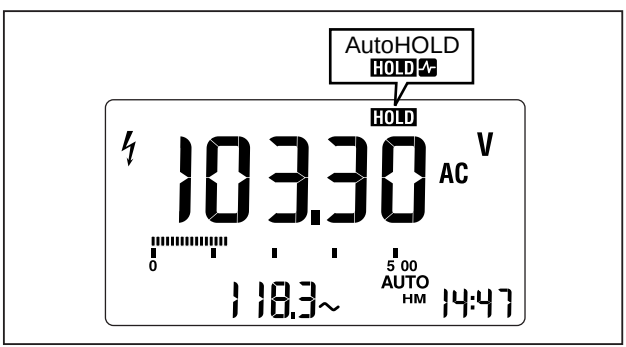

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Figure 2-6. Display Hold and AutoHOLD

Using AutoHOLD

⚠Warning

AutoHOLD mode does not capture unstable or noisy readings. Do not use AutoHOLD mode to determine that circuits are without power.

To enter AutoHOLD, press [ ] HOLD (AutoHOLD). AutoHOLD mode freezes the present reading and its time stamp. New readings now appear in the secondary display. See Figure 2-6. When the meter detects a new, stable reading (4% or more change from last stable reading), it beeps and displays the new reading in the primary display. You can also force a primary display update by pressing HOLD.

If you remove the test leads (open the input), the meter retains the last frozen primary display.

You cannot use AutoHOLD when MIN MAX is active. With Model 89, you cannot initiate AutoHOLD while logging data, but you can initiate logging when AutoHOLD is active.

To exit AutoHOLD mode, press [ ] HOLD (AutoHOLD) again.

Using MIN MAX

The MIN MAX mode stores minimum (MIN) and maximum (MAX) input values. When the input goes below the stored minimum value or above the stored maximum value, the meter beeps and stores the new value. MIN MAX mode also calculates an average (AVG) of all readings taken since the mode was activated.

Press MIN MAX to enter the MIN MAX mode. The maximum (MAX) reading is displayed first.

Each subsequent press of MIN MAX steps through the minimum (MIN), average (AVG), and back to the maximum reading.

In the MIN MAX mode, the secondary display continues to show the present measurement value.

The time elapsed since the MIN MAX mode was entered is shown in the bottom right corner of each type of display. See Figure 2-7.

To exit MIN MAX mode, press [ ] Hz % ms (CANCEL) or turn the rotary switch to a different position. Also, MIN MAX mode turns off automatically when a flashing + (low battery condition) occurs.

Note

Minimum, maximum, and average values stored in the MIN MAX mode are lost when the meter is turned off.

The MIN MAX mode can be used to capture intermittent readings, store maximum readings while you are away, or store readings while you are operating the equipment under test and cannot watch the meter. The average reading is useful for smoothing out unstable inputs, calculating power consumption, or estimating the percent of time a circuit is active.

The MIN MAX mode is appropriate for storing signal events that last 50 ms or longer in most measurement functions. Signal events must be 500 ms or longer in the following functions: continuity, conductance, capacitance, temperature, Hz, duty cycle, and pulse width.

Using FAST MN MX

FAST MN MX can capture transient signal events as short as 250 µs, but with decreased accuracy; only 3-1/2 display digits are allowed.

Activate FAST MN MX by pressing [ ] [MIN MAX]. As with regular MIN MAX, you can then press [MIN MAX] to cycle through maximum, minimum, and average primary displays. The meter beeps for any new minimum or maximum value. Exit FAST MN MX by pressing [ ] [Hz % ms] (CANCEL) or by turning the rotary switch.

A low battery condition (flashing) disables FAST MN MX.

In ac measurement functions, MAX and MIN values are peak values, AVG is the rms value. This provides the necessary information in one display for calculation of Crest Factor (peak/rms).

Due to longer required response times, you cannot use FAST MN MX in the following functions: ohms, diode test, conductance, continuity, capacitance, temperature, ac over dc, ac+dc, Hz, duty cycle, and pulse width.

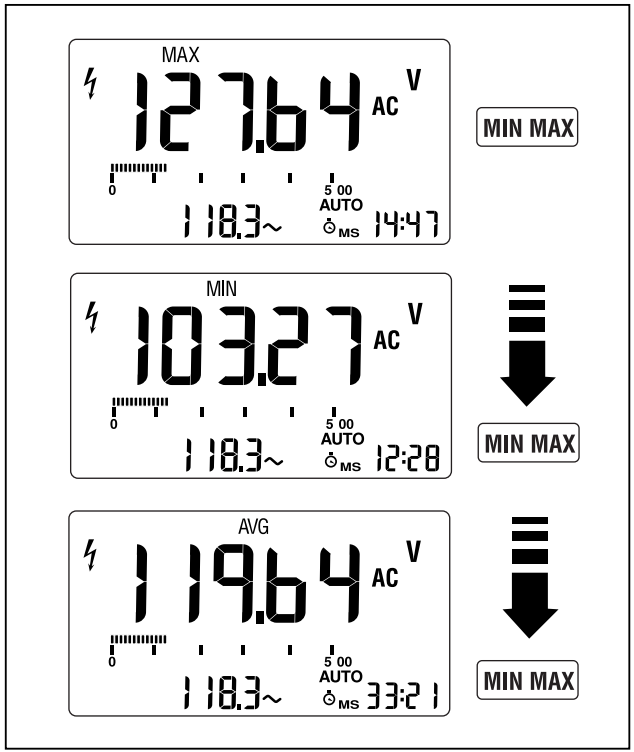

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Figure 2-7. Min Max Avg

Using HOLD with MIN MAX or FAST MN MX

You can enable the HOLD mode when in the MIN MAX mode is by pressing HOLD.

No further minimum, maximum, or average updates occur while the HOLD mode is enabled.

Exit HOLD mode by pressing HOLD a second time.

Using Relative Mode (REL)

Selecting Relative mode (REL Δ) causes the meter to zero the display and store the present reading as a reference for subsequent measurements.

- Press REL Δ once to select the Relative Mode. (The meter enters manual range when you enter the Relative Mode.)

  The reference appears in the secondary display. The difference between the reference and a new measurement appears in the primary display. See Figure 2-8.

- Press REL Δ a second time to enter the REL% mode and display the difference as ± 10 % of the reference reading.

  In REL%, Δ% appears on the display.

- Press REL Δ a third time to exit the Relative Mode.

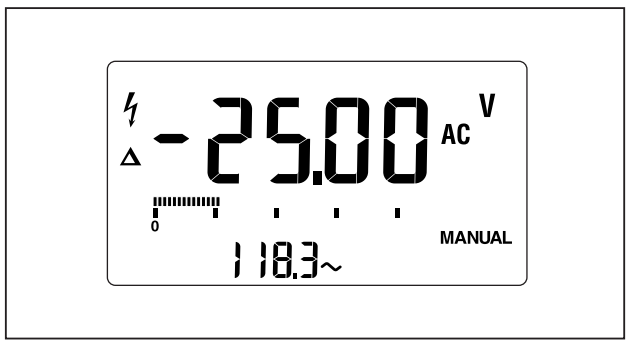

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Figure 2-8. Relative Mode

Chapter 3
Making Measurements

Introduction

Chapter 3 explains how to make measurements. Most measurement functions can be selected by using the rotary switch.

White letters or symbols identify primary functions; blue letters or symbols identify alternative functions. Press the blue button to access these alternate functions.

Frequency-related functions can be selected (Hz, duty cycle, and pulse width) when the rotary switch is in any volts, amps, or resistance position.

Measuring Voltage

Voltage is the difference in electrical potential between two points. The polarity of ac (alternating current) voltage varies over time, while the polarity of dc (direct current) voltage is constant over time.

Ranges available in volts functions are:

- dB V ac+dc V

5.0000 V, 50.000 V, 500.00 V, 1000.0 V

- dB mV ac+dc mV

  50.000 mV, 500.00 mV, and 5000.0 mV

Readings in the 5000.0 mV range overload (OL) at 3300.0 mV ac or 3300.0 mV dc. The 5000.0 mV range overlaps the 5.0000 V range to provide a direct reading display for Fluke accessories that have a mV output with units scaled to 1000. For example, the Fluke 80i-1000 Current Clamp provides 1 mV ac per amp measured up to 1000 amps.

When measuring voltage, the meter acts like a 10 MΩ (10,000,000 Ω) impedance in parallel with the circuit. This loading effect can cause measurement errors in high-impedance circuits. In most cases, the error is negligible (0.1% or less) if the circuit impedance is 10 kΩ (10,000 Ω) or less.

Measuring AC Voltage

The meter presents ac voltage values as rms (root mean square) readings. The rms value is the equivalent dc voltage that would produce the same amount of heat in a resistance as the measured voltage. Your meter features true rms readings, which are accurate for sinewaves and other wave forms (with no dc offset) such as square waves, triangle waves, and staircase waves. For ac with dc offset, use $_{ac+dc}\tilde{\underline{V}}$.

Set up the meter to measure ac volts as shown in Figure 3-1.

All pushbutton features are available in this function. The blue button (◯) accesses decibel dBm or dBV) measurements, discussed next in this chapter.

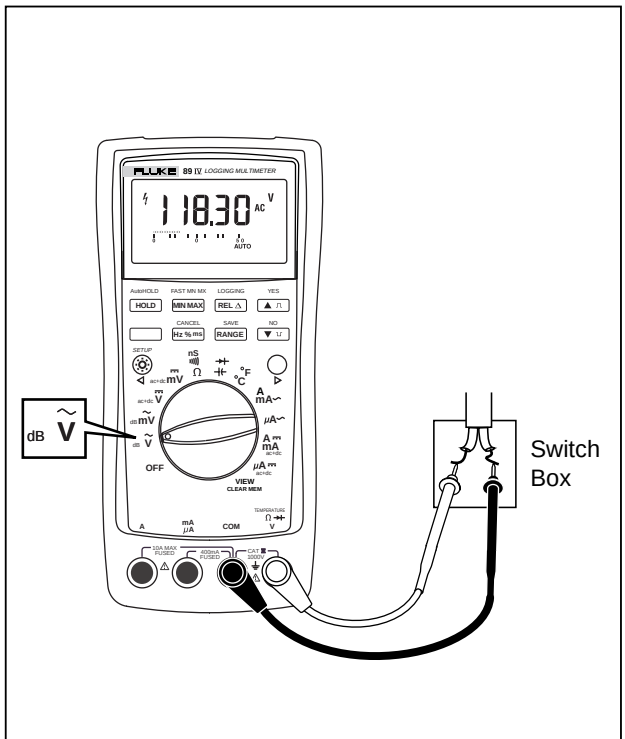

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Figure 3-1. AC Voltage Measurement

dB Measurements in AC Volts Functions

The two ac volts functions allow you to display readings as deviations in dB (decibels) above or below an established level.

Set up dB measurements with the following procedure:

1. Make an ac volts measurement to be used as a reference point.
2. Press ◯ to select dB. The dBm (or dBV) value appears in the primary display and the ac volts reading appears in the secondary display. A typical dB display appears in Figure 3-2.
3. Press ◯ again to switch the ac volts and dB readings. Press ◯ a third time to turn dB off.

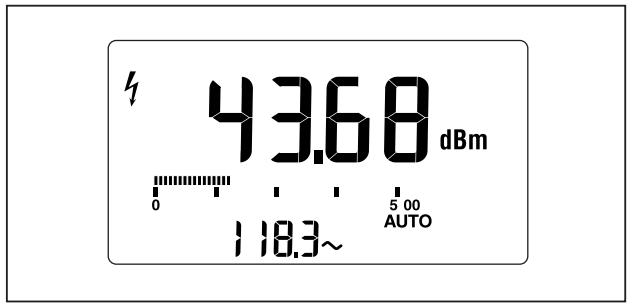

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Figure 3-2. dBm Display

Normally, dB is measured as dBm, which is a measure of decibels relative to 1 milliwatt. The meter assumes a resistance of 600 Ω in making this calculation. This resistance can be set for any value from 1 to 1999 Ω, using the meter's setup capabilities (see Chapter 5.) When set to other than 600 Ω the dBm reference resistance appears in the Index Display. (See Figure 2-4, item 17.)

Note

If dBm is displayed, check that the reference resistance value closely matches the impedance of the system being measured.

dB is calculated with the following formula:

$$dB = 20 * \log_{10}\left[\frac{Vx}{Vr}\right]$$

- For dBm, Vr is the voltage across the reference resistance at 1 mW. For example, Vr would be 0.7746 V with a 600 Ω reference resistance.
- For dBV, the reference voltage (Vr) is 1 V.

Measuring DC Voltage

Set up the meter for dc voltage measurement as shown in Figure 3-4. All pushbutton features are available for a standard dc volts reading.

