

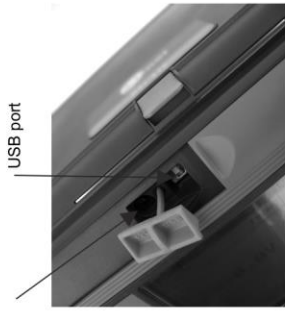


# USER MANUAL

## EARTH RESISTANCE METER

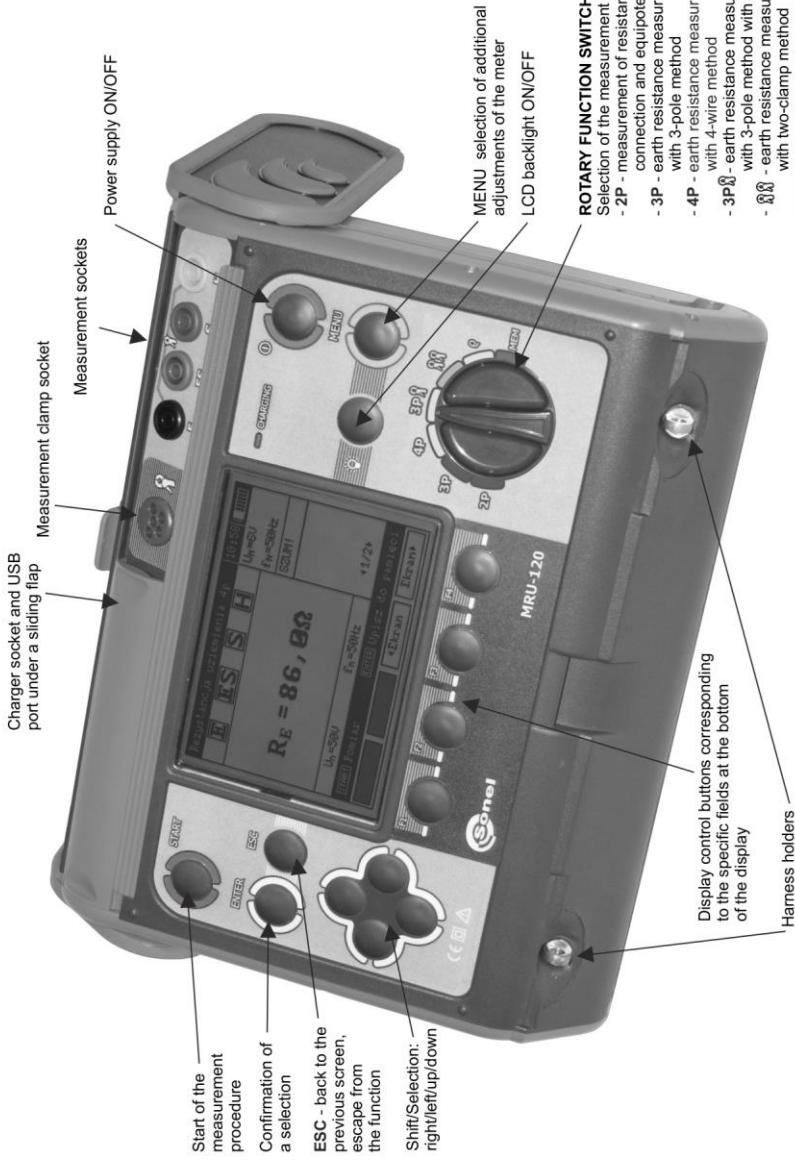
### MRU-120

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Charger socket

USB port



Charger socket and USB port under a sliding flap

Measurement clamp socket

Measurement sockets

Power supply ON/OFF

Start of the measurement procedure

Confirmation of a selection

ESC - back to the previous screen, escape from the function

Shift/Selection: right/left/up/down

MENU selection of additional adjustments of the meter

LCD backlight ON/OFF

### ROTARY FUNCTION SWITCH

- Selection of the measurement function:
- 2P - measurement of resistance of earth connection and equipotential bonding
  - 3P - earth resistance measurement with 3-pole method
  - 4P - earth resistance measurement with 4-wire method
  - 3P<sub>Ω</sub> - earth resistance measurement with 3-pole method with additional clamp
  - ΩΩ - earth resistance measurement with two-clamp method
  - ρ - earth resistivity measurement
  - MEM - memory review and erasing and data transmission

Display control buttons corresponding to the specific fields at the bottom of the display

Harness holders



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The MRU-120 meter is a modern, easy and safe measuring device. Please acquaint yourself with the present manual in order to avoid measuring errors and prevent possible problems related to operation of the meter.

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# 1 Safety

The MRU-120 meter has been designed to realise measurements whose results determine the safety conditions of the installation. Therefore, in order to provide conditions for correct operation and the correctness of the 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 determined by the producer, in particular concerning accessories.**
- The MRU-120 meter has been designed for the purpose of measurements of earth connection and equipotential bonding, ground resistivity, as well as clamps current measurements. 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 device must be operated solely by appropriately qualified personnel with relevant certificates to realise measurements of electric installation. Operation of the meter realised by unauthorised personnel may result in damage to the device and constitute a source of danger for the user.
- 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 the following:
  - ⇒ A damaged meter which is completely or partially out of order,
  - ⇒ A meter with damaged test leads 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 of a high level of relative humidity, do not realise measurements until the meter has been warmed up to the ambient temperature (approximately 30 minutes).**
- Before measurements may commence, make sure the test leads are connected to the appropriate measurement sockets.
- Do not operate a meter with an open or incorrectly closed battery (accumulator) compartment or power it from other sources than those specified in the present manual.
- The meter's inputs are electronically protected from power surge, as a result for example, of accidental connection to the power supply source:
  - for all input combinations – up to 276 V for 30 seconds.
- Repairs may be realised solely by an authorised service point.
- The device complies with the following norms; EN 61010-1 and EN 61557-1, -4, -5.

**Note:**

**The manufacturer reserves the right to modify the appearance, accessories and technical data of the meter.**

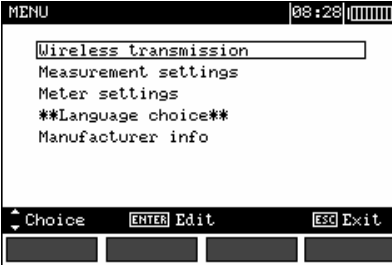
## 2 Menu

The menu is available at any position of the knob.

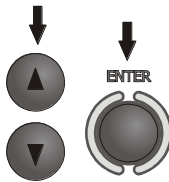
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Press **MENU**.



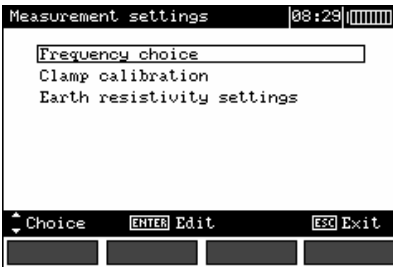
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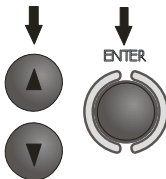
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Press **ENTER** to select the option.

### 2.1 Measurement settings

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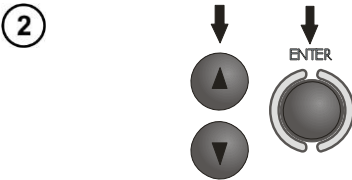
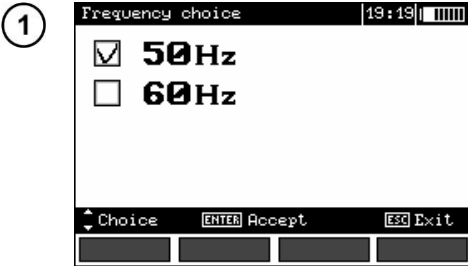


Using buttons ▲ and ▼ highlight the required position.  
Press **ENTER** to select the option.



### 2.1.1 Mains frequency

It is necessary to determine the frequency of the mains which is the source of potential interference in order to select the appropriate frequency of the measurement signal. Solely measurements based upon the correct frequency of the measurement signal will guarantee the optimum interference filtering. The meter is adapted for filtering of interference from 50 Hz and 60 Hz networks.



Using buttons ▲ and ▼ select the frequency and press **ENTER** to select the option.

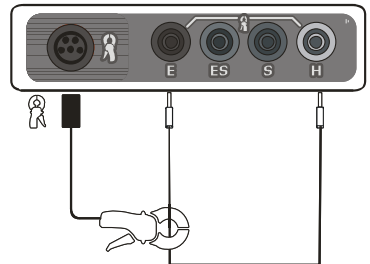
### 2.1.2 Calibration of the measurement clamp C-3

The clamp bought apart for a meter that was purchased before must be calibrated before it is used for the first time. It may be periodically calibrated in order to avoid the influence of the ageing elements upon the resolution of measurements. The procedure of calibration must be realized also after clamp has been replaced.



Having read the preliminary information **ENTER**.

② Follow the displayed instructions.



- 3 Once the calibration has been successfully concluded, The following will be displayed.



The meter has determined the correction factor for connected clamp. The factor is saved in the memory also when the power supply of the meter is off until the following successful calibration of the clamp has been performed.

