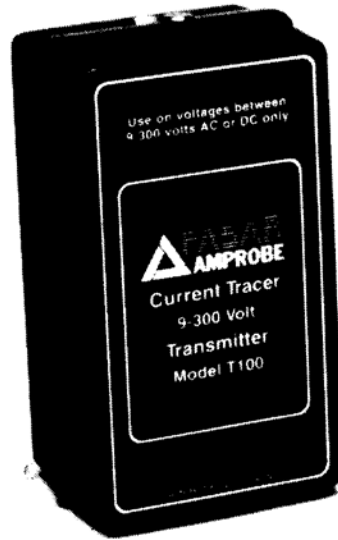


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Owner's Manual Model CT100



Current Tracer



PRECAUTIONS

PRECAUTIONS FOR PERSONAL AND INSTRUMENT PROTECTION

IMPORTANT

1. Before using any electrical instrument, it should be checked to make certain it is operating properly.
2. In many instances, you will be working with dangerous levels of voltages and/or current, therefore it is important that you avoid direct contact with any uninsulated, current-carrying surfaces. Appropriate insulated gloves, safety glasses and protective clothing should be worn.
3. If the instrument is accidentally connected to a voltage beyond the range of the instrument, immediately remove the instrument from the circuit.
4. Keep the instrument in its carrying case when not in use.
5. Remove the battery when the probe will not be use for a period of time.

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INTRODUCTION

THEORY OF OPERATION

The Ampprobe/Pasar Current Tracer allows fast, safe and easy tracing of energized conductors, on 9-300V AC/DC circuits, without turning off power or interrupting sensitive electronic equipment. The Current Tracer consists of a transmitter, and a probe. The transmitters draw short bursts of high frequency current from the power line. The probe senses the resulting magnetic field surrounding the conductors that supply power to the transmitter.

To operate, simply plug in or attach the transmitter to the conductor to be identified. The transmitter draws a 200mA load signal at a frequency one hundred times higher (6.25K) than the power line (60 Hz). The hand held probe containing custom filtering and signal conditioning networks will visually and audibly indicate which circuit is carrying the high frequency load signal.

The transmitter's signal is current drawn from the power source. Therefore, the signal will travel from the transmitter to the source of power (the power generating station) and back on the neutral, totally unaffected by distance. It's quick, easy and safe to use!

With the Current Tracer, you can trace any energized conductor, neutral line or ground line from any location in a facility back through main distribution panels, through transformers and switch gear. Without interrupting power, you can locate:

Circuit Breakers
Feeder Lines
Panel Boxes
Neutral and Ground Lines

Short Circuits
Conduit
Utility Boxes
Branch Lines

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SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

Operating Frequency	6.25 kHz
Operating Temperature	0°F to + 120°F
Shortage Temperature	-40°F + 150°F

T100 TRANSMITTER

Fuse	250V 1/4 amp, Normal 3 AG
Case	Flame Resistant ABS Plastic
Operating Voltage	9 to 300 Volts AC/DC
Operating Frequency	6250 Hertz (6.25 kHz)
Line Frequency Range	DC to 5 Hertz (5 kHz)
Maximum Load	200 ma. Peak at 110 Volts
Duty Cycle	Transmits every .164 seconds for .836 second.

P100 PROBE

Power	9 Volt Alkaline Battery
Battery Life	100 Hours (with normal use)
Case	Flame Resistant ABS Plastic

GAIN SETTINGS ON PROBE

Range Switch	Relative Gain
Wires	x1
Circuit Breakers	x2
Scan	x25

APPENDIX

TRANSMITTER FUSE REPLACEMENT

Disconnect instrument from all power sources before replacing fuse.

1. Using a small flat blade screwdriver, insert into slot located on fuse cover. Turn fuse cover 1/4 of a turn in a counter-clockwise direction. Fuse cover will pop out due to spring action.
2. Carefully pull the fuse cover away from transmitter case. The 250V, 1/4 amp, normal blow, 3 AG fuse should be attached to the fuse cover. If not, turn transmitter over so that fuse will fall out.
3. Place the replacement fuse into the fuse cover. Make sure that the replacement fuse is a 250V, 1/4 amp, normal blow, 3 AG fuse. A replacement fuse is provided in the instrument carrying case. Place the fuse and fuse cover combination into the transmitter case. Using a small screwdriver apply slight downward pressure and turn the fuse cover in the clockwise direction until it is felt to lock into position.

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T100 TRANSMITTER

The T100 transmitter is designed for tracing circuits with 9-300V AC/DC applied to them. It does this by drawing a high frequency load current from the power source, thus creating a traceable magnetic field around the conductors supplying its power. The transmitter houses a digital, crystal controlled circuit that never needs adjusting, and it will not interfere with sensitive electronic equipment on the line.

