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Operating & Instruction Manual



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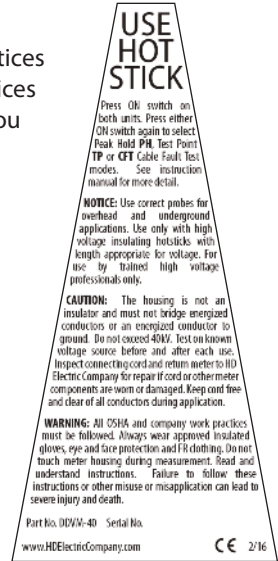
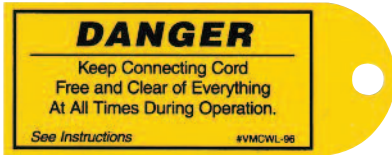
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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

**Read and understand these instructions prior to use. These operating instructions are not a substitute for proper training in the use of this equipment.** High voltage systems present serious hazards, including the risk of death or serious injury due to arcing, thermal burns and electrocution. HD Electric Company products are intended solely for use by professionals with knowledge, training and experience in the use of the equipment and its accessories in and around high voltage systems.

All applicable federal, state, company and OSHA work practices must be followed. If you are unfamiliar with the work practices required, **DO NOT PROCEED**. Call HD Electric Company if you have any questions regarding this equipment.

**THESE IMPORTANT LABELS ARE AFFIXED TO THE PRODUCT. READ AND UNDERSTAND EACH OF THEM BEFORE PROCEEDING.**



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 and 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.

## OPERATIONAL IMPAIRMENT

If the DDVM is used in a manner not described in this instruction manual, the protection and effective operation of this equipment may be impaired.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The HD Electric Dual Display digital voltmeter/phaser is constructed with a high strength molded housing with epoxy encapsulated high voltage resistors, a connecting cord and a digital LED display.



The high voltage resistors limit the current through the connecting cord to a maximum of less than one milliamp. Although the connecting cord is insulated for voltage up to 20kV, it should always be kept free and clear from you, ground and any other conductors.



**Hotstick Connection:  
Shotgun or Universal Spline**

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL NUMBER: DDVM-40

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

- Conditions - Indoor and outdoor use
- Altitude - Up to 6,566 ft. (2000M)
- Operating Temperature -20°F to +120°F (-29°C to +49°C)
- Humidity - 95% to 49°C (non-condensing)
- Pollution Degree - PD4
- Measurement Category IV - Classification Rating (CAT IV) – Product is intended for use with test and measuring circuits connected to the circuits/wiring outside of a building installation, including transmission lines.
- Overvoltage Category IV
- Enclosure Material - Supertough Nylon UL 94-HB
- Printed Circuit Boards - FR-4 UL94V-0
- Dimensions - Length 14 in. (36cm), Width 4.6 in. (12cm), Height 4.1 in. (10cm)
- Diameter of Fiberglass - 1”(2.54cm)
- Connecting Cord Length - 12’(3.6m) fully extended, 3.5’(1.7m) retracted
- Weight - (w/o probes): 2.25 lbs. (1.02kg) each unit
- Battery Life - 8 hours continuous use
- Battery - 9V alkaline 1604A, IEC 6LR61 or 9V lithium, ANSI-1604LC
- Digital Meter - Reads in kilovolts
- Voltage Range - 5V-40kV line to ground or line to line, AC 25-1000Hz or DC
- Auto-Ranging - No range selector switch
- Accuracy - Within 1% of reading +/- 3 counts  
(line-to-ground & line-to-line measurements)
- Meter Resolution: 0.005 - 0.999 range with 1 Volt resolution  
1.00 - 9.99 range with 10 Volt resolution  
10.0 - 40.0 range with 100 Volt resolution

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The DDVM-40 Dual Display Digital Voltmeter measures DC and AC RMS voltage from 5V to 40kV and from 25-1000Hz. Measurements can be made line to ground or line to line. The two LED displays are synchronized so that the same voltage reading is shown on both displays.

Press the ON button on both units to turn them on. The initial zero kV indication will be replaced shortly with the display of hollow zeros as a battery saving measure.

A low battery indication in the lower right corner of the screen indicates that the battery will need to be replaced soon. If the battery dies completely in one unit, the display will shut off and the remaining unit will show the message REPLACE PARTNER BATTERY. The battery compartments are on the bottom of each unit. HD Electric recommends using 9V lithium batteries but alkaline batteries may also be used.

Both displays will turn off after five minutes of a zero display.

## BATTERY REPLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

To replace the battery, open and remove the compartment on the bottom of the meter housing. Remove and dispose of the old battery, replacing it with a fresh, new 9-volt lithium or alkaline battery. Note battery polarity on the battery compartment. This compartment cannot be reinserted if the battery polarity is reversed.



# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

## Pre-Use Inspection

**WARNING:** Before using the instrument be sure to test and inspect the equipment to ensure 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 measurements, test and inspect the voltmeter/phaser as follows:

- 1) Make certain the instrument is clean and dry.
- 2) Inspect the cord for cracked insulation.
- 3) Be sure that you are using hotsticks of the appropriate length, and examine each hotstick to ensure that it is clean, dry and waxed to a clear shiny surface.
- 4) Attach the appropriate probes for overhead or underground applications (see page 10) and ensure that the probes are properly installed and tightened (do not overtighten).
- 5) Confirm that the meter is configured for the correct application (normal reading, Peak Hold, Test Point or CFT).
- 6) Test the voltmeter/phaser with an appropriate tester, such as the HD Electric PT-5000B Proof Tester® Voltmeter Tester (see page 10).

## Voltage and Phasing Measurements – Line-to-Line

We recommend that two person crews perform all line-to-line voltage measurements and phasing operations. Since the operation is occurring near two energized conductors, the use of two person crews allows each person to operate one meter stick and maintain high safety standards.

In order to make line-to-line measurements, each probe must contact an energized line. Be sure that only those probes intended for the particular application are used (see page 10). Always keep the connecting cord free and clear of energized phases and ground. For phasing applications, the probes will be placed on opposite sides of an open point, typically a switch. The phasing operation will indicate if two sides of a line are in-phase before closing a switch.

To check all phases proceed as follows:

- 1) Measure voltage on each phase from line-to-ground to verify all phases are live and at the same voltage.
- 2) Place one of the probes on a conductor on one side of the switch.
- 3) Place the other probe on one of the three phases on the other side of the switch.
- 4) If the conductors are out-of-phase, the meter will read line-to-line voltage. If they are in-phase, the meter will read near zero but may read up to 15% of the line-to-line voltage.
- 5) Continue this procedure with all three phases on both sides of the switch.

If an intermediate reading is found, the phasing cannot be determined by this method and the switch should not be closed until other means are used for phasing.



## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS *continued*

### Voltage Measurements – Line-to-Ground

First connect one of the probes to either a ground or system neutral making sure the resistor stick is making contact at all times during measurement. The other probe should be connected to the energized source to be measured.

Maintain contact only long enough to read the meter. Always remove the probe from the energized source first before removing the ground connection.

### Test Point Measurements

To activate Test Point mode simply push the ON button again. Test Point mode is indicated by TP in the display. To turn Test Point mode off, simply push the ON button once and verify the TP turns off. When using a DDVM to phase between test points, the important measurement is whether high voltage is present or not. The proper procedure for phasing between elbow test points is as follows:



- 1) Both elbows must be energized. Follow the proper safety practices for removing the test point protective caps and exposing the live test points. Treat all exposed electrodes as energized high voltage. Measure from both elbow test points to ground. These measurements should show that both elbows are energized and, if both elbows are of the same type and manufacture, should measure the same approximate line voltage.
- 2) Measure from one elbow test point to the other. This reading will show either a high voltage reading indicating the elbows are out-of-phase or a zero or low voltage reading indicating the elbows are connected to the same phase. The out-of-phase measurement will likely not show the higher voltage expected from a phase-to-phase measurement but will be closer to the line-to-ground voltage. The in-phase voltage measurement can be between zero and 15% of the nominal line-to-ground voltage. If both elbows are of different type and manufacture, then the reading may be higher.

### Peak Hold

Press the ON button to activate this feature and once again to clear the reading. The H in the display confirms Peak Hold. The display will hold the highest reading while Peak Hold is activated. **NOTE:** The meter will not shut off while a peak reading is displayed.

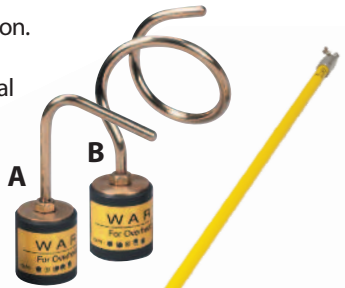


## PROBES AND ACCESSORIES

**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

- A. OLPS-5 brass hook probe
- B. OLPS-6 brass pigtail probe



### C. Hotstick

A range of hotsticks are available in lengths starting at 4'. Contact HD Electric for more details.

### D. Insulated Underground Probe

GCP-1 for general underground use on grounded terminals, exposed high voltage terminals or elbow test points.

