

INSTRUCTION MANUAL



TR13 Voltage Detector

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Description

The Greenlee TR13 Voltage Detector is intended to check for the presence of AC voltage, signaling the user with an intermittent tone and flashing LED. The TR13 has a Self Test feature that continuously tests the integrity of the entire unit including the antenna. The TR13 also features low battery indication, an auto power off feature and a flashlight.

This tool is protected by U.S. Patent No. 7,733,078, U.S. Patent No. 9,146,262 and Canadian Patent No. 2,607,922. Other patents pending.

Safety

Safety is essential in the use and maintenance of Greenlee tools and equipment. This instruction manual and any markings on the tool provide information for avoiding hazards and unsafe practices related to the use of this tool. Observe all of the safety information provided.

Purpose of This Manual

This instruction manual is intended to familiarize all personnel with the safe operation and maintenance procedures for the Greenlee TR13 Voltage Detector.

Keep this manual available to all personnel. Replacement manuals



Do not discard this product or throw away!

For recycling information,

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Symbols on the Unit

-  Warning—Read the instruction manual
-  Double insulation
-  Antenna tip
- H** Hot side tip
- N** Neutral side tip

Important Safety Information



⚠ WARNING

Read and understand this material before operating or servicing this equipment. Failure to understand how to safely operate this tool could result in an accident causing serious injury or death.



⚠ WARNING

Electric shock hazard:
Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including eye protection and other PPE as required by your employer.
Contact with live circuits could result in severe injury or death.

⚠ WARNING

Electric shock hazard:

- **Do not assume that no voltage indication means that the circuit is de-energized.**
- **Follow the 3-point safety method as described in the "Operation" section (steps 3, 4, and 5).**
- Do not use the unit if it is wet or damaged.
- Do not apply more than the rated voltage between the tip and earth ground.
- Do not operate with the case open.
- This tester will not detect voltage through metal conduit, on armored or shielded cable, on sheathed nonmetallic cable that is saturated with water, or at a distance such as through walls.
- Using this unit near equipment that generates electromagnetic interference can result in unstable or inaccurate readings.
- Grip unit with hand toward the center of the main body during normal operation; otherwise, the sensitivity of the tester can be affected leading to inaccurate readings.

Failure to observe these warnings could result in severe injury or death.

⚠ CAUTION

Electric shock hazard:

- Do not attempt to repair this unit. It contains no user-serviceable parts.
- Do not attempt to repair or reshape the antenna if it becomes bent or deformed. The unit must be replaced.
- Do not expose the unit to extremes in temperature or high humidity. Refer to "Specifications."

Failure to observe these precautions may result in injury and can damage the unit.

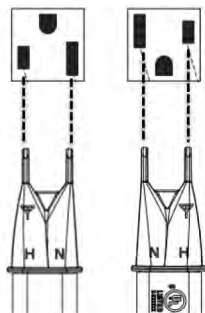


Fig. 1

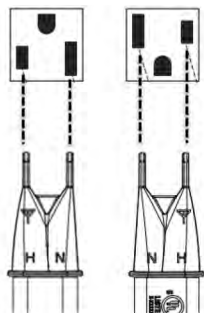


Fig. 2

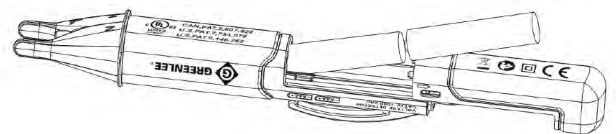


Fig. 3

Operation

The Greenlee TR13 is useful for identifying hot and neutral conductors, finding a break in a wire, and detecting the presence of AC voltage at outlets, switches, circuit breakers, fuses, and wires and cables, including ROMEX® nonmetallic building electrical wire.

Note: Round cords may have twisted conductors. Check for hot conductors by sliding the antenna tip along the cord.

Note: The TR13 can be used to find a break in a wire:

- To find a break in a hot conductor, trace the wire until the signal stops.
 - To find a break in a neutral conductor, connect a load between the hot and neutral. Trace the wire until the signal stops.
1. Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including eye protection and other PPE as required by your employer.
 2. Turn the unit on by pressing the ON/OFF button. The flashlight can be turned on by pressing the flashlight button. **Note:** The flashlight can only be turned on after the unit is powered on.
 3. The TR13 performs a self-test and a battery check every 2 seconds. Before using the unit, verify that the LED is flashing periodically. This indicates that both tests were successful.
 - The unit will turn off automatically if the self-test fails. Do not use the unit.
 - The LED will remain on continuously if the batteries are low. Replace the batteries as soon as possible.
 4. **Test the unit on a known live circuit before each use.**
 - The LED will flash to indicate the presence of voltage (50 to 1000 VAC). The beeper will also sound.
 - If the unit does not function as expected on a known live circuit, replace the batteries.
 - If the unit still does not function as expected, call Greenlee for technical assistance at 800-435-0786.
 5. Place the antenna tip on or near the circuit or unit to be tested. The LED will flash to indicate the presence of voltage (50 to 1000 VAC). The beeper will also sound.
 6. When checking a tamper-resistant receptacle:
 - Insert the tips as shown in Fig. 1, such that the tips are completely engaged in the receptacle, to detect the presence of an AC voltage on the Hot side of the outlet.
 - Insert the tips as shown in Fig. 2, such that the tips are completely engaged in the receptacle, to ensure the absence of an AC voltage on the Neutral side of the outlet.
 7. Test again on a known live circuit after use to verify proper operation.

Specifications

Indicators: LED and Tone

Voltage Range: 50 VAC to 1000 VAC

Frequency Range: 50/60 Hz

Measurement Category: Category IV, 1000 V per UL 61010-1

Operating Conditions:

Temperature: -10 °C to 50 °C (14 °F to 122 °F)

Less than 80% relative humidity (noncondensing)

Altitude: 2000 m (6500') maximum

Indoor use only.

Pollution Degree: 2

Battery: Two 1.5 volt batteries (AAA, IEC R30P)

Measurement Categories

This definition was derived from the international safety standard for insulation coordination as it applies to measurement, control, and laboratory equipment. These measurement categories are explained in more detail by the International Electrotechnical Commission; refer to either of their publications: IEC 61010-1 or IEC 60664.

Measurement Category IV: Primary supply level. Overhead lines and other cable systems. Some examples include cables, meters, transformers, and other exterior equipment owned by the power utility.

Maintenance

Battery Replacement

1. Pull back on the battery door to slide it open and reveal the batteries (Fig. 3).
2. Replace the batteries (observe polarity).
3. Line up the rails on the body and battery door. Slide the door forward until it latches.

Cleaning

Periodically wipe the case with a damp cloth and mild detergent; do not use abrasives or solvents.

Statement of Conformity

Greenlee Tools, Inc. is certified in accordance with ISO 9001: 2008 for our Quality Management Systems.

The instrument enclosed has been checked and/or calibrated using equipment that is traceable to the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST).