

FLUKE®

323/324 PLUS

Clamp Meter

Users Manual

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Introduction

The Fluke 323/324 PLUS Clamp Meter (the Product) measures ac and dc voltage, ac current, resistance, and continuity. The 324 PLUS can also measure capacitance, contact temperature, and dc current. Note that the 324 PLUS is shown in all of the illustrations. For temperature measurement, you must use the included K-Type Thermocouple.



Read "Safety Information" before you use the Product.

How to Contact Fluke

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- Technical Support USA: 1-800-44-FLUKE (1-800-443-5853)
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Safety Information

A **Warning** identifies conditions and procedures that are dangerous to the user. A **Caution** identifies conditions and procedures that can cause damage to the Product or the equipment under test.

Table 1 tells you about symbols used on the Product and in this manual.

⚠⚠ Warning

To prevent possible electrical shock, fire, or personal injury:

- Use the Product only as specified, or the protection supplied by the Product can be compromised.
- Use only correct measurement category (CAT), voltage, and amperage rated probes, test leads, and adapters for the measurement.
- Do not touch voltages > 30 V ac rms, 42 V ac peak, or 60 V dc.
- Carefully read all instructions.
- Hold the Product behind the tactile barrier. See Clamp Meter, item ①.
- Do not exceed the Measurement Category (CAT) rating of the lowest rated individual component of a Product, probe, or accessory.
- Do not measure current while the test leads are in the input jacks.
- Do not use the Product around explosive gas, vapor, or in damp or wet environments.
- Limit operation to the specified measurement category, voltage, or amperage ratings.
- Do not work alone.

- **Do not apply more than the rated voltage, between the terminals or between each terminal and earth ground.**
- **Comply with local and national safety codes. Use personal protective equipment (approved rubber gloves, face protection, and flame-resistant clothes) to prevent shock and arc blast injury where hazardous live conductors are exposed.**
- **Replace the batteries when the low battery indicator shows to prevent incorrect measurements.**
- **The battery door must be closed and locked before you operate the Product.**
- **Measure a known voltage first to make sure that the Product operates correctly.**
- **Remove all probes, test leads, and accessories that are not necessary for the measurement.**
- **Only use probes, test leads, and accessories that have the same measurement category and voltage rating as the Product.**
- **Keep fingers behind the finger guards on the probes.**

- **Connect the common test lead before the live test lead and remove the live test lead before the common test lead.**
- **Remove all probes, test leads, and accessories before the battery door is opened.**
- **Do not use the Product if it is damaged.**
- **Disable the Product if it is damaged.**
- **Do not use the Product if it operates incorrectly.**
- **Do not use test leads if they are damaged. Examine the test leads for damaged insulation, exposed metal. Check test lead continuity.**
- **Before each use, examine the Product. Look for cracks or missing pieces of the clamp housing. Also look for loose or weakened components. Carefully examine the insulation around the jaws. See Clamp Meter, item ②.**
- **Examine the case before you use the Product. Look for cracks or missing plastic. Carefully look at the insulation around the terminals.**
- **Read all safety Information before you use the Product.**

- **Remove batteries to prevent battery leakage and damage to the Product if it is not used for an extended period.**
- **Remove batteries to prevent battery leakage and damage to the Product if it is to be stored above its operating temperature.**
- **Do not use a current measurement as an indication that a circuit is safe to touch. A voltage measurement is necessary to know if a circuit is hazardous.**
- **Do not use in CAT III or CAT IV environments without the protective cap (if included with the Product) installed on test probe. The protective cap decreases the exposed probe metal to <4 mm. This decreases the possibility of arc flash from short circuits.**

Caution

To avoid possible damage to the Product or to equipment under test, use a thermocouple rated for the temperatures to be measured. The Product is rated for -10.0 °C to +400.0 °C and 14 °F to 752 °F. The included type-K thermocouple is rated to 260 °C.

Symbols

Table 1. Symbols

















Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
	AC (Alternating Current)		Earth
	DC (Direct Current)		AC and DC Current
	Conforms to European Union directives.		WARNING. RISK OF DANGER.
	Battery		Consult user documentation.
	Double insulated		WARNING. HAZARDOUS VOLTAGE. Risk of electric shock.
	Certified by CSA Group to North American safety standards.		Conforms to relevant Australian Safety and EMC standards.
	Certified by TÜV SÜD Product Service.		Application around and removal from uninsulated hazardous live conductors is permitted.

