CKT3548

User's Manual

RESISTANCE METER

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Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the CKT3548 Resistance Meter. To obtain maximum performance from the product, please read this manual first, and keep it handy for future reference.

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Checking Package Contents

When you receive the instrument, inspect it carefully to ensure that no damage occurred during shipping. In particular, check the accessories, panel switches, and connectors. If damage is evident, or if it fails to operate according to the specifications, contact your authorized Hioki distributor or reseller.

When transporting the instrument, use the same packaging materials used for the delivery to you.

Check the package contents as follows

No.	Item	Quantity
1	3548 Resistance Meter	1
2	User's Manual	1
3	USB Cable	1
4	Test Clip	1
5	Temperature Sensor	1
6	Strap	1
7	Alkaline battery	1

Safety Notes

The instrument is designed to conform to IEC 61010 Safety Standards, and has been thoroughly tested for safety prior to shipment. However, using the instrument in a way not described in this manual may negate the provided safety features.

Before using the instrument, be certain to carefully read the following safety notes.

NOTE

Mishandling during use could result in injury or death, as wellas damage to the instrument. Be certain that you understand the instructions and precautions in the manual before use.

Notation

This manual contains information and warnings essential for safe operation of the instrument and for maintaining it in safe operating condition. Before using the instrument, be certain to carefully read the following safety notes.

⚠ Indicates very important message in this manual. When the symbol is printed on the instrument, refer to a corresponding topic in the Instruction Manual.

⎓ indicates DC (direct current)

indicates afuse

⏚ indicates earth terminal

In this manual, the risk seriousness and the hazard levels are classified as follows.

⚠危险 Indicates an imminently hazardous situation that will result in death or serious injury to the operator.

⚠警告 Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that will result in death or serious injury to the operator.

⚠注意 Indicates a potentially hazardous situation that may result in minor or moderate injury to the operator or damage to the instrument or malfunction.

注记 Indicates functions of the instrument or relative suggestion of a correct operation.

Accuracy

We define measurement tolerances in terms of f.s. (full scale), rdg. (reading) and dgt. (digit) values, with the following meanings:

f.s.	(Maximum display value)
	This is usually the maximum display value. In the instrument, this indicates the currently used range.
rdg.	(Reading or displayed value)
	The value currently being measured and indicated on the measuring instrument.
dgt.	(Resolution)
	The smallest displayable unit on a digital measuring instrument, i.e., the input value that causes the digital display to show a “1”.

Usage Notes

Installation environment

- Operating temperature
  0°C to 40°C 80%RH or less (no condensation) and humidity ranges
- Storage temperature
  -10°C to 50°C 80%RH or less (no condensation) and humidity ranges

Installing the instrument in inappropriate locations may cause a malfunction of instrument or may give rise to an accident. Avoid the following locations.

- Exposed to direct sunlight or high temperature
- Exposed to corrosive or combustible gases
- Exposed to water, oil, chemicals, or solvents
- Exposed to high humidity or condensation
- Exposed to a strong electromagnetic field or electrostatic charge
- Exposed to high quantities of dust particles
- Near induction heating systems (such as high-frequency induction
- heating systems and IH cooking equipment)
- Susceptible to vibration

Checking before use

Before using the instrument the first time, verify that it operates normally to ensure that no damage occurred during storage or shipping. If you find any damage, contact your authorized Chuangkai distributor or reseller.

⚠警告	Before using the instrument, check that the coating of the test leads or cables are neither ripped nor torn and that no metal parts are exposed. Using the instrument under such conditions could result in electrocution. Contact your authorized Chuangkai distributor or reseller in this case

Handling Precautions

⚠危险	Do not modify, disassemble, or repair the instrument. This may result in fire, electric shock accident, or injury.
⚠注意	Do not place the instrument on an unstable or slanted surface. It may drop or fall, causing injury or instrument failure.
注记	To avoid corrosion and/or damage to the instrument due to battery leakage, remove the batteries from the instrument if it is to be kept in storage for an extended period. Be sure to turn the power off after using it.

Measurement precautions

⚠危险	To avoid electric shock accident and short circuit, please operate the instrument as following: Do not allow the instrument to get wet, and do not use it with wet hands. This may cause electric shock accident. Do not modify, disassemble, or repair the instrument. This may result in fire, electric shock accident, or injury.
⚠注意	Do not place the instrument on an unstable or slanted surface. It may drop or fall, causing injury or instrument failure. To avoid any damage to the instrument, avoid any vibration or shock during transport or handling. Especially, be careful not to drop or fall the instrument which will cause shock. To avoid any damage to the instrument, do not input voltage or current to any measurement, TC terminals, or EXPORT terminals.

Handling leads and cables

⚠危险	To avoid electrical shock accident, do not short test leads where voltage is applied.
⚠注意	Do not use any test lead or temperature sensor other than the ones specified by our company. It may result in inaccurate measurement due to poor contact or other reasons. To avoid damaging the cables, do not bend or pull the base of cables and the leads. The ends of pin type leads are sharp. Be careful to avoid injury. Be careful not to allow contact between the lead wire and the heat generating portion.

Chapter 1 Overview

1.1Overview and Features

The CKT3548 employs the four-terminal method to highly accurately measure the DC resistance of measurement targets including motor and transformer windings, and welding, PC board patterns, fuses, resistors, and materials such as conductive rubber. The instrument allows temperature correction and so is especially suitable for measurement targets whose resistance values change with temperature.

Highly reliable specifications implemented in a compact, light-weight body

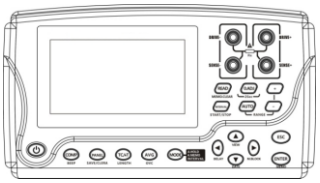
- 35,000-dgt. high resolution
- 0.1μΩ resolution at 1 A measurement current

Simple temperature rise test (for temperature estimation during power stop)

- Temperature conversion and interval measurement functions
- Supports copying of measurement data file from the instrument memory to the PC.

Well-designed instrument shaped for measuring without taking your hands and eyes off the target, making it ideal for maintenance and large product measurement

- Strap-attachable portable type
- Standard auto-memory and auto-hold, and optional L2105 LED Comparator Attachment



1.2 Component Names and Operation Overview

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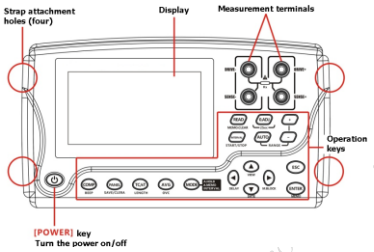
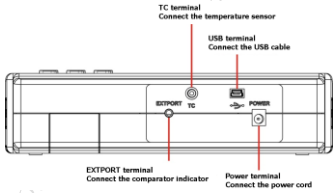


Rear Panel



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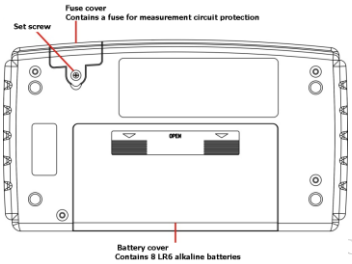
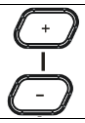


Key	Description
COMP BEEP	**[COMP] key** Comparator: oFF — ON (ABS mode) — ON (REF% mode). **[BEEPSET] key (press and hold)** Judgment sound: oFF — Hi — in — Lo — Hi-Lo — ALL1 — ALL2.
PANEL SAVE/CLERA	**[PANEL] key** Panel load: Changes the panel No. “PrSEt” initializes the measurement conditions. **[SAVE/CLEAR] key (press and hold)** Saves and clears panels: SAvE — CLr
TC/ΔT LENGTH	**[TC/ΔT] key** Temperature correction/conversion function: oFF — TC —ΔT. **[LENGTH] key (press and hold)** Length conversion function: oFF — ON.
AVG OVC	**[AVG] key** Averaging function: oFF — 2 — 5 — 10 — 20. **[OVC] key (press and hold)** Offset voltage compensation (OVC) function: oFF — oN.
MODE — A.HOLD A.MEMO INTERVAL	**[MODE] key** Switches memory hold mode: oFF — A.HOLD (auto-hold) → A.HOLD,A.MEMORY (auto-memory) → INTERVAL (interval function).

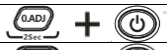
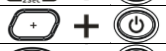
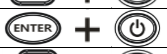
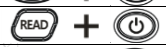
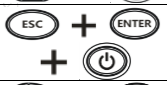
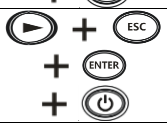
DELAY	**[◄] key** Moves to a different digit of the setting. **[DELAY] key (press and hold)** Delay function: PrSEt (factory default) — 10 ms — 30 ms — 50 ms — 100 ms — 300 ms — 500 ms — 1000 ms.
M. BLOCK	**[►]key** Moves to a different digit of the setting. **[M.BLOCK SEL] key (press and hold) (p. 76)** Selects a memory block: A — b — C — d — E — F — G — H — J — L.
VIEW	**[▲] key** Changes values and items. **[VIEW] key (press and hold)** Toggles the display: Temperature — no indicator — memory number. (MEMORY No.)
DATE	**[▼]key** Changes values and items. **[DATE] key (press and hold)** Displays the date and time confirmation screen.
ESC	**[ESC] key** Cancels the setting (when in the setting screen). Releases a HOLD state (if in a HOLD state).
ENTER MEMO	**[ENTER] key** Applies the setting. **[MEMORY] key (press and hold)** Saves the measured values (manual memory).
READ MEMO.CLEAR	**[READ] key** Displays saved measurement data. **[MEMORY CLEAR] key (press and hold)** Clears memory: LASt (Latest data from the selected block) — bLoC (Selected block) ^ ALL (All data).
INTERVAL START/STOP	**[INTERVAL] key (press and hold)** Starts/stops interval measurement (when in interval mode).
0.ADJ 2Sec	**[0 ADJ] key (press and hold)** Zero adjustment.

