



Agilent U1230 Series Handheld Digital Multimeter (DMM)

Data Sheet

Whether it is dark, noisy or even dangerous, the U1230 Series handheld digital multimeter keeps you equipped with features that anticipate worst-case scenarios. The ergonomic shaped handheld allows you to single-handedly illuminate the test area with a built-in flashlight while selecting measurement functions using the rotary dial. Vsense performs non-contact voltage detection while continuity detection is made easy with the audible beeper alert and flashing backlight display. With the U1230 Series, you work better in the conditions you are in.



Features

- Built-in LED flashlight to illuminate test area
- Flashing backlight as additional visual alert during continuity tests in noisy environments
- Vsense to perform non-contact voltage detection
- Data logging capability (stores up to 10 readings)
- IR-to-USB connectivity to transfer data to PC for record

Ergonomically shaped with a built-in flashlight

Built for handheld users working in a poorly lit environment, the U1230 Series allows you to single-handedly illuminate your test area while making measurements with its easily activated built-in flashlight. Its ergonomic shape fits your hand, while the easily accessible rotary dial allows selection of measurement functions.

Flashing backlight and beeping alert for continuity detection

The U1230 Series is built for continuity detection in dark and noisy environments. Its audible beep and flashing backlight display provides increased visual and audio alert to indicate continuity.

Non-contact voltage detection with Vsense

The Vsense, a unique feature found in the U1233 Series performs non-contact voltage detection. It delivers more safety while making measurements in dangerous working environments by avoiding any contact with hot or live wires. Upon detection of voltage, it produces a unique combination of beeping alert and blinking LED light to make measurements more efficiently – especially in a dark or noisy environment.



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Take a Closer Look



Figure 1. U1230 Series front view

Figure 2. The built-in flashlight as illustrated

Notes:

1. Only applicable for the U1233 Series

Electrical Specifications

DC specifications

| Function | Range | Resolution | Accuracy ± (% of reading + counts of least significant digit) | Test current | Burden voltage/ shunt | Input impedance |
|--------------------|--|------------|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | U1231A/U1232A/ U1233A | Where (applicable) | Where (applicable) | Where (applicable) |
| Voltage | | | | | | |
| | 600 mV ¹ | 0.1 mV | 0.5% + 2 | NA | NA | 11.18 MΩ |
| | 6 V | 0.001 V | 0.5% + 2 | NA | NA | 11.18 MΩ |
| | 60 V | 0.01 V | 0.5% + 2 | NA | NA | 10.1 MΩ |
| | 600 V | 0.1 V | 0.5% + 2 | NA | NA | 10 MΩ |
| | 600 V (VZ _{LOW}) ² | 0.1 V | 2% + 3 | NA | NA | 3 kΩ |
| Resistance | | | | | | |
| | 600 Ω ⁴ | 0.1 Ω | 0.9% + 3 | 0.57 mA | NA | NA |
| | 6 kΩ ⁴ | 0.001 kΩ | 0.9% + 3 | 57 μA | NA | NA |
| | 60 kΩ | 0.01 kΩ | 0.9% + 3 | 5.7 μA | NA | NA |
| | 600 kΩ | 0.1 kΩ | 0.9% + 3 | 570 nA | NA | NA |
| | 6 MΩ ⁵ | 0.001 MΩ | 0.9% + 3 | 100 nA/10 MΩ | NA | NA |
| | 60 MΩ ⁵ | 0.01 MΩ | 1.5% + 3 | 100 nA/10 MΩ | NA | NA |
| Diode ³ | | | | | | |
| | 2 V | 0.001 V | 0.9% + 2 | 0.57 mA | NA | NA |
| Current | | | | | | |
| | 60 μA ¹ | 0.01 μA | 1.0% + 2 ⁴ | NA | < 2.5 V/1 kΩ | NA |
| | 600 μA ¹ | 0.1 μA | 1.0% + 2 ⁴ | NA | < 2.5 V/1 kΩ | NA |
| | 6 A ² | 0.001 A | 1.0% + 3 ⁴ | NA | < 0.2 V/0.005 Ω | NA |
| | 10 A ^{2,3} | 0.01 A | 1.0% + 3 ⁴ | NA | < 0.4 V/0.005 Ω | NA |

Notes for DC voltage specifications:

1. The accuracy of the 600 mV range is specified after the Null function is used to subtract the thermal effect (by shorting the test leads).
2. For VZ_{LOW} (low input impedance) measurements, auto-ranging is disabled and the multimeter's range is set to 600 V in the manual ranging mode.

