

AMPTEC 601ES DMM **Safety Digital Multimeter** **OPERATION/MAINTENANCE MANUAL**

Revision D

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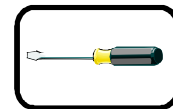


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SECTION A - RECEIVING AND INITIAL INSPECTION

A-1. Introduction to the AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM / Igniter Tester

The AMPTEC 620A, 630 , 640 series and now the AMPTEC 601 Series Explosive Safety DMMs are designed to be the "***Standard in the Explosive Safety Igniter Circuit Test industry***", and provide extremely safe and reliable voltage , current and resistance measurement/testing of explosive or volatile devices. Safety Approvals from various Safety Boards include, the U.S. Air Force (620A-4) for generic use on missile warheads and the US NAVAL ORDNANCE CENTER (630AN, 630BN, 640N and other versions pending). Some of the devices the 601ES DMM Explosive Safety Meter may be used on include: fuses, squibs, igniters, EBW, explosive bolts, rocket motor squibs, to name a few.

The AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM supports safe ordnance testing. Many customers need to safely measure stray voltage circuitry (RMS AC and DC), stray current and resistance using the failsafe output circuitry proprietary to AMPTEC RESEARCH insure that test current levels coming from the 601ES don't exceed the specified "failsafe current" even in a worst-case component failure situation. The failsafe feature is tested in every instrument before shipment. A built-in passive (analog) DC Milliammeter also lets the user verify actual 601ES DMM current output levels prior to connection to any EBW, squib or detonator.

Power On - The AMPTEC 601ES DMM Explosive Safety Meter main "Power" switch ***must be held down for 2 seconds*** to turn the meter "ON" or "OFF". This feature helps prevent the unwanted effect of bumping of the power switch and accidentally turning the meter "OFF" or "ON".

Low or Dead batteries (AA type Alkaline - 4 each) is the primary reason for the AMPTEC 601ES DMM not powering up. If the batteries reach a low energy level the unit's LCD Display "LO BAT" indicator appears on the display.

The AMPTEC 601ES DMM Safety Meter has a **battery monitoring** circuit that indicates when it is time To replace the batteries. They can be replaced without effecting the calibration of the meter. The batteries are housed in their own compartment completely separate from any active electronic circuitry.



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Should the AMPTEC shipping box appear damaged upon arrival, request that the carrier's agent (i.e. UPS) be present when the unit is unpacked. If the 601ES DMM Explosive Safety Meter appears damaged, the carrier's agent should authorize repairs before the unit is returned to the factory. Even if the instrument appears undamaged, it may have suffered internal damage in transit that may not be evident until the unit is operated or tested to verify conformance with its specifications. You may refer to the ***Trouble-Shooting section of Chapter D of this manual to help identify the problem*** (i.e Test leads etc.)

If the unit fails to operate or fails to meet the performance specifications of section B, notify the carrier's agent and AMPTEC RESEARCH . Retain the shipping carton for the carrier's inspection.



DO NOT return equipment to AMPTEC RESEARCH or any of its sales offices ***without first obtaining*** an (RMA) Return Material Authorization number. We need to know who to contact and how to contact (i.e. phone number and FAX number) in order to properly coordinate the return of the repaired AMPTEC product. **By calling AMPTEC RESEARCH first, prior to just returning the 601ES DMM Explosive Safety Meter, we can often trouble-shoot (based on the symptoms you describe) and identify the problem over the phone (i.e battery loose in the battery holder).** We may possibly be able to fix the problem over the phone and prevent you from having to return the unit to AMPTEC for repair.

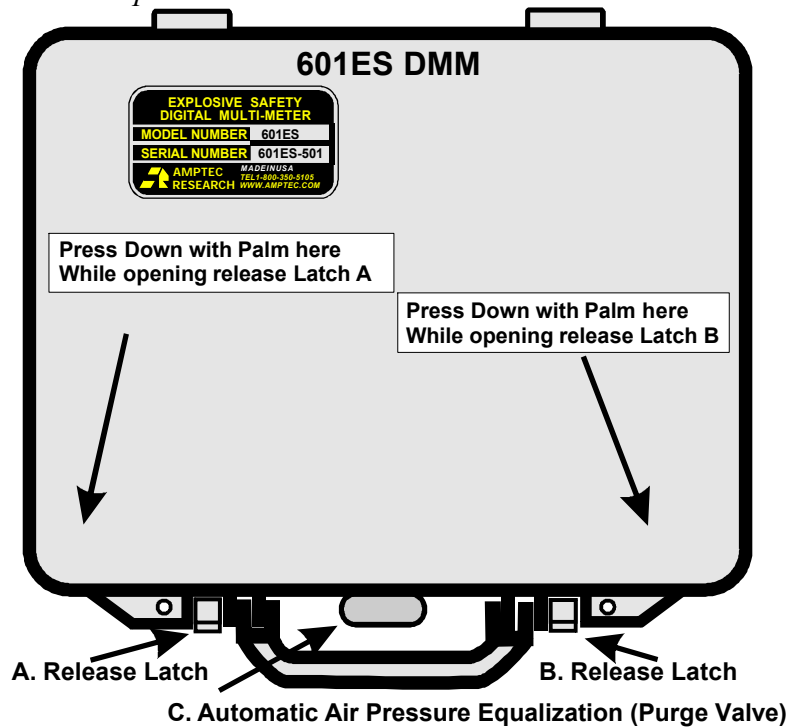


FIG. A-3

A-3. Opening the 601ES Explosive Safety Digital Multimeter / Igniter Tester and Removal of the Lid

When closed, the 601ES DMM has two large O-rings that provide a water resistant seal. **By pressing down with your palm as shown in Fig. A-3, you compress the O-ring in the lid of the 601ES.** This makes it easier to flip up the release latch. Repeat the palm press step on the other corner of the safety meter. At this point the 601ES DMM lid will normally be able to be raised, and placed in an open lid state.

The 601ES Explosive Safety DMM should open after flipping up the release latches, even after a change in atmospheric pressure since the unit is fitted with an automatic purge valve. You might need to press down of the corners of the closed case with your palm then flip open the latch.

A-4. DC Battery Power Requirements

The AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM can be powered internally by a variety of heavy-duty AA batteries. We recommend either an alkaline battery pack (4 ea. AA cell - 1500 mAHr ea., preferably Duracell MN1500 or better i.e. Duracell Ultra). A **rechargeable** set of 4 ea "AA" heavy duty Nickel Metal Hydride batteries such as the

1.2V **Energizer 2500 mAHr** also work quite well. Our tests show the Energizer 2500 mAHr lasted as long as the Duracell Ultra's Alkaline. Since Nickel Metal Hydrides are re-chargeable, they offer a battery life cycle a hundred times greater than any alkaline. Be sure to charge the Nickel Metal Hydride batteries when taken out of their original packaging for the full charge cycle prior to installing them in the AMPTEC 601ES Safety DMM.

The battery compartment is completely isolated from the unit's internal electronics. The user may replace the 4 ea "AA" batteries as needed without effecting any internal 601ES DMM circuitry or the unit's calibration. The AMPTEC 601ES DMM battery life is diminished the longer the backlight (heavy power drain) is used and the longer the unit is left **"on"** unattended.

"Low Battery level" is indicated by a "LO BAT" display. Replacing the (4) each 'AA' batteries in the separate weatherized 'AA' battery compartment (sealed metal battery box) can be performed in the field **without having to re-calibrate**. There is no "No Access" to any AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM internal electronics from the unit's separate internal metal box battery compartment.

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The AMPTEC 601ES DMM comes factory set with an "Auto Turn-Off" time out of 30 minutes. With certain batteries at the end of their power capacity the "LO BAT" display may be only on for a minute or less before the 601ES Automatically shuts down. As an example, if you turn it on and don't see "LO BAT". Then in a few minutes walk out on and return to discover the meter is turned off, **low batteries** are the primary reason for this. Any time the "LO BAT" display stays on for more than a second or two it is time to exchange the batteries.

