

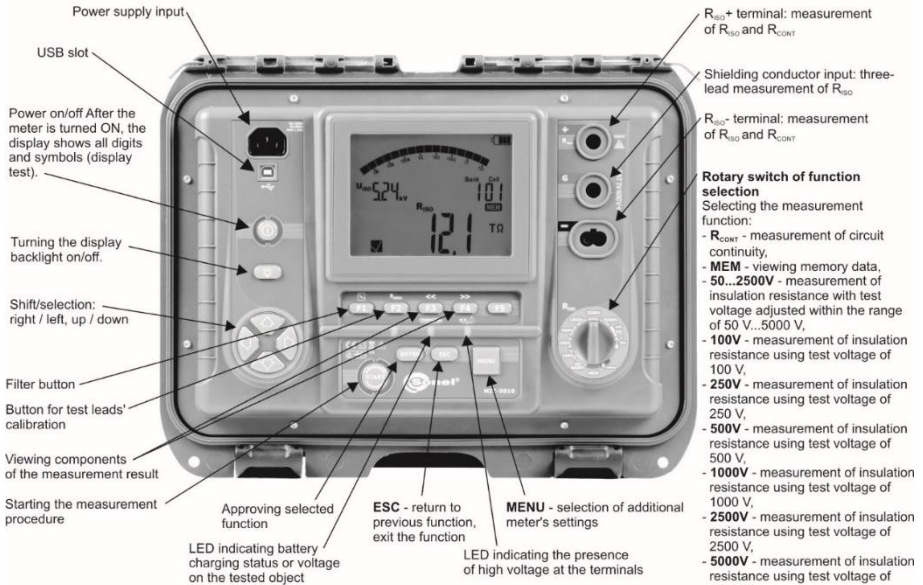


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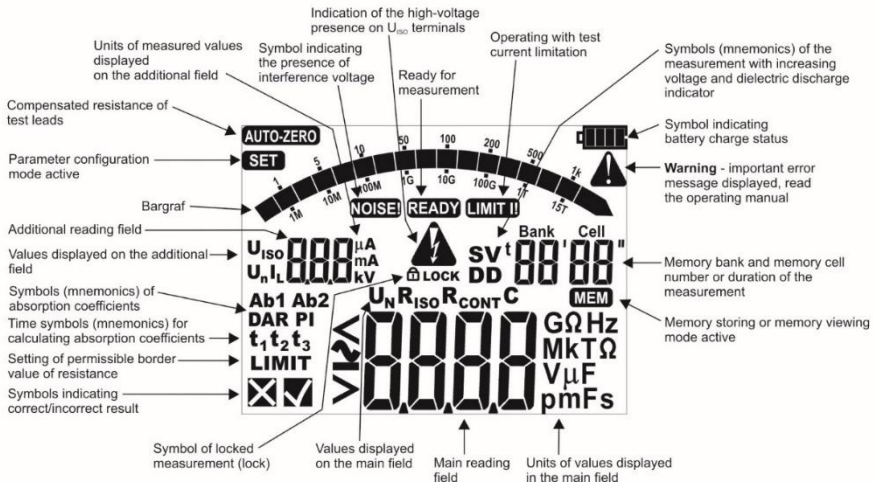
## **INSULATION RESISTANCE METERS**

**MIC-5010 • MIC-5005**

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## DISPLAY





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MIC-5010 and MIC-5005 meters are modern, high-quality, easy and safe in operation. Please acquaint yourself with the present manual in order to avoid measuring errors and prevent possible problems related to operation of the meter.

**MIC-5010** *The icon with the meter name is placed next to sections of the text that refer to specific features of the device. All other parts of the text relate to all types of the instrument.*










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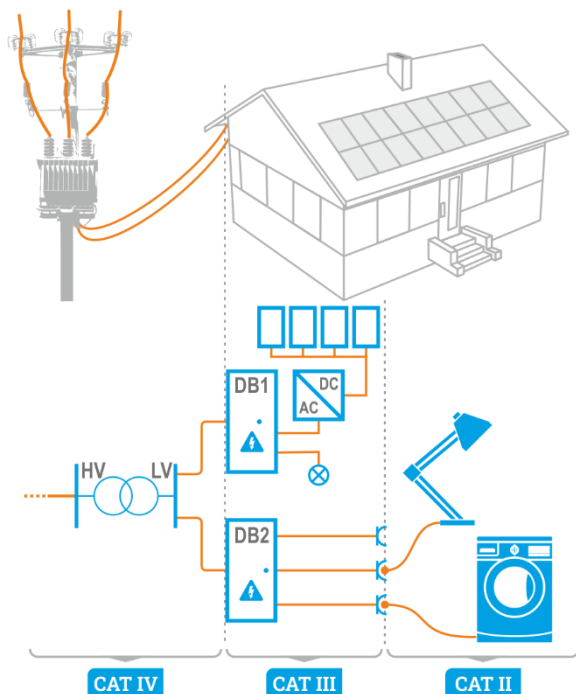
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# 1 General information

## 1.1 Safety symbols

The following international symbols are used in the device and/or in this manual:

	Refer to the user manual for additional information and explanations		Ground		AC current/voltage
	DC current/voltage		Double insulation (protection class)		Declaration of Conformity with EU directives ( <i>Conformité Européenne</i> )
	Do not dispose of with other household waste		Attention, risk of electric shock. The device generates a voltage of 5000 V		Do not connect the device to systems with voltages above 600 V



Measurement categories according to EN IEC 61010-2-030:

- **CAT II** – concerns measurements performed in circuits directly connected to low voltage installations,
- **CAT III** – concerns measurements performed in buildings installations,
- **CAT IV** – concerns measurements performed at the source of low voltage installation.

## 1.2 Safety

The MIC-5010 and MIC-5005 meters are designed for performing check tests of protection against electric shock in mains systems. The meters are used for making measurements and providing results to determine safety of electrical installations. Therefore, in order to provide conditions for correct operation and accuracy of obtained results, the following recommendations must be observed:

- Before you proceed to operate the meter, acquaint yourself thoroughly with the present manual and observe the safety regulations and specifications provided by the producer.
- Any application that differs from those specified in the present manual may result in a damage to the device and constitute a source of danger for the user.
- The MIC-5010 and MIC-5005 meters must be operated only by appropriately qualified personnel with relevant certificates authorising the personnel to perform works on electric systems. Operating the meter by unauthorised personnel may result in damage to the device and constitute a source of danger for the user.
- During measurements of insulation resistance, dangerous voltage up to 5 kV occurs at the ends of test leads of the meter.
- Before the measurement of insulation resistance you must be sure that tested object is disconnected from the power supply.
- During the measurement of insulation resistance do not disconnect test leads from the tested object before the measurement is completed (see sec. 3.1.2); otherwise the capacitance of the object will not be discharged, creating the risk of electric shock.
- When measuring the resistance of a cable, ensure that the other end of the cable is protected against accidental contact.
- Using this manual does not exclude the need to comply with occupational health and safety regulations and with other relevant fire regulations required during the performance of a particular type of work. Before starting the work with the device in special environments, e.g. potentially fire-risk/explosive environment, it is necessary to consult it with the person responsible for health and safety.
- It is unacceptable to operate:
  - ⇒ a damaged meter which is completely or partially out of order,
  - ⇒ a test leads with damaged insulation,
  - ⇒ a meter stored for an excessive period of time in disadvantageous conditions (e.g. excessive humidity). If the meter has been transferred from a cool to a warm environment with a high level of relative humidity, do not start measurements until the meter is warmed up to the ambient temperature (approximately 30 minutes).
- One should remember that when the word **LOW** appears on the display, it indicates insufficient voltage of power supply and the need to recharge the batteries.
- The symbols **ErrX**, where **X** is a number between 0 to 9, indicate incorrect operation of the meter. If after restarting the device this situation is repeated - it indicates that the meter is damaged.
- Before measurement, choose a correct measurement function and make sure that test leads are connected to respective measuring terminals.
- Do not power the meter from sources other than those listed in this manual.
- **The R<sub>ISO</sub>** inputs of the meter are protected electronically from overload (e.g. due to having been connected to a live circuit) up to 660V rms for 60 seconds.
- Repairs may be performed only by an authorised service point.

### Note:

**Due to continuous development of the meter's software, the actual appearance of the display, in case of some of the functions, may slightly differ from the display presented in this operating manual.**

### ATTENTION!

**To display the correct battery discharge status, it is necessary to completely discharge and then fully charge the battery, before starting the regular use of the meter.**

**Note:**

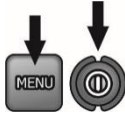
An attempt to install drivers in 64-bit Windows 8 may result in displaying "Installation failed" message.

**Cause:** Windows 8 by default blocks drivers without a digital signature.

**Solution:** Disable the driver signature enforcement in Windows.

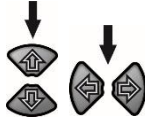
## 2 Meter configuration

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Turn on the meter by pressing and holding the **MENU** button.

