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# 100,000-count
# Graphical Multimeters
# MTX 3281
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**User's Manual**



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# Contents

# General instructions

**Introduction**

You have just acquired a 100,000-count **graphical multimeter** for electronics technicians, allowing direct measurement of the principal electrical values.

Congratulations on your choice and thank you for your trust in our products.

It complies with safety standard EN 61010-1 (2001), double insulation, relative to electronic measuring instruments.

For optimum service, read this manual carefully and comply with the operating precautions.

**Symbols used on the instrument**

⚠ Warning: Risk of danger.
Refer to the operating manual to find out the nature of the potential hazards and the action necessary to avoid such hazards.

⏚ Earth     ☐ Dual insulation     🗑 According to WEEE directive 2002/96/EC

**Precautions and safety measures**

- Read carefully all the notes preceded by the symbol ⚠ **.**
- If you use this instrument in a way which is not specified, the protection which it provides may be compromised, putting you in danger.
- The safety of any system incorporating this instrument is the responsibility of the system assembler.

- This instrument has been designed for use indoors:
  - in an environment with pollution level 2,
  - at an altitude of less than 2000 m,
  - at a temperature between 0℃ and 55℃
  - with relative humidity of less than 80% up to 35℃.

⚠
- It can be used for measurements on the following types of circuits:
  - Measurement category III for voltages no higher than 1000 V (AC or DC) in relation to the earth.
  - Measurement category IV for voltages no higher than 600 V (AC or DC) in relation to the earth.

*Definition of measurement categories*

*CAT III: Measurement category III corresponds to measurements on building installations.*
    *Example: measurements on distribution panels, cabling, etc.*

*CAT IV : Measurement category IV corresponds to measurements taken at the source of low-voltage installations*
    *Example: metering and measurements on overvoltage protection devices...*

*before use*
- Comply with environmental and storage conditions.
- For your safety, only use the leads delivered with the instrument: they comply with the norm EN 61010-1 (2001).
- Before using it, systematically check that it is in perfect condition.

*during use*
- Never exceed the protection limit values indicated in the specifications for each type of measurement.
- Before changing the function, disconnect the measurement leads from the circuit measured.
- Never measure resistances on a live circuit.
- When the instrument is connected to the measurement circuits, never touch an unused terminal.
- ☞ *As a safety measure, use only suitable leads and accessories supplied with the instrument or approved by the manufacturer.*

- If the measurement category of the accessory is different from that of the apparatus, the lowest category applies to the unit.

# General instructions (cont'd)

**Safety features**

- It is impossible to access the battery or fuse compartment without first disconnecting the measurement leads.
- When measuring voltages greater than 60 VDC or 30 VAC, the ⚠ symbol flashes on the display.
- Automatic detection of a connection on the "Ampere" terminal.
- When there is a persistent range overrun, an intermittent buzzer indicates the risk of electric shock.

**Maintenance and metrological verification**

Any access to the internal circuits for adjustment, servicing or repair of the unit *under power* must be undertaken only by qualified personnel, after reading the instructions in this manual.

A **qualified person** is a person who is familiar with the installation, its construction, its use and the hazards that exist. They are authorized to activate and deactivate the installation and equipment, in compliance with the safety instructions.

For all repairs under or outside of the warranty, return the device to your retailer.

**Warranty**

This equipment is guaranteed for **3 years** against any defect in materials or workmanship, in accordance with the general terms and conditions of sale, .

During this period, the equipment can only be repaired by the manufacturer. The manufacturer reserves the right to carry out repair or replacement of all or part of the equipment.
If the equipment is returned to the manufacturer, initial transport costs shall be borne by the customer.

The **warranty** does not apply in the event of:
- unsuitable use of the equipment or use with other incompatible equipment
- modification of the equipment without explicit authorization from the manufacturer's technical services
- repair carried out by a person not certified by the manufacturer
- adaptation to a specific application, not provided for in the definition of the equipment or by the operating manual
- an impact, a fall or flooding.

**Unpacking - repacking**

All the equipment was verified mechanically and electrically before shipping.

When you receive it, carry out a quick check to detect any damage that may have occurred during transport. If necessary, contact our sales department immediately and register any legal reservations with the carrier.

In the event of reshipping, it is preferable to use the original package. Indicate the reasons for the return as clearly as possible in a note attached to the equipment.

**Cleaning**

- Turn the instrument off.
- Clean it with a damp cloth and soap.
- Never use abrasive products or solvents.
- Allow to dry before any further use.

# General instructions (cont'd)

**Measurement input protection systems**

These multimeters are equipped with several protection systems:

- Varistor protection clips any transient overvoltages on the measurement terminals.
- PTC (positive temperature coefficient) protection protects against permanent overvoltages less than or equal to 1000 V during capacitance or resistance measurements and diode tests.
  This protection is reset automatically after the overload.
- A fuse (11 A) provides protection during intensity measurements.

**Special functions**

*Automatic current measurement detection*

The number of input terminals is limited to 3: **V**, **COM**, **A**. Connection of the lead to the "**A**mpere" terminal automatically selects the corresponding function.

☞ ***When a function modification by the control keyboard is incompatible with the lead connection, it triggers a buzzer and a visual alarm (LEADS).***

The current measurement is performed using autorange over the whole range.

*Auto power-off*

If the function is validated in the Sleep menu: the instrument shuts down automatically after 30 minutes if no action has occurred on the front panel during that time.

The instrument can be powered up again by pressing the ⏻ key.

☞ *Automatic power-off is inhibited in:*
- ***Surveillance** mode (SURV)*
- ***Memorize** mode (MEM)*
- ***Communication** mode ◤▼ (optical link - RS232C, USB, Bluetooth)*
- *when the value measured (Voltage or Current) on the multimeter's inputs exceeds the danger level.*

*Alert signal*

An intermittent buzzer sounds:

- on the "Voltage" position, when the range is exceeded (**MANU**al and **AUTO** mode - last range)
- on the "Current" position, when the range is exceeded (**MANU**al) mode, when 10 Amperes or more is measured
- if the position of the leads and the function selected are incompatible
- when the danger thresholds are exceeded (function activated)

When the range is exceeded, the buzzer is accompanied by display of "**O. L**".

*Danger threshold*

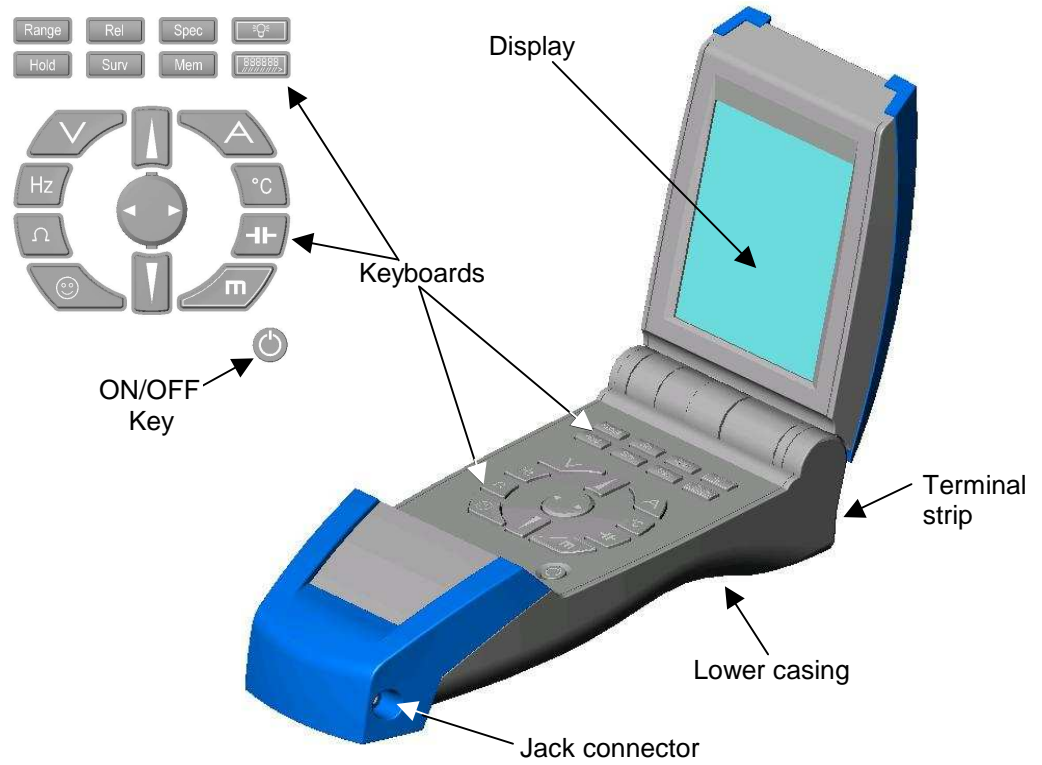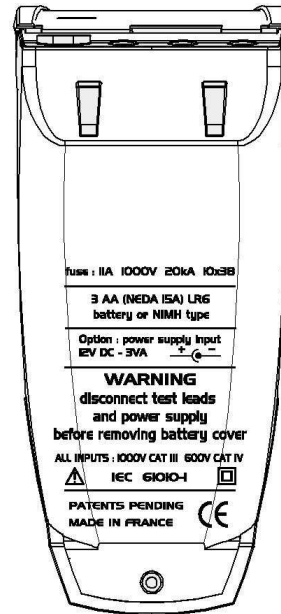This symbol is activated:

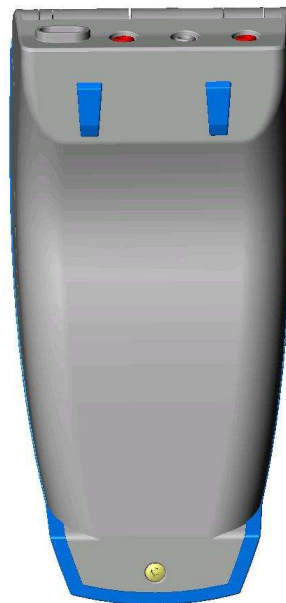- when the voltage on the "**V**olt**"** input exceeds **60 VDC** or **30 VAC**
- when the current injected between the "**A**mpere**"** and **COM** exceeds **10 A**
- when the range is exceeded (voltage or current) in **MAN**ual mode
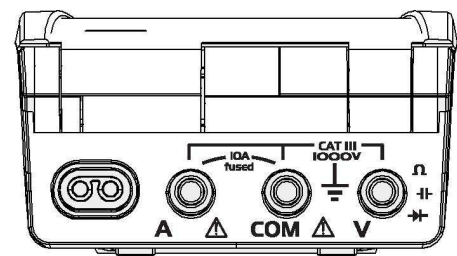
# Description of the instrument

**Front panel
+ keyboards
(illustration)**



Range   Rel   Spec

Hold   Surv   Mem

Keyboards

Display

Terminal strip

ON/OFF
Key

Lower casing

Jack connector

**Rear (illustration
+ markings)**



fuse : 11A 1000V 20kA 10x38

3 AA (NEDA 15A) LR6
battery or NIMH type

Option : power supply input
12V DC - 3VA

**WARNING**
disconnect test leads
and power supply
before removing battery cover

ALL INPUTS : 1000V CAT III 600V CAT IV
IEC 61010-1

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**Measurement
terminal block
(illustration
+ markings)**



10A fused   CAT III 1000V

A   COM   V

# Description of the instrument (cont'd)

## Front (description)

*1 power on/off key*

- Starting the multimeter.
- Stopping the multimeter.
- ☞ *If there is a multimeter malfunction, a long press (> 1 s) on this key can be used to return to normal operation.*

### 8 keys for selecting the main functions

Voltage measurement or access to the measurement type: AC, DC or AC+DC

- Selection using this key or the 🔲🔲 keys.
- Validation using the ⬤ key or after 2 s.

**Current** measurement or access to the measurement type: AC, DC or AC+DC

- Selection using this key or the 🔲🔲 keys.
- Validation using the ⬤ key or after 2 s.

Measurement of **Frequency** (Hz) on a VAC voltage or access to the manual frequency range < 900 kHz (default) or > 900 kHz.
A long press opens the menu for changing the voltage range.

- Selection using the 🔲🔲 keys.
- Validation using the ⬤ or ⬛ keys.
- ☞ *Voltage range quick change using the* 🔲🔲 *keys.*

The selected range is recalled in the help line (**i**), see page 9.

Measurement of **Resistance** (Ohm)
By pressing again:

- Access to the **Continuity** test (♪)
- Access to **Diode** test (➤➤)

Measurement of **Temperature** or access to the types of temperature measurements: ℃, ℉ or K.

- Selection using the 🔲🔲 keys.
- Validation using the ⬤ key or after 2 s.
- By pressing this key during measurement type selection, you can access the sensor type:
  **- platinum probes**: Pt 100, Pt 1000 only on **MTX 3282** and **MTX 3283**
  **- thermocouples**: J (TC J), K (TC K)
- Selection using the 🔲🔲 keys.
- Validation using the ⬤ key or after 2 s.

The selected scale is recalled in the help line (**i**), see page 9.

Measurement of **Capacitance**

"**Favourite**" measurement configurable by the user.
A long press opens the "favourite" function configuration menu.

- ☞ *For the menu's configuration, see §. ☺ Function.*

# Description of the instrument (cont'd)

Instrument **Configuration** menu.
This key can also be used to exit from a menu or submenu after validating it.

- Selection of a **menu** or **function** (up/down navigation).
- Increase or decrease of the variable selected.

- Selection of a **function** (left/right navigation).
- Modification of a function.
- Movement within sub-menus.

**6 keys for activating the
instrument's various modes**

Range  Selection of the operating mode:
**AUTO, AUTO PEAK** ( **MTX 3282, MTX 3283** )**, MANU.**

- Selection using this key or the ⬇⬆ keys.

