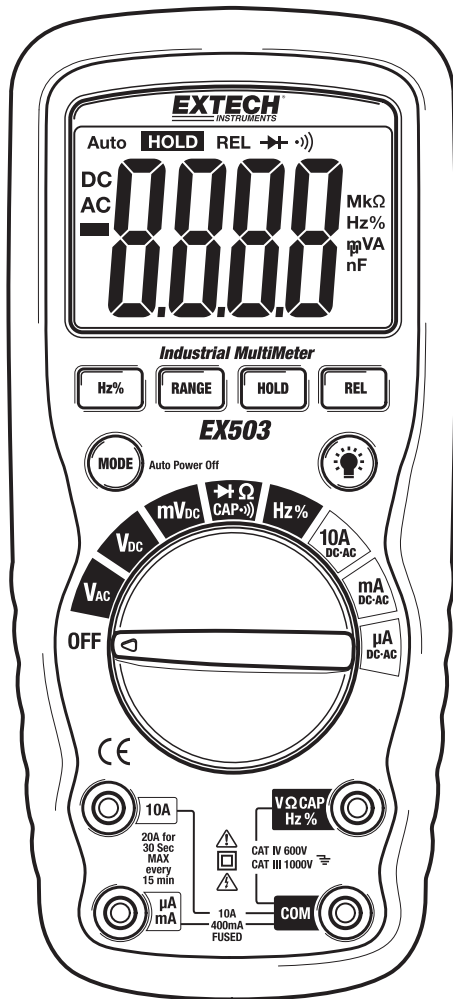


User's Guide

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INSTRUMENTS
A FLIR COMPANY
Autoranging Multimeter

Extech EX503



Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the Extech EX503 Autoranging Multimeter. This meter measures AC/DC Voltage, AC/DC Current, Resistance, Capacitance, Frequency, Diode Test, and Continuity plus Thermocouple Temperature. It features a waterproof, rugged design for

CAUTIONS

- Improper use of this meter can cause damage, shock, injury or death. Read and understand this user manual before operating the meter.
- Always remove the test leads before replacing the battery or fuses.
- Inspect the condition of the test leads and the meter itself for any damage before operating the meter. Repair or replace any damage before use.
- Use great care when making measurements if the voltages are greater than 25VAC rms or 35VDC. These voltages are considered a shock hazard.
- Warning! This is a class A equipment. This equipment can cause interferences in the living quarters; in this case the operator can be required to carry out adequate measures.
- Always discharge capacitors and remove power from the device under test before performing Diode, Resistance or Continuity tests.
- Voltage checks on electrical outlets can be difficult and misleading because of the uncertainty of connection to the recessed electrical contacts. Other means should be used to ensure that the terminals are not "live".
- If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.
- This device is not a toy and must not reach children's hands. It contains hazardous objects as well as small parts that the children could swallow. In case a child swallows any of them, please contact a physician immediately
- Do not leave batteries and packing material lying around unattended; they can be dangerous for children if they use them as toys
- In case the device is going to be unused for an extended period of time, remove the batteries to prevent them from training
- Expired or damaged batteries can cause cauterization on contact with the skin. Always, therefore, use suitable hand gloves in such cases
- See that the batteries are not short-circuited. Do not throw batteries into the fire.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

This meter has been designed for safe use, but must be operated with caution. The rules listed below must be carefully followed for safe operation.

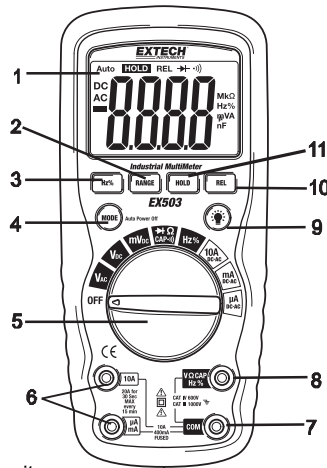
1. **NEVER** apply voltage or current to the meter that exceeds the specified maximum:

Input Protection Limits	
Function	Maximum Input
V DC or V AC	1000VDC/AC rms
mA AC/DC	400mA AC/DC
A AC/DC	10A AC/DC (20A for 30 sec)
Frequency, Resistance, Capacitance, Diode Test, Continuity	600VDC/AC rms

2. **USE EXTREME CAUTION** when working with high voltages.
3. **DO NOT** measure voltage if the voltage on the "COM" input jack exceeds 600V above earth ground.
4. **NEVER** connect the meter leads across a voltage source while the function switch is in the current, resistance, or diode mode. Doing so can damage the meter.
5. **ALWAYS** discharge filter capacitors in power supplies and disconnect the power when making resistance or diode tests.
6. **ALWAYS** turn off the power and disconnect the test leads before opening the covers to replace the fuse or batteries.
7. **NEVER** operate the meter unless the back cover and the battery and fuse covers are in place and fastened securely.
8. If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