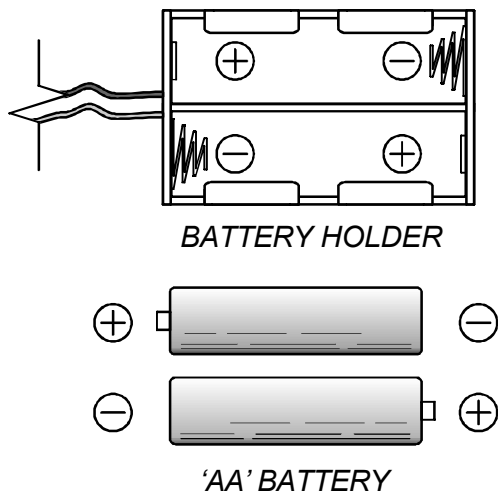


FIG. A-4

To replace low batteries first unscrew the battery compartment lid and lift. Remove the battery holder, plastic tie and low batteries. Replace with a new set of (4) "AA" batteries according to polarity. Using the spare plastic tie included in the battery compartment, wrap the plastic around the battery holder and secure. Cut excess plastic. Next, wrap the black and red wire around the battery holder and place the holder into the compartment. Lastly replace lid and screw in screws to secure. See Fig. A-4 above. *Please note: After replacing battery holder with (4) new 'AA' batteries; secure with a new plastic tie lock.

A-5. Setup and Use

The 601ES Explosive Safety DMM consumes little power and generates virtually no heat. Consequently, it may be used in any area where the environment does not exceed the specifications of Table B-1.

Avoid exposing the 601ES Explosive Safety DMM to extremes of temperature which will affect accuracy and shorten battery pack lifespan.

Once the 601ES DMM main power switch is turned "ON" and following a (1) minute warmup, (**provided there is No 'LO BAT' Indicator shown**) the AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM should be ready for general purpose testing and use.

The 601ES DMM operator may be asked to perform a series of tests (i.e. verify the test current is less than 10mA with the unit's DC milliammeter) prior to connection to any explosive device under test.

Test lead sets may also be placed in the pouch which holds the laminated AMPTEC 601ES DMM Operator Instruction Card.



SECTION B - 601ES EXPLOSIVE SAFETY DMM IGNITER TESTER - SPECIFICATIONS *



Warm-up Time 5 Minutes

True RMS AC-DC Voltage Measurement - DC and 60 Hz

600 V DC or AC RMS range	Accuracy $\pm 1.0\%$ of range
200 V DC or AC RMS range	Accuracy $\pm 0.50\%$ of range
20.0 VDC or AC RMS range	Accuracy $\pm 0.50\%$ of range
2.0 VDC or AC RMS range	Accuracy $\pm 0.50\%$ of range

True RMS AC-DC Current Measurement - DC and 60Hz

2.0 Amperes DC or AC RMS range	Accuracy $\pm 0.50\%$ of range
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601ES DMM Resistance Range/Resolution Nominal Test Current/Fail-Safe Current

2.0 Ω	20.0 Ω	200 Ω	2.0 K Ω	20.0 K Ω
100 $\mu\Omega$	1.0 m Ω	10 m Ω	100 m Ω	1.0 Ω
5mA	5mA	0.5mA	50 μ A	5 μ A
8mA	8mA	1.5mA	150 μ A	15 μ A

Table B-1 Specifications

Resistance Measurement Accuracy: 4 Wire Mode (for 1 year @25°C \pm 10°C)

2.0 Ohm Range thru 20 KOhm ranges $\pm 0.05\%$ of reading $\pm 0.05\%$ of range

"2 Wire" resistance mode : (if shorted leads can be "zero'ed") - additional $\pm 0.05\%$ of range

Signal Source: (50 mV and 5 mA - 20,000 count display)

50 mV Voltage mode display accuracy: 50 mV \pm 50 counts on the 2.0 Volt range

5 mA Current mode display accuracy: 5 mA \pm 10 counts on the 2.0 ampere range

Temperature Range

Operating 0°C to 50°C

Storage -20°C to 70°C

Temperature Coefficient for all functions

$\pm 0.005\%$ per °C (from 0°C-15°C and 35°C-50°C)

Instrument Display . . (20,000 count) 4½ digit Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) with high contrast backlight

Low Battery Indication LCD Displays "LO BAT" (front panel enunciated)

Over-Range Indication . . . (open circuit or select next higher range) Displays ">>>OR"

Measurement Update Rate Approximately 300 ms

Analog DC Milliammeter (Indication range 0 to 10 mA Fullscale) - Accuracy $\pm 3.0\%$

Open Circuit Current Source Compliance Voltage double diode clamped at <1.6 volts

Power Batteries (4 each "AA") can be heavy duty Alkaline (1.5V Duracell Coppertop Ultra or equivalent) or high capacity re-chargeable 1.2 V - NiMH (i.e. Energizer 2500 mAHr or equivalent)

Dimensions 9.5" (24cm) W x 11" (27cm) D x 3" (8cm) H

Weight 10 lbs net; 15 lbs shipping

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SECTION C - REPLACEMENT, OPTIONAL AND ACCESSORY ITEMS



C-1. Available Accessories and Options

This manual does not list all possible accessories that AMPTEC RESEARCH is willing to provide as a support items for the AMPTEC 601ES DMM. Contact the sales department at AMPTEC RESEARCH if you have a request for an item that is not described here. Listed below are some of the options available for use with the AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM.

Kelvin Leads, Probes Accessories and Options

All AMPTEC series test lead and probe sets are a minimum 48" length, dual banana termination at the ohmmeter end (call the Sales Department at AMPTEC RESEARCH for any custom requirement).



Option 403: 4 Terminal Kelvin Mini-probes

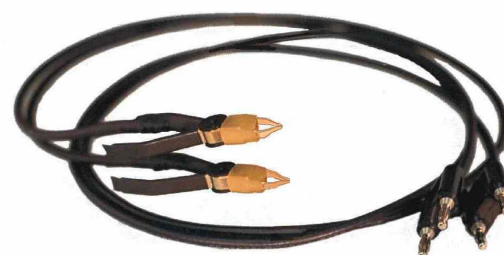
Each probe has two spring loaded, gold plated, steel tips with 0.18" separation, one red and one black handheld probe. Excellent general purpose 4-Wire Kelvin Mini-Probe, and along with the Option "300" Kelvin Clip Leads easily fit inside the AMPTEC test lead pouch.



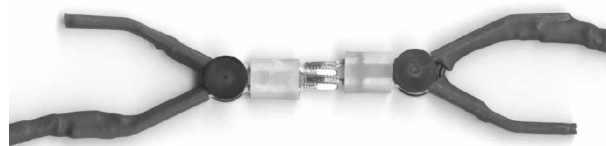
Option 401: Gold Plated Single Probe Leads

Option "401" is a **gold plated** handheld probe (one black probe & one red probe) lead set terminated in **single points**. The OP401 handheld probes allow for easy access to connector socket wiring (i.e. drone parachute squib sockets), recessed surfaces and parts (i.e. flares) that alligator clip leads simply can't access properly.

Option "401" plated a 4-wire lead set (up to the probe tip, 2 and 2 style) is terminated with single **gold plated** handheld probe test points. The "401" also has **gold plated** dual banana leads that connect directly to the AMPTEC 601ES DMM measurement front panel jacks (red and white). 4-wire Kelvin is maintained up to the point of the probe tip connection, eliminating 98% of the cable resistance. Gold plated tips and banana jack ends provide an optimal low thermal emf connection.



