

GEOHM[®] C

Ground Resistance Tester

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Battery operated tester for the measurement of ground resistance meets international standards for performing such tests. This instrument allows measurement of soil resistivity and ohmic resistance by means of the ammeter-voltmeter test method.

Features

- 3 or 4-wire measurement selectable from menu
- No balancing required
- Continuous monitoring of interference voltage and auxiliary earth electrode resistance with indication of limit value violations
- Indication is displayed if maximum probe resistance is exceeded at the beginning of the measurement
- Voltage measuring range: 0 to 250 V~



Applications

The GEOHM[®] C is a compact instrument for the measurement of ground resistance in electrical systems in accordance with:

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| DIN VDE 0100 | Installation of power systems with nominal voltages of up to 1000 V |
| DIN VDE 0141 | Grounding in AC systems with nominal voltages of greater than 1 kV |
| DIN VDE 0800 | Installation and operation of telecommunications systems including data processing systems: equipotential bonding and grounding |

Testing of lightning protection systems in accordance with DIN VDE 0185

The instrument is also capable of determining soil resistivity which is essential in calculating dimensions for grounding systems. It can thus be taken advantage of for simple, geological surveys, and for the planning of grounding systems.

Beyond this, ohmic resistance can be measured at both solid and liquid conductors, as well as internal resistance at conductive elements, as long as these are capacitance and induction-free.

Special Functions

- Hold function: The measurement value is frozen at the display after the measurement key is released.
- Storage of measurement values to memory
- Data interface for the transmission of measurement values and for software updates
- Convenient report generating software, can be expanded into a comprehensive database

Display

The LCD consists of a backlit dot matrix display at which menus, setup options, measuring results and online help can be viewed. Various display languages can be selected depending upon the country in which the instrument is used.

Signal Lamps

The instrument automatically recognizes errors which occur during measurement, and signals them with four LEDs as shown in the table below.

LED	Status	Measuring Function	Meaning
U _{Stor} / U _{noise}	red	Interference voltage	U > 10 V
Netz Mains	red	Voltage	Mains voltage is present
R _S >max	red	Probe resistance	Limit value exceeded
R _H >max	red	Auxiliary earth electrode resistance	Limit value exceeded

Operation

The instrument is easy to operate. A multifunction key allows for one-hand operation for menu selections and the initialization of measurements. Basic functions and sub-functions are selected with the help of four softkeys.

The instrument functions in accordance with the ammeter-voltmeter principle, and thus requires no balancing. Automatic measuring range selection, limit value monitoring and direct selection of 3 or 4-wire measurement assure easy operation as well.

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Battery Monitoring and Self-Test

A battery symbol with five segments ranging from depleted to fully charged continuously indicates the charging level of the batteries in the main menu.

Automatic shutdown ensures if the batteries are fully depleted, and the instrument includes an integrated charge monitoring circuit for safe charging of rechargeable NiMH or NiCd batteries. During the self-test, a series of test patterns can be displayed one after the other, and indicator LEDs and relays are tested.

Rugged Housing for Harsh Operating Conditions

Soft plastic jacketing protects the instrument against damage due to impact and dropping.

Data Interface

Measurement data can be uploaded to a printer or a PC via the integrated IRDA interface, providing the user with three significant advantages.

- Transmission of stored data to a PC for processing and archiving, or for the generation of official reports
- Immediate print-out of all measurement data (via adapter)

Software Updates

The test instrument can always be kept current thanks to device software updates via the IRDA interface. Software updates are performed during the course of re-calibration by our service department, or by the user himself.

Applicable Regulations and Standards

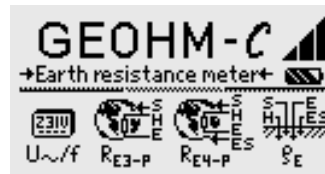
IEC 61010-1/EN 61010-1/ VDE 0411-1	Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use
IEC 61557/ EN 61557/ VDE 0413	Devices for testing, measuring and monitoring protective measures Part 1: General requirements Part 5: Earth resistance
DIN 43751 Part 1, 2	Digital measuring instruments
VDE 0106 Part 1	Protection against electrical shock, classification of electrical and electronic equipment
EN 60529, VDE 0470 Part 1	Test instruments and test procedures, protection provided by enclosures (IP code)
EN 61326-1	Interference emission
EN 61326-A1	Interference immunity

