



# 4 wire Earth Resistance Tester Model GRT300



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# Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of Extech's 4 Wire Earth Resistance Tester. The Model GRT300 has been designed and tested according to the IEC Publication 348, safety requirements for Electronic Measuring Apparatus, EN 61010-1, EN 61326-1, EN 61557-1, EN 61557-5 and other safety standards. Proper use and care of this meter will provide many years of reliable service.

# Safety Notes

- Read the all safety information carefully before attempting to operate or service the meter.
- Use the meter only as specified in this manual. Otherwise, the protection provided by the meter may be impaired.
- Rated environmental conditions.
- Indoor & outdoor use.
- Installation Category IV 300V.
- Pollution Degree 2.
- Altitude up to 2000m.
- Relative Humidity 80% max.
- Ambient temperature 0-40°C.

Observe the International Electrical Symbols listed below:

Detector is protected throughout by double insulation or reinforced insulation.

Warning! Risk of electric shock.

Caution! Refer to this manual before using the detector.

Earth(ground) terminal.

C € Equipment complies with current EU directives.

## WARNING

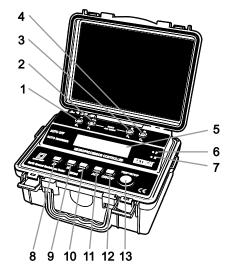
To avoid electrical shock, do not touch the terminals during tests Never apply Voltage higher than 300V across P1 and P2 terminals.

# **Features**

- Microprocessor controlled with advanced safety features
- Two line LCD display
- Auto-Ranging
- Earth resistance testing with four ranges: 0-2Ω/0-20Ω/0-200Ω/0-2kΩ
- Earth voltage measuring range of 0-300Vac
- Automatic C spike check.
- Automatic P spike check.
- 2-wire test
- 3-wire test
- 4-wire test
- Auto power off
- Data hold
- Safety standard: EN 61010-1 CATIV 300V, EN 61326-1

# **Meter Description**

- 1. C1 terminal (Black test lead connection)
- 2. P1 terminal (Green test lead connection)
- 3. P2 terminal (Yellow test lead connection)
- C2 terminal (Red test lead connection)
- 5 Display
- 6. Rc LED
- 7. Rp LED
- 8. 2 Wire button
- 9. 3 Wire button
- 10. 4 Wire button
- 11. ACV button
- 12. Power button
- 13. TEST/STOP button



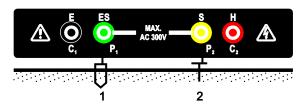
# Operation

# **Battery Voltage check**

1. Press the "ON/OFF" button, if "Battery Low" appears on the display, replace the batteries.

# Earth Voltage measurement

Connect the test leads as shown below.



- (1) Earth electrode (rod) under test (2) Test spike
- 2. Press the "ON/OFF" button and wait for "Select Function" to appear on the display.
- 3. Press the "ACV" button and then the "TEST/STOP" button.
- 4. The earth voltage will be displayed on the display.

Note: When the earth voltage is more than 10V, errors in earth resistance measurements may occur. Make sure that the indicated value is less than 10V.

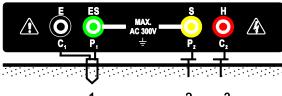
#### Earth Resistance measurement

Note: The measured results may be influenced by inductive or capacitive coupling if the test leads are twisted or adjacent to each other. When connecting the Probes, keep the leads separated.

## Setup

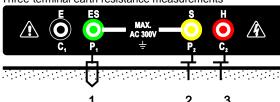
Insert the Potential spike and the Current spike (if required) as deep as possible into the soil. The distance between spikes must be 5 to 10 meters (16 to 32 feet).

Four-terminal earth resistance measurements



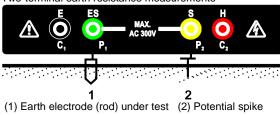
1 2 3 (1) Earth electrode (rod) under test (2) Potential spike (3) Current spike

Three-terminal earth resistance measurements



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Two-terminal earth resistance measurements



## **Testing**

- 1. Connect the test leads for 2, 3 or 4 terminal testing.
- 2. Press the ON/OFF button and wait for the "Select Function" screen to appear.
- 3. Press the "2P", "3P" or "4P" button that agrees with the setup.
- 4. Press "TEST/STOP" button to begin the test.
- 5. The meter will beep while the test is in progress (approximately 10 seconds) and then the reading will appear on the lower line of the display.

#### Notes:

"Rc" & "Rp" LED indications:

Rc: No test current output. Check connections.

Rp: If Rp is on and the display indicates ">  $2 k\Omega$ ", the earth resistance is greater than  $2000\Omega$ .

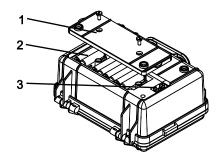
If, in "4P" mode, the display shows "Vp Error", short circuit C1(black) and P1(green).

## **Measurement Considerations**

Two (2) terminal testing of earth resistance is appropriate for most general purpose testing in normally conductive soil. But, 2 terminal measurements include test lead and contact resistance in the measurement and the result will be a reading slightly higher than the true earth resistance. When measured results are higher than desired or if measurement directives require multi-terminal techniques, switch to the 3 or 4 terminal techniques as needed.

# Maintenance

- 1. Rear cover
- 2. Battery
- Fuse



## **Fuse Replacement**

- 1. Disconnect the test leads from the instrument.
- 2. Remove the rear cover by removing two screws.
- Remove and replace the fuse with the new one of the same value and size 0.1A/250V, 5 x 20mm.
- 4. Replace and secure the rear cover.

# **Battery replacement**

When "Battery Low" appears on the display, replace the batteries.

- 1. Disconnect the test leads from the instrument and remove the rear cover and the batteries.
- 2. The tester's battery is located under the tester.
- 3. Replace with eight 1.5V AA light batteries, taking care to observe correct polarity.
- 4. Reinstall battery holder and the battery cover.

## Cleaning and Storage

WARNING: To avoid electrical shock or damage to the meter, do not get water inside the case.

Periodically wipe the case with a damp cloth and detergent, do not use abrasives or solvents.

# **Specifications**

# **General Specifications**

Test Frequency	820Hz		
Test Current	2mA		
Temperature & Humidity	Operating: 0 to 50°C (32 to 122°F) ≦80%R.H.		
	Storage : -10 to 60°C (14 to 140°F) ≦80%R.H.		
Test Leads	Red – 15m, Black-10m, Yellow-10m, Green-5m		
Power Source	1.5V(AA) x 8		
Dimensions	250(L) x 190(W) x 110(D)mm (9.84x7.5x4.33")		
Weight	Approx. 1430g(battery included)		
Fuse	0.1A/250V 5 x 20mm		

# **Range Specifications**

Earth Ground Resistance	Range	Resolution	Accuracy
	0 to 2 Ω	0.01 Ω	±(2%rdg+0.1Ω)
	0 to 20 Ω	0.1 Ω	±(2%rdg+3dgt)
	0 to 200 Ω	1 Ω	±(2%rdg+3dgt)
	0 to 2 kΩ	0.01 kΩ	±(2%rdg+3dgt)
Earth Voltage	0 to 300 VAC (40 to 500Hz)	1VAC	±(2%rdg+3dgt)

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