Option "300"
4-Wire Kelvin Clip Test Lead Set
(Gold Plated)



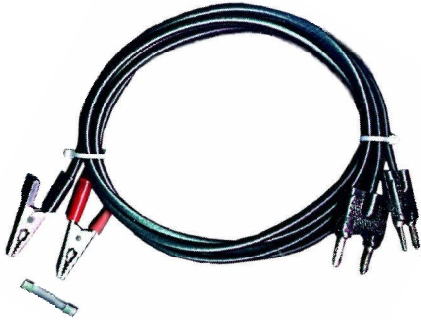
Option "300"
Close-Up

Option 300: 4-Wire Kelvin Lead Set

Recommended for Calibration - Option "300" is a **gold plated** four wire Kelvin lead set for all AMPTEC 601ES DMM. Option 300 is a shielded 48" lead set terminating in 1/2" opening gold plated copper Kelvin clips. The option "300" can clip easily to wires, pins and medium size conductors (up to 1/2" diameter). The dual banana

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plug terminations connect directly to the 601ES DMM's front panel input terminals.



Option "290" Alligator Clip Lead Set

Option "290" is the recommended general purpose Alligator Clip lead set (red and black). Option "290" is recommended as a standard 2 wire test lead set for use with the AMPTEC 601ES Safety DMM. Option "290" is a 48" long cable set with dual banana plugs at one end. The other end is terminated with an alligator clip (red and black). These alligator clips will measure (2 wire method) properly with either upper or lower jaw connected to the conductive socket center of plastic test panel jacks. Kelvin Clips such as Option "300" (using the 4 wire method) may have connection difficulty because both jaws (both upper and lower) must make electrical contact with the EED.

Option 305: Banana-to-Banana Cable

Option "305" is a 48" shielded cable terminated in dual banana plugs at both ends.

Option 320: Kelvin Clips

Option "320" are the gold plated Kelvin Clips used on the Option "300" cable set. These clips may be used when making custom cables or when repairing Option "300". *(See photo on previous page)*

Option 360: Heavy-Duty Clips

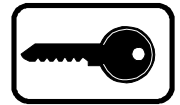
Option "360" are Gold-plated jumper cable (large jaws) type clips used on the Option "350" cable. They are still Kelvin Clips because the

insulated upper and lower jaw integrity is maintained. These may be used when making custom cables or when repairing Option "350".

For more information on accessories, please refer to the accessories section of AMPTEC RESEARCH's website found at "<http://www.amptec.com>".



SECTION D - OPERATION, FUNCTIONAL SELF - TEST AND USE



D-1. General Operation

A diagram and description of the front panel controls, connection instructions, and the theory behind resistance measurement is discussed in this section. This section of the manual contains complete operating instructions for the AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM.

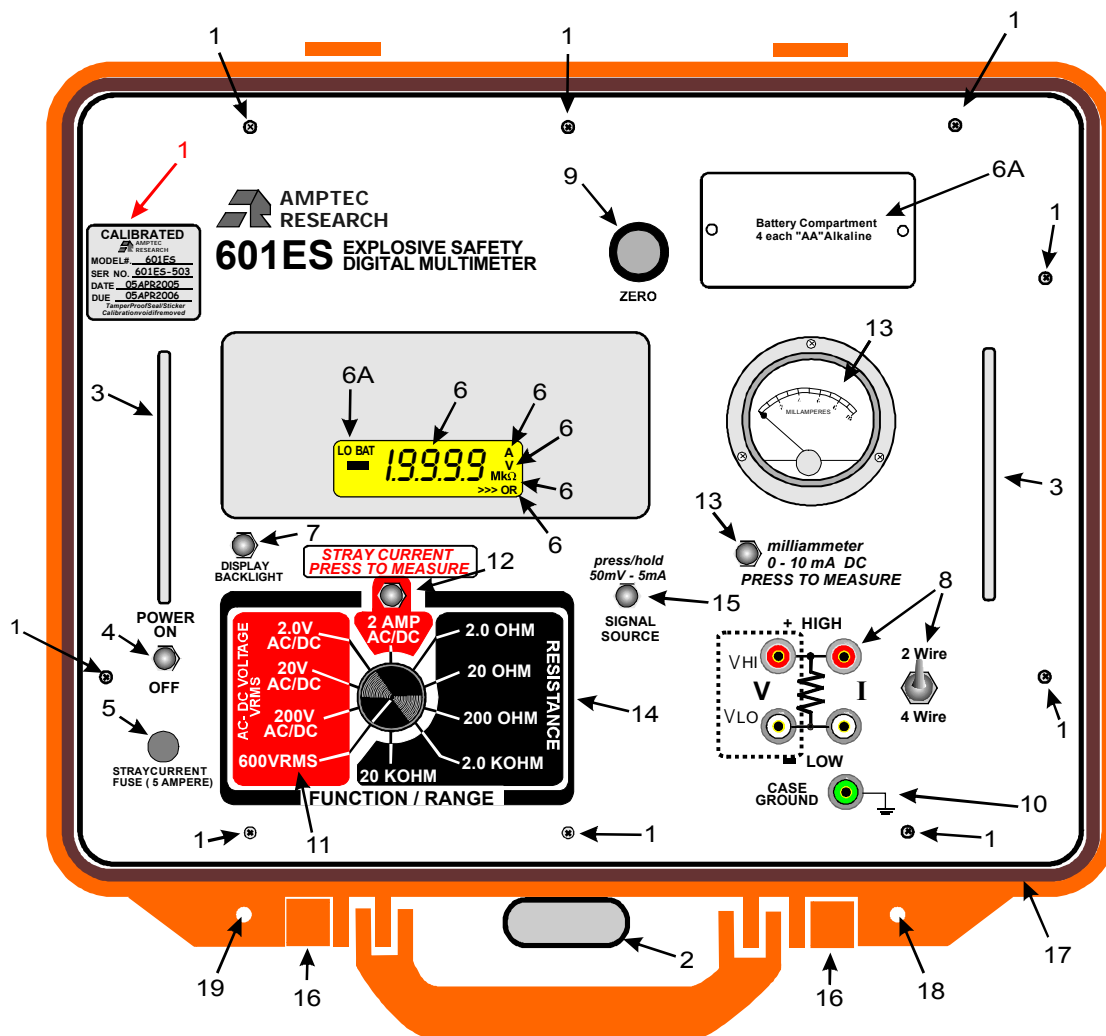
D-2. Front Panel Features and Operation

1. Calibration / Maintenance access screws, also can be easily protected with a tamper proof calibration sticker or seal. After removal of the screws use handles (item# 3) and carefully lift up. Use caution with the umbilical cabling.

2. Purge Valve automatically provides air pressure equalization to open the 601ES DMM instrument case after a transit involving an altitude change if unit will not easily open.

3. Attached Handles, item # 3, are **only** for lifting the front plate once the access screws have been removed for calibration. These handles are **not intended** for carrying the 601ES DMM around when the lid is removed. They are strictly for calibration access.

4. Power On/Off switch - The unit's main "Power" switch **must be held down for 2 seconds** to turn the meter "ON" or "OFF". This feature helps prevent



**D-3. 601ES EXPLOSIVE SAFETY DMM
Front Panel Diagram**

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inadvertent power loss (i.e. bumping of the power switch and accidentally turning the meter "OFF"). **Automatic Turn-Off**: The AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM is factory set, using internal PCB jumpers, to automatically turn-off after (30) minutes of inactivity (no range or function change) to conserve battery power.

