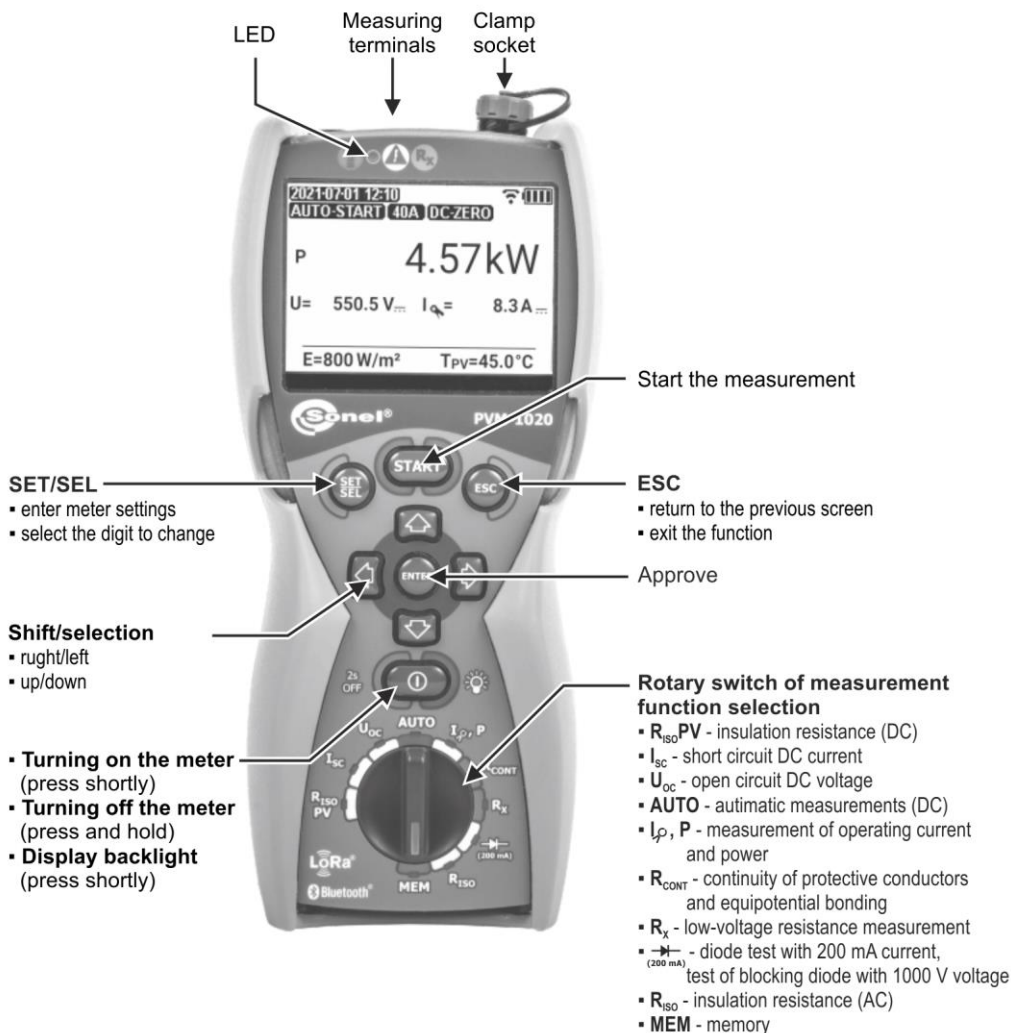


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PVM-1020 is a modern, state-of-the art measuring instrument, easy to operate and safe. Read this manual to avoid mistakes during the measurements and prevent operational problems.

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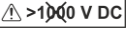
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1 General information

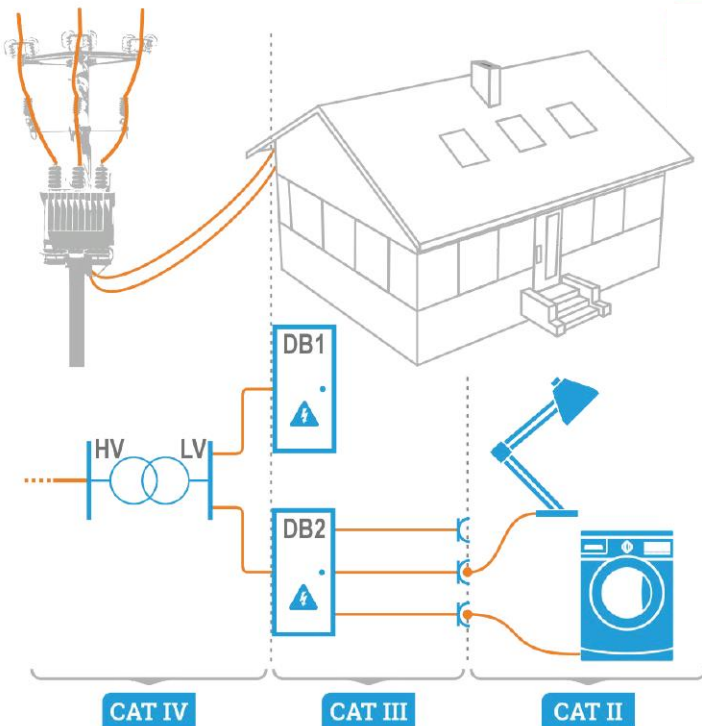
1.1 Safety symbols

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

	Refer to the user manual for additional information and explanations		Ground		AC current/voltage
	DC current/voltage		Dual insulation (Protection class)		Declaration of Conformity with EU directives (Conformité Européenne)
	Do not dispose of with other household waste		Recycling information		Confirmed compliance with Australian Standards
	Do not connect the device to systems with voltages above 1000 V DC				


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

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



1.2 Safety

To avoid electric shock or fire, you must observe the following guidelines:

- Before you proceed to operate the device, acquaint yourself thoroughly with this manual and observe the safety regulations and specifications defined by the producer.
- Any application that differs from those specified in this manual may result in 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. Operating the analyzer 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.
- Before starting the work, check the device, wires, adapters, current probe and other accessories for any sign of mechanical damage. Pay special attention to the connectors
- It is unacceptable to operate:
 - ⇒ it is damaged and completely or partially out of order,
 - ⇒ its cords and cables have damaged insulation,
 - ⇒ of the device and accessories mechanically damaged,
 - ⇒ it was stored for an excessive period of time in disadvantageous conditions (e.g. excessive humidity) After moving the device from a cool to a warm place with a high level of relative humidity, do not start measurements until the device is warmed up to the ambient temperature (approximately 30 minutes).
- 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.
- Dangerous voltages occur inside the device. Before removing the battery cover, always disconnect all the test leads and turn off the device.
-  symbol shown on the display indicates insufficient voltage of power supply and the need to charge the accumulator or replace batteries. Measurements performed with the meter supplied with insufficient voltage are burdened with additional errors that are impossible to be estimated by the user. Such measurements must not be used to confirm correctness of the tested photovoltaic installation or network.
- Battery spill and damage to the meter may occur if discharged batteries are left inside it.
- Before measurement, make sure that test leads are connected to appropriate measuring terminals.
- Do not use the device in power supply systems with voltage higher than 600 V AC.
- Do not connect the inputs of the device to photovoltaic systems with voltage exceeding 1000 V DC and short-circuit current exceeding 20 A.
- The PE terminal should only be used to connect the ground of photovoltaic systems. Don't apply any voltage to it!
- Opening the socket plug of the current clamps results in the loss of its declared tightness, leading to a possible damage in adverse weather conditions. It may also expose the user to the risk of electric shock.
- Do not carry the meter holding it by the wire of current clamps.
- Repairs may be performed only by an authorised service point.



NOTE!

Only accessories intended for a given device should be used. Using other accessories may cause damage to measuring terminals, introduce additional measurement errors and create a risk for the user.



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


- Do not touch the tested object during the R_{ISO} insulation resistance measurement or after the measurement before it is fully discharged. It may result in electric shock.
- It is forbidden to perform measurements: R_X resistance, R_{CONT} continuity, and test lead compensation, on energized circuits. This may damage the meter.

1.3 General characteristics

PVM-1020 is a multifunctional measuring device designed to measure the parameters of photovoltaic systems and the parameters of the inverter connection points to the power grid. It allows you to perform the necessary measurements for a photovoltaic system according to category 1 specified in standard "EN 62446-1 - Photovoltaic systems (PV). Testing, documentation and maintenance requirements. Part 1: Networked Systems. Documentation, acceptance and supervision".

Measured parameters:

- DC voltage of an open module / chain PV – U_{OC} ,
- AC voltage on the AC side (connection of the inverter to the power grid),
- DC short-circuit current of the PV module/chain – I_{SC} ,
- $R_{ISO}PV$ insulation resistance of the PV system on the DC side by method 1 according to EN 62446-1 standard (i.e. the measurement does not cause a module / string short-circuit), allowing the determination of the insulation resistance of the PV module / string at both poles: R_{ISO+} and R_{ISO-} ,
- R_{ISO} insulation resistance of the PV system on the AC side (connection of the inverter to the power grid),
- DC current and power of the PV module / string / system on the DC side,
- DC and power of the PV system on the AC side (connection of the inverter to the power grid),
- circuit continuity (R_{CONT}) of the earthing and equipotential bonding cables of the PV module / string,
- parameters of the blocking diode, used in PV systems.

The meter is equipped with banana sockets and a socket for current clamps. The sockets are used for functional measurements of the systems (when working with the inverter turned on). Measurements are made using the sockets marked as "+" and "-". The (PE) socket  is used for measuring the insulation resistance of a photovoltaic system by the short-circuit method, which allows user to measure the system as a whole, in one measurement, regardless of its power.

The meter has two radio interfaces (not working simultaneously): **Bluetooth** and **LoRa**.

- The **Bluetooth** module is used for communication between the meter and a computer in order to download the results from the memory.
- The **LoRa** module is used for communication with IRM-1.



IRM-1 is a meter designed for measuring solar irradiance and the temperature of photovoltaic cells and their environment. The data it provides is necessary to convert the values measured by PVM-1020 to the STC conditions. The standardized values enable the user to determine whether the photovoltaic system is working with optimal efficiency and to check the PV modules for potential damage.

1.4 Compliance with standards

PVM-1020 meets the requirements of the following standards:

- EN IEC 61557-1 – Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V AC and 1 500 V DC – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures – Part 1: General requirements.
- EN IEC 61557-2 – Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V AC and 1 500 V DC – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures – Part 2: Insulation resistance.
- EN IEC 61557-4 – Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V AC and 1 500 V DC – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures – Part 4: Resistance of earth connection and equipotential bonding.
- EN 61557-10 – Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 v a.c. and 1 500 v d.c. – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures – Part 10: Combined measuring equipment for testing, measuring and monitoring of protective measures.

Safety standards:

- EN 61010-1 – Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 1: General requirements.
- EN IEC 61010-2-030 – Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 2-030: Particular requirements for equipment having testing or measuring circuits.
- EN IEC 61010-2-034 – Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 2-034: Particular requirements for measurement equipment for insulation resistance and test equipment for electric strength.

Standards for electromagnetic compatibility:


- EN IEC 61326-1 – Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – EMC requirements – Part 1: General requirements.


Referenced standards

- EN 62446-1 with Appendix A1 – Photovoltaic (PV) systems – Requirements for testing, documentation and maintenance – Part 1: Grid connected systems – Documentation, commissioning tests and inspection.
- EN IEC 60891 – Photovoltaic devices – Procedures for temperature and irradiance corrections to measured I-V characteristics.

2 Quick start

2.1 Turning the meter on and off, display backlight

Briefly press  button to **turn on** the meter. Press it for a longer time to **turn it off** (**OFF** is displayed).

Press briefly the  button during meter operation to turn on/off **the display and keypad display**.

2.2 Selection of general measurement parameters

①  +  Keeping the **SET/SEL** button depressed, turn on the meter and wait for the parameter selection screen.



