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VI. Appearance Structure (Refer to Figure 1)

1	Shell	2	Displayer
3/4/7	Function key	5	Range knob switch
6	Input terminal for measuring	8	Alarm luminous diode
9	USB cable/Bluetooth interface/NCV sensing terminal		

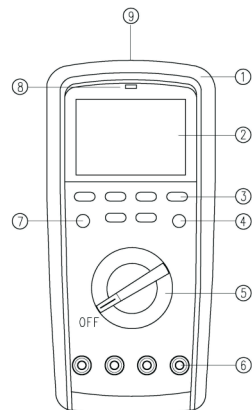
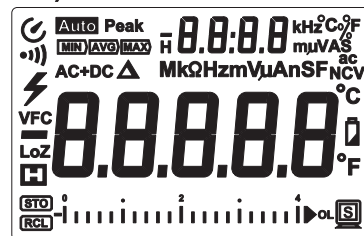
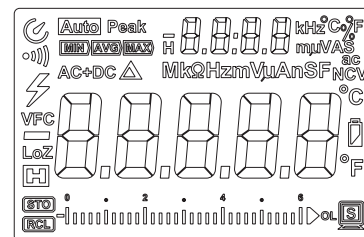


Figure 1



UT171A (positive display)



UT171B (negative display)

UT171C(The default TFT lattice)




Figure 2

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VII. Displayer (Refer to Figure 2)







No.	Symbol	Specification
1		Data recall
2		Data storage
3		Data hold
4	LoZ	AC low impedance
5	-	Negative value
6	VFC	Measuring of voltage to frequency converter
7		Alarm for high voltage
8		Circuit on-off measurement
9		Automatic shutdown
10	Auto	Automatic range
11	Peak	Peak measuring
12	MIN/AVG/MAX	Prompt for measuring minimum/average/maximum value
13	AC/DC	AC/DC measurement
14		Relative measuring
15	mV, V	Voltage unit: millivolt and volt
16	μA, mA, A	Current: microamp, milliampere and ampere

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No.	Symbol	Specification
17	$\Omega, k\Omega, M\Omega$	Resistance unit: ohm, kilohm and megohm
18	$nF, \mu F, mF$	Capacitance unit: nanofarad, microfarad and millifarad
19	Hz, kHz, MHz	Frequency unit: Hz, kHz and MHz
20	mS	Period unit: millisecond
21	%	Duty ratio or % (4-20mA) measurement unit
22	AC	AC
23	nS	Conductivity unit: nano-siemens
24	NCV	Non-contact AC voltage sensing
25	$^{\circ}C/^{\circ}F$	Centigrade/Fahrenheit unit
26		Undervoltage of battery in the machine
27		Interface output
28	-88888	Measuring value for main display
29	-8888	Measuring value for auxiliary display
30	XXXX	Auxiliary display: storage No. and setting value
31	H XX:XX	Auxiliary display: hour XX: XX timing value
32		Simulated pointer

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VIII. Knob of Function Selection and Button

Location of Function Knob	Functional Description
V~ V=	AC/DC voltage measurement
LoZ	AC low impedance voltage measurement
Ω	Resistance measurement
nS	Conductivity measurement
	Diode PN junction voltage measurement
	Circuit on-off measurement
	Capacitance measurement
Hz	Frequency measurement
%	Duty ratio measurement
%(4-20mA)	For measurement on (4-20mA) current transducer only
$^{\circ}C/^{\circ}F$	Temperature measurement
$\mu A \approx mA \approx 10A \approx$	AC/DC measurement
AC+DC	(AC + DC) measurement
600A 	ACA/DCA current calipers measurement(UT171C only)
 Output	square-wave output measurement (UT171C only)
NCV	Non-contact AC voltage sensing
	Built-in lithium battery charging gear
OFF	Power supply is off in the machine

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Buttons:

- *. RANGE button: click to switch over automatic→manual range. LCD displays “Auto” prompt disappears. One clicking results in one gear of range upwards. After reaching the highest gear of range, click to jump to the lowest gear of range. Circulate in sequence. Press the button for more than 2 seconds (including) or rotate for switchover and it will exit mode of manual range (applicable to V_{AC} , Ω , I_{AC} , Freq Cap, and Loz only).
- *. STORE button: short press the button to save a piece of data and LCD flashes “ \overline{STO} ”: long press the button to enter automatic storage setting menu. In automatic storage setting menu, when auxiliary displayer displays “SET.1”, (UT171C auxiliary show“SET:INTERVAL”) it shall be advised to set interval for automatic storage (1~240) in the unit of second. Short press HOLD button to exit setting. Short press SELECT button to enter next interface and auxiliary displayer displays “SET.2” (UT171C auxiliary show“SET:DURATION”), it shall be advised to set duration for automatic storage in the unit of minute. Short HOLD button to return to SET.1 (UT171C auxiliary show“SET:INTERVAL”) and short press SELECT button to start the function of automatic recording based on parameters set. In automatic recording, short press HOLD/Esc button to exit automatic storage.
- Caution: in automatic storage, it is necessary to short press HOLD button or turn the knob to any gear (non-OFF gear location) to exit the function of automatic storage. It is not allowed to turn to OFF gear without exiting the function of automatic storage so as to prevent data loss.
- *. RECALL button: short press the button to enter recall mode and LCD displays “ \overline{RCL} ” (UT171C show“VIEW”). In recall mode, auxiliary displayer displays No. for current data. Short press REL or HZ button to rapidly recall one piece of data forward or backward and long press REL or HZ button to rapidly location data required for recall forward or backward. Short press RANGE button and HOLD button to delete current data and exit recall mode respectively. If it is necessary to delete all the data, please select in system setting menu and execute DEL function. (UT171C for “FORMAT” function).


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*. MAX/AVG/MIN/Peak hold button:

Short press MAX MIN→enter the mode of manual range recording. The function of automatic shutdown is cancelled. LCD will display “ \overline{MAX} ” and auxiliary displayer will display MAX; then click. LCD will display “ \overline{AVG} ” and auxiliary displayer will display AVG; click again. LCD will display “ \overline{MIN} ” and auxiliary displayer will display MIN; (the sequence is MAX/AVG/MIN); then long press MAX MIN to exit the mode of data recording.

In AC voltage/current functional state, long press “Peak hold” to enter the function of peak measurement. LCD will display “Peak”. Short press it to independently switch between P-Max and P-Min modes. Long press the “Peak hold” button to exit the function of peak measurement. And the response is about 1mS.

*. HOLD/ : button of data-hold/backlight:

HOLD→press the button and the displayed value will be locked and retained. LCD displays “ \overline{H} ” prompt. Click once again and locking will be relieved, entering mode of general measuring. →long press the button: turn off or on backlight (UT171A) and make fast switch among three kinds of backlight luminance (UT171B/C).

*. \triangleleft /REL \triangle :button of direction selection/relative measurement:

REL \triangle →click to automatically enter the mode of manual range for relative measurement. Take current displayed value as reference value displayed on the auxiliary displayer. Then, make the difference between measured value and reference value display on the main displayer. Click again to re-select current original data as reference value. Long press the button to exit REL mode (applicable to V_{AC} , Ω , I_{AC} , °C/°F and \rightarrow only).

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*. Hz%/▷/Setup: button of frequency, duty ratio/direction selection/setting:

Hz%→click to make frequency/duty ratio switch (applicable to: V~, I~, Hz/% only) Setup→long press the button to enter system setting menu. Main displayer setting item and auxiliary displayer setting parameters. Setting items include “brt” (BRIGHTNESS) for backlight, “Usb” (USB) for communication on/off, “bBEEP” (KEY BEEP) for buzzer switch on/off, “ALO” (ALO TIME) for automatic light off, “APO” (APO TIME) for automatic power supply off, “RTC DATE” for Date setting (UT171C only), “RTC TIME” for Time setting (UT171C only), “DEL” (FORMAT MEM) for memory formatting”. Short press the ◁ or ▷ button to select setting item. Short press HOLD button to exit setting menu. In the setting items, alter parameters of setting items through RANGE button or MAXMIN button. In the setting item of format memory, if parameter displayed on the auxiliary displayer is “YES”, operation of memory formatting will be executed by short pressing SELECT button and all the data saved will be cleared.

Caution: after setting parameters are altered, it is necessary to short press HOLD button or turn the knob to any gear (non-OFF gear location) to exit the function of setting menu. It is not allowed to turn to OFF gear without exiting setting menu so as to prevent loss of setting data.

*. SELECT/ V.F.C.: button of selection/measurement on voltage or current to frequency conversion: SELECT→click to select function (applicable to complex function only).