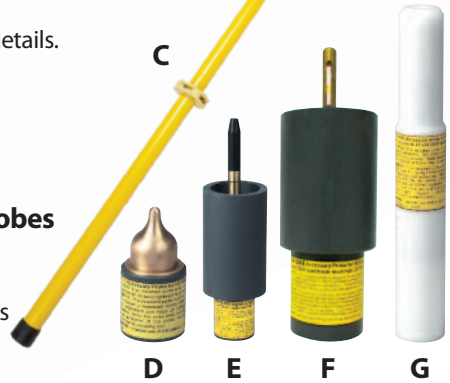
### Underground Dead Front Bushing Probes

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

### G. Underground Elbow Probe

EA-15/25 for insertion in loadbreak elbows.

**NOTE:** The elbow must be firmly supported when using this probe.



## Proof-Tester® Voltmeter Tester

The PT-5000B Proof Tester Voltmeter Tester will produce 5kVDC at the test leads to confirm proper operation of voltmeters and phasers. This tester should be used only with voltmeters/phasers that measure DC voltage. It will not confirm operation of voltmeters/phasers that measure AC voltage only. The PT-5000B operates from one 9V lithium or alkaline battery and produces approximately 5kVDC at the connecting leads. To use:

- 1) Connect both tester leads to the voltmeter/phasers probes.
- 2) Press and hold both TEST buttons.
- 3) Confirm a good battery by checking the red light on the Tester. If the red light does not come on, replace the battery with a 9V lithium or alkaline only.
- 4) Verify the voltmeter/phasers reads approximately 5kV.
- 5) Release the TEST buttons and disconnect the Tester from the voltmeter/phasers.



**WARNING:** Do not use the voltmeter/phasers if proper operation is not confirmed.

**WARNING:** Do not use this tester except as directed. Do not use to test equipment other than voltmeters/phasers. Do not apply to energized circuits or equipment. Refer all servicing to the factory. Failure to follow these instructions may lead to electric shock, severe injury or death.

## PROBES AND ACCESSORIES *continued*

### Cable Fault Tester

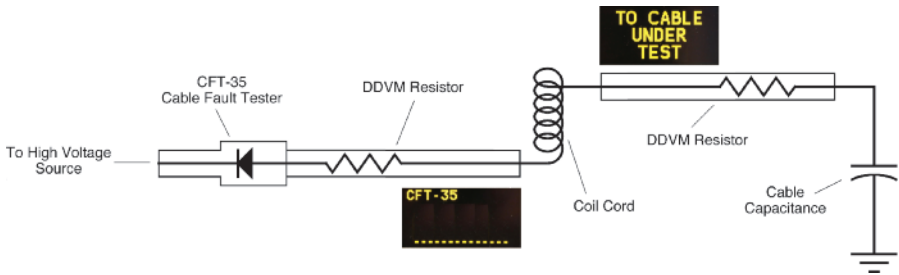
The CFT-35 is for use only with two stick voltmeters for testing leakage current in underground primary voltage cables.



The CFT-35 can be used on underground cables with grounded neutrals with a maximum line-to-ground voltage of 21.1kV or maximum line-to-line voltage of 36.6kV. Operation at higher voltages may damage the CFT-35 and provide erroneous test results.

The CFT-35 is used with a voltmeter/phaser for testing installed or repaired underground cable prior to energizing it. Only cable with extruded dielectric such as rubber or polyethylene can be tested with the CFT-35. Using the CFT-35 on paper insulated cable may provide erroneous test results caused by higher leakage currents typical for this type of cable.

The CFT-35 contains a high voltage rectifier and is connected to test underground primary cable as shown in this circuit:



In practice, the CFT-35 rectifies the high voltage from the source, usually a transformer primary, and charges up the cable, shown as a capacitor above. When a connection is first made, the DC from the CFT-35 will charge up the cable capacitance through the resistors in the meter sticks. If the cable is good, current will stop flowing when the cable is charged up. If the cable is not good, the cable will not charge and current will continue to flow, as indicated by a higher meter indication.

