

Analogue Surface Resistance Test Kit Operation and Maintenance



Figure 1. Vermason [222635](#) Analogue Surface Resistance Test Kit

Description

The Vermason Analogue Surface Resistance Test Kit is a portable battery-powered instrument designed to measure resistance point-to-point (Rp-p) and surface to ground (Rg). The meter is equipped with an automatic test voltage selector. The test voltage will switch from 10V to 100V should the measured resistance exceed 10E5 ohms.

ESD protected area products should be tested:

- Prior to installation to qualify for listing in user's ESD control plan. Approved ESD materials (see product qualification table at ANSI/ESD S20.20-2007 Table 3 EPA ESD control items)
- During initial installation
- For periodic checks of installed products as part of ANSI/ESD S20.20-2007 Compliance Verification testing per ESD TR53.

Compliance Verification Plan

"A Compliance Verification Plan shall be established to ensure the Organization's fulfillment of the technical requirements of the ESD Control Program Plan. Process monitoring (measurements) shall be conducted in accordance with a Compliance Verification Plan that

identifies the technical requirements to be verified, the measurement limits and the frequency at which those verifications shall occur. The Compliance Verification Plan shall document the test methods and equipment used for process monitoring and measurements. If the test methods used by the Organization differ from any of the standards referenced in the document, then there must be a tailoring statement that is documented as part of the ESD Control Program Plan. Compliance verification records shall be established and maintained to provide evidence of conformity to the technical requirements.

The test equipment selected shall be capable of making the measurements defined in the Compliance Verification Plan." [IEC 61340-5-1 Edition 1 2007-08 clause 5.2.3 Compliance verification plan]

The Analogue Surface Resistance Meter and its accessories are available as the following item numbers:

Item	Description
222635	Analogue Surface Resistance Test Kit (Test Leads and Electrodes Included)
222637	Analogue Surface Resistance Meter
222636	Shielded Test Leads
222634	Electrodes, 2.27kg.

Packaging

222635 Analogue Surface Resistance Test Kit

- Analogue Surface Resistance Meter
- 9V Alkaline Battery
- Shielded Test Leads
- 2.27 kilograms Electrodes
- Plastic Carrying Case
- Certificate of Calibration

222637 Analogue Surface Resistance Meter

- Analogue Surface Resistance Meter
- 9V Alkaline Battery
- Certificate of Calibration

Features and Components

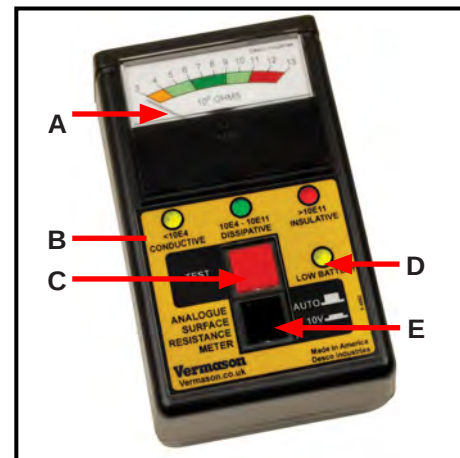


Figure 2. Analogue Surface Resistance Meter features and components

A. Analogue Display: Displays surface resistance measurements from 10E3 - 10E13 ohms.

B. Resistance Property LEDs: Color-coded LEDs that provide quick-check resistance indicators.

C. Test Button: Hold this button down to operate the Analogue Surface Resistance meter.

D. Low Battery LED: Illuminates when the battery power drops below 5.5V.

E. Test Voltage Button: Test voltage will automatically switch from 10V to 100V when set to AUTO. Test voltage will stay at 10V HOLD when set to 10V.

Operation

Compliance Verification Test Procedure Guideline

"The test methods in the compliance verification column refer to the basic test procedure only. It is not expected that the test method will be followed in its entirety." [IEC 61340-5-1 Edition 1.0 2007-08 EPA requirements Table 3 Note 2]

NOTE: The test kit can be used to measure Rg and Rp-p of storage racks, garments, floor and trolley working surfaces using test procedures similar to working surfaces and foot grounders.

MEASURE WORKSURFACE RESISTANCE TO GROUND (Rg)

1. Do not clean the surface.
2. Remove all ESD sensitive items from the surface and items that might interfere with the test.
3. Connect one lead to ground.
4. Use one electrode on the other test lead and place it at the center of the surface.
5. Set the Test Voltage Button to AUTO. Press and hold the the TEST button until the measurement is displayed (see Figure 3).
6. Perform additional measurements by placing the electrode on the most commonly used or worn areas.

