SPERRY INSTRUMENTS

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Pocket Digital Multimeter DM4A

IMPORTANT: RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS

Visually inspect all components for shipping damage. If you find damage, notify the carrier at once.

Shipping damage is NOT covered by warranty. The carrier is responsible for all repair or replacement costs resulting from damage in shipment.

Read this owners manual thoroughly before use and save.



Rotary Switch

0FF	Power off	→ (•))	Diode / Continuity / Resistance Measurement
DCV/Hz/%	DC Voltage / Frequency / Duty Cycle Measurement	Hz%	Frequency and Duty Cycle Measurement
ACV/Hz/%	AC Voltage / Frequency / Duty Cycle Measurement		

1.0 DISPLAY FUNCTIONS & SYMBOLS

- **1.1 FUNCTIONS** (Figure 1)
- 1. Display: Backlit 3999 Count LCD screen
- SELECT Button: Press to switch between Resistance, Diode, and Continuity measurement functions.
- 3. REL Button: Press to set the current reading as a reference value that will be subtracted from subsequent measurement readings. Press again to exit this mode. This function is not available under Frequency and Duty Cycle measurements.
- **4. Hz/% Button:** Press to switch between Hz or % measurement if the dial is set to DCV or ACV. Pressing it will also switch between Hz and % when the dial is set to Hz measurement.
- HOLD Button: Press to lock and hold the value currently being displayed. Press again to exit this mode.
- Rotary Switch: Turn to power the meter on and off and select the desired measurement function. To save battery power, turn to the "OFF" position when

the meter is not in use. See "ROTARY SWITCH" section for function descriptions.

1.1 METER FUNCTIONS

Meter type: Auto Display Count: 3999

Battery: Requires (1) 3V CR2032 battery

Input impedance: 10 Meg Ohm

AC Volt Ranges: 4V, 40V, 400V, 600V, best accuracy (1.2%+3)
DC Volt Ranges: 4V, 40V, 400V, 600V, best accuracy (1.2%+3)
4000hm, 4k0hm, 40kohm, 40kohm, 4M
ohm, 40M ohm, best accuracy (1.0%+2)
Over Range Indication: Displayed value > 3999 or the input measurement range, displays OL

Polarity Indication:

Agency Approvals:

"-" is displayed for negative polarity
ETL, CE (IEC/EN61010:, CAT II 600V,

Pollution Degree 2)

Dimension: 2.25" x 0.5" x 4.25" **Weight:** Around 77g

Warranty Info: Limited lifetime warranty

1.2 DISPLAY SYMBOLS

- 1. The battery is low (<2.4V) and must be replaced immediately
- 2. 🔳: Data Hold is enabled
- 3. = : Negative sign
- 4. REL: Relative Measurement is enabled.

2.0 READ FIRST: IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Read this operators manual thoroughly before using this multimeter. This manual is intended to provide basic information regarding this meter and to describe common test procedures which can be made with this unit. Many types of appliance, machinery and other electrical circuit measurements are not addressed in this manual and should be handled by experienced service technicians.

Use extreme caution when using this multimeter. Improper use of this meter can result in severe damage, personal injury or death. Follow all instructions and suggestions in this operators manual as well as observing normal electrical safety precautions. Do not use this meter if you are unfamiliar with electrical circuits and proper test procedures.

2.1 SAFETY WARNINGS

- This instruction manual contains warnings and safety rules which must be observed by the user to ensure safe operation of the instrument and retain it in safe condition.
- Read through and understand the instructions contained in this manual before using the instrument.
- Keep the manual at hand to enable quick reference whenever necessary.
- The instrument is to be used only in its intended applications.
- Understand and follow all the safety instructions contained in the manual.
- It is essential that all safety instructions are adhered to.
- Failure to follow the safety instructions may cause injury, instrument damage

The symbol \triangle indicated on the instrument means that the user must refer to the related parts in the manual for safe operation of the instrument. It is essential to read the instructions wherever the symbol appears in the manual.



DANGER is reserved for conditions and actions that are likely to cause serious or fatal injury.



WARNING is reserved for conditions and actions that can cause serious or fatal injury.



CAUTION is reserved for conditions and actions that can cause injury or instrument damage.

M DANGER

- Never make measurement on a circuit in which voltage over 1000V exists.
- Do not exceed the CAT rating of the measuring device
- Do not attempt to make measurement in the presence of flammable gases. The use of the instrument may cause sparking, which can lead to an explosion.
- Never use the instrument if its surface or your hand is wet.
- Do not exceed the maximum allowable input of any measuring range.
- Never open the battery cover during a measurement.
- The instrument is to be used only in its intended applications or conditions.
 Use in other than as intended may cause instrument damage or serious personal injury.

↑ WARNING

- Never attempt to make any measurement if any abnormal conditions are noted, such as broken case, cracked test leads and exposed metal part.
- Do not turn the function selector switch with plugged in test leads connected to the circuit under test.
- Do not install substitute parts or make any modification to the instrument. Return the instrument to your distributor for repair or recalibration.
- Do not try to replace the batteries if the surface of the instrument is wet.
- Always switch off the instrument before opening the battery compartment cover for battery replacement.

