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Thank you for purchasing the MIC-10 insulation tester. Please acquaint yourself with this manual to avoid measuring errors and prevent possible problems related to the operation of the meter.

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.

- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.

- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.

- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

CAUTION:

Equipment changes or modifications not expressly approved by SONEL TEST & MEASUREMENT Inc., the party responsible for FCC compliance, could void the user's authority to operate the equipment, and could create a hazardous condition.

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The MIC-10 meter is designed to determine the safety of electrical wiring, to ensure adequate protection against electric shock. For correct operation and accurate results observe the following recommendations:

- Before operating the meter acquaint yourself thoroughly with this manual. Observe the safety cautions, warnings, and instructions.
- Any application that differs from those specified in this manual may result in a damage to the device and constitute a source of danger to the user.
- The MIC-10 meter must be operated only by appropriately qualified personnel with relevant certification authorizing them to work on electrical systems. Operating the meter by unauthorised personnel may result in damage to the device and constitute a source of danger to the user.
- During measurements of insulation resistance dangerous voltages up to 1 kV occur at the ends of test leads.
- Before any measurement of insulation resistance ensure the tested object is not energized, and disconnected from the mains power supply.
- Do not disconnect the test leads from the tested object before the measurement is completed, otherwise the capacitance of the object will not be discharged creating a risk of electric shock.
- 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 work with the meter in special environments, e.g. potential of fire-risk
 or explosive environment, consult with the person responsible for health and safety.
- Do not operate:
 - \Rightarrow A meter which is damaged, completely or partially malfunctioning
 - \Rightarrow A meter with damaged test leads insulation
 - ⇒ A meter stored for an excessive period of time in adverse environmental conditions (e.g. excessive humidity). If the meter is transferred from a cool to a warm environment with a high level of relative humidity, wait 30 minutes until the meter is warmed up to the ambient temperature.
- A BATT message indicates insufficient voltage of power supply. The batteries must be charged or replaced.
- An **ErrX** message, where **X** is a number from 1 to 9, indicates incorrect operation of the meter. If after restarting the meter this error message still appears, it indicates that the meter is damaged.
- Before measurement choose a correct measurement function and make sure that test leads are connected securely to their respective measuring terminals.
- Do not operate a meter with an open or incorrectly closed battery compartment, or power it from
 other sources not specified in this manual.
- Meter inputs are electronically protected against overloads, such as caused by connecting the meter to a live circuit, up to 550V for measurements, and up to 600V for the voltmeter.
- Repairs may only be performed by Sonel or an authorized Sonel service center.

Note:

When installing driver software in Windows may result in an "Installation failed" message. Windows 8 by default blocks drivers without a digital signature. Disable the driver signature enforcement in Windows.

Note:

Due to continuous development the actual appearance of the display, and some of the functions may slightly differ from the information presented in this operating manual.

Meter Configuration 2



goes into the measurement mode.

Press ESC to go the measurement mose without saving changes.

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3 Measurements

3.1 Measurement of insulation resistance

WARNING:

Measured object must be de-energized. Do not make measurements on live circuits.

Important Note:

Make sure that test leads do not touch each other and the probes (crocodile clips) during measurements, especially of high resistances Such contact may cause the flow of surface currents resulting in additional errors in measurement results.



Set the rotary function switch at one of \mathbf{R}_{ISO} positions. Each position is marked with the measuring voltage.

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Connect the test leads according to this diagram.





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Press and hold **START** button. The measurement is performed continuously until the START button is released or the preset time is reached.

Instead of holding the **START** button down the function can be latched by first pressing the **ENTER** and then press **START** and release. The **D LOCK** symbol will be displayed. To cancel the measurement press **ESC** or **START**.



To eliminate the influence of surface currents in the devices of up to 1kV a three-lead measurement is used. For example, to measure the inter-winding resistance of a small motor, connect the G termianl of the meter with the motor housing:



Notes:



Danger! Do not disconnect test leads before the measurement completes. Failure to obey this instruction will lead to the possibility of a high voltage electric shock as the object under test can be charged up to 1000V, and make it impossible to discharge the object under test. If obeyed the MIC-10 safely discharges the object under test.

- The LIMIT I! message indicates the meter is working with current limiting (e.g. when charging an object).
- If current limiting lasts for 20 seconds the measurement is cancelled.
- After measurement completes, the charge on the tested object is discharged by shorting the test terminals through a 100kΩ resistance.
- The capacitance of the object under test is measured at the end of the measurement process during the object discharge..