Use **SET/SEL** buttons to go to the next parameter.



Use **◀▶** buttons to go to the next parameter. The value or symbol to be changed is flashing.



Use **▲▼** buttons to change the parameter value. The value or symbol to be changed is flashing.

② Set the parameters according to the algorithm on the next page.



Press **ENTER** to approve the changes and go to the measurement function or go to the measurement function without confirming the changes by pressing **ESC**.


2.3 Remembering the last measurement result

Result of the latest measurement is remembered by the meter until a next measurement is started or the measuring function is changed by means of the rotary switch or the meter is switched off. When entering the start screen of a given function by pressing the **ESC** button (or when it is displayed automatically 10 seconds after the measurement has been taken), the user may recall this result by pressing **ENTER**.

Meter settings

Navigation	Function	Options
<div>SET</div> <div>SET</div> <div>+</div> <div>1</div>	<div>Battery icon</div>	Selecting the power source: accumulators / batteries - 1.2 V NiMH - 1.5 V AA
<div>SET</div> <div>SET</div> <div>↺</div>	<div>Clock icon</div>	Time and date
<div>SET</div> <div>SET</div> <div>Bluetooth icon</div> <div>PIN</div>	<div>Bluetooth icon</div>	Bluetooth communication: automatic / disabled PIN
<div>SET</div> <div>SET</div> <div>Power icon</div>	<div>Power icon</div>	Auto-OFF disabled AUTO-OFF time
<div>SET</div> <div>SET</div> <div>Bell icon</div>	<div>Bell icon</div>	Sounds: on / off
<div>SET</div> <div>SET</div> <div>Antenna icon</div>	<div>Antenna icon</div>	Pairing with IRM-1 meters
<div>SET</div> <div>SET</div> <div>Microchip icon</div>	<div>Microchip icon</div>	Software updates: no / yes The update process is triggered by an application on the computer. You can exit it by turning off the meter.
<div>SET</div> <div>SET</div> <div>Gear icon</div>	<div>Gear icon</div>	Factory reset: no / yes
<div>ENTER</div> <div>3 s</div>	<div>ENTER</div>	

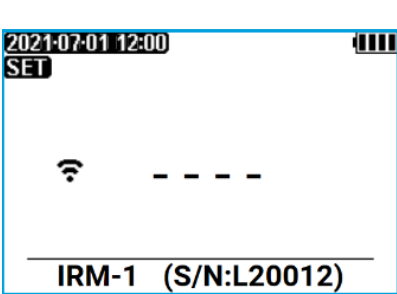
2.4 Connectivity between IRM-1 and PVM-1020

If the IRM-1 meters have been paired with the PVM-1020, the device searches for them when turned on. When IRM-1 is found, a connection is established and the screen shows . The PVM-1020 remembers the last 3 paired IRM-1's.

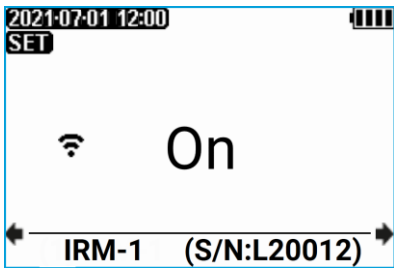
2.4.1 Pairing the meters

If the pairing with the IRM-1 has not been made, it should be done as indicated below.

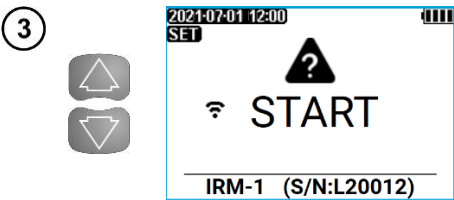
- 1 Turn on the IRM-1 meter to be paired. Set it to pairing mode.
- 2 In the PVM-1020 settings, enter the pairing screen with IRM-1.



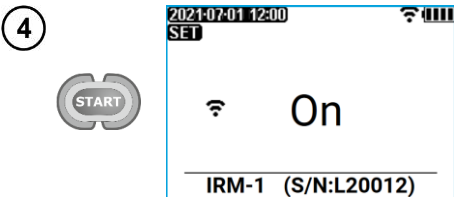
IRM-1 within the range of the meter



Many IRM-1's within range of the meter. There are other IRM-1 meters paired with PVM-1020 meter



Use buttons to display "START" screen.



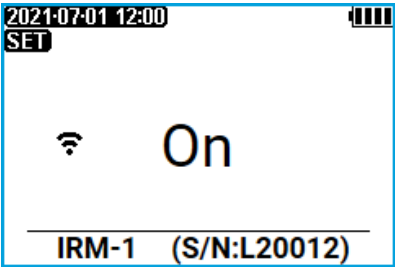
Press **START**. Confirmation of pairing the IRM-1 with the PVM-1020 will be displayed.



Press **ENTER** to go to the measurement screen and confirm the remaining meter settings. Press **ESC** to go to the measurement screen without confirming the remaining meter settings.

2.4.2 Unpairing

① In the PVM-1020 settings, enter the pairing screen with IRM-1.



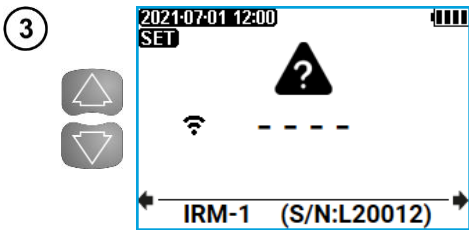
One paired IRM-1
within range of the meter



Multiple paired IRM-1's
within range of the meter

② 

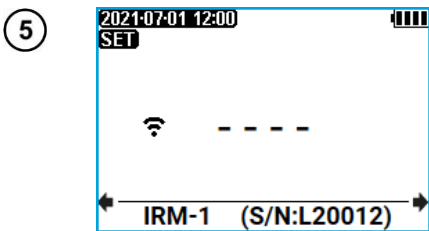
.Use the serial number of IRM-1 to select the device to be unpaired



Use buttons to display "- - -" screen.

④ 

Press **START**.



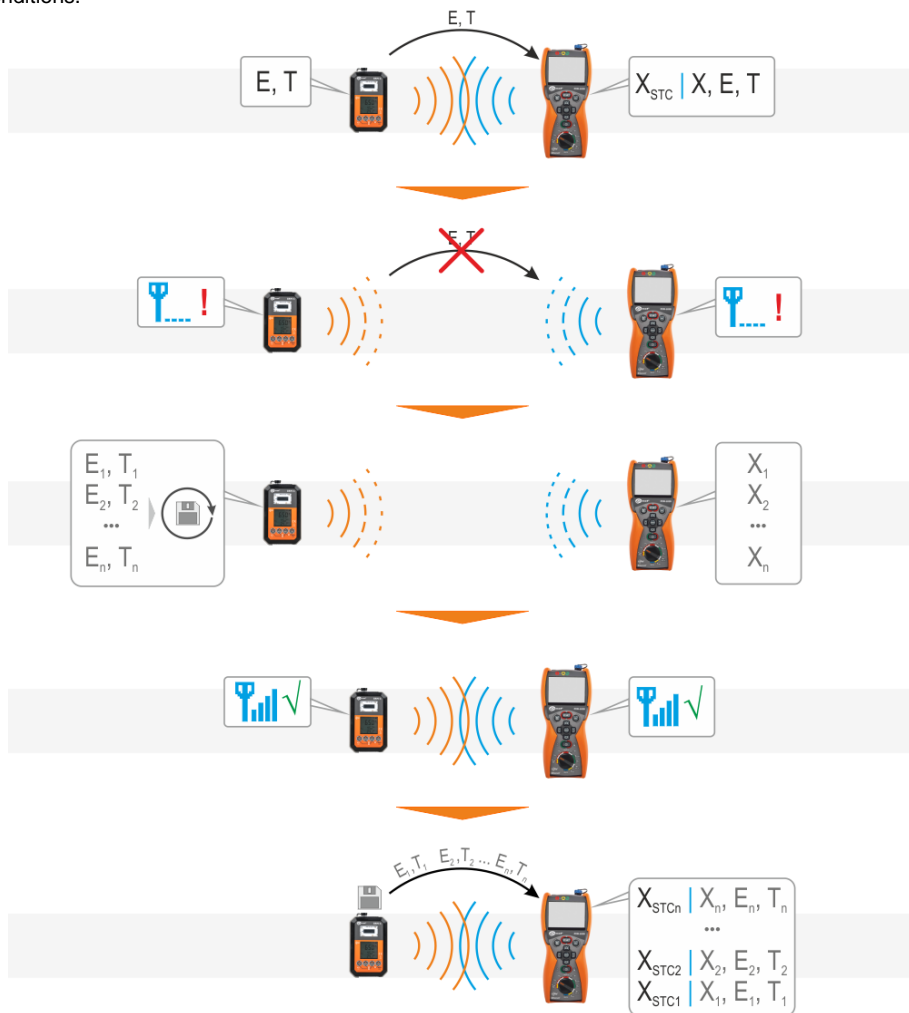
The pairing of IRM-1 with PVM-1020 has been deleted.

⑥ 

Press **ENTER** to go to the measurement screen and confirm the remaining meter settings. Press **ESC** to go to the measurement screen without confirming the remaining meter settings.

2.4.3 Automatic completion of results with environmental parameters after regaining connection with the IRM-1

It may happen that in the course of measurements the PVM-1020 moves away from the IRM-1 so far, that communication between them is lost. If the measurements are continued, then after the connection is restored, the results will be automatically **supplemented with environmental parameters**, which in the meantime were recorded by the IRM-1 in its **temporary memory**, and converted into STC conditions.



- The number of supplemented environmental parameters is limited by the capacity of the IRM-1 temporary memory, and the data is transferred starting from the newest. Therefore, it may happen that the oldest results are not completed.
- Supplementing a single result with environmental parameters may take – depending on the conditions – up to 60 seconds.

3 Measurements



WARNING

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

3.1 Insulation resistance

3.1.1 Measurement of insulation resistance (PV)



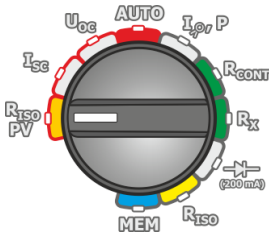
WARNING

- Before testing the object, restrict access to it by unauthorized persons.
- Do not touch any metal parts of the photovoltaic system and the rear part of the modules during the measurement.



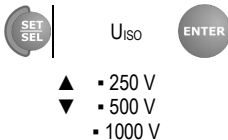
In the case of PV installations with optimizers, the ordinary measurement of insulation resistance (AC) must be carried out – **sec. 3.1.2**.

1



- Turn on the meter.
- Set the rotary switch of function selection at **R_{iso}PV** position.

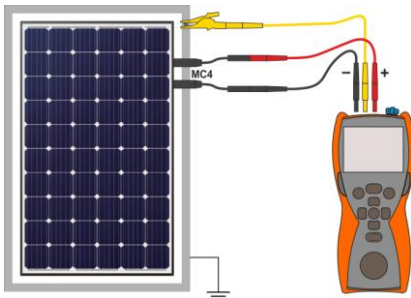
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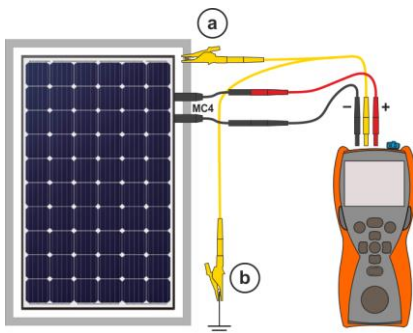
- Press and hold **SET/SEL**.
- Set the measurement voltage according to the algorithm and according to the rules described in general parameters setting.

3

Connect test leads according to the drawings.

