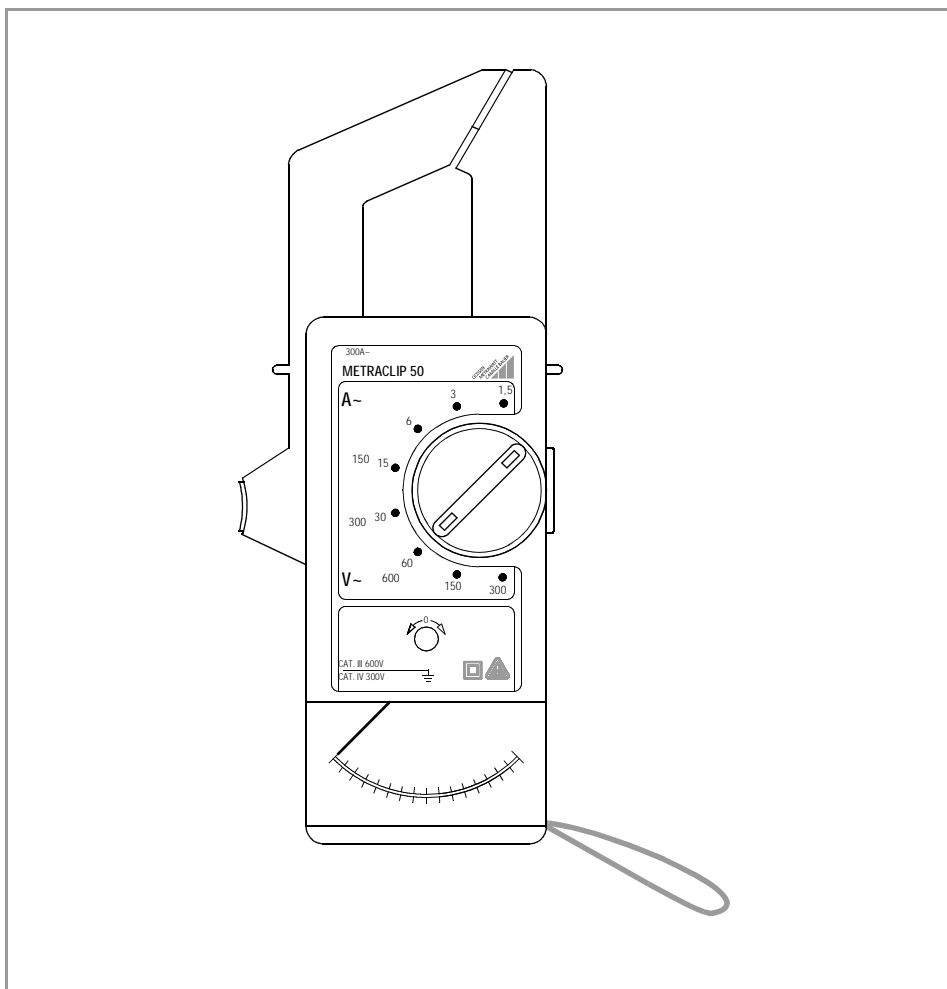


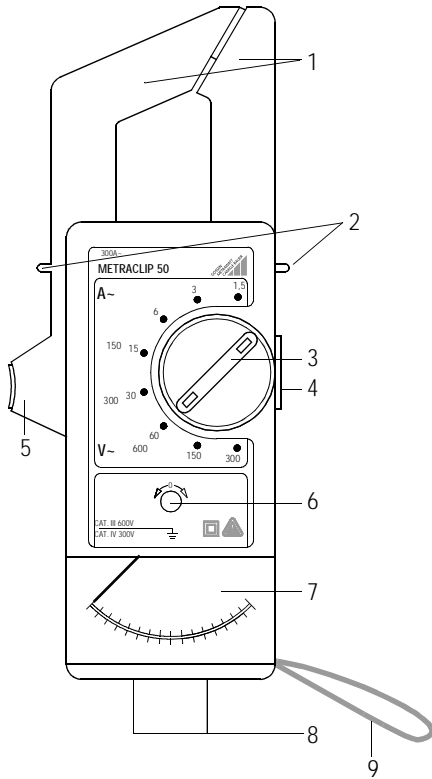
METRACLIP[®] 50

Clip-On Ammeter with Analog Indicator

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- 1 Clip for the measurement of alternating current to 300 A
- 2 Safety zone delimiter:
Do not reach beyond the safety collar!
- 3 Measuring range selector switch
- 4 Key for locking pointer
- 5 Toggle lever for opening clip
- 6 Adjusting screw for mechanically setting the pointer to zero
- 7 Analog indicator for current and voltage
- 8 Input jacks for the measurement of alternating voltage to 600 V
- 9 Carrying strap

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1 General Description

The METRACLIP®50 clip-on ammeter can be used for the rapid measurement of alternating current of up to 300 A without interrupting the measuring circuit, as well as for the measurement of alternating voltage of up to 600 V with a measurement cable. The mean value is displayed at the instrument. It is balanced to the RMS value for sinusoidal signals at a frequency of 50 Hz.