Notes for resistance specifications:

1. Overload protection: 600 Vrms for short circuits with < 0.3 A current.
2. Maximum open voltage is < +3 V.
3. Built-in buzzer beeps when the resistance measured is less than 23 Ω ± 10 Ω. The multimeter can capture intermittent measurements longer than 1 ms.
4. The accuracy of the 600 Ω to 6 kΩ range is specified after the Null function is used to subtract the test lead resistance and thermal effect (by shorting the test leads).
5. For the ranges of 6 MΩ and 60 MΩ, the RH is specified for < 60%.

Notes for diode specifications:

1. Overload protection: 600 Vrms for short circuits with < 0.3 A current.
2. Built-in buzzer beeps continuously when the voltage measured is less than 50 mV and beeps once for forward-biased diode or semiconductor junctions measured between 0.3 V and 0.8 V (0.3 V ≤ reading ≤ 0.8 V).
3. Open voltage for diode: < +3 V DC.
4. The maximum display for diode measurements is 2100 counts.

Notes for DC current specifications:

1. Overload protection for 60 μA to 600 μA range: 600 Vrms for short circuits with < 0.3 A current.
2. Overload protection for 6 A to 10 A range: 11 A/1000 V; 10 × 38 mm fast-acting fuse.
3. Specification for 10 A range: 10 A continuous. Add 0.3% to the specified accuracy when measuring signals > 10 A to 20 A for 30 seconds maximum. After measuring currents > 10 A, cool down the multimeter for twice the duration of the measured time before proceeding with low current measurements.
4. Only applicable for the U1232/U1233 Series

Electrical Specifications

AC specifications

True rms AC voltage and AC current specifications

| Function | Range | Resolution | Accuracy ± (% of reading + counts of least significant digit) | | Burden voltage/shunt |
|----------------------|--|------------|---|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | | 45 Hz to 500 Hz | 500 Hz to 1 kHz | Where (applicable) |
| Voltage | 600 mV | 0.1 mV | 1.0% + 3 | 2.0% + 3 | NA |
| | 6 V | 0.001 V | 1.0% + 3 | 2.0% + 3 | NA |
| | 60 V | 0.01 V | 1.0% + 3 | 2.0% + 3 | NA |
| | 600 V | 0.1 V | 1.0% + 3 | 2.0% + 3 | NA |
| | 600 (V _{Z_{LOW}}) ³ | 0.1 V | 2.0% + 3 | 4.0% + 3 | NA |
| Current ¹ | 60 μA ² | 0.01 μA | 1.5% + 3 | NA | < 2.5 V/1 kΩ |
| | 600 μA ² | 0.1 μA | 1.5% + 3 | NA | < 2.5 V/1 kΩ |
| | 6 A ³ | 0.001 A | 1.5% + 3 | NA | < 0.2 V/0.005 Ω |
| | 10 A ^{3,4} | 0.01 A | 1.5% + 3 | NA | < 0.4 V/0.005 Ω |

Notes for true rms ac voltage specifications:

1. Overload protection: 600 Vrms. For millivolt measurements, 600 Vrms for short circuits with < 0.3 A current.
2. Input impedance: 10 MΩ (nominal) in parallel with < 100 pF.
3. V_{Z_{LOW}} input impedance: 3 kΩ (nominal).

Notes for ac current specifications:

1. AC current measurement not available for U1231A model.
2. Overload protection for 60 μA to 600 μA range: 600 Vrms for short circuits with < 0.3 A current.
3. Overload protection for 6 A to 10 A range: 11 A/1000 V; 10 × 38 mm fast-acting fuse.
4. Specification for 10 A range: 10 A continuous. Add 0.3% to the specified accuracy when measuring signals > 10 A to 20 A for 30 seconds maximum. After measuring currents > 10 A, cool down the multimeter for twice the duration of the measured time before proceeding with low current measurements.

Capacitance specifications

| Range | Resolution | Accuracy ± (% of reading + counts of least significant digit) | |
|---------|------------|---|--------------------------------|
| | | U1231A/U1232A/U1233A | Measuring rate (at full scale) |
| 1000 nF | 1 nF | 1.9% + 2 | 4 times/second |
| 10 μF | 0.01 μF | 1.9% + 2 | 4 times/second |
| 100 μF | 0.1 μF | 1.9% + 2 | 4 times/second |
| 1000 μF | 1 μF | 1.9% + 2 | 1 time/second |
| 10 mF | 0.01 mF | 1.9% + 2 | 0.1 time/second |

Notes :

1. Overload protection: 600 Vrms for short circuits with < 0.3 A current.
2. The accuracy of for all ranges is specified based on a film capacitor or better, and after the Null function is used to subtract the test lead resistance and thermal effect (by shorting the test leads).
3. The maximum display is 1200 counts.

