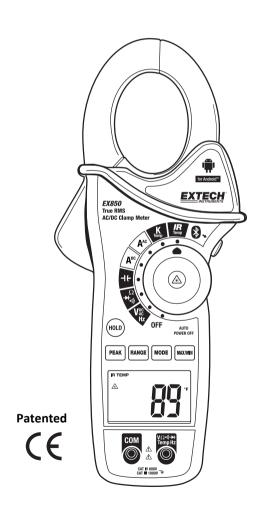




# Extech EX850

# **True RMS 1000 Amp Clamp Meter**

Bluetooth<sup>™</sup> and Android<sup>™</sup> ready



### Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the Extech EX850 CAT IV True RMS 1000A Clamp Meter. This meter includes a Bluetooth<sup>TM</sup> module and is Android<sup>TM</sup> ready. The EX850 measurement functions include AC/DC Voltage, AC/DC Current, Resistance, Capacitance, Frequency, Duty Cycle, Diode Test, Continuity, Type k thermocouple thermometer plus Non-Contact IR Temperature. Proper use and care of this meter will provide many years of reliable service. Visit <a href="www.extech.com">www.extech.com</a> for more information.

# Safety

### **International Safety Symbols**



This symbol, adjacent to another symbol or terminal, indicates the user must refer to the manual for further information.



This symbol, adjacent to a terminal, indicates that, under normal use, hazardous voltages may be present



Double insulation

#### SAFETY NOTES

- Do not exceed the maximum allowable input range of any function.
- Do not apply voltage to meter when resistance function is selected.
- Set the function switch OFF when the meter is not in use.
- Remove the battery if meter is to be stored for longer than 60 days.

#### WARNINGS

- Set function switch to the appropriate position before measuring.
- When measuring volts do not switch to current/resistance modes.
- Do not measure current on a circuit whose voltage exceeds 600V.
- When changing ranges always disconnect the test leads from the circuit under test.

Function	Maximum Input
A AC, ADC	1000A DC/AC
V DC, V AC	1000V DC/AC
Resistance, Capacitance, Frequency, Diode Test	250V DC/AC
Type K Temperature	60V DC, 24V AC

#### **CAUTIONS**

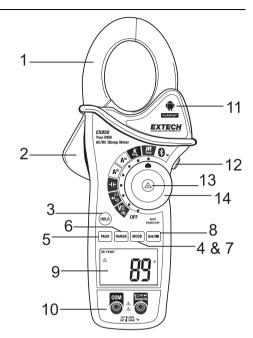
- Improper use of this meter can cause damage, shock, injury or death. Read and understand this user manual before operating the meter.
- Always remove the test leads before replacing the battery or fuses.
- Inspect the condition of the test leads and the meter itself for any damage before operating the meter. Repair or replace any damage before use.
- Use great care when making measurements if the voltages are greater than 25VAC rms or 35VDC. These voltages are considered a shock hazard.
- Always discharge capacitors and remove power from the device under test before performing Diode, Resistance or Continuity tests.
- Voltage checks on electrical outlets can be difficult and misleading because of the
  uncertainty of connection to the recessed electrical contacts. Other means should be used
  to ensure that the terminals are not "live".
- If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.
- This device is not a toy and must not reach children's hands. It contains hazardous objects
  as well as small parts that the children could swallow. In case a child swallows any of them,
  please contact a physician immediately
- Do not leave batteries and packing material lying around unattended; they can be dangerous for children if they use them as toys
- In case the device is going to be unused for an extended period of time, remove the batteries to prevent them from draining
- Expired or damaged batteries can cause cauterization on contact with the skin. Always, therefore, use suitable hand gloves in such cases
- See that the batteries are not short-circuited. Do not throw batteries into the fire.
- Do not directly view or direct the laser pointer at an eye. Low power visible lasers do not normally present a hazard, but may present some potential for hazard if viewed directly for extended periods of time



# Description

### **Meter Description**

- 1. Current clamp
- 2. Clamp opening trigger
- 3. Data Hold Button
- Mode
- 5. Peak
- 6. Range
- 7. DCA Zero
- 8. MIN/MAX
- 9. Backlit LCD Display
- 10. Test lead input jacks
- 11. IR thermometer and laser pointer (rear)
- 12. Bluetooth SEND/Backlight Button
- 13. Laser pointer button
- 14. Function switch



