Step Contact Voltage Measuring System

MI 3295

Instruction manual

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1 Preface

Congratulations on your purchase of the measuring system from METREL.
The Step Contact Voltage Measuring System consists of Station (MI 3295S) and Meter (MI 3295M) and is intended for the following tests and measurements:

- Step voltage
- Contact/Touch voltage
- Potential
- Earth resistance
- Specific earth resistance
- Current

The instrument is equipped with all the necessary accessory for comfortable testing. The PC SW Metrel ES Manager enables uploading structure, downloading of results, storing of results and making test reports.

Some measuring system highlights:

- Graphic LCD displays on Meter and Station.
- Autonomous Step / Contact/Touch Voltage Meter(s).
- Potential measurement with adjustable step length (straight line method).
- TRMS, 50 Hz, 55 Hz and 60 Hz clamp current measurement.
- Over 1000 memory locations in data flash memory for storing test results & parameters.
- USB and RS232 ports on Meter for communication with PC.
- Synchronization between Meter and Station.
- Large test current of up to 50 A.
- Stable and accurate results due to a DSP measuring system.
- Fully compatible with new Metrel ES Manager PC software.

2 Safety and operational considerations

2.1 Warnings and notes

In order to reach high level of operator's safety while carrying out various tests and measurements using the Step Contact Voltage Measuring System, as well as to keep the equipment undamaged, it is necessary to consider the following general warnings:

- **⚠ Warning on the instrument means »Read the Instruction manual with special care to safety operation«. The symbol requires an action!**
- **If the test equipment is used in a manner not specified in this Instruction manual the protection provided by the equipment might be impaired!**
- **Read this Instruction manual carefully, otherwise use of the instrument may be dangerous for the operator or for the instrument!**
- **All normal safety precautions have to be taken in order to avoid risk of electric shock when working in the area of distribution systems!**
- **Do not use the instrument and accessories if any damage is noticed!**
- **Service intervention or adjustment and calibration procedure is allowed to be carried out only by a competent authorized person!**
- **Use only standard or optional test accessories supplied by your distributor!**

Meter (MI 3295M)

- **Instrument contains rechargeable NiMh battery cells. The cells should only be replaced with the same type as defined on the battery placement label or in this manual. Do not use standard alkaline battery cells while power supply adapter is connected, otherwise they may explode!**
- **Do not connect any voltage source on clamp inputs. It is intended only for connection of current clamps. Maximal input voltage is 3 V!**
- **Disconnect all test leads, remove the power supply cable and switch off the instrument before removing battery compartment cover.**
- **The weight of each test probe is 25 kg. This weight may be harmful if the probes are not lifted and carried appropriately.**

Station (MI 3295S)

- **During instrument operation ventilation holes on casing should always stay open to ensure sufficient air-flow for cooling.**
- **Disconnect all test leads, switch off the instrument and remove the mains cord before changing the fuse.**
- **The weight of the MI 3295S is 29.5 kg. This weight may be harmful if the instrument is not lifted and carried appropriately. It is recommended that the instrument is transported by 2 persons.**

2.2 Battery and charging of MI 3295M

The instrument MI 3295M uses six AA size alkaline or rechargeable Ni-Cd or Ni-MH battery cells. Nominal operating time is declared for cells with nominal capacity of 2100 mAh. Battery condition is always displayed in the lower right display part.
In case the battery is too weak the instrument indicates this as shown in *Figure 2.1*. This indication appears for a few seconds and then the instrument turns itself off.

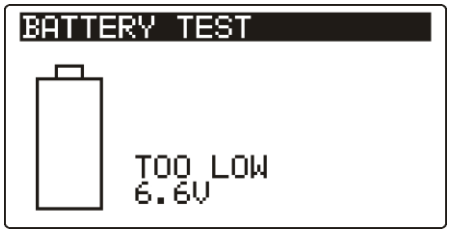


Figure 2.1: Discharged battery indication

The battery is charged whenever the power supply adapter is connected to the instrument. Internal circuit controls charging assuring maximum battery lifetime. The power supply socket polarity is shown in *Figure 2.2*.

Figure 2.2: Power supply socket polarity

The instrument automatically recognizes the connected power supply adapter and begins charging.

Symbols:

	Indication of battery charging

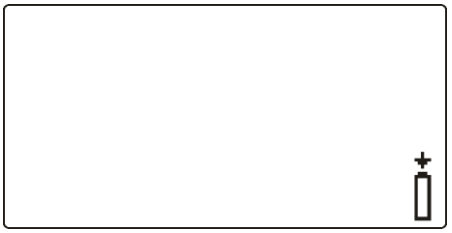


Figure 2.3: Charging indication

- ⚠ **Before opening battery compartment cover disconnect all measuring accessories connected to the instrument and switch off the instrument**.
- **Do not charge alkaline battery cells**!
- Insert cells correctly, otherwise the instrument will not operate and the batteries could be damaged.
- Remove all battery cells from the battery compartment if the instrument is not used for a long period of time.
- Take into account handling, maintenance and recycling requirements that are defined by related regulations and manufacturers of alkaline or rechargeable batteries!
- Use only power supply adapter delivered from the manufacturer or distributor of the test equipment to avoid possible fire or electric shock!

2.2.1 New battery cells or cells unused for a longer period

Unpredictable chemical processes can occur during charging of new battery cells or cells that were unused for a longer period (more than 3 months). NiMH and NiCd battery cells are affected to capacity degradation (sometimes called as memory effect). As a result the instrument operation time can be significantly reduced.

Recommended procedure for recovering battery cells:

Procedure	***Notes***
➢ Completely charge the battery.	*At least 14 h with in-built charger.*
➢ Completely discharge the battery.	*Use the instrument for normal testing until the unit displays the "Bat" symbol on screen.*
➢ Repeat the charge / discharge cycle for at least twice.	*Four cycles are recommended.*

Complete discharge / charge cycle can be performed automatically for each cell using external intelligent battery charger.

Notes:

- The charger in the instrument is a pack cell charger. This means that the battery cells are connected in series during the charging. The battery cells have to be equivalent (same charge condition, same type and age).
- One different battery cell can cause an improper charging and incorrect discharging during normal usage of the entire battery pack (it results in heating of the battery pack, significantly decreased operation time, reversed polarity of defective cell,…).
- If no improvement is achieved after several charge / discharge cycles, then each battery cell should be checked (by comparing battery voltages, testing them in a cell charger, etc). It is very likely that only some of the battery cells are deteriorated.
- The effects described above should not be confused with the normal decrease of battery capacity over time. Battery also loses some capacity when it is repeatedly charged / discharged. This information is provided in the technical specification from battery manufacturer.

2.3 Standards applied

The Step Contact Voltage Measuring System (MI 3295) is manufactured and tested according to the following regulations, listed below.

Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)

IEC/ EN 61326-1	Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements - Part 1: General requirements Class B (Hand held equipment used in controlled EM environments)
IEC/EN 61326-2-2	Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use - EMC requirements - Part 2-2: Particular requirements - Test configurations, operational conditions and performance criteria for portable test, measuring and monitoring equipment used in low-voltage distribution systems

Safety (LVD)

IEC/ EN 61010-1	Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 1: General requirements
IEC/ EN 61010-2-030	Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – Part 2-030: Particular requirements for testing and measuring circuits
IEC/ EN 61010-031	Safety requirements for hand-held probe assemblies for electrical measurement and test
IEC/ EN 61010-2-032	Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – Part 2-032: Particular requirements for hand-held and hand-manipulated current sensors for electrical test and measurement

Functionality

HD 637 S1	Power installations exceeding 1 kV a.c.
ANSI/IEEE Std 81	IEEE Guide for Measuring Earth Resistivity, Ground Impedance, and Earth Surface Potentials of a Ground System
RAT 2008	Spain High Voltage regulation

3 Instrument description MI 3295M Meter

3.1 Front panel

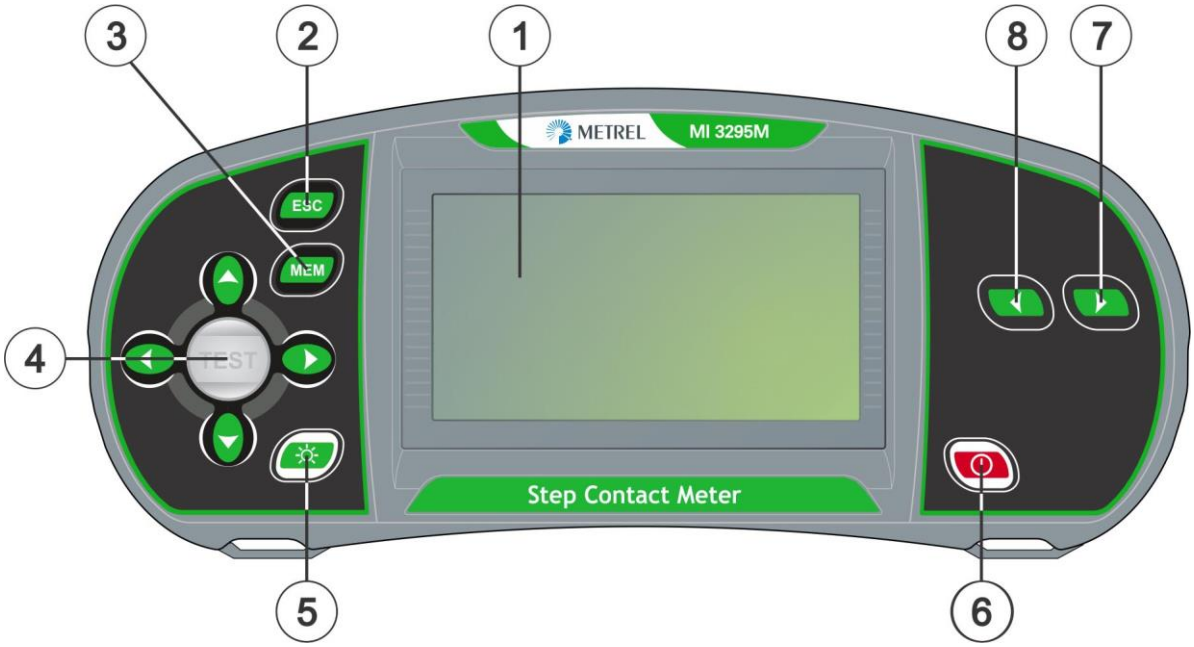


Figure 3.1: Front panel

Legend:

1	LCD	LCD display with backlight
2	ESC	Returns to previous menu
3	MEM	Handling with memory
4	Cursor and TEST keys	Cursors Selects test parameters
		TEST Starts / stops measurement
5	BACKLIGHT, CONTRAST	Changes backlight level and contrast
6	ON / OFF	Switches the instrument power on or off *The instrument automatically turns off 15 minutes after the last key was pressed*
7,8	Function selector	Selects test function and settings

3.2 Connector panel

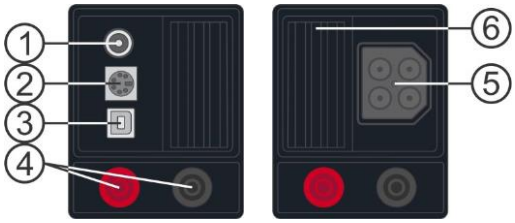


Figure 3.2: Connector panel

Legend:

1	**Charger socket** 
2	**USB communication port** Communication with PC USB (1.1) port
3	**PS/2 communication port** RS232 serial communication port
4	**Current clamp inputs** **Warning!** Maximum allowed voltage between clamp test terminals is 3 V!
5	**Test connector** **Warning!** Maximal allowed voltage between test terminals and ground is 50 V! Maximal allowed voltage between test terminals is 100 V!
6	**Protection cover**