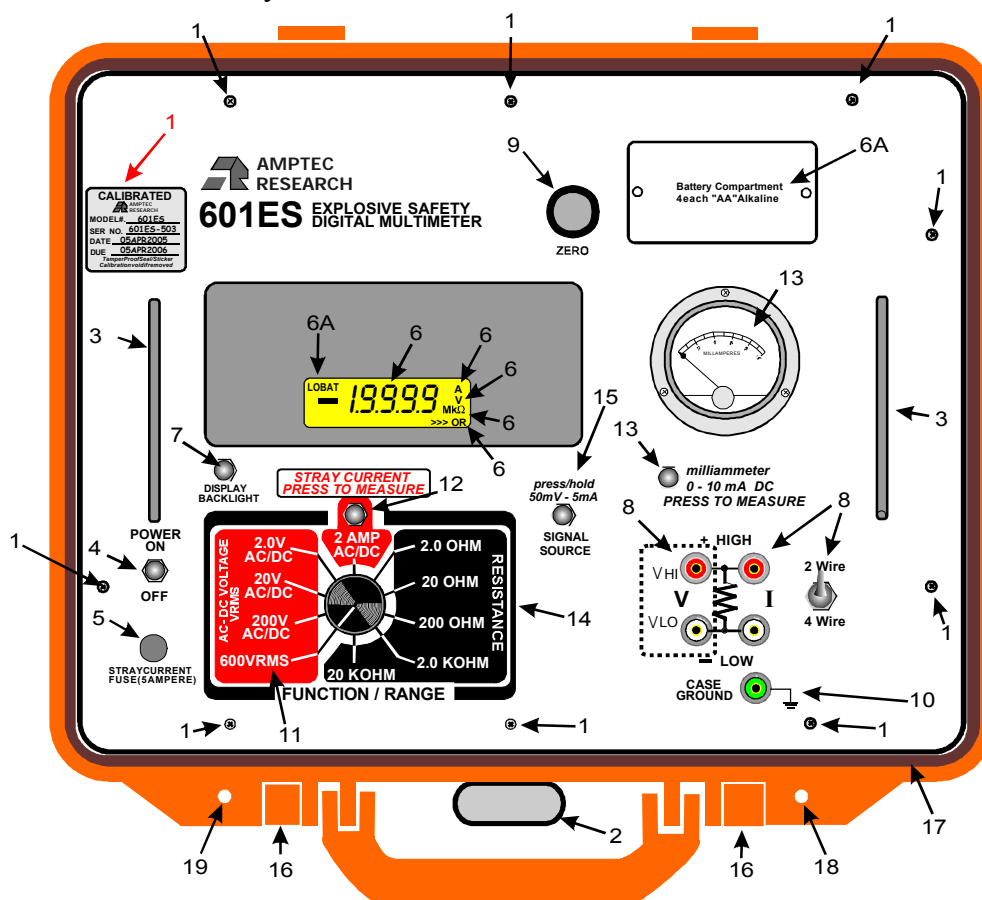
5. **Protection Fuse** (5.0 amp fast blow type) **protects** the 2.0 ampere **Stray Current Range** (measurement). The type of fuse used is a Little fuse 3AG or equivalent.



6. The **LCD Display** is 20,000 count (1 and four 9's), 4 ½ digit design. LCD display annunciators includes A (Amperes), V (Volt annunciator), MkΩ (Megakilo Ohms) and the >>> OR (Over Range). Unused LCD display annunciators include "SELF-TEST" and "OK" which will be available for future capabilities with AMPTEC RESEARCH safety meters.

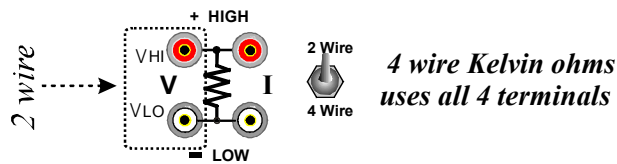
6A. The **LCD Display** will indicate "**LO BAT**" when it is time to replace the batteries. It will typically come on when the AMPTEC 601ES DMM internal batteries (4 ea. 1.5VDC alkalines - Duracell Mn1500 or better) reach approx. 3.6 VDC. To change the batteries remove the screws securing the battery compartment. The back side of the battery compartment cover is lined with a sponge fill neoprene gasket to help provide a water resistant battery compartment. Carefully pull the battery holder out and remove the cable-tie securing the batteries. Observe battery polarity when replacing the "AA" batteries. Re-secure the four new batteries in the holder with a new cable tie, then return it to the battery compartment and re-secure the compartment lid (screws). See section A-4 for diagram.

7. **Display Backlight** is activated when the push button is held down. Display is back-lit with a yellow green hue. This process aids in the visibility of the digits when exterior lighting is dim. Please note the use of this feature should be used sparingly in order to conserve battery reserves.



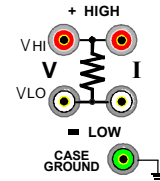
601ES EXPLOSIVE SAFETY DMM

FIG. D-3

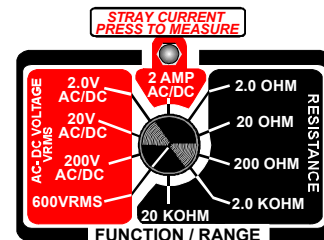


8. Two Wire input or Four Wire Kelvin measurement test lead connection inputs and mode selection switch. For **two wire test lead connections always use the far left input jacks** both V_{High} 'red' and V_{Low} 'white', which are shown as a dotted line below in item # 8. The **mode switch** must also be **in the 2 Wire position**. Two wire mode **should be used for all voltage, current and simple ohms** measurements. 2 wire electrical resistance measurements **include all in-series wiring resistance** from the meter out to the "resistance under test" and back to the meter (connection/contact resistance, test lead length, harness wiring length and more etc.). The "Four Wire" switch position is only for 4 Wire Kelvin resistance measurements only. Basically the 4 Wire Kelvin connections minimize the impact of test lead length resistance and test lead contact resistance offsets. A discussion on **4 Wire Kelvin** may be found further in this manual.

9. Zero - The AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM has a precision ten turn zero pot. The zero knob is turned to "null-out" most 2 wire test lead resistance (**for the lower 3 resistance ranges**). The zero adjust procedure involves: (2, 20 ,and 200 ohm ranges)
A.) Short the test leads at the "UUT" end together while connected to the AMPTEC 601ES DMM then **B.)** adjusting the zero knob until the display shows **.0000 without a minus sign**. If you get a minus sign while adjusting the zero, you have over adjusted the zero knob. If this is the case, turn the knob back the opposite direction until the minus sign is no longer displayed. Once the zero is adjusted you can connect your test leads to the "device under test". Re-zeroing (2 wire mode) will be necessary only if you change test leads. Do not force the zero knob when turning it, especially once the stops have been reached. Forcing the zero knob past the stops will severely damage the precision of the instrument and violate the instruments warranty.



10. Case/Chassis Ground Jack provides the user access to the AMPTEC 601ES DMM's Faraday Cage and Chassis ground. In some applications (i.e. anti-static) the AMPTEC 601ES DMM user may want to connect your "In-House local Earth Ground" to the AMPTEC 601ES DMM chassis ground. All appropriate internal grounds of the AMPTEC 601ES DMM are connected to the front panel chassis ground jack. The unit's case ground jack accepts banana jacks, spade lugs and even bare wires for making an earth to case ground connection. In other applications, the AMPTEC 601ES DMM user may want the meter to be floating from the resistance under test (**not tied to earth ground**) and the case ground jack may be left disconnected or ignored.