- Validation using the ◀▶ key or after 2 s.

☝ *AUTO PEAK mode is only accessible for **V** and **A** measurements.*

If the measurement is single range, the range defined is forced and there is no effect if this key is pressed.

✎ *Example*: *Diode test, continuity test and temperature measurement.*

By pressing one of the ⬇⬆ keys, you can switch directly to **MANU**al mode and then modify the range.

Rel  Activation, deactivation of the **REL** (relative) mode.
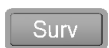When it is active, a long press opens a window for setting the reference.

Spec  Activation, deactivation of the display of the **specifications** for the function and range selected.

Hold  Activation of **HOLD** or **AUTO HOLD mode**, deactivation **NO HOLD**.

- Selection using this key or the ⬇⬆ keys.

- Validation using the ◀▶ key or after 2 s.

Surv  Activation, deactivation of the **SURV** (surveillance) mode.
A long press opens a window for viewing the most recent records.
Closed by a short press.

Mem  Activation, deactivation of the **MEM** (automatic recording) mode.
A long press opens the **MEM Function menu.**

**2 utility keys**

**Back-lighting** of the display in dark environments.
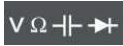A long press opens the menu for adjusting the **contrast** on the LCD.

Selection of the functions for the **3 secondary displays**.
- Selection by successive presses on this key.
- A long press can be used to exit from this mode.

# Description of the instrument (cont'd)

**Inputs**

| | |
|---|---|
| V Ω ⊣⊢ ⊣▸⊢ | Input for voltage and frequency measurements, diode tests, resistance measurements, continuity tests, and capacitance or temperature measurements. |
| A | Input for current measurements. |
| COM | Reference input. |

**Display**

- The multimeters in this range are equipped with a graphical LCD screen (58 mm x 58 mm) with 160 x 160 resolution for comfortable reading.
- Reading of the LCD can be optimized by varying the orientation of the display, the adjustment of contrast and, if necessary, using the backlighting.
- The modes, the functions selected, the electrical or physical values measured and the alert symbols are clearly shown on the display.

(foot of the screen) **i**

- The user can call up help (**i**) regarding the function selected.
- The main display is accompanied by its sign and the unit.
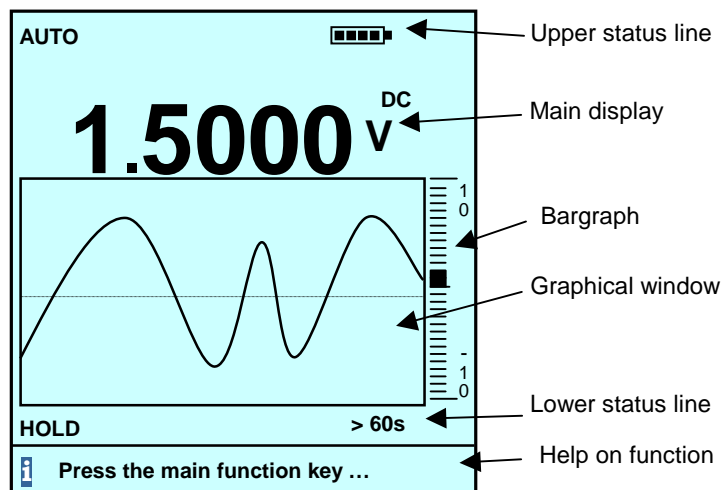
Depending on the current selections, the display may be graphical or digital:

*Graphical display*

The graphical window can be used to monitor the evolution of the principal measurement.
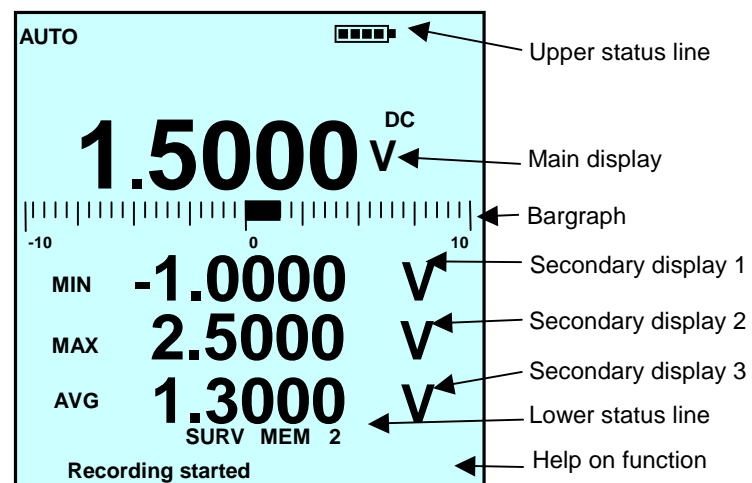
✎ *Example*

☞ *The graphical window and the bargraph constantly track the evolution of the measurement in the range selected.*



*Display of secondary functions*

The secondary displays are intended for the SPEC, REL, MEM, SURV and **888888** functions:

✎ *Example*

☞ *The main display and the bargraph constantly track the evolution of the measurement.*

# Functional description

## Preparation for use

***Instructions before activation***

To use this instrument, you must comply with the usual safety rules in order:

- to protect you against the dangers of the electric current,
- to protect the multimeter against incorrect operations.

For your safety, only use the leads delivered with the instrument. Before using it, systematically check that it is in perfect condition.

***Instrument power supply***

- The 3 multimeters in this range operate with three 1.5 V alkaline batteries (LR6-AM3 AA) or three 1.2 V Ni-MH rechargeable batteries (accumulators) of the same type:

  ✍ The **MTX 3281** is delivered with three 1.5 V alkaline batteries (LR6-AM3 AA). It can operate with accumulators, but does not allow in situ recharging (see §. Accessories delivered as options).

  ✍ The **MTX 3282** and **MTX 3283** multimeters are delivered with three 1.2 V Ni-MH accumulators and charger (12 VDC 3 VAC) for mains operation whilst simultaneously charging the batteries.

- When the charger is connected directly to the instrument, the accumulators can be recharged without removing them from the multimeter.

- The multimeter can only operate if the accu./batteries are in place.

***Power on***

Using the key *opposite.*

***Charge indicator***

A charge status indicator for the batteries or accumulators is constantly shown on the display:

       : Batteries or accumulators > 75 % charged

       : Batteries or accumulators > 25 % charged

       : Minimum charge level

The symbol flashes on the display and a buzzer sounds if the power voltage is insufficient (only 30 min charge life).
As the specifications will no longer be guaranteed, you must then replace the batteries or recharge the accumulators (see next page).

*There can be differences between the display of the charge level (symbol) and the real charge level of the accumulators, according to the quality and the performances of those. To avoid this risk, we recommend to use same accumulators (HX0051) as those delivered by the manufacturer (see p. 40). When getting started, the apparatus needs a few seconds to display a correct level of charge (symbol).*

***Selection of energy type***

| Configuration |  |
|---|---|
| General | ➡ |
| Measure | ➡ |
| Func. ☺ | ➡ |
| Func. MATH | ➡ |
| General settings | ▼ |

For correct management of the battery or accumulator charge status indicator, the type of power must be selected:

- Opening of the **Configuration** menu with the key.

- Selection of the "**General**" function using the keys.

- Validation of **General settings** using the key**.**

# Functional description (cont'd)

- Selection of **Energy Type** menu using the ⬛⬛ keys.

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General                    ▲

   IR baud        9600
   Config         user
   Energy         bat.
   Accumulator ➡

Energy type
```
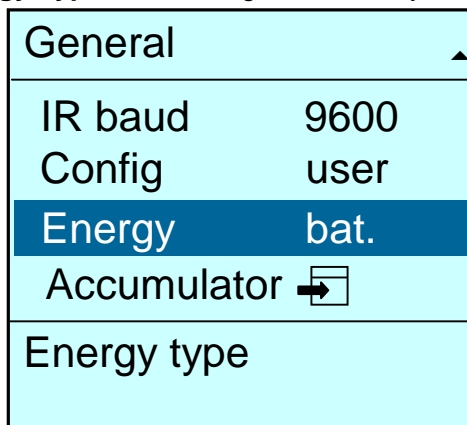
- Modification of the Energy Type (battery or acc.) using the ⬤ key.
- Validation and exit from the successive menus using the ⬛ key.

*Recharging of accumulators, only on :*
**MTX 3282**
**MTX 3283**

The 3 accumulators do not need to be removed from the multimeter for recharging. Recharging is only possible if "Accumulator" has been selected in the Energy Type menu (see above).

Before carrying out this operation, select the capacity of the accumulators (2200 mAh by default) fitted in the instrument:

- Selection: Accumulator in the using the ⬛⬛ keys.

- Validation: Accumulator using the ⬤ key, opens a menu for setting the accumulator capacity (in mAh):

```
Acc. capacity
       ▼
   02200 mAh
       ▲
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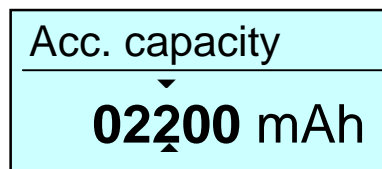
- Selection of the digit to be modified using the ⬤ key.
- Modification of the value using the ⬛⬛ key.
- Validation of the accumulator capacity and exit from the successive menus using the key ⬛.
- To maintain the accumulators in good condition, run the accumulators down to the minimum charge olevel before recharging.
- Then connect the power pack (12 VDC, 3 VAC) to the jack connector (see front panel illustration).
- Connect the power pack (12 VDC, 3 VAC) to the mains supply.

🔋 
- The symbol opposite on the display allows you to monitor the charge status. The accumulators are fully charged when the symbol stops flashing.

The **MTX 3282** and **MTX 3283** multimeters contain Ni-MH accumulators. These accumulators must be disposed of by a recycling firm or a company specialized in the treatment of dangerous waste materials.

*Never dispose of these accumulators with other solid waste.*
*For further information, contact your MANUMESURE dealer.*
☞ *When the multimeter is delivered, the accumulators may be discharged, requiring a complete recharge.*

# Functional description (cont'd)

**Recharging of accumulators with multimeter off**

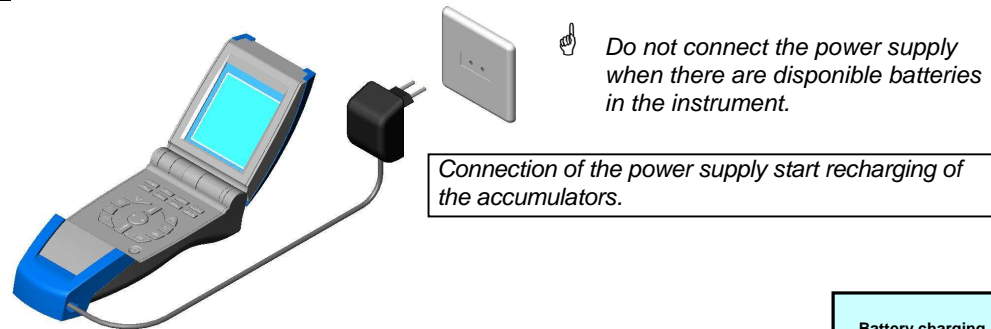☞ *Do not connect the power supply when there are disponible batteries in the instrument.*

*Connection of the power supply start recharging of the accumulators.*

*Connection of the power supply start recharging of the accumulators. The* ▮▮▮▮▮ *symbol shows the progress of recharging. Once the accumulators have been fully recharged, the instrument shuts down automatically.*

**Battery charging**

**Charge level:**
50%........75%
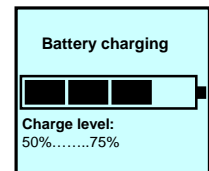
**Recharging totally discharged or new batteries**

1. Fit the batteries into the multimeter, then connect the charger.
2. Wait approximately 30 minutes, then press the ON button to switch on the multimeter and follow the progress of the charge.

 Recharging of the batteries can last up to 10 hours.

☞ *After one hour of recharging, the multimeter can be used for measurements, by pressing again on the ON button.*

**"A" measurement protection fuse**

A fuse provides protection up to 11 A for current measurements. It must be replaced only with an identical fuse:

11 A, 20 kA, 1000 V, 10 x 38 mm (High Interrupting Capacity).

**Checking of current measurement fuse**

Test the current measurement as follows:

1. Select the Ampere function using the A key.
2. Connect a lead to the A terminal.
3. Check that the LEADS indication disappears from the display (presence of lead). If this is not the case, replace the fuse.

**Replacement of the fuse or the batteries**

*Before replacing the fuse or batteries, comply with the safety instructions given at the beginning of this manual. Then:*

1. Disconnect the test leads from the measurement circuits and the instrument.
2. Disconnect the power lead from the **MTX 3282** or **MTX 3283** 12 VDC power pack.
3. Switch off the power to the instrument.
4. Undo the screw on the back of the instrument.
5. Pivot the rear cover of the casing to access the battery/fuse compartment.
6. Remove the fuse or batteries and replace them with identical models.
7. Replace the cover and retighten the screw.