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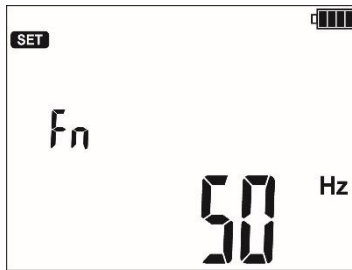


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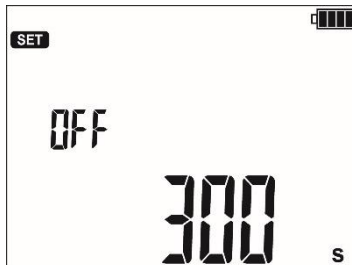
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Rated grid frequency (50 Hz and 60 Hz).



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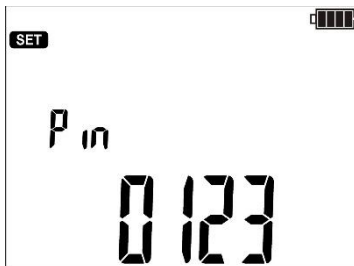
Auto-off time (300 s, 600 s, 900 s) or none (---).



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Pin, the digit being set is blinking. Moving to the next digit with the **F3** and **F4** buttons.

The same code must be entered in the computer programme for wireless transmission. It is used to prevent access of unauthorized persons to the meter via wireless connections (external entities).



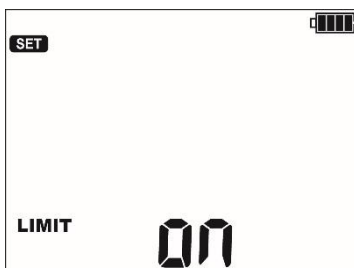
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Absorption coefficients for  $R_{iso}$ : Ab1, Ab2 ( $Rb$ ) or PI, DAR ( $Pi$ ). Each change sets the t1, t2 and t3 to their default values: for **Ab1/Ab2** t1=15s, t2=60, t3=0, and for **PI/DAR** t1=30, t2=60, t3=0).



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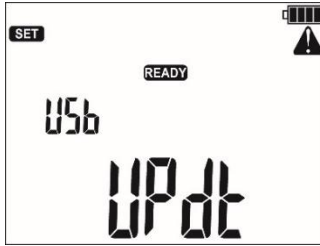
**MIC-5010** Enabling ( $0n$ ) and disabling ( $0FF$ ) the limit settings.



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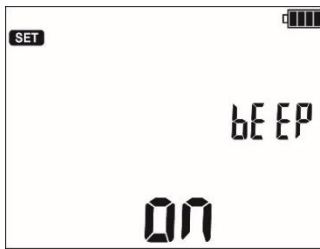
Software updates.

This topic is discussed in sec. 6.



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Enabling (on) and disabling (off) the buzzer.



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Test voltage accuracy: Hi – 0...5%, Lo – 0...10%



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Press **ENTER** to confirm and go to the measurement screen.



Press **ESC** to go to the measurement screen without approving the changes.

**Note:**

To restore factory settings, press and hold the ON/OFF button for more than 5 seconds.

### 3 Measurements

#### Notes:

- The result of the latest measurement is remembered by the meter until a next measurement is started or the measuring function is changed by means of the rotary switch. It is displayed for 20 s. Then it may be recalled by pressing **ENTER**, also after the meter is turned off and turned back on again.

**WARNING:**

During a measurement, switching of the range switch is forbidden because it may damage the meter and pose a threat to the user.

#### 3.1 Measurement of insulation resistance

**WARNING:**

The tested object must not be live.

**WARNING:**

Take particular care during cable measurement. The risk of electric shock is present also after discharging their capacitance by the meter, as the voltage can be rebuilt automatically. Therefore, it is recommended to:

- connect the working cores of the cable to its grounded shield or local grounding before measurement,
- disconnect the grounding of the cores only after connecting the meter's test leads to the cable and only then start the measurement,
- after measuring and discharging the cable by the meter, ground the working cores as in the first step,
- disconnect the grounding of the cores just before applying the operating voltage to the cable.

**WARNING:**

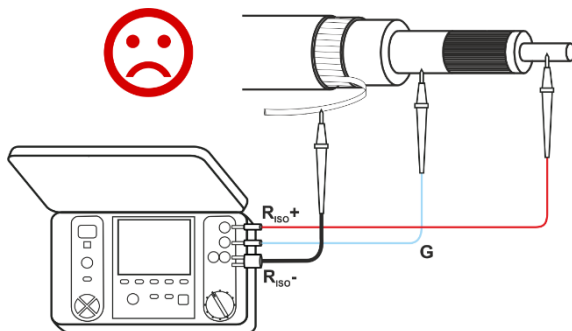
During measurements, it is recommended to use electrical insulating personal protection equipment, which reduces the risk of touching the wires that may pose a threat to the user.

**Note:**

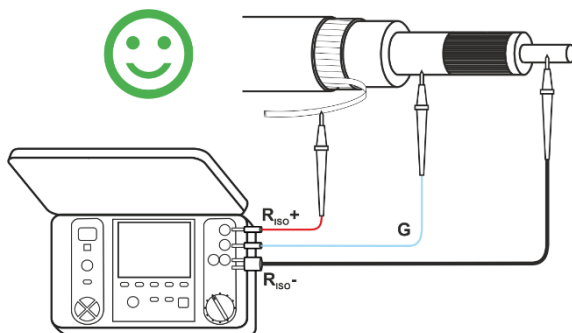
During measurement, especially of high resistances, make sure that test leads do not touch each other and probes (crocodile clips), because such a contact may cause the flow of surface currents resulting in additional error in measurement results.

### 3.1.1 The role of connection polarity

During insulation resistance measurements of power cables, very low leakage currents are measured, making the result susceptible to external interference and parasitic currents. A configuration where **the positive terminal of the meter ( $R_{ISO+}$ ) is connected to the shield / sheath / concentric conductor, and the negative terminal ( $R_{ISO-}$ ) to the core conductor**, limits the influence of leakage currents flowing across the insulation surface of the test leads, as well as interference from electric fields present in power facilities. As a result, fewer unwanted currents reach the measuring system, which improves the stability and accuracy of the result, especially during high-voltage cable measurements and in HV/MV substations.



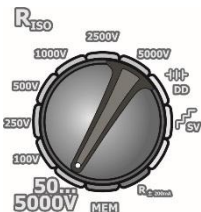
The  $R_{ISO+}$  terminal connected to the core conductor, and the  $R_{ISO-}$  terminal to the shield.  
The configuration is susceptible to interference and parasitic currents



The  $R_{ISO+}$  terminal connected to the screen, and the  $R_{ISO-}$  terminal to the core conductor.  
The configuration has increased resistance to interference and parasitic currents

### 3.1.2 Double-lead measurement

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Set the rotary function selection switch in one of the  $R_{150}$  positions, selecting at the same time the measurement voltage (positions **50 - 5000 V**, selected with a step of 10 V in the range 50 V - 1 kV and with a step of 25 V between 1 kV and 5 kV). The meter is in the voltage measurement mode.



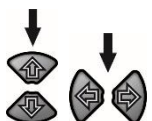
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Press the **MENU** push-button to select:

- time used for calculating the absorption coefficients - ( $t_1$ ,  $t_2$ ,  $t_3$ ),
- the whole measurement time  $t$ ,
- short-circuit current  $I_{SC}$ ,
- **MIC-5010** limit.

For the position of the selector between **50...5000 V**, an additional option is available to select the test voltage  $U_n$ .

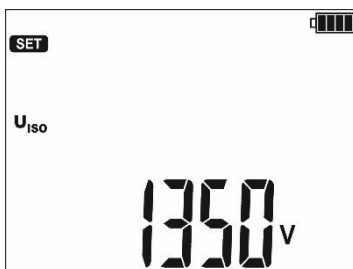


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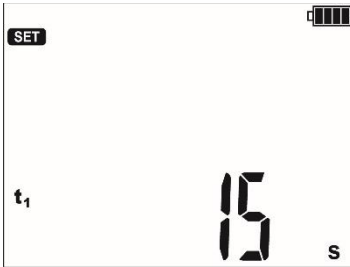
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Test voltage  $U_n$ ,



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times - in sequence  $t_1$  (1...600 s),  $t_2$  (1...600 s, but  $>t_1$ ) and  $t_3$  (1...600 s, but  $>t_2$ ) and  $t$  (independent of  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$ : 1 s...99 min 59 s),



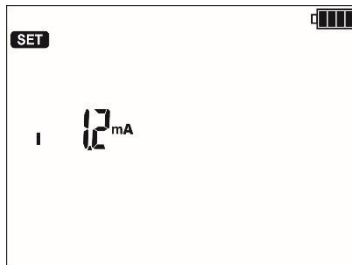
Setting of the times  $t_1...t_3$ .



Setting of the time  $t$ .

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Short-circuit current  $I_{SC}$ : 1,2 mA or 3 mA,



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**MIC-5010** Limit.





For  $R_{ISO}$  the limit is the minimum value. The limit range is from 1 kΩ to 15 TΩ.