3.3 Back panel

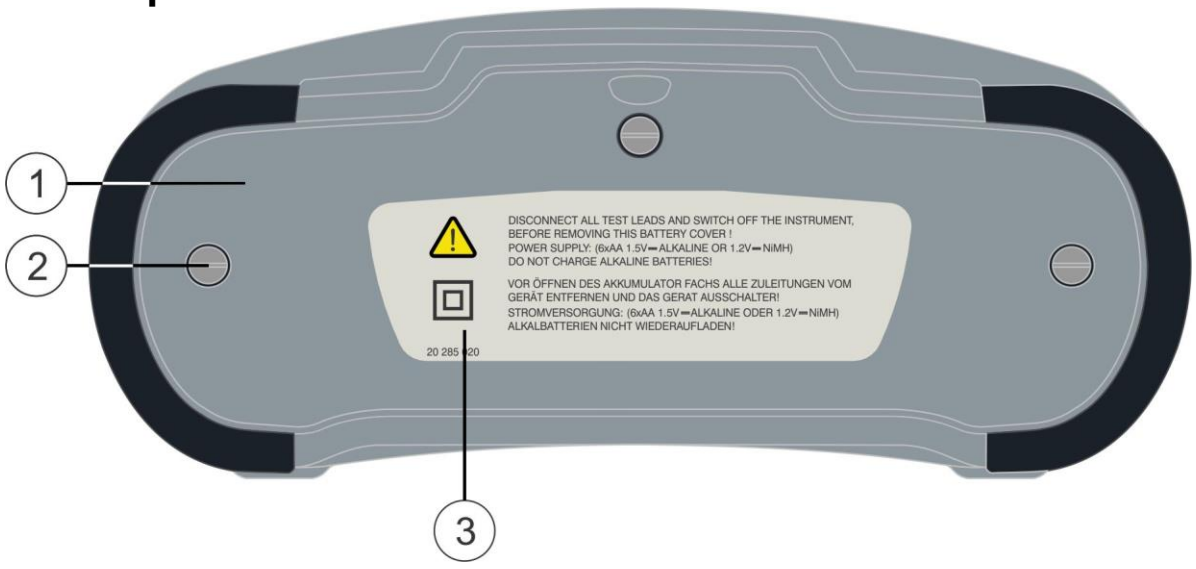


Figure 3.3: Back panel

Legend:

1	Battery compartment cover
2	Fixing screws for battery compartment cover
3	Information label

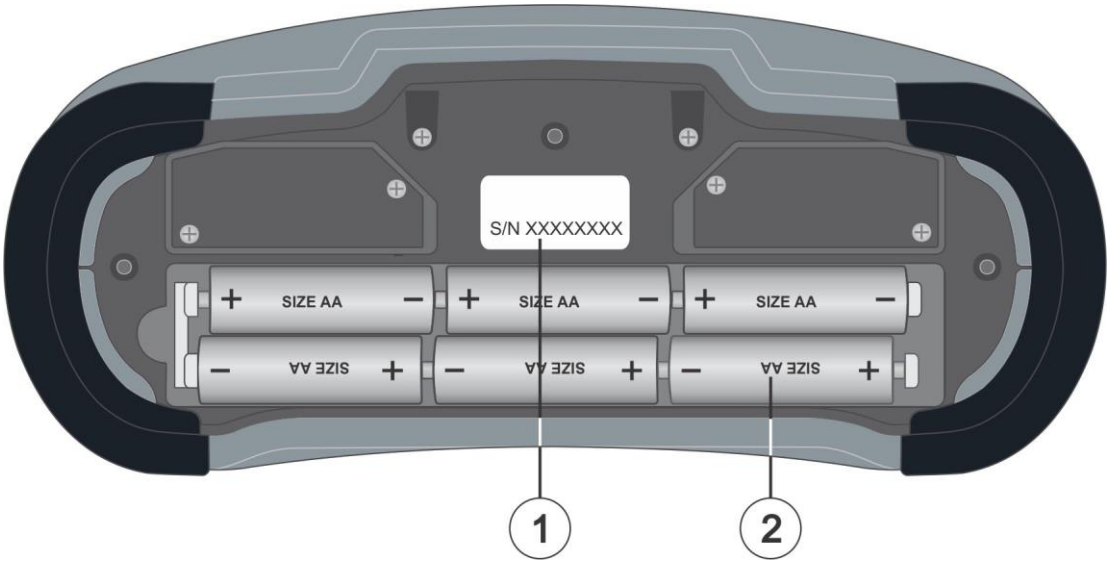


Figure 3.4: *Battery compartment*

Legend:

1	Serial number label
2	Battery cells (size AA)

4 Instrument description MI 3295S Station

4.1 Front panel

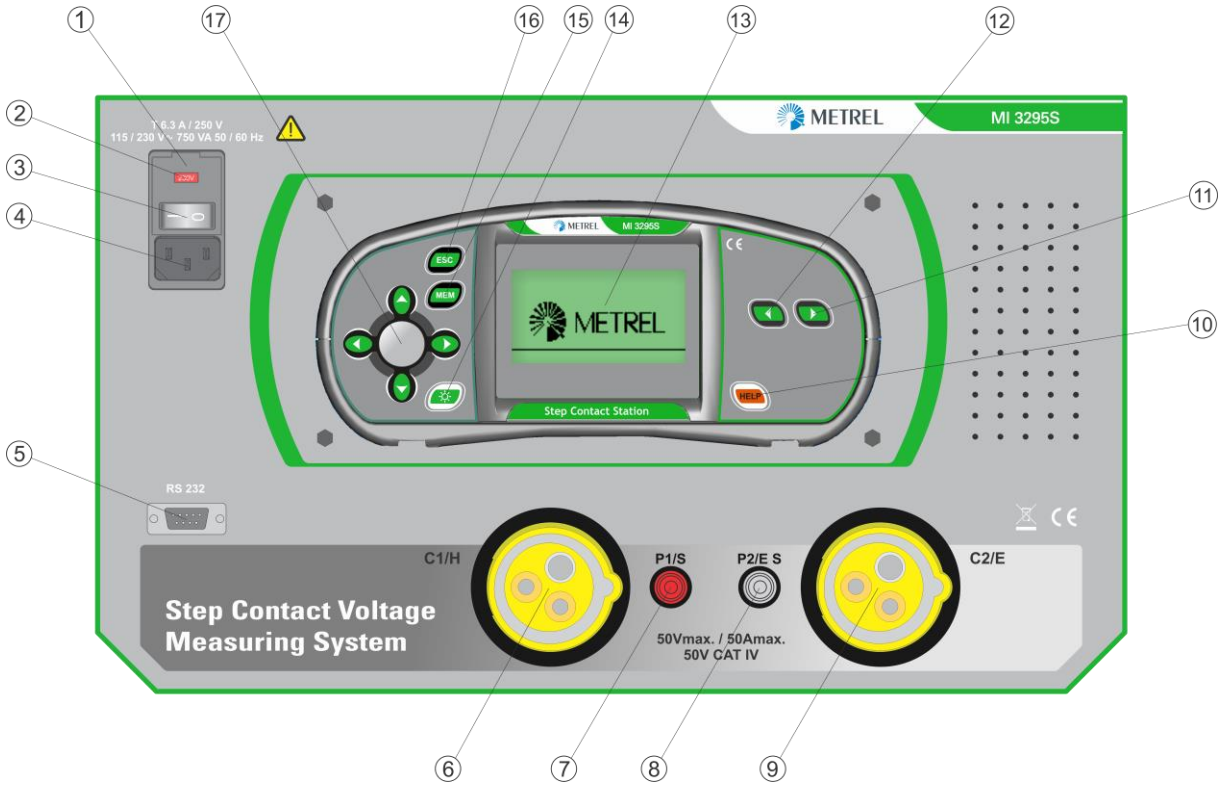


Figure 4.1: Front panel

Legend:

1	Fuse and voltage selector cover Voltage selector	Supply voltage range selector with mains fuses. See chapter *9.1 Fuse replacement and range selection* for more information.
2	Mains input	For connection to mains cord.
3	Power On/Off switch	
4	RS232 connector	For connection to the Meter.
5	C1/H	Connection for auxiliary earthing probe.
6	S	Connection for voltage sense probe.
7	ES	Connection for second voltage sense probe.
8	C2/E	Connection for auxiliary earthing probe.
9	HELP	Help menus.
10,11	Function selector	Selects test function and settings.
12	LCD	LCD display with backlight.
13	CONTRAST	Changes contrast.
14	MEM	Handling with memory.
15	ESC	Returns to previous screen.
16	Cursor and TEST keys	Cursors: Selects test parameters. TEST: Starts measurement.

4.2 Instrument set and accessories

4.2.1 Standard set

Instrument MI 3295S	1 pc
Instrument MI 3295M	1 pc
Mains cable	1 pc
Step voltage probe (25 kg) or Step voltage plates	2 pcs
Current earth spike	2 pcs
Potential earth spike	1 pc
Current test lead, 50 m, black, 10 mm^2, with crocodile clip, on wheel	1 pc
Current test lead, 10 m, black, 10mm^2, with crocodile clip	1 pc
Test lead, black, 2 x 3 m	1 pc
Test lead, green, 10 m	1 pc
Test lead, red, 50 m	1 pc
Connection lead with crocodile clip, red, 1 m	1 pc
Test lead, black, 1.5 m	1 pc
Crocodile clip	4 pcs
RS232 cable	1 pc
USB cable	1 pc
Soft carrying bag	2 pcs
Soft carrying neck belt	1 pc
NiMH battery, type AA	6 pcs
Power supply adapter	1 pc
CD with Instruction manual and PC SW Metrel ES Manager	1 pc
Instruction manual	1 pc
Calibration certificate	

4.2.2 Optional accessories

See the attached sheet for a list of optional accessories that are available on request from your distributor.

5 MI 3295M Meter operation

5.1 Organization of display

Figure 5.1: Typical function display

U CONTACT/TOUCH	Function name
U:4.1V ✓ Um:41.0mV	Result field
Iset:10.0A Iflt: 1.0kA	Test parameter field
	Message field

5.1.1 Battery indication

The battery indication indicates the charge condition of battery and connection of external charger.

	Battery capacity indication.
	Low battery. Battery is too weak to guarantee correct result. Replace or recharge the battery cells.
	Recharging in progress (if power supply adapter is connected).

Warning:

- If the batteries are removed for more than 1 minute:
  - set time and date will be lost
  - the instrument will return to Initial settings.

5.1.2 Warnings and messages

In the message field warnings and messages are displayed.

	The Meter and Station are not synchronized.
	Measurement is running; consider displayed warnings.
	Result(s) can be stored.
✓	Measurement result is inside pre-set limits (PASS).
✗	Measurement result is out of pre-set limits (FAIL).

5.2 Backlight and contrast adjustments

With the BACKLIGHT key backlight and contrast can be adjusted.

Figure 5.2: Contrast adjustment menu

BACKLIGHT key:

Click	Toggle backlight intensity level.
Keep pressed for 1 s	Lock high intensity backlight level until power is turned off or the key is pressed again.
Keep pressed for 2 s	Bargraph for LCD contrast adjustment is displayed.

Keys for contrast adjustment:

Cursor LEFT / RIGHT	Sets contrast.
TEST	Confirms new contrast.
ESC	Exits without changes.

