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The KT 64 incorporates Anti Trip Technology (ATT) which electronically bypasses RCDs when performing loop impedance tests. This saves time and money by not having to take the RCD out of the circuit during testing and is a safer procedure to follow.

With the ATT function enabled , a test of 15 mA or less is applied between line & earth. It enables loop impedance measurements without tripping RCDs rated at 30 mA and above.

Please read this instruction manual carefully before using this equipment.

1 Safe Testing Electricity is dangerous and can cause injury and death. Always treat it with the greatest of respect and care. If you are not quite sure how to proceed, stop and take advice from a qualified person.

- 1 This instrument must only be used by a competent and trained person and operated in strict accordance with the instructions. Kewtech will not accept liability for any damage or injury caused by misuse or noncompliance with the instructions or with the safety procedures.
- 2 It is essential to read and to understand the safety rules contained in these instructions. They must always be observed when using the instrument.
- 3 This instrument is designed to work in distribution systems where the line to earth has a maximum voltage of 300V 50/60Hz and for some ranges where line to line has a maximum voltage of 500V 50/60Hz. Be sure to use it within this rated voltage.

For use in the continuity testing and insulation testing modes this instrument **must be used ONLY on circuits which are de-energized.**

- 4 When conducting tests do not touch any exposed metalwork associated with the installation. Such metalwork may become live for the duration of the test.
- 5 **Never open the instrument case** (except for fuse and battery replacement and in this case disconnect all leads first) because dangerous voltages are present. Only fully trained and competent electrical engineers should open the case. If a fault develops, return the instrument to Kewtech for inspection and repair.
- 6 If the overheat symbol appears in the display disconnect the instrument from the mains supply and allow to cool down.
- 7 If abnormal conditions of any sort are noted (such as a faulty display, unexpected readings, broken case, cracked test leads, etc) do not use the tester and return it to Kewtech for repair.
- 8 For safety reasons only use accessories (test leads, probes, fuses, cases, etc) designed to be used with this instrument and recommended by Kewtech. The use of other accessories is prohibited as they are unlikely to have the correct safety features.
- 9 When testing, always be sure to keep your fingers behind the finger guards on the test leads.
- 10 During testing it is possible that there may be a momentary degradation of the reading due to the presence of excessive transients or discharges on the electrical system under test. Should this be observed, the test must be repeated to obtain a correct reading. If in doubt, contact Kewtech.

Safe Testing

- 11 Kewtech recommends the use of fused test leads particularly when measuring voltages in high energy circuits. Where assessments show that the risk is significant, then the use of fuse test leads constructed in accordance with the HSE Guidance Note GS38 should be used. The test accessories supplied with this instrument for loop impedance and RCD tests are all fused.
- 12 Do not operate the function selector whilst the instrument is connected to a circuit. If, for example, the instrument has just completed a continuity test and an insulation test is to follow, disconnect the test leads from the circuit before moving the selector switch.
- 13 Do not rotate rotary switch when test button is depressed. If the function switch is inadvertently moved to a new function when the test button is depressed or in lock-down position the test in progress will be halted.
- 14 Always check the test lead resistance before carrying out tests. This ensures the leads are ok before taking measurements. The resistance of leads and/or crocodile clips may be significant when measuring low resistances. If crocodile clips can be avoided for low resistance measurements, this will reduce the error due to lead accessories.
- 15 When carrying out Insulation Resistance tests, always release the test button and wait for charged capacitances to totally discharge before removing the test leads from the test circuit.







Features	Continuity and insulation resist Live circuit warning Continuity Null	ance functions have the following features: "Live Circuit" warning on the display. Allows automatic subtraction of test lead resistance from continuity measurements.
	Continuity 2Ω Buzzer	Buzzer sounds at 2Ω or less at Continuity function. (Switchable on or off)
	Auto discharge	Electric charges stored in capacitive circuits are discharged automatically after testing by releasing the test button.
	Insulation Resistance LED	LED lights up while making measurements at Insulation function and alerts that test voltage is being output.
	Loop impedance, PSC/PFC features:	and RCD testing functions have the following
	Wiring check	Three Wiring symbols indicate if the wiring of the circuit under test is correct.
	Over temperature protection	Detects overheating of the internal resistor (used for LOOP and PSC/PFC tests) and of the current control MOS FET (used for RCD tests) displaying a warning symbol and automatically halting further measurements.
	Phase angle selector	The test can be selected from either the positive (0°) or from the negative (180°) halfcycle of voltage. This selector is used in the RCD mode to obtain the maximum trip time of an RCD for the test selected.
	UL value selector	Select UL (limit of contact voltage) 25V or 50V. Where Uc (contact voltage) exceeds UL value at RCD testing, "Uc $>$ UL" will be displayed without starting the measurement.

ALL testing functions have the following

Touch Pad Gives an alert, when touching the Touch Pad, while the PE terminal is connected to Line by mistake.

Auto power off Automatically switches the instrument off after a period of approximately 10 minutes. The Auto power off mode can only be cancelled by switching the instrument on again.