# **Display icons Description**

HOLD Data Hold

Minus sign Negative reading display 0 to 3999 Measurement display digits

ZERO Zero P Peak value

AUTO Auto Range mode

DC/AC Direct / Alternating Current

MAX Max reading
MIN Min reading
Low battery

mV or V Milli-volts or Volts (Voltage)

Ω Ohms (Resistance)
 A Amperes (Current)
 F Farad (Capacitance)
 Hz Hertz (Frequency)

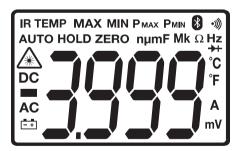
°F and °C Fahrenheit and Celsius units (Temperature)

n, m, μ, M, k Unit of measure prefixes: nano, milli, micro, mega, and kilo

●))) Continuity test
Diode test

Laser pointer





# **Operation**

**NOTES**: Read and understand all **Warning** and **Caution** statements in this operation manual prior to using this meter. Set the function select switch to the OFF position when the meter is not in use.

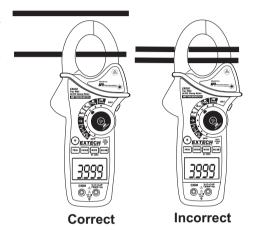
#### **AC Current Measurements**

**WARNING:** Ensure that the test leads are disconnected from the meter before making current clamp measurements.

- Set the Function switch to the AAC or ADC range
- 2. Press the trigger to open the jaw. Fully enclose only one conductor. For optimum results, center the conductor in the jaw.
- 3. The clamp meter LCD will display the reading.

#### **DCA ZERO**

The DC Zero feature removes offset values and improves accuracy for DC current measurements. To perform a zero, select ADC and with no conductor in the jaw:



- Press the DC ZERO button to zero the display. "ZERO" will appear in the display. The offset value is now stored and remo ved from all measurements.
- To view the stored value, press the DC ZERO button. "ZERO" will flash and the stored value will be displayed.
- 3. To exit this mode, press and Hold the **ZERO** button until "**ZERO**" is no longer in the display.

## **AC/DC Voltage Measurements**

- Insert the black test lead into the negative COM terminal and the red test lead into the positive V terminal.
- Set the function switch to the VAC or VDC position.
- 3. Use the **MODE** button to select AC or DC Voltage.
- 4. Connect the test leads in parallel to the circuit under test.
- 5. Read the voltage measurement on the LCD display.



#### **Resistance Measurements**

Note: Remove power before making resistance measurements

- 1. Insert the black test lead into the negative **COM** terminal and the red test lead into the  $\Omega$  positive terminal.
- 2. Set the function switch to the  $\Omega$  position.
- 3. Touch the test probe tips across the circuit or component under test.
- 4. Read the resistance on the LCD display.

### **Capacitance Measurements**

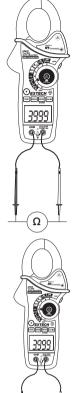
**WARNING:** To avoid electric shock, discharge the capacitor under test before measuring. If "dISC" appears in the display, remove and discharge the capacitor.

- 1. Set the function switch to the  $\dashv \vdash \Omega$  capacitance position.
- Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative COM jack and the red test lead banana plug into the CAP positive jack.
- 3. Press MODE to zero any stray capacitance.
- 4. Touch the test probe tips across the part under test.
- 5. Read the capacitance value in the display.
- 6. The display will indicate the proper decimal point and value.

Note: For very large values of capacitance measurement time can be several minutes before the final reading stabilizes.

# **Frequency Measurements**

- 1. Set the function switch to the V Hz Position.
- 2. Press and hold the MODE button to select the Frequency (Hz) function. "k Hz" will appear in the display.
- Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative COM jack and the red test lead banana plug into the Hz positive jack.
- 4. Touch the test probe tips across the part under test.
- 5. Read the Frequency value on the display.
- 6. The display will indicate the proper decimal point and value.
- 7. Press and hold the MODE button again to return to the voltage mode





### **Type K Temperature Measurements**

- 1. Set the function switch to the **K Temp** position.
- Insert the Temperature Probe into the negative COM and the positive TEMP jacks, observing polarity.
- 3. Touch the Temperature Probe tip to the device under test. Continue to touch the part under test with the probe until the reading stabilizes.
- 4. Read the temperature on the display. The digital reading will indicate the proper decimal point and value.