V.F.C→in AC voltage mode, long press the button for 2 seconds or more and LCD will display “V.F.C”. It will be allowed to enter the mode of V.F.C measurement for stable measurement on voltage to frequency conversion. Long press the button for 2 seconds or more again and it will be allowed to exit the mode of V.F.C measurement:



SELECT→in mV gear, long press the button to enter or exit the function of temperature measurement (only applicable to UT171B/C);

SELECT→in mA gear, long press the button to enter or exit % (4-20mA) (only applicable to UT171B/C);

SELECT→in uA gear, long press the button to enter or exit square-wave function(UT171C only);

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IX. Measuring Operation Instructions

First of all, please check the built-in battery. When the instrument is on, in case of low battery, it will display the symbol of “” on the LCD, indicating that it is necessary to replace battery or charge in time before using. When instrument detects low power in battery, it will force itself to enter sleep mode. Besides, it is also necessary to notice the symbol of “” beside probe socket which warns you of not exceeding the indicated figure for voltage or current under test so as to ensure measuring safety!

1) Measuring AC/DC voltage (see Figure 3)

AC measuring displayed value is true virtual value. During in-circuit measurement, press Hz/% button to select the mode of measurement on frequency/duty ratio for auxiliary displayer. In the DC voltage function gear, press SELECT button to select mode of AC+DC measurement; press HZ/% button and auxiliary displayer will display AC/DC/HZ values orderly and “(AC+DC) value will be displayed on main displayer”. In low resistance LoZ: in AC gear, auxiliary displayer displays Hz or duty ratio (press Hz% button to switch)

Caution:

- *. Input impedance of instrument is higher, which is about 10MΩ. The load will cause error in measurement in high-impedance circuit. Mostly, if circuit impedance is lower than 10k, error can be ignored (0.1% or lower).
- *. Do not input voltage higher than 1,000Vrms. It is accessible to measure higher voltage. However, it is likely to damage the instrument!
- *. In measuring of high voltage, it is necessary to prevent electric shock hazard in particular!
- *. To test the known voltage before use to confirm the product function is correct.

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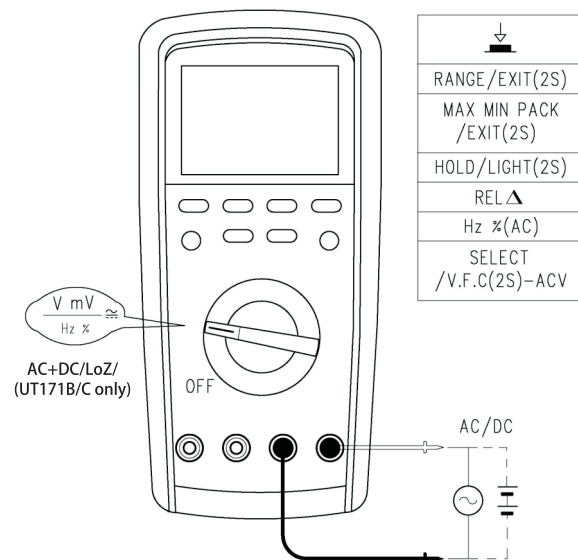


Figure 3

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2) Measuring of resistance/conductivity G (Figure 4a)

- *. When measuring ultra-high resistance higher than 40M Ω , it is advised to use nS range to measure its conductivity G: $G=1/R$ (Ω). The unit is Siemens(S)= $10^{-9}/R$ (Ω). The unit is (nS).
- *. By virtue of function of resistance measuring, it is allowed to make self-check on built-in fuse. Refer to (Figure 4b).
- *. Open-circuit voltage is about 1V.

⚠ Caution:

- *. If the resistance under test is in open circuit or resistance is beyond maximum range of instrument, it shall display "OL" on LCD.
- *. In measuring in-circuit resistance, it is necessary to shut off all the power supply in the circuit under test and discharge the residual electric charge in capacitor before measuring so as to guarantee correct measuring.
- *. In low-resistance measuring, the probe will result in an error of 0.1 Ω -0.2 Ω in resistance measuring. In order to acquire accurate reading, it is necessary to short-circuit the probe and adopt REL relative measuring mode so as to ensure measuring precision.
- *. If probe resistance is higher than 0.5 Ω in short circuit, it shall be necessary to check whether the probe is loose or of any other reason.
- *. While measuring high resistance, it is likely to take second time before reading is stable, which is normal for measuring high resistance.
- *. It is not allowed to input voltage higher than DC 30V or AC 30V so as to prevent personal injury!

