

HP-37A

DIGITAL MULTIMETER

OPERATOR'S MANUAL

1. Overview

The multimeter is characterized at slim size, portable, stable performance and anti-dropping capacity. Using 3 1/2 digits LCD monitor with character 28mm high, they offer clear readings. With overall circuitry design centering on large-scale IC A/D converters in conjunction and over-load protection circuit, the meters give excellent performance and exquisite making as a handy utility instrument.

The meters can be used to measure DC & AC voltage, DC current, resistance, temperature, battery test, positive diode voltage fall and audible continuity.

2. Panel Layout



- ① Test lead fixture: Fix the test lead.
- ② LCD display: 3 1/2 digits LCD display.
- ③ **HOLD** key: Press the "HOLD" key to lock display value, and the "DH" sign will appear on the display, press it again to exit.
- ④ **LIGHT** key: Press the "LIGHT" key to light up the LCD backlight, press it again to exit, it will be automatically turned off too after approx. 30 seconds. If the battery is in weak power, the light will be dimmed. Press the key to power on when auto power off.
- ⑤ Rotary Switch: Use this switch to select functions and ranges.
- ⑥ **COM**: COM and Temperature "-" Input Jack
- ⑦ **10A**: 10A Input Jack
- ⑧ **V/mA/BATT/Ω** and Temperature "+" Input Jack
- ⑨ Crust of meter
- ⑩ Protective casing

3. Safety Information

3-1 The meter is designed according to IEC-1010 concerning electronic measuring instruments with an over-voltage category 600V (CAT III) and pollution 2.

3-2 Follow all safety and operating instructions to ensure that the meter is used safely and is kept in good operating condition.

3-3 safety symbols:

- ⚠ Important safety information, refer to the operating manual.
- ⚡ Dangerous voltage may be presence.
- Double insulation (protection Class II)

4. Special Cautions for Operation

4-1 The meters can be safe only according to standard procedures when used in conjunctions with the supplied test leads. To replace damaged test leads with only the same model or same electric specifications.

4-2 To avoid risk of electric shock, do not use the meters before the cover is in place.

4-3 The range switch should be right position for the testing.

4-4 To avoid electric shock and damaging the instruments, the input signals are forbidden to exceed the specified limits.

4-5 When measuring TV set or switched power, attention should be paid to the possible pulses that may bring destruction to the circuit.

4-6 Range switch position is forbidden to be changed at random during measurement.

4-7 Take caution against shock in the course of measuring voltage higher than DC 60V & AC 30V.

4-8 Protection fuse should be replaced only with same type and same specification.

4-9 After operation is finished, set function switch at OFF range to save battery power.

4-10 If the meter is without usage for long time, take out battery to avoid damage by battery leakage.

5. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

- 5-1 Max Voltage between input terminal and Earth Ground: CAT III 600V
- 5-2 Over-range Indication: display "1" or "-1" for the significant digit.
- 5-3 Automatic display of negative polarity "-".
- 5-4 Low Battery Indication: "BAT" displayed.
- 5-5 Display: 3 1/2 digit LCD with a max. reading of 1999.
- 5-6 Manual range control
- 5-7 Auto Power Off: The meter will switch to standby mode when power on after approx. 30 minutes. Press the **LIGHT** key or rotate the rotary switch to **OFF** position, then power on to exit standby mode.
- 5-8 Fuse protection: 200mA/250V PPTC Resettable Fuse
- 5-9 Power supply: 9V battery (6F22 or NEDA 1604)
- 5-10 Operating Temp.: 0°C to 40°C (relative humidity <85%)
- 5-11 Storage Temp.: -10°C to 50°C ((relative humidity <85%)
- 5-12 Guaranteed precision Temp.: 23±5°C (relative humidity <70%)
- 5-13 Dimension: 150x106x36mm
- 5-14 Weight: approx. 250g (including battery)

6. Testing Specifications

Accuracy is specified for a period of year after calibration and at 18°C to 28°C (64°F to 82°F) with relative humidity to 70%.

