

Surface Resistance/Resistivity Checker Operation and Maintenance Instructions



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Figure 1. Vermason 225718 Surface Resistance/Resistivity Checker

Description

The Vermason Surface Resistance/Resistivity Checker is a portable battery powered tester fitted with a built in parallel electrodes that allows a quick test of material surface resistivity. Two 4mm plug sockets and an electrode selection switch allow the connection of external 2.27 kilogram electrodes measure surface resistance point to point (Rp) or resistance to EPA ground (Rg).

Packaging

Remove the test unit from the carton and inspect for shipping damages.

Each 225717 unit should include the following:

- 1 Surface Resistance/Resistivity Checker

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- 1 Surface Resistivity Checker
- 2 2.27kg Cylindrical Electrodes
- 1 Carrying Case
- 2 Black Test Leads
- 2 Croc Clips
- 1 Battery

ESD protective products should be tested:

- A. Prior to installation to qualify for listing in user's ESD control plan. Approved ESD protective materials (see EN 61340-5-1 clause 9.3.2 Qualified protective items)
- B. During initial installation
- C. For periodic audits of installed products as part of EN 61340-5-1 clause 9 Quality responsibilities
In addition: Per EN 61340-5-2 clause 9.4 "When a new EPA is established, or an existing EPA is reconfigured, it should be thoroughly checked by the ESD coordinator and a certificate ... issued."

Features and Components

Resistance is indicated via a row of 10 LED's. Thresholds can be deduced from the curve on page 1. As the electrification period is important when measuring surface resistivity, a 15 second timer has been fitted within the checker. The resistance indication LED's will flash during resistivity/resistance measurement and the correct LED will latch at the end of the timer, giving the tested material resistivity or resistance. This unit is fitted with an automatic test voltage selection; the test voltage will switch from 10 V to 100V should the measured resistance exceed 1×10^5 Ohms. The checker is fitted with two sockets so that an external electrodes can be used. To do so, connect the electrode to the checker sockets using leads fitted with 4 mm plugs and flick the switch to the position "external probes". At this time the meter's internal parallel electrodes are disabled, allowing the unit to be laid on any type of surface without influencing the resistance measurement. A battery low indicator will inform the user when the battery needs replacing. Do not use when the battery low indicator is on. It is recommended that any battery triggering the battery low indicator is properly discarded as battery leakage could occur and damage the unit. Care must be taken when handling this checker; it is recommended that the checker be lifted off the surface to be tested and placed on the next area for test rather than sliding the checker along the surface. This will considerably reduce wear to the internal parallel electrodes. The instrument is CE compliant (i.e. meets European directive on EMI).

What is Resistance and Resistivity?

Theoretically Resistivity is 10 times greater than Resistance, i.e. a material that measures $10E7$ ohms R_p , Surface Resistivity should measure $10E8$ Ohms. Ref: ESD S11.11 paragraph 12.0 Conversion to Resistivity states, "When it is appropriate to convert a resistance obtained by this test method to an equivalent resistivity in ohms per square, multiply the resistance measurements obtained by this method by 10. The conversion factor of 10 is derived from the geometry of the electrode assembly."

No conversion is required with the Vermason Surface Resistivity Checker. The Checker will latch Surface Resistivity within one decade of accuracy using the internal parallel electrodes, and will display Surface Resistance using the external 2.27 kilogram electrodes.

The unit of measurement is surface resistance ohms for all the EN 61340-5-1 Table 1 ESD protective item requirements, not resistivity. Per EN 61340-5-2 clause 5, "point-to-point resistance has been discussed, rather than the surface and volume resistivity which was found in previous standards and reports. This change has been made to cater for nonhomogeneous materials, which are becoming increasingly common in these applications, as well as ease of measurement."

Resistance in an EPA according to EN 61340-5

Resistance below $1 \times 10E5$ Ohms: the material is conductive.

Resistance greater or equal to $1 \times 10E5$ ohms and less than or equal to $1 \times 10E11$ ohms the material is static dissipative. Resistance greater than $1 \times 10E11$ Ohms: the material is insulative.

Specifications

Power Source:	Passive device, no power source required
Accuracy	\pm one decade
Weight	5.6 kg before packaging
Dimensions	230x 305x 75mm
Power supply	1 x 9 volt PP3 cell, preferably alkaline

Limited Warranty

Vermason expressly warrants that for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase, Vermason's Surface Resistance/Resistivity Checkers will be free of defects in material (parts) and workmanship (labour). Within the warranty period, a unit will be tested, repaired or replaced at Vermason's option, free of charge. Call Customer Service at 0044 (0) 1462 672005 for a Return Material Authorisation (RMA) and for proper shipping instructions and address. Any unit under warranty should be shipped prepaid to the Vermason factory. You should include a copy of your original packing slip, invoice, or other proof of purchase date. Warranty repairs will take approximately two weeks.

If your unit is out of warranty, Vermason will quote repair charges necessary to bring your unit to factory standards. Call Customer Service at 0044 (0) 1462 672005 for a Return Material Authorisation (RMA) and proper shipping instructions and address.

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