Regulations and Standards for Use of the Test Instrument

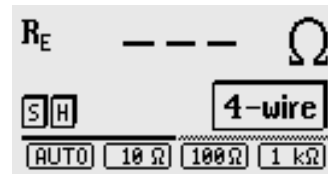
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DIN VDE 0800	Setup and operation of telecommunications systems including electronic data processing: equipotential bonding and grounding
DIN VDE 0185	Lightning protection systems – general installation regulations
International regulations and standards	
BS 7430 + BS 7671, NFC 15-100, IEC 60364	

Sample Displays

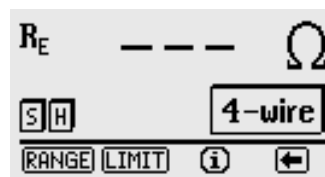
Main Menu



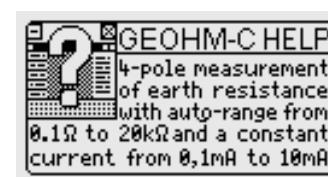
Measuring Range Selection



4-Wire Measurement



Online Help



Characteristic Values

Measured Quantity	Measuring Range (display range)	Nominal Range of Use	Impedance / Test Current
RE	0.01 ... 20 Ω	0.5 ... 20 Ω	10 mA
	0.1 ... 200 Ω	5 ... 200 Ω	1 mA
	1 Ω ... 2 kΩ	50 Ω ... 2 kΩ	100 μA
	10 Ω ... 20 kΩ	500 Ω ... 20 kΩ	100 μA
	10 Ω ... 50 kΩ	500 Ω ... 50 kΩ ¹⁾	100 μA
U~ f ²⁾	0 ... 99.9 V	10 ... 250 V	500 kΩ
	100 ... 300 V		500 kΩ
	15 ... 99.9 Hz	45 ... 200 Hz	500 kΩ
	100 ... 400 Hz		

Measured Quantity	Intrinsic Error Basic Accuracy
RE	±(3% rdg. +6 d)
U~ f ²⁾	±(2% rdg. +2 d)
	±(0.1% rdg. +1 d)

¹⁾ Manual measuring range selection only

²⁾ For sinusoidal measured quantities only

Output voltage: max. 50 V_{rms} at 128 Hz ±0.5 Hz

Reference Conditions

Battery Voltage 5.5 V ± 1%
 Ambient Temperature + 23 °C ± 2 K
 Relative Humidity 45 ... 55%

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Nominal Ranges of Use

Temperature Range	0 °C ... + 40 °C
Battery Voltage	4.5 ... 6.5 V
Line Frequency	50/60 Hz ±0.2 Hz
Line Voltage Waveshape	sine (deviation between RMS and rectified value < 1%)

Nominal Conditions of Use

Series Mode	
Interference Voltage	< 10 V _{SS}
Additional Error caused by Probe Resistance and Auxiliary Earth Electrode Resistance	< 5% of (R _E + R _A + R _P)
Max. Probe Resistance R _P	< 100 kΩ
Max. Auxiliary Earth Electrode Resistance R _A	< 50 kΩ

Ambient Conditions

Operating Temperature	-10 ... + 50 °C
Storage Temperature	-20 ... + 60 °C (without batteries)
Relative Humidity	max. 95%, no condensation allowed

Power Supply

Batteries	4 ea. 1.5 V C-size (alkaline-manganese per IEC LR14)
Battery Voltage	4.6 ... 6.5 V
Battery Service Life	30 h or 1000 measurements at R _E (with 10 s on-time, each measurement performed until the instrument switches off automatically, without display illumination)
Rechargeable Batteries	NiCd or NiMH
Battery Charger (not included)	NA 0100S for 230 V AC (Z501D), 3.5 mm jack plug
Charging Voltage	9 V
Charging Time	approx. 9 hours

As a rule, fewer measurements can be performed with rechargeable batteries due to their limited charging capacity.

