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DCA/ACA CURRENT CLAMP ADAPTOR MODEL - CA 500



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TAKE MEASUREMENT CAREFULLY AND YOU'LL SPARE YOUR METER AND YOURSELF, SOME PAIN

Nearly every electrical engineer has a hand held digital clamp meter (Tongtester). We sometimes take them for granted, until we damage them or "burn them out". If you incorrectly connect your clamp meter to a circuit, or if you have the clamp meter or wrong setting, you damage the meter and possibly hurt yourself. You can also get into trouble if you try to measure the voltage across a changed capacitor.

Clamp Adaptor users frequently burn their meters by trying to measure current the same way as they measure voltage. Remember, you measure voltage across a circuit, and current through a circuit. When you use the current input, your clamp meter becomes a low impedance circuit element.

Even if you correctly insert your clamp Adaptor into the circuit, you can still damage you meter. Don't try to measure current in excess of your meter's capacity. Check the current capacity of the Clamp Adaptor.

If you are measuring current in industrial environment to prevent excess flow of current disconnect your test leads from the circuit under test whenever you change Clamp Adaptor functions. Set your meter to the correct function, say current, and its highest range for the setting. If the reading is small, change the range to the next lower range till the reading can be read with the best possible accuracy. The output of a Clamp Adaptor can be observed in a DMM in the 200mV or 2V range.

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Overview

Warning

To avoid electric shock or personal injury, read the "Safety Information" and "Rules for Safe Operation" carefully before using the Meter.

The Model CA - 500 DC/AC Current Clamp Adaptor (hereafter referred to as 'the Clamp') is an accessory which will allow your multimeter to measure electrical current up to 500 amperes AC/DC, with a frequency response upto 400Hz when measuring current with this clamp, there is no need to break a circuit or to affect the isolation.

Terms in this manual

Warning : identifies conditions and actions that could result in serious injury or even death to the user.

A Caution: identifies conditions and actions that could cause damage or malfunction in the instrument.

Unpacking Inspection

Open the package case and take out the Clamp Adaptor. Check the following items carefully to see any missing or damaged part:

| ITEM | DESCRIPTION | QTY. |
|------|------------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | English Operating Manual | 1 piece |
| 2 | Carring case | 1 piece |
| 3 | Batteries (Installed) 9 Volt DC | 1 no. |

In the event you find any Part missing or damaged, please contact your dealer immediately.

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FEATURES/GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS :

- CA500 Current Clamp is a transducer which will allow your multimeter to measure electrical Current upto 500 amperes AC or DC, with a Frequency response upto 400Hz.
- When measuring current with this clamp, there is no need to break a circuit or to affect the isolation.
- Captured Conductor Size :

30mm maximum.

Low Battery Indicator :

Red LED lighting.

• **Operating Environment** : 0°C to 50°C

Relative Humidity : 0 - 70% R.H.

• Storage Temperature : -20°C to 70°C

Relative Humidity: 0 - 80% R. H.

- Load Resistance : 10KΩ typical.
- Rated Output : 0 to 500mV (AC or DC) for 0 to 500A.
- Dimension :
 - 178mm(L) x 70mm(W) x 33mm(H)
- Weight : Approx. 290g. typical
- Battery Type : Single standard 9 V.
- It can be used for waveform analysis by Connecting it to an oscilloscope.
- Accessories: Carrying Case, User Manual, Battery Installed.
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ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Accuracy : ± (% reading + digit)

DC CURRENT

| Range | Accuracy |
|-------|--------------------|
| 200 A | |
| 500 A | ± (2.0% rdg + 2 A) |

Impedance > 10M Ω

AC CURRENT

| Range | Accuracy |
|---------------|--------------------|
| 200 A | |
| 400 A | ± (2.0% rdg + 2 A) |
| 400 A - 500 A | ± (3.0% rdg + 2 A) |

Impedance > 10M Ω

Frequency : 50 Hz to 400 Hz

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Rules For Safe Operation

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To avoid possible electric shock or personal injury, and to avoid possible damage to the Meter or to the equipment under test, adhere to the following rules:

- Before using the Meter inspect the case. Do not use the Meter if it is damaged or the case (or part of the case) is removed. Look for cracks or missing plastic. Pay attention to the insulation around the connectors and Clamps.
- Inspect the test leads for damaged insulation or exposed metal. Replace damaged test leads with identical electrical Specifications before using the Meter.
- Do not measure more than the rated current, as marked on the Meter between the Clamps.
- When measurement is taken at an effective voltage over 60V in DC or 30V rms in AC, special care should be taken for there is danger of electric shock.

