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Safety Symbols

The following symbols on the instrument and in the documentation indicate precautions which must be taken to maintain safe operation of the instrument.

	Direct current (DC)		Off (supply)
	Alternating current (AC)		On (supply)
	Both direct and alternating current		Caution, risk of electric shock
	Three-phase alternating current		Caution, risk of danger (refer to this manual for specific Warning or Caution information)
	Earth (ground) terminal		Caution, hot surface
	Protective conductor terminal		Out position of a bi-stable push control
	Frame or chassis terminal		In position of a bi-stable push control
	Equipotentiality	**CAT III 1000 V**	Category III 1000 V overvoltage protection
	Equipment protected throughout by double insulation or reinforced insulation	**CAT IV 600 V**	Category IV 600 V overvoltage protection

General Safety Information

The following general safety precautions must be observed during all phases of operation, service, and repair of this instrument. Failure to comply with these precautions or with specific warnings elsewhere in this manual violates safety standards of design, manufacture, and intended use of the instrument. Agilent Technologies assumes no liability for the customer's failure to comply with these requirements.

CAUTION

- Turn off the circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors in the circuit before you perform resistance and capacitance measurements or continuity and diodes tests.
- Use the correct terminals, function, and range for your measurements.
- Never measure voltage when current measurement is selected.
- Use only the recommended rechargeable battery. Ensure proper insertion of battery in the multimeter, and follow the correct polarity.
- Disconnect test leads from all the terminals during battery charging.

WARNING

- **When working above 60 VDC, 30 VAC rms, or 42.4 VAC peak, exercise caution – such range poses a shock hazard.**
- **Do not measure more than the rated voltage (as marked on the multimeter) between terminals, or between terminal and earth ground.**
- **Double-check the meters operation by measuring a known voltage.**
- **For current measurement, turn off circuit power before connecting the multimeter to the circuit. Always place the multimeter in series with the circuit.**
- **When connecting probes, always connect the common test probe first. When disconnecting probes, always disconnect the live test probe first.**
- **Detach test probes from the multimeter before you open the battery cover.**
- **Do not use the multimeter with the battery cover or part of the cover removed or loose.**
- **Replace the battery as soon as the low battery indicator flashes on screen. This is to avoid false readings, which may lead to possible electric shock or personal injury.**
- **Do not operate the product in an explosive atmosphere or in the presence of flammable gases or fumes.**
- **Inspect the case for cracks or missing plastic. Pay extra attention to the insulation surrounding the connectors. Do not use the multimeter if it is damaged.**
- **Inspect the test probes for damaged insulation or exposed metal, and check for continuity. Do not use the test probe if it is damaged.**
- **Do not use any other AC charger adapter apart from the one certified by Agilent with this product.**
- **Do not use repaired fuses or short-circuited fuse-holders. For continued protection against fire, replace the line fuses only with fuses of the same voltage and current rating and recommended type.**
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Environmental Conditions

This instrument is designed for indoor use and in areas with low condensation. The table below shows the general environmental requirements for this instrument.

Environmental conditions	Requirements
Operating temperature	Full accuracy from –20 °C to 55 °C
Operating humidity	Full accuracy up to 80% R.H. (relative humidity) for temperature up to 35 °C, decreasing linearly to 50% R.H. at 55 °C
Storage temperature	–40 °C to 70 °C (with battery removed)
Altitude	Up to 2000 m
Pollution degree	Pollution Degree 2

NOTE

The U1253B True RMS OLED Multimeter complies with the following safety and EMC requirements.

- IEC 61010-1:2001/EN61010-1:2001 (2nd Edition)
- Canada: CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1-04
- USA: ANSI/UL 61010-1:2004
- IEC61326-1:2005 / EN61326-1:2006
- Canada: ICES/NMB-001:Issue 4,June 2006
- Australia/New Zealand: AS/NZS CISPR11:2004

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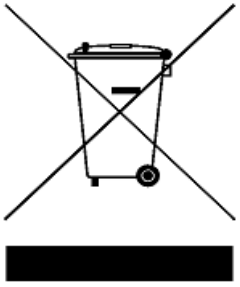
Product Category:

With reference to the equipment types in the WEEE directive Annex 1, this instrument is classified as a "Monitoring and Control Instrument" product.

The affixed product label is as shown below.



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1 Getting Started

This chapter contains information on the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter front panel, rotary switch, keypad, display, terminals and rear panel.

2 Making Measurements

This chapter contains information on how to make measurements using the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter.

3 Functions and Features

This chapter contains information on the functions and features available for the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter.

4 Changing the Default Settings

This chapter will show you how to change the default factory settings of the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter and other available setting options.

5 Maintenance

This chapter will help you to troubleshoot if the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter malfunctions.

6 Performance Tests and Calibration

This chapter contains the performance test and adjustment procedures.

7 Specifications

This chapter lists the product characteristics, specification assumptions and the specifications of the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter.

Declaration of Conformity (DoC)

The Declaration of Conformity (DoC) for this instrument is available on the Web site. You can search the DoC by its product model or description.

http://regulations.corporate.agilent.com/DoC/search.htm

NOTE If you are unable to search for the respective DoC, please contact your local Agilent representative.

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Introducing the Agilent U1253B True RMS OLED Multimeter

The key features of the true RMS OLED multimeter are:

- DC, AC and AC+DC voltage and current measurements.
- True RMS measurement for both AC voltage and current.
- Rechargeable Ni-MH battery with built-in charging capability.
- Ambient temperature readout that accompanies most measurement readouts (both in single and dual display modes).
- Battery capacity indicator.
- Bright yellow OLED (Organic Light Emitting Diode) display.
- Resistance measurement up to 500 MΩ.
- Conductance measurement from 0.01 nS (100 GΩ) to 500 nS.
- Capacitance measurement up to 100 mF.
- Frequency counter up to 20 MHz.
- Percentage scale readout for 4–20 mA to 0–20 mA measurement
- Measurement of dBm with selectable reference impedance.
- 1 ms peak hold to catch in-rush voltage and current easily.
- Temperature test with selectable 0 °C compensation (without ambient temperature compensation).
- J-type or K-type probe for temperature measurement.
- Frequency, duty cycle, and pulse width measurements.
- Dynamic recording for minimum, maximum, average, and present readings.
- Data hold with manual or auto trigger and relative modes.
- Diode and audible continuity tests.
- Square wave generator with selectable frequency, pulse width, and duty cycle.

- Agilent GUI Application Software (IR-USB cable sold separately).
- Closed case calibration.
- 50,000-count precision true RMS digital multimeter, designed to meet EN/IEC 61010-1:2001 Category III 1000 V/ Category IV 600 V, Pollution Degree 2 standards.

Check the shipment

Verify that you have received the following items with your multimeter:

- 4 mm probes
- Test leads
- Alligator clips
- Rechargeable 8.4 V battery
- Power cord & AC adapter
- Quick Start Guide
- Certificate of Calibration

Contact your nearest Agilent Sales Office if any of the above are missing.

Inspect the shipping containing for damage. Signs of damage may include a dented or torn shipping container or cushioning material that indicates signs of unusual stress or compacting. Save the packaging material in case the multimeter needs to be returned.

Please refer to the Agilent Handheld Tools brochure (5989-7340EN) for the full and latest list of handheld accessories available.

Adjusting the tilt-stand

To adjust the multimeter to a 60° standing position, pull the tilt-stand outward to its maximum reach.

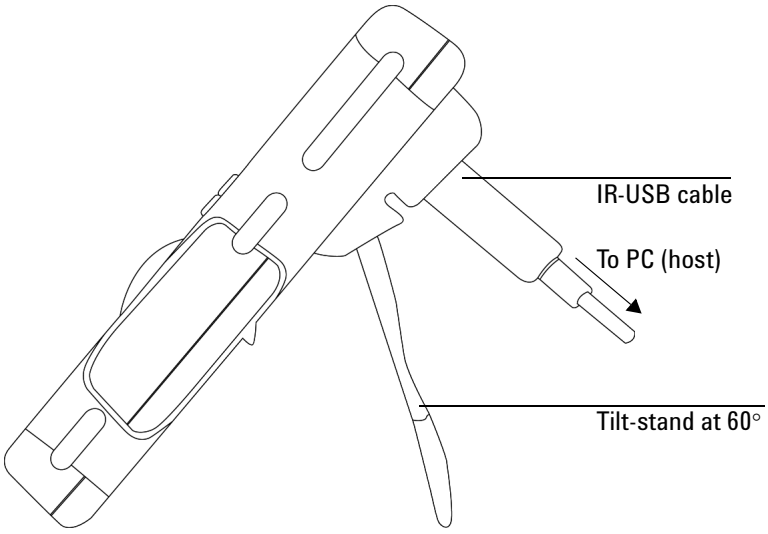


Figure 1-1 Tilt-stand at 60°

To adjust the multimeter to a 30° standing position, bend the tip of the stand so that it is parallel to ground, then pull the stand outward to its maximum reach.

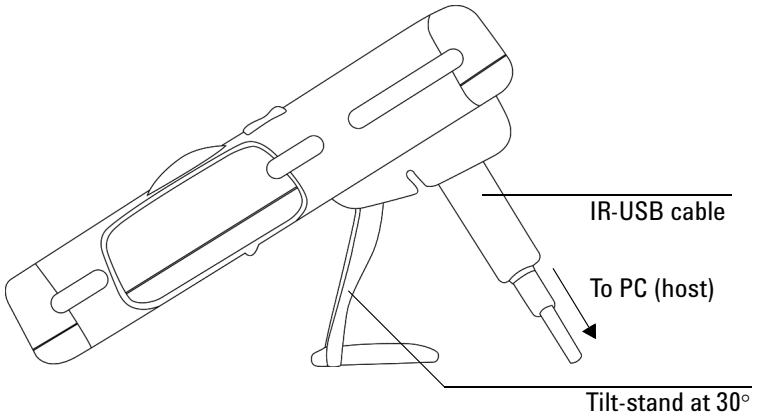


Figure 1-2 Tilt-stand at 30°

To adjust the multimeter to a hanging position, follow these steps below or Figure 1-3 on page 7:

1. Flip the stand upward and over its maximum reach until it is detached from its hinge.
2. Flip the now detached stand over so that its inner surface is facing the multimeter as opposed to facing you.
3. Press the stand down into its hinge in an upright position.

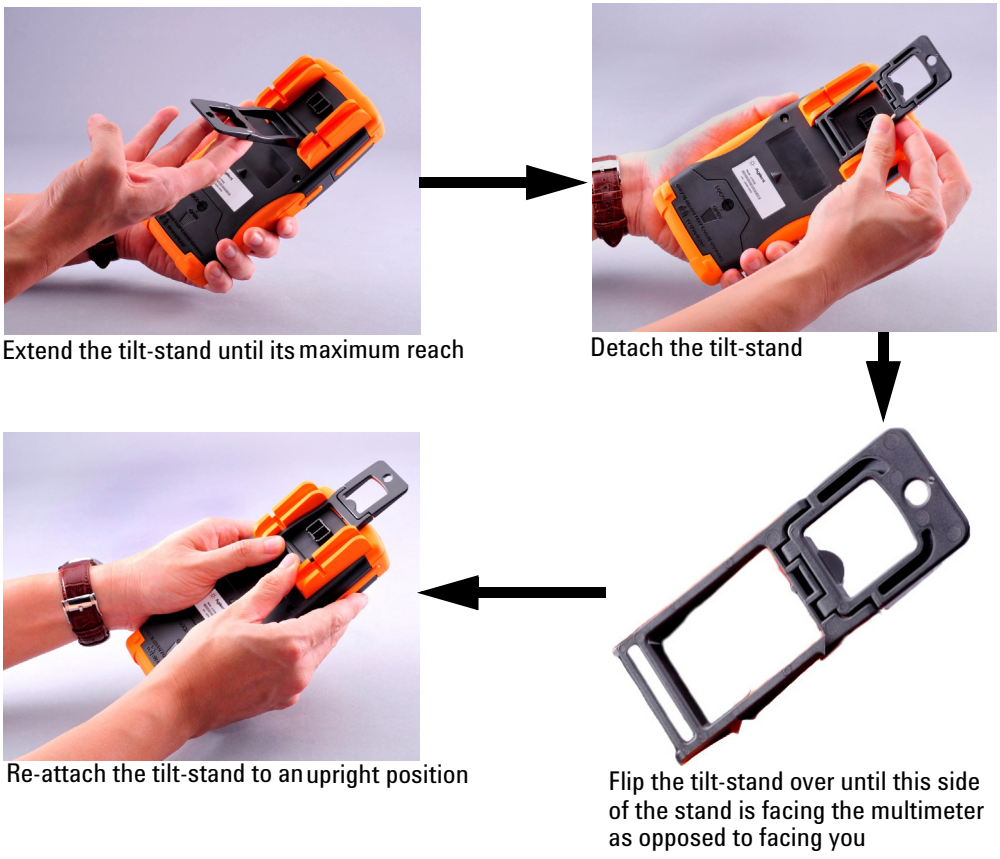


Figure 1-3 Tilt-stand at hanging position

The front panel at a glance

Figure 1-4 U1253B front panel

The rear panel at a glance

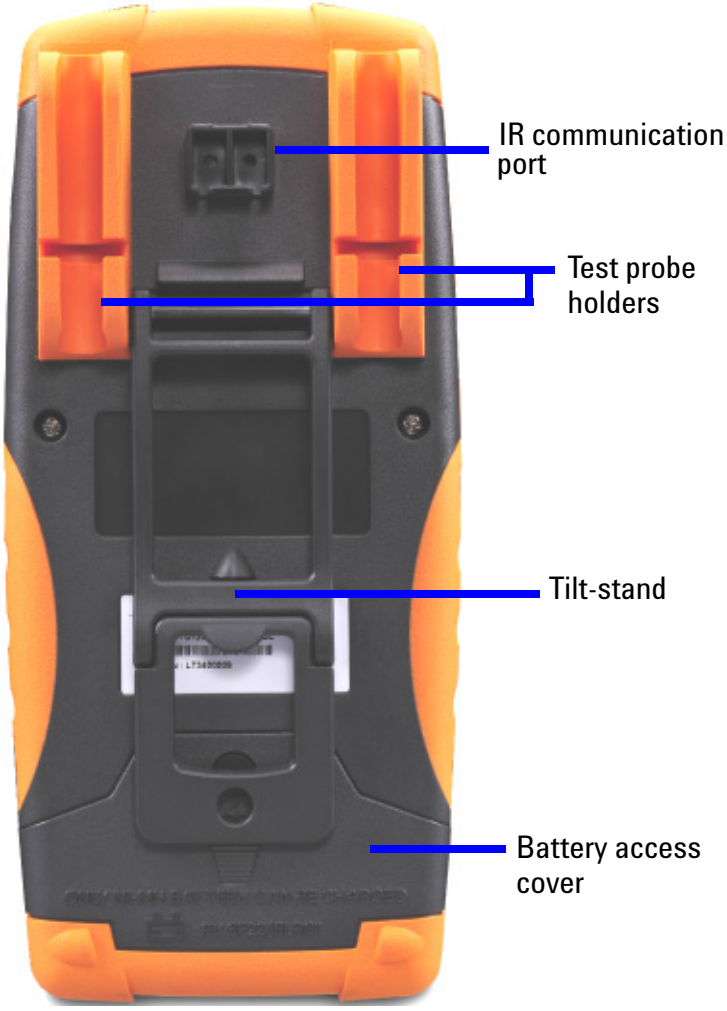


Figure 1-5 Rear panel

The rotary switch at a glance

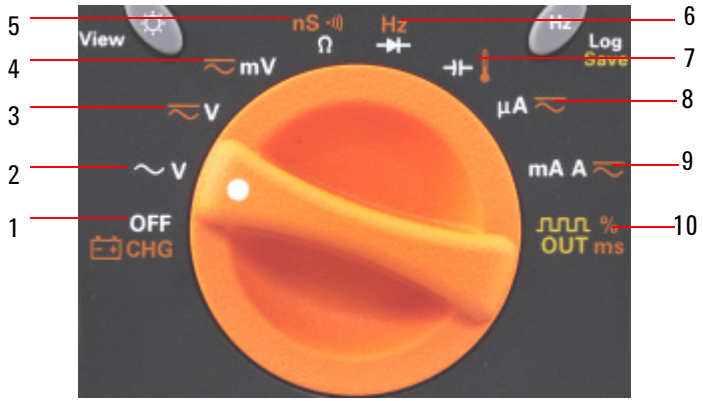


Figure 1-6 Rotary switch

Table 1-1 Rotary switch description and functions

No.	Description/Function
1	Charge mode or OFF
2	AC V
3	DC V, AC V, or AC + DC V
4	DC mV, AC mV, or AC + DC mV
5	Resistance (Ω), continuity, or conductance (nS)
6	Frequency counter or diode
7	Capacitance or temperature
8	DC µA, AC µA, or AC + DC µA
9	DC mA, DC A, AC mA, AC A, AC + DC mA, or AC + DC A
10	Square wave output, duty cycle, or pulse width output

The keypad at a glance

The operation of each key is explained in Table 1-2 below. Pressing a key displays a related symbol and emits a sound on the beeper. Turning the rotary switch to another position resets the current operation of the key. Figure 1-7 shows the keypad of the U1253B.

Figure 1-7 U1253B keypad

Table 1-2 Keypad descriptions and functions

Button		Function when pressed for less than 1 second	Function when pressed for more than 1 second
1		cycles through OLED display brightness levels.	• enters Log Review mode. Press to switch between manual or interval logging data. • Press ◀ or ▶ to view first or last logged data respectively. Press ▲ or ▼ to scroll through the logged data. • Press for more than 1 second to exit this mode.
2		• Hold holds the current measured value. • In Data Hold mode (T-[▯▯▯]), press Hold again to trigger the holding of the next measured value. Press Hold for more than 1 second to exit this mode. • In Refresh Hold mode (R-[▯▯▯]), the reading is updated automatically once the reading is stable and the count setting is exceeded [1]. Press Hold again to exit this mode.	• Hold enters the Dynamic Recording mode. • Press Hold again to scroll through maximum, minimum, average, or present readings (indicated by REC MAX, REC MIN, REC AVG, or REC NOW on the display). • Press Hold for more than 1 second to exit this mode.
3		• ΔNull saves the displayed value as a reference to be subtracted from subsequent measurements. • While in null mode, press ΔNull to view the relative value (0'BASE) that has been saved. The saved relative value will be displayed for 3 seconds. • Press ΔNull while the relative value (0'BASE) is being displayed to cancel the Null function.	• ΔNull enters the 1 ms Peak Hold mode. • Press Hold to scroll through maximum (P-[▯▯▯]+) and minimum (P-[▯▯▯]–) peak readings. • Press ΔNull for more than 1 second to exit this mode.
4		Shift scrolls through the measurement function(s) of the present rotary switch selection.	• Shift enters the Setup mode. • In the Setup mode, press ◀ or ▶ to navigate through the menu pages. Press ▲ or ▼ to scroll through the available settings. • Press Hz to edit the specified value. • Press Hz again to save the new settings and exit the editing mode, or press Shift to exit without saving. • Press Shift for more than 1 second to exit this mode.
5		Range scrolls through the available measurement ranges (except when the rotary switch is at the ⊣▮ or Hz position) [2].	Range enters the Auto Range mode.

Table 1-2 Keypad descriptions and functions (continued)

Button		Function when pressed for less than 1 second	Function when pressed for more than 1 second
6	Dual	Dual scrolls through the available dual-combination displays (except when the rotary switch is at the ⊣⊢ 🌡, Hz ⊣⊢ or %/ms OUT position, or when the multimeter is in 1 ms Peak Hold or Dynamic Recording mode) [3].	Dual exits Hold, Null, Dynamic Recording, 1 ms Peak Hold, and dual display modes.
7	Hz	• Hz enters the Frequency Test mode for current or voltage measurements. • Press Hz to scroll through frequency (Hz), pulse width (ms), and duty cycle (%) functions. • In duty cycle (%) and pulse width (ms) tests, press Dual to switch between positive and negative edge trigger. • When the rotary switch is at the Hz ⊣⊢ position, and the Frequency Counter function is selected, pressing Hz will cycle through the frequency, pulse width, and duty cycle measurements.	• If data logging is set as HAND (manual data logging), pressing Hz for more than 1 second will log the present reading into the memory. The display will return to normal after 3 seconds. To manually log another reading, press Hz again for more than 1 second. • If data logging is set as TIME (automatic data logging), pressing Hz for more than 1 second will enter the automatic data logging mode, and data is logged at the interval defined in Setup mode [1]. • Press Hz for more than 1 second to exit data logging mode.

Notes for keypad descriptions and functions:

1 See Table 4-1 on page 89 for details of available options.

2 When the rotary switch is at ⊣⊢ 🌡 and the temperature measurement function is selected, pressing Range will not affect any setting. When the rotary switch is at Hz ⊣⊢ and the frequency counter function is selected, press Range to switch between dividing the signal frequency by 1 or 100.

3 When the rotary switch is at ⊣⊢ 🌡 and the temperature measurement function is selected, ETC (Environment Temperature Compensation) is ON by default. Press Dual to disable ETC; [ ] will appear on the display. For pulse width and duty cycle measurements, press Dual to switch between positive and negative edge trigger. When the multimeter is in Peak or Dynamic Recording mode, press Dual to restart the 1 ms Peak Hold or Dynamic Recording mode.

The display at a glance

The display symbols are explained in the following tables.

Table 1-3 General display symbols

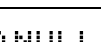
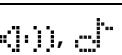
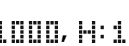
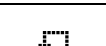
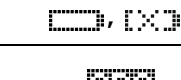
OLED Annunciator	Description
	Remote control
	Type of thermocouple: (K-type); (J-type)
	Null math function
	Relative value for Null mode
	Diode
	Audible continuity: (SINGLE) or (TONE) depending on Setup configuration
	View mode for checking logged data
	Data logging indication
	Index for logging data
	• Positive slope for pulse width (ms) and duty cycle (%) measurements • Capacitor is charging (during capacitance measurement)
	• Negative slope for pulse width (ms) and duty cycle (%) measurements • Capacitor is discharging (during capacitance measurement)
	Low battery indication (alternating between these two symbols)
	Auto Power-Off enabled
	Refresh (auto) Hold

Table 1-3 General display symbols (continued)

OLED Annunciator	Description
	Trigger (manual) Hold
	Dynamic Recording mode: Present value on primary display
	Dynamic Recording mode: Maximum value on primary display
	Dynamic Recording mode: Minimum value on primary display
	Dynamic Recording mode: Average value on primary display
	1 ms Peak Hold mode: Positive peak value on primary display
	1 ms Peak Hold mode: Negative peak value on primary display
	Hazardous voltage annunciator for measuring voltage ≥ 30 V or Overload

The primary display symbols are explained below.

Table 1-4 Primary display symbols

OLED Annunciator	Description
	Auto range
	AC+DC
	DC
	AC
	Polarity, digits, and decimal points for primary display

Table 1-4 Primary display symbols (continued)

OLED Annunciator	Description
dBm	Decibel unit relative to 1 mW
dBV	Decibel unit relative to 1 V
Hz, kHz, MHz	Frequency units: Hz, kHz, MHz
Ω, kΩ, MΩ	Resistance units: Ω, kΩ, MΩ
nS	Conductance unit: nS
mV, V	Voltage units: mV, V
µA, mA, A	Current units: µA, mA, A
nF, µF, mF	Capacitance units: nF, µF, mF
°C	Celsius temperature unit
°F	Fahrenheit temperature unit
%	Duty cycle measurement
ms	Pulse width unit
% 0-20	Percentage scale readout based on DC 0 mA to 20 mA
% 4-20	Percentage scale readout based on DC 4 mA to 20 mA

Table 1-4 Primary display symbols (continued)

OLED Annunciator	Description
9999Ω	Reference impedance for the dBm unit
0 1 2 3 4 5V AUTO 0 2 4 6 8 1000V AUTO	Scale of bar graph

The secondary display annunciators are described below.

Table 1-5 Secondary display symbols

OLED Annunciator	Description
≂	AC+DC
⎓	DC
~	AC
-123.45	Polarity, digits, and decimal points for secondary display
dBm	Decibel unit relative to 1 mW
dBV	Decibel unit relative to 1 V
Hz, kHz, MHz	Frequency units: Hz, kHz, MHz
Ω, kΩ, MΩ	Resistance units: Ω, kΩ, MΩ
mV, V	Voltage units: mV, V
µA, mA, A	Current units: µA, mA, A
nS	Conductance unit: nS
nF, µF, mF	Capacitance units: nF, µF, mF

Table 1-5 Secondary display symbols (continued)

OLED Annunciator	Description
°C	Celsius ambient temperature unit
°F	Fahrenheit ambient temperature unit
	No ambient temperature compensation; just thermocouple measurement
ms	Pulse width unit
BIAS	Bias display
LEAK	Leak display
0000S	Elapsed time unit: s (second) for Dynamic Recording and 1 ms Peak Hold modes
	Hazardous voltage annunciator for measuring voltage >= 30 V or Overload

The analog bar emulates the needle on an analog multimeter, without displaying the overshoot. When measuring peak or null adjustments and viewing fast-changing inputs, the bar graph is useful because it provides a faster update rate to cater for fast-response applications.

For frequency, duty cycle, pulse width, 4 mA to 20 mA % scale, 0 mA to 20 mA % scale, dBm, dBV, and temperature measurements, the bar graph does not represent the primary display value.

- For example, when frequency, duty cycle, or pulse width is displayed on the primary display during voltage or current measurement, the bar graph represents the voltage or current value (not the frequency, duty cycle, or pulse width).
- When 4 mA to 20 mA % scale (4-20) or 0 mA to 20 mA % scale (0-20) is displayed on the primary display, the bar graph represents the current value and not the percentage value.

The “+” or “–” sign indicates whether the measured or calculated value is positive or negative. Each segment represents 2000 or 400 counts depending on the range indicated on the peak bar graph. See the following table.

Table 1-6 Analog bar range and counts

Range	Counts/segments	Used for the function
	2000	V, A, Ω, nS, Diode
	400	V, A, Capacitance

Selecting display with the Shift button

The table below shows the primary display selection, with respect to measurement function (rotary switch position), using the Shift button.

Table 1-7 Selecting display with the Shift button

Rotary switch position (Function)	Primary display
~ V (AC voltage)	AC V
	dBm or dBV (in dual display mode) [1] [2]
≂ V (AC+DC voltage)	DC V
	AC V
	AC+DC V
≂ mV (AC+DC voltage)	DC mV
	AC mV
	AC+DC mV
nS Ω (Resistance)	Ω
	Ω (Audible)
	nS
Hz (Diode Test & Frequency)	Diode
	Hz
(Capacitance & Temperature)	Capacitance
	Temperature
µA ≂ (AC+DC current)	DC µA
	AC µA
	AC+DC µA

Table 1-7 Selecting display with the Shift button (continued)

Rotary switch position (Function)	Primary display
mA·A ≂ (AC+DC current) (With the positive probe inserted into the μ**A.mA** terminal)	DC mA
	AC mA
	AC+DC mA
	% (0 mA to 20 mA or 4 mA to 20 mA [1]) (Reading in mA or A is shown as secondary display)
mA·A ≂ (AC+DC current) (With the positive probe inserted into the **A** terminal)	DC A
	AC A
	AC+DC A
% OUT ms	Duty cycle (%)
	Pulse width (ms)

Notes for selecting display with SHIFT button:

1 Depends on the relevant setting in the Setup mode.

2 Press Dual for more than 1 second to return to AC V measurement only.

Selecting display with the Dual button

- Press Dual to select different combinations of the dual display.
- Press and hold Dual for more than 1 second to return to normal single display.
- See the following table.

Table 1-8 Selecting display with the Dual button

Rotary switch position (Function)	Primary display	Secondary display
~ V (AC voltage)	AC V	Hz (AC coupling)
	dBm or dBV [1]	AC V

Table 1-8 Selecting display with the Dual button (continued)

Rotary switch position (Function)	Primary display	Secondary display
≂V (Default is DC voltage)	DC V	Hz (DC coupling)
	dBm or dBV [1]	DC V
	DC V	AC V
≂V (Press Shift to select AC voltage)	AC V	Hz (AC coupling)
	dBm or dBV [1]	AC V
	AC V	DC V
≂V (Press Shift twice to select AC+DC voltage)	AC+DC V	Hz (AC coupling)
	dBm or dBV [1]	AC+DC V
	AC+DC V	AC V
	AC+DC V	DC V
≂mV (Default is DC voltage)	DC mV	Hz (DC coupling)
	dBm or dBV [1]	DC mV
	DC mV	AC mV
≂mV (Press Shift to select AC voltage)	AC mV	Hz (AC coupling)
	dBm or dBV [1]	AC mV
	AC mV	DC mV
≂mV (Press Shift twice to select AC+DC voltage)	AC+DC mV	Hz (AC coupling)
	dBm or dBV [1]	AC+DC mV
	AC+DC mV	AC mV
	AC+DC mV	DC mV
µA≂ (Default is DC current)	DC µA	Hz (DC coupling)
	DC µA	AC µA
µA≂ (Press Shift to select AC current)	AC µA	Hz (AC coupling)
	AC µA	DC µA

Table 1-8 Selecting display with the Dual button (continued)

Rotary switch position (Function)	Primary display	Secondary display
µA ≂ (Press Shift twice to select AC+DC current)	AC+DC µA	Hz (AC coupling)
	AC+DC µA	AC µA
	AC+DC µA	DC µA
mA·A ≂ (Default is DC current)	DC mA	Hz (DC coupling)
	DC mA	AC mA
mA·A ≂ (Press Shift to select AC current)	AC mA	Hz (AC coupling)
	AC mA	DC mA
mA·A ≂ (Press Shift twice to select AC+DC current)	AC+DC mA	Hz (AC coupling)
	AC+DC mA	AC mA
	AC+DC mA	DC mA
mA·A ≂ (Default is DC current)	DC A	Hz (DC coupling)
	DC A	AC A
mA·A ≂ (Press Shift to select AC current)	AC A	Hz (AC coupling)
	AC A	DC A
mA·A ≂ (Press Shift twice to select AC+DC current)	AC+DC A	Hz (AC coupling)
	AC+DC A	AC A
	AC+DC A	DC A
⊣⊢ (Capacitance)/ →|← (Diode)/ nS (Conductance)	nF / V / nS	No secondary display. Ambient temperature in °C or °F is displayed in upper-right corner.
Ω (Resistance)	Ω	DC mV Bias, DC A Leak Ambient temperature in °C or °F is displayed in upper-right corner.

Table 1-8 Selecting display with the Dual button (continued)

Rotary switch position (Function)	Primary display	Secondary display
 (Temperature)	°C (°F)	If °C/°F or °F/°C dual-display is selected in the Setup, then the secondary display will indicate the temperature in the other unit (as opposed to the primary display). If single-unit display is selected in the Setup, there will be no secondary display. Ambient temperature in °C or °F is displayed in upper-right corner. Select 0 °C compensation by pressing Dual.

Notes for selecting display with DUAL button:

1 Depends the relevant setting in Setup mode.

Selecting display with the Hz button

The frequency measurement function is able to detect the presence of harmonic currents in neutral conductors and determine whether these neutral currents are the result of unbalanced phases or non-linear loads.

- Press Hz to enter the Frequency measurement mode for current or voltage measurements – voltage or current on the secondary display, and frequency on the primary display.
- Alternatively, pulse width (ms) or duty cycle (%) can be displayed on the primary display by pressing Hz again. This allows simultaneous monitoring of real-time voltage or current with frequency, duty cycle, or pulse width.
- Hold Dual for more than 1 second to resume voltage or current reading on the primary display.

Table 1-9 Selecting display with the Hz button

Rotary switch position (Function)	Primary display	Secondary display
~V ⎓V (For ⎓V, press Shift to select AC voltage)	Frequency (Hz)	AC V
	Pulse width (ms)	
	Duty cycle (%)	
⎓V (Default is DC voltage)	Frequency (Hz)	DC V
	Pulse width (ms)	
	Duty cycle (%)	
⎓V (Press Shift twice to select AC+DC voltage)	Frequency (Hz)	AC+DC V
	Pulse width (ms)	
	Duty cycle (%)	
⎓mV (Default is DC voltage)	Frequency (Hz)	DC mV
	Pulse width (ms)	
	Duty cycle (%)	

Table 1-9 Selecting display with the Hz button (continued)

Rotary switch position (Function)	Primary display	Secondary display
≂ mV (Press Shift to select AC voltage)	Frequency (Hz)	AC mV
	Pulse width (ms)	
	Duty cycle (%)	
≂ mV (Press Shift twice to select AC+DC voltage)	Frequency (Hz)	AC+DC mV
	Pulse width (ms)	
	Duty cycle (%)	
µA ≂ (Default is DC current)	Frequency (Hz)	DC µA
	Pulse width (ms)	
	Duty cycle (%)	
µA ≂ (Press Shift to select AC current)	Frequency (Hz)	AC µA
	Pulse width (ms)	
	Duty cycle (%)	
µA ≂ (Press Shift twice to select AC+DC current)	Frequency (Hz)	AC+DC µA
	Pulse width (ms)	
	Duty cycle (%)	
mA·A ≂ (Default is DC current)	Frequency (Hz)	DC mA or A
	Pulse width (ms)	
	Duty cycle (%)	
mA·A ≂ (Press Shift to select AC current)	Frequency (Hz)	AC mA or A
	Pulse width (ms)	
	Duty cycle (%)	
mA·A ≂ (Press Shift twice to select AC+DC current)	Frequency (Hz)	AC+DC mA
	Pulse width (ms)	
	Duty cycle (%)	

Table 1-9 Selecting display with the Hz button (continued)

Rotary switch position (Function)	Primary display	Secondary display
Hz (Frequency counter) (Only applicable for Divide-1 input)	Frequency (Hz)	Pulse width (ms)
	Pulse width (ms)	Frequency (Hz)
	Duty cycle (%)	

The terminals at a glance

CAUTION To avoid damaging the multimeter, do not exceed the rated input limit.

Figure 1-8 Connector terminals

Table 1-10 Terminal connections for different measurement functions

Rotary switch position	Input terminals		Overload protection
~ V	Ω·T V·mV	COM	1000 Vrms
≂ V			
≂ mV			1000 Vrms for short circuit <0.3 A
nS Ω			
Hz			
µA ≂ mA·A ≂	µA.mA	COM	440 mA/1000 V, 30 kA fast-acting fuse
mA·A ≂	A	COM	11 A/1000 V, 30kA fast-acting fuse
% OUT ms	OUT	COM	
OFF CHG	CHG	COM	440 mA/1000 V fast-acting fuse

2 Making Measurements

This chapter contains information on how to make measurements using the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter.

