- **Logic Probe**
- 3-3/4 Digits Multimeter
- Capacitance Meter Frequency Counter

Hand-held Multifunction Instrument

This Manual Effective with Serial No. 250-00001

Transistor Tester

Specifications apply from +18°C to +28°C at relative humidity up to 75% unless otherwise noted.

DC VOLTAGE Manual ranging.

Range	Range Resolution		Overvoltage Protection
400 mV	100 μV		500 VDC or peak AC
4 V	1 mV	± (0.5% rdg	
40 V	10 mV	+ 1 dgt)	1200 VDC
400 V	100 mV	Ì	or peak AC
1000 V	1 V		

Input Impedance
Normal Mode Rejection Greater than 50 dB (50/60 Hz)
Common Mode Rejection Greater than $100~dB~(50/60~Hz)$

AC VOLTAGE Manual ranging. Average responding, rms reading.

Range Resolution		Accuracy (50 Hz to 500 Hz)	Overvoltage Protection				
400 mV	100 μV	1.20	500 VDC or peak AC				
4 V	1 mV	± (1.2% rdg +3 dgt)					
40 V	10 mV		1200 VDC				
400 V	100 mV		or peak AC				
750 V	1 V	± (1.5% rdg + 3 dgt)					

DC CURRENT Manual ranging.

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Burden Voltage
400 μA	0.1 μΑ		
4 mA	1 μΑ	± (1.0% rdg	600 mV max.
40 mA	10 μΑ	+ 1 dgt)	000 m v max.
400 mA	100 μΑ		
2000 mA	1 mA	± (1.5% rdg + 1 dgt)	900 mV max.
20 A	10 mA	± (2.0% rdg + 3 dgt)	900 m v max.

Overload Protection	. 2 A (600 V) fast blow ceramic fuse and
	20 A (600 V) fast blow ceramic fuse.

10 A continuous, 20 A Range Maximum Current 20 A for 60 sec. max.

AC CURRENT Manual ranging. Average responding rms reading.

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FEATURES

- Complete Handheld Test Bench
- 11 Functions, 41 Ranges.
- Auto power off extends battery life.
- Five dc voltage ranges: 400 mV to 1000 V.
- Five ac voltage ranges: 400 mV to 750 V.
- Six dc current ranges: 400 µA to 20 A.
- Six ac current ranges: 400 µA to 20 A.
- Six resistance ranges: 400 Ω to 40 M Ω .
- Five capacitance ranges: 4 nF to 40 μ F.
- Four autoranging frequency ranges: 4 kHz to 4 MHz.
- hFE transistor test function; measures dc gain (hFE) of NPN and
- Logic probe function; indicates logic high or logic low for TTL circuitry.
- Diode test function; measures forward voltage drop.
- Audible continuity buzzer.
- Audible warning buzzer if probe inserted into wrong jack.
- Extra large, easy to read 3-3/4 digit display with annunciators for polarity, decimal, frequency, ac/dc, capacitance, and low battery.
- Basic accuracy: ±0.5% (DCV).
- Resolution of $100 \,\mu\text{V}$, $0.1 \,\mu\text{A}$, $0.1 \,\Omega$, $1 \,\text{pF}$, $1 \,\text{Hz}$.
- Auto polarity, auto zero.
- Overrange indication on all ranges.
- Overload protection.
- High energy fuses.
- Fused 20 A range.
- Safety type test leads.
- Tilt stand.
- Hanger strap.
- Protective holster (withstands 10 ft drop on concrete).
- Built-in probe storage.

SPECIFICATIONS

RESISTANCE Manual ranging.

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Max Open Circuit Voltage
400 Ω	0.1 Ω	± (1.0% rdg + 4 dgt)	3.45 V
4 kΩ	1 Ω		
40 kΩ	10 Ω	± (0.75% rdg	
400 kΩ	100 Ω	+ 4 dgt)	0.6 V
4 ΜΩ	IkΩ		
40 MΩ	10 kΩ	± (1.5% rdg + 5 dgt)	

Overload Protection 500 V DC or peak AC

CAPACITANCE Manual ranging.

