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DCM-22AD

DIGITAL CLAMP METER

取扱説明書
INSTRUCTION MANUAL

1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing SANWA Digital Clamp Meter, DCM-22AD. You are kindly requested to thoroughly read this manual before use for safety.

Especially, Section "3. PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFETY MEASUREMENT" and Sections from 11 through 13 concerning the usage of the meter are important. Keep this manual together with the meter not to lose it.

2. APPLICATION AND FEATURES

1. Application of the Meter .

DCM-22AD is a compact type digital clamp meter for measurement in circuits with small or medium capacity at low voltage. It is operatable in both DC and AC currents. The meter is suitable for measuring DC currents in electrical equipment and automobile parts. It is also suitable for measuring AC currents in household appliances and power supply facilities.

The meter is provided with a variety of functions. So, it enables the same measurements as ordinary circuit tester do.

2. Features

- The meter permits measuring both DC and AC currents.
- It has 4 ranges each for DC voltage, AC voltage and resistance.
- It is furnished with the continuity beeper.
- It is provided with the data hold function.
- It is of one range control type, and the selection of range is accomplished with the rotary switch.

3. PRECAUTIONS FOR SAFETY MEASUREMENT



WARNING


To ensure that the meter is used safely, follow all safety and operating instructions.

1. This meter is a clamp meter exclusive for low voltage. Use it only for circuits of 500V or below. If it is used for measuring the circuit exceeding 600V, it may cause electrical shock or damage to the meter.
2. Pay special attention when measuring the voltage of AC 30 Vrms (42.4V peak) or DC 60V or more to avoid injury.
3. Never apply an input signal exceeding the maximum input value.
4. Never use meter if it is damaged or broken.
5. As for the meters (clamp meters) using test leads:
 - Be sure to use the specified model of test leads.
 - Never use the test bar or cord that is damaged.
 - During testing, never hold the test pin side of the test bar ahead of its finger guard.
6. In case of the models using fuses, be sure to use a fuse of the specified rating and type.
Never use a substitute of the fuse or never make a short, circuit with a lead wire.
7. Never use meter in the state that its case or battery cover is taken off.
8. Be sure to disconnect the test pins from the circuit when changing the function or range.
9. Before starting measurement, make sure that the function and range are properly set in accordance with the measurement.
10. Never use meter with wet hands or in a damp environment.
11. Never open meter case except when replacing batteries or fuses.
Do not attempt any alterations of original specifications.
12. To ensure safety and maintain accuracy, calibrate and check the meter at least once a year.
13. When making an measurement of distorted AC wave shape other than AC sinusoidal wave.
Pay attention not to become the state of overload, since the value may be indicated (displayed) less than an actual value.
14. Indoor use.

4. SPECIFICATIONS

The specifications and appearance are subject to change without prior notice for improvement.

1. Measuring range

Function	Range	Input impedance	Range selection
±DCA	20, 200	—	Manual
ACA	20, 200	—	Manual
±DCV	2, 20, 200, 500	10~11 MΩ	Automatic
ACV	2, 20, 200, 500	10~11 MΩ	Automatic
kΩ	2, 20, 200, 2000	(*)	Automatic
Continuity check 	Threshold level : Approx. 400Ω (*)		

*: Open-circuit voltage: Approx. 0.43V

2. Accuracy (Temperature: 23°C ± 5°C Humidity: Within 80% RH, No condensation)

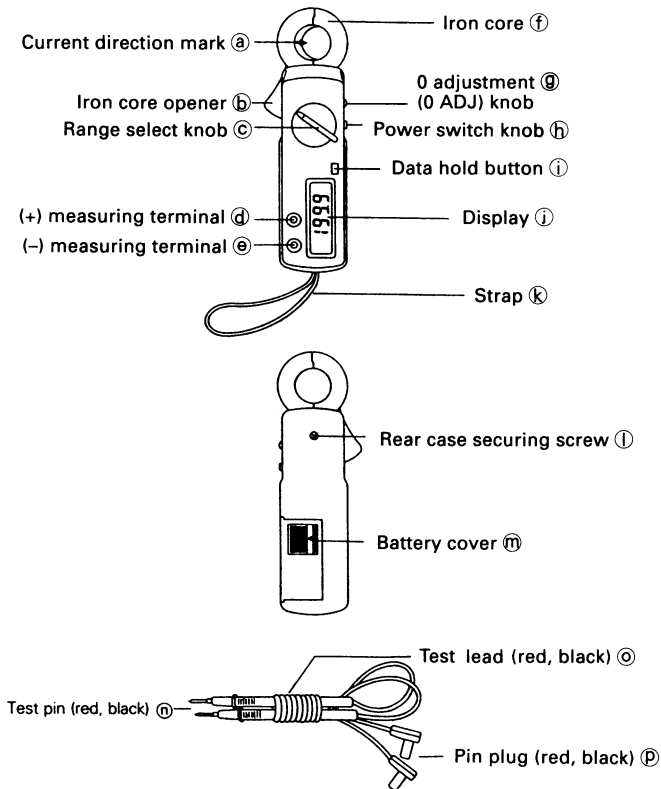
Function	Accuracy	Remarks
±DCA	± (2% rdg + 2 dgt)	① A conductor to be measured, shall be clamped at the center of the iron core. ② DCA: shall be done after 0 ADJ. ③ ACA: 40 ~ 400Hz (sin wave)
ACA	± (2% rdg + 5 dgt)	
±DCV	± (1.5% rdg + 2 dgt)	
ACV	± (2% rdg + 5 dgt)	ACV40 ~ 400Hz (sin wave) (AC2V range : 50Hz, 60Hz)
kΩ	± (2% rdg + 5 dgt)	

