

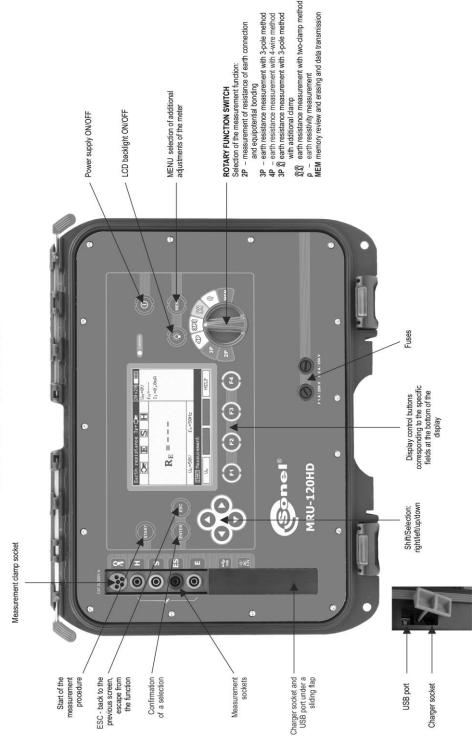


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1 Safety

The MRU-120HD meter has been designed to realize 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:

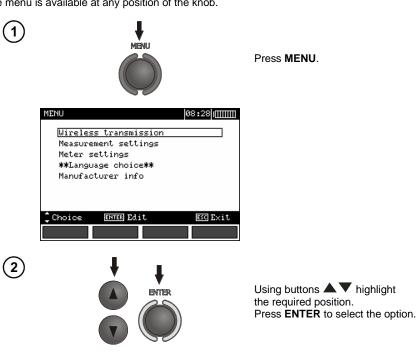
- Before you proceed to operate the meter, acquaint yourself thoroughly with the present manual and observe the safety regulations and specifications determined by the producer, in particular concerning accessories.
- The MRU-120HD meter has been designed for the purpose of measurements of earth connection
 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 realize measurements of electric installation. Operation of the meter realized by unauthorized
 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 realize 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.
- 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 realized solely by an authorized service point.
- The device complies with the following norms: EN 61010-1 and EN 61557-1, -4, -5.

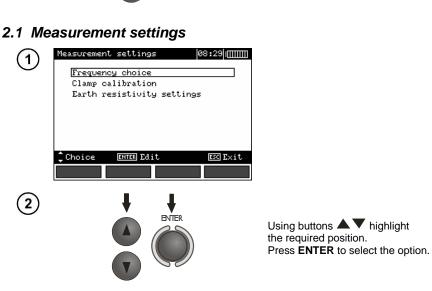


The manufacturer reserves the right to modify the appearance, accessories and technical data of the meter.

Menu

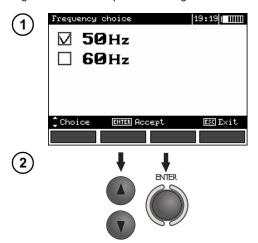
The menu is available at any position of the knob.





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 select the frequency and press **ENTER** to select the option.

2.1.2 Calibration of the measurement clamp C-3

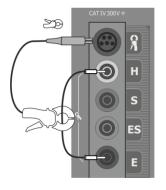
The clamp bought apart for a meter that was purchased before must be calibrated before it is used for the first time. It may be periodically calibrated in order to avoid the influence of the ageing elements upon the resolution of measurements. The procedure of calibration must be realized also after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



Having read the preliminary information **ENTER**.

2 Follow the displayed instructions.







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



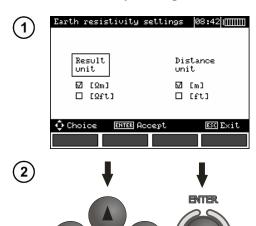
The meter has determined the correction factor for connected clamp. The factor is saved in the memory also when the power supply of the meter is off until the following successful calibration of the clamp has been performed.