Range Resolution		Accuracy	Test Frequency					
4 nF	l pF							
40 nF	10 pF]						
400 nF	100 pF	± (3.0% rdg + 4 dgt)	180 Hz					
4 μF	l nF	l Sign,						
40 μF	10 nF	1						

FREQUENCY COUNTER Auto ranging.

Range	Resolution	Sensitivity	
4 kHz	1 Hz		250 11
40 kHz	kHz 10 Hz	± (0.1% rdg	250 mV rms (10 Hz to 1 MHz)
400 kHz	100 Hz		500 mV rms
4000 kHz	l kHz		(1 MHz to 4 MHz)

Overvoltage Protection 500 V DC or peak AC Duty Cycle

SYMBOLS

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See instruction manual for further precautionary information



High voltage terminal; up to 1000 V may be present if connected to high voltage.

СОМ

Common input terminal.



Diode test.



Connect to earth ground or point not more than 500 volts from earth ground.

Maximum input rating of V- Ω -Hz terminal with

1000 VDC 750 VAC MAX •)))

Continuity test.

respect to earth ground.



Logic high.



Logic low.

hFE

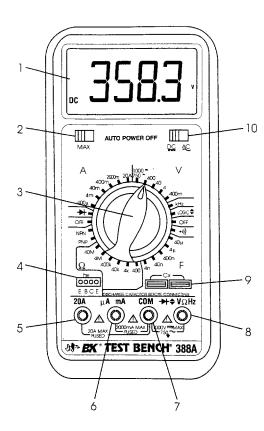
Transistor gain test.

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

Replacement Test Leads Model TL-1
Deluxe Test Leads Model TL-2
Accessory Tips for Deluxe Test Leads Model TL-3
High Current Test Leads Model FP-10
High Voltage Probe (40 kVDC) Model PR-28
High Voltage Probe (6 kVDC) Model HV-6
Temperature Adapter, Type K thermocouple Model TP-30

CONTROLS AND INDICATORS

- Display. 3-3/4 digit display (3999 maximum) with automatic decimal point, polarity indication, high-low logic indicators, and low battery indicator. Indicates measured value, unit of measurement, and whether dc or ac is selected (for current and voltage readings). Overrange is indicated by displaying 0L.
- 2. MAX Switch. Selects maximum hold or normal mode
- 3. Function/Range/Power Switch. Selects function and range; V (1000 DCV/750 ACV, 400 V, 40 V, 4 V, or 400 mV), kHz ◆LOGIC, and ··· continuity) F (40 μF, 4 μF, 400 nF, 4 0 nF, or 4 nF), Ω (400 Ω, 4 kΩ, 40 kΩ, 400 kΩ, 4 MΩ, or 40 MΩ), HFE (PNP or NPN) → diode). A (400 μA, 4 mA, 40 mA, 400 mA, 2000 mA, or 20 A) ac or dc. When knob is pointing left or right, TEST BENCH power is off.
- hFE Jacks. Input for direct insertion of NPN and PNP transistor leads. Emitter, collector, and base sockets are labeled.
- 20A Jack. Input for dc or ac current measurements on the 20 A range (currents greater than 10 A not to be connected to TEST BENCH for longer than 60 seconds). For measurements greater than 3 A, high current test leads are recommended.
- 6. mA/µA Jack. Input for dc or ac current up to 2 A.
- COM Jack. Input for common or reference test lead for measurements except. Cx (capacitance) and hFE (transistor gain). Connect to earth ground or reference point not more than 500 V (dc + ac peak) from earth ground.
- The VΩHz Jack. Input for voltage, resistance, frequency, hFE, Logic, and continuity/diode test functions.
- Cx Socket. Input for capacitance measurements. Inputs are polarized for measuring polarized capacitors.
- 10. AC/DC Switch. Selects ac or dc voltage and current ranges. When switch is set to DC position, all voltage and current ranges are for dc measurements. When switch is set to AC position, all voltage and current ranges are for ac measurements.