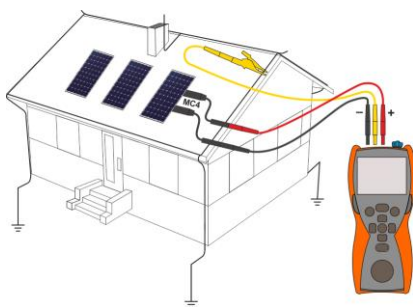


The PV system has an accessible, grounded structure (including frames of the module). Then one measurement is enough.



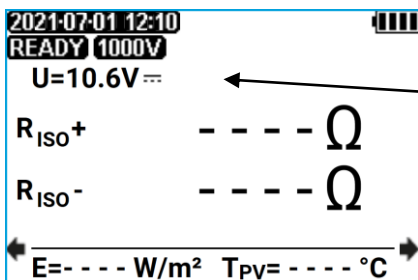
The PV system has no grounded structure. Then, two measurements are necessary:

- ① between system wires "+", "-" and the system frame,
- ② between system wires "+", "-" and the grounding.



The PV system has no conductive parts available (e.g. solar roof tiles). Then, the measurement should be made between system wires "+", "-" and grounding of the building.

④



The meter is ready for measurement if it detects voltage $U_{dc} \geq 10 \text{ V}$ on the object.

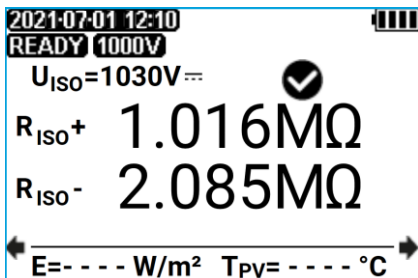
Voltmeter indicating voltage at the object

⑤



Press **START**. Measurement will begin.

⑥



Read out the result.

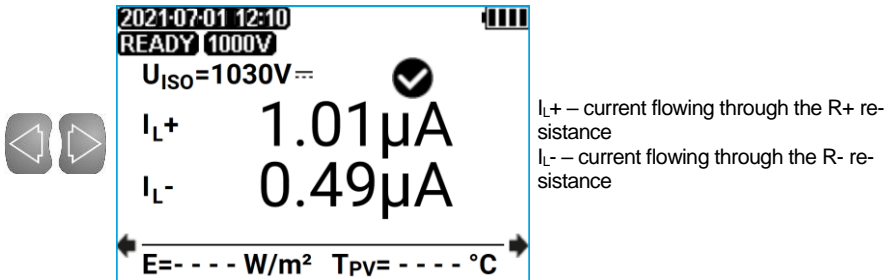
U_{ISO} – test voltage

✓ - compliance of the result with the requirements of IEC 62446 standard

E - solar irradiance of the tested object

T_{PV} – temperature of the tested object

7 To read additional results, press ◀▶.



WARNING

- During measurements of insulation resistance, dangerous voltage within the range of 250...1050 V is present at the ends of test leads of the meter.
- It is forbidden to disconnect test leads and to change the position of the function switch before completion of measurement. Failure to obey the above instruction will lead to high voltage electric shock and make it impossible to discharge the tested object.



- The meter emits a continuous audio signal until test voltage reaches 90% of the preset value (and also when 110% of the preset value is exceeded).
- After completion of measurement, the capacitance of the object tested is discharged by shorting "+" and "-" terminals with resistance of 140 k Ω .
- The result can be stored in the memory (see **sec. 4.1**). The last measurement result is stored until **START** button is pressed again or the position of rotary switch is changed.

Additional information displayed by the meter



Insulation resistance measurement in progress.



The tested object is live. The measurement is blocked. **Immediately disconnect the meter from the tested object (both leads)!**

LIMIT !!

Activation of current limit. The symbol displayed is accompanied by a continuous beep.

NOISE!

The measurement was carried out, however without the guaranteed accuracy, because at the time of its performance there were disturbances causing the samples to differ from each other by more than 1%.



The tested object is being discharged.

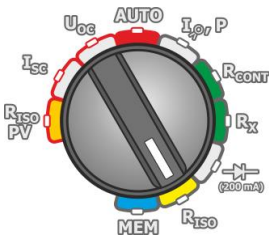
3.1.2 Measurement of insulation resistance (AC)



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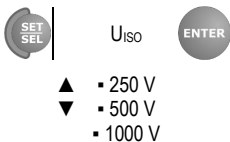
The tested object must not be live.

1



- Turn on the meter.
- Set the rotary switch of function selection at **R_{iso}** position.

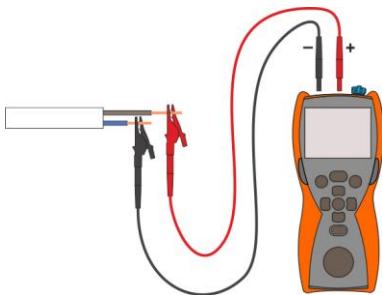
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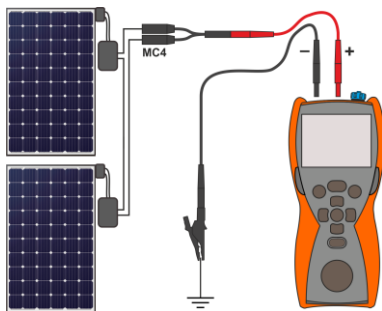
- Press and hold **SET/SEL**.
- Set the measurement voltage according to the algorithm and according to the rules described in general parameters setting.
- For PV installations equipped with optimizers, the measurement voltage must not be higher than that recommended by the optimizer's manufacturer.

3

Connect test leads according to the drawings.

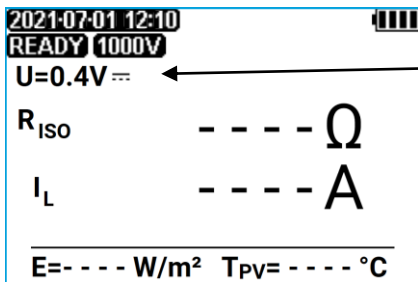


Standard **R_{iso}** measurement



R_{iso} measurement in a PV installation equipped with optimizers

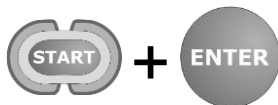
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The meter is ready for measurement.

Voltmeter indicating voltage at the object

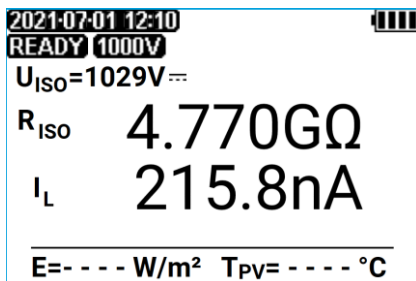
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Press and hold **START** button. The measurement will continue **until the button is released**.

To lock the measurement, while holding down press **ENTER**, while holding down **START** button. The measurement is interrupted by pressing **START** or **ESC**.

6



Read out the result.

U_{ISO} – test voltage

I_L – test current

E – solar irradiance of the tested object

T_{PV} – temperature of the tested object



WARNING


During measurements of insulation resistance, dangerous voltage in the range 250...1050 V occurs at the ends of the test leads of the meter. It is forbidden to disconnect the test leads and change the position of the function switch before the measurement is completed. Failure to obey the above instruction will lead to high voltage electric shock and make it impossible to discharge the tested object.



- During measurement, especially of high resistances, make sure that test leads do not touch each other and probes, because such a contact may cause the flow of surface currents resulting in additional error in measurement results.
- The meter emits a continuous audio signal until test voltage reaches 90% of the preset value (and also when 110% of the preset value is exceeded).
- During the measurement, the meter generates a beep every five seconds - it facilitates capturing time parameters.
- When the measurement cycle is upheld by pressing **ENTER** it is indicated by:
 - a short break in the beep, when the test voltage has not reached 90% or exceeded 110% of set value,
 - a short beep if the test voltage is between 90% and 110% of set value.
- After completion of measurement, the capacitance of the object tested is discharged by shorting "+" and "-" terminals with resistance of 140 kΩ.
- The result can be stored in the memory (see **sec. 4.1**). The last measurement result is stored until **START** button is pressed again or the position of rotary switch is changed.

Additional information displayed by the meter



 Insulation resistance measurement in progress.



The tested object is live. The measurement is blocked. **Immediately disconnect the meter from the tested object (both leads)!**

LIMIT !!

Activation of current limit. The symbol displayed is accompanied by a continuous beep.

NOISE!

- The tested object is under the voltage within the range of 10 V...50 V. The measurement is possible, but without guaranteed accuracy.
- The tested object is under the voltage exceeding 50 V. The measurement is blocked.

>2.000 G Ω

>5.000 G Ω

>9.999 G Ω

Measuring range is exceeded.

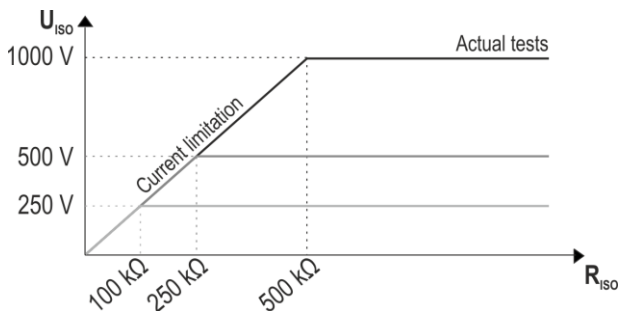


The tested object is being discharged.

3.1.3 Additional Information

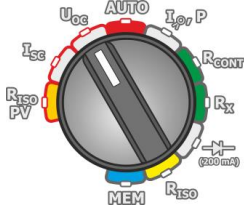
The meter measures the insulation resistance by applying to tested resistance R_X the U_{ISO} test voltage and measuring current I flowing through it, which is controlled from \pm terminal side. In calculating the value of insulation resistance, the meter applies the technical method of resistance measurement ($R_X=U/I$). The measuring voltage is selected from the values: 250 V, 500 V, 1000 V.

Inverter output current is limited at 2 mA level. The measurement result is correct, but on the test terminals the test voltage is lower than voltage selected before the measurement (as illustrated in figure below). Quite often current limitation may occur in the first phase of the measurement due to charging the capacity of the tested object.



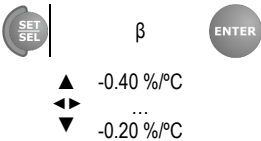
3.2 DC voltage of open circuit U_{OC}

1



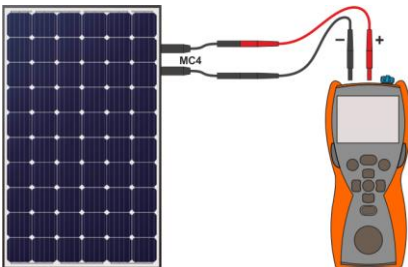
- Turn on the meter.
- Set the rotary switch of function selection at U_{OC} .

2



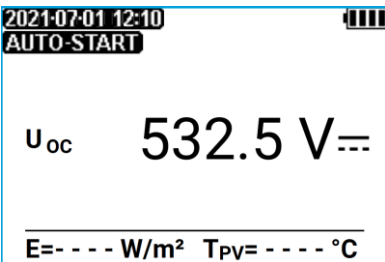
- If the PVM-1020 is communicating with the IRM-1, press and hold **SET/SEL**.
- Set the temperature coefficient β for the tested PV system according to the algorithm and rules described in setting general parameters.

3



Connect test leads according to the drawing.

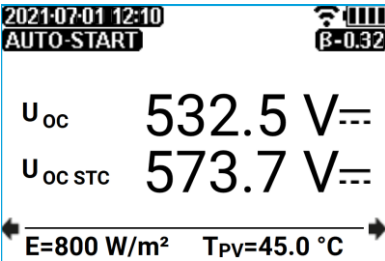
4



Read out the result.