Notes:

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

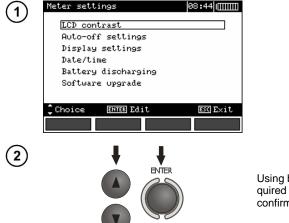
Message	Cause	Procedure
ERROR: CLAMP NOT CONNECTED OR NOT PUT ON WIRE CONNECTED TO H AND E SOCKET! CALIBRATION ABORTED. PRESS ENTER	The clamp is not connected	Check whether the clamp is connected to the device or whether it is placed upon the test lead used by the meter to force the passage of current.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

2.1.3 Earth resistivity settings



Using buttons ▲ ▼ ◀ ▶ 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

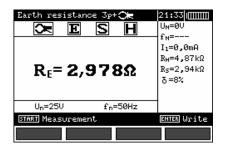
Using the buttons **\(\bigvee \bigvee \)** set the contrast value and press **ENTER**.

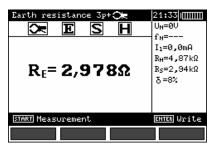
2.2.2 AUTO-OFF settings

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

2.2.3 Display settings

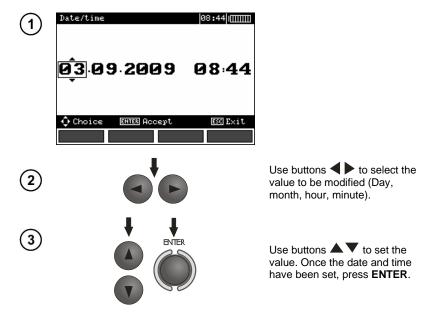
The setting permits to turn on/off the setting bar display. Use buttons \blacktriangle \blacktriangledown to set the display of the setting bar (measurement parameters), press **ENTER**.





Visible bar Hidden bar

2.2.4 Date and time



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 rechargeable batteries.
- During programming do not turn the meter off or disconnect the transmission cable.

Before you proceed to updating the program 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 program.

2.3 Language choice

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

2.4 Information on the manufacturer

Use buttons A v in order to select **Product info** and press **ENTER**.

3 Measurements



During measurements the status bar is displayed.

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



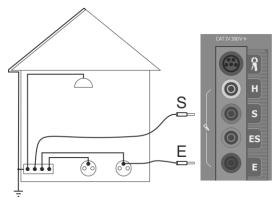
The measurement complies with the requirements specified in the norm EN 61557-4 (U < 24 V, I > 200 mA for R \leq 10 $\Omega).$

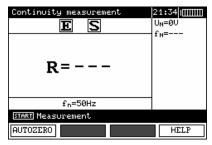




Turn the meter on. Set the rotational function selector at **2P**.

(2) Connect the object being measured to the terminals S and E of the meter.





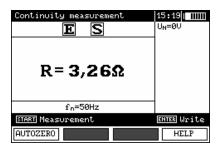
The meter is ready for measurement. The auxiliary display shows the value of the interference voltage and frequency. The setting bar shows the mains frequency set in the MENU.





Press START in order for the test to commence.





Read out the result.

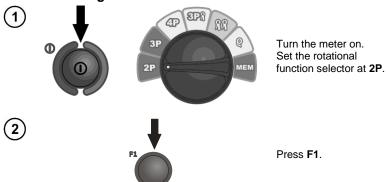
The result is displayed for 20 s. It may be displayed again when **ENTER** is pressed.

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

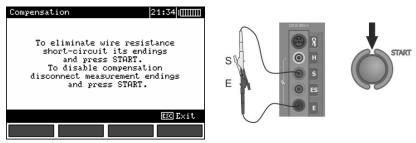
3.2 Calibration of the test leads

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

3.2.1 Auto-zeroing on



(3) Follow the displayed instructions.

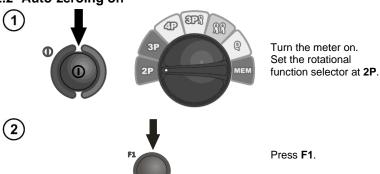


(4) Once the auto-reset function has concluded the following will be displayed:



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

3.2.2 Auto-zeroing off



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



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



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

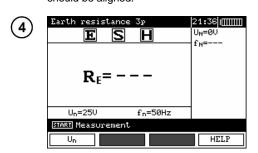
3.3 Earth resistance measurement with 3-pole method (R_E3P)