	**[RANGE] key** Measurement range: 3mΩ ↔ 30mΩ ↔ 300mΩ ↔ 3Ω ↔ 30Ω ↔ 300Ω ↔ 3kΩ ↔ 30kΩ ↔300kΩ ↔ 3MΩ.

Power-on settings

To perform one of the following settings, it is necessary to turn the power from off to on while holding-down a particular key.

For details, see the indicated page.

Clearing zero adjustment	
Switching to a different measurement current	
Disabling auto power save (APS)	
Clearing all measurement data saved	
Resetting the current measurement conditions	
Resetting the system	

1.3 Screen Layout

Display (when the entire display is lit)

Displays measurement conditions, settings, measured values, memory numbers (MEMORY No.), panel numbers, comparator settings, judgment results, etc.

For information on the error display, see “Error display and actions”

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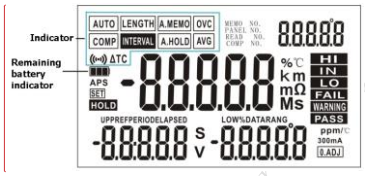
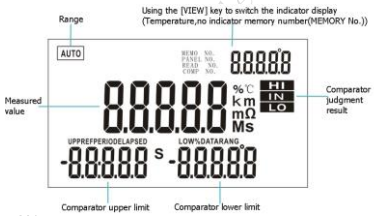
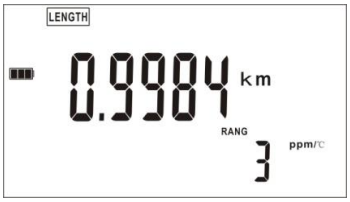


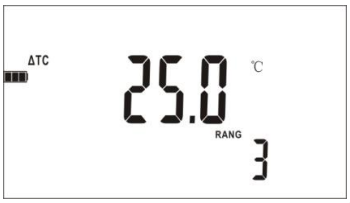
Resistance measurement screen



Length conversion measurement screen

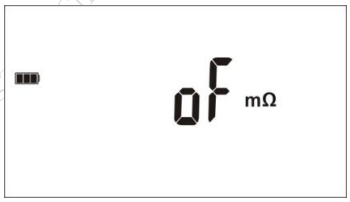


Temperature conversion (ΔT) measurement screen

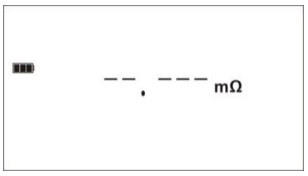


Interval measurement screen

Non-measured value display Out-of-range



Current fault



The protection function is working

Fuse blown out

Indicator	Description
0.ADJ	Lit: The zero adjustment function is enabled. Blinking: Zero adjustment is in progress.
A.HOLD	The auto-hold function is enabled.
A.MEMO	The auto-memory function is enabled.
((•))	The beeper function is enabled.
APS	The auto-power-save function is enabled.
▮▮▮	The remaining battery state.
AVG	The measured value averaging function is enabled.
DATE	Lit: showing the current time.
HOLD	The measured value is being held.

MEMO NO.	The notation appears when using the data storage function, showing the memory number.
READ NO.	The notation appears when reading the saved data, showing the read number of the data.
SET	The notation appears when doing the settings for each function.
COMP	Comparator function is enabled.
PASS	The notation appears when the comparator judgement result is confirmed as qualified.
FAIL	The notation appears when the comparator judgement result is confirmed as failure.
INTERVAL	Lit: The interval measurement function is enabled. Blinking: The processing of the key pressed cannot be performed because interval measurement is being performed or the interval measurement function is enabled.

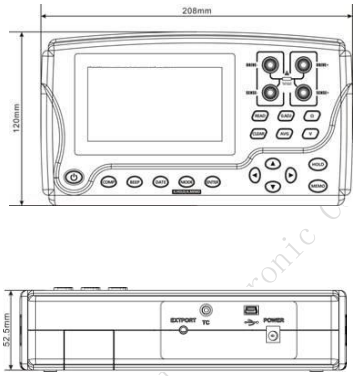
1.4 Checking the Measurement Target

To carry out proper resistance measurement, change the measurement conditions appropriately according to the measurement target. Before starting measurement, use the examples recommended in the following table to configure the instrument.

Measurement target	Recommended settings (Bold indicates a change from the factory default.)		
	Temperature correction (p. 50)/ Temperature conversion (p. 67)	OVC (p. 51)	Measurement current at 300mΩ range (p. 55)
Motor, solenoid, choke coil, transformer, wiring harness	**TC**	OFF	Lo
For power Contact, wiring harness, connector, relay contact, switch	*1	**ON**	Lo
Conductive coating material, conductive rubber	-	OFF	Lo
General resistance measurement Fuse, resistor, heater, wiring, welding	*1	**ON**	Lo
Temperature rise test (Motor, choke coil, transformer)	**ΔT***2	OFF	Lo
Automobile ground wire	*1	**ON**	**Hi (300mA)**
For signal Contact, wiring harness, connector, relay contact, switch	If the instrument is used to measure the resistance of a signal contact, the contact status will be changed, because its open-circuit voltage and measurement current are both high. To measure a signal contact, use the RM3545.		

- When the measurement target significantly depends on temperature, use the temperature correction function.
- The interval measurement function allows you to save a measured value every fixed interval.

1.5 Dimension



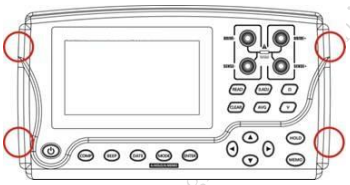
Chapter 1 Preparing for Measurement

2.1 Attaching the Strap

Attaching the strap to the instrument allows you to use it with the strap around your neck. Follow the procedure below to attach the strap.

Note:

Use the four attachment points on the instrument to attach the strap securely. Otherwise, the instrument may drop during carrying, damaging the instrument and the operator may get hurt.



2.2 Loading or Replacing the Batteries

Before using the instrument for the first time, load the eight alkaline batteries (LR6). Before measurement, check that the instrument has sufficient remaining battery power. If the remaining battery level is low, replace the batteries. See the battery indicator to check the remaining battery level.

⚠警告

Do not short circuit, charge, disassemble, or incinerate batteries. Doing so may cause an explosion and is dangerous.

To avoid electric shock accident, remove any test leads before replacing batteries.

After the replacement, be sure to reattach the cover.

Poor performance or damage from battery leakage could result. Observe the cautions listed below.

Do not use both new and old batteries or different types of batteries together.

Be careful to observe battery polarity. Otherwise, poor performance or damage from battery leakage could result.

Do not use batteries after their recommended expiry date.

Dispose of batteries in accordance with local regulations.

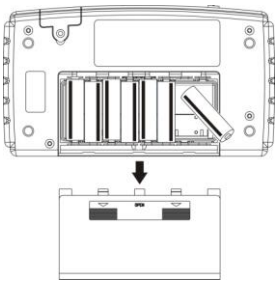
注记

When the remaining battery indicator is lit, the battery becomes low. Charge or replace the batteries as soon as possible.

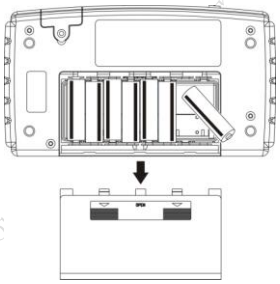
Replacing the battery steps:

1. Turn the power off. Remove any test leads.
2. Remove the battery cover on the back for the instrument
3. Load the LR6*8 batteries. Be careful of their polarity.
4. Reattached the battery cover on the back of the instrument.

LR6 battery replacement



Lithium battery replacement



2.3 Connecting the Test Leads

⚠警告

- To avoid electric shock accident, connect the test leads correctly.

⚠注意

- To be safe, do not use any test lead other than the ones specified by our company.
- The ends of leads are sharp. Be careful to avoid injury.

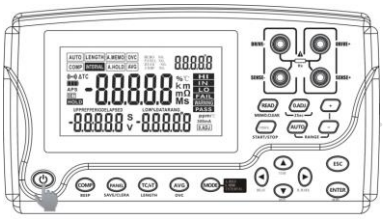
Connect the test leads to the instrument. Connect the four terminals: DRIVE (+, -) and SENSE (+, -)

Example:

2.4 Turning the Power On/Off

Turning the power on

Press the **[POWER]** key to turn the power on. Hold the key down until the entire display turns on.

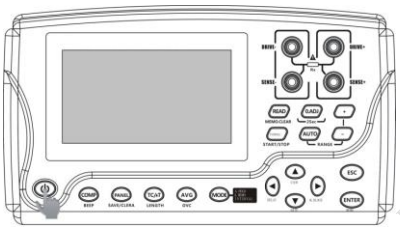


Entire display lit

A self-test is started. The model name and version number are displayed during the self-test.

Turning the power off

Press the **[POWER]** key to turn the power off. Hold the key down until the entire display turns off.