☞ ***Without batteries, the date and time are kept for ca. 1 min in the instrument. The measurements recorded are kept for an unlimited time.***

**Dismantling of multimeter and access to battery/fuse compartment**

fuse

batteries

slit for screwdriver
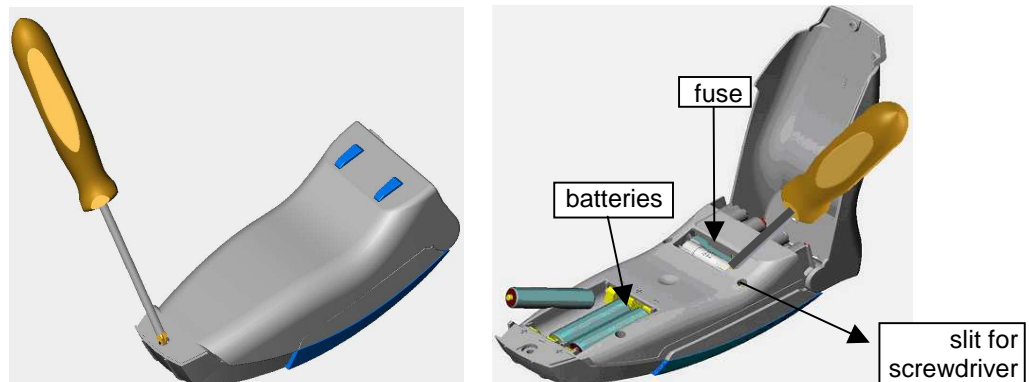
# Functional description (cont'd)

**Initial settings**

The general menu configures the parameters of the multimeter according to the conditions of use and the user's preferences.

- Opening of the **Configuration** menu with the ▱ key.

- Selection of the **General** menu using the ▯▮ keys and then the ⬭ key.

| General | |
|---|---|
| Language | En |
| Date/Time | ➡ |
| Beep | on |
| Sleep | off |
| Set language Choix langue | ▾ |

| General | ▴ |
|---|---|
| Contrast | ➡ |
| Back-light | 10 s |
| Comm. | IR |
| IR baud | 9600 |
| Back-light auto-off delay | ▾ |

*Choice of language*

Selection of the language for the multimeter's menus.
Two options are available: French (**Fr**) or English (**En**, default).

*Setting the date and time*

Date and time

**08** : **03** : **2005**
**10** : **03** : **45**

- Selection of the variables using the ⬭ key.
- Modification of the value using ▯▮ keys.
- Clock validation and start-up when menu is closed using ▱ key.

*Activation of the buzzer (Beep)*

Validation (default), or not , of audio signal (beep) when:
- a key is pressed,
- there is a voltage of more than 60 VDC or 30 VAC on the "V" input,
- a stable measurement is acquired in AUTO HOLD mode,
- the power supply voltage (battery) is insufficient.

☝ *The audio signal is maintained even when the buzzer is deactivated :*
  * *during continuity testing,*
  * *when the range is exceeded (voltage or current),*
  * *on a 10 A measurement,*
  * *if the position of the leads and the function selected are incompatible.*

*Automatic shutdown (sleep)*

Validation (default), or not, of automatic shutdown (**sleep**) after 30 min if there has been no action on the multimeter's front panel during that time.

In **SURV**, **MEM** and **Communication modes,** automatic shutdown is not validated.

⚡ For your safety, automatic shutdown is inhibited when the values measured (voltage, current) on the inputs exceed the danger thresholds (*indicator opposite displayed*).

*Display contrast*

Contrast

▾

▴

- Modification of the value (default: 50 %) using the ⬭ key.
- Validation of setting using ▱ key.

☝ *A long press on ▱ directly opens the menu, ▱ validates the setting.*

# Functional description (cont'd)

| | |
|---|---|
| ***Adjustment of back-lighting*** | Selection of the **back-lighting** deactivation time to limit the multimeter's energy consumption. |

6 times are possible: **10 s**, **30 s, 1 min, 2 min, 10 min** or **infinite** (no deactivation).

☝ ***By default, the back-lighting deactivation time is 2 min.***

***Start-up configuration (Config)***

- In **user mode**, the instrument restarts with the user's personal configuration and the main function selected when it was switched off.

- In **basic** mode, by default, the multimeter restarts with its elementary configuration (see page 15) and the Volt (AC+DC) function.

☝ ***Restart configuration indicated without leads connected. If the leads are connected, they will be taken into account for function selection.***

**Specific configurations of the instrument**

Using the Measure menu, you can adapt the instrument's configuration to the measurement environment:

| Measure | |
|---|---|
| Filter | yes |
| Impedance | 1G |
| dBm REF | ➡ |
| W REF | ➡ |
| Filter activation | |

- Opening of the **Configuration** menu with the ⬛ key.

- Selection of the **Measure menu** using the ⬛⬛ keys and then the 🔘 key.

***Filter***

Activation of a **filter** to improve frequency rejection for measurements in low VDC mode.

☝ ***By default, filter active.***

***Impedance***

Choice of the required input **impedance** on the 100 and 1000 mV (1 V) ranges.
- 100 mVDC and AC+DC range: 2 possible impedances: 1 G$\Omega$ or 10 M$\Omega$
- 1000 mV mVDC range:        2 possible impedances: 1 G$\Omega$ or 20 M$\Omega$

☝ ***By default, 100 mV range = 10 M$\Omega$, 1000 mV range = 20 M$\Omega$***

***dBm REF***
**MTX 3283**

Adjustment of the reference resistance value (dBm REF) between 1 $\Omega$ and 10,000 $\Omega$, for measurements in dBm on VAC or VAC+VDC voltages:

| Set dBm ref |
|---|
| ▾ |
| 00600 ohm |
| ▴ |

- Selection of the digit to be modified using the 🔘 key**.**

- Modification of the value using the ⬛⬛ keys.

- Validation of the reference resistance in dBm and exit from the menu using the ⬛ key.

☝ ***Default value 600 $\Omega$.***

*Reminder:   A 0 dBm measurement with a 600 $\Omega$ reference resistance is given on a voltage of 0.7746 VAC.*

# Functional description (cont'd)

**W REF**
**MTX 3283**

Adjustment of the reference resistance value (**W REF)** between 1 $\Omega$ and 10,000 $\Omega$ for resistive power measurements:

The calculation performed is:  (voltage measured)$^2$ / **W REF**  (unit W)
(current measured)$^2$ $*$ **W REF**  (unit W)

The adjustment procedure is the same as for the dBm reference resistance.

☞ *Default value 50 $\Omega$.*

*W REF is used to calculate the resistive power (W) with*
*REF = W REF and to calculate the power (V $*$ A) when V (Ref) = W REF*

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**Initialization of the values**

The parameters of the configuration can be reinitialized to the default settings in a single operation:

- Opening of the **Configuration** menu with the ⬜ key.

| Configuration ▲ |
|---|
| Func. ☺  ➡ |
| Func. MATH ➡ |
| Func. MEM  ➡ |
| **Default      init** |
| Set default values |
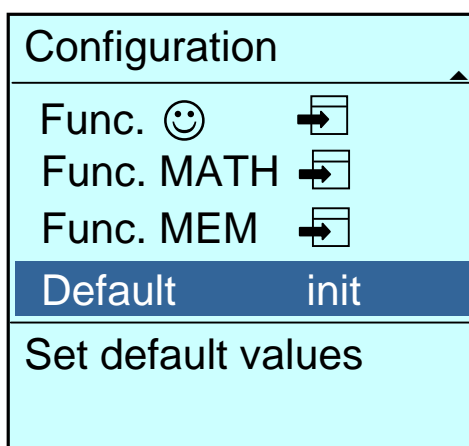
- Selection of the "**Default init"** function using the ⬜⬜ keys.

- Validation of initialization using the ⬤ key**.**

Loading of the default values is confirmed by the following message:

| Message |
|---|
| Default values loaded |
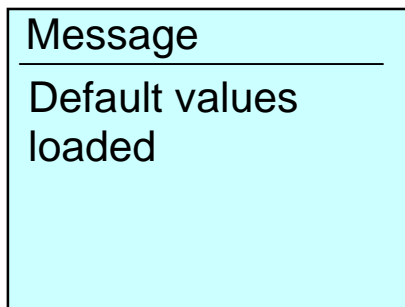
Exit from the successive menus using the ⬜ key.

☞ *The language and the active main function are not modified.*

☞ *Default values*

| General | Language : | Fr | Beep : | on |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sleep : | on | Contrast : | 50 % |
| | Lighting : | 2 min | Communication : | IR |
| | IR baud : | 9600 | Configuration : | basic |
| | Energy **3281** : | battery | Energy **3282, 3283** : | accu. |
| | Accu. capacity : | 2200 mAh | | |
| **Measure** | Filter : | active | Impedance : | 10 / 20 M |
| | dBm REF : | 600 $\Omega$ | W REF : | 50 $\Omega$ |
| **Favourite func.** **MATH func.** | Function : | V | Unit : | none |
| | Coef. A : | 1 | Coef. B : | 0 |
| **MEM func.** | Recording freq. : | 1 s | | |
| | No. of rec. **3281** : 158 | | No. of rec. **3282, 3283** : 1000 | |
| **Main func.** | V, A : | AUTO, AC+DC | Hz : | 10 V range |
| | $\Omega$, Capacity : | AUTO | ℃ : | ℃, Pt 100 |

# Functional description (cont'd)

## Access to main functions

*Connection of leads*   The input terminals are limited to 3 : **COM, V,** Ω, ➤ ∣⊦ and **A**.

Connect the black lead to the **COM** socket (for all measurements).

*Functions authorized when connected on the V Ω ➤ terminal ∣⊦*

**Voltage  measurement** (Volt).
**PEAK** is displayed when a peak (Pk+ Pk-measurement) of voltage is detected and when it is higher than the range of active voltage.

Measurement of **Frequency** (Hz) on a VAC voltage.

A 1st press gives access to **Resistance** measurements (Ohm).

A 2nd press gives access to **Continuity** measurements ( ♪ ).

A 3rd press gives access to **Diode** measurements (➤ ).

A 1st press gives access to **Temperature** measurements (according to the last configuration of the function).

A 2nd press gives access to the ***type of temperature measurement: ℃, ℉, K.***

Selection using the ▯▮ keys, validation using the 〇 key or after 2 s.

Another press on this key while selecting the measurement type gives access to **the type of sensors**:
**- platinum probes**: Pt100 or Pt1000 *only on* **MTX 3282, MTX 3283**
**- thermocouples**: J or K (TC J, TC K)

Selection using the ▯▮ keys, validation using the 〇 key or after 2 s.

Measurement of **Capacitance.**

"**Favourite**" measurement configurable by the user.
☞ *For the menu's configuration, see §. ☺ Function.*

Instrument **Configuration** menu.

*Functions authorized when connected to the A terminal*

When the red lead is connected to the **A** terminal, it automatically selects **Current** (AC + DC) measurement.
If current measurement is selected without connection of a lead to terminal A or without a protection fuse, the **LEADS** symbol flashes on the display.

**Current** measurement (Ampere)

☞ ***The current measurement may be performed using autorange (AUTO PEAK) over the whole scope of the ranges (µA, mA, A).***

**PEAK** is displayed when a peak (Pk+ Pk- measurement) of current is detected and when it is higher than the range of active current.

"**Favourite**" measurement configurable by the user.
☞ *For the menu's configuration, see §. ☺ Function.*

Instrument **Configuration** menu.

# Functional description (cont'd)

| | |
|---|---|
| **Range management** | The ⬚Range⬚ key gives access to three operating modes:<br> - **AUTO** mode<br> - **AUTO PEAK** mode <span style="color:red">MTX 3282</span>, <span style="color:red">MTX 3283</span><br> - **MANU** mode |

- Selection using this key or the ⬚⬚ keys.

- Validation using the ⬚ key or after 2 s.

If the measurement is single range, the range defined is forced and there is no effect if the ⬚Range⬚ key is pressed.

✑ *Example*: Diode test, continuity test and temperature measurement.

*"AUTO" mode*   On the input for a measurement, **AUTO** mode is active by default and range selection is managed automatically by the multimeter.

*"AUTO PEAK" mode*
<span style="color:red">MTX 3282</span>
<span style="color:red">MTX 3283</span>

In **AUTO PEAK mode**, the range changes are performed on the basis of rapid acquisition of peaks, either upward or downward.

☞ ***AUTO PEAK mode is only accessible for AC, AC+DC in V and A measurements. It prevents untimely overruns of the peak factor specified for the instrument.***

*"MANUal" mode*   When this mode is selected and is valid for the function concerned, the ⬚⬚ keys can be used to modify the measurement range.

Measurements concerned: voltage, current, resistance, capacitance.

☞ ***By pressing one of the ⬚⬚ keys, you can switch directly to MANUal mode and then modify the range.***

**Display hold management**   The ⬚Hold⬚ key gives access to two operating modes:
 - **HOLD** mode
 - **AUTO HOLD** mode
 - **NO HOLD** deactivates the mode.

- Selection using this key or the ⬚⬚ keys.

- Validation using the ⬚ key or after 2 s.

*HOLD*   **HOLD** mode freezes on the screen the current main measurement at the time when the key is pressed. The instrument continues to manage the measurements and display them in the graphical window or on the secondary display (**REL mode**).

☞ ***The range selection remains unchanged: AUTO or MANUal depending on the configuration when you enter this mode.***

*AUTO HOLD*   **AUTO HOLD** mode automatically freezes on the screen the current main measurement whenever a stable measurement is detected. It is confirmed by a beep (unless the configuration "Beep *no"* has been selected in the Configuration menu).

The values memorized remain displayed until the next stable measurement taken (measurement different from ± 100 digits) or until deactivation of **AUTO HOLD mode**.

The instrument continues to manage the measurements and display them in the graphical window or on the secondary display (**REL mode**).

☞ ***The range selection remains unchanged (AUTO or MANUal) depending on the configuration when you enter this mode. AUTO HOLD mode is only accessible for V and A measurements.***

# Functional description (cont'd)

*REL*    **REL** mode takes the current main measurement as its reference. It is indicated on the secondary display: **REF**.

- The main display continues to indicate the instantaneous value measured and the bargraph.

- The secondary display Δ indicates the absolute deviation between the instantaneous value measured and the reference recorded.

- The secondary display Δ % indicates the relative deviation in % between the instantaneous value measured and the reference recorded.