U_{OC} – measured open circuit voltage
 $U_{OC\ STC}$ - measured U_{OC} voltage converted to STC conditions
 E - solar irradiance of the tested object
 T_{PV} – temperature of the tested object

Measurement result with inactive connection with IRM-1



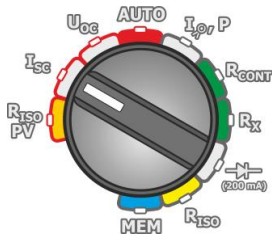
Measurement result with inactive connection with IRM-1



The result can be stored in the memory (see **sec. 4.1**). The last measurement result is stored until **START** button is pressed again or the position of rotary switch is changed.

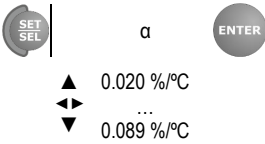
3.3 DC short circuit current I_{sc}

1



- Turn on the meter.
- Set the rotary switch of function selection at I_{sc} position.

2



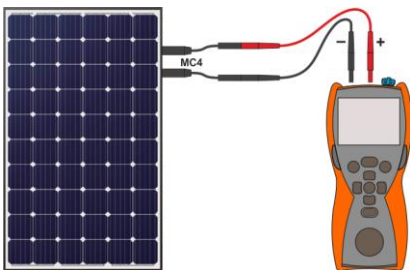
- If the PVM-1020 is communicating with the IRM-1, press and hold **SET/SEL**.
- Set the temperature coefficient α for the tested PV system according to the algorithm and rules described in setting general parameters.

3



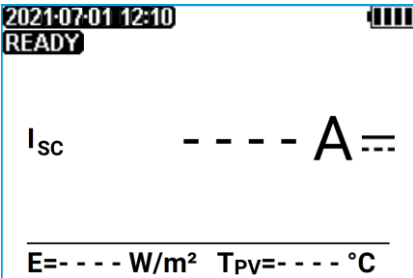
If PVM-1020 is used for a measurement in a system with an optimizer, press briefly **SET/SEL** button. The **DC/DC** label will appear on the screen.

4



Connect test leads according to the drawing.

5



The meter is ready for measurement if it detects voltage $U_{bc} \geq 10 \text{ V}$ on the object.

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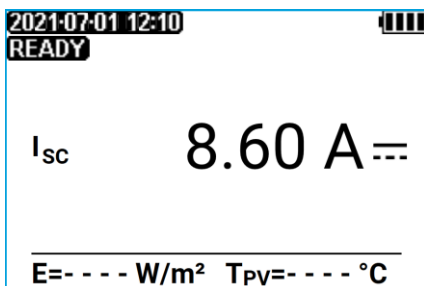
Press **START**.



NOTE!

During the measurement, the photovoltaic system is short-circuited for a short time. The test leads must not be disconnected during the measurement - there is a risk of electric arc ignition and damage to the meter.

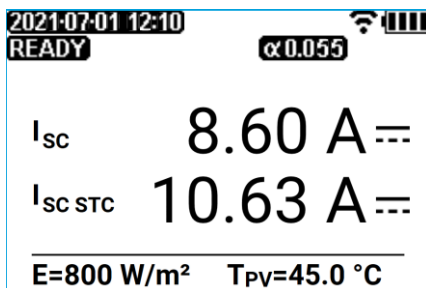
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Measurement result with inactive connection with IRM-1

Read out the result.

I_{sc} – measured short circuit current
 $I_{sc\ STC}$ – measured I_{sc} current converted to STC conditions
 E – solar irradiance of the tested object
 T_{pv} – temperature of the tested object



Measurement result with active connection with IRM-1



- The result can be stored in the memory (see **sec. 4.1**). The last measurement result is stored until **START** button is pressed again or the position of rotary switch is changed.
- In systems equipped with optimizers, short-circuit current measurements should be performed in the **DC/DC** mode. However, such measurements may be ineffective or affected by an unspecified error due to the design of the optimizers.

Additional information displayed by the meter

LIMIT !!

Capacitance of the tested object is too high. Activation of current limit. The display of the symbol is accompanied by the message **$I_{sc} > 20A$** .

NOISE!

- Message displayed after measurement. This indicates significant discrepancies between partial measurements. The measurement result may be affected by a large, unspecified error (usually positive).
- No data from IRM-1 before and after short-circuit current measurement.



Test leads reversed or reverse polarity. The measurement is blocked.

3.4 Automatic measurements (DC)

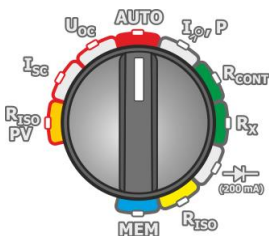
In automatic measurements, the user can measure $R_{iso}PV$, U_{OC} , I_{SC} parameters with one connection (but not I_{SC} DC/DC for systems with an optimizer – an individual measurement must be performed here).



WARNING

- Before testing the object, restrict access to it by unauthorized persons.
- Do not touch any metal parts of the photovoltaic system and the back of the modules during the measurement.

1



- Turn on the meter.
- Set the rotary switch of function selection at **AUTO**.

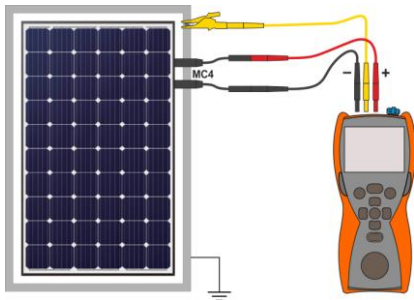
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Press and hold **SET/SEL**. Enter settings according to the following algorithm, and according to the rules described in general parameters setting. The α and β coefficients are available if the PVM-1020 is communicating with the IRM-1.

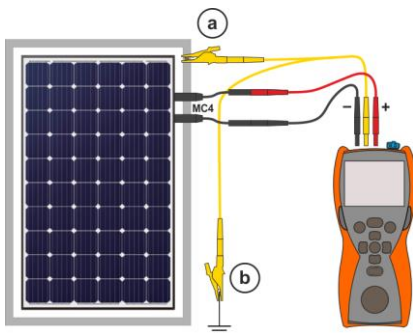
SET SEL	U_{iso}	SET SEL	α	SET SEL	β	ENTER
	▲ 250 V		▲ 0.020 %/°C		▲ -0.40 %/°C	
	▼ 500 V		◀▶ ...		◀▶ ...	
	■ 1000 V		▼ 0.089 %/°C		▼ -0.20 %/°C	

3

Connect test leads according to the drawings.

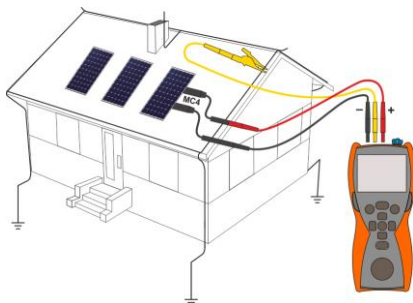


The PV system has an accessible, grounded structure (including frames of the module). Then one measurement is enough.



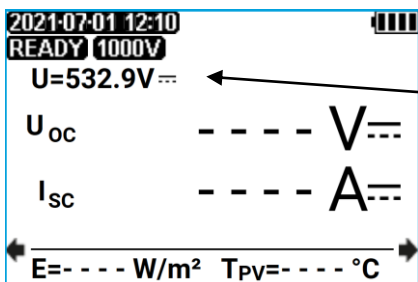
The PV system has no grounded structure. Then, two measurements are necessary:

- (a) between system wires "+", "-" and the system frame,
- (b) between system wires "+", "-" and the system frame,



The PV system has no conductive parts available (e.g. solar roof tiles). Then, the measurement should be made between system wires "+", "-" and grounding of the building.

④



The meter is ready for measurement if it detects voltage $U_{oc} \geq 10$ V.

Voltmeter indicating voltage at the object

⑤



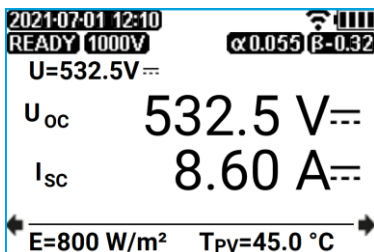
Press **START**.



NOTE!

During the measurement, the photovoltaic system is short-circuited for a short time. The test leads must not be disconnected during the measurement - there is a risk of electric arc ignition and damage to the meter.

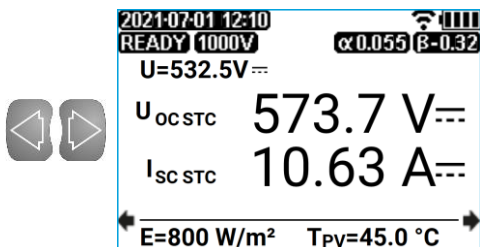
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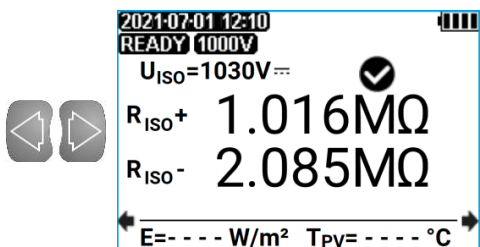
Read out the results.

The transition between screens is carried out using the ◀ ▶ buttons. If the PVM-1020 communicates with the IRM-1, there is an additional screen with the U_{OC}, I_{SC} values converted to STC conditions.

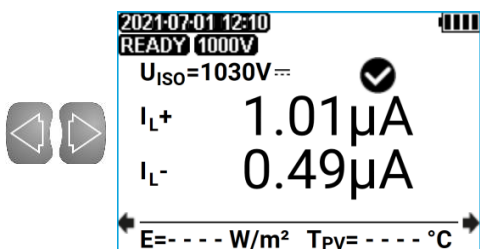
U – voltmeter indicating voltage at the object
 U_{OC} – measured open circuit voltage
 I_{SC} – measured short circuit current
 E - solar irradiance of the tested object
 T_{PV} – temperature of the tested object



U_{OC STC} - measured U_{OC} voltage converted to STC conditions
 I_{SC STC} – measured I_{SC} current converted to STC conditions



✓ - compliance of the result with the requirements of IEC 62446 standard
 R_{ISO+} – R + resistance
 R_{ISO-} – R- resistance



I_{L+} – current flowing through the R+ resistance
 I_{L-} – current flowing through the R- resistance



WARNING

- During measurements of insulation resistance, dangerous voltage within the range of 1000...1050 V is present at the ends of test leads of the meter.
- It is forbidden to disconnect test leads and to change the position of the function switch before completion of measurement. Failure to obey the above instruction will lead to high voltage electric shock and make it impossible to discharge the tested object.



- The meter emits a continuous audio signal until test voltage reaches 90% of the preset value (and also when 110% of the preset value is exceeded).
- During the measurement, the meter generates a beep every five seconds - it facilitates capturing time parameters.
- After completion of measurement, the capacitance of the object tested is discharged by shorting "+" and "-" terminals with resistance of 140 kΩ.
- The result can be stored in the memory (see **sec. 4.1**). The last measurement result is stored until **START** button is pressed again or the position of rotary switch is changed.

Additional information displayed by the meter



Insulation resistance measurement in progress.



The tested object is live. The measurement is blocked. **Immediately disconnect the meter from the tested object (both leads)!**

LIMIT !!

R_{ISO} (PV)

Activation of current limit. The symbol displayed is accompanied by a continuous beep.

I_{sc}

Capacitance of the tested object is too high. Activation of current limit. The display of the symbol is accompanied by the message **I_{sc} >20A**.

NOISE!

R_{ISO} (PV)

The measurement was carried out, however without the guaranteed accuracy, because at the time of its performance there were disturbances causing the samples to differ from each other by more than 1%.

I_{sc}

- Message displayed after measurement. This indicates significant discrepancies between partial measurements. The measurement result may be affected by a large, unspecified error (usually positive).
- No data from IRM-1 before and after short-circuit current measurement.



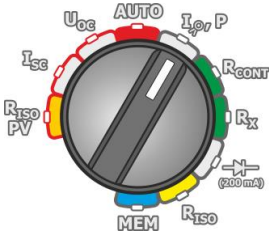
The tested object is being discharged.



