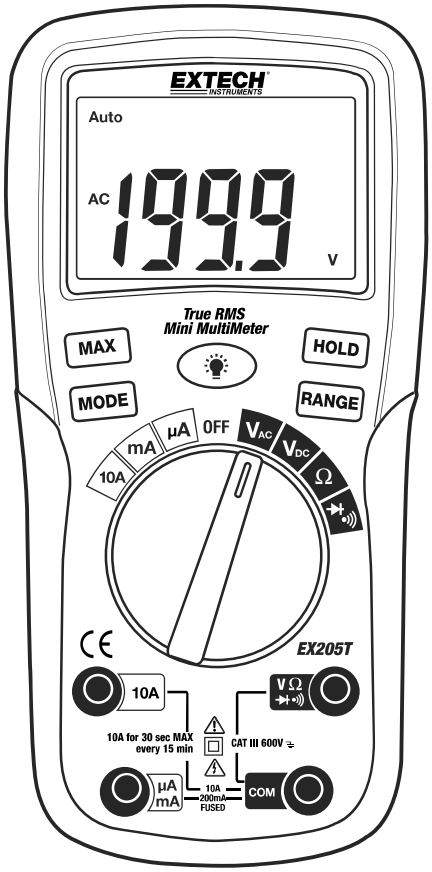
User Guide

True RMS Multimeter

Extech EX205T



Introduction

Thank you for selecting the Extech EX205T True RMS Auto-ranging Multimeter. This meter measures AC/DC Voltage, AC/DC Current, Resistance, Diode Test, and Continuity. Proper use and care of this meter will provide many years of reliable service. Please visit the Extech Instruments website (www.extech.com) to check for the latest version of this User Guide. Extech Instruments is an ISO-9001 certified company.

Safety

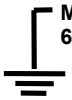
This symbol adjacent to another symbol, terminal or operating device indicates that the operator must refer to an explanation in the Operating Instructions to avoid personal injury or damage to the meter.

WARNING

This **WARNING** symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION

This **CAUTION** symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, may result damage to the product.



This symbol advises the user that the terminal(s) so marked must not be connected to a circuit point at which the voltage with respect to earth ground exceeds (in this case) 600 VAC or VDC.

This symbol adjacent to one or more terminals identifies them as being associated with ranges that may, in normal use, be subjected to particularly hazardous voltages. For maximum safety, the meter and its test leads should not be handled when these terminals are energized.

This symbol indicates that a device is protected throughout by double insulation or reinforced insulation.

PER IEC1010 OVERVOLTAGE INSTALLATION CATEGORY

OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY I

Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY I is equipment for connection to circuits in which measures are taken to limit the transient overvoltages to an appropriate low level.

Note – Examples include protected electronic circuits.

OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY II

Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY II is energy-consuming equipment to be supplied from the fixed installation.

Note – Examples include household, office, and laboratory appliances.

OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY III

Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY III is equipment in fixed installations.

Note – Examples include switches in the fixed installation and some equipment for industrial use with permanent connection to the fixed installation.

OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY IV

Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY IV is for use at the origin of the installation.

Note – Examples include electricity meters and primary over-current protection equipment

CAUTIONS

- Improper use of this meter can cause damage, shock, injury or death. Read and understand this user manual before operating the meter.
- Always remove the test leads before replacing the battery or fuses.
- Inspect the condition of the test leads and the meter itself for any damage before operating the meter.
- Use great care when making measurements if the voltages are greater than 25 VAC rms or 35 VDC. These voltages are considered a shock hazard.
- Warning! This is a Class A device. This device can cause interference in residential areas.
- Always discharge capacitors and remove power from the device under test before performing Diode, Resistance or Continuity tests.
- Voltage checks on electrical outlets can be difficult and misleading because of the uncertainty of connection to the recessed electrical contacts. Other means should be used to ensure that the terminals are not "live".
- If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.
- This device must not be used by children. It contains hazardous objects as well as small parts that the children could swallow.
- Do not leave batteries and packing material lying around unattended; they can be dangerous to children.
- In the event that this device will be stored for an extended period of time, remove the batteries.
- Expired or damaged batteries can be hazardous to skin. Use suitable hand gloves in such cases.
- Do not short-circuit the battery.
- Never dispose of batteries in a fire. Batteries may explode or leak.
- Never mix battery types. Always install new batteries of the same type.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

This meter has been designed for safe use, but must be operated with caution. The rules listed below must be carefully followed for safe operation.

