

# UT118A/B Pen Type Meters Operating Manual

## Overview

This Operating Manual covers information on safety and cautions. Please read the relevant information carefully and observe all the Warnings and Notes strictly.

### Warning

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

The Model UT118A and UT118B (hereafter referred to as "the Meter") are 3000 counts pen type digits millimeters. The Meter uses large scale of integrated circuit with professional multimeter IC as its core and has full range overload protection.

The Meter measures or tests the following:

- AC/DC voltage
- EF Function (UT118B only)
- Resistance
- Diode
- Continuity
- Capacitance

## Unpacking Inspection

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

| Item | Description              | Qty     |
|------|--------------------------|---------|
| 1    | English Operating Manual | 1 piece |
| 2    | Test Lead                | 1 pair  |

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

## Safety Information

This Meter complies with standards EN61010: in pollution degree 2, over voltage category (CATIII 300V) and double insulation.

CATIII: Distribution level, fixed installation, with smaller transient over voltages than CAT IV.

Use the Meter only as specified in this operating manual, otherwise the protection provided by the Meter may be impaired.

In this manual, a Warning identifies conditions and actions that pose hazards to the user, or may damage the Meter or the equipment under test.

A Note identifies the information that user should pay attention on.

## Rules For Safe Operation

### Warning

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

- Before using the Meter inspect the case. Do not use the Meter if it is damaged or the case (or part of the case) is removed. Look for cracks or missing plastic. Pay attention to the insulation around the connectors.
- Inspect the test leads for damaged insulation or exposed metal. Check the test leads for continuity. Replace damaged test leads with identical model number or electrical specifications before using the Meter.
- When using the test leads, keep your fingers behind the finger guards.
- Do not apply more than the rated voltage, as marked on the Meter, between the terminals or between any terminal and grounding.
- When the Meter working at an effective voltage over 60V DC or 30V AC, special care should be taken for there is danger of electric shock.
- Use the proper function, and range for your measurements.
- Disconnect circuit power and discharge all high voltage capacitors before testing current, resistance, diodes or continuity.

- Replace the battery as soon as the battery indicator appears. With a low battery, the Meter might produce false readings that can lead to electric shock and personal injury.
- When servicing the Meter, use only the same model or identical electrical specifications replacement parts.
- The internal circuit of the Meter shall not be altered at will to avoid damage of the Meter and any accident.
- Soft cloth and mild detergent should be used to clean the surface of the Meter when servicing. No abrasive and solvent should be used to prevent the surface of the Meter from corrosion, damage and accident.
- Do not use or store the Meter in an environment of high temperature, humidity, explosive, inflammable and strong magnetic field. The performance of the Meter may deteriorate after dampened.

## International Electrical Symbols

|  |  |
|--|--|
|  | Deficiency of Built-In Battery         |
|  | Grounding                              |
|  | AC (Alternative Current)               |
|  | DC (Direct Current)                    |
|  | Double Insulated                       |
|  | Continuity Test                        |
|  | AC or DC                               |
|  | Diode                                  |
|  | Conforms to Standards of European      |
|  | Warning. Refer to the Operating Manual |

## The Meter Structure (see figure 1)

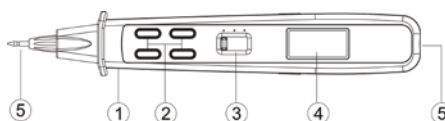


Figure 1

1. Front Housing
2. Functional buttons
3. Switch
4. LCD Display
5. Input Terminals

## Display Symbols (see figure 2)

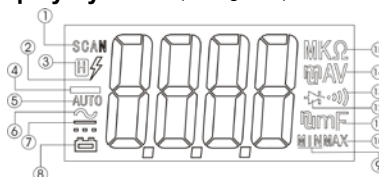


Figure 2

1. Indicates auto scan mode
2. High voltage indicator
3. Data hold is active
4. Indicates negative reading
5. The meter is in the autorange mode
6. Indicator for AC voltage
7. Indicator for DC voltage
8. The battery is low

**Warning:** To avoid false readings, which could lead to possible electric shock or personal injury, replace the battery as soon as the battery indicator appears.