OPERATING I

RANGE SELECTION

- 1. If the quantity to be measured is unknown, start with the highest range
- When an overrange is indicated (0L displayed) switch to the next highest range.

CAUTION

Do not switch between ranges while connected to a high voltage.

AUTO POWER OFF

- The meter will automatically shut off if the Function/Range switch position is not changed within 45 minutes.
- To restore operation, rotate the Function/Range switch to any other position.

VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS

- The annunciators in the lower left comer of the display indicate whether the ac ordc function is selected. The mV or V annunciator on the right indicates that voltage is selected.
 - To measure ac voltage, set the AC/DC switch to the AC position.
 - b. To measure dc voltage, set the AC/DC switch to the DC position.
- 2. Set the Function/Range switch to the desired voltage range.
- Connect the red test lead to the →

 V Ω Hz jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
- 4. Connect the test leads to the points of measurements.
- For dc, a (-) sign is displayed for negative polarity; (+) positive polarity is implied.

CURRENT MEASUREMENTS



For current measurements, the meter must be connected in series with the load. If incorrectly connected in parallel with the load, the meter presents a very low impedance (almost a short), which may blow the fuse or damage the equipment under test.

NOTE

A warning tone will be heard if the test lead is connected to μA mA input jack while the knob is not set to mA or μA range. A warning tone will also be heard if the test lead is connected to 20A input jack while the knob is not set to 20A range.

- The annunciators in the lower left corner of the display indicate whether the ac or dc function is selected. The µA or mA annunciator on the lower right indicates that current is selected.
 - a. To measure accurrent, set the AC/DC switch to the AC position.
 - b. To measure do current, set the AC/DC switch to the DC position.
 - For current measurements less than 2 A, connect the red test lead to the mA/μA jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
- For current measurements of 2 A or greater, connect the red test lead to the 20 A jack and the black test lead to the COM jack. For current measurements greater than 3A, high current test leads are recommended.

NOTE

Maximum continuous input current is 10 A. For current measurements higher than 10 A, the current should not be connected to the inputs for longer than 60 seconds.

- Remove power from the circuit under test and open the normal circuit path where the measurement is to be taken. Connect the meter in series with the circuit.
- 5. Apply power and read the value from the display.

RESISTANCE MEASUREMENTS

- 1. Set the Function/Range switch to the desired resistance range.
- Remove power from the equipment under test.
- 3. Connect the red test lead to the $\Rightarrow \vdash \Leftrightarrow V\Omega$ Hz jack and the black test lead to the COM jack. The red lead is (+) polarity.
- Connect the test leads to the points of measurements and read the value from the display.

CAPACITANCE MEASUREMENTS

CAUTION

Never apply an external voltage to the Cx jacks. Damage to the meter may result. Always short capacitor leads together before connecting to meter.

- Set the Function/Range switch to the desired Cx (capacitance) range.
- Insert the capacitor leads directly into the slotted Cx test jacks.
 Observe polarity when measuring polarized capacitors. Insert one lead into the (+) jack and the other lead into the (-) jack.
- Read the capacitance directly from the display. A shorted capacitor will indicate an overrange. An open capacitor will indicate near zero on all ranges.

USEFUL CONVERSIONS

pF	nF	μF
1,000	1.0	0.001
10,000	10.0	0.01
100,000	100.0	0.1
1,000,000	1,000.0	1.0
	0.000,01	10.0
	100,000.0	100.0
	1,000,000.0	1000.0

pF = picofarads (10^{-12}) nF = nanofarads (10^{-9}) μ F = microfarads (10^{-6})

FREQUENCY MEASUREMENTS

- 1. Set the Function/Range switch to the kHz function.
- Connect the red test lead to the → ◆ V Ω Hz jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
- Connect the test leads to the point of measurement and read the frequency from the display.

TRANSISTOR GAIN MEASUREMENTS

CAUTION

Never apply an external voltage to the hFE sockets. Damage to the meter may result.