TRANSMITTER TEST POSITION

1. Plug the transmitter into any standard electrical outlet (see Figure 1). If there are no outlets available, use the pigtail connector provided in the instrument carrying case to connect the transmitter to any available voltage supply from 9-300V AC/DC (see Figure 2).
2. Verify that the L.E.D., located at the top of the transmitter, is flashing.
3. If the L.E.D. is not flashing and the voltage supply has been confirmed, check the fuse located on the L.E.D. end of the transmitter. (See fuse replacement on page 18.)
4. Repeat steps 1 and 2. When L.E.D. is flashing, this indicates that the T100 is functioning properly.
5. If the fuse is good and the L.E.D. on the T100 does not flash when attached to a voltage supply of 9-300V AC/DC, see the limited warranty for information on sending your unit in for repair.

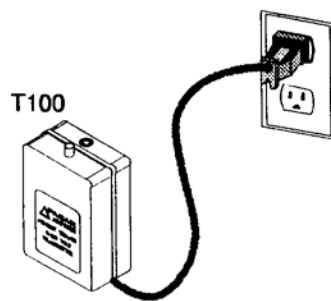


Figure 1

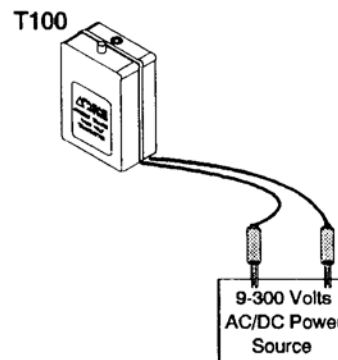


Figure 2

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P100 PROBE

The P100 probe is a tuned, magnetic field strength meter. When placed in close proximity (distance is dependent on range setting) of a conductor, or circuit breaker, which is in line with an Amprobe/Pasar transmitter, the magnetic sensor in the probe's tip will identify the proper conductor that is supplying power to that transmitter.

The probe is tuned to a 6.25 kHz frequency supplied in short continuous bursts by the Amprobe/Pasar transmitter. As the probe gets closer to the appropriate conductor, the 10 position L.E.D. display will indicate by lighting L.E.D.s in sequence from left to right. At the same time an audio signal will be heard in conjunction with visual indication on the display. The closer the probe is to the appropriate signal source the greater the visual and audio indication will be.

The probe's range and sensitivity will depend on the angle of the probe's tip in relation to the conductor being traced and the position of the range switch.

For maximum efficiency the tip of the probe should be oriented (as shown in Figure 3A) to the conductor being traced. Range settings are given on page 19. For battery replacement see page 18.

Figure 3A

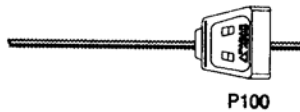


Figure 3B



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PROBE TEST POSITION

1. Attach a known good T100 transmitter to a power source of 9-300V AC/DC. The L.E.D. located on top of the transmitter should be flashing.
2. Set the range switch of the P100 to the *Circuit Breakers* position. Hold the probe at a 90° angle to the front of the functioning transmitter. With the tip pointed at the middle of the transmitter, a visual display of eight (8) to ten (10) L.E.D.s and a clear audio tone will be indicated.
3. If the visual display is less than eight (8) L.E.D.s or if there is not a clear audio tone, the nine (9) volt battery located inside the probe may need replacing (see battery replacement on page 17).
4. Repeat step 2. If the unit does not function properly, see the limited warranty for information on sending your unit in for repair. If the unit does indicate between the 8th and 10th L.E.D. and has a clear audio tone during that time, then the unit is functioning properly.

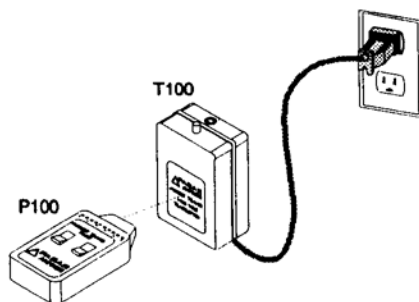


Figure 4

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LOCATING CIRCUIT BREAKERS

In areas where loss of power to a circuit will not cause damage, you can locate a circuit breaker without removing the panel cover.

1. Plug the T100 transmitter into an outlet.
2. Press the probe's Range Switch to SCAN.
3. Press the probe's ON/OFF Switch to ON.
4. Ensure that the probe is operational by holding it perpendicular to the transmitter and observing the L.E.D.s blink.
5. Hold the probe's tip to the distribution panel that the breaker is thought to be in and observe the probe's signal strength. The appropriate distribution panel produces the strongest signal.
6. Open the circuit breaker distribution panel door.
7. Press the probe's Range Switch to CIRCUIT BREAKER.
8. Press the probe's ON/OFF Switch to ON.
9. Hold the probe's tip to each circuit breaker as shown. The appropriate circuit breaker produces the strongest signal.

