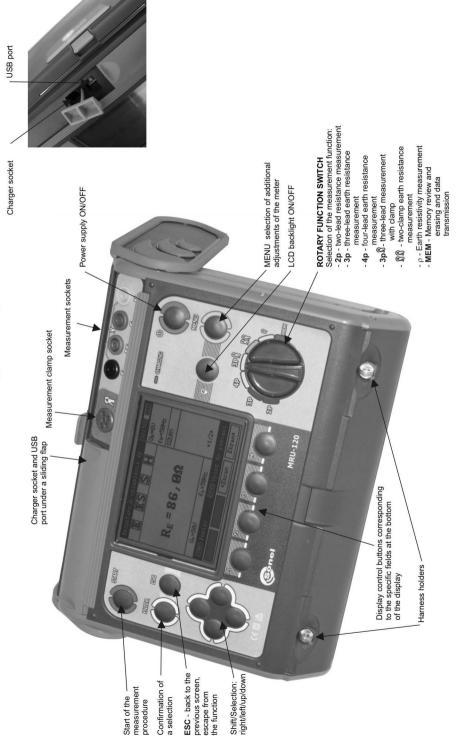


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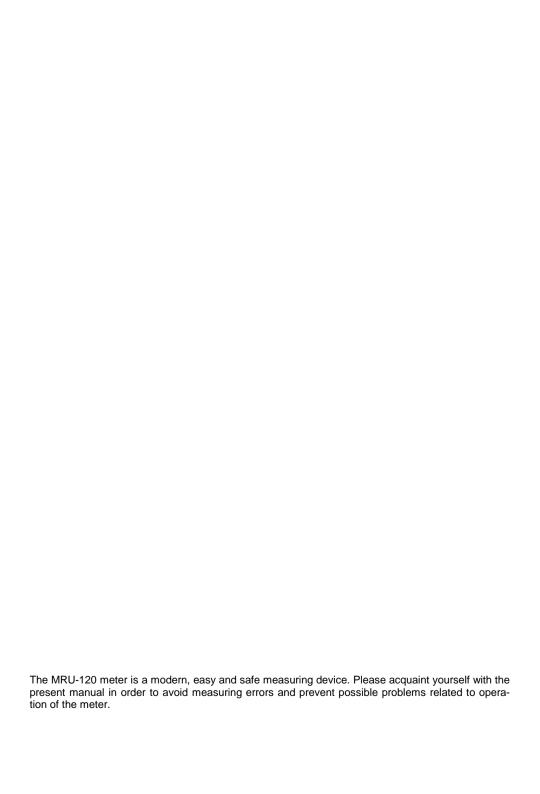


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1 Safety

The MRU-120 meter has been designed to realise measurements whose results determine the safety conditions of the installation. Therefore, in order to provide conditions for correct operation and the correctness of the obtained results, the following recommendations must be observed:

- Before you proceed to operate the meter, acquaint yourself thoroughly with the present manual and observe the safety regulations and specifications determined by the producer.
- The MRU-120 meter has been designed for the purpose of measurements of earth connection
 and equipotential bonding, ground resistivity, as well as clamps current measurements. Any application that differs from those specified in the present manual may result in a damage to the device and constitute a source of danger for the user.
- The device must be operated solely by appropriately qualified personnel with relevant certificates
 to realise measurements of electric installation. Operation of the meter realised by unauthorised
 personnel may result in damage to the device and constitute a source of danger for the user.
- It is unacceptable to operate the following:
 - ⇒ A damaged meter which is completely or partially out of order.
 - ⇒ A meter with damaged test leads insulation,
 - ⇒ A meter stored for an excessive period of time in disadvantageous conditions (e.g. excessive humidity). If the meter has been transferred from a cool to a warm environment of a high level of relative humidity, do not realise measurements until the meter has been warmed up to the ambient temperature (approximately 30 minutes).
- Before measurements may commence, make sure the test leads are connected to the appropriate measurement sockets.
- Do not operate a meter with an open or incorrectly closed battery (accumulator) compartment or
 power it from other sources than those specified in the present manual.
- The meter's inputs are electronically protected from power surge, as a result for example, of accidental connection to the power supply source:
 - for all input combinations up to 276V for 30 seconds.
- Repairs may be realised solely by an authorised service point.
- The device complies with the following norms; EN 61010-1 and EN 61557-1, -4, -5.

Note:

The manufacturer reserves the right to modify the appearance, accessories and technical data of the meter.

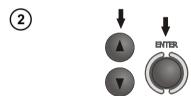
2 Menu

The menu is available at any position of the knob.



Press MENU.





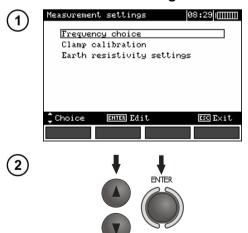
Using buttons **\(\rightarrow\)** and **\(\rightarrow\)** highlight the required position.

Press **ENTER** to select the option.

2.1 Wireless transmission

See chapter 5.3.

2.2 Measurement settings

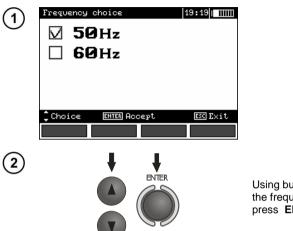


Using buttons ▲ and ▼ highlight the required position.

Press ENTER to select the option.

2.2.1 Mains frequency

It is necessary to determine the frequency of the mains which is the source of potential interference in order to select the appropriate frequency of the measurement signal. Solely measurements based upon the correct frequency of the measurement signal will guarantee the optimum interference filtering. The meter is adapted for filtering of interference from 50Hz and 60Hz networks.



Using buttons ▲ and ▼ select the frequency and press ENTER to select the option.

2.2.2 Calibration of the measurement clamp C-3

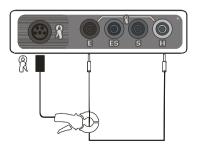
The clamp bought apart for a meter that was purchased before must be calibrated before it is used for the first time. It may be periodically calibrated in order to avoid the influence of the ageing elements upon the resolution of measurements. The procedure of calibration must be realized also after clamp has been replaced.



Having read the preliminary information **ENTER**.

(2) Follow the displayed instructions.







Once the calibration has been successfully concluded, The following will be displayed.



The meter has determined the correction factor for connected clamp. The factor is saved in the memory also when the power supply of the meter is off until the following successful calibration of the clamp has been performed.

Notes:

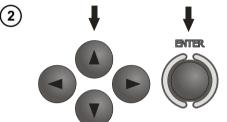
- Make sure the test lead passes centrally through the clamp.

Additional information displayed by the meter

Message	Cause	Procedure
ERROR: CLAMP NOT CONNECTED OR NOT PUT ON WIRE CONNECTED TO H AND E SOCKET! CALIBRATION ABORTED. PRESS ENTER	The clamp is not connected	Check whether the clamp is connected to the device or whether it is placed upon the test lead used by the meter to force the passage of current.
ERROR: WIRE NOT CONNECTED TO H AND E TERMINAL! CALIBRATION ABORTED. PRESS ENTER	No wire	Revise the connections
ERROR: CALIBRATION COEFFICIENT OUT OF RANGE. CALIBRATION ABORTED. PRESS ENTER	Incorrect calibra- tion factor	Check the quality of the connections and/or replace the clamp.