Table 1. Symbols (cont.)

Symbol	Meaning	Symbol	Meaning
CAT II	Measurement Category II is applicable to test and measuring circuits connected directly to utilization points (socket outlets and similar points) of the low-voltage MAINS installation.	CAT III	MEASUREMENT CATEGORY III is applicable to test and measuring circuits connected to the distribution part of the building's low-voltage MAINS installation.
CAT IV	MEASUREMENT CATEGORY IV is applicable to test and measuring circuits connected at the source of the building's low voltage MAINS installation.		Conforms to relevant South Korean EMC Standards.
	This product complies with the WEEE Directive marking requirements. The affixed label indicates that you must not discard this electrical/electronic product in domestic household waste. Product Category: With reference to the equipment types in the WEEE Directive Annex I, this product is classed as category 9 "Monitoring and Control Instrumentation" product. Do not dispose of this product as unsorted municipal waste.		

Note

The Measurement Category (CAT) and voltage rating of combinations of test probes, test probe accessories, current clamp accessories, and the Product is the LOWEST rating of individual components.

How to Clean the Product

Regularly wipe the case with a damp cloth and weak detergent.



To prevent damage to the Product, do not use abrasives or solvents to clean the Product case.

To clean the Product jaw:

1. Examine the jaw mating surface to make sure it is clean. If there is unwanted material (including rust), jaw closure will not be correct and there will be measurement errors.
2. Open the jaws and clean the clamp metal ends with a lightly oiled cloth.

Specifications

Maximum voltage between any Terminal and Earth Ground.....	600 V
Range	
323	400.0 A
324 PLUS.....	(40.00, 400.0) A
Batteries	2 AAA, NEDA 24A, IEC LR03
Operating Temperature.....	-10 °C to +50 °C
Storage Temperature	-30 °C to +60 °C
Operating Humidity	Non Condensing (≤ 10 °C) ≤ 90 % RH (at 10 °C to 30 °C) ≤ 75 % RH (at 30 °C to 40 °C) ≤ 45 % RH (at 40 °C to 50 °C) (Without Condensation)
Operating Altitude	2000 meters
Storage Altitude	12,000 meters
Size (L x W x H)	(207 x 75 x 34) mm

Weight

323.....265 g

324 PLUS283 g

Safety.....IEC 61010-1, Pollution Degree 2

IEC 61010-2-032: CATIV 300V / CATIII 600V

IEC 61010-2-033: CAT IV 300V / CAT III 600V

IP RatingIEC 60529: IP30, non-operating

Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)

International IEC 61326-1: Portable, Electromagnetic Environment, IEC 61326-2-2

CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A

Group 1: Equipment has intentionally generated and/or uses conductively-coupled radio frequency energy that is necessary for the internal function of the equipment itself.

Class A: Equipment is suitable for use in all establishments other than domestic and those directly connected to a low-voltage power supply network that supplies buildings used for domestic purposes. There may be potential difficulties in ensuring electromagnetic compatibility in other environments due to conducted and radiated disturbances. Emissions that exceed the levels required by CISPR 11 can occur when the equipment is connected to a test object.

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Korea (KCC) Class A Equipment (Industrial Broadcasting & Communication Equipment)

Class A: Equipment meets requirements for industrial electromagnetic wave equipment and the seller or user should take notice of it. This equipment is intended for use in business environments and not to be used in homes.

USA (FCC) 47 CFR 15 subpart B. This product is considered an exempt device per clause 15.103.

Temperature Coefficients.....Add 0.1 x specified accuracy for each degree C above 28 °C or below 18 °C

Resolution

323.....0.1 A

324 PLUS.....(0.01, 0.1) A

Accuracy

323, 324 PLUS.....2.0 % ± 5 digits (45 – 65 Hz)

2.5 % ± 5 digits (65 – 400 Hz)

Note

Add 2 % for position sensitivity.