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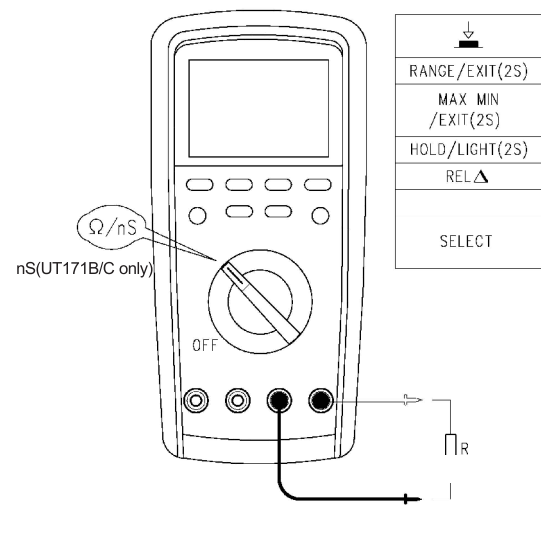


Figure 4a

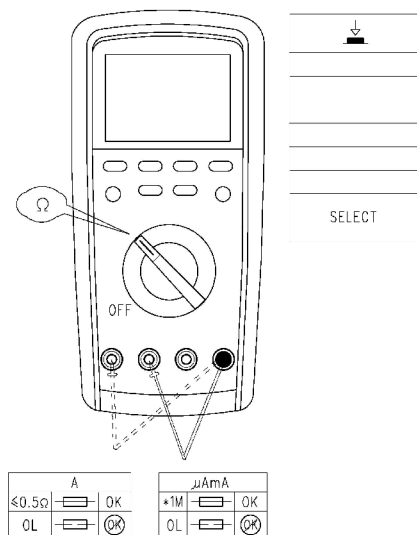


Figure 4b

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3. Measuring of circuit switching (see Figure 5)

If resistance between two terminals measured is higher than 100Ω , it shall be deemed as open circuit and buzzer shall be without sound; if resistance between two terminals measured is lower than 10Ω , it shall be deemed as sound conductivity of circuit and buzzer shall produce constant sound.

⚠ Caution:

- * While inspecting in-circuit circuit switching, it is necessary to cut off all the power supply in the circuit under test and discharge residual electric charge in capacitor before measuring.
- * Do not input voltage higher than DC 30V or AC 30V to prevent personal injury!

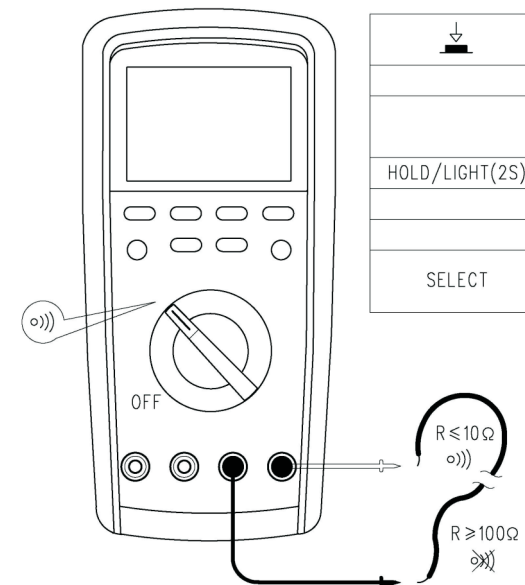


Figure 5

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4. Diode test (see Figure 6)

Range of test voltage for diode is about 0-3V. Auxiliary displayer displays: "diod".

⚠ Caution:

- *. If diode under test is in open circuit or reverse polarity, it will display "OL". In terms of silicon PN junction, 500-800mV shall be generally confirmed as normal value.
- *. When measuring in-circuit diode, it is necessary to cut off all the power supply in the circuit under test and discharge residual electric charge in capacitor before measuring.
- *. Do not input voltage higher than DC 30V or AC 30V so as to prevent personal injury!