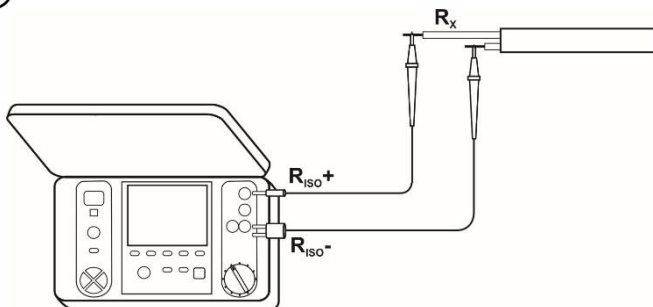
The limit value is set using the  $\uparrow$  and  $\downarrow$  buttons. As the meter has many measurement sub-ranges, an algorithm for rapid increase or decrease of values is implemented. When holding the value

key it changes very rapidly: first the hundreds, after 3 s tens, and after 3 s units etc. The limit setting is circular. The resolution of the set limit is related to the sub-range.

To deactivate the limit (displayed symbol ---) press the  $\blacktriangledown$  button while in the 1 k $\Omega$  position or the  $\blacktriangleup$  button while in the 15 T $\Omega$  position.

- 7  or  Press **ENTER** to confirm settings (confirmed by beep) or press **ESC** to exit without saving the changes.

- 8 Connect test leads according to the drawing.



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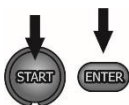



The meter is ready for measurement.

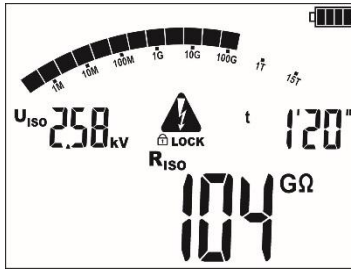
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Press and hold **START** push-button. The measurement is performed continuously until you release the button or the pre-set time is reached.



In order to maintain (block) the measurement, press **ENTER** while holding the **START** - push-button pressed - the following symbol will be displayed  **LOCK**, then release the button. In order to interrupt the measurement in this mode, press **START** again or press **ESC**.

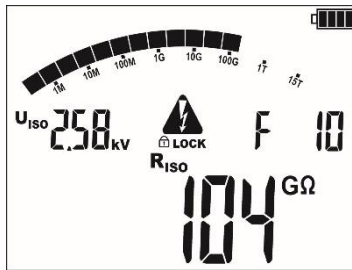


View of the screen during measurement.

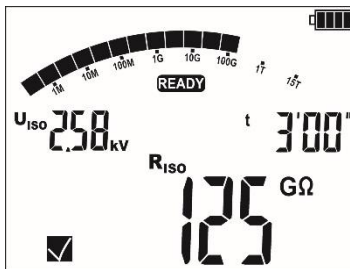
During measurements controlled using the ← and → buttons the display of the test voltage  $U_{iso}$  for the  $I_L$  leakage current may be changed.

The meter is equipped with an advanced digital filter for result stabilisation in difficult and unstable measurement conditions. When the **F1** button is pressed before or during the measurement the meter will make calculations which will stabilise the fluctuations of the measurement results. The meter displays a filtered value of measurements for a specified time period. The filter is selected by pressing the **F1** button i.e. after the first press the result shall be displayed as a filtered value from the last 10 s, after the second press from the last 30 s, then for 60 s and finally the filter is turned off "-". The filter setting is circulating. The filter setting is erased automatically after the meter has been turned off or when the measurement function is changed using the rotary selector.

The ability to set the filter depends on the set  $t$  measurement time, for example when  $t=20$  s it is only possible to set the filter for 10 s.

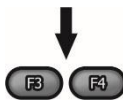


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After the measurement is completed, read the result.

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Use the **F3** and **F4** buttons (**SCREEN**) to see individual components of the result in the following order:

$R_{iso} \rightarrow I_L$  and  $C \rightarrow Rt1$  and  $It1 \rightarrow Rt2$  and  $It2 \rightarrow Rt3$  and  $It3 \rightarrow Ab1$  (DAR)  $\rightarrow Ab2$  (PI)  $\rightarrow R_{iso} \rightarrow$  limit(only

**MIC-5010**), where  $C$  – is the capacitance of the tested object.

## Note:



During measurements of insulation resistance, dangerous voltage up to 5 kV occurs at the ends of test leads of the meter.

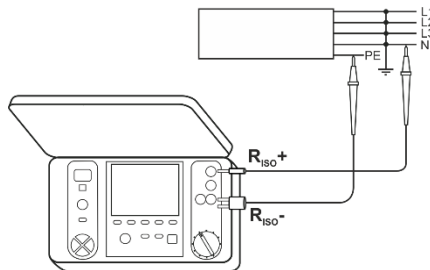


It is forbidden to disconnect test leads before the measurement is completed. Failure to obey the above instruction will lead to high voltage electric shock and make it impossible to discharge the tested object.


- Disabling t2 will also disable t3.
- Timer measuring the measurement time is started when  $U_{ISO}$  voltage is stabilized.
- Symbol **LIMIT II** informs of an operation with limited inverter power. If this condition persists for 20 seconds, the measurement is interrupted.
- A short tone informs of passing 5 s periods of time. When the timer reaches characteristic points (tx times), then for 1 s a symbol (mnemonic) of this point is displayed which is accompanied by a long beep.
- If any of the measured values of partial resistance is out of range, the value of the absorption coefficient is not displayed – the display shows dashes.
- During the measurement a yellow LED is lit.
- After completion of measurement, the capacitance of the object tested is discharged by shorting  $R_{ISO+}$  and  $R_{ISO-}$  terminals with resistance of 100 k $\Omega$ .



- Capacitance measurement is carried out only while the capacitance of the tested object is being discharged. If the  $R_{ISO}$  measurement is interrupted before the  $R_{ISO}$  value stabilizes, the discharge will start too early, so the capacitance measurement result may not be correct.
- In case of power cables measure the insulation resistance between each conductor and other conductors shorted and grounded (figure below).



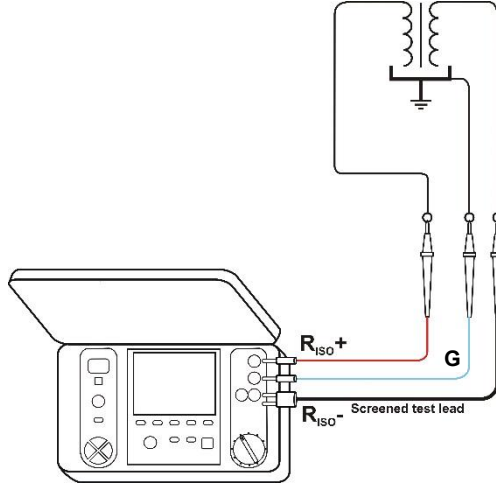
## Additional information displayed by the meter

	<p>Test voltage is present on terminals of the meter.</p>
<p><b>NOISE!</b></p>	<p>Interference voltage lower than 50 V DC or 500 V AC, is present on the tested object. Measurement is possible but may be burdened with additional uncertainty.</p>
<p><b>LIMIT!</b></p>	<p>Activation of current limit. The symbol displayed is accompanied by a continuous beep.</p>
<p><b>H I L E</b></p>	<p>Breakdown of the tested object insulation, the measurement is interrupted. The message appears after <b>LIMIT!</b> displaying for 20 s during the measurement, when the voltage previously reached the nominal value.</p>
<p><b><math>U_n &gt; 50 \text{ V}</math></b> (for DC) or <b><math>U_n \sim 500 \text{ V}</math></b> (for AC) +two-tone, continuous beep + and LED lit in red</p>	<p>During the measurement, AC voltage appeared or the object cannot be discharged for 30 seconds. After 5 seconds the meter returns to its default mode - voltmeter.</p>

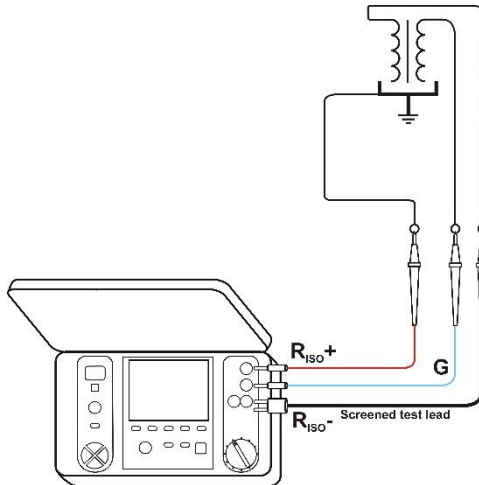
### 3.1.3 Three-lead measurement

In order to eliminate the influence of surface resistance in transformers, cables, etc. the three-lead measurement is used, but do not connect the current measuring test lead  $R_{ISO-}$  to large ground conductors. For example:

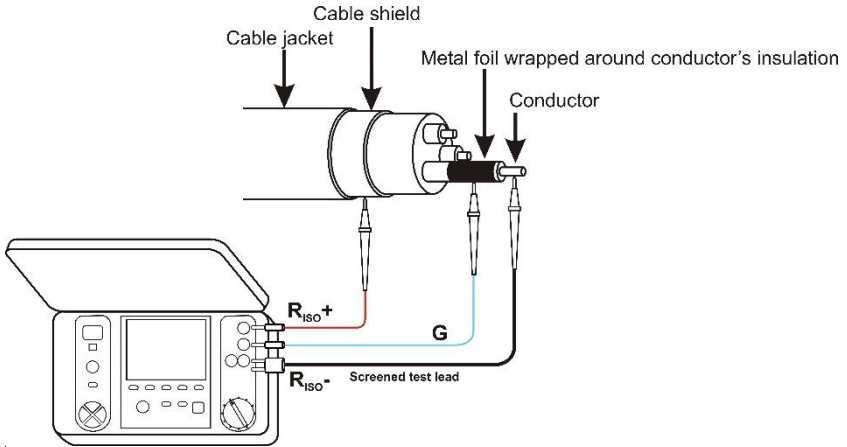
- at the measurement of inter-winding resistance of a transformer, **G** socket of the meter should be connected to the transformer tank;



- when measuring the insulation resistance between one of the windings and the transformer's tank, connect **G** socket of the meter to the second winding;

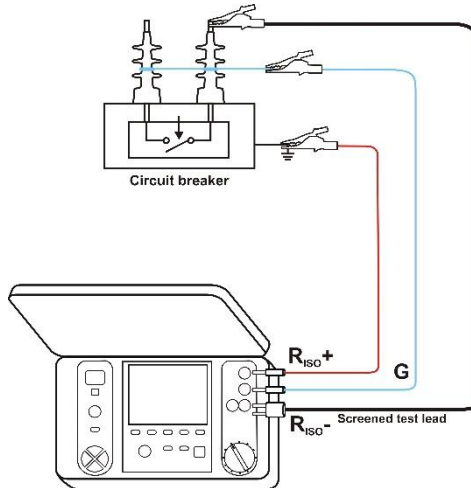


- when measuring insulation resistance between one of the cable conductors and the cable shield, the effect of surface resistances (important in difficult weather conditions) is eliminated by connecting a piece of metal foil insulating the tested conductor with **G** socket of the meter;



The same shall apply when measuring the resistance between two conductors of the cable, attaching to **G** terminal other conductors that do not take part in the measurement.

- at the measurement of insulation resistance of a high voltage circuit breaker, **G** socket of the meter should be connected to the terminals' insulators of the breaker;



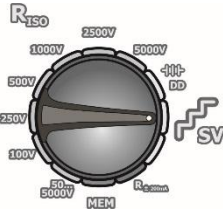
### 3.2 Measurements with voltage increasing in steps – SV

In this mode the meter performs a series of 5 measurements with increasing voltage; the voltage change depend on the set maximum voltage:

- **1 kV:** 200 V, 400 V, 600 V, 800 V, 1000 V,
- **2.5 kV:** 500 V, 1 kV, 1.5 kV, 2 kV, 2.5 kV,
- **5 kV:** 1 kV, 2 kV, 3 kV, 4 kV, 5 kV.

The end result for each of the 5 measurements is saved which is signalled by a beep and an appropriate icon.

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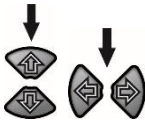
Set the rotary switch of function selection in the **SV** position. The meter is in the voltage measurement mode.



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By pressing the **MENU** button the maximum measurement voltage selection, the duration for individual measurements and the short-circuit current  $I_{sc}$  may be selected.

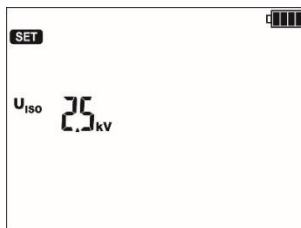


The buttons **↑** and **↓** are used to set the parameter value, while the **←** and **→** buttons move to the next parameter.

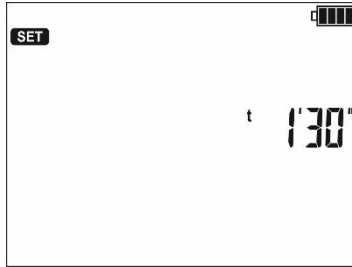
The setting sequence is as follows:

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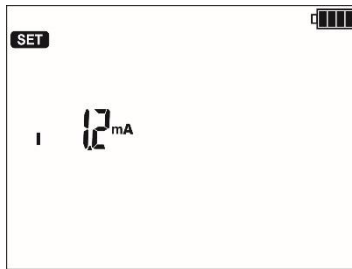
maximum (final) measurement voltage: 1 kV, 2.5 kV and 5 kV,





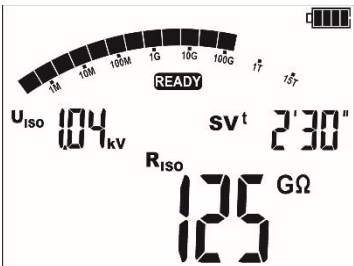
- 4 duration of individual measurements in the range between 30 s...5 min,





- 5 short-circuit current  $I_{SC}$ : 1.2 mA or 3 mA,



- 6  or  Press **ENTER** to confirm settings or press **ESC** to exit without saving the changes.

- 7  Execute the measurement.  
After the measurement is completed, read the result.

- 8   Use **F3** and **F4 (SCREEN)** to see individual components of the result in the following order:  $R_{ISO}$ ,  $U_{ISO}$ ,  $t \rightarrow I_L$  and  $C \rightarrow U_{ISO1}$  and  $t1$  alternatively with  $R_{ISO1}$  and  $I_{L1} \rightarrow U_{ISO2}$  and  $t2$  alternatively with  $R_{ISO2}$  and  $I_{L2} \rightarrow \dots$ , where  $C$  - the capacity of the tested object.

## Note:

- Further information, starting the measurement, displayed symbols, result readout and component view operate identically as the  $R_{ISO}$  measurement.

### 3.3 Dielectric Discharge Indicator – DD

In the dielectric discharge test the discharge current is measured after 60 seconds from the end of measurement (charging) of the insulation. The DD is a value characterising the insulation quality independent from the test voltage.

The measurement operates in the following way: first the insulation is charged with a current for a set period. If this voltage is not equal to the set voltage the object is not charged and the meter abandons the measurement procedure after 20 seconds. After the charging and polarisation is complete, the only current flowing through the insulation is the leakage current. Then the insulation is discharged and the total dielectric discharge current starts to flow through the insulation. Initially this current is the sum of the capacity discharge current, which fades quickly and the absorption current. The leakage current is negligible, because there is no test voltage.

After 1 minute from closing the circuit the current is measured. The DD value is calculated using the formula:

$$DD = \frac{I_{1\text{min}}}{U_{pr} \cdot C}$$

where:

$I_{1\text{min}}$  – current measured 1 minute after closing the circuit [nA],

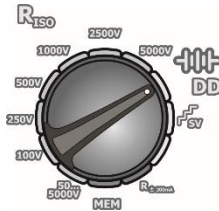
$U_{pr}$  – test voltage [V],

$C$  – capacitance [ $\mu\text{F}$ ].

The measurement result testifies to the insulation condition, you may compare it with the table below:

DD value	Insulation condition
>7	Bad
4-7	Poor
2-4	Not too good
<2	OK

①



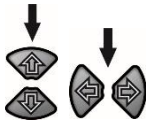
Set the rotary switch of function selection at **DD**. The meter is in the voltage measurement mode.







②



Press the **MENU** button to navigate to the test current and load time selection.



The buttons  and  are used to set the parameter value, while the  and  buttons move to the next parameter.

The setting sequence is as follows:

③

charge time: 1 min...60 min,

④

charge voltage: 100 V, 250 V, 500 V 1 kV, 2.5 kV, 5 kV,

⑤

maximum charge current: 1,2 mA or 3 mA.

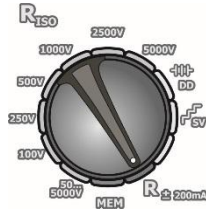
### Note:

- In an environment with strong interferences the measurement may be affected by additional uncertainty.

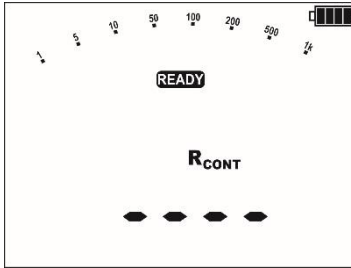
### 3.4 MIC-5010 Low-voltage measurement of resistance

#### 3.4.1 Measurement of resistance of protective conductors and equipotential bonding with $\pm 200$ mA current

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Set the rotary switch at the  $R_{CONT}$  position.

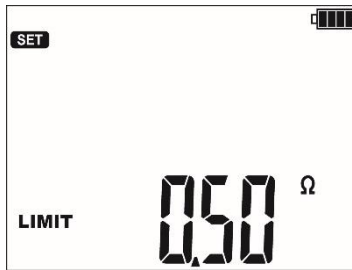


The meter is ready for measurement.

2



Press the **MENU** button to go to the limit setting.

