# SPERRY INSTRUMENTS

# **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

# 9 Function, Auto Range Digital Multi-Meter DM6450



Read this owner's manual thoroughly before use and save.

# I. DISPLAY FUNCTIONS & SYMBOLS

- 1. 3.5" digit LCD display
- Test Lead icons on display indicate proper input terminals for easy attachment of test leads
- 3. Durable drop resistant housing
- 4. 10 position Function dial
- 5. AC Volts
- 6. DC Volts
- 7. AC Amps
- 8. DC Amps
- 9. Resistance
- 10. Audible Continuity Test
- 11. Diode Test
- 12. Capacitance
- 13. Frequency
- 14. Low impedance button
- 15. Relative change
- 16. Positive input jack
- 17. Common input jack
- 18. Range select button



## 1.0 METER FUNCTIONS

Meter type: Auto-Ranging Functions: 9
Ranges: 10 (Auto)

Display Count: 3999

Test Lead Icons: Display indicates proper terminal placement of test leads.

Input Impedance: 10 Meg Ohm

AC Volt Ranges: 4V, 40V, 400V, 750V, best accuracy (1.0%+5)

DC Volt Ranges: 400mV, 4V, 40V, 400V and 1000V, best accuracy (0.8%+1)

AC Amps: 400μA, 400μA, 40mA, 400mA, 4A and 10A, best accuracy (1.2%+2) DC Amps: 400μA, 400μA, 400mA, 400mA, 4A and 10A, best accuracy (1.0%+2)

Resistance Ranges: 400ohm, 4kohm, 40kohm, 40Nohm, 40Mohm, best accuracy (1.0%+2)

Over Range Indication: Displayed value > 1999, displays OL (The safety and accuracy will only be guaranteed within the specification range) by

the input.

Polarity Indication: "-" is displayed for negative polarity

Auto Off: 30 minutes

Electro-Magnetic: When it is under 1V/m frequency: total accuracy = assigned accuracy +5% of the range. When it is over 1V/m frequency:

there is no assigned accuracy.

Agency Approvals: ETL, CE (IEC/EN61010:, CAT III 600V, Pollution Degree 2

Operating Temperature: 32°F - 104°F (0°C\_40°C)

Relative Humidity: 32°F - 86°F below ≤75%, 86°F - 104°F≤50%

Storage Temperature: 14°F - 122°F(-10°C - 50°C)

Dimension: 179mm x 88mm x 39mm

Weight: Around 380g (including battery)

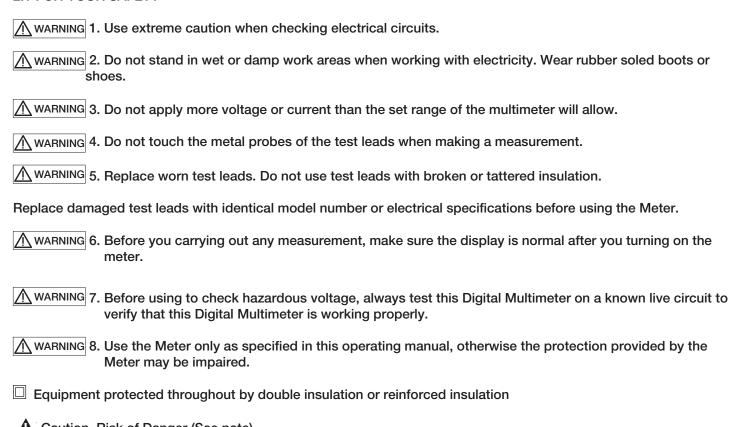
Altitude: Maximum 2000m

# 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 FOR YOUR SAFETY



- A Caution, Risk of Danger (See note)
- 9. Discharge a capacitor before measuring it.
- 10. Remove the test leads from the circuit being measured as soon as the test is completed. Never reset the function/range switch to
  - another range while the leads are still in contact with a circuit.
- 11. Do not measure voltage when the function/range switch is set on the resistance (ohms) settings. Do not measure current when the
  - meter is set on the resistance range. Never measure AC voltage when the meter is set on DC voltage. Setting the meter on the
  - incorrect function may burn out some of the internal circuitry and may pose a safety hazard.
- 12. Damaged meters are not repairable nor is calibration possible. Damaged meters should be disposed of properly.

# 2.2 OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Set the function/range switch to the proper position before making a measurement. When the voltage is not known, it MUST be determined that the capacity of the selected range will handle the amount of voltage in the circuit (see #3 under "For Your Safety").
- 2. Avoid placing the meter in areas where vibration, dust or dirt are 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.

- 3. When the meter is not in use keep the meter turned off to keep the battery from discharging.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Do not immerse the meter in water or solvents. To clean the housing use a damp cloth with a minimal amount of mild soap.

NOTE: With any measurement made by this meter, there will be some fluctuation of the digital display. This is due to the meter's sampling method. This unit samples at a rate of 2 times per second, thus the fluctuation of the readout.

