ACL 350 Digital Static Locator

OPERATION MANUAL



Meter is warranted for one year from the date of purchase on parts and labor.

Calibration is recommended every twelve months.

INTRODUCTION

The ACL 350 Digital Static Locator is a non-contact meter that indicates electrostatic field voltage and polarity on charged surfaces. Equipped with a "Power On/Hold" button and a "Zero" button, this easy-to-use meter allows for quick consecutive measurements with automatic updates three times per second. The meter will automatically shut off after approximately 90 seconds.

Measurement values are indicated on the 3 ½-digit LCD. The half digit indicates polarity. The values correlate to the distance between the meter and the object being measured. The measurement ranges and value increments are as follows:

Distance	Reading	multiply	Value: Volts	Increments of
1/10"	0.1	.1 x 100	10 v	10
	1	1 x 100	100v	
	10	10 x 100	1,000v	
	20	20 x 100	2,000v	
1"	0.1	.1 x 1000	100 v	100
	1	1 x 1000	1000v	
	10	10 x 1000	10,000v	
	20	20 x 1000	20,000v	
4"	0.1	2 x 100 v	200 v	200
	1	2 x 1000v	2000v	
	10	2 x 10,000v	20,000v	
	20	2 x 20,000v	40,000v	
6.5"	0.1	3 x 100 v	300 v	300
	1	3 x 1000v	3000v	
	10	3 x 10,000v	30,000v	
	20	3 x 20,000v	60,000v	
8.5"	0.1	4 x 100 v	400 v	400
	1	4 x 1000v	4000v	
	10	4 x 10,000v	40,000v	
	20	4 x 20,000v	80,000v	

The accuracy of the ACL 350 is dependent upon several factors including:

- 1. The instrument must be properly grounded and zeroed.
- 2. The distance from the front edge of the case to the target or surface under examination must be accurate and stable.
- 3. The target must be large relative to the measurement distance. The target should be at least 5" x 5" for true accuracy at 1".

			350 d	lisplay Increi	ments according to	distance			
At a distance of 1/10"		At a distance of 1"		At a distance of 4"		At a distance of 6.5"		At a distance of 8.5"	
Display	value in increments of 10	Display	value in increments of 100	Display	value in Increments of 200	Display	value in increments of 300	Display	value in increments of 400
0.1	10v	0.1	100v	0.1	200v	0.1	300v	0.1	400v
0.2	20v	0.2	200v	0.2	400v	0.2	600v	0.2	800v
0.3	30v	0.3	300v	0.3	600v	0.3	900v	0.3	1200v
0.4	40v	0.4	400v	0.4	800v	0.4	1200v	0.4	1600v
0.5	50v	0.5	500v	0.5	1000v	0.5	1500v	0.5	2000v
0.6	60v	0.6	600v	0.6	1200v	0.6	1800v	0.6	2400v
0.7	70v	0.7	700v	0.7	1400v	0.7	2100v	0.7	2800v
0.8	80v	0.8	800v	0.8	1600v	0.8	2400v	0.8	3200v
0.9	90v	0.9	900v	0.9	1800v	0.9	2700v	0.9	3600v
1	100v	1	1000v	1	2000v	1	3000v	1	4000v
1.1	110v	1.1	1100v	1.1	2200v	1.1	3300v	1.1	4400v
1.2	120v	1.2	1200v	1.2	2400v	1.2	3600v	1.2	4800v
1.3	130v	1.3	1300v	1.3	2600v	1.3	3900v	1.3	5200v
and so for	th	and so fort	h	and so fort	th .	and so for	th	and so fort	h
10	1000v	10	10,000v	10	20,000v	10	30,000v	10	40,000v
10.1	1010v	10.1	10,100v	10.1	20,200v	10.1	30,300v	10.1	40,400v
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20	2000v	20	20,000v	20	40,000v	20	60,000v	20	80,000v

Examples of incremental value readings are as follows:

4. **OPERATION**

- 1. While holding the ACL 350 in one hand, discharge your body by touching a grounded conductive object.
 - a. The operator may wear a grounded wrist strap or place a grounded wrist strap cuff around the conductive instrument case beneath the display and operating buttons.
- 2. Press the POWER ON/HOLD button and release
- 3. Face the static locator away from charged objects and press and release the ZERO button twice. Note that the display indicates 00.0 volts. Due to the tolerance and sensitivity of the sensor, the value may drift by 0.1 or 0.2. The sensor can pick up "noise" from fluorescent lights, electronics, and air movement.
- 4. Point the sensor plate toward the target and move to a point one inch from the surface to be measured. Thus, there should be a one-inch space between the front sensing end of the case and the target.
 - a. Note the meter reading.
 - b. To hold the reading, press and hold the PWR ON/HOLD button.
 - c. A source with a negative polarity will show a minus (-) sign in the display. A positive source will display no sign.

NOTE: As you approach the target, if the indicated field strength begins to exceed 20kV at a distance greater than 1", **STOP!** This implies that the target voltage may be high enough to create an arc. Proceed with caution and record measurement further away from target. See distance chart on page 2.

- 5. Repeat the procedure outlined above for additional measurements.
- 6. The instrument will automatically shut off after approximately 90 seconds from the time the PWR ON/HOLD button was last activated.





BATTERY REPLACEMENT

Power is supplied by a standard 9-volt "transistor" battery. Replace the battery when the "BAT" indicator appears on the LCD for more than an instant or at least once a year. (NOTE: Dead battery voltage is approximately 7.2 volts.)

- 1. Unit should be off when replacing battery.
- 2. Remove the cover from the back of the meter.
- 3. Remove the battery from its compartment and disconnect it from the power terminals.
- 4. Connect a new battery to the power terminals and place it inside of the battery compartment.
- 5. Replace the battery cover by mounting it carefully into the groove, then slide it closed until it clicks shut.

