

## Instruments

**GDT-3200** 

# 7 Function Auto Ranging Digital Multi-Meter

### **Owners Manual**

· Read this owners manual thoroughly before use and save

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1. 3/12 digit LCD display Pantalla de cristal líquido de 3 1/2 dígitos Affichage numérique 3 1/2 po

2. 7 position Function dial

- Dial de funciones de 7 posiciones Sélecteur de fonction 7 positions
- 3. AC Volts Voltios de CA Volts c.a.
- 4. DC Volts Voltios de CC Volts c.c.
- 5. Resistance Resistencia Résistance
- 6. Continuity/Diode Test Prueba de continuidad/diodo Test de continuité/diode

- 7. Temperature (-40F 752F) Temperatura (-4.4° a 400°) Température (-4.4° c - 400°C)
- 8. Battery Test Botón de luz posterior Test de pile 9. Backlight button
- Botón de encendido y apagado Bouton de rétro éclairage 10. Low Battery Indicator
- Indicador de batería baja Indicateur de pile faible
- 11. Common input jack Toma de entrada comú Prise d'entrée commune
- 12. Positive input jack Toma de entrada positiva Prise d'entrée positive
- 13. Wrap around lead storage Almacenamiento envolvente de conductores Rangement des fils par enroulage
- 14. Snap in probe storage Almacenamiento insertable de la sonda Rangement des sondes par pression
- 15. Magnetic hanging strap Correa colgadora magnética Courroie avec aimant
- 16. Protective rubber boot Manguito de caucho protector Gaine protectrice de caoutchouc
- 17 Mode Select Button Botón de selección de mod Bouton de sélection de Mode

Meter type: Auto ranging Functions:

Ranges: Auto ranging **Display Count:** 2000 Input impedance: 10 Meg Ohm

200 / 500 (2.5% + 5 digits) AC Volt ranges: DC Volt Ranges: .2 / 2 / 20 / 200 / 600 (1.2%+2 digits) Resistance Ranges: 200 / 2k / 20k / 200k / 2M (1.5% + 2 digit)

Continuity/Diode Function: selectable **Temperature Range** -40F - 752F **Battery Test Ranges:** 1.5 Volt 30 Minutes **Auto Off** Battery type: 2-AAA Battery Life:

100 hours with carbon-zinc cells, 200 hours with alkaline cells

under normal conditions.

The three least significant digits are blank and the number "1" is displayed at the left when the range capacity is exceeded

by the input.

**Polarity Indication:** "-" is displayed for negative polarity **Agency Approvals:** 

ETL, CE, CAT III 600V

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#### 1.0 METER FUNCTIONS

#### 2.0 READ FIRST: IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION



Read this operators manual thoroughly before using this mulitimeter. This manual is intended to provide basic information regarding this meter and to describe common test procedures which can be made with this unit. Many types of appliance, machinery and other electrical circuit measurements are not addressed in this manual and should be handled by experienced service technicians.



Use extreme caution when using this multimeter. Improper use of this meter can result in severe damage to property, severe personal injury or death. Follow all instructions and suggestions in this operators manual as well as observing normal electrical safety precautions. Do not use this meter if you are unfamiliar with electrical circuits and proper test procedures.

#### 2.1 For Your Safety

Use extreme caution when checking electrical circuits.

**AWARNING** 2) Do not stand in wet or damp work areas when working with electricity. Wear rubber soled boots or shoes.

**AWARNING** 3) Do not apply more voltage or current than the set range of the multimeter will allow

**AWARNING** 4) Do not touch the metal probes of the test leads when making a measurement.

**AWARNING** 5) Replace worn test leads. Do not use test leads with broken or tattered insulation.

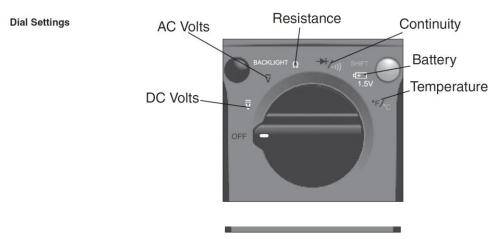
- Discharge a capacitor before measuring it.
- Remove the test leads from the circuit being measured as soon as the test is completed. Never reset the function/range switch to another range while the leads are still in contact with a circuit.
- Do not measure voltage when the function/range switch is set on the resistance (ohms) settings. Do not measure current when the meter is set on the resistance range. Never measure AC voltage when the meter is set on DC voltage. Setting the meter on the incorrect function may burn out some of the internal circuitry and may pose a safety hazard.
- 9) Damaged meters are not repairable nor is calibration possible. Damaged meters should be disposed of.

#### 3.0 Operating Instructions

- 1. Set the function/range switch to the proper position before making a measurement. When the voltage is not known, it MUST be determined that the capacity of the selected range will handle the amount of voltage in the circuit (see #3 under "For Your Safety").
- 2. Avoid placing the meter in areas where vibration, dust or dirt are present Do not store the meter in excessively hot, humid or damp places. This meter is a sensitive measuring device and should be treated with the same regard as other electrical and electronic devices.
- 3. When the meter is not in use keep the meter turned to keep the battery from discharging.
- 4. When disconnecting the test leads from the unit, always grasp the leads where the input jacks meet the tester housing. Do not pull the leads out of the jacks by the insulated wire or transport the tester using the test leads as a carrying strap.