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

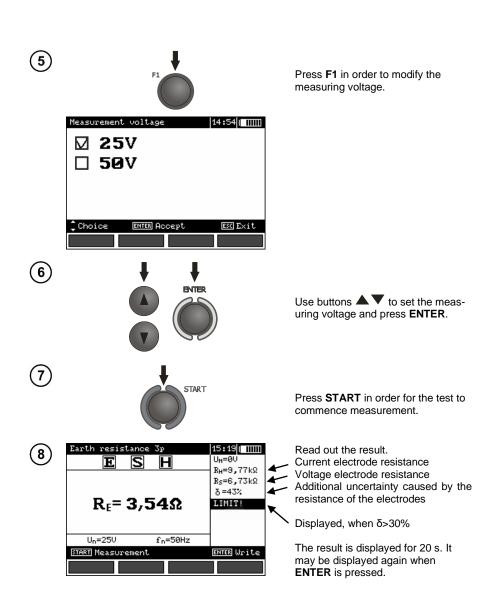
Disconnect the tested earth electrode for the object installation.

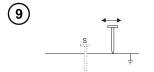
Turn the meter on. Set the rotational function selector at 3P.

Connect the **current electrode** driven into ground to the **H** socket of the meter. Connect the **voltage electrode** driven 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.



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





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 realized 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.

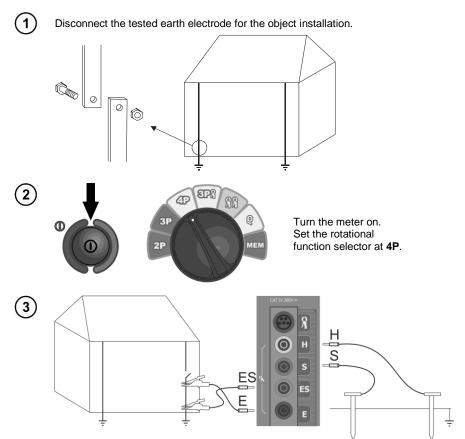


- Pay particular attention to the quality of the connection of the tested object with the test leads – the contact area must be cleaned of paint, rust, etc.
- If the resistance of the auxiliary electrodes is too high, then the measurement of the R_E earth electrode will be distorted by additional uncertainty. 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 characterized 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 chapter 10.3, 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-centimeter 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 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.

R _E >20,0kΩ	Measurement range exceeded.
U _N >40V! and a continuous sonic signal	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
U _N >24V!	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24 V but lower than 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
LIMIT!	The uncertainty of the electrode resistance > 30%. (Uncertainties calculated on the basis of the measured values)
NOISE!	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 four-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 resistivity of the ground it is recommended to use the dedicated measurement function (**chapter 3.7**).

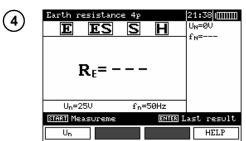


Connect the **current electrode** driven into ground to the **H** socket of the meter. Connect the **voltage electrode** driven into ground to the **S** socket of the meter.

Connect the tested **earth electrode** to the **E** socket of the meter.

Connect the **ES** socket to the earth electrode below the **E** cable.

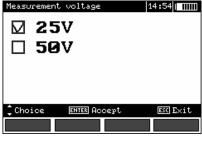
The tested earth electrode as well as the current electrode and voltage electrode should be aligned.



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



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

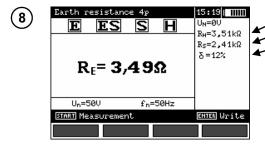


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Use buttons **t** vo set the measuring voltage and press **ENTER**.



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



Read out the result.

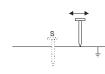
Current electrode resistance

Voltage electrode resistance

Additional uncertainty caused by the resistance of the electrodes

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





Repeat the measurements (see **point 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 $R_{\rm E}$ 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 realized 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_F 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 characterized 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 chapter 10.3, 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-centimeter 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 kΩ, an appropriate message is displayed: "R_H and R_S electrodes resistance are higher than 19.9 kΩ! Measurement impossible!".

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

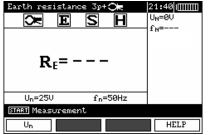
3.5 Earth resistance measurement with 3-pole method with additional clamp (R_E 3P+C)



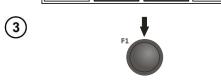
Connect the **current electrode** driven into ground to the **H** socket of the meter. Connect the **voltage electrode** driven into ground to the **S** socket of the meter. Connect the tested **earth electrode** to the **E** socket of the meter.

The tested earth electrode as well as the current electrode and voltage electrode should be aligned.