6-1 DC Voltage

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
2V	1mV	±(0.5% of rdg + 2 digits)
20V	10mV	
200V	100mV	
600V	1V	±(0.8% of rdg + 2 digits)

-- Impedance: 1MΩ

-- Overload protection: 600V DC or AC rms

6-2 AC Voltage

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
200V	100mV	±(1.5% of rdg + 5 digits)
600V	1V	

-- Impedance: 450kΩ

-- Overload protection: 600V DC or AC rms

-- Frequency Range: 40 to 400Hz

-- Response: average, calibrated in rms of sine wave

6-3 DC Current

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
2mA	1μA	±(1.2% of rdg + 2 digits)
20mA	10μA	
200mA	100μA	
10A	10mA	±(2.0% of rdg + 3 digits)

-- Overload protection: 200mA/250V PPTC Resettable Fuse

Note: 10A range is not fused, 10A up to 10 seconds

6-4 Resistance

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
200Ω	0.1Ω	±(1.0% of rdg + 3 digits)
2kΩ	1Ω	±(1.0% of rdg + 2 digits)
20kΩ	10Ω	
200kΩ	100Ω	
2MΩ	1kΩ	±(1.5% of rdg + 3 digits)

-- Overload protection: 250V DC or AC rms

6-5 Temperature

Range	Accuracy	Resolution	
°C	-20~150°C	±(3°C+ 1digit)	1°C
	150~1000°C	±(3% of rdg + 2digits)	

-- NiCr-NiSi K-type sensor

-- Overload protection: 200mA/250V PPTC Resettable Fuse

6-6 Battery test

Range	Accuracy	Load current	Resolution
1.5V	±(5.0% of rdg + 5 digits)	Approx. 50mA	1mV
9V		Approx. 10mA	10mV

-- Overload protection: 200mA/250V PPTC Resettable Fuse

6-7 Diode and Audible continuity test

Range	Description	Test Condition
→	Display read approximately forward voltage of diode	Forward DC current approx. 1mA Reversed DC voltage approx. 3V
·)))	Built-in buzzer sounds if resistance is less than 50Ω	Open circuit voltage approx. 3V

Overload protection: 250V DC or AC rms

7. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

7-1 Attention before operation

7-1-1 Check battery. When the battery voltage drop below proper operation range, the "⚡" symbol will appear on the LCD display and the battery need to be changed.

7-1-2 Pay attention to the "⚠" besides the input jack which shows that the input voltage or current should be within the specified value.

7-1-3 The range switch should be positioned to desired range for measurement before operation.

7-2 Measuring DC Voltage

7-2-1 Connect the black test lead to **COM** jack and the red to **VΩmA** jack.

7-2-2 Set the rotary switch at the desired "**V_{DC}**" range position.

7-2-3 Connect test leads across the source or load under measurement.

7-2-4 You can get reading from LCD. The polarity of the red lead connection will be indicated along with the DC voltage value.

NOTE:

1. When the value scale to be measured is unknown beforehand, set the range selector at the highest position.
2. When only the figure "1" or "-1" is displayed, it indicates over-range situation and the higher range has to be selected.
3. "⚠" means you can't input the voltage more than 600V, it's possible to show higher voltage, but it may destroy the inner circuit or pose a shock.
4. Be cautious against shock when measuring high Voltage.

7-3 Measuring AC Voltage

7-3-1 Connect the black test lead to **COM** jack and the red to **VΩmA** jack.

7-3-2 Set the rotary switch at the desired "**V_{AC}**" range position.

7-3-3 Connect test leads across the source or load under measurement.

7-3-4 You can get reading from LCD. The polarity of the red lead connection will be indicated along with the DC voltage value.

NOTE:

1. When the value scale to be measured is unknown beforehand, set the range selector at the highest position.
2. When only the figure "1" or "-1" is displayed, it indicates over-range situation and the higher range has to be selected.
3. "⚠" means you can't input the voltage more than 600V, it's possible to show higher voltage, but it may destroy the inner circuit or pose a shock.
4. Be cautious against shock when measuring high Voltage.

7-4 Measuring DC Current

7-4-1 Connect the black test lead to **COM** jack and the red to the **VΩmA** jack for a maximum 200mA current, for a maximum 10A current, move the red lead to the **10A** jack.