Test leads reversed or reverse polarity. The measurement is blocked.

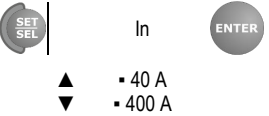
3.5 Measurement of operating current and power

1



- Turn on the meter.
- Set the rotary switch of function selection at **I, P**.

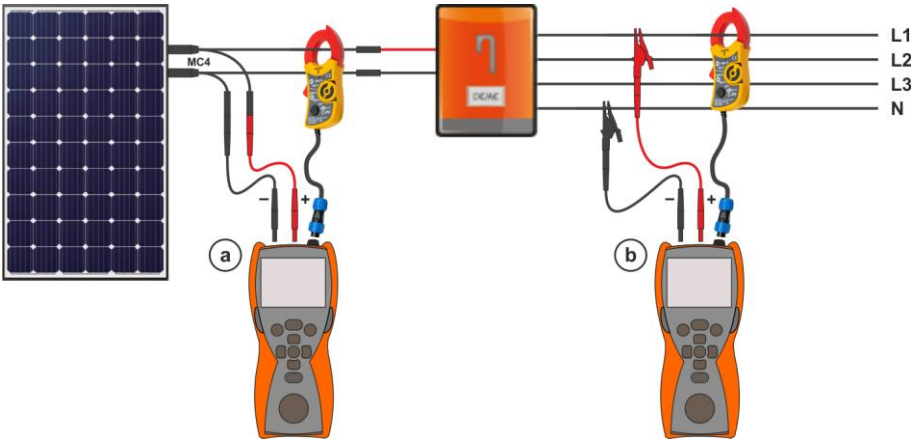
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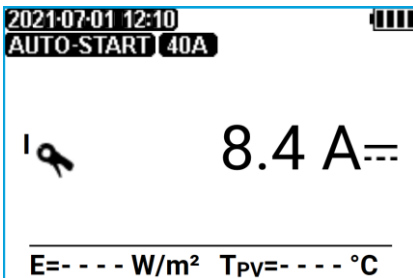
- Set the measuring range on the C-PV clamp.
- Press and hold **SET/SEL**.
- Enter the measurement range of C-PV clamps according to the algorithm and according to the rules described in general parameters setting.
- Reset the clamps (**sec. 3.6**).

3

- Connect the meter.
- a DC side measurement,
 - b AC side measurement,



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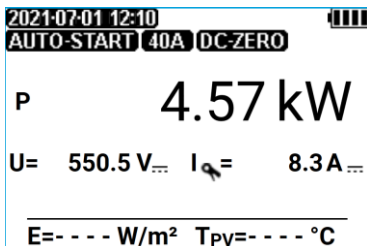
Read out the results.

The transition between the measurement functions is done with the **SET/SEL** button.

I - measured current

E - solar irradiance of the tested object

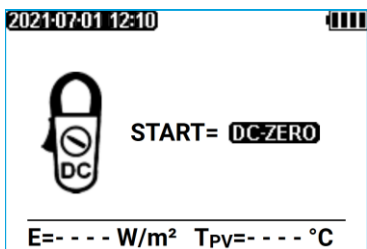
T_{PV} – temperature of the tested object



P - power generated (negative sign) or consumed (positive sign) by the tested object

U - measured voltage

I - measured current



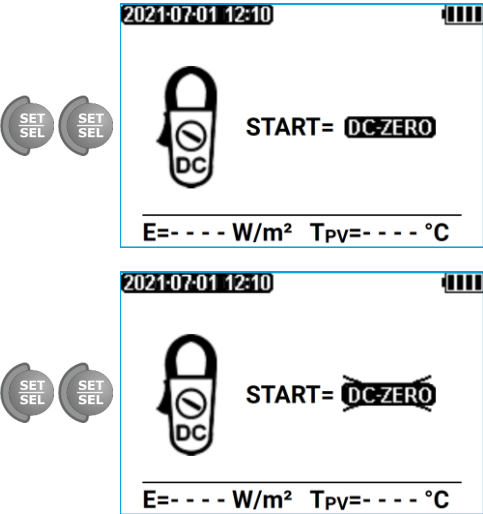
Screen of resetting (zeroing) clamps. See **sec. 3.6**.



- The result can be saved to the memory (see **sec. 4.1**). The last measurement result is stored until **START** button is pressed again or the position of rotary switch is changed.
- If a voltage and current clamp connection error is detected, i.e. if the measured voltage is DC and the current is AC (or vice versa), the power P will be displayed with a question mark indicating this error. **That kind of result cannot be saved to the memory.**

3.6 *Resetting C-PV clamps*

Before measuring the operating current of a PV system or power (**sec. 3.5**), reset the C-PV clamp. To do this, connect them to the meter, turn on the **I**, **P** function, and then use **SET/SEL** button to go to the clamps zeroing screen.



Pressing **START** resets the device, forcing the meter to indicate zero current. Only then you can connect the clamps to the tested object.

Entering the option again and pressing **START** will disable the reset.

Alternatively, set the **DC ZERO** knob on the housing of the clamps to make the current readings as close to zero as possible. However, it is recommended to zero the clamps in the meter according to the procedure described above.

3.7 Low-voltage measurement of resistance

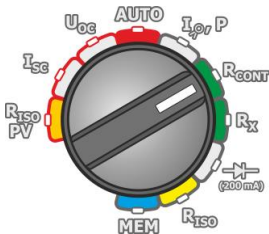


NOTE!

It is forbidden to perform measurements: R_X resistance, R_{CONT} continuity, and test lead compensation, on energized circuits. This may damage the meter.


3.7.1 Compensation of test leads resistance - autozeroing

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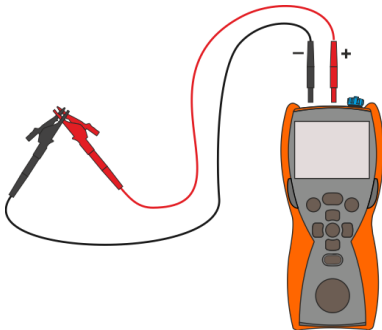


- Turn on the meter.
- Set the rotary switch of function selection at R_{CONT} or R_X .

2

Use  button to enter the auto-zeroing mode.

3



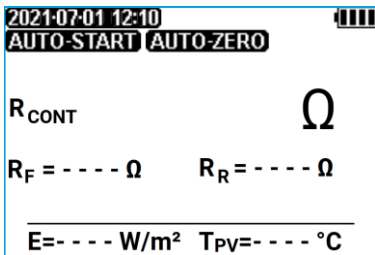
Short the test leads.

4



Activate the autozeroing by pressing the **START** button.

5



After completion of autozeroing, the meter automatically switches to the "ready form measurement" mode.



- Message **AUTO-ZERO** remains on the display after switching into one of the measurement functions (resistance or continuity measurement) indicating that the measurement is made with compensated least leads resistance.
- The compensation is remembered even after the meter is switched off.
- To remove the compensation, perform the above-mentioned activities but with open test leads. After exiting to the measurement screen, **AUTO-ZERO** message will not be displayed.

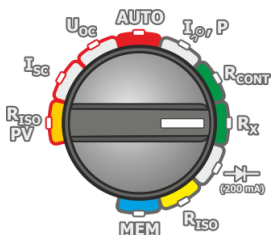
Additional information displayed by the meter



The tested object is live. The measurement is blocked.
Immediately disconnect the meter from the tested object (both leads)!

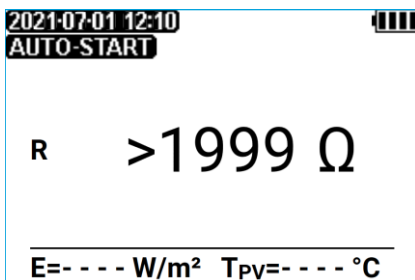
3.7.2 Low-current measurement of resistance

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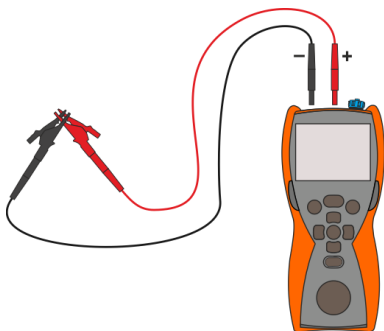
- Turn on the meter.
- Set the rotary switch of function selection at **R_x**.

②



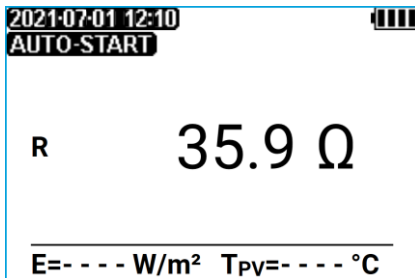
The meter is ready for measurement.

3



Connect test leads according to the drawing.

4



Read the measurement result.



For $R < 30\Omega$, an acoustic signal is generated and the signalling diode lights up in green.

Additional information displayed by the meter



 Electrical continuity confirmed.



The tested object is live. The measurement is blocked.
Immediately disconnect the meter from the tested object (both leads)!

AUTO-ZERO

The test leads compensation is activated for low-voltage resistance measurements.

AUTO-START

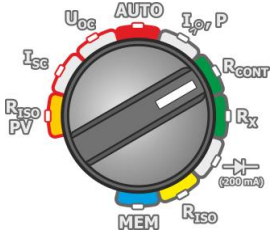
Automatic measurement activation.

>1999 Ω

Measuring range is exceeded.

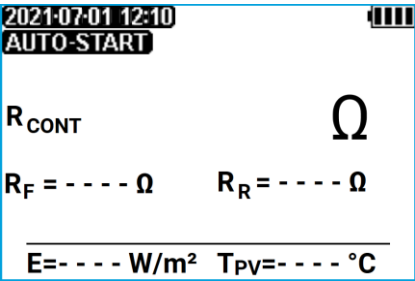
3.7.3 Measurement of continuity of protective conductors and equipotential bondings with ± 200 mA current

1



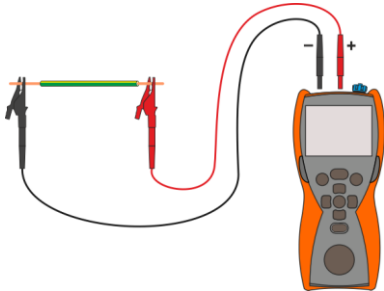
- Turn on the meter.
- Set the rotary switch of function selection at R_{CONT} .

2



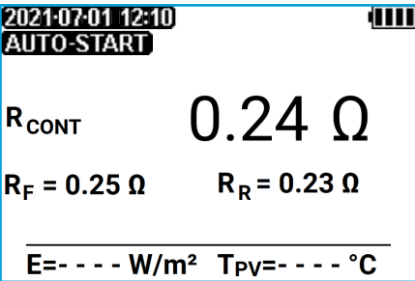
The meter is ready for measurement.

3



Connect test leads according to the drawing. The measurement starts automatically for resistances lower than 21Ω . The measurement may be also triggered with **START** button.

4



Read the measurement result.

The result is the arithmetic mean of the values of two measurements at a current of 200 mA with opposite polarities R_F and R_R .

$$R = \frac{R_F + R_R}{2}$$

5



Press **START** push-button in order to start next measurement without disconnecting test leads from the object or to measure the resistance, which is $\geq 21 \Omega$.



The result obtained after pressing **START** can be stored in the memory (see **sec. 4.1**). The last measurement result is stored until **START** button is pressed again or the position of rotary switch is changed.

Additional information displayed by the meter



The tested object is live. The measurement is blocked. **Immediately disconnect the meter from the tested object (both leads)!**

AUTO-ZERO

The test leads compensation is on for low-voltage resistance measurements.

AUTO-START

Automatic measurement activation.

NOISE!

