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Introduction

Uni-Trend Model UT512 insulation resistance tester (hereafter, “the Meter”) is a handheld instrument designed primarily to make resistance/ insulation resistance measurement.

Unpacking the Meter

The Meter includes the following items:

Table 1. Unpacking Inspection

Item	Description	Qty
1	English Operating Manual	1 piece
2	One plug test lead to one alligator clip (Black colour)	1 piece
3	One plug test lead to one alligator clip (Green colour)	1 piece
4	Two plugs test lead to one alligator clip (Red colour)	1 piece
5	1.5V Battery (LR14)	8 pieces
6	Tool Box	1 piece
7	USB Interface Cable	1 piece
8	Software	1 piece
9	Power adaptor (input voltage 230V, 50/60Hz, 50mA, output DC14.5V, 600mA) (optionally, available at extra cost)	1 piece

In the event you find any missing or damage, please contact your dealer immediately.

Safety Information

This Meter complies with the standards IEC61010 safety measurement requirement: in pollution degree 2, overvoltage category (CAT. III 600V) and double insulation.

CAT II: Local level, appliance, PORTABLE EQUIPMENT etc., with smaller transient voltage overvoltages than CAT. III

Use the Meter only as specified in this operating manual, otherwise the protection provided by the Meter may be impaired.

-  **Danger** identifies conditions and actions that pose hazard(s) to the user.
-  **Warning** identifies avoiding electric shock.
-  **Caution** identifies conditions and actions that may damage the Meter and carrying out accurate measurement.
-  **Operating Caution** identifies conditions that user needs to take extra care during operating the Meter

International electrical symbols used on the Meter and in this Operating Manual are explained on [page](#).

Danger

Use of instrument in a manual not specified by the manufacturer may impair safety features/protection provided by the equipment. Read the following safety information carefully before using or servicing the instrument.

- Do not apply more than 600V.
- Do not use the Meter around explosive gas, vapor or dust.
- Do not use the Meter in a wet environment.
- When using the test leads, keep your fingers away from the lead contacts. Keep your fingers behind the finger guards on the leads.
- Do not use the Meter with any parts or cover removed.
- When carrying out insulation measurement, do not contact the circuit under test.

Warning

- Do not use the Meter if it is damaged or metal part is exposed. Look for cracks or missing plastic.
- Be careful when working above 33V rms, 46.7V ac rms or 70V DC. Such voltages pose a shock hazard.
- Discharge all loading of circuit under test after measuring high voltage.
- Do not change battery when the Meter is in wet environment.
- Place test leads in proper input terminals. Make sure all the test leads are firmly connected to the Meter’s input terminals.
- Make sure the Meter is turned off when opening the battery compartment.

Caution

- When performing resistance tests, remove all power from the circuit to be measured and discharge all the power.
- When servicing the Meter, use only the same model number or identical electrical specifications of test leads and power adaptor.
- Do not use the Meter if the battery indicator () shows a battery empty condition. Take the battery out from the Meter if it is not used for a long time.
- Do not use or store the Meter in an environment of high temperature, humidity, explosive, inflammable and strong magnetic field. The performance of the Meter may deteriorate after dampened.
- Soft cloth and mild detergent should be used to clean the surface of the Meter when servicing. No abrasive and solvent should be used to prevent the surface of the Meter from corrosion, damage and accident.
- Dry the Meter before storing if it is wet.

International Electrical Symbols

International symbols on the Meter and in this manual are explained in Table 2.

Table 2. International Electrical Symbols

	Risk of electric shock
	Equipment protected by double or reinforced insulation.
	DC Measurement
	AC Measurement
	Grounding
	See Manual
	Empty of Built-In Battery

	Conforms to Standards of European Union
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Battery Saver (Sleep Mode)

The Meter enters the Sleep Mode and blanks the display if there is no button press for 15 minutes. This is done to conserve battery power. The Meter comes out of Sleep Mode when **ON/OFF** button is pressed and hold for 1 second.

