

**HIOKI****3245-60****SOLARHTESTER****Instruction Manual**

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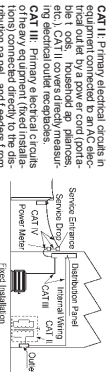


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**⚠ DANGER**  
This instrument is designed to comply with IEC 61010 safety standards for a minimum of 1000 V AC. Use of this safety instrument is hazardous. However, mishandling during use could result in injury or death, as well as damage to the instrument. Using this instrument in a way not described in this manual may negate the provided safety and precautions in the manual before use. We disclaim any responsibility for accidents or injuries not resulting directly from instrument defects.

**Measurement categories**

This product complies with CAT IV (300 V), CAT III (600 V), CAT II (600 V) safety requirements. Classification of measurement products, IEC 61010 as published safety standards for various electrical environments, categorized as CAT II to CAT IV, and called measurement categories.



Using a measurement instrument in an environment designated with a higher-numbered category than that for which the instrument is rated could result in a measurement that is not CAT-rated in CAT II to CAT IV measurement applications could result in a severe accident, and must be carefully avoided.

**Safety Symbol**

In this manual, the **⚠** symbol indicates particularly important information that the user should read before using the product. The **⚠** symbol printed on the product indicates that the user with the **⚠** symbol before using the relevant function.

**⊞** Indicates a double-insulated device.

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**⚠ CAUTION**  
Do not store or use the product where it could be exposed to sunlight. High temperatures of the body or extended use of the product may damage the battery. Extended use and insulation may deteriorate so that it is no longer meets specifications.  
This product is not designed to be entirely water- or dust-proof. To avoid damage, do not use it in a wet or dusty environment. To avoid damage to the product, protect it from vibration or shock during transport and handling, and be especially careful to avoid dropping.

**⚠ CAUTION**

If the protective functions of the product are damaged, either remove it from service or mark it clearly so that others do not use it inadvertently.  
The solar battery and the liquid crystal display are made of glass. Do not strike, drop, or apply excess pressure to them, or use them as a tool.

**NOTE**

- Accurate measurement may be impossible in the presence of current conductors or in the presence of strong electromagnetic fields such as near radio transmitters.
- When not in use, store the unit in a well-ill-located rather than in a container such as a toolbox.
- To avoid battery depletion, turn the Function Selector OFF after use (the Auto Power Save feature consumes a small amount of current).
- The **⊞** indicator appears (blinks) when the main battery voltage becomes low. Charge the battery as soon as possible.
- The **⊞** indicator appears (blinks) when backup battery voltage becomes low. Replace the batteries as soon as possible.
- To avoid damage to the product, do not use the batteries from the product if it is to be stored for a long time.
- Batteries are not included in the basic price of the 3245-60. (For testing purposes, a battery is inserted into the product, but if this should be exhausted it is not replaced free of charge.)

**Specifications**

General	Dual Integration
Measurement Method	Dual integration
Measurement System	Active (verifying) measurement
AC Measurement	DC voltage (DCV), AC voltage/ACV, Resistance (Ω)
Function	Continuity check (⊞), Light check
Additional Function	Auto Range Function, Manual Range Function, Hold Function, Auto-hold Function, Battery Warning Function, N-Type LCD, 1/2 duty, dynamic drive
Display	Max. 4199 counts
Range Switching	Auto-range, manual range
Sampling Rate	2.5 S/s
Power Supply	Main battery: Rechargeable lithium battery Backup battery: CR2032 (3V/DC) × 1
Battery Life	Main battery exhausted: <b>⊞</b> lights (accuracy assumed) Backup battery exhausted: <b>⊞</b> lights (accuracy and assumed)
Dimensions	Approx. 60W × 134H × 23D mm (without protrusions) Cable length: Approx. 520 mm (20.47')
Mass	Approx. 410 g (14.43 oz.) (including batteries)
Operating Environment	up to 2000 m (6562 ft), AS1, Indoor, Pollution Degree 2
Operating Temperature	0 to 40°C (32 to 104°F), at 80%RH or less
Storage Temperature	20 to 50°C (68 to 122°F), at 70%RH or less
Humidity	30 to 80%RH (non-condensing)
Accessories	Instruction Manual, carrying case, Con-shaped lithium battery (CR2032) × 1 (supplies with this product for month), Backup (DS and DS-1) (Accessories)