# 3.0 FUNCTION BUTTONS

# 3.1 REL A BUTTON

- 1. Press REL  $\Delta$  button to enter relative change mode and automatically enter manual ranging mode.
- 2. The present measurement value is saved as a stored value.
- 3. Take a second measurement and the meter will display the difference or change between the initial stored measurement value and the new measurement value.
- 4. Pressing the REL button again or turning the rotary switch will exit the Relative mode and enter the normal measurement mode.

Note: The meter can not enter the relative mode when it displays OL.

# 3.2 LOW IMPEDANCE BUTTON

MARNING To avoid damage to the meter do not use this button when the measured voltage is higher than 250V.

Do not press this button for more than 3 seconds.

- 1. Press and hold Low imp.  $400 \text{K}\Omega$  button to switch input impedance from  $10 \text{M}\Omega$  to  $400 \text{k}\Omega$ . Do not press this button for more than 3 seconds.
- 2. When this button is released the meter returns to the default input impedance of 10M $\Omega$

# 3.3 AUTO OFF

1. To conserve battery life the meter powers off automatically after 15 minutes of non use.

To disable auto off press the select button while turning the meter on.

# DIAL SETTINGS 4.0 DIAL SETTINGS

MARNING To avoid personal injury or damage to the Meter, do not attempt to measure voltages higher than 750V AC.

# 4.1 AC VOLTS V~

- 1. Set the function/range switch to V~.
- 2. Insert the black test lead into the COM input terminal.
- 3. Insert the red test lead into the V input terminal.
- 4. 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.

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

# 4.2 DC VOLTS V===

MARNING To avoid personal injury or damage to the Meter, do not attempt to measure voltages higher than 1000V DC.

- 1. Set the function/range switch to the appropriate  $V_{---}$  DC range.
- 2. Insert the black (negative) test lead into the COM inputterminal.
- 3. Insert the red (positive) test lead into the V input terminal.
- 4. Touch the test leads to the circuit under test. With DC voltage, the polarity of the test leads is a factor. Touch the black (common) test lead to the negative DC source (ground) first and red (positive) test lead to the "live" source second.
- 5. Read the value of the measurement displayed. If the leads are reversed a "-" indicator will appear on the display.
- 6. Typical DC Voltage measurements include car batteries, motors, automotive switches and household batteries.

# 4.3 AC OR DC AMPS A $\frac{\sim}{==}$

MARNING To avoid possible damage to the Meter or to the equipment under test, check the Meter's fuses before measuring current. Use the proper terminals, function, and range for the measurement. Never place the test leads in parallel with any circuit or component when the leads are plugged into the current terminals.

MARNING Do not attempt to measure current exceeding 10Amps AC or DC. If you are not sure if the current exceeds 10Amps do not attempt to measure current with this meter.

There are three positions on the meter for measuring current:  $A_{\sim}$ ,  $mA_{\sim}$  or,  $\mu A_{\sim}$ . The A~ position has a 4.0 A and a 10A range and is auto ranging. Start with this 10A setting if the measured current is between 1A-10A. Use the  $mA_{\sim}$  setting if the measured current is  $\leq$ 4000 $\mu$ A.

- 1. Set the rotary switch to  $A_{\underline{\sim}}$ ,  $mA_{\underline{\sim}}$  or,  $\mu A_{\underline{\sim}}$
- 2. Insert the black test lead into the COM input terminal.
- 3. Insert the red test lead into the 10A max terminal.
- 4. DC Amp measurement is the default. Press SELECT if ~AC Amp measurement mode is desired.
- 5. Turn off power to the circuit to be measured.
- 6. Open the circuit to be measured.
- 7. Touch the red test lead to the positive side of the break in circuit and the black test lead to the negative side of the break in circuit for DC Amp measurement. For AC Amp measurement the polarity of the leads does not matter.
- 8. Return power to the circuit.
- 9. Read the amps on the display.

Notes: When measuring AC Amps this meter displays the mean (sine wave effective value).

When the measured current is <5 amps continuous measurement is acceptable.

MARNING When the measured current is 5-10 amps do not exceed 10 seconds of continuous measurement. Wait 15 minutes between current measurements when measured current is between 5-10 amps.

Always start with the highest A~ Measurement range and reduce the range in steps once you know that the current does not exceed the next lower range. Once the measurement is complete, immediately remove the test leads from the circuit under test and remove the test leads from the input terminals of the meter.

# 4.4 RESISTANCE $\Omega$

MARNING 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.

MARNING Do not input 60V DC or 30V AC to avoid personal harm.

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

- 1. Set the function/range switch to the appropriate resistance setting to measure  $\Omega$  (ohms).
- 2. Insert the black (negative) test lead into the COM input terminal.
- 3. Insert the red (positive) test lead into the  $V\Omega$  input terminal.
- 4. Touch the test leads to the resistor or non-energized component to be measured. Use the 20 M Ohm range when testing for resistance values in electronic components such as resistors and potentiometers. If the value of the component falls within the range of a lower setting, reset the function/range switch to that setting for a more accurate reading.
- 5. Read the value of the measurement displayed. With resistance measurements, the polarity of the test leads is not a factor.
- 6. Typical resistance/continuity measurements include resistors, potentiometers, switches, extension cords and fuses.