Understanding The Measurement Instructions

When making measurements, follow the numerical steps labelled in the diagrams. Refer to Table 2-1 below for a description of the steps.

Table 2-1 Numerical steps descriptions

No.	Instructions
1	Turn the rotary switch to the measurement option shown in the diagram
2	Connect the test leads into the input terminals shown in the diagram
3	Probe the test points
4	Read the results on the display

Measuring Voltage

The U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter returns an accurate RMS reading not only for sine waves, but also other AC signals such as square, triangle, and staircase waves.

For AC with DC offset, use AC+DC measurement by selecting ≂V or ≂mV with the rotary switch.

CAUTION Ensure that terminal connections are correct for that particular measurement before making any measurement. To avoid damaging the multimeter, do not exceed the rated input limit.

Measuring AC voltage

Set up your multimeter to measure AC voltage as shown in Figure 2-1. Probe the test points and read the display.

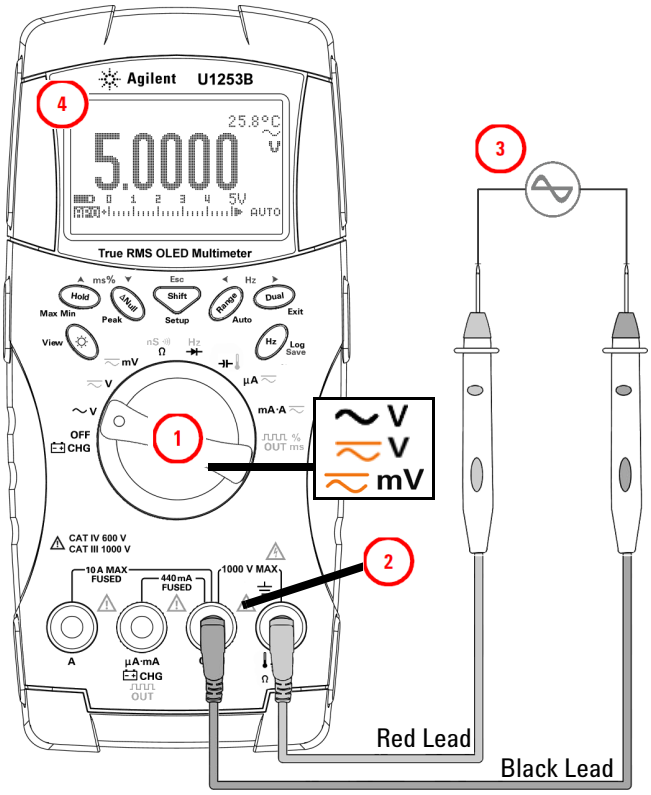


Figure 2-1 Measuring AC voltage

NOTE

- Press Shift if necessary to ensure ⋰⋱ is shown on the display.
- Press Dual to display dual measurements. See Table 1-8 of "Selecting display with the Dual button" on page 21 for a list of dual measurements available.
- Press and hold Dual for more than 1 second to exit dual display mode.

Measuring DC voltage

Set up your multimeter to measure DC voltage as shown in Figure 2-2. Probe the test points and read the display.

NOTE

- Press Shift if necessary to ensure that ⎓ is shown on the display.
- Press Dual to display dual measurements. See Table 1-8 of "Selecting display with the Dual button" on page 21 for a list of dual measurements available.
- Press and hold Dual for more than 1 second to exit dual display mode.
- For firmware version 2.25 and below, the Filter function is switched off by default. You are strongly advised to update your products to the latest firmware version to take advantage of the latest features and measurement improvements.
- For measuring DC voltage from a mixed signal in the DC measurement mode, ensure that the Filter is enabled (refer to "Setting the Filter" on page 122).
- To avoid possible electric shock or personal injury, enable the Low Pass Filter to verify the presence of hazardous DC voltages. Displayed DC voltage values can be influenced by high frequency AC components and must be filtered to assure an accurate reading.

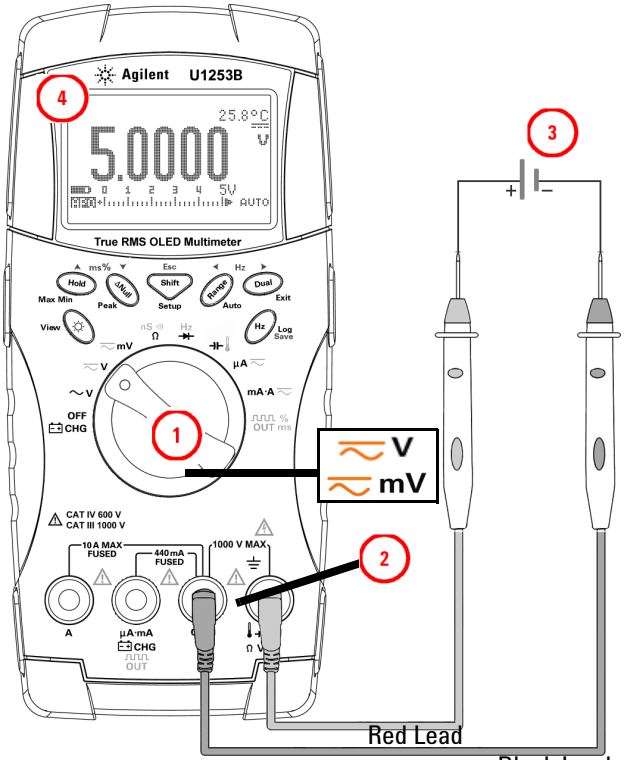


Figure 2-2 Measuring DC voltage

Measuring AC and DC Signals

Your multimeter is capable of displaying both AC and DC signal components, voltage or current, as two separate readings or one AC+DC (rms) value combined.

1. Set up your multimeter according to your desired measurement. Set the rotary switch to:
   - i For voltage measurements: ≂ V or ≂ mV.
   - ii For current measurements: ≂ mA·A or ≂ µA.
2. Press the Esc Shift View key twice to cycle the measurement function to the AC+DC mode (≂⎓). Probe the test points and read the display.

For better accuracy when measuring the DC offset of an AC voltage, measure the AC voltage first. Note the AC voltage range, then manually select a DC voltage range equal to or higher than the AC range. This procedure improves the accuracy of the DC measurement by ensuring that the input protection circuits are not activated.

NOTE

- Press Dual Exit to cycle through the available dual display combinations.
- Press Hz % ms Log to enable the frequency test mode for voltage measurements. See "Frequency Counter" on page 40 to learn more.

Measuring Current

µA and mA measurement

Set up your multimeter to measure µA and mA as shown in Figure 2-3. Probe the test and read the display.

NOTE

- Press Shift to cycle between DC, AC, AC+DC, and % scale current measurements.
- For µA measurement, set the rotary switch to µA ≂, and connect the positive test lead to µ**A.mA**.
- For mA measurement, set the rotary switch to mA·A ≂, and connect the positive test lead to µ**A.mA.**
- For A (ampere) measurement, set the rotary switch to mA·A ≂, and connect the positive test lead to **A**.
- Press Dual to display dual measurements. See Table 1-8 of "Selecting display with the Dual button" on page 21 for a list of dual measurements available.
- Press and hold Dual for more than 1 second to exit dual display mode.

CAUTION

- For measuring DC current from a mixed signal in the DC measurement mode, ensure that the Filter is enabled (refer to "Setting the Filter" on page 122).
- For measuring AC current signals with a DC offset, refer to "Measuring AC and DC Signals" on page 34.

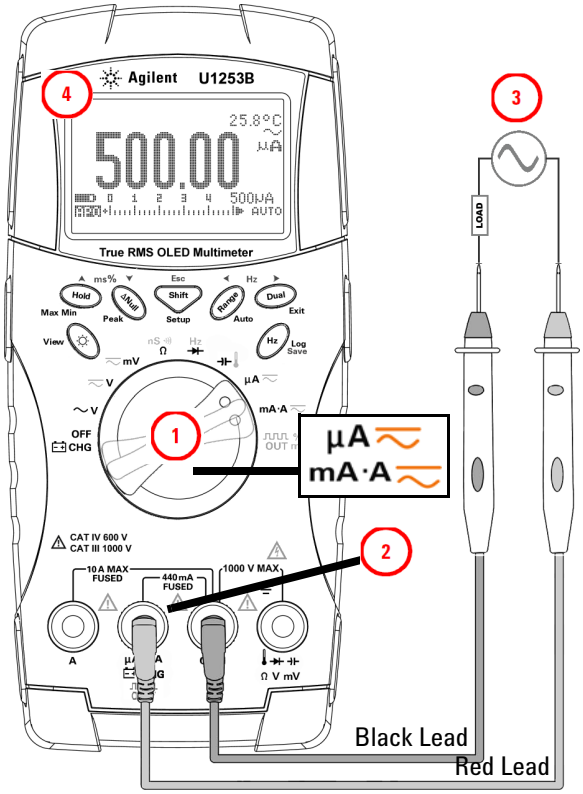


Figure 2-3 Measuring µA and mA current

Percentage scale of 4 mA to 20 mA

Set up the multimeter to measure percentage scale as shown in Figure 2-4. Probe the test points and read the display.

NOTE

- Press Shift to select percentage scale display. Ensure that % 0-20 or % 4-20 is shown on the display.
- The percentage scale for 4 mA to 20 mA or 0 mA to 20 mA is calculated using its corresponding DC mA measurement. The U1253B will automatically optimize the best resolution according to Table 2-2 below.
- Press Range to change the measurement range.

The percentage scale for 4 mA to 20 mA or 0 mA to 20 mA is set to two ranges as follows:

Table 2-2 Percentage scale and measurement range

Percentage scale (4 mA to 20 or 0 mA to 20 mA) Always auto range	DC mA auto or manual range
999.99%	50 mA, 500 mA
9999.9%	

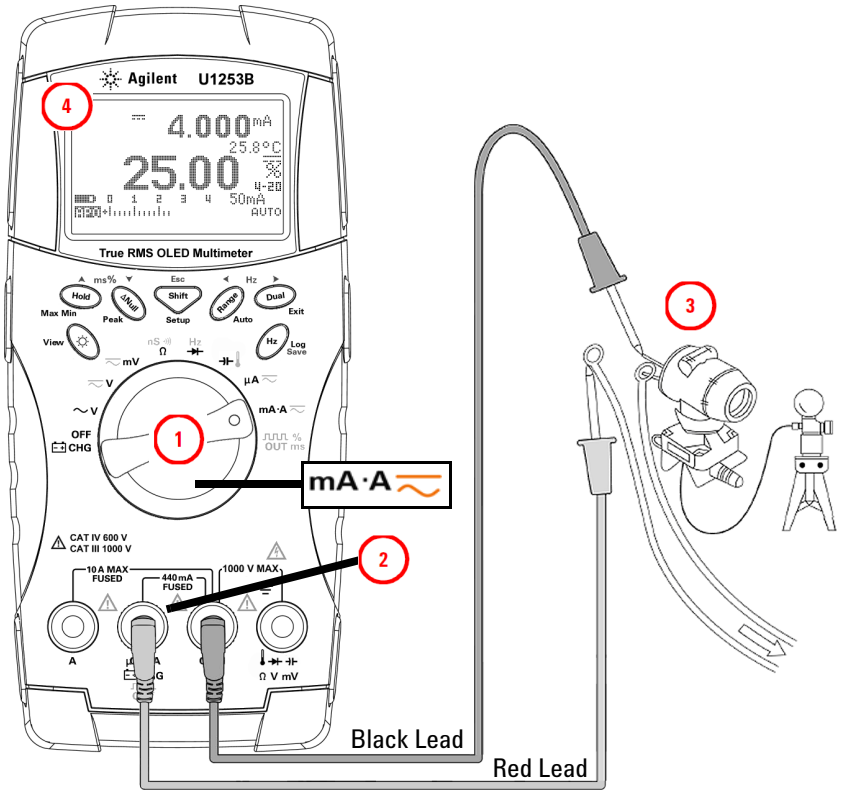


Figure 2-4 Measurement scale of 4 mA to 20 mA

A (ampere) measurement

Set up the multimeter to measure A (ampere) as shown in Figure 2-5. Probe the test points and read the display.

NOTE

Connect the red and black test leads to 10 A input terminals **A (red)** and **COM (black)** respectively. The multimeter is set to A measurement automatically when the red test lead is plugged into the **A (red)** terminal.

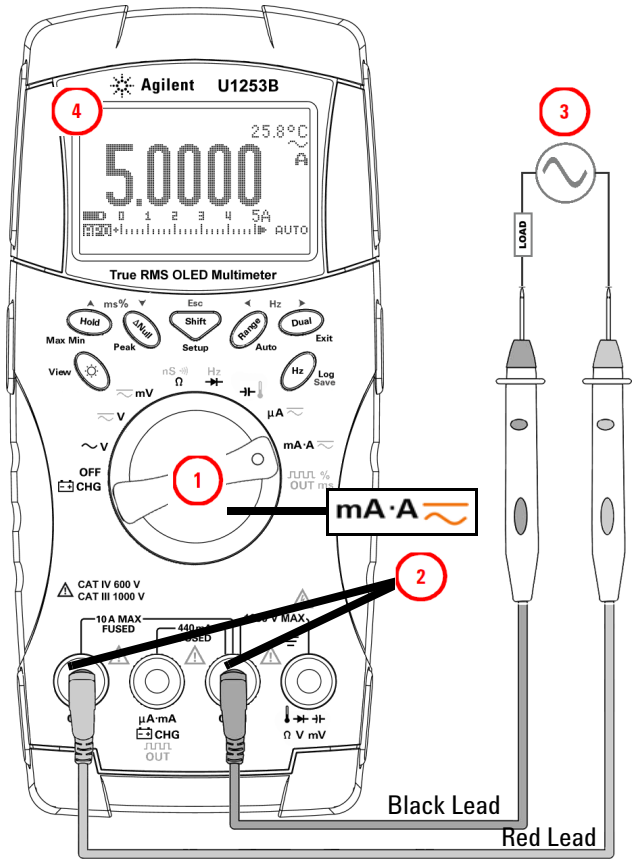


Figure 2-5 A (ampere) current measurement

Frequency Counter

WARNING

- **Use the frequency counter only for low voltage applications. Never use the frequency counter on an AC power line system.**
- **For input more than 30 Vpp, you are required to use frequency measurement mode available under the current or voltage measurement instead of frequency counter.**

Set up the multimeter to measure frequency as shown in Figure 2-6. Probe the test points and read the display.

NOTE

- Press Shift to select the Frequency Counter (Hz) function. The default input signal frequency is divided by 1. This allows signals of up to a maximum frequency of 985 kHz to be measured.
- If the reading is unstable or zero, press Range to select division of input signal frequency by 100 (100 will be shown on the display). This allows for a higher frequency range of up to 20 MHz to be measured.
- The signal is out of range if the reading is still unstable after the above step has been performed.
- Press Hz to scroll through the pulse width (ms), duty cycle (%), and frequency (Hz) measurements.

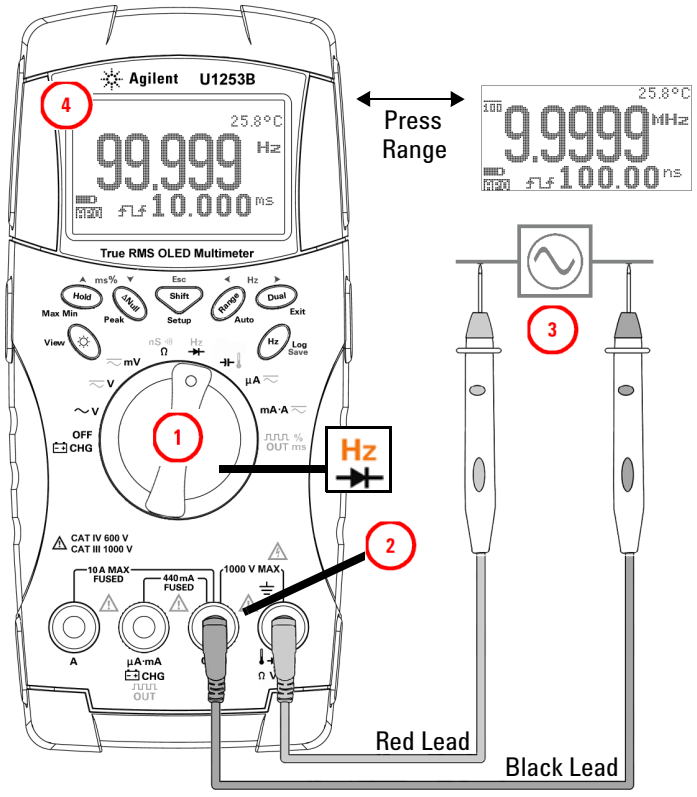


Figure 2-6 Measuring frequency

Measuring Resistance, Conductance, and Testing Continuity

CAUTION Disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before measuring resistance or conductance, or testing circuit continuity, to avoid damaging the multimeter or the device under test.

Set up the multimeter to measure resistance as shown in Figure 2-8. Then probe the test points (by shunting the resistor) and read the display.

NOTE Press Shift to scroll through audible continuity test () or  , depending on Setup configuration), conductance measurement (), and resistance measurement ( ,  , or ) as shown in Figure 2-9 on page 45.

Smart Ω

Using the offset compensation method, Smart Ω removes unexpected DC voltages within instrument, at the input, or the circuit being measured, which will add error to resistance measurement. Besides, it also displays the bias voltage or leakage current (calculated based on bias voltage and corrected resistance value) on the secondary display. With offset compensation method, the multimeter takes the difference between two resistance measurements when two different test currents are applied to determine any offset voltage in the input circuitry. The resultant displayed measurement corrects this offset, giving a more accurate resistance measurement.

The Smart Ω is applicable for 500 Ω, 5 kΩ, 50 kΩ, and 500 kΩ resistance range only. The maximum correctable offset/bias voltage is ±1.9 V for 500 Ω range and ±0.35 V for 5 kΩ, 50 kΩ, and 500 kΩ range.

- Press Dual to enable Smart Ω feature. Press Dual again to cycle through Bias display or Leak display.
- Press Dual for more than one second to disable Smart Ω feature.

NOTE The measurement time increases when Smart Ω is enabled.

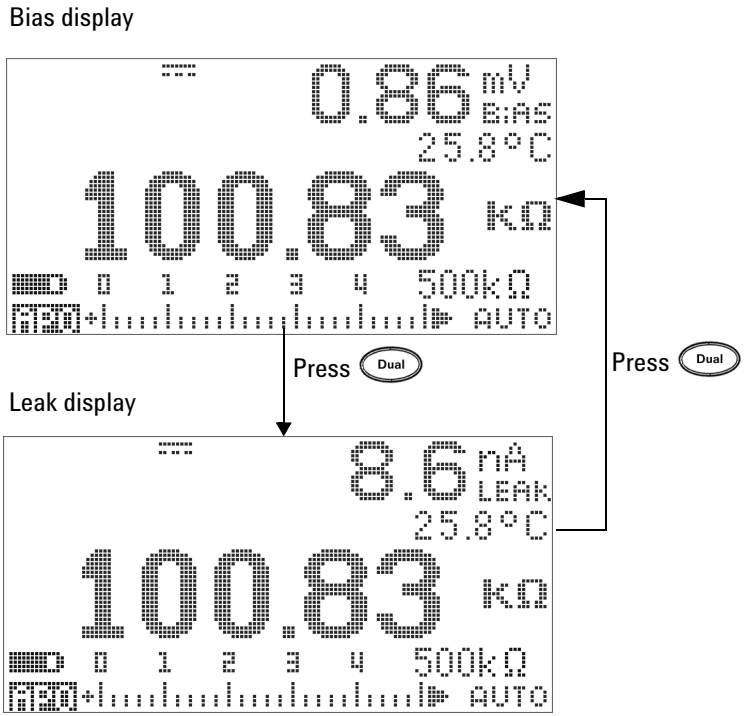


Figure 2-7 Type of display when Smart Ω is enabled

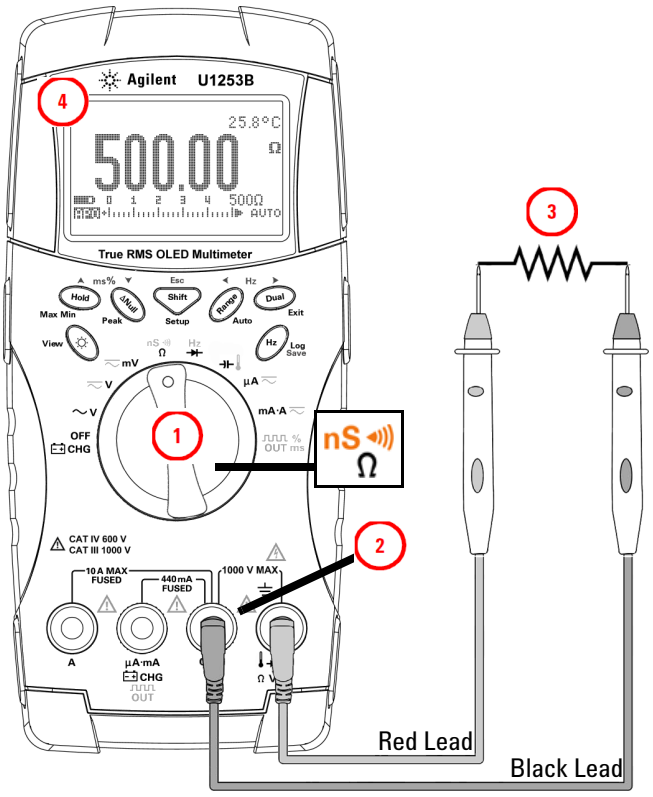


Figure 2-8 Measuring resistance

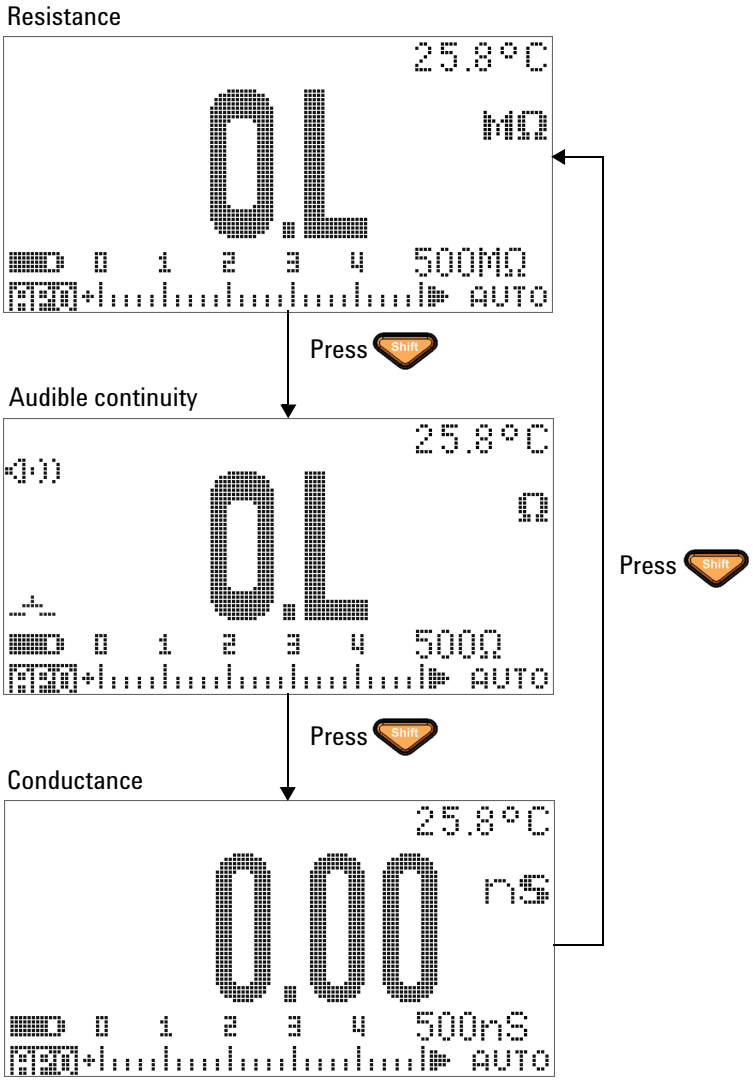


Figure 2-9 Resistance, audible continuity, and conductance tests

Audible continuity

In the range of 500 Ω range, the beeper will emit a sound if the resistance value falls below 10 Ω. For other ranges, the beeper will emit a sound if the resistance falls below the typical values listed in Table 2-3 below.

Table 2-3 Audible continuity measurement range

Measurement range	Beeper sound threshold
500.00 Ω	< 10 Ω
5.0000 kΩ	< 100 Ω
50.000 kΩ	< 1 kΩ
500.00 kΩ	< 10 kΩ
5.0000 MΩ	< 100 kΩ
50.000 MΩ	< 1 MΩ
500.00 MΩ	< 10 MΩ

NOTE

When testing continuity, you can choose to test either short continuity or open continuity.

- By default, the multimeter is set to short continuity.
- Press Dual to select open continuity.

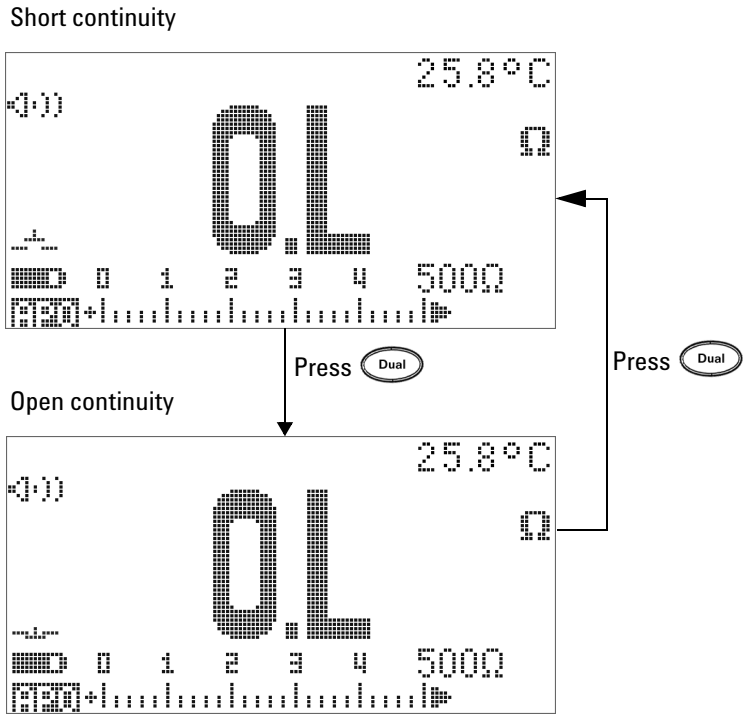


Figure 2-10 Short continuity and open continuity test

Conductance

Set up the multimeter to measure conductance as shown in Figure 2-11. Probe the test points and read the display.

The conductance measurement function makes it easier to measure very high resistance of up to 100 GΩ. As high-resistance readings are susceptible to noise, you can capture average readings using the Dynamic Recording mode. Refer to the section "Dynamic Recording" on page 62 for more information.

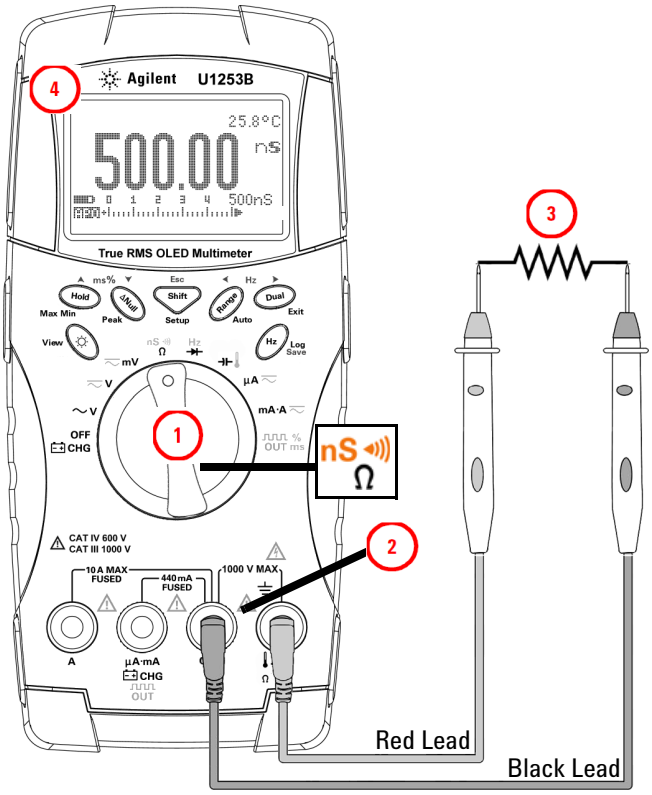


Figure 2-11 Conductance measurement

Testing Diodes

CAUTION Disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before testing diodes to avoid damaging the multimeter.

To test a diode, turn the power off to the circuit and remove the diode from the circuit.

Set up the multimeter as shown in Figure 2-12, then use the red probe lead on the positive terminal (anode) and use the black probe lead on the negative terminal (cathode) and read the display.

NOTE

- The cathode of a diode is indicated with a band.
- This multimeter can display diode forward bias of up to approximately 3.1 V. The forward bias of a typical diode is within the range of 0.3 V to 0.8 V.

Next, reverse the probes and measure the voltage across the diode again (refer to Figure 2-13 on page 51). The diode's test result is based on the following:

- A diode is considered good if the multimeter displays "**OL**" in reverse bias mode.
- A diode is considered shorted if the multimeter displays approximately 0 V in both forward and reverse bias modes, and the multimeter beeps continuously.
- A diode is considered open if the multimeter displays "**OL**" in both forward and reverse bias modes.

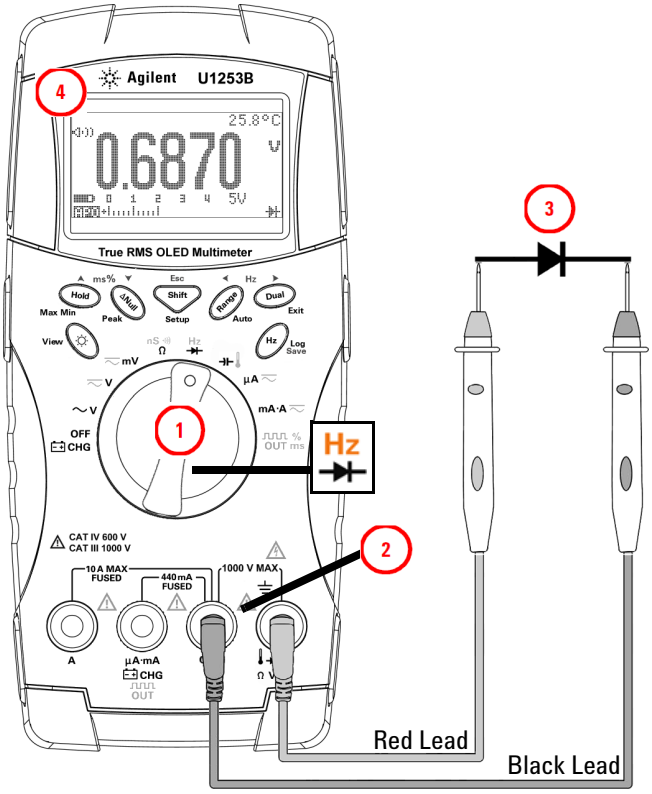


Figure 2-12 Measuring the forward bias of a diode

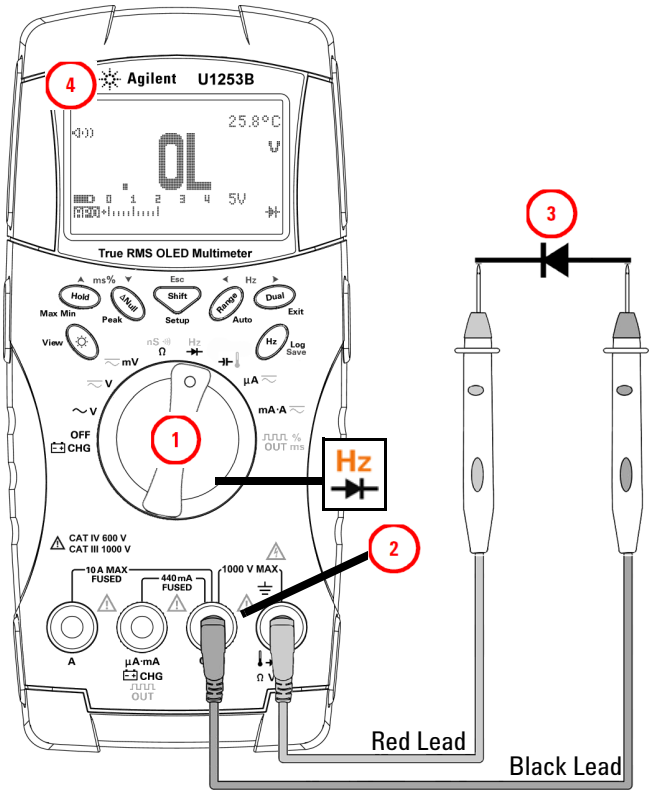


Figure 2-13 Measuring the reverse bias of a diode

Measuring Capacitance

CAUTION Disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before measuring capacitance to avoid damaging the multimeter or the device under test. Use the DC voltage function in order to confirm that a capacitor has fully discharged.