- Do not use or store the Meter in an environment of high temperature, humidity, explosive, inflammable and strong magnetic field. The performance of the Meter may deteriorate after the meter gets dampened.
- When using the test leads, keep your fingers behind the finger guards.
- Disconnect circuit power and discharge all high voltage capacitors before testing current.
- Replace the battery as soon as the battery indicator LED appears. With a low battery, the Meter might produce false readings that can lead to electric shock and personal injury.
- Turn the Meter power off when it is not in use and take out the battery when not using for a long time.
- Constantly check the battery as it may leak when it has not been used for some time, replace the battery as soon as leaking appears. A leaking battery will damage the Meter.

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(KUSAM-MECO) = The Clamp Adaptor - CA - 500 Structure (see figure 1) ി CA-500 AC/DC Current Clan 6 Ń (Figure 1) 1) Transformer Jaws : Pick up the AC current flowing through the conductor. 2) Trigger: Press the lever to open the transformer jaws. When the lever is released the jaws will close again. 3) LED indication : Red LED : Power on Green LED : Low Battery Power ON / OFF : To switch ON / OFF the Meter. 5) Test Leads : These are inserted into the multimeter voltage & COM terminals for current reading. These can also be connected to an oscillo scope to get waveform output. 6) Zero knob To adjust the output of Clamp Adaptor to zero before measuring DC current.

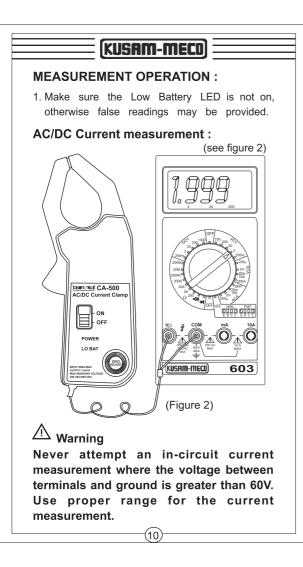
Function Buttons

Below table indicates the function button operations.

| Switch | Operation Performed |
|---------------------|--|
| ON / OFF | To switch ON / OFF the clamp Adaptor. |
| Auto Zero Button | To make the O/P of Clamp Adaptor Zero before any input of DC current is given |

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(Kusam-meco) = International Electrical Symbols \sim AC (Alternating Current). DC (Direct Current). ____ Both DC & AC. \sim Grounding. Ŧ Double Insulated. - + Deficiency of Built-In Battery. •))) Continuity Test. -▶ Diode. \rightarrow Fuse. \triangle Warning ! Refer to the Operating \land Manual. Caution ! Risk of Electric



TO MEASURE CURRENT :

- 1. Insert the black banana plug into the COM jack and the red banana plug into the V- Ω jack of any multimeter with a minimum input impedance of 10k ohms.
- 2. Set the power switch from 'Off" to 'On' position, the green LED will be lighting to indicate that the clamp is switched on. For current measurement below 200 amperes, set the multimeter range to 200mV AC for AC current measurements or 200mV DC for DC current measurements.

The reading is directly in amperes. For current measurements above 200 amperes, set the multimeter range to 2VAC or DC, depending on whether measuring AC or DC current. The reading is now amperes x 1000.

- 3. Turn the zero adjustment knob on the clamp until the multimeter reads zero before taking DC current reading.
- 4. Clamp the jaw around the current-carrying conductor and interpret the reading according to Step 2 above.

A Caution

- 1. In the case of DC current, the output is positive when the current flows from the upside to the underside of the clamp. The red banana plug is positive.
- 2. In the case of DC current measurement, a hysteresis effect can occur so that it is impossible to zero the clamp properly. To eleminate this effect, open and close the jaws several times and then zero again.
- 3. When there is a strong stray magnetic field, it is best to zero the clamp approximately 2 to 4 inches from the conductor to be measured. The conductor itself will have no influence at this distance. Then, clamp the jaws around the conductor and measure the current.
- 4. A good practice for measuring low currents is to loop an appropriate number of turns of the conductor through the jaws. The actual current is the measured value divided by the number of turns.

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To avoid false reading, replace the battery as soon as the low battery indicator, Green LED is on.

To replace battery :

Disconnect the connection between the testing leads of CA-500 and the multimeter.

Turn off the Clamp Adaptor CA - 500

- Unscrew the screws from the rear case and separate the rear case & the front case.
- Remove the battery from the battery compartment.
- Replace the battery with a new 9-volt battery.
- Reinstall the rear case and the front case

MUMBAI TEST CERTIFICATE

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This Test Certificate warrantees that the product has been inspected and tested in accordance with the published specifications.

The instrument has been calibrated by using equipment which has already been calibrated to standards traceable to national standards.

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WARRANTY

Each "KUSAM-MECO" product is warranted to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use & service. The warranty period is one year (12 months) and begins from the date of despatch of goods. In case any defect occurs in functioning of the instrument, under proper use, within the warranty period, the same will be rectified by us free of charges, provided the to and fro freight charges are borne by you.

This warranty extends only to the original buyer or enduser customer of a "KUSAM-MECO" authorized dealer.

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