5.3 Function selection

For selecting function main menus the **FUNCTION SELECTOR** shall be used:

Function selector	Selects test / measurement function: ❑ <**STEP VOLT**> step voltage test ❑ <**U CONTACT/TOUCH**> contact / touch voltage test ❑ <**POTENTIAL**> potential measurement (straight line method) ❑ <**CURRENT**> current measurement ❑ <**SETTINGS**> settings / synchronization

5.4 Settings

Different instrument options can be set in the SETTINGS menu.

Options are:

- Selection of language
- Help screens
- Synchronization with the Station
- Setting the instrument to initial values
- Recalling and clearing stored results
- Setting date and time
- Selection of length unit (m, ft)

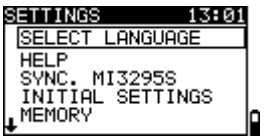


Figure 5.3: Settings menu

Keys:

Cursor UP / **DOWN**	Selects appropriate option.
TEST	Enters selected option.

5.4.1 Language

Language can be set in the SELECT LANGUAGE menu.

Figure 5.4: Language selection

Keys:

Cursor UP / DOWN	Selects language.
TEST	Confirms selected language.
ESC	Returns to Settings main menu**.**

5.4.2 Help screens

The help screens contain basic schematic / connection diagrams and information about the instrument.

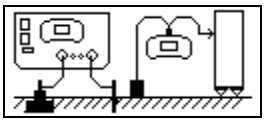


Figure 5.5: Example of help screen

Keys:

Cursor LEFT / **RIGHT**	Selects next / previous help screen.
ESC	Returns to Settings main menu**.**

5.4.3 Initial settings

The instrument settings and measurement parameters and limits can be set to their initial (factory) settings in this menu.

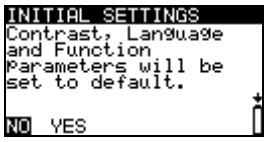


Figure 5.6: Initial settings screen

Keys:

Cursor LEFT / RIGHT	Selects Yes or No
TEST	Restores initial settings (if Yes is selected)
ESC	Exits back to Settings main menu without changes.

Initial settings are:

Instrument setting	Default value
Contrast	Default value
Language	English
Length units	m

Function	**Parameter Limit**	**Default value**
Contact/Touch Voltage Step Voltage	Iset Iflt Rinp Ulim	10.0 A 1.0 kA 1.0 kΩ 50V
Potential	Iset Iflt Step Dir	10.0 A 10 A 1.0 m 0°
Current	Type Mode Lim	A 1018 55 Hz Off

5.4.4 Date and time

Date and time can be set in this menu.

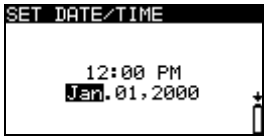


Figure 5.7: Setting date and time

Keys:

Cursor LEFT / RIGHT	Selects the item to be changed.
Cursor UP / **DOWN**	Modifies selected item.
TEST	Confirms new setup and exits.
ESC	Returns to Settings main menu**.**

5.4.5 Synchronization

Selecting SYNC. MI3295S will allow uploading different data from the Station to the Meter and vice versa.

Options are:

- Synchronization of date, time, current and structure names
- Uploading of test current results for Step voltage, Contact/Touch voltage and Potential calculation
- Uploading of Earth resistance results

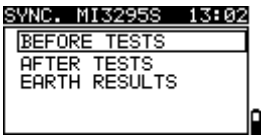


Figure 5.8: Synchronization menu

Keys:

Cursor UP / **DOWN**	Selects option.
TEST	Enters selected option.
ESC	Returns to Settings main menu**.**

Synchronized data:

BEFORE TESTS	Station's time and date will be uploaded to the Meter. Value of generator current will be uploaded to the Meter (if current generator is on). Structure names from Meter will be uploaded to the Station.
AFTER TESTS	Values of logged generator currents I_{GEN} will be uploaded to the Meter for calculation of Step voltage, Contact/Touch voltage and Potential.
EARTH RESULTS	Stored Earth resistance or Specific earth resistance results in the Station will be uploaded to the Meter.

Note:

- The main purpose of the Time/ Current synchronization is to enable a correction of the step and contact voltage results after the test. During the test the Step and Contact/Touch voltage results and Potential results are calculated on base on the set I_{SET} in the Meter. After the test the results made with the Meter can be updated with the real generator currents I_{GEN} that were measured at the same time with the Station. The stored U_{STEP}, $U_{CONTACT}$ and Potential result values are then corrected according to the following formula:

$$U_{STEPnew} = U_{STEPold} \cdot \frac{I_{GEN(actually\_generated)}}{I_{SET}}$$

$$U_{CONTnew} = U_{CONTold} \cdot \frac{I_{GEN(actually\_generated)}}{I_{SET}}$$

$$U_{POTENTIALnew} = U_{POTENTIALold} \cdot \frac{I_{GEN(actually\_generated)}}{I_{SET}}$$

- The synchronization is active for 24 h.
- If the date / time are changed at the Meter or the Station the synchronization of time and data will be lost. The Current logger must be cleared before it can be proceeded with the measurements. Before clearing it the content can be downloaded to the Meter.
- If there is no synchronization between both units the  icon is displayed in the Meter measuring screen.

6 MI 3295S Station operation

6.1 Organization of displays

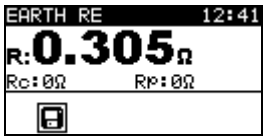


Figure 6.1: Typical display in earth resistance function

EARTH RE	Function name
R:0.305Ω Rc:0Ω Rp:0Ω	Result & Sub-result field
	Message field

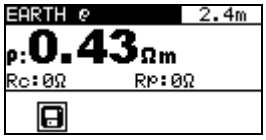


Figure 6.2: Typical display in specific earth resistance function

EARTH ρ	Function name
2.4m	Test parameter field
ρ:0.43Ωm Rc:0Ω Rp:0Ω	Result & Sub-result field
	Message field

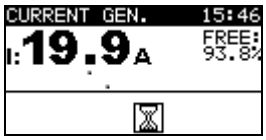
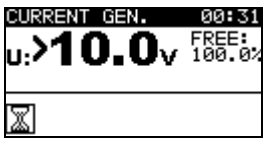


Figure 6.3: Typical display in current function

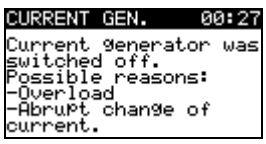
CURRENT GEN.	Function name
I:19.9A	Result field
	Message field
FREE: 93.8%	Remained place in current logger

6.2 Warnings and messages

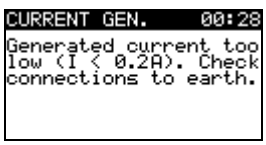
Before and during the measurement the instrument performs different tests to ensure safety and to prevent from damaging it. These safety tests include checking for any external voltage or improper loading of test terminals. If a problem is detected, an appropriate warning message will be displayed. Warnings and protective measures are described in this chapter.



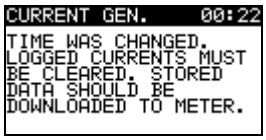
Voltage between test terminals C1/H and C2/E is higher than allowed (>10 V). Disconnect the test leads and check why an external voltage was detected!



Output was overloaded or test current abruptly fall down. Overload can be caused by high spurious earth current. In this case it is recommended to decrease the output power. See chapter *6.6.4 Output power range* for more information.



Output current is too low. A too low current can be caused because of bad connection or high probe resistance.



Date / time was changed in the Station and consequentially the synchronization between Station and Meter is lost. The Current logger must be cleared. Before clearing it its content can be downloaded to the Meter.

In the message field warnings and messages are displayed.

	Output power is not set to maximum
	Measurement is running; consider displayed warnings.
	High electrical noise was detected during measurement. Results may be impaired.
	High resistance of current (c) and/ or voltage (p) probes. Results may be impaired.
	Result(s) can be stored.

6.3 Help screens

Same as in MI 3295M – see chapter *5.4.2 Help screens.*
The help screens can be accessed with the HELP key.

6.4 Contrast adjustments

With the LIGHT key contrast can be adjusted.

Figure 6.4: Contrast adjustment menu

Keys for contrast adjustment:

Cursor LEFT / RIGHT	Sets contrast.
TEST	Accepts new contrast.
ESC	Exits without changes.

6.5 Function selection

For selecting test function the FUNCTION SELECTOR shall be used:

Function selector	Selects test / measurement function. ❑ <**EARTH RE, EARTH ρ**> earth resistance ❑ <**CURRENT GEN.**> generation of measuring current ❑ <**SETTINGS**> settings
Cursor UP / DOWN	Selects sub-function in selected measurement function.
Cursor LEFT / RIGHT	Selects the test parameter to be modified.

Keys in **test parameter** field:

Cursor UP / DOWN	Changes the selected parameter.

6.6 Settings

Different instrument options can be set in the SETTINGS menu.

Options are:

- Selection of language
- Setting the instrument to initial values
- Setting the output power of the generator
- Setting the alarm
- Recalling and clearing results
- Setting date and time
- Selection of length unit (m, ft)

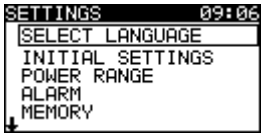


Figure 6.5: Options in Settings menu

Keys:

Cursor UP / DOWN	Selects appropriate option.
TEST	Enters selected option.
ESC	Exits back to main function menu.

6.6.1 Language

Same as in MI 3295M – see chapter *5.4.1 Language.*

6.6.2 Initial settings

Selecting this option will allow the user to reset the instrument settings and measurement parameters and limits to the initial (factory) settings.

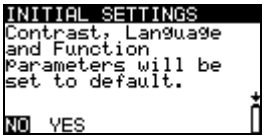


Figure 6.6: Initial settings screen

Keys:

Cursor LEFT / RIGHT	Selects Yes or No
TEST	Restores default settings (if Yes is selected)
ESC	Exits back to Settings main menu without changes.

Initial settings are:

Instrument setting	**Default value**
Contrast	Default value
Language	English
Alarm	Disabled
Power Range	100%
Length units	m
Distance ‘a’	2.0 m

6.6.3 Date and time

Same as in MI 3295M – see chapter *5.4.4 Date and time.*

6.6.4 Output power range

In this menu the power of the current generator can be set.

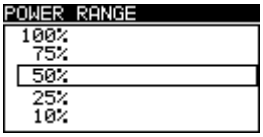


Figure 6.7: Output power menu

Keys:

Cursor UP / DOWN	Selects appropriate option (10%, 25%, 50%, 75%, 100%)
TEST	Sets selected power.
ESC	Returns to Settings main menu**.**

Note:

When the current generator is started the output power is automatically set to the available maximum. If the conditions changed during the measurement the generator may switch off. Possible reasons for switching off are:

- The output can become overloaded by high external earth currents. In this case it is recommended to decrease the output power and restart the generator.
- The current stopped flowing abruptly. If the stop was caused by disconnection of the leads it is not necessary to lower the power. The generator can be restarted.

6.6.5 Alarm

An audible alarm warns the user that the current generator switched off due to overload or abrupt change of current.
The alarm can be activated / deactivated in this menu.

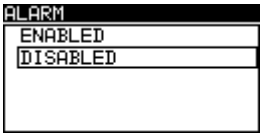


Figure 6.8: Language selection

Keys:

Cursor UP / DOWN	Enables / disables the alarm.
TEST	Confirms selected option.
ESC	Returns to Settings main menu**.**

Note:

- An enabled alarm helps to prevent from wrong interpretation of the Step and Contact/Touch voltage results. The readings will be close to 0 V (a ‘pass’) if no test current is flowing.