DC Current with Jaw (324 PLUS)

Range	(40.00, 400.0) A
Resolution	(0.01, 0.1) A
Accuracy	2.0 % \pm 5 digits

AC Voltage

Range	600.0 V
Resolution	0.1 V
Accuracy (45 Hz– 400 Hz)	1.5 % \pm 5 digits

DC Voltage

Range	600.0 V
Resolution	0.1 V
Accuracy	1 % \pm 5 digits

Resistance

Range	
323.....	(400.0, 4000) Ω
324 PLUS	(400.0, 4000, 40000) Ω
Resolution	(0.1, 1, 10) Ω
Accuracy	1 % \pm 5 digits

Continuity Beeper

323 $\leq 70 \Omega$

324 PLUS..... $\leq 30 \Omega$

Capacitance (324 PLUS)

Range.....(100.0, 1000) μF

Resolution(0.1, 1) μF

Accuracy 1 % ± 4 digits

Contact Temperature (324 PLUS)

Range..... $-10.0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ to $400.0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

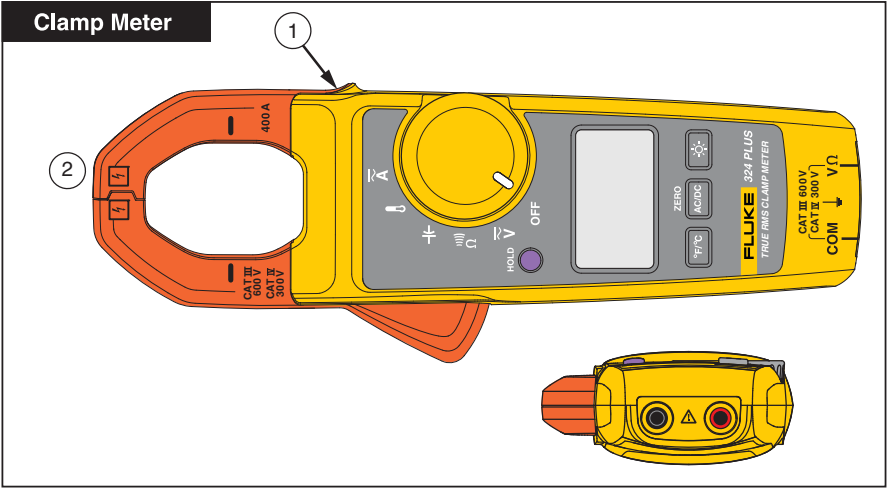
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Accuracy 1 % ± 8 digits

Note

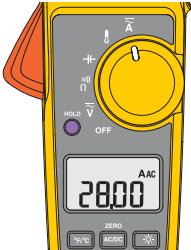

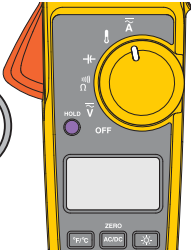
Temperature uncertainty (accuracy) does not include error of the thermocouple probe.

The Meter




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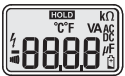