TILT STAND AND PROBE HOLDER USF

TILT STAND AND HANGER

The tilt stand and hanger are located on the back of the case. The tilt stand, Figure 1, can be used to position the unit at approximately a 45 degree angle of the bench top. The hanger clip can be used to support the meter on top of a panel as shown in Figure 2 or to suspend the meter from a wire, strap or screw as shown in Figure 3.

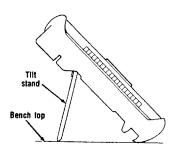


Figure 1.

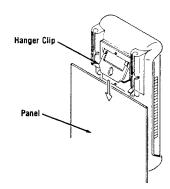
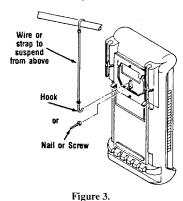


Figure 2.



PROBE HOLDER

The holster used to protect the meter and store test leads can also be used to hold the test lead in an ideal position for one-handed troubleshooting as shown in Figure 4.

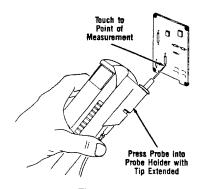


Figure 4.

TRUCTIONS

- Set the Function/Range switch to the desired hFE (dc transistor gain) range (PNP for pnp type transistors and NPN for npn type transistors).
- Plug the transistor directly into the hFE socket. The sockets are labeled E, B, and C for emitter, base, and collector.
- 3. Read the transistor hFE (dc gain) directly from the display.

LOGIC MEASUREMENTS

- . Set the Function/Range switch to the LOGIC \$\phi\$ position.
- Connect the red test lead to the → ♦ V Ω Hz jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
- 3. Connect the black test lead to the circuit ground (common).
- 4. Connect the red test lead to the test point.
- A not the display indicates TTL logic high and a indicates a
 TTL logic low. Both indicators are on when the point of measurement is toggling high and low.

CONTINUITY MEASUREMENTS

- . Set the Function/Range switch to the (*)) position.
- Connect the red test lead to the → ♦ V Ω Hz jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
- 3. Touch the test leads to the desired test point.
- 4. The buzzer will sound when resistance is less than 150 $\Omega_{\rm c}$

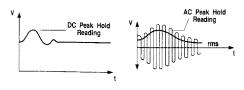
DIODE TEST

- Set the Function/Range switch to the --- position.
- Connect the red test lead to the → ♥ V Ω Hz jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
- To check forward voltage (Vf), connect the red test lead to the anode and the black test lead to the cathode of the diode. Diodes and semiconductor junctions with normal Vf of less than approximately 3.000 V can be checked.

- The display indicates the forward voltage. Normal diode voltages are approximately 0.300 V for germanium diodes, 0.700 V for silicon diodes, and 1.600 V for light emitting diodes (LED's). A reading of approximately 3.45 V indicates an open diode. A shorted diode reads near 0 V.
- To check reverse voltage, reverse the test lead connections to the diode. The reading should be the same as with open test leads (approx. 3.45 V). Lower readings indicate a leaky diode.

MAX MEASUREMENTS

MAX is used to measure the maximum value of a changing voltage or current such as surge current when power is first turned on or peak audio.

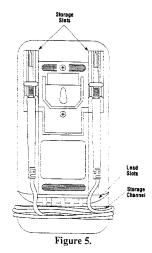


- Set the meter to the desired function and range (MAX applies to all voltage and current measurement functions).
- Connect test leads to read voltage or current. Set the MAX switch to the On (right) position. A MAX should be on the top of the display. Red lead must be connected to the more positive point of the current or voltage measurement points when reading dc values.
- 3. Read the measured value from the display.
- To take another maximum measurement turn the MAX switch off to clear the previous maximum reading, then repeat steps 2 and 3. NOTE: While the MAX switch is on, avoid touching the probes to fingers or any object that may hold a static charge. The maximum function is particularly susceptible to noise pickup when test leads are open circuited and the function range switch is in the 400 mV or 4 V range.