Both AC and DC Voltage Measurements

When a dc volts function is selected, the meter can display ac and dc components of a signal separately or the combined ac + dc (rms) value.

To select separate ac and dc signal components:

- Press ◯ once to display ac voltage in the primary display and dc voltage in the secondary display (ac over dc).
- Press ◯ a second time to reverse the displays (dc over ac).
- Press ◯ a third time to display the ac + dc rms value in the primary display. (FAST MN MX is unavailable in this state.)
- Press ◯ a fourth time to return to the normal dc volts display.

Figure 3-3 shows some typical displays.

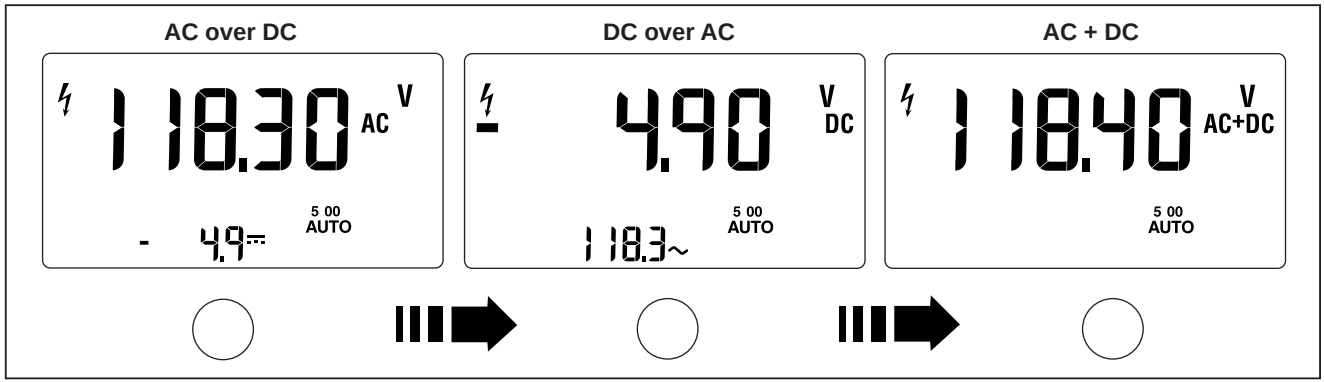

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Figure 3-3. AC and DC Display

When the meter shows ac over dc or dc over ac, the following other pushbutton functions are not available:

- AutoHOLD ([ ] [HOLD])
- MIN MAX ([MIN MAX])
- FAST MN MX ([ ] [MIN MAX])
- Hz ([Hz % ms])
- Relative ([REL Δ])
- LOGGING ([ ] [REL Δ])

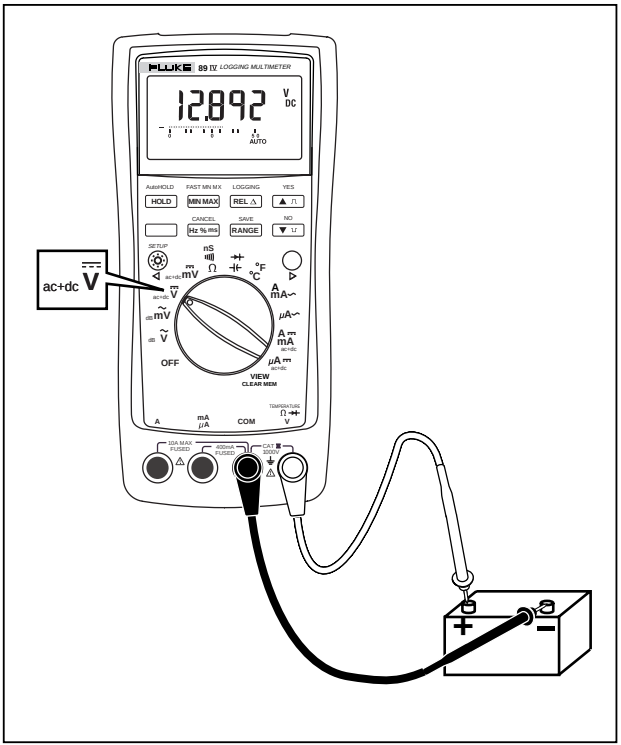

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Figure 3-4. DC Voltage Measurement

Measuring Resistance

Caution

To avoid possible damage to the meter or to the equipment under test, disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before measuring resistance.

Resistance is an opposition to current flow. The unit of resistance is the ohm (Ω). The meter measures resistance by sending a small current through the circuit.

The meter's resistance ranges are 500.00 Ω, 5.0000 kΩ, 50.000 kΩ, 500.00 kΩ, 5.0000 MΩ, and 30.000 MΩ.

To measure resistance, set up the meter as shown in Figure 3-5.

All pushbutton functions are available with resistance measurements. The blue key cycles to continuity and conductance measurement, which are described later in this chapter.

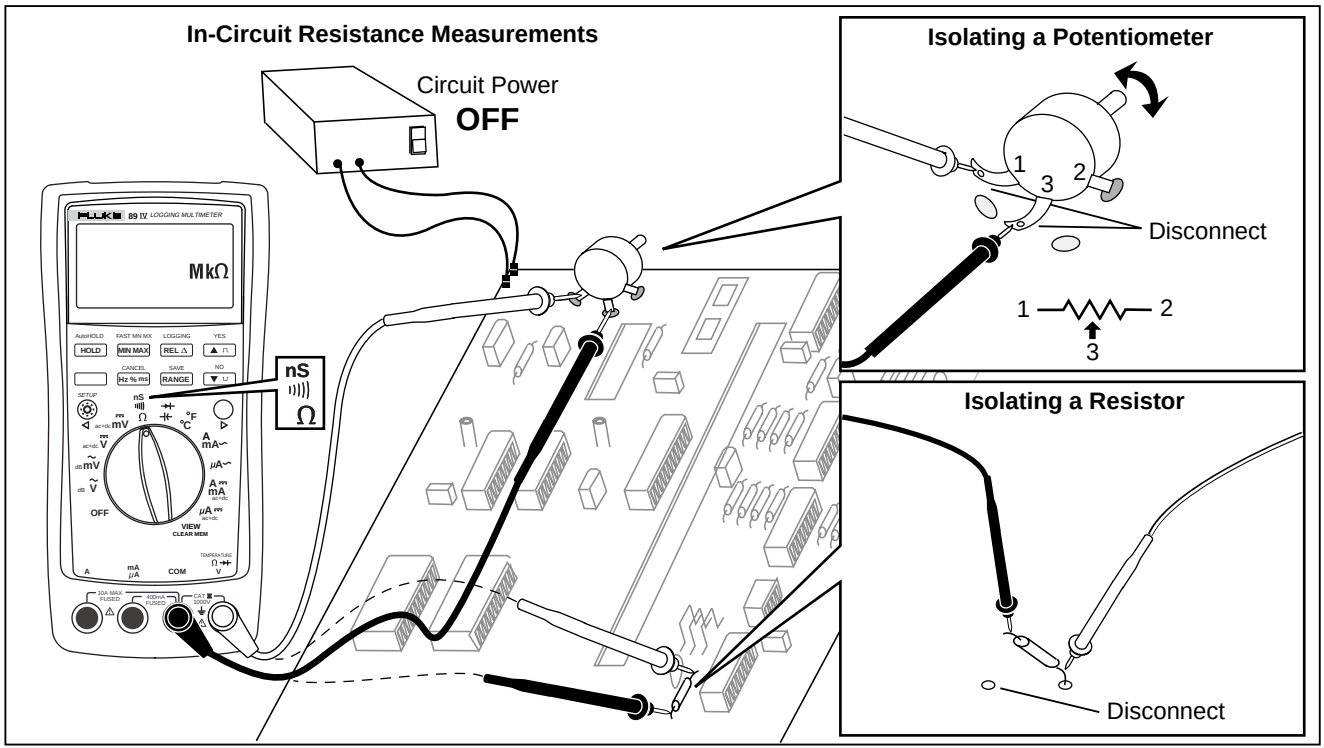

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Figure 3-5. Resistance Measurement

Keep the following in mind when measuring resistance:

- Because the meter's test current flows through all possible paths between the probe tips, the measured value of a resistor in a circuit is often different from the resistor's rated value.
- The test leads can add 0.1 Ω to 0.2 Ω of error to resistance measurements. To test the leads, touch the probe tips together and read the resistance of the leads. If necessary, you can press REL Δ to automatically subtract this value.

The resistance function can produce enough voltage to forward-bias silicon diode or transistor junctions, causing them to conduct. To avoid this, do not use the 30 MΩ range for in-circuit resistance measurements.

Testing for Continuity

Caution

To avoid possible damage to the meter or to the equipment under test, disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before testing for continuity.

Continuity is the presence of a complete path for current flow. The continuity test features a beeper that sounds if a circuit is complete. The beeper allows you to perform quick continuity tests without having to watch the display.

The continuity function detects intermittent opens and shorts lasting as little as 1 millisecond (0.001 second). These brief contacts cause the meter to emit a short beep.

To select continuity, turn the rotary switch to resistance position, then press the blue button once. The continuity symbol (•)))) appears in the display. Continuity uses manual ranging only; autoranging is not available. Refer to Figure 3-6 for continuity testing setup instructions.

Continuity testing provides you with both a visual indication of the state encountered (usually near 0 resistance for a short or OL for an open) and an audible beep when the input is low.

In continuity, a short means a measured value less than 5% of full scale. You can raise this threshold by manually selecting a higher range.

You can select whether the beeper comes on for open or short conditions, as follows:

- Press [△ ⎍] to enable the beeper for opens.
- Press [▽ ⎎] to enable the beeper for shorts.

The Hz ([Hz % ms]) and FAST MN MX ([ ] [MIN MAX]) functions are not available when continuity is selected. All other pushbutton functions are available. The blue key cycles among resistance, continuity, and conductance.

Using Conductance for High Resistance Tests

Conductance, the inverse of resistance, is the ability of a circuit to pass current. High values of conductance correspond to low values of resistance.

The unit of conductance is the Siemens (S). The meter's 50 nS range measures conductance in nanosiemens (1 nS = 0.000000001 Siemens). Because such small amounts of conductance correspond to extremely high resistance, the nS range lets you determine the resistance of components up to 100,000 MΩ, or 100,000,000,000 Ω (1 nS = 1,000 MΩ).

To measure conductance, set up the meter as shown in Figure 3-7; then press the blue key until the nS indicator appears on the display.

With conductance measurements, the following pushbutton operations cannot be used:

- Frequency ([Hz % ms])
- FAST MN MX ([ ] [MIN MAX])
- Manual ranging ([RANGE])

