## **User's Guide**



# 800 Amp AC/DC True RMS Clamp Meter Model EX730



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## Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the EX730 Clamp DMM. Careful use of this meter will provide many years of reliable service.

## Safety

## **International Safety Symbols**



This symbol, adjacent to another symbol or terminal, indicates the user must refer to the manual for further information.



This symbol, adjacent to a terminal, indicates that, under normal use, hazardous voltages may be present



Double insulation

## **SAFETY NOTES**

- Do not exceed the maximum allowable input range of any function.
- Do not apply voltage to meter when resistance function is selected.
- Set the function switch OFF when the meter is not in use.
- Remove the battery if meter is to be stored for longer than 60 days.

## **WARNINGS**

- Set function switch to the appropriate position before measuring.
- When measuring volts do not switch to current/resistance modes.
- Do not measure current on a circuit whose voltage exceeds 600V.
- When changing ranges always disconnect the test leads from the circuit under test.

### **UL Note**

A UL mark does not indicate that this product has been evaluated for accuracy.

Function	Maximum Input	
A AC A DC	800A DC/AC	
V DC, V AC	600V DC/AC	
Resistance, Capacitance, Frequency, Diode Test 250V DC/AC		
Temperature	60V DC, 24V AC	

#### **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.
- 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.





#### Resistance Measurements

- Insert the black test lead into the negative COM terminal and the red test lead into the V·Ω·CAP·TEMP Hz· →→positive terminal.
- 2. Set the function switch to the  $\Omega$  position.
- 3. Touch the test probe tips across the circuit or component under test.
- 4. Read the resistance on the LCD display.

## **Capacitance Measurements**

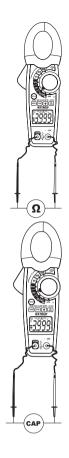
WARNING: To avoid electric shock, discharge the capacitor under test before measuring.

- 1. Set the function switch to the **CAP** position.
- Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative COM jack and the red test lead banana plug into the V· Ω·CAP·TEMP Hz·→ positive jack.
- 3. Touch the test probe tips across the part under test. If "dISC" appears in the display, remove and discharge the component.
- 4. Read the capacitance value in the display.
- 5. The display will indicate the proper decimal point and value.

Note: For very large values of capacitance measurement it can take several minutes before the final reading stabilizes.

## **Frequency Measurements**

- Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative COM jack and the red test lead banana plug into the V· Ω·CAP·TEMP Hz· → positive jack.
- 2. Set the function switch to the V Hz Position.
- Press <u>and hold</u> the **MODE** button to select the Frequency (Hz) function. "k Hz" will appear in the display.
- 4. Touch the test probe tips across the part under test.
- 5. Read the Frequency value on the display.
- 6. The display will indicate the proper decimal point and value.
- 7. Press and hold the **MODE** button again to return to the voltage mode.





## **Temperature Measurements**

- 1. Set the function switch to the **TEMP** position.
- Insert the Temperature Probe into the negative COM and the V· Ω·CAP·TEMP·Hz· positive jacks, observing polarity.
- 3. Touch the Temperature Probe head to the device under test. Continue to touch the part under test with the probe until the reading stabilizes.
- Read the temperature on the display. The digital reading will indicate the proper decimal point and value.
- 5. Use the **MODE** button to select °F or °C.

**WARNING:** To avoid electric shock, be sure the thermocouple probe has been removed before changing to another measurement function.

## **Continuity Measurements**

- Insert the black test lead into the negative COM terminal and the red test lead into the V· Ω CAP·TEMP Hz· → positive terminal.
- 2. Set the function switch to the •)) position.
- Use the MODE button to select continuity "•))". The display icons will change when the MODE button is pressed.
- 4. Touch the test probe tips across the circuit or component under test.
- 5. If the resistance is  $< 40\Omega$ , a tone will sound.

#### **Diode Test**

- Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative COM jack and the red test lead banana plug into the V·Ω·CAP·TEMP Hz· → positive jack
- Turn the function switch to → position. Use the MODE button to select the diode function if necessary (diode symbol will appear on the LCD when in Diode test mode)
- Touch the test probe tips to the diode or semiconductor junction under test. Note the meter reading
- 4. Reverse the test lead polarity by reversing the red and black leads. Note this reading
- 5. The diode or junction can be evaluated as follows:
  - If one reading displays a value (typically 0.400V to 0.900V) and the other reading displays OL, the diode is good.
  - If both readings display OL the device is open.
  - If both readings are very small or '0', the device is shorted.



## **Data Hold**

To freeze the LCD reading, press the HOLD button. While data hold is active, the HOLD icon appears on the LCD. Press the **HOLD** button again to return to normal operation.

## DC ZERO (Relative)

The **DC ZERO** is a relative feature and can be used in any function.

- Press the DC ZERO button to zero the display. "ZERO" will appear in the display. The displayed reading is now the actual value less the stored "zero" value.
- 2 Press the DC ZERO button to view the stored value. "ZERO" will flash in the display.
- 3. To exit this mode, press and Hold the **ZERO** button until "**ZERO**" is no longer in the display.