LEAD STORAGE

The holster provides a means of storing the test leads when not in use. Refer to Figure 5 and proceed as follows:

- Press the probe end of the test leads into the storage slots with the end of the probes pointing toward the top of the unit.
- Press the leads into the lead slots to prevent the leads from unwrapping.
- Wrap both test leads together in the storage channel near the bottom of the holster leaving about a foot of test lead.



SAFETY

WARNING

An electrical shock causing 10 milliamps of current to pass through the heart will stop most human heartbeats. Voltage as low as 35 volts dc or ac rms should be considered dangerous and hazardous since it can produce a fatal current under certain conditions. Higher voltages are even more dangerous. Observe the following precautions.

Do not exceed the following input ratings. Personal injury or damage to the instrument may result.

> 1000 V (dc + ac peak) DC VOLTS

500 V (dc + ac peak) on 400 mV range

AC VOLTS

500 V (dc + ac peak) on 400 mV range

OHMS 500 V (dc + ac peak)

mA μA 2000 mA (fuse protected)

20 A 10 A continuous, 20 A for 60 seconds max COM Do not float more than 500 volts from

earth ground.

- Remove test leads before replacing batteries or fuses and before performing any servicing on the instrument
- 3. Use only the safety type test leads supplied with the instrument.
- Turn off equipment while making test connections in high voltage circuits. Discharge high voltage capacitors after removing power.
- For voltage or current measurements in high voltage equipment, do not touch equipment, meter or test leads while power is applied.
- Never apply an external signal to the Cx or hFE input jacks. Damage to the meter will result.
- 7. If possible, familiarize yourself with the equipment being tested and the location of its high voltage points. However, remember that high voltage may appear at unexpected points in defective equipment.

Accuracy

± (1.0% rdg

+ 1 dgt)

Overvoltage Protection 500 V DC or peak AC

Max Open

Circuit

Voltage

3.45 VDC

Max

Test

Current

1.0 mA

- Use an insulated floor material or floor mat to stand on, and an insulated work bench surface; make certain such surfaces are not damp or wet.
- Keep "one hand in the pocket" while handling an instrument probe. Be particularly careful to avoid contacting a nearby metal object that could provide a good ground return path.
- When using a probe, touch only the insulated portion. Never touch the exposed tip portion.
- Some equipment with a two-wire ac power cord, including some with polarized power plugs, is the "hot chassis" type. This includes most recent television receivers and audio equipment. A plastic or wooden cabinet insulates the chassis to protect the customer. When the cabinet is removed for servicing, a serious shock hazard exists if the chassis is touched. Not only does this present a dangerous shock hazard, but damage to test instruments or the equipment under test may result. To make measurements in "hot chassis" equipment, always connect an isolation transformer between the ac outlet and the equipment under test. The B+K Precision Model TR-110 or 1604 Isolation Transformer, or Model 1653 or 1655 AC Power Supply is suitable for most applications. To be on the safe side, treat all two-wire ac powered equipment as "hot chassis" unless you are sure it has an isolated chassis or an earth ground chassis.
- 12. When testing ac powered equipment, remember that ac line voltage is usually present on some power input circuits such as on-off switch, fuses, power transformer, etc. any time the equipment is connected to an ac outlet, even if the equipment
- Never work alone. Someone should be nearby to render aid if necessary. Training in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) first aid is highly recommended.

MAINTENANCE

WARNING

Remove test leads before changing battery or fuse or performing any servicing.

BATTERY REPLACEMENT

A low battery is indicated when the symbol in the upper right Allow battery is indicated when the battery indication first appears when the battery is about 90% depleted. The meter may be operated a few more hours but the battery should be replaced soon thereafter.

- 1. Remove rubber holster.
- 2. Remove two screws from back of unit securing the tilt stand.
- 3. Remove tilt stand.
- Remove two screws securing case back, then carefully lift back off to gain access to battery. Remove and save the battery insulator.
- Replace the dead battery with a fresh 9 volt "transistor" battery. Replace the battery insulator. Use alkaline batteries such as the NEDA 1604 or equivalent for longer life. To prolong battery life set the Function/Range switch to the OFF position when not making measurements.
- Reinstall back cover, tilt stand and holster.

