



OPERATING MANUAL

AC/DC CLAMP METER

CMP-401



Version 1.6

The CMP-401 digital clamp meter has been designed for the purpose of clamp measurements of alternative and direct current.

Furthermore, the meter may be used to measure direct and alternative voltages, resistance, frequency, temperature and to test diodes.

Main features of the CMP-401 device are the following:

- automatic or manual regulation of the measurement range,
- **DATA HOLD** function, which facilitates readings of measurements in the case of insufficient lighting or in inaccessible places,
- **REL** function, which allows you to make measurements relative to a stored reference value,
- the function of automatic switching of the meter into the standby mode in order to prolong the durability of batteries,
- circuit continuity sound signalling (**Beeper**),
- 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ digits display,
- safe, protected clamp jaws,
- double molded housing.

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1 Introduction

We appreciate your having purchased our digital clamp meter. The CMP-401 meter is a modern, high-quality measuring device, which is easy and safe to use. Please acquaint yourself with the present manual in order to avoid measuring errors and prevent possible problems related to operation of the meter.

In the present manual we apply three kinds of warnings. These are texts in frames, which describe possible dangers both for the user and the meter itself. The messages starting from the word **'WARNING:'** describe situations which imply a risk for life or health should the recommendations presented in the present manual not be observed. The word **'ATTENTION!'** introduces a description of a situation where non-observance of the recommendations presented in the present manual may imply damage for the meter. Indications of possible problems are preceded by the word **'Attention:'**.

WARNING:

Before using the instrument acquaint yourself with the present manual and observe the safety regulations and recommendations specified by the manufacturer.

WARNING:

The purpose of the CMP-401 meter is to realise measurements of the current, direct and alternative voltages, resistance, frequency, temperature and diode testing. Using the meter in a manner which does not comply with the recommendations specified in the present manual may lead to its damage and constitutes a source of a serious risk for the user.

WARNING:

The CMP-401 meter may be operated solely by qualified and properly authorised personnel for work at electric installations. Using the meter by unauthorised personnel may lead to its damage and constitutes a source of a serious risk for the user.

2 Safety

In order to guarantee proper operation and correctness of the obtained results it is necessary to observe the following recommendations:

- Before commencing operation of the meter please acquaint yourself thoroughly with the present manual,
- The instrument should be operated solely by properly qualified personnel, who also must be trained regarding the industrial safety regulations,
- Use great care when making measurements if the voltages are greater than 25V AC rms or 35V DC. These voltages are considered a shock hazard,
- Before use for non-contact AC voltage measurements, always test the voltage detector on a known live circuit to verify proper operation,
- Set function switch to the appropriate position before measuring,
- When measuring volts do not switch to current/resistance modes,
- Do not exceed the maximum allowable input range of any function,
- Do not apply voltage to meter when resistance function is selected,
- When changing ranges using the selector switch always disconnect the test leads from the circuit under test,
- Do not exceed the maximum rated input limits,
- It is prohibited to operate the meter:

- ⇒ If it is damaged and completely or partially out of order
- ⇒ If the insulation of the test leads has been damaged
- ⇒ If it has been stored for an excessive period of time in inadequate conditions (e.g. if it is humid)
- Repairs must be realised solely by an authorised service workshop

WARNING:
Do not realise measurements with wet hands.

WARNING:
Do not realise measurements in environments in which there are inflammable gases. Otherwise operation of the meter under such conditions may cause sparking and explosion.

ATTENTION!

Input Limits	
Function	Maximum Input
A AC	400A
V DC, V AC	600V DC/AC
Frequency, Resistance, Diode, Continuity ,	250V DC/AC
Temperature (°C/°F)	250V DC/ AC

2.1 International Safety Symbols



This symbol, adjacent to another symbol or terminal, indicates the user must refer to the manual for further information.



This symbol, adjacent to a terminal, indicates that, under normal use, hazardous voltages may be present



Double insulation

3 Preparation of the meter for operation

Having purchased the meter examine completeness of the contents of the package.