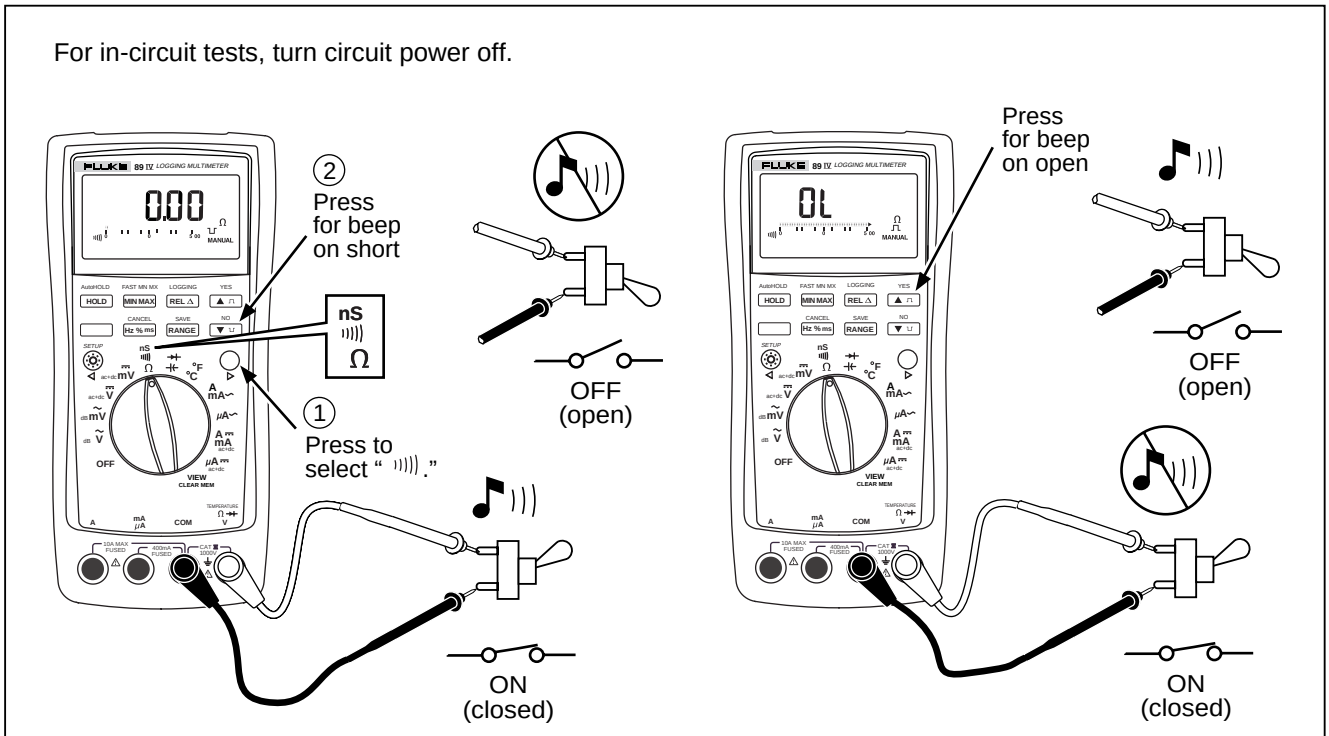

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Figure 3-6. Continuity Test

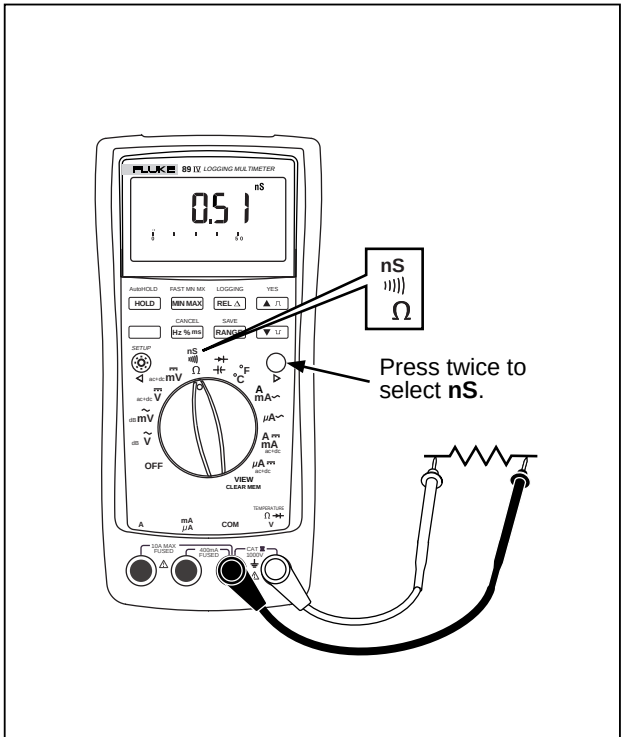

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Figure 3-7. Conductance Measurement

The following are some tips for measuring conductance:

- High-resistance readings are susceptible to electrical noise. Use averaging to smooth out most noisy readings; press MIN MAX until **AVG** appears in the display.
- There is normally a residual conductance reading with the test leads open. To ensure accurate readings, press REL Δ with the test leads open to subtract the residual value.

Measuring Capacitance

Caution

To avoid possible damage to the meter or to the equipment under test, disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before measuring capacitance. Use the dc voltage function to confirm that the capacitor is discharged.

Capacitance is the ability of a component to store an electrical charge. The unit of capacitance is the farad (F). Most capacitors are in the nanofarad (nF) to microfarad (μF) range.

The meter measures capacitance by charging the capacitor with a known current for a known period of time, measuring the resulting voltage, then calculating the capacitance. Capacitors larger than 100 μF take several seconds to charge. The capacitor charge can be up to 3 V.

The meter's capacitance ranges are 1 nF, 10 nF, 100 nF, 1 μF, 10 μF, 100 μF, 1 mF, 10 mF, and 50 mF.

To measure capacitance, set up the meter as shown in Figure 3-8. The blue key toggles the selection between capacitance and diode test.

While measuring capacitance, the following pushbutton functions are not available:

- Frequency (Hz % ms)
- FAST MN MX ([ ] MIN MAX)

The following are some tips for measuring capacitance:

- To speed up measurements of similar values, press RANGE to manually select the proper range.
- To improve the measurement accuracy of small value capacitors, press REL Δ with the test leads open to subtract the residual capacitance of the meter and leads.

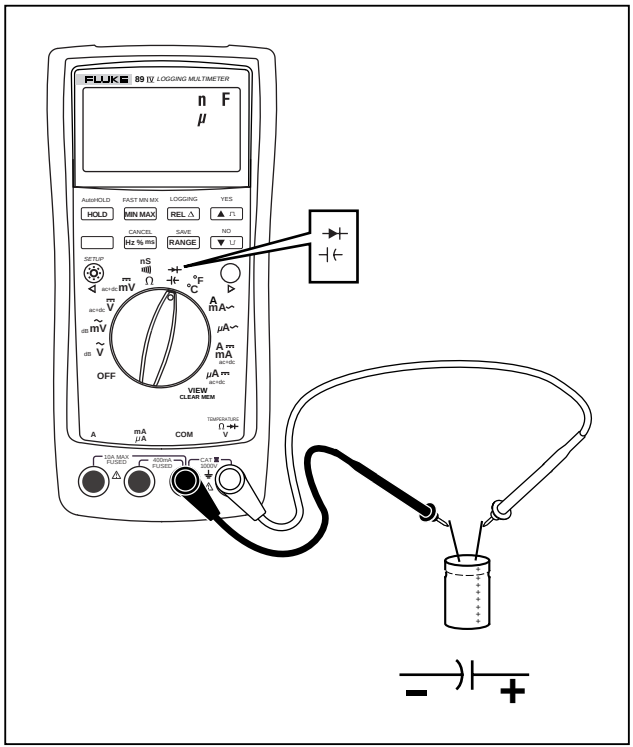

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Figure 3-8. Capacitance Measurement

Testing Diodes

Caution

To avoid possible damage to the meter or to the equipment under test, disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before testing diodes.

Use the diode test to check diodes, transistors, silicon controlled rectifiers (SCRs), and other semiconductor devices. The test sends a current through a semiconductor junction, then measures the junction's voltage drop. A typical junction drops 0.5 V to 0.8 V. In diode test, the beeper is active. It beeps briefly for a normal junction and is on continuously if a short is detected.

To test a diode out of a circuit, set up the meter as shown in Figure 3-9.

In a circuit, a similar diode should still indicate a forward-bias reading of 0.5 V to 0.8 V; however, the reverse-bias reading can vary depending on the resistance of other pathways between the probe tips.

The blue key toggles between diode test and capacitance. Since diode test uses a fixed range, RANGE cannot be used.

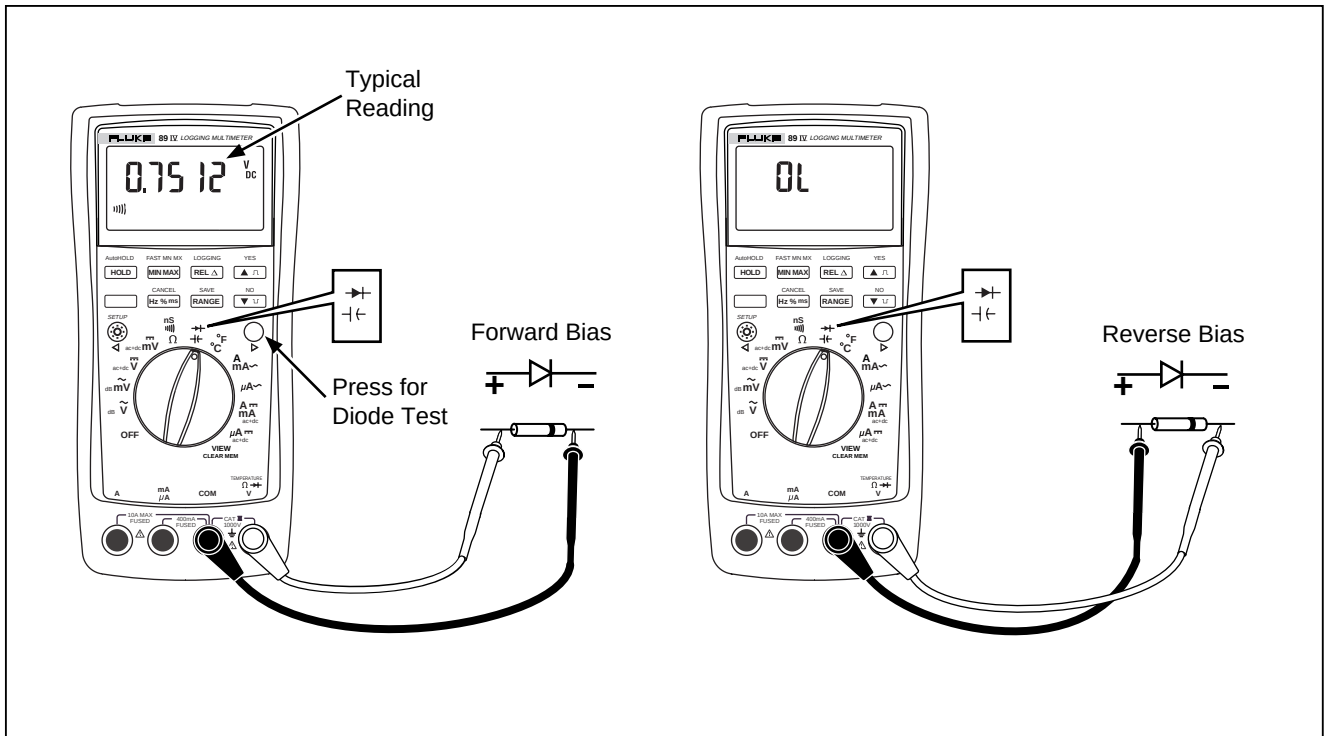

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Figure 3-9. Diode Test

Measuring Temperature

To measure temperature, set up the meter as shown in Figure 3-10. The meter begins temperature measurement in the degree units last used (Celsius °C or Fahrenheit °F). Once you have selected the temperature function, you can change units by pressing the blue button. The meter remembers the units selected until they are changed.

The primary display shows either the temperature or the message '0PEn' (for an open thermocouple condition). Shorting the input will display the temperature at the meter terminals.

The secondary display shows any non-zero temperature offset. This offset is established as a calibrating value during setup. Refer to Chapter 5 for additional information.

The following pushbuttons cannot be used when taking temperature measurements:

- Frequency (Hz % ms)
- FAST MN MX ([ ] MIN MAX)
- Ranging (RANGE)

⚠Warning

To avoid the potential for fire or electrical shock, do not connect the thermocouples to electrically live circuits.

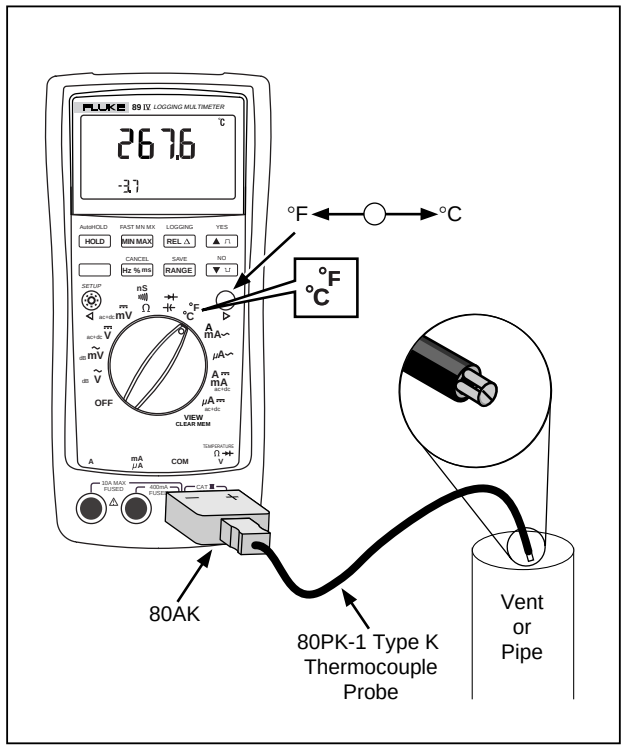

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Figure 3-10. Temperature Measurement

Measuring Current

⚠Warning

Never attempt an in-circuit current measurement where the open-circuit potential to earth is greater than 1000 V. You may damage the meter or be injured if the fuse blows during such a measurement.

Caution

To avoid possible damage to the meter or to the equipment under test, check the meter's fuses before measuring current. Use the proper terminals, function, and range for your measurement. Never place the probes across (in parallel with) any circuit or component when the leads are plugged into the current terminals.