**WARNING:** To avoid electric shock, be sure the thermocouple probe has been removed before changing to another measurement function.

**Note:** Open inputs or temperature over-ranges cause "**OL**" display and beep.

Note: See the "Temperature Units" paragraph to select °F or °C

**Note:** The temperature range of the supplied thermocouple probe is -20 to 250°C (-4 to 482°F)



- 1. Insert the black test lead into the negative  ${\bf COM}$  terminal and the red test lead into the  $\Omega$  positive terminal.
- 2. Set the function switch to the ●))) position.
- Use the MODE button to select continuity •))). The display icons will change when the MODE button is pressed.
- 4. Touch the test probe tips across the circuit or component under test.
- 5. If the resistance is  $< 40 \Omega$ , a tone will sound.

#### **Diode Test**

- Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative COM jack and the red test lead banana plug into the → positive jack
- Turn the function switch to → position. Use the MODE button to select the diode function if necessary (diode symbol will appear on the LCD when in Diode test mode)
- Touch the test probe tips to the diode or semiconductor junction under test. Note the meter reading
- 4. Reverse the test lead polarity by reversing the red and black leads. Note this reading
- 5. The diode or junction can be evaluated as follows:
  - If one reading displays a value (typically 0.400V to 0.900V) and the other reading displays OL, the diode is good.
  - If both readings display **OL** the device is open.
  - If both readings are very small or '0', the device is shorted.



### **Non-Contact InfraRed Temperature Measurements**

- 1. Set the function switch to the **IR Temp** position.
- Aim the infrared sensor (rear of the meter) at the surface to be measured.
- Press the button in the center of the rotary function switch to turn on the laser pointer and identify the surface spot to be measured.
- The area of the surface to be measured must be larger than the spot size as determined by the distance to spot size specification.
- 5. Read the temperature in the display.

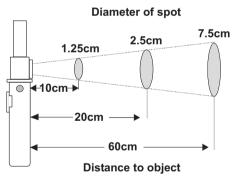
Note: See the "Temperature Units" paragraph to select °F or °C



**WARNING:** Do not directly view or direct the laser pointer at an eye. Low power visible lasers do not normally present a hazard, but may present some potential for hazard if viewed directly for extended periods of time.

### **IR Spot to Distance Diagram**

The 8:1 spot to distance ratio determines the size of the measured surface area with respect to the distance the meter is held away from the surface.



#### **IR Measurement Notes**

- The object under test should be larger than the spot (target) size calculated by the field of view diagram.
- If the surface of the object under test is covered with frost, oil, grime, etc., clean before taking measurements.
- 3. If an object's surface is highly reflective, apply masking tape or flat black paint to the surface before measuring.
- 4. The meter may not make accurate measurements through transparent surfaces such as glass.
- 5. Steam, dust, smoke, etc. can obscure measurements.
- 6. To find a hot spot, aim the meter outside the area of interest then scan across (in an up and down motion) until the hot spot is located.

#### Data Hold

To freeze the LCD reading, press the **HOLD** button. While data hold is active, the **HOLD** icon appears on the LCD. Press the **HOLD** button again to return to normal operation.

#### **Peak Hold**

The Peak Hold function captures the peak AC or DC voltage or current. The meter can capture negative or positive peaks as fast as 1 millisecond in duration.

- 1. Turn the function switch to the A or V position.
- Use the MODE button to select AC or DC
- 3. Allow time for the display to stabilize.
- 4. Press and Hold the **PEAK** button until "**CAL**" appears in the display. This procedure will zero the range selected.
- 5. Press the **PEAK** button, **Pmax** will display.
- 6. The display will update each time a higher positive peak occurs.
- Press the PEAK button again, Pmin will display. The display will now update and indicate the lowest negative peak.
- 8. To return to normal operation, press and hold the **PEAK** button until the **Pmin** or **Pmax** indicator switches off.

**Note**: If the Function switch position is changed after a calibration the Peak Hold calibration must be repeated for the new function selected.

