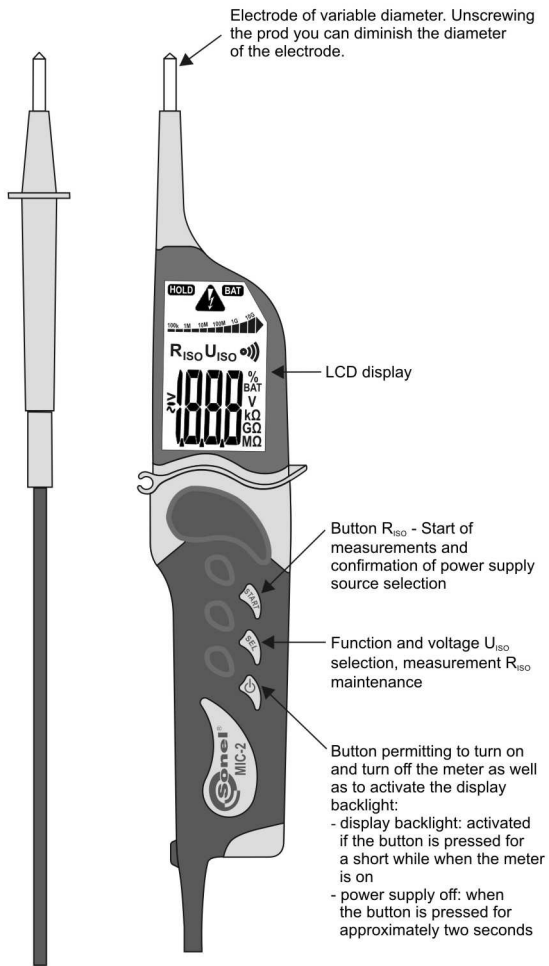


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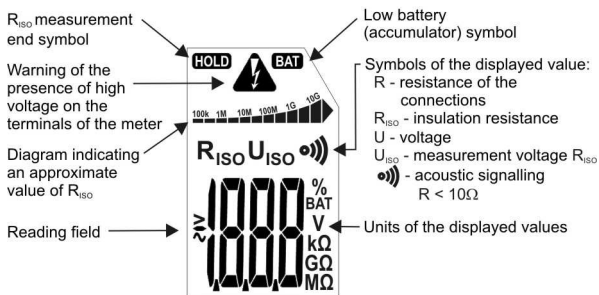
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We appreciate your having purchased our insulation resistance meter. The MIC-2 meter is a modern measuring device, which is easy and safe to use. Please acquaint yourself with the present manual in order to avoid measuring errors and prevent possible problems related to operation of the meter.

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**Attention:**

The present operating manual applies solely to the meters it has been attached to.



**Voltage exceeding 600V connected to the meter may result in its damage.**

## 1 Safety

The MIC-2 meter has been designed to realise measurements whose results determine the safety conditions of the installation. Therefore, in order to provide conditions for correct operation and the correctness of the obtained results, the following recommendations must be observed:

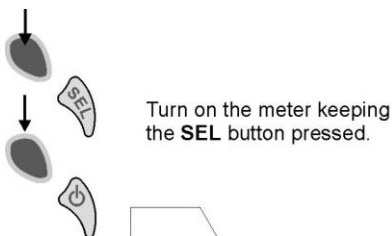
- Before you proceed to operate the meter, acquaint yourself thoroughly with the present manual and observe the safety regulations and specifications determined by the producer.
- The MIC-2 meter has been designed for the purpose of insulation resistance and connection resistance measurements, as well as direct and alternative voltage measurement. Any other application than those specified in the present manual may result in a damage to the device and constitute a source of danger for the user.
- The device must be operated solely by appropriately qualified personnel with relevant certificates that entitle them to realise measurements of electric installation. Operation of the meter realised by unauthorised personnel may result in damage to the device and constitute a source of danger for the user.
- The device must not be applied to the network and equipment within premises of special conditions, e.g. in a dangerous atmosphere with regard to explosion or fire.
- It is unacceptable to operate the following:
  - ⇒ A damaged meter which is completely or partially out of order,
  - ⇒ A meter with damaged cable insulation,
  - ⇒ A meter stored for an excessive period of time in disadvantageous conditions (e.g. excessive humidity). **If the meter has been transferred from a cool to a warm environment of a high level of relative humidity, do not realise measurements until the meter has been warmed up to the ambient temperature (approximately 30 minutes).**
- Before proceeding to a connection resistance and insulation resistance measurement, make sure the object under investigation has been disconnected from the power supply voltage.

