# **FLUKE**®

# **114, 115, and 117** True-rms Multimeters

**Users Manual** 

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# **True-rms Multimeters**

#### Introduction

The Fluke **Model 114**, **Model 115**, and **Model 117** are battery-powered, true-rms multimeters (hereafter "the Meter") with a 6000-count display and a bar graph. This manual applies to all three models. All figures show the Model 117.

These meters meet CAT III IEC 61010-1 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition standards. The IEC 61010-1 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition safety standard defines four measurement categories (CAT I to IV) based on the magnitude of danger from transient impulses. CAT III meters are designed to protect against transients in fixed-equipment installations at the distribution level.

# Unsafe Voltage

To alert you to the presence of a potentially hazardous voltage, the f symbol is displayed when the Meter measures a voltage  $\geq$ 30 V or a voltage overload (OL) condition. When making frequency measurements >1 kHz, the f symbol is unspecified.

#### Test Lead Alert

A Warning Personal injury or damage to the Meter can occur if you attempt to make a measurement with a lead in an incorrect terminal.

To remind you to check that the test leads are in the correct terminals, LERd is briefly displayed and an audible beep sounds when you move the rotary switch to or from any A (Amps) position.

#### Safety Information

A "A Warning" statement identifies hazardous conditions and actions that could cause bodily harm or death.

A "Caution" statement identifies conditions and actions that could damage the Meter or the equipment under test.

- To avoid possible electric shock or personal injury, follow these guidelines:
- Use the Meter only as specified in this manual or the protection provided by the Meter might be impaired.
- Do not use the Meter or test leads if they appear damaged, or if the Meter is not operating properly.
- Always use proper terminals, switch position, and range for measurements.
- Verify the Meter's operation by measuring a known voltage. If in doubt, have the Meter serviced.
- Do not apply more than the rated voltage, as marked on Meter, between terminals or between any terminal and earth ground.
- Use caution with voltages above 30 V ac rms, 42 V ac peak, or 60 V dc. These voltages pose a shock hazard.
- Disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before testing resistance, continuity, diodes, or capacitance.
- Do not use the Meter around explosive gas or vapor.
- When using test leads or probes, keep your fingers behind the finger guards.
- Only use test leads that have the same voltage, category, and amperage ratings as the meter and that have been approved by a safety agency.
- · Remove test leads from Meter before opening the battery door or Meter case.

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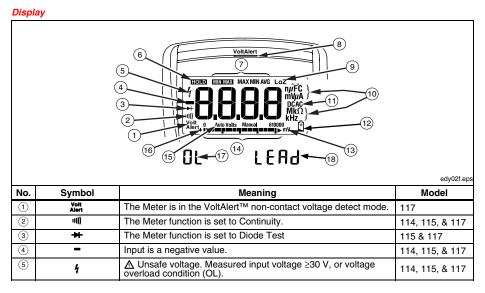
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- Comply with local and national safety requirements when working in hazardous locations.
- Use proper protective equipment, as required by local or national authorities when working in hazardous areas.
- Avoid working alone.
- Use only the replacement fuse specified or the protection may be impaired.
- Check the test leads for continuity before use. Do not use if the readings are high or noisy.
- Do not use the Auto Volts function to measure voltages in circuits that could be damaged by this function's low input impedance ( $\approx$ 3 k $\Omega$ )(114 and 117 only). Symbols

~	AC (Alternating Current)	ф	Fuse			
E	DC (Direct Current)		Double Insulated			
♪	Hazardous voltage	♪	Important Information; Refer to manual			
Ê	Battery (Low battery when shown on the display.)	Ŧ	Earth ground			
X	Do not dispose of this product as unsorted municipal waste. Contact Fluke or a qualified recycler for disposal.	R	AC and DC			