Before measurements commence, it is necessary to realise the following actions:

- Make sure the conditions of the batteries or accumulators permit to realise measurements,
- Make sure the casing of the meter and the insulation of the test leads are not damaged.

WARNING:

Connection of inappropriate or damaged test leads constitutes a risk of an electric shock with a dangerous voltage.

4 Functional description

4.1 Measurement sockets and elements of selection of the measurement function

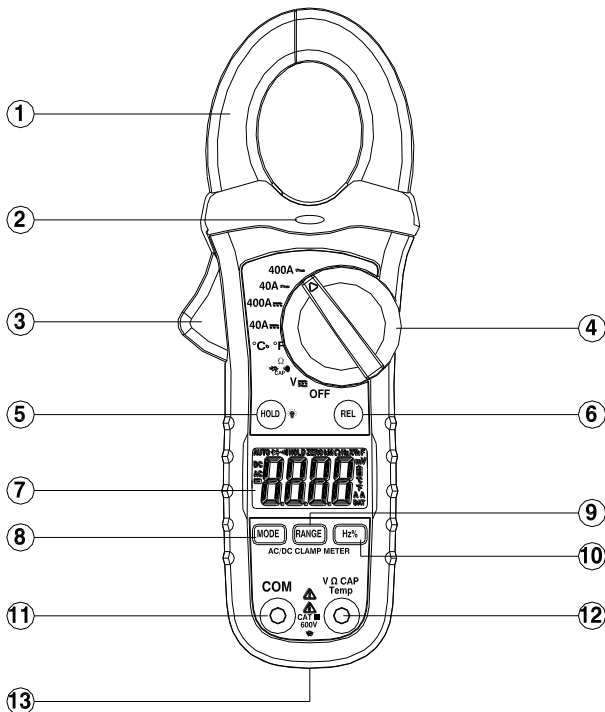


Illustration 1. CMP-401

4.1.1 Sockets

11 measurement socket V/ Ω /CAP/TEMP

Measurement socket for the purpose of measurements of direct and alternative voltages resistance, capacity, frequency and temperature.

12 measurement socket COM

Measurement socket common for all the measurement functions except of current measurements (connection to the mass of the device).

4.1.2 Elements of selection of the measurement function

1 current clamp

2 non-contact AC voltage indicator light

3 clamp trigger

4 rotational selector

Selection of function:

- **OFF** – meter off,
- **V $\overline{\sim}$** – direct and alternative voltage measurement,
- **Ω   **CAP** – resistance, capacitance and continuity measurement and diode testing,**
- **°C °F** – Fahrenheit and Celsius temperature measurement,
- **40A $\overline{\sim}$** – direct current measurement up to 40A,
- **400A $\overline{\sim}$** – direct current measurement up to 400A,
- **40A $\sim$** – alternative current measurement up to 40A,
- **400A $\sim$** – alternative current measurement up to 400A.

5 HOLD button

- Data Hold function,
- Back Light function.

6 REL button

- Relative measurement function,
- Exit of relative measurement function,
- DCA zero.

- 7** LCD display
- 8** **MODE button**
 - Changing of measurement mode
- 9** **RANGE button**
 - Manual range selection
- 10** **Hz/% button**
 - Frequency/duty cycle selection
- 13** **battery cover**

4.2 LCD display

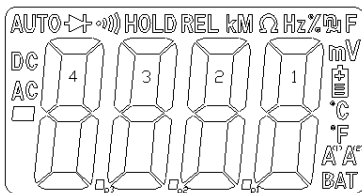


Illustration 2. LCD display of the CMP-401 meter

■ – minus sign

AC, DC – AC (alternating current) and DC (direct current)

AUTO – AutoRange mode

✚ – diode test mode

••• – continuity check mode

HOLD – Data Hold mode

ZERO – Relative Measurement mode

Hz % – frequency/duty cycle test mode

k, M, Ω , n, μ , F, m, V, °C, °F, A – units of measure list



– low battery indication

BAT – low battery indication (change battery)

4.3 Test leads

The manufacturer guarantees correct measurement indications provided original test leads are used.