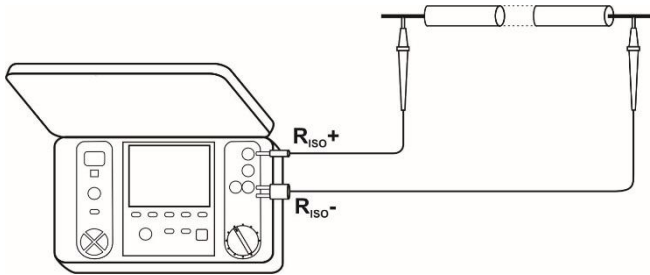


For  $R_{CONT}$  the limit is the minimum value. The setting limit reflects the function: from  $0.01 \Omega$  to  $999 \Omega$ . The value of the limit set in the same way as for  $R_{ISO}$ .

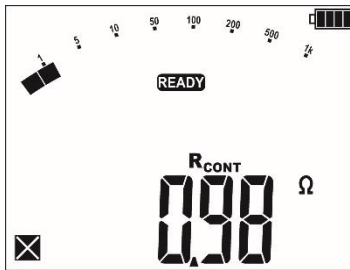
To deactivate the limit (displayed symbol ---) press the  $\downarrow$  button while in the  $1 \text{ k}\Omega$  position or the  $\uparrow$  button while in the  $999 \Omega$  position.

3

Connect the meter to the tested object. Trigger the measurement by pressing the **START** push-button.



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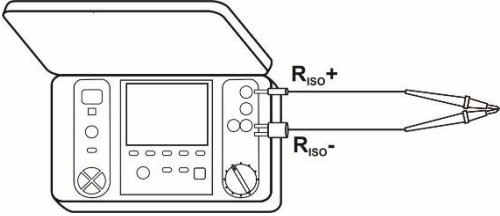

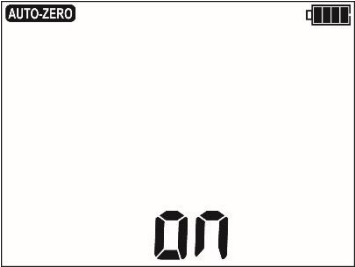
Read out the result.

## Additional information displayed by the meter

<b>NOISE!</b>	Interference voltage occurs on the tested object. The measurement is possible however it will be burdened with additional uncertainty that is specified in the technical data.
$U_n > 10\text{ V}$ +two-tone, continuous beep + and LED lit in red	Interference voltage exceeds the allowable value, the measurement is blocked.

### 3.4.2 Calibration of test leads

In order to eliminate the impact of the resistance of test leads on measurement result, the compensation (autozeroing) of resistance may be performed.

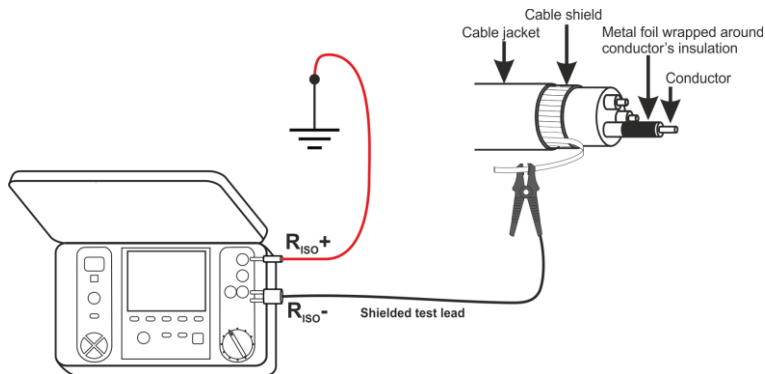
- ①  Press the **F2** button (**R<sub>ZERO</sub>**).
- ②  Short the test leads.
- ③  Press **START**.
- ④  A notice **AUTO-ZERO 0n** appears, confirming that the test leads' calibration has been performed, and the meter enters the measurement mode. The sign **AUTO-ZERO** remains visible during measurements. The compensation is active even after the meter is switched off and on again.
- ⑤ In order to remove the calibration made (return to default calibration), perform the above-mentioned activities with test leads open; the sign **0ff** shall appear.

### 3.5 Tightness test of MV cable jacket

Tightness test of MV cable jacket consists of applying a test voltage between its metal sheath or its return conductor and the ground. During the measurement, pay attention to the value of  $I_L$  current.

The test voltage and the measurement time depend on the type of the tested object and test guidelines. For example, for a cable with polyethylene insulation:

- test voltage according to standard HD 620 S1:  $\leq 5$  kV,
- measurement time after voltage stabilization: 1-10 min,
- positive result according to HD 620 S1: when no ground fault has occurred.



## 4 Memory of measurement results

The MIC-5010 and MIC-5005 meters are equipped with a memory capable of storing 11880 single test results (990 cells, each may contain a set of measurements of:  $R_{ISO}$  and  $R_{CONT}$ ). The whole memory is divided into 10 memory banks each of them containing 99 memory cells. Thanks to dynamic memory allocation, each of the memory cells can contain different quantity of single measurement results, depending on the needs. Optimal use of the memory can be ensured in this way. Each measurement result can be stored in a memory cell marked with a selected number and in a selected memory bank. Thanks to this, the user of the meter can, at his/her option, assign memory cell numbers to individual measurement points and the memory bank numbers to individual facilities. The user may also perform measurements in any chosen sequence and repeat them without losing other data.

Memory of measurement results **is not deleted** when the meter is switched off. Thanks to this, the data can be later read or sent to a computer. The number of a current memory cell or memory bank is not changed either.

### Note:

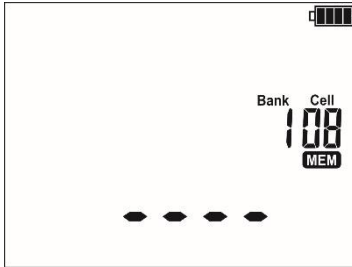
- A single cell may contain either a  $R_{ISO}$  2(3)p measurement result, a  $R_{ISO}$  SV, or DD.
- After entering the measurement result, the ID number of the cell is automatically increased.
- It is recommended to delete the memory after reading the data or before performing a new series of measurements that may be stored into the same memory cells as the previous ones.

## 4.1 Storing the measurement results in the memory

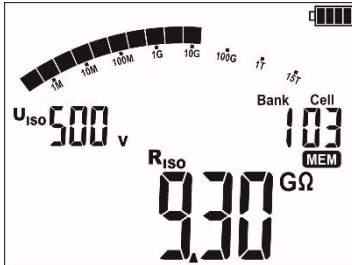
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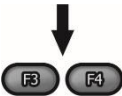
After the measurement is complete press **ENTER** and the meter shall enter the saving mode.



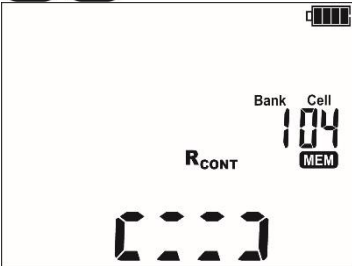
The cell is empty.



The cell is occupied by a result of the same type as the current result.



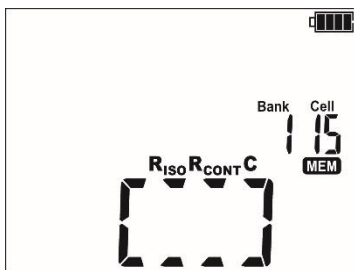
Use the **F3** and **F4** buttons (**SCREEN**) to see individual components of the result.



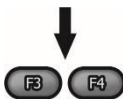
The cell is occupied by a result of a different type than the current result.



Use the **F3** and **F4** buttons (**SCREEN**) to see individual components of the result.

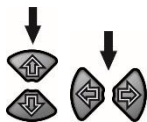


The cell is fully occupied.



Use the **F3** and **F4** buttons (**SCREEN**) to see individual components of the result.

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The cell ID is changed using the **↑** and **↓** while the bank ID is changed using the **←** and **→**.

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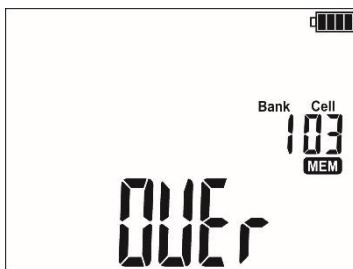
Press **ENTER**, to save the result in the memory. Saving is indicated by a triple beep and by a rectangle displayed on the main display field.



Press **ESC** to return to displayed result without saving.

4

If you try to store data in an occupied memory cell, the following warning message will appear:



5



or



Press **ENTER**, to overwrite the result or **ESC**, to cancel saving.

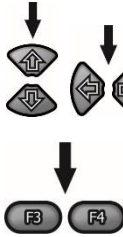
## Note:

- Complete set of results (main result and supplementary results) for a given measuring function and preset measurement settings are stored in the memory.

## 4.2 Viewing memory data



Set the rotary switch of function selection at **MEM** position.



The cell ID is changed using the **↑** and **↓** while the bank ID is changed using the **←** and **→**.

Use the **F3** and **F4** buttons (**SCREEN**) to see individual components of the result.