2.2.3 Earth resistivity settings





Using buttons ♠, ▼, ◀ and ▶ select the result and the distance unit and press ENTER to confirm.

2.3 Meter settings



Przyciskami A, W wybrać odpowiednią pozycję. Przyciskiem ENTER zatwierdzić wybór.

2.3.1 LCD contrast

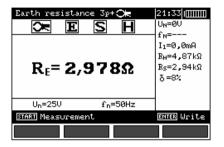
Using the buttons \triangle and \bigvee set the contrast value and press **ENTER**.

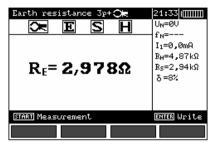
2.3.2 AUTO-OFF settings

The setting determines the time before the automatic turning-off of the device when it is not in use. Use buttons and to set the time or AUTO-OFF disable, press **ENTER**.

2.3.3 Display settings

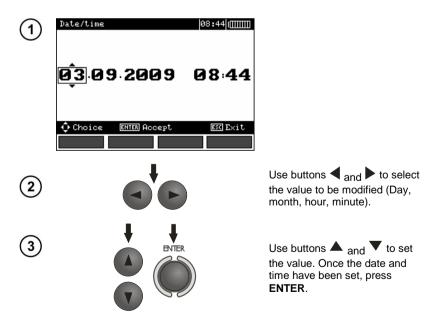
The setting permits to turn on/off the setting bar display. Use buttons **\(\Lambda \)** and **\(\V** to set the display of the setting bar (measurement parameters), press **ENTER**.





Visible bar Hidden bar

2.3.4 Date and time



2.3.5 Battery discharging

The procedure is fully described in chapter 6.4.

2.3.6 Program update

NOTE!

The function is designed to be used solely by those users who are familiar with computer equipment.

The guarantee does not cover faults caused by incorrect application of this function.

NOTE!

Before you proceed to programming, charge the accumulators.

During programming do not turn the meter off or
disconnect the transmission cable.

Before you proceed to updating the programme, download from the manufacturer's web page (www.sonel.pl) the meter programming software, install it in the computer and connect the meter to the computer.

Having chosen the **Program update** in the MENU, proceed in accordance with the instructions displayed by the programme.

2.4 Language choice

- Use buttons ▲ and ▼ to select **Language choice** in the main MENU and press ENTER.
- Use buttons ▲ and ▼ to select the language and press ENTER.

2.5 Information on the manufacturer

Use buttons **A** and **V** in order to select **Product info** and press **ENTER**.

3 Measurements

Note:

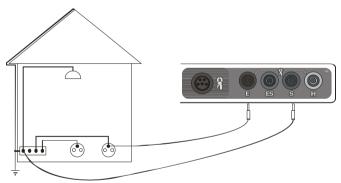
During measurements the status bar is displayed.

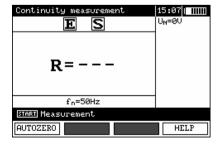
3.1 Measurement of earth connection and equipotential bonding (2P)

Note: The measurement complies with the requirements specified in the norm EN 61557-4 (U<24V, I>200mA dla R≤10Ω).



(2) Connect the object being measured to the terminals S and E of the meter.





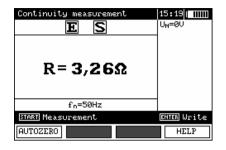
The meter is ready for measurement. The auxiliary display shows the value of the interference voltage and its frequency. The setting bat shows the mains frequency set in the MENU.





Press **START** In order for the test to commence.





Read out the result.

The result is displayer for 20s.

It may be displayed again ENTER is pressed.

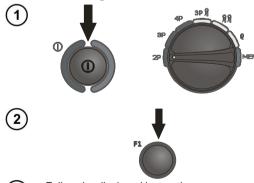
Additional information displayed by the meter

R>19,9kΩ	Measurement range exceeded.
U _N >40V! and a continuous sonic signal	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40V, the measurement is blocked.
U _N >24V!	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24V but lower than 40V, the measurement is blocked.
NOISE!	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.

3.2 Calibration of the test leads

In order to eliminate the influence of the resistance of the test leads over the result of the measurement, it is possible to realise its compensation (auto-zeroing). In order to do so the measurement function **2P** includes the **AUTOZERO** subfunction.

3.2.1 Auto-zeroing on

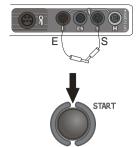


Turn the meter on. Set the rotational function selector at **2P**.

Press F1.

Follow the displayed instructions.



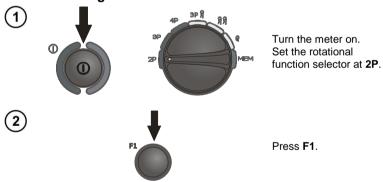


(4) Once the auto-reset function Has concluded the following will be displayed:

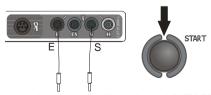


Auto-zeroing is signalled by the legend AUTOZERO on the right-hand side of the display.

3.2.2 Auto-zeroing off



Separate the test leads. Press START.



Once the auto-zeroing function has been turned off, the legend **AUTOZERO** will be no longer displayed.

Note:

- It is sufficient to realise compensation once for the given test leads. It is also remembered once the meter has been turned off.

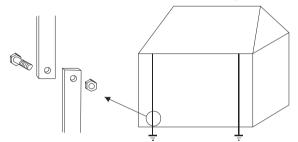
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For meters from No. 77 and higher, the factory calibration takes into account the resistance of 1.2 m and 2.2 m leads.

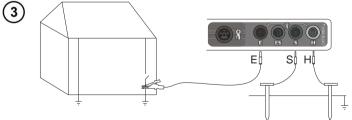
3.3 Measurement 3P

The basic kind of the earth resistance measurement is three-pole measurement.

1 Disconnect the tested earth electrode for the object installation.

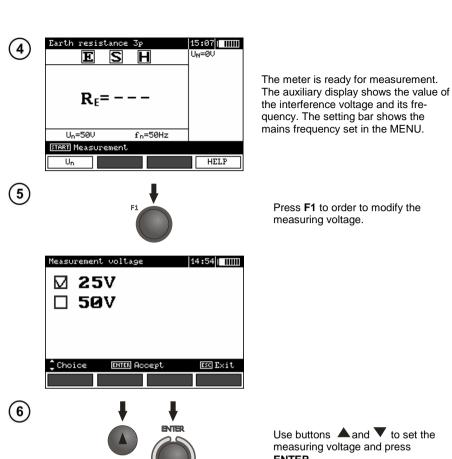






Connect the current electrode driver into ground to the ${\bf H}$ socket of the meter. Connect the voltage electrode driver into ground to the ${\bf S}$ socket of the meter. Connect the tested earth electrode to the ${\bf E}$ socket of the meter.

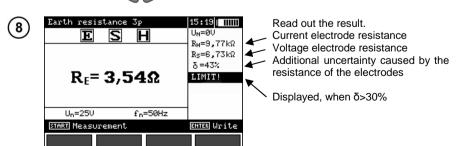
The tested earth electrode as well as the current electrode and voltage electrode should be aligned.



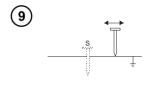




Press START In order for the test to commence measurement.



The result is displayer for 20s. It may be displayed again **ENTER** is pressed.



Repeat the measurements (see points 3, 7 and 8) moving the voltage electrode by a couple of meters: approaching it to and moving it away from the tested earth electrode.