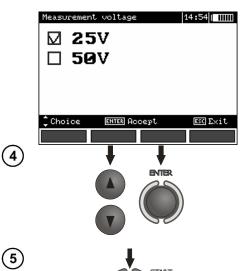
Snap the clamp on the tested earth electrode below the **E** cable connection.



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



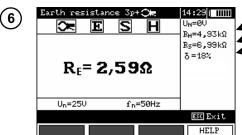
Press **F1** to ordered to modify the measuring voltage.



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



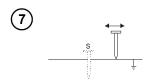
Press **START** in order for the test to commence measurement.



Read out the result.

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

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



Repeat the measurements (see **point 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.



NOTE!

- Measurement with flexible clamps is possible with the use of the ERP-1 adapter.
- Earth resistance measurement may be realized 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_F 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 characterized 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 chapter 10.3, 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-centimeter 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 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.

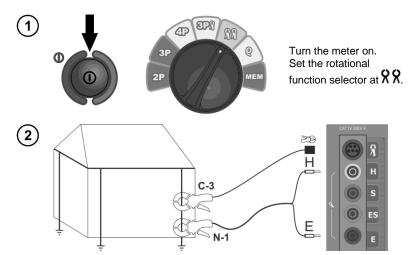
$R_E>2k\Omega$	Measurement range exceeded.
U _N >40V! and a continuous sonic signal	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
U _N >24V!	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24 V but lower than 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
NOISE!	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.
LIMIT!	The uncertainty of the electrode resistance > 30%. (Uncertainties calculated on the basis of the measured values)
I _L >max	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.

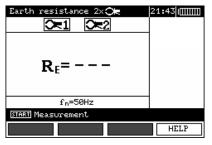


The two-clamp method may be used solely in the case of multiple earthing measurements.



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 least 30 cm from each other in order to avoid the influence of transmitting clamp on the receiving clamp.



The meter is ready for measurement.





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





Read out the result.

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



NOTE!

- Flexible clamps are not suitable for this measurement.
- 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!".

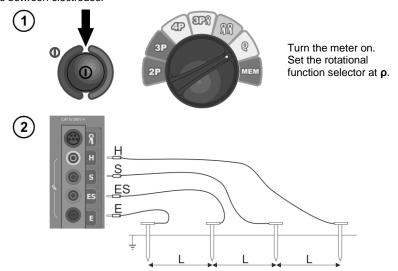
$R_E > 150\Omega$	Measurement range exceeded.
U _N >40V! and a continuous sonic signal	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
U _N >24V!	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24 V but lower than 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
NOISE!	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.

3.7 Earth resistivity measurement (ρ)

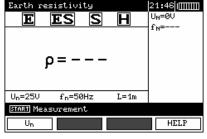
For the purpose of earth resistivity measurements – which are used as a preliminary measure for the project of earthing systems or in geology – there is a separate function, which is selected by means of the rotational function selector: earth resistivity measurements ρ . The function is metrologically identical as the four-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



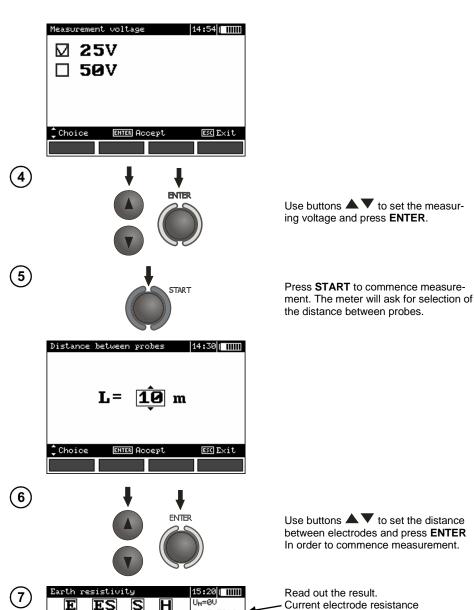
Connect the four aligned and equally spaced electrodes, which are driven into the ground, to the meter, and do so in accordance with the diagram above.



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



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



Use buttons to set the distance between electrodes and press ENTER

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 when ENTER is pressed.

 $R_H=3.52k\Omega$

 $R_s=2.41k\Omega$

ENTER Write

δ=12%

L=10m

 $\rho = 223\Omega m$

fn=50Hz

Un=250

START Measurement



NOTE!

