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# **Seaward Supernova Plus Portable Appliance Tester**

## Instruction Manual

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This product has been designed and manufactured with high quality materials and components that can be recycled and reused.

When the crossed out wheeie bin symbol is attached to a product it means the product is covered by the European Directive 2002/96/EC.

Please familiarise yourself with the appropriate local separate collection system for electrical and electronic products.

Please dispose of this product according to local regulations. Do not dispose of this product along with normal waste material. The correct disposal of this product will help prevent potential negative consequences for the environment and human health.

## ***Declaration of Conformity***

for the

Seaward Supernova Plus Portable Appliance Tester

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### **Statement of Conformity**

Based on test results using appropriate standards, the product is in conformity with Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive 89/336/EEC and Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC


### **Standards used:**

EN 61010-1 (1993) Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use

EN 50081-1 (1992) Electromagnetic Compatibility. Generic Emission Standard: EN55022 Class B

EN 50082-1 (1992) Electromagnetic Compatibility. Generic Immunity Standard: IEC1000-4-2, -4-3, -4-4, -4-5

The tests have been performed in a typical configuration.

This Conformity is indicated by the symbol , i.e. "Conformité Européenne"

## ***Before Starting***

1. Check that all the component parts are present:-
  - Seaward Supernova Plus Tester
  - Earth bond lead
  - Flash probe
  - 115V Adaptor (UK only)
  - Dual serial port adaptor
  - Instruction Manual
  - Evaluation disc
  - Computer download lead
2. Read the operating instructions fully before conducting any tests.
3. Contact Seaward Electronic if you need information on training for Portable Appliance Testing.
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## Safety

### Note

*Please read the following Safety Instructions before use !*




### Safety Precautions

The manual contains specific warning and caution statements where they apply.

**A Warning will identify the conditions and actions that pose hazard(s) to the user.**

**A caution will identify the conditions and actions that may damage the Tester.**

Symbols used within this manual and on the Tester are shown below:

	Risk of electric shock
	Warning of potential hazard
	Conformité Européenne

Use of the instrument in a manner not specified may impair safety. Read the following safety information carefully before attempting to operate the instrument.



## Warning

**Due to the potential hazards associated with any electrical circuit it is important that the user is familiar with the instructions covering the capabilities and operation of this instrument. The user should ensure that all reasonable safety precautions are followed and if any doubt exists should seek advice before proceeding.**

**This product is designed for use by suitably trained competent personnel and should be operated strictly in accordance with the instructions supplied.**

Failure to comply with these instructions may expose the user to electrical hazard

This Tester performs a number of electrical tests which involve high voltages and high currents. Never touch the appliance being tested, or the test leads, whilst a test is in progress.

Always check all test leads for signs of damage prior to use. Never use damaged or defective leads.

Always ensure the mains supply to the Tester provides an adequate earth.

This manual contains information and warnings, which must be heeded to ensure user safety during operation. It is essential that this manual is read fully before proceeding with any tests.

Should the Tester behave abnormally do not continue with the testing. Disconnect immediately and contact Seaward Electronic for servicing (see Chapter 5 - Maintaining the Tester).

# **Chapter 1 Introducing the Tester**

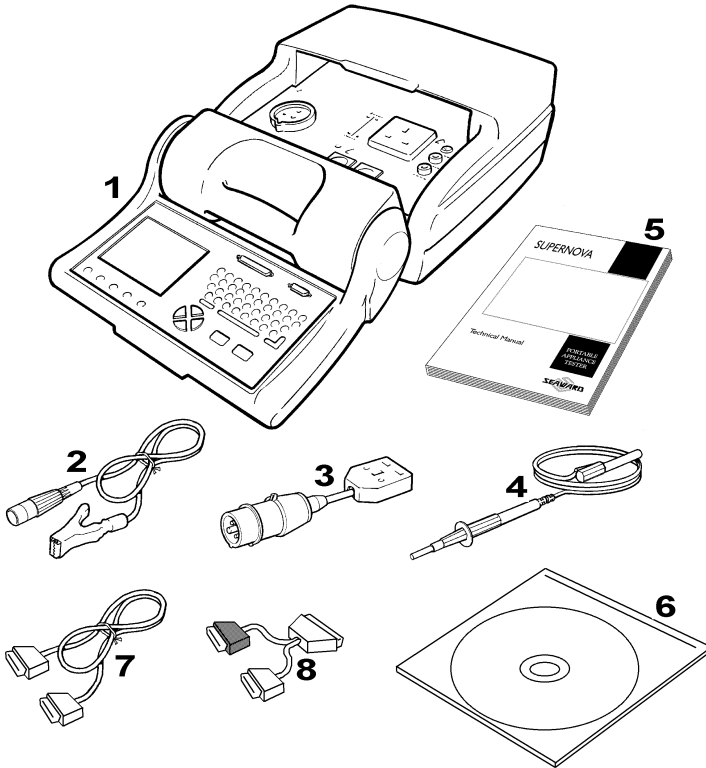
## **Introduction**

The Seaward Supernova Plus Portable Appliance Tester is a powerful tool to assist in the analysis of the safety of portable electrical and electronic equipment. A range of tests are provided, with innovative features to aid difficult test situations, which allow testing of a wide variety of equipment.

The Tester is designed to be easy to use, and also includes the following innovative features: -

- Stores up to 2400 results including appliances, location, site, date and time in non-volatile flash memory
- Accurate earth bond and leakage measurement even when multiple earth paths exist
- Full QWERTY keyboard with fast keys.
- Full graphics display, Real-time clock
- Connects to PC, Barcode reader and printer
- Software adjusts the user interface to differing levels of expertise
- Auto testcode generation
- Fast Start-up
- Super fast download up to 10 times quicker than existing testers

# Your Portable Appliance Tester

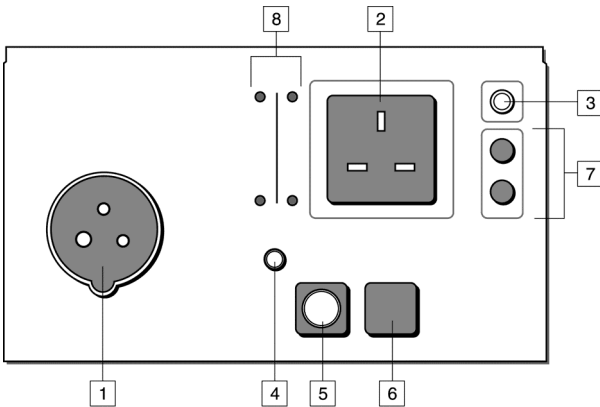


Item Number	Part
1	Supernova Plus Tester
2	Earth bond lead
3	115V Adapter (UK only)
4	Flash probe
5	Instruction manual
6	Evaluation disc
7	Computer download lead
8	Dual serial port adaptor



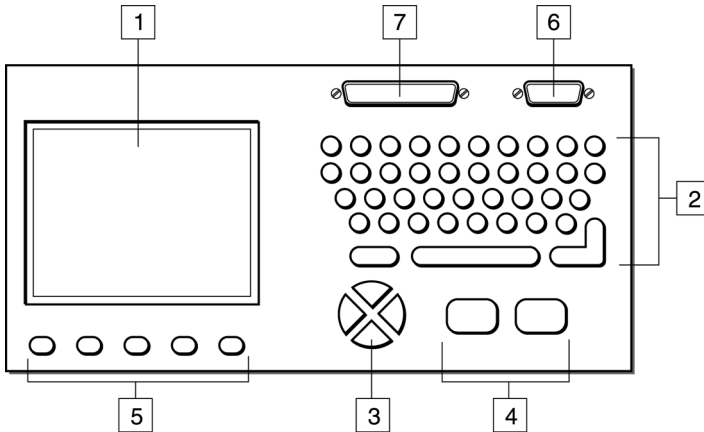
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## The Top Panel



Item Number	Part
1	110V/115V socket
2	230V socket
3	Class 2 Flash Probe connector
4	Remote Probe sense socket
5	Earth Bond lead connector
6	IEC Lead connector
7	Fuses
8	Indicators for selected sockets and mains on.

## The Keyboard



Item Number	Part
1	LCD
2	Alpha-numeric Keyboard
3	Cursor keys
4	Green / Red keys
5	Fast keys
6	RS232 port
7	Parallel port

The user is provided with a 320 x 240 1/4 VGA Graphical Liquid Crystal Display (LCD). The keyboard consists of an alpha-numeric keyboard, together with specific function keys. To the bottom of the keyboard are five function keys which allow the user fast access to options displayed on the Display

There are four cursor keys used to navigate the menus.

To the bottom of the keyboard are the two main function keys which perform execute and cancel function as well as Start and Stop.

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The Supernova Plus also has the ability to use non-standard characters, which can be displayed by pressing the 'Symbols' key during text entry. Simply use the cursor keys to highlight the required character and press the Green button. You can also use numeric keys 1-9 to move you to extreme points of the symbol matrix.

The Shift can also be used when editing text

<b>Shift and</b>	<b>Result</b>
<b>Left key</b>	Go to start of line
<b>Right key</b>	Go to end of line
<b>Up key</b>	Go to start of text
<b>Down key</b>	Go to end of text
<b>Delete key</b>	Delete character under cursor

## **Definitions**

Equipment Under Test (EUT)	The electrical / electronic apparatus which is the subject of testing.
Powered Tests -	The EUT is supplied with mains voltage, with measurement being taken of leakage currents.
Fast keys -	The keys with symbols to the left of the keyboard. These are used to select menu options displayed on the screen.
Tester -	The Seaward Supernova Plus Portable Appliance Tester
Un-powered Tests -	The EUT is the subject of electrical tests using stimuli generated within the Tester. The EUT is not provided with mains power.
User -	The test technician using the Tester to perform tests on a EUT

## **Quick Reference**

### **Editing the date in all modes**

On delivery of the Supernova Plus it is necessary to ensure that the correct date and time are stored. Once stored the date/time is retained in memory and does not need to be entered again. To edit the date: from the MAIN MENU select SETUP, select, CHANGE DATE/TIME, use the cursor keys to highlight the digit to be changed. To store the changed time/date setting, return to the MAIN MENU. The unit will then display the message STORING SYSTEM DATA.

### **Entering a User Name**

On delivery of Supernova Plus it is necessary to ensure that a user name(s) is stored. To edit the user list: from the MAIN MENU select SETUP, select EDIT USER LIST / OPTIONS, use the cursor keys and select a name. Press the Green button to display the "EDIT USER SETTINGS" screen. Press the Green button to edit the NAME, use the keyboard to type in the desired name and press the Green button to enable the OK Fast key. To save the changes and return to the previous menu select the OK fast key.

### **Storing Appliance Test Results in Automatic mode**

The Appliance Test Results will not be stored until you leave the COMMENTS screen after a test. Select the OK fast key to leave the COMMENTS screen. When storing results the message STORING RESULTS is displayed.

### **Storing Appliance Test Results in Manual mode**

The Appliance Test Results will not be stored until a Manual Appliance Sequence has been completed. To do this first press the letter A on the key pad, this will prompt you for an Appliance number, enter this and press the Green button twice (if the Site and Location do not require to be changed). Perform the tests required then press the letter C on the key pad, this will prompt you to enter COMMENTS, select the OK Fast key to store the results. When storing results the message STORING RESULTS is displayed.

### **Storing System Data**

System Data consists of everything changed from within the SETUP MENU. To store the System Data return to the MAIN MENU from the SETUP MENU. The unit will then display the message STORING SYSTEM DATA. This will only be done if changes have been made, if no changes have been made then the system data will not be updated.

### **Using Symbols in Text Fields**

Although there is an option to use non-ASCII symbols for Appliance numbers, Site names, Location names, User names and Comments there is no guarantee that your computer software will support them. If you are unsure avoid using symbols.

## Chapter 2 Connecting the Tester

The Tester can be powered by either a 110V or 230V supply.