rdg: reading, dgt: digit (value of the lowest digit)

3. Others

	Maximum diameter of conductor to be clamped: ϕ 23 mm	
⚠	Applicable circuit voltage	600V or less (DC/AC)
⚠	Withstand voltage (1 min.)	2000V AC between iron core and rear case
⚠	Overload capacity (within 5 sec.)	
	Current range	400A DC/AC in max.
	Voltage range	750V DC/AC in max.
	Resistance range	300V DC/AC in max.
	Continuity check	300V DC/AC in max.
⚠	Over indication	The figure "1" at the highest digit flickers (excluding 500V DC/AC ranges)
	Operating method	Dual-slope integration method
	Display	LCD with maximum indication of "1999"
	Polarity indication	The sign "-" is indicated only at input with reversed polarity.
	Battery consumption indication: The character "B" appears.	
	Sampling rate	2 times/sec.
	Data hold	The characters "DH" appears.
	Operating temperature/humidity range: 0~50°C, 80% RH or below (no condensation)	
	Storage temperature/humidity range: -10~60°C, 70% RH or below (no condensation)	
	Built-in battery	Two manganese dry battery R03
	Current consumption	10 mA or less
	Battery life	Approx. 48 hrs. for continuous operation (when measuring current)
	Dimensions/weight	179 x 56 x 26.5 mm/approx. 140 g
	Accessories	Test lead set (TL-61) 1 set, Carrying case 1 pc., Instruction manual 1 copy



5. NAME OF EACH PARTS




6. DISPLAY AND FUNCTIONS


This section describes the major contents and junctions of the display.

1. "DH" Indication

When the data hold button  is pressed, the characters "DH" appear on the left side of the display , the displayed data being held.


Pressing the button  again makes the characters "DH" disappear, canceling the hold. With the characters "DH" displayed, the fluctuation of input does not vary the displayed value.

2. "B" Indication


When the battery is consumed down to the level of approx. 1.25V or below per cell, the character "B" appears on the left side of the display .

Batteries running out cause large measuring errors. Replace the battery with new ones as soon as possible. See "7. REPLACING BATTERY" for the replacement procedure.


3. "-" Indication

If a direct current is input with the polarity opposite to that specified, the sign "-" appears on the left side of the display .

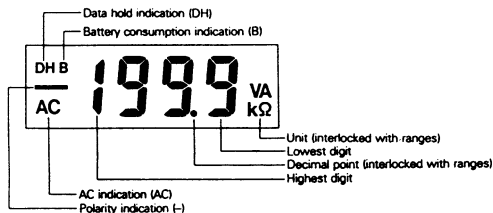
4. "AC" Indication

When the range select knob is set to the AC range, the characters "AC" appears on the left side of the display .


5. Flicker of the figure "1" Input over indication




If an input is beyond the measuring range, the figure "1" at the highest digit flickers on the display .


This is hazardous. Immediately stop measuring and check the measuring range.



7. REPLACING BATTERY

When the battery is consumed and the character "B" appears on the display , replace the batteries in accordance with the following procedure.

1. Push the battery cover  in the direction indicated by  and remove it.
2. Replace both batteries with new ones of the same type "R03".
3. Restore the battery cover .

 **Note** Never mistake the polarity of batteries when replacing them. Otherwise, circuit parts of the meter may be damaged.

8. CAUTIONARY SIGNS

The following cautionary signs appear on the meter and in this manual.

1. 

Disobedience to instructions with this sign may lead to troubles of the meter and accidents such as electrical shock.


2. 


This sign cautions that high voltage is applied to parts marked with it.