- During an insulation resistance measurement, it is unacceptable to disconnect the cables from the object under investigation before the measurement has concluded; otherwise the capacity of the object will not be discharged, what gives rise to a danger of electric shock.
- Do not operate a meter with an open or incorrectly closed battery (accumulator) compartment or power it from other sources than those specified in the present manual.
- The meter's inputs are electronically protected from power surge up to 660V for 30 seconds.
- Repairs may be realised solely by an authorised service point.

The device complies with the following standards: PN-EN 61010-1 and PN-EN 61557.

## 2 Measurements

In order to effectively eliminate interferences, before the initial measurements it is recommended to set the frequency of the power network for the given area (50Hz or 60Hz). In order to do so:



50Hz setting.

In order to modify the frequency, turn off the meter and turn it on again keeping the SEL button pressed.



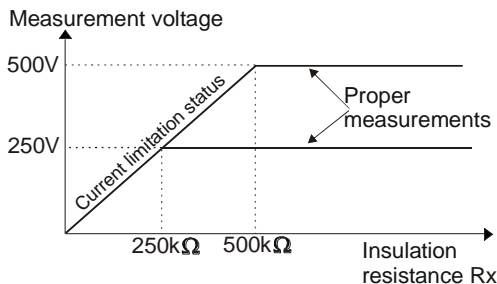
60Hz setting.

### 2.1 Insulation resistance measurement

The device measures the insulation resistance providing a test voltage  $U$  to the tested insulation  $R_x$  and measuring flowing current  $I$  at the side of the  $R_{ISO-}$  probe, and measured at the  $R_{ISO+}$  input. Calculating the insulation resistance value, the me-

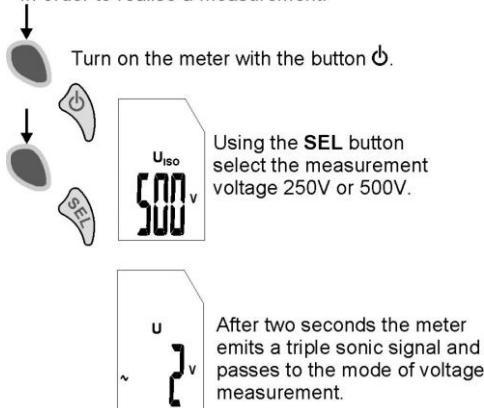
ter uses the technical insulation measurement method ( $R_x=U/I$ ). The measurement voltage is selected between the two following values: 250V or 500V.

The level of the output current of the converter is 1 mA. Activation of the current limitation is signalled by means of a continuous sonic alarm. The result of the measurement is then correct, but at the measurement terminals there is a measurement voltage which is lower than the one adjusted before the measurement. The current limitation may occur particularly often in the first stage of the measurement due to the process of charging of the capacity of the measured object.



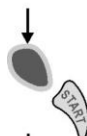
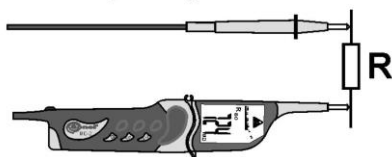
**The actual measurement voltage as the function of the measured insulation resistance  $R_x$  (for the maximum measurement voltage).**

In order to realise a measurement:

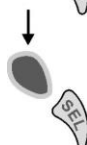




Connect the terminals of the meter to the object being measured.



Push and keep pressed the **START** button. The measurement is finished when the button has been released.



In order to continue the measurement, keeping the **START** button pressed, press simultaneously the **SEL** button. The measurement is finished when the **START** button has been pressed anew.









Read the result of the measurement.