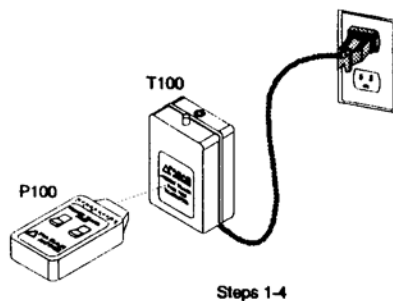


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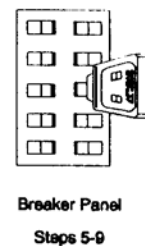


Figure 6

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LOCATING WIRES IN WALLS

1. Plug the pigtail connector into the T100 transmitter.
2. Clip one lead to a separate earth ground such as a water pipe.
3. Clip the other lead to the hot conductor.
4. Press the probe's Range Switch to SCAN.
5. Press the ON/OFF Switch to ON.
6. Hold the probe's tip close to the wall or floor where you suspect the conductor to be located.
7. Sweep the probe across large areas until the probe's signal locates the conductor.

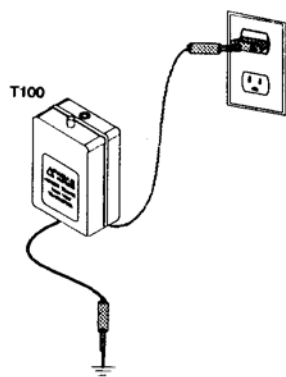


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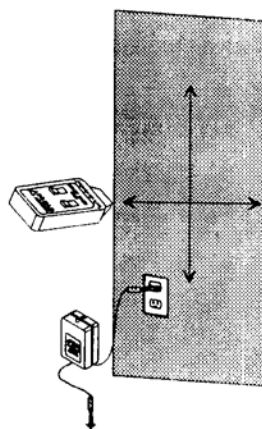


Figure 10

Caution: *Always connect the transmitter to ground first.*

(Note: This procedure may be used for tracing individual wires in bundles, etc.)

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LOCATING SHORTS

1. Find the affected breaker panel and make sure the switch is in the OFF position.
2. Plug the pigtail connector into the T100 transmitter.
3. Clip one lead to the shorted power line.
4. Clip the other lead to the hot conductor of an adjacent breaker or any source of power that is connected to ground.
5. Press the probe's Range Switch to SCAN.
6. Press the ON/OFF Switch to ON.
7. Hold the probe's tip close to the shorted wire.
8. Trace the wire until the signal suddenly stops. This is the location of the short.

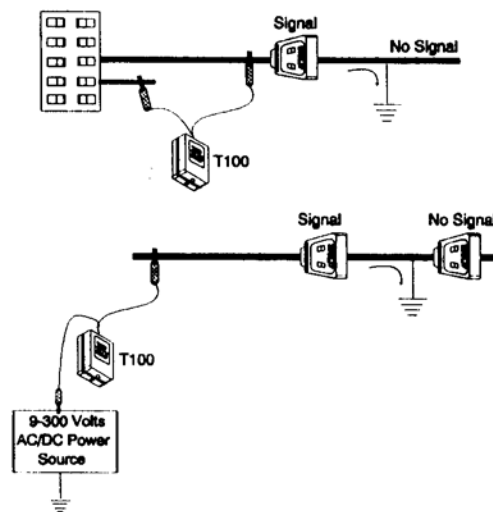


Figure 11

(Note: Since the signal should be fairly constant until you locate the short, you may have to adjust the Range Switch to a more selective gain level setting such as WIRES.)

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LOCATING GROUND OR NEUTRAL WIRES

1. Plug the pigtail connector into the T100 transmitter.
2. Clip one lead to the outlet ground or neutral.
3. Clip the other lead to the hot side of a grounded 9-300V AC/DC power source. An extension cord that is plugged into a powered outlet works well. The transmitter's L.E.D. should blink to indicate that it is operational.
4. Press the probe's Range Switch to SCAN.
5. Press the ON/OFF Switch to ON. Always check that you are getting a full scale reading on the wire to the transmitter with the probe in the WIRES position.
6. Follow the probe's signal to the desired location.