The message that appears after the measurement indicates significant discrepancies between the partial measurements (sec. ④). The measurement result may be affected by a large, unspecified error. Possible causes:

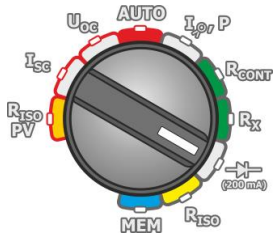
- interferences on the measured object too large,
- instability of the object or connections of the meter with this object (insecure galvanic connections).


>1999 Ω

Measuring range is exceeded.

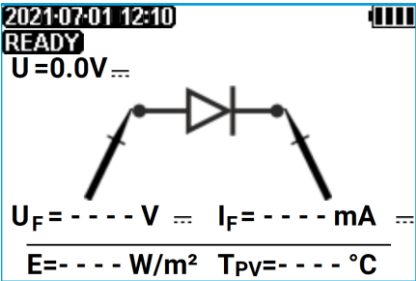
3.8 Diode test with 200 mA current

1



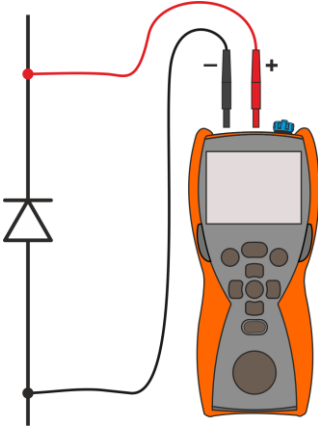
- Turn on the meter.
- Set the rotary switch of function selection at  (200 mA).

2



The screen for measuring voltage and current of the diode with positive polarity (in the forward direction) is shown.

3



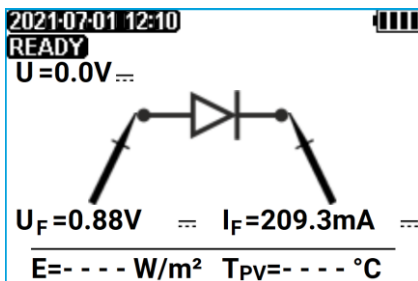
Connect test leads according to the drawing. The polarity when connecting the diode does not matter - the meter will automatically set it before taking the measurement.

4



Press **START**.

5



Read the measurement result.

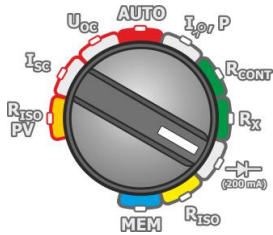
If the measured diode is OK, the measured diode parameters will be displayed. Otherwise, symbols informing about damage (short-circuit or opening) of the measured element will be displayed.




- During the measurement of U_F/I_F parameters, the correctness of the diode connection to the meter is checked. As part of the measurements, with a reverse connection, information about this fact will appear (next to the probe symbols, information about the polarity of the probe connected to the appropriate tip of the measured diode will be displayed).
- The result can be stored in the memory (see **sec. 4.1**). The last measurement result is stored until **START** button is pressed again or the position of rotary switch is changed.
- The memory of this measurement is divided into two parts: **diode test with 200 mA current** (in the conducting direction U_F/I_F) and **blocking diode test with 1000 V current** (in the blocking direction, U_R/I_R). In order to have all diode parameters saved in the memory, it is necessary to:
 - ⇒ perform a test with 200 mA current and save it to the memory cell,
 - ⇒ perform a blocking diode test with 1000 V and save it to the same cell. If parameters are saved in the cell for the first time, no warning about data overwriting is displayed.

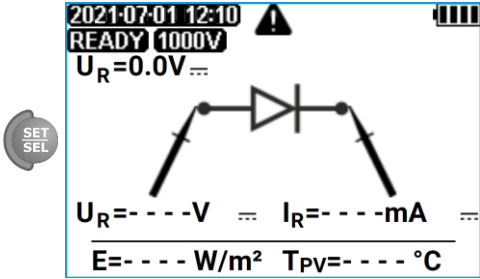
3.9 Test of blocking diode with 1000 V voltage

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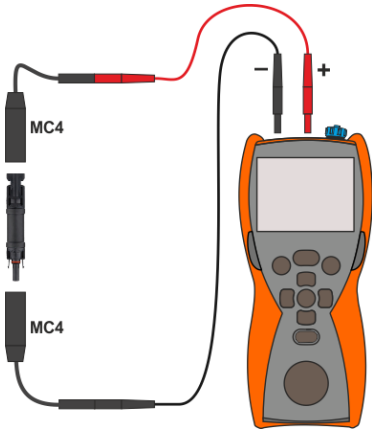
- Turn on the meter.
- Set the rotary switch of function selection at  (200 mA).

2



Press **SET/SEL** to activate the negative (reverse) voltage and current measurement screen. This test verifies that the blocking diode is correctly resisting 1000 volts in the reverse direction.

3



Connect test leads according to the drawing. The polarity when connecting the diode does not matter - the meter will automatically set it before taking the measurement.

4

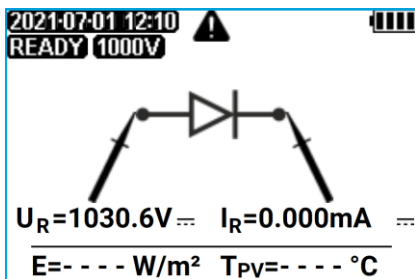


Press **START**.



WARNING
During the measurement of the U_R/I_R parameters, the meter generates dangerous measuring voltage of 1000 V.

5



Read the measurement result.

If the measured diode is OK, the measured diode parameters will be displayed. Otherwise, symbols informing about damage (short-circuit or opening) of the measured element will be displayed.



- During the measurement of U_R/I_R parameters, the correctness of the diode connection to the meter is checked. As part of the measurements, with a reverse connection, information about this fact will appear (next to the probe symbols, information about the polarity of the probe connected to the appropriate tip of the measured diode will be displayed).
- The result can be stored in the memory (see **sec. 4.1**). The last measurement result is stored until **START** button is pressed again or the position of rotary switch is changed.
- The memory of this measurement is divided into two parts: **diode test with 200 mA current** (in the conducting direction U_F/I_F) and **blocking diode test with 1000 V current** (in the blocking direction, U_R/I_R). In order to have all diode parameters saved in the memory, it is necessary to:
 - ⇒ perform a test with 200 mA current and save it to the memory cell,
 - ⇒ perform a blocking diode test with 1000 V and save it to the same cell. If parameters are saved in the cell for the first time, no warning about data overwriting is displayed.

4 Memory of measurement results

The entire memory is divided into 99 memory objects with 40 memory cells each. Additionally, one collective data record may be entered into each object. This makes a total of 4059 data records. Due to dynamic memory allocation, each of the memory cell can contain different quantity of single measurement results, depending on the needs. Optimal use of the memory can be ensured in this way. Each measurement result can be stored in a memory cell marked with a selected number and in a selected memory object. Thanks to this, the user of the meter can, at his/her option, assign memory cell numbers to individual measurement points and the memory object numbers to individual facilities. The user may also perform measurements in any chosen sequence and repeat them without losing other data.

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



- Results of measurements performed for all measuring functions can be stored in one memory cell.
- After each entry of the measurement result to the cell, its number is automatically incremented. Set the appropriate cell number to allow entering to a single cell of successive measurement results relating to a given measuring point (object).
- All measurements can be saved to the memory, except for the Rx resistance.
- It is recommended to delete the memory after reading the data or before performing a new series of measurements that may be stored into the same memory cells as the previous ones.

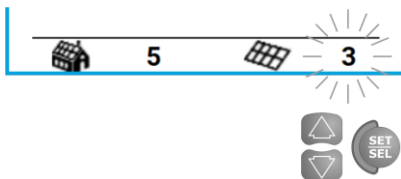
4.1 Recording measurement result data in the memory

1



Press **ENTER** after finishing the measurement.

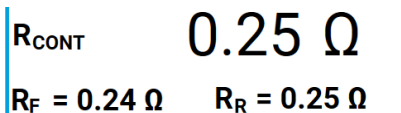
2




The meter is in the memory storing mode. Select an object and a cell according to **sec 4.2** or leave the current one.



The cell is empty.



The cell contains the result of the same type which is to be entered.

Riso ~		
Uoc, E		Rcont
Isc, E		I _q , P _E ∞
Riso ∞	-----	I _q , P _~
Riso ~		

The cell is occupied by the result of the displayed type.

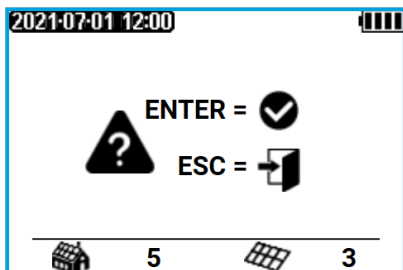
The cell is occupied by the results of the displayed types.

3

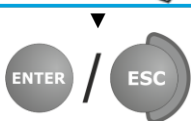


Confirm the selection by pressing **ENTER**.

4



An attempt to overwrite a result causes displaying of warnings.



Press **ENTER** to overwrite the result or **ESC** to abort.



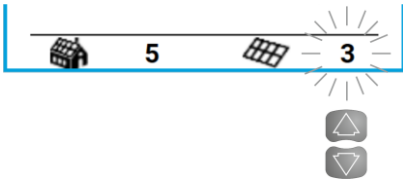
Complete set of results (main result and supplementary results) for a given measuring function, preset measurement settings, date and time of the measurement are stored in the memory. Additional data from the IRM-1 Irradiance Meter can also be saved.

4.2 Changing the cell and bank number

1



Press **ENTER** after completing of the measurement. The meter is in the memory storing mode.



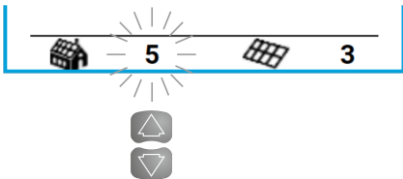
The cell number is flashing.

You can change the cell number by pressing **▲▼**.

2



Use the **SET/SEL** button to select the number of the cell or object active or to be deleted (flashing).

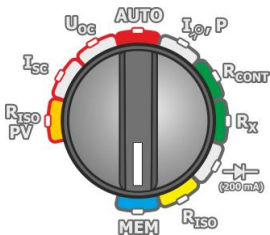


The object number is flashing.

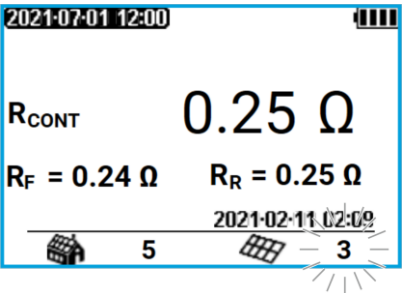
You can change the bank number by pressing **▲▼**.

4.3 Viewing memory data

1



- Turn on the meter.
- Set the rotary switch of function selection at **MEM**.



The content of the last saved cell appears.

The cell number is flashing.

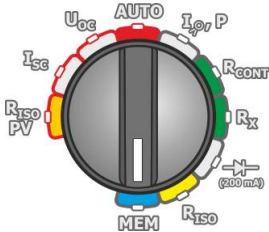
To change the number of the bank/cell which content you want to see press **SET/SEL** and then **▲▼**. If the bank or cell number is flashing - it may be changed.





The following table specifies the sequence of data storing for individual measurement results.