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Display

6	HOLD	Display hold enabled. Display freezes present reading.	114, 115, & 117
7	MIN MAX AVG mode enabled.		114 115 0 117
	MAX MIN AVG Maximum, minimum, average or present reading display		114, 115, & 117
8	(Red LED)	Voltage presence through the non-contact VoltAlert sensor	117
9	LoZ	The Meter is measuring voltage or capacitance with a low input impedance.	114, 115 & 117
10	nμF mVμA MkΩ kHz	Measurement units.	114, 115, & 117
(11)	DC AC	Direct current or alternating current	114, 115 & 117
(12)	Û	Battery low warning.	114, 115, & 117
(13)	610000 mV	610000 mV Indicates the Meter's range selection.	
(14)	(Bar graph)	Analog display.	114, 115, & 117
(15)	Auto Volts	The Meter is in the Auto Volts function.	114 & 117
	Auto	Autoranging. The Meter selects the range for best resolution.	114, 115, & 117
	Manual Manual ranging. User sets the Meter's range.		114, 115, & 117
(16)	+	Bar graph polarity	114, 115, & 117
17	OL	$\Delta$ The input is too large for the selected range.	114, 115, & 117
(18)	LEAG	$\Delta$ Test lead alert. Briefly displayed whenever the Meter's function switch is rotated to or from any A position.	115 & 117

#### Terminals 1 сом -3 $\bigcirc$ (6 edy01f.eps No. Description Model Input terminal for measuring ac and dc current to 10 A. 115 & 117 1 2 Common (return) terminal for all measurements. 114, 115, & 117 Input terminal for measuring voltage, continuity, resistance, capacitance, frequency and testing diodes. 3 114, 115, & 117

Error Messages					
Battery must be replaced before the Meter will operate.					
CAL Err	<b>(AL Err</b> Calibration required. Meter calibration is required before the Meter will operate.				
EEPr Err	<b>EEPr Err</b> Internal error. The Meter must be repaired before it will operate.				
F I III Err	Internal error. The Meter must be repaired before it will operate.				

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Rotary Switch Positions

Switch Measurement Function			
Automatically selects ac or dc volts based on the sensed input with a low impedance input.	114 & 117		
AC voltage from 0.06 to 600 V.	114, 115 & 117		
Frequency from 5 Hz to 50 kHz.	115 & 117		
DC voltage from .001 V to 600 V.	114, 115 & 117		
AC voltage from 6.0 to 600 mV, dc-coupled. DC voltage from 0.1 to 600 mV.	114, 115 & 117		
Ohms from 0.1 $\Omega$ to 40 M $\Omega$ .	114, 115 & 117		
Continuity beeper turns on at < 20 $\Omega$ and turns off at >250 $\Omega.$	114, 115 & 117		
Diode Test. Displays OL above 2.0 V.	115 & 117		
Farads from 1 nF to 9999 µF.	115 & 117		
AC current from 0.1 A to 10 A (>10 to 20 A, 30 seconds on, 10 minutes off). >10.00 A display flashes. >20 A, <b>OL</b> is displayed. DC-coupled. Frequency from 45 Hz to 5 kHz.	115 & 117		
DC current from 0.001 A to 10 A (>10 to 20 A, 30 seconds on, 10 minutes off). >10.00 A display flashes. >20 A, <b>OL</b> is displayed.	115 & 117		
Non-contact sensing of ac voltage.	117		
	$\label{eq:constraint} \begin{array}{l} \mbox{impedance input.} \\ \mbox{AC voltage from 0.06 to 600 V.} \\ \mbox{Frequency from 5 Hz to 50 kHz.} \\ \mbox{DC voltage from .001 V to 600 V.} \\ \mbox{AC voltage from 0.01 V to 600 mV, dc-coupled. DC voltage from 0.1 to 600 mV.} \\ \mbox{AC voltage from 0.1 } \Omega to 40 M\Omega. \\ \mbox{Continuity beeper turns on at < 20 } \Omega \mbox{ and turns off at >250 } \Omega. \\ \mbox{Diode Test. Displays OL above 2.0 V.} \\ \mbox{Farads from 1 nF to 9999 } \mbox{\muF.} \\ \mbox{AC current from 0.1 A to 10 A (>10 to 20 A, 30 seconds on, 10 minutes off).} \\ \mbox{>10.00 A display flashes. >20 A, OL is displayed.} \\ \mbox{DC current from 0.001 A to 10 A (>10 to 20 A, 30 seconds on, 10 minutes off).} \\ \mbox{>10.00 A display flashes. >20 A, OL is displayed.} \\ \end{tabular}$		

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#### Battery Saver ("Sleep Mode")

The Meter automatically enters "Sleep mode" and blanks the display if there is no function change, range change, or button press for 20 minutes. Pressing any button or turning the rotary switch awakens the Meter. To disable the Sleep mode, hold down the button while turning the Meter on. The Sleep mode is always disabled in the MIN MAX AVG mode.