If the $R_{\rm E}$ test results differ more than 3%, then it is necessary to increase significantly the distance between the current electrode from the earth electrode in question and repeat the measurement.

Note:



Earth resistance measurement may be realised if the interference voltage does not exceed 24V. The interference voltage is measured up to 100V, but over 40V is it signalled as hazardous.

Do not connect the meter to a voltage exceeding 100V.

- Pay particular attention to the quality of the connection of the tested object with the test leads the contact area must be cleaned of paint, rust, etc.
- If the resistance of the measurement probes is too high, then the measurement of the RE earth electrode will be distorted by additional uncertainty. A particularly high measurement uncertainty is generated if we measure a low value of the earth resistance with probes of a weak contact with the ground (such a situation occurs often if the earth electrode is properly made and the upper layer of the ground is dry and characterised by a low conductivity). Then the relation between the probe resistance and the resistance of the measured earthing is very high, and so is the case of the measurement uncertainty which depends on it. What may be done then is to perform, in accordance with the formulae specified in point 10.2, calculations, which will permit to evaluate the influence of the measurement conditions. It is also possible to improve the contact of the probe with the ground, for example by means of moistening of the place when the probe is driven, its driving into the ground in another place or using a 80-centimetre probe. Check also the test leads and make sure the insulation is not damaged and the contacts: test lead banana plug probe are not corroded or loosened. In most cases the achieved resolution of the measurement is sufficient, but it is necessary to be conscious of the uncertainty the measurement is burdened with.
- If the resistance of **H** and **S** probes or one of them exceeds 19,9k Ω , an appropriate message is displayed: "R_H and R_S electrodes resistance are higher than 19.9 k Ω ! Measurement impossible!".
- Manufacturer's calibration doesn't include the resistance of test leads. Displayed result is sum of measured object and test leads resistance. However, in the meters up to No. 77, the factory calibration takes into account the resistance of only 2.2 m leads.

Additional information displayed by the meter

R _E >19,9kΩ	Measurement range exceeded.
U _N >40V! and a continuous sonic signal	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40V, the measurement is blocked.
U _N >24V!	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24V but lower than 40V, the measurement is blocked.

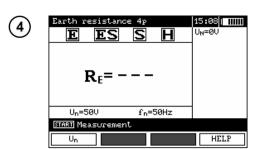
LIMIT!	The uncertainty of the electrode resistance > 30%. (Uncertainties calculated on the basis of the measured values)
NOISE!	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.

3.4 Measurement 4P

The four-pole method is recommended in the case of measurements of earth resistance of very low values. It permits to eliminate the influence of the test leads resistance over the result of the measurement. In order to evaluate the resistance of the ground it is recommended to use the dedicated measurement function (point 3.9).

Disconnect the tested earth electrode for the object installation. 2 Turn the meter on. Set the rotational function selector at 4P. 3 ESIS

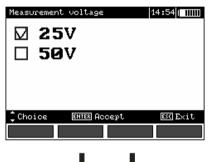
Connect the current electrode driver into ground to the **H** socket of the meter. Connect the voltage electrode driver into ground to the **S** socket of the meter. Connect the tested earth electrode to the **E** socket of the meter. Connect the **ES** socket to the earth electrode In question below the **E** cable. The tested earth electrode as well as the current electrode and voltage electrode should be aligned.



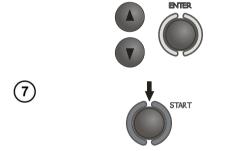
The meter is ready for measurement. The auxiliary display shows the value of the interference voltage and its frequency. The setting bar shows the mains frequency set in the MENU.



Press **F1** to order to modify the measuring voltage.

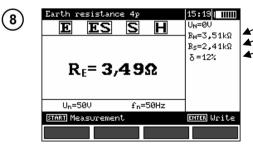


Use buttons ▲and ▼ to set the measuring voltage and press ENTER.



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Press **START** In order for the test to commence measurement.



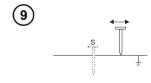
Read out the result.

Current electrode resistance

Voltage electrode resistance

Additional uncertainty caused by the resistance of the electrodes

The result is displayer for 20s. It may be displayed again **ENTER** is pressed.



Repeat the measurements (see points 3, 7 and 8) moving the voltage electrode by a couple of meters: approaching it to and moving it away from the tested earth electrode. If the $R_{\rm E}$ test results differ more than 3%, then it is necessary to increase significantly the distance between the current electrode from the earth electrode in question and repeat the measurement.

Note:



Earth resistance measurement may be realised if the interference voltage does not exceed 24V. The interference voltage is measured up to 100V, but over 40V is it signalled as hazardous.

Do not connect the meter to a voltage exceeding 100V.

- Pay particular attention to the quality of the connection of the tested object with the test leads the contact area must be cleaned of paint, rust, etc.
- If the resistance of the measurement probes is too high, then the measurement of the RE earth electrode will be distorted by additional uncertainty. A particularly high measurement uncertainty is generated if we measure a low value of the earth resistance with probes of a weak contact with the ground (such a situation occurs often if the earth electrode is properly made and the upper layer of the ground is dry and characterised by a low conductivity). Then the relation between the probe resistance and the resistance of the measured earthing is very high, and so is the case of the measurement uncertainty which depends on it. What may be done then is to perform, in accordance with the formulae specified in point 10.2, calculations, which will permit to evaluate the influence of the measurement conditions. It is also possible to improve the contact of the probe with the ground, for example by means of moistening of the place when the probe is driven, its driving into the ground in another place or using a 80-centimetre probe. Check also the test leads and make sure the insulation is not damaged and the contacts: test lead banana plug probe are not corroded or loosened. In most cases the achieved resolution of the measurement is sufficient, but it is necessary to be conscious of the uncertainty the measurement is burdened with.
- If the resistance of **H** and **S** probes or one of them exceeds 19,9k Ω , an appropriate message is displayed: "R_H and R_S electrodes resistance are higher than 19.9 k Ω ! Measurement impossible!".

Additional information displayed by the meter

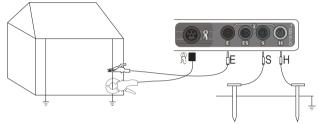
R _E >19,9kΩ	Measurement range exceeded.
U _N >40V! and a continuous sonic signal	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40V, the measurement is blocked.
U _N >24V!	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24V but lower than 40V, the measurement is blocked.
LIMIT!	The uncertainty of the electrode resistance > 30%. (Uncertainties calculated on the basis of the measured values)
NOISE!	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.

3.5 Measurement 3P + clamp



Turn the meter on.
Set the rotational function selector at **3P** λ .





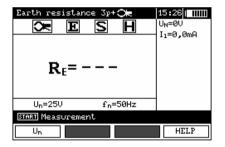
Connect the current electrode driver into ground to the ${\bf H}$ socket of the meter.

Connect the voltage electrode driver into ground to the **S** socket of the meter.

Connect the tested earth electrode to the **E** socket of the meter.

The tested earth electrode as well as the current electrode and voltage electrode should be aligned.

Snap the clamp on the tested earth electrode below the **E** cable connection.