A CAUTION

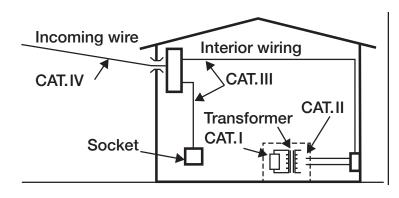
- Set the Function Switch to an appropriate position before starting measurement.
- Firmly insert the test leads.
- Disconnect the test leads from the instrument for current measurement.
- Do not expose the instrument to the direct sun, high temperature and humidity or dewfall.
- Be sure to power off the instrument after use. When the instrument will not be in use for a long period, place it in storage after removing the batteries.
- Use only a soft cloth dampened with water or neutral detergent for cleaning the meter.
 Do not use abrasives, solvents or harsh chemicals. Allow to dry thoroughly before use.

Measurement categories (Over-voltage categories)

To ensure safe operation of measuring instruments, IEC61010 establishes safety standards for various electrical environments, specified as CAT I through CAT IV, and called measurement categories. Higher-numbered categories correspond to electrical environments with greater momentary energy, so a measuring instrument designed for CAT III environments can endure greater momentary energy than one designed for CAT II.

- CAT I: Secondary electrical circuits connected to an AC electrical outlet through a transformer or similar device.
- CAT II: Primary electrical circuits of equipment connected to an AC electrical outlet by a power cord.
- CAT III: Primary electrical circuits of the equipment connected directly to the distribution panel, and feeders from the distribution panel to outlets.
- CAT IV: The circuit from the service drop to the service entrance, and to the power meter and primary over current protection device (distribution panel).
- Avoid placing the meter in areas where vibration, dust or dirt is present. Do not store the meter in excessively hot, humid or damp places.
- This meter is a sensitive measuring device and should be treated with the same regard as other electrical and electronic devices.
- When the meter is not in use keep the meter turned off to keep the battery from discharging.
- When disconnecting the test leads from the unit, always grasp the leads where the input jacks meet the tester housing. Do not pull the leads out of the jacks by the insulated wire or transport the tester using the test leads as a carrying strap.

Symbols			
\triangle	Caution, risk of danger, refer to the operating manual before use		
A	Caution, risk of electric shock		
\sim	AC (Alternating Current)		
	DC (Direct current)		
\sim	AC/DC Selectable (Alternating Current/Direct Current)		
<u></u>	Earth (ground) Terminal		
	The equipment is protected throughout by double insulation or reinforced insulation		
4	Application around and removal from hazardous live conductors is permitted.		
CE	Conforms to Standards of European Union		
A	Designates the product as recyclable electronic waste per WEEE Directive		



3.0 SPECIFICATIONS

3.1 MEASURING RANGE & ACCURACY

(Accuracy guaranteed at 18°C - 28°C, humidity <75%)

DC VOLTAGE

RANGE	RESOLUTION	ACCURACY
4V	1mV	
40V	10mV	± (0.8%+1)
400V	100mV	
600V	1V	± (1%+3)

RESISTANCE

RANGE	RESOLUTION	ACCURACY
400Ω	0.1Ω	± (1.2% + 2)
4kΩ	1Ω	
40k Ω	10Ω	± (1%+2)
400k Ω	100Ω	
4ΜΩ	1kΩ	± (1.2% + 2)
40M Ω	10k Ω	± (1.5% + 2)

CONTINUITY TEST

RANGE	RESOLUTION	ACCURACY
•1))	0.1Ω	≤60Ω Buzzer beep 60Ω-100Ω Buzzer may or may not beep ≥100Ω No buzzer beep

AC VOLTAGE

RANGE	RESOLUTION	ACCURACY
4V	1mV	
40V	10mV	± (1.2%+3)
400V	100mV	
600V	1V	± (1.5%+5)

FREQUENCY

RANGE	RESOLUTION	ACCURACY
99.99Hz	0.1Hz	
999.9Hz	1Hz	(-0, -)
9.999kHz	0.01kHz	± (.5%+3)
99.99kHz	.1kHz	

DIODE

RANGE	RESOLUTION
→	The approximate forward voltage drop of the diode will be displayed.

DUTY CYCLE

RANGE	RESOLUTION
0.1%-99.9%	0.10%

4.0 AUTO POWER OFF FUNCTION

1. If you have not operated the meter for 30 minutes, the meter will turn off automatically and go into Sleep mode. To wake the meter from Sleep mode, turn the rotary switch or press a button.

5.0 DIAL SETTINGS

5.1 AC VOLTS V

To avoid personal injury or damage to the meter, do not attempt to measure voltages higher than 600V AC.

- 1. Set the Rotary Switch to ACV.
- 2. Touch the test leads to the circuit under test. With AC voltage, the polarity of the test leads is not a factor.