WARNING:

Connection of inadequate test leads constitutes a risk of electric shock with a dangerous voltage or may be a cause of measurement errors.

5 Measurements

It is recommended to get acquainted thoroughly with the contents of the present chapter since it describes the measurement systems, the manner of realisation of measurements and the basic principles of interpretation of the results.

5.1 AC and DC current measurements

WARNING:

Do not take current readings on circuits where the maximum current potential is not known. Do not exceed the maximum allowable input range while measuring current.

WARNING:

Do not realise measurements if the battery compartment is open.

WARNING:

Do not commence current measurements if the test leads are connected to the meter.

In order to realise a measurement of alternative current, it is necessary to realise the following actions:

- Set the Function switch to the **40A_~** or **400A_~** or **40A_~** or **400A_~**, if the range of the measured is not known, select the highest range first,
- press the **REL** button to zero the meter (in DC mode),
- open the clamp and place it on a single cable,
- read the result of the measurement on the display,
- move to the lower range if necessary.

Attention:

During measurements of the current make sure the clamp is properly placed. Otherwise the results of the measurements will not be exact. The most exact result we will get if the wire is placed in the middle of clamp.

5.2 AC and DC voltage measurements

In order to realise a measurement of AC or DC voltage, it is necessary to realise the following actions:

- set the function switch to the **V_~** position,
- select AC or DC with the **MODE** button,
- with the **RANGE** button set the measurement range manually if necessary,
- connect the red test lead to socket **V/Ω/CAP/TEMP** and the black one to socket **COM**,
- place the edges of the probes to the measurement points; while measuring DC voltage place the red probe to the point of higher potential,
- read the result of the measurement on the display,
- having done the measurement disconnect the test leads from the meter.

5.3 Resistance measurements

WARNING:

Measurements must not be realised in live circuits. Capacitors must be discharged.

WARNING:

Do not realise measurements if the battery compartment is open.

In order to realise a measurement of the resistance it is necessary to realise the following actions:

- place the rotational selector in the position **Ω   CAP**,
- connect the red test lead to sockets **V/ Ω /CAP/TEMP** and the black one to sockets **COM**,
- make sure symbol **Ω** is displayed with open test leads, and in the case of shorted terminals of the measurement probes the display shows „0“,
- with the **RANGE** button set the measurement range manually if necessary,
- touch the test probe tips across the circuit or component under test; it is best to disconnect one side of the device under test so the rest of the circuit will not interfere with the resistance reading,
- read the result of the measurement on the display,
- having done the measurement disconnect the test leads from the meter.

5.4 Continuity Measurements

WARNING:

Measurements must not be realised in live circuits. Capacitors must be discharged.

WARNING:

Do not realise measurements if the battery compartment is open.

In order to realise continuity test it is necessary to realise the following actions:

- place the rotational selector in the position **Ω   CAP**,
- connect the red test lead to sockets **V/ Ω /CAP/TEMP** and the black one to sockets **COM**,

- press the **MODE** button until  appears in the display,
- make sure symbol  is displayed with open test leads, and in the case of shorted terminals of the measurement probes the display shows „0”,
- touch the test probe tips to the circuit under test,
- read the result of the measurement on the display; if the resistance is $< 50\Omega$, a tone will sound,
- having done the test disconnect the test leads from the meter.

5.5 Diode Measurements

WARNING:

Measurements must not be realised in live circuits. Capacitors must be discharged.

WARNING:

Do not realise measurements if the battery compartment is open.