1. **NEVER** apply voltage or current to the meter that exceeds the specified maximum:

Input Protection Limits	
Function	**Maximum Input**
V AC/DC, Resistance, Diode Test, Continuity	600 VDC/AC rms
µA or mA AC/DC	200mA fused
A AC/DC	10A fused

2. **USE EXTREME CAUTION** when working with high voltages.

3. **DO NOT** measure voltage if the voltage on the "COM" input jack exceeds 600V above earth ground.

4. **NEVER** connect the meter leads across a voltage source while the function switch is in the current, resistance, or diode mode. Doing so can damage the meter.

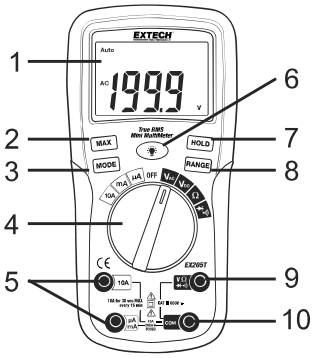
5. **ALWAYS** discharge filter capacitors in power supplies and disconnect the power when making resistance or diode tests.

6. **ALWAYS** turn off the power and disconnect the test leads before opening the covers to replace the fuse or batteries.

7. **NEVER** operate the meter unless the back cover and the battery and fuse covers are in place and fastened securely.

8. If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

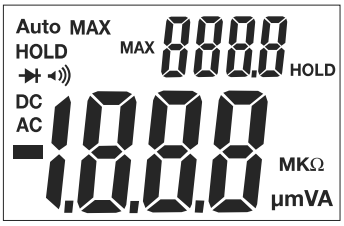
Controls and Jacks



1. 2000 count LCD
2. MAX button
3. MODE button
4. FUNCTION switch
5. mA, µA and 10A input jacks
6. Backlight button
7. HOLD button
8. RANGE button
9. Positive input jack
10. COM input jack

Note: Tilt stand, test lead holders, and battery compartment are on rear of unit.

Symbols and Enunciators



	Continuity
	Diode test
µ	micro (10^{-6}) (amps)
m	milli (10^{-3}) (volts, amps)
A	Amps
k	kilo (10^{3}) (ohms)
M	mega (10^{6}) (ohms)
	Ohms
V	Volts
AC	Alternating current
DC	Direct current
MAX	Maximum
AUTO	Auto-ranging
HOLD	Display hold

Operating Instructions

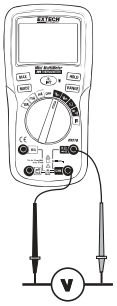
WARNING: Risk of electrocution. High-voltage circuits, both AC and DC, are extremely dangerous and should be measured with great care.

1. ALWAYS turn the function switch to the **OFF** position when the meter is not in use.
2. If "OL" appears in the display during a measurement, the value exceeds the range you have selected. Change to a higher range.

AC/DC VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS

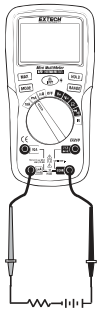
CAUTION: Do not measure DC voltages if a motor on the circuit is being switched ON or OFF. Large voltage surges may occur that can damage the meter.

1. Rotate the function switch to the **VAC or VDC** position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack. Insert the red test lead banana plug into the positive **V** jack.
3. Touch the black test probe tip to the negative side of the circuit. Touch the red test probe tip to the positive side of the circuit.
4. Read the voltage in the display.



AC/DC CURRENT MEASUREMENTS

1. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack.
2. Press the **MODE** button to indicate "**DC**" or "**AC**" on the display.
3. For current measurements up to 2000µA, set the function switch to the **µA** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **µA/mA** jack.
4. For current measurements up to 200 mA DC, set the function switch to the **mA** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **µA/mA** jack.
5. For current measurements up to 10A DC, set the function switch to the **10A** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **10A** jack.
6. Connect the test leads in series with the circuit under test.
7. Apply power to the circuit.
8. Read the current in the display.