Electrical Specifications

Temperature specifications

| Thermal type | Range | Resolution | Accuracy± (% of reading + counts of least significant digit) |
|--------------|-------------------|------------|--|
| | | | U1233A |
| K | -40 °C to 1372 °C | 0.1 °C | 1% + 1 °C |
| | -40 °F to 2502 °F | 0.1 °F | 1% + 1.8 °F |

Notes:

1. The specification above is specified after 60 minutes of warm up time. If the unit is exposed during storage in high humidity (condensing) environment, 120 minutes of operating time is required instead.
2. The accuracy does not include the tolerance of the thermocouple probe.
3. Do not allow the temperature sensor to contact a surface that is energized above 30 Vrms or 60 V DC. Such voltages poses a shock hazard.
4. Ensure that the ambient temperature is stable within ± 1 °C and that the Null function is used to reduce the test lead's thermal effect and temperature offset. Before using Null function, set the multimeter to measure temperature without ambient compensation (°C) and keep the thermocouple probe as close as possible to the multimeter (avoid contact with any surface that has a different temperature from the ambient temperature).
5. When measuring temperature with respect to any temperature calibrator, try to set both the calibrator and multimeter with an external reference (without internal ambient compensation). If both the calibrator and multimeter are set with internal reference (with internal ambient compensation), some deviations may show between the readings of the calibrator and multimeter, This difference is caused from the calibrator and multimeters's ambient compensation. The deviation can be reduced by keeping the multimeter close to the output terminal of calibrator.
6. The temperature calculation is specified according to the safety standards of EN/IEC-60548-1 and NIST175.
7. The approximate ambient temperature (cold-junction compensation) is shown on the display when you have an open thermocouple. The open thermocouple message may be due to broken (open) probe or because no probe is installed into the input jacks of the multimeter.

Frequency specifications

| Range | Resolution | Accuracy± (% of reading + counts of least significant digit) | Minimum input frequency |
|-----------|------------|--|-------------------------|
| | | U1231A/U1232A/U1233A | |
| 99.99 Hz | 0.01 Hz | 0.1% + 2 | 5 Hz |
| 999.9 Hz | 0.1 Hz | 0.1% + 2 | |
| 9.999 kHz | 1 Hz | 0.1% + 2 | |
| 99.99 kHz | 10 Hz | 0.1% + 2 | |

Notes:

1. Overload protection: 600 V; input signal is $< 20,000,000 \text{ V} \times \text{Hz}$ (product of voltage and frequency).

Electrical Specifications

Frequency sensitivity specifications

For voltage measurements

| Input range | Minimum sensitivity (rms sine wave) 5 Hz to 50 kHz | | |
|---|---|--------|--------|
| | U1231A | U1232A | U1233A |
| Maximum input for specified accuracy ¹ | | | |
| 600 mV in Scale mode | 50 mV | 50 mV | 50 mV |
| 600 mV | 120 mV | 120 mV | 120 mV |
| 6 V | 0.6 V | 0.6 V | 0.6 V |
| 60 V | 5.0 V | 5.0 V | 5.0 V |
| 600 V | 50 V | 50 V | 50 V |

Notes:

1. Maximum input for specified accuracy, refer to "AC specifications" on page 106 of the User Guide.

For current measurements

| Input range | Minimum sensitivity (rms sine wave) 45 Hz to 5 kHz | |
|---|---|------------|
| | U1232A | U1233A |
| Maximum input for specified accuracy ¹ | | |
| 60 μ A | 30 μ A | 30 μ A |
| 600 μ A | 30 μ A | 30 μ A |
| 6 A | 0.5 A | 0.5 A |
| 10 A | 0.5 A | 0.5 A |

Notes:

1. Maximum input for specified accuracy, refer to "AC specifications" on page 106 of the User Guide.

Scale transfer (mV)

| Range | Resolution | Accuracy \pm (% of reading + counts of least significant digit) |
|-----------|------------|---|
| | | U1231A/U1232A/U1233A |
| DC 600 mV | 0.1 mV | 0.5% + 2 ² |
| AC 600 mV | 0.1 mV | 1.0 % + 3 @ 45 Hz to 500 Hz |
| | | 2.0 % + 3 @ 500 Hz to 1 kHz |

Notes:

1. Overload protection: 600 Vrms for short circuits with < 0.3 A current.
2. The accuracy of the DC 600 mV range is specified after the Null function is used to subtract the thermal effect (by shorting the test leads).
3. Input impedance: 10 M Ω (typical).