5.1 Measurement Specification

Continuity

Open Circuit Voltage (DC)	Short Circuit Current	Range	Acc	uracy
5V - 20%	Greater than	20/200/2000Ω	0~0.19Ω	±0.1Ω
JV ± 20%	200mA	Auto - Ranging	0.2~2000Ω	±(2%rdg+8dgt)

 2Ω Buzzer : Buzzer sounds when measured resistance is 2Ω or less. 2Ω Buzzer Accuracy : $2\Omega \pm 0.4\Omega$

Insulation Resistance

Open Circuit Voltage (DC)	Rated Current	Range	Accuracy
2501/ 40% 0%	1mA or greater	20/200MΩ	0~19.99MΩ: ±(2%rdg+6dgt)
2300+40% - 0%	@ 250k Ω	Auto - Ranging	20~200MΩ: ±(5%rdg+6dgt)
500V+30% - 0%	1mA or greater @ 500k Ω	20/200/2000MΩ Auto - Ranging	0~199.9MΩ: ±(2%rdg+6dgt)
1000V+20% - 0%	1mA or greater @ 1MΩ	20/200/2000MΩ Auto - Ranging	200~2000MΩ: ±(5%rdg+6dgt)

5 Specification

Specification | Loop Impedance

Function	Rated Voltage	Nominal Test Current at OΩ External Loop: Magnitude/Duration(*1)	Range	Accuracy
L-PE	100~260V 50/60Hz	20Ω:6A/20ms 200Ω:2A/20ms 2000Ω:15mA/360ms	20/200/2000Ω Auto-Ranging	±(3%rdg+4dgt) *2 ±(3%rdg+8dgt) *3
L-PE (ATT)	100~260V 50/60Hz	L-N: 6A/40ms N-PE: 10mA/approx. 4s	20/200/2000 Ω Auto-Ranging L-N < 20 Ω	±(3%rdg+6dgt) *2 ±(3%rdg+8dgt) *3
L-N / L-L	50/60Hz L-L L-N:100~300V 20 Ω : 6A/20ms L-L:300~500V		20Ω	±(3%rdg+4dgt) *2 ±(3%rdg+8dgt) *3
*1: at 230 *2: 230V- *3: voltag PSC (L-N/I)V ⊦10%-15% es except for ∟-L) / PFC (L-F	*2 PE)		
Function	Rated Voltage	Nominal Test Current at 0Ω External Loop: Magnitude/ Duration(*4)	Range	Accuracy
PSC	100~500V 50/60Hz	6A/20ms		PSC/PFC accuracy is
PFC	100~260V 50/60Hz	6A/20ms 2A/20ms 15mA/360ms	2000A/20kA Auto-Ranging	derived from measured loop impedance
PFC (ATT)	100~260V	L-N: 6A/40ms		specification and measured voltage

*4: at 230V

Specification

RCD									
Accuracy									
Function Rated		d Vo	Itage	•	Trip C	urrent		Trin 1	Time
				AC	Туре	А Ту	ре	Irip I	ime
X1/2				-8%	o∼-2%	-10%~	-0%		
X1	230V-	+10	%-15%	6 +2%	o∼+8%	0%~+	10%	1 (1%rda	(1 2 dat)
Х5	50	/60	Hz	+2%	o∼+8%	0%~+	10%	$\pm(1\%$ rug+Sugt)	
Ramp (🖌)			±	:4%	± 10)%		
	Depen	ding	on th	e accur	acy at ea	ach func	tion.		
	Measu	rem	ent se	equence	:				
Auto	X1/2 ()°→	X1/2	180°→2	X1 0°→X	X1 180°.	→X5 0°	→X5 18	0°
	Measu	rem	ents v	with x5 a	are not c	arried o	ut for R(CDs with	nominal
	curren	t of	100m	A or mo	ore.				
RCD Trip C	urrent D	urati	on						
_					RCD 1	Frip Cur	rent Du	ration	
Function		Ту	pe	10	30	100	300	500	1000
	X1/2		AC	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
		G	Α	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	n.a
		X1/2 —	AC	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	n.a
		3	Α	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	n.a
-		C	AC	550	550	550	550	550	550
	V1	G	Α	550	550	550	550	550	n.a
Trip	V1	c	AC	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	n.a
Current		3	Α	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	n.a
Duration		C	AC	410	410	410	n.a	n.a	n.a
(ms)	¥5	G	А	410	410	410	n.a	n.a	n.a
	ΛJ	ç	AC	410	410	410	n.a	n.a	n.a
			Α	410	410	410	n.a	n.a	n.a
		G	AC	Goes	up by 10	0% from	20% to	110%	n.a
	Ramp	u	Α		300	ms×10 t	imes		n.a
	(🖌)	S	AC	Goes	up by 10	0% from	20% to	110%	n.a
		0	А		500	ns×10 t	imes		n.a
Volts									
Funct	tion	R	ated	voltage	М	easurin	g	Accur	acy

Function	Rated voltage	Measuring Range	Accuracy
Volts	25~500V 45~65Hz	25~500V	±(2%rdg+4dgt)
Frequency	25~500V 45~65Hz	45~65Hz	±(0.5%rdg+2dgt)

Specification

ion Possible number of tests with fresh batteries.