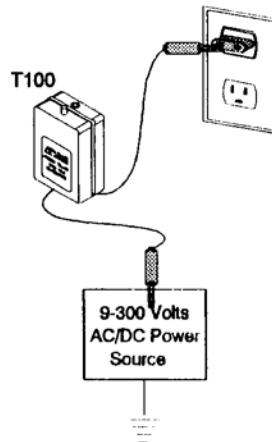


Figure 12

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LOCATING SHORTS TO GROUND ON POWER SYSTEMS

1. Clip one lead of the T100 transmitter to the shorted conductor at some point in the system or power line.
2. Clip the other lead to a grounded 9-300V AC/DC power source that is connected to ground.
3. Press the probe's Range Switch to SCAN.
4. Press the ON/OFF Switch to ON and test the transmitter signal.
5. Trace the probe's signal along the wire in both directions from the T100 transmitter. The signal will go directly to the short.

(Note: Connect the ground path far enough away from the shorted conductor so that it does not interfere with the signal. For example, when tracing a signal inside conduit, you would not want to use the conduit as a ground path.)

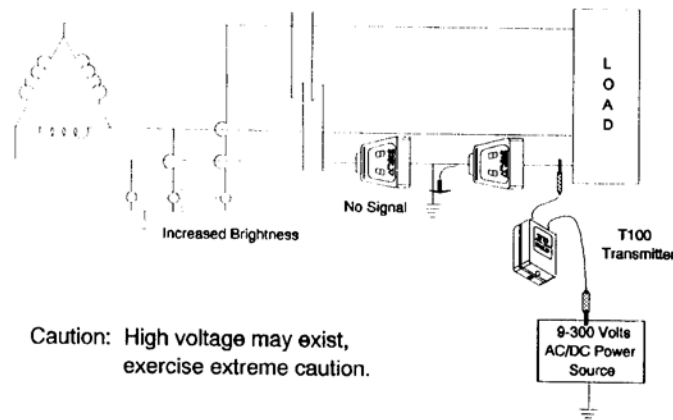


Figure 13

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FOLLOWING CONDUIT

1. Plug the pigtail connector into the T100 transmitter.
2. Clip one lead to a separate earth ground such as a water pipe or sprinkler system.
3. Clip the other lead of the transmitter to the hot conductor.
4. Follow the transmitter's signal as explained in the LOCATING WIRES IN WALLS section.

(Note: Since the feeder panel may radiate a magnetic signal to nearby conduit, make sure the probe is always more than 5 feet from the circuit breaker box. Also, although plastic and aluminum conduit do not affect the signal, thick steel conduit will reduce the signal strength.)

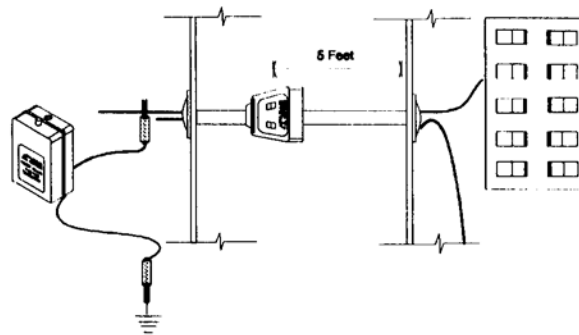


Figure 14

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TRACING COAXIAL CABLE

1. Clip one lead of the T100 transmitter to the shield on the coaxial cable.
2. Clip the other lead to a grounded 9-300V AC/DC power source.
3. Follow the transmitter's signal as explained in the LOCATING WIRES IN WALLS section.

(Note: Make sure the shield on the coaxial cable is at ground potential by using an ohm meter or other resistance measuring device.)

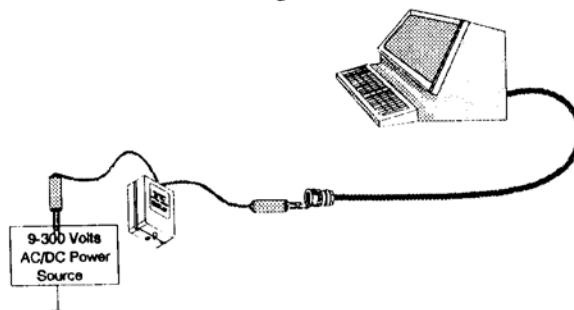


Figure 15

TRACING PLUMBING

1. Clip one lead of the T100 transmitter to the pipe you want to trace.
2. Clip the other lead to a grounded 9-300V AC/DC power source.
3. Press the probe's Range Switch to SCAN.
4. Press the probe's ON/OFF Switch to ON.
5. Hold the probe's tip to each pipe. The appropriate pipe will produce the strongest signal.

(Note: Remember you are tracing the current path to ground. If the pipe has many ground connections, the signal may be confusing. The larger the diameter of the pipe, the less the signal strength will be.)