Do not over force the cover on. If the cover does not shut easily, remove the battery and reinsert for a better fit. Make sure wires do not hamper the closing of the battery cover.

6. The meter is now ready for use.

CLEANING

If excessive drift is noted, the surface of the sensing electrode may require cleaning:

- 1. Wipe the electrode surface with a soft, low-lint cloth dampened with alcohol.
- 2. Allow to dry thoroughly before use.
- 3. Remove dust or dirt from case or display using a soft, low-lint cloth.

PRECAUTIONS

The following safety precautions must be observed to ensure maximum personal safety during the operation of this meter.

- 1. DO NOT use the meter if the meter looks damaged, or if you suspect that the meter is not operating properly.
- 2. DO NOT touch the front sensing head while operating this meter.
- 3. Measuring voltage which exceeds the limits of this meter may damage the meter and expose the operator to a shock hazard. Always recognize the meter voltage limits as stated.





SPECIFICATIONS

Readout:	3 ½-digit LCD, automatically displaying measured voltage
Polarity:	Automatic, positive implied, negative polarity indication
Zero:	Semi-automatic "Push to Zero" feature
Response:	Display updates three times per second
Low Battery Indication:	"BAT" is displayed when voltage is too low for proper function
Hold Indication:	The "HOLD" indication appears on the LCD when in hold mode
Measurement Ranges:	@1 inch: 0-20,000 volts in 100 volt increments @1/10 inch: 0-2,000 volts in 10 volt increments
Extended Ranges:	 @ 4 inches: ± 40,000 volts (multiply reading x 2) @ 6.5 inches: ± 60,000 volts (multiply reading x 3) @ 8.5 inches: ± 80,000 volts (multiply reading x 4)
Overall Accuracy:	Better than ± 10%
Grounding Path:	Through conductive case
Battery SavR [™] Timeout:	After 90 seconds meter automatically shut off
Power:	One (1) standard 9-volt battery, PROCELL, Eveready #1222 (NEDA 1604, JIS 006P, IEC 6F22)
Battery Life:	200 hours typical
Dimensions:	4.2" x 2.4" x 0.9"
Weight:	5 oz. (142 g)

ACL 350 CALIBRATION INSTRUCTIONS

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- 1. ETS 812 High Voltage(0-10 kV) Power Supply
- 2. Simco EA-2 Charge Plate Monitor (6"x6" plate) or Prostat CPM-760 6" Plate
- 3. Floating Power Supply Tenma 0-30 volt DC Maximum
- 4. Laboratory Test Fixture with Instrumented Clamp Holder
- 5. Personnel Grounds Tested

TEST PROCEDURE:

- 1. Attach the ETS 812 Power Supply to the EA-2 6-inch plate using the high voltage-lead provided.
- 2. Place the ACL 350 instrument into the test fixture clamp
 - A. The instrument sensor should be exactly 1 inch away from the 6-inch plate
 - B. The ACL 350 should be 6 inches above the calibration table
- 3. Adjust the floating power supply to approximately 9.2V DC
- 4. Turn on the ACL 350 by pressing the power button

NOTE: The ACL 350 has a built in time out function, approximately 60 seconds. After the power switch is pushed, the unit will turn itself off in 60 seconds. Before each test reading, push the power switch to reset the time out function. Before each test, reading the ACL 350 must be re-zeroed to ground. Ground the CPM target plate and push the ground button twice to obtain a zero display.

- 5. Ramp up the ETS 812 Power Supply Voltage to positive (+) 1KV. This voltage is being applied to the 6-inch plate through the high-voltage cable.
- 6. Observe that the instrument measurement being displayed is plus or minus 5% of the applied voltage (+1KV +/-5%).
- 7. If so, document the measurement in the correct spot on the calibration sheet.
- 8. If not, unit is out of calibration and needs to be returned for sensor replacement.
- 9. Turn ETS Power supply off.
- 10. Push the power button to reset the 60 second time out function on the ACL 350 and re-zero as noted before.
- 11. Ramp up the ETS Power Supply Voltage to negative (-) 1KV. This voltage is being applied to the 6-inch plate.
- 12. Observe that the instrument measurement being displayed is plus or minus 5% of the applied voltage (-1KV +/-5%).
- 13. If so, document the measurement in the correct spot on the calibration sheet.
- 14. If not, unit is out of calibration and needs to be returned for sensor replacement.
- 15. Turn ETS Power Supply off.
- 16. Push the power button to reset the 60 second time out function on the ACL 350 and re-zero as noted before.
- 17. Repeat steps No. 5 through No. 10 at +/-5KV.

- 18. Repeat steps No. 5 through No. 10 at +/-10KV.
- 19. LOW BATTERY TEST:
 - A. After all tests are finished and documented unit should be tested for low battery display on the LCD
 - B. Lower the voltage on the Tenma Floating Power supply to less than 7.2 volts.
 - C. The low battery display should come on to less than 7.2 volts.
 - D. Adjust the Tenma Floating Power Supply to greater than 7.2 volts.
 - E. The low battery display should go off when the voltage reaches greater than 7.2 volts.
- 20. After all procedures are successfully completed and documented, place a calibrated sticker on the instrument.

NOTE: NO INTERNAL ADJUSTMENTS CAN BE MADE TO THESE UNITS. AT ANY POINT IN THE UNIT FAILS A PROCEDURE, THE UNIT MUST BE RETURNED FOR SENSOR OR BOARD REPLACEMENT.

ACL 350 Final Calibration and Adjustment Measurements					
Item No.	Reference	Target	Actual	Actual	
	Voltage	± 10%	(+)	(-)	
1					
2					
3					
4					