Battery Indication

There is a battery indicator shows on the display upper left hand corner. Below Table 3 is the explanation:

Table 3. Battery Indication

Battery Indicator	Battery Voltage
	5.9V ~ 10.6V. It means the battery is empty, don't use the Meter as it cannot guarantee accuracy.
	10.7V ~ 11.1V. It means the battery is nearly empty, replacing battery is necessary. At this status, the Meter can still do 500V and 1000V output measurement, accuracy will not be affected.
	11.2V ~ 12.2V
	12.2V or more

The Meter Structure

Below Figure 1 and Table 4 shows the Meter front structure and description

Figure 1. The Meter Front Structure

Table 4. Meter Front Description

1	LCD	12	Test Button
2	 Scroll Button	13	USB Button
3	Emergency Stop	14	Data Store Button.
4	Data Clear the Display Backlight Button	15	Data Recall Button
5	 Down Button	16	 Scroll Button
6	On/Off Button	17	 Up Button
7	Compare Button	18	LINE: High Voltage output input terminal (two plugs red test lead to one alligator clip)
8	Insulation Resistance Button	19	High voltage line shielding input terminal (two plugs red test lead to one alligator clip)
9	DC Voltages measurement Button	20	GUIARD: Grounding protection input terminal (one plug black test lead to one alligator clip)
10	Timer Button.	21	EARTH: High resistance measurement input terminal (one plug green test lead to one alligator clip)
11	AC Voltages measurement Button	22	Testing leads: Two plugs red test lead to one alligator clip. One plug black test lead to one alligator clip. One plug green test lead to one alligator clip.

Below Figure 2 and Table 5 shows the Meter side structure and description

Figure 2. The Meter Side Structure (Side View)

Table 5. Meter Side Description

1	Safety Shutter
2	Power adaptor Input Terminal
3	USB Port

Display

Table 6 and Figure 3 describe the display.

Figure 3. Display

Table 6. Display Description

Number	Meaning	Number	Meaning
1	Indicator for DC voltage	12	Data recall is on
2	Indicator for data store full	13	Indicator for polarization index
3	Indicator for clearing	14	Unit symbols
4	Indicator for AC voltage	15	The continuity buzzer is on
5	Indicator for timer	16	Compare feature pass
6	Step symbol	17	Analogue bar graph
7	Indicates selected pass/fail compare value	18	Risk of electric shock
8	Indicates for negative reading	19	Compare feature fail
9	Timer 1 symbol	20	Indicator for power adaptor
10	Timer 2 symbol	21	Battery life indicator
11	Data store is on		

Key Functions

Table 7. Key Description

ON/OFF	Turn on or off the Meter. Press and hold the button for 1 second to turn the Meter on. Press again to turn off the Meter. The Meter default range is 500V insulation resistance continuous measurement when turning on.
E-STOP	Emergency stop button. Press this button when the Meter is hang and cannot turn off the power.
CLEAR /	Press to turn on or off the display backlight Press and hold to clear the stored data
SAVE	Press to store the current measurement value. The maximum number of stored reading is 18. When the stored readings memory is full, the Meter shows FULL and stop storing. Press and hold CLEAR/ to clear the stored value in order to store the next measurement value.
LOAD	● Press once to recall the first stored value.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Press again to exit Load feature. ● Load feature can only be used when there is no high voltage output.
▲	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When the insulation resistance measurement has no testing voltage output, press to select one voltage range up. ● Under load mode: press to recall the previous stored value.
▼	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When the insulation resistance measurement has no testing voltage output, press to select one voltage range down. ● Under load mode: press to recall the next stored value.
◀	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When set the timer duration for the measurement of insulation resistance or polarization index, press to decrement the time. The maximum length of time is 15 minutes and 30 seconds, the Meter will automatically carry out measurement. ● When compare feature measuring insulation resistance, press to decrement a resistance comparing value. ● After polarization index measurement, press to display polarization index, TIME 2 insulation resistance value and TIME 1 insulation resistance value in sequence.
▶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When set the timer duration for the measurement of insulation resistance or polarization index, press to increment the time. The maximum length of time is 30 minutes and 30 seconds, the Meter will automatically carry out measurement. ● When use the compare feature measuring insulation resistance, press to increment a resistance comparing value. ● After polarization index measurement, press to display polarization index, TIME 2 insulation resistance value and TIME 1 insulation resistance value in sequence.
USB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Press once to start the data transferring to the computer via USB, USB symbol shows on the display. ● Press again to stop the data transferring to the computer via USB, USB symbol disappears.
COMP	Set a pass / fail limit for insulation tests. The default value is 10MΩ
TIME	Press to step through continuous measurement, timed measurement and polarization index measurement in sequence.
TEST	Press to stop or start an insulation resistance test
IR	Press to initiate insulation resistance measurement
DCV	Press to initiate DC voltage measurement
ACV	Press to initiate AC voltage measurement