## MIN MAX AVG Recording Mode

The MIN MAX AVG recording mode captures the minimum and maximum input values (ignoring overloads), and calculates a running average of all readings. When a new high or low is detected, the Meter beeps.

- · Put the Meter in the desired measurement function and range.
- Press [MIN MAX] to enter MIN MAX AVG mode.
- MIN MAX and MAX are displayed and the highest reading detected since entering MIN MAX AVG is displayed.
- Press with to step through the low (MIN), average (AVG), and present readings.
- To pause MIN MAX AVG recording without erasing stored values, press HOLD. HOLD is displayed.
- To resume MIN MAX AVG recording, press HOLD again.
- To exit and erase stored readings, press  $\frac{\text{MIN MAX}}{\text{for at}}$  for at least one second or turn the rotary switch.

#### Display HOLD

## **≜**∆Warning

To avoid electric shock, when Display HOLD is activated, be aware that the display will not change when you apply a different voltage.

In the Display HOLD mode, the Meter freezes the display.

- 1. Press HOLD to activate Display HOLD. (HOLD is displayed.)
- 2. To exit and return to normal operation, press HOLD or turn the rotary switch.

#### **Backlight**

Press (a) to toggle the backlight on and off. The backlight automatically turns off after 40 seconds. To disable backlight auto-off, hold down (a) while turning the Meter on.

## Manual and Autoranging

The Meter has both Manual and Autorange modes.

- In the Autorange mode, the Meter selects the range with the best resolution.
- · In the Manual Range mode, you override Autorange and select the range yourself.

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## True-rms Multimeters Power-Up Options

When you turn the Meter on, it defaults to Autorange and  $\pmb{Auto}$  is displayed.

- 1. To enter the Manual Range mode, press RANGE . Manual is displayed.
- 2. In the Manual Range mode, press **RANGE** to increment the range. After the highest range, the Meter wraps to the lowest range.

#### Note

You cannot manually change the range in the MIN MAX AVG or Display HOLD modes.

- If you press where while in <u>MIN MAX AVG or</u> <u>Display Hold</u>, the Meter beeps twice, indicating an invalid operation and the range does not change.
- 3. To exit Manual Range, press RANGE for at least 1 second or turn the rotary switch. The Meter returns to Autorange and **Auto** is displayed.

#### **Power-Up Options**

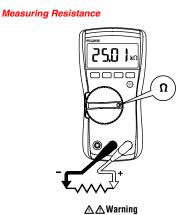
To select a Power-Up Option, hold down the button indicated in the following table while turning the Meter on. Power-Up Options are canceled when you turn the Meter off and when sleep mode is activated.

Button	Power-Up Options				
HOLD	Turns on all display segments.				
MIN MAX	Disables beeper. <b>bEEP</b> is displayed when enabled.				
RANGE Enables low impedance capacitance measurements. LCRP is displayed w enabled. See page 14.					
Disables automatic power-down ("Sleep mode"). PoFF is displayed when enabled					
*	Disables auto backlight off. LoFF is displayed when enabled.				

## Making Basic Measurements

The figures on the following pages show how to make basic measurements.

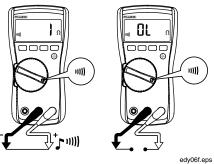
When connecting the test leads to the circuit or device, connect the common (**COM**) test lead before connecting the live lead; when removing the test leads, remove the live lead before removing the common test lead.



To avoid electric shock, injury, or damage to the Meter, disconnect circuit power and discharge all highvoltage capacitors before testing resistance, continuity, diodes, or capacitance.

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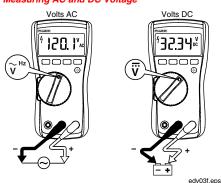


Note The continuity function works best as a fast, convenient method to check for opens and shorts. For maximum accuracy in making resistance measurements, use the Meter's resistance ( $\Omega$ ) function.

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## Measuring AC and DC Voltage

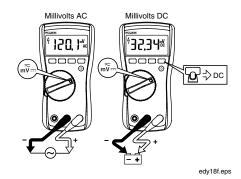


Using Auto Volts Selection (114 & 117 only) With the function switch in the  $\frac{AUTOV}{VOV}$  position, the Meter automatically selects a dc or ac voltage measurement based on the input applied between the V or + and COM jacks.

