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High Precision & Resolution Handheld Digital Multimeter with Stand

1. Introduction

This manual provides comprehensive instructions for the safe and effective use of the Eclipse MT-1232 Digital Multimeter. The MT-1232 is a high-precision, high-resolution handheld digital multimeter designed for measuring various electrical parameters. It features both auto and manual ranging capabilities, an LCD display for clear readings, stable performance, and high reliability. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating the device.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNING: To avoid electric shock or personal injury, and to avoid damage to the meter or to the equipment under test, observe the following safety rules:

- Always ensure the meter is in good working condition before use.
- Do not apply more than the rated voltage, as marked on the meter, between terminals or between any terminal and earth ground. The MT-1232 is rated CAT II 600V.
- Use caution when working with voltages above 30V AC RMS, 42V peak, or 60V DC. Such voltages pose a shock hazard.
- Always disconnect the test leads from the circuit before changing functions.
- Do not use the meter if the test leads are damaged or if the meter itself appears damaged.
- Ensure the battery compartment cover is securely closed before operation.
- Do not operate the meter in explosive gas, vapor, or dust environments.
- Use the proper terminals, function, and range for your measurements.

3. PRODUCT FEATURES

- High resolution and high precision measurements.
- Both auto and manual ranging capabilities.
- Equipped with an LCD display for clear reading.
- · Stable performance and high reliability.

- Includes a built-in support stand for convenient viewing.
- Auto Power Off function to conserve battery life.

4. COMPONENT IDENTIFICATION



Figure 1: Front view of the Eclipse MT-1232 Digital Multimeter.

This image displays the front panel of the Eclipse MT-1232 Digital Multimeter. It features a large LCD screen at the top, a central rotary function switch, and three input jacks at the bottom for test leads. The display shows '059.0 mV' and indicates 'AUTO POWER OFF'. Buttons for 'HOLD', 'REL', and 'RANGE' are visible below the display. The rotary switch includes settings for DC/AC Voltage, Resistance, Continuity, Diode, Frequency, DC/AC Current (mA, 10A), and Temperature (°C). The input jacks are labeled '10A', 'COM', and 'VΩmA'.

- 1. **LCD Display:** Shows measurement readings, units, and function indicators.
- 2. **Function Rotary Switch:** Used to select the desired measurement function (e.g., VDC, VAC, Ω , A, °C, Diode, Continuity, Hz).
- 3. HOLD Button: Freezes the current display reading.
- 4. **REL Button:** Activates the relative measurement mode.
- 5. **RANGE Button:** Toggles between auto-ranging and manual-ranging modes.
- 6. Hz/% Button: Selects frequency or duty cycle measurement.

- 7. **10A Input Jack:** For current measurements up to 10 Amperes.
- 8. **COM Input Jack:** Common (negative) terminal for all measurements.
- 9. **VΩmA Input Jack:** For voltage, resistance, capacitance, frequency, diode, continuity, and current measurements up to 400mA.

5. SETUP

5.1 Battery Installation

- 1. Ensure the multimeter is turned OFF.
- 2. Locate the battery compartment cover on the back of the unit.
- 3. Unscrew the retaining screw(s) and remove the cover.
- 4. Insert a new 9V battery, observing the correct polarity (+ and -).
- 5. Replace the battery compartment cover and secure it with the screw(s).

5.2 Connecting Test Leads

- 1. Insert the black test lead into the COM (common) input jack.
- 2. For most measurements (voltage, resistance, continuity, diode, frequency, temperature, and current up to 400mA), insert the red test lead into the $V\Omega mA$ input jack.
- 3. For high current measurements (up to 10A), insert the red test lead into the 10A input jack.

6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Power On/Off

Turn the rotary switch from the OFF position to any desired function to power on the meter. To power off, turn the rotary switch back to the OFF position. The meter also features an Auto Power Off function to conserve battery life, which will activate after a period of inactivity.

6.2 Measuring DC Voltage (VDC)

- 1. Set the rotary switch to the V position (DC voltage symbol).
- 2. Connect the black test lead to the **COM** jack and the red test lead to the **V\OmegamA** jack.
- 3. Connect the test leads across the component or circuit to be measured, observing polarity.
- 4. Read the voltage value on the LCD display.

6.3 Measuring AC Voltage (VAC)

- 1. Set the rotary switch to the V~ position (AC voltage symbol).
- 2. Connect the black test lead to the COM jack and the red test lead to the $V\Omega mA$ jack.
- 3. Connect the test leads across the component or circuit to be measured.
- 4. Read the voltage value on the LCD display.