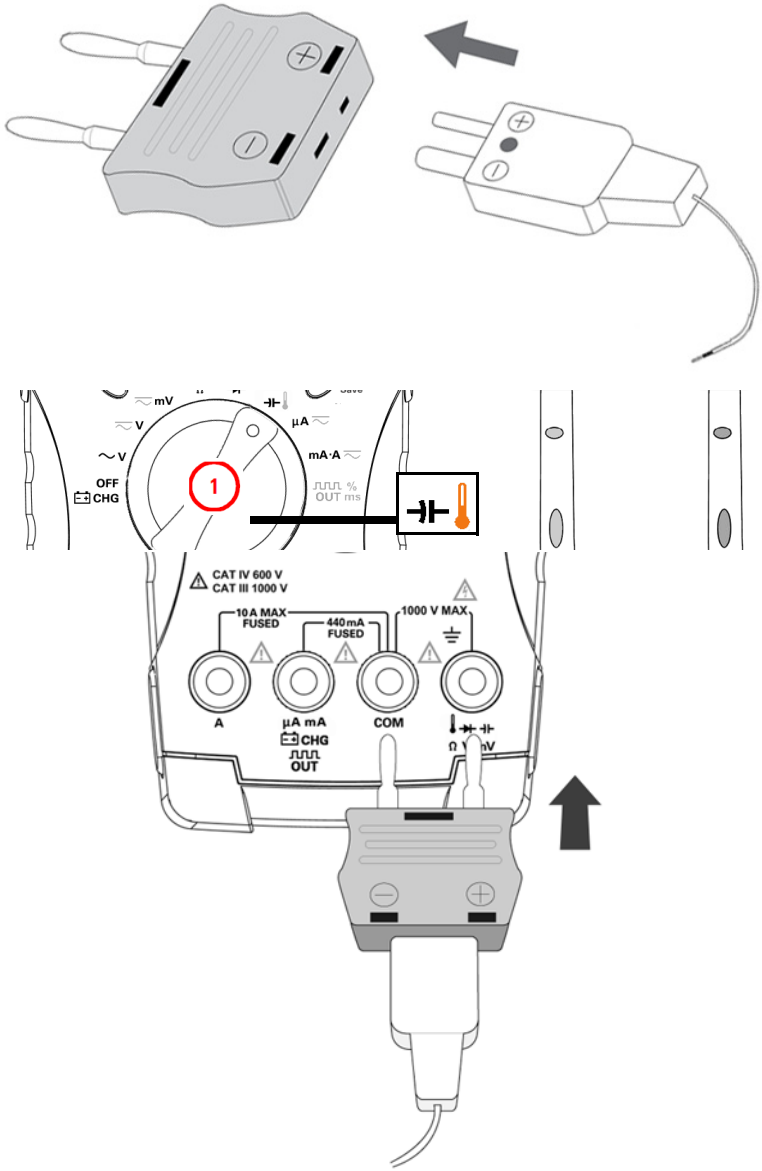
The U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter calculates capacitance by charging a capacitor with a known current for a period of time, measuring the voltage and then calculating the capacitance. The larger the capacitor, the longer the charge time. Below are some tips for measuring capacitance:

Measuring tips:

- For measuring capacitance values greater than 10,000 µF, discharge the capacitor first, then select a suitable range for measurement. This will speed up the measurement time and also ensure that the correct capacitance value is obtained.
- For measuring small capacitance values, press ΔNull with the test leads open to subtract the residual capacitance of the multimeter and leads.

NOTE means that the capacitor is charging. means that the capacitor is discharging.

Set up the multimeter as shown in Figure 2-14. Use the red test lead on the positive terminal of the capacitor and the black test lead on the negative terminal and read the display.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10 A MAX
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440 mA
FUSED
1000 V MAX
A
µA mA
CHG
OUT
COM

Measuring Temperature

CAUTION Do not bend the thermocouple leads at sharp angles. Repeated bending over a period of time can result in the leads breaking.

The bead-type thermocouple probe is suitable for measuring temperatures from –20 °C to 200 °C in PTFE-compatible environments. Do not use the thermocouple probe beyond the recommended operating range. Do not immerse this thermocouple probe in any liquid. Use a thermocouple probe designed for each specific application – an immersion probe for liquid or gel, and an air probe for air measurement.

Set up the multimeter to measure temperature as shown in Figure 2-17 or observe the following steps:

1. Press 

to select temperature measurement.
2. Connect the miniture thermal probe into the non-compensation transfer adapter as shown in Figure 2-15. Then connect the thermal probe with the adapter into the meter input terminals as shown in Figure 2-16.
3. For best performance, place the meter in the operating environment for at least one hour to stabilize the unit to environment temperatures.
4. Clean the surface to be measured and ensure that the probe is securely touching the surface. Remember to disable the applied power.
5. When measuring above ambient temperatures, move the thermocouple along the surface until you get the highest temperature reading.
6. When measuring below ambient temperatures, move the thermocouple along the surface until you get the lowest temperature reading.
7. For quick measurement, use the 0 °C compensation to view the temperature variation of the thermocouple sensor. The 0 °C compensation assists you in measuring relative temperature immediately.

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Figure 2-15 Connecting the thermal probe into the non-compensation transfer adapter

Figure 2-16 Connecting the probe with adapter into the multimeter

If you are working in a constantly varying environment, where ambient temperatures are not constant, do the following:

1. Press Dual to select 0 °C compensation. This allows a quick measurement of the relative temperature.
2. Avoid contact between the thermocouple probe and the surface to be measured.
3. After a constant reading is obtained, press ΔNull to set the reading as the relative reference temperature.
4. Touch the surface to be measured with the thermocouple probe.
5. Read the display for the relative temperature.

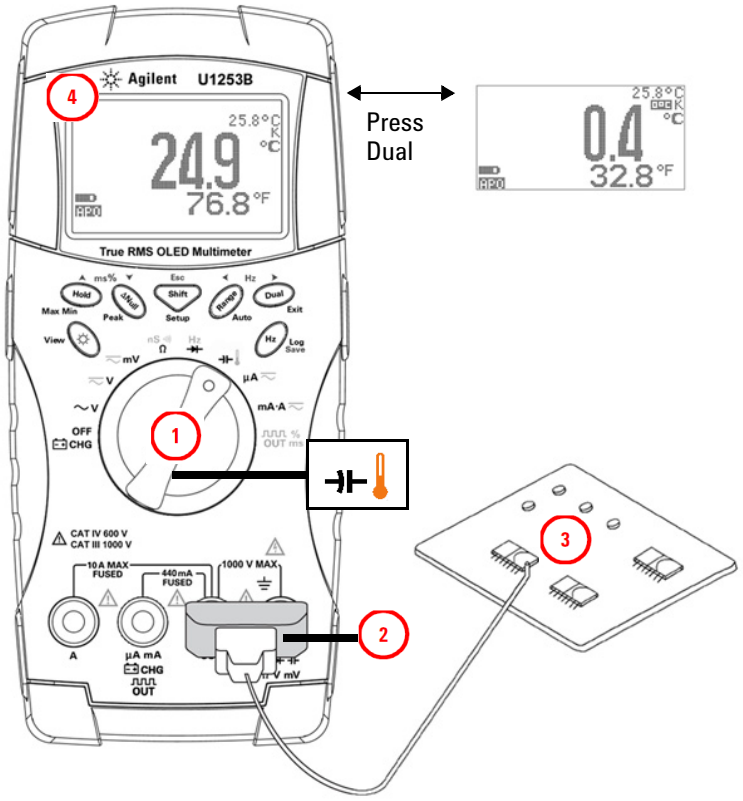

Figure 2-17 Surface temperature measurement

Alerts and Warning During Measurement

Overload alert

WARNING **For your own safety, look out for this alert. When you see this alert, immediately remove the test leads from the measuring source.**

This multimeter provides an overload alert for voltage measurement in both auto and manual range modes. The multimeter starts beeping periodically once the measured voltage exceeds the **V-ALERT** value set in the Setup mode. Immediately remove the test leads from the source being measured.

By default, this feature is turned off. Be sure to set the alerting voltage according to your requirement.

The multimeter will also display  as an early warning for hazardous voltage when the measured voltage is equal to or greater than 30 V in all three DC V, AC V, and AC+DC V measurement modes.

For a manually selected measurement range, when the measured value is outside the range, the display will indicate **OL**.

Input warning

The multimeter emits a continuous beep when the test lead is inserted to the **A** input terminal but the rotary switch is not set to the corresponding **mA.A** position. A warning message **Error ON A INPUT** will be displayed until the test lead is removed from the **A** input terminal. Refer to Figure 2-18.

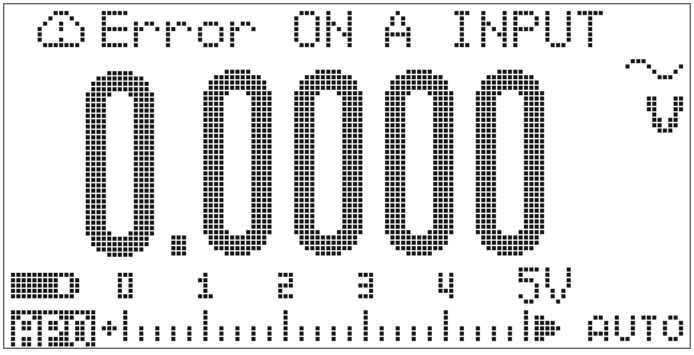

Figure 2-18 Input terminal warning

Charge terminal alert

The multimeter emits a continuous beep when the CHG terminal detects a voltage level of more than 5 V and the rotary switch is not set to the corresponding OFF CHG position. A warning message **Error ON mA INPUT** will be displayed until the lead is removed from the CHG input terminal.

Refer to Figure 2-19 below.

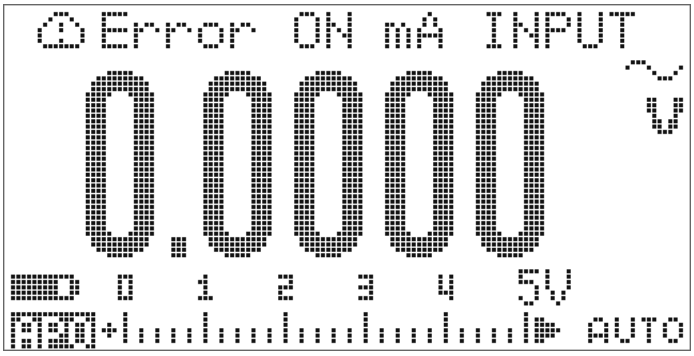

Figure 2-19 Charge terminal alert

3
Functions and Features

This chapter contains information on the functions and features available for the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter.

Dynamic Recording

The Dynamic Recording mode can be used to detect intermittent turn-on or turn-off voltage, current surges or to verify measurement performance without you being present during the process. While the readings are being recorded, you are free to perform other tasks.

The average reading is useful for smoothing out unstable inputs, estimating the percentage of time a circuit is operating and verifying circuit performance. The elapsed time is shown on the secondary display. The maximum time is 99,999 seconds. When this maximum time is exceeded, "**OL**" is shown on the display.

1. Press Hold for more than 1 second to enter the Dynamic Recording mode. The multimeter is now in continuous mode or non-data hold (non-trigger) mode. NOW and the present measurement value is displayed. The multimeter emits a sound when a new maximum or minimum value is recorded.
2. Press Hold to cycle through maximum (MAX), minimum (MIN), average (AVG), and present readings (NOW).
3. Press Hold or Dual for more than 1 second to exit Dynamic Recording mode.

NOTE

- Press Dual to restart dynamic recording.
- The average value is the true average of all measured values taken in the Dynamic recording mode. If an overload is recorded, the averaging function will stop and the average value becomes "**OL**" (overload). Auto Power Off is disabled in Dynamic Recording mode.

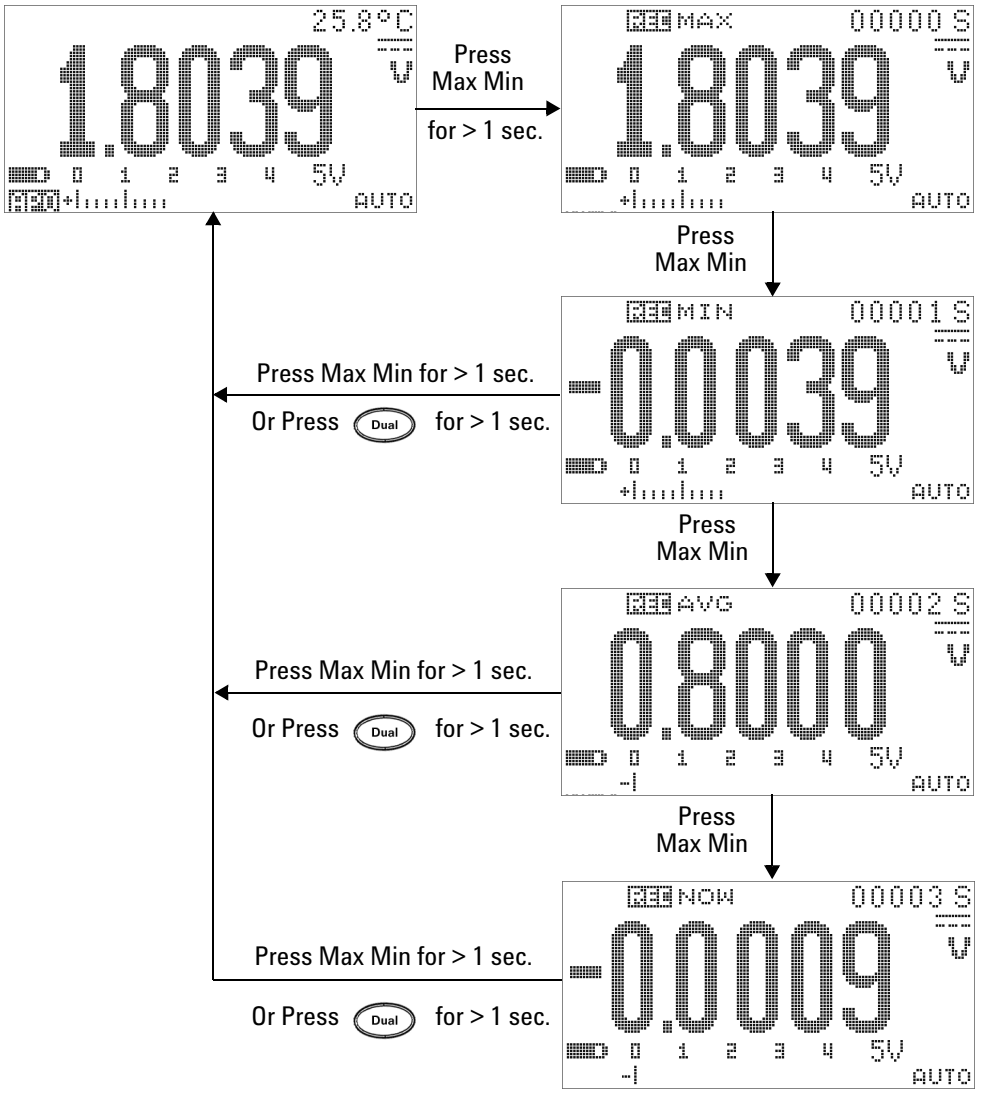

Figure 3-1 Dynamic recording mode operation

Data Hold (Trigger Hold)

The Data Hold function allows you to freeze the displayed value.

1. Press Hold to freeze the displayed value and to enter manual trigger mode. T is displayed.
2. Press Hold again to freeze the next value being measured. The character "T" in the T annunciator flashes before the new value is updated on the display.
3. While in the Data Hold mode, you may press Shift to switch between DC, AC, and AC+DC measurements.
4. Press and hold Hold or Dual for more than 1 second to quit the data hold function.

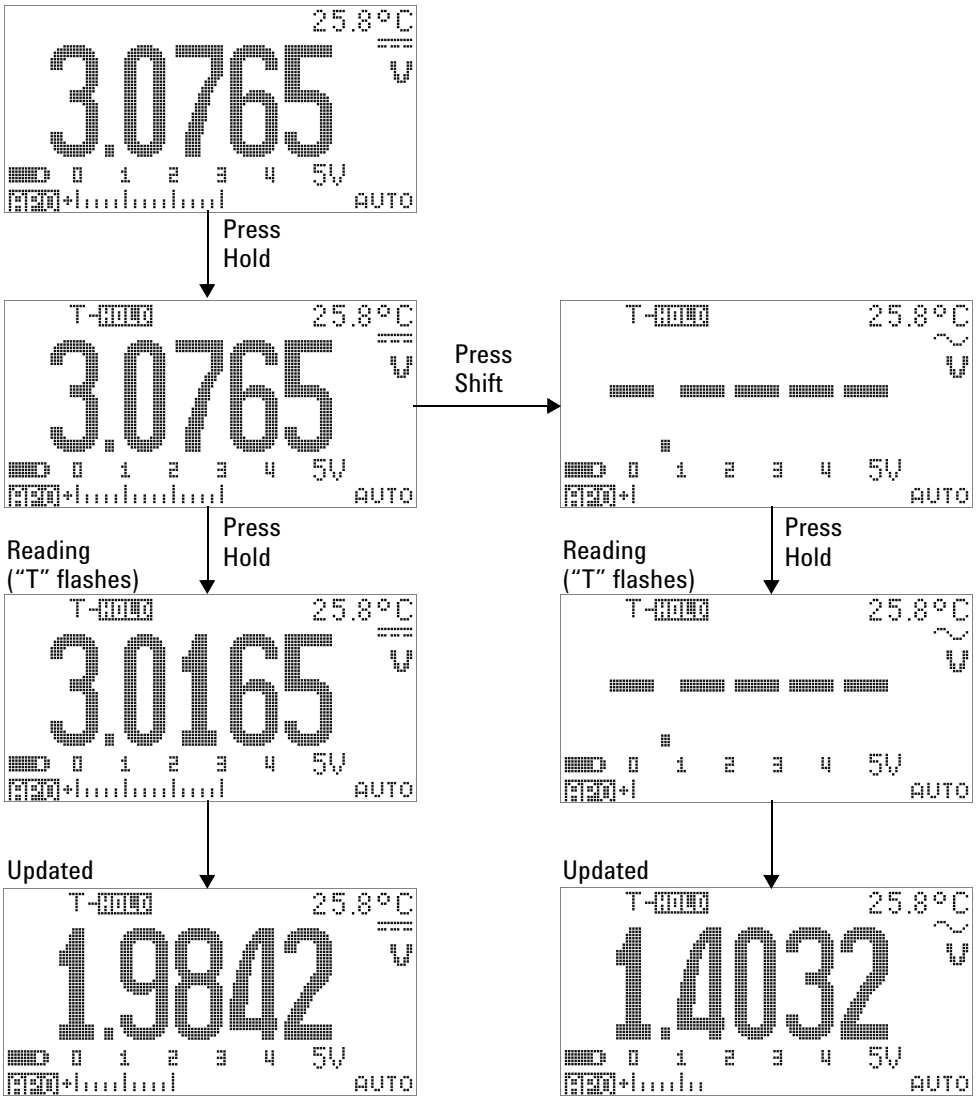

Figure 3-2 Data hold mode operation

Refresh Hold

The Refresh Hold function allows you to freeze the displayed value. The bar-graph is not held and will continue to reflect the instantaneous measured value. You can use the Setup mode to enable Refresh Hold mode when you are working with fluctuating values. This function will auto trigger or update the held value with a new measured value and emit a tone as a reminder.

1. Press Hold to enter Refresh Hold mode. The present value will be held and the R symbol will appear.
2. It will be ready to hold a new measured value once the variation of measured values exceeds the variation count setting. While the multimeter is waiting for a new stable value, the character "R" in the R annunciator will flash.
3. The R annunciator will stop flashing once the new measured value is stable and the new value will be updated to the display. The R annunciator will remain on and the multimeter will emit a tone to remind you of this.
4. Press Hold again to disable this function. You may also press Dual for more than 1 second to quit the Refresh Hold function.

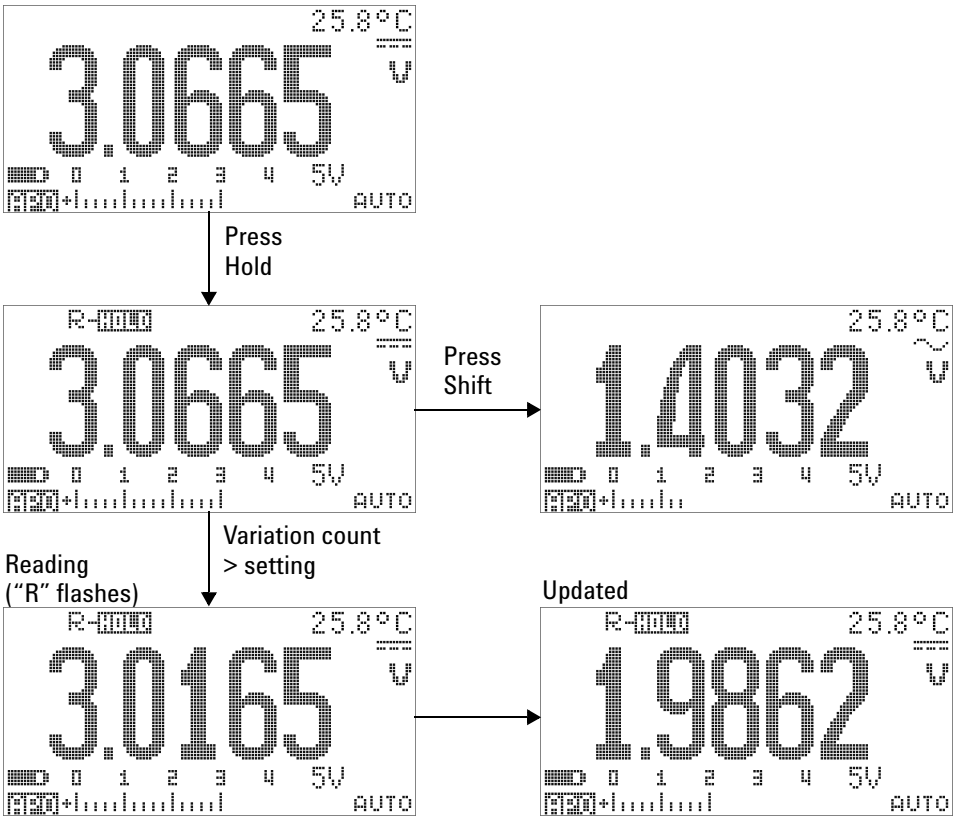

Figure 3-3 Refresh hold mode operation

NOTE

- For voltage and current measurements, the held value will not be updated if the reading is below 500 counts.
- For resistance and diode measurements, the held value will not be updated if the reading is "**OL**" (open state).
- For all types of measurement, the held value will not be updated until the reading has reached a stable state.

Null (Relative)

The Null function subtracts a stored value from the present measurement and displays the difference between the two.

1 Press (ΔNull) to store the displayed reading as the reference value to be subtracted from subsequent measurements and to set the display to zero. ΔNULL is displayed.

NOTE Null can be set for both auto and manual range settings, but not in the case of an overload.

2 Press (ΔNull) to view the stored reference value. 0'BASE and the stored reference value are displayed for 3 seconds.

3 Press (ΔNull) within the 3 seconds when 0'BASE and the stored reference value is displayed to exit this mode.

NOTE

- In resistance measurement mode, the multimeter will read a non-zero value even when the two test leads are in direct contact, because of the resistance of these leads. Use the Null function to zero-adjust the display.
- In DC voltage measurement mode, thermal effects will influence the accuracy. Short the test leads and press (ΔNull) once the displayed value is stable to zero-adjust the display.

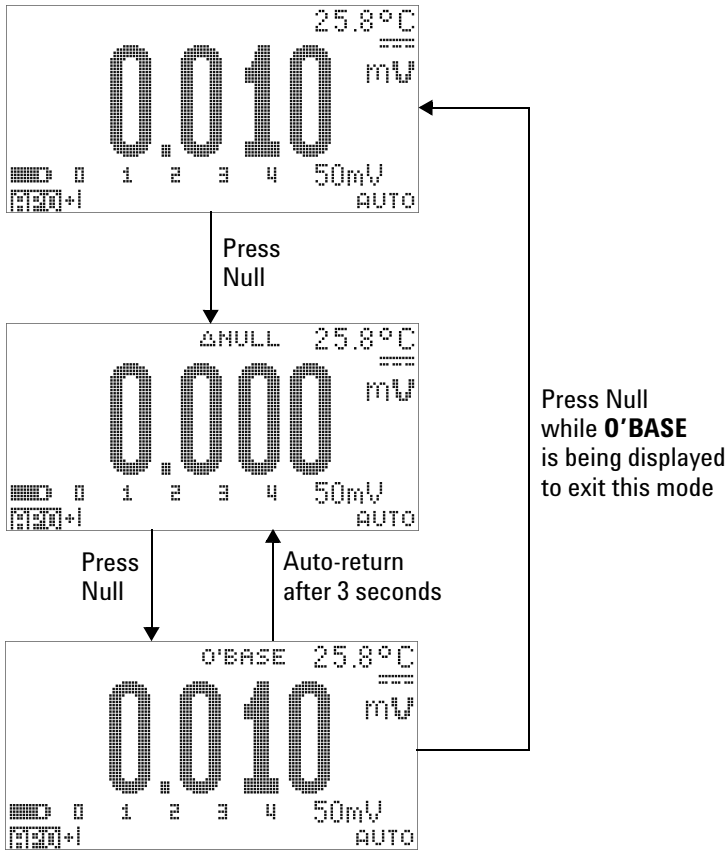

Figure 3-4 Null (relative) mode operation

Decibel Display

The dBm unit calculates the power delivered to a reference resistance relative to 1 mW and can be applied to DC V, AC V and AC+DC V measurements for decibel conversion. Voltage measurement is converted to dBm using the following formula:

$$dBm = 10\log\left(\frac{1000 \times (\ measured\ voltage\ )^2}{reference\ impedance}\right) \quad \textbf{(1)}$$

The reference impedance may be specified from 1 Ω to 9999 Ω in Setup mode. The default value is 50 Ω.

The dBV unit calculates the voltage with respect to 1 V. The formula is as shown below:

$$dBV = 20\log(\ measured\ voltage\ ) \quad \textbf{(2)}$$

1 With the rotary switch set at ~V, ≂V, or ≂mV, press Dual to navigate to dBm or dBV[1] measurement on the primary display. The voltage measurement is indicated on the secondary display.

2 Press Dual for more than 1 second to exit this mode.

[1] Depends on configuration in Setup mode.

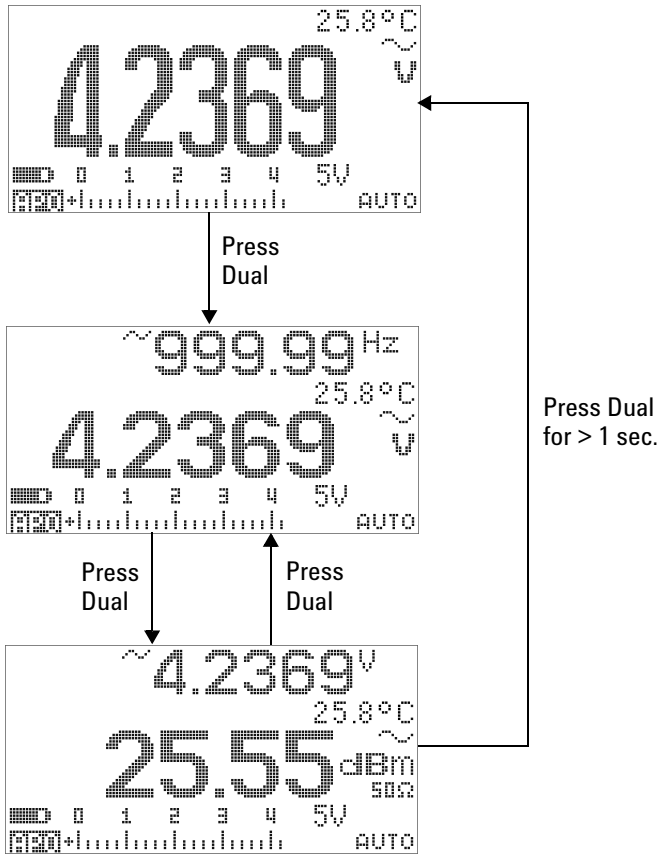

Figure 3-5 dBm display mode operation

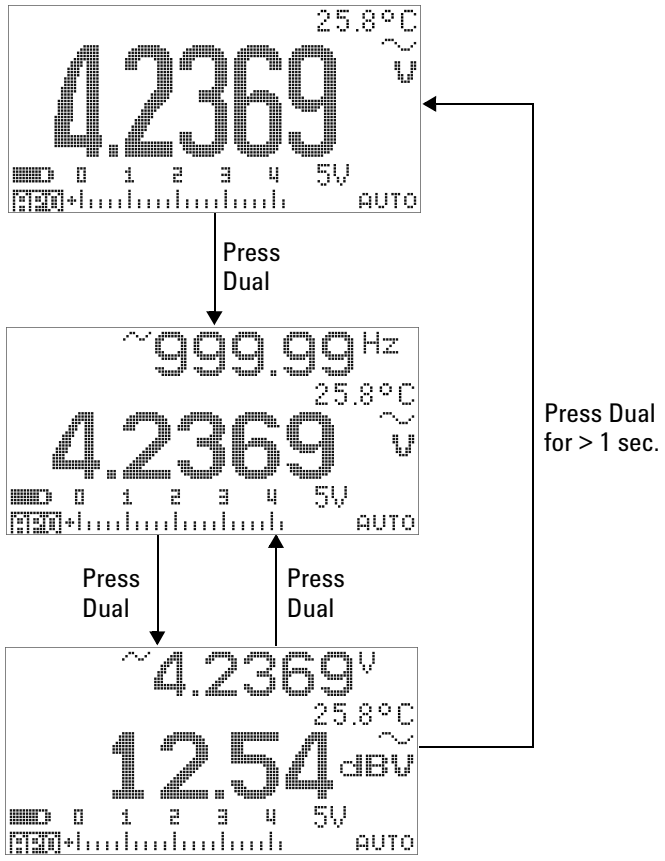

Figure 3-6 dBV display mode operation

1 ms Peak Hold

The Peak Hold function allows the measurement of peak voltage for analysis of components such as power distribution transformers and power factor correction capacitors. The peak voltage obtained can be used to determine the crest factor:

$$Crest\ factor = \frac{Peak\ value}{True\ RMS\ value} \quad \textbf{(3)}$$

1 Press ΔNull for more than 1 second to toggle 1 ms Peak Hold mode ON and OFF.

2 Press Hold to switch between maximum and minimum peak readings. P-MAX indicates maximum peak, while P-MIN indicates minimum peak.

NOTE

- If the reading is "**OL**", press Range to change the measurement range and to restart peak-recording measurement.
- If you need to restart peak recording without changing the range, press Dual.

3 Press and hold ΔNull or Dual for more than 1 second to exit this mode.

4 In the measurement example shown in Figure 3-7 on page 74, the crest factor will be 2.2669/1.6032 = 1.414.

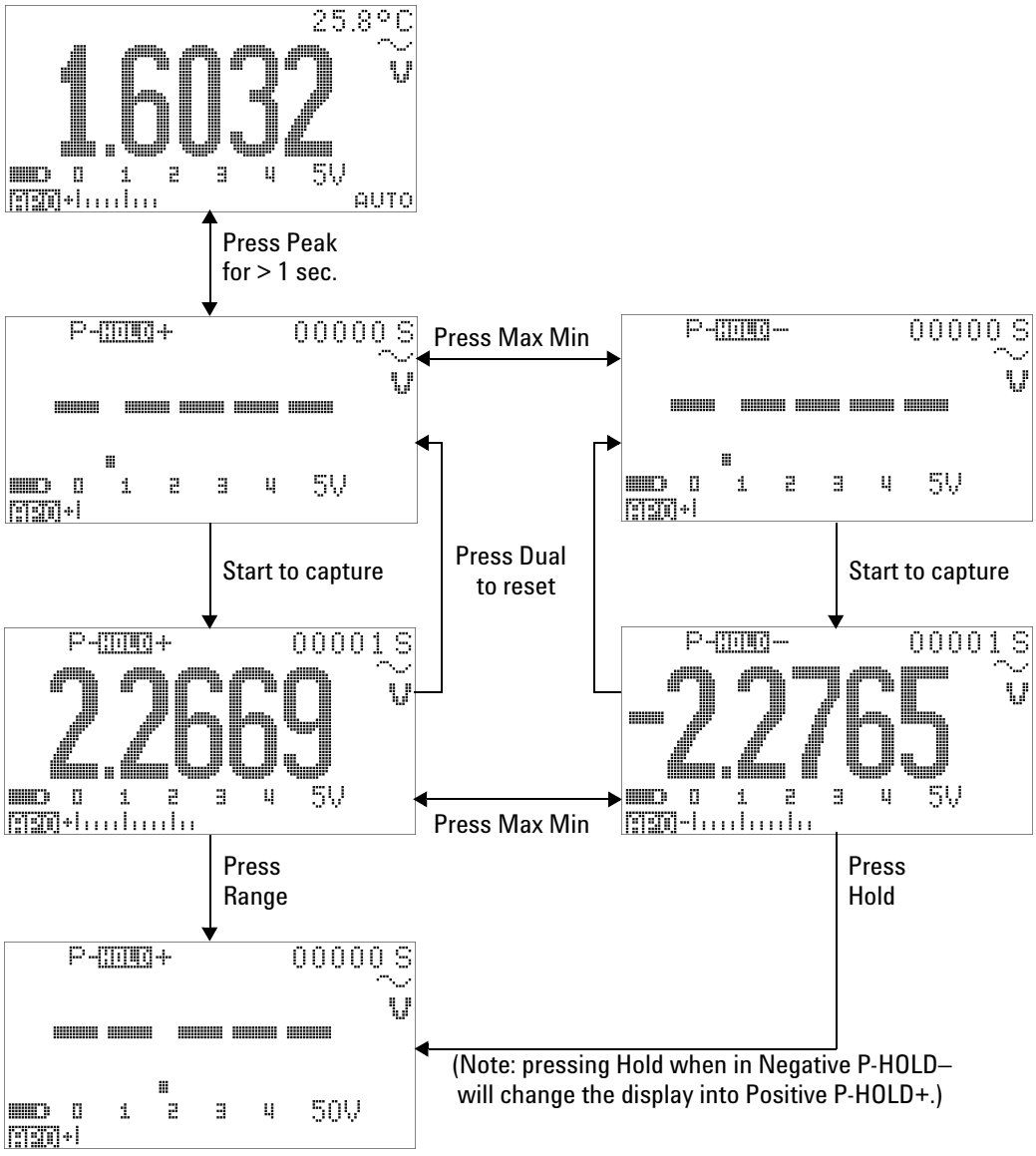

Figure 3-7 1 ms peak hold mode operation

Data Logging

The data logging function provides the convenience of recording test data for future review or analysis. Since data is stored in nonvolatile memory, the data remains saved when the multimeter is turned OFF or the battery is changed.