Controls and Jacks

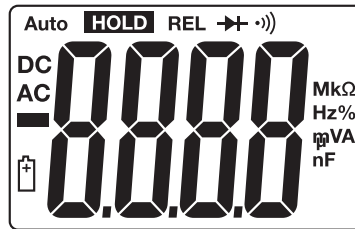
1. 4,000 count LCD display
2. RANGE button
3. Hz and % button
4. Mode button
5. Function switch
6. mA, μ A and 10A input jacks
7. COM input jack
8. Positive input jack
9. Backlight button
10. REL button
11. HOLD button



Note: Tilt stand and battery compartment are on rear of unit.

Symbols and Annunciators

•)))	Continuity		
▶	Diode test		
⊞	Battery status		
n	nano (10^{-9}) (capacitance)		
μ	micro (10^{-6}) (amps)		
m	milli (10^{-3}) (volts, amps)		
A	Amps		
k	kilo (10^3) (ohms)		
F	Farads (capacitance)		
M	mega (10^6) (ohms)		
Ω	Ohms		
Hz	Hertz (frequency)	V	Volts
%	Percent (duty ratio)	REL	Relative
AC	Alternating current	Auto	Autoranging
DC	Direct current	HOLD	Display hold

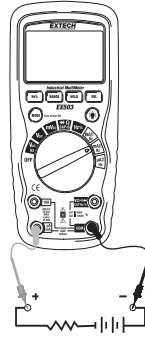


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DC CURRENT MEASUREMENTS

CAUTION: Do not make 20A current measurements for longer than 30 seconds. Exceeding 30 seconds may cause damage to the meter and/or the test leads.

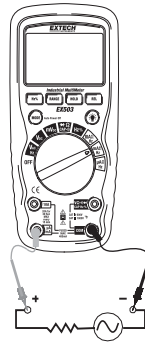
1. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack.
2. For current measurements up to 4000 μ A DC, set the function switch to the **μ A** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **μ A/mA** jack.
3. For current measurements up to 400mA DC, set the function switch to the **mA** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **μ A/mA** jack.
4. For current measurements up to 10A DC, set the function switch to the **10A** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **10A** jack.
5. Press the **MODE** button to indicate “**DC**” on the display.
6. Remove power from the circuit under test, then open up the circuit at the point where you wish to measure current.
7. Touch the black test probe tip to the negative side of the circuit.
Touch the red test probe tip to the positive side of the circuit.
8. Apply power to the circuit.
9. Read the current in the display.

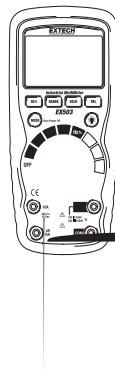
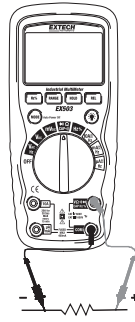


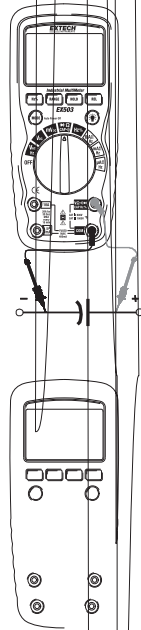
AC CURRENT (FREQUENCY, DUTY CYCLE) MEASUREMENTS

CAUTION: Do not make 20A current measurements for longer than 30 seconds. Exceeding 30 seconds may cause damage to the meter and/or the test leads.

1. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack.
2. For current measurements up to 4000 μ A AC, set the function switch to the **μ A** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **μ A/mA** jack.
3. For current measurements up to 400mA AC, set the function switch to the **mA** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **μ A/mA** jack.
4. For current measurements up to 10A AC, set the function switch to the **10A** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **10A** jack.
5. Press the **MODE** button to indicate “**AC**” on the display.
6. Remove power from the circuit under test, then open up the circuit at the point where you wish to measure current.
7. Touch the black test probe tip to the neutral side of the circuit.
Touch the red test probe tip to the “hot” side of the circuit.
8. Apply power to the circuit.
9. Read the current in the display.
10. Press the **Hz/%** button to indicate “**Hz**”.
11. Read the frequency in the display.
12. Press the **Hz/%** button again to indicate “**%**”.
13. Read the % duty cycle in the display.
14. Press the **Hz/%** button to return to current measurement.