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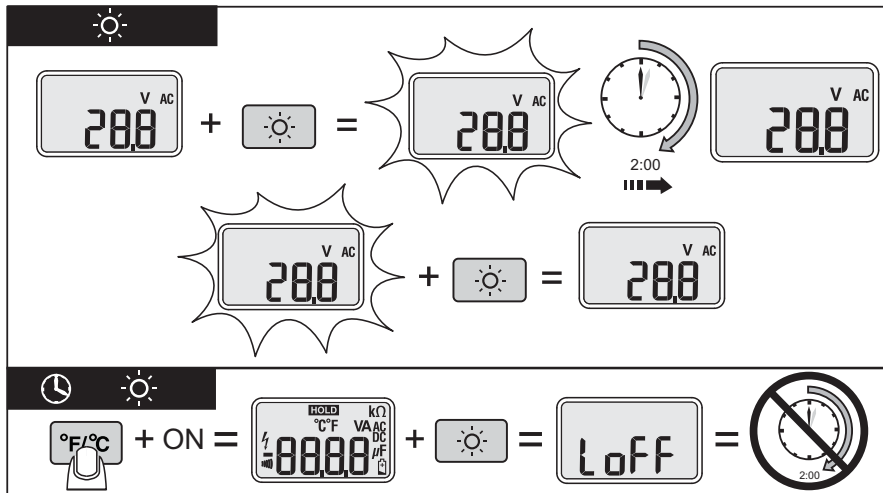
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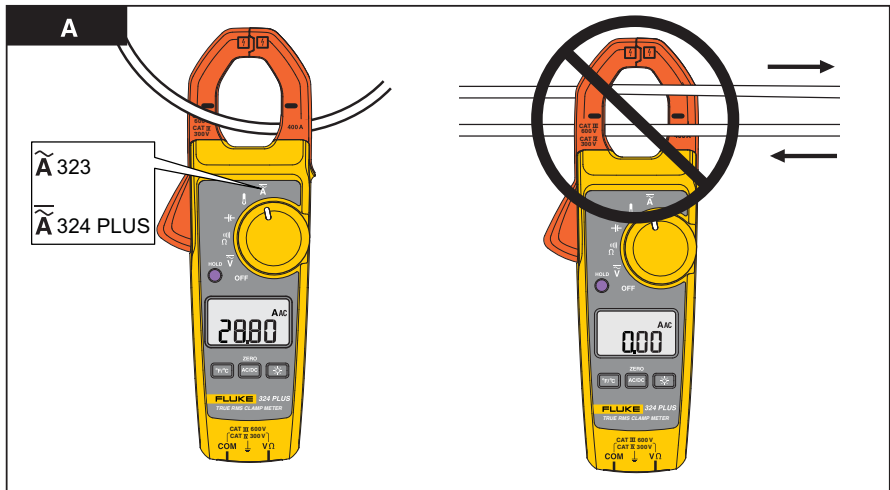




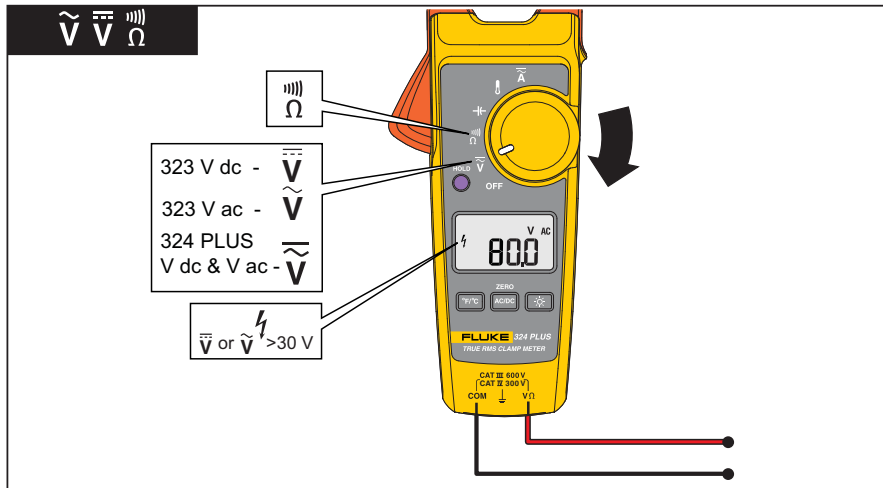
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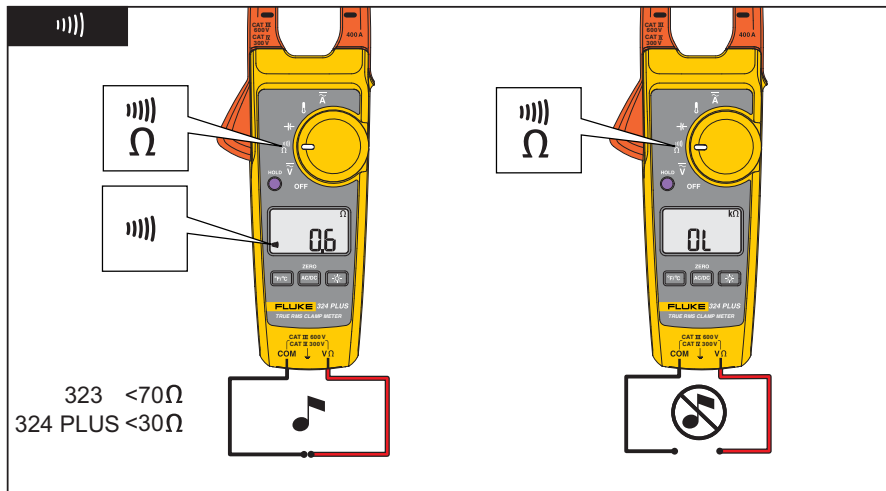
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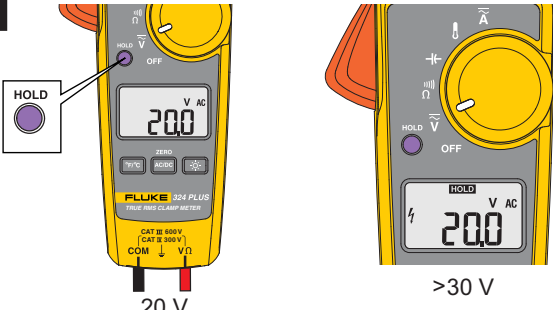
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HOLD