FUSE REPLACEMENT

If no current measurements are possible, check for a blown overload protection fuse. There are two fuses; F1 for the mA/µA jack and F2 for the 20 A jack. A quick check for a blown 20A fuse can be performed by inserting the probe into the 20A jack and setting the function switch to any other position except 20A or OFF. If no warning tone is he ard the fuse is probably blown. This procedure can be used for the μ A/mA jack fuse by inserting the probe in the μ A/mA jack and setting the function switch to any position other than the OFF, μ A or mA positions. For access to fuses, remove the case back as described for battery replacement. Replace F1 only with the original type 2 A, 600 V, fast acting ceramic fuse (B+K Precision Part No. 194-044-9-001). Replace F2 only with the original type 20 A, 600 V, fast acting ceramic fuse (B+K Precision Part No. 194-043-9-001).

TEST LEADS

Use only safety type leads, like those supplied. Periodically examine the test leads to ensure that the conductors are not intermittent or broken. Also make sure that good contact pressure exists at the test receptacles and fuseholder, and keep these areas free from dirt and corrosion.

TRANSISTOR HEE (DC GAIN) MEASUREMENT

Base Current										. 10 µA
Vce										3.45 V
Gain Measurement Range										0-1000

CONTINUITY TEST

Resolution

1 mV

DIODE CHECK

Range

Range	Response Time	Description	Max Open Circuit Voltage
•>))	Approx 100 ms	Buzzer sounds below approx. 150 Ω	3.45 VDC

Overload Protection 500 V DC or peak AC

LOGIC		
LCD Displays Number "0L" when selected		
Detector		
Logic Threshold		
Logic 1 (high)		
Logic 0 (low) $$		
Duty Cycle at >20% and <80%		
Indications		
Pulse Width		
Pulse Rep Rate		
Pulse Rise Time		
Input Impedance		
Input Overvoltage Protection 500 V DC or peak AC		

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Display: 3-3/4 digit liquid crystal display (LCD) with a maximum reading of 3999 counts. Large 0.7" digits.

Polarity: automatic (-) negative polarity indication.

Overrange Indication: "0L".

Functional Annunciator: AC, DC, V, A, F, kHz, Ω, hFE, and Logic \$\rightarrow\$

Low Battery Indication: " -+ " is displayed when the battery drops below minimum operating voltage.

Sampling rate: 2.5 measurements per second, nominal, 1 time per second for frequency measurements.

Operating temperature: 0°C to +50°C, 0 to 70% relative humidity.

Power: Single 9V battery, NEDA 1604.

Battery life: 500 hours typical (alkaline).

Auto Power Off: Automatically shuts down after 45 minutes inactivity.

Dimensions (H x W x D): 7.5 x 3.4 x 1.5" (189 x 87 x 37 mm).

Weight: 12.9 oz. (370 g) including battery.

Accessories: Test leads (pair), battery, instruction manual,

WARRANTY

LIMITED THREE-YEAR WARRANTY

MAXTEC INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION warrants to the original purchaser that its B+K Precision product, and the component parts thereof, will be free from defects in workmanship and materials for a period of three years from the date of purchase.

MAXTEC will, without charge, repair or replace, at its option, defective product or component parts upon delivery to an authorized B+K Precision service contractor or the factory service department, accompanied by proof of the purchase date in the form of a sales receipt.

To obtain warranty coverage in the U.S.A., this product must be registered by completing and mailing the enclosed warranty registration card to MAXTEC, B+K Precision, 6470 West Cortland Street, Chicago, Illinois 60635 within fifteen (15) days from the date of purchase.

Exclusions: This warranty does not apply in the event of misuse or abuse of the product or as a result of unauthorized alterations or repairs. It is void if the serial number is altered, defaced or removed.

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