Additional information displayed by the meter

	Test voltage is present on terminals of the meter.	
	Error! Consult the manual.	
READY	The meter is ready for measurement.	
NOISE	Noise is detected in the system during the measurement. The measurement results may be affected by additional uncertaintuies.	
+ continuous audio tone	Current limit is activated.	
H 47E	Leakage current is too high; breakdown of insulation during the measurement.	
dıS	Object under test is being discharged.	
+ red LED, + two-tone beep	The tested object is live. The measurement is cancelled.	
BAFF	Rechargeable batteries are discharged	

3.2 Low-voltage measurement of resistance

3.2.1 Measurement of resistance of protective conductors and equipotential bonding with 200 mA current



View the result.



Additional information displayed by the meter

NOISE	Noise is detected in the system during the measurement. The measurement results may be affected by additional uncertaintuies.
+ red LED, + two- tone beep	The tested object is live. The measurement is cancelled.
AUTO-ZERO Compensation for the test leads resistance is includ in the result.	

without disconnecting the test leads from the object.

3.2.2 Measurement of resistance



The meter is ready for measurement.



Connect the meter to the object to be tested as in the following diagram: The measurement is performed continuously.



Note:

• For R <30 Ω there is a continuous beep and the LED illuninates green.

3.2.3 Compensation of test leads resistance

To eliminate the effect of the resistances of the test leads upon the measurements R_{CONT} and R_{X} , perform the auto-zeroing function as follows:



To remove the compensation for test leads resistances, and return to default calibration, perform the auto-zeroing function with the test leads open. The messages **AUTO-ZERO** and **O** disappear, and **UFF** is displayed.

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3.3 Voltage measurement



Additional information displayed by the meter



3.4 Remembering the last measurement result

The last measurement is remembered by the meter until a new measurement is started, or measurement settings are changed, or the measuring function is changed by the rotary switch. If the meter has returned to the voltage measurement mode (by pressing **ESC** button), to recall the last result press **ENTER**. The latest measurement result can also be viewed after turning the meter off and then turning on, providing the position of the function selector has not been changed.

4.1 Monitoring of the power supply voltage

The level of charge of the batteries is continuously indicated by the battery symbol in the upper right corner of the display:

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d	

Batteries charged

Batteries almost discharged.



Batteries are fully discharged. The meter switches off automatically.

4.2 Replacing battery/rechargeable batteries

MIC-10 Meters are powered by four AA alkaline LR6 batteries or NiMH rechargeable batteries.



To replace the batteries:

- 1. Disconnect the leads from the measuring circuit and turn off the meter
- 2. Unscrew the 4 screws at the bottom of the housing and remove the cover
- 3. Replace all batteries with new ones.
- 4. Replace and fasten the cover.

Note:

Rechargeable batteries must be recharged in an external charger.

NOTE!

Do not use the meter when the battery compartment is removed or open. Do not power the meter from any source other than those described in this manual.

4.3 General principles regarding using NiMH rechargeable batteries

- If the meter is not uses for a prolonged periods, it is recommended to remove the batteries and store them separately.
- Store the rechargeable batteries in a dry, cool, and well-ventilated place and protect them from direct sunlight. The temperature of the environment should not exceed 30°C / 86°F. If the rechargeable batteries are stored for a long periods at high temperature their lifetime will be reduced.
- NiMH batteries withstand normally 500-1000 charging cycles NiMH batteries reach their maximum capacity after 2-3 charge/discharge cycles. The most important factor which affects the lifetime of rechargeable batteries is the level of discharge. The deeper the discharge, the shorter the lifetime.
- NiMH batteries may be charged at any point with no serious consequences. However, it is recommended to discharge them periodically.
- During storage, NiMH batteries self-discharge at the rate of approximately 30% per month. High temperatures accelerate this process. To prevent excessive discharge of rechargeable batteries it is recommended to charge them periodically even if they are not used.
- Modern fast chargers detect both too low and too high a temperature of batteries and react accordingly. Too low a temperature prevents charging, which might damage the battery irreparably. High temperature of the battery stops any further charging. Charging at a high temperature reduces battery lifetime and causes a further increase of the battery temperature, which will not allow charging to full capacity.
- With quick charging batteries are charged to approximately 80% of their capacity. Better results may be obtained if charging is continued. Charging will continue, but with a low current. After a couple of hours the batteries are charged to their full capacity.
- Do not charge or use batteries in extreme temperatures. Extreme temperatures reduce the lifetime of batteries. Avoid using devices powered from Ni-MH batteries in very hot environments. The nominal working temperature must be observed.

5 Cleaning and maintenance

NOTE!

Only use the maintenance methods described in this manual.

The outside of the MRU-30 meter may be cleaned with a soft, damp cloth using all-purpose detergents. Do not use any solvents or cleaning agents or abrasives which might scratch the case. Clean the probes with water and dry them. Before storing probes for long periods it is recommended

to coat it with any machine lubricant to prevent corrosion.