7 Measurements

7.1 Theory of measurements

7.1.1 General on earthing

An earthing electrode / grid depleted into ground has a certain resistance, depending on its size, surface (oxides on the metal surface) and the soil resistivity around the electrode. The earthing resistance is not concentrated in one point but is distributed around the electrode. Correct earthing of exposed conductive parts assures that the voltage on them stays below dangerous level in case of a fault.
If a fault happens a fault current will flow through the earthing electrode. A typical voltage distribution occurs around the electrode (the “voltage funnel”). The largest part of the voltage drop is concentrated around the earth electrode. *Figure 7.1* shows how fault, Step and Contact/Touch voltages occur as a result of fault currents flowing through the earthing electrode / grid in the ground.
Fault currents close to power distribution objects (substations, distribution towers, plants) can be very high, up to 200 kA. This can result in dangerous Step and Contact/Touch voltages. If there are underground metal connections (intended or unknown) the voltage funnel can get atypical forms and high voltages can occur far from the point of failure. Therefore the voltage distribution in case of a fault around these objects must be carefully analyzed.

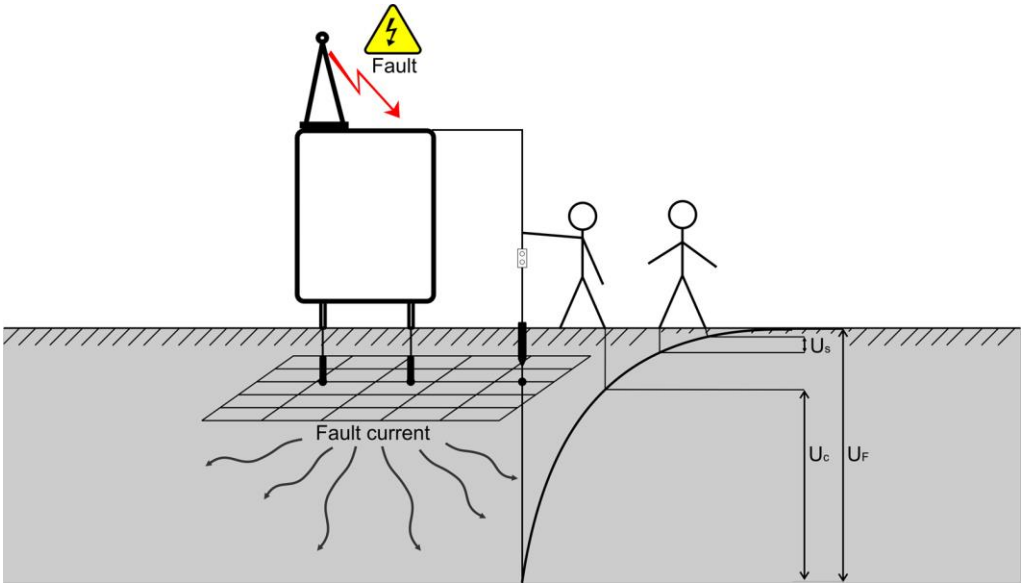


Figure 7.1: Dangerous voltages on a faulty earthing system

Standard IEC 61140 defines following maximum allowed time vs Contact/Touch voltage relations:

Maximum time of exposure	Voltage
>5 s to ∞	$U_C \leq 50\ V_{AC}$ or $\leq 120\ V_{DC}$
< 0.4 s	$U_C \leq 115\ V_{AC}$ or $\leq 180\ V_{DC}$
< 0.2 s	$U_C \leq 200\ V_{AC}$
< 0.04 s	$U_C \leq 250\ V_{AC}$

Table 1: *Maximum time durations vs fault voltage*

For a longer exposure the touch voltages must stay below 50 V.

7.1.2 General on specific earth resistance

The specific earth resistance (soil resistivity) is measured to determine the characteristic of the soil. The measurement is carried out in order to assure more accurate calculation of earthing systems e.g. for high-voltage distribution columns, large industrial plants, lightning systems etc. The results are used to properly dimension earthing systems (size, depth, number and position of earthing rods). Specific Earth Resistance value is expressed in Ωm (or Ωft).

7.1.3 Measurement

During the measurement a test current is injected into the earth through an auxiliary probe. The resistance of the auxiliary probe should be as low as possible in order to inject a high test current. The resistance can be decreased by using more probes in parallel or using an auxiliary earthing system as the auxiliary probe. A higher injected current improves the immunity against spurious earth currents.

Step voltage

The measurement is performed between two ground points at a distance of 1 m as shown on *Figure 7.2*. The 25 kg measuring probes simulates the feet. Alternatively step voltage plates can be used. The voltage between the probes is measured by a voltmeter with an internal resistance of 1 kΩ that simulates the body resistance.

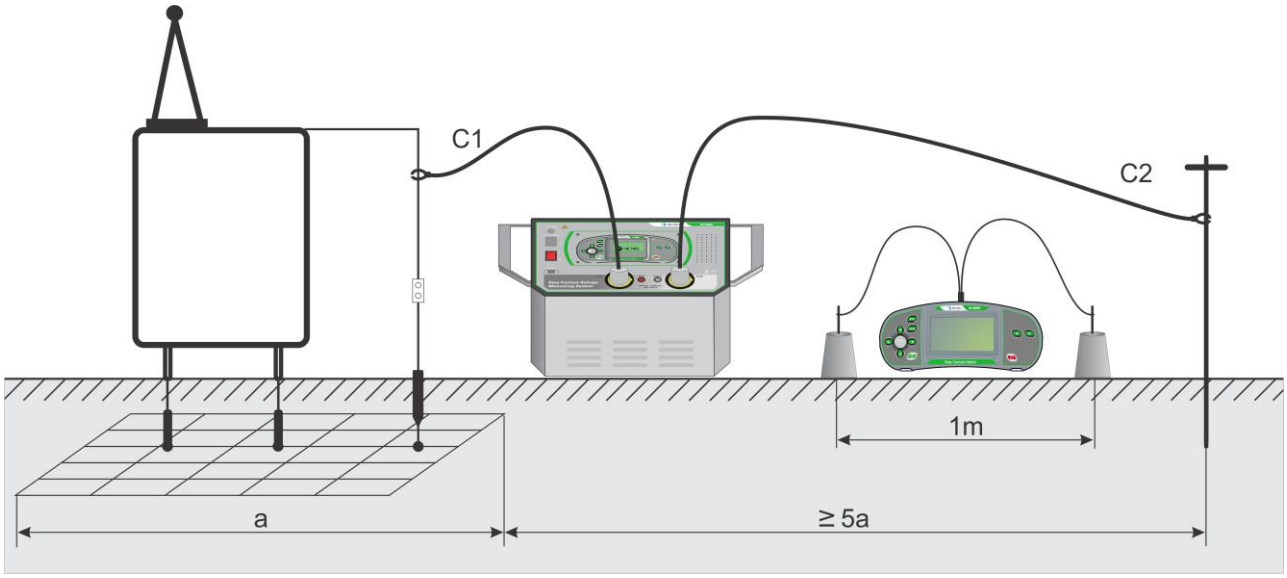


Figure 7.2: Step voltage measurement

Contact/Touch voltage

The measurement is performed between an earthed accessible metal part and ground as shown on *Figure 7.3*. The voltage between the probes is measured by a voltmeter with an internal resistance of 1 kΩ that simulates the body resistance.

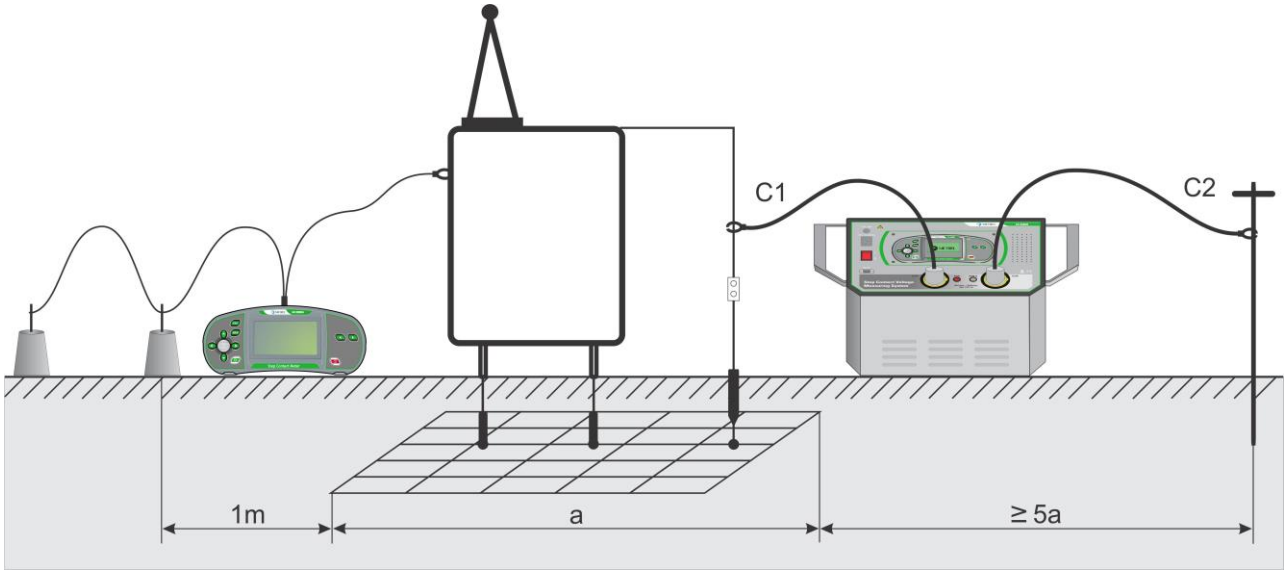


Figure 7.3: Contact/Touch voltage measurement

As the test current is usually only a small fraction of the highest fault current the measured voltages must be up scaled according to following equation:

$$U_{S,C} = U_{Measured} \frac{I_{Fault}}{I_{Gen}}$$

$U_{S,C}$……..calculated Step or Contact/Touch voltage in case of fault current
$U_{Measured}$ ….measured voltage during the test
I_{Fault}……..maximal earth current in case of a fault
I_{Gen}……..injected test current

Earth resistance

For the earthing resistance test a voltage and current probe (serves as auxiliary earth) are used. Because of the voltage funnel it is important that the test electrodes are placed correctly. More information about measuring earth resistance can be found in the METREL handbook: *Guide for testing and verification of low voltage installations*.