The pointer at the analog indicator can be locked mechanically for measurements at difficult to access locations, or at measuring points which require the operator's full attention. The clip jaws can be opened, or the test probes can be removed from the measuring point after the measurement has been completed, and the measurement value can then be read from the indicator.

The instrument consists of a measuring transducer for clip-on current measurements, electronic circuitry and a meter movement.

The measuring transducer is split asymmetrically and is opened with a toggle lever. The core consists of two clip jaws whose end surfaces make full contact with one another after closing, even after they have been opened many times.

Measuring ranges for current and voltage can be selected with the rotary switch.

The toggle lever, the rotary switch and the pointer locking key can all be activated in single hand operation.

2 Safety Precautions

The METRACLIP®50 clip-on ammeter has been manufactured and tested in accordance with safety regulations IEC 61010-1/EN 61010-1/VDE 0411-1 and IEC 61010-2-032/EN 61010-2-032/VDE 0411-2-032.

When used for its intended purpose, safety of the operator, as well as that of the instrument, is assured. The instrument may only be operated by properly trained personnel, who are capable of recognizing the dangers which are associated with the measurement of current and voltage.

Read the operating instructions completely and carefully before placing your instrument into service, and follow all instructions contained therein.

Meaning of symbols on the instrument:



Warning concerning a point of danger (Attention: observe documentation!)



Continuous, doubled or reinforced insulation



CE mark of conformity

CAT III Overvoltage category III device

CAT IV Overvoltage category IV device

The clip-on ammeter may not be used:

- If it demonstrates visible damage
- With damaged connector cables
- If it no longer functions flawlessly
- After lengthy periods of storage under unfavorable conditions (e.g. humidity, dust, excessive temperature).

Safe Handling

- The housing and the handle must be free of dust, grease and moisture.
- The operator's fingers may not be extended beyond the safety collar during the performance of measurements, in order to avoid dangerous contact with the conductor.
- Avoid excessive mechanical stresses such as impact or vibration, as well as excessive temperatures and strong magnetic fields.
- The pointer should not be locked during long periods of non-use, for example during transport or storage.



Attention!

No Measurements Allowed with Values in Excess of the Measuring Ranges!

Voltages and currents which exceed the measuring range of the respective function may not be measured.



Attention!

The operator's fingers **may not be extended beyond the safety limit**, which is identified by means of the safety collar.

3 Initial Start-Up

3.1 Power Supply

The instrument requires neither an internal nor an external source of supply power.

3.2 Measurement Cables

For reasons of safety, only measurement cables which comply with IEC specifications may be used.

Voltage measurement is only possible with measurement cables which have been equipped with contact-protected banana plugs.

3.3 Zero Balancing

If required, the pointer can be set to zero with the adjusting screw. Zero balancing should only be performed after the instrument has been disconnected from the measuring circuit.

4 Operation

4.1 Alternating Current Measurements



Attention!

Line voltage (or the highest allowable conductor to earth operating voltage) **may not exceed a value of 600 V AC** for alternating current measurements.

Current in excess of 360 A continuous, and 1000 A intermittent may not be measured.

- Remove any measurement cables which may have been plugged into the input jacks: clip-on current measurement is otherwise not possible.

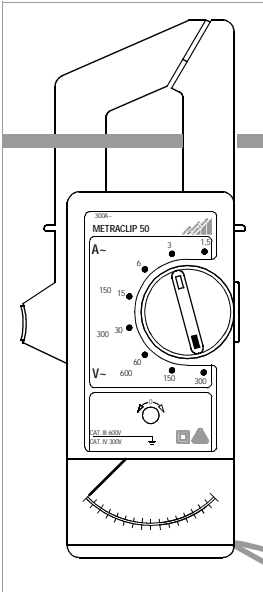
- First set the selector switch to the highest current measuring range.

- Insert **one conductor only** into the clip.

Make certain that the clip surfaces are clean and that they make good contact with one another.

The conductor should be approximately at the center of the clip opening, and may not make contact with the clip jaws.

- Depending upon the measurement value, switch to a lower measuring range with higher resolution. If possible, pointer deflection should be greater than one third of the overall scale.
- Read the measurement value with the help of the pointer.
- Remove the clip from the conductor after completion of the measurement.



4.1.1 Measuring Small Value Currents

If small value currents need to be measured, the conductor can be coiled around the clip jaw in order to increase sensitivity in direct relationship to the number of coils. The corrected value is determined by dividing the measurement value by the number of coils.