Measurement Operation

Below section explains how to make measurements.

Press and hold ON/OFF to turn on the Meter, press again to turn off the Meter. The Meter default range is 500V insulation resistance continuous measurement when turning on.

A. Measuring Voltages

Figure 4. Voltages Measurement

⚠ Operating Caution

- To avoid harms to you or damages to the Meter, please do not attempt to measure voltages higher than 600V or 600V rms, although readings may be obtained.
- Special care should be taken when measuring high voltage.

To measure voltages, set up the Meter as Figure 4 and do the following:

1. Press **DCV** or **ACV** button to select DC voltage or AC voltage measurement
2. Insert the red and green test lead into the tested circuit.
3. When measuring DC voltage, if the red test lead is negative voltage, "-" symbol will show on the display.

Note

- When voltage measurement has been completed, disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test and remove testing leads away from the input terminals of the Meter.

B. Measuring Insulation Resistance

Figure 5. Insulation Resistance Measurement

⚠ Operating Caution

- When performing insulation resistance tests, remove all power from the circuit to be measured and discharge all the power.
- Operating the Meter must be very careful as it outputs dangerous voltage during measurement. Must make sure the tested object is firmly clipped, hands are away from the clips, then press **TEST** button to put high voltage.
- Do not short circuit the testing leads during high voltages output or test insulation resistance after high voltages output. This kind of incorrect operating may cause sparking and fire, which damages the Meter and harms to you.
- Do not measure over 10 seconds when:
 - 500V measure resistance lower than 2MΩ
 - 1000V measure resistance lower than 5MΩ
 - 1500V measure resistance lower than 8MΩ
 - 2500V measure resistance lower than 10MΩ

To measure insulation resistance, set up the Meter as Figure 5 and do the following:

1. Press **IR** button to select insulation resistance measurement.
2. When there is no testing voltage output, press **▲** and **▼** button to select voltages of 500V, 1000V, 2500V or 5000V.
3. When performing insulation resistance tests, remove all power from the circuit to be measured and discharged all the power.
4. Insert the red test lead into the **LINE** input terminal and the black test lead into **GUARD** input terminal.
5. Connect the red and black alligator clip to the circuit to be measured, negative voltage output from **LINE** terminal.
6. Choose below insulation resistance measurement mode.

a) Continuous Measurement

- Press **TIME** button to select continuous measurement mode, there is no timer icon on the LCD.

