## DIGITAL MULTIMETER



Field Piece OPERATOR'S MANUAL

### **General specifications**

Auto-off: off after 25 minutes to extend battery. Indicators: Continuity beeper  $(<100\Omega)$ . Low bat. Overrange: "OL" or "-OL" is displayed. Operating environment:  $32^{\circ}F$  to  $122^{\circ}F < 70\%$ RH Storage environment (with batteries removed): -4°F to  $140^{\circ}F < 80\%$ RH Altitude: 6561.7 feet (2000m). Battery life: 150 hours typical. Battery type: 9V NEDA 1604 type Stated accuracies:  $74^{\circ}F \pm 8^{\circ}F$ , 75%RH Temperature coefficient:  $0.1 \times$  (specified accuracy)/1°F ( $32^{\circ}F$  to  $66^{\circ}F$ ,  $82^{\circ}F$  to  $122^{\circ}F$ )

#### **DC** voltage

Ranges: 200mV, 2000mV, 20V, 20V, 200V, 600V Resolution: 0.1mVAccuracy:  $0.5\%\pm1$ Input impedence:  $10M\Omega$ 

#### AC voltage (50Hz-500Hz)

Ranges: 200mV, 2000mV, 20V, 200V, 600V Resolution: 0.1mV

Accuracy: 1.2%±4(200mV to 20V ranges), 2%±4(200V and 600V ranges)

Input impedence:  $10M\Omega$ 

DC Current (through meter) Ranges: 200µA, 20mA, 200mA Resolution: 0.1µA Accuracy: 1.0%±1 Voltage burden: 800mV

## **General description**

The LT17A is designed for the HVAC/R technician. The LT17A meter measures current, resistance, voltage, capacitance, frequency, continuity, and temperature. Test leads store within the meter and can connect the LT17A to Fieldpiece accessory heads. The body is made out of durable ABS plastic and comes with a bright blue backlight for poorly lit test areas. Get great accuracy with the ktype thermocouple and easily accessible temp. pot. **User maintenance** 

Battery Replacement: When the multimeter displays the "+ " the battery must be replaced to maintain proper operation. To prevent electrical shock, turn off the meter and disconnect leads before removing the back cover.

**Fuse Replacement**: When only certain ranges quit working, check the fuse. Open the case and replace according to the Overload Protection chart. All other repairs must be performed by a

Fieldpiece service center

#### **Obtaining service**

Check the fuse, then call Fieldpiece for an RMA# and send freight prepaid to Fieldpiece.

For warranty service, include proof of purchase date. For out of warranty service, include a check or money order for \$47 (meter only). We will pay for the shipping to you using the same method used to ship the product to us (ground, air, next day, etc.).

#### AC Current (through meter)

Ranges: 200µA, 20mA, 20mA Resolution: 0.1µA Accuracy: 1.5%±4 Voltage burden: 800mV

#### Frequency (autoranging)

Range: 10Hz to 40KHz Resolution: 1Hz Sensitivity: 3.5V rms min Accuracy: 0.1%± 3

#### **Resistance** (ohms)

 
 Ranges: 200Ω, 2kΩ, 200kΩ, 20MΩ

 Resolution: 0.1Ω

 Accuracy: 1.0%±4 (200Ω to 200kΩ ranges), 2.0%±4 (20MΩ range)

 Open circuit voltage: 0.3VDC typical, (3.0VDC

on 200Ω)

### Diode test

Accuracy: 1.5%±3 Test current: 1.0mA approx. Open circuit voltage: 3.0VDC typical

### Capacitance (MFD)

Ranges:  $200\mu$ F,  $2k\mu$ F,  $20k\mu$ F Resolution:  $0.1\mu$ F Accuracy:  $4\%\pm10$ Test frequency: 21HzTest voltage: <3.0V

## For your safety...

**General:** Inspect the test leads for damage to the insulation or exposed metal. Replace if suspect. Never ground yourself when taking electrical measurements. Do not touch exposed metal pipes, outlets, fixtures, etc., which might be at ground potential. Keep your body isolated from ground by using dry clothing, rubber shoes, rubber mats, or any approved insulating material. When disconnecting from a circuit, disconnect the "RED" lead first, then the common lead. Work with oth-ers. Use one hand for testing. Turn off power to the circuit under test before cutting, unsoldering, or breaking the circuit. Keep your fingers on the plastic and behind the ridge of the probes.

**All Voltage Tests:** All voltage ranges will withstand up to 600VAC or 600VDC. Do not apply more than 600VDC or 600VAC.