20 V

>30 V

AC/DC & ZERO



ZERO AC/DC

AAC

ZERO AC/DC

A_{DC}

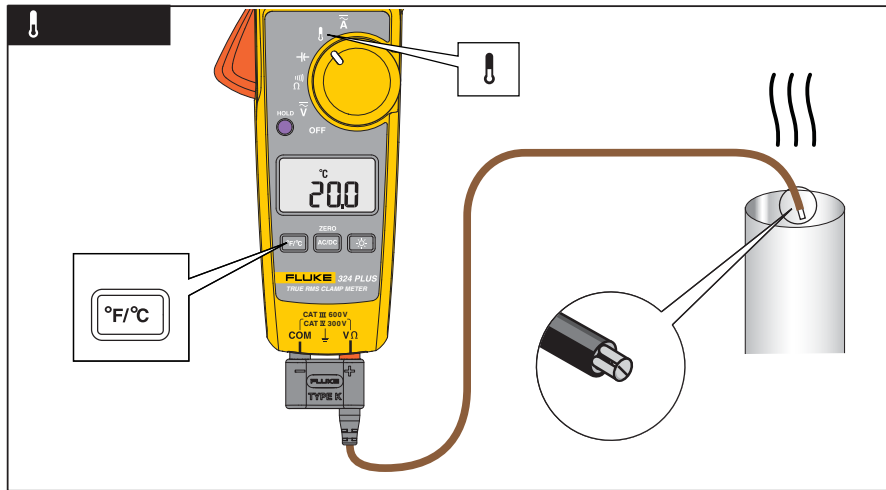
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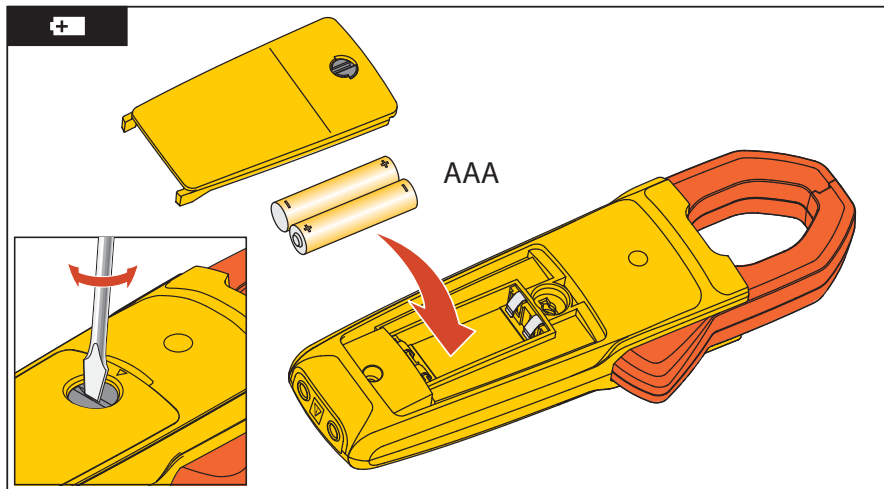
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