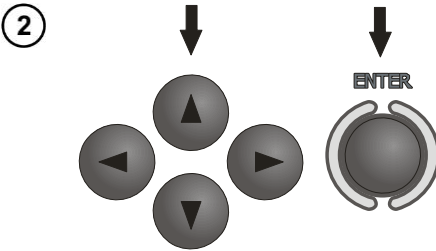
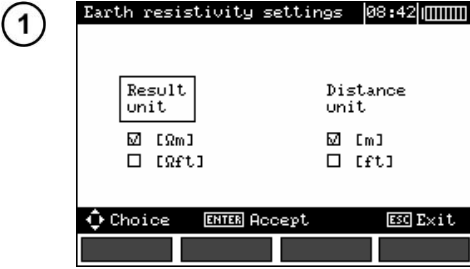
### Notes:

- Make sure the test lead passes centrally through the clamp.

### Additional information displayed by the meter

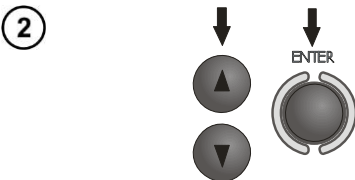
Message	Cause	Procedure
ERROR: CLAMP NOT CONNECTED OR NOT PUT ON WIRE CONNECTED TO H AND E SOCKET! CALIBRATION ABORTED. PRESS <b>ENTER</b>	The clamp is not connected	Check whether the clamp is connected to the device or whether it is placed upon the test lead used by the meter to force the passage of current.
ERROR: WIRE NOT CONNECTED TO H AND E TERMINAL! CALIBRATION ABORTED. PRESS <b>ENTER</b>	No wire	Revise the connections
ERROR: CALIBRATION COEFFICIENT OUT OF RANGE. CALIBRATION ABORTED. PRESS <b>ENTER</b>	Incorrect calibration factor	Check the quality of the connections and/or replace the clamp.

### 2.1.3 Earth resistivity settings



Using buttons ▲, ▼, ◀, ▶ and ENTER select the result and the distance unit and press ENTER to confirm.

## 2.2 Meter settings



Using buttons ▲, ▼ select required item. Press ENTER to confirm.

### 2.2.1 LCD contrast

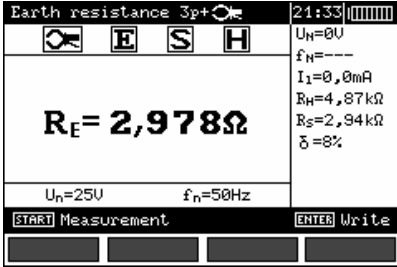
Using the buttons ▲ and ▼ set the contrast value and press ENTER.

### 2.2.2 AUTO-OFF settings

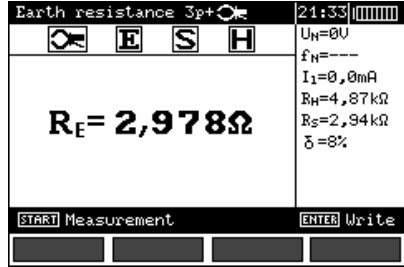
The setting determines the time before the automatic turning-off of the device when it is not in use. Use buttons ▲ and ▼ to set the time or AUTO-OFF disable, press **ENTER**.

### 2.2.3 Display settings

The setting permits to turn on/off the setting bar display. Use buttons ▲ and ▼ to set the display of the setting bar (measurement parameters), press **ENTER**.



Visible bar

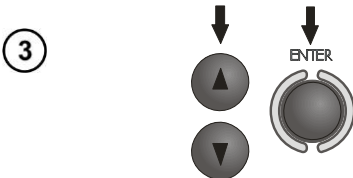


Hidden bar

### 2.2.4 Date and time



Use buttons ◀ and ▶ to select the value to be modified (Day, month, hour, minute).



Use buttons ▲ and ▼ to set the value. Once the date and time have been set, press **ENTER**.

### 2.2.5 Battery discharging

The procedure is fully described in chapter 6.4.

### 2.2.6 Program update

**NOTE!**  
**Before you proceed to programming, charge the accumulators.**  
**During programming do not turn the meter off or disconnect the transmission cable.**

Before you proceed to updating the programme, download from the manufacturer's web page the meter programming software, install it in the computer and connect the meter to the computer.

Having chosen the **Program update** in the MENU, proceed in accordance with the instructions displayed by the programme.

### 2.3 Language choice

- Use buttons ▲ and ▼ to select **\*\*Language choice\*\*** in the main MENU and press **ENTER**.
- Use buttons ▲ and ▼ to select the language and press **ENTER**.

### 2.4 Information on the manufacturer

Use buttons ▲ and ▼ in order to select **Product info** and press **ENTER**.

### 3 Measurements

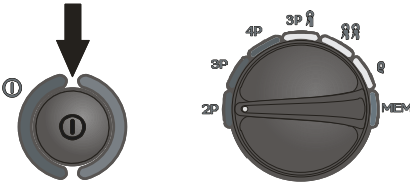
#### Note:

During measurements the status bar is displayed.

#### 3.1 Measurement of resistance of earth connection and equipotential bonding (2P)

**Note:**  
The measurement complies with the requirements specified in the standard EN 61557-4 ( $U < 24\text{ V}$ ,  $I > 200\text{ mA}$  for  $R \leq 10\ \Omega$ ).

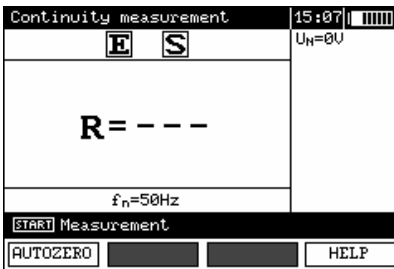
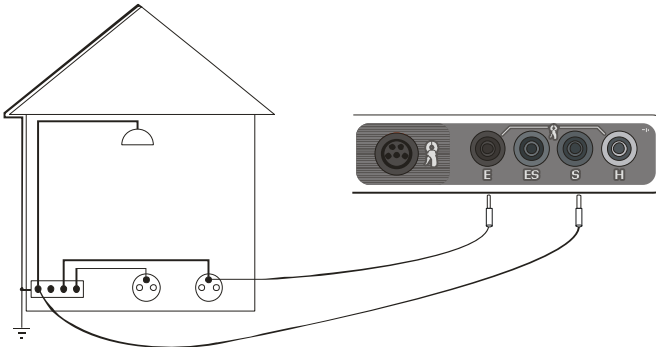
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Turn the meter on.  
Set the rotational function selector at 2P.

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Connect the object being measured to the terminals **S** and **E** of the meter.



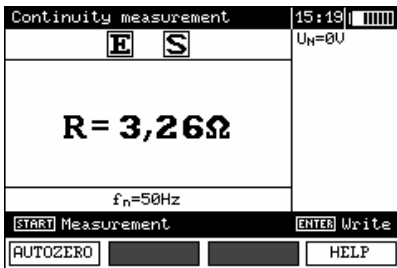
The meter is ready for measurement. The auxiliary display shows the value of the interference voltage and its frequency. The setting bar shows the mains frequency set in the MENU.

3



Press **START** In order for the test to commence.


4



Read out the result.

The result is displayed for 20 s. It may be displayed again **ENTER** is pressed.

### Additional information displayed by the meter

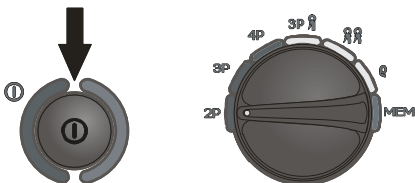
<b>R&gt;20,0kΩ</b>	Measurement range exceeded.
<b>U<sub>N</sub>&gt;40V!</b> and a continuous sonic signal 	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
<b>U<sub>N</sub>&gt;24V!</b>	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24 V but lower than 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
<b>NOISE!</b>	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.

## 3.2 Calibration of the test leads

In order to eliminate the influence of the resistance of the test leads over the result of the measurement, it is possible to realise its compensation (auto-zeroing). In order to do so the measurement function **2P** includes the **AUTOZERO** subfunction.

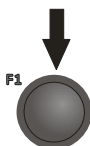
### 3.2.1 Auto-zeroing on

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Turn the meter on. Set the rotational function selector at **2P**.

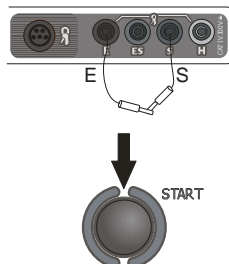
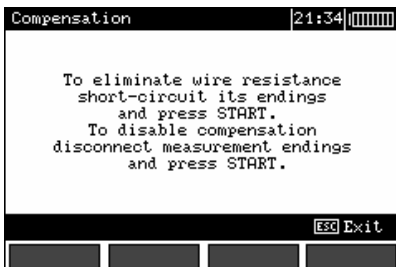
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Press **F1**.

3

Follow the displayed instructions.



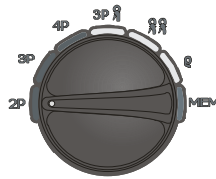
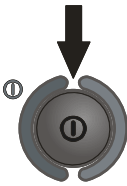
- ④ Once the auto-reset function Has concluded the following will be displayed:



Auto-zeroing is signalled by the legend **AUTOZERO** on the right-hand side of the display.