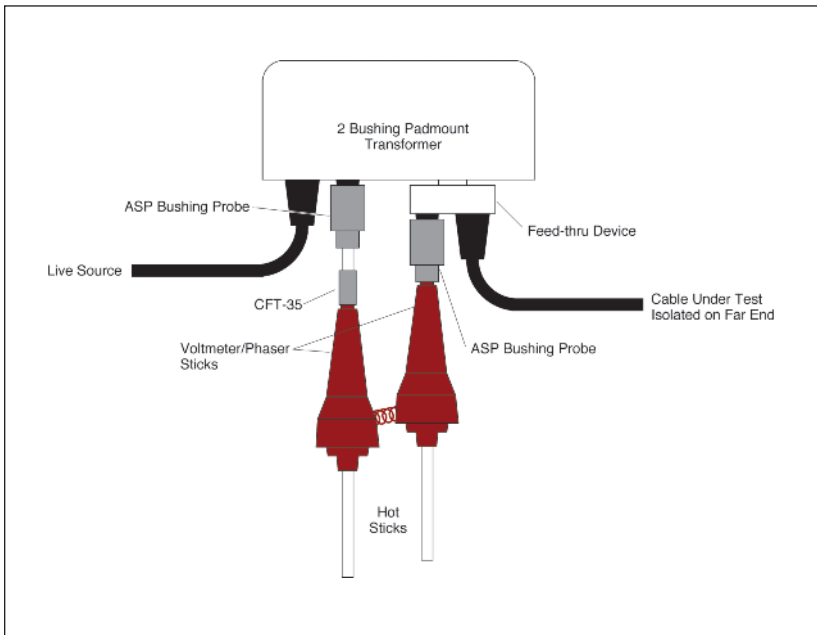
The following equipment is required for testing cable with a CFT-35:

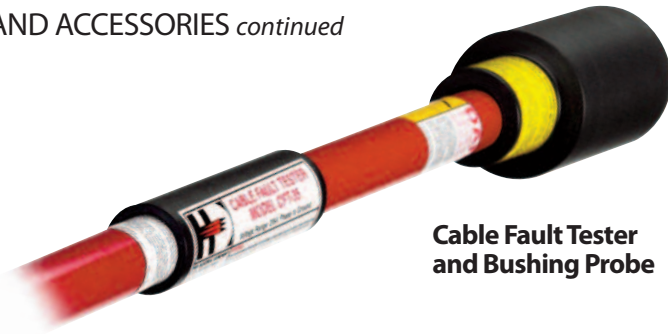
- 1) HD Electric two-stick voltmeter/phaser model DDVM-40.
- 2) The CFT-35 Cable Fault Tester.
- 3) For deadfront applications, ASP bushing probe(s) or, for live front applications, GCP-1 probe(s). An EA-15/25 elbow probe may also be used for deadfront applications.
- 4) For deadfront applications, a feed-through bushing may also be used.

## PROBES AND ACCESSORIES *continued*

Shown below is a typical application of the CFT-35 and associated equipment for testing underground cable from a pad-mount dead front transformer:

Before using the CFT-35, read and understand all of the instructions and precautions for live testing with voltmeters/phasers (pages 7-9). In addition, be sure to consult your company's work practices and any information provided by the manufacturers of the apparatus that you are testing.





### Cable Fault Tester and Bushing Probe

Testing using the CFT-35 should be performed as follows:



- 1) Test the cable with the voltmeter/phaser to insure that it is not energized and that it is discharged.
- 2) Insure that the cable to be tested is completely isolated; that both ends have no other connection to voltage or to a transformer winding and are properly terminated.
- 3) Turn on the Dual Display voltmeter/phaser and press the ON button again to select CFT mode.
- 4) Assemble the CFT-35 with appropriate probe on the unit displaying CFT-35.
- 5) Connect the voltmeter/phaser unit displaying TO CABLE UNDER TEST to the cable to be tested with the appropriate probe.
- 6) Connect the voltmeter/phaser displaying CFT-35 to the voltage source.
- 7) Read the bar graph display. The reading will be initially high. For a short cable, the reading should return quickly to near zero. For a longer cable, it may take a few seconds for the reading to return to near zero. For a good cable, only one or two bars will remain high. Note that the highest bar will remain on as a reminder of the maximum reading.
- 8) If all or most of the bars stay on, the cable is leaking or shorted and CABLE FAULT will be displayed. Discontinue the test.
- 9) Discharge the cable by removing the voltmeter/phaser from the line, removing the CFT-35 from the voltmeter/phaser and connecting the voltmeter/phaser from the cable just tested to ground.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Periodic regular maintenance is required to keep the voltmeter in proper operating condition. Digital models will require periodic battery replacement. Keep the voltmeter clean and dry and always store it in its case. The sticks should be kept clean and free of dirt, contamination and marking. Examine the cord for cracking or other damage prior to each use. Although we do not specify a calibration cycle, we recommend you test, measure and calibrate your instrument annually. The Calibration and Maintenance Log provided on page 15 can be used to record these events. Contact HD Electric Company for details.

## CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

To clean the DDVM wipe with a damp cloth with water.  
Do not use harsh chemicals or solvents.

## REPAIRS

All repairs and calibration are performed at HD Electric Company. If any damage is found please contact HD Electric Company at 847-473-4980 to arrange for service.

## MANUFACTURING LOCATION

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