

# LIGHTNING ARRESTER and LEAKAGE TESTER

*and ACCESSORIES*

Operating & Instruction Manual



Arrester Tester Patent No. 6,124,714

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ARRESTER TESTER	
<b>LO-RANGE</b>	<b>HI-RANGE</b>
4kV	25/69kV
<b>CAT NO.</b>	<b>SERIAL NO.</b>
AT-100	1AT1103019
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	<b>DANGER</b> ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD ELECTRICAL ARC HAZARD READ INSTRUCTIONS AND OPERATIONS MANUAL BEFORE USE
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<b>W A R N I N G</b>
HOT STICK REQUIRED
<b>W A R N I N G</b>

<b>DANGER</b>
Keep Connecting Cord Free and Clear of Everything At All Times During Operation.
See Instructions #VMCWL-96

All meters require the use of accessory hotsticks, which may or may not be supplied with the meter. The minimum hotstick length required for safe use depends upon the particular operation; consult federal, state, company or OSHA specifications for the proper hotstick length for the intended operation.

The users of this meter should always be equipped with personal protective equipment including high voltage gloves, flame retardant clothing, eye and face protection. Some applications may require additional protective equipment.

Accessory probes are available for all meters. Always use the proper probe(s) for your application.

Failure to follow these and other warnings and safety precautions may result in severe injury or death.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The AT-100 Arrester Tester is constructed with epoxy encapsulated high voltage resistors, a connecting cord and a meter display. The major elements are shown here:



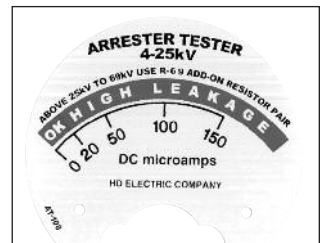
The high voltage resistors limit the current through the connecting cord to a maximum of about two milliamps. Although the connecting cord is insulated for voltage up to 10kV, it should always be kept free and clear from you, ground and any other conductors.

**WARNING:** The AT-100 requires add-on resistor sticks for higher voltage ranges. Always completely remove the arrester tester from the live circuit before adding or removing add-on resistor sticks. Always use add-on resistor sticks in pairs, one on each stick.

### AT-100 ARRESTER TESTER

AT-100 – DUAL RANGE: 4-25KV AND 25-69KV WITH optional accessory R-69 add-on resistor sticks.

The AT-100 measures DC leakage current on installed arresters. The DC test voltage is equal to the peak AC line voltage; for example, on a 15kV system with a line-to-ground voltage of 7200V, the AT-100 DC test voltage is about 10kV. The AT-100 can be used on 50Hz and 60Hz systems.



AT-100 Scale

# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

## PRE-USE INSPECTION

**WARNING:** Before using the instrument be sure to test and inspect the equipment to insure that it is functioning properly and is in safe, working condition. Failure to do so may cause serious injury or death and may result in erroneous test measurements.

Before making any high voltage tests, inspect the arrester tester as follows:

- 1) Make certain the instrument is clean, dry and waxed to a clear shiny surface.
- 2) Inspect the cord for cracked insulation.
- 3) Be sure that you are using hotsticks of the appropriate length, and examine each hotstick to insure that it is clean, dry and waxed to a clear shiny surface.
- 4) Attach the appropriate probes for overhead or underground applications (see page 7) and that the probes are properly installed and tightened.
- 5) Install add-on resistor sticks if necessary for the range being tested.
- 6) Before and after testing a lightning arrester with the AT-100, the tester itself must be tested. Simply connect the AT-100 between an energized line and ground; the meter should indicate about full scale (or slightly lower on 4kV systems).

Apply the AT-100 to the energized system for only as long as necessary to make a measurement, which is usually only long enough to obtain a clear indication of the meter reading.

There is no calibration for the AT-100. All readings are  $\pm 10\%$ .

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS *continued*

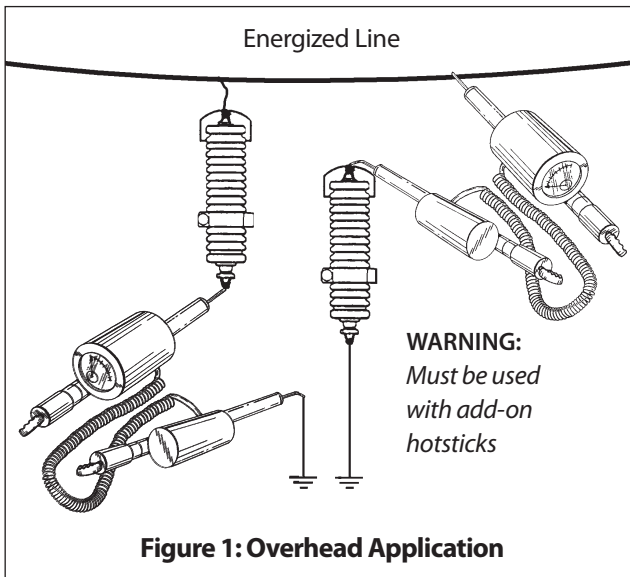
### TESTING OVERHEAD APPLICATIONS

For overhead arresters, two different test connections are possible (see Figure 1).