Entire display off

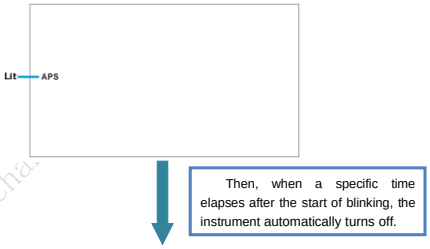
IMPORTANT

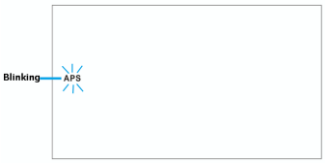
When the instrument is turned on again, it starts up with the previous state used immediately before turning it off.

Automatic power off with auto power save (APS)

When the instrument is not being used, the APS function automatically turns it o^ to reduce battery consumption.

APS function ON





If no key is operated for 10 minutes or the instrument is in a measurement error state continuously, the APS indicator starts blinking.

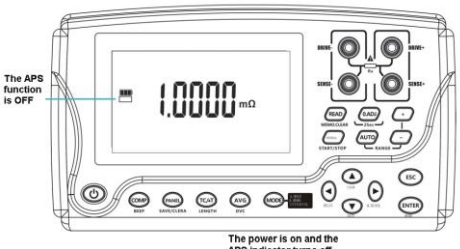
IMPORTANT

- During an interval measurement, the APS function automatically turns OFF. When the interval measurement ends, the APS function automatically turns ON.
- When the USB is connected, the APS function automatically turns OFF. When the USB is disconnected, the APS function automatically turns ON.

Disabling auto power save (APS)

To disable the APS function, press the **[POWER]** key while holding the **[ENTER]** key down when the power is off.

The setting of the APS function is not saved. When the instrument is turned on again, the APS function is enabled again.



The power is on and the APS indicator turns off.

2.5 Pre-measurement Inspection

Before using the instrument, inspect it to verify that no damage has occurred during storage or transportation and it operates normally. If you find any damage, contact your authorized Chuangkai's distributor or reseller.

Instrument and peripheral checking

Inspection item	Action
Is there any damage or a crack in the instrument? Are the internal circuits exposed?	If any damage is found, do not use it. Return it for repair.
Is there any dust or contamination, such as pieces of metal, on any terminals?	If dust or contamination is adhered to a terminal, clean the terminal with a swab or the like.
Is the test lead coating broken or is the metal exposed?	If the coating of a test lead is broken, the measured value may become unstable or have an error. Replace the damaged test lead.

Power-on checking

Inspection item	Action
Is the remaining battery power sufficient?	The indicator at the upper right of the display indicates the current status. If the indicator changes to , the remaining battery level is low. Replace the batteries as early as possible. If the battery level becomes too low to continue with measurement, the starts blinking. Replace the batteries.
Is anything missing from the screen?	Turn the power on to make sure that the entire display turns on. If there is anything missing, return the instrument for repair.
When you turn the power on, does the entire display turn on and then the model name and a measurement screen appear on the screen?	If the screen does not behave like this, the instrument may be damaged internally. Return it for repair.

Chapter 3 Basic Measurement

Before measurement, be sure to read this chapter.

3.1 Setting the Measurement Range

Select a measurement range. Automatic range selection (the auto range) is also available.

IMPORTANT

When the auto range is used or the measurement range is set to 30mO or less, a maximum current of 1 A may constantly flow through the measurement target, and a maximum power of approximately 2 W may be applied*.

If there are any of the following concerns, depending on the level of the measurement current, select a range using a lower measurement current.

- The measurement target may melt (such as a fuse or inflator).
- The measurement target may heat up, causing a change in resistance.
- The measurement target may be magnetized, causing a change in inductance.

Within each of the measurement ranges, the power for the measurement target can be expressed by "resistance x (measurement current)^2". If the measurement range is deviated, the power may reach the value of "open-circuit voltage x measurement current" at maximum.

Before connecting the measurement target, be sure to check the measurement range.

* At the moment of connecting the measurement target, a maximum inrush current of 5 A flows.

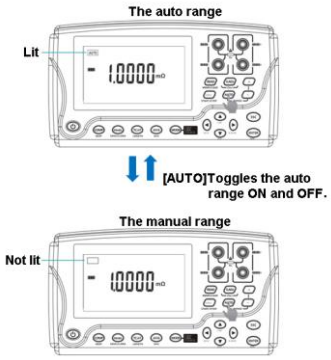
(Convergence time: Approximately 1 ms for pure resistance)

Using the manual range

3mΩ > 30mΩ >300mΩ > 3Ω > 30Ω > 300Ω >3kΩ >30kΩ > 300kΩ > 3MΩ.

Using the auto range

Use the **[AUTO]** key to switch to the auto range. (The default setting is AUTO.) When the instrument is in the auto range mode, AUTO is lit.

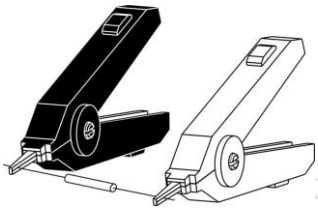


IMPORTANT

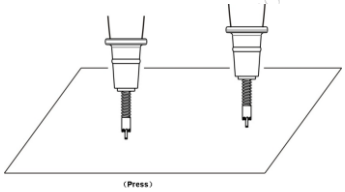
- When the range is manually changed in the auto range mode, the auto range is automatically disabled and the manual range is enabled.
- If the comparator function is turned ON, the range is fixed and cannot be changed. To change the range, turn the comparator function OFF or change the range in the comparator setting.
- Depending on the measurement target, the auto range may become unstable. In such a case, specify the range manually or increase the delay time. For the measurement accuracy of each range, see"Resistance measurement accuracy".

3.2 Connecting the Test Leads to the Measurement Target

Example Test clip

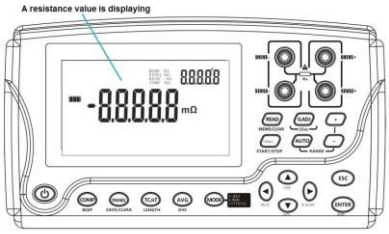


Example Test Probe



3.3 Reading the Measured Value

The instrument displays a resistance value. If a non-resistance value is displayed, see "Verifying measurement errors".



To convert the measured resistance value, see the following pages:

- "5.2 Performing Temperature Rise Test (Temperature Conversion Function (ΔT))"
- "5.3 Measuring the Length of a Conductor (Length Conversion Function)"

IMPORTANT

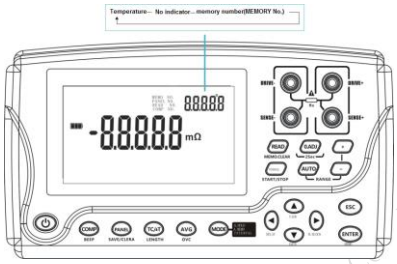
If the measured value has a negative sign (-), check the following:

- The SOURCE and SENSE lead connections are reversed.
  - Connect the leads correctly.
- After zero adjustment for a two-terminal measurement, the contact resistance has decreased.
  - Perform zero adjustment again.

Switching the display

Press and hold the **[+] (VIEW)** key to switch the type of information displayed on the upper right of the screen. (Temperature, no indicator, memory number (MEMORY No.))

The type of information displayed during measurements can be selected.



Verifying measurement errors

If a measurement is not performed correctly, the measurement error is displayed on the screen.

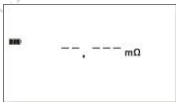
Out-of-range*[*1]

Indicates that the measurement or display range has been exceeded.

If oF is displayed, the comparator judgment is “Hi”, and if -oF is displayed, the comparator judgment is “Lo”.

In the same manner, oF is displayed when the temperature exceeds the measurement range during temperature measurement.

Current fault or not measured yet



This screen is displayed in the following two cases.

If “--------” is displayed, comparator judgment is not performed.

1. Measurement current fault*2

Current cannot be supplied to the DRIVE + or DRIVE - terminals.

2. No measurement has been performed after changing a measurement condition.

The protection function is working

If an overvoltage is applied to a measurement terminal, the function for protecting the internal circuitry is activated in this instrument. If an overvoltage is accidentally applied, remove the test leads from the measurement target immediately. Measurement cannot be performed while the protection function is activated. In order to cancel the protection function, contact test lead DRIVE+ to DRIVE- or turn the power off and on.

Fuse blown out

Each SOURCE terminal of the instrument is equipped with a fuse to protect against overvoltage input. If an overvoltage is accidentally applied and a fuse is blown, replace the fuse.

Temperature Sensor not connected

Temperature cannot be measured as the Temperature Sensor is not connected. When TC or ΔT is not used, it is not necessary to connect the Z2002 Temperature Sensor. If the temperature is not to be displayed, switch the display by pressing the **[+] (VIEW)** key.

Temperature calculation error

The Z2002 Temperature Sensor is not connected even when TC or ΔT is ON, or oF is displayed for the temperature. Check the connection of the Z2002 Temperature Sensor.

IMPORTANT

If the measurement target is connected to the SOURCE terminal, but a SENSE terminal has a bad contact, the displayed measured value may be unstable.

1 Out-of-range detection function

Examples detected as out-of-range

Out-of-range detection	Measurement examples
The measurement range is exceeded.	40 mΩis measured in the 30 mΩ range.
The relative display (% display) of a measured value exceeds the display range (999.99%).	5000 (+2400%) is measured with a reference value of 200.
The A/D converter input range is exceeded during a measurement.	Such an error occurs, for example, if a high resistance is measured in an environment with external noise.
The calculation result cannot be displayed.	The calculation result for the length conversion function exceeds 999.99 km.