The supply must include an earth connection via a 3 pin mains plug.

When switched on, the Tester will carry out a short self-test procedure (approximately 2 seconds). During this test, the following screen will appear: -



### *Note*

*Current revision numbers are shown at the bottom of the screen.*

The Tester will then display the Main Menu.

## Chapter 3 Using the Tester

### Introduction

Once the start-up procedure of the Tester has been completed, the following screen will appear: -

-----MAIN MENU-----
NEW TEST
VIEW TEST RESULTS
DOWNLOAD RESULTS
SETUP
MEMORY OPTIONS
CHANGE USER
REMOTE MODE
ACCESSORIES

USER : John

Thursday 4 March 2001 09:03

Navigation through the menus is by dedicated keys: -

Key	Function
←	Cursor Left
↑	Cursor Up
→	Cursor Right
↓	Cursor Down
Red Button	No / Abort
Green Button	Yes/Go/Enter

There are also the five Fast keys down below the display whose action will change depending on the function of the Tester at any particular point.

To select an option from the Main Menu, use the cursor keys. The selected option will be displayed in inverse video. The highlighted option is selected by pressing the Green button or Return key.



### ***Fast Key Menus***

To facilitate a fast access to commonly used options on the menus, use the 'fast' keys on the keyboard. These are located below the display. These correspond to the key name on the bottom of the screen.

### ***How to....***

The remainder of this chapter has been sub-divided into sections describing the Tester in terms of the essential functions to be performed. A summary is shown below: -

- How to perform Automatic tests
- How to use the Meter display
- How to view test results
- How to perform Manual tests
- How to download Data
- How to print Barcode Labels
- How to use Setup
- How to use the memory
- How to Upload
- How to change the user
- How to use Help

## ***How to perform Automatic Tests***

To perform automatic tests, use the cursor keys to highlight the New Test option on the Main Menu and press Enter to display the following menus: -

```
-----ENTER APPLIANCE DETAILS-----
APPLIANCE ID:
      SITE: SITE 1
      LOCATION: LOC. 1
RE-TEST PERIOD: 6 MONTHS
      OK
OK
```

Use the keyboard or a compatible Barcode Reader to enter an Appliance Number.

### *Note*

*See Chapter 4 for tips on using barcodes.*

If you need to change the current Site use the cursor keys to highlight SITE and press Enter to change the Site Name.

```
-----SITE LIST-----
SEAWARD
SITE 2
SITE 3
```

Use the cursor keys to highlight a site name and press enter to select the desired option.

## How to perform Automatic Tests

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If you need to change the current Location use the cursor keys to highlight LOCATION and press Enter to change the Location Name

<b>---LOCATION LIST--</b>
WORKSHOP
LOCATION 2
LOCATION 3

Use the cursor keys to highlight a location name and press enter to select the desired option.

### Note

*Default settings for Sites and Test Sequences are pre-loaded into the Tester. See 'How to use Setup' to change these settings.*

### Re –Test Period

Use the cursor keys to select RE-TEST PERIOD and then press the ENTER key to choose a re-test period.

<b>----RE-TEST PERIOD----</b>
<b>NOT REQUIRED</b>
1 MONTH
3 MONTHS
6 MONTHS
12 MONTHS
24 MONHTS
48 MONTHS
OTHER . . .

Complete the rest of ENTER APPLIANCE DETAILS as normal and move on to the next stage in the test process.

### Note for PATGuard Plus Users

Re-test periods are downloaded with test results and are compared with re-test periods of existing Assets on PATGuard Plus or used as the re-test period for new Assets. This is to ensure that re-test periods are 'synchronized' across the PAT system.

Asset Upload from PATGuard Plus will also include the re-test period

## Test Settings

<b>--SELECT TEST SETTING--</b>
DEFAULT SEQUENCE USE TESTCODES
A. 230V HH / PORT 1
B. 230V HH / PORT 2
C. IT EQUIPMENT 1

The user has the ability to:-

- Set a specific test sequence by selecting DEFAULT SEQUENCE
- Allow Testcodes to determine the test to be carried out
- Use preprogrammed sequences for specific EUTS, e.g. IT Equipment.

Selecting either of the first two options allows settings to be altered. Selecting any of the remaining options allows the user to commence immediately with that test.

Press the keyboard shortcut or use the cursor keys to highlight a Test Sequence and press Enter to select the desired sequence.

### **Default Sequence**

When you first enter this menu all of the previous values are displayed and one of the field descriptions is highlighted.

-----DEFAULT SEQUENCE EDITOR-----				
	OUTPUT LIMIT		DUR	NUM
SOCKET	230V			
VISUAL		YES		1
EARTH BOND	4A	0.10Ω	5	1
INSULATION	500V	0.50MΩ	5	1
SUB LEAKAGE		SKIP		
FLASH		SKIP		
LEAKAGE		SKIP		
TOUCH LEAKAGE		SKIP		
POLARITY		SKIP		
PERFORM TEST				

Use the cursor keys to highlight a field to be changed and press Enter to select the desired option.

### **Test Parameter Fields**

By selecting one of the test parameter fields from the Default Sequence, a list of options for that field will be displayed: -

-----LEAKAGE-----			
OUTPUT	LIMIT	DURATION	NUMBER
230V~	SKIP	2s	1
	0.25mA	5s	2
	0.50mA	10s	3
	0.75mA	30s	4
	1.50mA	60s	5
	2.25mA	120s	10
	2.50mA	180s	15
	3.00mA	UL	20
	3.50mA		25
	9.90mA		30

Use the cursor left and right keys to highlight the description, then use the cursor up and down keys to highlight the required setting. Use the cursor left and right keys to change the highlighted field.

Use the Enter key or OK Fast key to save the settings and return to the Default Sequence Editor. Repeat this process for each field as appropriate.

Press the red button to abort changes made to the settings and return to the Default Sequence Editor.

### *Earth Bond Limit Calculator*

Earth Bond tests have an additional Fast Key; LIMIT CALC. Selecting this enables the User to set an accurate Earth Bond Test limit by specifying the cable parameters.

To start the test sequence, select PERFORM TEST.

### *In-Situ Earth Bond Test*

For test sequences which include an Earth Bond Test where the Test Current parameter is set to 100mA, the test can be performed in one of two ways. A Fast key IN-SITU TEST (which becomes ISOLATED TEST to return to the previous test mode) enables the user to select an In-Situ test

### **Isolated Test**

This is a normal Earth Bond Test where the EUT is plugged into the Tester power socket and the Earth Bond lead is connected to the EUT. This is the default test.

### **In – Situ Test**

This is an Earth Bond Test where the EUT is not plugged into the Tester power socket but remains powered up from its normal power socket.

For this test to be correctly carried out, the Supernova Plus is required to be powered from an adjacent socket to the EUT's power socket.

There are two stages to this test:

1. An Earth Bond Test to the socket earth.

This is carried out by connecting the Earth Bond lead to the socket screw (which should be earthed) or an adjacent building earth to the EUT. Press the Green button to activate the test. No Pass or Fail will be displayed for this test.

During this stage of the test, a large icon showing the Earth Bond Probe and a main socket outlet will be displayed.

2. An Earth Bond Test to the EUT is now required.

This is carried out by connecting the Earth Bond lead to the EUT earthed cover. Press the Green button to activate the test. After the test the result of the Earth Bond Test will be displayed.

During this stage of the test, a large icon showing the Earth Bond Probe attached to mains power appliance will be displayed.

### *Note*

*Any subsequent Tests in the Test sequence will be disabled for an In-Situ test selected during Automatic testing. The stored Test sequence will not be affected by choosing an In-Situ test.*

If any test in the test sequence fails, then the test sequence is aborted and a fail is displayed. A Failure Menu may be shown if the option is selected (see SYSTEM CONFIGURATION Options.)

### Use Testcodes

This option bypasses the need to edit a specific test sequence, allowing direct entry of a Testcode through the keyboard or a barcode scanner.

-----ENTER TESTCODES-----				
	OUTPUT	LIMIT	DUR	NUM
SOCKET	230V			
VISUAL		YES		1
EARTH BOND	4A	0.10Ω	5	1
INSULATION	500V	0.50MΩ	5	1
SUB LEAKAGE		SKIP		
FLASH		SKIP		
LEAKAGE		SKIP		
TOUCH LEAKAGE		SKIP		
POLARITY		SKIP		
TESTCODE 1: I2F8008032				
TESTCODE 2: R222111111				
PERFORM TEST				

Use the cursor keys to highlight the Testcode to be changed. Press Enter to select that digit. Use the keyboard to change the value of the digit. Press Enter to confirm the change. Press the Red button to abort changes to the selected Testcode.

Use a barcode scanner to enter a Testcode

Use the cursor keys to highlight the PERFORM TEST option and press Enter to commence the test sequence.

Press the Red button to return to the previous menu.

### Perform Test

Use the cursor keys to highlight the Perform Test option and press Enter to perform the test. Pressing the Red Button will return to the previous menu.

The screen will change to the Meter Display (see separate section - How to use the Meter Display for an explanation).



### Visual Test

If a visual test is included as part of the test sequence, the following screen will be displayed: -

VISUAL INSPECTION	RESULT
COVER / CASE	
POWER CORD	
PLUG	

The first inspection (COVER / CASE) will be pre-selected on entering this screen. Users can also navigate up and down the columns. Hitting the Fast key marked PASS will cause a Pass to be entered for the selected VISUAL INSPECTION and the next inspection to be selected. Hitting the Fast key marked FAIL will cause a Fail to be entered for the selected VISUAL INSPECTION and the next inspection to be selected. Hitting the fast key marked N/A (Not Applicable) will cause N/A to be entered for the selected VISUAL INSPECTION and the next inspection to be selected. Only when all tests have a result will the RH Fast key display and allow an OK. Enter/Green key will cause an OK action if all results are filled.

Once the table has been completed then a large tick or cross will appear depending on the overall result (any X will cause an overall Fail).

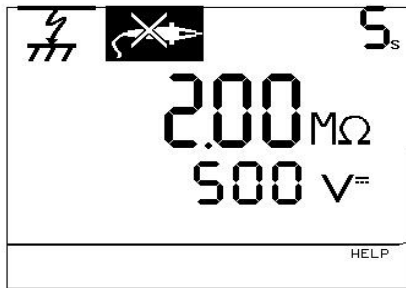
The Overall Pass Fast key will set a Pass for every VISUAL INSPECTION.

After the visual tests, the test sequence will continue into the first actual electrical test of the test sequence.

#### Note

*Help screens may be displayed depending on the User Level set. It is possible to stop these appearing by altering the User Level. See EDIT USER LIST / OPTIONS.*

If an Insulation test has been selected, then once the test has commenced, a screen similar to the following will be displayed: -



If an external connection e.g. a probe is required, the display will flash the connection icon. The user needs to connect the probe. The test can then proceed when the Green or Enter button is pressed. At the end of each test in the test sequence, the display will indicate the result.

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### Add Comments

APPLIANCE: 1234	<b>PASS</b>		
SITE: BP			
LOCATION: LOC. 36			
USER: DAVID			
DATE: 02/10/2003 14:27			
<b>-ENTER COMMENTS / SAVE RESULTS-</b>			
ASSET DESCRIPTION			
NOTES			
NOTES			
NOTES			
SYMBOLS	REVIEW RESULTS	COMPARE RESULTS	OK

When you have completed testing the EUT you can enter comments.

The Test Results can be reviewed before entering any comments by selecting the REVIEW RESULTS Fast key.

It is also possible to compare the new Test Results with any previous Test Results stored in memory for the same Appliance at the same Site.

To compare the new Test Results with previous Test Results select the COMPARE RESULTS Fast key.

#### *Note*

*If there are more than one set of Test Results found in memory, the Results Comparison will be with the latest chronological Test Results.*

To enter comments, use the keyboard and enter comments into the box. Press Enter for a new line. To store the comments press the OK Fast key. Your results and comments will now be stored.