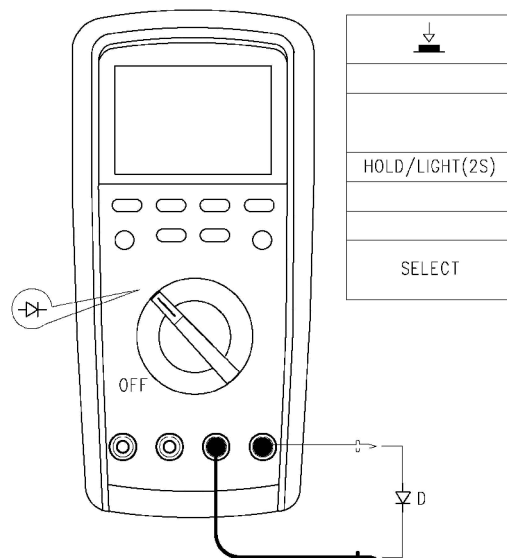


Figure 6

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5. Measuring of capacitance (see Figure 7)

When there is no input, instrument will display fixed reading, which is the inherent capacitance of instrument. When measuring capacitance in small-range gear, the inherent value must be deducted from measured value to guarantee measuring precision. Therefore, it is allowed to utilize function of relative measuring REL of the instrument to make automatic deduction, facilitating measuring reading.

⚠ Caution:

- *. If metered capacitance is in short circuit or capacitance is beyond maximum range of the instrument, LCD will display "OL".
- *. As for measuring large bulk capacitance, it is normal to take seconds to measure.
- *. Before testing, it is necessary to discharge all the residual electric charge in capacitance. It is particularly important for high-voltage capacitance, preventing damage on instrument and personal injury.
- *. The measured capacitance if stored in a charge, may appear in the process of testing, the screen display DISCHARGE state

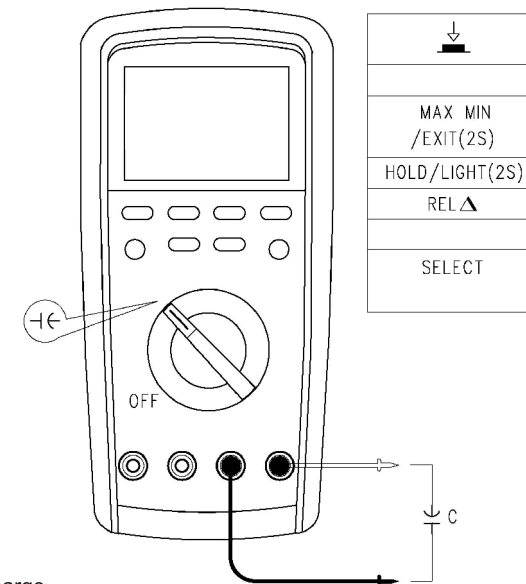


Figure 7

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6. Measuring of frequency/duty ratio (see Figure 8)

In the gear of frequency measurement, press Hz/% button to select mode of period for auxiliary displayer/duty ratio measurement.

⚠ Caution:

*. Do not input voltage higher than DC 30V or AC 30V so as to prevent personal injury!

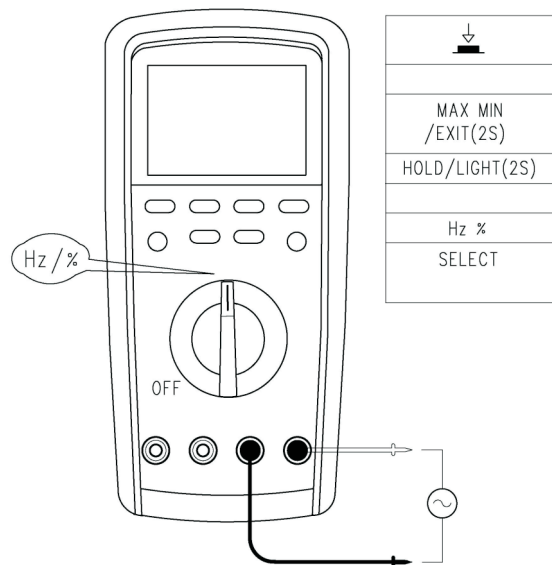


Figure 8

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7. Measuring temperature (see Figure 9)

Long press SELECT in mV gear to enter or exit the temperature measurement function: short press SELECT under the temperature measurement function, to switch the display of °C (Celsius) and °F (Fahrenheit). Temperature sensor: applicable to K-type (nickel-chromium-nickel silicon) thermocouple only. Boot up to display "OL", and plug in K-type temperature sensor to meter °C or °F. (Applicable to UT171B/C only) °F=1.8°C+32

⚠ Caution:

K-type (nickel-chromium-nickel silicon) thermocouple configured in accessories is applicable to measuring temperature below 230°C/446°F only!

