GLOVE CONSTANT AREA & FORCE ELECTRODE

PCF-825B

User Manual





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Overview

Glove and Finger Cot evaluation and qualification testing is conducted under controlled conditions in accordance with ESD Association Standard Practice ANSI/ESD SP15.1 Standard Practice for In-Use Resistance Testing of Gloves and Finger Cots. While Prostat's PCF-825B CAFÉ Fixture Set is designed for evaluation and qualification testing in accordance with ANSI/ESD SP15.1, it can also be used for Audit measurements in plant, laundry or in various field configurations. All in-use testing should be performed at environmental conditions similar to those in which the gloves will be used.

The PCF-825B CAFÉ Fixture Set includes:

- PCF-825B CAFÉ Fixture
- PWS-611-PGC No Resistor Ground Cord
- PWS-620C Metal Adjustable Band
- PCF-825BLR 36 Inch Red Test Lead

There are several ways to perform resistance measurements with the CAFÉ Fixture Set:

- A. Baseline resistance of operator to verify the system and establish minimum resistance of operator only.
- B. Low voltage system resistance test (less than 1.0×10^6 ohms). Test at >1.5 Volts to less than 10 Volts.
- C. Low voltage system resistance test (Greater than 1.0x10⁶ ohms). Test at 10 Volts.
- D. High voltage system resistance test (Greater than 1.0x10⁷ ohms). Test at 100 Volts.

The following recommends general procedures for using the PCF-825B fixture in practical Audit applications. For detailed evaluation procedures please refer to ANSI/ESD SP15.1.

II. Test Procedure Baseline Resistance of Operator

A. Equipment

- 1. PRS-801 Resistance System or PRS-812 Resistance Meter.
- 2. PWS-620C Wrist Strap with PWS-611-PGC ground cord without the one megohm resistor.
- 3. PCF-825B CAFÉ Fixture.

B. Procedure

- 1. Select the hand that will eventually wear the glove and select the finger or thumb to be tested.
- 2. Attach the wrist strap to the test hand and make sure the cuff makes good contact. Lotion may be used to assure good connection (Figure 1).
- 3. Attach the CAFÉ fixture to the PRS-801 or PRS-812 via the banana jack using the PCF-825BLR 36 inch Test Lead. Input the other end of the lead to the meter (Figure 2).



Figure 1: Attach Wrist Strap to test hand



Figure 2: Attach the PCF-825BLR Test Lead

- 4. Attach the wrist strap cord to the meter (Figure 3).
- 5. Balance the CAFÉ fixture electrode on the fingerprint side of the finger or thumb chosen in step 1 above (Figure 4).



Figure 3: Attach Wirst Strap cord to meter



Figure 4: Balance fixture with your finger

- 6. Press the meter test button (Figure 5).
- 7. Record resistance measurement after 15 seconds of electrification.
- 8. Repeat Steps 1 through 7 on each finger selected for testing.
- 9. Clean the electrode with isopropyl alcohol prior to performing additional tests (Figure 6).



Figure 5: Press the Test button



Figure 6: Clean electrode with alcohol

III. Test Procedure – Glove or Finger Cots

A. Equipment

- 1. PRS-801 Resistance System or PRS-812 Resistance Meter.
- 2. PWS-620C Wrist Strap with PWS-611-PGC ground cord without the one megohm resistor.
- 3. PCF-825B CAFÉ Fixture

B. Procedure

- 1. Attach the wrist strap to the test hand that will wear the glove. Make sure the cuff makes a good connection with the skin.
- 2. Attach the CAFÉ fixture to the meter via the banana jack using the PCF-825BLR Test Lead. Input the other end of the lead to the meter.
- 3. Attach the wrist strap cord to the meter.
- 4. Wear the glove in test and wait a minimum of 15 seconds to begin the electrical testing.
- 5. Balance the CAFÉ fixture electrode on the fingerprint side of the finger or thumb chosen of the hand wearing the glove.
- 6. Press the meter test button.
- 7. Record resistance measurement after 15 seconds of electrification. If the resistance measured in less than 1.0x10⁶ ohms, record the measurement. Repeat the test for all other digits.
- 8. If the resistance measured is greater than $1.0x10^6$ ohms, test at 10 Volts. If the resistance measured is greater than $1.0x10^7$ ohms, test at 100 Volts.
- 9. Clean the electrode with isopropyl alcohol prior to performing additional tests.

PCF-825B Glove Constant Area & Force Electrode Specifications

PCF-825B CAFÉ Fixture

Size: 3.0 x 6.0 x 1.0 inches

Electrode Material: 303 Stainless Steel

Cross Bar Material: UHMW

Threaded Rod Material: Stainless Steel

Bottom Weight Material: 1018 CRS Plated (Nickel or Zinc)

Weight: 1 lb

PWS-620C Metal Adjustable Wrist Strap

Construction: Made from jewelry quality stainless steel, tested to MIL STD 202 Method

101.

Thickness: 3.5mm, average weight 33 grams.

Manufactured to 130mm circumference with 5 10mm nylon expansion links.

Electrical Properties: Outer band: insulative at 500V per unit mm, coating is polyurethane based

polymer

Inner band: Conductive - <1.0x104

Adjustable: Easily adjustable to fit all personnel.

Elasticity: Expansion ratio 1.5:1

Snap Size: 4mm post snap for ground cord, tested to MIL STD 202 Method 101

Color: Black

Meets or Exceeds: DOD-HDBK-263, DOD-STD-1686, EOS/ESD Std. No. 1-1987, EN10015/1

PWS-611-PGC No Resistor Grounding Cord

Snap: 4mm female snap

Coil: Polished polyurethane coil insulation provides excellent coil memory. A

swivel type banana jack with six (6) leaves increases coil life and prevents

cord tangles.

Size/Length: 7-core tinsel wire has a nominal 2.5mm diameter. Length of 6 feet

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