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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

**Read and understand these instructions prior to use. These operating instructions are not a substitute for proper training in the use of this equipment.** High voltage systems present serious hazards, including the risk of death or serious injury due to arcing, thermal burns and electrocution. HD Electric's products are intended solely for use by professionals with knowledge, training and experience in the use of the equipment and its accessories in and around high voltage systems.

All applicable federal, state, company and OSHA work practices must be followed. If you are unfamiliar with the work practices required, DO NOT PROCEED. Call HD Electric if you have any questions regarding this equipment.

**These important labels are affixed to THE PRODUCT. Read and understand each of them before proceeding.**



All meters require the use of accessory hot sticks, which may or may not be supplied with the meter. The minimum hot stick length required for safe use depends upon the particular operation; consult federal, state, company and OSHA specifications for the proper hot stick length for the intended operation.

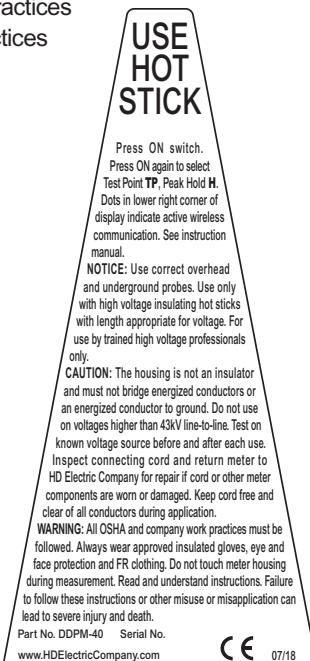
The users of this meter should always be equipped with personal protective equipment including high voltage gloves, flame retardant clothing, eye and face protection. Some applications may require additional protective equipment.

Accessory probes are available for all meters. Always use the proper probe(s) for your application.

Failure to follow these and other warnings and safety precautions may result in severe injury or death.

## OPERATIONAL IMPAIRMENT

If the DDPM-40 is used in a manner not described in this instruction manual, the protection and effective operation of this equipment may be impaired.



## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The HD Electric Dual Display Phasing Voltmeter includes a pair of single stick line-to-ground voltmeters that communicate with each other wirelessly. Both units are constructed with high strength molded housings with epoxy encapsulated high voltage resistors, a ground cord and a digital LED display.



The high voltage resistors limit the current through the ground cord to a maximum of less than one milliamp. Although the ground cords are insulated for voltage up to 20kV, they should always be kept free and clear from you and any other conductors.



**Hot Stick Connection:  
Shotgun or Universal Spline**

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL NUMBER: DDPM-40

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

- Conditions - Indoor and outdoor use
- Altitude - Up to 6,566 ft. (2000M)
- Operating Temperature -20°F to +120°F (-29°C to +49°C)
- Humidity - 95% to 49°C (non-condensing)
- Pollution Degree - PD4
- Measurement Category IV – Classification Rating (CAT IV) – Product is intended for use with test and measuring circuits connected to the circuits/wiring outside of a building installation, including transmission lines.
- Overvoltage Category IV
- Enclosure Material - Supertough Nylon UL 94-HB
- Printed Circuit Boards - FR-4 UL94V-0
- IEC Protection Rating - IP64

### DIMENSIONS:

- Length 14 in. (36cm), Width 4.6 in. (12cm), Height 4.1 in. (10cm)
- Ground Cord Length - 12' (3.6m) fully extended, 3.5' (1.7m) retracted
- Weight - (w/o probes): 2.25 lbs. (1.02kg) each unit
- Battery Life - 8 hours continuous use under normal operating conditions
- Battery - 9V alkaline 1604A, IEC 6LR61 or 9V lithium, ANSI-1604LC
- Digital Meter - Reads in kilovolts
- Voltage Range - 5V-25kV each unit line-to-ground.  
Indicates up to 43kV line-to -line, AC 25-1000Hz or DC
- Phasing Frequency - 50/60Hz
- Auto-Ranging - No range selector switch
- Accuracy - Within 1% of reading +/- 3 counts (line-to-ground & line-to-line measurements)
- Meter Resolution:
  - 0.005 - 0.999 range with 1 Volt resolution
  - 1.00 - 9.99 range with 10 Volt resolution
  - 10.0 - 25.0 range with 100 Volt resolution

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The DDPM-40 Dual Display Phasing Voltmeter measures DC and AC RMS voltage from 5V to 25kV line-to-ground at 25-1000Hz and up to 43kV line-to-line at 50/60Hz.

