

UT205A/UT206A Operating Manual



AC Clamp Multimeters

Overview

This Operating Manual covers information on safety and cautions. Please read the relevant information carefully and observe all the **Warnings** and **Notes** strictly.

Warning

To avoid electric shock or personal injury, read the "Safety Information" carefully before using the Meter. Model UT205A and UT206A are AC clamp multimeters (hereafter referred to as "the Meter") with remarkable features: versatile functions, stable operation, low power consumption and ergonomic structural design. They can measure AC/DC voltage, AC current, resistance, diode, continuity, frequency and temperature(UT206A),etc.

Except where noted, the descriptions and instructions in this Operating Manual apply to both the Model UT205A/UT206A

Unpacking Inspection

Open the package case and take out the Meter. Check the following items carefully for any missing or damaged part:

Item	Description	Qty
1	Operating Manual	1 pc
2	Test Leads	1 pair
3	Model UT206A: Point Contact Temperature Probe	1 pc
4	9V Battery (NEDA 1604, 6F22 or 0006P) (installed inside the Meter)	1 pc
5	Vinyl Bag	1 pc

In the event you find any missing or damaged part, please contact your dealer immediately.

Safety Information

This Meter complies with the standard IEC61010: Pollution Degree 2, Overvoltage Category (CAT. II 600V / CAT III 300V) and Double Insulation.

CAT II: Local level, appliance, PORTABLE EQUIPMENT etc., with smaller transient voltage overvoltages than CAT. III
CAT. III: Distribution level, fixed installation, with smaller transient overvoltages than CAT. IV.

Under the influence of Radiated, Radio-Frequency Electro-magnetic Field phenomenon, the captioned model may malfunction and can self-recover after the test. Use the Meter only as specified in this operating manual, otherwise the protection provided by the Meter may be impaired.

In this manual, a **Warning** identifies conditions and actions that pose hazards to the user, or may damage the Meter or the equipment under test.

A **Note** identifies the information that user should pay attention to.

Warning

To avoid possible electric shock or personal injury, and to avoid possible damage to the Meter or to the equipment under test, adhere to the following rules:

- Check for the lever is in good condition when measuring AC current.
- Must center the wire (conductor) within the transformer jaw.
- Before using the Meter inspect the case. Do not use the Meter if it is damaged or the case (or part of the case) is removed. Look for cracks or missing plastic. Pay attention to the insulation around the connectors.
- Inspect the test leads for damaged insulation or exposed metal. Check the test leads for continuity. Replace damaged test leads with identical model number or electrical specifications before using the Meter.
- Do not apply more than the rated voltage, as marked on the Meter, between the terminals or between any terminal and grounding.
- The rotary switch should be placed in the right

position and no any changeover of range shall be made when measurement is conducted to prevent damage of the Meter.

- When the Meter is working at an effective voltage over 60V in DC or 42V rms in AC, special care should be taken for there is danger of electric shock.
- Use the proper terminals, function, and range for your measurements.
- When using the test leads, keep your fingers behind the finger guards.
- Disconnect circuit power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before testing.
- To avoid harm to you or damage to the Meter from electric shock, please do not attempt to apply higher than 600V between the terminals and grounding.
- Replace the battery as soon as the battery indicator appears. With a low battery, the Meter might produce false readings that can lead to electric shock and personal injury.
- When servicing the Meter, use only the replacement parts with the same model or identical electrical specifications.
- The internal circuit of the Meter shall not be altered at will to avoid damage of the Meter and any accident.
- Soft cloth and mild detergent should be used to clean the surface of the Meter when servicing. No abrasive and solvent should be used to prevent the surface of the Meter from corrosion, damage and accident.
- Turn the Meter off when it is not in use and take out the battery when not using for a long time.
- Constantly check the battery as it may leak when it has been using for some time, replace the battery as soon as leaking appears. A leaking battery will damage the Meter.
- Do not use or store the Meter in an environment of high temperature, humidity, explosive, inflammable and strong magnetic field. The performance of the Meter may deteriorate after dampened

International Electrical Symbols

	AC (Alternating Current)
	DC (Direct Current)
	AC or DC
	Grounding
	Double Insulated
	Fuse
	Low Battery Indication
	Continuity Test
	Diode
	Conforms to Standards of European Union
	Warning. Refer to the Operating Manual
	Risk of Electric Shock

The Meter Structure (See Figure 1)

1. Transformer Jaw designed to pick up the AC current flowing through the conductor.
2. Rotary Switch.
3. LCD Display.
4. Function Buttons
5. Input Terminals
6. Lever. Press the lever to open the transformer jaws. When the pressure on the lever is released, the jaws will close.