AC Tests: Disconnect the meter from the circuit before turning any inductor off, including motors, transformers, and solenoids. Hi voltage transients can damage the meter beyond repair. Do not use during electrical storms.

**Safety:** Designed to meet IEC 61010-1 (EN61010-1), CATIII 600V, Class II, pollution deg.2, indoor use and complies with CE.

#### Symbols used:

- A Caution, refer to manual.
- **∔** Ground
- Double insulation

### Temperature

Ranges: -30°F to 1400°F Resolution: 0.1°FAccuracy:  $\pm(1°F)$  32°F to 120°F,  $\pm(1.0\%+1.5°F)$  -4°F to 750°F,  $\pm(3.0\%+4°F)$  -30°F to -4°F and 750°F to 1400°F Sensor type: K-type thermocouple

### Field calibration (temp offset pot)

The LT17A can be easily calibrated on the job. Use a bucket of ice water to have a known  $32^{\circ}F$  temperature. With the thermocouple in the ice water, adjust the TEMP OFFSET pot on the face of the meter until it reads 32.0.

## MAX/MIN

Record the minimum or maximum reading during a measurement. To exit the MIN/MAX function, hold the button for more than 2 seconds.

## Backlight

Always be very careful when testing in the dark. You should always have a separate light on the area you are testing. The backlight will shine for 4.5 minutes when the backlight button is pressed.

### **Overload protection**

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VAC/DC	200mV range	600VAC/DC rms
		for 15 sec
	>200mV range	600VAC/DC rms
AAC/DC		0.25A/500V fuse
		(6.3X32mm)
		model RFM66
Capacitance		0.25A/500V fuse
		(6.3X32mm)
		model RFM66
Temperature		30VAC/DC rms
Frequency		500VAC/DC rms
Resistance		500VAC/DC rms
Diode Test		500VAC/DC rms
Continuity		500VAC/DC rms



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# Limited warranty

This meter is warranted against defects in material or workmanship for one year from date of purchase. Fieldpiece will replace or repair the defective unit, at its option, subject to verification of the defect.

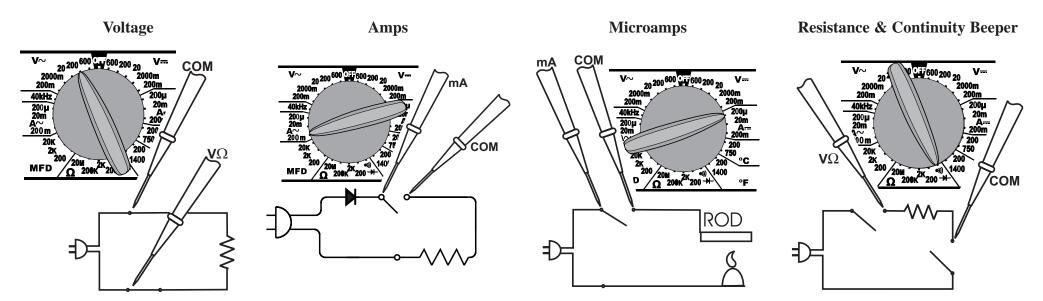
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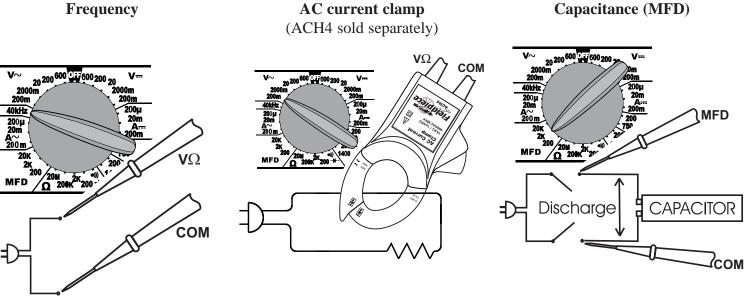
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## How To Use Your Multimeter

For DC voltage and currents, set the meter to the DC parameter instead of AC as shown to the left. For all ranges and functions choose range just above value you expect. If display reads "OL" or "-OL" (overload), select a higher range. If display shows less than three numbers, select a lower range for better resolution.





#### **Optional accessory heads**

Fieldpiece accessory heads convert the desired parameter into a millivolt signal. For example, the ARH4 converts one °F into one milli-volt DC. The multimeter must then be set to read millivolts DC. One exception is the ACH4 current clamp which must be set to read AC millivolts. Any digital multimeter with these scales can be used in conjunction with Fieldpiece Accessory Heads.

Use Fieldpiece deluxe silicone test leads (model# ADLS2) with removable probe tips to use the accessory heads with the LT17A.