Current is the flow of electrons through a conductor. To measure current, you must open the circuit under test, then place the meter in series with the circuit.

To measure ac or dc current, proceed as follows:

1. **Turn off power to the circuit. Discharge all high-voltage capacitors.**
2. Insert the black lead into the **COM** terminal. Insert the red lead in an input appropriate for the measurement range as shown in Table 3-1.

Note

*To avoid blowing the meter's 440 mA fuse, use the **mA/μA** terminal only if you are sure the current is less than 400 mA.*

Table 3-1. Current Measurement

Rotary Switch	Input	Ranges
A mA~ or A mA ac+dc	A	5.0000 A 50.000 A (reading flashes at 10 A, overloads (OL) at 20 A)
	mA μA	50.000 mA 500.00 mA
μA~ or μA ac+dc	mA μA	500.00 μA 5000.0 μA

3. If you are using the **A** terminal, set the rotary switch to mA/A. If you are using the **mA/μA** terminal, set the rotary switch to μA for currents below 5000 μA (5 mA), or mA/A for currents above 5000 μA.
4. Open the circuit path to be tested. Touch the red probe to the more positive side of the break; touch the black probe to the more negative side of the break. Reversing the leads will produce a negative reading, but will not damage the meter.
5. Turn on power to the circuit; then read the display. Be sure to note the unit given at the right side of the display (μA, mA, or A).
6. Turn off power to the circuit and discharge all high-voltage capacitors. Remove the meter and restore the circuit to normal operation.

Input Alert™ Feature

If a test lead is plugged into the **mA/μA** or **A** terminal, but the rotary switch is not correctly set to one of the current measuring positions, the beeper warns you by making a chirping sound.

This Input Alert warning is intended to stop you from attempting to measure voltage, continuity, resistance, capacitance, or diode values when the leads are plugged into a current terminal.

Placing the probes across (in parallel with) a powered circuit when a lead is plugged into a current terminal can damage the circuit you are testing and blow the meter's fuse. This can happen because the resistance through the meter's current terminals is very low, so the meter acts like a short circuit.

The following are some tips for measuring current:

- If the display shows LEADS and you are sure the meter is set up correctly, test the meter's fuses as described under "Testing the Fuses" in Chapter 6.
- A current meter drops a small voltage across itself, which might affect circuit operation. You can calculate this burden voltage using the values listed in Chapter 7 under Burden Voltage (A, mA, µA).

Measuring AC Current

To measure ac current, set up the meter as shown in Figure 3-11.

The blue pushbutton cannot be used with ac current measurement. All other pushbutton features can be used.

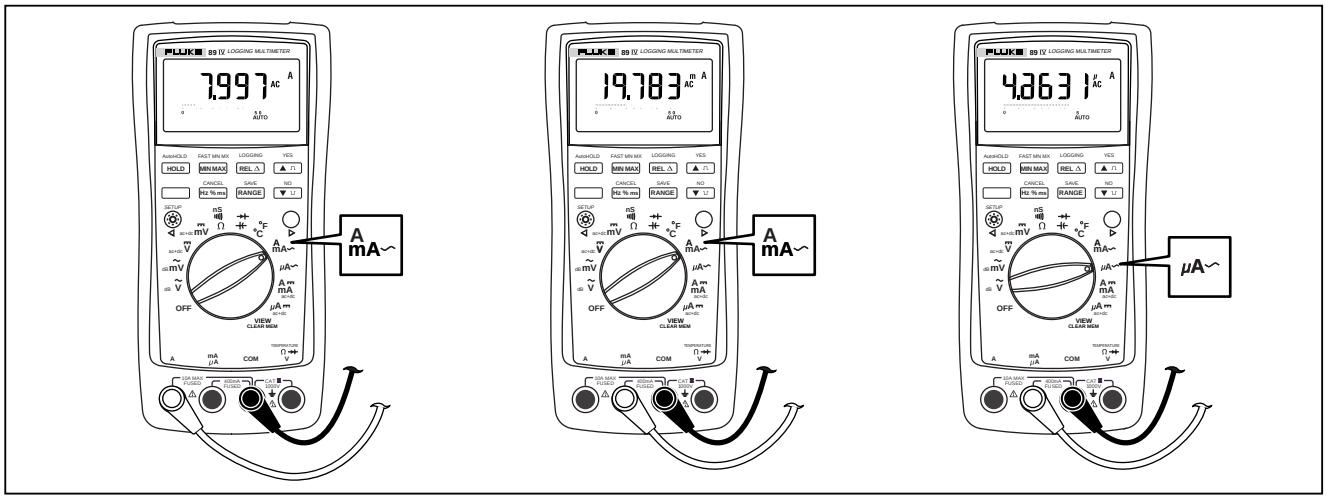

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Figure 3-11. AC Current Measurement

Measuring DC Current

To measure dc current, set up the meter as shown in Figure 3-12.

You can view separate dc and ac amps signal components.

- Press ◯ once to display ac current in the primary display and dc current in the secondary display (ac over dc).
- Press ◯ a second time to reverse the displays (dc over ac).

In either of these states, the following pushbutton functions are not available:

AutoHOLD ([ ] [HOLD])
MIN MAX ([MIN MAX])
FAST MN MX ([ ] [MIN MAX])
Hz ([Hz % ms])
Relative ([REL △])
LOGGING (Model 89)

- Press ◯ a third time to display the ac + dc rms value in the primary display. (FAST MN MX is unavailable in this state.)
- Press ◯ a fourth time to return to the normal dc display.

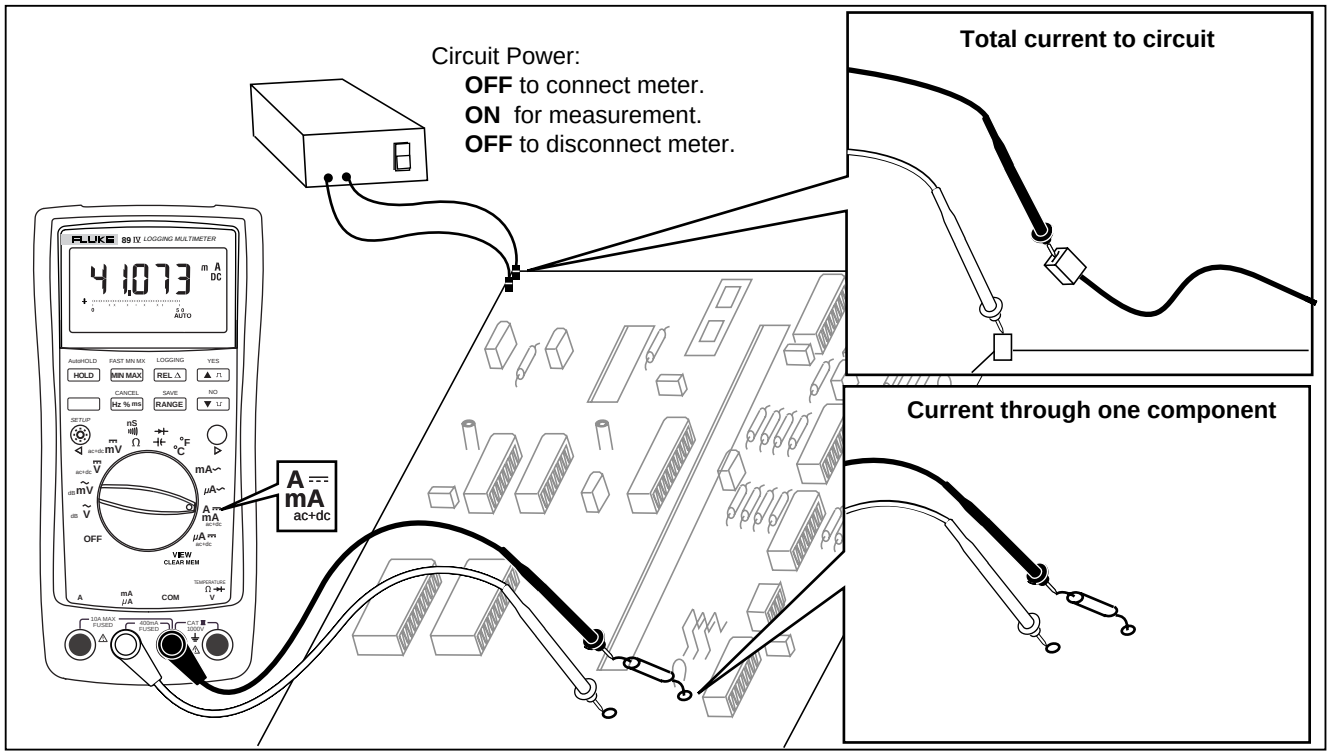

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Figure 3-12. DC Current Measurement

Measuring Frequency

Frequency is the number of cycles a signal completes each second. The meter measures the frequency of a voltage or current signal by counting the number of times the signal crosses a threshold level each second.

Figure 3-13 highlights the function selections that allow frequency measurement.

To measure frequency, select an appropriate function, connect the meter signal source, and press Hz % ms.

The meter autoranges to one of four frequency ranges: 500.00 H z, 5.0000 kHz, 50.000 kHz, and 999.99 kHz. Figure 3-14 shows a typical frequency display.

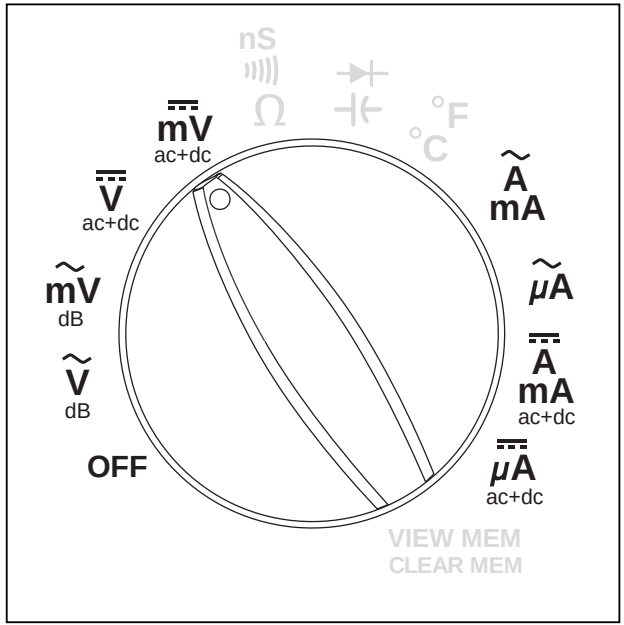

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Figure 3-13. Functions Allowing Frequency Measurement

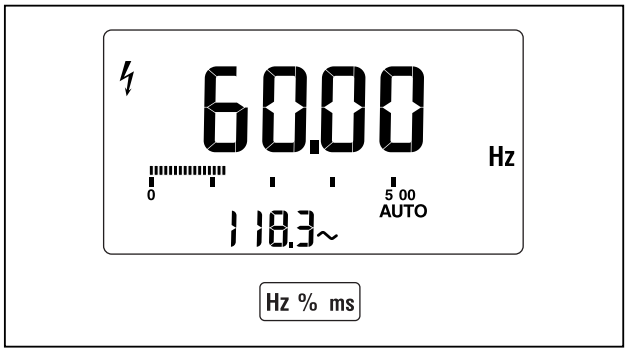

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Figure 3-14. Hz Display

The meter beeps to indicate when a particular pushbutton is not allowed when measuring frequency. The following are some general rules.

- Relative (REL Δ), Hold (HOLD), AutoHOLD ([ ] HOLD), MIN MAX (MIN MAX), SAVE ([ ] RANGE), and LOGGING ([ ] REL Δ) can be used.
- FAST MN MX ([ ] MIN MAX) cannot be used.

The following are some tips for measuring frequency:

- If a reading shows as 0 Hz or is unstable, the input signal may be below or near the trigger level. You can usually correct these problems by selecting a lower range, which increases the sensitivity of the meter.
- If a reading seems to be a multiple of what you expect, the input signal may be distorted. Distortion can cause multiple triggerings of the frequency counter. Selecting a higher voltage range might solve this problem by decreasing the sensitivity of the meter. In general, the lowest frequency displayed is the correct one.

Measuring Duty Cycle

Duty cycle (or duty factor) is the percentage of time a signal is above or below a trigger level during one cycle (Figure 3-15).

The duty cycle mode is optimized for measuring the on or off time of logic and switching signals. Systems such as electronic fuel injection systems and switching power supplies are controlled by pulses of varying width, which can be checked by measuring duty cycle.