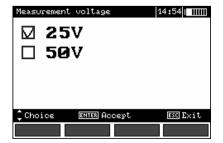


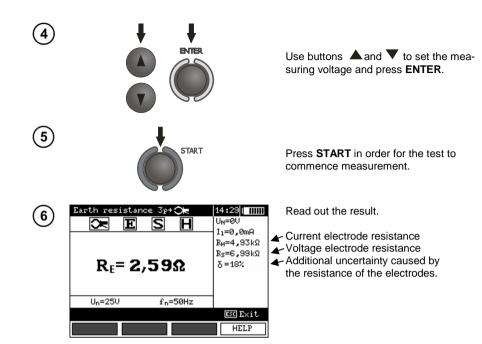
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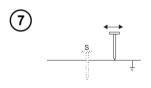


Press **F1** to ordered to modify the measuring voltage.





The result is displayer for 20s. It may be displayed again **ENTER** is pressed.



Repeat the measurements (see points 2 and 5) moving the voltage electrode by a couple of meters: approaching it to and moving it away from the tested earth electrode.

If the $R_{\rm E}$ test results differ more than 3%, then it is necessary to increase significantly the distance between the current electrode from the earth electrode in question and repeat the gauging.

Notes:



Earth resistance measurement may be realised if the interference voltage does not exceed 24V. The interference voltage is measured up to 100V, but over 40V is it signalled as hazardous.

Do not connect the meter to a voltage exceeding 100V.

- The clamps are not the part of meter basic accessories, you have to purchase them apart.
- The clamp must be calibrated before it is used for the first time. It may be periodically calibrated in order to avoid the influence of the ageing elements upon the resolution of measurements. The clamp calibration option is in the **MENU**.
- Pay particular attention to the quality of the connection of the tested object with the test leads -

the contact area must be cleaned of paint, rust, etc.

- If the resistance of the measurement probes is too high, then the measurement of the RE earth electrode will be distorted by additional uncertainty. A particularly high measurement uncertainty is generated if we measure a low value of the earth resistance with probes of a weak contact with the ground (such a situation occurs often if the earth electrode is prop-erly made and the upper layer of the ground is dry and characterised by a low conductivity). Then the relation between the probe resistance and the resistance of the measured earthing is very high, and so is the case of the measurement uncertainty which depends on it. What may be done then is to perform, in accordance with the formulae specified in point 10.2, calculations, which will permit to evaluate the influence of the measurement conditions. It is also possible to improve the contact of the probe with the ground, for example by means of moistening of the place when the probe is driven, its driving into the ground in another place or using a 80-centimetre probe. Check also the test leads and make sure the insulation is not damaged and the contacts: test lead banana plug probe are not corroded or loosened. In most cases the achieved resolution of the measurement is sufficient, but it is necessary to be conscious of the uncertainty the measurement is burdened with.
- If the resistance of **H** and **S** probes or one of them exceeds 19,9k Ω , an appropriate message is displayed: "R_H and R_S electrodes resistance are higher than 19.9 k Ω ! Measurement impossible!".
- Manufacturer's calibration doesn't include the resistance of test leads. Displayed result is sum of measured object and test leads resistance. However, in the meters up to No. 77, the factory calibration takes into account the resistance of only 2.2 m leads.

Additional information displayed by the meter

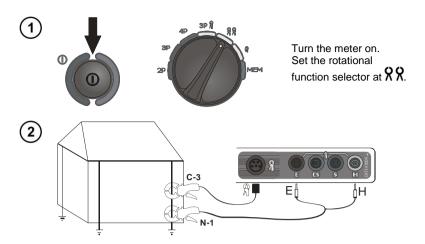
R _E >1999Ω	Measurement range exceeded.
U _N >40V! and a continuous sonic signal	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40V, the measurement is blocked.
U _N >24V!	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24V but lower than 40V, the measurement is blocked.
NOISE!	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.
LIMIT!	The uncertainty of the electrode resistance > 30%. (Uncertainties calculated on the basis of the measured values)
I _L >max	Excessive interfering current, the measurement error may exceed the basic error

3.6 Two-clamp measurement

Two-clamp measurements are applied where there is no possibility of using ground-driven electrodes.

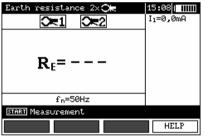
NOTE!

The two-clamp method may be used solely in the case of multiple earthing measurements.



Connect the transmission clam to sockets **H** and **E**, while the measurements clamp should be connected to the clamp socket.

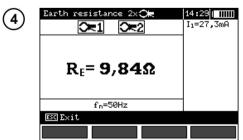
Snap the transmission clamp and measurement clamp on the tested earth electrode AT east 30cm from each other.



The meter is ready for measurement. The auxiliary display shows the value of the leakage current passing through the clamp and its frequency.



Press **START** In order for the test to commence measurement.



Read out the result.

The result is displayed for 20s.It may be displayed again when **ENTER** is pressed.

Note:



Measurements may be performed in the presence of interference current not exceeding 3A rms and whose frequency complies with the value set in the MENU.

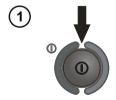
- The clamps are not the part of meter basic accessories, you have to purchase them apart.
- The clamp must be calibrated before it is used for the first time. It may be periodically calibrated in order to avoid the influence of the ageing elements upon the resolution of measurements. The clamp calibration option is in the **MENU**.
- If the clamp current is insufficient, an appropriate message is displayed: "Measured current is too low. Measurement impossible!".

Additional information displayed by the meter

R _E >149,9Ω	Measurement range exceeded.
U _N >40V! and a continuous sonic signal	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40V, the measurement is blocked.
U _N >24V!	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24V but lower than 40V, the measurement is blocked.
NOISE!	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.

3.7 Earth resistivity measurements

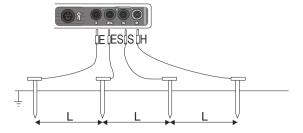
For the purpose of earth resistivity measurements – which are used as a preliminary measure for the project of earthing systems or in geology – there is a separate function, which is selected by means of the rotational function selector: earth resistivity measurements ρ . The function is metrologically identical as the four-pole earth resistance measurement , but it includes an additional procedure of storing of the distance between the electrodes. The result of the measurement is the resistance value which is calculated automatically in accordance with the following formula: $\rho = 2\pi LR_E$, which is used in the Wenner's measurement method. The method in question assumes equal distances between electrodes.



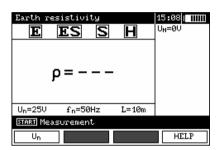


Turn the meter on. Set the rotational function selector at ρ .





Connect the four aligned and equally spacer probes, which are driven into the ground, to the meter, and do so In accordance with the diagram above

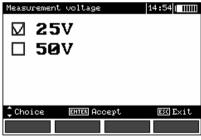


The meter is ready for measurement. The auxiliary display shows the value of the interference voltage and its frequency. The setting bar shows the measurement voltage, mains frequency set in the **MENU** and the distance between the electrodes.





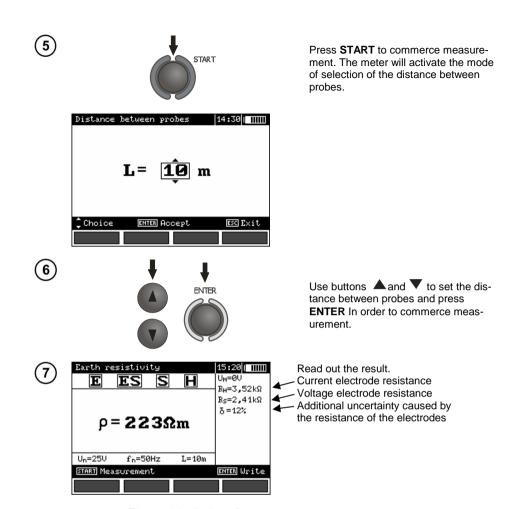
Press **F1** to change the measurement voltage.