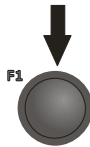
### 3.2.2 Auto-zeroing off

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Turn the meter on.  
Set the rotational  
function selector at **2P**.

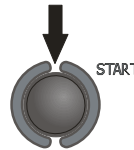
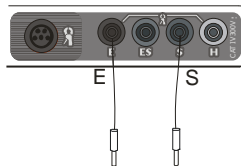
②



Press **F1**.

③

Separate the test leads. Press **START**.



Once the auto-zeroing function has been turned off, the legend **AUTOZERO** will be no longer displayed.

### Note:

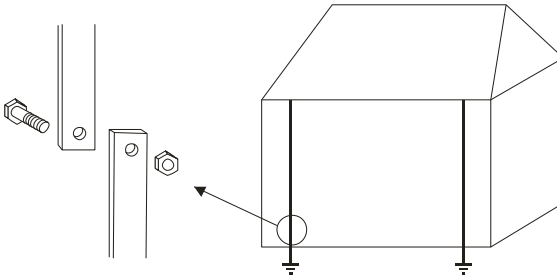
- It is sufficient to realise compensation once for the given test leads. It is also remembered once the meter has been turned off.



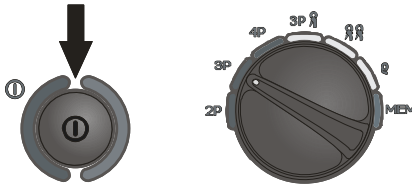
### 3.3 Earth resistance measurement with 3-pole method ( $R_E3P$ )

The basic kind of the earth resistance measurement is 3-pole measurement.

- 1 Disconnect the tested earth electrode for the object installation.



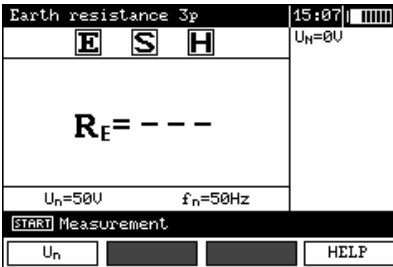
- 2 Turn the meter on. Set the rotational function selector at 3P.



- 3 Connect the current electrode driver into ground to the H socket of the meter. Connect the voltage electrode driver into ground to the S socket of the meter. Connect the tested earth electrode to the E socket of the meter. The tested earth electrode as well as the current electrode and voltage electrode should be aligned.

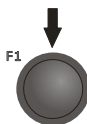
Connect the current electrode driver into ground to the **H** socket of the meter. Connect the voltage electrode driver into ground to the **S** socket of the meter. Connect the tested earth electrode to the **E** socket of the meter. The tested earth electrode as well as the current electrode and voltage electrode should be aligned.

- 4

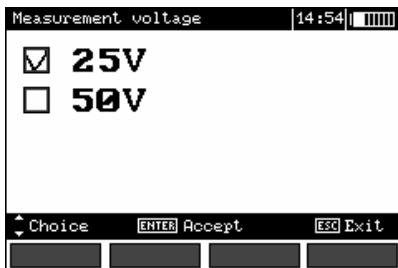


The meter is ready for measurement. The auxiliary display shows the value of the interference voltage and its frequency. The setting bar shows the mains frequency set in the MENU.

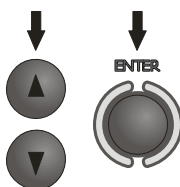
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Press **F1** to order to modify the measuring voltage.

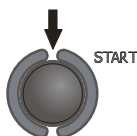


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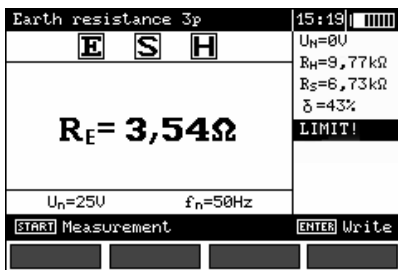
Use buttons ▲ and ▼ to set the measuring voltage and press **ENTER**.

7



Press **START** In order for the test to commence measurement.

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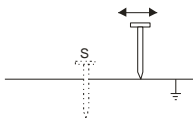


Read out the result.  
Current electrode resistance  
Voltage electrode resistance  
Additional uncertainty caused by the resistance of the electrodes

Displayed, when  $\delta > 30\%$

The result is displayer for 20 s.  
It may be displayed again **ENTER** is pressed.


9



Repeat the measurements (see points 3, 7 and 8) moving the voltage electrode by a couple of meters: approaching it to and moving it away from the tested earth electrode.

If the  $R_E$  test results differ more than 3%, then it is necessary to increase significantly the distance between the current electrode from the earth electrode in question and repeat the measurement.


**Note:**



**Earth resistance measurement may be realised if the interference voltage does not exceed 24 V. The interference voltage is measured up to 100 V. Do not connect the meter to a voltage exceeding 100 V.**

- Pay particular attention to the quality of the connection of the tested object with the test leads – the contact area must be cleaned of paint, rust, etc.
- If the resistance of the auxiliary electrodes is too high, then the measurement of the  $R_E$  earth electrode will be distorted by additional uncertainty. A particularly high measurement uncertainty is generated if we measure a low value of the earth resistance with electrodes of a weak contact with the ground (such a situation occurs often if the earth electrode is properly made and the upper layer of the ground is dry and characterised by a low conductivity). Then the relation between the electrode resistance and the resistance of the measured earthing is very high, and so is the case of the measurement uncertainty which depends on it. What may be done then is to perform, in accordance with the formulae specified in point 10.2, calculations, which will permit to evaluate the influence of the measurement conditions. It is also possible to improve the contact of the electrode with the ground, for example by means of moistening of the place when the electrode is driven, its driving into the ground in another place or using a 80-centimetre electrode. Check also the test leads and make sure the insulation is not damaged and the contacts: test lead – banana plug – electrode are not corroded or loosened. In most cases the achieved resolution of the measurement is sufficient, but it is necessary to be conscious of the uncertainty the measurement is burdened with.
- If the resistance of **H** and **S** electrodes or one of them exceeds 19.9 k $\Omega$ , an appropriate message is displayed: "**R\_H and R\_S electrodes resistance are higher than 19.9 k $\Omega$ ! Measurement impossible!**".
- Manufacturer's calibration doesn't include the resistance of test leads. Displayed result is sum of measured object and test leads resistance. However, in the meters up to No. 77, the factory calibration takes into account the resistance of only 2.2 m leads.

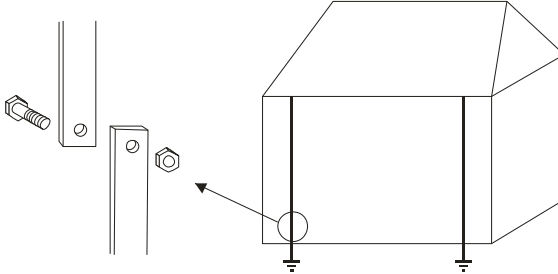
**Additional information displayed by the meter**

<b><math>R_E &gt; 20,0k\Omega</math></b>	Measurement range exceeded.
<b><math>U_N &gt; 40V!</math></b> and a continuous sonic signal 	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
<b><math>U_N &gt; 24V!</math></b>	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24 V but lower than 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
<b>LIMIT!</b>	The uncertainty of the electrode resistance >30%. (Uncertainties calculated on the basis of the measured values)
<b>NOISE!</b>	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.

### 3.4 Earth resistance measurement with 4-wire method ( $R_{E4P}$ )

The 4-wire method is recommended in the case of measurements of earth resistance of very low values. It permits to eliminate the influence of the test leads resistance over the result of the measurement. In order to evaluate the resistance of the ground it is recommended to use the dedicated measurement function (point 3.9).

- 1 Disconnect the tested earth electrode for the object installation.

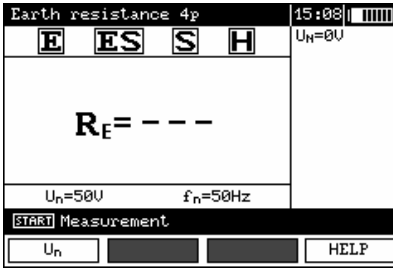


- 2 Turn the meter on. Set the rotational function selector at 4P.
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- A close-up of the meter's rotary selector knob. An arrow points to the '4P' position. The knob has markings for '2P', '3P', '4P', and 'MEM'. The needle on the meter is visible, pointing towards the right.

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- A diagram showing the meter connected to the building's earth electrodes. The meter has four sockets labeled 'E', 'ES', 'S', and 'H'. Wires connect these sockets to the electrodes: 'E' to the tested electrode, 'ES' to the electrode below it, 'S' to a separate ground rod, and 'H' to another ground rod. The meter also has a '3P' socket and a 'MEM' button.

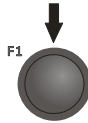
Connect the current electrode driver into ground to the **H** socket of the meter.  
Connect the voltage electrode driver into ground to the **S** socket of the meter.  
Connect the tested earth electrode to the **E** socket of the meter.  
Connect the **ES** socket to the earth electrode below the **E** cable.  
The tested earth electrode as well as the current electrode and voltage electrode should be aligned.