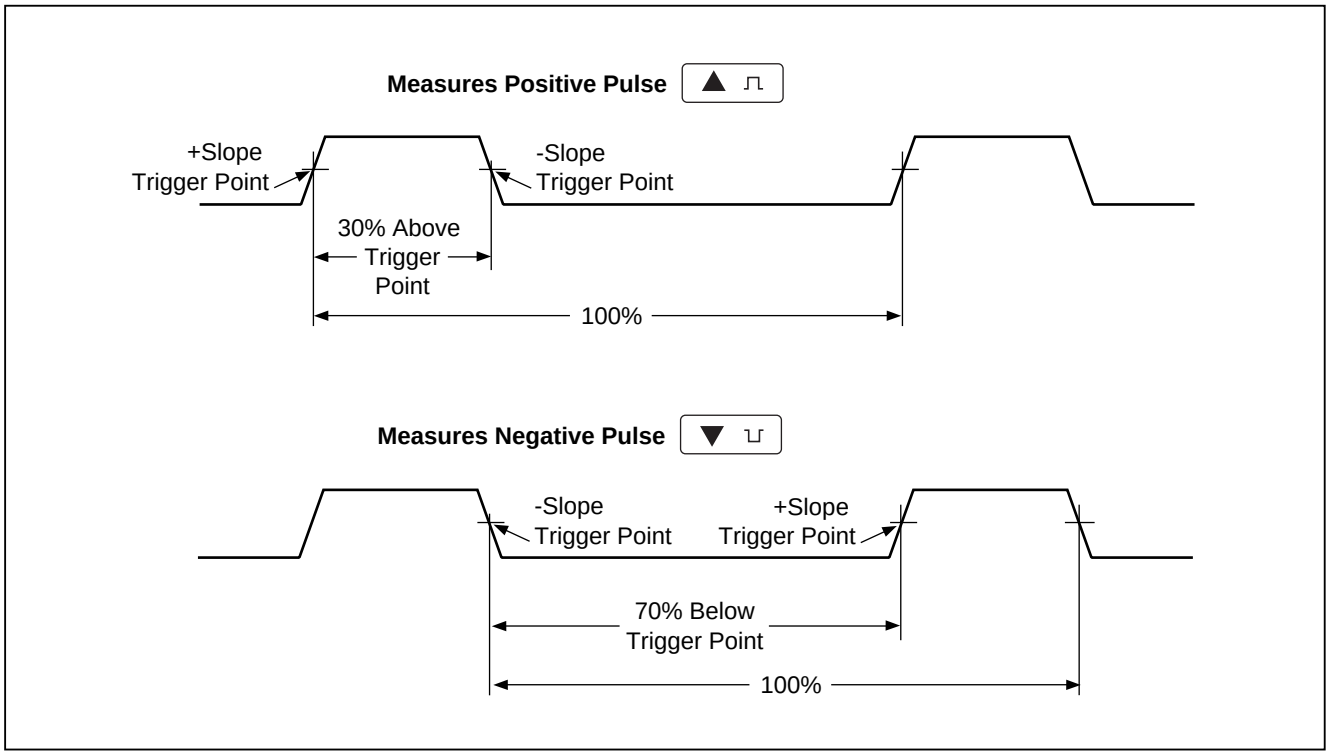

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Figure 3-15. Duty Cycle Measurements

To measure duty cycle, set up the meter to measure frequency; then press Hz % ms a second time. You can select the level the meter uses by pressing △ ⎍ to trigger on the positive slope or ▽ ⎍ to trigger on the negative slope. A typical duty cycle display is shown in Figure 3-16.

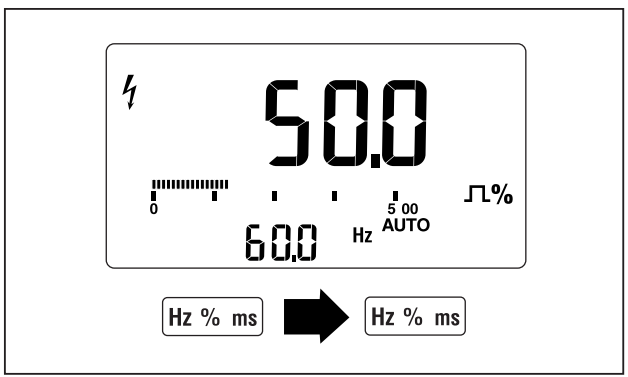

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Figure 3-16. Duty Cycle Display

For 5 V logic signals, use the 5 V dc range. For 12 V switching signals in automobiles, use the 50 V dc range. For sine waves, use the lowest ac or dc range that does not result in multiple triggering. A manually-selected lower input range will measure better than the AUTO-selected input range.

If a duty cycle reading is unstable, press MIN MAX until the AVG annunciator comes on and the average reading appears in the secondary display.

Measuring Pulse Width

The pulse width function allows you to measure the amount of time a signal is high or low within a given period. See Figure 3-17. The measured waveform must be periodic: its pattern must repeat at equal time intervals.

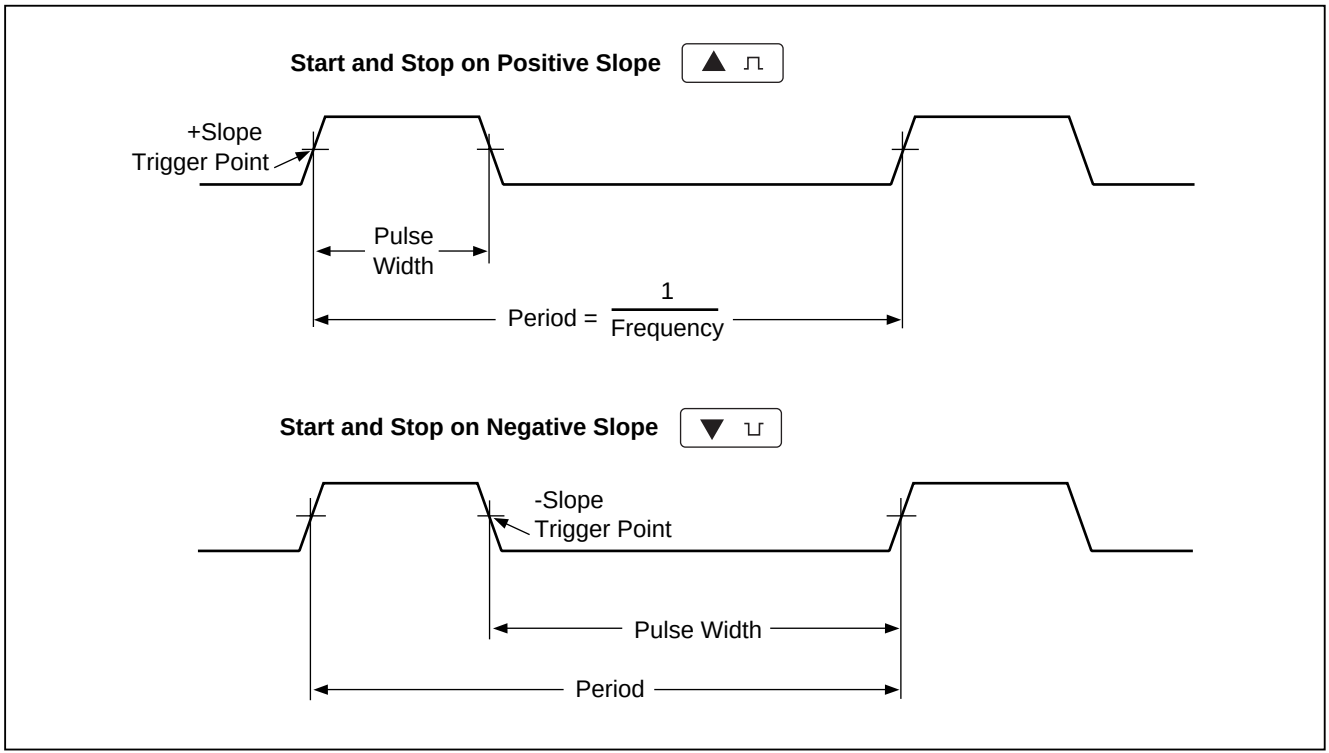

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Figure 3-17. Pulse Width Measurements

The meter measures pulse width in the 500.00 ms range up to 70 ms.

To measure pulse width, set up the meter to measure frequency; then press Hz % ms two more times. As with the duty cycle function, you can select which level the meter uses by pressing △ ⎍ to trigger on the positive slope or ▽ ⎍ to trigger on the negative slope. A typical pulse width display is shown in Figure 3-18.

You can improve pulse width stability by selecting the averaging feature. Press MIN MAX until “AVG” appears in the display.

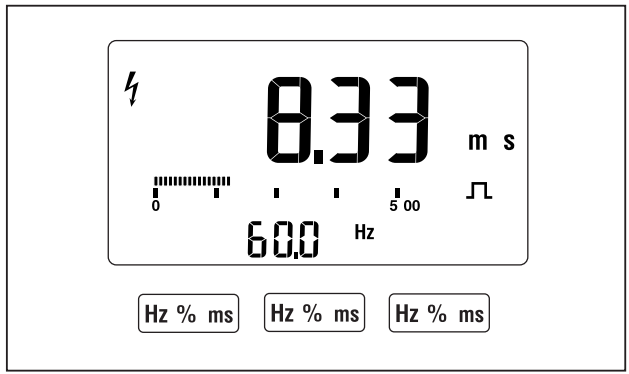

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Figure 3-18. Pulse Width Display

Chapter 4
Using Memory & Communications Features (Model 89)

Introduction

Chapter 4 shows you how to use memory and communication features available on Model 89.

Types of Memory

The meter has two types of memory data: *saved readings* and *logged readings*.

Saved Readings Memory

Saved readings include primary and secondary readings and functions, the time stamp, and display icons representing various features in effect.

Logged Readings Memory

The logging interval (Log Int) can be set using the meter or *FlukeView Forms*. You can view the average reading for each logging interval on the meter's display. A scheduled logging interval may contain stable and unstable logged readings. Unstable logged readings represent unstable events as defined by the AutoHOLD function. See the Specifications.

To provide more detailed logging information, the meter also stores the high, low, and average value for each set of stable and unstable logged readings. You can only access these logged readings using *FlukeView Forms*.

Some of the logged readings can only be accessed using a PC running the *FlukeView Forms* software. *FlukeView Forms* displays the data in graphical or tabular form, prints, and stores the data.

Storing Saved Readings

To add the current displayed reading to the saved readings memory, press [ ] [RANGE] (SAVE).

- SAVEd appears briefly to confirm the operation and the index number display increments by one.
- FULL appears if no room is available in the saved readings memory (after 100 saves).

Saved readings can be viewed later as originally displayed. Actual primary and secondary readings and functions, the time stamp, and display icons are all stored in stored readings memory. (The meter does not save the bar graph.) For example, if the original reading was in volts ac function with the dB modifier selected, the saved reading will contain the saved dB value.

Starting Logging

To begin logging, press [ ] [REL Δ] (LOGGING).

LOG is shown on the display. The logging interval is preset to 15 minutes.

To change the logging interval, see "Selecting Setup Options" in Chapter 5. The logging interval can be as high as 99 minutes or as low as 1 second. There is enough meter memory for at least 288 intervals (3 days of 15-minute intervals.) Use *FlukeView Forms* to store additional logging data in your PC's memory.

Note

The meter allows interval logging to begin only if logged readings memory is empty. Refer to the "Clearing Memory" discussion below.

Stopping Logging

Logging stops when one of the following occurs:

- You press [ ] [Hz % ms] (CANCEL).
- A flashing low battery condition ( ) occurs.
- Logged readings memory becomes full.
- You change the rotary switch position.

Viewing Memory Data

Use the following procedure to view memory data:

Note

Viewing memory data involves turning the rotary switch from its current function. Selections are not retained when you turn the switch. To return the meter to this function after viewing memory data, note the function and the enabled selections before you turn the rotary switch.

1. Disconnect the input leads at the measurement source.

⚠Warning

To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads at the measurement source prior to viewing memory data.

2. Turn the rotary switch to the VIEW MEM position.
3. The primary display shows memory data. Refer to Figure 4-1 for an explanation of the VIEW MEM display.
4. If the primary display data is a logged reading, **LOG** appears in the display. You can switch between the two types of memory data.

   Press [RANGE] (SAVE) for saved reading.

   Press [REL Δ] (LOGGING) for logged reading

   To view more detailed logged reading information, use *FlukeView Forms* software.
5. The index (lower left corner of the display) identifies the displayed memory data by number. You can view additional memory data by pressing [△ ⎍] and [▽ ⎎].
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 to switch between the two types of memory data.
7. To exit viewing memory, turn the rotary switch to any other position. Remember that the meter returns to the default selections for the new function position.