Electrical Safety

Safety Class	II per IEC 61010-1
Operating Voltage	300 V
Test Voltage	2.3 kV
Overvoltage Category	II
Fuse	F0.1H250V

Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)

Interference Emission	EN 61326-1
Interference Immunity	EN 61326-A1

Data Interface

Type	infrared interface (SIR/IrDa) bidirectional, half-duplex
Format	9600 baud, 1 start bit, 1 stop bit, 8 data bits, no parity, no handshake
Range	max. 10 cm recommended distance: < 4 cm

Mechanical Design

Display	multiple dot matrix display 128 x 64 pixels (65 mm x 38 mm), illuminated
Protection	housing: IP 54 per EN 60529
Dimensions	275 mm x 140 mm x 65 mm
Weight	approx. 1.2 kg with batteries

Standard Equipment

- 1 GEOHM[®] C test instrument
- 1 carrying strap
- 1 set of batteries
- 1 set of comprehensive instructions covering the following topics:
 - Measurement of earth resistance with instructions for 3 and 4-wire methods, with physical considerations regarding the potential gradient area as related to dissipation resistance of grounding systems of various size, with important tips for the performance of measurements on difficult terrain
 - Measurement of soil resistivity with geologic analysis and calculation of dissipation resistance
 - Measurement of ohmic resistance
- 1 report generating PC software (demo version), software update, language download

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Accessories

E-Set 2, Earth Testing Set

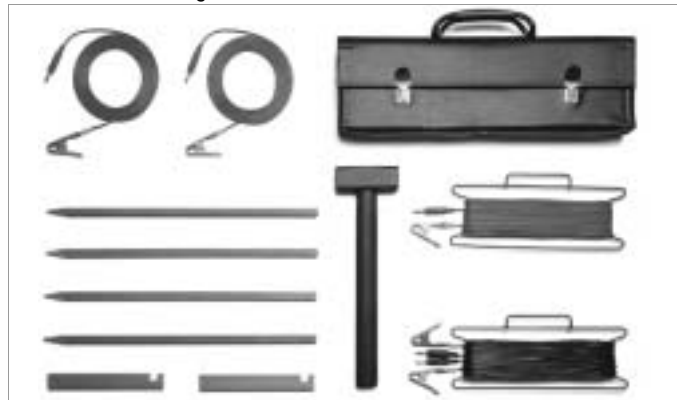
Rugged synthetic leather case with following content:

- 1 drum with 25 m measurement cable, permanently attached 4 mm banana plug and jack socket in the drum
- 2 drums, each with 50 m measurement cable, equipped as above
- 1 test clamp
- 4 earth drills, 350 mm long
- 3 measurement cables, 0.5 m long
- 1 measurement cable, 2 m long
- 1 dust cloth
- 2 pads of earth testing measurement data forms



Room for an additional reel with 50 m measuring cable

E-Set 3, Earth Testing Set



Synthetic leather case with following content:

- 2 cable reels
- 2 25 m measurement cables
- 1 40 m measurement cable
- 2 3 m measurement cables
- 4 earth spikes (zinc plated)
- 2 spike pullers
- 1 hammer

Order Information

Designation	Type	Article Number
Basic Instrument		
Digital Earth Tester	GEOHM [®] C	M590A
Add-Ons		
IR interface for connection to an RS 232 port at a PC for data exchange between the PC and the GEOHM [®] C, e.g. for software updates to the tester or visualization of measurement values at the PC	IrDa 0100S	Z501C
Accessories		
4 special NiMH baby cells (rechargeable)	Akku-Set	GTY 1040 042 E25
Adapter for charging batteries inside the GEOHM [®] C	NA 0100S	Z501D
Hard-shell case with compartment for one C series test instrument and accessories	HC30-C	Z541C
Earth testing set: Synthetic leather case with 3 drums containing two 25 m cables and one 40 m cable, two 3 m cables, 4 earth drills and more	E-Set 2	GTZ 3301 004 R0001
Earth testing set: Synthetic leather case with 2 reels, two 25 m cables, one 40 m cable, two 3 m measurement cables, 4 earth spikes (zinc plated), 2 spike pullers and 1 hammer	E-Set 3	GTZ 3301 005 R0001
Earth testing set: Synthetic leather case with 2 reels, two 25 m cables, one 40 m cable, two 3 m measurement cables and 4 earth drills	E-Set 4	Z590A
Reel with 25 m measurement cable and banana plugs at both ends	TR25	GTZ 3303 000 R0001
Drum with 50 m measurement cable, banana plug / jack socket	TR50	GTY 1040 014 E34
Earth drill, 35 cm long, can be connected by means of 4 mm banana plugs	SP350	GTZ 3304 000 R0001
PC Analysis Software		
Software for maintenance and equipment management	PS3	
Device driver, enables read-out of measured values from GEOHM [®] C series test instruments	PS3 device module	Z530E
Test management	PS3 basic module	Z531A
Equipment management (only functions in combination with device module and basic module)	PS3 add-on module	Z531B

Please refer to our *Measuring Instruments and Testers Catalog* for additional information concerning accessories.

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