#### Peak Hold

The Peak Hold function captures the peak AC or DC voltage or current. The meter can capture negative or positive peaks as fast as 1 millisecond in duration.

- Turn the function switch to the A or V position. 1.
- 2 Use the MODE button to select AC or DC
- 3. Allow time for the display to stabilize.
- Press and Hold the PEAK button until "CAL" appears in the display. This procedure will zero 4. the range selected.
- 5. Press the PEAK button. Pmax will display.
- 6. The display will update each time a higher positive peak occurs.
- 7. Press the PEAK button again, Pmin will display. The display will now update and indicate the lowest negative peak.
- 8. To return to normal operation, press and hold the PEAK button until the Pmin or Pmax indicator switches off.

Note: If the Function switch position is changed after a calibration the Peak Hold calibration must be repeated for the new function selected.

## LCD Backlight Button "



The LCD is equipped with backlighting. Press the backlight button to turn the backlight on. Press again to turn the backlight off.

## **Automatic Power OFF**

In order to conserve battery life, the meter will automatically turn off after approximately 25 minutes. To turn the meter on again, turn the function switch to the OFF position and then to the desired function position.

# Specifications

Function	Range & Resolution	Accuracy (% of reading + digits)	
AC Current	40.00A AC	± (2.5% + 10d)	
50/60 Hz	400.0A AC	± (2.5% + 8d)	
True RMS	800A AC	± (2.8% + 5d)	
DC Current	40.00A DC	± (2.5% + 7d)	
	400.0A DC	± (2.5% + 5d)	
	800A DC	± (2.8% + 5d)	
AC Voltage 50/60Hz True RMS	400.0mV AC	± (1.0% + 10d)	
	4.000V AC		
	40.00V AC	± (1.5% + 5d)	
	400.0V AC		
	600V AC	± (2.0% + 5d)	
DC Voltage	400.0mV DC	± (0.8% + 2d)	
	4.000V DC	± (1.5% + 2d)	
	40.00V DC		
	400.0V DC		
	600V DC	± (2.0% + 2d)	
Resistance	400.0Ω	± (1.0% + 4d)	
	4.000kΩ	± (1.5% + 2d)	
	40.00kΩ		
	400.0kΩ		
	4.000ΜΩ	± (2.5% + 3d)	
	40.00ΜΩ	± (3.5% + 5d)	
Capacitance	4.000nF	± (5.0% + 30d)	
	40.00nF	± (5.0% + 20d)	
	400.0nF		
	4.000µF	± (3.0% + 5d)	
	40.00μF		
	400.0μF	± (4.0% + 10d)	
	4.000mF	± (10% + 10d)	
	40.00mF	unspecified	
Frequency	4.000kHz	± (1.5% + 2d)	
	Sensitivity: 100V (<50Hz); 50V (50 to 400Hz); 5V (401 to 4000Hz)		
Temperature	-4 to 1400°F	± (3%rdg + 9°F)	
	-20 to 760°C	± (3%rdg + 5°C)	

## **General Specifications**

Clamp jaw opening 30mm (1.2") approx.

**Diode test** Test current of 0.3mA typical;

Open circuit voltage < 3VDC typical

Low Battery indication 'BAT' is displayed Over-range indication 'OL' display

Measurement rate 2 readings per second, nominal

PEAKCaptures peaks >1msTemperature sensorType K thermocoupleInput Impedance $10M\Omega$  (VDC and VAC)AC bandwidth50 to 400Hz (AAC and VAC)AC responseTrue rms (AAC and VAC)

Crest Factor 3.0 in 40A and 400A ranges, 1.4 in 800A range (50/60Hz and 5% to

100% of range)

 $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Operating Temperature} & 5^{\circ}\text{C to } 40^{\circ}\text{C } (41^{\circ}\text{F to } 104^{\circ}\text{F}) \\ \textbf{Storage Temperature} & -20^{\circ}\text{C to } 60^{\circ}\text{C } (-4^{\circ}\text{F to } 140^{\circ}\text{F}) \\ \end{array}$ 

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.

**Battery** One (1) 9V Battery **Auto power OFF** After approx. 25 minutes

**Dimensions & Weight** 229 x 80 x 49mm (9.0 x 3.1 x 2.0"); 303g (10.7 oz).

Safety For indoor use and in accordance with the requirements for double insulation to IEC1010-1 (2001): EN61010-1 (2001) Overvoltage

Category III 600V and Category II 1000V, Pollution Degree 2.

## Maintenance

**WARNING:** To avoid electrical shock, disconnect the meter from any circuit, remove the test leads from the input terminals, and turn OFF the meter before opening the case. Do not operate the meter with an open case.

## Cleaning and Storage

Periodically wipe the case with a damp cloth and mild detergent; do not use abrasives or solvents. If the meter is not to be used for 60 days or more, remove the battery and store it separately.

## **Battery Replacement**

- 1. Remove the Phillips head screw that secures the rear battery door
- 2. Open the battery compartment
- 3. Replace the 9V battery
- 4. Secure the battery compartment



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

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