Continuity	:Approx.	2000 times min. at load 1Ω
Insulation Resistance	:Approx.	1000 times min. at load $1M\Omega$ (1000V)
LOOP/PFC/PSC	:Approx.	1000 times min. (ATT)
RCD	:Approx.	2000 times min. (G-AC X1 30mA)

Reference Conditions

Ambient temperature	23±5℃
Relative humidity	45% to 75%
Nominal system voltage and frequency	230V, 50Hz
Altitude	Less than 2000m

5.2 Operating error

Continuity (EN61557-4)

Operating range compliant with	Maximum percentage
EN61557-4 operating error	operating error
0.20~1999MΩ	±30%

The influencing variations used for calculating the operating error are denoted as follows; Temperature : 0° C and 35° C Supply voltage : 8V to 13.8V

Insulation Resistance(EN61557-2)

Volt	Operating range compliant with	Maximum percentage
VOIL	EN61557-2 operating error	operating error
250V	0.25~199.9MΩ	
500V	0.50~1999MΩ	±30%
1000V	1.00~1999MΩ	_

The influencing variations used for calculating the operating error are denoted as follows; Temperature : 0° C and 35 $^{\circ}$ C Supply voltage : 8V to 13.8V

Loop Impedance(EN61557-3)

Volt	Operating range compliant with	Maximum percentage
VOIL	EN61557-3 operating error	operating error
L-PE	0.40~1999Ω	. 20%
L-N	0.40~19.99Ω	±30%

The influencing variations used for calculating the operating error are denoted as follows; Temperature : 0 °C and 35°C Phase angle : At a phase angle 0° to 18° System frequency : 49.5Hz to 50.5Hz

System voltage : 230V+10%-15%

Supply voltage : 8V to 13.8V

RCD(EN61557-6)

Specification

Function	Operating error of trip current
X1/2	-10%~0%
X1, X5	0%~+10%
Ramp	-10%~+10%

The influencing variations used for calculating the operating error are denoted as follows; Temperature : 0 $^\circ\!C$ and 35 $^\circ\!C$

Earth electrode Resistance (shall not exceed below) :

I∆n (mA)	Earth electrode resistance (Ω max.)			
	UL50V	UL25V		
10	2000	2000		
30	600	600		
100	200	200		
300	130	65		
500	80	40		
1000	40	20		

Table.1

System voltage: 230V+10%-15% Supply voltage : 8V to 13.8V

5.3 General specification

Instrument dimensions	235 X 136 X 114mm
Instrument weight:-	1300g (including batteries.)
Reference conditions	 Specifications are based on the following conditions except where otherwise stated:- 1. Ambient temperature: 23±5° C: 2. Relative humidity 45% to 75% 3. Position: horizontal 4. AC power source 230V, 50Hz 5. DC power source: 12.0 V, ripple content 1% or less 6. Altitude up to 2000m Indoor use
Battery type	Eight LR6 or R6 batteries.
Operating temperature and humidity. Storage temperature and humidity	0 to $+40$ °C , relative humidity 80% or less, no condensation -20 to $+60$ °C , relative humidity 75% or less, no condensation.

Specification	Display Overload prote	ection	Dot Matrix LCD 160(W) X 240(H) pixels. The continuity test circuit is protected by a 0.5A/600V fast acting (HRC) ceramic fuse mounted in the battery compartment, where a spare fuse is also stored. The insulation resistance test circuit is protected by a resistor against 1000 V AC for 10 seconds.
	5.4 Applied sta	andards	
	Instrument opera Standard	ating	IEC/EN61557-1,2,3,4,6,10 (1997)
	Safety standard	ee	IEC/EN 61010-1(2001), CATIII (300V) -Instrument IEC/EN 61010-031(2001), CATII (250V)-Test Lead KAMP12 CATIII (600V)-Test Lead ACC064 CATIII (1000V)-Test Lead ACC064SP IEC 60529 (1989 + A1) IP40
	EMC		 EN 61326 EN 55022 EN 61000-4-2 (performance criterion C) EN 61000-4-3 (performance criterion B)
	This manual an International Saf CAT.III De wi	manual and product may use the following symbols adopted fr national Safety Standards; T.III Designed to protect against transient overvoltages in a build wiring installation (low-voltage distribution level)	
		Equipment provide the second s	rotected throughout by DOUBLE INSULATION ED INSULATION;
		Caution (refe	r to accompanying documents)
	Â	Caution, risk	of electric shock
	A>5)(V)	Protection ag	ainst wrong connection is up to 500V
	Ţ	Earth Ground	
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5.5 List of Display Message

Specifica	tion
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В	Low battery warning
₫	Temperature monitor for internal resistance, available at Loop, PSC/PFC & RCD function. Further
	measurements are suspended until the "2" symbol disappears.
Measuring	Measurements in progress
Live Circuit	Live circuit warning (Continuity / Insulation Function)
PE Hi V	Caution : Presence of 100V or more at PE terminal, appears when touching the Touch Pad
L-N >20Ω	Alert : Presence of 20Ω or more between Line - Neutral at ATT measurement
Noise	Caution : Presence of noise in the circuit under test during ATT measurement. ATT function should be disabled to continue measurements.
N - PE Hi V	Caution: Presence of high voltage between NEUTRAL - EARTH during ATT measurement. ATT function should be disabled to continue measurements.
Uc > UL	Caution : Uc at RCD measurement is exceeding the preset UL value (25 or 50V).
no	Error message : When on the RCD function, RCD tripped before measuring RCD trip time. Selected $I \Delta n$ value may not be correct. When on the LOOP, PSC/PFC function, supply may have been interupted.
L-PE● L-N● ⚠⊖	Wiring check for LOOP, PSC/PFC function
✓ ОК	Appears when all results passed during the RCD Auto Test function.
× NO	Appears when any results failed during the RCD Auto Test function.
V	Appears when the test lead connection is not correct.