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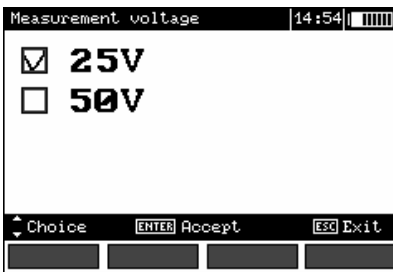


The meter is ready for measurement. The auxiliary display shows the value of the interference voltage and its frequency. The setting bar shows the mains frequency set in the MENU.

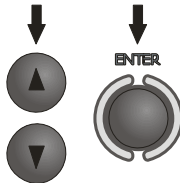
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Press **F1** to order to modify the measuring voltage.

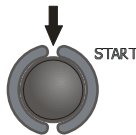


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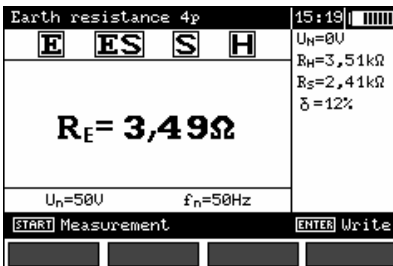
Use buttons ▲ and ▼ to set the measuring voltage and press **ENTER**.

7



Press **START** in order for the test to commence measurement.

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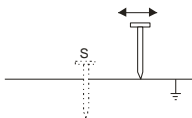


Read out the result.

- ← Current electrode resistance
- ← Voltage electrode resistance
- ← Additional uncertainty caused by the resistance of the electrodes

The result is displayed for 20 s. It may be displayed again **ENTER** is pressed.

9



Repeat the measurements (see points 3, 7 and 8) moving the voltage electrode by a couple of meters: approaching it to and moving it away from the tested earth electrode. If the  $R_E$  test results differ more than 3%, then it is necessary to increase significantly the distance between the current electrode from the earth electrode in question and repeat the measurement.

## Note:




**Earth resistance measurement may be realised if the interference voltage does not exceed 24 V. The interference voltage is measured up to 100 V. Do not connect the meter to a voltage exceeding 100 V.**

- Pay particular attention to the quality of the connection of the tested object with the test leads – the contact area must be cleaned of paint, rust, etc.

- If the resistance of the auxiliary electrodes is too high, then the measurement of the  $R_E$  earth electrode will be distorted by additional uncertainty. A particularly high measurement uncertainty is generated if we measure a low value of the earth resistance with electrodes of a weak contact with the ground (such a situation occurs often if the earth electrode is properly made and the upper layer of the ground is dry and characterised by a low conductivity). Then the relation between the electrode resistance and the resistance of the measured earthing is very high, and so is the case of the measurement uncertainty which depends on it. What may be done then is to perform, in accordance with the formulae specified in point 10.2, calculations, which will permit to evaluate the influence of the measurement conditions. It is also possible to improve the contact of the electrode with the ground, for example by means of moistening of the place when the electrode is driven, its driving into the ground in another place or using a 80-centimetre electrode. Check also the test leads and make sure the insulation is not damaged and the contacts: test lead – banana plug – electrode are not corroded or loosened. In most cases the achieved resolution of the measurement is sufficient, but it is necessary to be conscious of the uncertainty the measurement is burdened with.

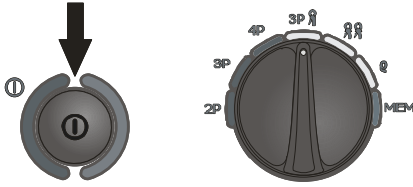
- If the resistance of **H** and **S** electrodes or one of them exceeds 19.9 k $\Omega$ , an appropriate message is displayed: "**R\_H and R\_S electrodes resistance are higher than 19.9 k $\Omega$ ! Measurement impossible!**".


## Additional information displayed by the meter

<b><math>R_E &gt; 20,0 k\Omega</math></b>	Measurement range exceeded.
<b><math>U_N &gt; 40V!</math></b> and a continuous sonic signal 	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
<b><math>U_N &gt; 24V!</math></b>	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24 V but lower than 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
<b>LIMIT!</b>	The uncertainty of the electrode resistance $> 30\%$ . (Uncertainties calculated on the basis of the measured values)
<b>NOISE!</b>	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.

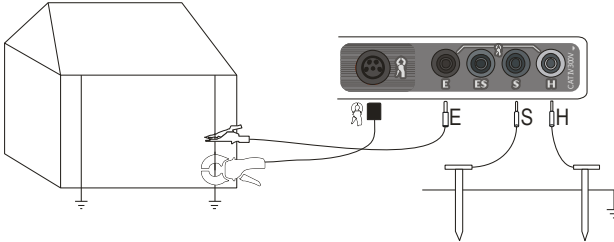
### 3.5 Earth resistance measurement with 3-pole method with additional clamp ( $R_{E3P+C}$ )

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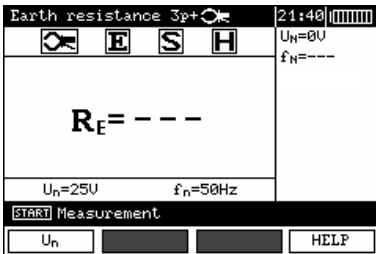


Turn the meter on.  
Set the rotational function selector at 3P .

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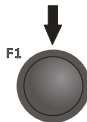


Connect the current electrode driver into ground to the **H** socket of the meter.  
Connect the voltage electrode driver into ground to the **S** socket of the meter.  
Connect the tested earth electrode to the **E** socket of the meter.  
The tested earth electrode as well as the current electrode and voltage electrode should be aligned.  
Snap the clamp on the tested earth electrode below the **E** cable connection.

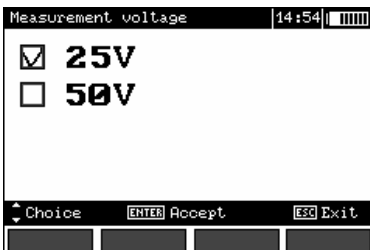


The meter is ready for measurement.  
The auxiliary display shows the value of the interference voltage and its frequency. The setting bar shows the mains frequency set in the MENU.

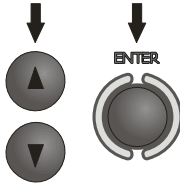
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Press **F1** to ordered to modify the measuring voltage.

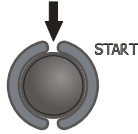


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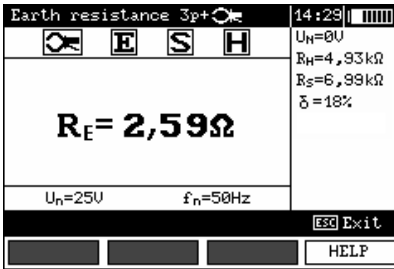
Use buttons ▲ and ▼ to set the measuring voltage and press **ENTER**.

5



Press **START** in order for the test to commence measurement.

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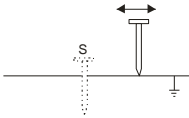


Read out the result.

- ← Current electrode resistance
- ← Voltage electrode resistance
- ← Additional uncertainty caused by the resistance of the electrodes.

The result is displayed for 20 s. It may be displayed again **ENTER** is pressed.

7



Repeat the measurements (see points 2 and 5) moving the voltage electrode by a couple of meters: approaching it to and moving it away from the tested earth electrode.

If the  $R_E$  test results differ more than 3%, then it is necessary to increase significantly the distance between the current electrode from the earth electrode in question and repeat the gauging.

## Notes:

**⚠**

**Earth resistance measurement may be realised if the interference voltage does not exceed 24 V. The interference voltage is measured up to 100 V. Do not connect the meter to a voltage exceeding 100 V.**

- The clamps are not the part of meter basic accessories, you have to purchase them apart.
- The clamp must be calibrated before it is used for the first time. It may be periodically calibrated in order to avoid the influence of the ageing elements upon the resolution of measurements. The clamp calibration option is in the **MENU**.
- Pay particular attention to the quality of the connection of the tested object with the test leads – the contact area must be cleaned of paint, rust, etc.
- If the resistance of the auxiliary electrodes is too high, then the measurement of the  $R_E$  earth electrode will be distorted by additional uncertainty. A particularly high measurement uncertainty is gen-



erated if we measure a low value of the earth resistance with electrodes of a weak contact with the ground (such a situation occurs often if the earth electrode is properly made and the upper layer of the ground is dry and characterised by a low conductivity). Then the relation between the electrode resistance and the resistance of the measured earthing is very high, and so is the case of the measurement uncertainty which depends on it. What may be done then is to perform, in accordance with the formulae specified in point 10.2, calculations, which will permit to evaluate the influence of the measurement conditions. It is also possible to improve the contact of the electrode with the ground, for example by means of moistening of the place when the electrode is driven, its driving into the ground in another place or using a 80-centimetre electrode. Check also the test leads and make sure the insulation is not damaged and the contacts: test lead – banana plug – electrode are not corroded or loosened. In most cases the achieved resolution of the measurement is sufficient, but it is necessary to be conscious of the uncertainty the measurement is burdened with.

- If the resistance of **H** and **S** probes or one of them exceeds 19.9 kΩ, an appropriate message is displayed: "**R\_H and R\_S electrodes resistance are higher than 19.9 kΩ! Measurement impossible!**".

- Manufacturer's calibration doesn't include the resistance of test leads. Displayed result is sum of measured object and test leads resistance.