## Remarks

- During the measurement cycle, the buzzer emits a short single signal every five seconds, so it is possible to record the chronological characteristics of the resistance of the insulation under investigation.
- During measurements the AUTO-OFF is not active.
- In the mode of voltage measurement the AUTO-OFF countdown starts anew each time the voltage is changed by more than 5V.
- Once a measurement has been concluded, the last result is shown on the display along with the symbol **HOLD**. The last result of the measurement disappears if there is a voltage exceeding 20V at the measurement terminals.

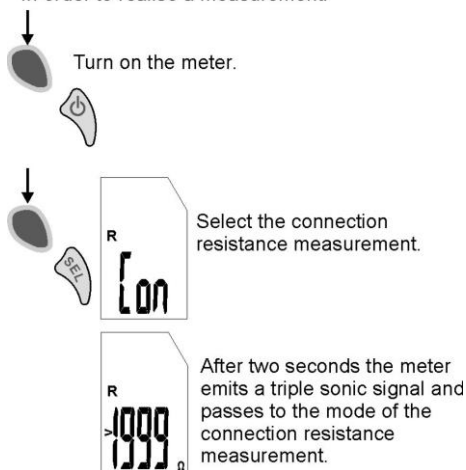
## Additional information displayed by the meter

 and a continuous double tone sonic signal	The measured object is under a voltage exceeding 20V. The measurement is blocked. During 5s a double tone sonic signal is generated, and then the meter displays the voltage of the object. <b>Disconnect the meter from the object (both terminals) immediately.</b>
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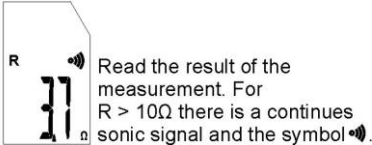
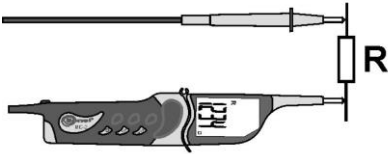
	There may be an attempt to discharge the object before the measurement, it will be signalled by means of the displayed symbol  . An attempt to discharge is undertaken if the voltage exceeds 20V, but is lower than 100V.
	The insulation resistance is too low, the measurement is finished. The symbol is displayed if after 10 seconds from the moment the <b>START</b> button is pushed, the measurement voltage has not reached the adjusted value, and also if during the measurement the insulation is punched through.
	The measurement range has been exceeded.
	A warning regarding a high voltage at the terminals of the meter.
	The object is discharged.


## 2.2 Connection resistance measurement

In order to realise a measurement:



Connect the terminals of the meter to the object being measured.





Read the result of the measurement. For  $R > 10\Omega$  there is a continuous sonic signal and the symbol .

Comments

- The AUTO-OFF countdown starts anew each time the resistance is modified by at least  $200\Omega$ .


Additional information displayed by the meter

 and a continuous double tone sonic signal	The measured object is under a voltage exceeding +7V, lower than -1V (with regard to $R_{ISO-}$ ) or exceeding 5V AC. The measurement is blocked. <b>Disconnect the meter from the object (both terminals) immediately.</b>
	The measurement range has been exceeded.

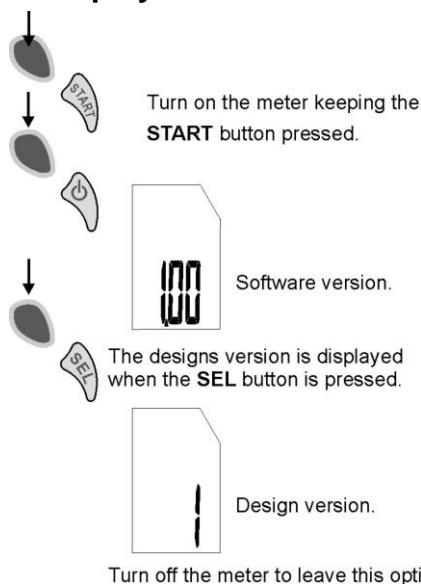
2.3 Voltage measurements

The meter measures the voltage if the  $U_{ISO}$  voltages have been selected (without pressing the **START** button).