2 Current fault detection function

Current fault examples

- The DRIVE+ or DRIVE- probe is open.
- The measurement target has a broken wire (open-circuit work).
- The DRIVE+ or DRIVE- wiring has a broken wire or a bad connection.

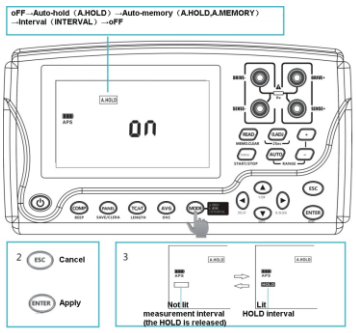
IMPORTANT

A wiring resistance exceeding the following value in each range causes a current fault, making the measurement impossible. In the 1 A measurement current range, reduce the resistance of the wiring and contact between the measurement target and test leads.

Range (Ω)	3m	30m	300m	3	30	300	3k	30k~3M
Wiring and contact resistance (Ω)	0.5		10		100	2k	800	2k

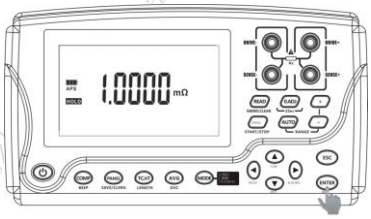
Holding a measured value

The auto-hold function helps to verify a measured value. When the measured value becomes stable, the value is automatically held.



Save a measured value

The storage function helps to verify a measured value later. It saves the displayed measured value.



For more details about the save function, see “Saving Data at Specified Time (Manual Memory)”

Chapter 4 Customizing Measurement Conditions

This chapter describes the functions useful to perform more sophisticated and accurate measurement.

4.1 Using Zero Adjustment

In the following cases, perform zero adjustment:
(A resistance of up to ±3%f.s. can be canceled for any range.)

- The measurement value is not cleared due to thermal EMF or other factors.
  - The measurement value will be changed to zero.
    Accuracy is not affected by whether or not the zero adjustment is performed.
    The thermal EMF can also be canceled by using OVC.
- Four-terminal connection (called Kelvin connection) is difficult.
  - The residual resistance of the two-terminal connection wires will be canceled.

IMPORTANT

- When the ambient temperature changes or the test leads are replaced after zero adjustment, perform zero adjustment again.
- Perform zero adjustment for each range used. In the manual range mode, only the current range is adjusted to zero. In the auto range mode, all ranges are adjusted to zero.
- Zero adjustment values are held internally even if the instrument is power off, but they are not saved in the panel.
- When the offset voltage compensation (OVC) function is turned from ON to OFF or from OFF to ON, the zero adjustment is cleared. Perform zero adjustment again.
- When the measurement current is changed from Lo to Hi or from Hi to Lo, the zero adjustment is cleared. Perform zero adjustment again.
- When a lower resistance is measured after zero adjustment, the measured value will be negative.

Example: 2mΩ is connected in the 300mΩ range and then zero adjustment is performed.
If 1 mΩ is measured, -1 mΩ is displayed.

Performing zero adjustment

1 Short the test leads.

Example Test CliP

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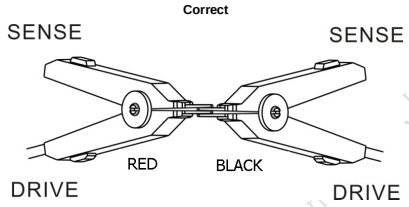
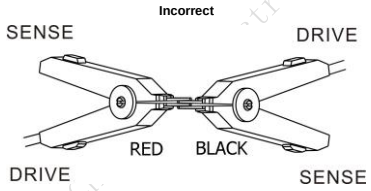
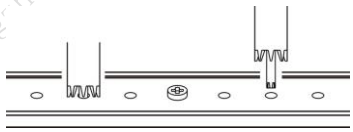


Incorrect



Example Text Probe

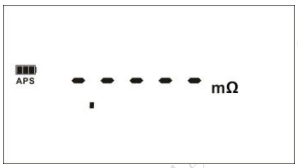


2. Confirm that the measured value is within ±3%f.s.

If no measured value is displayed, make sure that the test leads are connected correctly.

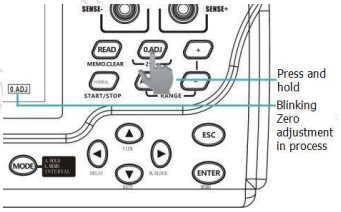
If the connection is correct

If the connection is wrong



3. Press and hold the [0 ADJ] key to perform zero adjustment

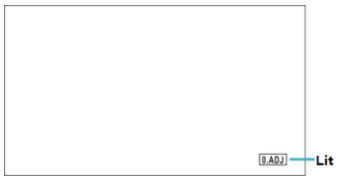
If it is difficult to press the key as the Zero Adjustment Board is used, press the **[0 ADJ]** key before shorting the measurement lead. Zero adjustment is automatically performed after the measured value is stabilized.



4. After zero adjustment

Zero adjustment has succeeded, The buzzer sounds and the measurement screen appear.

Indicator ON.



Zero adjustment has failed

The buzzer sounds and **[FAIL]** appears. Then, the measurement screen appears.

Zero adjustment has failed

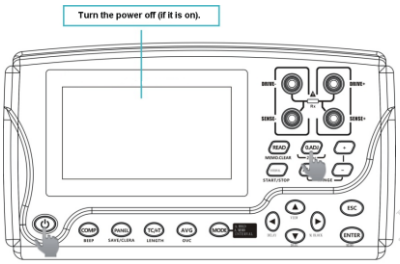
When zero adjustment cannot be performed, the measured value before zero adjustment already exceeds ±3% of the full scale of each range or the instrument is in a measurement error state. Perform zero adjustment with the correct wire connection again. If the resistance is too high (e.g., due to a self-made cable), zero adjustment cannot be performed. In such a case, try to minimize the wiring resistance.

IMPORTANT

If zero adjustment fails, the zero adjustment is cleared for the current range.

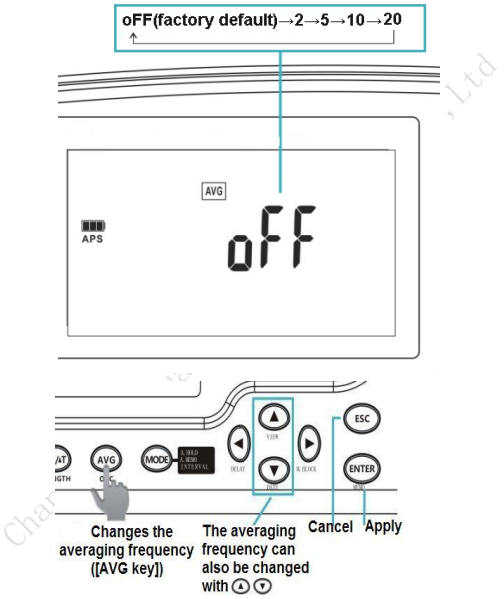
Clearing zero adjustment

When the power is off, while holding the **[0 ADJ]** key, press the **[POWER]** key to clear the zero adjustment for all ranges.



4.2 Stabilizing Measured Values (Averaging Function)

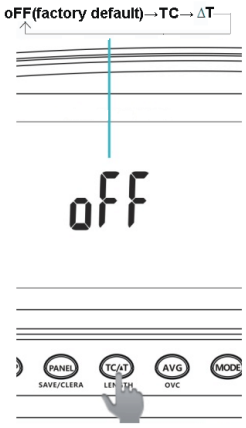
This function averages the measurement values in order to display a single value. It helps to stabilize fluctuations in the measured values.

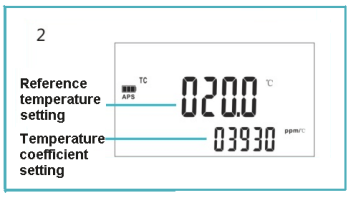


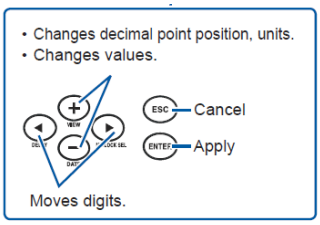
4.3 Compensating for Thermal Effects (Temperature Correction (TC))

This function converts a measured resistance value, based on the reference temperature, to display the converted value. For the principles of temperature correction, see “Appx. Temperature Correction Function (TC)”.

To perform temperature correction, connect the Z2002 Temperature Sensor to the TEMP.SENSOR terminal on the side of the instrument. Before connecting the sensor, be sure to read “Connecting the Z2002 Temperature Sensor (When Using TC or AT)”







IMPORTANT

If the "t.Err" is displayed, the Temperature Sensor may not be connected, or Of is displayed for the temperature. Check the connection of the Temperature Sensor.

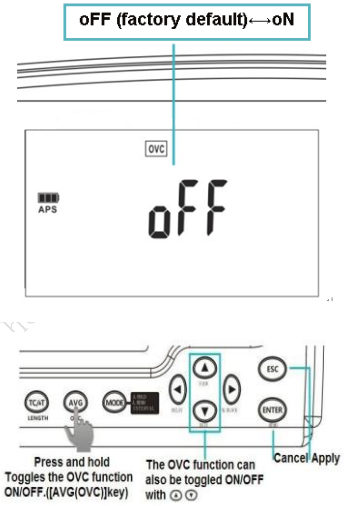
4.4 Compensating for Thermal EMF Offset (Offset Voltage Compensation Function: OVC Function)

This function automatically compensates for an offset voltage caused by thermal EMF or an internal offset voltage.

(OVC: Offset Voltage Compensation)

See: “Appx. Effect of Thermoelectromotive Force (Thermal EMF)”.