6 Configuration

Setting for following three parameters

- ▲ UL value ······Selects a UL value for RCD function
- ▲ Touch Pad ······Enables / disables Touch Pad function
- ▲ Back Light ····· · Selects Backlight ON / OFF. When ON is selected, the Backlight automatically turns on at powering on the instrument.

Setting method

1. Press the Config Button (F4) when powering on KT64. (Fig.6)



2. Then, Configuration Screen (Fig.7) is displayed.



3. Press either F1 or F2 or F3 for setting change on UL value or Touch Pad or Back Light.

	Parameter	Selection	Initial value
F1	UL value	25 or 50V	50V
F2	Touch Pad	ON or OFF	ON
F3	Back Light	ON or OFF	OFF

4. Press the F4 Button when setting change is completed, and return to the normal screen.

Warning: Ensure that circuits to be tested are not live.

Disconnect the instrument from the circuit under test before operating the function switch.

To select the low resistance range select 'CONTINUITY'.

7.1 Test Procedure

The object of continuity testing is to measure only the resistance of the parts of the wiring system under test. This measurement should not include the resistance of any test leads used. The resistance of the test leads needs to be subtracted from any continuity measurement. The KT64 is provided with a continuity null feature which allows automatic compensation for any test lead resistance.

You should only use the test leads supplied with the instrument.

Operation of Function Switch





Proceed as follows:-

- 1 Select the continuity test by rotating the Rotary switch.
- 2 Insert the Test Leads to the L and PE terminal on KT64 respectively as shown in Fig.9.



Fig. 9

L terminal Brown cord of ACC064, or ACC064SP Remote Test Lead PE terminal

Green cord of ACC064

3 Connect the ends of the test leads firmly together (see Fig.10) and press and lock down the test button. The value of the lead resistance will be displayed.

Continuity



- 4 Operate the Continuity Null (F1) button, this will null out the lead resistance and the indicated reading should go to zero.
- 5 Release the test button. Press the test button and ensure the display reads zero before proceeding. While using the Continuity null function, "NULL ✓" is displayed on the LCD as indicated in Fig.10. The null value will be stored even if the instrument is powered off. This memorized null value can be cancelled by disconnecting the test leads and pushing the Continuity Null button (F1) with the test button pressed or locked. When this is cancelled you will know because NULL OFF is displayed on the LCD.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{CAUTION}}$ - before taking any measurements always check the leads have been zeroed.

- 6 Connect the test leads to the circuit whose resistance is required (see Fig.11 for a typical connection arrangement), having first made sure **that the circuit is not live**. Note that "Live Circuit" warning will be displayed on the LCD if the circuit is live but check first anyway!
- 7 Press the test button and read the circuit resistance from the display. The reading will have the test lead resistance already subtracted if the Continuity null function has been used.
- 8 Note that if the circuit resistance is greater than 20Ω the instrument will autorange to the 200Ω , if it is greater than 200Ω it will autorange to the 2000Ω range.

Note: If the reading is greater than 2000 $\Omega\,$ the overange symbol '>' will remain displayed.

The results of measurements can be adversely affected by impedances of additional operating circuits connected in parallel or by transient currents.



Insulation 8.1.2 Capacitive Current

The insulation between conductors which have a potential difference between them behaves as the dielectric of a capacitor, the conductors acting as the capacitor plates. When a direct voltage is applied to the conductors, a charging current will flow to the system which will die away to zero (usually in less than a second) when the effective capacitor becomes charged. This charge must be removed from the system at the end of the test, a function which is automatically performed by the KT64. If an alternating voltage is applied between the conductors, the system continuously charges and discharges as the applied voltage alternates, so that there is a continuous alternating leakage current flowing to the system.



8.1.3 Conduction Current

Since the insulation resistance is not infinite, a small leakage current flows through the insulation between conductors. Since Ohm's Law applies, the leakage current can be calculated from



8.1.4 Surface Leakage Current

Where insulation is removed, for the connection of conductors and so on, current will flow across the surfaces of the insulation between the bare conductors. The amount of leakage current depends on the condition of the surfaces of the insulation between the conductors. If the surfaces are clean and dry, the value of the leakage current will be very small. Where the surfaces are wet and/or dirty, the surface leakage current may be significant. If it becomes large enough, it may constitute a flashover between the conductors.

Whether this happens depends on the condition of the insulation surfaces and on the applied voltage; this is why insulation tests are carried out at higher voltages than those normally applying to the circuit concerned.



8.1.5 Total Leakage Current

The total leakage current is the sum of the capacitive, conduction and surface leakage current described above. Each of the currents, and hence the total leakage current, is affected by factors such as ambient temperature, conductor temperature, humidity and the applied voltage.

If the circuit has alternating voltage applied, the capacitive current (8.12) will always be present and can never be eliminated. This is why a direct voltage is used for insulation resistance measurement, the leakage current in this case quickly falling to zero so that it has no effect on the measurement. A high voltage is used because this will often break down poor insulation and cause flashover due to surface leakage (see 8.1.4), thus showing up potential faults which would not be present at lower levels.