### Note:

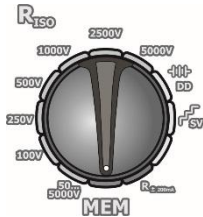
- While viewing  $R_{150}$  results, the field of timer / memory displays alternately bank and cell numbers and the time in which the result was entered into memory. This applies to all  $R_{150}$  measurements.

## 4.3 Deleting memory data

You can delete the entire memory or its individual banks.

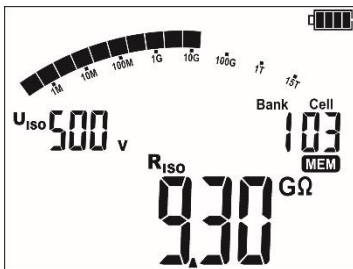
### 4.3.1 Deleting bank data

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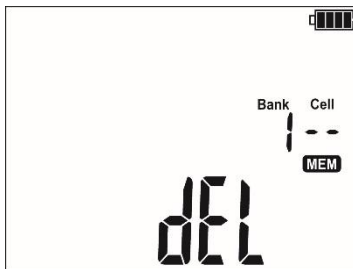


Set the rotary switch of function selection at **MEM** position.

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Set the bank number to be deleted using the and buttons. Set the cell ID using the and buttons in front of "1"...

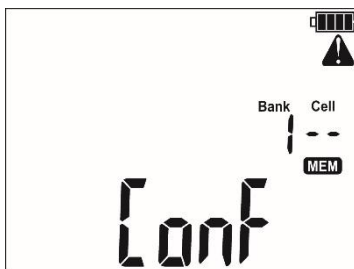


...the cell number disappears, and the **del** symbol indicating the readiness to delete appears.

3



Press **ENTER** push-button.

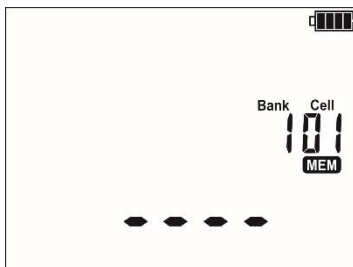


and **Conf** symbols appear, asking you to confirm deletion.

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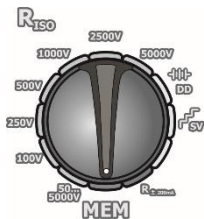


Press **ENTER** again.  
After deleting the bank, the meter beeps three times and sets the cell number as "1."



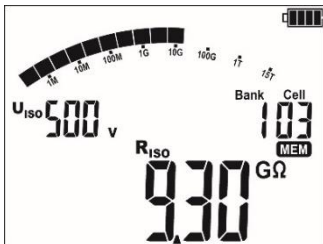
### 4.3.2 Deleting the whole memory

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Set the rotary switch of function selection at **MEM** position.

2



Set the bank ID using the **←** and **→** buttons in front of "1"...

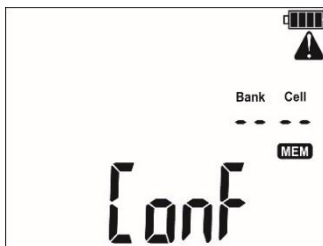


...the bank ID disappears, and the symbol **del** is displayed, indicating the readiness to delete.

3



Press **ENTER** push-button.

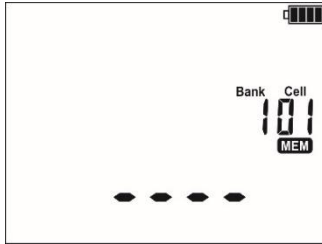


**⚠** and **Conf** symbols appear, asking you to confirm deletion.

4



Press **ENTER** again.  
After deleting the bank, the meter beeps three times and sets the bank and cell numbers as "1."



## 5 Data transmission

### Remarks:

- Data transmission is not possible during the charging of rechargeable batteries.

#### Support for wireless data transmission

Meter name	Bluetooth	OR-1
	Serial number / prefix	
MIC-5010	DP ≥ B20469	B20001 ... B20468
MIC-5005	≥ B11082	B10001 ... B11081

### 5.1 Set of accessories to connect the meter to a PC

In order to ensure the communication of the meter with a computer a USB cable is required or Bluetooth wireless module with an additional software (Sonel Reader, Sonel Reports Plus). If the required software has not been purchased with the meter, it may be obtained from the manufacturer or from an authorised distributor.

This software may be used for many devices manufactured by SONEL S.A. which are equipped with USB interface and /or OR-1 module / Bluetooth.

Detailed information is available from the manufacturer and distributors.

### 5.2 Data transmission through USB port

1. Set the rotational function selector at **MEM**.
2. Connect the cable to the USB port of the computer and the USB socket of the meter.

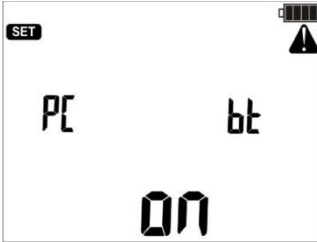


3. Start the programme.

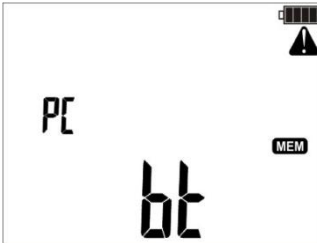
### 5.3 Data transmission with Bluetooth module

#### Firmware ≤1.30

1. Set the rotary switch to **MEM**, press the **MENU** button.

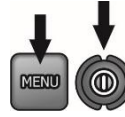


2. Press **ENTER** to start the transmission.

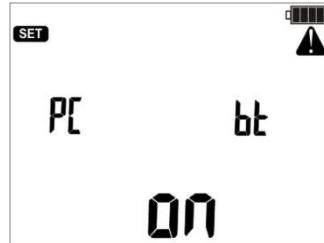


#### Firmware 1.31+

1. While holding down the **MENU** button, turn on the meter.



2. After the configuration menu screen is displayed (sec. 2, step ③), use the **←→** buttons to go to the **bt** screen. Activate transmission with the **↑↓** buttons.



3. Connect Bluetooth module to the USB socket of the PC, unless it is integrated into the PC.
4. During the process of pairing the meter with a PC enter PIN code compatible with the PIN code of the meter defined in main settings..
5. On the computer start data storing programme.

#### Firmware ≤1.30

The data transmission may be interrupted using the **ESC** button.

#### Firmware 1.31+

Exit from transmission mode - setting **off** according to step 2.

#### Note:

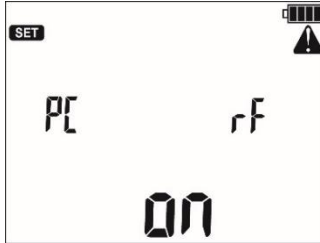


**Standard pin for Bluetooth is "0123".**

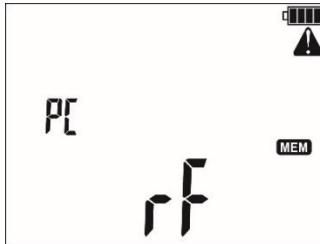
- With the USB cable active the wireless transmission is not possible.

## 5.4 Data transmission with OR-1 wireless module

1. Set the rotary switch to **MEM**, press the **MENU** button.



2. Connect the OR-1 module to the USB socket of the PC and press **ENTER**.



3. If necessary, change the PIN code (sec. 2).

4. Start the data storing programme.

### Note:

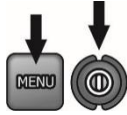


The standard pin for OR-1 is "123".

- The data transmission may be interrupted using the **ESC** button - the meter then enters the memory viewing mode.

- With the USB cable active the wireless transmission is not possible.

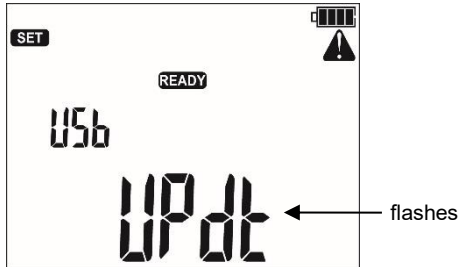
## 6 Software updates



Turn on the meter by pressing and holding the **MENU** button.



Using the ← and → buttons display the following screen.



Connect the meter to the computer using a USB cable and press **ENTER**.



Follow the instructions of the software.

## 7 Power supply of the meter

### 7.1 Monitoring the power supply voltage

#### ATTENTION!

To display the correct battery discharge status, it is necessary to completely discharge and then fully charge the battery, before starting the regular use of the meter.

The charge level of rechargeable battery is indicated by the symbol in the right upper corner of the display on a current basis:



Battery charged.



Battery low.



Battery fully discharged, all measurements are blocked.  
The meter switches off automatically after 5 s.

### 7.2 Battery power

The meter is powered with a Li-Ion battery which may only be replaced in a repair shop.

#### NOTE:

In MIC-5010 up to SN: B20319 and MIC-5005 up to SN: B10644 gel batteries are used.

The charger is installed inside the meter and works only with the manufacturer's rechargeable battery. The charger is powered from the 230 V mains. It is also possible to power the unit from a car lighter using an optional 12 V / 230 VAC converter.