In order to realise continuity test it is necessary to realise the following actions:

- place the rotational selector in the position $\Omega \rightarrow \text{diode symbol} \rightarrow \text{CAP}$,
- connect the red test lead to sockets **V/ Ω /CAP/TEMP** and the black one to sockets **COM**,
- press the **MODE** button until  appears on the display,
- touch the test probes to the diode under test - forward voltage will indicate 0,4V to 0,7V, reverse voltage will indicate “OL”; shorted devices will indicate near 0mV and an open device will indicate “OL” in both polarities,
- having done the test disconnect the test leads from the meter.

5.6 Capacitance measurements

WARNING:

Measurements must not be realised in live circuits. Capacitors must be discharged.

WARNING:

Do not realise measurements if the battery compartment is open.

In order to realise capacitance test it is necessary to realise the following actions:

- place the rotational selector in the position **Ω  CAP**,
- connect the red test lead to sockets **V/ Ω /CAP/TEMP** and the black one to sockets **COM**,
- press the **MODE** button until **F** appears on the display,
- touch the test leads to the capacitor to be tested,
- read the capacitance value in the display,
- having done the measurement disconnect the test leads from the meter.

5.7 Frequency or % duty cycle measurements

WARNING:

Do not realise measurements if the battery compartment is open.

In order to realise frequency or % duty cycle measurement it is necessary to realise the following actions:

- place the rotational selector in the position **V $\overline{\sim}$** ,

- connect the red test lead to sockets **V/Ω/CAP/TEMP** and the black one to sockets **COM**,
- select Hz or % duty with the **Hz/%** button,
- touch the test probe tips to the circuit under test,
- read the frequency on the display,
- having done the measurement disconnect the test leads from the meter.

5.8 *Temperature measurements*

WARNING:

Do not realise measurements if the battery compartment is open.

WARNING:

To avoid electric shock, disconnect both test probes from any source of voltage before making a temperature measurement.

WARNING:

To avoid electric shock, be sure the thermocouple has been removed before changing to another measurement function.

In order to realise temperature measurement it is necessary to realise the following actions:

- place the rotational selector in the position **°C °F**,
- press the **MODE** button to select **°C** or **°F**,
- insert the temperature probe into the negative **COM** and the **V/Ω/TEMP** terminals, making sure to observe the correct polarity,

- touch the temperature probe head to the part whose temperature you wish to measure, keep the probe touching the part under test until the reading stabilizes (about 30 seconds),
- read the temperature in the display, the digital reading will indicate the proper decimal point and value,
- having done the measurement disconnect the test leads from the meter.

5.9 Non-Contact AC Voltage Measurements

WARNING:

Risk of Electrocution. Before use, always test the voltage detector on a known live circuit to verify proper operation.

In order to realise the test it is necessary to realise the following actions:

- touch the current clamp to the live conductor or insert into the live side of the electrical outlet,
- if AC voltage is present, the detector light will illuminate.

Note:

The conductors in electrical cord sets are often twisted. For best results, rub the probe tip along a length of the cord to assure placing the tip in close proximity to the live conductor.

Note:

The detector is designed with high sensitivity. Static electricity or other sources of energy may randomly trip the sensor. This is normal operation.

6 Special functions

6.1 *Manual range selection*

When the meter is first turned on, it automatically goes into AutoRanging. This automatically selects the best range for the measurements being made and is generally the best mode for most measurements. For measurement situations requiring that a range be manually selected, perform the following:

- press the **RANGE** button - the “Auto Range” display indicator will turn off,
- press the **RANGE** button to step through the available ranges until you select the range you want,
- press and hold the **RANGE** button for 2 seconds to exit the ManualRanging mode and return to AutoRanging.

6.2 *Relative mode*

Press **REL** button to enter the relative mode, the **REL** indicator turns on,, zero the display, and stores the displayed reading as a reference value.

In the relative mode, the value shown on the LCD is always the difference between the stored reference value and the present reading. For example, if the reference value is 24,00V and the present reading is 12,50V, the display will indicate -11,50V. If the new reading is the same as the reference value, the display will be zero. This feature also is made as DCA ZERO adjustment.

Press the **REL** button again to exit the relative mode.