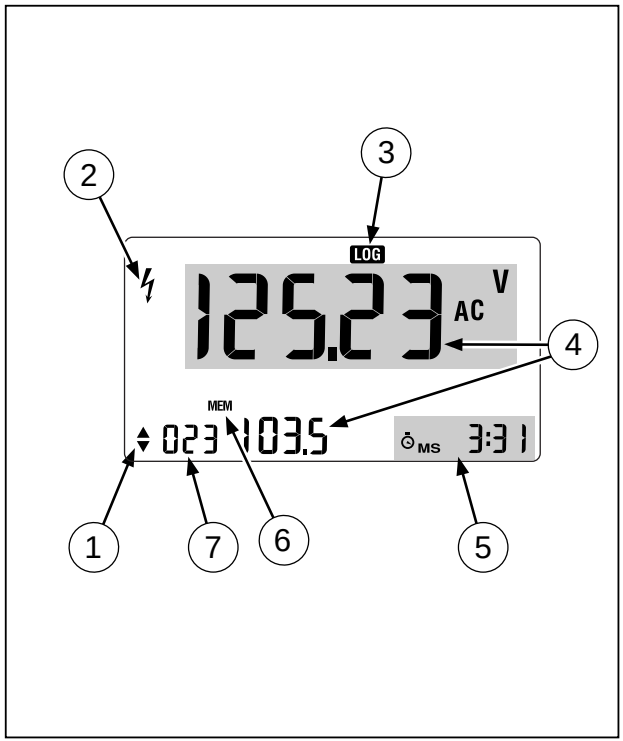

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Figure 4-1. View Display

Table 4-1. View Display

No.	Item	Description
①	▲▼ arrow icons.	Denotes use of △ ⎍ or ▽ ⎍ to select higher or lower index numbers.
②	ϟ symbol	Hazardous voltage could be present at inputs.
③	LOG	Identifies that the average of a logging interval is displayed. When off, a saved reading is displayed.
④	Memory data	Shows logged readings or secondary readings.
⑤	Time display	Indicates a time stamp (⏲ off) or elapsed time (⏲ on) display.
⑥	MEM	On during View memory.
⑦	Index number	Identifies the data entry being viewed.

Clearing Memory

You can clear memory in two ways.

- First, If the rotary switch is in the VIEW MEM position, you can press the blue button (◯) to activate the CLEAR MEM function. CLr.P appears in the display.

  You are then prompted to press △ ⎍ (YES) to clear the type of memory presently in use or ▽ ⏑ (NO) to stop the clear procedure. The display defines the type of memory to be cleared, as:

  LOG to clear logged readings memory.

  MEM to clear saved readings memory.

- A second clearing procedure is required when you try to start logging and the logged readings memory is not empty.

  CLr.P appears in the display. To clear the logged readings memory and begin logging new data, Press △ ⎍ (YES).

  To decline the clearing operation and abort new logging, press ▽ ⏑ (NO).

If you attempt to save a meter reading when saved readings memory is full, FULL appears in the display. You must use the VIEW MEM function to clear saved readings memory before proceeding.

Using Communications

When using a PC-to-meter IR (infrared) communication link, refer to the *FlukeView Forms Installation Guide* or the on-line help.

You can use the IR communication link and *FlukeView Forms* software to transfer the contents of meter's memory to a PC.

FlukeView Forms allows you to place the data into standard (default) or customized forms. The forms can display the data in table and graph form, as well as view user comments. You can use these forms to satisfy ISO-9000 documentation requirements.

Chapter 5
Changing the Default Settings

Introduction

The meter allows you to change the default operating configuration of the meter by changing setup options made at the factory.

Many of these setup options affect general meter operations and are active in all functions. Others are limited to one function or group of functions.

These settings are stored and can be changed in the Setup mode using the procedure described in this chapter.

Selecting Setup Options

To enter the Setup mode, turn the meter on and press [ ] ⚙ (SETUP).

In the Setup mode, each press of [ ] ⚙ (SETUP) saves changes to the last selection and steps to the next option.

Each setup option appears in the primary display in the sequence shown in Tables 5-1 and 5-2.

The options in Table 5-1 are available only when the preconditions are met. The options in Table 5-2 are available for all functions. (When measuring dc volts, none of the preconditions in Table 5-1 are required, and only the selections shown in Table 5-2 will appear.)

To exit the Setup mode, Press [ ] [Hz % ms] (CANCEL). Be sure to save your last selection by pressing [ ] ⚙ first.)

Table 5-1. Function Specific Setup Selections

Selection	Precondition	Option	Choices (◀ ▶)	Factory Default
000.0 °C or 000.0 °F	Temperature (°C °F) selected.	Temperature offset adjust	000.0 ° to ±100.0 °C (180.0°F) - Use ▲▼ to increment or decrement digit. Use ◀ ▶ to select digit. Selected digit flashes.	000.0 °C (or °F)
L Int	Model 89 only.	Log interval	MM:SS - Use ▲▼ to increment or decrement minute or second values. Use ◀ ▶ to select minute or seconds. Selected values flash.	15:00
dBrEF	AC volts (dB $\tilde{V}$ or dB $\tilde{mV}$) selected.	dB type	dBm or dBV (m or V flashing) - Use ◀ ▶ to select.	dBV
dBrEF	AC volts (dB $\tilde{V}$ or dB $\tilde{mV}$) and dBm selected.	dBm reference	0001 Ω to 1999 Ω - Use ▲▼ to increment or decrement digit. Use ◀ ▶ to select digit.	0600 Ω

Table 5-2. Common Setup Selections

Selection	Option	Choices	Factory Default
bEEP	Beeper	YES or no (flashing) Use ◀ ▶ to select.	YES
8888	Display digits	8888 (4) or 88888 (5) Use ◀ ▶ to select.	88888
bLoFF	Backlight time out	MM:SS - Use ▲▼ to increment or decrement minute or second values. Use ◀ ▶ to select minutes or seconds. Selected values flash. Setting value to 00:00 disables timeout.	15:00
PrOFF	Power off time out	HH:MM - Use ▲▼ to increment or decrement hour or minute values. Use ◀ ▶ to select hours or minutes. Selected values flash.	00:15
Hour	24-hour clock	HH:MM - Use ▲▼ to increment or decrement hour or minute values. Use ◀ ▶ to select hours or minutes. Selected values flash.	00:00
50-60	Line/Main frequency	60 or 50 (flashing) - Use ◀ ▶ to select.	60
FctY	Restore factory defaults	YES or no (flashing) - Use ◀ ▶ to select.	no

Select and edit setup options as follows:

- Turn the rotary switch to a measurement function:
- Press [ ] ⚙ to advance to the next setup option and save the present selection.
- Press [△ ⎍] to increase or [▽ ⎍] to decrease a value.
- Press ⚙ (◁) to go back to the previous digit or selection.
- Press ◯ (▷) to advance to the next digit or selection.
- Any digit or selection being changed flashes when active.
- Press [ ] [Hz % ms] (CANCEL) to exit Setup. (Be sure to save your last selection by pressing [ ] ⚙ first.)

Adjusting the Temperature Offset

If the meter is in a temperature measurement function, use the following procedure to set an offset for your temperature probe:

1. Turn the rotary switch to temperature (°C°F).
2. Connect the temperature probe and probe adapter to the **COM** and **V** inputs on the meter.
3. Place the temperature probe and an accurate thermometer in a lag bath (i.e., a container with an isothermal liquid).
4. Press [ ] ⚙ to enter the Setup mode and temperature adjust.

The primary display shows the measured value for the temperature probe. This value is already adjusted by any previously stored offset (shown in the secondary display.) See Figure 5-1.

If necessary, adjust the temperature offset until the temperature on the primary display matches the temperature indicated by the lag bath thermometer.

1. Press ◯ (▷) to advance to the next digit and press ⚙ (◁) to go back to the previous digit.
2. Press [△ ⎍] or [▽ ⎍] to increase or decrease the digit value.
3. Save changes by pressing [ ] ⚙.
4. Press [ ] [Hz % ms] to exit Setup.

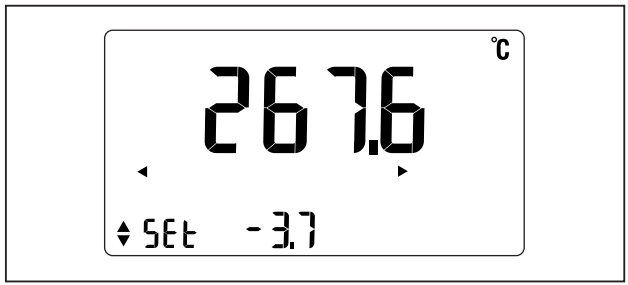

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Figure 5-1. Adjusting Temperature Offset

Selecting Display Resolution (3 1/2 or 4 1/2 Digits)

For most functions, you can choose whether the meter displays the reading in 3-1/2 or 4-1/2 digits.

- The 3-1/2 digit setting provides lower resolution with faster response time.
- The 4-1/2 digit setting provides greater resolution with slower response time. The 4-1/2 digit display is available with all functions except continuity, conductance, capacitance, and FAST MN MX.

To select the display resolution:

1. Press [ ], then ⊛ until 8888 (for 3-1/2 digits) or 88888 (for 4-1/2 digits) appears in the display.
2. To change the selection, press ⊛ (◁) or ◯ (▷).
3. Press [ ], then ⊛ to save the selection and proceed to the next setup selection.

Setting the Power Off Timeout

1. Press [ ] ⊛ until PrOFF appears in the display.

   The present power off time in hours and minutes appears as four digits in the lower right corner of the display. The maximum timeout setting is 23 hours and 59 minutes. The minimum setting (00:00) disables the power off timeout.
2. Press ◯ (to advance) or ⊛ (to go back) between digits.
3. With the desired digit selected (flashing), press [△ ⎍] (to increment) or [▽ ⎵] (to decrement) the value.
4. When you have set the digits as desired, press [ ] ⊛ to save the settings and proceed to the next setup selection.

Setting the 24-Hour Clock

The meter uses 24-hour clock readings as time stamps during HOLD, AutoHOLD, MIN MAX, FAST MN MX, SAVE, and LOGGING operations.

Hours and minutes to a maximum of 23:59 can be set.

Note

If the reading occurs within 1 hour of the start of the operation, the elapsed time clock is used. The meter also uses elapsed time for all average readings. Elapsed time is expressed in minutes and seconds to a maximum of 59:59.

To change the 24-hour clock:

1. Press [ ] ⚙ until Hour appears in the display and the hour digits in the lower right corner of the display begin flashing.
2. Press [△ ⎍] or [▽ ⎎] to increase or decrease the hour value.
3. Press ◯ (▷) to advance to the minute setting; the minute digits begin flashing.
4. Press [△ ⎍] or [▽ ⎎] to increase or decrease the minute value.
5. Press [ ] ⚙ to store the selection and proceed to the next selection.

Setting the Line (Main) Frequency

Although the meter operates on battery power only, it is important to specify the frequency (50 or 60 Hz) of the line (main) power. This allows the meter to filter out related noise.

To change the line (main) frequency:

1. Press [ ] ⚙ until 50-60 appears in the display.
2. Press ⚙ or ◯ to change the selection to the correct frequency.
3. Press [ ] ⚙ to store the selection and proceed to the next selection.

Returning to Factory Defaults

Your meter comes with the setup options preset at the factory. These factory settings are shown in Tables 5-1 and 5-2. You can always return to these settings as follows:

1. Press [ ] ⊛ until FctY appears in the display.
2. Press ◯ to select YES; press ⊛ to select no.

   If you select YES, all setup options revert to the factory defaults; you cannot specify individual choices.
3. Press [ ] ⊛ to exit the setup procedure and activate your selection.

   If you selected YES in step 2, all factory settings are restored.

   If you selected no, selections made in the Setup mode become active.

Saving Setup Options

At each setup option, store your choice and advance to the next option by pressing [ ] ⊛.

If you are storing the last option, this also exits the setup mode.

To exit the Setup mode without saving the present option, press [ ] [Hz % ms](CANCEL).

Selections that were previously saved with [ ] ⊛ are retained.

Chapter 6
Maintenance

Introduction

This chapter describes basic operator maintenance. For calibration and performance test information, order *the 87 & 89 Series IV Service Manual*, PN 676137.

General Maintenance

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 and can falsely activate the Input Alert feature. Clean the terminals as follows:

1. Turn the meter off and remove all test leads.
2. Shake out any dirt that may be in the terminals.
3. Soak a new swab with alcohol. Work the swab around in each terminal.

Testing the Fuses

Before measuring current, test the appropriate fuse as shown in Figure 6-1. If the tests give readings other than those shown, have the meter serviced.

⚠Warning

To avoid electrical shock or personal injury, remove the test leads and any input signals before replacing the battery or fuses. To prevent damage or injury, install ONLY specified replacement fuses with the amperage, voltage, and speed ratings shown in Chapter 7.