AUTORANGING/MANUAL RANGE SELECTION

When the meter is first turned on, it automatically goes into Autoranging. This automatically selects the best range for the measurements being made and is generally the best mode for most measurements. For measurement situations requiring that a range be manually selected, perform the following:

1. Press the **RANGE** key. The "Auto" display indicator will turn off.
2. Press the **RANGE** key to step through the available ranges. Observe the decimal point and units displayed until the preferred range is located.
3. To exit the Manual Ranging mode and return to Autoranging, press and hold the **RANGE** key for 2 seconds.

Note: Manual ranging does not apply for the Capacitance and Frequency functions or for the mV range.


RELATIVE MODE

The relative measurement feature allows you to make measurements relative to a stored zero reference value. A reference voltage, current, etc. can be stored and measurements made in comparison to that value. The displayed value is the difference between the reference value and the measured value.

1. Perform the measurement as described in the operating instructions.
2. Press the **REL** button to store (zero) the reading in the display and the "REL" indicator will appear on the display.
3. The display will now indicate the difference between the stored value and the measured value.
4. Press the **REL** button to exit the relative mode.

Note: The Relative function does not operate in the Frequency function.

DISPLAY BACKLIGHT

Press the backlight  button for >2 second to turn on. Press the button again to turn the backlight off.


HOLD

The hold function freezes the reading in the display. Press the **HOLD** key momentarily to activate or to exit the **HOLD** function.

AUTO POWER OFF

The auto off feature will turn the meter off after 30 minutes. To disable the auto power off feature, hold down the **MODE** button and turn the meter on.

LOW BATTERY INDICATION

The  icon will appear in the display when the battery voltage becomes low. Replace the battery when this appears.

Maintenance

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads from any source of voltage before removing the back cover or the battery or fuse covers.

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not operate your meter until the battery and fuse covers are in place and fastened securely.

This MultiMeter is designed to provide years of dependable service, if the following care instructions are performed:

1. **KEEP THE METER DRY.** If it gets wet, wipe it off.
2. **USE AND STORE THE METER IN NORMAL TEMPERATURES.** Temperature extremes can shorten the life of the electronic parts and distort or melt plastic parts.
3. **HANDLE THE METER GENTLY AND CAREFULLY.** Dropping it can damage the electronic parts or the case.
4. **KEEP THE METER CLEAN.** Wipe the case occasionally with a damp cloth. DO NOT use chemicals, cleaning solvents, or detergents.
5. **USE ONLY FRESH BATTERIES OF THE RECOMMENDED SIZE AND TYPE.** Remove old or weak batteries so they do not leak and damage the unit.
6. **IF THE METER IS TO BE STORED FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME,** the batteries should be removed to prevent damage to the unit.

BATTERY INSTALLATION

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads from any source of voltage before removing the battery cover.

1. Turn power off and disconnect the test leads from the meter.
2. Open the rear battery cover by removing two screws (B) using a Phillips head screwdriver.
3. Insert the battery into battery holder, observing the correct polarity.
4. Put the battery cover back in place. Secure with the screws.

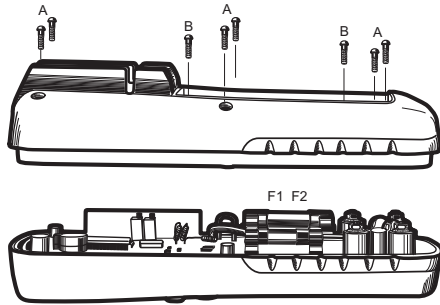


You, as the end user, are legally bound (**EU Battery ordinance**) to return all used batteries, **disposal in the household garbage is prohibited!** You can hand over your used batteries / accumulators at collection points in your community or wherever batteries / accumulators are sold!

Disposal: Follow the valid legal stipulations in respect of the disposal of the device at the end of its lifecycle

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not operate the meter until the battery cover is in place and fastened securely.

NOTE: If your meter does not work properly, check the fuses and batteries to make sure that they are still good and that they are properly inserted.



REPLACING THE FUSES

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads from any source of voltage before removing the fuse cover.

1. Disconnect the test leads from the meter.
2. Remove the battery cover (two "B" screws) and the battery.
3. Remove the six "A" screws securing the rear cover.
4. Gently remove the old fuse and install the new fuse into the holder.
5. Always use a fuse of the proper size and value (0.5A/1000V fast blow for the 400mA range [SIBA 70-172-40], 10A/1000V fast blow for the 20A range [SIBA 50-199-06]).
6. Replace and secure the rear cover, battery and battery cover.


WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not operate your meter until the fuse cover is in place and fastened securely.