#### ATTENTION!

Do not power the meter from sources other than those listed in this manual.


### 7.3 Charging rechargeable battery

Charging commences once the power supply has been connected to the meter regardless of the fact whether the meter is on or off. Charging is indicated by changing status of battery charge. The rechargeable battery is charged in accordance with the "quick charge" algorithm – this process reduces the charging time to <3.5 hours. The completion of the charging cycle is indicated by a full battery symbol and the lighting of a green LED. In order to turn the device off, unplug the power charger.

#### Note:

- As a result of interferences in the network it is possible that the process of charging of accumulator will finish too fast. When charging time is too short, turn off the meter and start charging again.

#### Additional information displayed by the meter



Signalling	Condition
Green diode flashing 1 time per second, the battery symbol is displayed on the screen.	Charging in progress.
Green diode lighting continuously, the full battery symbol is displayed on the screen.	Charging finished.
Green diode flashing 2 times per second.	Charging error.
Green diode and the battery symbol flashing 2 times per second, the  symbol is displayed on the screen.	Battery temperature too high. Measurements are blocked.

### 7.4 Mains power

It is possible to carry out measurements during the charging process. For this purpose, in charge mode, press **ESC** button - the meter enters the measurement mode while continuing the charging process. Similarly, the process takes place when AC power supply is connected to the meter.

When the meter is turned off by  button or by Auto-OFF, the charging process is not interrupted.

#### Additional information displayed by the meter

Signalling	Condition
All the segments off the battery symbol flashing 1 time per second.	Charging finished.
Green diode and the battery symbol flashing 2 times per second, the  and  symbols are displayed on the screen.	Battery temperature too high. Measurements are blocked.

## **7.5 General principles for using Li-Ion rechargeable batteries**

- Store the half-charged battery pack in a plastic container placed in a dry, cool and well ventilated place and protect them from direct sunlight. The battery pack may be damaged if stored when fully discharged. The ambient temperature for prolonged storage should be maintained within the range of 5°C...25°C.
- Charge the batteries in a cool, well-ventilated place at a temperature of 10°C ... 28°C. Modern fast chargers detect both too low and too high temperature of rechargeable batteries and react to the situation adequately. Too low temperature should prevent starting the process of charging, which might irreparably damage rechargeable batteries. The increase in temperature of the battery pack may cause electrolyte leakage and even its ignition or explosion.
- Do not exceed the charging current, as it may result in ignition or "swelling" of the battery pack. "Swollen" battery pack must not be used.
- Do not charge or use the batteries in extreme temperatures. Extreme temperatures reduce the lifetime of rechargeable batteries. Always observe the rated operating temperature. Do not dispose the battery pack into fire.
- Li-Ion cells are sensitive to mechanical damage. This kind of damage may cause its permanent damage and thus - ignition or explosion. Any interference in the structure of Li-ion battery pack may cause its damage. This may result in the ignition or explosion. A short-circuit of the battery poles "+" and "-" may permanently damage the battery pack or even cause its fire or explosion.
- Do not immerse Li-Ion battery in liquids and do not store in humid conditions.
- If the electrolyte contained in the Lithium-Ion battery pack, contacts eyes or skin, immediately rinse the affected place with plenty of water and consult a doctor. Protect the battery against unauthorised persons and children.
- When you notice any changes in the Lithium-Ion battery pack (e.g. changes in colour, swelling, excessive temperature), stop using the battery pack. Li-Ion batteries that are mechanically damaged, overcharged or excessively discharged are not suitable for use.
- Any misuse of the battery may cause its permanent damage. This may result in the ignition. The seller and the manufacturer shall not be liable for any damages resulting from improper handling Li-Ion battery pack.

## **7.6 General principles for using gel (lead) rechargeable batteries**

- Store the rechargeable batteries in a dry, cool and well ventilated place and protect them from direct sunlight. Do not install them in a tightly closed container. While charging the batteries may produce flammable gases, which may be the cause of explosion if proper ventilation is not available. The best temperature for battery storage and operation is between 15°C and 25°C.
- Do not place batteries near equipment generating sparks, or store them in dusty areas.
- Do not connect the battery to any plastic elements or housing elements containing solvents. This may cause the battery body to unseal or crack.
- During storage of lead batteries they are self-discharged. The storage time without charging is dependent on ambient temperature: from 6 months at 20 °C to 2 months at 40 °C. In order to prevent excessive battery discharge, resulting in a significant reduction of their capacity and durability it is required to recharge them in specified intervals.
- Do not discharge the battery to a voltage below that, specified by its manufacturer. An attempt to recharge an over-discharged battery may cause a thermal hazard, which results in battery deformation or in change of the structure and distribution of the electrolyte in the battery as some of the water evaporates. This worsens the battery parameters similar to prolonged overcharging. Always recharge the battery immediately after discharging, even if it was not discharged to the recommended cut off voltage. Leaving a discharged battery for a couple of hours (sometimes even less than that if the discharge was very deep) will cause sulphating.
- Charging may only be performed using a charger with specific parameters and under the conditions set by their manufacturers. Failure to meet these conditions can lead to leakage, overheating or even an explosion.

## 8 Cleaning and maintenance

### **ATTENTION!**

**Use only the maintenance methods specified by the manufacturer in this manual.**

The casing of the meter may be cleaned with a soft, damp cloth using all-purpose detergents. Do not use any solvents or cleaning agents which might scratch the casing (powders, pastes, etc.).

Clean the probe with water and dry it. Before the probe is stored for a prolonged period of time it is recommended to grease it with any machine lubricant.

The reels and test leads should be cleaned with water and detergents, and then dried.

The electronic system of the meter does not require maintenance.

## 9 Storage

In the case of storage of the device, the following recommendations must be observed:

- Disconnect all the test leads from the meter.
- Clean the meter and all its accessories thoroughly.
- Wind the long test leads onto the reels.
- If meter is to be stored for a prolonged period of time, the batteries must be removed from the device.
- In order to prevent a total discharge of the accumulators in the case of a prolonged storage, charge them from time to time.

## 10 Dismantling and utilisation

Worn-out electric and electronic equipment should be gathered selectively, i.e. it must not be placed with waste of another kind.

Worn-out electronic equipment should be sent to a collection point in accordance with the law of waste electrical and electronic equipment.

Before the equipment is sent to a collection point, do not dismantle any elements.

Observe local regulations concerning disposal of packages, waste batteries and accumulators.

# 11 Technical data

## 11.1 Basic data

⇒ The abbreviation "m.v." used in the specification of accuracy denotes a standard measured value

### AC / DC voltage measurement

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.0 V...29.9 V	0.1 V	±(2% m.v. + 20 digits)
30.0 V...299.9 V	0.1 V	±(2% m.v. + 6 digits)
300 V...600 V	1 V	±(2% m.v. + 2 digits)

- Frequency range: 45...65Hz

### Measurement of insulation resistance

Test voltage accuracy ( $R_{LOAD} [\Omega] \geq 1000 \cdot U_N [V]$ ): 0...+5% or 0...+10% of the set value

Measuring range according to EN IEC 61557-2: 50 k $\Omega$  ... 15.0 T $\Omega$  ( $I_{ISO_{nom}} = 1,2 \text{ mA}$  or 3 mA)

DC and increasing voltage measurement (SV) for  $U_{ISO} = 5 \text{ kV}$

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
000 k $\Omega$ ...999 k $\Omega$	1 k $\Omega$	± (3% m.v. + 10 digits)
1.00 M $\Omega$ ...9.99 M $\Omega$	0.01 M $\Omega$	
10.0 M $\Omega$ ...99.9 M $\Omega$	0.1 M $\Omega$	
100 M $\Omega$ ...999 M $\Omega$	1 M $\Omega$	
1.00 G $\Omega$ ...9.99 G $\Omega$	0.01 G $\Omega$	
10.0 G $\Omega$ ...99.9 G $\Omega$	0.1 G $\Omega$	
100 G $\Omega$ ...999 G $\Omega$	1 G $\Omega$	± (3.5% m.v. + 10 digits)
1.00 T $\Omega$ ...9.99 T $\Omega$	0.01 T $\Omega$	± (7.5% m.v. + 10 digits)
10.0 T $\Omega$ ...15.0 T $\Omega$	0.1 T $\Omega$	± (10% m.v. + 10 digits)

- The accuracies shown above are the "worst" values calculated for the top range values. The lower the reading, the higher the accuracy.
- Accuracy for any measuring voltage and each result can be calculated from the following formula:

$$\delta_R = \pm(3\% + (U_{ISO} / (U_{ISO} - R_{zm} \cdot 21 \cdot 10^{-12}) - 1) \cdot 100\%) \pm 10 \text{ digits}$$

where:

$U_{ISO}$  – voltage at which the measurement is conducted [V]

$R_{zm}$  – measured resistance [ $\Omega$ ]

Approximate maximum values of the measured resistance, depending on the test voltage, are presented in the table below.