Measurement accuracy may be influenced by current conductors in close proximity to the instrument, especially if they conduct a current which is substantially greater than the current to be measured. Maintain greatest possible distance to nearby current conductors.

Measurement accuracy may also be influenced by extraneous magnetic stray fields. See chapter 5, "Characteristic Values" concerning limitations.

4.2 Alternating Voltage Measurements



Attention!

Input voltage **may not exceed 600 V AC**.

- Plug the measurement cables into the jacks (8). The COM jack should be connected to ground (conductor with low voltage to ground).

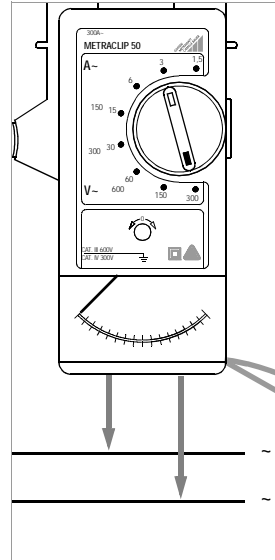
- First set the selector switch to the highest voltage measuring range (600 V AC).

- Connect the test probes to the measuring circuit.

- Depending upon the measurement value, switch to a lower measuring range with higher resolution. If possible, pointer deflection should be greater than one third of the overall scale.

- Read the measurement value with the help of the pointer.

- Remove the test probes from the measuring circuit after completion of the measurement.



5 Characteristic Values

Alternating Current, A AC

Measuring Range in A	Nominal Frequency in Hz	Input Current		Max. Ext. Magnetic Field in A/m
		Max. in A	Duration	
1.5	48 ... 52	1.5	continuous	80
3		3		160
6		6		320
15	40 ... 100	15		400
30		30		
60		60		
150		150		
300		300		

Max. input voltage: 600 V AC

Max. allowable overload: 360 A continuous
1000 A intermittent

Alternating Voltage, V AC

Measuring Range in V	Nominal Frequency in Hz	Input Voltage	
		Max. in V	Duration
150	40 ... 400	150	continuous
300		300	
600		600	

Max. allowable overload 720 V continuous
1000 V intermittent

Internal resistance in voltage measuring range 5 k Ω /V

Display

Accuracy Class	2.5
Zero Drift	max. 50% of accuracy class
Scale Length	55 mm

Reference Conditions

Ambient Temperature	+23° C \pm 5° C
Relative Humidity	40 ... 60%
Atmospheric Pressure	80 ... 106 kPa
Periodic Quantity	
Peak Factor	1.414 \pm 0.5% (sinusoidal waveshape)
Periodic Quantity	
Frequency	50 Hz \pm 1 Hz
External Magnetic Field	max. 40 A/m (DC to 65 Hz) in any direction
External Electrical Field	max. 1 kV/m (DC to 65 Hz) in any direction, any working position

Influences

Position of the conductor within the clip jaws	max. 100% of accuracy class
Activation of the Pointer Lock Mechanism	max. 50% of accuracy class
Temperature Coefficient	max. 10% of accuracy class / K

Power Supply

The instrument requires neither an internal nor an external source of supply power.

Electrical Safety

Safety Class	II per IEC 61010-1/ EN 61010-1/ VDE 0411-1
Contamination Level	2
Overvoltage Category	III for 600 V operating voltage or IV for 300 V operating voltage
Withstand Voltage	5.55 kV AC for 1 minute between input jacks and housing, and between input jacks and metal parts
Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)	
Interference Emission	EN 50081-1: 1992 EN 55022: 1987 class B
Interference Immunity	EN 50082-1: 1992 IEC 801-2: 1991 8 kV atmospheric discharge IEC 801-3: 1984 3 V/m IEC 801-4: 1988 0.5 kV

Ambient Conditions

Operating Temperature	+5° C ... +40° C
Storage Temperature	–25° C ... +55° C
Relative Humidity	max. 85%, no condensation allowed to 2000 m
Elevation	to 2000 m

Mechanical Design

Protection	IP40
Clip Opening	28 mm dia. or 30 mm x 20 mm
Dimensions	W x H x D: 88+ mm x 220 mm x 40+ mm
Weight	approx. 0.5 kg

6 Maintenance

Clip Jaw Surfaces

The ends of the clip jaws must be kept clean in order to assure good contact. The clip jaw surfaces should be lightly oiled from time to time in order to prevent corrosion (e.g. with an anticorrosive oil, or with Vaseline).

Housing

No special maintenance is required for the housing. Keep outside surfaces clean. Use a slightly dampened cloth for cleaning. Avoid the use of cleansers, abrasives or solvents.

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