The function uses the resistance value measured when a measurement current flows, RP and that measured when no measurement current flows, RZ, to display the actual resistance value RP-RZ.



4.5 Setting the Delay Time for Measurement (Delay Function)

This function adjusts the time for measurement to stabilize by inserting a waiting period after use of the OVC or the auto range function to change the measurement current. When this function is used, the instrument waits for its internal circuitry to stabilize before starting measurement, even if the measurement target has a high reactance component.

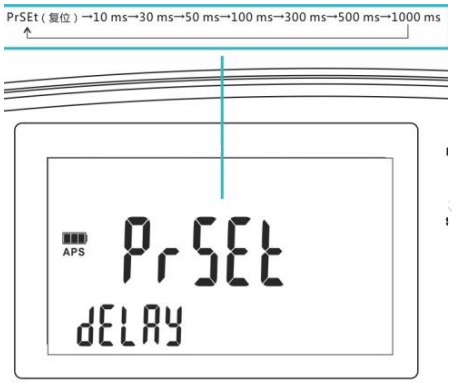
IMPORTANT

- When the offset voltage compensation function is ON (the OVC indicator is lit), the measured value will be slow to refresh.
- The OVC function cannot be used in the 3kΩ range or higher. The function is automatically turned OFF.
- When the offset voltage compensation function is changed, the zero adjustment function is cancelled.
- When the measurement target has a high inductance, it is necessary to adjust the delay time.
- Start with a longer delay time than necessary, and decrease the time gradually, watching the measured value.
- If the measurement target has a low heat capacity, the offset voltage compensation function may have no effect.

The PrSEt (preset value) depends on the range used and the offset voltage compensation function.

Preset OVC delay value (factory default) (Unit: ms)

Measurement current	Range	Delay time
Lo	3mΩ~30mΩ	200
	300mΩ～3Ω	50
	30Ω～300Ω	30
Hi	300mΩ	200



Delay time guideline

If the measurement target, for example, is an inductor that takes longer to stabilize after applying a measurement current, and it cannot be measured with the initial delay (preset), adjust the delay. Set the delay time to approximately ten times the following calculation so that the reactance component (inductance or capacitance) does not affect the measurement.

$$t = -\frac{L}{R}\ln\left(1-\frac{IR}{V_O}\right)$$

L: Measurement target inductance
R: Measurement target resistance + lead wire resistance + contact resistance
I: Measurement current (see: “Accuracy”)

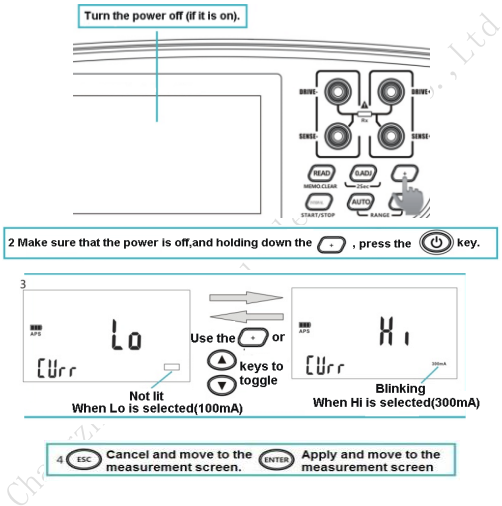
V_O: Open-circuit voltage (see: “Accuracy”)

Start with a longer delay time, and decrease the time gradually, watching the measured value.

As the delay is longer, the measured value display is slower to refresh.

4.6 Switching the Measurement Current (In the 300mΩ Range)

With this instrument, the measurement current for the 300mQ range can be changed to 300 mA (100 mA at the time of shipment from the factory). This makes it possible to measure large current wiring under conditions that are similar to the actual usage conditions. It is also useful when performing measurement in an environment with external noise.



When measurement is performed with the 300 mA measurement current, the 300 mA indicator lights up

*1 When measuring resistance for connection sections (e.g., connector contact, welded section, caulked section, screw-secured section) through which large current flows, such as power supply cables and ground cables, it is desirable that measurement be performed using the maximum current, as far as possible, that can actually flow through those sections. The following explains the reasons:

- Even in a connection completely free from abnormality, a relatively high resistance may be indicated at a lower measurement current. This is due to an oxide film that is generated around the contact while it is not used.
- Even when it is judged that no abnormality is found using a small current, the connection sections are occasionally melted when a large current flows. This problem occurs due to the Joule heat generated by a large current when a high resistance area is created locally.

Chapter 5 Judgment and Conversion Functions

This chapter describes the measured value judgment and conversion functions.

5.1 Judging Measured Values (Comparator Function)

This function judges a measured value to be Hi (measured value > upper limit), IN (upper limit > measured value > lower limit), or Lo (lower limit > measured value) against the set reference value, or upper or lower limit values.

The judgment result can be verified on screen, with the buzzer (factory default is OFF), and the L2105 LED Comparator Attachment (option).

There are two different judgment methods available: ABS mode and REF% mode.

IMPORTANT

- If AT or length conversion function is turned ON, the comparator function automatically turns OFF.
- If the comparator function is set to ON, it becomes impossible to change the range (including the auto range). To use the auto range or change the range, set the comparator function to OFF, and then use the [AUTO] key or [▲][▼] keys.
- If the comparator function is set to ON, the interval memory function becomes unavailable.

Before using the comparator function

If no measured value appears, the comparator judgment is displayed as follows: If a measurement error occurs, judgment is not performed

Display	Comparator judgment display (COMP lamp)

oF	Hi
-oF	Lo
--------	No judgment

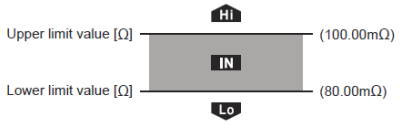
If the power is turned off during a setting process, any setting changes are lost and the previous values remain valid. To apply the changes, press the **[ENTER]** key

ABS (absolute value judgment) mode

Set the upper and lower limit values for judgment, as absolute values.

Example:

Upper limit value……..100.00 mΩ
Lower limit value……..80.00 mΩ
Upper limit value ……100.00 mΩ

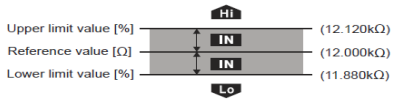


REF% (relative value judgment) mode

Set the allowable % of a reference value to determine the upper and lower limit
values for judgment. In REF% mode, the upper and lower limit values cannot be
set separately.

Example:

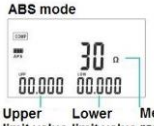
Reference value……12.000kΩ
Upper and lower limit values……..±1.00%



Turning the comparator function ON/OFF

OFF

ABS mode



Upper limit value **Lower limit value** **Measurement range**

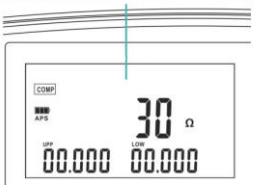
REF% **mode**

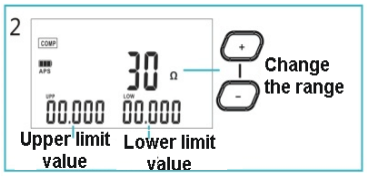
Measurement range

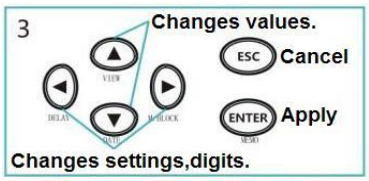
Reference value **Allowable% value**

Judging based on upper and lower limit values (ABS mode)

1 Use the COMP key to change the comparator to ABS mode







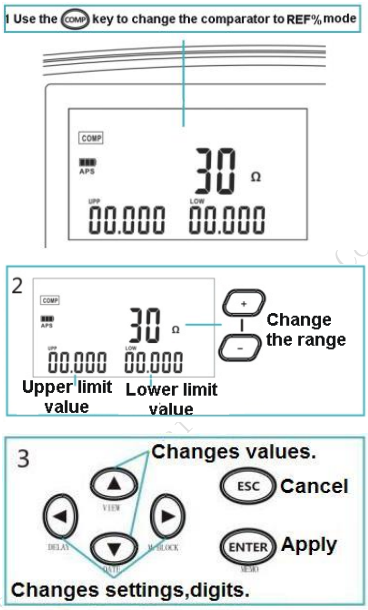
IMPORTANT

Any setting changes cannot be applied when: upper limit value<lower limit value.

Judging based on a reference value and allowable range (REF% mode)

In REF% mode, a measured value is displayed as a relative value. The upper and lower limit values cannot be set separately.

$$\text{Relative value} = \left(\frac{\text{Measured value}}{\text{Reference value}} - 1 \right) \times 100[\%]$$



IMPORTANT

Any setting changes cannot be applied when: upper limit value < lower limit value

Judging based on a reference value and allowable range (REF% mode)

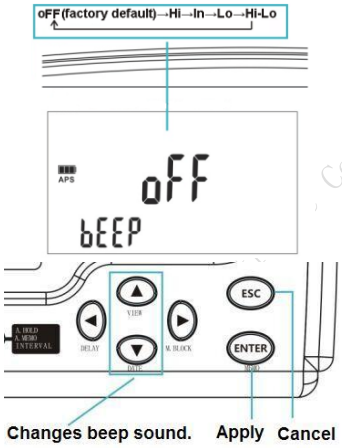
In REF% mode, a measured value is displayed as a relative value. The upper and lower limit values cannot be set separately.