Voltage	Test range
250 V	500 GΩ
500 V	1 TΩ
1000 V	2.00 TΩ
2500 V	5.00 TΩ
5000 V	15.0 TΩ

⇒ **Note:** For insulation resistance below  $R_{ISOmin}$  there is no accuracy specified because the meter works with the adjustable current limit in accordance with the following formula:

$$R_{ISOmin} = \frac{U_{ISOnom}}{I_{ISOnom}}$$

where:

- $R_{ISOmin}$  - minimum insulation resistance measured without limiting the converter current
- $U_{ISOnom}$  - nominal test voltage
- $I_{ISOnom}$  - nominal converter current (1.2 mA or 3 mA)

- Additional error in the three-lead measurement (impact of G terminal): 0.05% with reduced current leakage incurred by 250 kΩ resistance during 100 MΩ measurement with 50 V measurement voltage.
- Max. short-circuit current  $I_{SC}$ : 3.6 mA ±15%.
- $I_{SC}$  current in the remaining load range shall be selected from the following values: 1.2 mA, 3 mA.

### Measurement of leakage current

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.01 nA ... 9.99 nA	0.01 nA	± (1,5% m.v. + 2 digits)
10.0 nA ... 99.9 nA	0.1 nA	
100 nA ... 999 nA	1 nA	
1.00 uA ... 9.99 uA	0.01 uA	
10.0 uA ... 99.9 uA	0.1 uA	
100 uA ... 999 uA	1 uA	
1.00 mA ... 9.99 mA	0.01 mA	

### Measurement of capacitance

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
0 nF...999 nF	1 nF	± (5% m.v. + 5 digits)
1.00 μF...49.99 μF	0.01 μF	

- Measurement of capacitance is available only during  $R_{ISO}$  measurement (when discharging the object).
- Accuracy of measurement is met for the tested capacitance connected in parallel with a resistance greater than 10 MΩ.
- For measurement voltages below 100 V the measurement error is not specified.

Measuring range according to EN IEC 61557-4: 0.12  $\Omega$ ...999  $\Omega$ 

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.00 $\Omega$ ...19.99 $\Omega$	0.01 $\Omega$	$\pm(2\% \text{ m.v.} + 3 \text{ digits})$
20.0 $\Omega$ ...199.9 $\Omega$	0.1 $\Omega$	
200 $\Omega$ ...999 $\Omega$	1 $\Omega$	$\pm(4\% \text{ m.v.} + 3 \text{ digits})$

- Voltage at open terminals: 4 V...24 V
- Output current at  $R < 15 \Omega$ : min. 200 mA ( $I = 200 \text{ mA} \dots 250 \text{ mA}$ )
- Current flowing bidirectionally, average resistance is displayed on the screen,
- Compensation of test leads resistance, autozeroing,

## 11.2 Operating data

- a) type of insulation acc. to EN 61010-1 and EN IEC 61557 ..... double
- b) measurement category acc. to EN IEC 61010-1 ..... IV 600 V (III 1000 V)
- c) ingress protection acc. to EN 60529
- open enclosure ..... IP40
  - closed enclosure ..... IP67
- d) power supply of the meter
- mains ..... 90 V  $\pm$  260 V 50 Hz/60 Hz
  - MIC-5005 up to serial number B10644 ..... gel rechargeable battery 12 V 5.0 Ah
  - MIC-5005 serial number prefix B1 (from B10645) ..... Li-Ion rechargeable battery 14.8 V 5.3 Ah
  - MIC-5005 serial number prefix LX ..... akumulator LiFePO4 13.2 V 5.0 Ah
  - MIC-5010 up to serial number B20319 ..... gel rechargeable battery 12 V 5.0 Ah
  - MIC-5010 serial number prefix B2 (from B20320) ..... Li-Ion rechargeable battery 14.8 V 5.3 Ah
  - MIC-5010 serial number prefix LY ..... akumulator LiFePO4 13.2 V 5.0 Ah
- e) dimensions ..... 390 x 308 x 172 mm
- f) meter weight.....
- with gel battery ..... approx. 7 kg
  - with Li-Ion battery ..... approx. 5.6 kg
  - with LiFePO4 battery ..... approx. 6 kg
- g) storage temperature.....-25°C...+70°C
- h) operating temperature.....-20°C...+50°C
- i) humidity.....20%...90%
- j) altitude (above sea level)..... $\leq 3000$  m
- k) reference temperature ..... +23°C  $\pm$  2°C
- l) reference humidity .....40%...60%
- m) display ..... LCD, segment-type
- n) number of  $R_{ISO}$  measurements, acc. to EN IEC 61557-2 with battery power supply ..... min. 1000
- o) time of operation on a single battery charge
- for  $R_{ISO}=5 \text{ M}\Omega$ ,  $U_{ISO}=5 \text{ kV}$ ,  $T=(23\pm 5)^{\circ}\text{C}$  ..... up to 6 h\*
- p) memory of measurement results ..... 990 cells
- q) data transmission ..... USB connection or wireless (Bluetooth / OR-1 receiver)
- r) quality standard ..... design, construction and manufacturing are ISO 9001 compliant
- s) the device meets the requirements of standards ..... EN 61010-1, EN IEC 61557, EN IEC 61010-2-030
- t) the product meets EMC requirements (immunity for industrial environment) according to the following standards
- ..... EN IEC 61326-1, EN IEC 61326-2-2

\*Depends on the temperature and condition of the battery.

### ATTENTION!

**MIC-5010 and MIC-5005 meters are classified in terms of Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) as instruments of Class A (for use in industrial environments - according to EN 50011). Interferences, impacting the operation of other devices must be taken into account when the meters are used in other environments (e.g. domestic).**

### Note:

SONEL S.A. hereby declares that the radio device type MIC-5010/5005 complies with Directive 2014/53/EU. The full text of the EU Declaration of Conformity is available at the following website address: <https://sonel.pl/en/download/declaration-of-conformity/>

### 11.3 Additional data

Data on additional uncertainties are useful mainly when the meter is used in non-standard conditions and for metrological laboratories for the purpose of calibration.

#### 11.3.1 Additional uncertainties according to EN IEC 61557-2 ( $R_{ISO}$ )

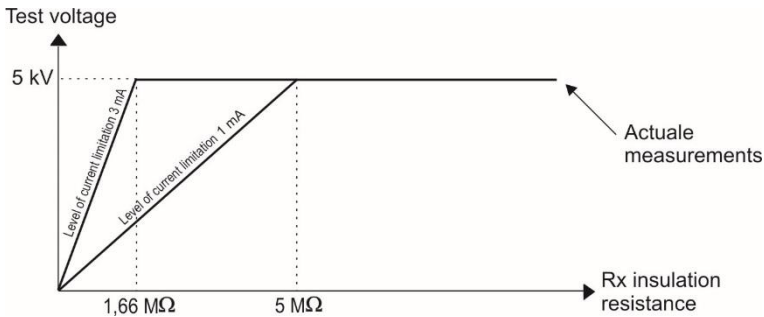
Significant parameter	Designation	Additional uncertainty
Position	$E_1$	0%
Supply voltage	$E_2$	2% ( <b>BAT</b> is not lit)
Temperature 0°C...35°C	$E_3$	6%

#### 11.3.2 **MIC-5010** Additional uncertainties according to EN IEC 61557-4 ( $R_{CONT}$ )

Significant parameter	Designation	Additional uncertainty
Position	$E_1$	0%
Supply voltage	$E_2$	0.2% ( <b>BAT</b> is not lit)
Temperature 0...35°C	$E_3$	1%

### 11.4 Inverter characteristics

The converter output current  $I_{SC}$  is limited at a level of 1.2 mA or 3 mA. Activation of current restriction is indicated with a continuous audible signal. The measurement result is then correct, but the test voltage on the terminals is lower than the voltage selected before the test. Current limitation can happen in the first stage of a measurement due to the object's capacitance becoming charged.



Actual measurement voltage as a function of the measured insulation resistance  $R_x$  (for the maximum measurement voltage)

## 12 Manufacturer

The manufacturer of the device and provider of guarantee and post-guarantee service:

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## WARNINGS AND GENERAL INFORMATION DISPLAYED BY THE METER

### ATTENTION!

Connecting voltage higher than 600 V, between any of the test terminals may damage the meter and cause a hazard to the user.

	<p>Test voltage is present on terminals of the meter.</p>
	<p>You must consult the manual.</p>
	<p>The meter is ready for measurement.</p>
	<p>This message displayed during or after the measurement indicates major noise in the system during the measurement. The measurement result may be affected by additional uncertainty.</p>
<p><b>Un&gt;50V</b> (for DC voltage) or <b>Un~&gt;500V</b> (for AC voltage) + continuous two-tone beep + red LED flashing</p>	<p>During the measurement, a voltage appeared or the object cannot be discharged for 30 seconds. After 5 seconds the meter returns to its default state - voltmeter.</p>
	<p>Activation of current limit. The symbol displayed is accompanied by a continuous beep.</p>
	<p>Breakdown of the tested object insulation, the measurement is interrupted. The message appears after displaying <b>LIMIT !!</b> for 20 s during the measurement, when voltage previously reached the nominal value.</p>
	<p>Resistance compensation completed for test leads.</p>
	<p>Battery Status: Fully charged Battery discharged Battery discharged Charge battery.</p>



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