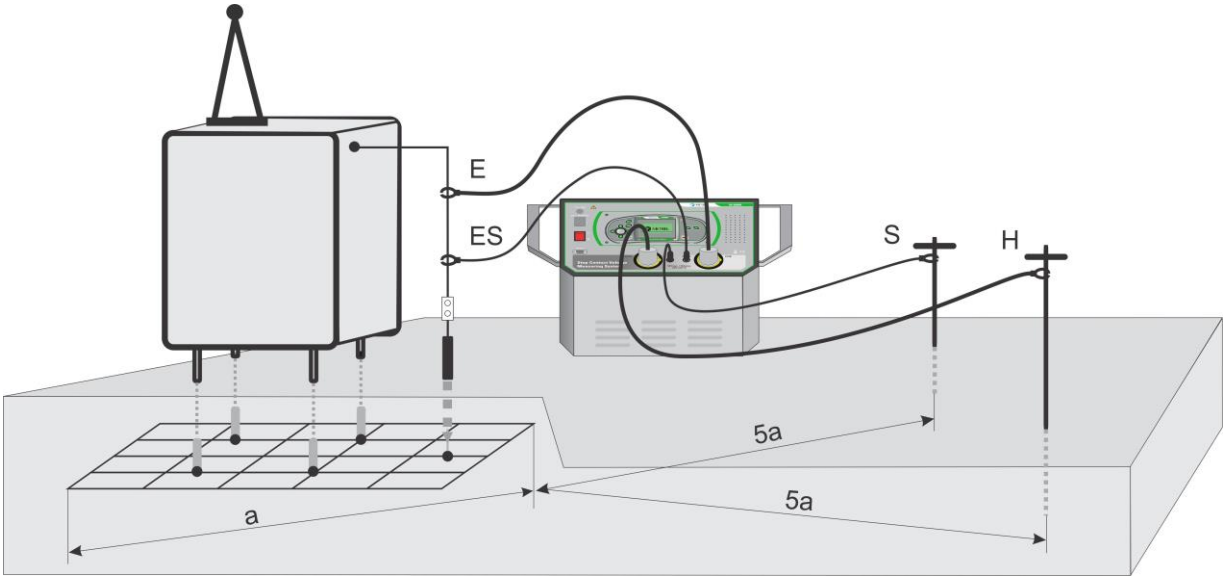


Figure 7.4: Earth resistance measurement

Specific earth resistance

For the specific earth resistance the test current is injected through two current probes (C1/H and C2/E). The voltage probes S and ES must be placed between the current probes (equidistance ‘a’ between probes must be considered).
Using different distances between the test probes means that the material at different depths is measured. By increasing the distances ‘a’ a deeper layer of ground material is measured. More information about measuring earth resistance can be found in the METREL handbook: *Guide for testing and verification of low voltage installations*.

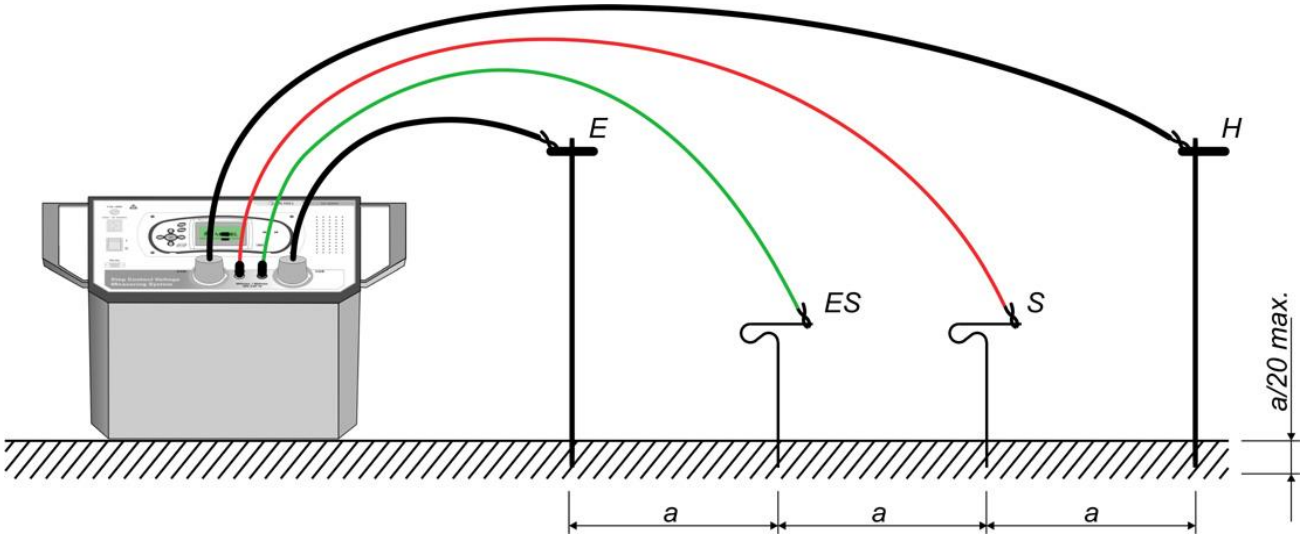


Figure 7.5: Specific earth resistance measurement

Potential

The measurement is performed between an earthed accessible metal part and ground as shown on *Figure 7.6*. The voltage between the probes is measured by a voltmeter with an internal resistance of 1MΩ.

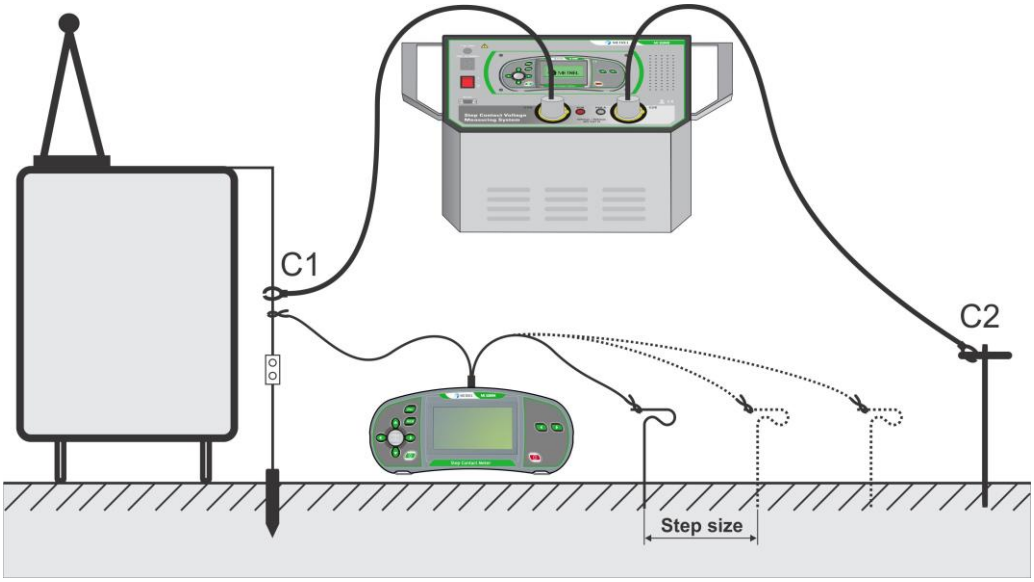


Figure 7.6: Potential example

Current measurements

Current measurement is intended for measurement of AC currents (leakage currents, load currents, noise currents) using the iron current clamps or flex clamps.

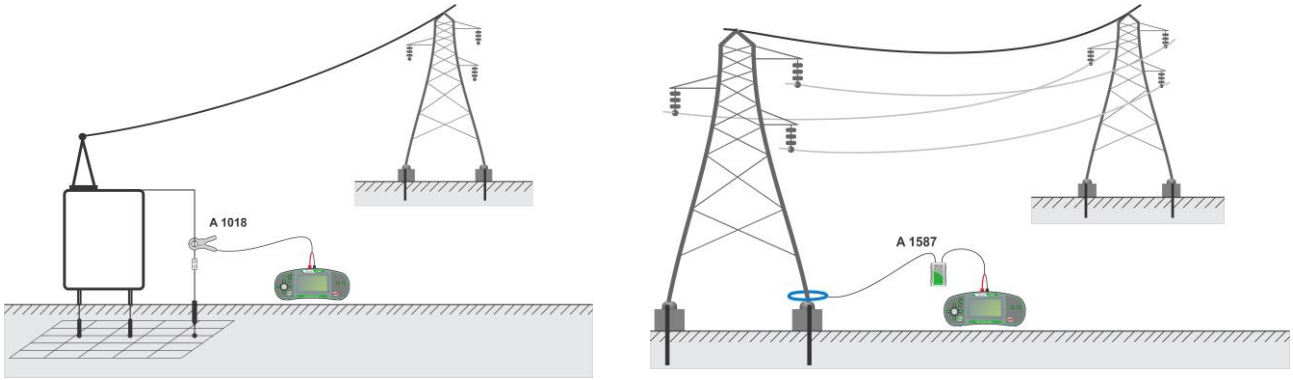


Figure 7.7: TRMS, 50 Hz, 60 Hz current measurement example: Iron clamp (left) and Flex clamps (right)

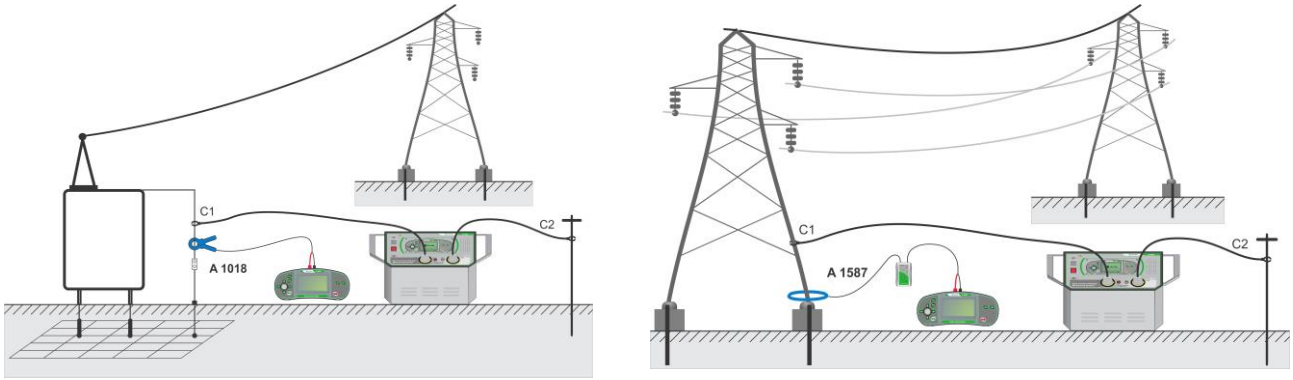


Figure 7.8: Current measurement example – 55 Hz mode: Iron clamp (left) and Flex clamps (right)

7.2 Step voltage, Contact/Touch voltage and Potential

7.2.1 Injection of test current

Before starting the Step voltage, Contact/Touch voltage and Potential measurements the test current must be injected in the earth with MI 3295S.

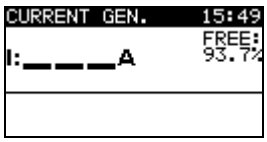


Figure 7.9: Current generator screen

- Connect C2 test lead to the main earthing point.
- Place the earth probe.
- Connect C1 test lead to the earth probe or another auxiliary earthing point.
- Select **CURRENT GEN.** function.
- Press the **TEST** key to start the generation of the current.
- Check the value of the current.

Connections for Step voltage, Contact/Touch voltage and Potential measurement

For connections of the Station see *Figure 7.2*, *Figure 7.3* and *Figure 7.6*.

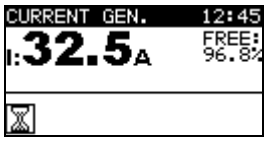


Figure 7.10: Example of the display during generation of current

Note:

- The output power is set automatically to its available maximum. In case of troubles (generator switches off) refer to chapter *6.6.4 Output power range*.
- Incompletely unwound measuring cable can influence on size of generated test current (coil impedance).
- Usually the resistance of auxiliary probe limits the injected current. The injected current can be increased by placing more probes in parallel.

7.2.2 Synchronization before the test (recommended)

Before starting with the Step voltage, Contact/Touch voltage or Potential measurements it is recommended to synchronize the Meter and the Station. The synchronization sets the same date and time in both units. Therefore the measured voltages can be correctly scaled after the measurements. If the current is generated during the synchronization its value of is also send to the Meter. For more information see chapter *5.4.5 Synchronization*.

- Connect Meter to the Station with the RS232 cable.
- On Meter, select the **BEFORE TESTS** option in ***SYNC. MI3295S*** menu and confirm.
  Follow the information on the Meter's LCD. If the synchronization succeeded a confirmation beep will follow after short ***connecting...*** and ***synchronizing...*** messages.