☝ *Range management may be "AUTOmatic" or "MANUal, depending on the configuration when entering this mode.*

☝ *The Δ and Δ % displays are managed in the same range.*

*In "AUTO" mode, they cannot fall below the reference range when the REL mode was activated.*

✍ *Example:* Measurement of a 1.5 VDC voltage with a reference set to 1 V:



| AUTO | REL | ▭▭▭▭ |
|---|---|---|

**1.5000** V DC

ⅠⅠⅠⅠⅠⅠⅠ

-10                                               10

| REF | **1.0000** | **V** |
|---|---|---|
| Δ | **0.5000** | **V** |
| Δ% | **050.00** | **%** |
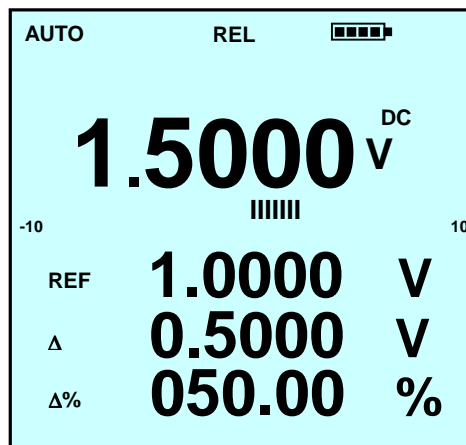
*Adjustment of the reference*

When the mode is active, a long press on the ▭ Rel key opens a window for setting the **REF reference**.

- The ◌ key selects the digit to be modified.

- The ▯▯ keys modify the digit selected.

- The ◢▬◣ key can be used to exit from the menu after validating the new reference.

✍ *Example*:

**Reference Rel**
▾
**+1.0000**
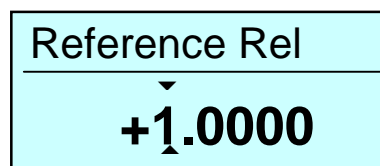
# Functional description (cont'd)

*SURV*
- The **SURV** mode monitors the variations of a signal by recording the extreme values (**MIN** and **MAX**) of the main measurement and calculating the average (**AVG**). For each value memorized, the multimeter records the corresponding date and time.

   ☞ *When it is started up, the* MTX 3281 *reinitializes the date and time (01:01:2000, 00 :00 :00).*
   *Before starting work, set the correct date and time to "date-stamp" the records see §. Setting the date and time).*

- When you enter **SURV** mode by a short press on the key, the last **MIN** and **MAX** measurements are erased and then initialized with the current measurement.

   ☞ *SURV flashes when the mode is active.*

- **AVG** shows the average of all the measurements recorded since **SURV** mode was activated.

- The data recorded can be viewed by a long press on the Surv key during surveillance or after exiting from the mode.

- **In SURV mode:**
   - MANU or AUTO range management cannot be selected.
   - the current measurement, the MIN value and the MAX value are presented in the most suitable range for each of them.

✎ Example:
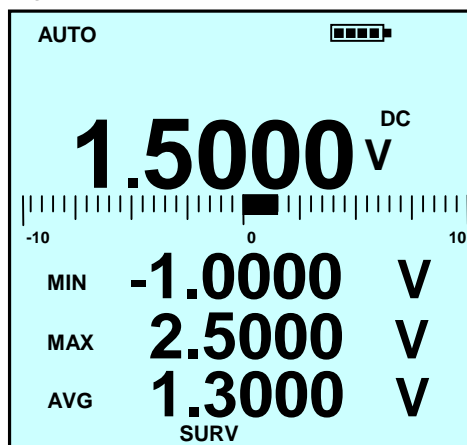


Surv



- Consultation of recorded data by a long press on the key Surv

   The data recorded is accompanied by the date, time and surveillance range.

- Exit from consultation by a short press on the Surv or m key.

# Functional description (cont'd)

*SPEC*
On the basis of the technical specifications, the **SPEC** mode directly displays the tolerance of the measurement in progress, so that there is no need to search for it and calculate it.

On the basis of the main measurement, the display:

- indicates the specifications (x % of reading ± n digit) according to the type of measurement, the range selected and the frequency (in AC and AC+DC)
- calculates the interval containing the true value, if the instrument is within its tolerance:     **SMIN** value → minimum specification
  **SMAX** value → maximum specification

✍ *Example*:
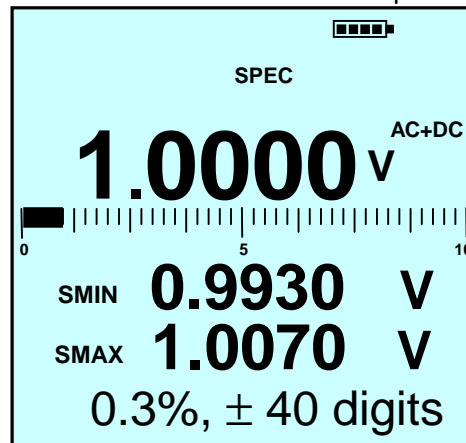


In AC+DC, the specifications are calculated only if the frequency can be measured (see §. secondary Functions) and is > 45 Hz.

*MEM*
- **MEM** mode records the contents of the digital display(s) in the memory of the instrument at a pre-programmed rate.
- A short press on [Mem] starts a series of recordings.
- The **MEM** symbol flashes throughout the recording period; it is accompanied by the number of recordings made.
- Memorization of the measurements can be stopped by another short press.
- The number of values to be memorized for a measurement run is programmable: it therefore stops recording automatically.

☞ *Another press on* [Mem] *starts a new series of recordings.*

| | Recording capacity | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **MTX 3281** | Recording capacity | 158 measurements per sequence | 1 to 10 sequences |
| **MTX 3282, MTX 3283** | | 6500 measurements maximum | 1 to 10 sequences (depending on available memory) |

✍ *Example: activation of* **MEM** *mode during surveillance mode*
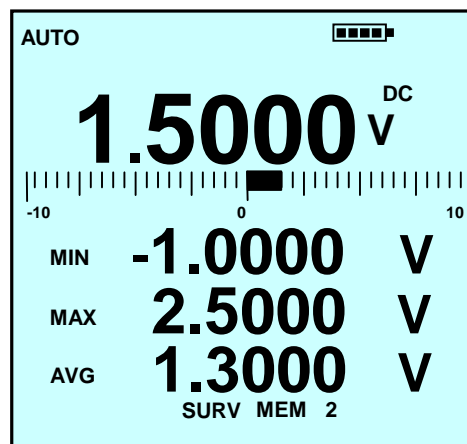


- Furthermore, the **MEM** mode may be activated during the **SURV** mode or during display of the secondary functions. The parameters set are saved. It will then be possible to select them and display them as the main function.

☞ *(When it is started up, the* MTX 3281 *reinitializes the date and time (01:01:2000, 00 :00 :00).*
*Before starting work, set the correct date and time to "date-stamp" the records. See §. Setting the date and time).*

# Functional description (cont'd)

*Configuration of MEM mode*

The **MEM** mode is configured in the **Func. MEM** function of the **Configuration Menu.**

- Opening of the **Configuration** menu with the ⬜ᵐ key.
- Selection of the "**Func. MEM"** function using the ⬜⬜ keys.

```
                      ▲
    Measure      ⮕
    Func. ☺      ⮕
    Func. MATH   ⮕
    Func. MEM    ⮕
    Function MEM          ▼
    settings
```
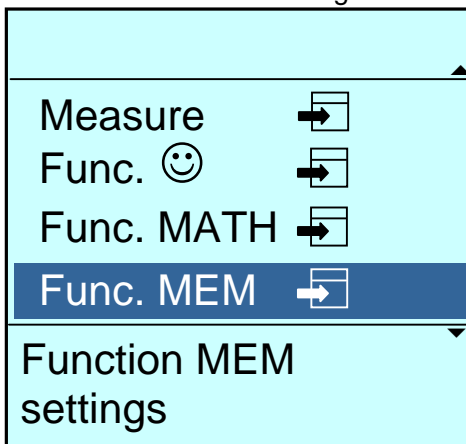
- **Validation of Func. MEM** using the ◉ key.

☞ *A long press on* ⬜Mem *opens the MEM Function menu.*

*Programming the recording frequency*

- Selection of the "**RATE"** function using the ⬜⬜ keys.

```
    MEM Function

    Consult      ⮕
    Erase        ⮕
    Erase all    erase
    Rate         ⮕
    Recording rate       ▼
```
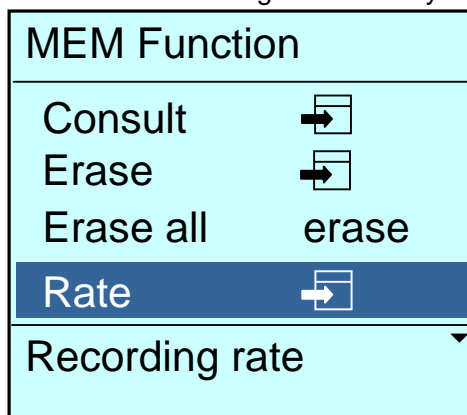
- Validation of Rate with the ◉ key opens a menu for setting the required recording rate in hours, minutes and seconds:

```
    Rate h:mn:s

       00 : 00 : 02
```
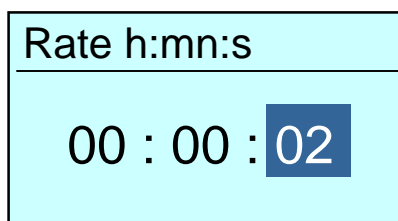
- **Selection of the variables,** hour, minute, second, using the ◉ key.
- Modification of the value using the ⬜⬜ keys.
- Validation of the measurement recording rate and exit from the successive menus using the key ⬜ᵐ.

☞ *The minimum recording rate is 23 h, 59 min, 59 s.*
  *Default recording rate 1s.*

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# Functional description (cont'd)

By defining a number of records for a measurement campaign, it is possible to stop recording automatically.

- Selection of the number of records (**No. rec.**) in the **MEM Function** menu using the keys ⬜⬜.

```
MEM Function              ▲

   Erase            ➡
   Erase all    erase
   Rate             ➡
   No. rec.         ➡

   Number of
   recordings
```
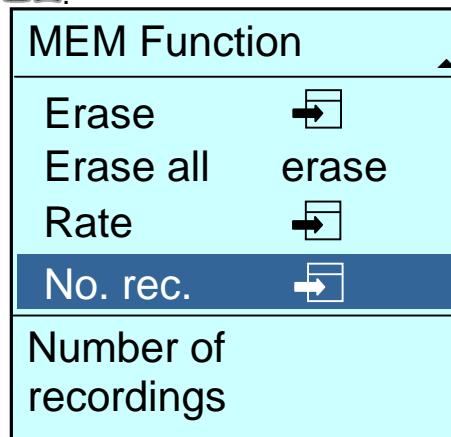
- Validation of **No. rec.** using the ⬤ key.
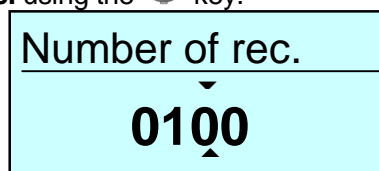
```
Number of rec.
         ▾
      0100
         ▴
```

- Selection of the digit to be modified using the ⬤ key.
- Modification of the value using the ⬜⬜ keys.
- Validation of the number of records and exit from the successive menus using the ⬜ key.

*The recording capacity is limited to 6,500 measurements (158 for **MTX 3281**)*

☞ **Number of records by default : 1,000.**

```
Recordings

   28/03/05     10:40:40
   28/03/05     10:41:08
   29/03/05     11:05:20
   30/03/05     15:30:42
   5 val. (2 s), V            ▾
```

- Select the **Consult** menu in the **MEM Function** to view the list or successive records.

Each recording is identified by its start date and time.

- Selection of a recording using the ⬜⬜ keys.

- Validation the selection using the ⬤ key.

☞ **When selected, a recording is accompanied by :**
 **- the number of values recorded,**
 **- the recording rate,**
 **- the function in which they were recorded,**
 **- the secondary functions present during recording, if relevant.**

*The number of recording sequences is limited to 10.*

# Functional description (cont'd)

*Viewing the data in a recording*

The curve displayed is adapted to the graphical window according to its min. and max. values and the number of recordings.

Cursor value

Max. value of the selected function

Zoomed part of recording

Min. value of the selected function

Function of graph displayed

Cursor position / Total no. of records

DC

6.5832 V

-9.9275 V

MIN  -8.2194  V
MAX  9.9275  V
AVG  2.3271  V

-8.2194 V

V

100/450    28 : 03 : 05    10 : 40 : 40

Secondary functions

Cursor

Display of zoomed part

Overall display of whole recording

Selection icons

Cursor date and time

- Selection of the function (principal or secondary) to be displayed or of the selection icon using the ▯▯ keys, modification using the ⬤ key.

**V** - Selection of the function to be displayed

✎ Example: Main function: **V**
secondary function: **MIN, MAX, AVG** for **SURV** mode

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **MTX 3281** | ⲧ ◀▶ | moves the cursor |
| **MTX 3282**, **MTX 3283** | ▯▮ ◀▶ | moves the zoomed part (icon present, if a zoom is active) |
| | ◯ ◀▶ | activates/deactivates a zoom (icon present, if a zoom is possible) |

- Exit from viewing a recording by using the Mem key.

*Complete erasure of memory*

All recordings in the memory of the device may be erased in a single operation.

- Selection of **Erase all** menu in the **MEM Function**.

- Validation of erasure using the ⬤ key.

