

## **Operating & Instruction Manual**



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#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The V-DETECT AC Voltage Detector detects voltage at a distance from live unshielded conductors on overhead and underground power distribution systems.

V-DETECT AC Voltage Detectors have user selectable voltage ranges covering the range from secondary voltages to the highest transmission voltages.

Accessories may include a holster, charging cord for charging the unit from a car or truck, a 115-240VAC wall charger adapter, a carrying bag and a carrying case.

#### OPERATIONAL IMPAIRMENT

If the V-DETECT AC Voltage Detector is used in a manner not described in this instruction manual, the protection and effective operation of this equipment may be impaired.

#### 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.

- Only trained, professional operating personnel should use the instrument.
   The voltages this instrument operates at are dangerous and lethal. Severe injury or death can occur if improperly used.
- · Risk of electrocution is inherent in or around high voltage.
- Always use proper high voltage procedures, including personal protective equipment, when working near or around high voltage equipment or conductors.
- · Do not exceed the maximum voltage rating.
- The V-DETECT AC Voltage Detector must be used with a hot stick
  of the appropriate length for the voltage being measured per your company
  and OSHA published requirements.
- Do not touch the instrument during use. The housing should be considered to be at the same voltage as the conductor.
- Prior to using, inspect the instrument for any physical damage, cleanliness and check
  for proper working order by pressing the ON button and checking that all voltage
  range lights turn on in turn and that the unit stays on following the self test.
- Never allow another high voltage or grounded conductor to contact the instrument during use. Keep the housing free and clear of all structures at all times.
- Bridging the housing from line-to-ground or line-to-line may cause a fault and arc.
- The V-DETECT AC Voltage Detector does not detect voltages less than the lowest voltage range setting on the instrument. Always use proper safety procedures.
- Lack of a voltage indication does not mean the conductor is dead or grounded.
- Grounded equipment or lines can appear to be live when in close proximity to energized conductors.
- The V-DETECT AC Voltage Detector is a proximity sensing device. Voltage detection distance is not affected by insulation on conductors such as on tree wire or spacer wire.
- Voltage readings are sensitive to geometry. Read and understand the HOW TO USE IT section of this manual (page 5) before using the instrument.
- The instrument detects AC voltage only.
   It does not detect DC voltage such as charged capacitors or cable.

# Read and understand the labeling on the product before proceeding.

### V-DETECT™ AC VOLTAGE DETECTOR

Indicates presence of AC Voltage with proximity to live conductor.

Press ON button to start self-test and turn unit on. After internal self-test, use the PT-VDET Tester to verify proper operation. Select voltage range with arrow buttons. Very short beeps and lights indicate battery OK. Longer beeps and lights indicate voltage detected. Point front of V-DETECT towards voltage source. Always use with an insulated stick attachment. Unit powers down 30 minutes after last use. Detection range will vary depending on voltage and environmental conditions.

Charge battery if unit does not turn on. End of charge is indicated by single flashing light followed by automatic power off. Lithium battery inside. Refer to instruction manual for handling and disposal.

WARNING: Detects AC voltage only. Does not detect DC voltage. Do not touch V-DETECT or wires during operation. Read and understand all instructions. For use by trained professionals only. Misuse or abuse of this product can lead to severe injury or death.

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#### HOW TO USE IT

- 1 CONNECT TO A SUITABLE HOT STICK: The V-DETECT AC Voltage Detector will accept either a shotgun stick or a universal spline connection.
- 2 TURN IT ON: Press the ON/OFF button and verify that the instrument turns on all voltage range lights one at a time from the lowest range to the highest, returns to the lowest range and then turns on the voltage indicating lights and beeper. The presence of the lights and beeper indicates that the instrument is detecting an internally generated voltage to test the entire circuit. If the V-DETECT AC Voltage Detector stays on following this test it has passed the self test and is ready to use. If it turns off after this test then it has not passed the self test and must be recharged or serviced. While the instrument is on it will emit a very short beep and flash of the lights once every FOUR SECONDS.
- 3 SELECT A VOLTAGE RANGE: Use the up and down arrows to select a voltage range. The lowest range setting is indicated by the lowest voltage range shown on the label. Always select a voltage range at or just below the voltage of the conductor to be tested. The lowest voltage range shown on the label is line to ground voltage. All higher ranges are line to line voltage.



#### HOW TO USE IT continued

4 DETECT VOLTAGE: Move the V-DETECT AC Voltage Detector toward the conductor to be tested. The nominal detection distance for all voltage ranges above the lowest setting is 3 feet from the tip of the unit (marked FRONT DIRECTIONAL SENSING ZONE). Below the lowest range, the nominal sensing distance is five inches. Always keep the instrument perpendicular to the conductor and choose a portion of the conductor free of any apparatus. Voltage detection is indicated by flashing lights and beeper.

If voltage is detected, do not further approach or contact the conductor. If voltage is not detected, continue to approach the conductor with the V-DETECT AC Voltage Detector until the FRONT DIRECTIONAL SENSING end contacts the conductor.