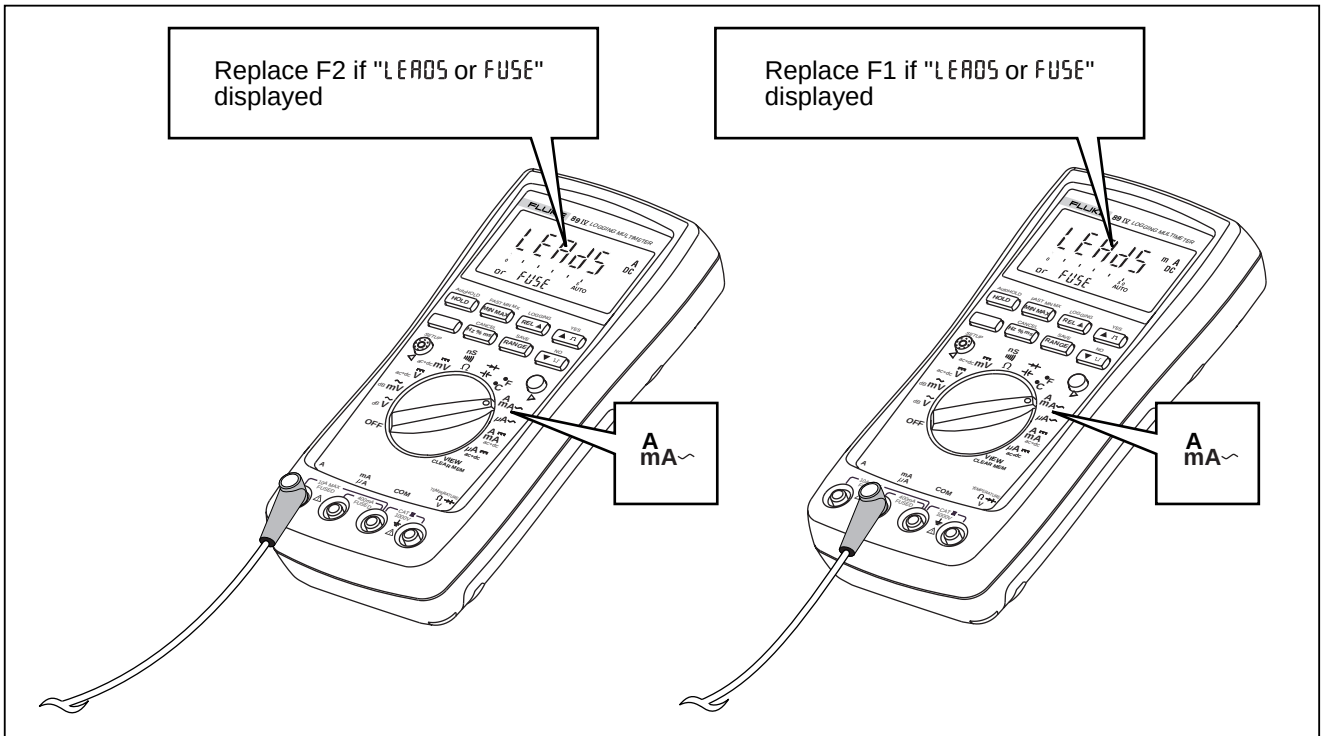

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Figure 6-1. Testing the Current Fuses

Replacing the Batteries

Replace the batteries with four AA batteries (NEDA I5A or IEC LR6).

⚠Warning

To avoid false readings, which could lead to possible electric shock or personal injury, replace the batteries as soon as the battery indicator ( ) appears.

Replace the batteries as follows (refer to Figure 6-2):

1. Turn the rotary switch to OFF and remove the test leads from the terminals.
2. Remove the battery door by using a standard-blade screwdriver to turn the battery door screws one-quarter turn counterclockwise.
3. Replace the batteries and the battery door. Secure the door by turning the screws one-quarter turn clockwise.

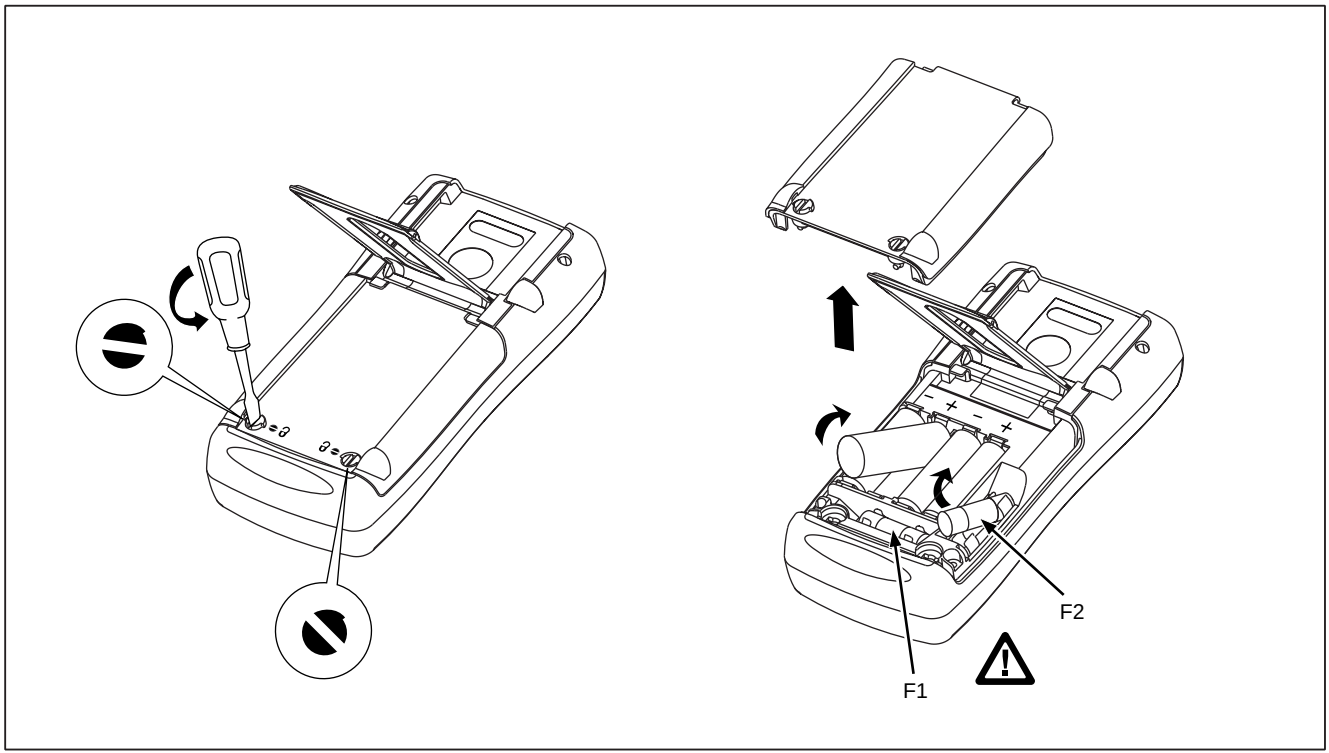

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Figure 6-2. Battery and Fuse Replacement

Replacing the Fuses

⚠ Warning

To avoid electrical shock or damage to the meter, only use replacement fuses specified in Table 6-1.

Referring to Figure 6-2, examine or replace the meter's fuses as follows:

1. Turn the rotary switch to OFF and remove the test leads from the terminals.
2. Remove the battery acccess door by using a standard-blade screwdriver to turn the battery door screws one-quarter turn counterclockwise.
3. Remove either fuse by gently prying one end loose, then sliding the fuse out of its bracket.
4. Install ONLY specified replacement fuses with the amperage, voltage, and speed ratings shown in Chapter 7.
5. Reinstall the battery door. Secure the door by turning the screws one-quarter turn clockwise.

User-Replaceable Parts

User-replaceable parts are listed in Table 1. These parts can be ordered by contacting Fluke. See "How to Contact Fluke in Chapter 1.

In Case of Difficulty

If the meter does not seem to work properly:

1. Examine the case for damage. If damage is detected, contact Fluke. See "Contacting Fluke" in Chapter 1.
2. Check and replace (as needed) the batteries, fuses, and test leads.
3. Review this manual to verify correct operation.
4. If the meter still does not work, pack it securely and forward it, postage paid, to the location provided by the appropriate Fluke contact. Include a description of the problem. Fluke assumes no responsibility for damage in transit.

A meter under warranty will be repaired or replaced (at Fluke's option) and returned at no charge. See the registration card for warranty terms.

Table 6-1. User-Replaceable Parts

Description	Reference Designators	Part Number	Qty
Access Door, Battery / Fuse	MP14	666446	1
Tilt-Stand	MP8	659026	1
Accessory Mount	MP9	658424	1
⚠Fuse, 0.44 A (44/100 A, 440 mA), 1000 V, FAST	F1	943121	1
⚠Fuse, 11 A,1000 V FAST	F2	943118	1
Battery, 1.5 V, 0-15 mA, AA Alkaline	H8, H9, H10, H11	376756	4
Fasteners, Battery / Fuse Access Door	H12, H13	948609	2
Screws, Phillip-Head	H4, H5, H6, H7	832246	4
AC70A Alligator Clip (Black)	MP38	738047	1
AC70A Alligator Clip (Red)	MP39	738120	1
TL71 Right-Angle Test Lead Set	MP34	802980	1

Chapter 7
Specifications

Safety and Compliances

Maximum voltage between any terminal and earth ground.	1000 V ac/dc
Compliances	Complies with ANSI/ISA-S82.01-94, CSA C22.2 No 1010.1-92 to 1000 V Overvoltage Category III, Polution Degree 2 *
Certifications (listed and pending)	CSA per standard CSA/CAN C22.2 No. 1010.1-92 UL per standard UL 3111 (pending) TÜV per standard EN 61010 Part 1-1993 (pending)
Surge Protection	8 kV peak per IEC 1010.1-92
⚠Fuse Protection for mA or μA inputs	0.44 A (44/100 A, 440 mA), 1000 V FAST Fuse
⚠Fuse Protection for A input	11 A, 1000 V FAST Fuse
Markings	CE, (UL and TÜV pending)

* CAT III: OVERVOLTAGE (Installation) Category III, Pollution Degree 2 per IEC1010-1 refers to the level of Impulse Withstand Voltage protection provided. Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY III is equipment in fixed installations. Examples include electricity meter and primary over-current protection equipment.

Physical Specifications

Display (LCD)	Digital: 50000/5000 counts primary display, 5000 counts secondary display; updates 4/second. Analog: 51 segments, updates 40/second.
Operating Temperature	– 20 °C to + 55 °C
Storage Temperature	– 40 °C to +60 °C
Temperature Coefficient	0.05 x (specified accuracy) / °C (<18 °C or >28 °C)
Relative Humidity	0 % to 90 % (0 °C to 28 °C) 0 % to 70 % (28 °C to 55 °C)
Altitude	Operating: 0-2000 meters per EN61010 CAT III, 1000V 0-3000 meters per EN61010 CAT II, 1000V, EN61010 CAT III, 600V Storage: 10000 meters
Battery Type	4 AA Alkaline, NEDA 15A or LR6
Battery Life	72 Hours typical (with backlight off)
Shock Vibration	Per MIL-T-PRF 28800 for Class II instruments
Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)	Susceptibility and Emissions: Commercial Limits per EN61326-1 (see notes for DC mV, DC µA, and Resistance.)
Size	10.0 cm x 20.3 cm x 5.0 cm (3.94 in x 8.00 in x 1.97 in) (Not Including Accessory Mount)
Weight	545 grams (1.2 lbs.)
Case Sealing	IP-42 per IEC 529, Section 3
Warranty	Lifetime
Calibration Interval	1 year

Feature Summary

Feature	Description
Dual Digital Displays **Analog Bar Graph**	Primary: 50,000 counts Secondary: 5,000 count Bar graph: 51 segments, updates 40 times/second
Backlight with 2 brightness adjustment	Bright white backlight for clear readings in poorly lighted areas
Fast Autorange	Meter automatically selects best range - instantly
AC+DC true rms, ac rms specified to 100 kHz	Choices for AC only, AC and DC dual display, or AC+DC readings
dBm, dBV	User selectable impedance references for dBm
AutoHOLD	Holds readings on display
Continuity / Open test	Beeper sounds for resistance readings below threshold, or to indicate a momentary open circuit
Fast Bar Graph	51 segments for peaking and nulling
Duty cycle / Pulse width	Measure the time signal is on or off in % or milliseconds
MIN MAX Mode **FAST MN MX with 24-hour time stamp**	Record maximum, minimum, and average values. 24-hour clock for MAX or MIN, elapsed time for AVG. FAST MN MX captures peaks to 250 µsec.
Close-Case Calibration	No internal adjustments needed
Battery / Fuse Access Door	Battery or fuse replaceable without voiding calibration
Hi-Impact Overmolded Case	Protective holster features

Basic Specifications

Function	Ranges/Description
DC Voltage	0 to 1000 V
AC Voltage, true RMS	15 mV to 1000 V – 100 kHz bandwidth
Basic Accuracy	DC voltage: 0.025 % AC voltage: 0.4 %
DC Current	0 to 10 A (20 A for 30 seconds)
AC Current, true RMS	25 μA to 10 A (20 A for 30 seconds)
Resistance	0 to 30 MΩ
Conductance	0 to 50 nS
Capacitance	0.001 nF to 50 mF
Diode Test	3.1 V
Temperature	–200 °C to 1350 °C (–328 °F to 2462 °F)
Frequency	0.5 Hz to 1000 kHz
LOGGING Intervals (Model 89 only)	At least 288 intervals may be stored. Up to 707 unstable event values (see AutoHold) are automatically added to LOGGING memory for viewing only through optional PC software. Additional intervals will be logged up to 995 if the signal is stable.
SAVE Readings (Model 89 only)	Up to 100 readings may be saved by the user in a memory separate from LOGGING memory. These readings may be viewed using VIEW MEM.