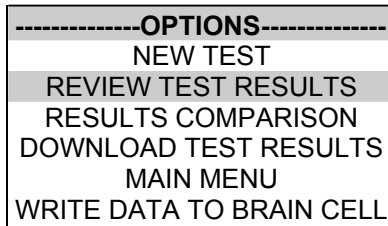
The inverse video descriptions are Comments Designators. These are used to remind the user what to enter into each comment line. They are defaulted to correspond with the requirements of the PATSLite software (supplied with the tester). The Asset Description should be entered into Comment Line 1. To change Comment Designators see SYSTEM CONFIGURATION found in the SETUP menu.

### Note

*The PATSLite software expects the first line of the comments to contain the Asset Description. Whatever is typed into the first line will appear as an Asset description in PATSLite. If nothing is entered then PATSLite will use the Appliance as an Asset Description.*

### Options after Test

The options menu is displayed when an Automatic sequence has been completed.



Use the cursor keys to highlight an option after test and press Enter to select the desired option.

### New Test

Perform a new test.

### Review Test Results

Display the results from the test in tabular form: -

APPLIANCE: 1234			
SITE: SITE 1			
LOCATION: LOC 1			
USER: USER 1		<b>PASS</b>	
TESTCODES: I0E7000021		S1211111111	
TEST DATE: 19/09/2003		11:06	
RETEST DUE: 19/03/2004			
TEST	OUTPUT	LIMIT	RESULT S
VISUAL			P
INSULATION	500V==	1.00MΩ	>99.99 P
VIEW	VIEW	PAGE	PAGE
COMMENTS	VISUAL	UP	DOWN

A fast key is available to VIEW COMMENTS. Use the Red button to return to the previous menu.

### Results Comparison

Selecting this option will cause the tester to search memory for a previously stored test result for the same Appliance and Site. If there is one the display will show a comparison of the two test results. If there is more than one, the latest result will be compared.

### Download Test Results

This option allows previous test results to be downloaded to a printer, PC or Z-Modem. The printer option allows a Pass/Fail label to be printed on a compatible printer - see Chapter 6. On selecting this option the DOWNLOAD OPTIONS menu is displayed.

### Main Menu

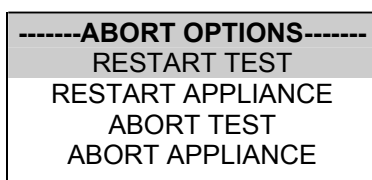
Return to the Main Menu.

### *Write Data to Brain Cell*

This option can only be used when combined with the Seaward Brain Cell Reader. Full details of this option can be found in the Instruction Manual which is supplied with every Brain Cell Reader.

### **Abort Actions**

During an Automatic test, pressing the Red Button immediately stops the test in progress and displays the following menu: -



Use the cursor keys to highlight an action following abort and press Enter to select the desired option.

#### **Restart Test**

Restart the current test.

#### **Restart Appliance**

Restart the first test in the test sequence for the current appliance.

#### **Abort Test**

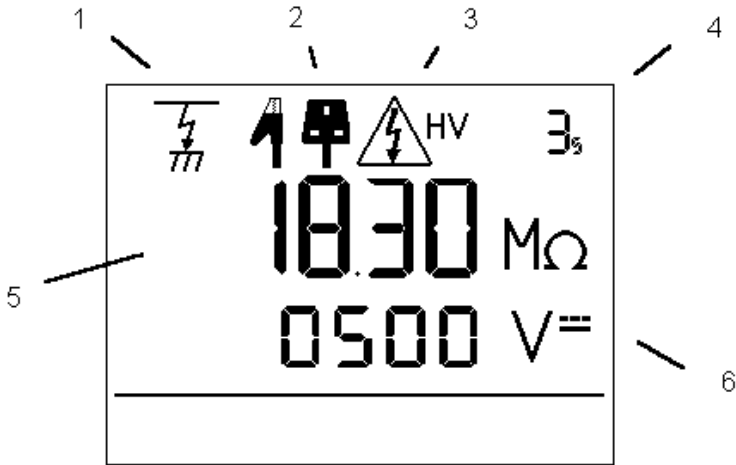
Abort the test without storing a test result and select the next test.

#### **Abort Appliance**

Abort the test sequence and select a new appliance.

## **How to use the Meter Display**

The following screen is displayed prior to tests commencing in both Manual Mode and Automatic Mode:-



<b>Ref. Number</b>	<b>Function</b>
<b>1</b>	Test Icon
<b>2</b>	Connection Icon
<b>3</b>	Test in Progress Icon
<b>4</b>	Test Duration Counter
<b>5</b>	Primary Display
<b>6</b>	Secondary Display

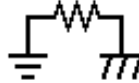


### *Test Icon*

Indicates the test selected.



Visual



Earth Bond



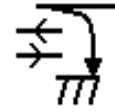
Insulation



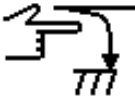
Substitute Leakage



Flash



Leakage & Load



Touch Leakage



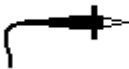
Polarity

### *Connection Icon*

Indicates connection required for external probes.



Earth Bond



Probe



No Probe



IEC Lead

### *Test in Progress Icon*

Indicates test in progress with voltage warning.

LV

Low Voltage



High Voltage



Applying Power

### *Test Duration Counter*

Indicates duration of test. This will count down, when the counter reaches zero if the Tester is still taking a measurement the counter will flash.

### *Primary Display*

Indicates test result or pass/fail limit.

### *Secondary Display*

Indicates test output e.g. voltage or current.

## **How to view Test Results**

To view test results stored in memory, use the cursor keys to highlight the VIEW TEST RESULTS option on the Main Menu and press Enter to display the following menu: -

```
-----SEARCH FOR DATA-----
  APPLIANCE: *
  SITE: *
  LOCATION: *
  USER: *
  TEST STATUS: *
  STORAGE STATUS: NORMAL
  DATE FROM: 01/01/1900 00:00
  DATE TO: 04/03/2001 13:07

  START SEARCH
```

Use the cursor keys to highlight the required search parameters and press Enter to select the desired option.

### **Appliance Number**

Enter an Appliance number to search for specific results. If the Appliance number field is left blank then the character \* will be inserted, indicating a search for all appliances.

### **Site Name**

```
-----SITE LIST-----
*
OTHER..
SEAWARD
SITE 2
SITE 3
```

Use the cursor keys to highlight a Site name and press Enter to select the desired option.

Select \* if you wish your search to include all of the sites. Select 'Other' to search for a Site not in the list (this can happen if a Site Name has been modified after testing). If you select 'OTHER...' you are prompted to enter a Site name.

### **Location Name**

```
---LOCATION LIST--
*
OTHER...
WORKSHOP
LOC. 2
LOC. 3
```

Use the cursor keys to highlight a Location name and press Enter to select the desired option. Select \* if you wish your search to include all of the names. Select 'Other' to search for a Location not in the list (this can happen if a Location name has been modified after testing). If you select 'OTHER...' then you are prompted to enter a Location name.

### **User Name**

```
-----USER LIST-----
*
OTHER...
BOB
JOHN
USER 3
```

Use the cursor keys to highlight a User name and press Enter to select the desired option. Select \* if you wish your search to include all of the names. Select 'Other' to search for a User not in the list (this can happen if a User name has been modified after testing). If you select 'OTHER...' then you are prompted to enter a User name.

### ***Test Status***

When Test Status is highlighted use the Enter button to select the option required, every time you press the Enter button a different option will be displayed. This can be PASS, FAIL or \* which indicates both.

### ***Storage Status***

When Storage Status is highlighted use the Enter button to select the option required, every time you press the Enter button a different option will be displayed. This can be NORMAL, DELETED or \* which indicates both.

### ***Date From***

-----DATE FROM-----
01/01/1900 00:00

This option allows the user to search for test results after the selected date. Use the cursor keys to highlight the digit to be changed. Use the (up or down) cursor keys to change the value or enter the digits directly using the keypad. Select OK to store the settings or CANCEL to abort them.

### ***Date To***

-----DATE TO-----
04/08/2002 10:37

This option allows the user to search for test results before the selected date. Use the cursor keys to highlight the digit to be changed. Use the cursor keys to change the value or enter the digits directly using the keypad. Select OK to store the settings or CANCEL to abort them.

### Search

After all the search parameters have been set, highlight START SEARCH & press the Green or Enter button to search.

### Search Result

When you select Start Search the following screen will be displayed. This screen displays the appliances which match the search criteria.

SEARCH RESULTS			
APPLIANCE NO	TEST DATE	SITE	STATUS
1234	19/09/2003	SITE 1	P
5678	19/09/2003	SITE 1	P

MAIN	VIEW	PAGE	PAGE
MENU	COMMNTS	UP	DOWN

## **Appliance Test Results**

It is possible to view the results obtained for a certain appliance by highlighting the appliance number and pressing the Enter button.

APPLIANCE: 1234				
SITE: SITE 1				
LOCATION: LOC 1				
USER: USER 1				
TESTCODES: I0E7000021	S1211111111			
TEST DATE: 19/09/2003	11:06			
RETEST DUE: 19/03/2004				
TEST	OUTPUT	LIMIT	RESULT	S
VISUAL				P
INSULATION	500V==	1.00MΩ	>99.99	P
MAIN	VIEW	VIEW	PAGE	PAGE
MENU	COMMNTS	VISUAL	UP	DOWN

A fast key is available to VIEW COMMENTS.

Use the Red button to return to the previous menu.

## How to perform Manual Tests

Manual mode provides the user with direct access to the tests. In this mode individual tests can be selected and performed. Appliance number, site, location, user can still be assigned to appliances if it is required to store the result.

### Entering Manual Mode

Use the Fast key to select Manual Mode from the Main Menu.

#### Note

*To store tests in memory from Manual mode you must first select Create Appliance No., perform the tests required for the EUT. When you have completed the required tests select Enter Comments/Save Results, upon leaving this option the Tester will now store the results. Note that Enter Comments option is not displayed until there is something to store.*

The manual tests and other options available are shown in the table below: -

-----MANUAL TEST SELECTION-----
A..CREATE APPLIANCE NO.
S..CHANGE 230V/115V OP SOCKET
1..VISUAL CHECK
2..EARTH BOND TEST
3..INSULATION TEST
4..SUB LEAKAGE TEST
5..FLASH TEST
6..LEAKAGE TEST
7..TOUCH LEAKAGE TEST
8..POLARITY TEST
C.ENTER COMMENTS & STORE RESULTS

Press the appropriate key to select a test or option.



### *Create Appliance Number*

This allows all manual tests performed to be stored against the appliance number until the appliance number is changed.

```
-----ENTER APPLIANCE DETAILS-----
APPLIANCE ID:
      SITE: SITE 1
      LOCATION: LOC. 1
RE-TEST PERIOD: 6 MONTHS
              OK
```

Use the keyboard, compatible Barcode Reader or Brain Cell Reader to enter an Appliance Number.

#### *Note*

*See Chapter 4 for tips on using barcodes.*

```
-----SELECT SITE-----
SEAWARD
SITE 2
SITE 3
```

If you need to change the current Site use the cursor keys to highlight SITE and press Enter to select another Site name.

Use the cursor keys to highlight a Site name and press Enter to select the desired option.

If you need to change the current Location use the cursor keys to highlight LOCATION and press Enter to change the Location name

<b>--SELECT LOCATION--</b>
WORKSHOP
LOC. 2
LOC. 3

Use the cursor keys to highlight a Location name and press Enter to select the desired option.

### Note

*Default settings for Sites and Test Sequences are pre-loaded into the Tester. See 'How to use Setup' to change these settings.*

## Re –Test Period

Use the cursor keys to select RE-TEST PERIOD and then press the ENTER key to choose a re-test period.