9. Minimum reading.
10. Maximum reading.
11. The unit of Capacitance
12. Test of diode
13. The continuity buzzer is on.
14. V : Volts. The unit of voltage.  
mV : Millivolt.  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  or 0.001 volts.
15.  $\Omega$ : Ohm. The unit of resistance  
k $\Omega$  : kilohm.  $1 \times 10^3$  or 1000 ohms.  
M $\Omega$ : Megaohm.  $1 \times 10^6$  or 1,000,000 ohms

## Button function and auto power off

### 1.SELECT

Press **SELECT** to switch between resistance, AC/DC voltage, continuity buzzer and diode measurement modes. Press and hold more than 2 seconds in or exit "sleep" mode.

### 2. HOLD

Press **HOLD** to enter and exit hold mode (except under auto scan mode).

Press and hold the **HOLD** button more than 2 seconds, the meter automatically holds the value which obtains at 6 seconds later, at this time, is displayed and flickering.

If enter "sleep" mode under hold mode, the meter still in the hold mode when it be turned on.

### 3. MAX/MIN

The MAX/MIN mode stores minimum (MIN) and maximum (MAX) input values (except under auto scan mode). Manual ranging comes when you select this function.

Press **MAX/MIN** button MAX  $\rightarrow$  MIN  $\rightarrow$  MAX/MIN and vice versa.

Under hold mode and max/min mode, should exit hold mode first then press and hold MAX/MIN more than 1 second to exit max/min mode.

### 4. Backlight

Display Backlight and test lead light button, Press once to turn the display backlight and test lead light on and press again to turn the display backlight and test lead light off. It will automatically off after around 1 minute.

### 5. AUTO POWER OFF

To preserve battery life, the Meter automatically goes into a "sleep" mode if you do not press any button for around 10 minutes. The Meter can be activated by pressing any button, then returns to the display for the function selected previously

### 6. BUZZER

The buzzer phonate go with every time button be effectual pressed. When the meter will auto power off in 20 seconds the buzzer beeps three times. Before power off there will be a long time buzzer beeps.

## Measurement Operation

Before measurement, anticlockwise circumgrate the red cover and rock the input terminal.

When all the measurement has been completed, deasil circumgrate the red cover then hide the input terminal. (see figure 3)

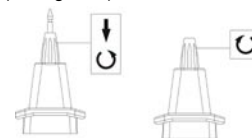


Figure 3

### 1. AC / DC Voltage auto Measurement.

#### Warning

To avoid harm to the Meter, never input higher than 300V voltage although it is possible to measure higher voltage.

To measure Voltage, connect the Meter as follows:

- Set the switch to
- Auto measurement mode is a default. Under this mode can measure AC voltage and DC voltage.
- Connect the test leads across with the object being measured. The measured value shows on the display.
- When voltage measurement has been completed, disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test, and remove the testing leads away from the input terminal of the meter.

#### Note:

The threshold voltage of AC voltage is around 400mV.

### 2. DC Voltage Measurement

#### Warning

To avoid harm to the Meter, never input higher than 300V voltage although it is possible to measure higher voltage.

- Set the switch to
- Press **SELECT** to select DC voltage measurement mode.
- Connect the test leads across with the object being measured. The measured value shows on the display.
- When voltage measurement has been completed, disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test, and remove the testing leads away from the input terminal of the meter.

### 3. AC Voltage Measurement

**Warning**

To avoid harm to the Meter, never input higher than 300V voltage although it is possible to measure higher voltage.

- Set the switch to **V<sub>AC</sub>**.
- Press **SELECT** to select AC voltage measurement mode
- Connect the test leads across with the object being measured. The measured value shows on the display.
- When voltage measurement has been completed, disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test, and remove the testing leads away from the input terminal of the meter.