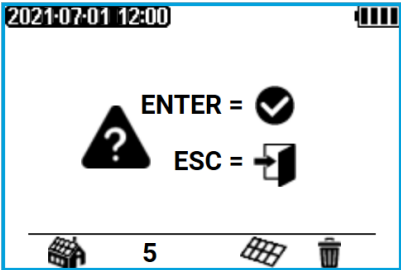
Measurement function (result group)	Component results
U_{OC}	$U_{OC}, U_{OC\ STC}$
U_{OC}, E	$U_{OC}, U_{OC\ STC}$ $E, T_{PV}, T_A, \triangle$
I_{SC}	$I_{SC}, I_{SC\ STC}$
I_{SC}, E	$I_{SC}, I_{SC\ STC}$ $E, T_{PV}, T_A, \triangle$
R_{ISO+}	$U_{ISO}, R_{ISO+}, R_{ISO-}$ U_{ISO}, I_{L+}, I_{L-}
R_{ISO-}	U_{ISO} R_{ISO} I_L
R_{CONT}	R_{CONT} R_F, R_R
I_{\odot}, P_{+++}	I_{\odot} or P_{+++}, U, I_{\odot}
I_{\odot}, P_{+++}, E	I_{\odot} or P_{+++}, U, I_{\odot} $E, T_{PV}, T_A, \triangle$
I_{\odot}, P_{-}	I_{\odot} or P_{-}, U, I_{\odot}
I_{\odot}, P_{-}, E	I_{\odot} or P_{-}, U, I_{\odot} $E, T_{PV}, T_A, \triangle$
\oplus	U_R, I_R U_F, I_F


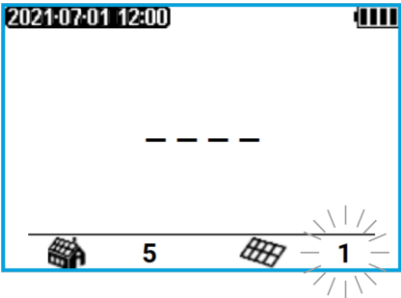
4.4 Deleting memory data

4.4.1 Deleting the selected object and its cells

- 1
- 
- Turn on the meter.
 - Set the rotary switch of function selection at **MEM**.

- 2
- 
- Set the number of the object to be deleted acc. to **sec. 4.2**.
Set the cell number on a selected object  (before "1"). Symbols   appear, indicating the readiness to delete.

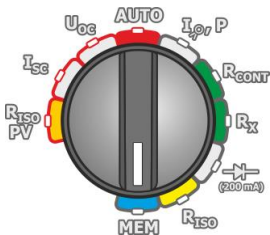
- 3
- 
- ' and 'ESC = 
- Press **ENTER**. A prompt for confirming deletion is shown.

- 4
- 
- 
- Press **ENTER** to start deleting or **ESC** to abort.

When deletion is complete, the meter generates three short beeps and sets the cell number to "1".

4.4.2 Deleting the entire memory




1



- Turn on the meter.
- Set the rotary switch of function selection at **MEM**.

2

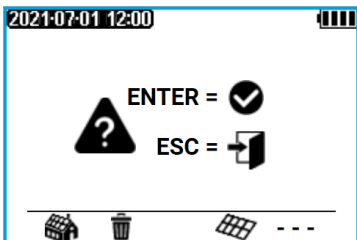


Set the object number to  (before 1). Symbols   appear, indicating the readiness to delete.

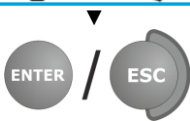


Press **ENTER**.

3

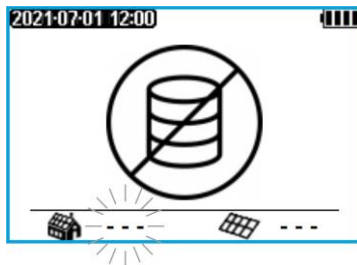


A prompt for confirming deletion is shown.



Press **ENTER** to start deleting or **ESC** to abort.

4



When deletion is complete, the meter generates three short beeps and sets the cell number to "1".

5 Communication

PVM-1020 is equipped with two communication channels: wireless Bluetooth and wireless LoRa®.

Wireless communication in the Bluetooth standard is used to transfer the results from the device's memory.

Wireless communication in the LoRa® standard is used to receive measurement results from IRM-1. Any loss of communication does not result in data loss. The readings are then recorded in the temporary memory of IRM-1 and transmitted to PVM-1020 meter after the communication is restored.









5.1 Set of accessories to connect the meter to a PC

In order to ensure the communication of the meter with a computer, Bluetooth module is required with an additional software. A program that may be used for this purpose is **Sonel Reader**. It allows users to read and display the measurement data stored in the meter memory. Software may be downloaded free from the manufacturer's website. Information on the availability of other programs cooperating with the meter may be obtained from the manufacturer or its authorized distributors.

The software may be used for many devices manufactured by SONEL S.A. which are equipped with the USB interface and/or wireless module.

Detailed information is available from the manufacturer and distributors.

5.2 Data transmission using Bluetooth module

-  1 Keeping the **SET/SEL** button depressed, turn on the meter and wait for the parameter selection screen (see **sec. 2.2**).
-  2 Use the **SET/SEL** button to go to parameter .
-  3 Use the   buttons to set **Auto**.
-  4 Press and hold **ENTER** to confirm settings. From now on, after selecting the **MEM** position with the knob, symbol  will be displayed on the screen.
- 5 Connect Bluetooth module to the USB socket of the PC, unless it is integrated into the PC.
- 6 During the process of pairing the meter with a PC, enter PIN code compatible with the PIN code of the meter defined in main settings.
- 7 Start **Sonel Reader** on the computer.






The standard PIN of the meter is **1234**. Setting in the meter according to **sec. 2.2**.

6 Troubleshooting

Before sending the instrument for repairs, call our service. Perhaps the meter is not damaged, and the problem has been caused by some other reasons.

The meter can be repaired only at outlets authorized by the manufacturer.

Troubleshooting of typical problems during the use of the meter is described in the table below.

Symptom	Cause	Action
The meter does not start after pressing button  .	Discharged or incorrectly placed batteries/rechargeable batteries.	Check if the batteries are placed correctly, replace and/or recharge the rechargeable batteries. If this does not help, send the meter for servicing.
During the voltage measurement the following symbol is displayed:  .		
When connected to a voltage source, the meter shows a value of zero or close to zero.	The meter is damaged (blown fuses in the device).	Send the instrument to the service centre.
Measurement errors after moving the meter from cold environment to a warm and humid place.	No acclimatization.	Do not perform the measurements until the meter reaches the ambient temperature (about 30 minutes) and dries.
Error E222.	Too high voltage with reverse polarity is present at the terminals.	Disconnect the meter from the voltage, turn it off and on again.
Error E224.	Damage to the IGBT transistor.	Send the instrument to the service centre.
Error E225. 	Damage to the IGBT transistor and the main relay.	Disconnect the meter from the tested object in a quick and decisive way to minimize the ignition of the electric arc between the disconnected elements. Send the instrument to the service centre.
Other error code.	Unspecified.	Turn the meter off and on again. If the error persists, send the instrument to the service centre.

7 Power supply

7.1 Monitoring the power supply voltage

The batteries charging level is indicated by the symbol located in the screen:



Batteries / rechargeable batteries charged.



Batteries / rechargeable batteries discharged.



Replace batteries or recharge rechargeable batteries. The meter switches off automatically.



Measurements performed with an insufficient supply voltage will be at risk of additional errors which the user is unable to evaluate.

7.2 Replacing the (rechargeable) batteries

The meter is powered by four AA alkaline LR6 batteries or rechargeable batteries of NiMH type. The (rechargeable) batteries are placed in the compartment at the bottom of the enclosure.



WARNING

Before replacing the (rechargeable) batteries, disconnect the test leads from the meter.

To replace the batteries/ rechargeable batteries:

1. Disconnect the leads from the measuring circuit and turn off the meter,
2. Remove the screws that secure the battery cover at the bottom of the compartment,
3. Replace all batteries (rechargeable batteries). Observe the correct polarity when inserting new batteries/rechargeable batteries ("-" on the elastic part of the contact plate). Reverse polarity will not damage the meter or the batteries, but the meter will not work.
4. Place and tighten the battery compartment cover.



NOTE!

- After replacing the batteries/rechargeable batteries, always **set the power supply source**. This setting influences the correct indication of the charging status (discharging characteristics of disposable and rechargeable batteries are different).
- Have the meter serviced in case of battery leakage inside the compartment.

Rechargeable batteries must be recharged in an external charger.

7.3 General rules of using the Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH) batteries

- If you are not going to use the instrument for a longer time, remove the rechargeable batteries and store them separately.
- Store the rechargeable batteries in a dry, cool and well ventilated place and protect them from direct sunlight. The long storage temperature should be below 30°C. If the batteries are stored long at high temperatures, the chemical processes may reduce their life.
- The NiMH rechargeable batteries usually withstand 500-1000 charging cycles. Such batteries achieve full capacity after forming (2-3 discharging and charging cycles). The most important factor which influences the battery life is the discharge level. The deeper the discharge level, the shorter the battery life.
- The memory effect appears in the NiMH batteries in a limited scope. These batteries can be recharged without more serious consequences. It is, however, recommended to discharge them completely every few cycles.
- During the storage of the Ni-MH rechargeable batteries, they are subject to self-discharge process at the rate of about 30% a month. Keeping the batteries at high temperatures may accelerate this process even two times. In order not to allow an excessive discharging of the batteries (after which the forming will be needed), recharge the batteries once in a while (even unused batteries).
- Modern, fast chargers detect too low and too high temperature of the batteries and respond accordingly. If the temperature is too low, the charging process should not start as it might irrevocably damage a rechargeable battery. The battery temperature increase is a signal to stop the charging and is typical. In addition to faster temperature increase of a battery which will not be fully charged, charging at high ambient temperatures results, however, in a reduced life.
- Remember that with fast charging, the batteries are charged to about 80% of their capacity; better results can be achieved by continuing the charging process: the charger then goes into the small current charging mode and after a few hours the batteries are fully charged.

- Do not charge and do not use the batteries at extreme temperatures as they reduce the life of batteries. Avoid using the battery-powered devices in very hot places. The rated operating temperature must be observed at all times.

8 Cleaning and maintenance



NOTE!

Use only the maintenance methods presented by the manufacturer in this manual.

Clean the meter casing with a wet cloth, using generally available detergents. Do not use any solvents and cleaning media which could scratch the casing (powder, paste, etc.).

The probes can be cleaned with water and then wiped dry. Before longer storage, it is recommended to lubricate the probes with any machine grease.

Clean the leads with water and detergents, then wipe dry.

The meter electronic system is maintenance free.

9 Storage

When storing the instrument, observe the following recommendations:

- disconnect all leads from the meter,
- thoroughly clean the meter and all accessories,
- if you are not going to use the instrument for a longer time, remove the batteries,
- during a prolonged storage recharge the batteries from time to time to prevent total discharging.

10 Dismantling and disposal

Used electric and electronic equipment should be collected selectively, i.e. not placed with other types of waste.

Worn-out electronic equipment should be sent to a collection point in accordance with the regulations valid in a given region.

Before sending the instrument to the collection point, do not dismantle any parts by yourself.

Observe local regulations on disposal of packagings and used batteries.