- Press and hold **TEST** button for 1 second to carry out continuous measurement. Output insulation resistance testing voltage, **TEST** button light up, blinks on every 0.5 seconds.
 - Press **TEST** button to close the insulation resistance measurement voltage when measurement is completed. **TEST** button lights off, disappears. The LCD shows the current insulation resistance measurement value.
- b) Timed Measurement**
- Press **TIME** button to select timed measurement mode, the LCD displays **TIME 1** and symbols.
 - Press **▶** and **▶** buttons to set the time (00:10~15:00). Within 1 minute, the time increment or decrement by every 10 seconds. Afterward, the time increment or decrement by every 30 seconds.
 - Then press and hold **TEST** button for 2 second to carry out timed measurement. **TIME 1** and are displayed and blinked on the LCD on every 0.5 seconds.
 - When the set time is reached, the insulation resistance measurement voltage will be closed and the measurement will be automatically stopped. The LCD displays the insulation resistance reading.
- c) Polarization Index (PI) Measurement**
- Press **TIME** button to select timed measurement mode, the LCD displays **TIME 1** and symbols.
 - Press **▶** and **▶** buttons to set the time (00:10~15:00). Within 1 minute, the time increment or decrement by every 10 seconds. Afterward, the time increment or decrement by every 30 seconds.
 - Press **TIME** button again. **TIME 2, PI** and symbols appear on the LCD.
 - Press **▶** and **▶** buttons to set the time (00:15~15:30). Within 1 minute, the time increment or decrement by every 10 seconds. Afterward, the time increment or decrement by every 30 seconds.
 - Then press and hold **TEST** button for 2 seconds to carry out timed measurement.
 - **TIME 1** and are displayed and blinked on the LCD on every 0.5 seconds before **TIME 1** set time is reached.
 - **TIME 2** and are displayed and blinked on the LCD on every 0.5 seconds before **TIME 2** set time is reached.
 - When the two set time are reached, the insulation resistance measurement voltage will be closed and the measurement will be automatically stopped. The LCD displays the polarization index reading.
 - Press **▶**, **▶** to set through the polarization index, **TIME 2** insulation resistance reading and **TIME 2** insulation resistance reading.

Information:

PI = 3 minutes ~10 minutes reading / 30 seconds ~1 minute reading

PI	4 or more	4~2	2.0~1.0	1.0 or less
Standard	The best	Good	Warning	Bad

- d) Compare Function**
- Press **COMP** button to select compare feature. **COMP** symbol displays on the LCD..
 - Press **▶** and **▶** buttons to set the compare value
 - Below is the list in sequence of the compare value:
 10MΩ, 20MΩ, 30MΩ, 40MΩ, 50MΩ, 60MΩ, 70MΩ, 80MΩ, 90MΩ,
 100MΩ, 200MΩ, 300MΩ, 400MΩ, 500MΩ, 600MΩ, 700MΩ, 800MΩ, 900MΩ
 1GΩ, 2GΩ, 3GΩ, 4GΩ, 5GΩ, 6GΩ, 7GΩ, 8GΩ, 9GΩ, 10GΩ
 20GΩ, 330GΩ, 40GΩ, 50GΩ, 60GΩ, 70GΩ, 80GΩ, 90GΩ, 100GΩ
 - Press and hold **TEST** button for 2 seconds to carry out the measurement.
 - The **NG** symbol will display if the insulation resistance value is smaller than resistance value. Otherwise **GOOD** symbol will be displayed.

The Use of Power Adaptor

The use of power adaptor, see figure 6

Figure 6. The Use of Power Adaptor

1. Open the side safety shutter, then you will see there is a power adaptor input terminal.
2. Make sure the Meter is power off and Insert the UT512 power adaptor to the input terminal.
3. It is highly recommended to take out all the batteries when you are using the power adaptor.
4. Make sure the Meter is power off when you disconnect the UT512 power adaptor from the Meter.
5. It is highly recommended to use Uni-Trend supplied UT512 power adaptor to avoid dangerous.

USB Interface

Connecting the USB interface, see figure 7

Figure 7. USB Interface Connection

1. Install the included software, the installation guide can be seen from the CD.
2. Open the side safety shutter, then you will see there is a USB port.
3. Insert the included USB cable to the Meter's USB port and the other end to the computer.

Maintenance

This section provides basic maintenance information including battery replacement instruction.



Warning

Do not attempt to repair or service your Meter unless you are qualified to do so and have the relevant calibration, performance test, and service information.

A. General Service

- Periodically wipe the case with a damp cloth and mild detergent. Do not use abrasives or solvents.
- To clean the terminals with cotton bar with detergent, as dirt or moisture in the terminals can affect readings.
- Turn the Meter to OFF when it is not in use.
- Take out the battery when it is not using for a long time.
- Do not use or store the Meter in a place of humidity, high temperature, explosive, inflammable and strong magnetic field.
- If the Meter is wet, dry it before use.