6.3 *DATA HOLD Function and Backlight display*

To freeze the LCD meter reading, press the **HOLD** button. The data hold button is located on the left side of the meter (top button). While data hold is active, the **HOLD** display icon appears on the LCD. Press the data hold button again to return to normal operation.

Press and hold the **HOLD** button key for more than 2 seconds to turn on the backlight. This will also activate the Data Hold function. To release the Data Hold function and return the tester to normal operation, press the **HOLD** button momentarily. To turn off the backlight, press and hold the **HOLD** button for more than 2 seconds.

6.4 *MODE button*

The MODE button is used for DC/ACV or OHM/Diode/Continuity/Capacitance or °C/°F selection.

7 Before you send the meter to be serviced

Before sending the instrument to be repaired call the workshop, since it is possible the meter is not damaged, and the problem has occurred for some other reason.

Elimination of damage to the meter must be realised solely in workshops authorised by the manufacturer.

The following table presents recommendations regarding proceeding in certain situations which may occur during operation of the meter.

DESCRIPTION	REASON	SOLUTION
The meter does not turn on.	Low batteries.	Replace the batteries. If the situation does not change send the meter for repair.
Unintelligible and randomly displayed segments of the LCD display.		
Erroneous measurement after moving the meter from a cold environment to a warm place of high humidity.	Lack of acclimatisation.	Do not perform measurements until the meter has reached the temperature of the environment (approximately 30 minutes).
The test lead is damaged.	The test lead is broken or torn off the terminal.	Replace the test lead.

8 Replacement of the batteries

The CMP-400 meter is supplied by means of one 9V battery. It is recommended to use alkaline battery.

Attention:

When making measurements with a battery's mnemonic on, one must take into account additional indefinite measurement uncertainty or unstable working of the meter.

WARNING:

Should the test leads be left in the sockets during replacement of the battery, there might be a risk of electric shock with a dangerous voltage.

In order to replace the battery it is necessary to do the following:

- remove all the test leads from the measurement sockets and place rotational selector in the position OFF,
- remove the one rear Phillips head screw,
- open the battery compartment,
- replace the required one 9V battery,
- re-assemble the meter.

9 Cleaning and maintenance

The casing of the meter may be cleaned with a soft, damp cloth using all-purpose detergents. Do not use any solvents or cleaning agents which might scratch the casing (powders, pastes, etc.).

The electronic system of the meter does not require maintenance.

10 Storage

In the case of storage of the device, the following recommendations must be observed:

- Disconnect all the test leads from the meter,
- Make sure the meter and its accessories are dry,
- In the case the meter is to be stored for a prolonged period of time, the battery must be removed from the device.

11 Dismantling and utilization

Worn-out electric and electronic equipment should be gathered selectively, i.e. it must not be placed with waste of another kind.

Worn-out electronic equipment should be sent to a collection point in accordance with the law of worn-out electric and electronic equipment.

Before the equipment is sent to a collection point, do not dismantle any elements.

Observe the local regulations concerning disposal of packages, worn-out batteries and accumulators.

12 Attachments

12.1 Technical data

- “m.v.” means measured value of standard.

AC current measurement

Range	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
40,00A	0,01A	$\pm (2,5\% \text{ m.v.} + 8 \text{ digits})$
400,0A	0,1A	$\pm (2,8\% \text{ m.v.} + 5 \text{ digits})$

- frequency range 50...60Hz

DC current measurement

Range	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
40,00A	0,01A	$\pm (2,5\% \text{ m.v.} + 5 \text{ digits})$
400,0A	0,1A	$\pm (2,8\% \text{ m.v.} + 5 \text{ digits})$

AC voltage measurement

Range	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
400,0mV	0,1mV	$\pm (1,5\% \text{ m.v.} + 30 \text{ digits})$
4,000V	0,001V	$\pm (1,5\% \text{ m.v.} + 5 \text{ digits})$
40,00V	0,01V	
400,0V	0,1V	
600V	1V	$\pm (2\% \text{ m.v.} + 5 \text{ digits})$