Connections for synchronization

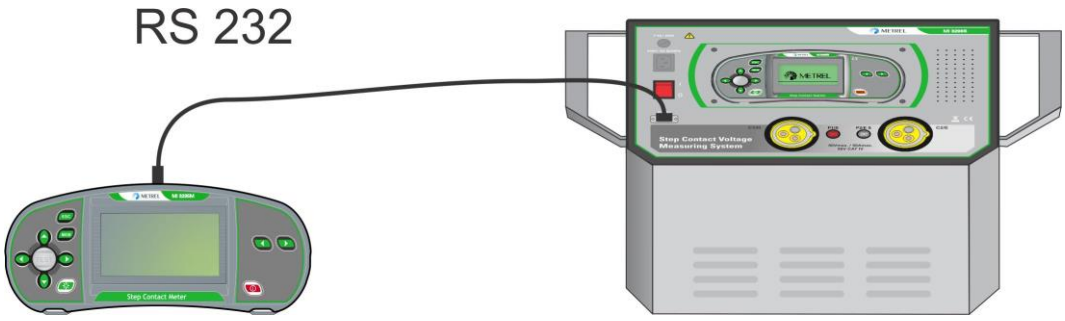


Figure 7.11: Connection of the instruments during synchronization

Note:

- The measurements can be carried out without synchronization. In this case the measuring current must be set / changed manually. If the injected current is

changing during the test the I_{SET} parameter must be adjusted manually. The measurement results cannot be corrected after the measurement.

7.2.3 Step voltage and Contact/Touch voltage measurements

While the Station injects the measuring current into earth the Step or Contact/Touch voltage tests with the Meter can be carried out.

Figure 7.12: *Step and Contact/Touch voltage screens*

Test parameters for Step voltage and Contact/Touch voltage measurement

I flt	**Maximum expected fault current** (1 A ... 200 kA)
I set, I gen	**Test current** manually set (10 mA … 50 A) or uploaded from Station
R inp	**Input resistance** (1 MΩ, 1 kΩ, 2 kΩ (with additional adapter A 1304))
U lim	**Limit step voltage** (25 V, 50 V)

Step or Contact/Touch voltage measurements

- Select **STEP VOLT** or **U CONTACT/TOUCH** function.
- Set test parameters / limits (optional).
- For Step voltage place the test electrodes (see chapter *7.1.3 Measurement* for more information).
- For Contact/Touch voltage place one test electrode and connect accessible metal part (see chapter *7.1.3 Measurement* for more information).
- Connect the test leads to the instrument.
- Press the **TEST** key to perform the measurement.
- Store the result by pressing the **MEM** key (optional).

Note:

- The measurements can be carried out without synchronization. In this case the measuring current must be controlled and set / changed manually. The results cannot be corrected after the measurement.

Connections for Step voltage and Contact/Touch voltage measurement

For connections see *Figure 7.2* and *Figure 7.3*.

Figure 7.13: Examples of Step voltage and Contact/Touch voltage measurement results

Displayed results for Step voltage and Contact/Touch voltage measurements:
U.....calculated Step or Contact/Touch voltage
Um.....measured Step or Contact/Touch voltage

Note:

- For dry soil or concrete floor, a damp cloth or a film of water should be placed between the probe and the floor.
- It is possible to work with more Meters at the same time.

7.2.4 Potential

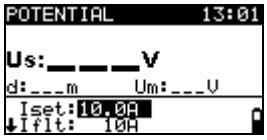


Figure 7.14: *Potential screen*

Test parameters for Potential measurement

I flt	**Maximum expected fault current** (1 A ... 200 kA)
I set, I gen	**Test current** manually set (10 mA … 50 A) or uploaded from Station
Step	**Distance between neighbouring measurement points** (0.5 m … 5 m or 1 ft … 17 ft)
Dir	**Direction of Potential measurement or angle** (0° … 360°, step 5°)

Potential measurement

- Select **POTENTIAL** function.
- Set test parameters.
- Connect the test leads to the instrument and to the test object.
- Press the **TEST** key to start the measurement.
- Set distance ‘d’ from main point (earthing rod).
- Press the **TEST** key to measure Potential at set distance.
- Wait until the test result is displayed on the screen.
- Set new distance ‘d’ and proceed with next step or repeat step (Press the TEST key for new straight line Potential measurement).
- Store the results by pressing the **MEM** key (optional).
  Make sure to save test results before changing test parameters or exiting test function.
  If five or more measurements at different distances were made before changing test parameters, instrument displays “Save to memory?” message to remind you to save measurements.
- Set new direction and repeat the measurement(s) as described above.
- Store the results by pressing the **MEM** key (optional).

Note:

- The measurements can be carried out without synchronization. In this case the measuring current must be controlled and set / changed manually. The results cannot be corrected after the measurement.

Connections for Potential measurement

For connections see *Figure 7.6*.

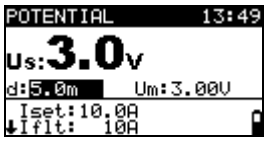


Figure 7.15: Example of Potential measurement results

Displayed results for Potential measurements:
Us.....calculated potential
Um.....measured potential
d .....Distance between earthing rod (E) and measurement point

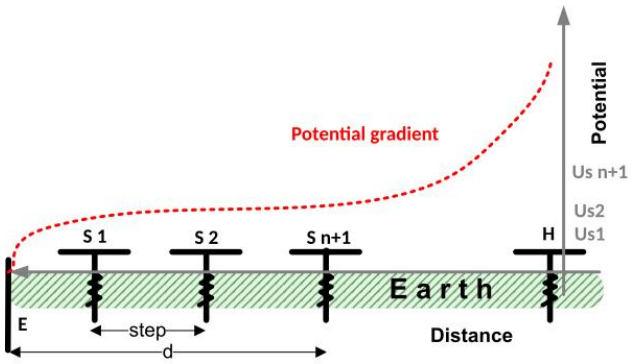


Figure 7.16: Potential gradient example (straight line)

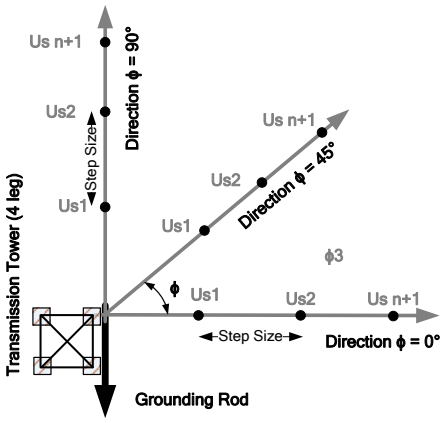


Figure 7.17: Potential gradient example (around the building)

7.2.5 Synchronization after the test (recommended)

If the Meter and Station were synchronized during the measurements they should be synchronized again after finishing the tests. In this step the values of generated currents (measured with the Station) are downloaded to the Meter. On base of the real generated current data the correction of measured results in the Meter is done. For more information see chapter *5.4.5 Synchronization*.

- Connect Meter to the Station with the RS232 cable.
- On Meter select **AFTER TESTS** in **SYNC. MI3295S** menu and confirm.
- Follow the information on the Meter LCD. If the synchronization succeeds a confirmation beep will follow the ***connecting...*** and ***synchronizing...*** messages.

Connections for synchronization

For connection of the instruments see *Figure 7.11*.

Figure 7.18: Examples of synchronization screens

NOT SYNCHRONIZED: number of non-synchronized results.

Note:

- Synchronization of Step voltage, Contact /Touch voltage and Potential results can last up to several 10 seconds. A bargraph is showing the progress (50%)

7.3 Current measurement

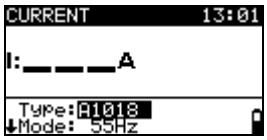


Figure 7.19: *Current measurement screen*

Test parameters for current measurement

Type	**Current clamp type** (A1018, A1587)	
Mode	**Test mode** (TRMS, 50 Hz, 55 Hz, 60 Hz)	
Rang	**Range of A1587 clamp** (30 A, 300 A, 3000 A)	
Ilim	**A1018**	No limit, 10 mA … 9.0 A
	A1587	**(Range: 30 A)** No limit, 30 mA … 25.0 A
		(Range: 300 A, 3000 A) No limit, 30 mA … 45.0 A

Current measurement

- Select **CURRENT** function.
- Set test parameters / limits (optional).
- Connect the current clamp to the instrument and to the test object.
- Press the **TEST** key to start the continuous measurement.
- Wait until the test result is displayed on the screen.
- Press and hold the **TEST** key to stop the measurement.
- Store the result by pressing the **MEM** key (optional).

Connections for current measurement

For connections see ***Error! Reference source not found.*** *and* ***Error! Reference source not found.****.*

Figure 7.20: Examples of current measurement results

Displayed result for current measurement:
I .....current

7.4 Earth resistance

7.4.1 Earth resistance measurement

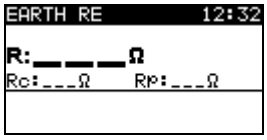


Figure 7.21: *Earth resistance screen*

Earth resistance measurements

- Select **EARTH** function using the function selector switch.
- Select **EARTH RE** sub-function using the cursor UP / DOWN keys.
- Connect C2/E test lead and ES potential lead to main earthing point.
- Connect C1/H test lead to current probe.
- Connect S potential lead to potential probe.
- Press the TEST key to perform the measurement.
- Store the result with MEM key (optional).

Connections for earth resistance measurement

For connections see *Figure 7.4*.

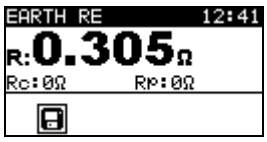


Figure 7.22: Example of earth resistance measurement result

Displayed results for earth resistance measurement:
R.....Earth resistance,
Rp.....Resistance of S (potential) probe,
Rc.....Resistance of H (current) probe.

Notes:

- High resistance of S and H probes could influence the measurement results. In this case the 'Probe' warnings are displayed.
- High noise currents and voltages in earth could influence the measurement results. The tester displays the 'Noise' warning in this case.
- Probes must be placed at sufficient distance from the measured object.

7.4.2 Specific earth resistance measurement

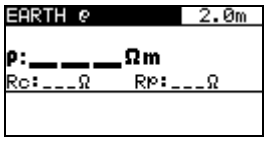


Figure 7.23: *Specific earth resistance screen*

Specific earth resistance measurements

- Select **EARTH** function using the function selector switch.
- Select **EARTH RE** sub-function using the cursor UP / DOWN keys.
- Select test parameter using the cursor LEFT / RIGHT keys.
- Set distance 'a' using the cursor UP / DOWN keys.
- Connect C1/H and C2/E test leads as current probes.
- Connect S and ES test leads as potential probes.
- Press the TEST key to perform the measurement.
- Store the result with MEM key (optional).

Connections for specific earth resistance measurement
For connections see *Figure 7.5*.

Figure 7.24: Example of specific earth resistance measurement result

Displayed results for earth resistance measurement:
ρ .....Specific earth resistance,
Rp.....Resistance of sum (S + ES) of potential probes,
Rc.....Resistance of sum (C1/H + C2/E) of current probes.

Notes:

- High resistance of current and potential probes could influence the measurement results. In this case the 'Probe' warnings are displayed.
- High noise currents and voltages in earth could influence the measurement results. The tester displays the 'Noise' warning in this case.

7.4.3 Downloading Earth results to the Meter

To view stored earth resistance or specific earth resistance results on PC they must be downloaded to the Meter first.