IMPORTANT

The settings cannot be confirmed when the reference value is set to 0

Verifying a judgment with a sound (judgment sound function)

This function sounds the buzzer, based on a comparator judgment result.



5.2 Performing Temperature Rise Test (Temperature Conversion Function (△T))

This function converts the change in the winding resistance into a temperature rise value, based on the temperature conversion principle (p. Appx.7). It can be used to estimate the temperature of the motor or the inside of the coil while the power is cut off based on the change in the winding resistance.

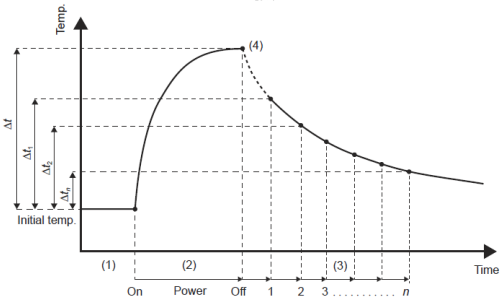
IMPORTANT

(1) After the motor and coil are stabilized at room temperature, measure the resistance (R1) and instrument ambient temperature (t1), and then input these values to the instrument.

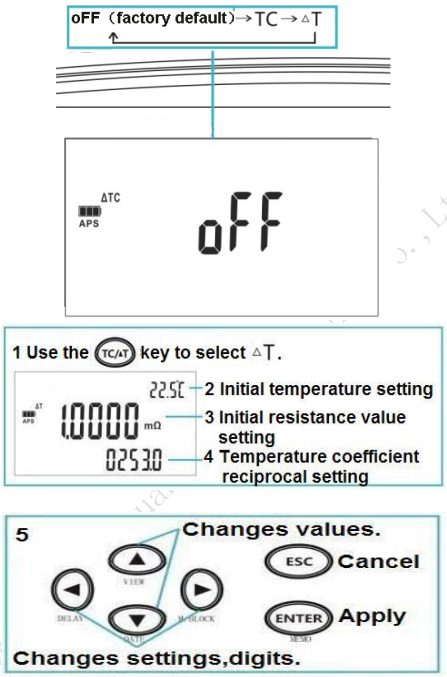
(2) Disconnect the test lead from the measurement target.

(3) After turning off the power, reconnect the test lead to the measurement target and then measure the temperature rise value ($\triangle t_1 \sim \triangle t_n$,) at the preset intervals. It can be measured easily if the interval memory function is used.)

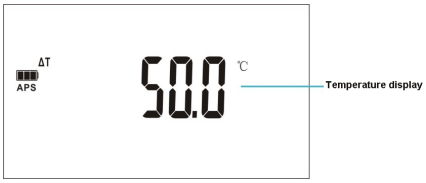
(4) Draw a line by connecting the collected temperature data ($\triangle t_1 \sim \triangle t_n$), and estimate the maximum temperature rise value (△t).



Performing Temperature Rise Test (Temperature Conversion Function (△T))



Measurement screen



5.3 measuring conductor length (length conversion function)

This function converts a resistance value to a length to display the length of the measurement target (such as a conductor).

Press and hold the **[TC/ΔT](LENGTH)** key to display the ON/OFF setting screen for the length conversion function.

$$\text{Length [m]} = \frac{\text{Measured resistance [}\Omega\text{]}}{\text{Per meter resistance [}\Omega\text{/m]}}$$

Example: When the measured resistance is 8Ω and per meter resistance is 100mΩ/m

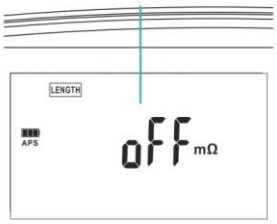
IMPORTANT

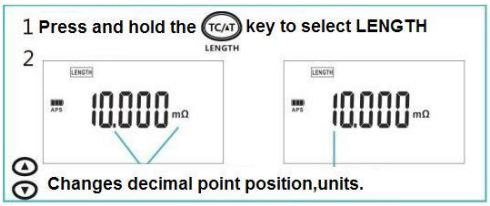
When length conversion function is set to ON, the comparator cannot be turned ON. If △T is set to ON, length conversion function automatically turns OFF

Measuring the Length of a Conductor (Length Conversion Function)

oFF **ON**

(factory default)←→ (per meter resistance value setting)





IMPORTANT

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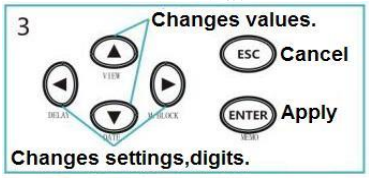


Chapter 6 Panel Save and Load (Saving and Loading Measurement

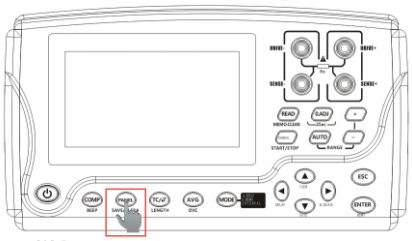
The panel save function can save up to nine sets of measurement conditions displayed at the time of the panel save operation, and the panel load function can load any set of the measurement conditions at any time. The panel data is retained even if the instrument is turned off.

Press the **[PANEL]** key to display the panel load screen.

Press and hold the **[PANEL]** (SAVE/CLEAR) key to display the setting screen for the panel save/clear function.

Conditions that can be saved by panel save:

Resistance measurement range, averaging, delay, comparator, judgment sound, temperature conversion (△T), measurement current change, length conversion, temperature correction (TC), OVC, and memory mode



6.1 Save the measurement conditions (Panel save function)

This function saves the set of current measurement conditions.

1 Press the **[PANEL](SAVE/CLEAR)** key
2 Select SAVE
3 Select a panel number
4 Press the **[ENTER]** key, save and move to the measurement screen

IMPORTANT

- If the already saved panel number is selected and the **[ENTER]** key is pressed, the existing contents are overwritten.
- Zero adjustment values are not saved.

6.2 Reads the measurement conditions (panel reading function)

This function replaces the current measurement conditions with a saved set of measurement conditions.

1 Press the **[PANEL]** key
2 Select a panel number
3 Press the **[ENTER]** key to load the measurement conditions, move to the measurement screen

IMPORTANT

- If the number of a panel that is not saved is selected and the [ENTER] key is pressed, a warning sound is output.
- Zero adjustment values are not read. Zero adjustment can be performed both before and after panel loading.
- If PANEL No.PrSEt is selected, the measurement conditions are initialized. (Preset load)
- The panel number is not displayed on the measurement screen.

6.3 Clearing the Contents of a Panel

1 Press and hold the **[PANEL](SAVE/CLEAR)** key
2 Select CLEAR
3 Select a panel number
4 Press the **[ENTER]** key to delete the panel, move to the measurement screen

IMPORTANT

Once deleted, the contents of the panel cannot be restored.

Chapter 7 Memory function

What the memory function does

This function can save a value currently being measured. The saved data is held even if the instrument is turned off. There are three different saving methods:

- Manual memory (up to 1,000 entries)
- Auto memory (up to 1,000 entries)
- Interval memory (up to 6,000 entries)
- Data to be saved in the memory (Some items cannot be displayed only with the instrument.)

Manual memory, auto memory	Date and time, measurement value, temperature, resistance measurement range, averaging, comparator, changed measurement current, temperature correction (TC), and OVC
Interval memory	Start date and time, measurement value, temperature, resistance measurement range, averaging, temperature correction (TC), temperature conversion (△T), and interval

Memory layout

Memory block (10 blocks)

A.	b.	C.	d.	E.	F.	G.	H.	J.	L.

(Maximum number of entries)

Manual or auto memory: 100 entries per block, a total of 1,000 entries for all blocks

Interval memory: A total of 6,000 entries for all blocks

(The number of memory in each block is not fixed.)

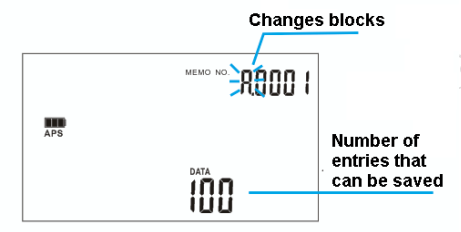
To save up to the maximum amount of memory shown above, all blocks should be used for the manual or auto-memory, or for the interval memory only. If both types of memory blocks exist, saving up to the maximum is not possible.

Memory blocks

In manual or auto memory mode, the block to save data can be selected. In interval mode, data is saved in an available free block when the interval starts. In interval mode, the memory block to save data cannot be specified.

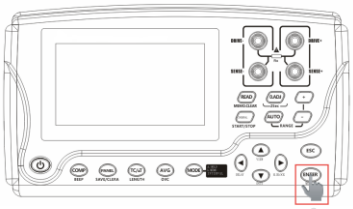
Changing the memory block

1 Press the **[▶](M.BLOCK)**key, to go to the memory block selection screen.
2 Rolling the**[▲]** or **[▼]** key to change the memory block.
3 Press the **[Enter]** key to move the measurement screen, or press the **[Esc]** key to cancel the measurement screen.



7.1 Press any timing to save (manual storage)

Press the **[ENTER] MEMO** key to save the displayed measured value

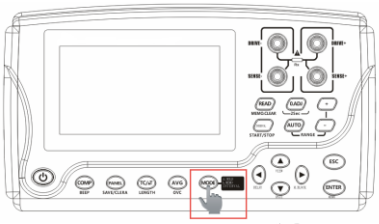


The memory number is incremented by one each time data is saved, and cannot be specified. If data is accidentally saved, clear the last data item saved (latest data)

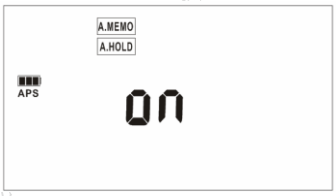
7.2 After stable measurement values automatically save

When a measured value stabilizes, the value is automatically held and saved.