- frequency range 50...400Hz

DC voltage measurement

Range	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
400,0mV	0,1mV	$\pm (0,8\% \text{ m.v.} + 2 \text{ digits})$
4,000V	0,001V	$\pm (1,5\% \text{ m.v.} + 2 \text{ digits})$
40,00V	0,01V	
400,0V	0,1V	
600V	1V	$\pm (2\% \text{ m.v.} + 2 \text{ digits})$

Resistance measurement

Range	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
400,0 Ω	0,1 Ω	$\pm$ (1 % m.v. + 4 digits)
4,000k Ω	0,001k Ω	$\pm$ (1,5 % m.v. + 2 digits)
40,00k Ω	0,01k Ω	
400,0k Ω	0,1k Ω	
4,000M Ω	0,001M Ω	$\pm$ (2,5 % m.v. + 3 digits)
40,00M Ω	0,01M Ω	$\pm$ (3,5 % m.v. + 5 digits)

Frequency measurement

Range	Basic uncertainty
10Hz...10kHz	$\pm$ (1,5 % m.v. + 2 digits)

- sensitivity: 100V (<50Hz), 50V (50...400Hz); 15V (401Hz...10kHz)

Duty Cycle

Range & Resolution	Basic Accuracy
10.0...94.9%	unspecified
Pulse width: 100 μ s...100ms, Frequency: 30Hz...15kHz; Sensitivity: 30...5kHz:10Vrms min. 5kHz...15kHz:40Vrms min.	

Capacitance measurement

Range	Resolution	Basic uncertainty
40,00nF	0,01nF	$\pm$ (4 % m.v. + 20 digits)
400,0nF	0,1nF	$\pm$ (3 % m.v. + 5 digits)
4,000 μ F	0,001 μ F	
40,00 μ F	0,01 μ F	
100,0 μ F	0,1 μ F	$\pm$ (4 % m.v. + 10 digits)

Temperature measurement

Range	Basic uncertainty *
-20.0...760,0°C	± (3% m.v. + 5°C)
-4.0...1400°F	± (3% m.v. + 9°F)

* probe (K type) accuracy not included

Other technical data

- a) Measurement category in acc. with EN 61010-1III 600V
- b) Ingress protection in acc. with EN 60529 IP40
- c) Pollution degree.....2
- d) Power supplyone 9V battery
- e) Clamp size.....Opening 30mm (1,2") approx
- f) Diode test I=0,3mA, U₀=1,5V DC
- g) Continuity test.....I<0,5mA, sound signal for R<50Ω
- h) Overrange indication..... OL displayed
- i) Measurements rate..... 2 per second, nominal
- j) Input impedance10MΩ (V AC/DC)
- k) DisplayLCD, 4000 counts
- l) Dimensions.....197 x 70 x 40 mm
- m) Weigh183 g
- n) Operating temperature..... 5 to 40°C (41 to 104°F)
- o) Storage temperature..... -20 to 60°C (-4 to 140°F)
- p) Operating humidity..... max 80% up to 31°C (87°F) decreasing
..... linearly to 50% at 40°C (104°F)
- q) Storage humidity.....<80%
- r) Max. operating altitude 2000meters (7000ft.)
- s) Auto OFF.....approx. 30 minutes
- t) Compliance with the requirements specified in the following
norms EN 61010-1
..... EN 61010-2-032
- u) Quality standard ISO 9001

12.2 Standard equipment

The standard set provided by the manufacturer includes the following components:

- The CMP-401 meter,
- Test leads (2 pieces),
- 9V battery,
- K-Type temperature probe,
- Carrying case,
- Operating manual,
- Guarantee card.

12.3 Manufacturer

The manufacturer of the device, which also provides guarantee and post-guarantee service is the following company:

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Note:

Service repairs must be realised solely by the manufacturer.

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