- Connect Meter to the Station with the RS232 cable. See *Figure 7.11*.
- Set Station to main menu.
- On Meter select **EARTH RESULTS** in **SYNC. MI3295S** menu and confirm.
- Follow the information on the Meter LCD. If the download succeeds a confirmation beep and OK! will follow the ***connecting...*** messages.

Note:

- After the results are downloaded the stored data in the Station will be automatically deleted.

8 Data handling

8.1 Memory

Measured results together with all relevant parameters can be stored in the memory of Meter and Station.

- Step, Contact/Touch voltage, Potential and Current measurements can be stored in the Meter.
- Earth resistance measurements can be stored in the Station and then be downloaded to the Meter.
- Specific earth resistance measurements can be stored in the Station and then be downloaded to the Meter.
- Values of generated currents are automatically stored in the Station's logger.

8.1.1 Data structure

The instrument's memory place is divided into 3 levels each containing 199 locations each. The number of measurements that can be stored into one location is only limited by available memory.
The **data structure field** describes the identity of the measurement (which object and location).
The **measurement field** contains information about type and number of measurements that belong to the selected structure element (object and locations).
This organization helps to handle with data in a simple and effective manner.
The main advantages of this system are:

- Test results can be organized and grouped in a structured manner.
- Data structure can be uploaded from the Metrel ES Manager to the Meter and with synchronization also to the Station.
- Simple browsing through structures and results.
- Test reports can be created with no or little modifications after downloading results to a PC.

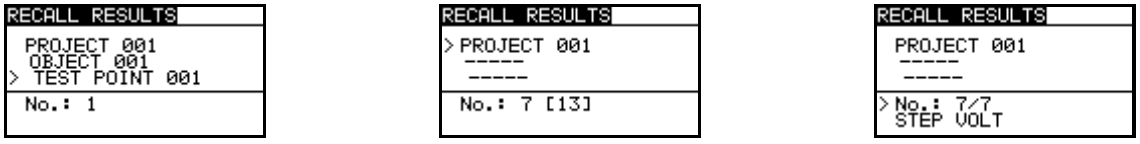


Figure 8.1: Data structure and measurement fields

Data structure field

RECALL RESULTS	Memory operation menu
PROJECT 001 OBJECT 001 TEST POINT 001	Data structure field
PROJECT 001	❑ **1st level:** **PROJECT**: Default project name and its successive number.
OBJECT 001	❑ **2nd level:** **OBJECT**: Default object name and its successive number.
TEST POINT 001	❑ **3rd level:** **TEST POINT**: Default test point name and its successive number. ❑ **001**: No. of selected element.

Measurement field

No.: 1	No. of measurements in selected location.
No.: 7 [13]	No. of measurements in selected location. [No. of measurements in selected location and its sub locations].
>No.: 7/7	No. of selected test result / No. of all stored test results in selected location.
STEP VOLT	Type of stored measurement in the selected location.

8.1.2 Storing test results

After the completion of a test the results and parameters are ready for storing (icon is displayed in the information field). By pressing the **MEM** key, the user can store the results.

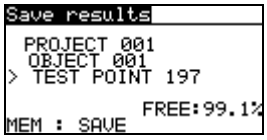


Figure 8.2: Save test menu

Display information

FREE:99.1%	Memory available for storing results.

Keys in save test menu - data structure field:

Cursor UP / DOWN	Selects the location element (Project / Object / Test point).
Cursor LEFT / RIGHT	Selects number of selected location element (1 to 199).
MEM	Saves test results to the selected location and returns to the measuring menu.
ESC	Exits back to the measuring menu without save.

Notes:

- The instrument offers to store the result to the last selected location by default.
- If the measurement is to be stored to the same location as the previous one just press the MEM key twice.

8.1.3 Recalling test results

In MEMORY menu select RECALL RESULTS.

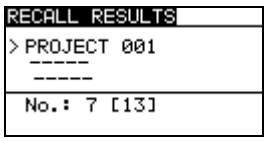


Figure 8.3: Recall menu - data structure field selected

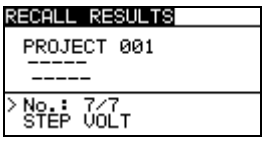


Figure 8.4: Recall menu - measurements field selected

Keys in recall memory menu (data structure field selected):

Cursor UP / DOWN	Selects the location element (Project / Object / Test point).
Cursor LEFT / RIGHT	Selects number of selected location element (1 to 199).
TEST	Confirms selection and enters measurements field.
ESC	Exits back to main function menu.

Keys in recall memory menu (measurements field selected):

Cursor LEFT / RIGHT	Selects the stored measurement.
TEST	Displays measurement results.
ESC	Exits back to data structure field.

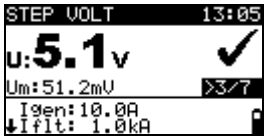


Figure 8.5: Example of recalled measurement result

Keys in recall memory menu (measurement results are displayed)

Cursor LEFT / RIGHT	Displays measurement results stored in selected location.
Cursor UP / DOWN	View all test parameters.
ESC	Exits back to measurement field.

8.1.4 Clearing stored data

Clearing complete memory content

Select CLEAR ALL MEMORY in MEMORY menu. A warning will be displayed.

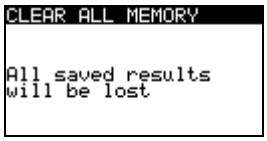


Figure 8.6: Clear all memory

Keys in clear all memory menu

TEST	Confirms clearing of complete memory content.
ESC	Exits back to Settings main menu without changes.

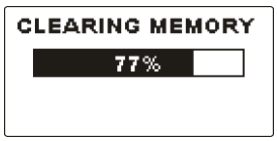


Figure 8.7: Clearing memory in progress

Clearing measurement(s) in selected location

Select DELETE RESULTS in MEMORY menu.

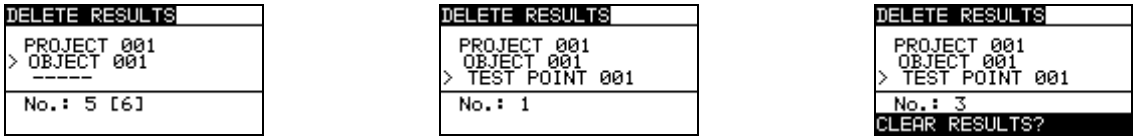


Figure 8.8: Clear measurements menu (data structure field selected)

Keys in delete results menu (data structure field selected):

Cursor UP / DOWN	Selects location element (Project / Object / Test point).
Cursor LEFT / RIGHT	Selects number of selected location element (1 to 199).
ESC	Exits back to Settings main menu.
MEM	Opens dialog for confirmation to clear result(s) in selected location.

Keys in dialog for confirmation to clear results in selected location:

TEST	Deletes all results in selected location.
ESC	Exits back to delete results menu without changes.

Clearing individual measurements

Select DELETE RESULTS in MEMORY menu.

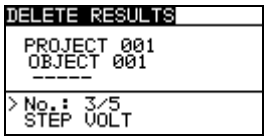


Figure 8.9: Menu for clearing individual measurement (measurement field selected)

Keys in delete results menu (data structure field selected):

Cursor UP / DOWN	Selects location element (Project / Object / Test point).
Cursor LEFT / RIGHT	Selects number of selected location element (1 to 199).
TEST	Enters measurements field.
ESC	Exits back to Settings main menu.

Keys in delete results menu (measurements field selected):

Cursor LEFT / RIGHT	Selects measurement.
MEM	Opens dialog box for confirmation to clear selected measurement.
ESC	Exits back to data structure field.

Keys in dialog for confirmation to clear selected result(s):

TEST	Deletes selected measurement result.
ESC	Exits back to measurements field without changes.

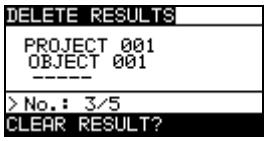


Figure 8.10: Dialog for confirmation

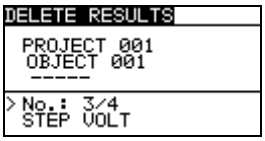


Figure 8.11: Display after measurement was cleared

8.2 Current Logger

If the Meter and Station are synchronized the values of generated currents are stored (together with time and date) in a separated part of the Station's memory. See chapters *5.4.5 Synchronization* and *7.2.5 Synchronization after the test (recommended)* for more information about the advantages of synchronized measurements.

The available place in the logger is shown in the right side of the Current Generator screen (see *Figure 7.9*). Once the logger is full its content must be cleared.

8.2.1 Clearing the logger content

Select CLEAR CURRENT LOG in MEMORY menu. A warning will be displayed.

Figure 8.12: Clear current logger

Keys in Clear Logger menu

TEST	Confirms clearing of the complete logger content.
ESC	Exits back to main function menu without changes.

Figure 8.13: Clearing logger in progress

8.3 Communication

Metrel ES Manager PC SW is used for communication with the instrument. Following functionalities are supported:
- uploading customized structure data to the Meter
- downloading stored results from Meter to PC

There are two communication interfaces available on the Meter: USB and RS232.
The instrument automatically selects the communication mode according to detected interface. USB interface has priority.

How to transfer stored data:

- RS232 communication: connect a PC COM port to the instrument PS/2 connector using the PS/2 - RS232 serial communication cable.
- USB communication: connect a PC USB port to the instrument USB connector using the USB interface cable.
- Switch on the PC and the instrument.
- Run the *Metrel ES Manager* software.
- *Select communication port.*
- The PC and the instrument will automatically recognize each other.
- The instrument is prepared to communicate with the PC.

Metrel ES Manager is a PC software running on Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1 and Windows 10.

9 Maintenance

Unauthorized persons are not allowed to open the instruments. There are no user replaceable components inside the instrument, except the battery under rear cover of Meter (MI 3295M). See chapter *2.2 Battery and charging of MI 3295M*.

9.1 Fuse replacement and range selection

Range selection

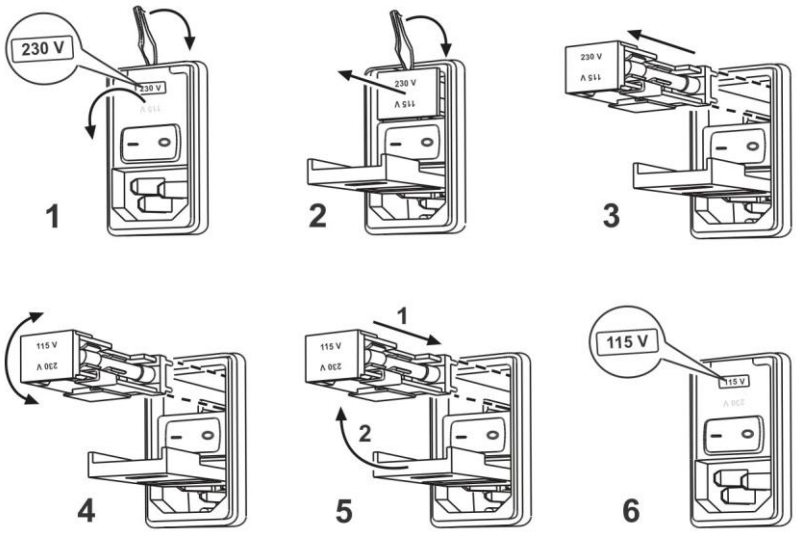


Figure 9.1: Range selection procedure

Warning:

- Before plugging in the unit, be sure the voltage selector is selected for your regional power requirements (115/230 Volt).