Press the **[MODE]** key to switch saving mode.



oFF→Auto-hold (A.HOLD) →Auto-memory (A.HOLD, A.MEMORY) →Interval (INTERVAL) → oFF



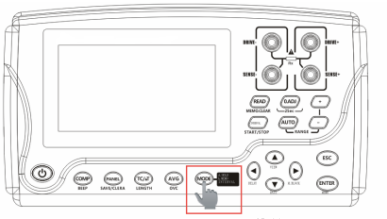
Press the **[ENTER]** key to confirm the saving mode; press the **[ESC]** key to cancel the selection.

The memory number is incremented by one each time data is saved, and cannot be specified. If data is accidentally saved, clear the last data item saved (latest data).

7.3 save at regular intervals (interval memory function)

This function can save measured data at specified intervals. Using this function together with △T makes it easy to perform a temperature rise test (for estimation of power-off temperature).

Press the **[MODE]** key to switch the saving mode



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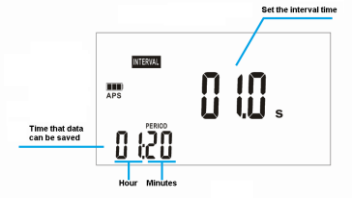
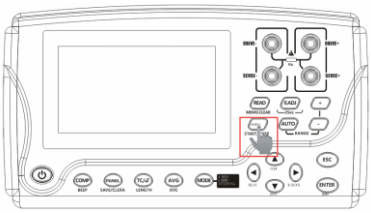


Press the **[▲][▼][◀][▶]** key to set the interval time.

Press the **[ENTER]** key to confirm the setting; press the **[ESC]** key to cancel the setting.

The time that data can be saved varies depending on the number of memory units already saved and the set interval time.



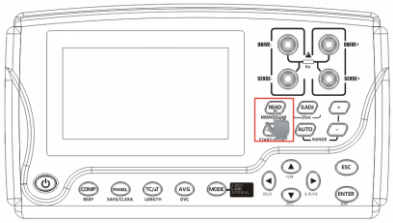
Press and hold **[INTERVAL]** key to start interval function; press and hold once again the **[INTERVAL]** key to stop the interval function.

IMPORTANT

- When an interval measurement starts, data is automatically saved in an available free block. The memory block used cannot be changed. When the interval measurement stops, the used memory block displays FULL.
- When the interval memory function is set to ON, the comparator function cannot be used. When the comparator is set to ON, the interval memory function cannot be used.

7.4 Display saved measurement data (stored display)

Press the **[READ]** key to display the saved measurement data.



Press the **[▲][▼][◀][▶]** key to change the saved read number.
Press **[ENTER]** or **[ESC]** key to return measurement screen.

7.5 Delete saved measurement data (clear memory)

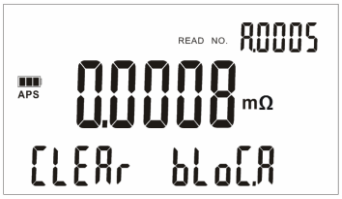
There are three different methods to clear saved measurement data.

- Clearing only the last data (latest data) saved in a block
- Clearing an entire block
- Clearing all

Press and hold the **[READ]MEMO.CLEAR** key to display the clearing measurement data screen.

Clearing only the latest data saved in a block (block selectable)

Clearing an entire block of saved data



Clearing all

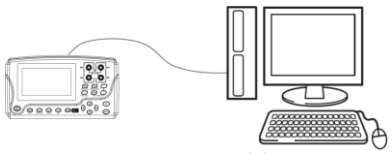
7.6 The saved measurement data read into the computer

Measured values stored in the memory are organized as files in CSV format.

Data saved in the internal memory can be exported to a PC, using USB mass storage mode.

Connecting a USB cable

Be careful of the orientation of the USB cable plugs and connect the plugs to the instrument and PC.



Removing the USB cable

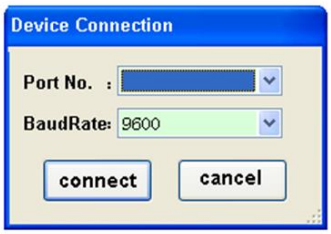
To remove the USB cable connected to the instrument while the PC is running, use the “Safely Remove Hardware” icon on the PC.

Install desktop software

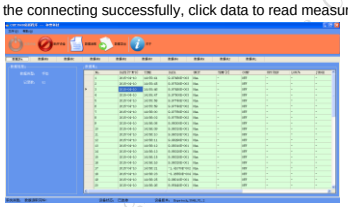
CKT3548 desktop software.exe is green software. It works just by copying a file to the PC. Please make sure you’ve installed the framework 4.0 before you use the CKT3548 desktop software. Otherwise, you cannot use it.

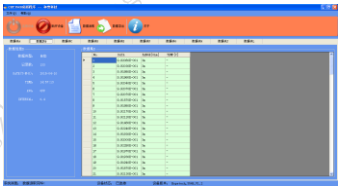
Load the measurement data

Open CKT3548 desktop software.exe, click the connection device. Select the port number in the pop-up dialog box.

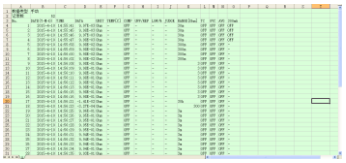


After the connecting successfully, click data to read measurement





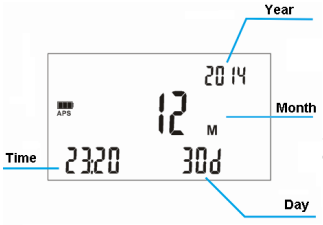
Click the data export; the data can be exported to a .CSV file.



Chapter 8 System Settings

8.1 confirmation screen displays the date and time

Press and hold the **[▼](DATE)** key to verify the date and time

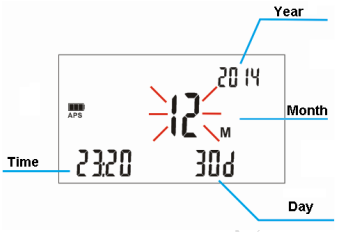


Press the **[Esc]** or **[Enter]** key to return the measurement screen.

8.2 calibration clock

Set the date and time.

To display the time setting screen, press and hold the **[▼](DATE)** key in date and time state.



Press **[◄] [►]** key to switch the digits, items, press the **[▲] [▼]** key to change the values.

Press the **[Enter]** key to confirm and switch the time and date screen.

Press the **[Esc]** key to cancel and switch the time and data screen.

8.3 initialized (reset)

This function provides the following three types of reset:

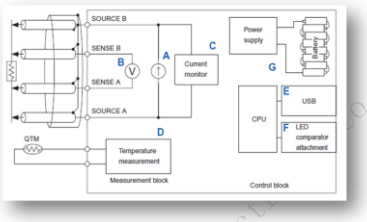
• Memory clear: Initializes the memory that stores measurement data. (This type of initialization is possible even if the power is on.)

Reset (to reset the current measurement conditions): Resets data and settings other than the panel data, saved measurement data, and the clock settings to the factory defaults.

System reset: Resets all settings other than the clock settings, including the panel data and saved measurement data, to the factory defaults.

Chapter 9 Appendix

Appx. 1 block diagram



- Apply constant current determined by the measurement range from the SOURCE B terminal to the SOURCE A terminal, and measure the voltage between the SENSE B and SENSE A terminals. The resistance value (R=V/I) is obtained by dividing the measured voltage (V) by the constant current value (I). (A, B)
- The constant current source and voltmeter circuitry is designed not to be affected by contact resistance easily.
- During measurement, it is monitored whether normal constant current flow is present in the measurement target. (C)
- In addition to resistance, temperature is measured with a thermistor temperature sensor at the same time. The measured temperature can be used to correct the resistance value. (D)
- With USB connection, the instrument acts as a mass storage device. Data can be exported to a PC easily. (E)
- The optional L2105 LED Comparator Attachment can be used to judge a measurement result without needing to watch the display.
- The instrument is powered by eight LR6 alkaline batteries. It is compact, but can use a large current of 1 A for measurement with a resolution of 0.1μΩ. (A, G).

Appx. 2 Four-Terminal (Voltage-Drop) Method

The accuracy of low resistance measurement is significantly affected by the resistance of wires between a measuring instrument and probes, and by the contact resistance between the probes and a measurement target.

Wiring resistance varies significantly, depending on the thickness and length of the wire. The cable used for resistance measurement is approx. mΩ/m for AWG24 (0.2sq) or approx. 2424mΩ/m for AWG18 (0.75sq), for example. Contact resistance depends on the degree of wear and contact pressure of the probes, and the measurement current. Even for a good contact, the resistance is several mΩ. It is not rare for the resistance to reach several Ω.

The four-terminal method is essential for measuring very small resistance values. With two-terminal measurements (Fig. 1), the resistance of the test leads is included in the measured resistance, resulting in measurement errors.

The four-terminal measurements (Fig. 2) consist of the current source terminals (SOURCE A and SOURCE B) to provide constant current, and voltage detection terminals (SENSE A and SENSE B) to detect voltage drop.