Earth resistance measurement may be realized 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 realized by means of the four-pole 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 characterized 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 chapter 10.3, 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-centimeter 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 kΩ, an appropriate message is displayed: "R_H and R_S electrodes resistance are higher than 19.9 kΩ! Measurement impossible!".

ρ >1MΩm	Measurement range exceeded.
U _N >40V! and a continuous sonic signal	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
U _N >24V!	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24 V but lower than 40 V, the measurement is blocked.
LIMIT!	The uncertainty of the electrode resistance > 30%. (Uncertainties calculated on the basis of the measured values)
NOISE!	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.

4 Memory

The MRU-120HD 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 off, 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.

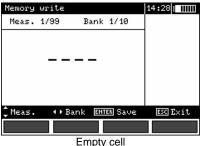
It is recommended to delete the memory once the data have been read or before a new series of measurements is realized. New measurements may be saved in the same cells as the previous ones.

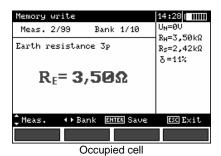
4.1 Saving of the measurement results in the memory





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





- Selection of the measure (cell) is realized by means of the buttons . To save press ENTER.
- Should you intend to save data in an occupied cell, the following message will be displayed:

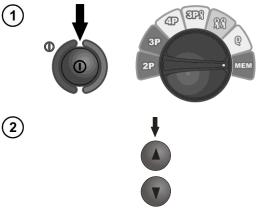


Once the option has been selected with the buttons press ENTER.

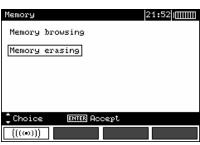
4.2 Memory erasing



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



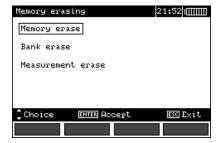
Turn the meter on. Set the rotational function selector at **MEM**.



Using the buttons highlight "Memory erasing".



Press ENTER.







Use the buttons $extbf{ iny}$ to select complete "Memory erase", "Bank erase" or "Measurement erase".



(5) Follow the displayed instructions.

4.3 Memory browsing





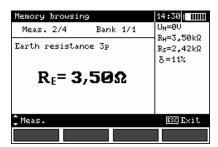


Use the buttons ▲▼ to highlight "Memory browsing".





Press ENTER.



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



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



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

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 have not been purchased along with the meter, then they are available from the manufacturer or an authorized 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 authorized distributor.

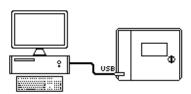
5.2 Connection of the meter to a computer





Set the rotational function selector at **MEM**.





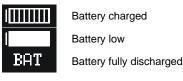
Connect the cable to the USB port of the computer and the USB socket of the meter.

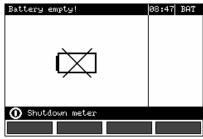
3 Start the program Sonel Reader.

6 Power supply

6.1 Monitoring of the power supply voltage

The level of the charge of the rechargeable batteries (inside the device) is currently indicated by the symbol in the right upper corner of the display:





Battery fully discharged. Measuring blocked.

Note, that:

- the displayed BAT symbol means insufficient power supply voltage and the need to charge the rechargeable batteries,
- 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 Fuse replacement

The front of the meter provides access to two replaceable fuses:

- FST 250 V AC 1A, 5x20 mm.
- 250 V AC 2A, time-delay fuse, 5x20 mm.

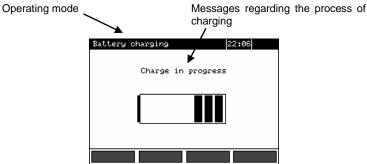
If the instrument or battery charger does not work, before sending it for servicing, check the fuses and, if they are blown, replace them with identical ones. The fuses are placed in holders. To remove the fuses, use a narrow tool (e.g. a screwdriver).

6.3 Charging of rechargeable batteries



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

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.



Charging Progress. The changing interior symbolizes charging.