Note: The test leads can add 0.1  $\Omega$  to 0.2  $\Omega$  of error to the resistance measurement. To obtain precise readings while using the 400k\_ low impedance setting, touch the tips of the test probes together and press REL  $\Delta$  button first. Then make the resistance measurement so that the normal resistance of the test leads is automatically removed from the measurement.

# 4.5 CONTINUITY •1)

<u>MARNING</u> 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.

MARNING Do not input 60V DC or 30V AC to avoid personal harm.

- 1. Insert the red test lead into  $V\Omega$  terminal and the black test lead into the COM terminal.
- 2. Set the function switch to and press select button until appears.
- 3. Connect the test leads across the object being measured.
- 4. The buzzer sounds continuously if the resistance of a circuit under test is  $^{\circ}$ (10 $\Omega$ ), it indicates the circuit is in good connection.
- 5. The buzzer does not sound if the resistance of a circuit under test is  $\ge 70\Omega$ , which indicates a possible broken circuit.
- 6. Read the resistance value on the display.

## Note:

The LCD displays "OL" to indicate the resistance of the circuit being tested is higher than 400Ω.

# 4.6 DIODE TESTING

Use the diode test to check diodes, transistors, and other semiconductor devices. The diode test sends a current through the semiconductor junction, and then measures the voltage drop across the junction. A good silicon junction drops between 0.5V and 0.8V.

To test out a diode while removed from a circuit, connect the meter as below:

- 1. Insert the black (negative) test lead into the COM input terminal.
- 2. Insert the red (positive) test lead into the  $\mbox{V}\Omega$  input terminal.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Read the nearest value of the diode's forward voltage drop as displayed.

### **Notes**

- In a circuit, a good diode should still produce a forward voltage drop reading of 0.5V to 0.8V; however; the reverse voltage drop reading can vary depending on the resistance of other pathways between the probe tips.
- Connect the test leads to the proper terminals to avoid error display. The LCD displays OL indicating opencircuit for improper connection.
- Open circuit voltage is approximately 3V.

# 4.7 CAPACITANCE ---

MARNING To avoid damage to the meter or to the equipment under test disconnect circuit power and discharge capacitors before measuring capacitance.

The beeper sounds continuously for open conditions

- 1. Insert the red test lead into the -- terminal and the black test lead into the COM terminal.
- 2. Set the rotary switch to  $\dashv \vdash$  measurement mode, the Meter may display a fixed reading which is an internal distributed capacitor value.
- 3. To improve the measurement accuracy of small value capacitors (less than 10nF) press REL∆ with the test leads open to subtract the residual capacitance of the Meter and test leads.

# Notes:

• If "OL" displays this indicates that the tested capacitor is shorted or it exceeds the maximum range.

# **4.8 FREQUENCY Hz**

MARNING To avoid personal injury do not attempt to measure voltage higher than 60V DC 30V AC during frequency measurement.

The measurement ranges for frequency are between 10Hz and 10MHz auto ranging on this meter.

- 1. Insert the red test lead into the Hz terminal and the black test lead into the COM terminal.
- 2. Set the rotary switch to Hz.
- 3. Connect the test leads across the component being measured.
- 4. Read the value on the display.

# **5.0 BATTERY REPLACEMENT**

<u>MARNING</u> To avoid false readings, which could lead to possible electric shock or personal injury, replace the battery as soon as the low battery indicator appears.

- 1. Disconnect the connection between the test leads and the circuit under test, and remove the test leads from the input terminals of the meter.
- 2. Turn the Meter power off.
- 3. Remove the rubber boot from the meter.
- 4. Remove the 3 screws from the case bottom, and separate the case top from the case bottom.
- 5. Remove the battery from the contacts, noting the polarity of the battery terminals and contacts.
- 6. Replace with one fresh 9 volt battery. (NEDA 1604 6F22 006P)

Note: Do not use rechargeable batteries in this unit.

- 7. Carefully rejoin the case bottom and case top. Do not overtighten the screws as this may strip the threads in the meter housing.
- 8. Reinstall rubber boot.

### 6.0 FUSE REPLACEMENT

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# TO REPLACE THE METER'S FUSE:

- 1. Turn the Meter off and remove test leads from the input terminals.
- 2. Remove the rubber boot from the Meter.
- 3. Remove the 3 screws from the case bottom, and separate the case top from the case bottom.
- 4. Remove the fuse by gently prying one end loose, then remove the fuse from its bracket.
- 5. ONLY install replacement fuses of the identical type and specification as follows and make sure that all fuses are inserted firmly into the fuse holder brackets.

Fuse 1: 10A, 600V, fast type, 6.4x32 mm. Fuse 2: 500mA, 600V, fast type, 6.4x32 mm.

6. Rejoin the case bottom and case top, and reinstall the 3 screws. Be carefull not to overtighten the screws. Reinstall the rubber boot.

Replacement of the fuses is seldom required. A burned fuse suggests improper operating procedures.

# A. 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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