9. PREPARATION FOR MEASUREMENT

(See "5. NAME OF EACH PART")

1. Turn the power switch knob **h** to "ON", and the display **i** is illuminated.
2. Turn the range select knob **c** to a desired range.
3. In case of measuring voltage and measuring resistance, connect the test lead **o** to the measuring terminals **d** and **e**.
Red pin plug **p** → (+) measuring terminal **d**.
Black pin plug **p** → (-) measuring terminal **e**.

 **Note 1** Be sure to disconnect the test lead from the measuring terminals when measuring current. It is dangerous to measure current with the test lead connected.

 **Note 2** When the characters "DH" appear on the display **i**, press the data hold button **i** to make them disappear.

Note 3 After ending a measurement, be sure to turn the power switch knob **h** to "OFF" for preventing current consumption.

10. ENDING MEASUREMENT

1. Turn the power switch knob **h** to "OFF".
2. Make sure that all the indications have disappeared from the display **i**.

Note 1 Be sure to turn OFF the power switch after ending a measurement. It minimizes current consumption.

Note 2 Set the range select knob **c** to the "DCV" or "ACV" position when storing the meter. With the knob set to it, safety is ensured even in an erroneous measurement. Moreover, with the knob set to it, less current is consumed when turning ON the power switch. (The current range consumes current approx. 2 times the other ranges.)

11. PROCEDURE FOR MEASURING CURRENT

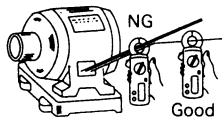
Following the steps in "9. PREPARATION FOR MEASUREMENT", take the procedure below.

11.1 General Cautions on Measuring Current

1. Be sure to disconnect the test lead from the measuring terminals for preventing electric shock.
2. Fully close the iron core. Otherwise, errors may be produced. For the reason, prevent the iron core from being deformed. Also, prevent iron powder or dirt from sticking to the lead end of the halves of the iron core.
3. If placed close to a conductor carrying a large current or in a strong magnetic field, the meter may indicate a current value with no conductor clamped (an error is produced).
4. Clamp only one conductor for measurement. Clamping 2 or more conductors leads to erroneous measurement.

Remark

Use the data hold (DH) function if the display is unreadable. The description of data hold (DH) appears in Section "6. DISPLAY AND FUNCTIONS".



Clamp Method for 2 or More Conductor

11.2 Procedure for Measuring Direct Current (DCA)

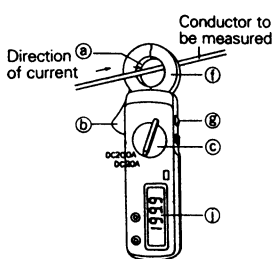
1. Set the range select knob ③ to the "DC 20A" or "DC 200A" range according to the magnitude of the current to be measured.
2. Turn the 0 adjustment knob ⑨ to display the figure 000.
3. Press the iron core opener ⑤ to open the iron core ①. Then, place the conductor to be measured at the center of the iron core.
4. Let go of the iron core opener ⑤ to fully close the iron core ①.

5. Read the indication on the display ①.

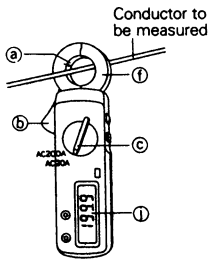
Note 1 In the DCA range the indication is variable. So, display the figure **000** with the 0 adjustment knob ⑨ before starting a measurement.

Note 2 Harmonize the direction of the current to be measured with the current direction mark ②. If the direction disaccords with mark, the polarity indication of “-” appears.

Note 3 If you change the posture of the meter during measurement, the reading may slightly vary due to the effect of the earth magnetism.



Measuring DCA



Measuring ACA

11.3 Procedure for Measuring Alternating Current (ACA)

1. Set the range select knob ③ to the “DC 20A” or “DC 200A” range according to the magnitude of the current to be measured.
2. Press the iron core opener ④ to open the iron core ⑤. Then, place the conductor to be measured at the center of the iron core.
3. Let go of the iron core opener ④ to fully close the iron core ⑤.
4. Read the indication on the display ①.

Remark 1 In AC 20A range measurement, the figure 000 may not be shown on the display but the figure "1" or "2" may appear at the lowest digit even if the measured current is 0. This is not a fault.

Remark 2 In ACA range measurement, the 0 adjustment (0 ADJ) function is unavailable.

Remark 3 Disregard the current direction mark ⓐ in cases other than cases involving the phase of current.

Note 1 Errors are produced in measurements of currents other than sinusoidal alternating current.

Note 2 Errors are enlarged in measurements out of the range of frequency from 40 Hz to 400 Hz.