For increased sensitivity or greater sensing distance, select a voltage range lower than the voltage of the conductor to be tested. Never select a voltage range higher than the voltage of the conductor to be tested, as sensing distance will be reduced or diminished.

- **NEVER** allow prolonged arcing between an energized conductor and the instrument. This will damage the housing of the unit.
- NEVER bridge between conductors with the housing. This may result in an arc and/or fault.
- **NEVER** select a voltage range above the voltage of the conductor to be tested. The instrument may not detect voltage on the conductor being tested.
- **NEVER** assume a conductor is deenergized or grounded if the instrument does not detect voltage.
- ALWAYS make sure the instrument is turned on before use. It does not turn on automatically.
- ALWAYS align the instrument perpendicular to the conductor being tested and approach the conductor with the FRONT DIRECTIONAL SENSING end.
- 5 TURN IT OFF: To turn the V-DETECT AC Voltage Detector off, press the ON/OFF button. If the instrument is left on and does not detect voltage for 30 minutes, it will shut itself off. This automatic shut-off is accompanied by beeping and flashing of the lights as a warning to the user.

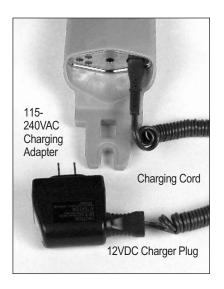
The instrument can be returned to the accessory holster after use and should be returned to the protective carrying case for longer term storage.

#### BATTERY CHARGING

The instrument is powered by an internal lithium battery of the same type used in cell phones. It has a long life, many charge cycles and no memory effect. It will indicate battery charge when it is turned on and has completed the self test as follows:

- Slowly beeps once every four seconds indicating the battery charge is good.
- Beeps faster at once per second indicating the battery charge is low and should be recharged soon. The unit can be used for up to 10 minutes in this condition and will then shut off automatically. It cannot be turned on again until the battery has been charged.

Charge the instrument using the charger cord. Apply the plug end of the cord to a 12VDC automotive jack or use the 115-240VAC adapter. Charge is indicated on the face of the unit by the voltage range lights turning on in sequence. A full charge of a low battery can take up to three hours.



When the charge is complete, only the highest voltage range light will remain on. After three hours, this light will turn off. The battery cannot be overcharged.

A quick fifteen minute charge to a low battery will allow one day of use under typical conditions. A full charge will allow more than one week of continuous use under typical conditions.

If the instrument will not turn on, try charging it for fifteen minutes. The battery may be drained down too far to be able to power on. If it still will not turn on then the battery may need to be replaced. For battery replacement contact HD Electric to order a replacement battery.

### **Lithium Battery Use and Disposal**

- · Charge the battery only with the HD Electric supplied charger.
- · Do not disassemble, open, crush, bend, deform, puncture or shred the internal battery.
- Contact your local recycling center or HD Electric for proper battery disposal.
- · Improper battery use may result in a fire, explosion or other hazard.

#### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

#### **OPERATING VOLTAGE RANGE:**

50VAC to 500kVAC in 2 ranges

#### **VOLTAGE SENSING DISTANCE:**

5 inches at 50V LO range, 3 feet at 4kV HI range

When used above the maximum range of 500kV, sensing distance increases with increasing voltage; when held perpendicular to conductor under test with FRONT DIRECTIONAL SENSING ZONE facing live conductor.

DIMENSIONS: 11"L x 3"W x 2"D

(28 cm x 7.6 cm x 5 cm)

WEIGHT: 11oz. (0.31 kg)

**OPERATING FREQUENCY: 25Hz-400Hz** 

**BEEPER SOUND** 

PRESSURE LEVEL: 100 db.

BATTERY LIFE: One week of typical daily use after full charge.

BATTERY CHARGING CURRENT:

0.5A maximum at 12VDC.

ENCLOSURE MATERIAL: Supertough Nylon UL 94-HB

PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS: FR-4 UI 94V-0

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS**

CONDITIONS: Indoor and outdoor use

**ALTITUDE:** Up to 6,566 ft. (2000M)

**OPERATING TEMPERATURE:** 

-20°F to +140°F (-29°C to +60°C)

HUMIDITY: 95% to +60°C (non-condensing)

OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY: II Non-contact

**POLLUTION DEGREE: PD4** 

#### MAINTENANCE AND CARE

STORAGE - It is recommended for protection that the instrument and its accessories are stored in the carrying bag or case.

**CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS** - To clean, wipe with a damp cloth with water. Do not use harsh chemicals or solvents.

**CLEANLINESS** - The molded housing is very rugged, but it should be kept clean and free of dirt, grease and any other foreign materials. If the housing surface integrity has been compromised in any way, remove from service and return to factory for repair or replacement.

**DAMAGE** - If you suspect any mechanical or electrical damage, do not use the instrument and arrange for repair by returning to the factory.

CALIBRATION & TESTING - Regular calibration is not required.

There is no calibration adjustment.