The two options offered are manual (hand) logging and interval (time) logging functions, which is determined in the Setup mode.

Data logging records the values on the primary display only.

Manual logging

Firstly, ensure that manual (hand) logging is specified in Setup mode.

1 Press Hz for more than 1 second to store the present value and function on the primary display to the non-volatile memory. The LOG and the logging index will be displayed for 3 seconds.

2 Press and hold Hz again for the next value that you would like to save into the memory.

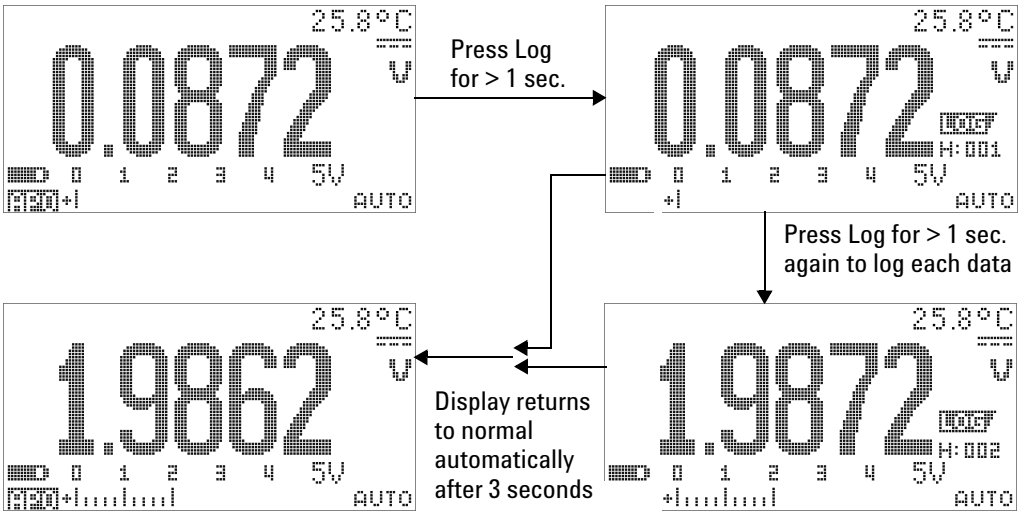

Figure 3-8 Manual (hand) logging mode operation

NOTE The maximum number of readings that can be stored is 100 entries. When the 100 entries are all occupied, the logging index will indicate “Full”, as shown in Figure 3-9.

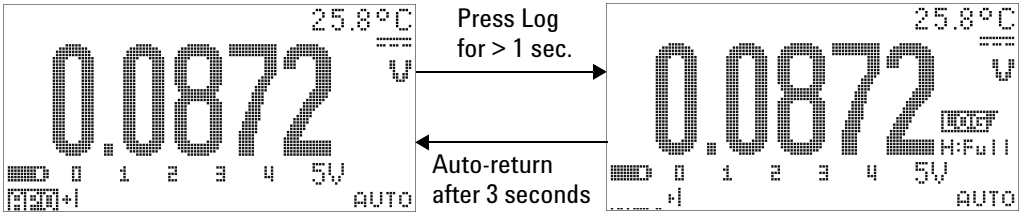

Figure 3-9 Full log

Interval logging

Firstly ensure that interval (time) logging is specified in Setup mode.

1 Press Hz for more than 1 second to store the present value and function on the primary display into the non-volatile memory. The LOG and the logging index will be indicated. Subsequent readings are automatically logged into the memory at the interval (LOG TIME) specified in Setup mode. Refer to Figure 3-10 on page 78 for how to operate this mode.

NOTE The maximum number of readings that can be stored is 1000 entries. When the 1000 entries are all occupied, the logging index will indicate "Full".

2 Press Hz for more than 1 second to exit this mode.

NOTE When interval (time) logging is running, all keypad operations are disabled, except for **Log**, which, when pressed for longer than 1 second, will exit this mode. Furthermore, Auto Power Off is disabled during interval logging.

Figure 3-10 Interval (time) logging mode operation

Reviewing logged data

1. Press  for more than 1 second to enter Log Review mode. The last logged entry,  , and the last logging index are displayed.
2. Press  to switch between manual (hand) and interval (time) logging review mode.
3. Press ▲ to ascend or ▼ to descend through the logged data. Press ◀ to select first record and ▶ to select the last record for quick navigation.
4. Press  for more than 1 second at the respective Log Review mode to clear logged data.
5. Press  for more than 1 second to stop logging and exit this mode.

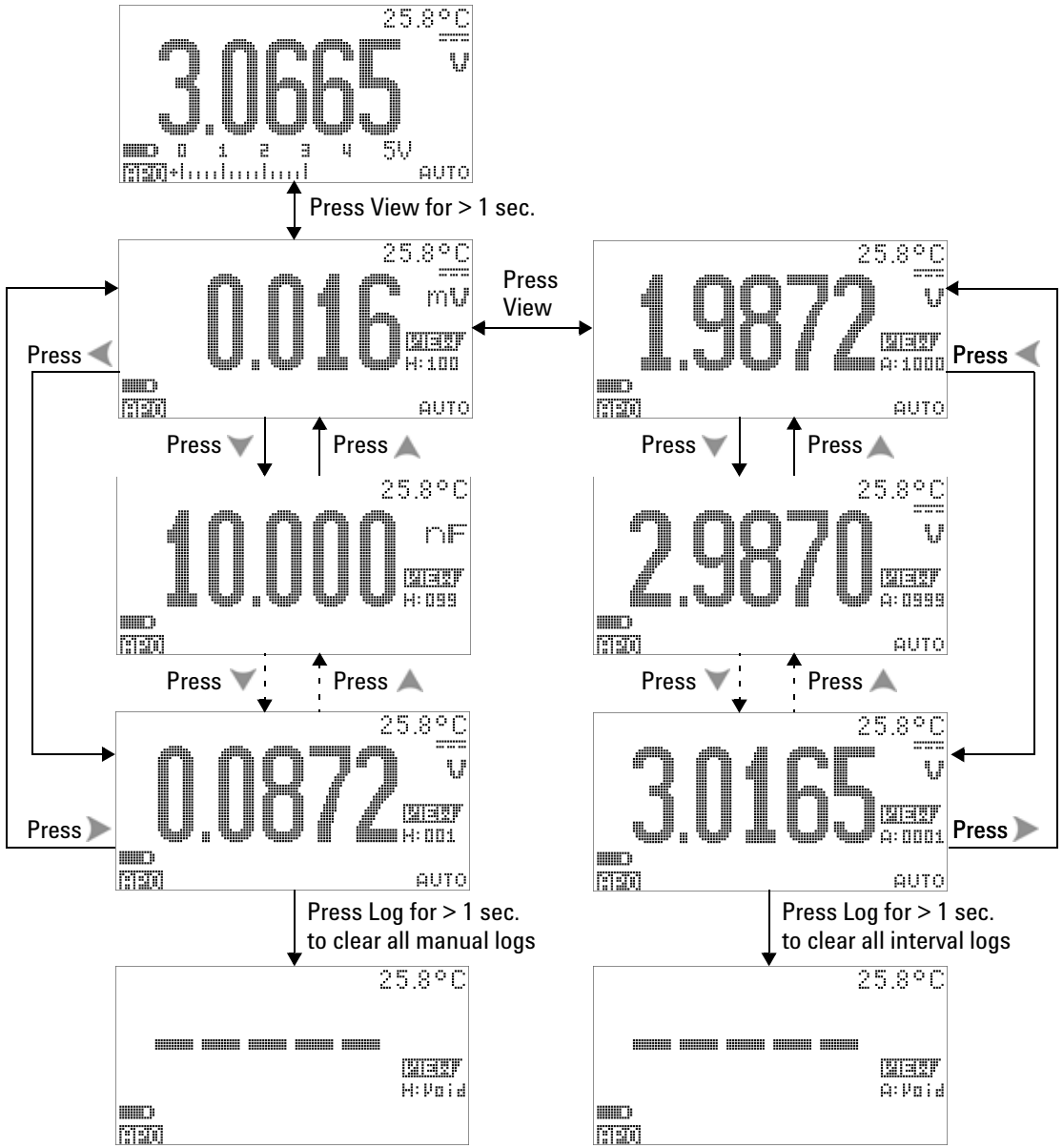

Figure 3-11 Log review mode operation

Square Wave Output

The U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter's square wave output can be used to generate a PWM (pulse width modulation) output or provide a synchronous clock source (baud rate generator). You can also use this function to check and calibrate flow-meter displays, counters, tachometers, oscilloscopes, frequency converters, frequency transmitters, and other frequency input devices.

Selecting square wave output frequency

1 Set the rotary switch to OUT %ms. The default pulse width is 0.8333 ms and default frequency is 600 Hz, as shown on the primary and secondary displays respectively.

2 Press Shift to switch between duty cycle and pulse width for the primary display.

3 Press ◀ or ▶ to scroll through the available frequencies (there are 29 frequencies to choose from).

Table 3-1 Available frequencies for square wave output

Frequency (Hz)
0.5, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 75, 80, 100, 120, 150, 200, 240, 300, 400, 480, 600, 800, 1200, 1600, 2400, 4800

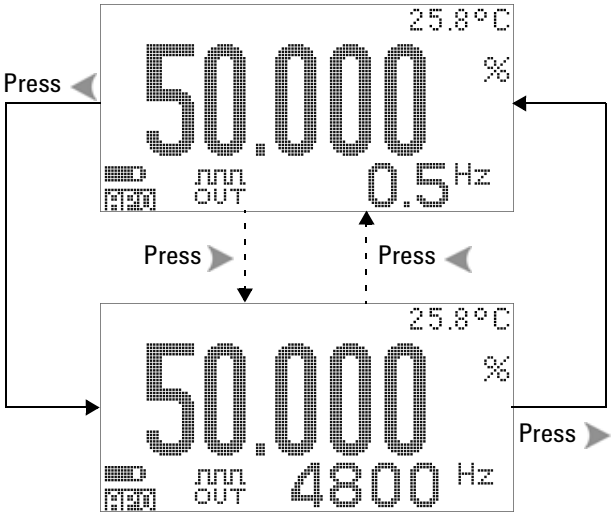

Figure 3-12 Frequency adjustment for square wave output

Selecting square wave output duty cycle

1 Set the rotary switch to OUT %ms.

2 Press Shift to select duty cycle (%) on the primary display.

3 Press ▲ or ▼ to adjust the duty cycle. The duty cycle can be stepped through 256 steps, with each step equivalent to 0.390625%. The best resolution the display can offer is 0.001%.

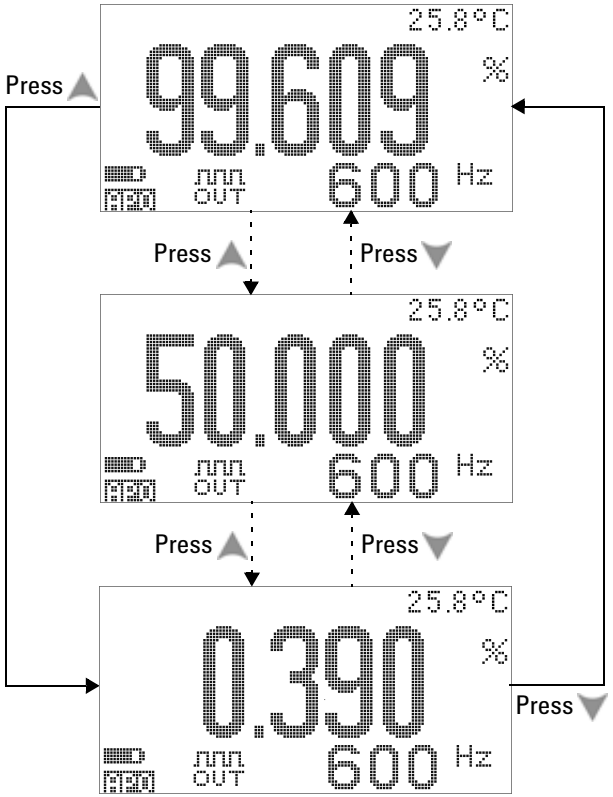

Figure 3-13 Duty cycle adjustment for square wave output

Selecting square wave output pulse width

1 Set the rotary switch to OUT % ms.

2 Press Shift to select pulse width (ms) on the primary display.

3 Press ▲ or ▼ to adjust the pulse width. The pulse width can be stepped through 256 steps, with each step equivalent to 1/(256 × frequency). The displayed pulse width will be automatically adjusted to 5 digits (ranging from 9.9999 to 9999.9 ms).

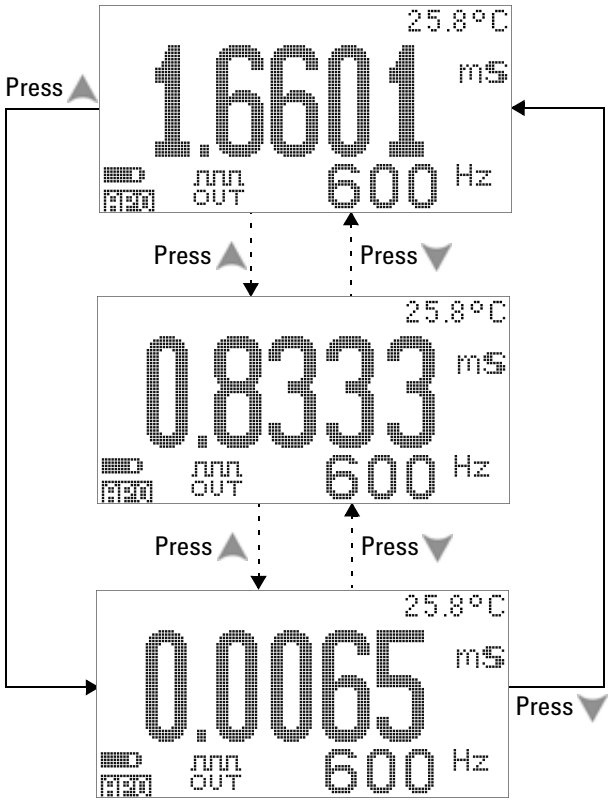

Figure 3-14 Pulse width adjustment for square wave output

Remote Communication

This multimeter has a bidirectional (full duplex) communication capability that enables data transfer from the multimeter to a PC. The required accessory for this is an optional IR-USB cable, to be used with an application software that is downloadable from the Agilent Web site.

For details on performing PC to meter remote communication click on Help after launching the Agilent GUI Data Logger Software or refer to the GUI Data Logger Quick Start Guide (U1251-90003) for more information.

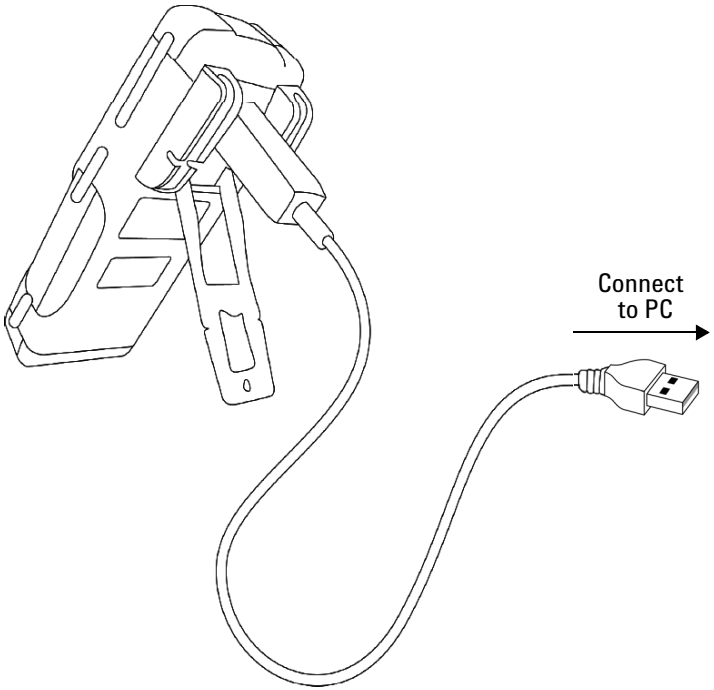

Figure 3-15 Cable connection for remote communication

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4 Changing the Default Settings

This chapter will show you how to change the default factory settings of the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter and other available setting options.

Selecting Setup Mode

To enter Setup mode, press and hold Shift for more than 1 second.

To change a menu item setting in Setup mode, perform the following steps:

1 Press ◀ or ▶ to view the selected menu pages.

2 Press ▲ or ▼ to navigate to the item that needs to be changed.

3 Press Hz to enter the **EDIT** mode for adjusting the item you want to change. When you are in the **EDIT** mode:

   i Press ◀ or ▶ to select which digit to adjust.

   ii Press ▲ or ▼ to adjust the value.

   iii Press Shift to exit **EDIT** mode without saving the changes.

   iv Press Hz to save the changes you have made and exit the **EDIT** mode.

4 Press Shift for more than 1 second to exit Setup mode.

Default Factory Settings and Available Setting Options

The following table shows the various menu items with their respective default settings and available options.

Table 4-1 Default factory settings and available setting options for each feature

Menu	Feature	Default factory setting	Available setting options
1	RHOLD	500	Refresh hold. • To enable this function, select a value within the range of 100 to 9900. • To disable this function, set all digits to zero ("OFF" will be indicated). Note: Select OFF to enable data hold (manual trigger).
	D-LOG	HAND	Available options for data logging: • HAND: manual data logging. • TIME: interval (automatic) data logging, where the interval is according to the LOG TIME setting.
	LOG TIME	0001 S	Logging interval for interval (time) data logging. Select a value within the range of 0001 second to 9999 seconds.
	dB	dBm	• Available options: dBm, dBV, or OFF. • Select OFF to disable this function for normal operation.
	dBm-R	50 Ω	Reference impedance value for dBm measurement. Select a value within the range of 1 Ω to 9999 Ω.

Table 4-1 Default factory settings and available setting options for each feature

Menu	Feature	Default factory setting	Available setting options
2	T-TYPE	K	Thermocouple type. • Available options: K-type or J-type

	T-UNIT	°C	Temperature unit.
			• Available options:
			  ◦ °C/°F: Dual display, °C in primary display, °F in secondary.
			  ◦ °C: Single display, in °C only.
			  ◦ °F/°C: Dual display, °F in primary display, °C in secondary.
			  ◦ °F: Single display, in °F only.
			• Press Range to swap between °C and °F.

	mA-SCALE	4 mA to 20 mA	Percentage scale for mA. • Available options: 4 – 20 mA, 0 – 20 mA, or OFF. • Select OFF to disable this function for normal operation.
	CONTINUITY	SINGLE	Audible continuity. • Available options: SINGLE, OFF, or TONE.
	MIN-Hz	0.5 Hz	Minimum measurement frequency. Available options: 0.5 Hz, 1 Hz, 2 Hz, or 5 Hz.
3	BEEP	2400	Beep frequency. • Available options: 4800 Hz, 2400 Hz, 1200 Hz, 600 Hz, or OFF. • To disable this function, select OFF.
	APO	10 M	Automatic power off. • To enable this function, select a value within the range of 1 minute to 99 minutes. • To disable this function, set all digits to zero (“OFF” will be indicated).
	BACKLIT	HIGH	Default power-on backlight brightness level. Available options: HIGH, MEDIUM, or LOW.
	MELODY	FACTORY	Power-on melody. Available options: FACTORY, USER, or OFF.
	GREETING	FACTORY	Power-on greeting. Available options: FACTORY, USER, or OFF.

Table 4-1 Default factory settings and available setting options for each feature

Menu	Feature	Default factory setting	Available setting options
4	BAUD	9600	Baud rate for remote communication with a PC (remote control). Available options: 2400, 4800, 9600, and 19200.
	DATA BIT	8	Data bit length for remote communication with a PC. Available options: 8 bits or 7 bits (stop bit is always 1 bit).
	PARITY	NONE	Parity bit for remote communication with a PC. Available options: NONE, ODD, or EVEN.
	ECHO	OFF	Return of characters to PC in remote communication. Available options: ON or OFF.
	PRINT	OFF	Prints measured data to a PC in remote communication. Available options: ON or OFF.
5	REVISION	NN.NN	Revision number. Editing is disabled.
	S/N	NNNNNNNN	The last 8 digits of the serial number will be indicated. Editing is disabled.
	V-ALERT	OFF	Audible alert tone for voltage measurement. • To enable this function, select an overvoltage value within the range of 1 V to 1010 V. • To disable this function, set all digits to zero ("OFF" will be indicated).
	M-INITIAL	FACTORY	Initial measurement functions. Available options: FACTORY or USER.
	SMOOTH	NORMAL	Refresh rate for primary display readings. Available options: FAST, NORMAL, or SLOW.
6	DEFAULT	NO	Select YES, then press Hz for longer than 1 second to reset the multimeter to its default factory settings.
	BATTERY	7.2 V	Battery type used for the multimeter. Available options: 7.2 V or 8.4 V.
	DC FILTER	OFF	Filter for DC voltage or DC current measurement. Available options: OFF or ON.

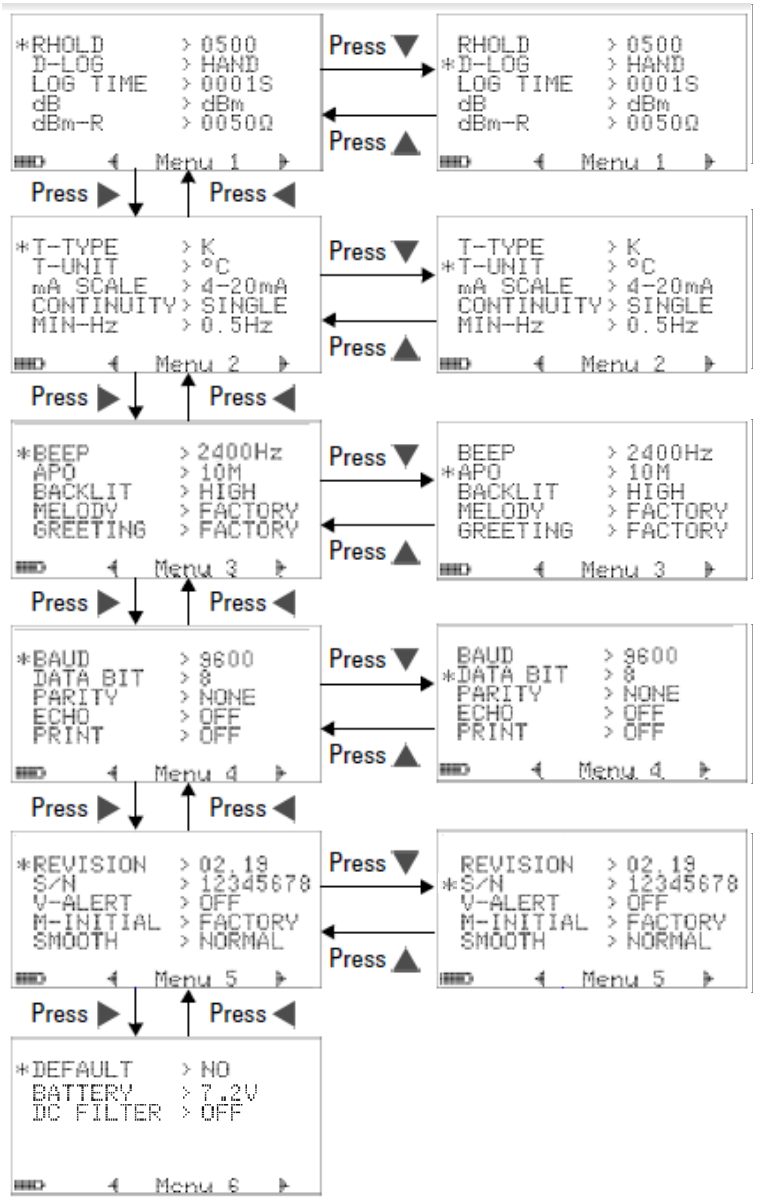


Figure 4-1 Setup menu screens

Setting Data Hold/Refresh Hold mode

1 Set menu item RHOLD to “OFF” to enable Data Hold mode (manual trigger by key or bus via remote control).

2 Set menu item RHOLD within the range of 100 to 9900 to enable Refresh Hold mode (automatic trigger). Once the variation of measured values exceeds this value (which is the variation count), the Refresh Hold will be ready to trigger and hold a new value.

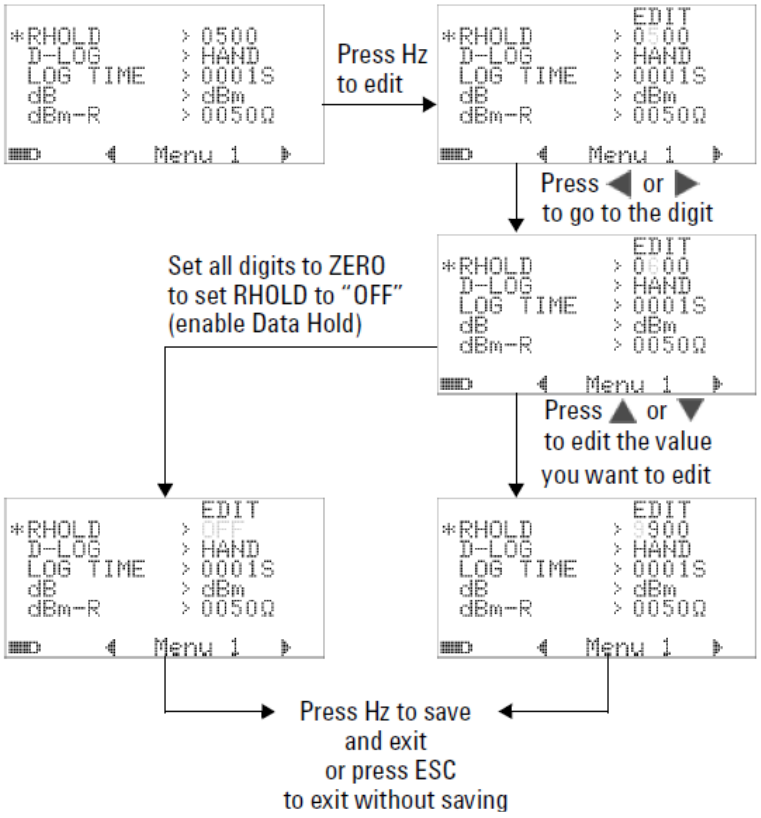


Figure 4-2 Data Hold/Refresh Hold setup

Setting data logging mode

1 Set to “HAND” to enable manual (hand) data logging, or set to “TIME” to enable interval (time) data logging. Refer to Figure 4-3 below.

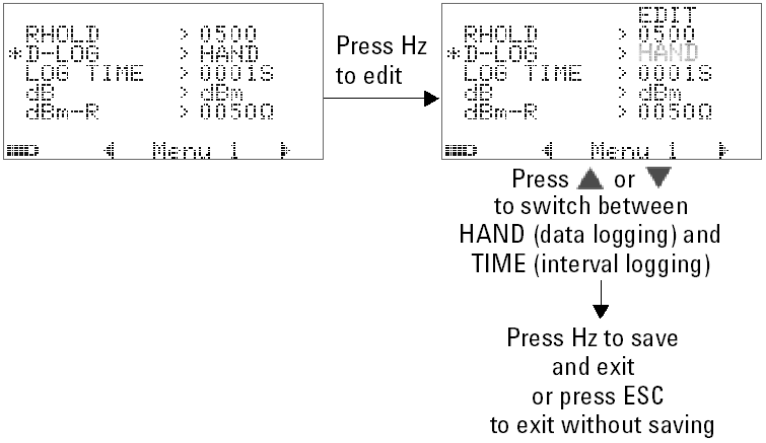


Figure 4-3 Data logging setup

2 For interval (time) data logging, set the LOG TIME within the range of 0001 second to 9999 seconds to specify the data logging interval.

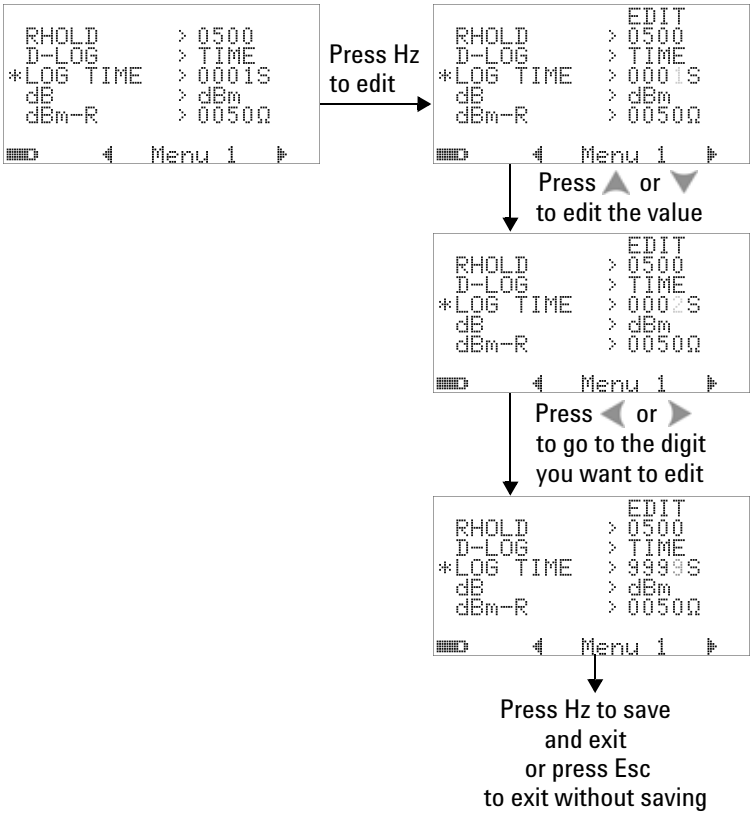


Figure 4-4 Log time setup for interval (time) logging

Setting dB measurement

The decibel unit can be disabled by setting this to “OFF”. The available options are dBm, dBV, and OFF. For dBm measurement, the reference impedance can be set by the “dBm-R” menu item.

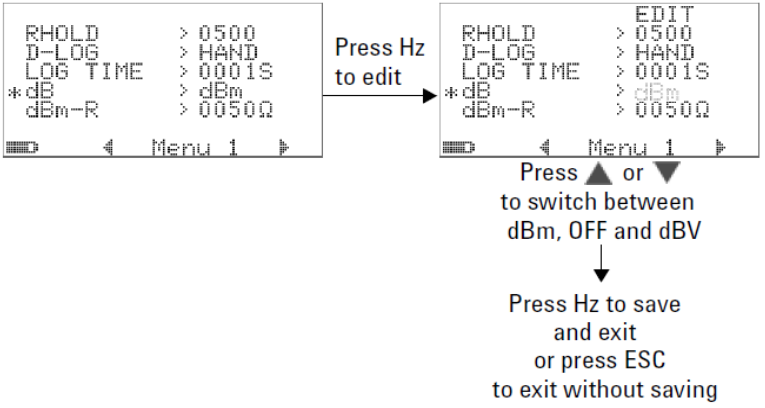


Figure 4-5 Decibel measurement setup

Setting reference impedance for dBm measurement

The reference impedance for dBm measurement can be set to any value within the range of 1 to 9999 Ω. The default value is 50 Ω.

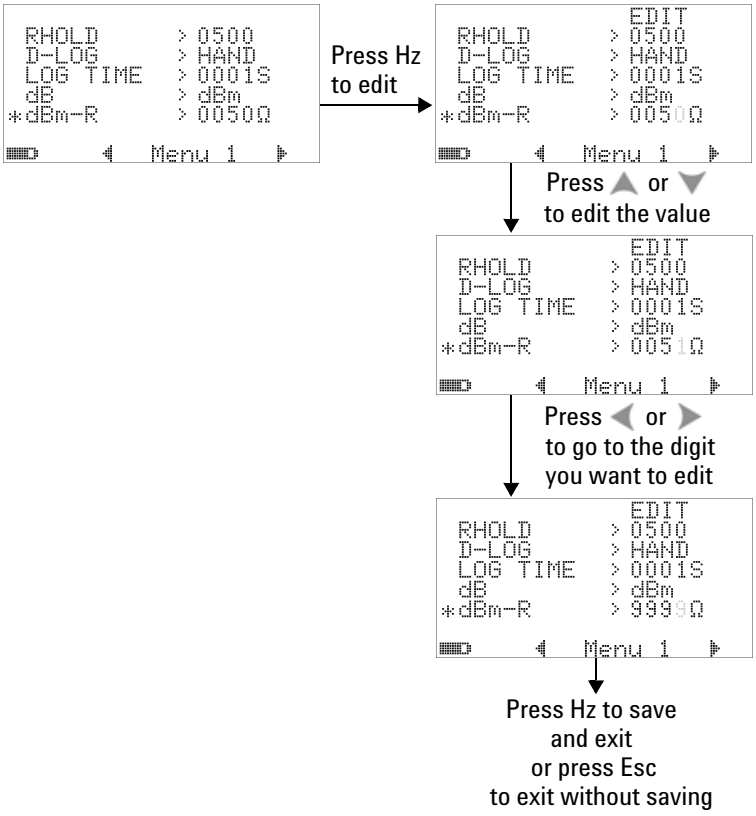


Figure 4-6 Setting up the reference impedance for dBm unit

Setting thermocouple types

The types of thermocouple sensor that can be selected are J-type and K-type. The default type is K-type.

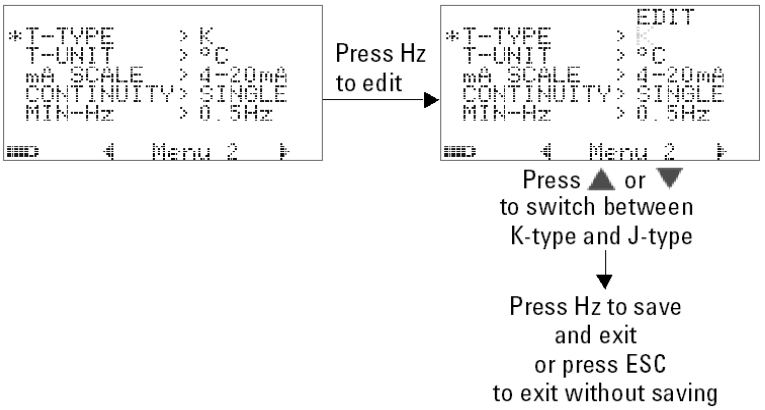


Figure 4-7 Thermocouple type setup

Setting temperature unit

The temperature unit setting at power on

Four combinations of displayed unit(s) are available:

1. Celsius only: °C single display.
2. Celsius/Fahrenheit: °C/°F dual display; °C on primary, and °F on secondary.
3. Fahrenheit only: °F single display.
4. Fahrenheit/Celsius: °F/°C dual display; °F on primary, and °C on secondary.