11 Technical data

11.1 Basic data

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

11.1.1 DC voltage measurement

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.0...1000.0 V	0.1 V	±(0.5% m.v. + 2 digits)

11.1.2 AC True RMS voltage measurement

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.0...600.0 V	0.1 V	±(2% m.v. + 6 digits)

- Frequency range: 45...65 Hz

11.1.3 Frequency measurement

Test range: 45.0...65.0 Hz

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
40.0...300.0 Hz	0.1 Hz	±0.2 Hz

- Voltage range: 10...600 V

11.1.4 Measurement of I_{SC} short-circuit current

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.00...20.00 A DC	0.01 A	±(1% m.v. + 2 digits)*

* For I_{SC} DC/DC mode the error is not specified

- Maximum capacitance of the measured installation at voltage of 1000 V DC: 3.2 µF

11.1.5 Measurement of insulation resistance of the module/ PV system

Measurement of R_{ISO} resistance

Test range according to EN IEC 61557-2 for U_{ISO} = 250 V / 500 V / 1000 V: 250.0 kΩ...1.000 GΩ

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.0...999.9 kΩ	0.1 kΩ	±(8% m.v. + 8 digits)*
1.000...9.999 MΩ	0.001 MΩ	
10.00...99.99 MΩ	0.01 MΩ	
100.0...999.9 MΩ	0.1 MΩ	
1.000 GΩ	0.001 GΩ	

* If the R_{ISO}PV+ i R_{ISO}PV- values differ by 10 times, the error is not specified

- Type of test voltage: DC
- Test voltage: 250 V, 500 V, 1000 V
- Accuracy of generated voltage (R_{LOAD} [Ω] ≥ 1000*U_N [V]): 0...+5% from the set value
- Detection of a dangerous voltage before commencing a measurement
- Discharging the object tested
- Measurement of voltage on terminals "+", "-" within the range of: 0...440 V DC
- Test current <2 mA

Measurement of leakage current

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
0... I_{Lmax}	mA, μ A, nA	Calculated on the basis of resistance readings

- I_{Lmax} – maximum current at short circuit of leads
- Resolution and units result from the measurement range of individual insulation resistance

11.1.6 Measurement of insulation resistance

Test range according to EN IEC 61557-2 for $U_{ISO} = 250$ V: 250.0 k Ω ...2.000 G Ω

Display range for $U_N = 250$ V	Resolution	Accuracy
0.0...999.9 k Ω	0.1 k Ω	\pm (3% m.v. + 8 digits)
1.000...9.999 M Ω	0.001 M Ω	
10.00...99.99 M Ω	0.01 M Ω	
100.0...999.9 M Ω	0.1 M Ω	
1.000...2.000 G Ω	0.001 G Ω	

Test range according to EN IEC 61557-2 for $U_N = 500$ V: 250.0 k Ω ...5.000 G Ω

Display range for $U_N = 500$ V	Resolution	Accuracy
0.0...999.9 k Ω	0.1 k Ω	\pm (3% m.v. + 8 digits)
1.000...9.999 M Ω	0.001 M Ω	
10.00...99.99 M Ω	0.01 M Ω	
100.0...999.9 M Ω	0.1 M Ω	
1.000...5.000 G Ω	0.001 G Ω	\pm (4% m.v. + 6 digits)

Test range according to EN IEC 61557-2 for $U_{ISO} = 1000$ V: 500.0 k Ω ...9.999 G Ω

Display range for $U_N = 1000$ V	Resolution	Accuracy
0.0...999.9 k Ω	0.1 k Ω	\pm (3% m.v. + 8 digits)
1.000...9.999 M Ω	0.001 M Ω	
10.00...99.99 M Ω	0.01 M Ω	
100.0...999.9 M Ω	0.1 M Ω	
1.000...9.999 G Ω	0.001 G Ω	\pm (4% m.v. + 6 digits)

- Type of test voltage: DC
- Test voltage: 250 V, 500 V, 1000 V
- Accuracy of generated voltage ($R_{LOAD} [\Omega] \geq 1000 \cdot U_N [V]$): 0...+5% from the set value
- Detection of a dangerous voltage before commencing a measurement
- Discharging the object tested
- Measurement of voltage on terminals "+", "-" within the range of: 0...440 V DC
- Test current <2 mA

Measurement of leakage current

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
0... I_{Lmax}	mA, μ A, nA	Calculated on the basis of resistance readings

- I_{Lmax} – maximum current at short circuit of leads
- Resolution and units result from the measurement range of individual insulation resistance

11.1.7 Measurement of operating current and active power

P active power measurement – AC and DC voltage

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.00...100.00 kW	0.01 kW	±(6% m.v. + 5 digits)

AC and DC current measurement at P active power measurement

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.0...40.0 A	0.1 A	±(5% m.v. + 2 digits)

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
1.0...400.0 A	0.1 A	±(5% m.v. + 8 digits)

11.1.8 Low-voltage measurement of continuity of circuit and resistance

Measurement of continuity of protective conductors and equipotential bondings with ±200 mA current

Measuring range according to EN IEC 61557-4: 0.10...1999 Ω

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.00...19.99 Ω	0.01 Ω	±(2% m.v. + 3 digits)
20.0...199.9 Ω	0.1 Ω	
200...1999 Ω	1 Ω	±(4% m.v. + 3 digits)

- DC voltage at open terminals: 4 V < U_{OC} < 8 V
- Output current at $R \leq 2 \Omega$: min. 200 mA DC
- Compensation of test leads resistance
- Measurements for both current polarizations

Measurement of resistance with low current

Display range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.0...199.9 Ω	0.1 Ω	±(3% m.v. + 3 digits)
200...1999 Ω	1 Ω	

- DC voltage at open terminals: 4 V < U_{OC} < 8 V
- Short-circuit current I_{SC} : 5...15 mA DC
- Audio signal for measured resistance <30 Ω ± 10%
- Compensation of test leads resistance

11.1.9 Converting measurement results to STC conditions

The conversion of the measurement result to STC conditions takes place only when the irradiance measured by the IRM-1 meter is within its measuring range and exceeds 100 W/m².

11.2 Operating data

- a) type of insulation according to EN 61010-1 and EN IEC 61557double
- b) measurement category according to EN IEC 61010-2-030IV 300 V, III 600 V, II 1000 V DC
- c) degree of housing protection acc. to EN 60529..... IP65
- d) meter power supply LR6 alkaline batteries or NiMH rechargeable batteries size AA (4 pcs)
- e) dimensions 228 x 102 x 61 mm
- f) weight..... approx. 1.0 kg
- g) storage temperature-20...+60°C
- h) operating temperature -10...+40°C
- i) humidity 20...80%
- j) reference temperature +23 ± 2°C
- k) reference humidity 40...60%
- l) altitude (above sea level): <2000 m*
- m) Auto-OFF time5, 10, 15 min or none
- n) displaygraphical LCD
- o) memory for measurement results4059 data records
- p) data transmission
 - interface Bluetooth
 - range..... up to 10 m
- q) communication with IRM-1
 - interface LoRa®
 - range..... up to 300 m
- r) quality standard design, construction and manufacturing are ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001 compliant
- s) the device meets the requirements of EN 61010-1, EN IEC 61557, EN IEC 61010-2-030
- t) the product meets EMC requirements (immunity for industrial environment) according to the following standards..... EN IEC 61326-1, EN IEC 61326-2-2

NOTE

* Information about the use of meter at altitude from 2000 m a.s.l. to 5000 m a.s.l.

As for voltage inputs $-$, $\frac{1}{\text{II}}$, $+$ the instrument is to be considered downgraded to measurement category CAT III 600 V (CAT IV 150 V) to ground or CAT II 600 V DC to ground. Markings and symbols indicated on the instrument are to be considered valid when using it at altitude ≤ 2000 m.



NOTE!

The meter is classified in terms of Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) as instruments of Class A (for use in industrial environments – according to EN 55011). Interferences, impacting the operation of other devices must be taken into account when the meters are used in other environments (e.g. domestic).



SONEL S.A. hereby declares that the radio device type PVM-1020 complies with Directive 2014/53/EU. The full text of the EU Declaration of Conformity is available at the following website address: <https://sonel.pl/en/download/declaration-of-conformity/>

11.2.1 Maximum operating time on one set of batteries

Measurement	Backlight		
	Disabled	Level 1	Level 2
	Operating time (number of measurements)		
Insulation resistance (PV)	16 h (570)	9 h 30 min (471)	5 h (377)
Insulation resistance (AC)	4 h 45 min	3 h 48 min	3 h 9 min
DC voltage of open circuit U_{OC}	16 h	9 h	5 h
DC short circuit current I_{SC}	14 h (17000)	7 h 30 min (9400)	4 h 30 min (5300)
Automatic measurements	16 h (559)	9 h (463)	5 h (372)
Measurement of operating current and power	16 h	9 h	5 h
Low-current measurement of resistance (R_X)	7 h 30 min	4 h 30 min	3 h
Measurement of continuity of protective conductors and equipotential bondings with ± 200 mA current (R_{CONT})	7 h 30 min (10800)	4 h 30 min (7700)	3 h (5700)
Diode test	16 h	9 h	5 h

Conditions

- Alkaline batteries
- $R_{ISO(PV)} > 60 \text{ M}\Omega$ on lines +POS, -NEG of PV module
- $R_{ISO(AC)} > 30 \text{ M}\Omega$
- $R_X < 10 \text{ }\Omega$
- $R_{CONT} < 10 \text{ }\Omega$
- Temperature $23^\circ\text{C} \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$

11.2.2 Maximum operating time on a single battery charge

Measurement	Backlight		
	Disabled	Level 1	Level 2
	Operating time (number of measurements)		
Insulation resistance (PV)	13 h (760)	8 h 30 min (608)	6 h 30 min (504)
Insulation resistance (AC)	6 h 20 min	5 h	4 h 10 min
DC voltage of open circuit U_{OC}	13 h	8 h 30 min	6 h 30 min
DC short circuit current I_{SC}	13 h (13800)	8 h 30 min (9700)	6 h 30 min (7200)
Automatic measurements	13 h (750)	8 h 30 min (600)	6 h 30 min (495)
Measurement of operating current and power	13 h	8 h 30 min	6 h 30 min
Low-current measurement of resistance (R_X)	8 h	6 h	5 h
Measurement of continuity of protective conductors and equipotential bondings with ± 200 mA current (R_{CONT})	8 h (25000)	6 h (23000)	5 h (20000)
Diode test	13 h	8 h 30 min	6 h 30 min

Conditions

- Ni-MH 1900 mAh rechargeable batteries
- $R_{ISO(PV)} > 60 \text{ M}\Omega$ on lines +POS, -NEG of PV module
- $R_{ISO(AC)} > 30 \text{ M}\Omega$
- $R_X < 10 \text{ }\Omega$
- $R_{CONT} < 10 \text{ }\Omega$

- Temperature $23^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$

12 Manufacturer

The manufacturer of the equipment and provider of service during and past the warranty period:

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NOTE!

Service repairs must be performed solely by the manufacturer.

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MEASUREMENT MESSAGES

Measurements



The tested object is live. The measurement is blocked. **Immediately disconnect the meter from the tested object (both leads).**



Damage to the IGBT transistor and the main relay. Disconnect the meter from the tested object in **a quick and decisive way** to minimize the ignition of the electric arc between the disconnected elements. Send the instrument to the service centre.



You must consult the manual.



The decision of the user is necessary.



Discharging the object

LIMIT !

R_{ISO} (PV), R_{ISO} (AC)

Activation of current limit. The symbol displayed is accompanied by a continuous beep.

I_{SC}

Capacitance of the tested object is too high. Activation of current limit. The display of the symbol is accompanied by the message **I_{SC} >20A**.

NOISE!

R_{ISO} (PV)

The measurement was carried out, however without the guaranteed accuracy, because at the time of its performance there were disturbances causing the samples to differ from each other by more than 1%.

R_{ISO} (AC)

- The tested object is under the voltage within the range of 10 V...50 V. The measurement is possible, but without guaranteed accuracy.
- The tested object is under the voltage exceeding 50 V. The measurement is blocked.

R_{CONT}

The message that appears after the measurement indicates significant discrepancies between the partial measurements. The measurement result may be affected by a large, unspecified error.

I_{SC}

- Message displayed after measurement. This indicates significant discrepancies between partial measurements. The measurement result may be affected by a large, unspecified error (usually positive).
- No data from IRM-1 before and after short-circuit current measurement.

READY

The meter is ready for measurement.



Maximum temperature of the meter is exceeded. The measurement is blocked.

AUTO-START

Automatic measurement activation.

AUTO-ZERO

The test leads compensation is activated for low-voltage resistance measurements.

DC-ZERO

Zeroing the current clamps in the DC range.

Battery / rechargeable battery status



Charged.



Discharged.



Fully discharged. The meter switches off automatically. Replace or recharge the batteries.



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