4



Use buttons ▲ and ▼ to set the measuring voltage and press **ENTER**.



The result is displayer for 20s. It may be displayed again **ENTER** is pressed.

Note:

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Earth resistance measurement may be realised if the interference voltage does not exceed 24V. The interference voltage is measured up to 100V, but over 50V is it signalled as hazardous.

Do not connect the meter to a voltage exceeding 100V.

- Calculations are based upon the assumption that the distances between the specific measurement electrodes are equal (the Wenner's method). If this is not the case the earthing resistance measurement must be realised by means of the four-pole method and calculations must be performed individually.

- Pay particular attention to the quality of the connection of the tested object with the test leads the contact area must be cleaned of paint, rust, etc.
- If the resistance of the measurement probes is too high, then the measurement of the RE earth electrode will be distorted by additional uncertainty. A particularly high measurement uncertainty is generated if we measure a low value of the earth resistance with probes of a weak contact with the ground (such a situation occurs often if the earth electrode is prop-erly made and the upper layer of the ground is dry and characterised by a low conductivity). Then the relation between the probe resistance and the resistance of the measured earthing is very high, and so is the case of the measurement uncertainty which depends on it. What may be done then is to perform, in accordance with the formulae specified in point 10.2, calculations, which will permit to evaluate the influence of the measurement conditions. It is also possible to improve the contact of the probe with the ground, for example by means of moistening of the place when the probe is driven, its driving into the ground in another place or using a 80-centimetre probe. Check also the test leads and make sure the insulation is not damaged and the contacts: test lead banana plug probe are not corroded or loosened. In most cases the achieved resolution of the measurement is sufficient, but it is necessary to be conscious of the uncertainty the measurement is burdened with.
- If the resistance of **H** and **S** probes or one of them exceeds 19,9k Ω , an appropriate message is displayed: "R_H and R_S electrodes resistance are higher than 19.9 k Ω ! Measurement impossible!"

Additional information displayed by the meter

ρ >999kΩm	Measurement range exceeded.
U _N >40V! and a continuous sonic signal	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40V, the measurement is blocked.
U _N >24V!	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24V but lower than 40V, the measurement is blocked.
LIMIT!	The uncertainty of the electrode resistance > 30%. (Uncertainties calculated on the basis of the measured values)
NOISE!	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.

4 Memory

The MRU-120 meters are equipped with a memory whose capacity is 990 results of resistance measurements. Individual measurements are saved in memory cells. The whole memory is divided into 10 banks with 99 cells each. Each result may be saved in a cell of a defined number and in the selected bank, so the user of the meter may, at their own discretion assign numbers of the cells to individual measurement points and the numbers of the banks to individual objects, realize measurements in any order and repeat them without loosing other data.

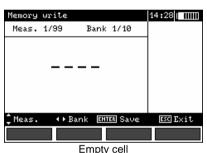
The memory of the results of the measurements is not deleted when the meter is turned on, so they may be read further on or transmitted to the computer. The number of the current cell and the bank is not modified either.

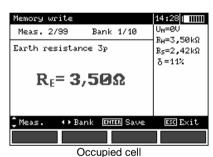
It is recommended to delete the memory once the data have been read or before a new series of measurements is realized. New measurements may be saved in the same cells as the previous ones.

4.1 Saving of the measurement results in the memory



Once the measurement has finished press **ENTER**.





- Selection of the measure (cell) is realized by means of the buttons ▲ and ▼.

 Bank may be selected with the buttons ◀ and ▶.

 To save press ENTER.
- 3 Should you intend to save data In an occupied cell, the following message will be displayed:

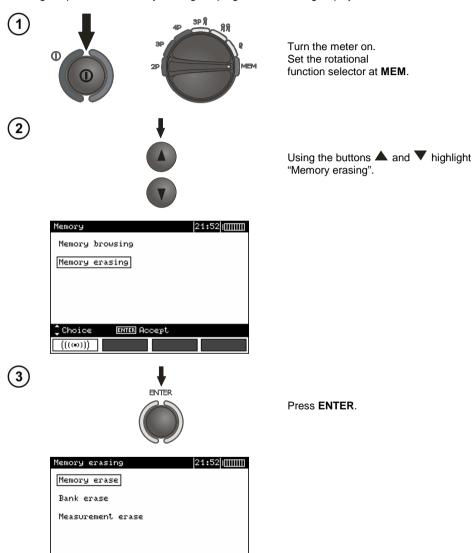


Once the option has been selected with the buttons ◀ and ▶ press ENTER.

4.2 Memory erasing

Note:

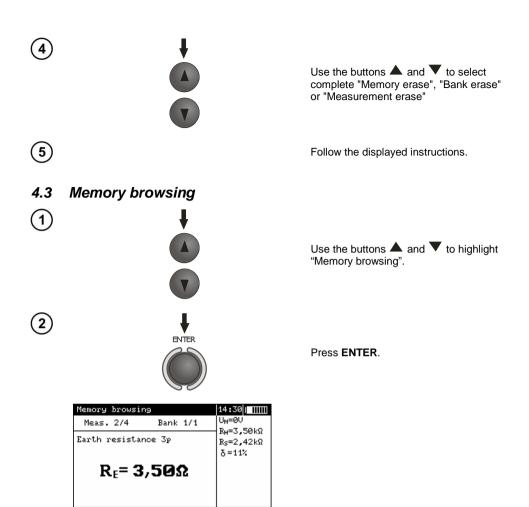
- During the process of memory erasing the progress bar is being displayed.



ESC Exit

ENTER Accept

Choice



Use the buttons ◀ and ▶ to select bank and the buttons ▲ and ▼ to select a cell.

Note:

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- During a memory search empty cells and banks are unavailable. "Meas. 1/20" means the first measurement in a group of 20; cells 21...99 are empty and unavailable. The same principle refers to banks. If the memory is not filled in a continuous manner, then empty measurements and banks are skipped during browsing.

ESC Exit

5 Data transmission

Remarks:

- Data transmission is not possible during the charging of accumulators.

5.1 Computer connection accessories

What is necessary in order to operate the meter with a computer is additional accessories, namely a USB cable and appropriate software. If the required accessories such have not been purchased along with the meter, then they are available from the manufacturer or an authorised distributor.

The accessories may be used in case of many devices manufactured by SONEL S.A. which are equipped with the USB interface.

Detailed information regarding software is available from the manufacturer or an authorised distributor.

5.2 Connection of the meter to a computer

- 1. Set the rotational function selector at MEM.
- 2. Connect the cable to the USB port of the computer and the USB socket of the meter.
- 3. Start the programm.

5.3 Data transmission with OR-1 radio module

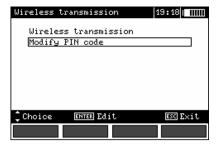
- 1. Connect OR-1 module to the USB socket of the PC.
- 2. Start data filing programm.
- 3. Select Wireless transmission in the main MENU of the meter.



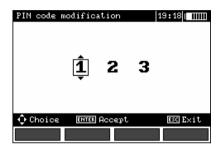
or set the function switch to MEM and press F1.