Complete erasure of the memory
is confirmed by the following message →

Message

erased
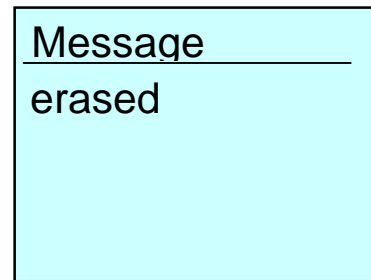
# Functional description (cont'd)

## Access to secondary functions

Choice of secondary functions on the two displays 2, 3 and 4 by pressing successively on the key opposite according to main measurement.

A long pressing deletes the display of secondary measurements**.**

☞ *For the main authorised measurements, the last combination selected for displays 2, 3 and 4 is memorised and will be directly reactivated.*

***Table of secondary functions***

| Display 2 Function | Unit | Display 3 Function | Unit | Display 4 | VAC VAC+DC | VDC | AAC AAC+DC | ADC | Hz | Ω |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **FREQ** | Hz | **PER** | S | Func. **MATH** | x | | x | | | |
| **FREQ** | Hz | **dB** | dB | Func. **MATH** | x | | | | | |
| **dBm** | dBm | **REF** *(dBm)* | Ω | Func. **MATH** | x | | | | | |
| **Pk+** | V or A | **Pk-** | V or A | **CF**  - | x | | x | | | |
| **w** | W | **REF** *(Ω)* | Ω | Func. **MATH** | x | x | x | x | | |
| **PER** | S | **DC+** | % | Func. **MATH** | | | | | x | |
| **PER** | S | **DC-** | % | Func. **MATH** | | | | | x | |
| **PW+** | S | **CNT+** | - | Func. **MATH** | | | | | x | |
| **PW-** | S | **CNT-** | - | Func. **MATH** | | | | | x | |
| Func. **MATH** | - | - | | - | | | | | | x |
| **V** x **A** | VA | **A** | A | Func. **MATH** | x (∗) | x | | | | |

(Left margin device labels: MTX 3283 for dB row; MTX 3283 for dBm row; MTX 3283 for w row; MTX 3282 MTX 3283 for PW+/CNT+; MTX 3282 MTX 3283 for PW-/CNT-; MTX 3282 MTX 3283 for Func. MATH; MTX 3282 MTX 3283 for V x A.)

Function **MATH** = y = Ax + B ( **MTX 3282, MTX 3283** )
**FREQ** = Frequency measurement
**PER** = Period measurement
**dB** = Measurement of voltage decibels in dB
**dBm** = Measurement of power decibels in dBm with REF = dBm REF
**Pk+** = Measurement of positive peaks (∗∗)
**Pk-** = Measurement of negative peaks (∗∗)
**CF** = Measurement of peak factor
**w** = Calculation of resistive power with REF = W REF
**V** x **A** = Calculation of power (∗) limited to 400 Hz
**DC+** = Measurement of positive duty ratio
**DC-** = Measurement of negative duty ratio
**PW+** = Measurement of pulse-width or of positive durations
**PW-** = Measurement of pulse-width or of negative durations
**CNT+** = Counting of positive pulses (∗∗)
**CNT-** = Counting of negative pulses (∗∗)

(∗∗) Measurement reset to zero: by pressing on ◀●▶ key.

Upon activation of **dB** measurements **MTX 3283,** the value measured is taken as voltage reference (V ref). The calculation is as follows: $20 \log_{10}$ (V measured / V ref).

☞ *The voltage reference (V ref) cannot be modified.*

The MATH function is displayed when its parameters allow it (see **MATH Func.**).

For the dBm and resistive power measurements, see **Measurement** menu for the adjustment of related reference resistances (**dBm REF, W REF**) and to know the calculation formulas.

**LOAD**

**V COM A**
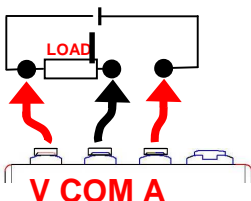
The calculation of power **V** x **A** (VA) **MTX 3282 MTX 3283** requests a 3rd connection to the A input (connected to the same circuit) in order to measure simultaneously: DC voltage (main display), DC power (display 3, measurement always in AC+DC).

☞ *The link on the COM input must be short and have a large diameter in order to limit the voltage drop which influences the Volt measurement.*

# Functional description (cont'd)

**MATH function**

<span style="border:1px solid red; color:red">MTX 3282</span>
<span style="border:1px solid red; color:red">MTX 3283</span>

The MATH function (y = Ax + B) enables measuring any physical quantity in:
- **Volts** (0 - 10 V process or high-voltage probe, for example)
- **Amperes** (current loop 4 - 20 mA or current clamp, for example)
- **Frequency** (output measurement, rotation speeds, for example)
- **Ohms** (resistive position, for example)

and converting it and to assign the adequate unit, to obtain the direct reading of the original parameter on the instrument. Depending on the parameter measured, the device calculates the related MATH function.

The programming takes place in 4 phases:

Selection of parameter X measured (V, A, $\Omega$, Hz)
Definition of coefficient A of function y = Ax + B
Definition of coefficient B of function y = Ax + B
Definition of physical unit to be displayed

☞ *Coefficients A, B and the unit are programmable for each amount measured (V, A, $\Omega$, Hz).*

*Adjustment of MATH function*

The **MATH** mode is configured in the MATH function in the **Configuration** Menu**.**

- Opening of **Configuration** Menu using key .

- Selection of function **MATH Func.** using keys .

> **Configuration**
> 
> General ➡
> Measure ➡
> Func. ☺ ➡
> **Func. MATH** ➡
>
> MATH function settings ▼
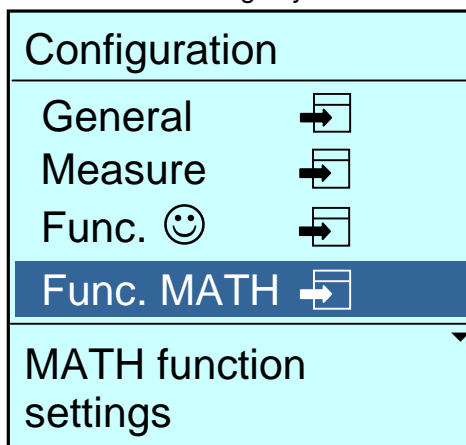
- Validation of **MATH Func.** using key .

*Selection of function to be adjusted*

- Selection of **Function** menu using keys .

> **MATH function**
>
> **Function** **V**
> Coef A ➡
> Coef B ➡
> Unit ➡
>
> Function to be set
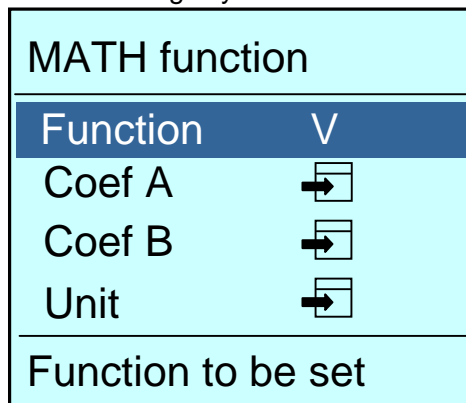
- Selection of measurement (V, A, $\Omega$, Hz) using key .
- ☞ *Default function V.*

# Functional description (cont'd)

*Definition of coefficient A*

The MATH function applied to the physical quantity (x) measured is $y = Ax + B$.

• Selection of the coefficient A menu (**Coef A**) in MATH function.

• Validation of **Coef A** (coefficient A) using key ⬤.

Coef. A

**+2.0000  E+01**
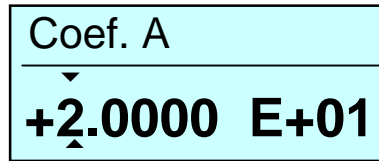
• Selection of digit to be modified or of exponent using key ⬤.

• Modification of value using keys ▯▯.

• Validation of coefficient A and menu exit using key ▱.

☞ *Coefficient A by default is 1.*

*Definition of coefficient B*

• Selection of coefficient B menu (**Coef B**) in **MATH function**.

• Validation of **Coef B** (coefficient B) using key ⬤.

Coef. B

**-1.0000  E+00**
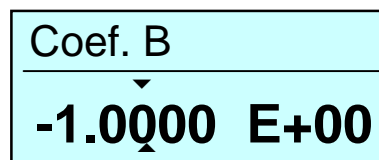
• Selection of digit to be modified using key ⬤.

• Modification of value using keys ▯▯.

• Validation of coefficient B and menu exit using key ▱.

☞ *Coefficient B by default is 0.*

*Definition of unit*

The unit of the MATH function may be defined so as to obtain the direct reading of the original physical quantity measured by the instrument.

• Selection of **Unit** menu in **MATH function**.

• Validation of **Unit** using key ⬤.

Unit

Abc_

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| H | I | J | K | L | M | N |
| O | P | Q | R | S | T | U |
| V | W | X | Y | Z | Ω | ◂ |
| ▲ | | | | | | |
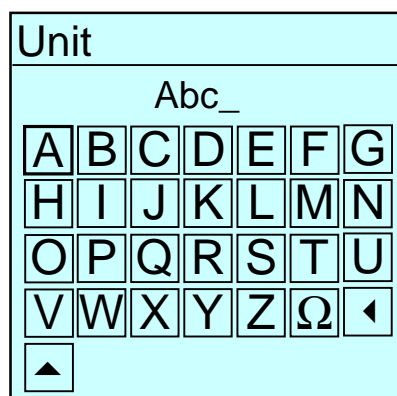
• Selection of letter or character to display using key ⬤.

• Validation of letter or character using keys ▯▯.

• Validation of the unit (3 characters max.) and menu exit using key ▱.

The symbol ▲ is used to switch from uppercase letters to lowercase.

The symbol ◂ is used to erase the last character.

☞ *MATH unit by default (without).*

# Functional description (cont'd)

*Function* ☺

The favourite function ☺ recalls directly the specific measurement you use most frequently and that you will have carefully defined previously.

This function is of the same type as the **MATH** function (y = Ax + B).
When you measure any physical quantity, this function enables you to convert it and to assign the appropriate unit, to obtain the direct reading of the original amount on the instrument.
Depending on the amount measured, the device calculates the related function ☺, if the parameters of the latter correspond to the amount measured.

Programming takes place in 4 stages:
1. Selection of the amount X measured (V, A, Ω, Hz)
2. Definition of coefficient A of function y = Ax + B
3. Definition of coefficient B of function y = Ax + B
4. Definition of the physical unit to be displayed

*Function preserved by the favourite function ☺ according to its programmed amount (V, A, Ω, Hz)*

- Access to the type of measurement using key ☺
  - AC, DC or AC+DC for measurements V and A
- Access to the frequency range using key ☺
  - Frequency < 900 kHz (default) or > 900 kHz for Hz measurements
- Control of operating modes using key `Range` :
  - AUTO, AUTO PEAK, MANU for V and A measurements
  - AUTO, MANU for Ω measurements

☞ *Pressing one of the keys 🔼🔽 will switch directly to MANUal mode, then modify the range for measurements V, A and Ω.*
*Modification of the voltage range for Hz function.*

- Control of display holding using key `Hold` :
  - HOLD, AUTO HOLD, NO HOLD for V and A measurements
  - HOLD, NO HOLD for Ω, Hz measurements
- Activation, deactivation of relative mode using key `Rel`
- Activation, deactivation of monitoring mode using key `Surv`
- Activation, deactivation automatic recording using key `Mem`

*Adjustment of function ☺*

The function is configured in **Func.** ☺ in the Configuration Menu.

- Opening of Configuration Menu using key `m` .

- Selection of function **Func.** ☺ using keys 🔼🔽. Validation using key ⬤.

```
┌─────────────────────────────┐
│ Configuration               │
├─────────────────────────────┤
│ General         ➡            │
│ Measure         ➡            │
│ Func. ☺         ➡            │
│ Func. MATH ➡                 │
├─────────────────────────────┤
│ Function ☺ setting      ▼    │
└─────────────────────────────┘
```
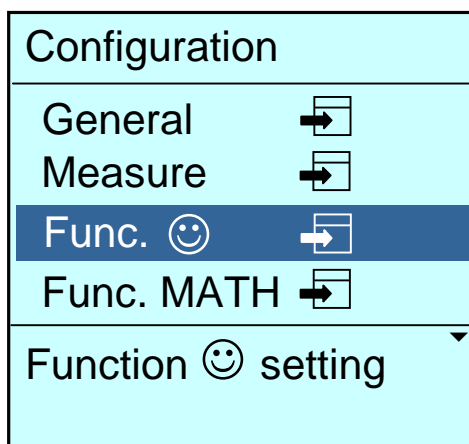
☞ **A long pressing on ☺ opens directly the Function ☺ menu.**

# Functional description (cont'd)

*Selection of adjustment parameters*

- Selection of adjustment parameters using keys ▮▮.

Function ☺

| Function | V |
|---|---|
| Coef A | ➡ |
| Coef B | ➡ |
| Unit | ➡ |

Function selection

*Selection of amount measured (function)*

- Selection of **Function** menu using keys ▮▮.

- Selection of amount measured (V, A, Ω, Hz) using key ◉.

☞ ***Default function V.***

*Definition of coefficients A, B and unit*

The ☺ favourite function applied to the physical quantity (x) measured is the same as the MATH function ($y = \mathbf{A}x + \mathbf{B}$).

For the definition of coefficients **A**, **B** and the **unit,** see the related menus of the MATH function.