The insulation tester measures the applied voltage level and the leakage current through the insulation. These values are internally calculated to give the insulation resistance using the expression:-

Insulation resistance (M Ω) = $\frac{\text{Test voltage (V)}}{\text{Leakage current (} \mu \text{A}\text{)}}$

Insulation As the capacitance of the system charges up, so the charging current falls to zero and a steady insulation resistance reading indicates that the capacitance of the system is fully charged. The system is charged to the full test voltage, and will be dangerous if left with this charge. The KT64 provides an automatic path for discharging current as soon as the test button is released to ensure that the circuit under test is safely discharged.

If the wiring system is wet and/or dirty, the surface leakage component of the leakage current will be high, resulting in low insulation resistance reading. In the case of a very large electrical installation, all the individual circuit insulation resistances are effectively in parallel and the overall resistance reading will be low. The greater the number of circuits connected in parallel the lower will be the overall insulation resistance.

8.2 Damage to Voltage-Sensitive Equipment

An increasing number of electronic-based items of equipment are being connected to electrical installations. The solid state circuits in such equipment are likely to be damaged by the application of the levels of voltage used to test insulation resistance. To prevent such damage, it is important that voltage-sensitive equipment is disconnected from the installation before the test is carried out and reconnected again immediately afterwards. The devices which may need to be disconnected before the test include:-

- ▲ Electronic fluorescent starter switches
- ▲ Passive infra-red detectors (PIRs)
- ▲ Dimmer switches
- ▲ Touch switches
- ▲ Delay timers
- ▲ Power controllers
- ▲ Emergency lighting units
- ▲ Electronic RCDs
- ▲ Computers and printers
- ▲ Electronic point-of-sale terminals (cash registers)
- ▲ Any other device which includes electronic components.

8.3 Preparation for measurement

Before testing, always check the following:-

- 1 The 'low battery' Indication is not displayed
- 2 There is no visually obvious damage to the tester or to the test leads
- 3 Test the continuity of the test leads by switching to continuity test and shorting out the lead ends. A high reading will indicate that there is a faulty lead or that the fuse is blown.



Insulation



Fig. 185 Press the test button, the display will show the insulation resistance of the circuit or the appliance to which the instrument is connected.

- 6 Note that if the circuit resistance is greater than $20M\Omega$, the instrument will autorange to the $200M\Omega$ range. If it is greater than $200M\Omega$ at the 500V or 1000V range, it will autorange to the $2000M\Omega$ range.
- 7 When testing is complete release the test button before disconnecting the test leads from the circuit or from the appliance. This will ensure that the charge built up by the circuit or the appliance during insulation test is dissipated in the discharge circuit. In the discharging process, "Live Circuit" warning will be displayed on the LCD and the live circuit warning buzzer will sound.

CAUTION Never turn the Rotary switch whilst the test button is depressed as this may damage the instrument. Never touch the circuit, test lead tips or the appliance under test during insulation testing. Always release the test button first after testing before removing the test leads from the circuit. This is to ensure that charges stored in the circuit capacitance have been totally discharged. Note: If the reading measured greater than $2000M\Omega$ ($200M\Omega$ at $250V$) the over range reading '>' will be displayed.	
 9.1 Principles of Measurement of fault loop impedance and PFC If an electrical installation is protected by over-current protective devices including circuit breakers or fuses, the earth loop impedance should be measured. In the event of a fault the earth fault loop impedance should be low enough (and the prospective fault current high enough) to allow automatic disconnection of the electrical supply by the circuit protection device within a prescribed time interval. Every circuit must be tested to ensure that the earth fault loop impedance value does not exceed that specified or appropriate for the over-current protective device installed in the circuit. The KT64 takes a current from the supply and measures the difference between the unloaded and loaded supply voltages. From this difference it is possible to calculate the loop resistance. For a TT system the earth fault loop impedance from the power transformer to the location of the fault. A Impedance of the power transformer secondary winding. A Impedance of the protective conductor from the fault location to the earth system. A Resistance of the local earth system (R). A Resistance of the power transformer earth system (Ro). The figure below shows (dotted line) the Fault loop impedance for TT systems. 	9 LOOP/PSC/PFC

LOOP/PSC/PFC



For TN systems the earth fault loop impedance is the sum of the following impedances.

- ▲ Impedance of the power transformer secondary winding.
- ▲ Impedance of the phase conductor from the power transformer to the location of the fault.
- ▲ Impedance of the protective conductor from the fault location to the power transformer.

The figure below shows (dotted line) the Fault loop impedance for TN systems.



In accordance with the international standard IEC 60364 for a TT system the following condition shall be fulfilled for each circuit.

RA must be ≤ 50 / la

where;

RA is the sum of the resistances of the local earth system R and the protective conductor connecting it to the exposed conductor part. 50V is the maximum voltage limit (it may be 25V in certain circumstances).

la is the value of current that causes automatic disconnection of the protective device within 5 seconds.

When the protective device is a residual device (RCD), Ia is the rated residual operating current $I \Delta n$. For example in a TT system protected by an RCD the maximum RA values are as follows:

Rated residual operating current I∆n mA	10	30	100	300	500	1000
Ra (at 50V) Ω	5000	1667	500	167	100	50
Ra (at 25V) Ω	2500	833	250	83	50	25



Fig. 21

For this example the maximum value is 1667Ω , the loop tester reads 12.74Ω and consequently the condition RA \leq 50/la is met. It is also important to test the operation of the RCD using the RCD function in accordance with BS7671.

The following condition shall be fulfilled for each circuit.