NOTE

The temperature unit setting at power on is locked by default and thus temperature unit editing is not allowed unless it is unlocked.

Press and hold for more than 1 second to unlock the temperature unit setting and the lock sign will be removed.

Press for more than 1 second to lock the temperature unit setting.

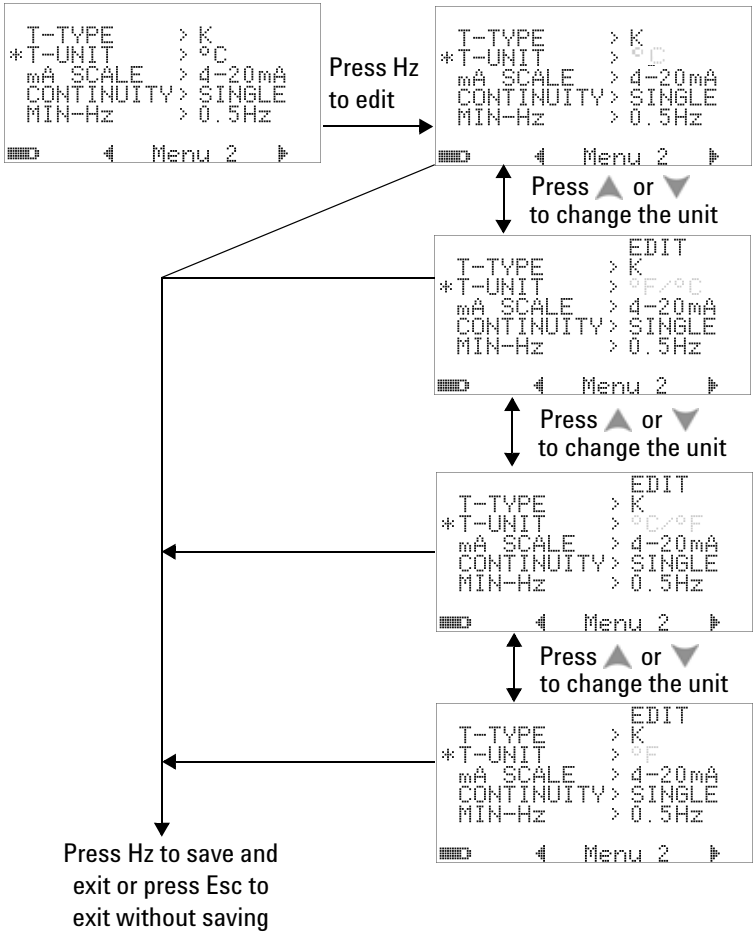


Figure 4-8 Temperature unit setup

Setting percentage scale readout

This setting converts the DC current measurement display to percentage scale readout: 0% to 100% based on a range of 4 mA to 20 mA or 0 mA to 20 mA. For example, a 25% readout represents a DC current of 8 mA for the 4 mA to 20 mA range, or a DC current of 5 mA for the 0 mA to 20 mA range. To disable this function, set this to “OFF”.

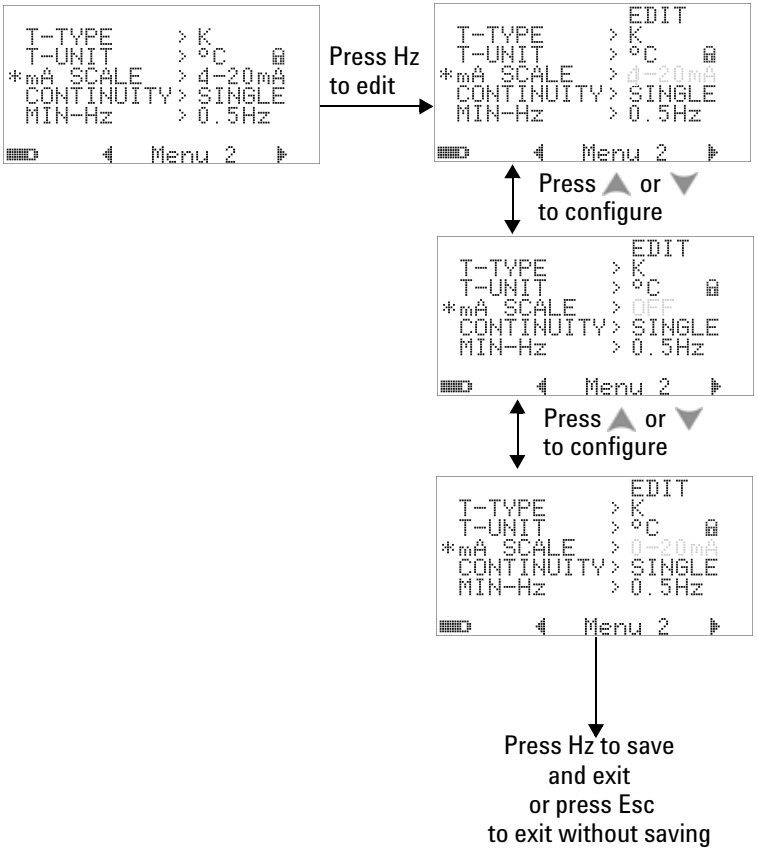


Figure 4-9 Setting up percentage scale readout

Sound setting for continuity test

This setting determines the sound used in the continuity test. Select "SINGLE" for a single-frequency beep, select “OFF” for a silent beep, or select "TONE" for a continuous string of beeps with varying frequencies.

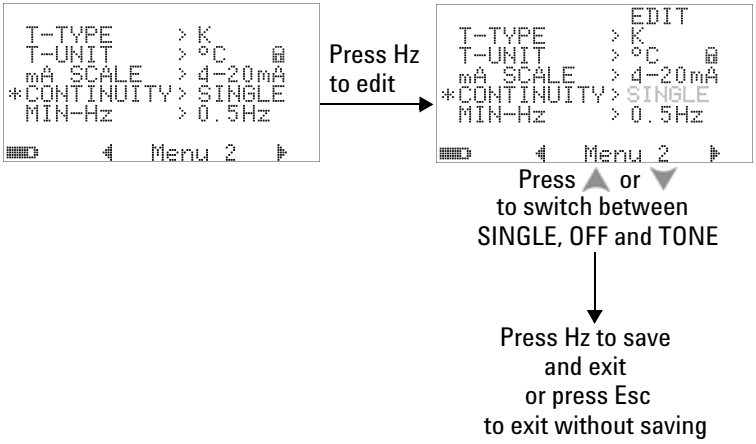


Figure 4-10 Choosing the sound used in continuity test

Setting minimum measurable frequency

The setup for minimum measurable frequency will influence the measurement rates for frequency, duty cycle, and pulse width. The typical measurement rate as defined in the specification is based on a minimum measurable frequency of 1 Hz.

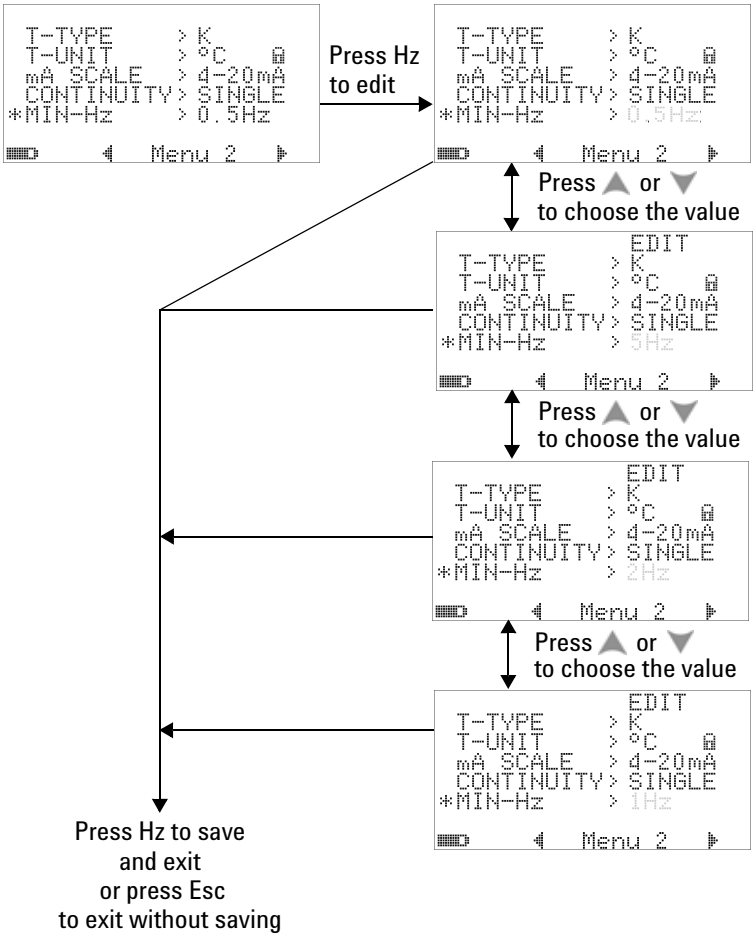


Figure 4-11 Minimum frequency setup

Setting beep frequency

The beep frequency can be set to 4800 Hz, 2400 Hz, 1200 Hz, or 600 Hz. “OFF” disables the beep.

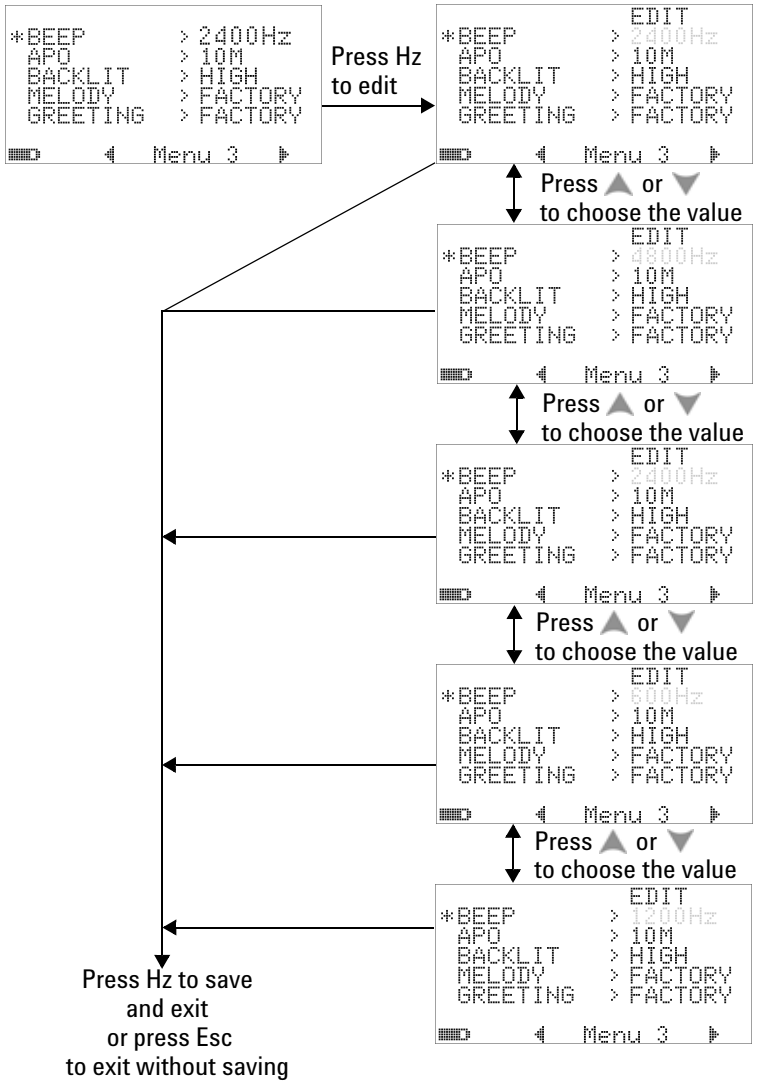


Figure 4-12 Beep frequency setup

Setting Auto Power Off mode

- To enable Auto Power Off (APO) set the timer to any value within the range of 1 to 99 minutes.
- The multimeter may turn off automatically (with APO enabled) if neither of the following happens within that time period:
  - Any push-button is pressed.
  - A measurement function is changed.
  - Dynamic recording is set.
  - 1 ms peak hold is set.
  - APO is disabled in the Setup mode.
- To activate the multimeter after auto power off, simply press any button or change the rotary switch position.
- To disable APO, select OFF. When APO is disabled, the  annunciator will be turned off. The multimeter will remain on until you manually turn the rotary switch to the OFF position.

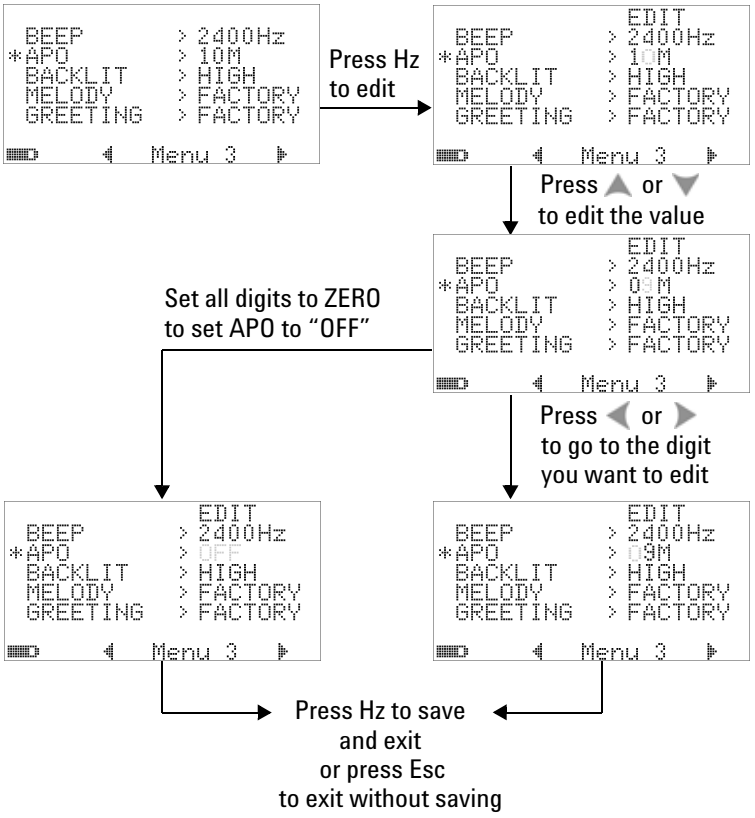


Figure 4-13 Automatic power saving setup

Setting power-on backlight brightness level

The brightness level that is displayed when the multimeter turns on can be set to HIGH, MEDIUM, or LOW.

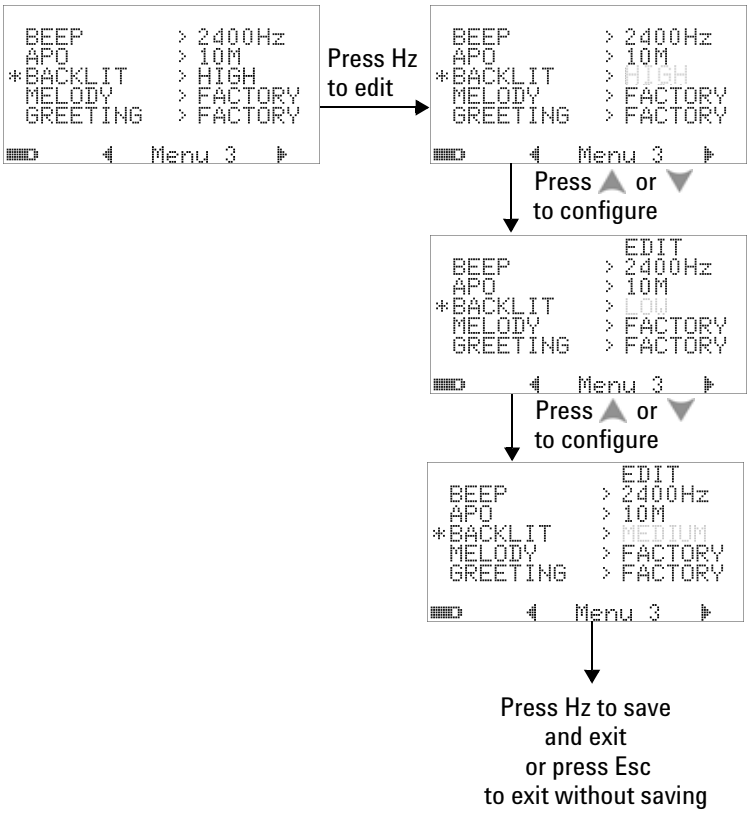


Figure 4-14 Power-on backlight setup

While using the multimeter, you may adjust the brightness at any time by pressing the ☼ button.

Setting the power-on melody

The melody that is played when the multimeter turns on can be set to FACTORY, USER, or OFF. The USER setting is factory reserved.

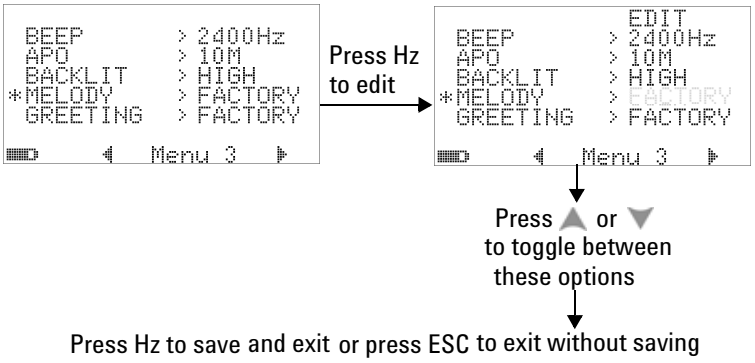


Figure 4-15 Power-on melody setup

Setting the power-on greeting screen

The greeting screen that is displayed when the multimeter turns on can be set to FACTORY, USER, or OFF. The USER setting is factory reserved.

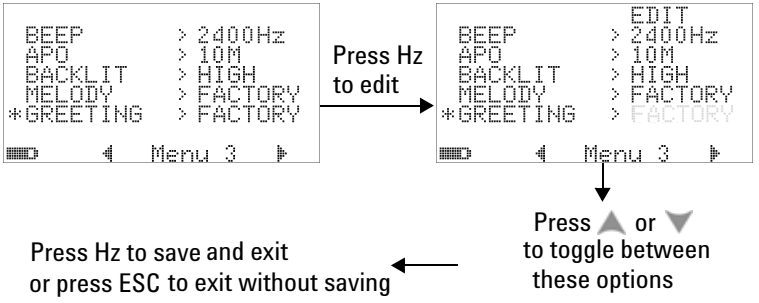


Figure 4-16 Power-on greeting setup

Setting baud rate

The baud rate used in the remote communication with a PC can be set as 2400, 4800, 9600, or 19200 bits/second.

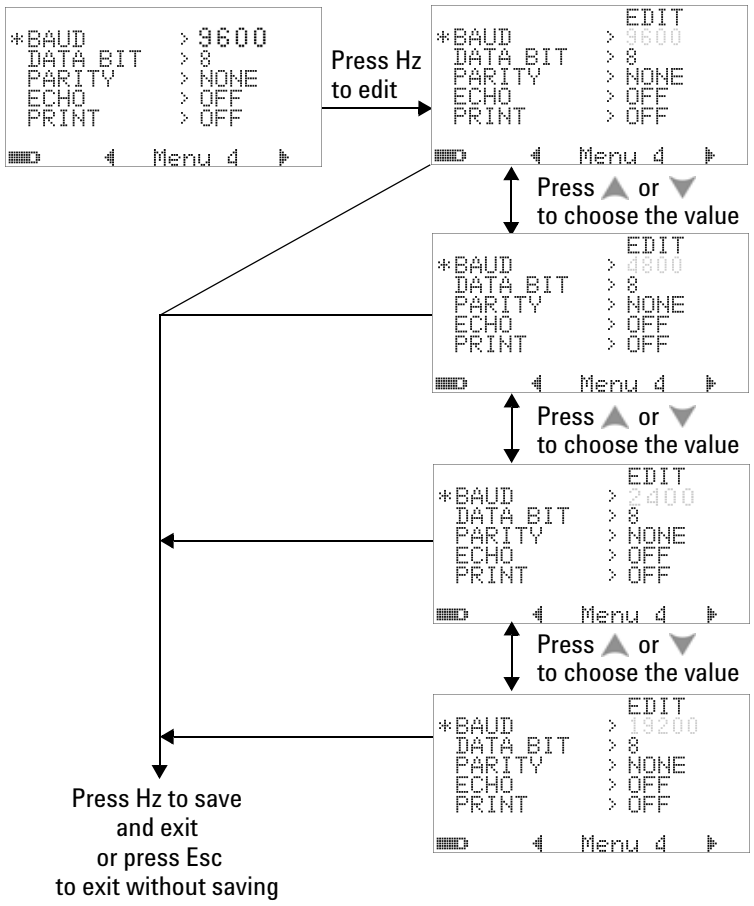


Figure 4-17 Baud rate setup for remote control

Setting data bits

The number of data bits (data width) for remote communication with a PC can be set to either 8 or 7 bits. The number of stop bit is always 1, and this cannot be changed.

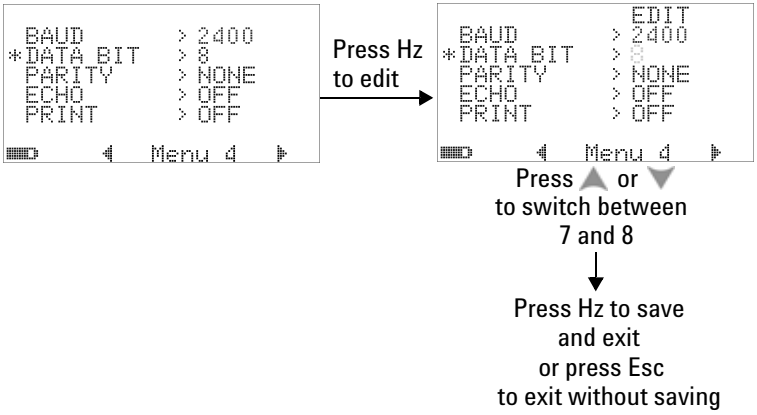


Figure 4-18 Data bits setup for remote control

Setting parity check

The parity check for remote communication with a PC can be set to either NONE, ODD, or EVEN.

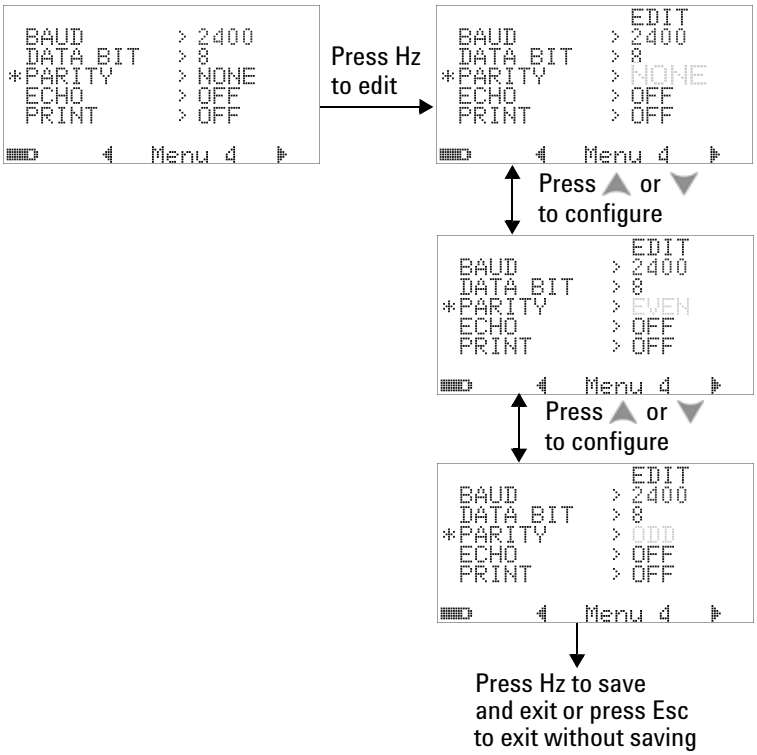


Figure 4-19 Parity check setup for remote control

Setting echo mode

- Turning echo mode to “ON” enables the transmitted characters to be echoed on the PC in remote communication.
- This is useful when developing PC programs which use SCPI commands. It is recommended that you disable this function during normal operation.

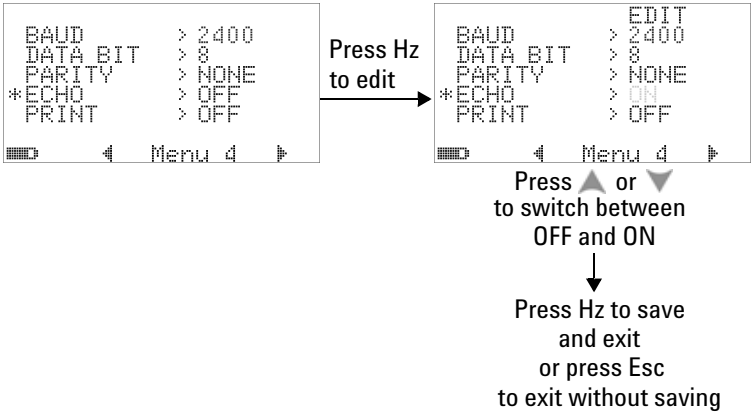


Figure 4-20 Echo mode setup for remote control

Setting print mode

Turning print mode “ON” enables the printing of measured data to a PC that is connected to the multimeter via the remote interface when a measurement cycle is completed.

In this mode, the multimeter continuously sends the latest data to the host, but does not accept any commands from the host.

The  indicator flashes during print operation.

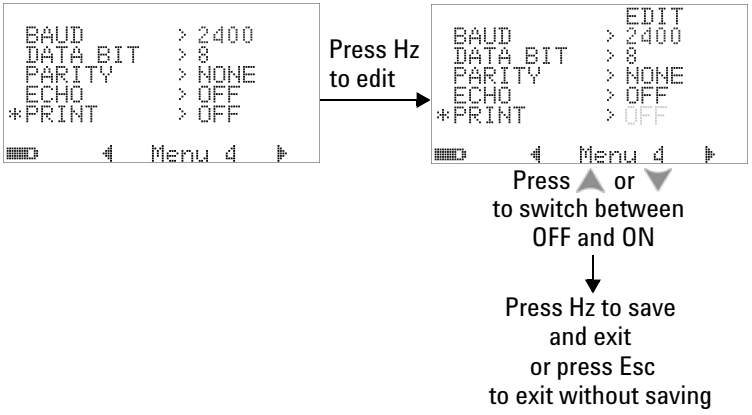


Figure 4-21 Print mode setup for remote control

Revision

The revision number of the firmware will be indicated.

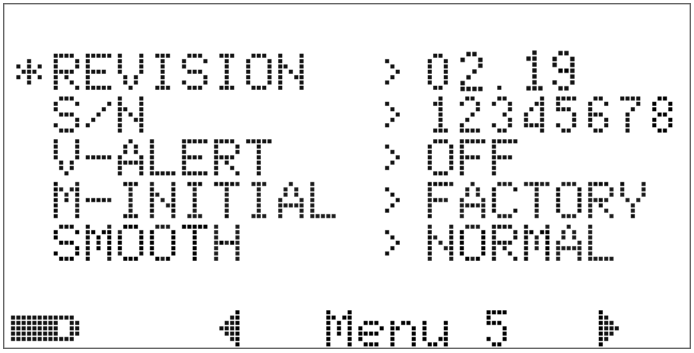


Figure 4-22 Revision number

Serial number

The last 8 digits of the serial number will be indicated.

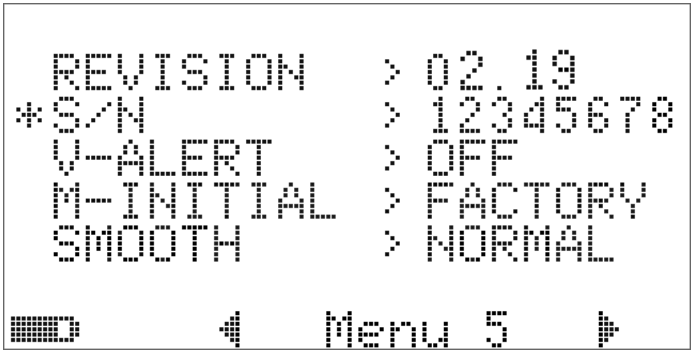


Figure 4-23 Serial number

Voltage alert

To enable an alert tone for overvoltage, select an overvoltage value within the range of 1 V to 1010 V.

To disable this function, set all digits to 0 (“OFF”).

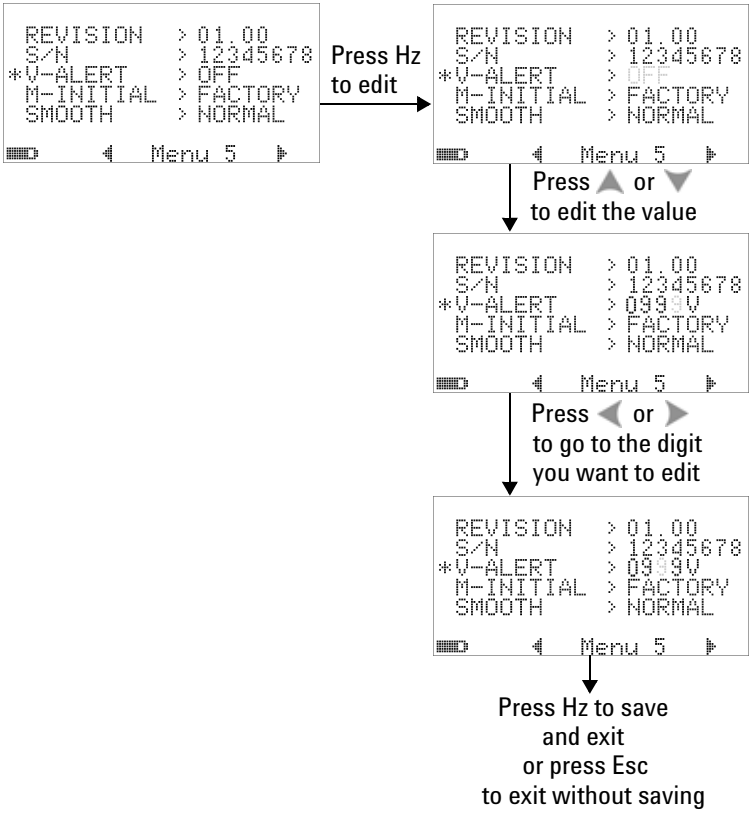


Figure 4-24 Voltage alert setup

M-initial

You may select the initial measurement functions as FACTORY or USER. The initial measurement functions and range can be set according to Table 4-2 below.

Table 4-2 Available settings for M-initial

Function position		Function setting	Range setting
F1	~ V	AC V	Auto or manual ranges
F2	≂ V	DC V, AC V, AC+DC V	Auto or manual ranges
F3	≂ mV	DC mV, AC mV, AC+DC mV	Auto or manual ranges
F4	nS Ω	Ohm, nS	Auto or manual ranges
F5	Hz ⊣▶⊢	Diode, frequency counter	No range setting
F6	⊣⊢	Temperature, capacitance	Auto or manual ranges
F7	µA ≂	DC µA, AC µA, AC+DC µA	Auto or manual ranges
F8	mA·A ≂	DC mA, AC mA, AC+DC mA	Auto or manual ranges
F8A	mA·A ≂	DC A, AC A, AC+DC A	Auto or manual ranges
F9	⎍⎍ % OUT ms	29 different frequencies	Duty cycle = (N/256) × 100% Pulse width = (N/256) × (1/frequency)

Each rotary switch position is assigned a default measurement function and a default measurement range.

As example, when you turn the rotary switch to the Hz ⊣▶⊢ position, the initial measurement function is diode measurement according to the default factory setting. In order to choose the frequency counter function you require, press the Shift button.

For another example, when you turn the rotary switch to the ~ V position, the initial measurement range is Auto according to default factory setting. In order to choose a different range, you will have to press the Range button.

If you prefer to have a different set of initial measurement functions, change the M-INITIAL setting to USER, and press the Hz button. The multimeter will then enter the **INIT** pages. Please refer to Figure 4-25.

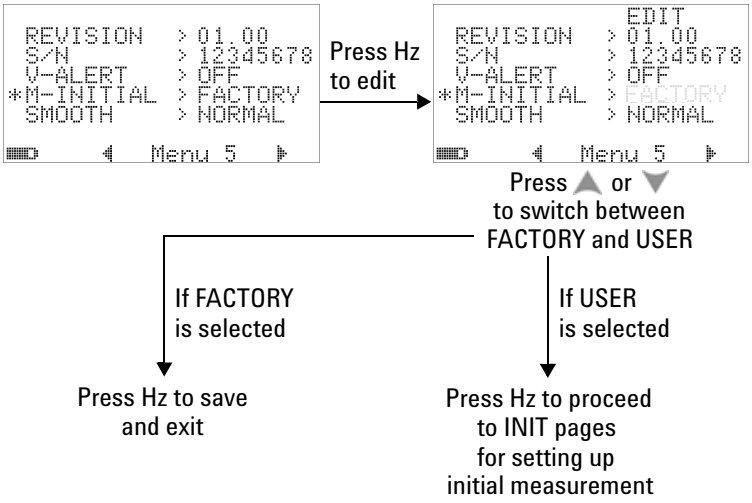


Figure 4-25 Setting initial measurement functions

In the **INIT** pages, you may define your preferred initial measurement functions. Please refer to Figure 4-26.

Press ◀ or ▶ to navigate between the two INIT pages. Press ▲ or ▼ to choose which initial function you want to change.