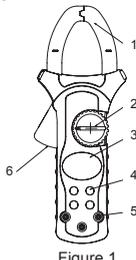


Figure 1

Functional Buttons

Below table indicated for information about the functional button operations.

Button	Description
	Turn the display backlight on and off. In order to avoid the hazard arising from mistaken readings in insufficient light or poor vision, please use Display Backlight function.
HZ% (UT205A only)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At ACV or DCV range <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Press the button to switch into Hz or duty cycle if under ACV or DCV range. ● The Meters enters the manual ranging measurement mode after pressing the button at the ACV or DCV measurement range. Turn the rotary switch or switch off the Meter to return to auto ranging measurement mode. The Meter is at the DCV - 400mV range or ACV-4V range after returning from the Hz% cycle measurement mode. 2. At Hz range <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Press the button to step through frequency and duty cycle measurement mode.
REL Δ (UT206A only)	Press REL Δ to enter and exit the REL mode in any measuring mode except in frequency and duty cycle, the Meter beeps.

SELECT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UT206A: Switches between AC voltage and DC Voltage measurement, and continuity and diode measurement; the Meter beeps. ● UT205A: Switches between continuity and diode measurement; the Meter beeps. ● When it is under sleep mode, press to activate the Meter at the effective measurement range, e.g. continuity buzzer. Auto power off feature will be disabled until Switching off and turning on the Meter again.
HOLD	Press HOLD to enter and exit the Hold mode in any mode, the Meter beeps.

Display Symbols (See Figure 2)

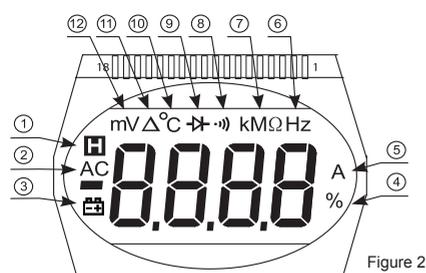


Figure 2

Number	Symbol	Description
1		Data hold is active.
2	AC	Indicator for AC Voltage. The battery is low. Δ Warning: To avoid false readings, which could lead to possible electric shock or personal injury, replace the battery as soon as the battery indicator appears.
3		
4	%	Percent: Used for duty cycle measurements.
5	A	Indicator for AC current
6	Hz, kHz, MHz	Hertz. The unit of frequency. Kilohertz. 1×10^3 or 1000 hertz. Megahertz. 1×10^6 or 1,000,000 hertz.
7	Ω, kΩ, MΩ	Ohm. The unit of resistance. kilohm. 1×10^3 or 1000 ohms. Megaohm. 1×10^6 or 1,000,000 ohms.
8		The continuity buzzer is on.
9		Test of diode
10	°C	Centigrade. The unit of temperature.
11	Δ	The relative value mode is on to display the stored value minus the present
12	V, mV	Volts. The unit of voltage. Millivolt. 1×10^{-3} or 0.001 volts.

Measurement Operation

- Make sure the Sleep Mode is not on if you found there is no display on the LCD after turning on the Meter.
- Make sure the Low Battery Display is not on; otherwise false readings may be provided.
- Pay extra attention to the Δ symbol which is located besides the input terminals of the Meter before carrying out measurement.
- Make sure you are in the proper measurement range before carrying out measurement.

A. Measuring AC Current (See Figure 3)

Warning

The measurement value obtained is wrong if testing two or more current conductors at the same time.

To measure current, do the following:

1. Set the rotary switch to the current measurement mode.
2. Check the lever is in good condition.
3. Press the lever to open the transformer jaw.
4. Center the conductor within the transformer jaw, then release the Meter slowly until the transformer jaw is completely closed. Make sure the conductor to be tested is placed at the center of the transformer jaw, otherwise it will cause deviation. The Meter can only measure one conductor at a time, to measure more than one conductor at a time will cause deviation. The measured value shows on the display, it is a RMS value of sine wave (mean value response).

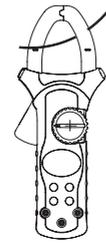


Figure 3

Note

- When current measurement has been completed, and remove the conductor away from the transformer jaw of the Meter.

B. Measuring DC Voltage (See Figure 4)

Warning

To avoid harm to you or damage to the Meter from electric shock, please do not attempt to measure voltages higher than 600V although readings may be obtained.