Electrical Specifications

Display update rate (approximate)

| Function | Times/second | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | U1231A | U1232A/U1233A |
| AC V (V or mV) | 5 | 5 |
| DC V (V or mV) | 5 | 5 |
| AC V/DC V ($V_{Z_{LOW}}$) | 1 | 1 |
| Scale transfer (mV) | 5 | 5 |
| Ω | 5 | 5 |
| Diode | 5 | 5 |
| Capacitance | 4 (< 100 μ F) | 4 (< 100 μ F) |
| DC A (μ A, mA, or A) | NA | 5 |
| AC A (μ A, mA, or A) | NA | 5 |
| Frequency | 1 (> 10 Hz) | 1 (> 10 Hz) |

General Specifications

| Parameter | U1231A/U1232A/U1233A | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Power supply | Battery type | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 × 1.5 V AAA Alkaline battery (ANSI/NEDA 24A or IEC LR03), or • 4 × 1.5 V AAA Zinc Chloride battery (ANSI/NEDA 24D or IEC R03) |
| | Battery life | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 hours typical (based on new Alkaline batteries) with backlight and flashlight disabled |
| | Low battery indication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low battery indicator will flash when the battery voltage drops below approximately 4.4 V |
| Power consumption | 450 mVA maximum (with backlight and flashlight enabled) | |
| Fuse | 10 × 38 mm 11 A/1000 V fast-acting fuse | |
| Display | Liquid crystal display (LCD) (with maximum reading of 6600 counts) | |
| Operating environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating temperature from –10 °C to 55 °C, 0% to 80% RH • Full accuracy up to 80% RH for temperatures up to 30 °C, decreasing linearly to 50% RH at 55 °C • Altitude up to 2000 meters • Pollution degree II | |
| Storage compliance | –40 °C to 60 °C, 0% to 80% RH without batteries | |
| Safety compliance | EN/IEC 61010-1:2001, ANSI/UL 61010-1:2004, and CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1-04 | |
| Measurement category | CAT III 600 V | |
| Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) | Commercial limits compliance with EN61326-1 | |
| Temperature coefficient | 0.1 × (specified accuracy) / °C (from –10 °C to 18 °C, or 28 °C to 55 °C) | |
| Common Mode Rejection Ratio (CMRR) | > 100 dB at DC, 50/60 Hz (1 kΩ unbalanced) | |
| Normal Model Rejection Ration (NMRR) | > 60 dB at 50/60 Hz | |
| Dimensions (H x W x D) | 169 mm × 86 mm × 52 mm | |
| Weight | U1232A and U1233A: 371 grams (with batteries and holster) U1231A: 365 grams (with batteries and holster) | |
| Warranty | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three years for product¹ • Three months for product's accessories | |
| Calibration cycle | One year | |

Notes:

1. Please take note that for the product, the warranty does not cover:

- Damage from contamination
- Normal wear and tear of mechanical components
- Manuals, fuses, and batteries

Specification assumptions

- Accuracy is given as ±(% of reading + counts of least significant digit) at 23 °C ± 5 °C, with relative humidity less than 80% RH.
- AC V and AC A specifications are AC coupled, true RMS and are valid from 5% of range to 100% of range.
- The crest factor may be up to 3.0 at full- scale (4000 counts)
- For non- sinusoidal waveforms, add (2% reading + 2% full scale) typical.
- After $V_{Z_{LOW}}$ (low input impedance) voltage measurements, wait at least 20 minutes for thermal impact to cool before proceeding with any other measurement.

Ordering Information



Standard shipped items

Standard U1231A, U1232A and U1233A include:

- Quick Start Guide
- Certificate of Calibration (CoC)
- U1167A 4 mm Tips probes test leads
- 4 x 1.5 V batteries

Recommended accessories

U1174A



Soft carrying case

U1168A



Standard test lead kit

U1161A



Extended test lead kit

U1173A



IR-to-USB cable

U1171A



Magnetic hanging kit