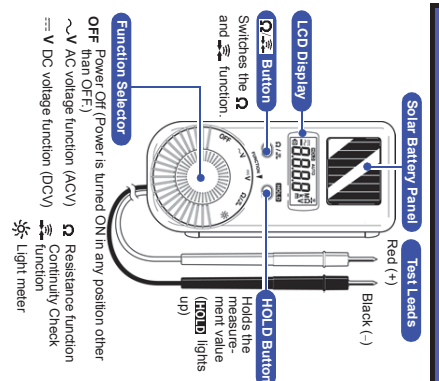
**General**

Applicable Standards	Safety EN61010 EMC EN61326
<b>Electrical Characteristics</b>	
Temperature Compensation	Measurement accuracy × 0.1 °C (except 23 °C±5 °C)
Noise Suppression	NRR: 40dB or better (DCV)
Operating Frequency	Carrier: 100kHz or better (DCV), 60kHz or better (ACV)
Operating Time and Backup battery life	DCV: 150 hours (DCV, continuous) Backup battery life: Approx. 150 hours (DCV, continuous)
Dielectric strength	5550 Vrms sin (50/60Hz) for one minute! between input and case
Maximum input Voltage	600 Vrms (sin) or 3 × 10 <sup>3</sup> Vrms
Maximum rated voltage to earth	When sleeve is installed: CAT II (300 V), CAT III (600 V) When sleeve is not installed: CAT II (300 V)
Rated Power	15 mVA

**Accuracy** (Accuracy guaranteed for one year at 23±5 °C (73±9°F), 80%RH or less). Battery low display, **⊞** is not flash.

Range	Accuracy	Notes
DC Voltage Measurement (DCV)	4.200 V ±1.3%/dg ±4dg 4.200 V ±1.3%/dg ±4dg 600 V ±1.3%/dg ±4dg	Approx. 11 MΩ Approx. 10 MΩ Approx. 10 MΩ
AC Voltage Measurement (ACV)	4.200 V ±2.0%/dg ±4dg 4.200 V ±2.0%/dg ±4dg 600 V ±2.0%/dg ±4dg	Approx. 11 MΩ Approx. 10 MΩ Approx. 10 MΩ
Resistance Measurement (Ω)	4.200 Ω ±1.0%/dg ±4dg 4.200 Ω ±1.0%/dg ±4dg 4.200 MΩ ±1.0%/dg ±4dg	3.4V or less 0.5 V or less 0.5 V or less
Continuity Check (⊞)	4.200 Ω ±2.0%/dg ±4dg	3.4V or less (beeper sounds) 1000Ω or less (beeper sounds) 50000x
Light check	4.200	1000Ω or less (beeper sounds) 50000x

Overload protection is 800V DC/AC rms (sine wave) or 3x10<sup>3</sup> Vrms (10<sup>3</sup> rms), 100ms resolution (The smallest displayable unit, i.e., the first value that causes the digital display to show a "1").  
dg: reading value (The value currently being measured and indicated on the measuring product)

**Parts Names**

**Function Selector**  
OFF Power Off (Power is turned ON in any position other than OFF)  
~V AC voltage function (ACV)  
~V DC voltage function (DCV)  
⊞ Continuity Check  
⊞ Light meter

**Safety**

Follow these precautions to ensure safe operation and to obtain the full benefits of the various functions.

**Maintenance and Service**  
To clean the product, wipe it gently with a soft cloth moistened with water or mild detergent. Never use solvents such as benzene, alcohol, acetone, or ether. Keep the instrument in a clean, dry place. Do not use it in a dusty or humid environment. If the instrument seems to be malfunctioning, e.g., it cannot hold the reading, or the display is abnormal, check the battery. When sending it back, pack it so that it will not sustain damage during shipping, including a description of any damage incurred during shipping.

**Preliminary Checks**

Before using the product for the first time, verify that it operates normally with the instruction manual and product precautionary markings. If it does not, contact your dealer for further information on warranty provisions.

**Initial Inspection**

When you receive the product, inspect it to ensure that no damage occurred during shipping. If damage is evident, or if it fails to operate according to the specifications, contact your dealer.

**Warranty**

Warranty: This instrument is warranted against manufacturing defects under normal use and conditions of normal use. The warranty is void for a period of 12 months from the date of purchase. For details, contact the distributor from which you purchased the product for further information on warranty provisions.

**Introduction**

Thank you for purchasing the HIOKI 3245-60 SOLARHTESTER. This manual contains important information for the safe and correct use of the product. Please read this manual first, and keep it handy for future reference.

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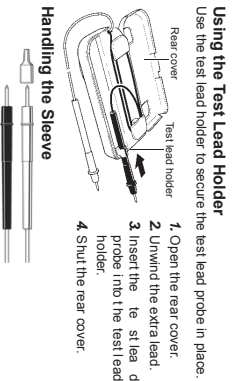
**Usage Notes**

This manual contains information and warnings essential for safe and correct use of the product. Before using the product, be sure to carefully read the following safety notes.