☞ ***Coefficient A is by default 1, B by default 0, unit by default (without).***

✍ *Example: activation of favourite function and automatic recording mode*

**AUTO**                    ▮▮▮▮

☺ **DC**

# 1.5000 **W**

MEM   2   > 60s

🔲 **Recording started**
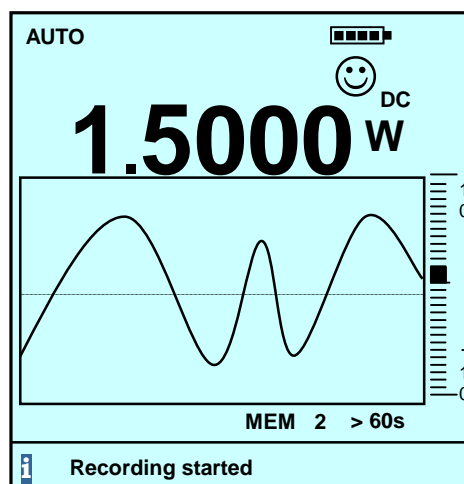
- Symbol ☺ of favourite function
- **AUTO** Mode active
- **DC** Measurement
- **W** Unit
- **MEM** Mode active

# Functional description (cont'd)

**SX-DMM Software kit (option)**

These multimeters can interface directly with a computer or a PC using the SX-DMM software kit (HX0050 option):

In the menu **General settings** of the multimeter:

- Select infra-red communication (**IR** by default) using the **Comm** function.
- Select the infra-red transmission speed using the **IR baud** function: **9600** / **19,200** / **38,400** Bauds/s.

☞ *The transmission speed by default is 9600 Bauds/s.*

The other transmission parameters are set (8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity).

*Connection of optical cables RS232-DB9F or USB (option)*

1. Then connect the optical cable to the optical input of the multimeter (located next to the multimeter inputs). A mechanical failsafe prevents reversing of the connection direction.

   Connect cable RS232-DB9F or USB to one of the corresponding inputs of the PC.

2. Verify that the RS232 interface parameters of the PC are identical to those of the multimeter.



Connector DB9F or USB    Interface cable

Optical connector
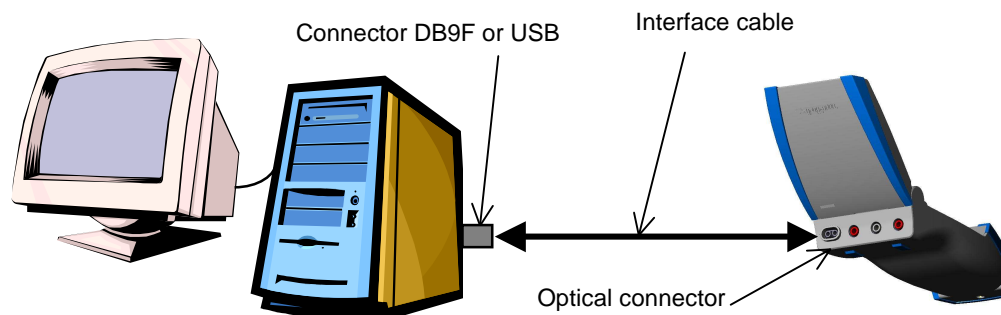
☞ *For the USB optical cable (option), install, if necessary, the recognition software on your PC (see CD-Rom manual provided).*

*Installation of SX-DMM software*

1. Install the SX-DMM software on the PC using the CD ROM.

2. Launch the software to perform data acquisition and study the different display possibilities (curves, tables… ).

☞ *The symbol* ⬆⬇ *(RS232) flashes on the display during control of the instrument from the PC (REMOTE mode).*

   For more information, refer to software help menu.

☞ *In this mode, the multimeter keyboard is locked, except for key* 🔘 *which is used to exit this mode.*

**Bluetooth (on -BT version)**

The -BT versions of the multimeters are fitted with a Bluetooth module. They integrate the Serial Port Profile service used to communicate with a computer fitted with any type of Bluetooth adapter.

If your computer does not have a Bluetooth module, the PC USB/Bluetooth adapter (P01637301*)* is required.
To install these pilots, *refer to the accompanying instructions.*

Virtual RS232 serial communication between the multimeter (Server) and the PC (Customer) requires a connection on the PC side.

No configuration is required on the multimeter side, except for activation of Bluetooth (BT) communication via the Comm. function in the **General Settings** menu.

# Functional description (cont'd)

## Bluetooth (cont'd)

<div style="float:left"><em>Creating a<br>Bluetooth<br>connection</em></div>

☝ *The controls cited below are those of the PC USB/Bluetooth adapter (P01637301). They may be designated differently on another adapter.*

*(for first connection only)*

| Steps | Actions |
|---|---|
| 1 | Power up the multimeter. |
| 2 | Configure it for Bluetooth (BT) via the configuration menu. |
| 3 | Create a new connection using the software controlling your Bluetooth dongle on the PC side by: <ul><li>clicking on the **Bluetooth Manager** icon on the menu bar at the bottom of the screen</li><li>selecting the **New connection** function</li><li>selecting **Express Mode** (recommended), then clicking on **Next**</li><li>selecting the **Bluetooth** peripheral of the multimeter then by clicking on **Next**</li><li>clicking on **Next** after configuration of a **COM port**</li><li>redefining the name of the connection and its icon (if required) then clicking on **Next**</li><li>clicking on **Finish** to save the connection information</li></ul> |

You can verify that the connection has been created by viewing it, using the software controlling your PC USB/Bluetooth adapter.

For additional information, refer to the Help menu linked to the Bluetooth utility.

MTX3281 — Connect    MTX3281 — Disconnect

☝ *With some Bluetooth adapters, rebooting of the PC is recommended to validate the connection.*

☝ *The connection parameters are specific to each multimeter. They must be assigned manually, but only the first time.*

✎ *Example* Communication with SX-DMM software can begin without other Bluetooth configurations. You must simply establish communication between the PC and the multimeter using the COM port configured previously.

*Command SX-DMM software*: Communication → Parameters

*Reactivation of the connection after shutdown*

- Click on the Bluetooth Manager icon on the menu bar at the bottom of the screen
- Click on the icon related to the multimeter in the window of the Bluetooth Parameters Software: the icon of the menu bar must be displayed in green.

*Communication with several multimeters*

The PC USB/Bluetooth adapter is used to communicate simultaneously with several multimeters in the MTX Mobile family.

For each multimeter, you must repeat the previous configuration procedure, while making sure to assign them a different COM port.

☝ *Depending on the type of adapter, first make a COM port available.*

# Technical specifications

*Accuracy:* *Only the values assigned a tolerance or a limit constitute guaranteed values.*
*"n% +nD" means* *Values without tolerance are given for information (standard NFC 42670).*
*"n% of reading + n Digit"* *The technical specifications are guaranteed only after 30 min warm-up period.*
*(as per CEI 485)* *Except special indication, they are valid from 5 to 100 % of the range of measurement.*

## Voltage measurement

### *AC voltage VAC and VAC+DC TRMS*

On this position, you measure the true RMS value of an AC voltage with its DC component (no capacitive coupling): so-called TRMS measurement.

☞ *The 100 mV range is present in MANUal mode only.*

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| Range | Input impedance | Resolution | Protection | Accuracy 45 Hz to 1 kHz | 1 kHz to 4 kHz | 4 kHz to 20 kHz | 20 kHz to 50 kHz |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 mV (∗) | 1GΩ - 10MΩ | 1 µV | (1 mn max) | 1% ± 40D | 3% ± 40D | 4% ± 40D | 6% ± 40D |
| 1000 mV | 10.5 MΩ | 10 µV | | 0.7% ± 40D | 3% ± 40D | 4% ± 40D | 6% ± 40D |
| 10 V | 10.5 MΩ | 0,1 mV | 1450 Vpk | 0.7% ± 40D | 3% ± 40D | 4% ± 40D | 6% ± 40D |
| 100 V | 10 MΩ | 1 mV | | 1% ± 40D | 3% ± 40D | 4% ± 40D | 6% ± 40D |
| 1000 V (∗∗) | 10 MΩ | 10 mV | | 1% ± 40D | 3% ± 40D | 4% ± 40D | 6% ± 40D |

### (∗) *In VAC mode*

| Range | Input impedance | Resolution | Protection | Accuracy 45 Hz to 400 Hz | 400 Hz to 4 kHz | 4 kHz to 20 kHz | 20 kHz to 50 kHz |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 mV | 10 MΩ | 1 µV | 1450 Vpk (1mn max) | 1.5% ± 40D | 3% ± 40D | 4% ± 40D | 6% ± 40D |

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| Range | Input impedance | Resolution | Protection | Accuracy 45 Hz to 1 kHz | 1 kHz to 4 kHz | 4 kHz to 20 kHz | 20 kHz to 50 kHz | 50 kHz to 75 kHz | 75 kHz to 100 kHz |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 mV (∗) | 1GΩ - 10MΩ | 1 µV | (1 mn max) | 1% ± 40D | 2.5% ±40D | 3.5% ±40D | 5% ± 40D | 7% ± 40D | 10% typ. ± 40D |
| 1000 mV | 10.5 MΩ | 10 µV | | 0.5% ± 40D | 2.5% ±40D | 3.5% ±40D | 5% ± 40D | 10% ± 40D | 15% ± 40D |
| 10 V | 10.5 MΩ | 0,1 mV | 1450 Vpk | 0.3% ± 40D | 2.5% ±40D | 3.5% ±40D | 5% ± 40D | 7% ± 40D | 15% ± 40D |
| 100 V | 10 MΩ | 1 mV | | 0.3% ± 40D | 2.5% ±40D | 3.5% ±40D | 5% ± 40D | 7% ± 40D | 15% ± 40D |
| 1000 V (∗∗) | 10 MΩ | 10 mV | | 0.5% ± 40D | 2.5% ±40D | 3.5% ±40D | 5% ± 40D | 7% ± 40D | 15% ± 40D |

### (∗) *In VAC mode*

| Range | Input impedance | Resolution | Protection | Accuracy 45 Hz to 400 Hz | 400 Hz to 14 kHz | 1 kHz to 20 kHz | 20 kHz to 50 kHz | 50 kHz to 75 kHz | 75 kHz to 100 kHz |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 mV | 10 MΩ | 1 µV | 1450 Vpk (1mn max) | 1.5% ± 40D | 2.5% ± 40D | 3.5% ± 40D | 5% ± 40D | 7% ± 40D | 15% typ. ± 40D |

**MTX 3283**

| Range | Input impedance | Resolution | Protection | Accuracy 45 Hz to 1 kHz | 1 kHz to 4 kHz | 4 kHz to 20 kHz | 20 kHz to 50 kHz | 50 kHz to 75 kHz | 75 kHz to 100 kHz | 100 kHz to 200 kHz |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 mV (∗) | 1GΩ - 10MΩ | 1 µV | (1 mn max) | 0.5% ± 40D | 2.5% ± 40D | 3% ± 40D | 4% ± 40D | 5% ± 40D | 7% typ. ± 40D | 10% typ. ± 40D |
| 1000 mV | 10.5 MΩ | 10 µV | | | 1.5% ± 40D | 2.5%±40D | 3.5%±40D | 5% ± 40D | 8% typ. ± 40D | 20% typ. ± 40D |
| 10 V | 10.5 MΩ | 0.1 mV | 1450 Vpk | 0.3% ± 40D | 1% ± 40D | 2% ± 40D | 3% ± 40D | 5% ± 40D | 7% ± 40D | 10% ± 30D |
| 100 V (∗∗) | 10 MΩ | 1 mV | | 0.3% ± 40D | 1% ± 40D | 2% ± 40D | 3% ± 40D | 5% ± 40D | 7% ± 40D | 10% ± 30D |
| 1000 V (∗∗) | 10 MΩ | 10 mV | | 0.4% ± 40D | 1% ± 40D | 2% ± 40D | 3% ± 40D | 5% ± 40D | 7% ± 40D | 15% ± 40D |

### (∗) *In VAC mode*

| Range | Input impedance | Resolution | Protection | Accuracy 45 Hz to 400 Hz | 400 Hz to 4 kHz | 4 kHz to 20 kHz | 20 kHz to 50 kHz | 50 kHz to 75 kHz | 75 kHz to 100 kHz | 100 kHz to 200 kHz |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 mV | 10 MΩ | 5 µV | 1450 Vpk (1mn max) | 1.5% ± 40D | 3% ± 40D | 3.5%±40D | 4% ± 40D | 5% ± 40D | 7% typ. ± 40D | 10% typ. ± 40D |

# Technical specifications (cont'd)

*AC voltage*
*VAC and VAC+DC*
*TRMS*
*(cont'd)*

(**)   BP :   Freq [kHz] limited to :     15,000 / U applied [V]
                U applied [V] limited to : 15,000 / Freq [kHz]

☜ *Example* :   U applied = 1000 VAC ➜ max. frequency : 15,000 / 1000 = 15 kHz

In the presence of a continuous component :
            Additional error :  (UDC / U measured) x (0,7% + 70 D)

☜ *Example* : UDC = 2 V, U measured = 5 Vrms ➜ additional error : 0.28% + 28 D

Rejection: common mode > 80 dB at 50 Hz or 60 Hz depending on selection
Automatic or manual selection of ranges.
Protection by varistors.
Maximum permanent acceptable voltage: 1000 VACrms.
Specifications valid from:
20 to 100% of range in the   20 kHz to 200 kHz  **MTX 3283**  band,
                            20 kHz to 100 kHz **MTX 3282**
                            20 kHz to 50 kHz **MTX 3281**.

☞ ***As soon as the PEAK symbol is displayed, connect to AUTO PEAK :***
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Influence of peak factor on accuracy in VAC, VAC+DC at 50% of the range:
• 1% for a peak factor between 4,5 and 6
• 5% for a peak factor between 6 and 9

*DC voltage*
*VDC*

In "DC" mode, you measure the value of a DC voltage or the DC component of an AC voltage, once the filter is activated, see p. 14.