Additional information displayed by the meter

 $\geq 600V$ or $\geq 600V$ or $\geq 600V$ and a continuous double tone sonic signal	The measured object is under a voltage exceeding 600V (positive, negative or alternate). <b>Disconnect the meter from the object (both terminals) immediately.</b>
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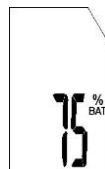
### 3 Software version and design display



### 4 Power supply of the meter

#### 4.1 Monitoring of the power supply voltage

After the meter is turned on, the level of batteries or accumulators (rechargeable batteries) is displayed for 2 seconds (100%, 75%, 50%, and 25%).



#### Additional information displayed by the meter

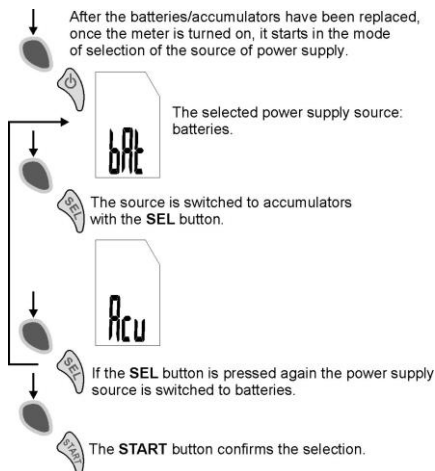
<b>BAT</b> flashing	The charge of the batteries (accumulators) is below 25%.
<b>BAT</b> constant	The charge of the batteries (accumulators) precludes measurements, except for measurements of the voltage.

## 4.2 Replacement of batteries (accumulators)

In order to replace the batteries (accumulators) realise the following actions:



- disconnect the probes from the measurement circuit
- unscrew the battery compartment anti-clockwise using a tool or a coin and remove it
- replace the batteries (accumulators) paying attention to the correct polarity
- insert the compartment and turn it clockwise



### Remarks

- After the batteries/accumulators have been replaced you must select the kind of power supply, since it is necessary to ensure the correctness of the indication of the level of charge (the characteristics of battery and accumulator discharging vary).
- After the batteries have been replaced, when the meter is off there may be no question regarding the type of cells. Then remove the cells when the meter is on and insert them anew.

- In the case the batteries leak inside the compartment, the meter must be serviced.
- Accumulators must be charged in an external charger.

## 5 Cleaning and maintenance

The casing of the meter may be cleaned with a soft, damp cloth using all-purpose detergents. Do not use any solvents or cleaning agents which might scratch the casing (powders, pastes, etc.).

The electronic system of the meter does not require maintenance.

## 6 Storage

In the case of storage of the device, the following recommendations must be observed:

- Clean the meter and all its accessories thoroughly,
- In the case the meter is to be stored for a prolonged period of time, the batteries or accumulators must be removed from the device,
- In order to prevent total discharging of accumulators in the case they are stored for a prolonged period of time, they must be partially charged from time to time.

## 7 Dismantling and utilization

Worn-out electric and electronic equipment should be gathered selectively, i.e. it must not be placed with waste of another kind.

Worn-out electronic equipment should be sent to a collection point in accordance with the law of worn-out electric and electronic equipment.

Before the equipment is sent to a collection point, do not dismantle any elements.

Observe the local regulations concerning disposal of packages, worn-out batteries and accumulators.

## 8 Technical data

### 8.1 Basic data

- „m.v.” refers to the measured value in the intrinsic uncertainty specification.