To measure DC voltage, connect the Meter as follows:

1. Insert the red test lead into the V terminal and the black test lead into the COM terminal.
2. Set the rotary switch to DC voltage measurement mode.
3. Connect the test leads across with the object being measured.

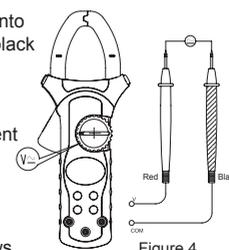


Figure 4

The measured value shows on the display.

Note

- In each range, the Meter has an input impedance of $10M\Omega$. This loading effect can cause measurement errors in high impedance circuits. If the circuit impedance is less than or equal to $10k\Omega$, the error is negligible (0.1% or less).
- When DC voltage measurement has been completed, disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test, and remove the testing leads away from the input terminals of the Meter.

C. Measuring AC Voltage (See Figure 4)

AC Voltage measurement is an auto ranging measurement mode.

Note:

- Follow the same procedure as the DC Voltage Measurement mode. When you using UT206A to carry out the measurement, use SELECT button to switch between ACV and DCV.

D. Measuring Resistance (See Figure 5)

Warning

To avoid damages to the Meter or to the devices under test, disconnect circuit power and discharge all the high-voltage capacitors before measuring resistance.

To measure resistance, connect the Meter as follows:

1. Insert the red test lead into the Ω terminal and the black test lead into the COM terminal.
2. Set the rotary switch to Ω .
3. Connect the test leads across with the object being measured.

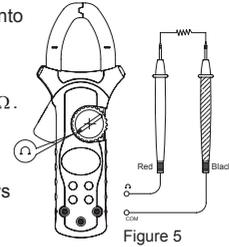


Figure 5

The measured value shows on the display.

Note

- The test leads can add 0.1Ω to 0.3Ω of error to resistance measurement. To obtain precision readings in low-resistance measurement under the range of 400.0Ω , short-circuit the input terminals beforehand, using the relative measurement function button REL Δ to automatically subtract the value measured when the testing leads are short-circuited from the reading.
- For high-resistance measurement ($>1M\Omega$), it is normal to take several seconds to obtain a stable reading.
- When resistance measurement has been completed, disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test, and remove the testing leads away from the input terminals of the Meter.

E. Testing for Diodes and Continuity (See Figure 6)

Warning

To avoid damages to the Meter or to the devices under test, disconnect circuit power and discharge all the high-voltage capacitors before testing for continuity.

To test for diodes and continuity, connect the Meter as below:

1. Insert the red test lead into the terminal and the black test lead into the COM terminal.
2. For diode test
 - a. Set the rotary switch to .
 - b. For forward voltage drop readings on any semiconductor component, place the red test lead on the component's anode and place the black test lead on the component's cathode.

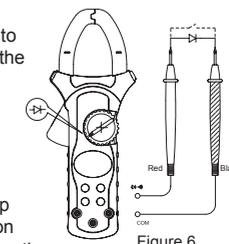


Figure 6

The measured value shows on the display.

3. For continuity test:

- a. Press SELECT to switch between Diode and Continuity test.
- b. Connect the test lead to the two end of the circuit under test.
- c. The buzzer sounds if the resistance of a circuit under test is less than 100Ω .

Note

- In a circuit, a good diode should still produce a

forward voltage drop reading of 0.5V to 0.8V; however, the reverse-voltage drop reading can vary depending on the resistance of other pathways between the probe tips.

- Connect the test leads to the proper terminals as said above to avoid error display. The LCD will display **OL** indicating diode being tested is open or polarity is reversed. The unit of diode is Volt (V), displaying the forward voltage drop readings.
- When diode and continuity testing has been completed, disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test, and remove the testing leads away from the input terminals of the Meter.

F. Measuring Frequency and Duty Cycle (See Figure 7)

UT205A is designed with frequency and duty cycle functions, but only frequency for UT206A.

To measure frequency and duty cycle, connect the Meter as follows:

1. UT205A

- Insert the red test lead into the **Hz%** terminal and the black test lead into the **COM** terminal.
- Set the rotary switch to **Hz**; press **Hz%** button to switch between Hz and Duty cycle measurement mode.
- Or set the rotary to ACV or DCV range, then press **Hz%** button to switch into Hz and Duty cycle measurement mode. But the accuracy will have a little difference based on the input frequency and wave.
- Connect the test leads across with the object being measured. The measured frequency value or duty cycle value shows on the display.