Cable reels and test leads should be cleaned with water and detergents and dried.

The electronic system of the meter does not require maintenance.

6 Storage

When storing the MRU-30:

- Disconnect all the test leads from the meter
- Clean the meter and all its accessories thoroughly
- Wind the long test leads onto the reels
- To prevent a total discharge of the batteries charge them periodically.

7 Dismantling and disposal

- Scrap and disused electric and electronic equipment should be disposed of selectively, i.e. not
 placed with waste of another kind.
- Scrap and disused electric and electronic equipment should be sent to a collection point in accordance with local regulations for the disposal of electric and electronic equipment.
- Before the equipment is sent to a collection point do not dismantle or disassemble any elements.
- Observe local regulations concerning the disposal of equipment, and depleted batteries.

8 Technical specifications

8.1 Basic data

 \Rightarrow Abbreviation "m.v." used in the specification of measurement uncertainty means a standard measured value.

AC / DC voltage measurement

Display range	Resolution	Measurement uncertainty
0.0 to 299.9 V	0.1 V	±(2% m.v. + 6 digits)
300 to 600 V	1 V	±(2% m.v. + 2 digits)

• Frequency range: 45 to 65 Hz

Measurement of insulation resistance

• Voltage accuracy (R_{obc} [Ω] \geq 1000^{*}V_N [V]): -0+10% of the selected value

Measurement range, according to IEC 61557-2 for V_N = 50 V: 50 k\Omega to 250.0 M\Omega

Display range for V _N = 50 V	Resolution	Measurement uncertainty
0.0 to 999.9 kΩ	0.1 kΩ	
1.000 to 9.999 MΩ	0.001 MΩ	± (3 % m.v. + 8 digits)
10.00 to 99.99 MΩ	0.01 MΩ	
100.0 to 250.0 MΩ	0.1 MΩ	

Test range according to IEC 61557-2 for V_N = 100V: 100k\Omega to 500.0M\Omega

Display range for V _N = 100 V	Resolution	Measurement uncertainty
0.0 to 999.9 kΩ	0.1 kΩ	
1.000 to 9.999 MΩ	0.001 MΩ	$\pm (2.\% m) + 9 digita)$
10.00 to 99.99 MΩ	0.01 MΩ	\pm (3 % III.v. + 8 digits)
100.0 to 500.0 MΩ	0.1 MΩ	

Test range according to IEC 61557-2 for V_N = 250 V: 250k Ω to 2.000 G Ω

Display range for V _N =250 V	Resolution	Measurement uncertainty
0.0 to 999.9 kΩ	0.1 kΩ	
1.000 to 9.999 MΩ	0.001 MΩ	
10.00 to 99.99 MΩ	0.01 MΩ	\pm (3 % m.v. + 8 digits)
100.0 to 999.0 MΩ	0.1 MΩ	
1.000 to 2.000 GΩ	0.001 GΩ	

Display range for V _N = 500 V	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
0.0 to 999.9 kΩ	0.1 kΩ	
1.000 to 9.999 MΩ	0.001 MΩ	(2.0/ may be digita)
10.00 to 99.99 MΩ	0.01 MΩ	\pm (3 % III.v. + 6 uigits)
100.0 to 999.0 M Ω	0.1 MΩ	
1.000 to 5.000 G Ω	0.001 GΩ	± (4 % m.v. + 6 digits)

Test range according to IEC 61557-2 for V_N = 1000 V: 1000 k\Omega to 10.0 G\Omega

Display range for V _N = 1000 V	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
0.0 to 999.9 kΩ	0.1 kΩ	
1.000 to 9.999 MΩ	0.001 MΩ	± (3 % m.v. + 8 digits)
10.00 to 99.99 MΩ	0.01 MΩ	
100.0 to 999.9 MΩ	0.1 MΩ	
1.000 to 9.999 GΩ	0.001 GΩ	
10.00 to 99.99 GΩ	0.01 GΩ	± (4 % m.v. + 6 digits)
100.0 GΩ	0.1 GΩ	

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

$$R_{ISO\min} = \frac{V_{ISOnom}}{I_{ISOnom}}$$

where:

R _{ISOmin}	- minimum insulation resistance measured without limiting the current
VISOnom	- nominal test voltage

IISOnom - nominal current (1 mA)

Measurement of capacitance

Display range	Resolution	Measurement uncertainty
1 to 999 nF	1 nF	(E^{0}) (m) (10 divita)
1.00 to 9.99 µF	0.01 µF	\pm (5% m.v. + 10 digits)

• Measurement of capacitance is made only during R_{ISO} measurement.