### Additional information displayed by the meter

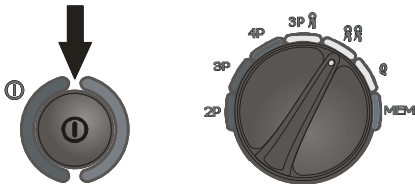
<b>R<sub>E</sub>&gt;2kΩ</b>	Measurement range exceeded.
<b>U<sub>N</sub>&gt;40V!</b> and a continuous sonic signal ↕ <sup>1)</sup>	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
<b>U<sub>N</sub>&gt;24V!</b>	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24 V but lower than 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
<b>NOISE!</b>	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.
<b>LIMIT!</b>	The uncertainty of the electrode resistance >30%. (Uncertainties calculated on the basis of the measured values)
<b>I<sub>L</sub>&gt;max</b>	Excessive interfering current, the measurement error may exceed the basic error

### 3.6 Earth resistance measurement with two-clamp method (2C)

Two-clamp measurements are applied where there is no possibility of using ground-driven electrodes.

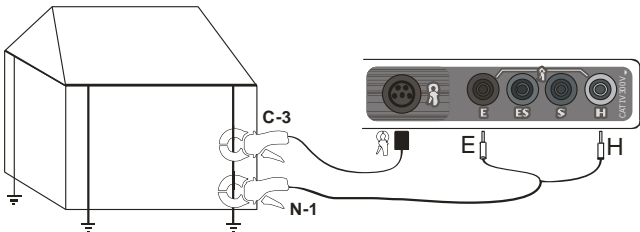
**NOTE!**  
**The two-clamp method may be used solely in the case of multiple earthing measurements.**

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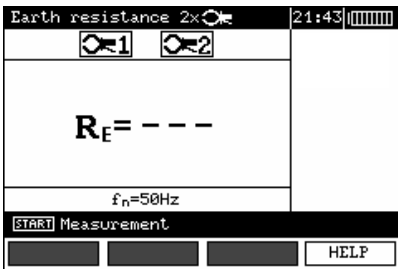


Turn the meter on.  
 Set the rotational function selector at .

2

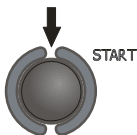


Connect the transmission clamp to sockets **H** and **E**, while the measurements clamp should be connected to the clamp socket.  
 Snap the transmission clamp and measurement clamp on the tested earth electrode AT east 30 cm from each other.



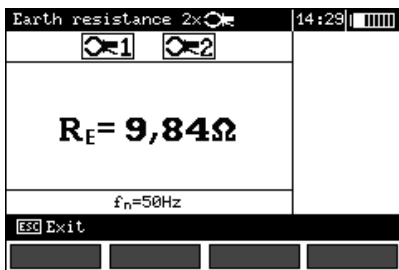
The meter is ready for measurement.

3



Press **START** In order for the test to commence measurement.


4



Read out the result.

The result is displayed for 20 s. It may be displayed again when **ENTER** is pressed.

## Note:



Measurements may be performed in the presence of interference current not exceeding 3 A RMS and whose frequency complies with the value set in the MENU.

- The clamps are not the part of meter basic accessories, you have to purchase them apart.
- The clamp must be calibrated before it is used for the first time. It may be periodically calibrated in order to avoid the influence of the ageing elements upon the resolution of measurements. The clamp calibration option is in the **MENU**.
- If the clamp current is insufficient, an appropriate message is displayed: "**Measured current is too low. Measurement impossible!**".

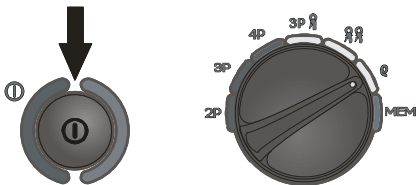
## Additional information displayed by the meter

<b>R<sub>E</sub>&gt;150Ω</b>	Measurement range exceeded.
<b>U<sub>N</sub>&gt;40V!</b> and a continuous sonic signal ⚠	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
<b>U<sub>N</sub>&gt;24V!</b>	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24 V but lower than 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
<b>NOISE!</b>	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.

### 3.7 Earth resistivity measurement ( $\rho$ )

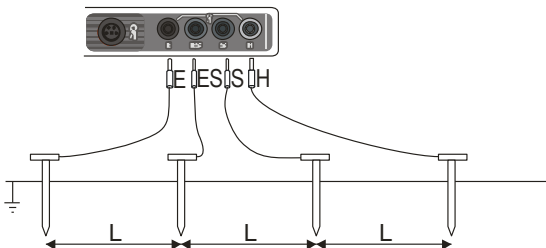
For the purpose of earth resistivity measurements – which are used as a preliminary measure for the project of earthing systems or in geology – there is a separate function, which is selected by means of the rotational function selector: earth resistivity measurements  $\rho$ . The function is metrologically identical as the 4-wire earth resistance measurement, but it includes an additional procedure of storing of the distance between the electrodes. The result of the measurement is the resistance value which is calculated automatically in accordance with the following formula:  $\rho = 2\pi LR_E$ , which is used in the Wenner's measurement method. The method in question assumes equal distances between electrodes.

1

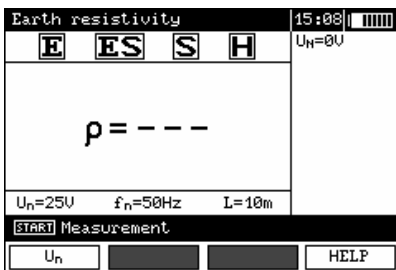


Turn the meter on.  
Set the rotational function selector at  $\rho$ .

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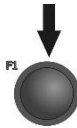


Connect the four aligned and equally spaced electrodes, which are driven into the ground, to the meter, and do so in accordance with the diagram above

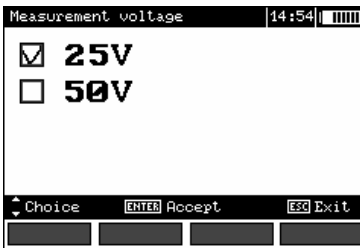


The meter is ready for measurement. The auxiliary display shows the value of the interference voltage and its frequency. The setting bar shows the measurement voltage, mains frequency set in the **MENU** and the distance between the electrodes.

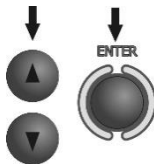
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Press **F1** to change the measurement voltage.

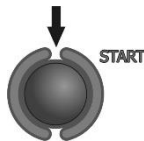


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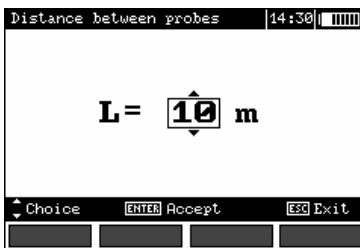


Use buttons ▲ and ▼ to set the measuring voltage and press **ENTER**.

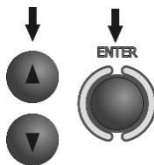
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Press **START** to commence measurement. The meter will activate the mode of selection of the distance between probes.

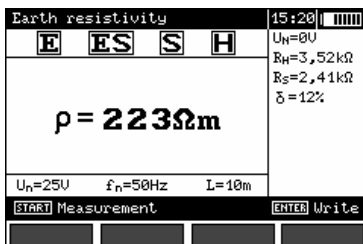


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Use buttons ▲ and ▼ to set the distance between electrodes and press **ENTER** in order to commence measurement.

7



Read out the result.

- ← Current electrode resistance
- ← Voltage electrode resistance
- ← Additional uncertainty caused by the resistance of the electrodes

The result is displayed for 20 s. It may be displayed again **ENTER** is pressed.

## Note:



**Earth resistance measurement may be realised if the interference voltage does not exceed 24 V. The interference voltage is measured up to 100 V. Do not connect the meter to a voltage exceeding 100 V.**


- Calculations are based upon the assumption that the distances between the specific measurement electrodes are equal (the Wenner's method). If this is not the case the earthing resistance measurement must be realised by means of the 4-wire method and calculations must be performed individually.

- Pay particular attention to the quality of the connection of the tested object with the test leads – the contact area must be cleaned of paint, rust, etc.

- If the resistance of the auxiliary electrodes is too high, then the measurement of the  $R_E$  earth electrode will be distorted by additional uncertainty. A particularly high measurement uncertainty is generated if we measure a low value of the earth resistance with electrodes of a weak contact with the ground (such a situation occurs often if the earth electrode is properly made and the upper layer of the ground is dry and characterised by a low conductivity). Then the relation between the electrode resistance and the resistance of the measured earthing is very high, and so is the case of the measurement uncertainty which depends on it. What may be done then is to perform, in accordance with the formulae specified in point 10.2, calculations, which will permit to evaluate the influence of the measurement conditions. It is also possible to improve the contact of the electrode with the ground, for example by means of moistening of the place when the electrode is driven, its driving into the ground in another place or using a 80-centimetre electrode. Check also the test leads and make sure the insulation is not damaged and the contacts: test lead – banana plug – electrode are not corroded or loosened. In most cases the achieved resolution of the measurement is sufficient, but it is necessary to be conscious of the uncertainty the measurement is burdened with.

- If the resistance of **H** and **S** probes or one of them exceeds 19.9 k $\Omega$ , an appropriate message is displayed: "**R\_H and R\_S electrodes resistance are higher than 19.9 k $\Omega$ ! Measurement impossible!**".