**Note:**

The threshold voltage of AC voltage is around 400mV.

### 4. EF Measurement( UT118B only)

**Warning**

To avoid harm to the Meter, never input higher than 300V voltage although it is possible to measure higher voltage.

- Set the switch to **V<sub>EF</sub>** and remove the test lead from the input terminal.
- Press **SELECT** to select EF measurement mode.
- Unconnected measurement. Place the red terminals towards the object being measured.

### 5. Ω → → ← auto measurement

**Warning**

To avoid damages to the Meter or to the devices under test, disconnect circuit power and discharge all the high-voltage capacitors before measurement.

- Set the switch to Ω → → ←
- Auto measurement mode is a default, under this mode can measure Resistance, Diode, Continuity and Capacitance automatically.
- For better accuracy, it better separate the object being measured from the circuit before measurement.
- When voltage measurement has been completed, disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test.

**Note:**

Under auto measurement mode, when input:

Resistance: <15Ω or >10MΩ  
Capacitance: <400pF or >1mF

Will get an irresponsible value.

### 6. Resistance Measurement

**Warning**

To avoid damages to the Meter or to the devices under test, disconnect circuit power and discharge all the high-voltage capacitors before measuring resistance.

To measure resistance, do the following:

- Set the rotary switch to Ω → → ←
- Press **SELECT** to select Ω measurement mode.
- Connect the test leads across with the object being measured.
- When resistance measurement has been completed, disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test, and remove the testing leads away from the input terminals of the Meter.

### 7. Continuity Test

**Warning**

To avoid damages to the Meter or to the devices under test, disconnect circuit power and discharge all the high-voltage capacitors before continuity test.

To measure resistance, do the following:

- Set the rotary switch to Ω → → ←
- Press **SELECT** to select → → ← measurement mode.
- Connect the test leads across with the object being measured.
- The buzzer sounds continuously if the resistance of a circuit under test is ≤30Ω, it indicates the circuit is in good connection.

**Note:**

When continuity measurement has been completed, disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test, and remove the testing leads away from the input terminals of the Meter

### 8. Diodes Test

**Warning**

To avoid damages to the Meter or to the devices under test, disconnect circuit power and discharge all the high-voltage capacitors before measuring diodes.

To measure diode, do the following:

- Set the rotary switch to Ω → → ←
- Press **SELECT** to select → → ← measurement mode
- For better accuracy, it better separate the object being measured from the circuit before measurement.
- When diodes measurement has been completed, disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test.

### 9. Capacitance Measurement


**Warning**

To avoid damage to the Meter or to the equipment under test, disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before measuring capacitance. Use the DC Voltage function to confirm that the capacitor is discharged.

To measure capacitance, connect the Meter as follows:

- Set the rotary switch to Ω → → ←
- Press **SELECT** to select ← ← ← measurement mode
- For better accuracy, it better separate the object being measured from the circuit before measurement.
- When diodes measurement has been completed, disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test.

### General Specifications

- Maximum voltage between red Terminals and Grounding: 300Vrms.
- Maximum Display: 3000. Updates 4 times/second
- Temperature:
  - Operating: 0°C~40°C (32°F~104°F);
  - Storage: -10°C~50°C ( 14°F~122°F ).
- Relative Humidity: ≤75% @ 0°C~30°C; ≤ 50% @ 31°C~40°C
- Altitude: Operating: 2000m; Storage: 10000m.
- Battery Type: 3V Li-MnO2 Button cell battery
- Battery Deficiency: Display "  "
- Dimensions (HxWxL): 20.18x26.5x181.5mm
- Weight: Approx.90g (battery included).

### Accuracy Specifications

Accuracy: ±(a% reading+b digits) guarantee for 1 year.

Operating temperature: 18°C ~ 28°C.

Relative humidity: <75%.