7-4-2 Set the rotary switch at the desired "**A_{DC}**" range position.

7-4-3 Connect test leads in series with the load under measurement.

7-4-4 You can get reading from LCD. The polarity of the red lead connection will be indicated along with the DC current value.

NOTE:

1. When the value scale to be measured is unknown beforehand, set the range selector at the highest position.
2. When only the figure "1" or "-1" is displayed, it indicates over-range situation and the higher range has to be selected.
3. "⚠" means the socket mA's maximum current is 200mA and 10A's maximum current is 10A, over 200mA current can be protected by the PPTC resettable fuse, but the 10A range is not fused.
4. On the 10A range, the measuring time should be less than 10 seconds to prevent precision from affecting by circuit heating.

7-5 Measuring Resistance

7-5-1 Connect the black test lead to **COM** jack and the red to **VΩmA** jack.

7-5-2 Set the rotary switch at the desired "**Ω**" range position.

7-5-3 Connect test leads across the resistance under measurement.

7-5-4 You can get reading from LCD.

NOTE: Max. input overload: 250V rms < 10sec

1. When only the figure "1" or "-1" is displayed, it indicates over-range situation and the higher range has to be selected.

2. For measuring resistance above 1M Ω, the meter may take a few seconds to get stable reading.

3. When the input is not connected, i.e. at open circuit, the figure "1" or "-1" will be displayed for the over-range condition.

4. When checking in-circuit resistance, be sure the circuit under test has all power removed and that all capacitors have been discharged fully.

7-6 Measuring Temperature

7-6-1 Connect the black banana plug of the sensor to **COM** jack and the red banana plug to the **VΩmA** jack.

7-6-2 Set the rotary switch at the desired "**°C**" range position.

7-6-3 Put the sensor probe into the temperature field under measurement.

7-6-4 You can get reading from LCD.

NOTE:

1. The accessory of the meter WRNM-010 type contact thermocouple limit temperature is 250°C (300°C shortly), please use special probe for test higher temperature.
2. Please don't change the thermocouple at will, otherwise we can't guarantee to measure accuracy.
3. Please don't import the voltage in the temperature function.

7-7 Battery Testing

7-7-1 Connect the black test lead to **COM** jack and the red to **VΩmA** jack.

7-7-2 Set the rotary switch at the desired "**1.5V**" or "**9V**" range position to test 1.5V or 9V battery.

7-7-3 Connect test leads across the source or load under measurement.

7-7-4 You can get reading from LCD.

7-8 Diode & Audible continuity Testing

7-8-1 Connect the black test lead to **COM** jack and the red to **VΩmA** jack.

7-8-2 Set the rotary switch at the "**▶▶**" range position.

7-8-3 On **diode** range, connect the test leads across the diode under measurement, display shows the approx. forward voltage of this diode.

7-8-4 On **Audible continuity** range, connect the test leads to two point of circuit, if the resistance is lower than approx. 50Ω, the buzzer sounds.

NOTE: Make sure the power is cut off and all capacitors need to be discharged under this measurement.

8. Battery replacement

- 1) When the battery voltage drop below proper operation range the "⚡" symbol will appear on the LCD display and the battery need to be changed.
- 2) Before changing the battery, set the selector switch to "**OFF**" position. Open the cover of the battery cabinet by a screwdriver.
- 3) Replace the old battery with the same type battery (9V 6F22 or NEDA 1604).
- 4) Close the cover of the battery cabinet and fasten the screw.

9. Maintenance

9-1 Before attempting to remove the battery door or open the case, be sure that test leads have been disconnected from measurement circuit top avoid electric shock hazard.

9-2 You must replace the test leads if the lead is exposed, and should adopt the leads with the same specifications as origin.

9-3 Use only moist fabric or small amount of detergent but not chemical solution for cleaning.

9-4 Do not use the meter before the back cover is properly closed and screw secured. Upon any abnormality, stop operation immediately and send the meter for maintenance.

9-5 Please take out the battery when not using for a long time.

10. Accessories

- [1] Test Leads: electric rating 1000V 10A
- [2] "K" type thermocouple sensor probe
- [3] Operator's Manual



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