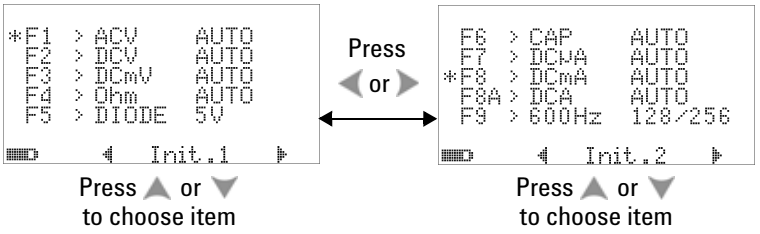


Figure 4-26 Navigating between the initial functions pages

Then press Hz to enter the **EDIT** mode.

In the **EDIT** mode, Press ▲ or ▼ to change the initial (default) measurement range of a selected function. For example, Figure 4-27 below shows the initial range of the AC voltage measurement function at the F1 position changed to 1000 V (default was Auto).

Press ▲ or ▼ to change the initial measurement function of a selected rotary switch position. For example, Figure 4-27 below shows the initial measurement function of the F5 position changed from DIODE to FC (frequency counter).

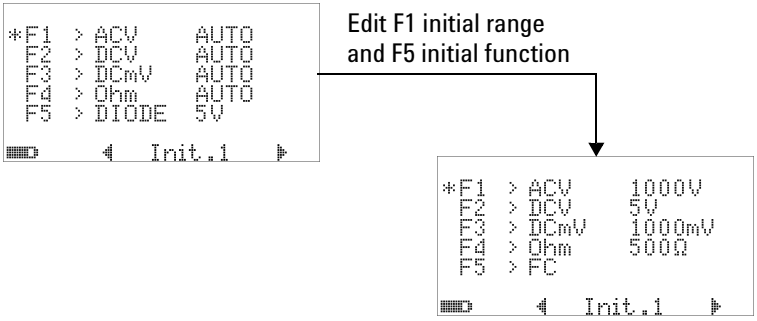


Figure 4-27 Editing initial measurement function/range

As another example, Figure 4-28 below illustrates that:

- The F6 default function is changed from capacitance measurement to temperature measurement;

- The F7 default measurement range for DC µA is changed from Auto to 5000 µA;
- The F8 default measurement range for DC mA is changed from Auto to 50 mA;
- The F8A default measurement range for DC A is changed from Auto to 5 A;
- The F9 default output values for pulse width and duty cycle are both changed from the 128th step (0.8333 ms for pulse width and 50.000% for duty cycle) to the 255th step (1.6601 ms for pulse width and 99.609%).

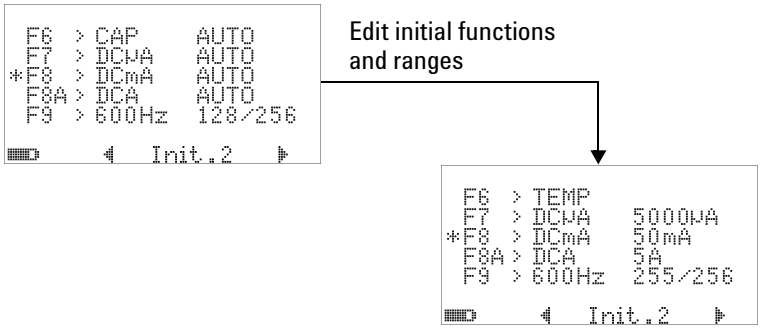


Figure 4-28 Editing initial measurement function/range and initial output values

After making the desired changes, press Hz to save the changes. Press Shift exit the **EDIT** mode.

If you reset the multimeter to its default factory settings (see "Returning to default factory settings" on page 120), your settings for M-INITIAL will also revert to the factory defaults.

Smooth refresh rate

The SMOOTH mode (FAST, NORMAL or SLOW options) is used to smoothen the refresh rate of the readings, in order to reduce the impact of unexpected noise and helps to get a stable reading. It applies to all measurement functions except capacitance and frequency counter (including duty cycle and pulse width measurements). The default option is NORMAL.

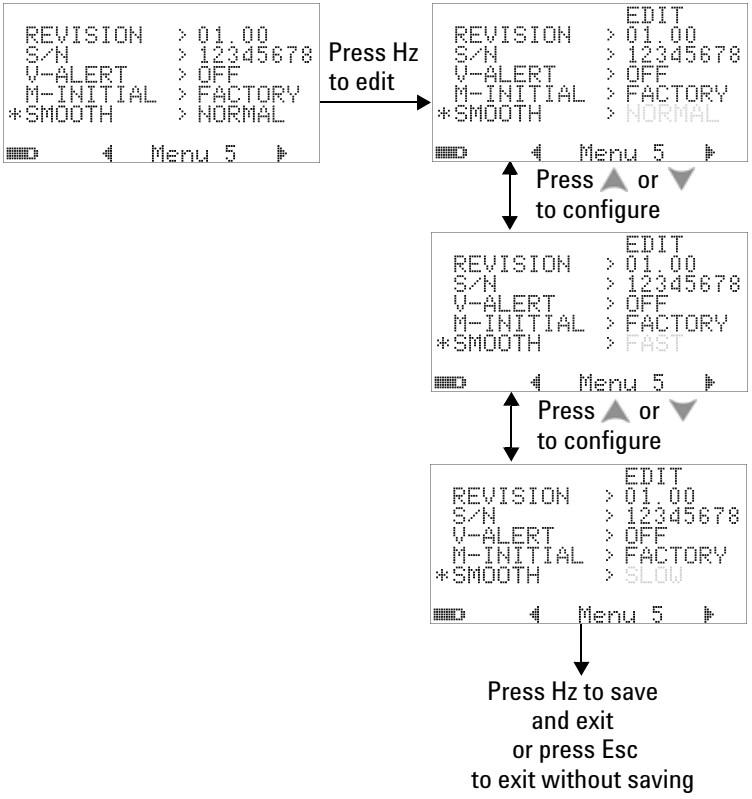


Figure 4-29 Refresh rate for primary display readings

Returning to default factory settings

- Set to “YES”, then press Hz for more than 1 second to reset to default factory settings (all except the temperature setting).
- The Reset menu item automatically reverts to menu page 1 after a reset has taken place.

Figure 4-30 Resetting to default factory settings

Setting the battery type

The battery type for the multimeter can be set to either 7.2 V or 8.4 V.

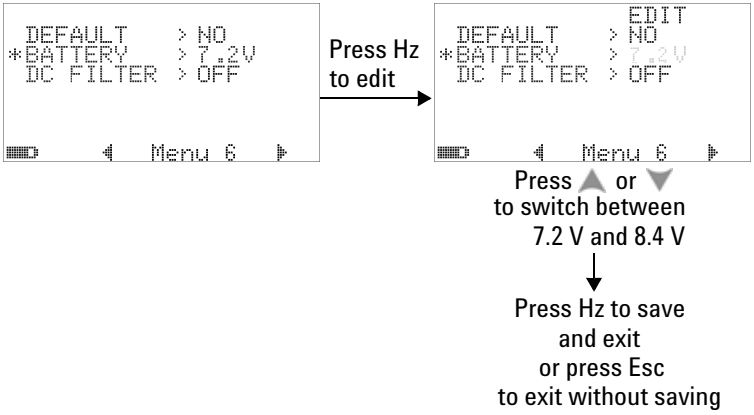


Figure 4-31 Battery type selection

Setting the Filter

This setting is used to filter AC signals in the DC measuring path. The DC filter is set to “ON” by default.

Table 4-3 Firmware version 2.25 or older

Parameter	Range	Default setting
FiLtEr	on or oFF	oFF

Table 4-4 Firmware version 2.26 or newer

Parameter	Range	Default setting
FiLtEr	on or oFF	oN

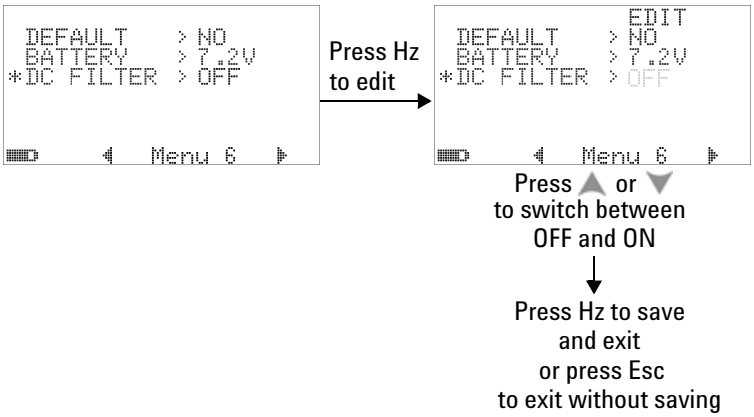


Figure 4-32 Filter

NOTE

- When the Filter is enabled, the measurement speed may decrease during DC voltage measurement.
- During AC or Hz measurement (on primary or secondary display), DC filter will be automatically disabled.

5 Maintenance

This chapter will help you to troubleshoot if the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter malfunctions.

Introduction

CAUTION Any repair or service which is not covered in this manual should only be performed by qualified personnel.

General maintenance

WARNING **Ensure that terminal connections are correct for a particular measurement before making the measurement. To avoid damaging the device, do not exceed the rated input limit.**

Dirt or moisture in the terminals can distort readings. Cleaning procedures are as follows:

1 Turn the multimeter off and remove the test leads.

2 Turn the multimeter over and shake out any dirt that may have accumulated in the terminals.

3 Wipe the case with a damp cloth and mild detergent – do not use abrasives or solvents. Wipe the contacts in each terminal with a clean cotton swab moistened with alcohol.

Battery replacement

This multimeter is powered by a 9 V Ni-MH rechargeable battery (7.2 nominal voltage) or 9 V Ni-MH rechargeable battery (8.4 V nominal voltage). Use only the specified type (refer to Figure 5-1 below). Alternatively you may also use a 9 V Alkaline battery (ANSI/NEDA 1604A or IEC 6LR61) or a 9 V Carbon-zinc battery (ANSI/NEDA 1604D or IEC6F22) to power the U1253B.

To ensure that the multimeter performs as specified, it is recommended that you replace the battery as soon as the low-battery indicator is displayed flashing. If your multimeter has a rechargeable battery inside, please go to "Charging the battery" on page 128. The procedures for battery replacement are as follows:

NOTE The U1253B comes supplied with a 9 V Ni-MH rechargeable battery, 8.4 V nominal voltage.

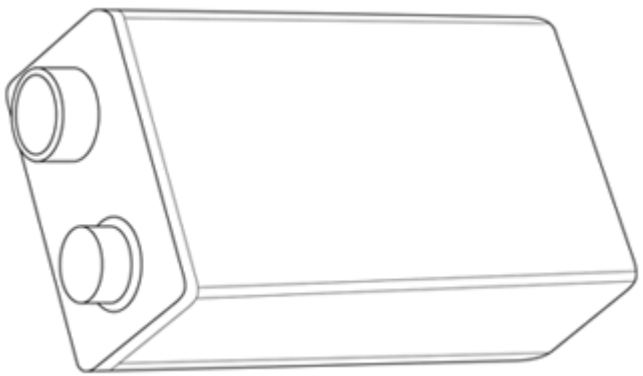


Figure 5-1 9 V rectangular battery

1 On the rear panel, turn the screw on the battery cover counterclockwise from the LOCK position to OPEN.

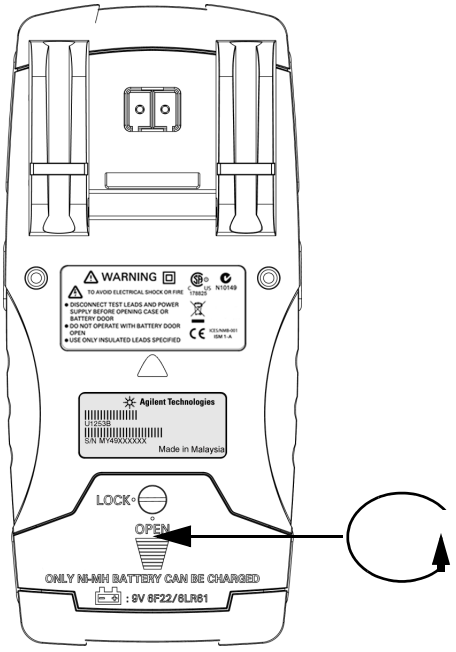


Figure 5-2 Rear panel of the Agilent U1253B True RMS OLED Multimeter

2 Slide the battery cover down.

3 Lift the battery cover up.

4 Replace with the specified battery.

5 Reverse the procedures of opening the cover to close it.

NOTE

List of compatible batteries for the Agilent U1253B :

- 9 V Alkaline non-chargeable battery (ANSI/NEDA 1604A or IEC 6LR61)
- 9 V Carbon-zinc non-chargeable battery (ANSI/NEDA 1604D or IEC6F22)
- 9 V size 300 mAH Ni-MH rechargeable battery, 7.2 V nominal voltage
- 9 V size 250 mAH Ni-MH rechargeable battery, 8.4 V nominal voltage

Storage considerations

CAUTION

To avoid instrument damage from battery leakage:

- Always remove dead batteries immediately.
- It is recommended that the battery is removed and stored separately if the multimeter is to be unused for long periods of time.

After the first charge, it is recommended that you fully charge the battery periodically, even when it is not in use. This is because the Ni-MH rechargeable battery pack may drain with time.

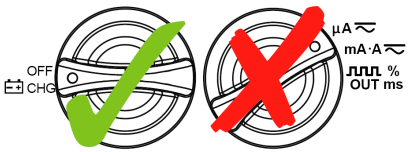
NOTE

The performance of the rechargeable battery may degrade with time.

Charging the battery

WARNING **Do not discharge the battery by shorting it or subjecting it to reverse polarity. Make sure a battery is rechargeable before charging it. Do not rotate the rotary switch when the battery is being charged.**

CAUTION



- Do not rotate the rotary switch from OFF CHG position when charging the battery.
- Perform battery charging only with a 9 V Ni-MH rechargeable battery (7.2 V nominal voltage) or 9 V size Ni-MH rechargeable battery (8.4 V nominal voltage)
- Disconnect test leads from all the terminals when charging the battery.
- Ensure proper insertion of battery in the multimeter, and follow the correct polarity.

NOTE For the battery charger, the mains supply voltage fluctuations must not exceed ±10%.

A new rechargeable battery comes in a discharged condition and must be charged before use. Upon initial use (or after a prolonged storage period), the battery may require three to four charge/discharge cycles before achieving maximum capacity. To discharge, simply run the multimeter under the battery's power until it shuts down or the low battery warning appears.

It is strongly recommended that you use the specified 24-volt DC adapter included as an accessory to charge the rechargeable battery. Never rotate the rotary switch while the battery is being charged because a DC voltage of 24 V is applied to the charging terminals. Follow the procedures below to charge the battery:

1 Remove the test leads from the multimeter.

2 Turn the rotary switch to OFF CHG.

3 Plug the DC adapter into a power outlet.

4 Insert the red (+) and black (–) banana plugs (4 mm plugs) of the DC adapter to the CHG and COM terminals respectively. Ensure that the polarity of the connection is correct.

NOTE The DC adapter can be replaced with a DC power supply set at DC 24 V with an overcurrent limit of 0.5 A.

5 The display will show a countdown timer of 10 seconds for the self-test to start. The multimeter will output short single-tone sounds to remind you to charge the battery. Press Shift to start charging the battery, or the multimeter will automatically start charging after 10 seconds. It is recommended not to charge the battery if the battery capacity is over 90%.

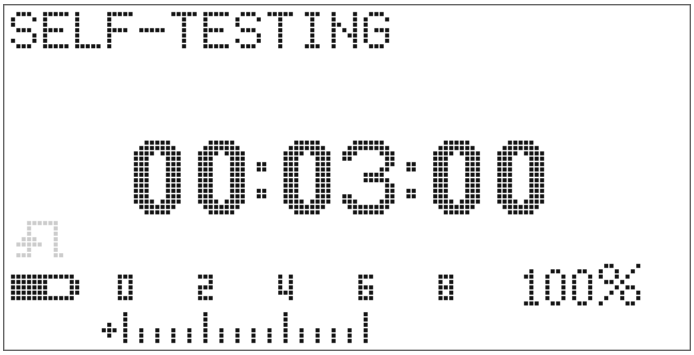


Figure 5-3 Self-testing time display

Table 5-1 Battery voltage and corresponding percentage of charges in standby and charging modes

Condition	Battery voltage	Proportional percentage
Trickle	7.0 V to 9.6 V	0% to 100%
Charging	7.2 V to 10.0 V	0% to 100%

6 After pressing Shift or in the case of a restart, the multimeter will perform a self-test to check whether the battery inside the multimeter is a rechargeable battery. This self-test will take 3 minutes. Avoid pressing any of the push-buttons during the self-test. If there is any error, the multimeter will display error messages as shown in Table 5-2 on page 131.

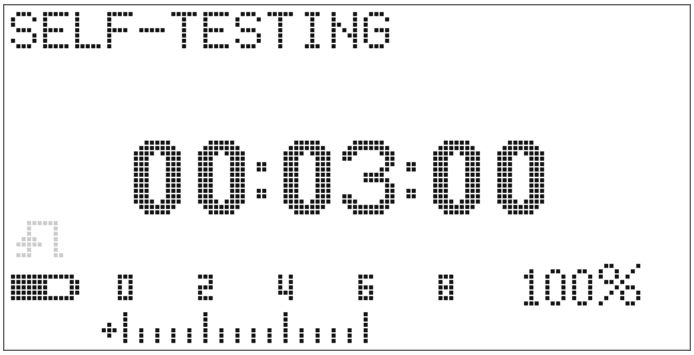
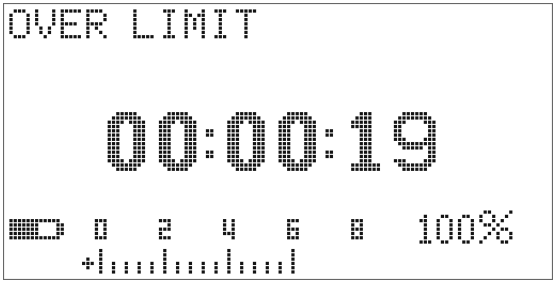
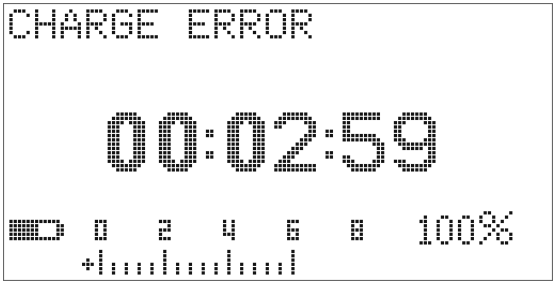


Figure 5-4 Performing self-test

Table 5-2 Error messages

Error	Error message
OVER LIMIT **1** No battery inside **2** Faulty battery **3** Battery is fully charged	
CHARGE ERROR **1** If charging battery more than 12 V or less than 5 V **2** In 3 minutes, if the battery voltage does not go upwards then charge error	

NOTE

- If the **OVER LIMIT** message is displayed, and there is a battery inside the multimeter, please do not charge the battery.
- If the **CHARGE ERROR** message is displayed, check whether the battery is the specified type. For the correct battery type, refer to "List of compatible batteries for the Agilent U1253B :" on page 127. Please ensure that the battery in the multimeter is the specified type of rechargeable battery before charging it. After replacing any wrong battery with the correct specified type of rechargeable battery, press Shift to redo the self-test. Replace with a new battery if the **CHARGE ERROR** message is again displayed.

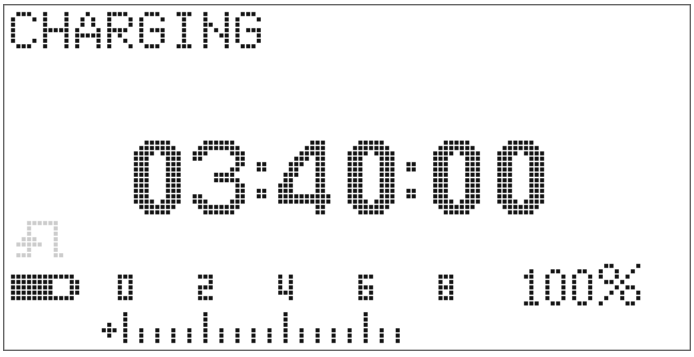


Figure 5-5 Charging mode

7 The smart charging mode will start if the battery passes the self-test. The charging time is limited to within 220 minutes. This ensures that the battery will not be charged for more than 220 minutes. The display will count down the charging time. When battery charging is in progress, none of the push-buttons can be operated. To avoid overcharging the battery, the charging may be stopped with an error message during the charging process.

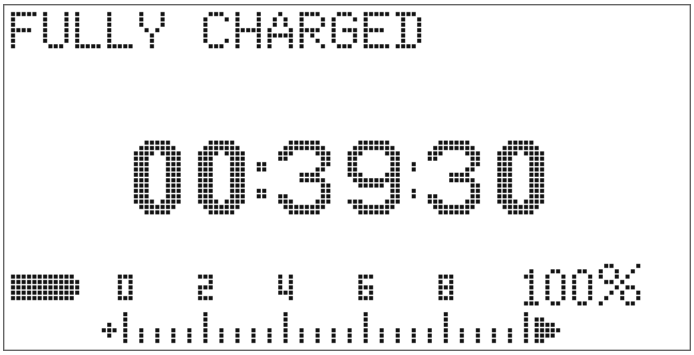


Figure 5-6 Fully charged and in the trickle state

8 Once the charging is completed, the **FULLY CHARGED** message will be displayed. A trickle charging current will be drawn to maintain the battery capacity.

9 Remove the DC adapter when the battery has been fully charged.

CAUTION Do not turn the rotary switch before removing the adapter from the terminals.

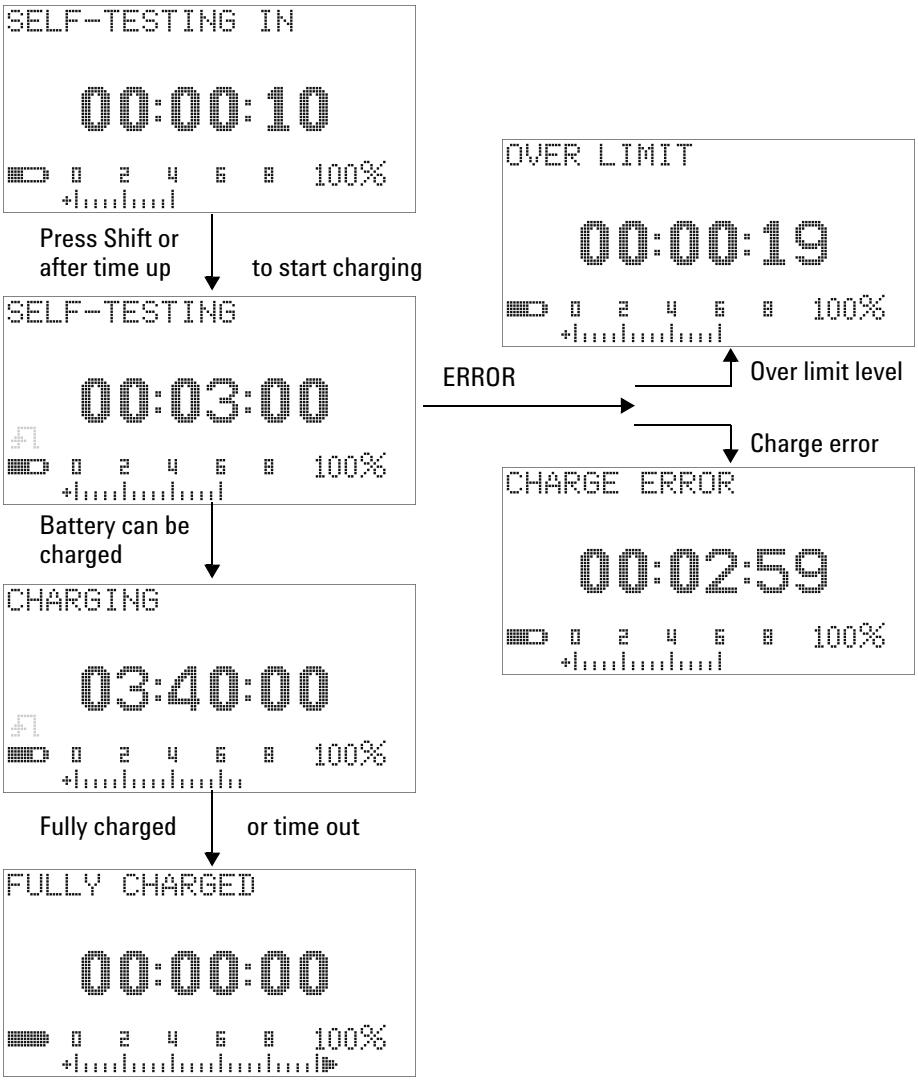


Figure 5-7 Battery charging procedures

Fuse checking procedure

It is recommended that you check the fuses of the multimeter before using it. Follow the instructions below to test the fuses inside the multimeter. Refer to Figure 5-9 for the respective positions of Fuse 1 and Fuse 2.

1 Set the rotary switch to nS Ω.

2 Connect the red test lead to the input terminal Ω·T V·mV.

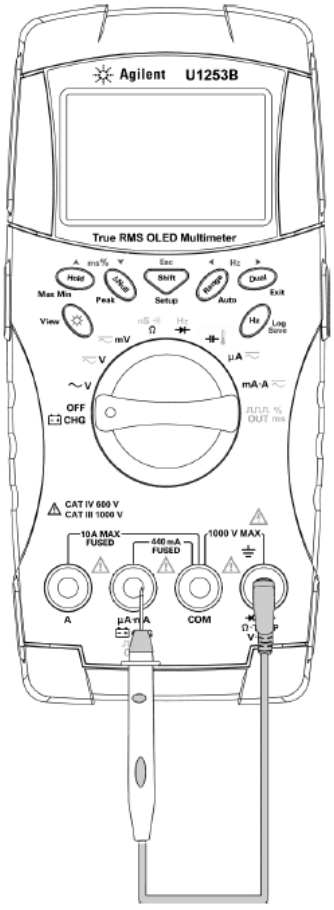


Figure 5-8 Fuse checking procedures

3 To test Fuse 1, place the tip of the test probe on the right half of input terminal µA·mA CHG OUT. Ensure that the probe tip touches the metal inside the input terminal, as shown in Figure 5-8.

4 To test Fuse 2, place and touch the tip of the test probe on the right half of input terminal **A**. Ensure that the probe tip touches the metal inside the input terminal.

5 Observe the reading on the instrument's display. Refer to Table 5-3 for the possible readings that could appear.

6 Replace the fuse when **OL** is displayed.

Table 5-3 U1253B measurement readings for fuse checking

Current input terminal	Fuse	Fuse rating	Fuse OK (approximately)	Replace fuse
			Displayed readings	
µA·mA	1	440 mA/1000 V	6.2 MΩ	OL
A	2	11 A/1000 V	0.06 Ω	OL

Fuse replacement

NOTE This manual provides only the fuse replacement procedures, but not the fuse replacement markings.

Replace any blown fuse in the multimeter according to the following procedures:

1. Turn the multimeter off and disconnect the test leads. Ensure that the charging adapter is also removed, if it is attached to the multimeter.
2. Wear clean and dry gloves on your hands and avoid touching any components except the fuse(s) and plastic parts. It is not necessary to recalibrate the multimeter after replacing a fuse.
3. Remove the battery cover compartment.
4. Loosen two side screws and one lower screw on the bottom case and remove the bottom case.
5. Loosen the two screws on the top corners to take out the circuit board.
6. Gently remove the defective fuse by prying one end of the fuse loose and removing it from the fuse bracket.
7. Replace with a new fuse of the same size and rating. Make sure the new fuse is centered in the fuse bracket.
8. Ensure that the knob of the rotary switch on the top case and the corresponding switch on the circuit board remain at the OFF position.
9. Refasten the circuit board and the bottom cover.
10. Refer to Table 5-4 on page 138 for the part number, rating, and size of the fuses.

Table 5-4 Fuse specifications

Fuse	Agilent part number	Rating	Size	Type
1	2110-1400	440 mA/1000 V	10 mm × 35 mm	Fast blow fuse
2	2110-1402	11 A/1000 V	10 mm × 38 mm	

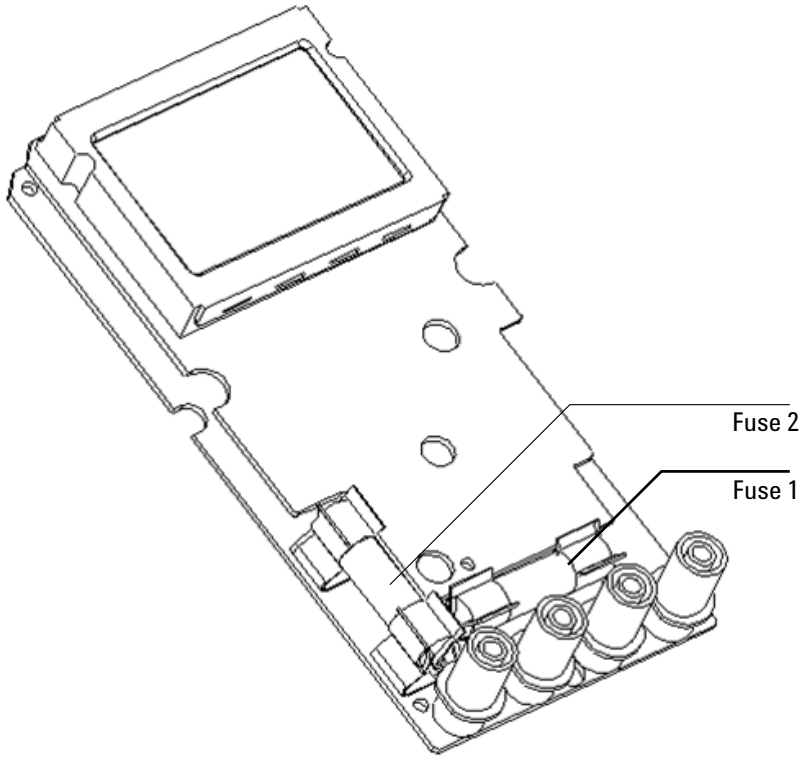


Figure 5-9 Fuse replacement

Troubleshooting

WARNING **To avoid electric shock, do not perform any servicing unless you are qualified to do so.**

If the instrument fails to operate, check the battery and test leads. Replace them if necessary. After that, if the instrument still does not function, check to ensure that you have followed the operating procedures given in this instruction manual, before considering servicing the instrument.

When servicing the instrument, use only the specified replacement parts.

Table 5-5 on page 140 will assist you in identifying some basic problems and their solutions.

Table 5-5 Basic troubleshooting procedures

Malfunction	Troubleshooting procedure
No OLED display after switching ON	• Check battery. Charge or replace battery.
No beeper tone	• Check the Setup mode to verify whether the beeper function has been set to OFF. If so, select the desired driving frequency.
Failed to measure current	• Check the fuse.
No charging indication [1]	• Check 440 mA fuse. • Check external DC adapter to ensure that its output is DC 24 V and that the plugs are inserted properly into the charging terminals.
Battery life very short after full charge/Battery not able to charge after pro-long storage period	• Check if the correct rechargeable battery is used. • Check if the correct nominal voltage level (7.2 V or 8.4 V) is selected in the battery setting at Setup Mode. • Try to charge and discharge for 2 or 3 cycles in order to maintain the battery's highest capacity. • **NOTE:** The performance of the rechargeable battery may degrade with time.
Remote control failure	• The Agilent logo on the IR-USB cable connected to the multimeter should be facing up. • Check the baud rate, parity, data bit, and stop bit (default is 9600, None, 8, and 1) in the Setup mode. • Ensure that the required driver for IR-USB has been installed.

Notes for basic troubleshooting procedures table:

1 Never turn the rotary switch of the multimeter from the OFF position when it is charging.

Replaceable Parts

This section contains information for ordering replacement parts for your instrument. You can find the instrument support part list at Agilent's Test & Measurement Parts Catalog at: http://www.agilent.com/find/parts

This parts list includes a brief description of each part with applicable Agilent part number.

To order replaceable parts

You can order replaceable parts from Agilent using the Agilent part number. Note that not all parts listed are available as field replaceable parts.

To order replaceable parts from Agilent, do the following:

1. Contact your nearest Agilent Sales Office or Service Center.
2. Identify the parts by the Agilent part number shown in the support parts list.
3. Provide the instrument model number and serial number.

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Performance Tests and Calibration

This chapter contains the performance test and adjustment procedures.

Calibration Overview

This manual contains procedures for verifying the instrument performance, as well as procedures for making adjustments where necessary.

The performance test procedure verifies that the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter is operating within its published specifications. The adjustment procedure ensure that the multimeter remains within its specifications until the next calibration.

NOTE Make sure you have read "Test Considerations" on page 150 before calibrating the instrument.

Closed-case electronic calibration

The U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter features closed-case electronic calibration. In other words, no internal electro-mechanical adjustment is required. This instrument calculates correction factors based on the input reference signals you feed into it during the calibration process. The new correction factors are stored in nonvolatile EEPROM memory until the next calibration (adjustment) is performed. The contents of this nonvolatile EEPROM memory will not change even when the power is switched off.

Agilent Technologies' calibration services

When your instrument is due for calibration, contact your local Agilent Service Center to enquire about recalibration services.

Calibration interval

A one-year interval is adequate for most applications. Accuracy specifications are warranted only if calibration is performed at regular intervals. Accuracy specifications are not warranted beyond the one-year calibration interval. Agilent does not recommend extending calibration intervals beyond 2 years for any application.

Other recommendations for calibration

Specifications are only guaranteed within the specified period from the last calibration. Agilent recommends that readjustment should be performed during the calibration process for best performance. This will ensure that the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter remains within its specifications. This calibration criterion provides the best long-term stability.

During performance verification tests, only the performance data is collected; these tests do not guarantee that the instrument will remain within the specified limits. The tests are only for identifying which functions need adjustment.

Please refer to the section "Calibration count" on page 178 and verify that all adjustments have been performed.

Recommended Test Equipment

The test equipment recommended for the performance verification and adjustment procedures is listed below. If the exact instrument is not available, substitute with another calibration standard of equivalent accuracy.

A suggested alternative method would be to use the Agilent 3458A 8½ – Digit Digital Multimeter to measure less accurate yet stable sources. The output value measured from the source can be entered into the instrument as the target calibration value.