## Additional information displayed by the meter

<b><math>\rho &gt; 1M\Omega m</math></b>	Measurement range exceeded.
<b><math>U_N &gt; 40V!</math></b> and a continuous sonic signal 	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
<b><math>U_N &gt; 24V!</math></b>	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24 V but lower than 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
<b>LIMIT!</b>	The uncertainty of the electrode resistance $>30\%$ . (Uncertainties calculated on the basis of the measured values)
<b>NOISE!</b>	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.

## 4 Memory

The MRU-120 meters are equipped with a memory whose capacity is 990 results of resistance measurements. Individual measurements are saved in memory cells. The whole memory is divided into 10 banks with 99 cells each. Each result may be saved in a cell of a defined number and in the selected bank, so the user of the meter may, at their own discretion assign numbers of the cells to individual measurement points and the numbers of the banks to individual objects, realize measurements in any order and repeat them without losing other data.

The memory of the results of the measurements is not deleted when the meter is turned on, so they may be read further on or transmitted to the computer. The number of the current cell and the bank is not modified either.

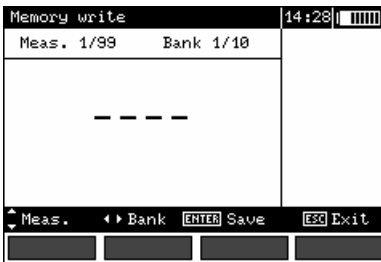
It is recommended to delete the memory once the data have been read or before a new series of measurements is realized. New measurements may be saved in the same cells as the previous ones.

### 4.1 Saving of the measurement results in the memory

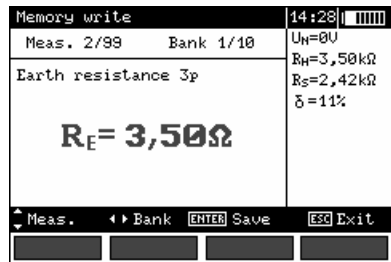
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Once the measurement has finished press **ENTER**.



Empty cell



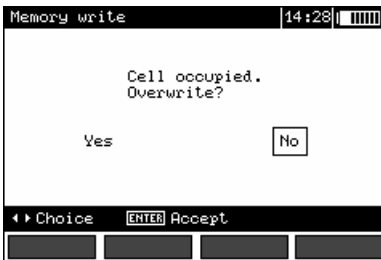
Occupied cell

②

Selection of the measure (cell) is realized by means of the buttons ▲ and ▼. Bank may be selected with the buttons ◀ and ▶. To save press **ENTER**.

③

Should you intend to save data in an occupied cell, the following message will be displayed:



④

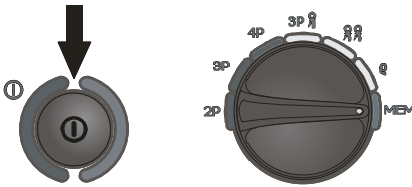
Once the option has been selected with the buttons ◀ and ▶ press **ENTER**.

## 4.2 Memory erasing

### Note:

- During the process of memory erasing the progress bar is being displayed.

1



Turn the meter on.  
Set the rotational  
function selector at **MEM**.

2



Using the buttons ▲ and ▼ highlight  
"Memory erasing".



3



Press **ENTER**.





4



Use the buttons ▲ and ▼ to select complete "Memory erase", "Bank erase" or "Measurement erase"

5

Follow the displayed instructions.

### 4.3 Memory browsing

1



Use the buttons ▲ and ▼ to highlight "Memory browsing".

2



Press **ENTER**.

Memory browsing		14:30	
Meas. 2/4	Bank 1/1	U <sub>H</sub> =0U	
Earth resistance 3p		R <sub>H</sub> =3,50kΩ	
<b>R<sub>E</sub> = 3,50Ω</b>		R <sub>S</sub> =2,42kΩ	
		δ=11%	
Meas.		ESC Exit	

3

Use the buttons ◀ and ▶ to select bank and the buttons ▲ and ▼ to select a cell.

### Note:

- During a memory search empty cells and banks are unavailable. „Meas. 1/20" means the first measurement in a group of 20; cells 21...99 are empty and unavailable. The same principle refers to banks. If the memory is not filled in a continuous manner, then empty measurements and banks are skipped during browsing.

## 5 Data transmission

### Remarks:

- Data transmission is not possible during the charging of accumulators.

### 5.1 Computer connection accessories

What is necessary in order to operate the meter with a computer is additional accessories, namely a USB cable and appropriate software. If the required accessories such have not been purchased along with the meter, then they are available from the manufacturer or an authorised distributor.

The accessories may be used in case of many devices manufactured by SONEL S.A. which are equipped with the USB interface.

Detailed information regarding software is available from the manufacturer or an authorised distributor.

### 5.2 Connection of the meter to a computer

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 programm.

## 6 Power supply

### Note:

Instrument MRU-120 has been designed for use only with the supplied rechargeable batteries. Using disposable instead of rechargeable batteries can take place only in emergency cases (e.g. total discharge of batteries during field measurements of electric poles). However, a rapid discharge of disposable batteries (several measurements) and malfunction of the instrument at high instantaneous power consumption should be expected.

### 6.1 Monitoring of the power supply voltage

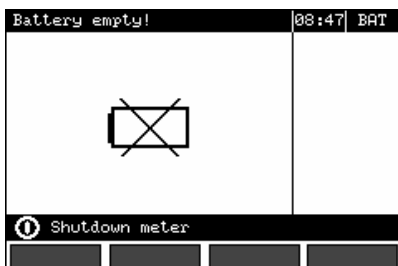
The level of the charge of the batteries or accumulators is currently indicated by the symbol in the right upper corner of the display:



Battery charged.

Battery low.

Battery fully discharged.



Battery fully discharged,  
Measuring blocked.

Note:

- The displayed **BAT** symbol means insufficient power supply voltage and the need to charge the accumulators,
- Measurements realized with an insufficient meter power supply voltage are distorted with additional errors which are impossible to ascertain by the user and thus they cannot constitute a basis for a conclusion of correctness of the tested earthing system.

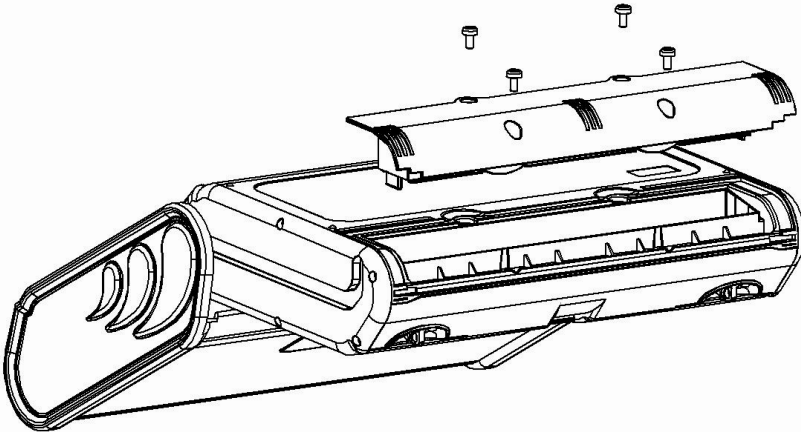
## 6.2 Replacement of accumulators

The MRU-120 meter is equipped with a package of NiMH accumulators and charger. The package of accumulators is placed in a compartment. The charger is installed inside the meter casing and it may be used solely to charge the original accumulators. It is powered from an external power supply. It is also possible to use a car lighter socket.

**WARNING:**  
If the test leads are left in the sockets during replacement of the batteries or the package of accumulators, there is a risk of electric shock with a dangerous voltage.

In order to replace the package of accumulators it is necessary to do the following:

- Remove all the test leads from the sockets and turn the meter off,
- Remove the four screws of the accumulators/batteries compartment (in the lower part of the casing),
- Remove the compartment,
- Insert the compartment in the meter,
- Replace the four screws of the accumulators/batteries compartment.



**NOTE!**  
Do not use the meter when the accumulator compartment is removed or open or power it from other sources than those mentioned in the present manual.

### 6.3 Fuse replacement

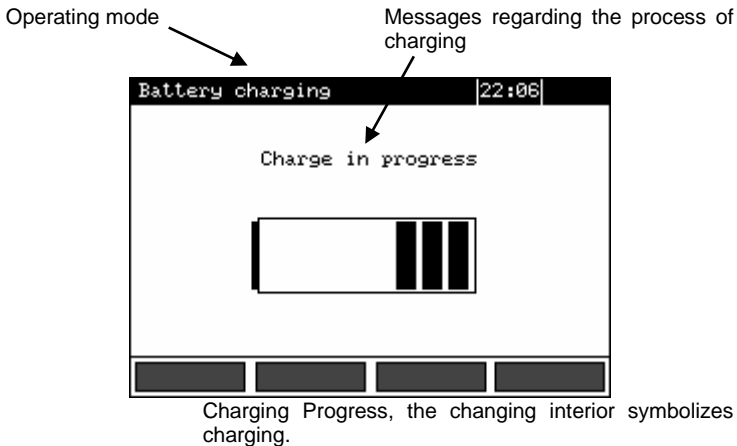
Remove the battery compartment to get access to two replaceable fuses:

- FST 1 A 250 VAC, 5x20 mm and
- 2 A 250 VAC, time-delay fuse, 5x20 mm.