<b>---RE-TEST PERIOD---</b>
<b>NOT REQUIRED</b>
1 MONTH
3 MONTHS
6 MONTHS
12 MONTHS
24 MONTHS
48 MONTHS
OTHER . . .

Complete the rest of ENTER APPLIANCE DETAILS as normal (refer to your Tester Manual) and move on to the next stage in the test process.

### Note for PATGuard Plus Users

*Re-test periods are downloaded with test results and are compared with re-test periods of existing Assets on PATGuard Plus or used as the re-test period for new Assets. This is to ensure that re-test periods are 'synchronized' across the PAT system.*

*Asset Upload from PATGuard Plus will also include the re-test period*

### ***Select Manual Test***

Use the appropriate number key from the table to select a specific test or use the cursor to highlight the desired option.

### ***Performing a Manual Test***

After selecting the appropriate test the tester displays a screen from which you can set test parameters.

The user can change an individual setting when the parameter is shown in inverse video. Use the left and right cursor keys to highlight a field on the display. Then use the up & down cursor keys to change the variable in the selected field.

### ***In-Situ Earth Bond Test***

When selecting an Earth Bond Test and setting the Test Current parameter to 100mA, the test can be performed in one of two ways. A Fast key IN-SITU TEST (which becomes ISOLATED TEST to return to the previous test mode) enables the user to select an In-Situ test

### **Isolated Test**

This is a normal Earth Bond Test where the EUT is plugged into the Tester power socket and the Earth Bond lead is connected to the EUT. This is the default test.

### **In – Situ Test**

This is an Earth Bond Test where the EUT is not plugged into the Tester power socket but remains powered up from its normal power socket.

For this test to be correctly carried out, the Supernova Plus is required to be powered from an adjacent socket to the EUT's power socket.

There are two stages to this test:

1. An Earth Bond Test to the socket earth.

This is carried out by connecting the Earth Bond lead to the socket screw (which should be earthed) or an adjacent building earth to the EUT. Press the Green button to activate the test. No Pass or Fail will be displayed for this test.

During this stage of the test, a large icon showing the Earth Bond Probe and a mains socket outlet will be displayed.

2. An Earth Bond Test to the EUT is now required.

This is carried out by connecting the Earth Bond lead to the EUT earthed cover. Press the Green button to activate the test. After the test the result of the Earth Bond Test will be displayed.

During this stage of the test, a large icon showing the Earth Bond Probe attached to a mains power appliance will be displayed.

### *Earth Bond Limit Calculator*

Earth Bond tests have an additional Fast Key; LIMIT CALC. Selecting this enables the User to set an accurate Earth Bond Test limit by specifying the cable parameters.

### *In – Situ Touch Leakage Test*

The Touch Leakage Test can be performed without powering down the EUT and plugging it into the tester power socket. The only connection the User is required to make is to connect the Earth Bond Test lead to the exposed metal work of the EUT and then perform the test.

### Note

*When the connection icon is flashing you cannot change any settings. The settings cannot be changed for a test if you have performed that test from within an appliance sequence. For example after selecting Create Appliance No you can only change the Earth Bond settings on the first Earth Bond test, all subsequent Earth Bond test will conform to the same settings.*

Press the Enter button to start the test.

Press the Red button to abort the test at any time.

### Note

*In manual mode you will not get Abort Options, the test will simply stop the test and revert to the Meter display. The aborted test will not be stored.*

If an Appliance Number has been created, the test result will be stored under the entered Appliance number. To store tests to memory select COMMENTS / SAVE RESULTS from the MANUAL TEST SELECTION screen

### *Enter Comments/Save Results*

When you have completed testing the EUT, you can enter comments.

APPLIANCE: 1234	<b>PASS</b>		
SITE: BP			
LOCATION: LOC. 36			
USER: DAVID			
DATE: 02/10/2003 14:27			
<b>-ENTER COMMENTS / SAVE RESULTS-</b>			
ASSET DESCRIPTION			
NOTES			
NOTES			
NOTES			
<hr/>			
SYMBOLS	REVIEW RESULTS	COMPARE RESULTS	OK

Other Fast keys are available for use before entering Comments and storing results.

### Review Results

Display the results from the test in tabular form: -

APPLIANCE: 1234			
SITE: SITE 1		<b>PASS</b>	
LOCATION: LOC. 1			
USER: USER 1			
TESTCODES: I0E7000021	S1211111111		
TEST DATE: 19/09/2003	11:06		
RETEST DUE: 19/03/2004			
TEST	OUTPUT	LIMIT	RESULT S
VISUAL			P
INSULATION	500V=	1.00M $\Omega$	>99.99 P
VIEW	VIEW	PAGE	PAGE
COMMENTS	VISUAL	UP	DOWN

A fast key is available to VIEW COMMENTS. Use the Red button to return to the previous menu.

### Results Comparison

Selecting this option will cause the tester to search memory for a previously stored test result for the same Appliance and Site. If there is one the display will show a comparison of the two test results. If there is more than one, the latest result will be compared.

## **How to download Data**

To download results stored in memory, use the cursor keys to highlight the Download Results option from the Main Menu and press Enter to display the following menu:-

-----DOWNLOAD OPTIONS-----	
DESTINATION	: PC
OUTPUT CONNECTION	: RS232
BAUD RATE	: 9600
DOWNLOAD FORMAT	: SSS
OK	

Use the cursor keys to highlight the required parameters. Use repeated presses of the enter button to show the desired options for destination, output connection and baud rate.

### **Destination**

This option of selects the device to send the test results to, the available options are:

PC

Download the test results to a computer with a compatible software package. Select this option to download to PAT software.

GENERIC PRINTER

Download the test results to a compatible serial or parallel printer.

ROLL PRINTER

Download the results to a compatible Roll Printer.

Z-MODEM

This option can only be used when combined with a Seaward MODEM (283A969). Full details of this option can be found in the manual, which is supplied with every MODEM.



### TRANSFER PRINTER

This option can only be used with the Seaward Test 'N' Tag System (308A910). Full details of this option can be found in the manual supplied with every Test 'N' Tag System.

### ***Output Connection***

Selects the tester output connection to which the results are to be sent, available options are:

#### RS232

This sends the data to the RS232 serial port (9 way D connection on the tester) for connection using a compatible serial cable. Select this option for downloading to PAT software.

#### Parallel

This sends the data to the Parallel port.

### ***Baud Rate***

If available this option selects the Baud Rate at which the data is sent, possible values are 9600, 19200 or 28800. Leave default set to 9600 for downloading to PAT software.

### ***Download Format***

This field shows the format choices available depending upon the destination selected.

For downloading to a PC the user has the option of sending data in a PATS+ format, compatible with Seaward PATS+ software, SSS format - Seaward Super String, compatible with Seaward PAT software, Certificate - downloads results in non-ASCII certificate format, Summary - downloads a summary of results.

In PATS+ format the user has the option to download site (send site name with each test result) or to download user (send user name with each test result). This will be truncated to 10 characters as it appears to the software as a Usercode.

For downloading to a generic A4 printer the user has the option of sending data as a certificate, or a list, or as pass/fail labels. In the certificate format the user has the option to produce one certificate per page or to produce continuous printouts.

For downloading to a roll printer, including 'till roll' and thermal printers the user has the option of sending data as a continuous list or as pass/fail labels. When using a compatible thermal roll printer the pass/fail labels will produce appliance numbers in a number and barcode format. However, the restrictions of paper width means that appliance numbers representing more than 12 characters cannot be printed and a numbered label will print instead. Testcodes are accommodated since these are displayed as two lines of 10 characters each.

Use repeated presses of the enter button to show desired settings for download format. If appropriate the option field will illuminate. Use repeated presses of the Enter button to show desired settings.

When the download options are set highlight the OK field and press the enter button or select the OK Fast key to display the following menu: -

-----SEARCH FOR RESULTS-----
APPLIANCE: *
SITE: *
LOCATION: *
USER: *
TEST STATUS: *
STORAGE STATUS: NORMAL
DATE FROM: 01/01/1900 00:00
DATE TO: 04/03/2001 13:07
START SEARCH

Use the cursor keys to highlight the required search parameters and press Enter to select the desired option.

### Appliance Number

Enter an Appliance number to search for specific results. If the Appliance number field is left blank then the character \* will be inserted, indicating to search for all of the appliances.

### Site Name

```
-----SITE LIST-----  
*  
OTHER...  
SEAWARD  
SITE 2  
SITE 3
```

Use the cursor keys to highlight a Site name and press Enter to select the desired option. Select \* if you wish your search to include all of the sites. Select 'Other' to search for a Site not in the list (this can happen if a Site Name has been modified after testing). If you select 'other' you are required to enter a Site name. Use the cursor keys to highlight a Site name from the list and press Enter to select the desired option.

#### Note

*If the list contains more sites than the unit can display then use the cursor keys to scroll through the list.*

### Location Name

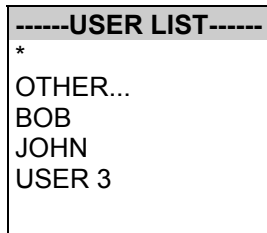
```
---LOCATION LIST---  
*  
OTHER...  
WORKSHOP  
LOC. 2  
LOC. 3
```

Use the cursor keys to highlight a Location name and press Enter to select the desired option. Select \* if you wish your search to include all of the names. Select 'Other' to search for a Location not in the list (this can happen if a Location name has been modified after testing). If you select 'OTHER...' then you are prompted to enter a Location name.

### Note

*If the list contains more locations than the unit can display then use the cursor keys to scroll through the list.*

## User Name



Use the cursor keys to highlight a User name and press Enter to select the desired option. Select \* if you wish your search to include all of the names. Select 'Other' to search for a User not in the list (this can happen if a User name has been modified after testing). If you select 'OTHER...' then you are prompted to enter a User name.

### Note

*If the list contains more users than the unit can display then use the cursor keys to scroll through the list.*

## Test Status

When Test Status is highlighted use the Enter button to select the option required, every time you press the Enter button a different option will be displayed. This can be PASS, FAIL or \* which indicates both.

## Storage Status

When Storage Status is highlighted use the Enter button to select the option required, every time you press the Enter button a different option will be displayed. This can be NORMAL, DELETED or \* which indicates both.

---

## ***Date From***

-----DATE FROM-----
01/01/1900 00:00

This option allows the user to search for test results after the selected date. Use the cursor keys to highlight the digit to be changed. Use the (up or down) cursor keys to change the value or enter the digits directly using the keypad. Select OK to set the date or press the red key to cancel any changes.

## ***Date To***

-----DATE TO-----
04/03/2001 10:37

This option allows the user to search for test results before the selected date. Use the cursor keys to highlight the digit to be changed. Use the cursor keys to change the value or enter the digits directly using the keypad. Select OK to set the date or press the red key to cancel any changes.

## ***Search***

After all the search parameters have been set, connect the appropriate printer or device. Highlight START SEARCH and press the ENTER BUTTON to search and download.

On completion of successful downloading, the tester returns to the search for results menu. The user can then conduct other search or press the red button to return to the main menu.

Press the red button to return to the search menu.

## ***How to print Barcode Labels and Testcodes***

The Supernova Plus is capable of printing barcode labels in conjunction with a compatible thermal printer (see chapter 6).

### ***To Print Barcode Pass/Fail Labels***

To print barcode pass/fail labels it is necessary to carry out an actual test (see how to perform automatic tests). After a test is complete and the results stored in memory it is possible to download results to a thermal printer (see how to download results) and print pass/fail labels.