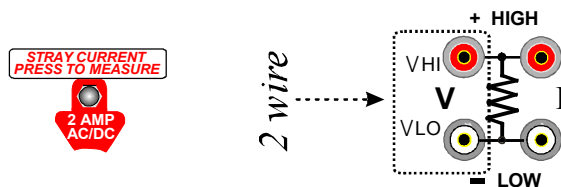


11. AC-DC Voltage VRMS Measurement

A.) The AMPTEC 601ES DMM has four different ranges for measuring AC/DC voltage. The meter starts at the 600VRMS test level. Should the user determine there is virtually no measurable voltage on the high (600V) range then select the next lower range (200V).
B.) Rotating the knob to the next (clockwise) range selects the 200V True RMS AC-DC Voltage measurement function (200 Volts fullscale max.). This DC coupled voltage measurement function will therefore display any DC Voltage - up to 200 V max. This voltage measurement function also measures True RMS AC Voltage including distorted waveforms (bandwidth to 100 Hz). The process of stepping to the next progressively lower voltage range would normally continue until the lowest range of 2.0 VDC- AC RMS. The 2.0 V range display

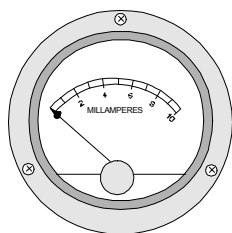
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levels 0.0000 V to 1.9999 V. The 2.0 V range also allows 50 mV signal source (item #15) checks to see that the AMPTEC 601ES DMM measures and displays approx. 0.0500 volts rms. The 50mV signal source is barely measurable on the 20V and higher ranges.



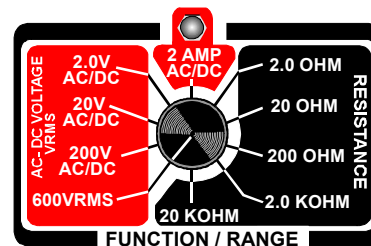
12. Stray Current - Press To Measure.

To measure AC or DC current (Stray Current Test) connect input and out put wires from the UUT to the far left lead wires across to the VHI/VLO connection inputs. Connect to the “UUT”. **Depress and Hold the Stray Current** push button. The AMPTEC 601ES Safety DMM will measure current from 0.1 mA to 1.9999 AC/DC current. A 5 amp fuse protects the meter from current greater than 5 amperes; see item #5 for fuse detail.



milliammeter
0 - 10 mA DC
PRESS TO MEASURE

13. Analog DC milliammeter - (often used before measuring the resistance of an explosive element). This passive analog DC milliammeter can be used to independently verify AMPTEC 601ES DMM output current levels **from the unit's ohms source**. The scale is 0 - 10 mA fullscale. A resistance range on the AMPTEC 601ES DMM must first be selected (Ohms mode). Pressing the milliammeter switch routes the AMPTEC 601ES DMM ohms source current output to the analog milliammeter. On the 2.0 or 20 ohm ranges the AMPTEC 601ES DMM user should observe a milliammeter needle reading of approx. 5 mA coming from the unit's ohms source.



14. Resistance Ranges - The AMPTEC 601ES DMM resistance ranges go in continuous decades from 2.0 Ohms to 20 Kilo Ohms. The selection of the (2.0 Ohm) lowest resistance range is accomplished by rotating the range knob. Align indicator mark on knob with the desired resistance range of function to the 1 O'clock position. By continuing to rotate the Function/Range select knob in a clockwise direction, the operator selects the next higher range (i.e. from 2.0 Ohm to 20.0 K Ohm range etc.).

press/hold
50mV - 5mA



**SIGNAL
SOURCE**

15. Signal Source - This function allows the user to verify voltage measurement (i.e. the 2.0 V range) and the stray current measurement is working properly. The AMPTEC 601ES DMM can give out a signal source of 50 mV or 5mA. To verify voltage; set the range switch (item #11) to the 2.0 volt range. Depress signal source push button, the LCD display should indicate approx. 0.0500 Volts.

To verify the Stray Current function; set the range switch to the 2 AMP range (item #12). Depress the signal source push button, and **simultaneously** press/hold the Stray Current measure button. The display should indicate approx. 0.0050 Amperes.

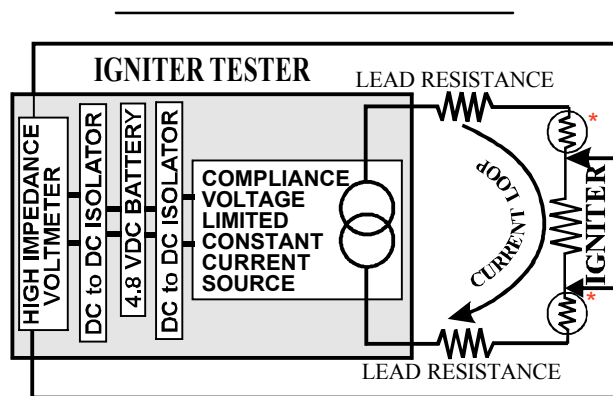
16. Flip Latch - When the AMPTEC 601ES DMM case is closed, press down (place palm on the lid corner, in order to compress the o-ring) while flipping up the latch (see item #16) to open up the 601ES DMM. The Purge Valve (item #2) should open if there has been an atmospheric pressure change.

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17. O-ring Water Tight Seal - Underneath the AMPTEC 601ES DMM main panel is a sponge rubber o-ring. A second O-ring is located inside the rim of the AMPTEC 601ES DMM lid. When the lid is latched shut, the o-ring in the lid is compressed and provides a dust tight and water resistant seal.

18. Padlock Holes - The AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM can be locked (i.e. during transit) to help prevent tampering and provide added security.

19. AMPTEC 601ES DMM Test Leads - All AMPTEC series test lead and probe sets are a minimum 48" length, dual banana termination at the ohmmeter end (call the Sales Department at AMPTEC RESEARCH for any custom requirement).



* contact resistance

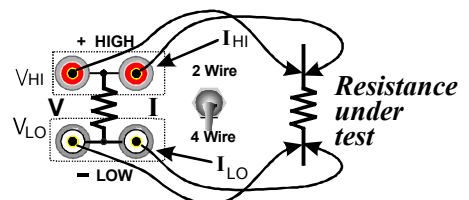
IGNITER TESTER KELVIN BLOCK DIAGRAM
FIG. D-4

D-4. 4-Wire Kelvin Resistance Measurement
The AMPTEC 601ES DMM can be a 2 wire method resistance meter. With all 2 wire resistance meters, all **test lead wiring resistance and test lead connection contact resistance** is in series with the "resistance under test" and as a result a resistance error or offset may be generated. Fig. D-4 illustrates how the 4-wire principle is used to eliminate lead, wire and contact resistances as potential error sources. The internal failsafe constant current source inherently overcomes all series resistance (within compliance voltage limits) and delivers a precise constant current. The compliance voltage of the AMPTEC 601ES DMM constant failsafe current source will drop as the resistance under test increases to maintain

constant current (i.e. 5 mA on the 2.0 ohm and 20 ohm ranges). The constant current may be thought of as in a loop from I_{HIGH} out to the "UUT" and back to the AMPTEC 601ES DMM through the I_{LOW} jack. Depending upon the magnitude of the resistance offset, some of the offset may be corrected (zero'ed out) for in the AMPTEC 601ES DMM by adjusting the zero knob on the front panel. The four-terminal configuration of the AMPTEC 601ES DMM eliminates errors normally caused by in series test lead resistance and contact resistance(s). In many applications the contact resistance can exceed the value of the test resistance by several orders of magnitude. The AMPTEC 601ES DMM overcomes this potential error source by providing two terminals of constant current and an additional two terminals for high impedance voltage measurement. Separate DC to DC isolation circuitry provides independent circuit voltage supplies for both the constant current source circuit and the voltmeter circuit. The internal high-impedance DC Digital Voltmeter (DVM) senses the voltage drop across the test resistance (i.e. igniter/squib or detonator). There is negligible contact and lead resistance error created by the voltage measurement because the high input impedance of the DVM limits current flow in the voltage (V_{hi} and V_{low}) leads.