**AWARNING** 5. Do not immerse the meter in water or solvents. To clean the housing use a damp cloth with a minimal amount of mild soap.

NOTE: With any measurement made by this meter, there will be some fluctuation of the digital display. This is due to the meter's sampling method. This unit samples at a rate of 2 times per second, thus the fluctuation of the readout.



#### 3.1 AC Volts

There are two ranges for measuring AC voltage, 200 V and 500 V. For more accurate measurements under 200 volts use the 200 Volt setting.

- 1. Set the function/range switch to the appropriate AC V range shown above.
- 2. Touch the test leads to the circuit under test. With AC voltage, the polarity of the test leads is not a factor.

NOTE: It is best to touch one of the test leads to ground or Neutral first and then touch the 2nd test lead to the hot wire.

- 3. Read the value of the measurement displayed.
- 4. Typical AC Voltage measurements include wall outlets, appliance outlets, motors, light fixtures and switches. When measuring outlets the specially spaced lead holders allow for single one hand testing.

#### 3.2 DC Volts

There are four ranges for measuring DC voltage, 2, 20, 200 V and 600 V. For more accurate measurements use the lowest range possible without exceeding the value.

- 1. Set the function/range switch to the appropriate DC V range shown above.
- 2. Touch the test leads to the circuit under test. With DC voltage, the polarity of the test leads is a factor. Touch the black (common) test lead to the negative DC source first and red (positive) test lead to the "live" source second.
- 3. Read the value of the measurement displayed. If the leads are reversed a "-" indicator will appear on the display.
- 4. Typical DC Voltage measurements include car batteries, automotive switches and household batteries.

#### 3.3 Resistance

There are five ranges for measuring resistance 200, 2K, 20K, 200K and 2 Meg Ohms. For more accurate measurements use the lowest range possible without exceeding the value.

**AWARNING** when measuring resistance always make sure the power is off.

- 1. Set the function/range switch to the appropriate resistance (ohms) range shown above.
- 2. Touch the test leads to the resistor or non-energized component to be measured. Use the 2000K range when testing for resistance values in electronic components such as resistors and potentiometer. If the value of the component falls within the range of another setting, reset the function/range switch to that setting for a more accurate reading.
- 3. Read the value of the measurement displayed. With resistance measurements, the polarity of the test leads is not a factor.
- 4. Typical resistance/continuity measurements include resistors, potentiometer, switches, extension cords and fuses.

#### 3.4 Diode / Continuity Testing

There is only one range for measuring continuity and diodes. To change between these two functions use the mode select button on the right.

**AWARNING** when measuring diodes or continuity always make sure the power is off.

#### 3.4.1 Continuity

- 1 Set the function switch to the continuity/diode [show symbols] position.
- 2 Select the continuity mode by pushing the mode select button on the right.
- 3 Touch the test leads to the component or circuit to be tested. Polarity of the test leads is a factor. Touch the black (common) test lead to the negative (-) terminal and the red test lead to the positive (+) terminal.

Read the value of the measurement displayed. If the leads are reversed a "-" indicator will appear on the display.

#### 3.4.2 Diodes

- 1. Set the function switch to the continuity/diode [show symbols] position.
- 2. Select the diode mode by pushing the mode select button on the right.
- 3. Diodes should be tested with both forward and reverse voltages applied. Touch the test leads to the diode, one lead on the anode and the other on the cathode. The indication of a diode in good condition is a low resistance reading when the red lead is on the anode and the black lead is on the cathode. When the test leads are reversed, a high resistance reading should be displayed.

NOTE: A low resistance in both directions indicates a shorted diode; a high resistance in both directions indicates an open diode.

#### 3.5 Temperature Measurements

NOTE: The standard test leads are not used for temperature measurement and can be removed from the meter.

- 1. Plug the temperature probe into the input jacks.
- 2. Set the function select dial to the "TEMP" setting. The display should now read the ambient (surrounding) temperature.
- 3. Touch the temperature probe to the object under test. Hold the probe to the object until a steady reading is maintained on the display.
- 4. To select between  $F^{\circ}$  and  $C^{\circ},$  push the mode select button.

#### 3.6 Household Battery Testing

There is only one range for measuring common 1.5 Volt household batteries. (AAA, AA, C or D size)

- Set the function switch to the battery position.
- 2. Touch the test leads to the positive and negative terminals on the battery. With DC voltage, the polarity of the test leads is a factor. Touch the black (common) test lead to the negative (-) terminal and the red test lead to the positive (+) terminal.
- 3. Read the value of the measurement displayed. If the leads are reversed a "-" indicator will appear on the display.

#### **Battery Replacement**

- 1. Remove the screws in the back cover of the tester and carefully separate the back cover form the front.
- 2. Remove the battery from the contacts, noting the polarity of the battery terminals and contacts.
- 3. Replace with one fresh 9 Volt battery.

#### Note: Do not use rechargeable batteries in this unit.

4. Carefully, replace the back cover and tighten the screws. Do not overtighten the screws as this may strip the threads in the tester housing.