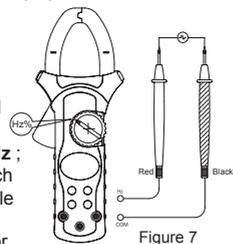


Figure 7

2. UT206A

- Insert the red test lead into the **Hz** terminal and the black test lead into the **COM** terminal.
- Set the rotary switch to **Hz**.
- Connect the test leads across with the object being measured. The measured frequency value shows on the display.

Note

- When frequency and duty cycle measurement has been completed, disconnect the connection between the testing leads and the circuit under test, and remove the testing leads away from the input terminals of the Meter.

G. Measuring Temperature (UT206A Only, See Figure 8)

To measure temperature, connect the Meter as follows:

- Insert the red temperature probe into the **°C** terminal and the black temperature probe into the **COM** terminal.
- Set the rotary switch to **°C**.
- Place the temperature probe to the object being measured.

The measured value shows on the display.

Note

- When there is no temperature probe inserted into the terminals, the LCD displays **OL**.
- The included point contact temperature probe can only be used up to 250 °C. For any measurement higher than that, it is necessary to use another type of temperature probe.
- When temperature measurement has been completed, disconnect the connection between the temperature probe and measured object, and remove the temperature probe from the input terminals of the Meter.

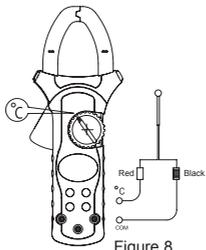


Figure 8

Operation of Hold Mode

Warning

To avoid possibility of electric shock, do not use Hold mode to determine if circuits are without power. The Hold mode will not capture unstable or noisy readings.

- The Hold mode is applicable to all measurement functions.
- Press **HOLD** to enter Hold mode; the Meter beeps.
- Press **HOLD** again or turn the rotary switch to exit Hold mode; the Meter beeps.
- In Hold mode, **⏸** is displayed.

The Use of Relative Value Mode (UT206A only)

The REL Δ mode applies to all measurement functions except frequency and duty cycle. It subtracts a stored value from the present measurement value and displays the result.

For instance, if the stored value is 20.0V and the present measurement value is 22.0V, the reading would be 2.0V. If a new measurement value is equal to the stored value then display 0.0V.

To enter or exit REL Δ mode:

- Use rotary switch to select the measurement function before selecting **REL Δ** . If measurement function changes manually after **REL Δ** is selected, the Meter exits the REL Δ mode.
- Press **REL Δ** to enter REL Δ mode, auto ranging turns off, and the present measurement range is locked and stored as the stored value. All the measurements done after will be automatically subtract this stored value.
- Press **REL Δ** again to exit REL Δ mode and return to common measurement mode. If you want to enter the auto ranging measurement mode or other ranges, please turn the rotary switch or power off the Meter and start again.

The SELECT Button

It uses for selecting the required measurement function when there is more than one function at one position of the rotary switch.

Turning on the Display Backlight

Warning

In order to avoid the hazard arising from mistaken readings in insufficient light or poor vision, please use Display Backlight function.

- Press and hold **☼** button for over 2 seconds to turn the Display Backlight on.
- Press **☼** button again to turn the Display Backlight off, otherwise it will stay on continuously.

Sleep Mode

To preserve battery life, the Meter automatically turns off if you do not turn the rotary switch or press any button for around 15 minutes.

The Meter can be activated by turning the rotary switch or pressing the effective button, it will return to working mode.

General Specifications

- Maximum Voltage between any Terminals and Grounding: 600V rms or 600V DC.
- Maximum Current Measurement: 1000A.
- of Transformer Jaw:
- Maximum Jaw Opening: 40mm.
- Maximum Display: Digital: 3999
- Overload Display: OL
- Range: Auto
- Polarity Display: Negative display: "-"
- Measurement Speed: Updates 3 times/second.
- Temperature: Operating: 0 °C to +40 °C (32 °F to +104 °F).
Storage: -10 °C to +50 °C (14 °F to +122 °F).
- Relative Humidity: $\leq 75\%$ @ 0 °C to 40 °C;
 $\leq 70\%$ @ -10 to 50 °C.
- Altitude: Operating: 2000 m.
Storage: 10000 m.
- Battery Type: One piece of 9V (NEDA1604 or 6F22 or 006P).
- Low Battery Indication: Display **⚡**
- Dimensions (HxWxL): 236mm x 97mm x 40mm
- Weight: Approximate 350g (battery included).
- Safety/Compliances: IEC61010 CAT. II 600V / CAT III 300V and Double Insulation.
- Certifications: **CE**

Accuracy Specifications

Accuracy: $\pm (a\% \text{ reading} + b \text{ digits})$, guarantee for 1 year.
Operating temperature: 23 °C \pm 5 °C.

Relative humidity: $\leq 75\%$.

A. AC Current

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Remarks
400A	0.1A	$\pm(1.5\%+5)$	Frequency response 50Hz~60Hz. Display RMS value of sine wave(mean value response).
1000A	1A	$800A \geq \pm(2\%+5)$	
		$>800A \pm(3\%+5)$	

B. DC Voltage

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Overload Protection	Remarks
400mV	100 μ V	$\pm(0.8\%+3)$	600V DC 600V AC	Input impedance: around 10M Ω .
4V	1mV	$\pm(0.8\%+1)$		
40V	10mV			
400V	100mV			
600V	1V	$\pm(1\%+3)$		

C. AC Voltage

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Overload Protection	Remarks
4V	1mV	$\pm(1.2\%+5)$	600V DC 600V AC	Input impedance around 10M Ω . Displays RMS value of sine wave (mean value response). Frequency response: 40Hz ~ 400Hz.
40V	10mV			
400V	100mV			
600V	1V	$\pm(1.5\%+5)$		

D. Resistance

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Overload Protection	Remarks
400 Ω	0.1 Ω	$\pm(1.2\%+2)$	500V DC or AC	
4k Ω	1 Ω	$\pm(1\%+2)$		
40k Ω	10 Ω	$\pm(1\%+2)$	500V DC or AC	
400k Ω	100 Ω			
4M Ω	1k Ω	$\pm(1.2\%+2)$		
40M Ω	10k Ω	$\pm(1.5\%+2)$		

E. Diode and Continuity Test

Function	Range	Resolution	Overload	Remarks
Diode	\rightarrow	1mV	500V DC or AC	Displays the nearest value of forward voltage drop
Continuity	\rightarrow)	0.1 Ω		Buzzer beeps when $\leq 100\Omega$

F. Frequency (auto-ranging)

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Overload Protection	Remarks
10Hz-10MHz	Min 0.001Hz	$\pm(0.1\%+3)$	500V DC or VAC	Amplitude a: $\leq 1\text{MHz}$: 300mV rms $\leq a \leq 30\text{V rms}$; $> 1\text{MHz}$: 600mV rms $\leq a \leq 5\text{V rms}$

G. Duty Cycle (Model UT205A only)

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Overload Protection	Remarks
0.1%-99.9%	0.1%	For reference only	500V DC or AC	

H. Temperature (Model UT206A only)

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Overload Protection	Remarks
-40°C~0°C	1°C	$\pm(4\%+4)$	500V DC or AC	
1°C~400°C		$\pm(2\%+8)$		
401°C~1000°C		$\pm(3\%+10)$		

Maintenance

This section provides basic maintenance information including battery replacement instruction.

Warning

Do not attempt to repair or service your Meter unless you are qualified to do so and have the relevant calibration, performance test, and service information. To avoid electrical shock or damage to the Meter, do you get water inside the case.

A. General Service

- Periodically wipe the case with a damp cloth and mild detergent. Do not use abrasives or solvents.
- To clean the terminals with cotton bar with detergent, as dirt or moisture in the terminals can affect readings.
- Turn the Meter to **OFF** position when it is not in use.
- Take out the battery when it is not using for a long time.
- Do not use or store the Meter in a place of humidity, high temperature, explosive, inflammable and strong magnetic field.

B. Replacing the Battery (See Figure 9)

Warning

To avoid false readings, which could lead to possible electric shock or personal injury, replace the battery as soon as the battery indicator "**⚡**" appears.

Make sure the transformer jaw and the test leads are disconnected from the circuit being tested before opening the case bottom. Make sure the test leads are removed from the input terminals.

To replace the battery:

- Turn the rotary switch of the Meter to **OFF** position and remove all the connections from the terminals.
- Remove the screw from the battery compartment, and separate the battery compartment from the case bottom.
- Remove the battery from the battery compartment.
- Replace the battery with a new 9V battery (NEDA1604, 6F22 or 006P).
- Rejoin the case bottom and battery compartment, and reinstall the screw.

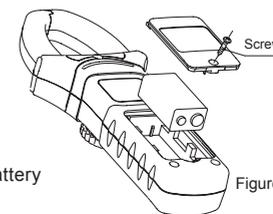


Figure 9

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