D-5. Connections

When in 4 Wire Kelvin (Ohms) mode, the four terminals used are current high (I_{HIGH}), current low (I_{LOW}) as well as the voltage sense high (V_{HIGH}) and voltage sense low (V_{LOW}). The unit's top two **horizontal** binding posts labeled + **High** are V_{HIGH} and I_{HIGH} . The unit's lower two **horizontal** binding posts labeled - **Low** are V_{LOW} and I_{LOW} .



4 WIRE KELVIN OHM USES ALL 4 TERMINALS
FIG. D-5

Fig. D-5 illustrates 4 Wire Kelvin connections from the unit's binding posts to the resistance under test. Gold plated 4 wire Kelvin Clip test leads (Option 300) are normally supplied with the AMPTEC 601ES DMM. The Kelvin Clips

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The 601ES Explosive Safety DMM being a four wire Kelvin resistance meter often time may have *Voltage high* and *Voltage low sense* leads **open circuited** (disconnected) from in everything. When nothing is connected in the four wire resistance mode and if the leads aren't shorted together the display may appear to wander (i.e. *"measure" mode with nothing connected*). The High Impedance DVM circuit must receive a voltage signal/input to display the proper value. For the 601ES Explosive Safety DMM this is not a problem when *Voltage high* is shorted to *Current high* (2 wire method) and *Voltage low* is shorted to *Current low*.

The AMPTEC 601ES DMM Series of Safety Meters all incorporate a constant current source design that renders them incapable of delivering excessive voltage or current to the device under test. The fail-safe current (<10mA) for each range is indicated section B of this manual. Please refer to section **E-5** for a technical description of the failsafe circuitry specifics.

D-6. Fatigued Adapters and Loose Connections - Common Sources of Measurement Error

It is important to avoid too many 2 wire adapters and connections in series with the "resistance under test" if possible. A *fatigued* test wire harness *adapter* or *wire/plug* or a *wire splice* (i.e. twisted pair) that is *loose* can become a real intermittent resistance measurement error problem. A fatigued adapter or loose connector, plug, or wire splice will often times changes their contact resistance characteristics as the connection wiring is handled. Loose adapters, connections, and plugs, are potentially one of the largest source of resistance measurement errors and should be recognized and avoided. As a general rule, when it comes to measuring electrical resistance, *the fewer the connections* you can make to the "device under test" *the fewer the problems*.

D-7. Battery Monitoring Circuitry - The LCD display will indicate **"LO BAT"** when it is time to replace the batteries. If the **"LO BAT"** indicator is displayed, the 601ES DMM readings should not be trusted.

The **"LO BAT"** will typically come on when the AMPTEC 601ES DMM internal batteries (4 ea. 1.5 VDC alkalines - Duracell Ultra or better) reach approx. 3.6 VDC. To change the batteries remove the screws securing the battery compartment. The back side of the battery compartment cover is lined with a sponge fill neoprene gasket to help provide a water resistant battery compartment. Carefully pull the battery holder out and remove the cable-tie securing the batteries. Observe battery polarity when replacing the "AA" batteries. Re-secure the four new batteries in the holder with a new cable tie, then return it to the battery compartment and re-secure the compartment lid (screws). See Section A-4 for diagram.

D-8. Failsafe Operation Overview

The AMPTEC 601ES DMM Series of Safety Meters all incorporate a constant current source design that renders them incapable of delivering excessive voltage or current to the device under test. The fail-safe current (<10mA) for each range is indicated section B of this manual. Please refer to section **E-5** for a technical description of the failsafe circuitry specifics. The 601ES Explosive Safety DMM Igniter Tester receives it's power from an internal re-chargeable battery pack - 4 "AA" batteries housed behind its metal battery box.

Overrange Indication:

When the lower portion of the LCD display indicates **">>>OR"** the AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM is in overrange mode. Make sure the test leads are connected to the "UUT". The "Overrange State" can occur whenever the measurement terminals are open circuit (not connected to anything), or the measurement under test is "higher than the selected range. The most common way to correct for an "overrange" condition is to select the next higher range. Of course if your already at the highest resistance range, for example (20 kilo Ohm), then the instrument is informing you that the *resistance under test* is a higher level than 20 kilo Ohms, possibly an "open circuit".



CHAPTER E - GENERAL OPERATION AND DESIGN



E-1. General

The AMPTEC RESEARCH 601ES Explosive Safety DMM Igniter Tester is shown in block diagram form in Figure E-1. **All diagrams and information disclosed in this chapter is proprietary** and is included in order to make troubleshooting to component level possible.

The AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM Series uses modern solid-state semiconductors exclusively and digital CMOS circuits extensively to minimize power requirements and make battery operation useful and practical.

AMPTEC RESEARCH also maintains a spare parts inventory of all components found in the 601ES Explosive Safety DMM tester and it's customer service department can also provide additional assistance in the trouble shooting process.

E-2. Troubleshooting

Since the AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM Igniter Tester is used to test potential deadly explosive force detonators and warheads of missiles etc., ***personnel that are not qualified to make such electrical repairs on the 601ES Explosive Safety DMM should not even attempt to remove the calibration access screws or open the main panel or effect any repair whatsoever.***

Apparent AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM malfunctions can sometimes be the result of bad test lead/connection wiring, wrong connections, misinterpretation of specifications, low battery levels and in rare cases due to an incomplete understanding of the instrument and how to use it. A thorough review of the operating instructions for this instrument is recommended prior to any component replacement. Check to be sure that cables and other test equipment are in good working order before attempting to troubleshoot the AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM series.

If you turn on the AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM ***and the display does not come on***, it may indicate the batteries need changing.

If the AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM exhibits problems that cannot be eliminated by reviewing Chapters B and D, the following guidelines have been established to help solve the problem.

E-3. Localizing the Problem

The key to successful troubleshooting is to localize the problem to a general electronic parameter as much as possible before trying to pin the problem down to a specific component. Certain questions should be asked such as "Does the problem occur on all ranges or on a specific range only?" If the AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM does not come "on" when powered up, did you check the obvious items such as dead batteries? Is there 5 mA of test current coming out of the units 20 ohm range? The power supplies for both the current source and the digital voltmeter electronics are also one of the first things that should be tested.

As it is not possible to anticipate all possible failure modes of the AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety DMM series igniter tester, service personnel should become familiar with this section to gain a complete understanding of the internal workings of this safety meter.

E-4. Component Replacement

If the malfunction is a faulty component, the accuracy of the AMPTEC 601 Explosive Safety DMM igniter tester ***can be maintained only if the AMPTEC 601ES is re-calibrated following a component replacement (repair)*** and the following precautions are taken:

Use only the specified component or its exact equivalent. Spare parts can be ordered from AMPTEC RESEARCH by referring to the AMPTEC Stock Number listed in the Parts Lists section at the back of this manual.

The highest quality 63/37 grade rosin core electronic grade solder with a 50W or lower maximum power soldering iron should be used. ***Never use an acid core solder*** as corrosion of components leads and PCB etch loss can occur.

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When soldering, heat the PCB pad and the lead of the component, not the solder. After several seconds of the component lead in contact with the hot soldering iron apply solder smoothly and evenly onto the PCB pad and component lead not the soldering iron. Do not touch or move the replacement part until the solder has cooled. Cold solder and bad solder joints can cause more problems.

Use the unit's chassis ground connection - i.e. connect to an earth ground to avoid a static discharge to a static sensitive component. Handle all AMPTEC 601ES DMM internal components as if they are static sensitive if you are not sure.

E-5. Circuit Descriptions

E-5.1 Model 601ES IC 401 - DVM IC - MAX7129 - Detailed Description

The MAX7129 is a uniquely designed single chip A/D converter. The AMPTEC 601ES Explosive Safety Meter DVM measurement circuit features a new successive integration" technique to achieve $5\mu\text{V}$ resolution on a 100mV full-scale range. To achieve this resolution a 10:1 improvement in noise performance over previous monolithic CMOS A/D converters was used. Previous integrating converters used an external capacitor to store an offset correction voltage (dual slope integration). This technique worked well but greatly increased the equivalent noise bandwidth of the converter. The MAX7129 removed this source of error (noise) by not using an auto-zero capacitor. Offsets are cancelled using digital techniques instead. Savings in external parts cost are realized as well as improved noise performance and elimination of a source of electromagnetic and electrostatic pick-up.

