

# CM51A CLAMP METER



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MANUAL

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## SAFETY INFORMATION

Always read before proceeding.

### WARNING

These instructions contain both information and warnings that are necessary for the safe operation and maintenance of the clamp meter. It is recommended that you read the instructions carefully and ensure that the contents are fully understood. Failure to understand the instructions and to comply with the warnings and instructions contained herein can result in serious injury, damage or even death.

In order to avoid the danger of electrical shock, it is important that proper safety measures are taken when working with voltages exceeding 30 V AC rms, 42 V AC peak or 60 V DC.

This clamp meter must only be used under the conditions and for the purposes for which it has been constructed. Particular attention should be paid to the safety instructions, the technical specifications and the use of the clamp meter in dry surroundings.

Always check the clamp meter is in good working order before use and that there are no signs of damage to the unit. Do not use if damaged.

### SYMBOLS

- AC (alternating current)
- Earth ground
- Safety information (refer to the manual)
- Double insulated

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Features

1. Auto-ranging (40 A and 300 A) and pocket-sized, compact body.
2. Large, 4000 count LCD.
3. Display Hold.
4. Auto Power Off.
5. Safety Design. CE mark approved.

### 1.2 Unpacking and Inspection

Before unpacking the unit, examine the shipping carton for any sign of damage. Unpack and inspect the clamp meter and accessories for any damage.

If any damage is found or accessories are missing then consult your distributor immediately.

Check that the following accessories are included.

1. Carrying case.
2. Instruction manual.

## 2. SPECIFICATION

### 2.1 General Specifications

#### DISPLAY:

**Numeric Display:** 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> digit, 4000 count LCD, maximum reading 4000, 12mm high.

**Unit & Symbols:** ~, A, DH, BAT, AUTO, APO & decimal point.

**Operating principle:** Dual Slope Integration.

**Range selection:** Autoranging.

**Overrange indication:** OL symbol is shown.

**Battery warning:** BAT symbol is shown.

**Sampling rate:** 2.5 times per second.

**Display hold:** Displays are held by DH key.

**Overload protection:** AC current; 400A AC (300V Line) for one minute.

**Operating temperature & humidity:** 0°C to 40°C, less than 80% RH.

**Storage temperature & humidity:** -10°C to 50°C, less than 70% RH.

**Temperature coefficient:** 0.1 x specified accuracy / °C for 0°C to 18°C & 28°C to 40°C.

**Dielectric strength:** 3.7kV AC for one minute (between case & metal parts).

**Safety:** EN 61010-1, EN 61010-2-032 Overvoltage Cat. III 300V, Class II.

**EMC:** EN 50082-1:01.92 & EN 55022:08.94 + A1:05.95 + A2:97

**Power consumption:** Approx. 5mW (100 hours continuous operation).

**Power supply:** One 3V CR2032 battery.

**Auto power off:** Power turns off automatically after 12 minutes.

**Conductor diameters:** Maximum 27mm

**Dimensions & weight:** 150 x 52 x 24mm, 110 grams.

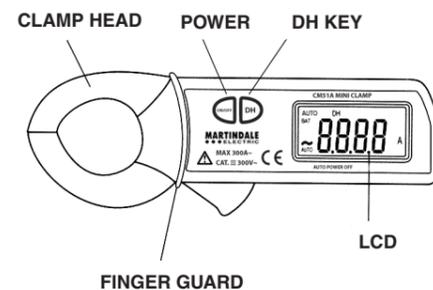
### 2.2 Measurement Specifications

AC Current (~A) Average Rectification

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Max. Input Current
40.00A	10mA	±1.8%rdg±5dgt	300A (Max. 300V)
300.0A	100mA		

Frequency Response: 50~60Hz. 0~0.4A add 5dgt  
40Hz ~500Hz, add 1.5% to above accuracy.

## 3. FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION



### 3.1 LCD



- ~: Alternating Current (AC)
- BAT: Battery Warning
- AUTO: Autoranging
- DH: Display Hold
- A: Amperes
- APO: Auto Power Off

### 3.2 Power

Press this key to turn power on. Press again to turn off.