☞ ***The 100 mV range is present in MANUal mode only.***

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| Range | Input impedance | Resolution | Protection | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 mV (∗) | 10 MΩ / 1 GΩ | 1 µV | | 0.1% + 30D |
| 1000 mV | 20 MΩ / 1 GΩ | 10 µV | | |
| 10 V | 10.5 MΩ | 0.1 mV | 1450 Vpk | 0.1% + 8D |
| 100 V | 10 MΩ | 1.0 mV | | |
| 1000 V | 10 MΩ | 10 mV | | 0.2% + 8D |

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| Range | Input impedance | Resolution | Protection | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 mV (∗) | 10 MΩ / 1 GΩ | 1 µV | | 0.1% + 30D |
| 1000 mV | 20 MΩ / 1 GΩ | 10 µV | | 0.05% + 8D |
| 10 V | 10.5 MΩ | 0.1 mV | 1450 Vpk | 0.03% + 8D |
| 100 V | 10 MΩ | 1.0 mV | | |
| 1000 V | 10 MΩ | 10 mV | | 0.035% + 8D |

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| Range | Input impedance | Resolution | Protection | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 100 mV (∗) | 10 MΩ / 1 GΩ | 1 µV | | 0.1% + 30D |
| 1000 mV | 20 MΩ / 1 GΩ | 10 µV | | 0.05% + 8D |
| 10 V | 10.5 MΩ | 0.1 mV | 1450 Vpk | 0.02% + 8D |
| 100 V | 10 MΩ | 1.0 mV | | |
| 1000 V | 10 MΩ | 10 mV | | 0.03% + 8D |

(∗)  - Accuracy with filter (p. 14) and REL mode activated (Δ measurement).
     - Recovery after release of the protection (> 10 V) approx. 10 s.
     - Protection 1 min. max.

Specifications valid from 0 % to 100 % of the range

Rejection:  common mode:  > 120 dB with 50 Hz and 60 Hz acc. to selection
                serial mode:     >  60 dB with 50 Hz and 60 Hz acc. to selection

Automatic or manual selection of the ranges. Protection by varistors.

# Technical specifications (cont'd)

## Current measurement

*ADC current*    In "ADC" mode, you measure the value of a DC current or the DC component of an AC current.

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| Range | Input impedance | Resolution | Protection | Accuracy |
|-------|-----------------|------------|------------|----------|
| 1000 µA | approx. 170 Ω | 10 nA | | 0.1% + 15D |
| 10 mA | approx. 17 Ω | 100 nA | | 0.08% + 8D |
| 100 mA | approx. 1.7 Ω | 1 µA | 11 A 20 A < 30 s | |
| 1000 mA | approx. 0.17 Ω | 10 µA | | 0.15% + 8D |
| 10 A | approx. 0.03 Ω (∗) | 100 µA | | 0.5% + 15D |
| 100 A (∗∗) | | 1000 µA | | |

(∗) with the fuse delivered with the instrument
(∗∗) 100 A range limited to 20 A

Specifications valid from 0 % to 100 % of range

*AAC current, AAC+DC TRMS*    In "AAC" and "AAC+DC" modes, you measure the true RMS value of an AC current with/without its DC component (no capacitive coupling in "AC+DC" mode).

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| Range | Input impedance | Resol. | Protect. | Accuracy | | |
|-------|-----------------|--------|----------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | | | 45 Hz to 1 kHz | 1 kHz to 4 kHz | 4 kHz to 20 kHz |
| 1000 µA | approx. 170 Ω | 10 nA | | 1% ± 40D | | 5% ± 30D |
| 10 mA | approx. 17 Ω | 100 µA | | | 1.5% ± 30D | |
| 100 mA | approx. 1.7 Ω | 1 µA | 11 A 20A<30s | 1% ± 30D | | 3% ± 30D |
| 1000 mA | approx. 0.17 Ω | 10 µA | | | | |
| 10 A | approx. 0.03 Ω (*) | 100 µA | | 1.5% ± 30D | 3% ± 30D | 5% ± 30D |
| 100 A (∗∗) | | 1000 µA | | 2.5% ± 30D | | |

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| Range | Input impedance | Resolution | Protection | Accuracy | | | |
|-------|-----------------|------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | | | 45 Hz to 1 kHz | 1 kHz to 4 kHz | 4 kHz to 20 kHz | 20 to 50 kHz |
| 1000 µA | approx. 170 Ω | 10 nA | | 0.5% ± 40D | 1% ± 30D | 5% ± 30D | - |
| 10 mA | approx. 17 Ω | 0.1 µA | | | | | 5% ± 30D |
| 100 mA | approx. 1.7 Ω | 1 µA | 11 A 20A < 30s | 0.3% ± 30D | 1.5% ± 30D | 3% ± 30D | |
| 1000 mA | approx. 0.17Ω | 10 µA | | | | | |
| 10 A | approx. 0.03Ω (*) | 100 µA | | 1.5% ± 30D | 2% ± 30D | | - |
| 100 A (∗∗) | | 1000 µA | | 2.5% ± 30D | | | |

(∗) with the fuse delivered with the instrument
(∗) 100 A range limited to 20 A

In presence of a continuous component :
     additional error :  (I DC / I measured) x (0,7% + 70 D)

⚠️ ***A max. overload of 20 A is acceptable for 30 s max. with a pause of 5 min at least between each measurement.***

***From 7 A, the measurement is limited to an ambient temperature of 40℃ and a period of 1h30 with a pause of 15 min at least between each measurement.***

Specifications valid from 10% to 100% of range for sinusoidal current.
Protection       1000 Vrms by ceramic HRC type fuse
Fuse       1000 V, 11 A > 20 kA Cos φ > 0.9 (10 x 38 mm)

**MTX 3282**   **MTX 3283**    ☝ ***As soon as the PEAK symbol appears, switch to AUTO PEAK mode*** :

mA and µA range:
Additional error of 2% for a peak factor between 4.5 and 6
Additional error of 15% for a peak factor between 6 and 9
10 A range:
Zero up to peak factor of 6.

Voltage drop:             10 A     < 400 mV
1 mA       ≈ 160 mV     10 mA   ≈ 180 mV
100 mA      ≈ 180 mV     1000 mA ≈ 300 mV

# Technical specifications (cont'd)

**Frequency measurement**

*Main frequency (Hz)*

In this position, you measure the frequency of a voltage.
*AC Signals*

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| Range | Resolution | Protection | Accuracy |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0.8 to 10 Hz | 0.0001 Hz | | |
| 10 to 100 Hz | 0.001 Hz | | |
| 100 to 1000 Hz | 0.01 Hz | | |
| 1000 Hz to 10 kHz | 0.1 Hz | 1450 Vpk | 0.02 % ± 8D |
| 10 to 100 kHz | 1 Hz | | |
| 100 to 1000 kHz | 10 Hz | | |
| 1 MHz to 2 MHz | 100 Hz | | |

| Range | Sensitivity (applicable on rectangular signals only) | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 100 mV | 1 V | 10 V | 100 V | 1000 V |
| 0.8 Hz to 10 Hz | 15 % of range | 25 % of range | 15 % of range | 15 % of range | 15 % of range |
| 10 Hz to 100 kHz | 10 % of range | 20 % of range | 10 % of range | 10 % of range | 10 % of range (∗) |
| 100 to 500 kHz | (∗∗) | 20 % of range | typ. 20 % of range | 20 % of range (∗) | 20 % of range (∗) |
| 500 to 1000 kHz | - | - | typ. 30 % of range | - | - |
| 1 MHz to 2 MHz | | | typ. 50 % of range | | |

(∗) Freq [kHz] limited to:  15,000 / U applied [V]
   U applied [V] limited to:  15,000 / Freq [kHz]
(∗∗) limited to 200 kHz
The measurement is performed by capacitive coupling.

Selection of the manual frequency range < 900 kHz (default) or > 900 kHz,

 via a short pressing of the key *opposite*.

Selection of voltage range in manual mode possible, via a long pressing of the key *opposite*.

Input resistance: ≈ 10 MΩ (Freq < 100 Hz)
Maximum permanent acceptable voltage: 1000 Vrms. See (∗).
Protection by varistors at the voltage input

*Parallel voltage or current or frequency (secondary function)*

You measure the frequency and value of a voltage or a current.

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| Range | Accuracy | Resolution | Admissible overload |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0.8 to 10 Hz | | 0.001 Hz | |
| 10 to 100 Hz | | 0.01 Hz | |
| 100 to 1000 Hz | 0.02 % + 8D | 0.1 Hz | 1450 Vdc (1 min max.) on 500 mV range |
| 1000 to 10 kHz | | 1 Hz | |
| 10 to 100 kHz | | 10 Hz | |
| 100 to 200 kHz | | 100 Hz | |

| Range | Sensitivity (applicable on rectangular signals only) Vrms | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 100 mV | 1 V | 10 V to 1000 V (∗) | 1000 µA to 20 A (∗∗) |
| 0.8 Hz to 5 kHz | 15 % of range | 20 % of range | 15 % of range | 20 % of range |
| 5 kHz to 50 kHz | 10 % of range | 20 % of range | 10 % of range | 20 % of range |
| 50 kHz to 100 kHz | 15 % of range | 25 % of range | 15 % of range | - |
| 100 kHz to 200 kHz | - | 30 % of range | 30 % of range | |

(∗) Freq limited to [kHz]:  15,000 / U applied [V]
   U applied [V] limited to [V]:  15,000 [V ∗ kHz] / Freq [kHz]
(∗∗) limited to 20 kHz **MTX 3281** ; at 50 kHz **MTX 3282, MTX 3283** for the "Ampere" range

Measurement is performed by capacitive coupling
Input resistance: ≈ 10 MΩ  (Freq < 100 Hz)
Protection by varistors at voltage input

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# Technical specifications (cont'd)

**Resistance measurement (Ω)**

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In this position, you measure the value of a resistance.

| Range | Accuracy | Resolution | Protection |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1000 Ω | | 10 mΩ | |
| 10 kΩ | | 100 mΩ | |
| 100 kΩ | 0.1 % + 8D | 1 Ω | |
| 1000 kΩ | | 10 Ω | 1000 Vrms |
| 10 MΩ | 0.5 % + 8D | 100 Ω | |
| 50 MΩ | 2 % + 8D | 1 kΩ | |

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| Range | Accuracy | Resolution | Protection |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 000 Ω | 0.1 % + 8D | 10 mΩ | |
| 10 kΩ | | 100 mΩ | |
| 100 kΩ | 0.07 % + 8D | 1 Ω | |
| 1000 kΩ | | 10 Ω | 1000 Vrms |
| 10 MΩ | 0.5 % + 8D | 100 Ω | |
| 50 MΩ | 2 % + 8D | 1 kΩ | |

Automatic/manual range selection
"Active" protection via CTP thermistor
Measurement voltage: ca. 1.2 V

Maximum voltage developed on open circuit:  4 V typ

☝ *In range 50 MΩ, in order to avoid the influence of the network and to guarantee the given specifications, it is advised to disconnect the multimeter from Wall Plug.*

☝ *For measurements higher than 10 MΩ, a shielded cable is recommended.*
*For a 2 wire-link, use very short wires (< 25 cm) and twist them.*

**Continuity Mode** (♪)

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On this position, you can measure the value of a resistance up to 1000 Ω, with steady audio indication at 2 kHz.

| Range | Accuracy | Measuring current | Resolution | Protection |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beeper | 0.1% + 8D | approx. 0.4 mA | 100 mΩ | 1000 Vrms |

Detection threshold in continuity mode ≈ 120 Ω (response time ≈ 5 ms).
"Active" protection via CTP thermistor.
Maximum voltage on open circuit: 4 V max, 2 V typ.

**Diode Test ( ▶|— )**

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**MTX 3282**
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Indication of junction voltage in the direction from 0 to 2.6 V in a single range (10 V range)

| | |
|---|---|
| Accuracy | 2 % ± 30 D |
| Resolution | 0.1 mV |
| Measuring current | < 1 mA |
| Maximum voltage developed on open circuit | 4 V max. |
| "Exceeded" indication | in reverse direction |
| "Active" protection by CTP thermistor | 1000 Vrms |

# Technical specifications (cont'd)

**Capacitance measurement ( ⊣⊢ )**

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In this position, you can measure the value of a capacitor.

| Range | Accuracy | Resolution | Measurement time | Protection |
|-------|----------|------------|------------------|------------|
| 10 nF (∗) | 1 % + 10D | 10 pF | < 0,2 s | |
| 100 nF | | 100 pF | < 0,5 s | |
| 1000 nF | 1 % + 5D | 1 nF | | |
| 10 µF | | 10 nF | < 2 s | 1000 Veff. |
| 100 µF | | 100 nF | | |
| 1000 µF | 1 % + 15D | 1 µF | ≈ 5 s/mF | |
| 10 mF | 1.5 % + 15D | 10 µF | | |

(∗) Use the REL function for values < 10 % of range to reset to residual zero (compensation of the test lead capacity)

Resolution of 1000 points.
Automatic/manual range selection.
"Active" protection by CTP thermistor.
Maximum voltage delivered on open circuit: 1 V typ. / 4 V max.

☞ *For measurements lower than 10 nF, a shielded cable is recommended.*
*For a 2 wire-link, use very short wires (< 25 cm) and twist them.*

**Temperature measurement with Pt 100 or Pt 1000**

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In this position, you measure a temperature via a Pt 100 or Pt 1000 sensor.

| Range | Measuring current | Resolution | Accuracy | Protection |
|-------|-------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| - 125℃ to + 75℃ | < 0.8 mA  (Pt 100)<br>< 0.5 mA  (Pt 1000) | 0.1℃  ≡ 2µV | ± 0.5℃ | 1000 Vrms |
| - 200℃ to + 800℃ | < 0.8 mA  (Pt 100)<br>< 0.5 mA  (Pt 1000) | | 0,1 % ± 1℃<br>0,07 % ± 1℃ | |

"Active" protection by CTP thermistor
Display in ℃ (Celsius) / K (Kelvin) / ℉ (Fahrenheit) possible

☞ *In Temperature measurement, it is possible to modify the scale of the graphic window with the keys* ▯▯ *. The selected scale is recalled in the help line* ⓘ.