In the overall Functional Block Diagram of the MAX7129 the heart of this A/D converter is the sequence counter/decoder which drives the control logic and keeps track of the many separate phases required for each conversion cycle. The sequence counter is constantly running and is a separate counter from the up/down results counter which is activated only when the integrator is de-integrating. At the end of a conversion the data remaining in the results counter is latched, decoded and multiplexed to the liquid crystal display.

The analog section block diagram shown in FIG. H-7 included all of the analog switches used to configure the voltage sources and amplifiers in the different phases of the cycle. The input and reference switching schemes are very similar to those in other less accurate integrating A/D converters. There are 5 basic configurations used in the full conversion cycle.

FIG. H-9 illustrates a typical waveform on the integrator output. INT, INT₁, and INT₂ all refer to the signal integrate phase where the input voltage is applied to the integrator amplifier via the buffer amplifier. In this phase, the integrator ramps over a fixed period of time in a direction opposite polarity to the input voltage to the display driver for decoding and multiplexing

DE₁, DE₂ and DE₃ are the de-integrate phases where the reference capacitor is switched in series with the buffer amplifier and the integrator ramps back down the level it started from before integrating. However, since the de-integration phase can terminate only at a clock pulse transition, there is always a small overshoot of the integrator past the starting point. The ICL7129 amplifies this overshoot by 10 and DE₂ begins. Similarly DE₂'s overshoot is amplified by 10 and DE₃ begins. At the end of DE₃ the results counter holds a number with $5\frac{1}{2}$ digits of resolution. This was obtained by feeding counts into the results counter at the $3\frac{1}{2}$ digit level during DE₁, into the $4\frac{1}{2}$ digit level during DE₂ and the $5\frac{1}{2}$ digit level for DE₃. The effects of offset in the buffer, integrator, and comparator can now be cancelled by repeating this entire sequence with the inputs shorted and subtracting the results from the original reading. For this phase INT₂ switch is closed to give the same common-mode voltage as the measurement cycle. This assures excellent CMRR. At the end Of the cycle the data in the up/down results counter is accurate to 0.02% of full scale and is sen.

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E-5.2 AMPTEC 601ES Resistance

The AMPTEC 601ES DMM resistance measurement function works using the principle of OHM'S LAW ($V/I=R$). It outputs a constant DC current through the unknown resistance then measures the voltage drop across the resistance. The 601ES ohms measurement circuit then scales magnitude and displays the V/I ratio as resistance. For example, the 2 Ohm range outputs a constant 5.0 mA DC. When 5.0 mA passes through a 1.0 Ohm resistor the result is a 5.0 mV drop. We then route the measured voltage drop (i.e. 5.0 mV) into the **x10 Amplifier circuit** and get 50.0 mV, which is routed into the DVM chip (MAX7129) which drives the LCD display as 1.0000 Ohm. The 20 Ohm range also outputs 5mA of constant failsafe current. When 5 mA is routed through a 10 ohm resistor, you get 50mV. which is also routed into the DVM chip (MAX7129) which drives the LCD display as 10.000 Ohms. The 200 Ohm range outputs 500uA. Put that across a 100 Ohm resistor and you get 50mV which put into the DVM chip (MAX7129) displays it as 100.00 Ohms. As the range resistance goes up by a factor of 10. The DC current goes down by a factor of 10 keeping the voltage at 50mV.

E-5.3 POWER SUPPLY

IC101 is a 5 volt regulator with an enable pin 4. Pin 4 normally sits at +5V through RN101:3 and RN101:1. When the Power switch is pressed SW101 pin 4 is pulled to ground through D101, and +5 is turned on which then goes to IC102 a 5 volt regulator. Once the power is turned on the microprocessor wakes up and turns on TR101, which then holds pin 4 low keeping the power on. Even when the momentary power switch is released. When the power switch is pressed again to turn the unit off TR102 is turned on and a signal is sent to the micro processor and it turns off TR101 which allows pin 4 to go high and turns the power off. The micro can also turn the unit off the same way after a certain time period has elapsed. This is to save battery life. See FIG. H-1.

E-5.4 RELAY CONTROL

The micro can turn on TR201-TR209 using IC201 and IC202. These fets are used to set and reset latching relays on the current board. The connection is made through three ribbon connectors J201, J202, J203. A signal also comes back through these connectors indicating which relay is on and this is used to control the decimal point and K on the display. See FIG. H-2.

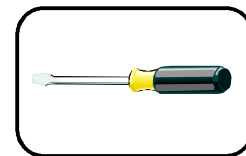
E-5.5 MICROPROCESSOR

IC301 is the microprocessor it can be programed through P301 when JP301 is in the P position and operate when JP301 is in the N position. J302 comes from the front panel range switch to let the micro know which range has been selected. It then sends the necessary signal to IC201 and IC202 on sheet 2 to select the proper FET to turn on the range relay on the current board. JP303 is used to tell the micro which time delay is selected to automatically turn the unit off. It uses PTC1 to turn the power on and off and PTD7 to detect if the power switch was pressed. These lines go to sheet 1. Ic302 is used to tell if it safe to change ranges. See FIG. H-3.

E-5.6 DIGITAL VOLT METER

IC402 is an X 10 Amplifier used for the 2 Ohm range. RL401 is used to switch the amplifier in and out. D401 is the reference Zener. RV401 is used to set the reference voltage to 500 milli volts. In the 100 mV measurement mode 50 mV in will display 10000. RL402 is used to switch in an offset in conjunction with the front panel zero pot for the 2 and 20 Ohm ranges. RL403 is used for the 200 Ohm range. Above 200 Ohms on offset is used. P401 is used to send the display information to the front panel LCD display. See FIG. H-4

CHAPTER F - CALIBRATION AND MAINTENANCE



F-1. General

This section of the manual contains routine maintenance information regarding the AMPTEC RESEARCH 601ES Safety DMM. Calibration should be performed on a regular basis to ensure continued instrument accuracy or following a main PCB electronic component repair/replacement. The recommended calibration interval is 1 year.

AMPTEC 601ES DMM Calibration note:
For the resistance function, the AMPTEC 601ES Safety DMM must be calibrated using four wire Kelvin connections to the resistance standard in order to eliminate lead resistance and contact resistance errors. The Option “300” is a gold plated 4 Wire Kelvin Clip Test Lead set that is available with the AMPTEC 601ES DMM.

F-2. Required Test Equipment

Following standard resistors are required to calibrate the 601ES Explosive Safety Meter Igniter Tester .