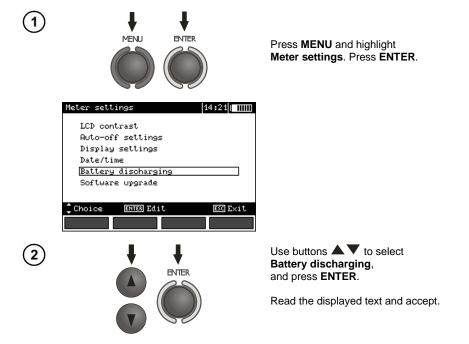
The rechargeable batteries are charged in accordance with the algorithm of "quick charge" – this process permits to reduce the duration of charging to approximately four hours. The end of the process of charging is signaled by: **Charging finished**. In order to turn the device off, remove the power supply plug of the charger.

Additional information displayed by the meter

Message	Cause	Proceeding
Battery connection error!	Excessive voltage at the rechargeable batteries package during charging.	Contact the manufacturer
No battery!	No communication with the rechargeable batteries controller Rechargeable batteries controller damaged Exploited rechargeable batteries package	Contact the manufacturer
Battery temperature too low!	The ambient temperature is lower than 10°C	It is not possible to charge the rechargeable batteries 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 rechargeable batteries. It is then recommended to try to turn the charger on and off repeatedly.
Precharge error	A damaged or deeply dis- charged rechargeable bat- teries package	The message is displayed for a while and then the pre- charge process begins again. If after several attempts the message: Battery tempera- ture too high! is displayed, contact the manufacturer

6.4 Discharging of rechargeable batteries

In order to guarantee proper functioning of the rechargeable batteries (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 rechargeable batteries:



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

6.5 General principles regarding using Ni-MH rechargeable batteries

- Store the meter in a dry, cool and well ventilated place and protect him from direct sunlight. The temperature of the environment in the case of prolonged storage should not exceed 30°C. If the meter stored for a long time in a high temperature, then the occurring chemical processes may reduce the rechargeable batteries' lifetime.
- Ni-MH rechargeable batteries resist normally 500-1000 charging cycles. The rechargeable batteries reach their maximum capacity after being formatted (2-3 charge and discharge cycles). The most important factor which influences the lifetime of an rechargeable batteries is the depth of discharge. The deeper the discharge of the rechargeable batteries, the shorter its lifetime.
- The memory effect is limited in the case of Ni-MH rechargeable batteries. These rechargeable batteries 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 rechargeable batteries they are discharged at the rate of approximately 30% per month. Keeping them at high temperatures may accelerate this process even 100%. In order to prevent excessive discharge of rechargeable batteries, after which it would be necessary to format them, it is recommended to charge them from time to time even if not in use **(recommended once every three months)**.
- Modern fast chargers detect both too low and too high a temperature of rechargeable batteries and react to the situation adequately. Too low a temperature should prevent the start of the process of charging, which might damage the rechargeable batteries irreparably. An increase of the temperature of the rechargeable batteries 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 rechargeable batteries, which will be not charged to its full capacity.
- Remember that in the case of quick charging rechargeable batteries 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 rechargeable batteries are charged to their full capacity.
- Do not charge or use rechargeable batteries in extreme temperatures. Extreme temperatures reduce the lifetime of batteries and rechargeable batteries. Avoid placing devices powered from rechargeable batteries 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 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 auxiliary electrode 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.

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 order to prevent a total discharge of the rechargeable batteries in the case of a prolonged storage, charge them from time to time (recommended once every three months).

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 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 rechargeable batteries.

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
0100 V	1 V	±(2% m.v. + 3 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 Ω ... 19.9 k Ω

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.0019.99 Ω	0.01 Ω	
20.0199.9 Ω	0.1 Ω	±(2% m.v. + 2 digits)
2001999 Ω	1 Ω	
2.009.99 kΩ	0.01 Ω	±(5% m.v. + 2 digits)
10.019.9 kΩ	0.1 kΩ	±(5% III.v. + 2 digits)

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 Ω ... 19.9 k Ω

Range	Resolution	Accuracy		
0.0019.99 Ω	0.01 Ω			
20.0199.9 Ω	0.1 Ω	±(2% m.v. + 2 digits)		
2001999 Ω	1 Ω	,		
2.009.99 kΩ	0.01 kΩ	1/E0/ 50 v + 4 digita)		
10.019.9 kΩ	0.1 kΩ	±(5% m.v. + 4 digits)		

Measurement of resistance of auxiliary electrodes R_H and R_S

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
0999 Ω	1 Ω	$\pm (5\% (R_E + R_H + R_S) + 8$
1.009.99 kΩ	0.01 kΩ	digits) but not less than
10.019.9 kΩ	0.1 kΩ	10% R _E