### MAX/MIN

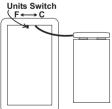
- Press the MAX/MIN key to activate the MAX/MIN recording mode. The display icon "MAX" will appear. The meter will display and hold the maximum reading and will update only when a new "max" occurs.
- 2. Press the MAX/MIN key and the display icon "MIN" will appear. The meter will display and hold the minimum reading and will update only when a new "min" occurs
- Press the MAX/MIN key and a blinking "MAX MIN" will appear. The meter will display the present reading, but will continue to update and store the max and min readings.
- 4. To exit MAX/MIN mode press and hold the MAX/MIN key for 2 seconds.

# Temperature Units (°F / °C)

The temperature unit selection switch is located in the battery compartment. To change the units, remove the battery door, lift out the battery and set the switch for the desired units.

# LCD Backlight Button ♥

The LCD is equipped with backlighting for easier viewing, especially in dimly lit areas. Press the backlight button to turn the backlight on. Press again to turn the backlight off.



#### **Automatic Power OFF**

In order to conserve battery life, the meter will automatically turn off after approximately 10 minutes. To turn the meter on again, turn the function switch to the OFF position and then to the desired function position.

### Bluetooth™ Communication

The meter includes a Bluetooth module. Enable the EX850 Bluetooth by pressing and holding the side Bluetooth SEND/Backlight button for two seconds. On the second beep the Bluetooth icon will appear in the display.

# Android<sup>™</sup> Application

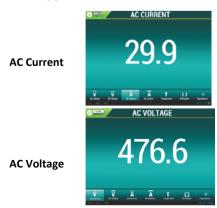
The EX850 meter is Android ready. Follow the steps below to obtain the Android application **ExView™ EX850** and to connect to the meter with an Android device.

- 1. Obtain and install the Android ExView<sup>TM</sup> EX850 application from the Google Play Store.
- 2. Perform a search to obtain the EX850 from the list of available devices.
- 3. Pair the meter with the Android device (tablet or phone) in Settings under Bluetooth. Use code 1234 to pair the EX850 to the Android device.
- 4. Start the ExView™ EX850 application, tap CONNECT icon and the paired list will appear. Tap on the EX850 meter from the paired list.
- 5. The upper left corner of the App should indicate that the EX850 is now connected.

  The meter will begin communicating and Meter readings will appear on the Android device.
- 6. The user can select the meter's measurement mode directly from the icons shown on the bottom row of the Android device (V, A, mA, A, etc.). Simply tap the desired measurement parameter to view the readings. Refer to the screen shots below.

Note: If several meters are to be used, be sure to note the unique address of each meter to quickly discern which meter is displaying at any given time.

# **Android Application Screen Shot Examples**



#### **FCC COMPLIANCE**

FCC ID: IWK-EX850

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- 1. This device may not cause harmful interference.
- 2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation.

This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.



# **CAUTION: FCC Radiation Exposure Statement**

- 1. This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.
- 2. This equipment complies with FCC RF radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment.
- 3. To maintain compliance with FCC RF exposure compliance requirements avoid direct contact to the transmitting antenna during transmission.

**MARNING:** Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

### **INDUSTRY CANADA (IC) COMPLIANCE**

IC ID: 1590A-EX850

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.



### **CAUTION: IC Radiation Exposure Statement**

- 1. This transmitter must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.
- 2. This equipment complies with RSS 102 RF radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment.
- 3. To maintain compliance with RSS 102 RF exposure compliance requirements avoid direct contact to the transmitting antenna during transmission.

### **Maintenance**

**WARNING:** To avoid electrical shock, disconnect the meter from any circuit, remove the test leads from the input terminals, and turn OFF the meter before opening the case. Do not operate the meter with an open case.

### **Cleaning and Storage**

Periodically wipe the case with a damp cloth and mild detergent; do not use abrasives or solvents. If the meter is not to be used for 60 days or more, remove the battery and store it separately.

# **Battery Replacement**

- Remove the Phillips head screw that secures the rear battery door
- Open the battery compartment
- 3. Replace the 9V battery
- Secure the battery compartment



Never dispose of used batteries or rechargeable batteries in household waste. As consumers, users are legally required to take used batteries to appropriate collection sites, the retail store where the batteries were purchased, or wherever batteries are sold.