B. Replacing the Battery



Operating Caution

- Don't mix to use old and new batteries.
- Be careful the polarity is correct when installing batteries.
- Do not use the Meter if the battery indicator () shows a battery empty condition.
- Do you carry out measuring during the battery compartment is open.
- **To avoid electric shock, remove all the test leads from the Meter when replacing the batteries. (請問這句放在注意是否正確, 如不, 請通知)**

Figure 8. Battery Replacement

Follow Figure 8 and proceed as follows to replace the battery:

- Turn the Meter to OFF and remove all connections from the terminals.
- Remove the screw from the battery compartment, and separate the battery compartment from the case bottom.
- Replace with 8pcs of new 1.5V (LR14) batteries.
- Rejoin the case bottom and battery compartment, and reinstall the screw.

Specifications

Safety and Compliances

Certification	CE
Compliances	IEC 61010 CAT.III 600V overvoltage and double insulation standard

Physical Specifications

Display (LCD)	Digital: 9999 counts Analog bar graph.
Operating Temperature	0°C~40°C (32°F~104°F)
Storage Temperature	-20°C~60°C
Relative Humidity	≤85% @ 0°C~40°C below; ≤90% @ -20°C~60°C:
Battery Type	8pcs of 1.5V (LR14) batteries or power adaptor (input voltage 230V, 50/60Hz, 50mA, input DC14.5V, 600mA). Power adaptor is optionally at extra cost.
Dimensions (H x W x L)	202 x 155 x 94 mm
Weight	Approx. 2kg (including battery)

General Specifications

Range	Auto
Overloading	Display OL on insulation resistance range
Battery Indicator	Display
Icon Display	Equips with function and battery indicator icons.
Current Consumption	Maximum: around 600mA Average: around 20mA

Feature Summary

Display Backlight	Bright backlight for clear readings in poorly lighted areas.
Computer connection	Via USB interface.
Data Logging and Recall	18
Autorange	The Meter automatically selects best range
Warning	and red light will on.
Voltage	Auto release voltage
COMP Measurement	Use the Compare function to set a pass/fail compare level for the insulation measurements.
PI Measurement	Polarization Index is the ratio of insulation resistance. You can pre-set two point of times and automatically carry out the measurement.
TIME	To carry out measurement by setting a specified time within 15 minutes.

Detailed Accuracy Specifications

Accuracy: \pm [% of reading] + [number of least significant digits], guarantee for 1 year.

Operating temperature: 18°C~28°C

Relative humidity: 45~75%RH

A. Voltage Measurement

	DC Voltage	AC Voltage
Measurement Range	$\pm 30 \sim \pm 600V$	30V~600V (50/60Hz)
Resolution	1V	
Accuracy	$\pm (2\%+5)$	<100V: $\pm (2\%+8)$ 100V: $\pm (2\%+5)$

B. Insulation Resistance Measurement

Output Voltage	500V	1000V	2500V	5000V
Display Range	0.5M Ω ~5.0G Ω	2M Ω ~10.0G Ω	5M Ω ~20.0G Ω	10M Ω ~1000G Ω
Open Circuit Voltage	DC 500V + 20%, -0%	DC1000V + 20%, -0%	DC 2500V + 20%, -0%	DC2500V + 20%, -0%
Test Current	1mA~1.2mA @500k Ω	1mA~1.2mA @1M Ω	1mA~1.2mA @1.5M Ω	1mA~1.2mA @2.5M Ω
Short Circuit	Less than 2.0mA			
Accuracy	100k Ω to 100M Ω : $\pm (3\%+5)$ 100M Ω ~ 10G Ω : $\pm (5\%+5)$ 10G Ω ~ 100G Ω : $\pm (10\%+5)$			

Caution

At any output voltage, when the tested resistance is less than 10M Ω , the testing time cannot exceed 10 seconds continuously.

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