4. If a PIN code change is necessary, select **Modify PIN code**.



5. Set the required code with the cursors.



The same code must be entered in the computer programme. It is used for securing transmission.

6. To start transmission, select **Wireless transmission** in the MENU or press **F1** in the **MEM** position. The following messages will be displayed: **Establishing RF connection** and then **Active wireless connection**. If it is impossible to establish connection the message **Wireless connection lost** will appear. Once the connection is established, follow the programme manual for data filing.

Note:



6 Power supply

Note:

Instrument MRU-120 has been designed for use only with the supplied rechargeable batteries. Using disposable instead of rechargeable batteries can take place only in emergency cases (e.g. total discharge of batteries during field measurements of electric poles). However, a rapid discharge of disposable batteries (several measurements) and malfunction of the instrument at high instantaneous power consumption should be expected.

6.1 Monitoring of the power supply voltage

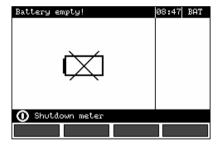
The level of the charge of the batteries or accumulators is currently indicated by the symbol in the right upper corner of the display:



Battery charged.

Battery low.

Battery fully discharged.



Battery fully discharged, Measuring blocked.

Note:

- The displayed BAT symbol means insufficient power supply voltage and the need to charge the
 accumulators.
- Measurements realized with an insufficient meter power supply voltage are distorted with additional errors which are impossible to ascertain by the user and thus they cannot constitute a basis for a conclusion of correctness of the tested earthing system.

6.2 Replacement of accumulators

The MRU-120 meter is equipped with a package of NiMH accumulators and charger.

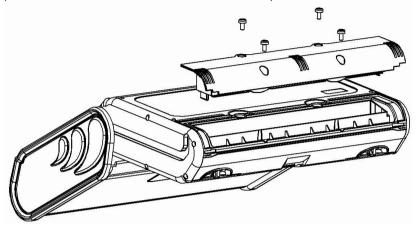
The package of accumulators is placed in a compartment. The charger is installed inside the meter casing and it may be used solely to charge the original accumulators. It is powered from an external power supply. It is also possible to use a car lighter socket.

WARNING:

If the test leads are left in the sockets during replacement of the batteries or the package of accumulators, there is a risk of electric shock with a dangerous voltage.

In order to replace the package of accumulators it is necessary to do the following:

- Remove all the test leads from the sockets and turn the meter off,
- Remove the four screws of the accumulators/batteries compartment (in the lower part of the casing).
- Remove the compartment,
- Insert the compartment in the meter,
- Replace the four screws of the accumulators/batteries compartment.



NOTE!

Do not use the meter when the accumulator compartment is removed or open or power it from other sources than those mentioned in the present manual.

6.3 Fuse replacement

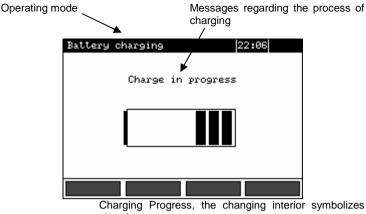
Remove the battery compartment to get access to two replaceable fuses:

- FST 250Vac 1A, 5x20mm and
- 2A 250Vac, time-delay fuse, 5x20mm.

If the instrument or battery charger does not work, before sending it for servicing, check the fuses and, if they are blown, replace them with identical ones. The fuses are placed in holders, near the centre of the cavity. To remove the fuses, use a narrow tool (e.g. a screwdriver).

6.4 Charging of accumulators

Charging commences once the power supply has been connected to the meter regardless of the fact whether the meter is on or off. During charging the screen looks as it is presented in the following illustration. The accumulators are charged in accordance with the algorithm of "quick charge" – this process permits to reduce the duration of charging to approximately four hours. The end of the process of charging is signalled by: **Charge in progress**. In order to turn the device off, remove the power supply plug of the charger.



charging.

Note:

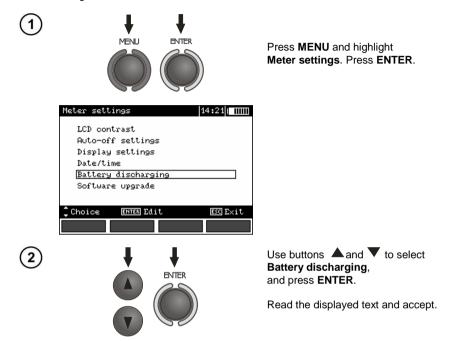
- As a result of interferences in the network it is possible that the process of charging of accumulators will finish too fast. In the case too short a time of charging is detected it is necessary to remove the plug of the charger and start charging anew.

Additional information displayed by the meter

Message	Cause	Proceeding
Battery connection error!	Excessive voltage at the accumulator package during charging.	Check the contacts of the accumulator package. Should the problem persist, replace the package.
No battery! No battery! No battery! No communication with the accumulator controller or batteries compartment put in.		Check the contacts of the accumulator package. Should the problem persist, replace the package. Put the accumulators compartment instead of batteries.
The ambient temperature is lower than 10°C Battery temperature too low!		It is not possible to charge the accumulators correctly in such a temperature. Place the meter in a warm place and commence the charging mode anew. The present message may be displayed also in the case of deep discharging of the accumulators. It is then recommended to try to turn the charger repeatedly.
Precharge error	A damaged or deeply discharged accumulator pack- age	The message is displayed for a while and then the precharge process begins again. If after several attempts the message: Battery temperature too high! is displayed, replace the package.

6.5 Discharging of accumulators

In order to guarantee proper functioning of the accumulators (charge indications) and prolong their durability, it is recommended to charge them from zero from time to time. Proceed as follows in order to discharge the accumulators:



Discharging, which may last up to 10 hours depending on the level of the charge of the package, is signalled with the following message: **Discharging of accumulators in progress**.

6.6 General principles regarding using Ni-MH accumulators

- If you do not use the device for a prolonged period of time, then it is recommended to remove the accumulators and store them separately.
- Store the accumulators in a dry, cool and well ventilated place and protect them from direct sunlight. The temperature of the environment in the case of prolonged storage should not exceed 30°C. If the accumulators are stored for a long time in a high temperature, then the occurring chemical processes may reduce their lifetime.
- Accumulators Ni-MH resist normally 500-1000 charging cycles. The accumulators reach their maximum capacity after being formatted (2-3 charge and discharge cycles). The most important factor which influences the lifetime of an accumulator is the depth of discharge. The deeper the discharge of the accumulator, the shorter its lifetime.
- The memory effect is limited in the case of Ni-MH accumulator. These accumulators may be charged at any point with no serious consequences. However, it is recommended to discharge them completely every few cycles.
- During storage of Ni-MH accumulators they are discharged at the rate of approximately 30% per month. Keeping accumulators at high temperatures may accelerate this process even 100%. In order

to prevent excessive discharge of accumulators, after which it would be necessary to format them, it is recommended to charge the accumulators from time to time (even if not in use).