**Disposal:** Do not dispose of this instrument in household waste. The user is obligated to take endof-life devices to a designated collection point for the disposal of electrical and electronic equipment.

#### Other Battery Safety Reminders

- o Never dispose of batteries in a fire. Batteries may explode or leak.
- Never mix battery types. Always install new batteries of the same type.

# **Specifications**

Function	Range & Resolution	Accuracy (% of reading + digits)		
AC Current 50/60 Hz	400.0 AAC	± (2.5% + 8d)		
	1000 AAC	± (2.8% + 5d)		
DC Current	400.0 ADC	± (2.5% + 5d)		
	1000 ADC	± (2.8% + 5d)		
	400.0 mVAC	± (1.0% + 10d)		
AC Voltage	4.000 VAC			
50/60Hz	40.00 VAC	± (1.5% + 5d)		
	400.0 VAC			
	1000 VAC	± (2.0% + 5d)		
DC Voltage	400.0 mVDC	± (0.8% + 2d)		
	4.000 VDC			
	40.00 VDC	± (1.5% + 2d)		
	400.0 VDC			
	1000 VDC	± (2.0% + 2d)		
Resistance	400.0Ω	± (1.0% + 4d)		
	4.000kΩ			
	40.000kΩ	± (1.5% + 2d)		
	400.0kΩ			
	4.000ΜΩ	± (2.5% + 3d)		
	40.00ΜΩ	± (3.5% + 5d)		
	4.000nF	± (5.0% + 30d)		
	40.00nF	± (5.0% + 20d)		
Capacitance	400.0nF			
	4.000μF	± (3.0% + 5d)		
	40.00μF			
	400.0μF	± (4.0% + 10d)		
	4.000mF	± (10% + 10d)		
	40.00mF	unspecified		
F	4.000kHz	± (1.5% + 2d)		
Frequency	Sensitivity: 100V (<50Hz); 5	Sensitivity: 100V (<50Hz); 50V (50 to 400Hz); 5V (401Hz to 4000Hz)		

Function	Range and Resolution	Accuracy (% of reading + digits)
Temperature (type-K)	-4 to 1400°F	± (3%rdg + 9°F)
	-20 to 760°C	± (3%rdg + 5°C)
Temp (IR)	-58 to -4°F	± 9 °F
	-4 to 518°F	$\pm 2.0\%$ reading or $\pm$ $4^{\circ}$ F whichever is >
	-50 to -20°C	±5°C
	-20 to 270°C	±2.0% reading or ±2°C whichever is >

Clamp jaw opening 43mm (1.7") approx.

Display3-3/4 digits (4000 counts) backlit LCDContinuity checkThreshold 40Ω; Test current < 0.5mA</th>

**Diode test** Test current of 0.3mA typical;

Open circuit voltage < 3VDC typical

Low Battery indication Battery symbol is displayed

Over-range indication 'OL' display

Measurement rate2 readings per second, nominalBluetooth range10m (32 ft.) approximatelyPEAKCaptures peaks >1ms

Thermocouple sensor Type K thermocouple required

IR Spectral response 6 to 16μm IR Emissivity 0.95 fixed IR distance ratio 8:1

 Input Impedance
 10MΩ (VDC and VAC)

 AC bandwidth
 50 to 400Hz (AAC and VAC)

 AC response
 True rms (AAC and VAC)

**Crest Factor** 3.0 in 40A and 400A ranges, 1.4 in 1000A range (50/60Hz and 5%

to 100% of range)

Operating Temperature 5°C to 40°C (41°F to 104°F)

Storage Temperature 5°C to 40°C (41°F to 104°F)

-20°C to 60°C (-4°F to 140°F)

Operating Humidity Max 80% up to 31°C (87°F) decreasing linearly to 50% at 40°C

(104°F)

Storage Humidity <80%

Operating Altitude 2000m (7000ft.) maximum

Battery One (1) 9V Battery (NEDA 1604)

Auto power OFF After approx. 10 minutes

**Dimensions & Weight** 270 x 110 x 50mm (10.6 x 4.3 x 2") 386g (13.6 oz.)

**Safety** For indoor use and in accordance with the requirements for double

insulation to IEC1010-1 (2001): EN61010-1 (2001) Overvoltage Category IV 600V and Category III 1000V, Pollution Degree 2.

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