Measurement of earth resistance - 3-pole method with additional clamp (R_E3P+C)

Range of measurement in accordance with IEC 61557-5: 0.44 Ω ... 1999 Ω

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.0019.99 Ω	0.01 Ω	
20.0199.9 Ω	0.1 Ω	±(8% m.v. + 3 digits)
2001999 Ω	1 Ω	

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

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.0019.99 Ω	0.01 Ω	±(10% m.v. + 3 digits)
20.0149.9 Ω	0.1 Ω	±(20% m.v. + 3 digits)

Earth resistivity measurement (p)

The measurement method: Wenner's, $\rho = 2\pi LR_F$

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.0199.9 Ωm	0.1 Ωm	Danish and the basis
2001999 Ωm	1 Ωm	Depends on the basic
2.0019.99 kΩm	0.01 kΩm	uncertainty of the R _E 4P measurement but
20.099.9 kΩm	0.1 kΩm	not less than ±1 digit.
100999 kΩm	1 kΩm	

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

10.2 Operating data

۵)	type of insulation in accordance with EN 61010-1 and IEC 61557
a)	
p)	measurement category in accordance with EN 61010-1 (for 2000 m a.s.l.)
c)	protection grade of the casing in accordance with EN 60529
d)	maximum interference voltage AC + DC at which a measurement may be performed24 V
e)	maximum measured interference voltage
f)	maximum interference current at which a measurement of the earth resistance by means of the
,	clamp method is performed
g)	frequency of the measurement current
•	• for 50 Hz mains
	• for 60 Hz mains
h)	measurement voltage and current for 2PU<24 V RMS, I ≥ 200 mA for R ≤ 60 Ω
i)	measurement voltage for R _E 3P, R _E 4P
j)	measurement current (short-circuit current) for R _E 3P, R _E 4P>200 mA
k)	maximum resistance of auxiliary electrodes
1)	signaling of insufficient clamp current for≤0.5 mA
m)	power supply of the meterrechargeable batteries package type SONEL NiMH 4.8 V 3 Ah
n)	parameters of AC adapter for the battery charge
0)	number of measurements for 2P>1100 (1Ω , 2 measurement/min)
p)	number of measurements for R _E 3P, R _E 4P > 800 (R _E =10 Ω , R _H =R _S =100 Ω , 2 measurement/min)
q)	duration of a resistance measurement by means of the two-pole method
r)	duration of a resistance and resistivity measurement by means of other methods<8 s
s)	difference and resistance and resist
t)	mass of the meterapprox. 4 kg
u)	working temperature -10+50°C
v)	temperature range suitable for initiating battery charging+10°C+40°C
w)	temperatures at which loading is interruptedbelow +5°C and ≥ +50°C
x)	
	reference temperature 23 ± 2°C
y)	storage temperature
z) (relative humidity
	relative humidity nominal
	altitude (above sea level)≤2000 m*
	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 nonstandard 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]
0.00019.99 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 ρ

$$\Delta_{\rm add}\left[\Omega\right]=\pm\,2.5\cdot(10^{-3}\cdot R_E+10^{-6}\cdot R_H\cdot U_N)\cdot U_N\,,$$
 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 [%]
$R_H \le 1 \text{ k}\Omega \text{ and } R_S \le 1 \text{ k}\Omega$	within the range of the basic uncertainty
$R_H > 1 \text{ k}\Omega \text{ or}$ $R_S > 1 \text{ k}\Omega \text{ or}$ $R_H \text{ and } R_S > 1 \text{ k}\Omega$	$\pm \left(\frac{R_S}{R_S + 10^6} \cdot 200 + \frac{{R_H}^2}{R_E \cdot R_H + 200} \cdot 5 \cdot 10^{-3} + R_H \cdot 4 \cdot 10^{-4}\right)$

 $R_E[\Omega]$, $R_S[\Omega]$ 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 ρ

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

 $R_{E}[\Omega]$, $R_{S}[\Omega]$, $R_{H}[\Omega]$ – values which are displayed by the device.