CAUTION: If there is a current limiting resistor in the worksurface and the worksurface resistance is lower, the measurement will primarily be the resistance of the resistor. It is recommended to measure Rp-p particularly if the material color is black.



Figure 3. Using the test leads and one 5 pound electrode to measure Rg

MEASURE WORKSURFACE RESISTANCE POINT-TO-POINT ON THE SURFACE (Rp-p)

1. Do not clean the surface.
2. Remove all ESD sensitive items from the surface and items that might interfere with the test.
3. Use two electrodes and place them 25 cm apart on the most frequently used area of the surface (5 cm from any edge, 8 cm from any groundable point).
4. If the most used area of the surface is not obvious, use two points near the center of the surface.

5. Set the Test Voltage Button to AUTO. Press and hold the the TEST button until the measurement is displayed (see Figure 4).

If the measurement is outside acceptable limits, clean the surface and re-test to determine if the cause of failure is an insulative dirt layer or the ESD worksurface material. NOTE: Use an ESD cleaner containing no insulative silicone (i.e. Vermason [229021](#) Reztore™ Antistatic Surface and Mat Cleaner).

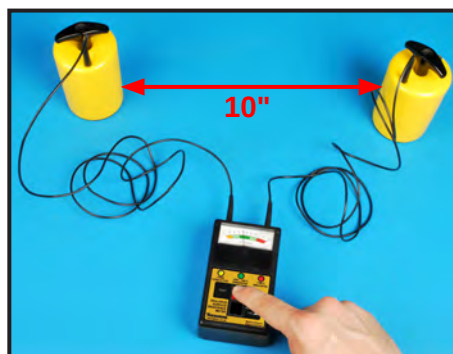


Figure 4. Using the test leads and two 5 pound electrodes to measure Rp-p of worksurfaces (place electrodes 1 meter apart for flooring)

RECOMMENDED FREQUENCY OF PERIODIC COMPLIANCE VERIFICATION OF INSTALLED PRODUCTS

NOTE: "The frequency of periodic testing is normally specified in corporate operating procedures. ...The frequency of testing is driven by the amount of risk exposure that can occur between tests. For, example, what is the quantity of product handled between test periods?"

A GUIDE FOR PERIODIC TESTING

- Working surface, Trolleys, Storage Racks - at least quarterly per IEC 61340-2-3
- Footwear - Incoming inspection on a lot sampling basis should be performed for all static control footwear.
- Floor - at least quarterly testing worn and dirty areas per IEC 61340-4-1 also a consideration. Some materials, such as floor finishes, may require more frequent testing because of their lack of permanency."

- Seating - "The recommended electrical resistance range for seating is less than 1×10^{10} ohms as tested in accordance with IEC 61340-2-3. This value should be during acceptance testing, installation and periodically thereafter."
- Garments - The sleeve to sleeve resistance test should be made to ensure proper resistance range through the entire garment per ANSI/ESD STM2.1. Alternately, the garment while worn can be tested using a wrist strap tester."

Maintenance

The area surrounding the cable jacks at the top end of the meter should be wiped with a clean cloth moistened with alcohol to remove skin oils that will accumulate and affect the accuracy at high resistances. The frequency of cleaning will depend on usage; once a month would be a good starting point.

Clean the electrodes with a minimum 70% isopropanol-water solution. Make sure conductive pads are dry prior to use.

The Analogue Surface Resistance Meter requires little maintenance, and there are no user serviceable parts. If your unit requires service beyond cleaning the electrodes or replacing the batteries, please contact Vermason Customer Service.

Specifications

Accuracy $\pm 1/2$ decade

Weight
Meter 0.2 kg
Kit 5.4 lbs.

Size
Meter 11.4 cm L x 7.1 cm W x 5.3 cm H
Kit 24.1 cm L x 30.5 cm W x 8.9 cm H

Power Supply: 9V alkaline battery

Limited Warranty

Vermason expressly warrants that for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase, Vermason Analogue Surface Resistance Meters will be free of defects in material (parts) and workmanship (labour). Within the warranty period, a unit will be tested, repaired or replaced at Vermason's option, free of charge. Call Customer Service at 0044 (0) 1462 672005 for a Return Material Authorisation (RMA) and for proper shipping instructions and address. Any unit under warranty should be shipped prepaid to the Vermason factory. You should include a copy of your original packing slip, invoice, or other proof of purchase date. Warranty repairs will take approximately two weeks.

If your unit is out of warranty, Vermason will quote repair charges necessary to bring your unit to factory standards. Call Customer Service at 0044 (0) 1462 672005 for a Return Material Authorisation (RMA) and proper shipping instructions and address.

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