If the instrument or battery charger does not work, before sending it for servicing, check the fuses and, if they are blown, replace them with identical ones. The fuses are placed in holders, near the centre of the cavity. To remove the fuses, use a narrow tool (e.g. a screwdriver).

### 6.4 Charging of accumulators

Charging commences once the power supply has been connected to the meter regardless of the fact whether the meter is on or off. During charging the screen looks as it is presented in the following illustration. The accumulators are charged in accordance with the algorithm of „quick charge” – this process permits to reduce the duration of charging to approximately four hours. The end of the process of charging is signalled by: **Charge in progress**. In order to turn the device off, remove the power supply plug of the charger.



Charging Progress, the changing interior symbolizes charging.

#### Note:

- As a result of interferences in the network it is possible that the process of charging of accumulators will finish too fast. In the case too short a time of charging is detected it is necessary to remove the plug of the charger and start charging anew.

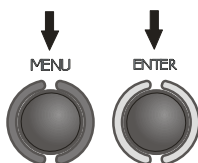
## Additional information displayed by the meter

Message	Cause	Proceeding
<b>Battery connection error!</b>	Excessive voltage at the accumulator package during charging.	Check the contacts of the accumulator package. Should the problem persist, replace the package.
<b>No battery!</b>	No communication with the accumulator controller or batteries compartment put in.	Check the contacts of the accumulator package. Should the problem persist, replace the package. Put the accumulators compartment instead of batteries.
<b>Battery temperature too low!</b>	The ambient temperature is lower than 10°C	It is not possible to charge the accumulators correctly in such a temperature. Place the meter in a warm place and commence the charging mode anew. The present message may be displayed also in the case of deep discharging of the accumulators. It is then recommended to try to turn the charger on and off repeatedly.
<b>Precharge error</b>	A damaged or deeply discharged accumulator package	The message is displayed for a while and then the precharge process begins again. If after several attempts the message: <b>Battery temperature too high!</b> is displayed, replace the package.

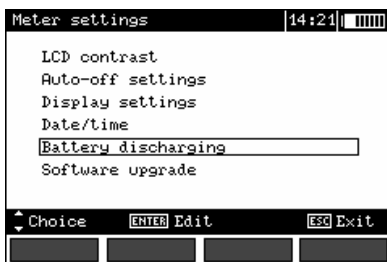
### 6.5 Discharging of accumulators

In order to guarantee proper functioning of the accumulators (charge indications) and prolong their durability, it is recommended to charge them from zero from time to time. Proceed as follows in order to discharge the accumulators:

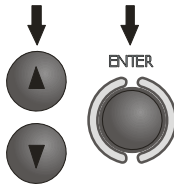
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Press **MENU** and highlight **Meter settings**. Press **ENTER**.



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Use buttons ▲ and ▼ to select **Battery discharging**, and press **ENTER**.

Read the displayed text and accept.

Discharging, which may last up to 10 hours depending on the level of the charge of the package, is signalled with the following message: **Discharging of accumulators in progress**.

## 6.6 General principles regarding using Ni-MH accumulators

- If you do not use the device for a prolonged period of time, then it is recommended to remove the accumulators and store them separately.
- Store the accumulators in a dry, cool and well ventilated place and protect them from direct sunlight. The temperature of the environment in the case of prolonged storage should not exceed 30°C. If the accumulators are stored for a long time in a high temperature, then the occurring chemical processes may reduce their lifetime.
- Accumulators Ni-MH resist normally 500-1000 charging cycles. The accumulators reach their maximum capacity after being formatted (2-3 charge and discharge cycles). The most important factor which influences the lifetime of an accumulator is the depth of discharge. The deeper the discharge of the accumulator, the shorter its lifetime.
- The memory effect is limited in the case of Ni-MH accumulator. These accumulators may be charged at any point with no serious consequences. However, it is recommended to discharge them completely every few cycles.
- During storage of Ni-MH accumulators they are discharged at the rate of approximately 30% per month. Keeping accumulators at high temperatures may accelerate this process even 100%. In order to prevent excessive discharge of accumulators, after which it would be necessary to format them, it is recommended to charge the accumulators from time to time (even if not in use).
- Modern fast chargers detect both too low and too high a temperature of accumulators and react to the situation adequately. Too low a temperature should prevent the start of the process of charging, which might damage the accumulator irreparably. An increase of the temperature of the accumulator is a signal to stop charging and is a typical phenomenon. However charging at a high temperature of the environment apart from reducing the lifetime causes an accelerated increase of the temperature of the accumulator, which will be not charged to its full capacity.
- Remember that in the case of quick charging accumulators are charged to approximately 80% of their capacity; better results may be obtained if the process of charging is continued: the charger goes then to the phase of charging with a low current and after next couple of hours the accumulators are charged to their full capacity.
- Do not charge or use accumulators in extreme temperatures. Extreme temperatures reduce the lifetime of batteries and accumulators. Avoid placing devices powered from accumulators in very hot environments. The nominal working temperature must be absolutely observed.

## 7 Cleaning and maintenance

### NOTE!

**Apply solely the maintenance methods specified by the manufacturer within the present 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 auxiliary electrode with water and dry it. Before the electrode 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.

## 8 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.
- In the case the 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.

## 9 Dismantling and disposal

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 worn-out electric and electronic equipment.

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

Observe the local regulations concerning disposal of packages, worn-out batteries and accumulators.

## 10 Technical data

- The abbreviation „m.v.” in the accuracy definition means the measured value.

### 10.1 Basic data

#### Interference voltage measurement $U_N$ (RMS)

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
0...100 V	1 V	$\pm(2\% \text{ m.v.} + 3 \text{ digits})$

- measurement for  $f_N$  45...65 Hz
- frequency of measurements – minimum two measurements/s

#### Measurement of resistance of protective conductors and equipotential bonding (2P)

The measurement method: in accordance with IEC 61557-4

Range of measurement in accordance with IEC 61557-4: 0,24  $\Omega$  ... 19,9 k $\Omega$

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
0,00...19,99 $\Omega$	0,01 $\Omega$	$\pm(2\% \text{ m.v.} + 2 \text{ digits})$
20,0...199,9 $\Omega$	0,1 $\Omega$	
200...1999 $\Omega$	1 $\Omega$	
2,00...9,99 k $\Omega$	0,01 $\Omega$	$\pm(5\% \text{ m.v.} + 2 \text{ digits})$
10,0...19,9 k $\Omega$	0,1 k $\Omega$	

#### Measurement of earth resistance – 3-pole method ( $R_{E3P}$ ), 4-wire method ( $R_{E4P}$ )

The measurement method: 3-pole, in accordance with IEC 61557-5

Range of measurement in accordance with IEC 61557-5: 0,30  $\Omega$  ... 19,9 k $\Omega$

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
0,00...19,99 $\Omega$	0,01 $\Omega$	$\pm(2\% \text{ m.v.} + 2 \text{ digits})$
20,0...199,9 $\Omega$	0,1 $\Omega$	
200...1999 $\Omega$	1 $\Omega$	
2,00...9,99 k $\Omega$	0,01 k $\Omega$	$\pm(5\% \text{ m.v.} + 4 \text{ digits})$
10,0...19,9 k $\Omega$	0,1 k $\Omega$	

#### Measurement of resistance of auxiliary electrodes $R_H$ and $R_S$

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
0...999 $\Omega$	1 $\Omega$	$\pm(5\% (R_E+R_H+R_S) + 8 \text{ digits})$ but not less than 10% $R_E$
1,00...9,99 k $\Omega$	0,01 k $\Omega$	
10,0...19,9 k $\Omega$	0,1 k $\Omega$	



**Measurement of earth resistance – 3-pole method with additional clamp (R<sub>E</sub>3P+C)**

Range of measurement in accordance with IEC 61557-5: 0,44 Ω ... 1999 Ω

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
0,00...19,99 Ω	0,01 Ω	±(8% m.v. + 3 digits)
20,0...199,9 Ω	0,1 Ω	
200...1999 Ω	1 Ω	

**Measurement of multiple earth resistance – two-clamp method (2C)**

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
0,00...19,99 Ω	0,01 Ω	±(10% m.v. + 3 digits)
20,0...149,9 Ω	0,1 Ω	±(20% m.v. + 3 digits)

**Earth resistivity measurement (ρ)**The measurement method: Wenner's,  $\rho = 2\pi LR_E$ 

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
0,0..199,9 Ωm	0,1 Ωm	Depends on the basic uncertainty of the R <sub>E</sub> 4P measurement but not less than ±1 digit.
200..1999 Ωm	1 Ωm	
2,00..19,99 kΩm	0,01 kΩm	
20,0..99,9 kΩm	0,1 kΩm	
100..999 kΩm	1 kΩm	