Table 6-1 Recommended test equipment

Application	Recommended equipment	Recommended accuracy requirements
DC voltage	Fluke 5520A	< 20% of U1253B accuracy spec
DC current	Fluke 5520A	< 20% of U1253B accuracy spec
Resistance	Fluke 5520A	< 20% of U1253B accuracy spec
AC voltage	Fluke 5520A	< 20% of U1253B accuracy spec
AC current	Fluke 5520A	< 20% of U1253B accuracy spec
Frequency	Agilent 33250A	< 20% of U1253B accuracy spec
Capacitance	Fluke 5520A	< 20% of U1253B accuracy spec
Duty cycle	Fluke 5520A	< 20% of U1253B accuracy spec
Nanosiemens	Fluke 5520A	< 20% of U1253B accuracy spec
Diode	Fluke 5520A	< 20% of U1253B accuracy spec
Frequency counter	Agilent 33250A	< 20% of U1253B accuracy spec
Temperature	Fluke 5520A	< 20% of U1253B accuracy spec
Square wave	Agilent 53131A and Agilent 34401A	< 20% of U1253B accuracy spec
Short	Shorting plug - dual banana plug with copper wire shorting the 2 terminals	–
Battery level	Fluke 5520A	< 20% of U1253B accuracy spec

Basic Operating Tests

These basic operating tests are for testing the basic operation of the instrument. Repair is required if the instrument fails any of these basic operating tests.

Testing the display

Press and hold the Hold button while turning on the multimeter to view all the OLED pixels. Check for dead pixels.

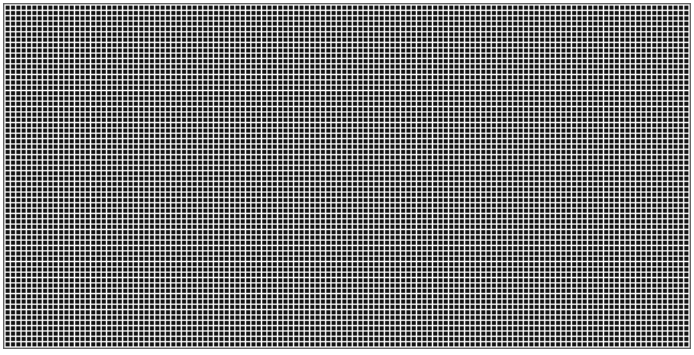

Figure 6-1 Displaying all OLED pixels

Current terminals test

This test determines whether the input warning for the current terminals is functioning properly.

Turn the rotary switch to any non-off position other than mA·A≂. Insert the tests leads to the **A** and **COM** terminals. An error message **Error ON A INPUT** (as shown in Figure 6-2) will be displayed on the secondary display, and a continuous beep will persist until the positive lead is removed from the **A** terminal.

NOTE Before conducting this test, make sure the beep function is not disabled in Setup.

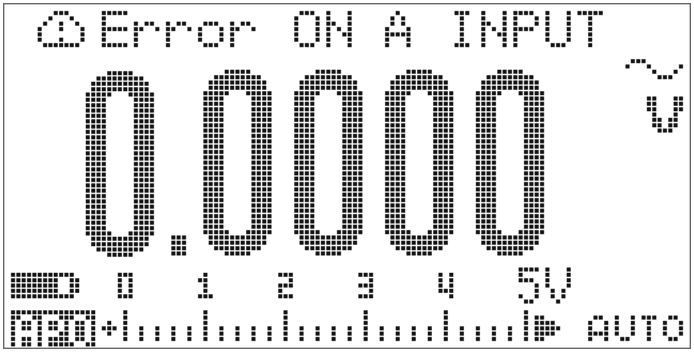

Figure 6-2 Current terminal error message

Charge terminals alert test

This test determines whether the charge terminal alert is functioning properly.

Set the rotary switch to any position other than OFF CHG, mA·A ~, µA ~, or % OUT ms.

Provide a voltage level more than 5 V to the CHG terminal. An error message **Error ON mA INPUT** (as shown in Figure 6-3) will be displayed on the secondary display, and a continuous beep will persist until the positive lead is removed from the CHG terminal.

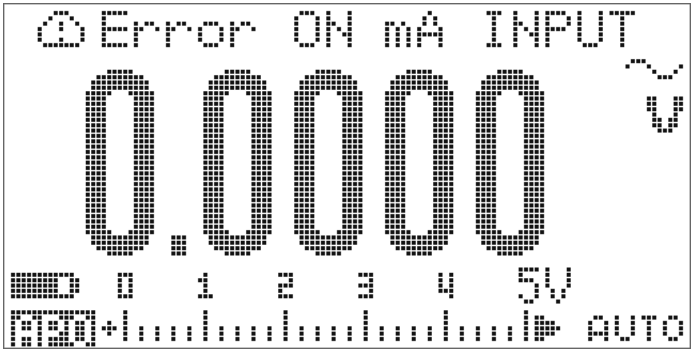

Figure 6-3 Charge terminal error message

NOTE Before conducting this test, make sure the beep function is not disabled in Setup.

Test Considerations

Long test leads can act as antennas that pick up AC signal noises.

For optimum performance, all procedures should comply with the following recommendations:

- Ensure that the ambient temperature is stable and between 18 °C and 28 °C. Ideally, calibration should be performed at 23 °C ± 1 °C.
- Ensure that ambient relative humidity is less than 80%.
- Allow a warm-up period of 5 minutes.
- Use shielded twisted-pair PTFE-insulated cables to reduce settling and noise errors. Keep the input cables as short as possible.

Performance Verification Tests

Use the following performance verification tests to verify the measurement performance of the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter. These performance verification tests are based on the specifications listed in the instrument data sheet.

These performance verification tests are recommended as acceptance tests when you first receive the instrument. After acceptance, you should repeat the performance verification tests at every calibration interval (to be performed before calibration to identify which measurement functions and ranges require calibration).

Carry out the performance verification tests according to Table 6-2 on page 152. For every listed step:

1. Connect the calibration standard terminals to the appropriate terminals on the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter.
2. Set up the calibration standard with the signals specified in the “Reference signals/values” column (one setting at a time, if more than one setting is listed).
3. Turn the rotary switch of the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter to the function being tested, and choose the correct range, as specified in the table.
4. Check whether the measured reading falls within the specified error limits from the reference value. If yes, then this particular function and range does not require adjustment (calibration). If not, then adjustment is necessary.

Table 6-2 Performance verification tests

Step	Test function	Range	Reference signals/values	Error limits
			5520A output	
1	Turn the rotary switch to the ~ V position [1]	5 V	5 V, 1 kHz 5 V, 10 kHz 4.5 V, 20 kHz 4.5 V, 30 kHz 4.5 V, 100 kHz	± 22.5 mV ± 79.0 mV ± 0.1695 mV ± 0.1695 mV ± 0.1695 mV
		50 V	50 V, 1 kHz 50 V, 10 kHz 45 V, 20 kHz 45 V, 30 kHz 45 V, 100 kHz	± 225.0 mV ± 790.0 mV ± 1.695 V ± 1.695 V ± 1.695 V
		500 V	500 V, 1 kHz	± 2.25 V
		1000 V	1000 V, 1 kHz	± 8.0 V
2	Press Hz to switch to frequency mode	9.9999 kHz	0.48 V, 1 kHz	± 500 mHz
3	Press Hz to switch to duty cycle mode	0.01% to 99.99%	5.0 Vpp @ 50%, square wave, 50 Hz	± 0.315%
4	Turn the rotary switch to the ≈ V position Press Shift to select DC V measurement	5 V	5 V	± 1.75 mV
		50 V	50 V	± 17.5 mV
		500 V	500 V	± 200 mV
		1000 V	1000 V	± 800 mV

Table 6-2 Performance verification tests (continued)

Step	Test function	Range	Reference signals/values	Error limits
5	Press Shift to select AC V measurement [1]	5 V	5 V, 1 kHz 5 V, 10 kHz 4.5 V, 20 kHz 4.5 V, 100 kHz	± 22.5 mV ± 79.0 mV ± 169.5 mV ± 169.5 mV
		50 V	50 V, 1 kHz 50 V, 10 kHz 45 V, 20 kHz 45 V, 100 kHz	± 225 mV ± 790 mV ± 1.695 V ± 1.695 V
		500 V	500 V, 1 kHz	± 2.25 V
		1000 V	1000 V, 1 kHz	± 8.0 V
6	Turn the rotary switch to the ≂ mV position Press Shift to select DC mV measurement	50 mV	50 mV	± 75 µV [2]
		500 mV	500 mV –500 mV	± 175 µV ± 175 µV
		1000 mV	1000 mV –1000 mV	± 0.75 mV ± 0.75 mV

Table 6-2 Performance verification tests (continued)

Step	Test function	Range	Reference signals/values	Error limits
7	Press Shift to select AC mV measurement [1]	50 mV	50 mV, 1 kHz 50 mV, 10 kHz 45 mV, 20 kHz 45 mV, 30 kHz 45 mV, 100 kHz	± 0.24 mV ± 0.39 mV ± 1.695 mV ± 1.695 mV ± 1.695 mV
		500 mV	500 mV, 45 Hz 500 mV, 1 kHz 500 mV, 10 kHz 450 mV, 20 kHz 450 mV, 30 kHz 450 mV, 100 kHz	± 2.25 mV ± 2.25 mV ± 2.25 mV ± 16.95 mV ± 16.95 mV ± 16.95 mV
		1000 mV	1000 mV, 1 kHz 1000 mV, 10 kHz 1000 mV, 20 kHz 1000 mV, 30 kHz 1000 mv, 100 kHz	± 6.5 mV ± 11.5 mV ± 47 mV ± 47 mV ± 47 mV
8	Turn the rotary switch to the nS Ω position	500 Ω	500 Ω	± 350 mΩ [3]
		5 kΩ	5 kΩ	± 3 Ω
		50 kΩ	50 kΩ	± 30 Ω
		500 kΩ	500 kΩ	± 300 Ω
		5 MΩ	5 MΩ	± 8 kΩ
		50 MΩ [4]	50 MΩ	± 505 kΩ
		500 MΩ	450 MΩ	± 36.05 MΩ
9	Press Shift to select conductance (nS) measurement	500 nS [5]	50 nS	± 0.6 nS
10	Turn the rotary switch to the Hz position	Diode	1 V	± 1 mV

Table 6-2 Performance verification tests (continued)

Step	Test function	Range	Reference signals/values	Error limits
			33250A output	
11	Press Shift to select frequency counter [6]	999.99 kHz	200 mVrms, 100 kHz	± 52 Hz
12	Press Range to select divide-by-100 frequency counter mode	99.999 MHz	600 mVrms, 10 MHz	± 5.2 kHz
			5520A output	
13	Turn the rotary switch to the position [7]	10.000 nF	10.000 nF	± 108 pF
		100.00 nF	100.00 nF	± 1.05 nF
		1000.0 nF	1000.0 nF	± 10.5 nF
		10.000 µF	10.000 µF	± 105 nF
		100.00 µF	100.00 µF	± 1.05 µF
		1000.0 µF	1000.0 µF	± 10.5 µF
		10.000 mF	10.000 mF	± 105 µF
		100.00 mF	100.00 mF	± 3.1 mF
14	Press Shift to select temperature measurement [8][13][14]	–40 °C to 1372 °C	0 °C 100 °C	± 1 °C ± 2 °C
15	Turn the rotary switch to the µA position	500 µA	500 µA	± 0.3 µA [9]
		5000 µA	5000 µA	± 3 µA [9]
16	Press Shift to select ACµA measurement [1]	500 µA	500 µA, 1 kHz 500 µA, 20 kHz	± 3.7 µA ± 3.95 µA
		5000 µA	5000 µA, 1 kHz 5000 µA, 20 kHz	± 37 µA ± 39.5 µA
17	Turn the rotary switch to the mA·A position	50 mA	50 mA	± 80 µA [9]
		440 mA	400 mA	± 0.65 mA [9]

Table 6-2 Performance verification tests (continued)

Step	Test function	Range	Reference signals/values	Error limits
18	Press Shift to select AC mA measurement [1]	50 mA	50 mA, 1 kHz 50 mA, 20 kHz	± 0.37 mA ± 0.395 mA
		440 mA	400 mA, 45 Hz 400 mA, 1 kHz	± 3 mA ± 3 mA
	Caution: Connect calibrator outputs to handheld multimeters A and COM terminal before applying 5 A and 10 A			
19	Press Shift to select DC A measurement	5 A	5 A	± 16 mA
		10 A [10]	10 A	± 35 mA
20	Press Shift to select AC A measurement	5 A	5 A, 1 kHz	± 37 mA
		5 A	3 A, 5 kHz	± 96 mA
		10 A [11]	10 A, 1 kHz	± 90 mA
		Square wave output	**Measure with 53131A**	
21	Turn the rotary switch to the OUT % ms position	120 Hz @ 50%		± 26 mHz
		4800 Hz @ 50%		± 260 mHz
	OUT % ms duty cycle	100 Hz @ 50%		± 0.398% [12]
		100 Hz @ 25%		± 0.398% [12]
		100 Hz @ 75%		± 0.398% [12]

Table 6-2 Performance verification tests (continued)

Step	Test function	Range	Reference signals/values	Error limits
			Measure with 34410A	
	% OUT ms amplitude	4800 Hz @ 99.609%		± 0.2 V

Notes for performance verification tests:

1 The additional error to be added for frequency > 20 kHz and signal input < 10% of range: 300 counts of LSD per kHz.

2 An accuracy of 0.05% + 10 can be achieved by using the relative function to zero the thermal effect (short test leads) before measuring the signal.

3 The accuracy of 500 Ω and 5 kΩ is specified after the Null function.

4 For the range of 50 MΩ/500 MΩ, the relative humidity is specified for < 60%.

5 The accuracy is specified for < 50 nS, with the Null function performed on open test leads.

6 All frequency counters are susceptible to error when measuring low-voltage, low-frequency signals. Shielding inputs from external noise pickup is critical for minimizing measurement errors.

7 Use the Null function to offset for residuals.

8 The accuracy does not include the tolerance of thermocouple probes. The thermal sensor plugged into the multimeter should be placed in the operating environment for at least an hour.

9 Always use the relative function to zero the thermal effect with open test leads before measuring the signal. If you do not use the relative function, add 20 digits to the error.

10 10 A continuous, and additional 0.5% error to specified accuracy when measuring a signal greater than 10 A to 20 A for 30 seconds maximum. After measuring a current of > 10 A, cool down the multimeter for twice the measuring time you applied before performing a low current measurement.

11 The current can be measured from 2.5 A to 10 A continuous, with an additional 0.5% error to specified accuracy when measuring a signal greater than 10 A to 20 A for 30 seconds maximum. After measuring a current of > 10 A, cool down the multimeter for twice the measuring time you applied before performing a low current measurement.

12 For signal frequencies greater than 1 kHz, an additional 0.1% error per kHz needs to be added to the accuracy.

13 Ensure that the ambient temperature is stable within ± 1 °C. Make sure the multimeter is placed in a controlled environment for at least 1 hour. Keep the multimeter away from any ventilation exit.

14 Do not touch the thermocouple test lead after connecting it to the calibrator. Allow the connection to stabilize for at least another 15 minutes before performing the measurement.

Calibration Security

A calibration security code is in place to prevent accidental or unauthorized adjustments to the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter. When you first receive your instrument, it is secured. Before you can adjust the instrument, you must "unsecure" it by entering the correct security code (see the section "Unsecuring the instrument for calibration" on page 158).

The security code is set as 1234 when the instrument is shipped from the factory. The security code is stored in nonvolatile memory, which does not change even when the power is off.

NOTE

You can unsecure the instrument and then change the security code from the front panel.

See the section "Resetting the security code to factory default" on page 163 if you forget your security code.

Unsecuring the instrument for calibration

Before you can adjust the instrument, you must unsecure it by entering the correct security code from the front panel.

The default security code is 1234.

From front panel

1. Turn the rotary switch to the ~V position (you may also start with another rotary switch position; but here we assume that you will follow the exact steps listed in Table 6-2).
2. Press 

and 

simultaneously to enter the Calibration Security Code entry mode.
3. The secondary display will indicate "CSC:I 5555", where the character "I" signifies "input".

4 Press ◀ or ▶ to start entering the code (by editing the existing number “5555” one digit at a time).

5 Press ◀ or ▶ to choose which digit to edit, and press ▲ or ▼ to edit the value.

6 Press Hz (Save) when done.

7 If the correct security code is entered, the upper left corner of the secondary display will show the word “PASS” for 3 seconds.

8 If the incorrect security code is entered, an error code will be displayed instead for 3 seconds, after which the Calibration Security Code entry mode will appear again.

Please refer to Figure 6-4 on page 160.

To secure the instrument again (exit the unsecured mode), press Shift and Hz simultaneously.

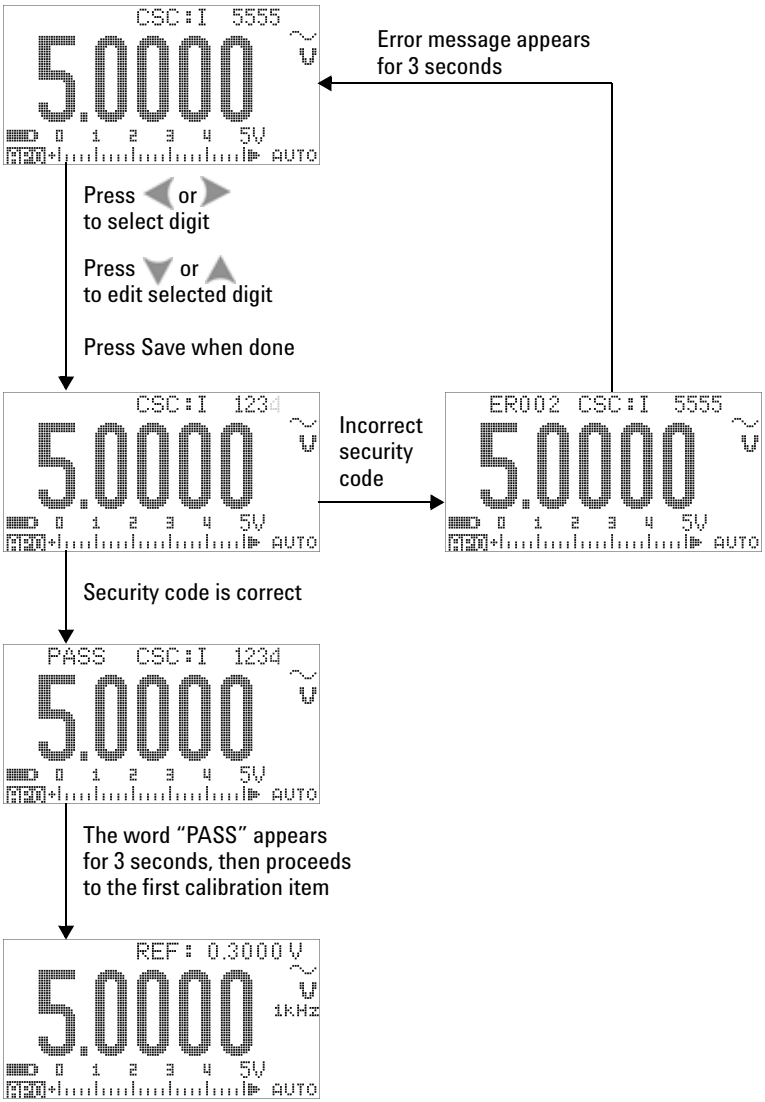

Figure 6-4 Unsecuring the instrument for calibration

Changing Calibration Security Code

From front panel

1 After unsecuring the instrument, press ☼ for more than 1 second to enter Calibration Security Code setting mode.

2 The existing code will be shown on the secondary display, for example, “CSC:C 1234”, where the character “C” signifies “change”.

3 Press ◀ or ▶ to start and choose which digit to edit, and press ▲ or ▼ to edit the value. (To exit without changing the code, press ☼ for more than 1 second.)

4 Press Hz (Save) to save the new security code.

5 If the new calibration security code has been successfully stored, the upper left corner of the secondary display will momentarily show the word “PASS”.

Please refer to Figure 6-5 on page 162.

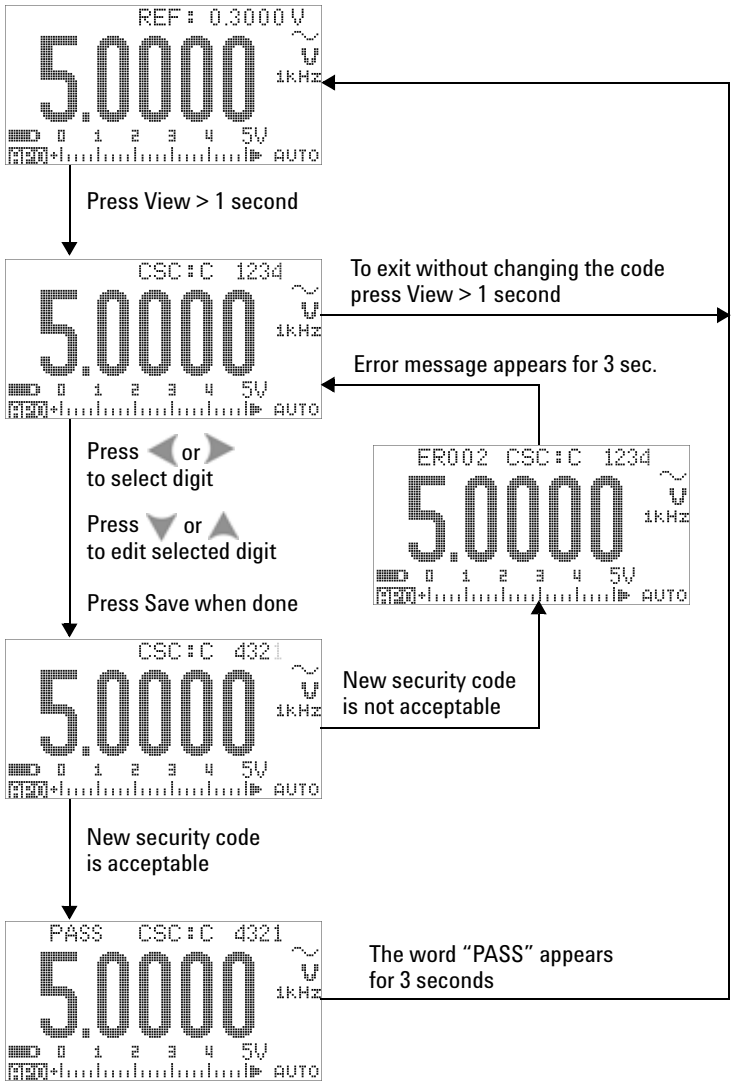

Figure 6-5 Changing the calibration security code

Resetting the security code to factory default

If you have forgotten the correct security code, you may follow the steps below to change the security code back to the factory default (1234).

NOTE If you do not have a record (or have lost the record) or the security code, first try the factory default code, 1234, through the front panel. There is always the possibility that the security code has never been changed at all.

1. Record the last 4 digits of the instrument serial number.
2. Turn the rotary switch to the ~V position.
3. Press Shift and Hz simultaneously to enter the Calibration Security Code entry mode.
4. The secondary display will indicate “CSC:I 5555” as a cue for you to enter the security code. However, since you do not have the security code, proceed to the next step.
5. Without entering the security code, press ☼ for more than 1 second to enter Set Default Security Code mode. The secondary display will indicate “SCD:I 5555”.
6. Press ◀ or ▶ to start and choose which digit to edit, and press ▲ or ▼ to edit the value. Set these to be the same as the last 4 digits of the instrument serial number.
7. Press Hz (Save) to confirm the entry.
8. If the number entered is the correct last 4 digits of the serial number, the upper left corner of the secondary display will momentarily show “PASS”.

Now the security code has been reset to the factory default, 1234. If you wish to change the security code, refer to the section “Changing Calibration Security Code” on page 161. Make sure you record the new security code.

Please refer to Figure 6-6 on page 164.

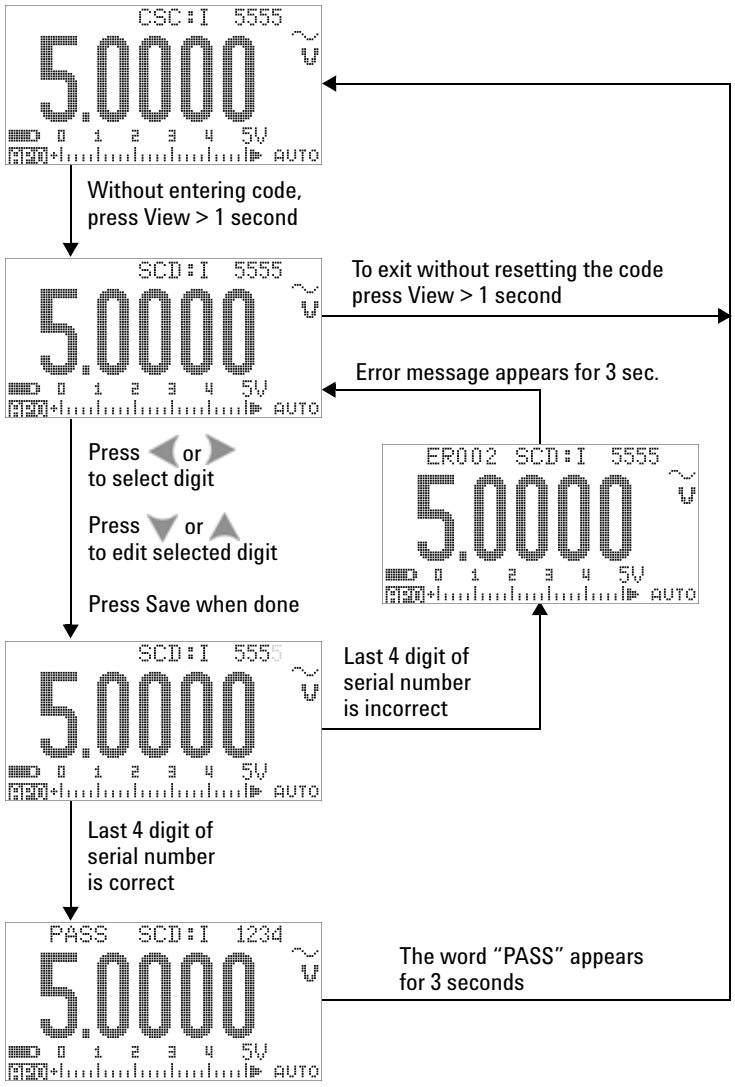

Figure 6-6 Resetting security code to factory default

Adjustment Considerations

To adjust the instrument, you will need a test input cables and connectors set for receiving the reference signals (for example, from the Fluke 5520A calibrator or Agilent 33250A function/arbitrary waveform generator) and a shorting plug.

NOTE After each successful adjustment, the secondary display briefly shows "PASS". If the calibration fails, the instrument emits a beep, and an error code is shown momentarily on the secondary display. For a list of calibration error codes, refer to "Calibration error codes" on page 179. In the event of a calibration failure, correct the problem and repeat the procedure.

Adjustments for each function should be performed with the following considerations (where applicable):

1. Allow the instrument to warm up and stabilize for 5 minutes before performing the adjustments.
2. Ensure that during the adjustment, the low-battery indicator does not appear. Replace/recharge the battery as soon as possible to avoid false reading.
3. Consider thermal effects as you connect test leads to the calibrator and this instrument. It is recommended that you wait for 1 minute after connecting the test leads before you begin the calibration.
4. During ambient temperature adjustment, ensure that the instrument has been turned on for at least 1 hour with the K-type thermocouple connected between the instrument and the calibration source.

CAUTION Never turn off the instrument during calibration. This may delete the calibration memory for the present function.

Valid adjustment reference input values

Adjustments can be performed using the following reference input values:

NOTE For serial numbers below MY51530001, the 10 kHz input frequency is applied to those marked with a asterix (*)

Table 6-3 Valid adjustment reference input values

Function	Range	Reference input value	Valid range for reference input
DC mV	Short	SHORT	Short **V** and **COM** terminals
	50 mV	30.000 mV	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	500 mV	300.00 mV	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	1000 mV	1000.0 mV	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
AC mV	50 mV	3.000 mV (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		30.000 mV (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		30.000 mV (20 kHz) *	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	500 mV	30.00 mV (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		300.00 mV (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		300.00 mV (20 kHz) *	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	1000 mV	300.0 mV (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		1000.0 mV (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		1000.0 mV (20 kHz) *	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
DC V	Short	SHORT	Short **V** and **COM** terminals
	5 V	3.0000 V	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	50 V	30.000 V	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	500 V	300.00 V	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	1000 V	1000.0 V	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value

Table 6-3 Valid adjustment reference input values (continued)

Function	Range	Reference input value	Valid range for reference input
AC V (with rotary switch at ~V and ≈V [2])	5 V	0.3000 V (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		3.0000 V (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		3.0000 V (20 kHz) *	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	50 V	3.000 V (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		30.000 V (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		30.000 V (20 kHz) *	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	500 V	30.00 V (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		300.00 V (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		300.00 V (20 kHz) *	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	1000 V	30.0 V (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		300.0 V (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		300.0 V (20 kHz) *	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
DC µA	Open	OPEN	Open terminals
	500 µA	300.00 µA	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	5000 µA	3000.0 µA	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
AC µA	500 µA	30.00 µA [1]	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		300.00 µA	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	5000 µA	300.0 µA	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		3000.0 µA	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
DC mA/DC A	Open	OPEN	Open terminals
	50 mA	30.000 mA	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	500 mA	300.00 mA	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	5 A	3.000 A	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	10 A	10.000 A	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value

Table 6-3 Valid adjustment reference input values (continued)

Function	Range	Reference input value	Valid range for reference input
AC mA/AC A	50 mA	3.000 mA (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		30.000 mA (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	500 mA	30.00 mA (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		30.000 mA (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	5 A	0.3000 A (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		3.0000 A (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	10 A	0.3000 A (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		10.000 A (1 kHz)	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
Capacitance	Open	OPEN	Open terminals
	10 nF	3.000 nF	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		10.000 nF	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	100 nF	10.00 nF	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		100.00 nF	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	1000 nF	100.0 nF	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
		1000.0 nF	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	10 µF	10.000 µF	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	100 µF	100.00 µF	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	1000 µF	1000.0 µF	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	10 mF	10.000 mF	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value

Table 6-3 Valid adjustment reference input values (continued)

Function	Range	Reference input value	Valid range for reference input
Resistance [3]	Short	SHORT	Short Ω and **COM** terminals
	50 MΩ	OPEN	Open terminals
		10.000 MΩ	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	5 MΩ	3.000 MΩ	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	500 kΩ	300.00 kΩ	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	50 kΩ	30.000 kΩ	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	5 kΩ	3.0000 kΩ	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
	500 Ω	300.00 Ω	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
Diode	Diode	SHORT	Short Ω and **COM** terminals
	2 V	2.0000 V	0.9 to 1.1 × reference input value
Temperature	K-type	0000.0 °C	Provide 0 °C with ambient compensation

Notes for valid adjustment reference input values:

1 The minimum AC current output Fluke 5520A calibrator is 29.00 µA only. Be sure to set at least 30.00 µA for the calibration source of AC µA.

2 Both AC V positions must be calibrated individually.

3 Be sure to recalibrate the "Short" using the dual banana plug with copper wire after performing calibration for resistance.

Calibration From Front Panel

Calibration process

The following general procedure is the recommended method to complete a full instrument calibration.

1. Read and implement "Test Considerations" on page 150.
2. Perform the verification tests (refer to Table 6-2 on page 152) to characterize the instrument.
3. Perform the calibration procedures (refer to the "Calibration procedures" on page 171; see also "Adjustment Considerations" on page 165).
4. Secure the instrument after calibration.
5. Take note of the new security code (if it has been changed) and the calibration count in the instrument maintenance records.

NOTE Make sure to quit the adjustment mode before switching off the instrument.

Calibration procedures

1 Turn the rotary switch to the function you wish to calibrate.

2 Unsecure the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter (refer to "Unsecuring the instrument for calibration" on page 158).

3 After verifying that the security code you entered is correct, the instrument will display the reference input value of the next calibration item (refer to Table 6-4 on page 174 for the list and sequence of all the calibration items) on the secondary display after briefly showing "PASS".

- For example, if the reference input of the next calibration item is shorting the input terminals, the secondary display will indicate "REF:+SH.ORT".

NOTE If you do not intend to perform the complete set of calibration items, you may press ▲ or ▼ to select the item you wish to calibrate.

4 Set up the indicated reference input and apply this input to the correct terminals of the U1253B handheld multimeter. For example:

- If the required reference input is "SHORT", use a shorting plug to short the two relevant terminals.
- If the required reference input is "OPEN", just leave the terminals open.
- If the required reference input is a voltage, current, resistance, capacitance, or temperature value, set up the Fluke 5520A calibrator (or another device with equivalent standard of accuracy) to provide the necessary input.

5 With the required reference input applied to the correct terminals, press Hz to start the present calibration item.

6 During calibration, the primary display and bar-graph will indicate the uncalibrated reading, and the calibration

indicator, “CAL”, will appear on the upper left corner of the secondary display. If the reading is within the acceptable range, the word “PASS” will be shown momentarily, and then the instrument will proceed to the next calibration item. If the reading is out of the acceptable range, it will remain at the present calibration item after showing the error code for 3 seconds. In this case, you need to check whether the correct reference input has been applied. Refer to Table 6-5 on page 179 for the meaning of the error codes.

7 Repeat step 4 and step 5 until all calibration items for that particular function have been completed.

8 Select another function to be calibrated. Repeat step 4 to step 7.

- For a rotary switch position that hosts more than one function, for example,  , press  to go to the next function.

9 After calibrating all the functions, press  and  simultaneously to exit calibration mode.

10 Switch off the instrument and then switch it on again. The instrument will be back to normal measurement mode.

Refer to Figure 6-7 on page 173.