12. PROCEDURE FOR MEASURING VOLTAGE

Following the steps in "9. PREPARATION FOR MEASUREMENT", take the procedure below.

⚠ 12.1 General Cautions on Measuring Voltage

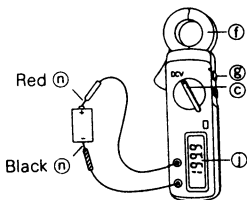
1. Never measure voltage exceeding 500V.
Even if the rating of 500V is exceeded, the over indication (flicker of the figure "1" at the highest digit) is not made. However, measuring voltage exceeding the rating burns the circuit parts and thus dangerous.
2. Before starting a measurement, make sure that the battery cover is in place. It leads to electric shock to measure voltage with the cover removed.

12.2 Procedure for Measuring DC Voltage (DCV)

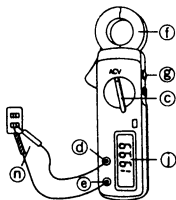
1. Turn the range select knob Ⓢ to "DCV".
2. Apply the black test pin Ⓜ to the minus potential side of the circuit to be measured and the red test pin Ⓜ to the plus potential side.
3. Read the indication on the display ①.

Remark 1 If the test pins are connected in the manner opposite to the step 2 above, the polarity indication of “-” appears on the display **j**.

Remark 2 Neither the iron core **f** nor the 0 adjustment knob **g** have relation to voltage measurement.



Measuring DC Voltage



Measuring AC Voltage

12.3 Procedure for Measuring AC Voltage (ACV)

1. Turn the range select knob **c** to “ACV”.
2. Apply the red and black test pins **n** to the circuit to be measured.
3. Read the indication on the display **j**.

Remark 1 The polarity of the red and black test pins **n** has no relation to AC voltage measurement.

Remark 2 In this measurement, the figure 000 may not be shown on the display but the figure “1” or “2” may appear at the lowest digit even if the measuring terminals **d** and **e** are short-circuited. If voltage to be measured is 30 mV or below, the display may be unsteady. However, neither case is a fault.

Note 1 Errors are produced in measurements with currents other than sinusoidal alternating current.

Note 2 Errors are enlarged in measurements out of the range of frequency from 40 Hz to 400 Hz.

13. PROCEDURE FOR MEASURING RESISTANCE AND CHECKING CONTINUITY

Following the steps in "9. PREPARATION FOR MEASUREMENT", take the procedure below:

⚠ 13.1 Measuring and Checking Continuity

For impressed portions, resistance cannot be measured or continuity cannot be checked. If the resistance is measured or the continuity is checked for such portions, the parts in the meter may be burnt.

Remark 1 The terminal open-circuit voltage is approx. 0.43V. Therefore, measurement is feasible in circuits. On the contrary, semiconductors cannot be checked for continuity/discontinuity because of the low voltage.

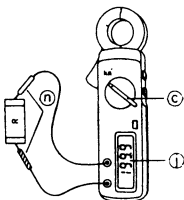
Remark 2 The figure 000 may not be shown on the display but the figure from "1" through "5" may appear at the lowest digit even if the test pins (n) are short-circuited to obtain the 0Ω state. This is not a fault.

13.2 Procedure for Measuring Resistance ($k\Omega$)

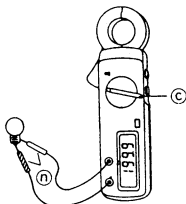
1. Turn the range select knob (c) to " $k\Omega$ ".
2. Surely apply the test pins (n) to the portion to be measured.
3. Read the indication on the display (i).

Note Fingers in contact with either test pin (n) results in erroneous measurement.

Remark No 0Ω adjuster is equipped.



Measuring Resistance



Checking Continuity

13.3 Procedure for Checking Continuity (••))

1. Turn the range select knob ③ to “••))”.
2. Apply the test pins ④ to the portion to be checked.
3. If the resistance is approx. 400Ω or below, the beeper sounds.

Remark In case the circuit resistance is large, the beeper does not sound even if the circuit is not disconnected. In this case, select the resistance (k Ω) range.



14. GENERAL CAUTIONS ON HANDLING

1. Vibration and impact
Avoid excessive vibrations and impacts such as those due to transport by motorcycle or drop. They may cause troubles.
2. Environment
Do not leave the meter in the following environments for a long time:
 - In direct rays of the sun,
 - At a high temperature of 60°C or above,
 - At a high humidity of 85% or above,
 - At places where condensing takes place,
3. Battery consumption prevention
To prevent the battery from running out, be sure to turn OFF the power switch after finishing a measurement.
4. Maintenance
Slightly brush or wipe dirt off the display with a brush or cloth. Do not use thinner or alcohol for this purpose.

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