This function also sets the Meter's input impedance to approximately 3  $k\Omega$  to reduce the possibility of false readings due to ghost voltages.

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#### Measuring AC and DC Millivolts



With the function switch in the  $m\widetilde{\widetilde{v}}_{m}$  position, the Meter measures ac plus dc millivolts. Press \_\_\_\_\_ to switch the Meter to dc millivolts.

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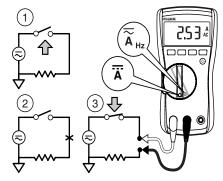
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# Measuring AC or DC Current (115 & 117)

To avoid personal injury or damage to the Meter:

- Never attempt to make an in-circuit current measurement when the opencircuit potential to earth is >600 V.
- Check the Meter's fuse before testing. (See "Testing the Fuse")
- Use the proper terminals, switch position, and range for your measurement.
- Never place the probes in parallel with a circuit or component when the leads are plugged into the A (Amps) terminals.



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Turn circuit power off, break the circuit, insert the Meter in series with the circuit, and then turn circuit power on.

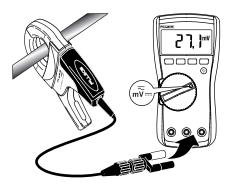
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# **True-rms Multimeters** Making Basic Measurements

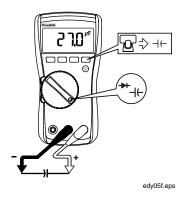
#### Measuring Current above 10 Amps

Measuring Current above 10 Amps The millivoit and voltage function of the Meter can be used with an optional mV/A output Current Probe to measure currents that exceed the rating of the Meter. Make sure the Meter has the correct function selected, AC or DC, for your current probe. Refer to a Fluke catalog or contact your local Fluke representative for compatible current clamps.



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## Measuring Capacitance (115 & 117 only)



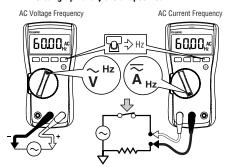
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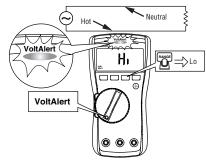
# Measuring Frequency (115 & 117 only)

▲ Warning To avoid electrical shock, disregard the bar graph for frequencies >1 kHz. If the frequency of the measured signal is >1 kHz, the bar graph and 4 are unspecified.



edy09f.eps The Meter measures the frequency of a signal by counting the number of times the signal crosses a trigger level each second. The trigger level is 0 V, 0 A for all ranges. Press to turn the frequency measurement function on and off. Frequency works with ac functions only. In frequency, the bar graph and range annunciator indicate the ac voltage or current present. Select progressively lower ranges using manual ranging for a stable reading.

#### Detecting AC Voltage Presence (117 only)



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## True-rms Multimeters Making Basic Measurements

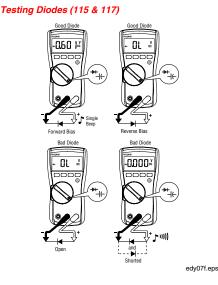
#### To detect the presence of ac voltage, place the top of the Meter close to a conductor. The Meter gives an audible as well as visual indication when voltage is detected. There are two sensitivity settings. The "to" setting can be used on flush mounted wall sockets, power strips, flush mounted industrial outlets and various power cords. The "H " setting allows for ac voltage detection on other styles of recessed power connectors or sockets where the actual ac voltage is recessed within the connector itself. The VoltAlert detector works in bare wire applications with voltages as low as 24 V in the "H " setting.

#### 🗥 🛆 Warning

If there is no indication, voltage could still be present. Do not rely on the VoltAlert detector with shielded wire. Operation may be effected by differences in socket design, insulation thickness and type.

#### Making Low Impedance Capacitance Measurements (115 & 117 only)

For making capacitance measurements on cables with ghost voltage, hold <u>maxee</u> while turning on the Meter to switch the Meter into LoZ, (low input impedance) Capacitance mode. In this mode, capacitance measurements will have a lower accuracy and lower dynamic range. This setting is not saved when the Meter is turned off or goes into sleep mode.



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# Using the Bargraph

The bar graph is like the needle on an analog meter. It has an overload indicator ( $\blacktriangleright$ ) to the right and a polarity indicator ( $\bigstar$ ) to the left.