- distance between measurement electrodes (L): 1...50 m

## 10.2 Operating data

a)	type of insulation in accordance with EN 61010-1 and IEC 61557.....	double
b)	measurement category in accordance with EN 61010-1 (for 2000 m a.s.l.) .....	IV 300 V
c)	protection grade of the casing in accordance with EN 60529 .....	IP54
d)	maximum interference voltage AC + DC at which a measurement may be performed.....	24 V
e)	maximum measured interference voltage.....	100 V
f)	maximum interference current at which a measurement of the earth resistance by means of the clamp method is performed.....	3 A RMS
g)	frequency of the measurement current	
	▪ for 50 Hz mains .....	125 Hz
	▪ for 60 Hz mains .....	150 Hz
h)	measurement voltage and current for 2P .....	$U < 24 \text{ V RMS}$ , $I \geq 200 \text{ mA}$ for $R \leq 60 \Omega$
i)	measurement voltage for $R_E3P$ , $R_E4P$ .....	25 or 50 V
j)	measurement current (short-circuit current) for $R_E3P$ , $R_E4P$ .....	$>200 \text{ mA}$
k)	maximum resistance of measurement electrodes.....	20 k $\Omega$
l)	signalling of insufficient clamp current for.....	$\leq 0.5 \text{ mA}$
m)	power supply of the meter.....	accumulator package type SONEL NiMH 4.8 V 3 Ah
n)	parameters of AC adapter for the battery charge.....	100 V...240 V, 50 Hz...60 Hz
o)	number of measurements for 2P .....	$>1100$ (1 $\Omega$ , 2 measurement/min)
p)	number of measurements for $R_E3P$ , $R_E4P$ .....	$>800$ ( $R_E=10 \Omega$ , $R_H=R_S=100 \Omega$ , 2 measurement/min)
q)	duration of a resistance measurement by means of the two-pole method .....	$<6 \text{ s}$
r)	duration of a resistance and resistivity measurement by means of other methods.....	$<8 \text{ s}$
s)	dimensions.....	288 x 223 x 75 mm
t)	mass of the meter with accumulators .....	ca. 2 kg
u)	working temperature .....	-10...+50°C
v)	temperature range suitable for initiating battery charging .....	+10°C to +40°C
w)	temperatures at which loading is interrupted .....	below +5 °C and above (or equal to) +50°C
x)	reference temperature.....	23 $\pm$ 2°C
y)	storage temperature.....	-20...+80°C
z)	relative humidity .....	20...90%
aa)	relative humidity nominal.....	40...60%
bb)	altitude (above sea level) .....	$\leq 2000 \text{ m}^*$
cc)	quality standard .....	design and production in accordance with ISO 9001
dd)	the product meets EMC requirements according to the following standards .....	EN 61326-1 and EN 61326-2-2

### NOTE

#### \* Information about the use of meter at altitude from 2000 m to 5000 m

As for voltage inputs E, ES, S, H the instrument is to be considered downgraded to measurement category CAT III 300 V to ground (max 300 V between inputs) or CAT IV 150 V to ground (max 150 V between inputs). Markings and symbols indicated on the instrument are to be considered valid when using it at altitude lower than 2000 m.

### 10.3 Additional data

Data regarding additional uncertainties are useful mainly in the case the meter is used under non-standard conditions as well as for measurement laboratories for the purpose of calibration.

#### 10.3.1 Influence of the serial interference voltage $U_N$ upon earth resistance measurements for functions $R_E3P$ , $R_E4P$ , $R_E3P+C$

R	Additional uncertainty [Ω]
0,000...19,99 Ω	$\pm (25 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot R_E + 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot \frac{U_N}{R_E}) \cdot U_N$
>19,99 Ω	$\pm (5 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot R_E + 2 \cdot 10^{-2}) \cdot U_N$

#### 10.3.2 Influence of the serial interference voltage $U_N$ upon earth resistance measurements for function $\rho$

$$\Delta_{\text{add}} [\Omega] = \pm 2,5 \cdot (10^{-3} \cdot R_E + 10^{-6} \cdot R_H \cdot U_N) \cdot U_N,$$

$$\text{where } R_E = \frac{\rho}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot L}$$

#### 10.3.3 Influence of the auxiliary electrodes upon earth resistance measurements for function $R_E3P$ , $R_E4P$ , $R_E3P+C$

$R_H, R_S$	Additional uncertainty [%]
$R_H \leq 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ and $R_S \leq 1 \text{ k}\Omega$	within the range of the basic uncertainty
$R_H > 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ lub $R_S > 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ lub $R_H$ and $R_S > 1 \text{ k}\Omega$	$\pm \left( \frac{R_S}{R_S + 10^6} \cdot 200 + \frac{R_H^2}{R_E \cdot R_H + 200} \cdot 5 \cdot 10^{-3} + R_H \cdot 4 \cdot 10^{-4} \right)$

$R_E[\Omega]$ ,  $R_S[\Omega]$  and  $R_H[\Omega]$  are values which are displayed by the device.

#### 10.3.4 Influence of the auxiliary electrodes upon earth resistance measurements for function $\rho$

Uncertainty [%]
$\pm \left( \frac{R_H \cdot (R_S + 30000\Omega)}{R_E} \cdot 3,2 \cdot 10^{-7} + 4 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot \sqrt{R_H^2 + R_S^2} \right)$

$R_E[\Omega]$ ,  $R_S[\Omega]$  and  $R_H[\Omega]$  are values which are displayed by the device.

#### 10.3.5 Influence of the interference current $I_I$ upon the result of the earth resistance measurement for method $R_E3P+C$

The MRU-120 meter may perform a measurement, if the value of the interference current does not exceed 3 A RMS and the frequency complies with the value set in the MENU.

$R_E$	$U_{wy}$	Uncertainty [Ω]
$\leq 50 \Omega$	25 V	$\pm (5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot R_E \cdot I_I^2)$
	50 V	$\pm (2,5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot R_E \cdot I_I^2)$
$> 50 \Omega$	25 V	$\pm (70 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot R_E^2 \cdot I_I^2)$
	50 V	$\pm (50 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot R_E^2 \cdot I_I^2)$

If the interference current exceeds 3 A the possibility of measurement is blocked.

### 10.3.6 Influence of interference current on the result of the earth resistance measurement for two-clamp method (2C)

The MRU-120 meter may perform a measurement, if the value of the interference current does not exceed 3 A RMS and the frequency complies with the value set in the MENU.

$R_E$	Uncertainty [ $\Omega$ ]
0,00...4,99 $\Omega$	within the range of the basic uncertainty
5,00...19,9 $\Omega$	$\pm (5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot R_E^2 \cdot I_I^3)$
20,0...149,9 $\Omega$	$\pm (6 \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot R_E^2 \cdot I_I^3)$

If the interference current exceeds 3 A the possibility of measurement is blocked.

### 10.3.7 Influence of the relation of the resistance measured with clamp for the multiple earthing branch to the resultant resistance ( $R_{E3P+C}$ )

$R_C$	Uncertainty [ $\Omega$ ]
$\leq 99,9 \Omega$	$\pm (3 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot \frac{R_C}{R_w^2})$
$> 99,9 \Omega$	$\pm (6 \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot \frac{R_C}{R_w^2})$

$R_C[\Omega]$  is the value of the resistance measured with clamps for the branch displayed by the device, and  $R_w[\Omega]$  is the value of the resultant multiple earth resistance.

### 10.3.8 Additional uncertainties in accordance with IEC 61557-4 (2P)

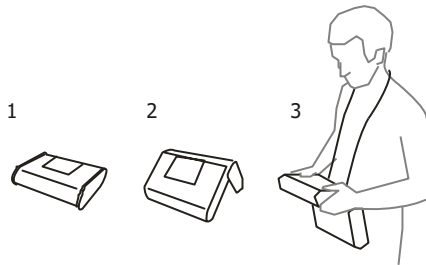
Influencing factor	Symbol	Additional uncertainty
Location	$E_1$	0%
Power supply voltage	$E_2$	0% ( <b>BAT</b> not displayed)
Temperature	$E_3$	$\pm 0,2 \text{ digit}/^\circ\text{C}$ for $R < 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ $\pm 0,07\%/^\circ\text{C} \pm 0,2 \text{ digit}/^\circ\text{C}$ for $R \geq 1 \text{ k}\Omega$

### 10.3.9 Additional uncertainties in accordance with IEC 61557-5 ( $R_{E3P}$ , $R_{E4P}$ , $R_{E3P+C}$ )

Influencing factor	Symbol	Additional uncertainty
Location	$E_1$	0%
Power supply voltage	$E_2$	0% ( <b>BAT</b> not displayed)
Temperature	$E_3$	$\pm 0,2 \text{ digit}/^\circ\text{C}$ for $R < 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ $\pm 0,07\%/^\circ\text{C} \pm 0,2 \text{ digit}/^\circ\text{C}$ for $R \geq 1 \text{ k}\Omega$
Serial interference voltage	$E_4$	In accordance with formula In 10.2.1 ( $U_2=3 \text{ V } 50/60 \text{ Hz}$ )
Resistance of electrodes and auxiliary earth electrodes	$E_5$	In accordance with the formula in 10.2.3

## 11 Positions of the meter's cover

The movable cover enables using the meter in various positions.



1 – Cover as the bottom of the meter,

2 – Cover used as a support,

3 – Cover in the position that enables convenient use of the meter suspended on the neck by means of hanging straps.

## 12 Manufacturer

The manufacturer of the device, which also provides guarantee and post-guarantee service is the following company:

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**Attention:**  
**Service repairs must be realised solely by the manufacturer.**

## NOTES





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