Precision Resistance Standards:

- 1 ohm \pm 0.01% Accuracy
- 10 ohms \pm 0.005% Accuracy
- 1000 ohms \pm 0.005% Accuracy
- 10 Kohms \pm 0.01% Accuracy

DC Voltage Standard:

- 600 V \pm 0.05% or better accuracy
- 100 V \pm 0.05% or better accuracy
- 10 V \pm 0.05% or better accuracy
- 1.0 V \pm 0.05% or better accuracy

AC Voltage Standard: verify @ 60Hz

- 600 V \pm 0.05% or better accuracy
- 100 V \pm 0.05% or better accuracy
- 10 V \pm 0.05% or better accuracy
- 1.0 V \pm 0.05% or better accuracy

AC/DC Current Standard:

- 1.0 ampere \pm 0.05% or better accuracy

F-3. Calibration Procedure

A. Verification of Each Function and Ranges

Accuracy - Following a full 15 minute warm-up period - Verify each function and range with the appropriate calibration standards to determine if the AMPTEC 601ES DMM meets its published accuracy specifications as published in Section B (p.7). **Only** the "**Out of Specification**" functions (**Section B**) need to be addressed with any adjustment procedure - *If the 601ES meets the specifications as compared with traceable standards then it is ready to certify with a calibration sticker etc. and "No adjustments are needed".* The 601ES DMM requires fully charged batteries and a full 15 minute warm-up period prior to any adjustments. The calibration adjustments are accessed by removing the 10 calibration access screws around the perimeter of the 601ES DMM front panel, then lifting off the top plate by the handles. The locations of the adjustments are shown on drawing number 601ES Explosive Safety Meter-600 at the back of this manual. **Use caution when lifting the 601ES top panel up by the handles**, as there is umbilical wiring that connects the top panel electronics to battery pack wiring and chassis/case ground wiring mounted inside the bottom of the 601ES case. Set the top panel on end resting on the unit's bezel.

F-3-1. Zero Offset Adjustment

1. With the AMPTEC 601ES DMM in 4 Wire mode, select the 20 Kohm range. Short the four Wire Kelvin Leads together at the ends.
2. Any zero offset greater than the specification (0.05% of range which is 00.10 on the 20 Kohm range) then adjust as noted next. If the zero reading is >00.10 then adjust potentiometer RV405 to be as close to 00.00 as possible (its located on the DVM PCB) (see figure H-14 in the back of the manual for the DVM PCB location - *its the PCB directly under*

the battery compartment). When adjusting RV405, **do not over adjust** which is indicated as a negative sign.

F-3-2. Full Scale Adjustment

1. Select the 20 Kohm range. Connect the Kelvin clips to the 10 Kohm standard resistor.
2. Adjust RV401 for a display indication of 10.00 Kohms.

F-3-3. 2.0 Ohm Range Adjustments

1. Select the 2.0 Ohm range. Connect Kelvin leads to the AMPTEC 601ES Safety DMM.

F-3-3. 2.0 Ohm Range Adjustments con't
Short the Kelvin Clip leads at the end (**zero**).

2. **Adjust RV403 on the DVM PCB** for a display indication of .0000 ohms.
3. Connect the test leads to a 1.0 Ohm resistance standard. **Adjust RV402 on the DVM PCB for a reading of 1.0000 ohms. Over adjustment is indicated by a negative polarity sign.**

F-3-4. Verification of Each Ranges Accuracy

Check the 20 ohm range with a 10 ohm resistance standard. Check the 200 ohm range with a 100 ohm resistance standard. Check the 2.0 KOhm range with the 1.0 Kohm Standard Resistor. Check the 20 KOhm range with the 10.0 KOhm Standard Resistor. All resistance ranges must be within the specifications outlined in Chapter B. **There are no adjustments necessary for the 20 Ohm, 200 Ohm, and 20 Kohm ranges.**

F-3-5 AC/DC Voltage Adjustments

1. The adjustments for this section is difficult to access, we recommend a simple **verification check first** for all AC/DC Voltage and AC/DC current measurements to **first** determine if the AMPTEC 601 Safety DMM is adequately in specification. If the AMPTEC 601ES DMM is "in spec" you do not need to perform the adjustment procedure described in the steps below. All the adjustments described in this section are performed on the DMM PCB (*see figure H-14 for PCB location, the DMM PCB is essentially located below the DVM PCB and the I source PCB*).

2. Keeping all ribbon cables and wiring intact between the various PCBs, **carefully** remove the DVM PCB from its standoff mounts. (*note:*

one corner of the DVM PCB has a nylon washer acting as an insulator/seperator from its corner stand off support). Save this nylon washer as it **must be** returned to its PCB metal standoff location when the adjustment procedure is finished. Slightly lift and tilt the right hand side of the DVM PCB to give you access to all the DMM trimpot locations (needed for voltage and current measurement adjustments). All voltage adjustments should be performed with DC Voltage Standard input **then later verify** with an AC Voltage Standard. DC Voltage input from a DCV standard provides the most stable AMPTEC 601ES voltage reading for calibration purposes.

3. Select the 600V range and input 0.00 VDC from the DC Voltage standard. Adjust RV101 to read 000.0 volts.

4. Still on the 600V range input 600.0 VDC from the DC Voltage standard. Adjust RV102 to read 600.0 volts.

5. Select the 200V range and input 100.00 VDC from the DC Voltage standard. Adjust RV105 to read 100.0 volts.

6. Select the 20V range and input 10.000 VDC from the DC Voltage standard. Adjust RV104 to read 10.000 volts.

7. Select the 2 V range and input 1.0000 VDC from the DC Voltage standard. Adjust RV103 to read 1.000 volts.

8. You may now verify all the above voltage ranges with input from an AC Voltage standard to determine compliance.

A) Select the 600V range and provide 600VAC @60Hz input, then verify the range is in specification.

B) Select the 200V range and provide 100VAC @60Hz input, then verify the range is in specification.

C) Select the 20V range and provide 10VAC @60Hz input, then verify the range is in specification.

D) Select the 2 V range and provide 1.0 VAC @60Hz input, then verify the range is in specification.

F-3-6 AC/DC Current Adjustments

1) All trimpot adjustments (i.e RV401) described for this section are also located on the DMM PCB.

F-3-6 AC/DC Current Adjustments con't

2) Select the 2.0 amp range and provide 1.0 ampere DC from the DC Current calibrator. Keep in mind, you have to press/hold the stray current pushbutton to measure AC/DC current. Adjust **RV401** (located in the middle of the DMM PCB) to read 1.000 ampere. Verify AC current with 1.0 amp@ 60Hz input from an AC/DC Current Calibrator to read within spec (see section B for specifications)

F-3-7 50mV/5mA Signal Source Adjustments

Since the voltage and current measurements have just be calibrated in the previous steps, a verification check of the **50mV** and **5 mA** signal source is **recommended prior** to any signal source adjustments (only adjust when necessary). Again, keep all ribbon cables and wiring intact between the PCBs, *carefully* remove the **I-Source PCB** from its standoff mounts. Slightly lift and tilt the left hand side of the I-Source PCB to give you access to the **DMM PCB** trimpots below it (needed only for access to the signal source adjustments).

- 1.) Select the 2.0 V range.
- 2.) Press and hold the 50mV/5mA Signal Source pushbutton. (*should be outputting ~50 mV at this point*)
- 3.) Adjust **RV501** located on the **DMM PCB** (underneath the I-Source PCB) to read .0500 V .
- 4.) Next select the 2 amp range.
- 5.) Press/hold the 50 mV/5mA Signal Source button at the same time as the 2.0 stray current press to measure button and **note the display reading**. Adjust RV502 and repeat this step 5 dual button press operation until the AMPTEC 601ES reads .0050 A (5 milliamperes).

Return both the **I-Source PCB** and the **DVM PCBs** to their standoff PCB mounts. Return the nylon washer/insulator to the DVM PCB corner standoff mount. With all ribbon cabling intact, re-secure both PCBs to their standoff mounts. Carefully replace the top panel and umbilical

cabling to it's bezel mount and re-secure the calibration access screws located around the perimeter of the 601ES top plate.

F-4. Battery Replacement Instructions

The battery pack replacement process is:

To replace low batteries first unscrew the battery compartment lid and lift. Remove the battery holder, plastic tie and low batteries. Replace with a new set of (4) "AA" batteries according to polarity. Using the spare plastic tie included in the battery compartment, wrap the plastic around the battey holder and secure. Cut excess plastic. Next, wrap the black and red wire around the battery holder and place the holder into the compartment. Lastly replace lid and screw in screws to secure. See diagram above. *Please note: After replacing battery holder with (4) new 'AA' batteries; secure with a new plastic tie lock.