- Modern fast chargers detect both too low and too high a temperature of accumulators and react to the situation adequately. Too low a temperature should prevent the start of the process of charging, which might damage the accumulator irreparably. An increase of the temperature of the accumulator is a signal to stop charging and is a typical phenomenon. However charging at a high temperature of the environment apart from reducing the lifetime causes an accelerated increase of the temperature of the accumulator, which will be not charged to its full capacity.
- Remember that in the case of quick charging accumulators are charged to approximately 80% of their capacity; better results may be obtained if the process of charging is continued: the charger goes then to the phase of charging with a low current and after next couple of hours the accumulators are charged to their full capacity.
- Do not charge or use accumulators in extreme temperatures. Extreme temperatures reduce the lifetime of batteries and accumulators. Avoid placing devices powered from accumulators in very hot environments. The nominal working temperature must be absolutely observed.

7 Cleaning and maintenance

NOTE!

Apply solely the maintenance methods specified by the manufacturer within the present manual.

The casing of the meter may be cleaned with a soft, damp cloth using all-purpose detergents. Do not use any solvents or cleaning agents which might scratch the casing (powders, pastes, etc.).

Clean the probe with water and dry it. Before the probe is stored for a prolonged period of time it is recommended to grease it with any machine lubricant.

The reels and test leads should be cleaned with water and detergents, and then dried.

The electronic system of the meter does not require maintenance.

8 Storage

- In the case of storage of the device, the following recommendations must be observed:
- Disconnect all the test leads from the meter.
- Clean the meter and all its accessories thoroughly.
- · Wind the long test leads onto the reels.
- In the case the meter is to be stored for a prolonged period of time, the batteries must be removed from the device.
- In order to prevent a total discharge of the accumulators in the case of a prolonged storage, charge them from time to time.

9 Dismantling and disposal

Worn-out electric and electronic equipment should be gathered selectively, i.e. it must not be placed with waste of another kind.

Worn-out electronic equipment should be sent to a collection point in accordance with the law of worn-out electric and electronic equipment.

Before the equipment is sent to a collection point, do not dismantle any elements.

Observe the local regulations concerning disposal of packages, worn-out batteries and accumulators.

10 Technical data

• The abbreviation "m.v." in the basic uncertainty definition means the measured value.

10.1 Basic data

Interference voltage measurement U_N (RMS)

Range	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
0100V	1V	±(2% m.v. + 3 digits)

- measurement for f_N 45...65 Hz
- frequency of measurements minimum two measurements/s

Measurement of connection and equipotential bonding resistance (two-cable method)

The measurement method: technical, in accordance with IEC 61557-4

Range of measurement in accordance with IEC 61557-4: 0.24Ω ... $19.9k\Omega$

Range	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
0,0019,99Ω	0,01Ω	
20,0199,9Ω	0,1Ω	±(2% m.v. + 2 digits)
2001999Ω	1Ω	
2,009,99kΩ	0,01Ω	±(5% m.v. + 2 digits)
10,019,9kΩ	0,1kΩ	±(0 /0 m.v. 1 2 digito)

Measurement of earth resistance (3, 4-cable method)

The measurement method: technical, in accordance with IEC 61557-5

Range of measurement in accordance with IEC 61557-5: 0.30Ω ... $19.9k\Omega$

Range	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
0,0019,99Ω	0,01Ω	
20,0199,9Ω	0,1Ω	±(2% m.v. + 2 digits)
2001999Ω	1Ω	
2,009,99kΩ	0,01kΩ	±(5% m.v. + 4 digits)
10,019,9kΩ	0,1kΩ	±(070 m.v. 1 4 digito)

Measurement of the auxiliary electrode resistance

Range	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
0999Ω	1Ω	±(5% (R _E +R _H +R _S) + 8
1,009,99kΩ	0,01kΩ	digits) but not less than 10% R _E
10,019,9kΩ	0,1kΩ	1070 KE

Measurement of multiple earth resistance with clamp (three-cable with clamp)

The measurement method: technical, in accordance with IEC 61557-5

Range of measurement in accordance with IEC 61557-5: 0,44 Ω ... 1999 Ω

Range	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
0,0019,99Ω	0,01Ω	
20,0199,9Ω	0,1Ω	±(8% m.v. + 3 digits)
2001999Ω	1Ω	

Measurement of multiple earth resistance with double clamp

Range	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
0,0019,99Ω	0,01Ω	±(10% m.v. + 3 digits)
20,0149,9Ω	0,1Ω	±(20% m.v. + 3 digits)

Ground resistivity measurements

The measurement method: Wenner's, $\rho = 2\pi LR_E$

Range	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
0,0199,9Ωm	0,1Ωm	
2001999Ωm	1Ωm	Depends on the basic
2,0019,99kΩm	0,01kΩm	uncertainty of the R _E 4P measurement but
20,099,9kΩm	0,1kΩm	not less than ±1 digit.
100999kΩm	1kΩm	

• distance between measurement probes (L): 1...50m

Other technical data

Otl	her technical data
a)	Kind of insulationdouble, in accordance with EN 61010-1 and IEC 61557
b)	Measurement category
c)	Protection grade of the casing in accordance with EN 60529
d)	Maximum interference voltage AC + DC at which a measurement may be performed 24 V
e)	Maximum measured interference voltage
f)	Maximum interference current at which a measurement of the earth resistance by means of the
	clamp method is performed
g)	Frequency of the measurement current
h)	Measurement voltage and current for 2PU<24 Vrms, I≥200 mA dla R≤60 Ω
i)	Measurement voltage for 3P, 4P
j)	Measurement current (short-circuit current) for 3P, 4P>200 mA
k)	Maximum resistance of measurement electrodes
l)	Signalling of insufficient clamp current for≤0,5 mA
m)	Power supply of the meter accumulator package type SONEL NiMH 4,8V 3 Ah
n)	Number of measurements for R 2P>1100 (1Ω, 2 measurement/minute)
o)	Number of measurements for R _F > 800 (RE=10Ω, RH=RS=100Ω, 2 measurement/minute)
p)	Duration of a resistance measurement by means of the two-pole method
q)	Duration of a resistance and resistivity measurement by means of other methods<8 s
r)	Dimensions
s)	Mass of the meter with accumulatorsok. 2 kg
t)	Working temperature10.+50 °C
u)	Working temperature of the charger+10+35 °C
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V)	Reference temperature	23 ±2 °C
w)	Storage temperature	20+80 °C
		<2000m
v)	Relative humidity	2085%
		4060%
aa	Quality standard	design and production in accordance with ISO 9001
bb	The product meets EMC requirements accor	ding to the following standards
		EN 61326-1:2006 and EN 61326-2-2:2006

10.2 Additional data

Data regarding additional uncertainties are useful mainly in the case the meter is used under non-standard conditions as well as for measurement laboratories for the purpose of calibration.

10.2.1 Influence of the serial interference voltage U_N upon earth resistance measurements for functions 3P, 4P, 3P + clamp

R	Additional uncertainty [Ω]
0,00019,99Ω	$\pm (25 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot R_E + 2 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot \frac{U_N}{R_E}) \cdot U_N$
>19,99Ω	$\pm (5 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot R_E + 2 \cdot 10^{-2}) \cdot U_N$

10.2.2 Influence of the serial interference voltage U_N upon earth resistance measurements for function ρ

$$\Delta_{\rm add}\left[\Omega\right]=\pm2.5\cdot(10^{-3}\cdot R_E+10^{-6}\cdot R_H\cdot U_N)\cdot U_N\,,$$
 where $R_E=rac{
ho}{2\cdot\pi\cdot L}$

10.2.3 Influence of the auxiliary electrodes upon earth resistance measurements for function 3P, 4P, 3P + clamp

R _H ,R _S	Additional uncertainty [%]
R _H ≤1kΩ and R _S ≤1kΩ	within the range of the basic uncertainty
R _H >1kΩ lub	$R = R^2$
R _S >1kΩ lub	$\pm (\frac{R_S}{R_H \cdot 10^6} \cdot 200 + \frac{R_H}{R_H \cdot 10^{-3}} \cdot 5 \cdot 10^{-3} + R_H \cdot 4 \cdot 10^{-4})$
R _H i R _S >1kΩ	$R_S + 10^6$ $R_E \cdot R_H + 200$

 $R_E[\Omega]$, $R_S[\Omega]$ and $R_H[\Omega]$ are values which are displayed by the device.