SERVICE - If any damage is found please contact us at 800-435-0786 to arrange for service.

MANUFACTURING LOCATION - HD Electric • Southaven, MS, 38672 USA

#### **ACCESSORIES**

# PT-VDET PROOF TESTER® FOR V-DETECT AC VOLTAGE DETECTOR

If the V-DETECT AC Voltage Detector does

The PT-VDET Proof Tester Voltage Detector Tester is for use on the V-DETECT AC Voltage Detector. This tester generates high voltage AC for testing the V-DETECT AC Voltage Detector. To use, turn on the V-DETECT Detector and set it for the lowest range, hold the Tester in one hand and the V-DETECT Detector in the other. Apply the top of the V-DETECT Detector to the metal end plate on the Tester. Press and hold the TEST button on the Tester. A properly operating V-DETECT AC Voltage Detector will indicate voltage with continuous flashing lights and beeping sound. For best results, hold the PT-VDET with a tight grip and wrap your fingers around it.

not indicate voltage, do not use it and return it to HD Electric for service.

CAUTION: This Tester generates high voltage AC for testing V-DETECT AC Voltage Detectors. There is no danger of electric shock when this tester is used as directed. Discontinue use and return to HDE for service if the housing is cracked or broken, or if the battery cover is lost.



WARNING: Do not use this tester except as directed. Do not use to test equipment other than specified

V-DETECT AC Voltage Detectors. Do not apply to energized circuits or equipment. Do not operate this Tester without the battery cover and do not open the housing. Refer all servicing to the factory. Failure to follow these instructions may lead to electric shock, severe injury or death.



#### ACCESSORIES continued











#### A. PRX-CORD CHARGE CORD

Charge cord with 12VDC automotive jack.

#### **B. PRX-XF TRANSFORMER**

115-240VAC transformer to plug PRX-CORD into 115-240VAC wall outlet.

#### C. PRX-HS CARRYING HOLSTER

Carrying holster with belt clip and restraining strap.

#### D. CS-DET CARRYING CASE

Carrying case; holds V-DETECT Detector, PRX-HS, PT-VDET Tester and charge cords.

#### E. VDET-BAG CARRYING BAG

Padded carrying bag with strap; holds V-DETECT Detector, PRX-HS, PT-VDET Tester and charge cords.

#### F. HOT STICKS

A range of hot sticks are available. Contact HD Electric for more details.



#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

HD Electric Company is herein referred to either as "HDE" or "Seller" and the customer or person or entity purchasing goods or services (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Goods") is referred to as "the "Buyer". These Terms and Conditions, any price list or schedule, guidation, acknowledgment or invoice from HDE relevant to the sale of the Goods and all documents incorporated by specific reference therein, constitute the complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the agreement operating the sale of Goods by HDE to Buyer, Buyer's acceptance of the Goods will make buyer's asceptance the set man and conditions without variation or addition. Any different or additional terms in Buyer's purchase order or other Buyer documents are hereby objected to. HDE reserves the right in its sole discretion to refuse orders.

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2. TERMS OF PAYMENT: Terms are stated on HDE's invoice in U.S. currency. HDE shall have the right, among other remedies, either to terminate this agreement or to suspend further performance under this and/or other agreements with the Buyer in the event Buyer falls to make any payment when due, which other agreements Buyer and Seleth hereby amend accordingly, or HDE otherwise deems lised in secure. Buyer shall be liable for all expenses, including attorneys' less, retailing to the collection of peat due amounts. Should Buyer's financial responsibility become unsatisfactory to HDE may be required by HDE for future deliveries and for the goods therefolder delivered. If such cash payment or security is not provided, in addition to HDE's other rights and remedies, HDE may discontinue deliveries. HDE may apply a finance charace for namements made by credit cash.

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8. ASSIGNMENT: Buyer shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties hereunder or any interest herein without the prior written consent of HDE, and any such assignment, without such consent, shall be void

9. INSTALLATION: Buyer shall be responsible for receiving, inspecting, testing, storing, installing, starting up and maintaining all Goods

10. NSPECTIONTESTING: Buyer, at its expense, agrees that it will promptly inspect the Goods upon receipt thereof, and in no event later than thirty. (30) days from the date of receipt of the Goods. Buyer shall deliver to Hibe Within Hitten (16) days of rome price districts or complaints of any kind with respect to the quantity, quality, condition, shipment, performance, price or appearance of the Goods, written notice of any and all deficiencies, defects, variations from pepedications or complaints of any kind with respect to the quantity, quality, condition, shipment, performance, price or appearance of the Goods or received by Buyer. In the event no such written notice is received by HDE. Buyer shall be deemed conclusively to have inspected and such Goods unconditionally any and all rights and claims, including withintion any right to reject the Goods or to claim damages in respect the rescue.

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12. U.S. EXPORT CONTROL LAWS: All Goods sold to Buver by HDE hereunder are subject to U.S. Export Control Laws. Buver hereby agrees not to re-sell or divert any goods contrary to such laws

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