- For measurement voltages below 100 V and when measured resistance is below 10 $M\Omega,$ the measurement error is not specified.

Low-voltage continuity and resistance measurement

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

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

Display range	Resolution	Measurement uncertainty
0.00 to 19.99 Ω	0.01 Ω	
20.0 to 199.9 Ω	0.1 Ω	\pm (2% III.v. + 3 digits)
200 to 1999 Ω	1 Ω	±(4% m.v. + 3 digits)

- Voltage at open terminals: <8 V
- Output current at R < 2 Ω: I_{SC}> 200 mA
- Compensation of test leads resistance

Low-current resistance measurement

Range	Resolution	Measurement uncertainty
0.0 to 199.9 Ω	0.1 Ω	(20/ m v + 2 digita)
200 to 1999 Ω	1 Ω	$\pm (3\% \text{ III.v.} + 3 \text{ digits})$

- Voltage at open terminals: <8 V
- Current at shorted terminals 5 mA< I_{SC}<15 mA
- Acoustic signal and LED illuminates green for measured resistance < 30 $\Omega \pm 10\%$
- Compensation of test leads resistance

Other technical specification

a)	type of insulation	double, IEC 61010-1 and IEC 61557 compliant
b)	measurement category	IV 600 V (III 1000 V) according to IEC 61010-1
C)	protection class of enclosure acc. to IEC 60529	IP67
d)	power supply for the meter	. 4 AA alkaline batteries or rechargeable batteries
e)	dimensions	
f)	meter weight	approx 0.6 kg / 1.3 lb
g)	storage temperature	–20 to +70°C / –4 to +158°F
h)	operating temperature	10 to +50°C / 14 to +122°F
i)	humidity	
j)	reference temperature	+23 ± 2°C / +73 ± 3°F
k)	reference humidity	
I)	altitude (above sea level)	<2000 m / <6562 ft
m)	display	LCD segment
n)	quality standarddevelopment, c	lesign and manufacturing are ISO 9001 compliant
o)	the device meets the requirements of the IEC 615	557 standard
p)	the product meets the EMC requirements (immu	unity for industrial environment) according to the
	following standards	IEC 61326-1 and IEC 61326-2-2

8.2 Additional data

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

8.2.1 Additional uncertainties according to IEC 61557-2 (R_{ISO})

Significant parameter	Designation	Additional uncertainty
Position	E₁	0%
Supply voltage	E ₂	0% (BATT is not displayed)
Temperature 0 to 35°C / 32 to 95°F	E ₃	2%

8.2.2 Additional uncertainties according to IEC 61557-4 (R_{CONT} 200mA)

Significant parameter	Designation	Additional uncertainty
Position	E1	0%
Supply voltage	E ₂	0% (BATT is not displayed)
Temperature 0 to 35°C / 32 to 95°F	E ₃	2%

9 Accessories

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

9.1 Standard accessories

Standard set of MIC-10 equipment supplied by the manufacturer includes:

- MIC-10 **WMUSMIC10**,
- 1.2 m cable CAT III 1000V 2 pcs (red WAPRZ1X2REBB, black WAPRZ1X2BLBB),
- crocodile clip CAT III 1000V 1 pc (black WAKROBL20K01),
- blade probe CAT III 1000V 2 pcs (black WASONBLOGB1, red WASONREOGB1),
- M-6 carrying case for the meter and accessories WAFUTM6,
- calibration certificate,
- user manual,
- Set of 4xAA alkaline batteries 1.5 V,
- strap for carrying the meter WAPOZSZE4,
- plastic hook (to hang the meter) WAPOZUCH1.

9.2 Optional accessories

Additionally, the following items that are not included in the scope of standard equipment can be purchased from the manufacturer or the distributors:



10 Manufacturer

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

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NOTE

Service repairs must be performed solely by the manufacturer.

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WARNING AND ADDITIONAL MESSAGES DISPLAYED BY THE METER

CAUTION! Connecting the input terminals to voltages above 600V may cause damage to the meter and the risk of electrical injury to the user.

	Test voltage is present on terminals of the meter.
	You must consult the manual.
READY	The meter is ready for measurement.
NOISE	Indicates noise in the system during the measurement. The measurement result may be affected by additional uncertainty.
	Activation of current limit. The symbol displayed is accompanied by a continuous audio signal.
HYE	Leakage current too high (breakdown of insulation during the measurement).
acoustic signal	The tested object is live. The measurement is blocked.
d 15	Discharging of the object tested after the measurement.
AUTO-ZERO	Resistance compensation is active.
4	The charge level of the batteries: Batteries/ rechargeable batteries charged. Batteries / rechargeable batteries almost discharged.
PUBFF	Batteries / rechargeable batteries fully discharged.



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