1. Remove the connection from the top of the arrester to the conductor. With the bottom of the arrester connected to ground, connect the AT-100 from the energized conductor to the top of the arrester.
2. Remove the connection from the bottom of the arrester to ground. With the top of the arrester connected to the energized conductor, connect the AT-100 from the bottom of the arrester to ground.

The meter displays leakage current, if any. With either connection, arresters with leakage currents greater than 20 microamps DC are classified as high leakage and should not be energized. The AT-100 internal high voltage resistors protect both the user and the arrester from a dead short in the arrester.

**CAUTION:** The AT-100 tests lightning arresters with high voltage DC. Some arresters can store a high voltage DC charge. If the arrester will be handled after testing, the arrester should be discharged. Discharge the arrester by grounding the arrester on both ends at the same time.



## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS *continued*

### TESTING UNDERGROUND APPLICATIONS

For underground elbow type arresters, the arrester is connected to a 2-way feed-thru bushing with its ground cable grounded (see Figure 2). The arrester tester must be used with two underground bushing probes. For 15kV or 25kV systems, use model ASP-15/25, and for 35kV systems, use model ASP-35U, with an R-69 resistor stick installed on each stick. The arrester tester is connected from a live bushing to the feed-thru bushing with the elbow arrester. The underground arrester should always have its ground cable connected to ground.

The meter displays leakage current, if any. Arresters with leakage currents greater than 20 microamps DC are classified as high leakage and should not be energized. The AT-100 internal high voltage resistors protect both the user and the arrester from a dead short in the arrester.

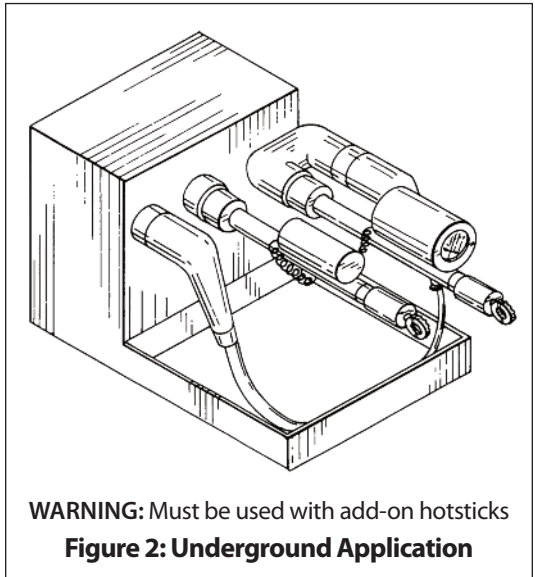
After completing testing, test the AT-100 again by connecting it from an energized line to ground. The meter should indicate about full scale.

### ADVANCED APPLICATIONS

The AT-100 can be used as a general purpose DC high potential tester for testing the leakage current of devices other than arresters such as insulators, open switch contacts, crossarms, etc. Testing with DC minimizes the much higher AC capacitive current and allows the user to test for actual DC leakage current. The same green/red scale that applies to arresters is applicable to most other equipment.

### CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Periodic regular maintenance is required to keep the arrester tester in proper operating condition. Keep the arrester tester clean and dry and always store it in its case. The fiberglass sticks should be kept clean and free of dirt, contamination and marking. Examine the cord for cracking or other damage prior to each use. We recommend you test the AT-100 before and after each test, as described in the Pre-Use Inspection. Contact HD Electric Company for details.



## PROBES AND ACCESSORIES

**WARNING:** ALWAYS use probes appropriate to your application. NEVER use overhead probes in underground applications. Failure to use the correct probe can result in arcing or electrical contact and may cause serious injury or death. If you are not trained in the particular operation or are not sure about the appropriate probe for your application **DO NOT PROCEED.**

### OVERHEAD PROBES

- OLPS-5 brass hook probe
- OLPS-6 brass pigtail probe

### UNDERGROUND DEAD FRONT BUSHING PROBES

- ASP-15/25 for use in 15kV and 25kV loadbreak bushings
- ASP-35U for use in 35kV loadbreak bushings

### INSULATED UNDERGROUND PROBE

- GCP-1 for general underground use on grounded terminals and exposed high voltage terminals.

### ADD-ON RESISTOR STICKS

- R-69 for use on voltages above 25kV up to 69kV

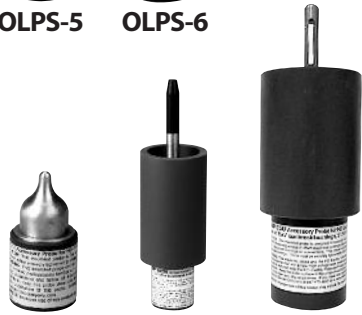
### REPAIRS

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OLPS-5

OLPS-6



GCP-1

ASP-15/25

ASP-35U



R-69

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