Detailed Accuracy Specifications

Accuracy is specified for a period of one year after calibration, at 18 °C to 28 °C (64 °F to 82 °F), with relative humidity to 90 %. Accuracy specifications are given as:

± ([% of reading] + [number of least significant digits])

AC mV, AC V, AC µA, AC mA, and AC A specifications are ac coupled, true rms and are valid from 5% of range to 100 % of range. AC crest factor can be up to 3.0 at full-scale, 6.0 at half-scale except the 3000 mV and 1000 V ranges where it is 1.5 at full scale, 3.0 at half-scale.

			Accuracy				
Function	**Range**	**Resolution**	**45 Hz-1 kHz**	**20-45 Hz**	**1 kHz-10 kHz**	**10 kHz-20 kHz**	**20 kHz-100 kHz**
AC mV [1, 2]	50.000 mV	0.001 mV	0.4 % + 40	2 % + 80	5 % + 40	5 % + 40	15 % + 40
	500.00 mV	0.01 mV	0.4 % + 40	2 % + 80	5 % + 40	5 % + 40	8 % + 40
	3000.0 mV	0.1 mV	0.4 % + 40	2 % + 80	0.4 % + 40	1.5 % + 40	8 % + 40
AC V [1, 2]	5.0000 V	0.0001 V	0.4 % + 40	2 % + 80	0.4 % + 40	1.5 % + 40	8 % + 40
	50.000 V	0.001 V	0.4 % + 40	2 % + 80	0.4 % + 40	1.5 % + 40	8 % + 40
	500.00 V	0.01 V	0.4 % + 40	2 % + 80	0.4 % + 40	Not specified	Not specified
	1000.0 V	0.1 V	0.4 % + 40	2 % + 80	0.4 % + 40	Not specified	Not specified
dBV	–52 to –6	0.01 dB	0.1 dB	0.2 dB	0.5 dB	0.5 dB	2.0 dB
	–6 to +34	0.01 dB	0.1 dB	0.2 dB	0.1 dB	0.2 dB	0.5 dB
	+34 to +60	0.01 dB	0.1 dB	0.2 dB	0.1 dB	Not specified	Not specified

1. For the 5,000 count mode, divide the number of least significant digits (counts) by 10.
2. A residual reading of 8 to 80 digits with leads shorted, will not affect stated accuracy above 5 % of range.

			Accuracy			
Function	**Range**	**Resolution**	**45-1 kHz**	**20-45 Hz**	**1-20 kHz**	**20 kHz-100 kHz**
AC µA	500.00 µA	0.01 µA	0.75 % + 20	1 % + 20	0.75 % + 20	6 % + 40
	5,000.0 µA	0.1 µA	0.75 % + 5	1% + 5	0.75 % + 10	2 % + 40
AC mA	50.000 mA	0.001 mA	0.75 % + 20	1% + 20	0.75 % + 20	9 % + 40
	400.00 mA [1]	0.01 mA	0.75 % + 5	1% + 5	1.5 % + 10	4 % + 40
AC A	5.0000 A	0.0001 A	1.5 % + 20	1.5% + 20	6 % + 40	Not specified
	10.000 A [2]	0.001 A	1.5 % + 5	1.5% + 5	5 % + 10	Not specified

1. 500.00 mA overload for 30 seconds maximum.
2. 10 A continuous up to 35 °C, less than 10 minutes -35 °C to 55 °C. 20 A overload for 30 seconds maximum.

			Accuracy	Accuracy Dual Display AC or AC+DC [6]		
Function	**Range**	**Resolution**	**DC**	**20 - 45 Hz**	**45 Hz - 1 kHz**	**1 kHz- 20 kHz**
DC mV	50.000 mV	0.001 mV	0.1% + 20			
	500.00 mV	0.01 mV	0.03 % + 2 [4]	2 % + 80	0.6 % + 40	6 % + 40 [3]
	3000.0 mV [7]	0.1 mV	0.025 % + 5 (89-IV) 0.025 % + 10 (87-IV)	2 % + 80	0.6 % + 40	
DC V	5.0000 V	0.0001 V	0.025 % + 10	2 % + 80	0.5 % + 40	
	50.000 V	0.001 V	0.03 % + 3	2 % + 80	0.5 % + 40	
	500.00 V	0.01 V	0.1 % + 2	2 % + 80	0.5 % + 40	Not specified
	1000.0 V	0.1 V	0.1 % + 2	2 % + 80	0.5 % + 40	Not specified
DC µA	500.00 µA	0.01 µA	0.25 % + 20 [5]	7 % + 10	7 % + 10	9 % + 40
	5,000.0 µA	0.1 µA	0.25 % + 2	1 % + 10	0.75 % + 10	2 % + 40
DC mA	50.000 mA	0.001 mA	0.15 % + 10	1 % + 10	0.75 % + 10	2 % + 40
	400.00 mA [1]	0.01 mA	0.15 % + 2	1.5 % + 10	1.5 % + 10	3 % + 40
DC A	5.0000 A	0.0001 A	0.5 %+ 10	7 % + 20	7 % + 20	12 % + 40
	10.000 A [2]	0.001 A	0.5 %+ 2	1.5 % + 10	1.5 % + 10	3 % + 40

1. 500.00 mA for 30 seconds maximum.
2. 10 A continuous up to 35 °C, less than 10 minutes -35 °C to 55 °C. 20 A overload for 30 seconds maximum.
3. DC 5 V range, -3 dB typical @ 10 kHz.
4. In RF field of 3 V/m, add 100 counts from 100 to 120 MHz, 60 counts from 270 to 300 MHz, 40 counts from 320 to 335 MHz.
5. In RF filed of 3 V/m, add 200 counts from 80 to 95 MHz.
6. See AC conversions notes for AC mV and V.
7. 1100.0 mV AC or AC+DC.

Function	Range	Resolution	Accuracy
Resistance [1]	500.00 Ω	0.01 Ω	0.05 % + 10 [3,4]
	5.0000 kΩ	0.0001 kΩ	0.05 % + 2
	50.000 kΩ	0.001 kΩ	0.05 % + 2
	500.00 kΩ	0.01 kΩ	0.05 % + 2
	5.0000 MΩ	0.0001 MΩ	0.15 % + 4 [2]
	30.000 MΩ	0.001 MΩ	1 % + 4 [2]
Conductance	50.00 nS	0.01 nS	1 % + 10

1. For the 5,000 count mode, divide the number of least significant digits (counts) by 10.
2. For relative humidity greater than 70 %, resistance accuracy is 0.5 % over 1 MΩ and 2.5 % over 10 MΩ.
3. In RF field of 3 V/m, add 45 counts from 470 to 1000 MHz.
4. Using relative mode (**REL** Δ) to zero residual reading.

Function	Ranges	Resolution	Accuracy
Capacitance [2]	1.000 nF	0.001 nF	2% + 5
	10.00 nF	0.01 nF	1 % + 5
	100.0 nF	0.1 nF	
	1.000 µF	0.001 µF	
	10.00 µF	0.01 µF	
	100.0 uF	0.1 µF	
	1,000 µF	1 µF	
	10.0 mF	0.01 mF [3]	
	50.00 mF	0.10 mF [3]	1% + 50
Diode Test [1]	3.1000 V	0.0001 V	2 % + 2

1. For the 5,000 count mode, divide the number of least significant digits (counts) by 10.
2. For film capacitor or better, using Relative mode (**REL** Δ) to zero residual on 1.1 nF range.
3. The small range annunciator above the AUTO/MANUAL messages will show 50, and the display will show xx.xx throughout these two measurement ranges.

Function	Range	Resolution	Accuracy
Frequency	500.00 Hz	0.01 Hz [1]	± (0.005 % + 1)
	5.0000 kHz	0.0001 kHz	
	50.000 kHz	0.001 kHz	
	999.99 kHz	0.01 kHz	
Duty Cycle [2]	10 to 90 %	0.1 %	± (0.12 x voltage range / input voltage x 100 %)
Pulse Width [2]	50.00 ms	0.01 ms	± (3% X (voltage range/input voltage) + 1 count)
Temperature	–200.0 to +1350.0 °C	0.1 °C	± (1% of reading + 1 °C) [3,4]
	–328.0 to +2462.0 °F	0.1 °F	± (1% of reading + 1.8 °F) [3,4]
MIN MAX AVG	Response: 100 ms to 80 %		Specified accuracy ± 12 counts for changes > 200 ms in duration. (± 40 counts in AC for changes > 350 ms and inputs > 25 % of range)
FAST MN MX	250 µs		Specified accuracy ±100 counts for changes >250 µs in duration [5]

1. Reading will be 0.00 for signals below 0.5 Hz.
2. Duty cycle and pulse width operate on repetitive waveforms at 14.5 Hz or greater.
3. Accuracy specification is relative to the user-adjustable temperature offset, and assumes ambient temperature stable to ± 1 °C.
4. For ambient temperature changes of ± 5 °C, rated accuracy applies after 1 hour.
5. For repetitive peaks; 2.5 ms for single events.

Frequency Counter Sensitivity

Input Range	Minimum Sensitivity (RMS Sine Wave) [1]			Approximate Trigger Levels (DC Voltage Function)
	40 Hz to 20 kHz [2]	15 to 40 Hz [3]	20 to 500 kHz [3]	
50 mV (dB only)	15 mV to 3 mV	15 mV	15 mV	± 25 mV
500 mV	50 mV to 30 mV	50 mV	30 mV	35 mV ± 6 mV
3000 mV	1500 mV to 300 mV	2000 mV	2000 mV	170 mV ± 6 mV
5 V	1.5 V to 0.3 V	2 V	2.2 V	1.7 V ± 0.25 V
50 V	15 V to 3 V	15 V	5 V	3.5 V ± 2.5 V
500 V	50 V to 20 V	50 V	50 V	35 V ± 25 V
1000 V	250 V to 100 V	250 V	50 V	35 V ± 25 V

1. Maximum input for specified accuracy = 10 x Range or 1000 V, ac-coupled only. Accuracy: add 1 count.
2. Sensitivity improves linearly from 40 Hz to 20 kHz.
3. Useable at reduced sensitivity to 0.5 Hz and 1000 kHz.

Burden Voltage (A, mA, µA)

Function	Range	Burden Voltage (typical)
mA - µA	500.00 µA	102 µV / µA
	5,000 µA	102 µV / µA
	50.000 mA	1.8 mV / mA
	400.00 mA	1.8 mV / mA
A	5.0000 A	0.04 V / A
	10.000 A	0.04 V / A

Input Characteristics

Function	**Input Impedance (Nominal)**					
Volts, mV	10 MΩ, < 100 pF					
	Common Mode Rejection Ratio			**Normal Mode Rejection**		
DC Volts, mV	>100 dB -dc, 50 Hz, or 60 Hz ±0.1%			>90 dB at 50 Hz, or 60 Hz ± 0.1%		
AC Volts, mV	> 90 dB dc to 60 Hz					
	Open Circuit Test Voltage			**Full-Scale Voltage**		
				To 5 MΩ	**30 MΩ + nS**	
Ohms	< 5 V			500 mV	3.1 V	
Diode Test	< 5 V			3.1000 V		
	Typical Short-Circuit Current					
	500 Ω	**5 kΩ**	**50 kΩ**	**500 kΩ**	**5 MΩ**	**30 MΩ**
Ohms	100 µA	100 µA	10 µA	1 µA	0.1 µA	0.1 µA
Diode Test	0.8 mA typical					