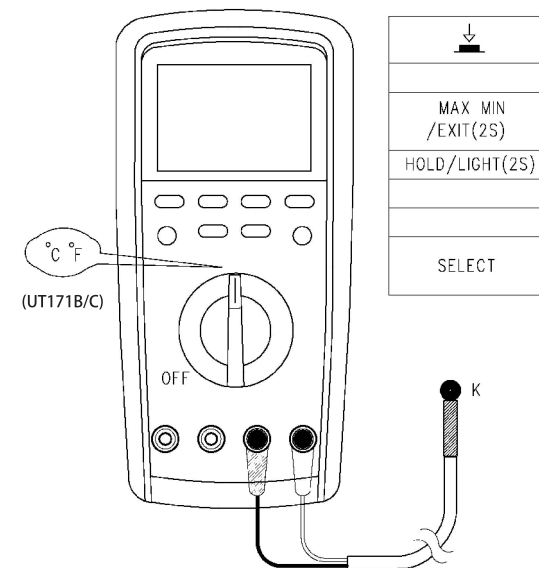


Figure 9

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8. Measuring AC/DC (see Figure 10)

AC measuring displayed value shall be true virtual value.

- * When measuring online AC, click Hz/% button to select the auxiliary displayer frequency/duty ratio measuring mode. Press SELECT to select the AC + DC measuring mode: "(AC+DC) value will be displayed on main displayer". When clicking the Hz/% button, the status on the auxiliary displayer is AC component/DC component /frequency in sequence (UT171B/C only).
- * Long press SELECT in mA function range, to access % (4-20mA) measuring function, and the percentile calibration of measured current will be displayed: 4mA for 0%; 20 mA for 100% (applicable to UT171B/C only), see Figure 10.

⚠ Note:

- * Before instrument is connected in series to the circuit to be tested, it is necessary to cut off power supply in the circuit.
- * When measuring, it is necessary to use correct input terminal and function gear. In case of inability to estimate current magnitude, it shall be advised to start measuring from high-gear range.
- * Fuse is set inside 10A and mA/ μ A input jack. Be sure not to parallel connect the probe test pin to any circuit, in particular, the power supply terminal, or it will damage instrument and endanger personal safety! When the metered current is higher than 5A, each measuring time shall be less than 10 seconds and interval shall be more than 15 minutes for the sake of safe utilization!

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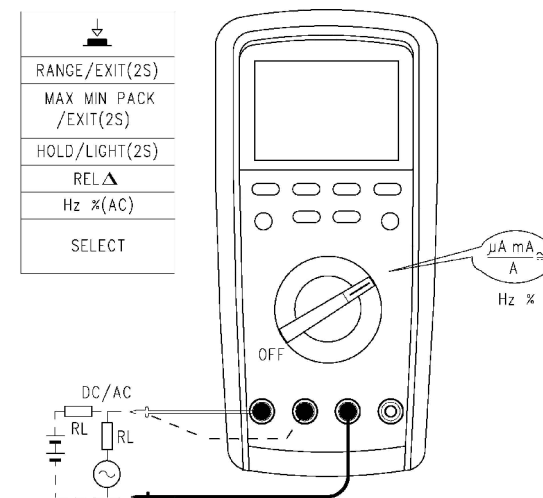


Figure 10

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9. 60A/600A ACA/DCA External input current calipers measurement (see Figure 11)

Press RANGE button to change the 60A/600A measurement, SELECT button to select mode of the ACA/DCA function

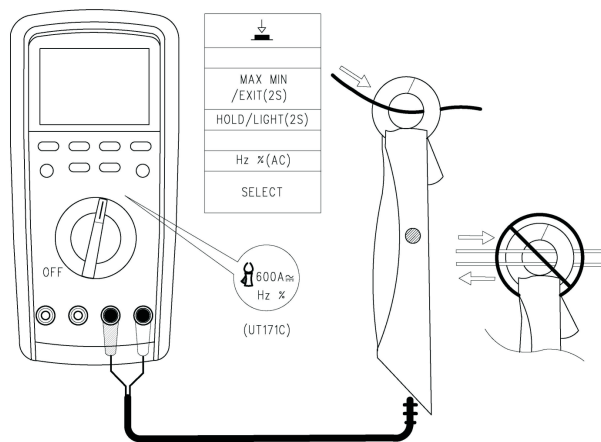


Figure 11

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10. Non-contact AC voltage sensing (see Figure 12)