10.2.4 Influence of the auxiliary electrodes upon earth resistance measurements for function ρ

$$\frac{\text{Uncertainty [\%]}}{\pm (\frac{R_{H} \cdot \left(R_{S} + 30000\Omega\right)}{R_{E}} \cdot 3, 2 \cdot 10^{-7} + 4 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot \sqrt{{R_{H}}^{2} + {R_{S}}^{2}})$$

 $R_E[\Omega]$, $R_S[\Omega]$ and $R_H[\Omega]$ are values which are displayed by the device.

10.2.5 Influence of the interference current I₁ upon the result of the earth resistance measurement 3P+clamp

The MRU-120 meter may perform a measurement, if the value of the interference current does not exceed 3A rms and the frequency complies with the value set in the MENU.

R _E	U_{wy}	Uncertainty $[\Omega]$
≤50Ω	25V	$\pm (5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot R_E \cdot I_l^2)$
	50V	$\pm (2.5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot R_E \cdot I_l^2)$
>50Ω	25V	$\pm (70 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot R_E^2 \cdot I_l^2)$
	50V	$\pm (50 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot R_E^2 \cdot I_l^2)$

If the interference current exceeds 3A the possibility of measurement is blocked.

10.2.6 Influence of interference current upon the result of the earth resistance measurement using double clamps

The MRU-120 meter may perform a measurement, if the value of the interference current does not exceed 3A rms and the frequency complies with the value set in the MENU.

R_{E}	Uncertainty [Ω]
$0,004,99\Omega$	within the range of the basic uncertainty
5,0019,9Ω	$\pm (5 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot R_E^2 \cdot I_l^3)$
20,0149,9Ω	$\pm (6 \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot R_E^2 \cdot I_l^3)$

If the interference current exceeds 3A the possibility of measurement is blocked.

10.2.7 Influence of the relation of the resistance measured with clamp for the multiple earthing branch to the resultant resistance (3P + clamp)

R _C	Uncertainty [Ω]
≤99,9Ω	$\pm (3 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot \frac{R_c}{R_w^2})$
>99,9Ω	$\pm (6 \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot \frac{R_C}{R_w^2})$

 $R_C[\Omega]$ is the value of the resistance measured with clamps for the branch displayed by the device, and $R_W[\Omega]$ is the value of the resultant multiple earth resistance.

10.2.8 Additional uncertainties in accordance with IEC 61557-4 (2P)

Influencing factor	Symbol	Additional uncertainty
Location	E ₁	0%
Power supply voltage	E ₂	0% (bAt not displayed)
Temperature	E ₃	\pm 0,2digit/℃ for R<1k Ω \pm 0,07%/℃ \pm 0,2digit/℃ for R ≥1kΩ

10.2.9 Additional uncertainties in accordance with IEC 61557-5 (3P, 4P, 3P + clamp)

Influencing factor	Symbol	Additional uncertainty
Location	E ₁	0%
Power supply voltage	E ₂	0% (bAt not displayed)
Temperature	E ₃	\pm 0,2digit/℃ for R<1k Ω \pm 0,07%/℃ \pm 0,2digit/℃ for R \geq 1kΩ
Serial interference voltage	E ₄	In accordance with formula In 10.2.1 (U _z =3V 50/60Hz)
Resistance of electrodes and auxiliary earth electrodes	E ₅	In accordance with the formula in 10.2.3

11 Accessories

11.1 Basic accessories

- 4 30 cm probes,
- 2.2-metre black test lead with banana plugs at one end, with a test prod,
- 25-metre blue and red test leads (2 pieces) with banana plugs at both ends, wound upon reels
 which permit to elongate the test leads (for the purpose of measurements of extensive earthing
 systems).
- 1.2-metre red test lead,
- 50-metre, yellow shielded test lead wound upon a reel with banana plugs at both ends,
- Black crocodile clip,
- · Accumulator package,
- · Meter protective cover,
- Harness to carry the device, two pieces (short and long),
- USB cable.
- · Accumulator charger (to be used in different countries),
- · Operating manual.

11.2 Additional accessories

Furthermore, the manufacturer and authorized distributors offer the following elements which are not included in the basic accessories package:

WASONG80



 80cm measurement probe to be driven into the ground

WACEGC3OKR



• Reception clamp C-3

WAFUTL3



80cm probe protective cover

WAPOJ1



• Batteries compartment

WACEGN1BB



Transmission clamp N-1

WAZACIMA1



Cramp

WAPRZLAD12SAM



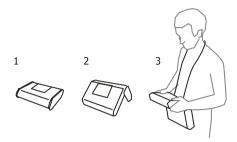
 Cable to charge the accumulators from the car lighter socket

LSWGBMRU120

· Certificate of calibration

12 Positions of the meter's cover

The movable cover enables using the meter in various positions.



- 1 Cover as the bottom of the meter,
- 2 Cover used as a support,
- 3 Cover in the position that enables convenient use of the meter suspended on the neck by means of hanging straps.

13 Manufacturer

The manufacturer of the device, which also provides guarantee and post-guarantee service is the following company:

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Attention:

Service repairs must be realised solely by the manufacturer.



MPI-525 Multifunction Electrical Installations Meter



MPI-505 Multifunction Electrical Installations Meter





MRU-200 Earth Resistance and Resistivity Meter



MPI-502

Electrical

Meter

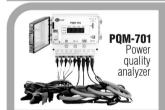
MIC-2510 Insulation Resistance Meter





KT-384 Thermal imager











PAT-805 Portable appliance tester







CMP-1006 Digital Clamp-on multimeter









LKZ-700 Wire tracer

WARNINGS AND INFORMATIONS DISPLAYED BY THE METER

ATTENTION!

Earth resistance measurement may be realised if the interference voltage does not exceed 24V. The interference voltage is measured up to 100V, but over 40V it is signalled as hazardous. Do not connect the meter to a voltage exceeding 100V.

U _N >24V!	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 24V but lower than 40V, the measurement is blocked.	
U _N >40V! and continuous beep signal	The voltage on the measurement points exceeds 40V, the measurement is blocked.	
NOISE!	The value of the interfering signal is too high, the result may be distorted by additional uncertainty.	
R>19,99k Ω R _E >19,99k Ω R _E >1999 Ω R _E >149,9 Ω ρ >999k Ω m	Measurement range exceeded.	
LIMIT!	The uncertainty of the electrode resistance > 30%. (Uncertainties calculated on the basis of the measured values)	
I _L >max	Excessive interfering current, the measurement uncertainty may exceed the basic uncertainty.	
	Battery charged.	
	Battery low.	
BAT	Battery fully discharged.	
Battery empty:	Battery fully discharged, measuring blocked.	



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