Press the ON button on both units to turn them on. The initial zero kV indication will be replaced shortly with the display of hollow zeros as a battery saving measure.

A low battery indication in the lower right corner of the screen indicates that the battery will need to be replaced soon. If the battery dies completely, the display will shut off. The battery compartments are on the bottom of each unit. HD Electric recommends using 9V lithium batteries but alkaline batteries may also be used.

Both displays will turn off after two minutes of a zero display.

## BATTERY REPLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

To replace the battery, open and remove the compartment on the bottom of the meter housing. Remove and dispose of the old battery, replacing it with a fresh, new 9-volt lithium or alkaline battery.

Note battery polarity on the battery compartment. This compartment cannot be reinserted if the battery polarity is reversed.



## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS *continued*

### Pre-Use Inspection

**WARNING:** Before using the instrument be sure to test and inspect the equipment to ensure that it is functioning properly and is in safe, working condition. Failure to do so may cause serious injury or death and may result in erroneous test measurements.

Before making any high voltage measurements, test and inspect the voltmeter/phaser as follows:

- 1) Make certain the instrument is clean and dry.
- 2) Inspect the cord for cracked insulation.
- 3) Be sure that you are using hot sticks of the appropriate length, and examine each hot stick to ensure that it is clean, dry and waxed to a clear shiny surface.
- 4) Attach the appropriate probes for overhead or underground applications (see page 11) and ensure that the probes are properly installed and tightened (do not overtighten).
- 5) Confirm that the meter is configured for the correct application (normal reading, Peak Hold, Test Point).
- 6) Test each voltmeter with a voltmeter tester such as the HD Electric PT-5000B Proof Tester® Voltmeter Tester (see page 11).

### Voltage Measurements – Line-to-Ground

First connect the ground cord to either a ground or system neutral. Maintain contact with the meter probe tip only long enough to read the meter. Always remove the probe from the energized source first before removing the ground connection.

### Voltage and Phasing Measurements – Line-to-Line

We recommend that two person crews perform all line-to-line voltage measurements and phasing operations. Since the operation is occurring near two energized conductors, the use of two person crews allows each person to operate one meter stick and maintain high safety standards.

In order to make line-to-line measurements, each meter must contact an energized line. Be sure that only those probes intended for the particular application are used (see page 11). Always keep the ground cord free and clear of energized phases and conductors. For phasing applications, the meters will be placed on opposite sides of an open point, typically a switch. The phasing operation will indicate if two sides of a line are in-phase before closing a switch. If the two phases are out-of-phase, the meter will indicate which is leading and which is lagging.

To check all phases proceed as follows:

- 1) Measure voltage on each phase from line-to-ground to verify all phases are live and at the same voltage.
- 2) Place one of the probes on a conductor on one side of the switch.
- 3) Place the other probe on one of the three phases on the other side of the switch.
- 4) If the conductors are out-of-phase, the meter will read line-to-line voltage.  
If they are in-phase, the meter will read near zero but may read up to 15% of the line-to-line voltage.
- 5) Continue this procedure with all three phases on both sides of the switch.

If an intermediate reading is found, the phasing cannot be determined by this method and the switch should not be closed until other means are used for phasing.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS *continued*



**7.20 kV**  
**L-G** ..

When the meters are first applied to voltage, they both measure line-to-ground voltage. This is indicated in the displays by L-G.

**7.20 kV**  
**L-G** ..

Once one meter is applied to line-to-ground voltage, it begins to wirelessly search for a second meter. Any DDPM-40 may connect with any other DDPM-40 applied to voltage in the area. When two meters have established wireless communication, moving dots will appear in the bottom right corner of each display.

After a few seconds, both meters will show line-to-line voltage, indicated in the displays by L-L.