### ***To print barcode testcodes***

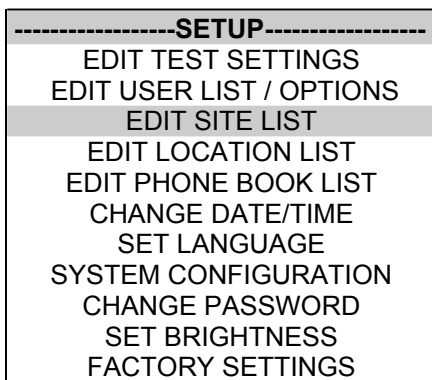
To print barcode test codes select SETUP from the Main Menu and select EDIT TEST SETTINGS from the SETUP menu. From the SELECT TEST SETTINGS menu chose the desired test e.g. 230V HH / PORT 1. Attach the compatible printer to the port and from the TEST SETTINGS EDITOR highlight the PRINT TESTCODE option and press enter.

#### *Note*

*The restrictions of paper width means that appliance numbers representing more than 12 characters cannot be printed and a numbered label will print instead. Testcodes are accommodated since these are displayed as two lines of 10 characters.*

## **How to use Setup**

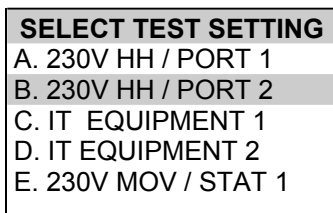
To set up the Tester, use the cursor keys to highlight the Setup option on the Main Menu and press Enter to display the following menu: -



From this menu you can change the way the Tester will operate and also change User levels and Sites. Use the cursor keys to highlight a function and press Enter to select the desired option.

## **Edit Test Settings**

This allows the user to add, modify, remove or confirm test settings that can then be selected during automatic testing.



Use the cursor keys to highlight a Test Setting and press Enter to enter the TEST SETTING EDITOR.

### Test Settings Editor

The TEST SETTINGS EDITOR allows the test sequence for the selected test to be examined and changed if required.

-----TEST SETTINGS EDITOR-----				
	OUTPUT	LIMIT	DUR	NUM
SOCKET	230V			
VISUAL		YES		1
EARTH BOND	25A~	0.10Ω	5s	1
INSULATION	500V=	1.00MΩ	5s	1
SUB LEAKAGE		SKIP		
FLASH		SKIP		
LEAKAGE	230V~	0.75mA	5s	1
TOUCH LEAKAGE		SKIP		
POLARITY		SKIP		
TESTCODE 1: I1C700321				
TESTCODE 2: S121111111				
NAME: 230V HH / PORT 1				
PRINT TESTCODES				
OK				

Use the cursor keys to highlight a field to be changed and press Enter to select the desired option.

### Name

Each test sequence is given a name. This is to help the user when selecting test sequences during automatic testing. When Name is highlighted press the Enter button, then use the keyboard to enter a new name for the Test Sequence (of up to 15 characters) and press Enter to confirm.

### Test Parameter Fields

By selecting one of the test parameter fields from the TEST SETTINGS EDITOR, a list of options for that field will be displayed INSULATION Test for example: -



-----INSULATION-----			
O/P	LIMIT	DUR	REP
250V	SKIP	2s	0
500V	0.50MΩ	5s	1
	1.00MΩ	10s	2
	2.00MΩ	30s	4
	4.00MΩ		5
	7.00MΩ		10
	10.00MΩ		15
	50.00MΩ		20
			25
			30
			UL

When you first enter this menu all of the previous values and one of the Test Parameter columns are highlighted. Use the cursor left and right keys to highlight the Test Parameter to be changed and then use the cursor up and down keys to highlight the required setting. Use this process for each Test Parameter.

Use the Enter button or OK Fast key to save the settings and return to the TEST SETTINGS EDITOR. Press the Red button to abort changes made to the settings and return to the TEST SETTINGS EDITOR.

### *Earth Bond Limit Calculator*

Earth Bond tests have an additional Fast Key; LIMIT CALC. Selecting this enables the User to set an accurate Earth Bond Test limit by specifying the cable parameters.

### *Testcodes*

Selections made in the Test Parameter Fields will automatically set the correct Testcode. Alternatively entering a Testcode will automatically set the correct Test Parameters for that Testcode.

### *Store Settings*

Use the cursor keys to highlight the OK and press Enter or select the OK Fast key to save the settings and return to the previous menu. Pressing the Red Button will abort all of the changes made and return to the previous menu.

### *Print Testcodes*

The Testcodes can be printed (using a compatible printer - see Chapter 6).

Use the cursor keys to highlight PRINT TESTCODES then press the Enter button to start the print. The following message will be displayed:-

PRINTING TESTCODES PRESS THE RED BUTTON TO ABORT
--

On completion of printing, the TEST SETTINGS EDITOR menu is displayed.

Press the Red Button to return to the TEST SETTINGS EDITOR menu.

## **Edit User List / Options**

```
-----USER LIST-----  
BOB  
JOHN  
USER 3
```

Use the cursor keys to highlight a User name and press Enter to select the desired option: -

```
-----EDIT USER SETTINGS-----  
NAME: JOHN  
USER LEVEL: ADVANCED  
STARTUP MODE: AUTO  
BEEP ON KEYPRESS: YES  
BEEP ON TESTS: YES  
BEEP ON BARCODES: YES  
BEEP ON WARNING: YES  
  
OK
```

To change the user name highlight NAME and press the Enter button.

### *Note*

*If you change the name of the user during testing all of the previous tests will still be referenced to the old user name, this gives unlimited amounts of users within the test results memory.*

Use the cursor keys to highlight options that can be selected for each User and press Enter to select the desired option.

### *User Level*

Use the cursor keys to highlight a USER LEVEL and press Enter to select the desired option.

#### Novice User

Selects the User level as a NOVICE user. This will cause Help screens to be displayed prior to every test.

#### Advanced User

Selects the user level as an ADVANCED user. No Help will be displayed before each test automatically. Help is still available from the Help fast key

### *Startup Mode*

Use the cursor keys to highlight a test mode on startup and press Enter to select the desired option.

#### Automatic Mode

The Tester will start up in Automatic Mode, with the Tester displaying the Main Menu.

#### Manual Mode

The Tester will start up in Manual Mode, with the Tester displaying the Manual Test Selection Menu.

### *Beep on Key Press*

Use the cursor keys to highlight the option and press Enter to select the desired option.

This option will cause a beep every time a key is pressed.

### *Beep on Tests*

Use the cursor keys to highlight the option and press Enter to select the desired option.

This option will cause beep whenever the High Voltage Test in Progress icon is displayed or a test has failed.

### ***Beep on Barcodes***

Use the cursor keys to highlight the option and press Enter to select the desired option.

This option will cause a beep whenever a barcode has been received.

### ***Beep on Warning***

Use the cursor keys to highlight the option and press Enter to select the desired option.

This option will cause a beep whenever a warning message is displayed or a test fails.

### ***Saving User Settings***

In the EDIT USER SETTINGS, highlight OK and press the Enter button or select the OK Fast key. The user settings will then be saved.

### ***Edit Site List***

```
-----EDIT SITE LIST-----  
WORKSHOP  
SITE 2  
SITE 3  
SITE 4  
SITE 5
```

Use the cursor keys to highlight a Site name and press Enter to select the desired option.

```
--EDIT SITE NAME--  
SITE 4
```

#### *Note*

*If you change the name of the Site during testing all of the previous tests will still be referenced to the old Site name, this gives unlimited amounts of Sites within the test results memory.*

Use the keyboard to edit the name of the Site and press Enter to save and return to the previous menu. Press the Red button to return to the previous menu without saving changes

### **Edit Location List**

----EDIT LOCATION LIST----
WORKSHOP
LOC. 2
LOC. 3
LOC. 4
LOC. 5

Use the cursor keys to highlight a Location name and press Enter to select the desired option.

--EDIT LOCATION NAME--
LOC. 4

#### *Note*

*If you change the name of the Location during testing all of the previous tests will still be referenced to the old Location name, this gives unlimited amounts of Locations within the test results memory.*

When choosing to edit a Location the name of the Location will be shown in the box. Use the keyboard to edit the name of the Location and press Enter to save and return to the previous menu. Press the Red button to return to the previous menu without saving changes

## **Change Date / Time**

-----SET DATE AND TIME-----
01/08/2002 15:30

This option allows the user to change the Date and Time. Use the left and right cursor keys to highlight the digit to be changed. Use the up and down cursor keys to change the value or enter the digits directly using the keypad. Select the OK Fast key to store the settings or press the Red button to cancel any changes.

## **Edit Phone Book List**

This option is used when combined with the Seaward MODEM (283A969).

On selecting EDIT PHONE BOOK LIST the User is presented with a PHONE BOOK LIST. This list has four phone number slots. Select the required entry, and press Enter.

----EDIT PHONE NUMBER----
0191 586 3511

The screen will now change to display a text box labeled EDIT NAME. Edit the name of the number which you want to store the in Phone Book. Press Enter when you have entered the name.

-----EDIT NAME-----
HEAD OFFICE

A new text box will be added to the screen, EDIT PHONE NUMBER. Enter or edit the receiving computer's modem phone number

Once you have entered the phone number press Enter. You will be returned to the Phone Book List menu.

## **System Configuration**

```
-----SYSTEM CONFIGURATION-----
APPLIANCE ID: BLANK
SUB. LEAKAGE: + 0%
POWER POLARITY: INPUT POLARITY
ON TEST FAILURE: FAILURE MENU
COMMENTS: ALWAYS
APLNCE & CMNTS: APP=10, CMNTS=20
COMENTS LINE 1: ASSET DESCRIPTION
COMENTS LINE 2: NOTES
COMENTS LINE 3: NOTES
COMENTS LINE 4: NOTES
AFTER TEST: OPTIONS

ROLL PRINTER: SEAWARD (283A954)
DATE AND TIME: UNPROTECTED
USER LIST: UNPROTECTED

EDIT PASS/FAIL LABEL TITLE
OK
```

MAIN MENU OK

The SYSTEM CONFIGURATION settings cover the range of system settings available to the User.

### **APPLIANCE ID**

This option allows the User to predetermine the Appliance Number. Options are: BLANK, REPEAT LAST, INCREMENT LAST.

BLANK – Each time the appliance number field is displayed, it will be blank.

REPEAT LAST – Each time the Appliance Number field is displayed, it will be a repeat of the last number.

INCREMENT LAST – The least significant number will be incremented by one each time the Appliance Number field is displayed.

Default is BLANK.

### **SUB. LEAKAGE**

This option allows you to set the Sub Leakage value indicated 10%, 6% or 0% high, depending upon national legislation or best practice. Default is 0%.



### POWER POLARITY

This option will allow the tester to perform the power tests in one of three ways.

INPUT POLARITY - perform the power tests with the same mains polarity as the Supernova Plus is powered.

AUTO CORRECTED - perform the power tests with the mains correct polarity even if the Supernova Plus is powered from a socket which has the mains polarity reversed.

INPUT & REVERSED - this option will perform two power tests for every one selected, one with the correct mains polarity and one with the reverse mains polarity.

Default is INPUT POLARITY.

### ON TEST FAILURE

This gives the User the option of having a menu for a failure within an automatic sequence. This menu will give you the option of retrying a failed test or appliance.

Default is FAIL MENU.

### COMMENTS

This option allows the User to determine if the Comments field will be available at the end of a test.

ALWAYS – Comments always available at the end of test

ON PASS – Comments only available if the Appliance passed the test.

ON FAILURE - Comments only available if the Appliance failed the test.

NEVER – Comments will not be available at the end of the test.

Default is ALWAYS

### APLNCE & CMNTS

This allows the user to set the number of characters available for the appliance number and comments.

Options are:

APP = 10,      CMNTS = 20

APP = 15,      CMNTS = 20

APP = 10,      CMMTS = 10

Default is APP = 10,      CMNTS = 20

## How to print Barcode Labels and Testcodes

### COMENTS LINE 1 – 4

These options allow the User to designate each Comment line as a specific field for use with PATGuard Plus software. Options are: ASSET DESCRIPTION, ASSET GROUP, MAKE, MODEL, SERIAL NUMBER, NOTES.

These should be set to correspond to the settings in PATGuard Plus.