#### A. AC Voltage

| Range | Resolution | Accuracy | Overload Protection |
|-------|------------|----------|---------------------|
| 3V    | 0.001V     | ± (1%+4) | 300Vrms             |
| 30V   | 0.01V      |          |                     |
| 300V  | 0.1V       |          |                     |

Remark: Input Impedance: ≥10MΩ

Frequency Response: 40Hz ~ 400Hz

#### B. DC Voltage

| Range | Resolution | Accuracy | Overload Protection |
|-------|------------|----------|---------------------|
| 3V    | 0.001V     | ± (1%+3) | 300Vrms             |
| 30V   | 0.01V      |          |                     |
| 300V  | 0.1V       |          |                     |

Remark: Input Impedance: ≥10MΩ

#### C. EF Test (UT118B Only)

| Range    | Remarks   |
|----------|---|
| 220V/50H | <10mm: buzzer beeps;<br>10~50mm: may and may not beeps<br>>50mm: Buzzer not sound |

#### D. Resistance

| Range | Resolution | Accuracy   | Overload Protection |
|-------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| 300Ω  | 0.1Ω       | ± (1%+3)   | 300Vrms             |
| 3kΩ   | 1Ω         |            |                     |
| 30kΩ  | 10Ω        |            |                     |
| 300kΩ | 100Ω       |            |                     |
| 3MΩ   | 1kΩ        | ± (1.5%+5) |                     |
| 30MΩ  | 10kΩ       |            |                     |

Remark: Under auto scan mode the max range is 3MΩ.

### E. Continuity Measurement

| Range | Resolution | Remark  |
|-------|------------|---|
| → → ← | 0.1 Ω      | Open Circuit Voltage around -1.2V; Buzzer beeps at resistance ≤10Ω; Buzzer not sound when resistance > 70Ω; |

### F. Diodes Measurement

| Range | Resolution | Overload Protection |
|-------|------------|---------------------|
| → → ← | 1mV        | 300Vrms             |

Remark: Open Circuit Voltage around 3V, Displays approximate forward voltage drop.

### G. Capacitance

| Range | Resolution | Accuracy          | Overload Protection |
|-------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 3nF   | 0.001nF    | ±(3%+5)           | 300Vrms             |
| 30nF  | 0.01nF     |                   |                     |
| 300nF | 0.1nF      |                   |                     |
| 3μF   | 1nF        |                   |                     |
| 30μF  | 10nF       | ±(5%+5) reference |                     |
| 300μF | 100nF      |                   |                     |
| 3mF   |            |                   |                     |

Remarks:

1. Under auto scan mode the max range is 300μF.
2. There is a residual reading when the circuit is open. To measure a small value of capacitance, subtract it to ensure accuracy.

### Maintenance (see figure 4)

This section provides basic maintenance information and battery replacement instruction.

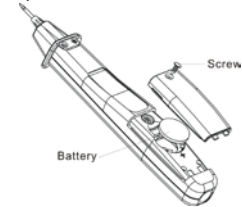


Figure 4

**Warning**

Do not attempt to repair or service your Meter unless you are qualified to do so and have the relevant calibration, performance test, and service information. To avoid electrical shock or damage to the Meter, do not get water inside the case.

#### A. General Service

- Periodically wipe the case with a damp cloth and mild detergent. Do not use abrasives or solvents.
- To clean the terminals with cotton bar with detergent, as dirt or moisture in the terminals can affect readings.
- Turn the Meter off when it is not use and take out the battery when not using for a long time.
- Do not store the Meter in a place of humidity, high temperature, explosive, inflammable and strong magnetic field.

#### B. Replacing the Battery

**Warning**

To avoid false readings, which could lead to possible electric shock or personal injury, replace the battery as soon as the battery indicator appears.

To replace the battery:

1. Turn the Meter off. Disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test, and remove the testing leads away from the input terminals of the Meter.
2. Remove the screw from battery compartment and separate the battery compartment from the case bottom.
3. Remove the battery from the battery compartment.
4. Replace the battery with a new 3V battery
5. Rejoin the case bottom and the battery compartment, and reinstall the screw.

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