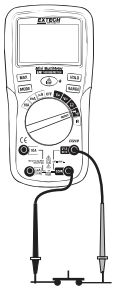
RESISTANCE MEASUREMENTS

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect power to the unit under test and discharge all capacitors before taking any resistance measurements. Remove the batteries and unplug the line cords.

1. Rotate the function switch to the Ω position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack.
   Insert the red test lead banana plug into the positive jack.
3. Touch the test probe tips across the device under test.
4. Read the resistance in the display.

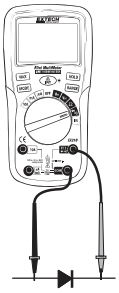
CONTINUITY CHECK

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, never measure continuity on circuits or wires that have a voltage potential.



1. Rotate the function switch to the position.
2. Insert the black lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack.
   Insert the red test lead banana plug into the positive jack.
3. Press the **MODE** button to indicate" " on the display
4. Touch the test probe tips to the circuit or wire you wish to check.
5. If the resistance is less than the continuity threshold, the audible signal will sound.

DIODE TEST



1. Rotate the function switch to the green position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack and the red test lead banana plug into the positive jack.
3. Press the **MODE** button to indicate " "and "**V**" on the display.
4. Touch the test probes to the diode under test. Forward voltage will typically indicate 0.400 to 0.700V. Reverse voltage will indicate "**OL**". Shorted devices will indicate near 0V and an open device will indicate "**OL**" in both polarities.

AUTORANGING/MANUAL RANGE SELECTION

When the meter is first switched on, it automatically enters the Auto-Ranging mode. This automatically selects the best range for the measurements being made and is generally the best mode for most measurements. For measurement situations requiring that a range be manually selected, perform the following:

1. Press the **RANGE** button. The "**AUTO"** display indicator will turn off.
2. Press the **RANGE** key to step through the available ranges until the range desired is selected.
3. Press and hold the **RANGE** button for 2 seconds to exit manual ranging.

Note: Manual ranging does not apply to the Diode and Continuity functions.

MAX (MAXIMUM READING) MODE

1. Press the **MAX** button to activate the MAX mode. The display icon "**MAX**" will appear. The meter will display and hold the maximum reading and will update only when a new maximum value is detected.
2. Press the **MAX** button again to exit the mode.

Note: Max does not apply to the Resistance, Diode and Continuity functions.

DISPLAY BACKLIGHT

Press and hold the button for 2 second to turn the backlight on. The backlight will automatically turn off after approximately 10 seconds or press and hold the button again for 2 seconds to manually turn it off.

HOLD

The **HOLD** function freezes the reading in the display. Press the **HOLD** button momentarily to activate or to exit the **HOLD** function.

Note: The HOLD button does not function in the IR measurement mode.

AUTO SLEEP

If no button is pressed the auto sleep feature will place the meter in sleep mode after approximately 15 minutes of operation. If this happens, press any button to wake the meter or switch the meter to OFF if it no longer in use.

Maintenance

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads from any source of voltage before removing the back cover or the battery or fuse covers.

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not operate the meter until the battery and fuse covers are in place and fastened securely.

This MultiMeter is designed to provide years of dependable service, if the following care instructions are followed:

1. **KEEP THE METER DRY**. If it gets wet, wipe it off.
2. **USE AND STORE THE METER IN NORMAL TEMPERATURES.** Temperature extremes can shorten the life of the electronic parts and distort or melt plastic parts.
3. **HANDLE THE METER GENTLY AND CAREFULLY.** Dropping it can damage the electronic parts or the case.
4. **KEEP THE METER CLEAN.** Wipe the case occasionally with a damp cloth. DO NOT use chemicals, cleaning solvents, or detergents.
5. **USE ONLY FRESH BATTERIES OF THE RECOMMENDED SIZE AND TYPE.** Remove old or weak batteries so they do not leak and damage the unit.
6. **IF THE METER IS TO BE STORED FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME**, the batteries should be removed to prevent damage to the unit.