Default is COMENTS LINE 1 – ASSET DESCRIPTION,  
COMENTS LINE 2 – NOTES,  
COMENTS LINE 3 – NOTES,  
COMENTS LINE 4 – NOTES.

These correspond with the default settings in PATSLite and PATGuard Plus software

### AFTER TEST

The options set here determine the next action after all the test results are saved to memory. Options are:

OPTIONS – Displays the OPTIONS menu giving the User further choices.

NEW TEST – Will display the ENTER APPLIANCE DETAILS screen to immediately commence the next test.

DOWNLOAD, NEW TEST – Will Download the test results with out further prompting and display the ENTER APPLIANCE DETAILS screen to immediately commence the next test. When this option is chosen a further option is required to CONFIGURE the Download.

Default is OPTIONS.

### ROLL PRINTER

This allows the user to define the roll printer to be used with the Supernova Plus. For barcode printing with the Seaward Thermal Printer (283A954) set to SEAWARD (283A954).

### DATE AND TIME

This allows the user to password protect the date and time. An existing password must be setup before this option will become effective.

### USER LIST

This allows the user to password protect the USER LIST. An existing password must be setup before this option will become effective.

### ***Change Password***

It is possible to Password protect the TEST SEQUENCE EDITOR and the SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

If you currently do not have password protection you will be asked to enter a new password twice, once for confirmation.

If you currently do have password protection then you will be asked for the old password before entering a new one, again you will be asked for the new password twice.

To clear the password protection simply press Enter when asked for the new password. Or set the field to 'blank' (i.e. all spaces) if a password was previously set.

### ***Set Brightness***

You can set the Brightness of the display. Use the cursor keys to change the Brightness, once the Brightness is set press the Green button to accept the changes. Press the Red button to abort any changes made.

### ***Factory Settings***

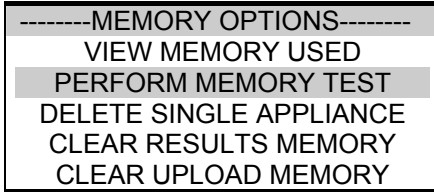
It is possible to reset the Supernova Plus to the settings which were configured from new. This option will first ask you if you are sure, select Yes to reset or No to abort.

#### *Caution*

*This will restore all lists to default settings including SITE LIST, LOCATION LIST, USER LIST and TEST SETTINGS*

## ***How to use the Memory***

To use the memory tests and functions, use the cursor keys to highlight the MEMORY OPTIONS on the Main Menu and press Enter to display the following menu:-

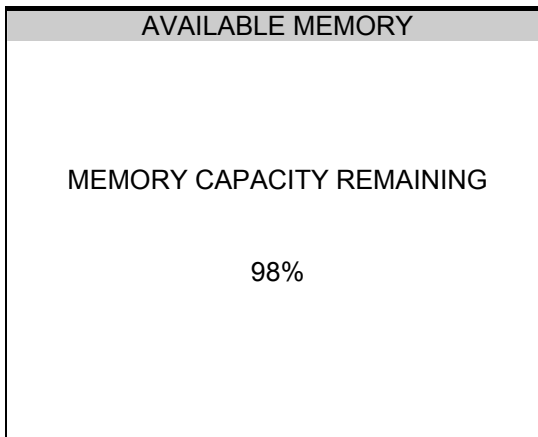


Use the cursor keys to highlight a test or function and press Enter to select the desired option.

### ***View Memory Used***

The Tester allows the user to see how much of the results memory is being used. The following bar graph of the memory remaining is displayed:-

### ***Perform Memory Test***



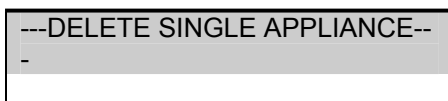
Once the PERFORM MEMORY TEST option is highlighted press the enter button.

The memory test checks all of the appliance results against their checksums. If the test passes then no action is taken. If the test fails then the Memory checksum requires updating. Use the cursor keys and press Enter to choose an action if corrupted tests are found.

### Note

*The memory checksum is the sum of all of the memory excluding display data, registers and deleted tests.*

## Delete Single Appliance



Enter the Appliance number to delete a single appliance and press Enter.

A warning 'Are You Sure?' prompt will appear. Press the No Fast key to return to the previous menu or press the Yes Fast key to perform the delete operation and return to the previous menu.

### Note

*Deleting Appliances in this way will delete all of the matched appliances across all Sites and Locations.*

*When a single appliance is deleted it is not removed from memory but hidden from the user. This test is still resident in memory and is taking up memory space, this test can be reviewed / downloaded at a later date. Since the test is still resident in memory the View Memory Capacity indicates there are results stored. In this situation to remove all resident tests select clear results memory.*

### **Clear Results Memory**

This option will delete all of the appliances currently stored in memory and should be used carefully!

#### *Note*

*Users will be asked whether they are sure about performing this action.*

A warning 'Are You Sure?' prompt will appear. Press the No fast key to return to the previous menu or press the Yes fast key to perform the clear operation and return to the previous menu.

### **Clear Upload Memory**

This option will delete all of the Appliance codes that have been uploaded from an external computer PAT software program and should be used carefully!

#### *Note*

*Users will be asked whether they are sure about performing this action.*

A warning 'Are You Sure?' prompt will appear. Press the No fast key to return to the previous menu or press the Yes fast key to perform the clear operation and return to the previous menu.

## **How to upload**

The Supernova Plus tester is capable of uploading Assets, Sites, Locations and Test sequences of equipment previously tested and saved in a PC using Seaward PAT software.

To upload data into the Supernova Plus, connect the serial port of the tester to an appropriate port on a PC using the PC download test lead supplied with the tester.

Before any communication can occur between the tester and PC the user must register the tester in the PC software. Select Add Test Instrument to display a test instrument dialogue box. The user must select the instrument type (in this case Supernova Plus) and the instrument serial number. Select OK.

From the main menu on the tester use the cursor softkeys to select REMOTE MODE. The tester displays the message ESTABLISHING COMMUNICATION.

Using the PAT software user manual instructions detailing upload to the tester, configure the Upload dialogue box for Destination (tester and serial number) and COM port. Select OK.

A PATGuard dialogue box is displayed on the PC to ensure the tester is in REMOTE MODE and connected to the PC. Select OK to send data to the tester.

The tester displays the message READY : SSS COMMAND MODE.

The PC software displays an Upload dialogue box that monitors the progress of the upload. Once upload is complete a dialogue box informs the user of a successful upload.

Select OK to acknowledge upload complete.

After uploading Appliances selecting an appliance to test which has been uploaded will cause the Tester to offer the Testcode associated with the Appliance in the software record to be decoded and displayed ready to perform the test.

## ***How to change the User***

To change the User, use the cursor keys to highlight the CHANGE USER option on the Main Menu and press Enter to display the following menu: -

```
-----SELECT USER-----  
BOB  
JOHN  
USER 3  
USER 4  
USER 5
```

Use the cursor keys to highlight the User and press Enter to select the desired option.

## ***How to use Help***

The Tester is provided with an on-line help function which can be called up when the test screens are displayed, by pressing the HELP Fast key.

Each test will have three or four help pages depending on information content.

## ***Help Provided to the User***

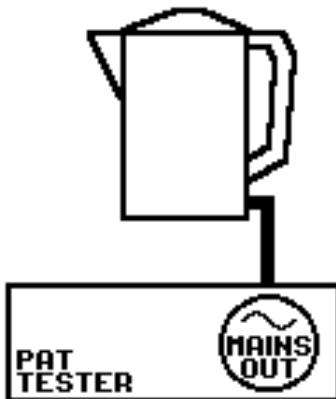
The Help function provides the following information:-

### ***Description of Test***

The first help page shown contains information on the particular test, including its icon and a description of the purpose of the test.

### ***How to Perform Tests***

The second page of information describes how the Tester performs the test. A diagram showing how to connect the Tester to the EUT is included. An example for the Insulation test is shown below:-



A description of how to connect the test leads and perform the test is provided in a step-by-step format.



### *Note:*

*This topic will cover one or two pages depending on the connection options available (Insulation can be Class 1 or Class 2). Each connection option will have a new page of information.*

### ***Why tests fail***

The final page of information provides guidance on why a test may fail e.g. connection problems. This includes a step by step check list to ensure all of the connections are correct and secure.

### ***The effect of User Levels during Test Sequences***

There are two possible user levels: NOVICE, and ADVANCED.

#### **Novice User Level**

When the user level is set to NOVICE Level, the help information is displayed before every test

Press the Enter key to continue the test sequence.

#### **Advanced User Level**

When the user level is set to ADVANCED Level, no help information will be shown before a test. Use the HELP fast key to display help information before a test.

## **Chapter 4 Tips & Troubleshooting**

### **Power-On Self tests:**

When the tester is powered on, a number of messages can possibly appear as the Tester performs safety tests on itself and the mains power supply.

If a voltage greater than 30V is detected on the neutral input line or the earth is missing then the following message will be displayed.

```
-----WARNING-----  
LIVE AND NEUTRAL REVERSED.  
PRESS ANY KEY TO CONTINUE
```

Check for incorrect wiring on supply.

The next test will check for an earth connection. If there is no Earth connection, the following message will appear.

```
-----WARNING-----  
POSSIBLE DISCONNECTED,  
FLOATING OR ISOLATED EARTH.  
CHECK INPUT EARTH BEFORE  
PROCEEDING.  
PROCEED ONLY IF YOU KNOW THE  
INPUT EARTH IS ISOLATED.  
PROCEEDING WITH AN INCORRECT  
EARTH MAY GIVE INCORRECT TEST  
RESULTS.
```

Check for incorrect wiring on supply.

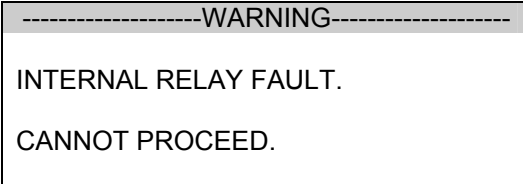
## ***Safety Tests during operation***

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The Tester will fail the earth check if it is being supplied with a balanced supply (e.g. isolating transformer) since it will detect phase voltage on both L and N supply connections. Only continue if certain that the supply is balanced and the earth on the Tester connection is secure.

If all the above is checked OK then the Supernova Plus may be faulty. Contact your Seaward Agent for repair.

The unit then completes an internal check. If any faults are found then the following message will be displayed: -



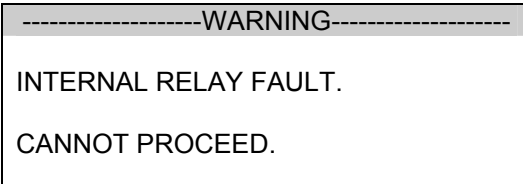
-----WARNING-----  
INTERNAL RELAY FAULT.  
CANNOT PROCEED.

A rectangular box with a thin black border. The top section is a grey header with the word "WARNING" in black, flanked by dashed lines. Below the header, the text "INTERNAL RELAY FAULT." and "CANNOT PROCEED." is displayed in black, one line above the other.

If this message is displayed then the Supernova Plus is faulty and should be returned to you Seaward Agent for Repair

## ***Safety Tests during operation***

The Tester performs self-tests during normal operation. An internal earth bond test and a low voltage test are performed prior to applying mains power to any EUT (including Leakage tests). If the internal earth bond test failed, the following message will be displayed: -



-----WARNING-----  
INTERNAL RELAY FAULT.  
CANNOT PROCEED.

A rectangular box with a thin black border. The top section is a grey header with the word "WARNING" in black, flanked by dashed lines. Below the header, the text "INTERNAL RELAY FAULT." and "CANNOT PROCEED." is displayed in black, one line above the other.

If this message appears, the Supernova Plus is faulty and requires repair. Contact your Seaward Agent for repair.