Because the bar graph is much faster than the digital display, the bar graph is useful for making peak and null adjustments.

The bar graph is disabled when measuring capacitance. In frequency, the bar graph and range annunciator indicates the underlying voltage or current up to 1 kHz.

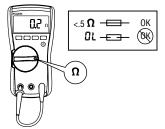
The number of segments indicates the measured value and is relative to the full-scale value of the selected range.

In the 60 V range, for example (see below), the major divisions on the scale represent 0, 15, 30, 45, and 60 V. An input of -30 V turns on the negative sign and the segments up to the middle of the scale.



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## **Testing the Fuse (115 & 117 only)** Test fuse as shown below.



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## True-rms Multimeters Maintenance

#### Maintenance

Maintenance of the Meter consists of battery and fuse replacement, as well as case cleaning.

## Replacing the Battery and Fuse

 $\underline{\land \land} Warning$  To avoid shock, injury, or damage to the Meter:

- Remove test leads from the Meter before opening the case or battery door.
- Use ONLY a fuse with the amperage, interrupt voltage, and speed ratings specified.

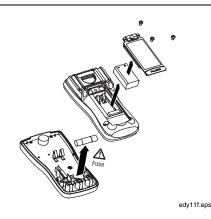
To remove the battery door for battery replacement:

- 1. Remove the test leads from the Meter
- 2. Remove the battery door screw.
- 3. Use the finger recess to lift the door slightly.

4. Lift the door straight up to separate it from the case.

The battery fits inside the battery door, which is then inserted into the case, bottom edge first, until it is fully seated. Do not attempt to install the battery directly into the case.

5. Install and tighten battery door screw.



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To open the case for fuse replacement:

- 1. Remove the test leads from the Meter
- 2. Remove the Meter from its holster.
- 3. Remove two screws from the case bottom.
- 4. Separate the case bottom from the case top.
- 5. Remove the fuse from its holder and replace it with an 11 A, 1000 V, FAST fuse having a minimum interrupt rating of 17,000 A. Use only Fluke PN 803293.
- 6. To re-assemble the Meter, first attach the case bottom to the case top, then install the two screws. Finally, insert the Meter into its holster.

## Cleaning

Wipe the case with a damp cloth and mild detergent. Do not use abrasives, isopropyl alcohol, or solvents to clean the case or lens/window. Dirt or moisture in the terminals can affect readings.

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True-rms Multimeters General Specifications

#### **General Specifications**

Accuracy is specified for 1 year after calibration, at operating temperatures of 18  $^\circ C$  to 28  $^\circ C,$  with relative humidity at 0 % to 90 %.

Maximum voltage between any terminal and earth ground	. 600 V
Surge Protection	. 6 kV peak per IEC 61010-1 600V CAT III, Pollution Degree 2
▲ Fuse for A input (115 & 117 only):	. 11 A, 1000 V FAST 17 kA Fuse (Fluke PN 803293)
Display	. Digital: 6,000 counts, updates 4/sec Bar Graph: 33 segments, updates 32/sec
Temperature	. Operating: -10 °C to + 50 °C Storage: -40 °C to + 60 °C
Temperature Coefficient Operating Altitude	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Battery	
Battery Life	. Alkaline: 400 hours typical, without backlight
Safety Compliances	. Complies with ANSI/ISA 82.02.01 (61010-1) 2004, CAN/CSA-C22.2 No 61010-1-04, UL 6101B (2003) and IEC/EN 61010-1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition for measurement Category III, 600 V, Pollution Degree 2, EMC EN61326-1

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Table 1. Accuracy Specifications							
Function	Range	Resolution	Accuracy ± ([% of Reading] + [Counts])		Model		
DC millivolts	600.0 mV	0.1 mV	0.5 % + 2		114, 115, 117		
DC Volts	6.000 V 60.00 V 600.0 V	0.001 V 0.01 V 0.1 V	0.5 % + 2		114, 115, 117		
			DC, 45 to 500 Hz	500 Hz to 1 kHz			
Auto-V LoZ <sup>[1]</sup> True-rms	600.0 V	0.1 V	2.0 % + 3	4.0 % + 3	114, 117		
		45 to 500 Hz	500 Hz to 1 kHz				
AC millivolts <sup>[1]</sup> True- rms	600.0 mV	0.1 mV	1.0 % + 3	2.0 % + 3	114, 115, 117		
AC Volts <sup>[1]</sup> True-rms	6.000 V 60.00 V 600.0 V	0.001 V 0.01 V 0.1 V	1.0 % + 3	2.0 % + 3	114, 115, 117		