 $Zs \leq Uo/Ia$ where Zs is the earth fault loop impedance voltage is the nominal voltage between phase and earth and Ia is the current that causes the automatic disconnection of the protective device within the time stated in the following table.

Uo (Volts)	T (seconds)
120	0.8
230	0.4
400	0.2
>400	0.1

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Note:

AWhen the protective device is a residual current device(RCD), la is the rated residual operating current $|\Delta n$.

For instance in a TN system with a nominal mains voltage of Uo = 230V protected by type gG fuses the Ia and maximum Zs values could be:

Rating	Disconnect	ting Time 5s	Disconnecti	ng Time 0.4s
(A)	la (A)	Zs (Ω)	la (A)	Zs (Ω)
6	28	8.20	47	4.90
10	46	5.00	82	2.80
16	65	3.60	110	2.10
20	85	2.70	147	1.56
25	110	2.10	183	1.25
32	150	1.53	275	0.83
40	190	1.21	320	0.72
50	250	0.92	470	0.49
63	320	0.71	550	0.42
80	425	0.54	840	0.27
100	580	0.39	1020	0.22

If the prospective fault current is measured, its value must be higher than the la value of the protective device concerned.





The maximum value of Zs for this example is $2.10\,\Omega$ (16 amp gG fuse, 0.4 seconds). The loop tester reads $1.14\,\Omega$ and consequently the condition Zs \leq Uo/la is met.

9.2 Principles of the measurement of line impedance and PSC

The method for measuring Line – neutral impedance and line-line impedance is exactly the same as for earth fault loop impedance measurement with the exception that the measurement is carried out between line and neutral or line and line.

Prospective short circuit or fault current at any point within an electrical installation is the current that would flow in the circuit if no circuit protection operated and a complete (very low impedance) short circuit occurred. The value of this fault current is determined by the supply voltage and the impedance of the path taken by the fault current. Measurement of prospective short circuit current can be used to check that the protective devices within the system will operate within safety limits and in accordance with the safe design of the installation. The breaking current capacity of any installed protective device should be always higher than the prospective short circuit current.

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- 4 Pressing the ATT switch (F2) disables ATT mode. Then "ATT OFF" is displayed on the LCD.
- ▲ATT mode enables a measurement without tripping the RCDs with the rated residual current of 30mA or more.
- ▲ Measurement in ATT mode requires longer time than that is required for the other measurements (approx. 7 sec). When measuring a circuit with a large electrical noise, the 'Noise' Message is displayed on the LCD and the measurement time will be extended to 20 sec. If the 'NOISE' symbol is displayed on the LCD, it is recommended to disable the ATT mode and take a measurement (RCDs may trip).
- Alf an impedance of 20 Ω or more is measured between L-N during measurements with ATT enabled, "L-N>20 Ω" is displayed on the LCD and no measurement can be made. In this case, disable the ATT function and make measurement. When a large contact voltage exists in the circuit under test, "N-PE HiV" is displayed on the LCD and no measurement can be made. In this case, disable the ATT function and make measurement. Be aware that if the ATT mode is disabled, RCDs may trip.
- ▲ATT mode is automatically enabled after one measurement when making a measurement with ATT mode disabled.

2. Wiring Check

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If the status of the symbols for Wiring check differ from Fig.29 or symbol is indicated on the LCD, DO NOT PROCEED AS THERE IS INCORRECT WIRING. The cause of the fault must be investigated and rectified.

3. Voltage Measurement

When the instrument is first connected to the system, it will display the lineearth voltage (MODE L-PE) or line-neutral voltage (MODE L-N/L-L) which is updated every 1s. If this voltage is not normal or as expected, DO NOT PROCEED.

9.3.2 Measurement of LOOP and PSC/PFC

a. Measurement at Mains Socket Outlet

Connect the mains test lead to the instrument. Insert the moulded plug of mains test lead into the socket to be tested. (see Fig.22,25) Press MODE Switch (F1) and select L-N or PSC to measure between Line –

Neutral, or L-PE or PFC to measure between Line-PE.

Carry out the initial checks

Press the test button. A beep will sound as the test is conducted and the value of loop impedance will be displayed. If the display shows '>' then this usually means the value measured exceeds the range.

b. Measurement at the distribution board

Connect the distribution board lead ACC064 to the instrument.

Measurement of Line – Earth Loop Impedance and PFC

Press the Mode Switch (F1) and select L-PE or PFC.

Connect the green PE lead of the ACC064 to the earth, the blue N lead to the neutral of the distribution board and the brown L lead to one 'line' of the distribution board. (See Fig.23)

Measurement of Line – Neutral Loop Impedance and PSC

Press the Mode Switch (F1) and select L-N/L-L or PSC.

Connect the blue N lead of the ACC064 to the neutral of the distribution board, the brown L lead to one line of the distribution board. (See Fig.24)

Carry out the initial checks

Press the test button. A beep will sound as the test is conducted and the value of loop impedance will be displayed. When disconnecting from the distribution board, it is good practice to disconnect the line first.

LOOP/PSC/PFC c. Measurement between LINE-LINE

Connect the distribution board lead ACC064 to the instrument. Press the Mode Switch(F1) and select L-N/L-L or PSC. Connect the blue N lead of the ACC064 to the line of the distribution board, the brown L lead to another line of the distribution board. (See Fig.26)

Carry out the initial checks

Press the test button. A beep will sound as the test is conducted and the value of loop impedance will be displayed.