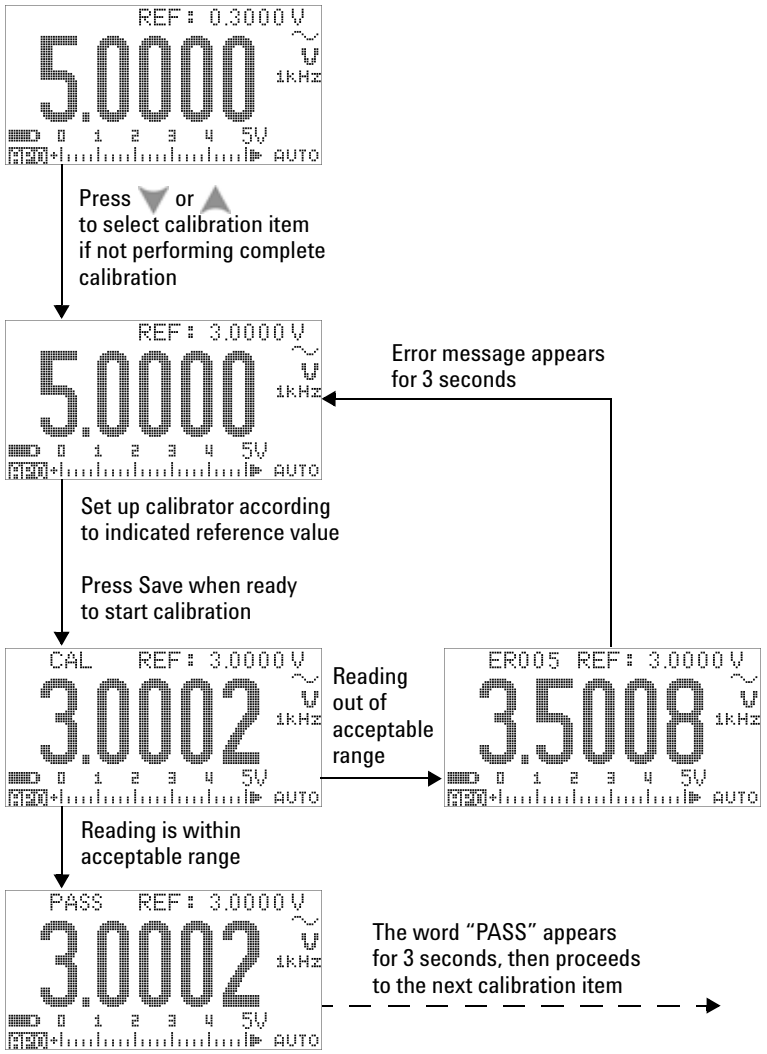

Figure 6-7 Typical calibration process flow

Table 6-4 List of calibration items

Function	Range	Calibration item [1]	Reference input
AC V (with rotary switch at ~V and ≂V [2])	5 V	0.3000 V (1 kHz) 3.0000 V (1 kHz) 3.0000 V (10 kHz)	0.3 V, 1 kHz 3 V, 1 kHz 3 V, 10 kHz
	50 V	3.000 V (1 kHz) 30.000 V (1 kHz) 30.000 V (10 kHz)	3 V, 1 kHz 30 V, 1 kHz 30 V, 10 kHz
	500 V	30.00 V (1 kHz) 300.00 V (1 kHz) 300.00 V (10 kHz)	30 V, 1 kHz 300 V, 1 kHz 300 V, 10 kHz
	1000 V	30.0 V (1 kHz) 300.0 V (1 kHz) 300.0 V (10 kHz) (done for this function; change rotary switch position or press Shift to select the next function that requires calibration)	30 V, 1 kHz 300 V, 1 kHz 300 V, 10 kHz
DC V	Short	SHORT	Dual banana shorting plug with copper wire
	5 V	3.0000 V	3 V
	50 V	30.000 V	30 V
	500 V	300.00 V	300 V
	1000 V	1000.0 V (done)	1000 V
DC mV	Short	SHORT	Dual banana shorting plug with copper wire
	50 mV	30.000 mV	30 mV
	500 mV	300.00 mV	300 mV
	1000 mV	1000.0 mV (done)	1000 mV

Table 6-4 List of calibration items (continued)

Function	Range	Calibration item [1]	Reference input
AC mV	50 mV	3.000 mV (1 kHz) 30.000 mV (1 kHz) 30.000 mV (10 kHz)	3 mV, 1 kHz 30 mV, 1 kHz 30 mV, 10 kHz
	500 mV	30.00 mV (1 kHz) 300.00 mV (1 kHz) 300.00 mV (10 kHz)	30 mV, 1 kHz 300 mV, 1 kHz 300 mV, 10 kHz
	1000 mV	300.0 mV (1 kHz) 1000.0 mV (1 kHz) 1000.0 mV (10 kHz) (done)	300 mV, 1 kHz 1000 mV, 1 kHz 1000 mV, 10 kHz
Resistance [4]	Short	SHORT	Dual banana shorting plug with copper wire
	50 MΩ	OPEN 10.000 MΩ	Unplug all test leads or shorting plug, and leave the terminals open 10 MΩ
	5 MΩ	3.0000 MΩ	3 MΩ
	500 kΩ	300.00 kΩ	300 kΩ
	50 kΩ	30.000 kΩ	30 kΩ
	5 kΩ	3.0000 kΩ	3 kΩ
	500 Ω	300.00 Ω (done)	300 Ω
Diode	Short	SHORT	Dual banana shorting plug with copper wire
	2 V	2.0000 V (done)	2 V

Table 6-4 List of calibration items (continued)

Function	Range	Calibration item [1]	Reference input
Capacitance	Open	OPEN	Unplug all test leads or shorting plug, and leave the terminals open
	10 nF	3.000 nF 10.000 nF	3 nF 10 nF
	100 nF	10.00 nF 100.00 nF	10 nF 100 nF
	1000 nF	100.0 nF 1000.0 nF	100 nF 1000 nF
	10 µF	10.000 µF	10 µF
	100 µF	100.00 µF	100 µF
	1000 µF	1000.0 µF	1000 µF
	10 mF	10.000 mF (done)	10 mF
Temperature [5]	K-type	0000.0 °C (done)	0 °C
DC µA	Open	OPEN	Unplug all test leads or shorting plug, and leave the terminals open
	500 µA	300.00 µA	300 µA
	5000 µA	3000.0 µA (done)	3000 µA
AC µA	500 µA	30.00 µA (1 kHz) [3] 300.00 µA (1 kHz)	30 µA, 1 kHz 300 µA, 1 kHz
	5000 µA	300.0 µA (1 kHz) 3000.0 µA (1 kHz) (done)	300 µA, 1 kHz 3000 µA, 1 kHz

Table 6-4 List of calibration items (continued)

Function	Range	Calibration item [1]	Reference input
DC mA/DC A	Open for all ranges	OPEN	Unplug all test leads or shorting plug, and leave the terminals open
	50 mA	30.000 mA	30 mA
	500 mA	300.00 mA	300 mA
	Move the positive test lead from the μA.mA terminal to the A terminal.		
	Caution: Connect the calibrator to the multimeters A and COM terminals before applying 3 A and 10 A.		
	5 A	3.0000 A	3 A
	10 A	10.000 A (done)	10 A
AC mA/AC A	50 mA	3.000 mA (1 kHz) 30.000 mA (1 kHz)	3 mA, 1 kHz 30 mA, 1 kHz
	500 mA	30.00 mA (1 kHz) 300.00 mA (1 kHz)	30 mA, 1 kHz 300 mA, 1 kHz
	Move the positive test lead from the μA.mA terminal to the A terminal.		
	Caution: Connect the calibrator to the multimeters A and COM terminals before applying 3 A and 10 A.		
	5 A	0.3000 A (1 kHz) 3.0000 A (1 kHz)	0.3 A, 1 kHz 3 A, 1 kHz
	10 A	3.000 A (1 kHz) 10.000 A (1 kHz) (done)	3 A, 1 kHz 10 A, 1 kHz

Notes for list of calibration items:

1 Press ▲ or ▼ to select the calibration item (if not performing the complete set of calibration). After successfully calibrating an item, the multimeter will automatically proceed to the next item.

2 Both AC V positions must be calibrated individually.

3 The minimum AC current output of the Fluke 5520A calibrator is 29.0 μA, therefore, an output of at least 30.0 μA must be set for the calibrator.

4 Be sure to recalibrate the "Short" using the dual banana plug with copper wire after performing calibration for resistance.

5 Ensure that the multimeter is turned on and stabilized for at least 60 minutes, with the K-type thermocouple connected between the multimeter and the calibrator out terminal.

Calibration count

The calibration count feature provides an independent "serialization" of your calibrations. With it, you can determine the number of times your instrument has been calibrated. By monitoring the calibration count, you can tell whether an unauthorized calibration has been performed. The value will increment by one each time the instrument is calibrated.

The calibration count is stored in a nonvolatile EEPROM memory, the contents of which do not change even after the instrument is switched off or after a remote interface reset. Your U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter had been calibrated before leaving the factory. When you receive your multimeter, make sure to read the calibration count and record it for maintenance purpose.

The calibration count increases up to a maximum of 65535, after which it wraps around to 0. There is no way to program or reset the calibration count. It is an independent electronic "serialization" value.

To view the present calibration count, unsecure the instrument from the front panel (see "Unsecuring the instrument for calibration" on page 158), and then press  to view the calibration count. Press  again to exit the calibration count display.

Calibration error codes

Table 6-5 below lists the various error codes for the calibration process.

Table 6-5 Calibration error codes and their respective meanings

Error code	Description
ER200	Calibration error: Calibration mode is secured.
ER002	Calibration error: Security code invalid.
ER003	Calibration error: Serial number invalid.
ER004	Calibration error: Calibration aborted.
ER005	Calibration error: Value out of range.
ER006	Calibration error: Signal measurement out of range.
ER007	Calibration error: Frequency out of range.
ER008	EEPROM write failure.

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7 Specifications

This chapter lists the product characteristics, specification assumptions and the specifications of the U1253B true RMS OLED multimeter.

Product Characteristics

POWER SUPPLY

Battery type:

- 9 V size Ni-MH rechargeable battery, 7.2 V nominal voltage
- 9 V size Ni-MH rechargeable battery, 8.4 V nominal voltage
- 9 V Alkaline battery (ANSI/NEDA 1604A or IEC 6LR61)
- 9 V Carbon-zinc battery (ANSI/NEDA 1604D or IEC6F22)

Battery life:

- 7 hours typical (based on a fully charged Ni-MH 250 mAH battery for DC voltage measurement)
- 14 hours typical (based on a new 9 V Alkaline battery for DC voltage measurement)

Charge time:

- Less than 220 minutes in an environment of 10 °C to 30 °C. if the battery has been deep-discharged, a prolonged charging time is required in order for the battery to return to full capacity

POWER CONSUMPTION

420 mVA maximum

DISPLAY

- Graphical orange OLED (organic light-emitting diode) display with maximum reading of 51,000 counts
- Automatic polarity indication

OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

- Temperature: Full accuracy from –20 °C to 55 °C
- Humidity: Full accuracy up to 80% RH (relative humidity) for temperatures up to 35 °C, decreasing linearly to 50% RH at 55 °C
- Altitude:
  - 0 to 2000 meters in compliance with IEC 61010-1 2nd Edition CAT III, 1000V/ CAT IV, 600V
  - 2000 to 3000 meters in compliance with IEC 61010-1 2nd Edition CAT III, 1000V/ CAT IV, 600V
- Pollution degree II

STORAGE COMPLIANCE

–40 °C to 70 °C with battery removed

SAFETY COMPLIANCE

- EN/IEC 61010-1:2001
- ANSI/UL 61010-1:2004
- CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1-04

MEASUREMENT CATEGORY

CAT III 1000 V/CAT IV 600 V Overvoltage Protection

ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC)

Commercial limits compliance with EN61326-1

SHOCK AND VIBRATION

Tested to IEC/EN 60068-2

TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT

0.15 × (specified accuracy) / °C (from –20 °C to 18 °C, or 28 °C to 55 °C)

COMMON MODE REJECTION RATIO (CMRR)

> 100 dB at DC, 50/60 Hz ± 0.1% (1 kΩ unbalanced)

NORMAL MODE REJECTION RATION (NMRR)

> 90 dB at 50/60 Hz ± 0.1%

DIMENSIONS (W × H × D)

94.4 × 203.5 × 59 mm

WEIGHT

527 ± 5 grams with battery

WARRANTY

Please refer to http://www.agilent.com/go/warranty_terms

- Three years for the product
- Three months for the product's standard accessories, unless otherwise specified

Please take note that for the product, the warranty does not cover:

- Damage from contamination
- Normal wear and tear of mechanical components
- Manuals, fuses, and standard disposable batteries

CALIBRATION CYCLE

One year

Measurement Category

The Agilent U1253B True RMS OLED Multimeter has a safety rating of CAT III 1000 V/ CAT IV, 600 V.

Measurement category definition

Measurement CAT I are measurements performed on circuits which are not directly connected to the AC mains. For example, measurements on circuits not derived from the AC mains or specially protected (internal) mains-derived circuits.

Measurement CAT II are measurements performed on circuits that are directly connected to a low voltage installation. For example, measurements on household appliances, portable tools and other similar equipment.

Measurement CAT III are measurements performed on building installations. For example, measurements on distribution boards, circuit-breakers, wiring (including cables), bus-bars, junction boxes, switches, socket outlets within the fixed installation, equipment for industrial use and equipment that is permanently connected to the fixed installation such as stationary motors.

Measurement CAT IV are measurements performed at the source of the low-voltage installation. For example, measurements on electricity meters, primary over-current protection devices and ripple control units.

Specification Assumptions

- The DC specifications are defined for measurements which are taken after at least 1 minute of warm-up time.
- The AC and AC+DC specifications are defined for measurements of sine wave and are taken after at least 1 minute of warm-up time.
- The accuracy of the multimeter may be affected when making measurements in an environment where electromagnetic interferences or significant electrostatic charges are present.

Electrical Specifications

DC Specifications

Table 7-1 DC accuracy ± (% of reading + number of LSD)

Function	Range [a]	Resolution	Test Current or Burden Voltage	Accuracy
Voltage [1]	50.000 mV	0.001 mV	-	0.05 + 50 [2]
	500.00 mV	0.01 mV	-	0.025 + 5
	1000.0 mV	0.1 mV	-	0.025 + 5
	5.0000 V	0.0001 V	-	0.025 + 5
	50.000 V	0.001 V	-	0.025 + 5
	500.00 V	0.01 V	-	0.030 + 5
	1000.0 V	0.1 V	-	0.030 + 5

Notes for DC voltage specifications:

a 2% over-range on all ranges except DC 1000 V range.
1 Input impedance: Refer to Table 7-17.
2 The accuracy could be 0.05% + 5; always use the Null function to zero out thermal effect (short test leads) before measuring the signal.

Table 7-1 DC accuracy ± (% of reading + number of LSD) (continued)

Function	Range [a]	Resolution	Test Current or Burden Voltage	Accuracy
Resistance [6][7]	500.00 Ω [3]	0.01 Ω	1.04 mA	0.05 + 10
	5.0000 kΩ [3]	0.0001 kΩ	416 µA	0.05 + 5
	50.000 kΩ	0.001 kΩ	41.2 µA	0.05 + 5
	500.00 kΩ	0.01 kΩ	4.12 µA	0.05 + 5
	5.0000 MΩ	0.0001 MΩ	375 nA // 10 MΩ	0.15 + 5
	50.000 MΩ [4]	0.001 MΩ	187 nA // 10 MΩ	1.00 + 5
	500.00 MΩ [4]	0.01 MΩ	187 nA // 10 MΩ	3.00+5 < 200 M 8.00+5 > 200 M
	500.00 nS [5]	0.01 nS	187 nA	1+10

Notes for resistance specifications:

a 2% over-range on all ranges except DC 1000 V range.
3 The accuracy of 500 Ω and 5 kΩ is specified after applying the Null function, which is used to subtract the test lead resistance and the thermal effect.
4 For the range of 50 MΩ/500 MΩ, the relative humidity is specified for < 60%.
5 The accuracy is specified for < 50 nS, after applying the Null function with open test lead.
6 These specifications are defined for 2-wire ohms using Math Null. Without Math Null, add 0.2 Ω additional error.
7 Maximum open voltage: <+ 4.2 V.

Table 7-1 DC accuracy ± (% of reading + number of LSD) (continued)

Function	Range [a]	Resolution	Test Current or Burden Voltage	Accuracy
Current	500.00 µA	0.01 µA	< 0.06 V	0.05 + 5 [9]
	5000.0 µA	0.1 µA	0.6 V	0.05 + 5 [9]
	50.000 mA	0.001 mA	0.09 V	0.15 + 5 [9]
	440.00 mA	0.01 mA	0.9 V	0.15 + 5 [9]
	5.0000 A	0.0001 A	0.2 V	0.30 + 10
	10.000 A [8]	0.001 A	0.4 V	0.30 + 5

Notes for DC current specifications:

a 2% over-range on all ranges except DC 1000 V range.

8 Current can be measured up to 10 A continuously. An additional 0.5% needs to be added to the specified accuracy if the signal measured is in the range of 10 A to 20 A for 30 seconds maximum. After measuring a current of > 10 A, it is recommended that the meter is left to cool down (in switched OFF state) for twice the length of measurement time used, before using it again to make low-current measurement.

9 Always use the Null function to zero out thermal effect with open test leads before measuring the signal. If Null function is not used, an additional 20 counts needs to be added to the specified accuracy. Thermal effect could occur due to the following:

- Wrong operation — where the resistance, diode, or mV measurement function is used to measure high voltage signals within the range of 50 V to 1000 V.
- After battery-charging is complete.
- After measuring a current greater than 500 mA, it is recommended that the meter is left to cool down for twice the length of measurement time used.

Table 7-1 DC accuracy ± (% of reading + number of LSD) (continued)

Function	Range [a]	Resolution	Test Current or Burden Voltage	Accuracy
Continuity [10]	500.00 Ω	0.01 Ω	1.04 mA	0.05 + 10

Notes for continuity specifications:

10 Instant continuity: built-in beeper will sound when resistance is less than 10.0 Ω.

Diode [11][12][13]	3.0000 V	0.1 mV	1.04 mA	0.05 + 5

Notes for diode specifications:

a 2% over-range on all ranges except DC 1000 V range.

11 Built-in beeper will sound when the reading is below approximately 50 mV. Also, single-tone beeping for normal forward-biased diode or semiconductor junction with bias voltage between 0.3 V and 0.8 V.

12 These specifications are defined for voltages measured at the input terminals only. The test current is typical. Variation in the current source will create some variation in voltage drop across a diode junction.

13 Maximum open voltage: < + 4.2 V.

AC Specifications

Table 7-2 Accuracy specifications ± (% of reading + number of LSD) for true RMS AC voltage

Function	Range [5]	Resolution	Accuracy [1][2][3]				
			20 Hz to 45 Hz	45 Hz to 1 kHz	1 kHz to 5 kHz	5 kHz to 15 kHz	15 kHz to 100 kHz [4]
Voltage	50.000 mV	0.001 mV	1.5 + 20	0.4 + 40	0.7 + 40	0.75 + 40	3.5 + 120
	500.00 mV	0.01 mV	1.5 + 60	0.4 + 25	0.4 + 25	0.75 + 40	3.5 + 120
	1000.0 mV	0.1 mV	1.5 + 60	0.4 + 25	0.4 + 25	0.75 + 40	3.5 + 120
	5.0000 V	0.0001 V	1.5 + 60	0.4 + 25	0.6 + 25	1.5 + 40	3.5 + 120
	50.000 V	0.001 V	1.5 + 60	0.4 + 25	0.4 + 25	1.5 + 40	3.5 + 120
	500.00 V	0.01 V	1.5 + 60	0.4 + 25	0.4 + 25	-	-
	1000.0 V	0.1 V	1.5 + 60	0.4 + 40	0.4 + 40	-	-

Notes for AC voltage specifications:

1 Input impedance: Refer to Table 7-17.
2 These specifications are defined for signal input > 5% of range.
3 Crest factor ≤ 3.0 at full scale, 5.0 at half scale except the 1000 mV and 1000 V ranges where it is 1.5 at full scale, 3.0 at half scale. For non-sinusoidal waveform, add 0.1% of reading ± 0.3% of range.
4 Additional error to be added for frequency > 15 kHz and signal input < 10% of range: 3 counts of LSD per kHz.
5 2% over-range on all ranges except AC 1000 V range.

Table 7-3 Accuracy specifications ± (% of reading + number of LSD) for true RMS AC current

Function	Range [7]	Resolution	Accuracy [1][2]			
			20 Hz to 45 Hz	45 Hz to 1 kHz	1 kHz to 20 kHz	20 kHz to 100 kHz [3][4]
Current	500.00 µA [5]	0.01 µA	1.0 + 20	0.7 + 20	0.75 + 20	5 + 80
	5000.0 µA	0.1 µA	1.0 + 20	0.7 + 20	0.75 + 20	5 + 80
	50.000 mA	0.001 mA	1.0 + 20	0.7 + 20	0.75 + 20	5 + 80
	440.00 mA	0.01 mA	1.0 + 20	0.7 + 20	1.5 + 20	5 + 80
	5.0000 A	0.0001 A	1.5 + 20 [6]	0.7 + 20	3 + 60	-
	10.000 A	0.001 A	1.5 + 20 [6]	0.7 + 20	< 3 A / 5 kHz	-

Notes for AC current specifications:

1 These specifications are defined for signal input > 5% of range.
2 Current can be measured from 2.5 A up to 10 A continuously. An additional 0.5% needs to be added to the specified accuracy if the signal measured is in the range of 10 A to 20 A for 30 seconds maximum. After measuring a current of > 10 A, it is recommended that the meter is left to cool down (in switched OFF state) for twice the length of measurement time used, before using it again to make low-current measurement.
3 Additional error to be added for frequency > 15 kHz and signal input < 10% of range: 3 counts of LSD per kHz.
4 Verified by design and type tests.
5 Input current > 35 µArms.
6 Input current < 3 Arms.
7 2% over-range on all ranges except AC 1000 V range.

AC+DC Specifications

Table 7-4 Accuracy specifications ± (% of reading + number of LSD) for AC+DC voltage

Function	Range [4]	Resolution	Accuracy for AC+DC voltage [1][2]				
			30 Hz to 45 Hz	45 Hz to 1 kHz	1 kHz to 5 kHz	5 kHz to 15 kHz	15 kHz to 100 kHz [3]
Voltage	50.000 mV	0.001 mV	1.5 + 80	0.4 + 60	0.7 + 60	0.8 + 60	3.5 + 220
	500.00 mV	0.01 mV	1.5 + 65	0.4 + 30	0.4 + 30	0.8 + 45	3.5 + 125
	1000.0 mV	0.1 mV	1.5 + 65	0.4 + 30	0.4 + 30	0.8 + 45	3.5 + 125
	5.0000 V	0.0001 V	1.5 + 65	0.4 + 30	0.6 + 30	1.5 + 45	3.5 + 125
	50.000 V	0.001 V	1.5 + 65	0.4 + 30	0.4 + 30	1.5 + 45	3.5 + 125
	500.00 V	0.01 V	1.5 + 65	0.4 + 30	0.4 + 30	-	-
	1000.0 V	0.1 V	1.5 + 65	0.4 + 45	0.4 + 45	-	-

Notes for AC + DC voltage specifications:

1 Input impedance: Refer to Table 7-17.
2 These specifications are defined for signal input > 5% of range.
3 Additional error to be added for frequency > 15 kHz and signal input < 10% of range: 3 counts of LSD per kHz.
4 2% over-range on all ranges except AC 1000V.

Table 7-5 Accuracy specifications ± (% of reading + number of LSD) for AC+DC current

Function	Range	Resolution	Accuracy for AC+DC current [1][2]			Overload protection
			30 Hz to 45 Hz	45 Hz to 1 kHz	1 kHz to 20 kHz	
Current	500.00 µA [3]	0.01 µA	1.1 + 25	0.8 + 25	0.8 + 25	440 mA
	5000.0 µA	0.1 µA	1.1 + 25	0.8 + 25	0.8 + 25	10 × 35 mm
	50.000 mA	0.001 mA	1.2 + 25	0.9 + 25	0.9 + 25	AC/DC 1000 V
	440.00 mA	0.01 mA	1.2 + 25	0.9 + 25	0.9 + 25	30 kA/fast-acting
	5.0000 A	0.0001 A	1.8 + 30 [4]	0.9 + 30	3.3 + 70 < 3A / 5 kHz	11 A
	10.000 A	0.001 A	1.8 + 30 [4]	0.9 + 25	3.3 + 70 < 3A / 5 kHz	-

Notes for AC + DC current specifications:

1 Current can be measured from 2.5 A up to 10 A continuously. An additional 0.5% needs to be added to the specified accuracy if the signal being measured is in the range of 10 A to 20 A for 30 seconds maximum.. After measuring a current of > 10 A, it is recommended that the meter is left to cool down (in switched OFF state) for twice the length of measurement time used, before using it again to make low-current measurement.

2 These specifications are defined for signal input > 5% of range.

3 Input current > 35 µArms.

4 Input current < 3 Arms.

5 For 5 A and 10 A ranges, the frequency is verified for less than 5 kHz

Capacitance Specifications

Table 7-6 Capacitance specifications

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Display update rate (approx)
10.000 nF	0.001 nF	1% + 8	4 times/second
100.00 nF	0.01 nF	1% + 5	
1000.0 nF	0.1 nF		
10.000 µF	0.001 µF		
100.00 µF	0.01 µF		
1000.0 µF	0.1 µF		1 time/second
10.000 mF	0.001 mF		0.1 time/second
100.00 mF	0.01 mF	3% + 10	0.01 time/second

Notes for capacitance specifications:

1 Overload protection: 1000 Vrms for circuits with < 0.3 A short circuit.
2 With film capacitor or better, use Null function to zero out residual.

Temperature Specifications

Table 7-7 Temperature specifications

Thermocouple Type	Range	Resolution	Accuracy [1]
K	–200 °C to –40 °C	0.1 °C	1% + 3 °C
	–328 °F to –40 °F	0.1 °F	1% + 5.4 °F
	–40 °C to 1372 °C	0.1 °C	1% + 1 °C
	–40 °F to 2502 °F	0.1 °F	1% + 1.8 °F
J	–210 °C to –40 °C	0.1 °C	1% + 3 °C
	–346 °F to –40 °F	0.1 °F	1% + 5.4 °F
	–40 °C to 1372 °C	0.1 °C	1% + 1 °C
	–40 °F to 2502 °F	0.1 °F	1% + 1.8 °F

Notes for temperature specifications:

1 The accuracy is specified according to the following conditions:

- The accuracy does not include the tolerance of the thermocouple probe. The thermal sensor plugged into the meter should be placed in the operating environment for at least an hour prior to measurement.
- Use the Null function to reduce the thermal effect. Before using Null function, set the meter to no ambient compensation mode (is indicated) and keep the thermocouple as close to the meter as possible. Avoid contact with any surface that has a different temperature from the ambient temperature.
- When measuring temperature with respect to any temperature calibrator, try to set both the calibrator and meter with external reference (without internal ambient compensation). If both calibrator and meter are set with internal reference (with internal ambient compensation), there may be a deviation between the readings of the calibrator and the meter, due to differences in ambient compensation between the two devices.

Frequency Specifications

Table 7-8 Frequency specifications

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Minimum Input Frequency [1]
99.999 Hz	0.001 Hz	0.02% + 3 [2]	1 Hz
999.99 Hz	0.01 Hz	0.02% + 3 < 600 kHz	
9.9999 kHz	0.0001 kHz		
99.999 kHz	0.001 kHz		
999.99 kHz	0.01 kHz		

Notes for frequency specifications:

1 The input signal is lower than the product of 20000000V×Hz (product of voltage & frequency); overload protection: 1000 V.
2 For non-square wave signals, an additional 5 counts need to be added.
3 The multimeter will automatically select the most appropriate range when making frequency measurements.

Duty Cycle and Pulse Width Specifications

Table 7-9 Duty cycle and pulse width specifications

Function	Mode	Range	Resolution	Accuracy (at full scale)
Duty cycle	DC Coupling	0.01% to 99.99%	-	0.3% per kHz + 0.3%
	AC Coupling	5% to 95%	-	0.3% per kHz + 0.3%

Notes for duty cycle specifications:

1 The accuracy for duty cycle and pulse width is based on a 5 V square wave input into the DC 5 V range.
2 For AC coupling, the duty cycle range can be measured for signal frequency > 20 Hz.

Table 7-9 Duty cycle and pulse width specifications

Function	Mode	Range	Resolution	Accuracy (at full scale)
Pulse width	-	500 ms	0.01 ms	0.2% + 3
	-	2000 ms	0.1 ms	0.2% + 3

Notes for pulse width specifications:

1 The accuracy for duty cycle and pulse width is based on a 5 V square wave input into the DC 5 V range.
2 Positive or negative pulse width must be greater than 10 µs and the range of duty cycle should be considered. The range of pulse width is determined by the frequency of the signal.

Frequency Sensitivity Specifications

For voltage measurements

Table 7-10 Frequency sensitivity and trigger level specifications for voltage measurements

Input range [1]	Minimum sensitivity (RMS sine wave)		Trigger level for DC coupling	
	20 Hz to 200 kHz	> 200 kHz to 500 kHz	< 100 kHz	> 100 kHz to 500 kHz
50 mV	10 mV	25 mV	10 mV	25 mV
500 mV	70 mV	150 mV	70 mV	150 mV
1000 mV	120 mV	300 mV	120 mV	300 mV
5 V	0.3 V	1.2 V	0.6 V	1.5 V
50 V	3 V	5 V	6 V	15 V
500 V	30 V < 100 kHz	-	60 V	-
1000 V	50 V < 100 kHz	-	120 V	-

Notes for frequency sensitivity and trigger level specifications for voltage measurements:

1 Maximum input for specified accuracy = 10 × range or 1000 V.

For current measurements

Table 7-11 Frequency sensitivity specifications for current measurements

Input range	Minimum sensitivity (RMS sine wave)
	20 Hz to 20 kHz
500 µA	100 µA
5000 µA	250 µA
50 mA	10 mA
440 mA	25 mA
5 A	1 A
10 A	2.5 A

Notes for frequency sensitivity and trigger level specifications for current measurements:

1 For maximum input, please refer to AC current measurements.

Peak Hold Specifications

Table 7-12 Peak hold specifications for dc voltage and current measurements

Signal width	Accuracy for DC mV/V/current
Single event > 1 ms	2% + 400 for all ranges
Repetitive > 250 µs	2% + 1000 for all ranges

Frequency Counter Specifications

Table 7-13 Frequency counter (divide by 1) specifications

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Sensitivity	Minimum input freq.
99.999 Hz	0.001 Hz	0.02% + 3 [1]	100 mVrms	0.5 Hz
999.99 Hz	0.01 Hz	0.002% + 5 < 985 kHz		
9.9999 kHz	0.0001 kHz			
99.999 kHz	0.001 kHz			
999.99 kHz	0.01 kHz		200 mVrsm	

Table 7-14 Frequency counter (divide by 100 [4]) specifications

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Sensitivity	Minimum input freq.
9.9999 MHz	0.0001 MHz	0.002% + 5 < 20 MHz	400 mVrms	1 MHz
99.999 MHz	0.001 MHz		600 mVrms	

Notes for frequency counter specifications:

1 All frequency counters are susceptible to error when measuring low-voltage, low-frequency signals. Shielding inputs from picking up external noise is critical for minimizing measurements errors. For non-square wave signals, an additional 5 counts needs to be added.
2 The maximum measurement level is < 30 V pp.
3 The minimum measurement frequency of low frequency is set by power-on option to speed up the measurement rate.
4 Shown on the secondary display.

Square Wave Output

Table 7-15 Square wave output specifications

Output [1]	Range	Accuracy
Frequency	0.5, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 75, 80, 100, 120, 150, 200, 240, 300, 400, 480, 600, 800, 1200, 1600, 2400, 4800 Hz	0.005% x output frequency + 2 counts
Duty cycle [2][4]	0.39% to 99.60%	± 0.398% of full scale [3]
Pulse width [2][4]	1/Frequency	0.2 ms + (range/256)
Amplitude	Fixed: 0 to + 2.8 V	± 0.2 V

Notes for square wave output specifications:

1 Output impedance: 3.5 kΩ maximum.
2 The positive or negative pulse width must be greater than 50 µs for adjusting the duty cycle or pulse width under different frequencies. Otherwise, the accuracy and range will differ from the definition.
3 For signal frequency greater than 1 kHz, an additional 0.1% per kHz is added to the accuracy.
4 The accuracy for duty cycle and pulse width is based on a 5 V square wave input without dividing signal.

Operating Specifications

Display update rate (approximate)

Table 7-16 Display update rate (approximate)

Function	Times/second
AC V	7
AC V + dB	7
DC V (V or mV)	7
AC V (V or mV)	7
AC+DC V (V or mV)	2
Ω / nS	14
Diode	14
Capacitance	4 (< 100 µF)
DC A (µA, mA, or A)	7
AC A (µA, mA, or A)	7
AC+DC A (µA, mA, or A)	2
Temperature	6
Frequency	1 (> 10 Hz)
Duty cycle	0.5 (> 10 Hz)
Pulse width	0.5 (> 10 Hz)

NOTE The U1253B handheld digital multimeter does **not** contain a realtime clock. Only **ONE** sample per second can be logged.

Input impedance

Table 7-17 Input impedance

Function	Range	Input Impedance
DC Voltage [1][3]	50.000 mV	10.00 MΩ
	500.00 mV	10.00 MΩ
	1000.0 mV	10.00 MΩ
	5.0000 V	11.10 MΩ
	50.000 V	10.10 MΩ
	500.00 V	10.01 MΩ
	1000.0 V	10.001 MΩ
AC Voltage [2]	50.000 mV	10.00 MΩ
	500.00 mV	10.00 MΩ
	1000.0 mV	10.00 MΩ
	5.0000 V	10.00 MΩ
	50.000 V	10.00 MΩ
	500.00 V	10.00 MΩ
	1000.0 V	10.00 MΩ

Table 7-17 Input impedance (continued)

Function	Range	Input Impedance
AC + DC Voltage [2]	50.000 mV	10.00 MΩ
	500.00 mV	10.00 MΩ
	1000.0 mV	10.00 MΩ
	5.0000 V	11.10 MΩ // 10 MΩ
	50.000 V	10.10 MΩ // 10 MΩ
	500.00 V	10.01 MΩ // 10MΩ
	1000.0 V	10.001 MΩ // 10MΩ

Notes for input impedance:

1 For 5 V to 1000 V range, the specified input impedance in parallel with 10 MΩ at dual display.
2 The specified input impedance (nominal) in parallel with < 100 pF.
3 For 5 V to 1000 V range, the specified input impedance is in parallel with 10 MΩ when the input voltage is >+3 V or <–2 V

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