# Table 1. Accuracy Specifications

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Table T Accuracy Specifications (cont.)					
Function	Range Resolution Accuracy ± ([% of Reading] + [Counts])		Model		
Continuity	600 Ω	1Ω	Beeper on < 20 $\Omega$ , off > 250 $\Omega$ ; detects opens or shorts of 500 $\mu$ s or longer.	114, 115, 117	
Ohms	600.0 Ω 6.000 kΩ 60.00 kΩ 600.0 kΩ 6.000 MΩ 40.00 MΩ	0.1 Ω 0.001 kΩ 0.01 kΩ 0.1 kΩ 0.001 MΩ 0.01 MΩ	$\begin{array}{c} 0.9 \% + 2 \\ 0.9 \% + 1 \\ 0.9 \% + 1 \\ 0.9 \% + 1 \\ 0.9 \% + 1 \\ 0.9 \% + 1 \\ 5 \% + 2 \end{array}$	114, 115, 117	
Diode test	2.000 V	0.001 V	0.9 % + 2	115, 117	
Capacitance	1000 nF 10.00 μF 100.0 μF 9999 μF	1 nF 0.01 μF 0.1 μF 1 μF	1.9 % + 2 1.9 % + 2 1.9 % + 2 1.9 % + 2 100 μF - 1000 μF: 1.9 % + 2 > 1000 μF: 5 % + 20	115, 117	
Lo-Z Capacitance (Power-up option)	1 nF to	500 μF	10% + 2 typical	115, 117	

# Table 1 Accuracy Specifications (cont.)

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#### Table 1 Accuracy Specifications (cont.) Accuracy ± ([% of Reading] + [Counts]) Function Range Resolution Model 6.000 A 0.001 A AC Amps True-10.00 A<sup>[3]</sup> 0.01 A 1.5 % + 3 rms<sup>[1</sup> 115, 117 20 A for 30 seconds max., (45 Hz to 500 Hz) 10 minutes rest min. 6.000 A 0.001 A 10.00 A<sup>[3]</sup> 0.01 A DC Amps 1.0 % + 3 115, 117 20 A for 30 seconds max., 10 minutes rest min. 99.99 Hz 0.01 Hz 999.9 Hz 9.999 kHz 0.1 Hz Hz (V or A input)[2] 0.1 % + 2 115, 117 0.001 kHz 50.00 kHz 0.01 kHz Notes: [1] All ac ranges except Auto-V LoZ are specified from 1 % to 100 % of range. Auto-V LoZ is specified from 0.0 V. Because inputs below 1 % of range are not specified, it is normal for this and other true-rms meters to display non-

Because inputs below 1 % of range are not specified, it is normal for this and other true-rms meters to display nonzero readings when the test leads are disconnected from a circuit or are shorted together. For volts, crest factor of ≤3 at 4000 counts, decreasing linearly to 1.5 at full scale. For amps, crest factor of ≤3. AC volts is ac-coupled. Auto-V LoZ, AC mV, and AC amps are dc-coupled.

[2] AC Volts Hz is ac-coupled and specified from 5 Hz to 50 kHz. AC Amps Hz is dc-coupled and specified from 45 Hz to 5 kHz.

[3] >10 A unspecified.

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Function	Input Impedance (Nominal)	Common Mode Rejection Ratio (1 kΩ Unbalanced)		Normal Mode Rejection
Volts AC	>5 MΩ <100 pF	>60 dB at dc, 50 or 60 Hz		
Volts DC	>10 MΩ <100 pF	>100 dB at dc, 50 or 60 Hz		>60 dB at 50 or 60 Hz
Auto-V LoZ	~3 kΩ <500 pF	>60 dB at dc, 50 or 60 Hz		
	Open Circuit Test Voltage	Full Scale Voltage		Short Circuit Current
Ohms	<2.7 V dc	Το 6.0 ΜΩ	40 MΩ	<350 μA
		<0.7 V dc	<0.9 V dc	
Diode Test	<2.7 V dc	2.000 V dc		<1.2 mA

## Table 2. Input Characteristics

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