10 RCD 10.1 Principles of RCD Measurement

The RCD tester is connected between phase and protective conductor on the load side of the RCD after disconnecting the load.

A precisely measured current for a carefully timed period is drawn from the phase and returns via the earth, thus tripping the device. The instrument measures and displays the exact time taken for the circuit to be opened.

An RCD is a switching device designed for breaking currents when the residual current attains a specific value. It works on the basis of the current difference between phase currents flowing to different loads and returning current flowing through the neutral conductor (for a single-phase installation). In the case where the current difference is higher than the RCD tripping current, the device will trip and disconnect the supply from the load.

There are two parameters for RCDs; the first due to the shape of the residual current wave form (types AC and A) and the second due to the tripping time (types G and S). A typical RCD is AC-G.

- ▲ RCD type AC will trip when presented with residual sinusoidal alternating currents whether applied suddenly or slowly rising. This type is the most frequently used on electrical installations.
- ▲ I RCD type A will trip when presented with residual sinusoidal alternating currents (similar to type AC) and residual pulsating direct currents (DC) whether suddenly applied or slowly rising. This type of RCD is not commonly used at present, however, it is increasing in popularity and is required by the local regulations in some countries.
- ▲ RCD type G. In this case G stands for general type (without tripping time delay) and is for general use and applications.
- ▲ S RCD type S where S stands for selective type (with tripping time delay). This type of RCD is specifically designed for installations where the time delay characteristic is required. In order to assure successful protection on an electrical installation using RCD's they should be checked to test trip-out time t △.



RCD 10.2 Operating Instructions for RCD 10.2.1 Initial Checks: to be carried out before any testing; 1. Preparation

Always inspect your test instrument and lead accessories for abnormality or damage:

If abnormal conditions exist DO NOT PROCEED WITH TESTING. Have the instrument checked by Kewtech.

Operation of Function Switch



F1	Measurement mode setting	
	(X1/2, X1, X5, Ramp, Auto)	
F2	I∆n setting	
F3	RCD Type setting (🗠 , 🖾 , 🗠 🔄 , 🖾 🔄)	
F4	PHASE setting (0° ,180°)	

1. Operate the Power button and turn on the instrument.

Turn the rotary switch and select the RCD function.

2. Press the MODE switch(F1) and select any desirable measurement mode.

X1/2	For testing RCD's to verify that they are not
	too sensitive.
X1	For measuring the trip time.
X5	For testing at I∆n X5
RAMP (🖌)	For measuring the tripping level in mA.
AUTO	For automatic measurement in following
	sequence: X1/2(0°), X1/2(180°), X1(0°),X1
	(180°), X5(0°), X5(180°)

- 3. Press the $| \Delta n$ switch (F2) to set Rated Tripping Current ($| \Delta n$) to the rated trip current of the RCD.
- 4. Press (F3) to select the RCD type.
- 5. Press (F4) to select phase at which the test current should start.

*UL value change

As a UL value, 25V or 50V is selectable. Refer to "6. Configuration" in this manual and select either of them.

2. Wiring Check

1. Insert the Test Lead into the instrument. (Fig.34)



- 2. Connect the test leads to the circuit to be tested. (Fig.31, 32)
- 3. After the connection, ensure that the symbols for Wiring check on the LCD are in the status indicated in Fig.34 before pressing the test button.

If the status of the symbols for Wiring check differ from Fig.34 or $\triangle \odot$ symbol is indicated on the LCD, DO NOT PROCEED AS THERE IS INCORRECT WIRING. The cause of the fault must be investigated and rectified.

3. Voltage Measurement

When the instrument is first connected to the system, it will display the lineearth voltage which is updated every 1s. If this voltage is not normal or as expected, DO NOT PROCEED.

NOTE: This is a single phase (230V AC) instrument and under **no circumstances** should it be connected to 2- phases or a voltage exceeding 230VAC+10%.

If the input voltage is greater than 260V the display will indicate '>260V' and RCD measurements can not be made even if the Test button is pressed.

10.2.2 RCD Measurement

a) Single Tests

1. Press the Test button

Operating time of RCD is displayed on LCD. At Ramp test, operating current value of RCD will be displayed.

- \blacktriangle ×1/2.....The Breaker should not trip.
- \blacktriangle ×1..... The Breaker should trip.
- ▲ ×5..... The Breaker should trip.
- ▲ Auto Ramp (▲). The Breaker should trip. The tripping current should be displayed.

- **RCD** 2. Press the $0^{\circ}/180^{\circ}$ switch to change the phase and repeat step (1).
 - 3. Change the phase again and repeat step (1).

b) Auto Test

Measurements are automatically performed under the Auto Test function in the following sequence: X1/2(0°), X1/2(180°), X1(0°),X1 (180°), X5 (0°), X5 (180°).