### 3.3 DH Key (Display Hold)

Press this key to hold the displayed value ('DH' shows). Press again to release display.

### 3.4 Clamp Head

When measuring AC current, open the clamp head and clamp on to the **single** conductor to be monitored.

NOTE: If two or three conductors are clamped at a time, the measurement cannot be made.

### 3.5 Finger Guard

For safety, finger tips must not go beyond the Finger Guard.

## 4. PRECAUTIONS

#### WARNING

Before use check the clamp meter for cracks or any other damage, and make sure the clamp meter is free from dust, grease and moisture.

#### WARNING

When using the clamp meter always keep your fingers behind the finger guard.

#### WARNING

The maximum allowable line voltage of the conductor being measured is 300V AC rms.

#### CAUTION

Do not measure current > 300A rms.

#### CAUTION

Avoid severe mechanical shock or vibration, extreme temperature or very strong magnetic fields.

#### CAUTION

Remove the battery when not in use for an extended period to avoid corrosion from leaking battery electrolyte.

## 5. OPERATION

### 5.1 Preparation for Use

#### Instruction Manual

Read this instruction manual completely before proceeding, paying particular attention to the safety warnings and precautions.

#### Battery

A 3V type CR2032 battery is installed in the instrument. If the BAT symbol is displayed on the LCD replace the battery. (Refer to 6.1 Battery Replacement).

#### Overrange Indication

If the measured current exceeds 430 A AC the OL symbol appears on the LCD.

#### Auto Power Off

12 minutes after the last operation of the POWER/DH button the clamp meter will automatically turn off. In this condition there is <0.01 mW power consumption.

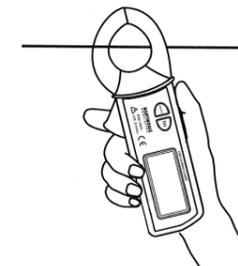
### 5.2 AC Current (~A) Measurement

#### WARNING

The maximum allowable voltage of the conductor being measured is 300 V AC rms.

Do not measure current > 300 A rms.

Always keep your fingers behind the finger guard.



1. Press the POWER key to turn on the clamp meter.

2. Open the clamp head and clamp onto a single conductor. NOTE: If two or three conductors are clamped at the same time, the measurement cannot be made.

3. Read the measured current on the LCD.

4. Display Hold is available by pressing the DH key.

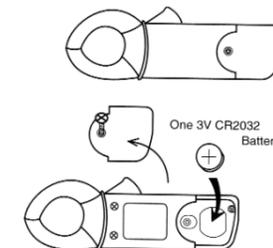
5. When measurements are finished, remove the clamp head from the conductor. Press the POWER key for longer than two seconds to turn off the power.

## 6. MAINTENANCE

### 6.1 Battery Replacement

#### WARNING

Remove the clamp head from the circuit being measured before removing the battery cover.



1. If the BAT symbol is displayed on the LCD then replace the battery.
2. Turn off the power.
3. Referring to figure 3 unscrew the battery cover retaining screw and slide off the battery cover.
4. Replace the 3V type CR2032 battery. **Note:** Ensure correct polarity.
5. Replace the battery cover and retaining screw.

### 6.2 Cleaning

After removal from any live circuits the clamp meter may be cleaned using a soft damp cloth. Do not polish the clamp meter casing or use abrasives, solvents, cleaning fluid, gasoline, benzene etc. If necessary use silicon oil or anti-static fluid.

### 6.3 Repair & Service

If the clamp meter is not operating correctly, check the following before returning the unit to the distributor for repair:

1. Check the battery connection.
2. Check the battery is installed with the correct polarity.
3. Check the condition of the battery.

### 6.4 Calibration

It is recommended that the clamp meter is calibrated every 12 months and/or after repair.

### 6.5 Storage Conditions

The clamp meter should be kept in warm dry conditions away from direct sources of heat or sunlight and in such a manner as to preserve the working life of the clamp meter. It is strongly advised that the clamp meter is not kept in a tool box where other tools may damage it.

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