**12.47 kV**  
**L-L REF** ..

If they are out of phase, one meter will show REF indicating it is the reference phase and the other meter will show the phase angle. Here, the +120° indicates it is leading the reference phase by 120°.

**12.47 kV**  
**L-L REF** ..

And here the -120° shows this meter lagging the reference phase by 120°.

**0.00 kV**  
**L-L REF** ..

If the two meters are in phase, the line-to-line voltage will be near zero and one meter will again show REF while the other phase indication will show IN.

**12.47 kV**  
**L-L +120°** ..

**12.47 kV**  
**L-L -120°** ..

**0.00 kV**  
**L-L IN** ..

As soon as one meter is removed from voltage, the wireless link is shut down until the next time voltage is applied.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS *continued*

### Test Point Measurements

To activate Test Point mode simply push the ON button again. Test Point mode is indicated by TP in the display. To turn Test Point mode off, simply press the ON button again to continue cycling through functional modes. When using a DDPM-40



to phase between test points, the important measurement is whether high voltage is present or not. The proper procedure for phasing between elbow test points is as follows:

- 1) Both elbows must be energized. Follow the proper safety practices for removing the test point protective caps and exposing the live test points. Treat all exposed electrodes as energized high voltage. Measure from both elbow test points to ground. These measurements should show that both elbows are energized and, if both elbows are of the same type and manufacture, should measure the same approximate line voltage.
- 2) Measure from one elbow test point to the other. This reading will show either a high voltage reading indicating the elbows are out-of-phase or a zero or low voltage reading indicating the elbows are connected to the same phase. The in-phase voltage measurement can be between zero and 15% of the nominal line-to-ground voltage. If both elbows are of different type and manufacture, then the reading may be higher.

### Peak Hold

Press the ON button to activate this feature and once again to clear the reading. The H in the display confirms Peak Hold. The display will hold the highest reading while Peak Hold is activated. **NOTE:** The meter will not shut off while a peak reading is displayed.



## PROBES AND ACCESSORIES

**WARNING:** ALWAYS use probes appropriate to your application. NEVER use overhead probes in underground applications. Failure to use the correct probe can result in arcing or electrical contact and may cause serious injury or death. If you are not trained in the particular operation or are not sure about the appropriate probe for your application do not proceed.

### Overhead Probes

- A. 025-OLPS-5 brass hook probe
- B. 025-OLPS-6 brass pigtail probe
- C. Hot Stick



A range of hot sticks are available in lengths starting at 4'. Contact HD Electric for more details.

### D. Insulated Underground Probe

GCP-1 for general underground use on grounded terminals, exposed high voltage terminals or elbow test points.

### Underground Dead Front Bushing Probes

- E. ASP-15/25 for use in 15kV and 25kV loadbreak bushings
- F. ASP-35U for use in 35kV loadbreak bushings
- G. Underground Elbow Probe

EA-15/25 for insertion in loadbreak elbows.

**NOTE:** The elbow must be firmly supported when using this probe.

## Proof-Tester® Voltmeter Tester

The PT-5000B Proof Tester Voltmeter Tester will produce 5kVDC at the test leads to confirm proper operation of voltmeters and phasers. This tester should be used only with voltmeters/phasers that measure DC voltage. It will not confirm operation of voltmeters/phasers that measure AC voltage only. The PT-5000B operates from one 9V lithium or alkaline battery and produces approximately 5kVDC at the connecting leads. To use:

- 1) Connect one tester lead to the meter ground cord and the other lead to the probe tip, typically the overhead brass hook probe.
- 2) Press and hold both TEST buttons.
- 3) Confirm a good battery by checking the red light on the Tester. If the red light does not come on, replace the battery with a 9V lithium or alkaline only.
- 4) Verify the voltmeter/phaser reads approximately 5kV.
- 5) Release the TEST buttons and disconnect the Tester from the voltmeter/phaser. Perform this test on both units.

**WARNING:** Do not use the voltmeter/phaser if proper operation is not confirmed.

**WARNING:** Do not use this tester except as directed. Do not use to test equipment other than voltmeters/phasers. Do not apply to energized circuits or equipment. Refer all servicing to the factory. Failure to follow these instructions may lead to electric shock, severe injury or death.



# CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE LOG

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