**Temperature measurement with thermocouple J or K**

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In this position, you measure the temperature via a thermocouple:

Thermocouple K            from -40℃ to +1200℃
Thermocouple J            from -40℃ to +750℃
Internal measurement accuracy      ± 3℃ ± 0.1% range ( -10℃ to 55℃)

Reference temp. accuracy         ± 3℃ / typical value
Type of thermocouple             J and K

The multimeter needs 60' to adapt to the ambient temperature.

**dBm measurement (power decibels)**

MTX 3283

Display of measurement in **dBm** in relation to a resistance reference (**dBm REF**) adjustable from 1 Ω to 10,000 Ω, factory set at 600 Ω.

Resolution                      0.01 dB
Absolute error in dB           0.09 x $V_{AC}$ relative error expressed in %
Additional calculation error     0.01 dB
Measuring range              10 mV to 1000 V
Protection                       1000 Vrms

**dB measurement (voltage decibels)**

MTX 3283

Display of measurement in **dB** with the value measured (V ref) at activation of the mode as voltage reference.

Resolution                      0.01 dB
Absolute error in dB           0.09 x $V_{AC}$ relative error expressed in %
Additional calculation error     0.01 dB
Measuring range              10 mV to 1000 V
Protection                       1000 Vrms

# Technical specifications (cont'd)

**Peak measurement**
**Pk+**
**Pk-**

| Secondary values | Peak ranges | Additional error | Protection |
|---|---|---|---|
| Peak V    t > 250 µs | 100 mV to 1000 V | 3% ± 50D | 1000 Vrms or 10 Arms |
| Peak A    t > 250 µs | 1000 µA to 20 A | 4% ± 50D | |

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Specifications valid from 20 % of the range in A, 10 % of the range in V
The value of the peak factor results from calculation: (Pk+ - Pk-) / 2 x Vrms
Additional error for 250 µs < t < 500 µs : 3 %

Measurement zero reset : by pressing the key ⏺.

**SURV Function**
**(MIN, MAX, AVG)**

Accuracy and rate: id. specifications Volt and Ampere measurements
**MTX 3281, MTX 3282, MTX 3283**

**Resistive power W**

Display of measurement in relative power in relation to a resistance reference
(**W REF**) adjustable from 1 to 10,000 Ω, factory-adjusted to 50 Ω.
The function performed is:    (measured voltage)$^2$ / W REF (unit W)
                               (measured current)$^2$ ∗ W REF(unit W)
Ranges                         DC and AC
Resolution                     100 µW
Accuracy                       2 x accuracy in VDC or VAC (in %)
Protection                     1000 Vrms

**Power calculation**
**V x A**

In AC and AC+DC voltage measurement :  this calculation is limited to 400 Hz
The current measurement is always performed in AC+DC.

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Accuracy (typical) : V measurement accuracy + Peak A measurement accuracy

☝ *The connection on the COM input must be short and of large diameter, in order to limit the voltage drop which influences Volt measurement.*
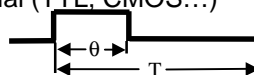
**Duty ratio**
**DC+** ⊓
**DC-** ⊔

Display of the measurement in % of a logic signal (TTL, CMOS…)

DC+ Duty ratio ⊓              = θ
DC- Duty ratio ⊔              = T - θ

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Resolution                    0.01%
Minimum duration for θ        10 µs
Maximum duration for T        0.8 s
Minimum duration for T        200 µs
Nominal range                 5 to 90% typical
Sensitivity (10 V range)      > 30% of the Freq range < 1 kHz
                              > 50% of the Freq range > 1 kHz

Absolute error on the duty
ratio, expressed in absolute %     0.05% + 0.0001 / T [t in s] Freq < 1 kHz
                                   0.1% + 0.0005 / T [t in s] Freq > 1 kHz
Additional absolute error          0.1 x C/P
(slope at switching to zero)       C = range in V or in A
                                   (for range 1000 V, C = 5000)
                                   P = slope in V/s, A/s
Protection                         1000 Vrms

**Pulse counting**
**CNT+** ⊓
**CNT-** ⊔

Depending on triggering conditions of frequency meter.
Minimum pulse duration        5 µs
Counting up to                99999
Triggering threshold          10 % of range except range 1000 VAC

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This threshold is:            positive in ⊓, negative in ⊔

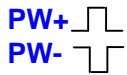Counter reset to zero         by pressing the key ⏺.

☝ *For negative events, reverse the cables.*

# Technical specifications (cont'd)

**Pulse width**
**PW+** ⎍
**PW-** ⎑

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Depending on triggering conditions of frequency meter.

| | |
|---|---|
| Resolution | 10 µs |
| Minimum pulse width | 100 µs |
| Accuracy | 0.05% ± 10 µs |
| Maximum period duration | 12.5 s |
| Triggering threshold | 20 % of range except range 1000 VAC |

This threshold is positive in ⎍, negative in ⎑.
Additional error on measurement caused by slope when crossing zero: see §.
Measurement of duty ratio.

☞ *For negative events, cross the cables.*

**Clock**

| **MTX 3281** | Relative time with reset to zero at each powering up |
|---|---|
| **MTX 3282, MTX 3283** | Real-time clock |
| Accuracy | ≈ 30 s / month: real-time clock deviation |
| Display | date - month - year / hour - minute - second |

**Influences**

- Specifications of the accuracy in the field of utilization:

    Typical specifications = SPEC (1 + 0,05 $\Delta$ t ℃)

    Specification of the considered measurement. Values given p. 33 to 38.
    $\Delta$ T: difference between ambient temperature and input terminal nearest to the field of reference.

    ✍ *Example :* temperature : 38℃     DC measurement : 0,02 % + 8 D
    $\Delta$ t ℃ = 38 - 28 = 10℃
    SPEC  (38℃)   = (0,02 % + 8 D) (1 + 0,05 $*$ 10)
                    = 0,03 % + 12 D

- Electric field under 3 V/m : 1 per thousand at full scale. This influence does not depend on the temperature.

**Multimeter traceability, Calibration**

**(refer to §. Maintenance, Metrological verification)**

In the « **General settings** », the menu **Traceability** opens a file with multimeter up-datings :

TRACEABILITY

Model No. :       3283

Serial No. :       10010110
Firmware Vers. : 1.00
Hardware Vers. : C

CALIBRATION

Last Cal. :
   27/11/2005     10:08:25
Next Cal. :
   27/11/2006     10:08:25

- Model
- Serial No
- Firmware Version
- Hardware Version
- Last Calibration
- Next Calibration

☞ *A periodic calibration (once a year) of the multimeter is necessary to guarantee the given specification.*

# General characteristics

**Environmental Conditions**

| | |
|---|---|
| Altitude | < 2000 m |
| Reference temperature | 23℃ ± 5℃ |
| Utilization temperature | 0℃ to 55℃ |
| Influence of temperature see §. | Influence |
| Relative humidity | 0 % to 80 % at 0℃ to 35℃ |
| | 0 % to 70 % at 35℃ to 45℃ |
| | limited to 70 % for the 50 MΩ range |
| Sealing | IP 40 (EN 60529) |
| Operating range | - 10℃ to 55℃ |
| Storage range | - 40℃ to 70℃ |

**Power supply**

**MTX 3281**

2 possibilities:
- Batteries — 3 x 1.5 V alkaline LR6-AM3 AA
- Accumulators — 3 x 1.2 V  Ni-MH 2200 mAh AA

**MTX 3282**
**MTX 3283**

3 possibilities:
- Batteries — 3 x 1,5 V alkaline LR6-AM3 AA
- Accumulators — 3 x 1.2 V  Ni-MH 2200 mAh AA
- Wall Plug power unit:
  - Mains voltage — 230 V ± 10% or 110 V ± 10%
  - Overvoltage category — CAT II
  - Frequency — 45 Hz - 65 Hz

Via the power supply, the accumulators can be recharged without removing them from the multimeter.

Charging period: from 12 to 15 h (with 2200 mAh accumulators)

***Endurance***

- with batteries — 80 h (VDC mode)

- with 2200 mAh accumulators — approximately 65 h (VDC mode)

In case of intermittent use of the multimeter, powering by Ni-MH cells is not recommended: this type of cell has an self-discharge rate of 100 % after 3 months of non-use.

☞ ***Endurances are reduced if the LCD backlight and/or the Bluetooth communications interface is used."***

**Display**

| | |
|---|---|
| Graphic LCD | useful part 58 x 58 mm |
| | orientable, backlit, transflective |
| | improvement of contrast in full light |
| Main display | 100,000 points + sign + curve adaptive |
| | units + bargraph (40 segments) |
| | indicators of modes engaged |
| | battery level indicator,   dangerous voltage |
| | indicator… |
| Secondary display | secondary functions with adapted units |

# General characteristics (cont'd)

**Safety**

As per CEI 61010-1 Ed. 2 (2001):

- Insulation                  class 2
- Degree of pollution       2
- Utilisation               interior
- Altitude                  < 2000 m
- Measurement category
  of "measurement" inputs    CAT III, 1000 V in relation to earth
- Measurement category
  of "measurement" inputs"   CAT IV, 600 V in relation to earth

**EMC**

This device was designed in accordance with EMC standards in force and its compatibility was tested in accordance with the following standards:

- Emission (cl. A) and Immunity NF EN 61326-1 (1997) ; A1 (1998); A2 (2001)
- Max. influence in presence
  of radiated fields         See §. Influences

**RS232-DB9F or USB optical cables (options)**

The optical interface ensures insulation in relation to the connected peripheral (PC) for the transfer of data or for remote control of the multimeter.

RS232 communication interface parameters:

Transmission speed: 9600 / 19,200 / 38,400 Bauds/s

☞ *The other transmission parameters are set (8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity).*

USB communication interface: delivered with installation software.

**Bluetooth (-BT version only)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Transmission speed | 38.4 kbit/s |
| Sensitivity | -90 dBm |
| Max. power | 20 dBm (100 mW) |
| Max. distance | ca. 100 m |
| Battery life | ca. 40 h (VDC mode) with alkaline batteries |

# Mechanical characteristics

**Casing**

- Dimensions     87.8 x 265.5 x 107.5 in mm (open position)
                    87.8 x 187 x 48.6 in mm (casing closed)
- Weight          0.450 kg approximately
- Materials       ABS VO (auto-extinguishing) and PC VO external protective moulding in thermoplastic rubber : SEBS
- Sealing         IP 40 (EN 60529)

**Packaging**

- Dimensions

  MTX 3281         240 (L) x 158 (W) x 65 (H) in mm

  MTX 3282, MTX 3283   297 (L) x 158 (W) x 60 (H) in mm

# Supply

**Delivered with the instrument**

**MTX 3281**
- Quick Check Guide (bilingual Fr - En)
- Set of 3 batteries 1.5 V alkaline LR6-AM3
- Set of PVC test leads - 4 mm safety touch prods

**MTX 3282**
- Quick Check Guide (bilingual Fr - En)
- Set of 3 accumulators 1.2 V Ni-MH 2200 mAh
- Wall Plug power/charger unit
- Set of silicon test leads - 4 mm safety touch prods

**MTX 3283**
- Quick Check Guide (bilingual Fr - En)
- Set of 3 accumulators 1.2 V Ni-MH 2200 mAh
- Wall Plug power/charger unit
- Set of silicon test leads - 4 mm safety touch prods

**Supplement delivered with versions**

**MTX 328I-COM**
**MTX 3282-COM**
**MTX 3283-COM**
- Acquisition software kit:
   - "Data Viewer" Acquisition software for PC
   - RS232-DB9F Optical cable

**Optional Accessories**
- Calibration software of the **MTX 328x range**     HX0059
- Acquisition software kit:     HX0050
   - "Data Viewer" Acquisition software
   - RS232-DB9F Optical cable
- External charger for NiMH cells     HX0053
- USB Optical cable + installation software     HX0056
- Adapter + K thermocouple     P06239306
- Ammeter clamps:

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **MN 08 or 09** | 0.5 to 240 AAC | ratio 1000 /1 | 40 Hz to 10 kHz | P01120401 or 02 |
| **C100 or 103** | 0.1 to 1200 AAC | ratio 1000 /1 | 30 Hz to 10 kHz | P01120301 or 03 |
| **Ampflex** | 0.5 to 2000 AAC | 1 mV/A | 10 Hz to 20 kHz | P01120504 |
| **MN 73** | 0.01 to 240 AAC | 1mA/mV or 1A/10mV | 40 Hz to 10 kHz | P01120421 |
| **K2** | 0.1 to 450 mADC | 1 mA/10 mV | DC - 1.5 kHz | P01120074 |
| **E6N** | 0.005 to 80 AAC/DC | 1 A/1 V or 1 A/10 mV | DC - 8 kHz | P01120040A |
| **PAC21** | 0.2 to 1400 AAC/DC | 1 A/10 mV or 1 A/1 mV | DC - 10 kHz | P01120069 |

- "2 hands free" Transport Kit     HX0052
- Set of 3 1.2 V Ni-MH cells     HX0051
- PC Adapter USB/RS232     HX0055
- PC Adapter USB/BLUETOOTH     P01637301
- USB optical cable     HX0056
- Temperature sensor Pt 1000     HA1263

*Spare parts*
- Fuse 1000 V, 11 A, 10 x 38 mm, 20 kA     541171
- Wall Plug power unit     X02666
- Set of test leads - safety touch prods     AG1064
- Optical cable RS232-DB9F     X02736

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