If the low voltage test fails, then either of the following warnings will be displayed: -

-----WARNING-----  
APPLIANCE MAY BE SHORT CIRCUIT  
PRESS THE ENTER BUTTON IF SAFE  
PRESS THE RED BUTTON TO ABORT

-----WARNING-----  
FUSE MAY BE OPEN CIRCUIT OR  
PRESS THE ENTER BUTTON IF SAFE  
PRESS THE RED BUTTON TO ABORT

These messages mean that the EUT is switched off or the fuse may be open circuit, or it maybe possible that the EUT will draw more than 18A and could damage the Tester. User discretion is required. If in doubt abort the test and seek advice.

## ***Temperature monitoring***

The tester is provided with internal temperature monitors to ensure sensitive components are not overheated. High rates of testing may cause this situation, especially with long duration Earth Bond tests. Setting Earth Bond test duration to 2 secs will increase operating time. If the following message appears, leave the tester to cool down before pressing Enter to continue testing.

### **WARNING**

**THE TEST HAS BEEN ABORTED BECAUSE THE APPLIANCE  
TESTER BECAME TOO HOT. ALLOW THE UNIT TO COOL  
BEFORE STARTING PRESS ENTER BUTTON TO CONTINUE**

## ***Multiple Earth connections:***

In general, multiple earth connections to an EUT (e.g. water pipe connections to a water heater) can cause difficulties in measurement. This has previously needed the additional earth connections to be isolated.

The Supernova Plus tester is capable of testing earth connections in the presence of additional earth paths. This is done automatically by performing a point to point measurement of the earth connection, and measurement of the differential leakage current, rather than the earth lead current. Measurements are thus assured without special precautions.

## ***Barcodes***

### ***Barcode Scanner Specification***

The Supernova Plus Tester can be used with barcodes and barcode scanners, readers or wands compatible with other Seaward PAT testers. These connect to the serial (RS232) connector. The required barcode reader / scanner configuration is as follows:-

Baud Rate:	9600
Start Bits:	2
Data Bits:	8
Stop Bits:	2
Parity:	None
Inter-character Delay:	20ms

### ***When to use a Barcode Scanner***

Barcodes can be scanned at the following points:-

- Entering a Testcode as part of an Automatic Test in the ENTER TESTCODES screen
- Entering a Testcode in the TEST SETTINGS EDITOR
- Entering an Appliance number in the ENTER APPLIANCE DETAILS screen.

### **Interfacing**

The Tester provides two interfacing ports:-

A Serial Port - for connection to a PC, Printer, Barcode Reader/Scanner, Modem, Brain Cell Reader

Also provided with the Tester is a Dual Serial Port Adaptor. This adaptor enables two accessories to be connected to the serial port of the Tester at the same time. The grey socket in the dual side of the adaptor is to plug in input devices e.g. Barcode Reader/Scanners. The black socket in the dual side of the adaptor is for output devices e.g. downloading to PC, Printers or Z-Modem.

#### *Note*

*A Brain Cell Reader cannot be used with the Dual Serial Port Adaptor. The Reader needs to be plugged directly into the Tester serial port.*

A Parallel Port – for printing to generic printers

To avoid any problems during download, ensure that leads are undamaged and correct for the application.

### **Downloading to Computer Software**

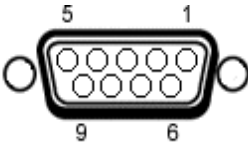
The Supernova Plus can be setup to be compatible with various software packages. The APLNCE & CNMTS option can be found in SYSTEM CONFIGURATION in the SETUP menu this may need to be set for 10 DIGIT RESTRICTION for non Seaward software. Check with your software supplier.

For all non Seaward software programs always select PATS+ as the DOWNLOAD FORMAT on the DOWNLOAD OPTIONS screen prior to Download.

For Seaward PAT software programs always select SSS as the DOWNLOAD FORMAT on the DOWNLOAD OPTIONS screen prior to Download.

### Serial Port

The serial port uses a standard 9-way D-type connector



Pin	Description
1.	N.C.
2.	RX
3.	TX
4.	DTR
5.	0V
6.	N.C.
7.	0V
8.	N.C.
9.	+5V

Baud Rate: 9600, 19200, 28800 (selectable)

Start Bits: 1

Data Bits 8

Stop Bits: 2

Parity: None

Inter-character Delay: 20ms

## ***Chapter 5 Maintaining the Tester***

### ***Cleaning the Tester***

The Tester case can be cleaned with a damp cloth, with if necessary, a small amount of mild detergent. Prevent excessive moisture around the socket panel or in the lead storage area.

Do not allow liquid inside the Tester, or near the sockets panel. Do not use abrasives, solvents, or alcohol.

If any liquid is spilt into the Tester case, the Tester should be returned for repair, stating the cause of the defect.



## ***User Maintenance***

The Tester is a rugged quality instrument. However, care should always be taken when using, transporting and storing this type of equipment. Failure to treat the product with care will reduce both the life of the instrument and its reliability.

If the Tester is subject to condensation, allow the Tester to completely dry before use.

- Always check the Tester and all test leads for signs of damage and wear before use.
- Do not open the Tester under any circumstances.
- Keep the instrument clean and dry.
- Avoid testing in conditions of high electrostatic or electromagnetic fields.
- Maintenance should only be performed by authorised personnel.
- There are no user replaceable parts in the Tester.
- The unit should be regularly calibrated (at least annually).
- For repair or calibration return the instrument to Seaward at:-

Seaward Electronic Limited.  
Bracken Hill  
South West Industrial Estate  
Peterlee  
Co. Durham  
SR8 2SW  
Tel : +44 (0)191 586 3511  
Fax: +44 (0)191 586 0227  
service@seaward.co.uk

## **Chapter 6 Accessories**

A series of standard and optional accessories are available for the Seaward Supernova Plus Tester. The standard accessories are supplied with the Tester.

### **Standard Accessories**

<b>Accessory</b>	<b>Part Number</b>
Earth bond test lead	249A908
Insulation probe	44B101
115V Adaptor (UK Only)	281A075
Instruction manual	283A577
Computer download lead	194A919
Dual serial port adaptor	283A972

***Optional Accessories***

<b>Accessory</b>	<b>Part Number</b>
Calibration Checkbox	283A951
Barcode Scanner	194A922
Thermal Label Printer	283A954
Thermal Printer Labels	283A304
Appliance Number Labels (250)	194A307
Serial Printer Lead	283A955
Serial-PC Download Lead (9-9 way)	194A919
Serial-PC Download Lead (9-25way)	194A920
Pass Labels (500)	91B038
Read/Write Brain Cell Reader	288A910
Brain Cells (Self Adhesive) (50)	288A953
Brain Cells (Cable Tie) (50)	288A954
Test 'n' Tag Printer	308A910

## ***Chapter 7 Specifications***

### ***Earth Bond Test***

**Test Voltage \*** .....6V nominal (no load)  
**Test Current \*** .....4A, 10A, 25A selectable (into s/c load)  
**Range** ..... 40m $\Omega$  - 19.99 $\Omega$   
**Resolution**.....0.01 $\Omega$   
**Accuracy**..... +/- 5% of reading, +/- 2 digits  
**Pass Levels**.....selectable  
**Misc**.....4-wire measurement, floating earth

### ***Earth Screen Test***

**Test Voltage \*** ..... 100mV nominal (no load)  
**Test Current \*** .....100mA (into s/c load)  
**Range**.....40m $\Omega$  - 19.99 $\Omega$   
**Resolution**.....0.01 $\Omega$   
**Accuracy** ..... +/- 5% of reading, +/- 2 digits up to 5.00 $\Omega$   
**Pass Levels**.....selectable  
**Misc**.....4-wire measurement, floating earth

### ***Insulation Test***

**Test Voltage \*** ..... 500V d.c. or 250V d.c. nominal (0.5MΩ load)  
**Short Circuit Current** ..... 2mA d.c. maximum  
**Range** ..... 100kΩ - 100 MΩ  
**Resolution** ..... 0.01 MΩ (<100 MΩ)  
**Accuracy** ..... +/- 5% of reading, +/- 2 digits (100kΩ - 20MΩ)  
**Pass Levels** ..... 0.5MΩ, 1MΩ, 2MΩ, 4MΩ, 7MΩ, 10MΩ, 50MΩ

### ***Substitute Leakage Test***

**Test Voltage \*** ..... 40V a.c. o/c  
**Display Range** ..... 0.1 - 20.0 mA a.c.  
**Resolution** ..... 0.01mA  
**Accuracy** ..... +/- 10% of reading, +/- 2 digits 1.00 - 20mA  
**Pass Levels** ..... 0.25mA, 0.5mA, 0.75mA, 2.5mA, 3.5mA  
7.0mA, 9.9mA, 15.0mA

### ***Flash Test***

**Test Voltage** ..... 1.5kV a.c. (Class I), 3.0kV a.c. (Class II)  
**Display Range** ..... 0.1 - 2.5 mA a.c.  
**Resolution** ..... 0.01mA  
**Accuracy** ..... +/- 5% of reading, +/- 2 digits  
**Pass Levels** ..... 1.0mA, 1.5mA, 2.0mA, 2.25mA

## ***Leakage***

**Range**.....0.1mA - 10.0mA  
**Resolution**.....0.01mA  
**Accuracy**..... +/- 5% of reading, +/- 2 digits  
**Pass Levels**.....0.25mA, 0.5mA, 0.75mA, 1.5mA, 2.25mA,  
2.5mA, 3.0mA, 3.5mA, 9.9mA

## ***Touch Leakage***

**Range**.....0.1mA - 2.0mA  
**Resolution**.....0.01mA  
**Accuracy**..... +/- 10% of reading, +/- 2 digits  
**Pass Levels**.....0.25mA, 0.5mA, 1.0mA

## ***Power Tests***

**Socket**.....Selectable 115V BS4343, BS546 / 230V BS 1363 socket.  
**Measured Voltage** ..... 90 - 300V  
Indication only.  
**Measured Load** ..... 0 - 4kVA  
Indication only.

## ***IEC Lead Test***

**Test Voltage \***.....40Vac  
**Detects**..... Open, Short, Good, Reversed

\* - Test stimulus based on mains supply of 230V, varies with supply voltage.

***Mechanical***

**Size**..... 450mm x 410mm x 155mm

**Weight**..... 3.5kg

***Environmental***

Operating ..... 0°C to 40°C (non condensing)

Storage ..... -10°C to 50°C (non condensing)

Maximum R.H ..... 90%

Supply Rating ..... 110V/230V +/- 6% 50/60Hz

Max Output Current ..... 16A

Fuses (Internal)..... not user replaceable

## ***Appendix A Purpose of Tests***

### ***Earth Bond Test***

This test is to ensure that the connection between the earth pin in the mains plug of the appliance and the metal casing of the appliance is satisfactory and of sufficiently low resistance.

A selectable test current is applied between the earth pin of the mains supply plug and the earth bond test lead clip.

A high current is normally used to stress the connection under fault conditions. The length of the test should be limited to prevent damage due to overheating.

### ***Earth Screen Test***

This test is to check the earth screen connection using a current which will prevent damage that may be caused by testing using high currents. This is often required by sensitive electronics such as computers and other Information Technology (IT) equipment.

A low voltage of approximately 100mV AC RMS is applied between the earth pin of the mains supply plug and the Earth Bond test lead clip. A current of 100mA is allowed to flow for the duration of the test.



## ***Insulation Test***



### **500 V / 250V d.c. test voltage**

This test is used to verify that adequate insulation exists between the mains supply pins and earth.

During the insulation test, a 500V DC voltage is applied between the earth pin and both the live and neutral pins of the appliance mains supply plug. The Tester displays the resistance measured and allows the user to confirm sufficient insulation exists.

For Class 2 appliances, the Earth Bond Test clip can be used for an earth return lead.

For appliances which incorporate over-voltage protection, a 250V DC test voltage is provided to allow a reading to be taken without the protection devices generating a false failure.