- 1) Press F1 to select Auto
- 3) Press the Test button. The KT64 will automatically conduct the sequence as above. When the RCD trips each time reset it.
- 4) Return to the tester and the results will be displayed
- ▲ Be sure to return the tested RCD to the original condition after the test.
- ▲ When the Uc voltage rises to UL value or greater, the measurement is automatically suspended and "Uc > UL" is displayed on the LCD.
- ▲ If " I△n" setting is greater than the rated residual current of the RCD, the RCD will trip and "no" may be displayed on LCD.
- ▲ If a voltage exists between the protective conductor and earth, it may influence the measurements.
- ▲ If a voltage exists between neutral and earth, it may influence the measurements, therefore, the connection between neutral point of the distribution system and earth should be checked before testing.
- ▲ If leakage currents flow in the circuit following the RCD, it may influence the measurements.
- ▲ The potential fields of other earthing installations may influence the measurement.
- ▲ Special conditions of RCDs of a particular design, for example S- type, should be taken into consideration.
- ▲ The earth electrode resistance of a measuring circuit with a probe shall not exceed table1 (page 10).
- ▲ Equipment following the RCD, e.g. capacitors or rotating machinery, may cause a significant lengthening of the measured trip time.

 Operate the Power button and turn on the instrument. Turn the rotary switch and select the VOLTS function. Insert the Test Leads into the instrument. (Fig. 35) 	11 Volts
Fig. 35	
3. Voltage value and frequency will be displayed on the LCD when applying AC voltage.	
1. The touch pad measures the potential between the operator and the tester's PE terminal. A message "PE HiV" is displayed on the LCD with audible buzzer if potential difference of 100V or more is present between the operator and the PE terminal at touching the Touch pad.	12 Touch Pad
 2. Touch Pad function can be enable and disabled (ON / OFF); refer to "6. Configuration" in this manual and select ON or OFF. In case that OFF is selected, a warning for "PE Hiv" does not appear and the buzzer does not sound. * Initial value: ON 	
Pressing the Back Light Button selects Backlight ON / OFF. Backlight automatically turns off in 30 sec after it turns on. Backlight at powering on the instrument can be set either ON or OFF. Refer to "6. Configuration" in this manual how to select ON / OFF.	13 Back Light
14.1 If the symbol () appears, this means that the test resistor is too hot and the automatic cut out circuits have operated. Allow the instrument to cool down before proceeding. The overheat circuits protect the test resistor against heat damage.	14 General
14.2 The test button may be turned clockwise to lock it down. In this auto mode, when using distribution board lead ACC064, tests are conducted by simply disconnecting and reconnecting the red phase prod of the ACC064 avoiding the need to physically press the test button i.e. 'hands free'.	

- **RCD** 14.3 When the display shows the low battery indication, (**B**), disconnect the test leads from the instrument. Remove the battery cover and the batteries.
 - 14.4 If at any time during testing there is a momentary degradation of reading, this may be due to excessive transients or discharges on the system or local area. Should this be observed, the test should be repeated to obtain a correct reading. If in doubt, always contact Kewtech.
- **15 Battery replacement** When the display shows the low battery indication, **D**, disconnect the test leads from the instrument. Remove the battery cover and the batteries. Replace with eight (8) new 1.5V AA batteries, taking care to observe correct polarity. Replace the battery cover.
- 16 Fuse replacement

The continuity test circuit is protected by a 600V 0.5A HRC ceramic type fuse situated in the battery compartment, together with a spare. If the instrument fails to operate in the continuity test mode, first disconnect the test leads from the instrument. Next remove the battery cover, take out the fuse and test its continuity with another continuity tester. If it has failed, replace it with a spare, before refitting the battery cover. Do not forget to obtain a new fuse and place it in the spare position. If the instrument will not operate in the loop impedance, PSC/PFC and RCD modes, it may be that the protective fuses fitted on the printed circuit board have blown. If you suspect that the fuses have failed, return the instrument to Kewtech for service - do not attempt to replace the fuses yourself.



If this tester should fail to operate correctly, return it to Kewtech marked for the attention of the Service Department, stating exact nature of fault. Make sure that:

- a. operating instructions have been followed
- b. leads have been inspected
- c. the unit is returned with all accessories

Regular re-calibration is recommended for this instrument. We recommend that with normal use, the instrument is calibrated at least once in every 12 month interval. When this is due for re-calibration return it to Kewtech marked for the attention of the Calibration Department and be sure to include all accessory leads, as they are part of the calibration procedure. The mains lead supplied with this instrument (KAMP12) for testing at sockets is part of the instrument. It directly affects the accuracy of the loop and PSC/PFC readings. As such always keep it with the instrument and remember to return it with the instrument when servicing and calibration is required. In a similar way the ACC064 is part of the instrument. ACC064 leads are fused and fuses are rated at 10A/600V high rupture ceramic types. If they should blow always return the instrument to Kewtech for checking. The fuses are special and should only be replaced by equivalent types. Returning the product to Kewtech will ensure this. If other leads are used then readings may not be correct unless they are calibrated with the instrument. If this product needs cleaning use a lightly damp cloth to wipe its surfaces.

DO NOT use strong cleaning agents as these may damage the plastic surfaces. Kewtech reserve the right to change specifications and design without notice and without obligation.

17 Servicing and Calibration

18 Case and strap assembly

Correct assembly is shown in Fig 37, 38 and 39. By hanging the instrument round the neck, both hands will be left free for testing.

1. Attach the Buckle to the KT64 as shown in Fig.37.



2. How to install the Strap belt



Pass the strap belt down through the buckle from the top, and up through the slots of the probe case from the bottom.

Match the hole of the Buckle and the protrusion at the side face of KT64, and slide it upwards.

3. How to fasten the Strap belt



Pass the strap through the buckle, adjust the strap for length and secure.

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