Note: It is best to touch one of the test leads to ground or neutral first and then touch the 2nd test lead to the hot wire.

- 3. Read the value of the measurement displayed.
- 4. Typical AC Voltage measurements include wall outlets, appliance outlets, motors, light fixtures and switches.

5.2 DC VOLTS V

To avoid personal injury or damage to the Meter, do not attempt to measure voltages higher than 600 VDC.

- 1. Set the Rotary Switch to DCV.
- 2. Touch the test leads to the circuit under test. Touch the black (common) test lead to the negative DC source (ground) first and red (positive) test lead to the "live" source second.
- 3. Read the value of the measurement displayed. If the leads are reversed a "-" indicator will appear on the display.
- 4. Typical DC Voltage measurements include car batteries, automotive switches, motors, and household batteries.

5.3 RESISTANCE Ω

When measuring resistance always make sure the power to the circuit is off.

- 1. Set the Rotary Switch to Ω . Press SELECT until Ω appears on the display.
- 2. Touch the test leads to the resistor or non-energized component to be measured.
- 3. Read the value of the measurement displayed. With resistance measurements, the polarity of the test leads is not a factor.
- 4. Typical resistance measurements include resistors, potentiometers, switches, extension cords and fuses.

Note: For measurements > $1M\Omega$, the meter may take a few seconds to stabilize reading. This is normal for high resistance measurements. When the input is not connected, i.e. at open circuit, "OL" will be displayed as an overrange indication.

5.4 CONTINUITY •1))

To avoid damages to the Meter or to the devices under test, disconnect circuit power and discharge all the high-voltage capacitors before measuring resistance.

Do not input 60V DC or 30V AC to avoid personal harm. Do not use on energized circuits.

- 1. Set the Rotary Switch to *,* . Press SELECT until •1) appears on the display.
- 2. Connect the test leads across with the object being measured.
- 3. The buzzer sounds continuously if the resistance of a circuit under test is $<\sim 60\Omega$. It indicates the circuit connection is good.
- 4. The buzzer does not sound if the resistance of a circuit under test is $>100\Omega$. It indicates a possible broken circuit.
- 5. The buzzer may or may not sound if the resistance of a circuit under test is 60Ω -100 Ω .
- 6. Read the resistance value on the display.
- 7. Typical continuity measurements include switches, extension cords and fuses.

Note: Open circuit voltage is around 1.5V. When the input is not connected, i.e. at open circuit, "OL" will be displayed as an overrange indication.

5.5 DIODE →

- 1. Set the Rotary Switch to $\frac{1}{\Omega}$ symbol.
- 2. Press the SELECT button until \rightarrow appears on the display.
- 3. For forward voltage drop readings on any semiconductor component, place the red test lead on the component's anode and place the black test lead on the component's cathode.
- 4. Read the resistance value on the display.

Note: When measuring resistance, the circuit should be powered off and all capacitors should be completely discharged prior to testing. A more accurate measurement can be achieved by separating the component from the circuit being tested. When the test leads are not connected or are reversed, the display will show an over-range symbol "OL".

5.6 FREQUENCY / DUTY CYCLE / FREQUENCY Hz

- 1. Set the Rotary Switch to Hz%
- 2. Press the Hz/% button until Hz is shown on the display.
- 3. Place the red and black test leads at both the positive and negative points to be measured.
- 4. Read the value of the measurement displayed.

Note: The voltage of the input signal should be between 1V rms and 30V rms. The higher the frequency of the signal, the higher the required input voltage. For measurements < 10Hz, the amplitude of the input signal must be more than 2V rms.

5.7 DUTY CYCLE %

- 1. Set the Rotary Switch to Hz%
- 2. Press the Hz/% button until % is shown on the display.
- 3. Place the red and black test leads at both the positive and negative points to be measured.
- 4. Read the value of the measurement displayed.

Note: Hz/% can also be accessed by setting the Rotary Switch to DCV or ACV and pressing the Hz/% button until either Hz or % appears on the display. Follow the instructions above to measure Hz and %.

6.0 BATTERY REPLACEMENT

To avoid false readings, which could lead to possible electric shock or personal injury, replace the battery as soon as the battery indicator 🗗 appears.

- 1. Disconnect the connection between the test leads and the circuit under test.
- 2. Turn the meter power off.
- 3. Remove the screw from the back of the meter. Lift off the back cover.
- 4. Lift the bottom tab holding down the battery. Replace the old battery with a new CR2032 3V battery

Note: Do not use rechargeable batteries in this unit.

Carefully slide on the back cover and tighten the screw.Do not overtighten the screw as this may strip the threads in the meter housing.

7.0 GENERAL SERVICE

- · Periodically wipe the case with a damp cloth and mild detergent. Do not use abrasives or solvents.
- To clean the terminals use a cotton swab and detergent, as dirt and moisture in the terminals can affect readings.
- Turn the Meter power off when it is not in use.
- Take out the battery when it is not used for a long time.
- Do not use or store the Meter in a place of humidity, high temperature.

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