## ***Substitute Leakage Test***

The substitute leakage test applies a nominal voltage of 40V AC RMS to the appliance and is applied between the earth pin and both the live and neutral pins of the supply plug. For Class II appliances, connect the Earth Bond test clip to the appliance as a substitute for the Earth.

The Tester measures the current that flows and scales the result to display a guide to the current that would flow if the test voltage had been the nominal mains supply voltage, scaled for the applicable socket.

Please note that values for Substitute Leakage may differ substantially from that of conventional Earth Leakage tests because of the way that the test is performed (e.g. it will be affected by the presence of Neutral-to-Earth suppression capacitors).

This test can prove useful in situations where neither conventional Insulation nor Flash tests are acceptable methods of testing the insulation of the appliance.

## ***Flash Test***



**Warning**

### **1500V/3000V a.c. test voltage**

This test is used to determine that the insulation is of sufficient strength to prevent breakdown, particularly where high transient voltages are likely. This test can be omitted when testing equipment with component whose voltage withstand rating is insufficient to accommodate the test without damage. This is especially true of IT equipment.

For Class I appliances, a nominal test voltage of 1.5kV AC RMS is applied between the earth pin, and both the live and neutral pins of the appliance mains supply plug

For Class II appliances, a nominal voltage of 3kV AC RMS is applied between the flash probe tip and the live and neutral pins of the appliance mains supply plug.

## ***IEC Lead Test***

This test confirms the electrical safety of 230V IEC leads.

The IEC test performs a continuity and polarity check on the Live and Neutral conductors and confirming that there are no breaks or cross wiring in these conductors.

## Powered Tests



**Warning**

### **Mains voltage applied to appliance**

The following powered tests differ from the previous tests in that they apply mains supply voltage to the appliance to perform their functions:-

- Leakage Test
- Touch Leakage Test
- Load Test

The Tester performs an initial low voltage test to establish that the appliance can be safely powered.



**Warning**

**It is important that the user verifies that an appliance with moving parts (e.g. an electric drill) is safely mounted to allow movement without causing damage to equipment or personnel.**

If the potential load current is too high, a warning message appears, allowing the user to continue. If a Live to Neutral short exists, this message will appear, and if tests are continued the fuses will blow. If the potential load current is low, a warning message appears to allow the user to check that the appliance is switched on, and all fuses are intact. The Tester also performs a safety test to verify that internal relays are properly set before applying full mains supply to the appliance.

Power to the appliance will remain until the Red Button is pressed. This allows the user to switch between the three powered tests without removing power from the appliance.

## ***Leakage Test***



**Warning**

### **Mains voltage applied to appliance**

The Leakage Test shows the current being lost through Leakage as the difference in the currents flowing in the Live and the Neutral conductors. This difference is the total leakage away from the appliance, and is generally equivalent to the current flow through the earth lead of the appliance, and displays the result in milliamps (mA).

This differential method of determining leakage will show the full leakage of an appliance in-situ, so if the appliance has an extra earth point, i.e. water pipe, then the Tester will show the full and true appliance leakage. This is also known as Enclosure or Differential Leakage.

## ***Touch Leakage Test***



**Warning**

### **Mains voltage applied to appliance**

The Touch Test displays the current that would flow if the appliance was touched by a person. This is based on a 'body model' of 2k $\Omega$ .

The Tester detects any current flowing in the Earth Bond Lead (attached to an appropriate point on the appliance) and indicates the potential leakage through a metal panel. The Tester displays the result in milliamps (mA).

## ***Load Test***



### **Warning**

#### **Mains voltage applied to appliance**

The Power test supplies the equipment under test (appliance), connected to 115V/230V test sockets, with the rated voltage of that socket.

The Tester measures the power used by the appliance and displays the reading in kVA. There is no test duration limit on the Power tests. Once supplied with power, the appliance will be supplied until the test is cancelled. This will allow appliances with slow start-up speeds the time to ramp up to their working state.

## **Appendix B Reference Information**

### **Factory-set Test Sequences**

Name	Earth Bond	Insulation	Leakage	Touch Leakage	Flash
230V HH/PORT 1	0.1Ω	1.0MΩ	0.75mA	SKIP	SKIP
230V HH/PORT 2	SKIP	2.0MΩ	0.25mA	SKIP	SKIP
IT EQUIPMENT 1	0.1Ω	1.0MΩ	SKIP	SKIP	SKIP
IT EQUIPMENT 2	SKIP	2.0MΩ	SKIP	SKIP	SKIP
230V MOV/STAT 1	0.1Ω	1.0MΩ	3.5mA	SKIP	SKIP
230V MOV/STAT 2	SKIP	2.0MΩ	SKIP	0.25mA	SKIP
230VLEAD (3M)	0.15Ω	1.0MΩ	SKIP	SKIP	SKIP
230V LEAD (6M)	0.19Ω	1.0MΩ	SKIP	SKIP	SKIP
230V LEAD (12M)	0.29Ω	1.0MΩ	SKIP	SKIP	SKIP
230V HH/PORT NI 1	0.1Ω	SKIP	0.75mA	SKIP	SKIP
230V HH/PORT NI 2	SKIP	SKIP	SKIP	0.25mA	SKIP

## *Factory-set Test Sequences*

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110V HH/PORT 1	0.1Ω	1.0MΩ	0.75mA	SKIP	SKIP
110V HH/PORT 2	SKIP	2.0MΩ	SKIP	0.25mA	SKIP
110V MOV/STAT 1	0.1Ω	1.0MΩ	3.5mA	SKIP	SKIP
110V MOV/STAT 2	SKIP	2.0MΩ	SKIP	0.25mA	SKIP
110V LEAD (3M)	0.08Ω	1MΩ	SKIP	SKIP	SKIP
110V LEAD (6M)	0.2Ω	1MΩ	SKIP	SKIP	SKIP
110V LEAD (12M)	0.3	1MΩ	SKIP	SKIP	SKIP

All tests have visual test included

Extension lead tests include a Polarity check

## Testcode Tables

The test sequence code is split into two 10-digit testcodes, this Appendix describes how the two testcodes are broken down.

### First Testcode:

Digit 1	Visual Inspection/Polarity	Voltage
H	No Visual Inspection No Polarity Test	230V
I	Visual Inspection No Polarity Test	230V
J	No Visual Inspection Polarity Test	230V
K	Visual Inspection Polarity Test	230V
L	No Visual Inspection No Polarity Test	115V
M	Visual Inspection No Polarity Test	115V
N	No Visual Inspection Polarity Test	115V
O	Visual Inspection Polarity Test	115V



<b>Digit 2</b>	<b>Earth Bond</b>
0	Skip Earth Bond
1-9	Earth Bond Fault Limit (mΩ)
A	1.5 mΩ
B	2.5 mΩ
C	3.5 mΩ
D	4.5 mΩ
E	5.5 mΩ
F	6.5 mΩ
G	7.5 mΩ
H	8.5 mΩ
I	9.5 mΩ

<b>Digit 3</b>	<b><u>Earth Bond Multiplier</u></b>	<b><u>Current</u></b>
1	x1	4A
2	x10	4A
3	x100	4A
4	x1000	4A
5	x1	10A
6	x10	10A
7	x100	10A
8	x1000	10A
A	x1	25A
B	x10	25A
C	x100	25A
D	x1000	25A
E	x1	100mA a.c.
F	x10	100mA a.c.
G	x100	100mA a.c.
H	x1000	100mA a.c.
I	Reserved	
J	Reserved	
K	Reserved	
L	Reserved	
M	Reserved	
N	Reserved	
O	Reserved	
P	Reserved	
Q	Reserved	
R	Reserved	
S	Reserved	
T	Reserved	
U	Reserved	
V	Reserved	
W	Reserved	
X	Reserved	

<b>Digit 4</b>	<b>Insulation</b>	<b>Voltage</b>
0	Skip	
1	0.5MΩ	250V d.c.
2	1.0MΩ	250V d.c.
3	2.0MΩ	250V d.c.
4	4.0MΩ	250V d.c.
5	7.0MΩ	250V d.c.
6	0.5MΩ	500V d.c.
7	1.0MΩ	500V d.c.
8	2.0MΩ	500V d.c.
9	4.0MΩ	500V d.c.
A	7.0MΩ	500V d.c.
B	10.0MΩ	250V d.c.
C	50.0MΩ	250V d.c.
D	10.0MΩ	500V d.c.
E	50.0MΩ	500V d.c.

<b>Digit 5</b>	<b>Sub-Leakage</b>
0	Skip
1	0.25mA
2	0.50mA
3	0.75mA
4	2.50mA
5	3.50mA
6	7.00mA
7	9.90mA
8	15.0mA
9	1.00mA

<b>Digit 6</b>	<b>Flash</b>
0	Skip
1	1mA
2	1.5mA
3	2.00mA
4	2.25mA

<b>Digit 7</b>	<b>Leakage</b>
0	Skip
1	0.25mA
2	0.50mA
3	0.75mA
4	1.50mA
5	2.25mA
6	2.50mA
7	3.00mA
8	3.50mA
9	9.90mA
A	1.00mA

<b>Digit 8</b>	<b>Touch Leakage</b>
0	Skip
1	0.25mA
2	0.50mA
3	1.00mA

<b>Digit 9</b>	<b>Earth Bond Test Duration</b>
1	2s : add 0.0 to the earth bond limit
2	5s : add 0.0 to the earth bond limit
3	10s : add 0.0 to the earth bond limit
4	30s : add 0.0 to the earth bond limit
5	2s : add 0.1 to the earth bond limit
6	5s : add 0.1 to the earth bond limit
7	10s : add 0.1 to the earth bond limit
8	30s : add 0.1 to the earth bond limit
9	2s : add 0.2 to the earth bond limit
A	5s : add 0.2 to the earth bond limit
B	10s : add 0.2 to the earth bond limit
C	30s : add 0.2 to the earth bond limit
D	2s : add 0.3 to the earth bond limit
E	5s : add 0.3 to the earth bond limit
F	10s : add 0.3 to the earth bond limit
G	30s : add 0.3 to the earth bond limit
H	2s : add 0.4 to the earth bond limit
I	5s : add 0.4 to the earth bond limit
J	10s : add 0.4 to the earth bond limit
K	30s : add 0.4 to the earth bond limit

<b>Digit 10</b>	<b>Insulation Test Duration</b>
1	2s
2	5s
3	10s
4	30s

*Second Testcode*

<b>Digit 1</b>	<b>Sub-Leakage Test Duration</b>
Q	2s
R	5s
S	10s
T	30s

<b>Digit 2</b>	<b>Flash Test Duration</b>
1	2s
2	5s
3	10s
4	30s

<b>Digit 3</b>	<b>Leakage/Load Test Duration</b>
1	2s
2	5s
3	10s
4	30s
5	60s
6	120s
7	180s
8	Unlimited

<b>Digit 4</b>	<b>Touch Leakage Test Duration</b>
1	2s
2	5s
3	10s
4	30s
5	60s
6	120s
7	180s
8	Unlimited

<b>Digit 5</b>	<b>Number of Earth Bond Tests</b>
0	1
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	10
7	15
8	20
9	25
A	30
B	Unlimited

<b>Digit 6</b>	<b>Number of Insulation Tests</b>
0	1
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	10
7	15
8	20
9	25
A	30
B	Unlimited

<b>Digit 7</b>	<b>Number of Substitute Leakage Tests</b>
0	1
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	10
7	15
8	20
9	25
A	30
B	Unlimited



<b>Digit 8</b>	<b>Number of Flash Tests</b>
0	1
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	10
7	15
8	20
9	25
A	30
B	Unlimited

<b>Digit 9</b>	<b>Number of Load/Leakage Tests</b>
0	1
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	10
7	15
8	20
9	25
A	30

<b>Digit 10</b>	<b>Number of Touch Leakage Tests</b>
0	1
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	10
7	15
8	20
9	25
A	30