6.4 Measuring Resistance (Ω)

- 1. Set the rotary switch to the Ω position.
- 2. Connect the black test lead to the COM jack and the red test lead to the $V\Omega mA$ jack.
- 3. Ensure the circuit is de-energized before measuring resistance.
- 4. Connect the test leads across the component to be measured.

5. Read the resistance value on the LCD display.

6.5 Continuity Test

- 1. Set the rotary switch to the Ω position and press the SELECT button if necessary to cycle to continuity mode (indicated by a buzzer symbol).
- 2. Connect the black test lead to the COM jack and the red test lead to the $V\Omega mA$ jack.
- 3. Ensure the circuit is de-energized.
- 4. Touch the test probes to the two points of the circuit to be tested.
- 5. If continuity exists (low resistance), the buzzer will sound. The display will show the resistance value.

6.6 Diode Test

- 1. Set the rotary switch to the Ω position and press the SELECT button if necessary to cycle to diode test mode (indicated by a diode symbol).
- 2. Connect the black test lead to the **COM** jack and the red test lead to the **V\OmegamA** jack.
- 3. Ensure the diode is disconnected from the circuit.
- 4. Connect the red test lead to the anode and the black test lead to the cathode of the diode. The display will show the forward voltage drop.
- 5. Reverse the test leads. The display should show 'OL' (Open Loop) for a good diode.

6.7 Measuring DC/AC Current (A/mA)

- 1. **IMPORTANT:** Disconnect power to the circuit before making current measurements.
- 2. Determine if the current is DC or AC.
- 3. For current up to 400mA, set the rotary switch to themA position (DC or AC symbol). For current up to 10A, set the rotary switch to the 10A position (DC or AC symbol).
- 4. Connect the black test lead to the COM jack.
- 5. For mA measurements, connect the red test lead to the **VΩmA** jack. For 10A measurements, connect the red test lead to the **10A** jack.
- 6. Break the circuit and connect the meter in series with the load.
- 7. Apply power to the circuit.
- 8. Read the current value on the LCD display.
- 9. After measurement, disconnect power, remove the meter from the circuit, and restore the circuit.

6.8 Measuring Frequency (Hz) / Duty Cycle (%)

- 1. Set the rotary switch to the Hz/% position.
- 2. Connect the black test lead to the $\pmb{\mathsf{COM}}$ jack and the red test lead to the $\pmb{\mathsf{V}\Omega\mathsf{m}A}$ jack.
- 3. Connect the test leads across the signal source.
- 4. Press the Hz/% button to toggle between frequency and duty cycle measurements.
- 5. Read the value on the LCD display.

6.9 Measuring Temperature (°C)

Note: This function requires a K-type thermocouple probe (not included with all models).

- 1. Set the rotary switch to the °C position.
- 2. Connect the K-type thermocouple probe to the $V\Omega mA$ and COM jacks, observing polarity.
- 3. Place the tip of the thermocouple on or in the object whose temperature is to be measured.

4. Read the temperature value on the LCD display.

7. MAINTENANCE

7.1 Cleaning

Wipe the meter with a damp cloth and mild detergent. Do not use abrasives or solvents. Keep the display clean and dry.

7.2 Battery Replacement

When the battery symbol appears on the LCD, the battery needs to be replaced. Follow the instructions in Section 5.1 Battery Installation.

7.3 Fuse Replacement

If the current measurement function does not work, the fuse may be blown. Refer to the specifications for the correct fuse type and rating. Fuse replacement should only be performed by qualified personnel. Disconnect test leads and power before opening the case.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

- No display or faint display: Check battery level and replace if necessary. Ensure battery is installed with correct polarity.
- **Incorrect readings:** Verify the correct function and range are selected. Check test lead connections. Ensure the circuit is de-energized for resistance/continuity measurements.
- Current measurement not working: Check the fuse. Ensure test leads are connected to the correct current input jack (mA or 10A).
- 'OL' (Overload) displayed: The measured value exceeds the selected range. Switch to a higher range or a different function if appropriate.

9. Specifications

Specification	Value
Model Number	MT-1232
Brand	Eclipse
Measurement Type	Multimeter
Power Source	Battery Powered (9V, typical)
Item Weight	0.2 Pounds (approx. 3.2 ounces)
Safety Rating	CAT II 600V
Display	LCD
Ranging	Auto and Manual

10. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The Eclipse MT-1232 Digital Multimeter is designed for reliability and performance. For warranty information or technical support, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or contact Eclipse customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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