10.3.5 Influence of the interference current I₁ upon the result of the earth resistance measurement R_E3P+C

The MRU-120HD 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	$U_{w_{y}}$	Uncertainty [Ω]
≤50 Ω	25 V	$\pm (5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot R_E \cdot I_l^2)$
	50 V	$\pm (2.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot R_E \cdot I_l^2)$
>50 Ω	25 V	$\pm (70 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot R_E^2 \cdot I_l^2)$
	50 V	$\pm (50 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot R_E^2 \cdot I_l^2)$

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

10.3.6 Influence of interference current upon the result of the earth resistance measurement using two clamps

The MRU-120HD 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 [Ω]
0.004.99 Ω	within the range of the basic uncertainty
5.0019.9 Ω	$\pm (5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot R_E^2 \cdot I_l^3)$
20.0149.9 Ω	$\pm (6 \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot R_E^2 \cdot I_l^3)$

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 (3P + clamp)

R _c	Uncertainty [Ω]
≤ 99.9 Ω	$\pm (3 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot \frac{R_C}{R_w^2})$
> 99.9 Q	$\pm (6 \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot \frac{R_C}{R_w^2})$

 $R_{c}[\Omega]$ – the value of the resistance measured with clamps for the branch displayed by the device.

 $R_W[\Omega]$ – 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% (BAT symbol not displayed)
Temperature	E ₃	± 0.2 digit/°C for R < 1 kΩ $\pm 0.07\%$ /°C ± 0.2 digit/°C for R ≥1 kΩ

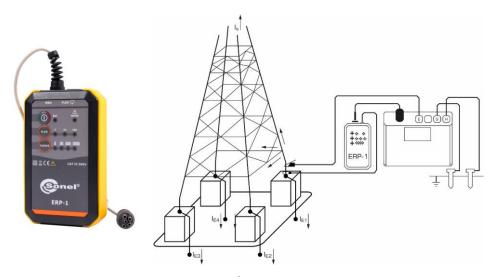
10.3.9 Additional uncertainties in accordance with IEC 61557-5 (R_E3P, R_E4P, R_E3P+C)

Influencing factor	Symbol	Additional uncertainty
Location	E₁	0%
Power supply voltage	E ₂	0% (BAT symbol not displayed)
Temperature	E ₃	± 0.2 digit/°C for R < 1 kΩ $\pm 0.07\%$ /°C ± 0.2 digit/°C for R ≥ 1 kΩ
Serial interference voltage	E ₄	In accordance with formula in point 10.3.1 (U _z = 3 V 50/60 Hz)
Resistance of electrodes and auxiliary earth electrodes	E ₅	In accordance with the formula in point 10.3.3

11 Optional accessories

The full list of accessories can be found on the manufacturer's website.

- Adapter ERP-1 WAADAERP1
- Adapter ERP-1 with flexible clamps FS-2 and case WAADAERP1V2
- Adapter ERP-1 with flexible clamps FSX-3 and case WAADAERP1V3



WACEGFS2OKR

 FS-2 flexible coil (Φ=1260 mm), output level 100 mV / 1 A



WACEGFSX3OKR

 FSX-3 flexible coil (Φ=630 mm), output level 300 mV / 1 A



12 Manufacturer

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

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tel. +48 74 884 10 53 (Customer Service) e-mail: <u>customerservice@sonel.com</u> web page: <u>www.sonel.com</u>



NOTE!

Service repairs must be realized solely by the manufacturer.

WARNINGS AND INFORMATIONS DISPLAYED BY THE METER

ATTENTION!

Earth resistance measurement may be realised if the interference voltage does not exceed 24V. The interference voltage is measured up to 100V, but over 40V it is signalled as hazardous. Do not connect the meter to a voltage exceeding 100V.

U _N >24V!	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24V but lower than 40V, the measurement is blocked.	
U _N >40V! and continuous beep signal	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40V, the measurement is blocked.	
NOISE!	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.	
R>20,0k Ω R _E >20,0k Ω R _E >2k Ω R _E >150 Ω ρ>1M Ω m	Measurement range exceeded.	
LIMIT!	The uncertainty of the electrode resistance > 30%. (Uncertainties calculated on the basis of the measured values)	
I _L >max	Excessive interfering current, the measurement uncertainty may exceed the basic uncertainty.	
	Battery charged.	
	Battery low.	
BAT	Battery fully discharged.	
Battery empty/ 08147 BirT	Battery fully discharged, measuring blocked.	



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