#### Measurement of AC/DC voltages

Displayed range	Resolution	Intrinsic uncertainty
0...600V	1V	$\pm(3\% \text{ m.v.} + 2 \text{ digits})$

- Frequency range: 40...200Hz

## Connection resistance measurement

Displayed range	Resolution	Intrinsic uncertainty
0,0...199,9	0,1Ω	±(4% m.v. + 3 digits)
200...1999Ω	1Ω	

- Continuous sonic signal for  $R < 10\Omega$

## Insulation resistance measurement

- Measurement voltages: 250V and 500V
- Voltage accuracy  
( $R_{obc} [\Omega] \geq 1000 \cdot U_N [V]$ ): -0+10% of the selected value
- Temperature stability of voltage better than:  
0.1% / °C

$U_{ISO} = 250V$

Measurement range in accordance with

IEC 61557-2: 250kΩ...1000MΩ

Displayed range	Resolution	Intrinsic uncertainty
1...249kΩ	1kΩ	Not defined
250...1999kΩ	1kΩ	±(3% m.v. + 8 digits)
2,00...19,99MΩ	0,01MΩ	
20,0...199,9MΩ	0,1MΩ	
200...1000MΩ	1MΩ	

$U_{ISO} = 500V$

Measurement range in accordance with

IEC 61557-2: 500kΩ...1999MΩ

Displayed range	Resolution	Intrinsic uncertainty
1...499kΩ	1kΩ	Not defined
500...1999kΩ	1kΩ	±(3% m.v. + 8 digits)
2,00...19,99MΩ	0,01MΩ	
20,0...199,9MΩ	0,1MΩ	
200...1999MΩ	1MΩ	

## Other technical data

- Type of insulation: double, in accordance with EN 61010-1 and IEC 61557
- Measurement category: IV 600V in accordance with EN 61010-1
- Protection class of the casing in accordance with EN 60529: IP65
- Maximum measurement current  $R_{ISO}$ : 1,2mA ± 0,2mA
- Maximum interference voltage at which a measurement is realised  $R_{ISO}$ : 20V
- Measurement current  $R_{CONT}$  (with closed terminals for  $U_{BAT} \geq 3,0V$ ): < 10mA
- Maximum voltage on open terminals for  $R_{CONT}$ : 4...24V
- Maximum interference voltage at which a measurement is realised  $R_{CONT}$ : +7V/-1V d.c., 5V a.c.

- i) Power supply of the meter: batteries 1.5V (AAA) or accumulators (rechargeable batteries) Ni-MH 1.2V (AAA) - 2 pieces
- j) Number of measurements  $R_{ISO}$ : > 500
- k) Dimensions: approximately 240x60x30 mm
- l) Mass of the meter with the batteries: approximately 0.3kg
- m) Working temperature: 0...+40°C
- n) Humidity: 20...90%
- o) Reference temperature:  $23 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$
- p) Reference humidity: 40...60%
- q) Storage temperature:  $-20^\circ\text{C} \dots +70^\circ\text{C}$
- r) Altitude (above sea level): <2000 m
- s) Time before auto-off: 5 minutes
- t) Electromagnetic compatibility: compliance with EN 61000-6-3 and EN 61000-6-2
- u) Quality standard: development, design and manufacture in accordance with ISO 9001

## 8.2 Auxiliary data

Additional uncertainty in accordance with IEC 61557-5:

Operating uncertainty or influential value	Reference conditions or range of application	Symbols	Additional uncertainty
Position	Reference position $\pm 90^\circ$	$E_1$	0
Power supply voltage	$U_{nom} \div U_{min}$	$E_2$	0
Temperature	$0 \div 35^\circ\text{C}$	$E_3$	6%
Working uncertainty	$B = \pm \left(  A  + 1,15 \sqrt{E_1^2 + E_2^2 + E_3^2} \right)$ where A = Intrinsic uncertainty		

## 9 Accessories

### 9.1 Standard accessories

The standard set provided by the manufacturer includes the following components:

- MIC-2 measuring instrument with an integrated 1.2m black lead with a banana plug,
- batteries 1.5V AAA (2 pieces),
- Pin probe with banana connector, black (1 piece),
- Crocodile clip K01, black (1 piece),
- Blister,
- Operating manual,
- Calibration certificate.



## 9.2 *Optional accessories*

It is possible to additionally purchase from the manufacturer and distributors the following elements, which are not included within the standard accessories:

- Carrying case,
- Calibration certificate.

## 10 Manufacturer

The manufacturer of the device, which also provides guarantee and post-guarantee service is the following company:

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**Note:**

**Service repairs must be realised solely by the manufacturer.**

## NOTES





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