Fuse replacement

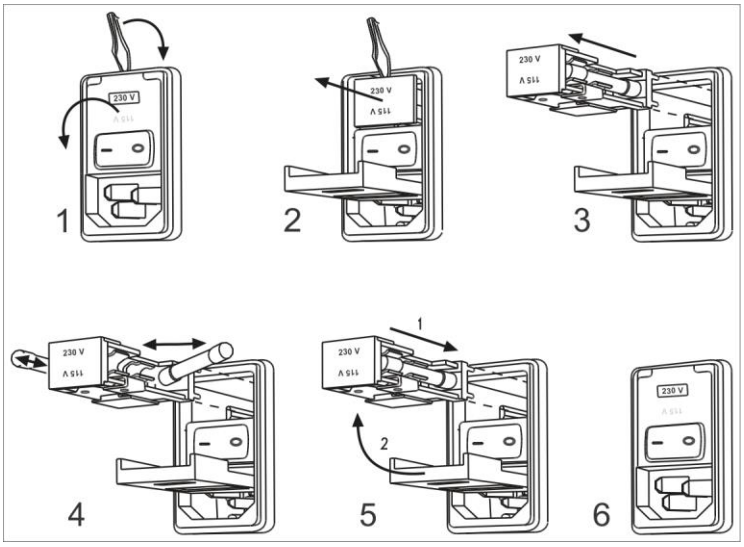


Figure 9.2: Fuse replacement procedure

There are two fuses on the front cover of the MI 3295S Station:

- Fuse: 2 x T 6.3 A / 250 V, (5 mm × 20 mm)
  Fuses prevents from danger in case of a fault inside the instrument.

Warnings:

- ⚠ **Disconnect all measuring accessories, switch off the instrument and disconnect mains cord before opening the cover of fuse holder, hazardous voltage inside!**
- Replace blown fuse with original type only, otherwise the instrument may be damaged and/or operator's safety impaired!

Position of a fuse can be seen in *Figure 4.1* in chapter *4.1 Front panel*.

9.2 Cleaning

No special maintenance is required for the housing. To clean the surface of both instruments Meter (MI 3295M) and Station (MI 3295S) use a soft cloth slightly moistened with soapy water or alcohol. Then leave the instrument to dry totally before use.

Warnings:

- Do not use liquids based on petrol or hydrocarbons!
- Do not spill cleaning liquid over the instrument!

9.3 Periodic calibration

It is essential that the test instrument is regularly calibrated in order that the technical specification listed in this manual is guaranteed. We recommend an annual calibration. Only an authorized technical person can do the calibration. Please contact your dealer for further information.

9.4 Service

For repairs under warranty, or at any other time, please contact your distributor.

10 Technical specifications

10.1 Step voltage, Contact/Touch voltage (MI 3295M)

Measuring range U_m	Resolution	Accuracy
0.01 … 19.99 mV	0.01 mV	±(2 % of reading + 2 dig)
20.0 … 199.9 mV	0.1 mV	
200 … 1999 mV	1 mV	
2.00 … 19.99 V	0.01 V	
20.0 … 59.9 V	0.1V	

Calculated measuring range U	Resolution	Accuracy
0.0 … 99.9 V	0.1 V	calculated value*
100 … 999 V	1 V	
1.00 … 9.99 kV	10 V	

*Displayed Step, Contact/Touch voltage is obtained on base of calculation:
$U_S=U_m \cdot I_{fault}/I_{gen;}$ $U_C=U_m \cdot I_{fault}/I_{gen;}$
I_{fault} (selectable)..... 1 A ... 200 kA
Input resistance (selectable): 1 kΩ, 1 MΩ, 2 kΩ (with additional adapter A 1304)
Noise cancelation: DSP filtering 55 Hz, 64 dB rejection of 50 (60) Hz noise

Test terminals:

Test connector	Meter

10.2 Current (MI 3295S)

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.00 … 9.99 A	0.01 A	±(3 % of reading + 5 dig)
10.0 … 99.9 A	0.1 A	±(3 % of reading + 3 dig)

Current generator: 55 A max
Test voltage: < 55 V
Test frequency: 55 Hz

Test terminals:

C1/H - C2/E	Station

10.3 Resistance to earth (MI 3295S)

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.001 … 1.999 Ω	0.001 Ω	±(2 % of reading + 5 dig)
2.00 … 19.99 Ω	0.01 Ω	
20.0 … 99.9 Ω	0.1 Ω	
100.0 … 199.9 Ω	0.1 Ω	±(5 % of reading)

Open circuit voltage ..... < 50 VAC
Test current.....< 7.5 A

Test signal frequency..... 55 Hz
Influence of probe resistance: ≤ ±(10 % of reading + 10 digits)
$(Rc, Rp)_{max}$ = (10 Ω + 100 R) or 2 kΩ (whichever is lower)
Automatic test of probe resistance..... yes
Automatic detection of voltage noise.

Test terminals:

S, ES, C1/H, C2/E	Station

10.4 Specific earth resistance (MI 3295S)

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.00 … 9.99 Ωm	0.01 Ωm	Calculated value, consider accuracy of Resistance to earth function.
10.0 … 99.9 Ωm	0.1 Ωm	
100 … 999 Ωm	1 Ωm	
1.00 … 9.99 kΩm	0.01 kΩm	
10.0 … 99.9 kΩm	0.1 kΩm	

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
0.00 … 9.99 Ωft	0.01 Ωft	Calculated value, consider accuracy of Resistance to earth function.
10.0 … 99.9 Ωft	0.1 Ωft	
100 … 999 Ωft	1 Ωft	
1.00 … 9.99 kΩft	0.01 kΩft	
10.0 … 299.9 kΩft	0.1 kΩft	

Wenner method principle with equal distances between test probes:
ρ = 2·π·distance·R.

10.5 Potential (MI 3295M)

Measuring range U_m	Resolution	Accuracy
0.01 … 19.99 mV	0.01 mV	±(2 % of reading + 2 dig)
20.0 … 199.9 mV	0.1 mV	
200 … 1999 mV	1 mV	
2.00 … 19.99 V	0.01 V	
20.0 … 59.9 V	0.1V	

Calculated measuring range U	Resolution	Accuracy
0.01 … 19.99 mV	0.01 mV	calculated value*
20.0 … 199.9 mV	0.1 mV	
200 … 1999 mV	1 mV	
2.00 … 19.99 V	0.01 V	
20.0 … 199.9 V	0.1 V	
200 … 999 V	1 V	
1.00 … 9.99 kV	10 V	

*Displayed Potential is obtained on base of calculation:
$U_S = U_m \cdot I_{fault}/I_{gen}$

I_{fault} (selectable)..... 1 A ... 200 kA
Step ..... [0.5 m … 5.0 m] or [1 ft … 17 ft]
Input resistance: 1 MΩ
Noise cancelation: DSP filtering 55 Hz, 64 dB rejection of 50 (60) Hz noise

Test terminals:

Test connector	Meter

10.6 Current (MI 3295M)

Iron clamp A 1018:

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy (see note)
1.0 … 99.9 mA	0.1 mA	±(2 % of reading 3 dig)
100 … 999 mA	1 mA	
1.00 … 9.99 A	0.01 A	

Measurement clamp type..... A 1018
Input impedance ..... 100 Ω (1 W max)
Test mode..... 50 Hz, 55 Hz, 60 Hz, TRMS
Frequency range (TRMS mode) ..... 45 Hz … 250 Hz
Noise cancelation
(50 Hz, 55 Hz and 60 Hz mode) ..... DSP filtering, - 64 dB @ f_{MODE} ± 5 Hz
Measuring refresh rate..... typical 2.6 s (50 Hz, 55Hz and 60 Hz mode)
typical 1.5 s (TRMS mode)
Limit range (I)..... Off, 10 mA … 9.00 A
Automatic range selection..... yes

Note:

- Do not measure close to other current-carrying conductors if possible. An external magnetic field can cause an additional measurement uncertainty.

Clamps	External magnetic field	Additional uncertainty
Iron clamp (A1018)	30 A/m	±(15 % of reading)

Flex clamp A 1587:

Measuring range	Resolution	Range	Accuracy (see note)
10.0 … 99.9 mA	0.1 mA	30 A	±(8 % of reading + 5 dig)
100 … 999 mA	1 mA	30 A	
1.00 … 9.99 A	0.01 A	30 A 300 A	
10.0 … 30.0 A	0.1 A	30 A 300 A 3000 A	
10.0 … 50.0 A	0.1 A	300 A 3000 A	

Measurement clamp type..... A 1587
Input impedance ..... 10 kΩ
Test mode..... 50 Hz, 55 Hz, 60 Hz, TRMS
Frequency range (TRMS mode) ..... 45 Hz … 250 Hz

Noise cancelation
(50 Hz, 55 Hz and 60 Hz mode) ..... DSP filtering, - 64 dB @ f_{MODE} ± 5 Hz
Measuring refresh rate..... typical 2.6 s (50 Hz, 55 Hz and 60 Hz mode)
typical 1.5 s (TRMS mode)
Limit range (I)..... Off, 30 mA … 25.0 A
Manual range selection..... 30 A, 300 A, 3000 A

Note:

- In TRMS mode consider noise (residual current) of flex current clamps:

Range	**Noise (residual current)**
30 A	< 4 mV, equivalent to 0.12 A
300 A	< 1 mV, equivalent to 0.3 A
3000 A	< 1 mV, equivalent to 3 A

- Do not measure close to other current-carrying conductors if possible. An external magnetic field can cause an additional measurement uncertainty.

Clamps	External magnetic field	Additional uncertainty
Flex clamp (A1587)	5 A/m	±(15 % of reading)

- It is very important that the conductor should be at the center and perpendicular to the measuring head.

10.7 General data

Station
Rated supply voltage .....115/230 V AC (±10 %) / 50 or 60 Hz
Max. power consumption.....750 VA
Overvoltage category.....CAT II / 300 V
Measuring category .....CAT IV / 50 V
Protection classification .....Class I
General protection of the instrument:

Fuse .....2 x T 6,3 A / 250 V (5 mm x 20 mm)

Pollution degree.....3
Degree of protection .....IP 30

Display .....128 x 64 dots matrix display with backlight
Memory .....1000 memory locations
Current logger.....24 hours min

Communication interface .....RS232 (for communication with Meter only)
Dimensions (w×h×d).....56.3 cm × 27.5 cm × 25.7 cm
Weight .....29.5 kg (without accessories)

Meter
Power supply voltage.....9 V_{DC} (6 x 1.5 V battery or accu, size AA)
Operation.....typical 12h

Charger socket input voltage .....12 V (±10 %)
Charger socket input current.....400 mA max
Battery charging current.....250 mA (internally regulated)
Measuring category .....CAT IV / 50 V
Protection classification .....double insulation
Pollution degree.....2
Degree of protection .....IP 40

Display .....128 x 64 dots matrix display with backlight
Memory .....1500 memory locations
Communication interface .....RS232, USB

Dimensions (w×h×d).....23 cm × 10.3 cm × 11.5 cm
Weight .....1.3 kg (with batteries)

Environmental conditions

Reference temperature range.....10 °C … 30 °C
Reference humidity range.....35 % … 65 % RH

Operation conditions
Working temperature range .....0 °C … +40 °C
Maximum relative humidity .....85 % RH (0 °C … 40 °C), non-condensing

Storage conditions
Temperature range .....-10 °C … +60 °C
Maximum relative humidity .....90 % RH (-10 °C … +40 °C)
80 % RH (40 °C … 60 °C)

Accuracies apply for 1 year in reference conditions. Temperature coefficient outside these limits is 0,2 % of measured value per °C, and 1 digit.