BATTERY and FUSE Replacement

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads from any source of voltage before removing the battery cover.

1. Turn power off and disconnect the test leads from the meter.
2. Lift the meter stand to expose the battery cover.
3. Open the rear battery/fuse compartment by removing the Phillips head screw on the lower rear of the meter.
4. Carefully pull down on the cover just enough to release the latch and then lift it off. The cover will not pull down all the way.
5. Remove the old battery or fuse and install a new one of the correct rating.
6. Place the battery/fuse cover back in place. Secure with the screw.

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not operate the meter until the battery cover is in place and fastened securely.

NOTE: If the meter does not work properly, check the fuses and replace the battery to make sure that they are still good and that they are properly inserted.

Specifications

Function	Range	Resolution	Accuracy
DC Voltage	200 mV	0.1 mV	±(0.8% reading + 6 digits)
	2V	0.001V	±(0.5% reading + 2 digits)
	20V	0.01V	
	200V	0.1V	±(0.8% reading + 2 digits)
	600V	1V	
AC Voltage 50/60Hz	200 mV	0.1 mV	±(1.5% reading + 6 digits)
	2V	0.001V	
	20V	0.01V	
	200V	0.1V	
	600V	1V	
	All AC voltage ranges are specified from 5% of range to 100% of range		
DC Current	200 µA	0.1 µA	±(1.5% reading + 5 digits)
	2000 µA	1 µA	
	20 mA	0.01 mA	
	200 mA	0.1 mA	
	2.000	0.001 A	±(2.5% reading + 5 digits)
	10 A	0.01 A	
	Note:10A for 30 sec max		
AC Current (50/60Hz)	200 µA	0.1 µA	±(1.5% reading + 8 digits)
	2000 µA	1 µA	
	20 mA	0.01 mA	
	200 mA	0.1 mA	
	2.000	0.001 A	±(3.0% reading + 5 digits)
	10 A	0.01 A	
	Note: 10A for 30 sec max		
Resistance	200 Ω	0.1 Ω	±(0.8% reading + 5 digits)
	2 kΩ	0.001 kΩ	±(0.8% reading + 2 digits)
	20 kΩ	0.01 kΩ	
	200 kΩ	0.1 kΩ	
	2 MΩ	0.001 MΩ	±(2.5% reading + 8 digits)
	20 MΩ	0.01 MΩ	
NOTE: Accuracy is stated at 18°C to 28°C (65°F to 83°F) and less than 75% RH.			

Enclosure	Double molded
Diode Test	Test current of 0.9mA maximum, open circuit voltage 2.8V DC typical
Continuity	Threshold 20 to 50Ω, test current <1.5mA
Input Impedance	10MΩ VDC/VAC
AC Response	True rms
ACV Bandwidth	40Hz to 1000Hz
Display	2,000 count backlit liquid crystal display
Over-range indication	"**OL**" is displayed
Auto Power Off	15 minutes (approximately)
Polarity	Automatic (no indication for positive); Minus (-) sign for negative
Measurement Rate	2 times per second, nominal
Battery	One 9 volt (NEDA 1604) battery
Fuses	mA, µA ranges; 200mA 250V ceramic fast blow A range; 10A 600V ceramic fast blow
Operating Temperature	-10ºC to 40ºC (14ºF to 122ºF)
Storage Temperature	-10°C to 60°C (14°F to 140°F)
Operating Humidity	Max 80% up to 31ºC (87ºF) decreasing linearly to 50% at 40ºC (104ºF)
Storage Humidity	<80%
Operating Altitude	2000 meters (7000 ft) maximum
Weight	260 g (9.17 oz.)
Size	147x76x42 mm (5.8x2.9x1.6")
Safety	This meter is intended for origin of installation use and protected, against the users, by double insulation per IEC/EN 61010-1:2001 and IEC/EN 61010-031:2002 to Category III 600V; Pollution Degree 2.
Approvals	CE

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