Specifications

Function	Range	Resolution	Accuracy
DC Voltage	400mV	0.1mV	±(0.5% reading + 2 digits)
	4V	0.001V	±(1.2% reading + 2 digits)
	40V	0.01V	
	400V	0.1V	
	1000V	1V	±(1.5% reading + 2 digits)
AC Voltage	400mV	0.1mV	±(2.0% reading + 10 dgts)
	4V	0.001V	±(2.0% reading + 5 dgts)
	40V	0.01V	
	400V	0.1V	
	1000V	1V	±(2.5% reading + 5 dgts)
DC Current	400µA	0.1µA	±(1.0% reading + 3 digits)
	4000µA	1µA	±(1.5% reading + 3 digits)
	40mA	0.01mA	
	400mA	0.1mA	
	10A	0.01A	±(2.5% reading + 10 digits)
AC Current	400µA	0.1µA	±(2.5% reading + 10 digits)
	4000µA	1µA	±(1.8% reading + 5 digits)
	40mA	0.01mA	
	400mA	0.1mA	
	10A	0.01A	±(3.0% reading + 7 digits)
Resistance	400Ω	0.1Ω	±(1.2% reading + 4 digits)
	4kΩ	0.001kΩ	±(1.0% reading + 2 digits)
	40kΩ	0.01kΩ	±(1.2% reading + 2 digits)
	400kΩ	0.1kΩ	
	4MΩ	0.001MΩ	
	40MΩ	0.01MΩ	±(2.0% reading + 3 digits)
Capacitance	40nF	0.01nF	±(5.0% reading + 7 digits)
	400nF	0.1nF	±(3.0% reading + 5 digits)
	4µF	0.001µF	
	40µF	0.01µF	
	100µF	0.1µF	±(5% reading + 5 digits)
Frequency Hz% Function	5.999Hz	0.001Hz	±(1.5% reading + 1 digits)
	59.99Hz	0.01Hz	
	599.9Hz	0.1Hz	±(1.2% reading + 3 digits)
	5.999kHz	0.001kHz	
	59.99kHz	0.01kHz	
	599.9kHz	0.1kHz	±(1.5% reading + 4 digits)
	5.999MHz	0.001MHz	
	9.999MHz	0.001MHz	
Sensitivity: 0.5V rms <500kHz; 3V rms >500kHz			
Duty Cycle	0.1 to 99.9%		
	Pulse width: 100µs to 100ms, Frequency: 5Hz to 150kHz		

NOTE: Accuracy is stated at 18°C to 28°C (65°F to 83°F) and less than 75% RH. **Note:** Accuracy specifications consist of two elements:

- (% reading) – This is the accuracy of the measurement circuit.
- (+ digits) – This is the accuracy of the analog to digital converter.

Enclosure	Double molded, waterproof (IP67)
Shock (Drop Test)	2 meters (6.5 feet)
Diode Test	Test current of 0.3mA typical, open circuit voltage 1.5V DC typical
Continuity Check	Audible signal will sound if the resistance is less than 100Ω (approx.), test current <0.3mA
Input Impedance	7.8MΩ
AC Response	Average responding
ACV Bandwidth	50Hz to 400Hz
Crest Factor	≤3 at full scale up to 500V, decreasing linearly to ≤1.5 at 1000V
Display	4,000 count backlit liquid crystal
Overrange indication	"OL" is displayed
Auto Power Off	30 minutes (approximately)
Polarity	Automatic (no indication for positive); Minus (-) sign for negative
Measurement Rate	2 times per second, nominal
Low Battery Indication	"  is displayed if battery voltage drops below operating voltage
Battery	One 9 volt (NEDA 1604) battery
Fuses	mA, μA ranges; 0.5A/1000V ceramic fast blow A range; 10A/1000V ceramic fast blow
Operating Temperature	5°C to 40°C (41°F to 104°F)
Storage Temperature	-20°C to 60°C (-4°F to 140°F)
Operating Humidity	Max 80% up to 31°C (87°F) decreasing linearly to 50% at 40°C (104°F)
Storage Humidity	<80%
Operating Altitude	2000meters (7000ft) maximum
Weight	342g (0.753lb) (includes holster).
Size	182 x 82 x 55mm (7.2" x 3.2" x 2.2")
Safety	This meter is intended for origin of installation use and protected, against the users, by double insulation per EN61010-1 and IEC61010-1 2 nd Edition (2001) to Category IV 600V and Category III 1000V; Pollution Degree 2. The meter also meets UL 61010-1, 2 nd Edition (2004), CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 61010-1 2 nd Edition (2004), and UL 61010B-2-031, 1 st Edition (2003)
Approvals	UL CE
UL Listed	The UL mark does not indicate that this product has been evaluated for the accuracy of its readings.

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