When checking whether the AC voltage or electromagnetic field exists in sensing space, it is advised to approach front end of instrument to the metered object for sensing detection. Analog capacity of sensing AC voltage is about: if it is lower than or equal to critical voltage V1, the main display will display "EF"; if it is higher than critical voltage V1, the main display will display transverse section of "-". Five sections of "- -" are set based on section voltage Vd, with buzzing sound stimulated in different tempos so as to distinguish magnitude of sensing voltage. Besides, "red" light flashing is provided on top of the instrument.

⚠ Caution:

When range switch is set at the gear of "NCV", no probe shall be required for sensing! If the electric field voltage is greater than 100 Vac, the instrument will let out acousto-optic prompts, (distance ≤ 10mm); if the distance is within 12mm-50mm, it is optional whether or not let out an acoustic prompt; if greater than 50mm, the sensing will not sound.

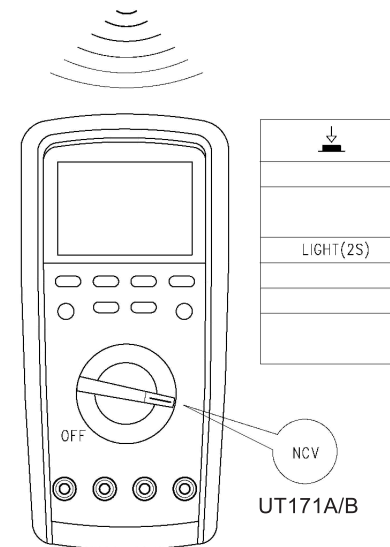


Figure 12

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11. Square-wave output (see Figure 13)

Long press SELECT to enter or exit the square-wave output interface.

- * Square-wave frequency output can be selected with RANGE and MAXMIN.
- * Square-wave duty ratio % can be selected with (REL) (Hz%).
- * Square-wave output amplitude is about 0.8Vp.
- * Square-wave output cycle/duty ratio is 1%-100%.

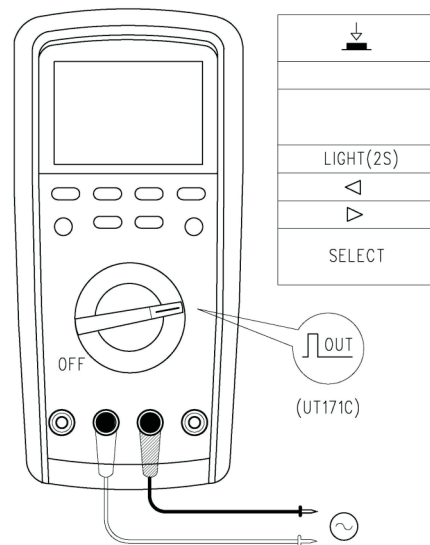


Figure 13

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12. Other functions:

* After booting in full display for 2 seconds, it will enter normal measuring state. If an error or low voltage occurs to EEPROM inside the instrument, it will display "ErrE".

* Automatic shutdown

If the knob switches and buttons are not operated within the set shut-down time (5-30 minutes), the instrument will "automatically shut down" to save energy. In the state of automatic shutdown, click any button or turn the knob switch, it will "automatically wake up". Since 1 minute before automatic shutdown countdown, the APO sign will flicker; if the "BEEP" is set as "ON", the buzzer will make 3 short "beep" warnings when counting down for 40, 20 and 10 seconds; it makes 1 "beep" warning in sleep mode. During the flicker of APO sign, short press any button to cancel the automatic shutdown (APO sign will reset to normal display), with no response to the original functions of buttons.

In normal operation mode, access Setup menu to cancel the automatic shutdown function (APO TIME: OFF), and the characters of "APO" on the LCD screen disappears automatically.

* Buzzer:

Press any button switch in the mode of BEEP ON, if the button with corresponding function works, the buzzer will make a sound of "Beep".

In the normal operation mode, it makes a sound of "Beep" if the button operation is valid, and 2 consecutive "Beep" warnings if it's invalid.

The beep of button is enabled or disabled in the Setup menu.

If the probe is incorrectly inserted into the jacket, the buzzer will discontinuously sound indicating a warning.