Because of the high input impedance of the voltmeter, measurement requires practically no current flow through the leads connecting the voltage detection terminals to the measurement target, practically eliminating the effects of lead and contact resistance on the measurement. Two-terminal measurement method Four-terminal measurement method

Two-terminal measurement method

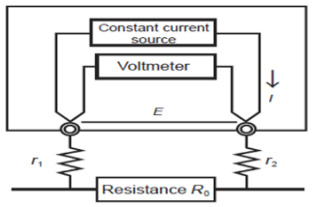


Fig. 1

Measurement current I flows through test object resistance R0 as well as lead resistances r1 and r2. The voltage to be measured is obtained by E=I (r1+R0+r2), which includes lead resistances r1 and r2.

Four-terminal measurement method

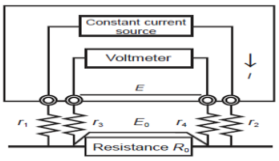


Fig. 2

Current I flows from r2 through measurement target resistance R0 to r1. The high input impedance of the voltmeter allows only negligible current flow through r3 and r4. So the voltage drop across r3 and r4 is practically nil, and voltage E across the measurement terminals and voltage E0 across test object resistance R0 are essentially equal, allowing test object resistance to be measured without being affected by r1 to r4.

Appx. 3 on DC mode and AC mode

There are two resistance measurement (or impedance measurement) types: DC and AC.

- **DC type**

Resistance meters CKT3540，CKT3548.

Common digital multimeters.
Common insulation testers.

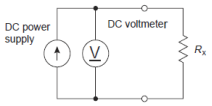
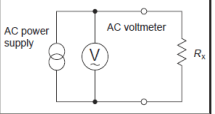
- **AC type**

Battery HiTesters CKT3560，CKT3563，CKT3554.

Common LCR meters.

DC resistance meters are widely used for measurement of general-purpose resistors, winding resistance, contact resistance, insulation resistance, etc. The DC type consists of an DC power supply and DC voltmeter. While its simple circuitry makes it easier to increase accuracy, it is prone to measurement errors due to electromotive force that may be present in the measurement path.

The AC type is used where measurement with direct current is not possible, including measurement of inductors, capacitors, and battery impedance. Essentially, an AC resistance meter is not affected by DC electromotive force, because it consists of an AC power supply and AC voltmeter. However, it is important to note that an AC resistance meter may indicate a different measurement value from a DC one, for example, due to an iron loss included in the series equivalent resistance of a coil.

	DC resistance meters	AC resistance meter
Measurement signal detection voltage	Direct current 	Alternating current 
Advantages	Capable of high-precision measurement	Capable of reactance measurement without being affected by electromotive force
Disadvantages	Affected by electromotive force, since DC-biased measurement is not possible. (However, the OVC function can be used to compensate for thermal EMF.)	Difficult to increase accuracy
Applications	DC resistance of windings such as transformers and motors, contact resistance, insulation resistance, and PCB track resistance	Electrochemical measurement of battery impedance, inductors, and capacitors
Measurement range	10^{-8} to 10^{16}	10^{-3} to 10^{8}

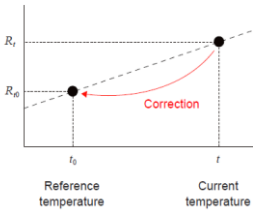
Appx. 4 on temperature compensation (TC)

Temperature correction converts the value of a resistance that depends on temperature, such as that of a copper wire, to a resistance value at a particular temperature to display it.

Resistances Rt and Rt 0 below are the resistance values of the measurement target (having resistance temperature coefficient at t_0°C of αt 0) at t°C and t_0°C.

$$R_t = R_{t0} \times \{1 + \alpha_{t0} \times (t - t_0)\}$$

R_t	Actual measured resistance [Ω]
R_{t0}	Corrected resistance [Ω]
t_0	Reference temperature [°C]
t	Current ambient temperature [°C]
α_{t0}	Temperature coefficient at t_0 [1/°C]



Example

If a copper test object (with a resistance temperature coefficient at 20°C of 3930 ppm) measures 100Ω at 30°C, its resistance at 20°C is calculated as follows:

$$R_{t0} = \frac{R_t}{1 + \alpha_{t0} \times (t - t_0)}$$
$$= \frac{100}{1 + (3930 \times 10^{-4}) \times (30 - 20)}$$
$$= 96.22$$

IMPORTANT

- The temperature probe detects only ambient temperature; not surface temperature.
- Before measuring, place the temperature sensor as close to the measurement target as possible, and allow sufficient time for them to stabilize at ambient temperature.

Reference

Conductive properties of metals and alloys

Material	Content [%]	Density ($\times 10^3$) [kg/m^3]	Conductivity	Temp. Coeff. (20°C) [ppm]
Annealed copper wire	Cu > 99.9	8.89	1.00 to 1.02	3810 to 3970
Hard-drawn copper wire	Cu > 99.9	8.89	0.96 to 0.98	3770 to 3850
Cadmium copper wire	Cd 0.7 to 1.2	8.94	0.85 to 0.88	3340 to 460
Silver copper	Ag 0.03 to 0.1	8.89	0.96 to 0.98	3930
Chrome copper	Cr 0.4 to 0.8	8.89	0.40 to 0.50 0.80 to 0.85	2000 3000
Carlson alloy wire	Ni 2.5 to 4.0 Si 0.5 to 1.0		0.25 to 0.45	980 to 1770
Annealed aluminum wire	Al > 99.5	2.7	0.63 to 0.64	4200
Hard-drawn aluminum wire	Al > 99.5	2.7	0.60 to 0.62	4000
Aldrey wire	Si 0.4 to 0.6 Mg 0.4 to 0.5 Al remaining portion		0.50 to 0.55	3600

Temperature Correction Function (TC)

Diameter [mm]	Annealed copper wire	Tinned annealed copper wire	Hard-drawn copper wire
0.01 to less than 0.26	0.98	0.93	-
0.26 to less than 0.29	0.98	0.94	-
0.29 to less than 0.50	0.993	0.94	-
0.50 to less than 2.00	1.00	0.96	0.96
2.00 to less than 8.00	1.00	0.97	0.97

The temperature coefficient changes according to the temperature and conductivity.

If the temperature coefficient at 20°C is a_{20} and the temperature coefficient for conductivity C at t°C is a_{Ct}, a_{Ct} is determined as follows near the ambient temperature.

$$\alpha_{Ct} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\alpha_{20} \times C} + (t - 20)}$$

For example, the temperature coefficient of international standard annealed copper is 3930 ppm/°C at 20°C. For tinned annealed copper wire (with a diameter from 0.10 to less than 0.26 mm), the temperature coefficient a_{20} at 20°C is calculated as follows:

$$\alpha_{20} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{0.00393 \times 0.93} + (20 - 20)} = 3650\,\text{ppm}/^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Appx. 5 on temperature conversion function (ΔT)

Utilizing the temperature-dependent nature of resistance, the temperature conversion function converts resistance measurements for display as temperatures. This method of temperature conversion is described here.

According to IEC 60034, the resistance law may be applied to determine temperature increase as follows:

$$\Delta t = \frac{R_2}{R_1}(k + t_1) - (k + t_2)$$

Δt	Temperature increase [°C]
t_1	Winding temp. [°C] (cool state) when measuring initial resistance R_1
t_2	Coolant temp. [°C] at the end of temperature rise test
R_1	Winding resistance [Ω] at temp. t_1 (cool state)
R_2	Winding resistance [Ω] at the end of temperature rise test
k	Reciprocal [°C] of temp. coefficient of conductor material at 0°C

Example

With resistance R_1 of 200mΩ at initial temperature t_1 of 20°C, and measured resistance R_2 of 210 mΩ at current ambient temperature t_2 of 25°C, the temperature increase value is calculated as follows:

$$\Delta t = \frac{R_2}{R_1}(k + t_1) - (k + t_2)$$
$$= \frac{210 \times 10^{-3}}{200 \times 10^{-3}}(235 + 20) - (235 + 25)$$
$$= 7.75\ ^\circ\mathrm{C}$$

Therefore, the current temperature t_R of the resistive body can be calculated as follows:

$$t_R = t_2 + \Delta t = 25 + 7.75 = 32.75$$

For a measurement target that is not copper or aluminum with a temperature coefficient of α_{t0}, the constant k can be calculated using the formula shown for the temperature correction function and the above formula, as follows:

$$k = \frac{1}{\alpha_{t0}} - t_0$$

For example, the temperature coefficient of copper at 20°C is 3930 ppm/°C, so the constant *k* in this case is as follows, which shows almost the same value as the constant for copper 235 defined by the IEC standard.

$$k = \frac{1}{3930 \times 10^{-6}} - 20 = 234.5$$

Appx. 6 Effect of Thermoelectromotive Force (Thermal EMF)

Thermoelectromotive force (thermal EMF) is the potential difference that occurs at the junction of two dissimilar metals, including between the probe tips and the lead wire of the measurement target. If the difference is sufficiently large, it can cause erroneous measurements. (Fig. 1) The amplitude of thermal EMF depends on the temperature of the measurement environment, with the force generally being greater at higher temperature.

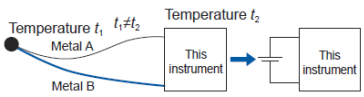


Fig. 1 Thermal EMF generation

Increasing thermal EMF examples

- The measurement target is a fuse, thermal fuse, thermistor, bimetal, or thermostat.
- The voltage detection lines use a single stable relay as a contact.
- An alligator clip is used as a voltage detection terminal.
- A voltage detection terminal is held by hand.
- There is a large temperature difference between the measurement target and the instrument.
- Wire materials differ between terminal A and terminal B sides