**⚠ WARNING**

To avoid electric shock when measuring live lines, wear appropriate protective gear (e.g., such as insulated rubber gloves, boots and a safety helmet).





### Using the Test Lead Holder

Use the test lead holder to secure the test lead probe in place.

1. Open the rear cover.
2. Unwind the extra lead.
3. Insert the test lead probe into the test lead holder.
4. Shut the rear cover.

### Handling the Sleeve



**⚠ DANGER**  
Removable sleeves are attached to the metal pins at the ends of the test leads. To prevent a short circuit accident, be sure to use the test leads with the sleeves attached when performing measurements in the CAT III and CAT IV test leads when performing measurements in the CAT II test leads when performing measurements in the CAT II test leads when performing measurements in the CAT II measurement categories." in the instruction manual.

**⚠ CAUTION**  
• The tips of the metal pins are sharp, so take care not to injure yourself.  
• When performing measurements with the sleeves attached, be sure to use the test leads with the sleeves attached. If the sleeves are inadvertently removed during measurement, be especially careful in handling the test leads to avoid electric shock.

## Functions

**Auto Range Function (  $\sim V \rightleftharpoons V \Omega$  ) (lights up)**  
The Auto-ranging function automatically selects the optimum measurement range ("AUTO" lights up).  
**Manual Range Function (  $\sim V \rightleftharpoons V \Omega$  )**  
Turn on the power while pressing the HOLD button and the n press the  $\Omega \rightleftharpoons$  button to select the range. ("AUTO" is turned off).  
**Manual Ranging Function (  $\sim V \rightleftharpoons V \Omega$  )**  
The Manual ranging function is active until the 3245-60 is turned off.

**Hold Function (HOLD) (lights up)**  
Press the HOLD button to hold the measurement value. (HOLD lights up).  
**All measurement (HOLD) (lights up)**  
To cancel the hold mode, press the HOLD button again, or turn the Function Selector.

**Auto Power Function (Auto Power Save mode)**  
Approximately 30 minutes after completing a measurement, the power is automatically cut off. Exiting the Power Save mode will turn the power on. The auto power save function cannot be canceled.

**Overflow Display Function (OF) (lights up)**  
When the input exceeds the measurement range, "OF" is displayed.

## Measurement Procedures

**⚠ DANGER**  
Observe the following precautions to avoid electric shock.  
• Always verify the appropriate setting of the Function Selector before connecting the test leads.  
• Disconnect the test leads from the measurement object before switching the Function Selector.

**⚠ DANGER**  
• Never apply voltage to test leads when the Resistance or Continuity Check functions are selected. Doing so may damage the product and result in personal injury. To avoid electrical accidents, remove power from the circuit before measuring.

### Pre-Operation Inspection

To avoid the possibility of electric shock or incorrect measurement, check the following items before using the instrument.  
• If the operation check reveals any abnormalities, stop the check immediately and do not use the instrument.

### ⚠ WARNING

To prevent an electric shock accident, confirm that the white portion (insulation layer) inside the cable is not exposed. If a color inside the cable is exposed, do not use the cable. Contact your dealer for repair.

- For voltage measurement, short the test leads and check that 0 V is displayed.
- For Measuring Resistance or Continuity Check, short the test leads and check that 0  $\Omega$  is displayed.
- Measure at test item with a known value (Battery, A/C supply, resistor, etc.) to confirm that the known value can be displayed.

### NOTE

Periodic calibration and inspection is necessary in order to ensure that this instrument operates according to its product specifications.

## Voltage Measurement



**⚠ DANGER**  
• The maximum input voltage is 600 V DC/ 600 Vrms (sin or 347 Vrms). Attempting to measure voltage in excess of the maximum input could destroy the product and result in electrical shock. Be careful to avoid shorting live lines with the test leads.  
• For safety, test lead connections must always be made at the secondary side of a circuit breaker.  
• The maximum rated voltage between input terminals and ground is CAT IV (300 V), CAT III (600 V), CAT II (600 V). Do not attempt to measure voltages exceeding CAT IV (300 Vrms) or CAT III (600 Vrms) or CAT II (600 Vrms) to avoid damage to the product and/or result in personal injury.

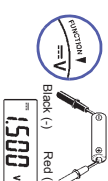
### AC Voltage Measurement

1. Move the e F junction selector to the  $\sim V$  position.
2. Connect the test lead as indicated in the diagram. When measuring AC voltage, the polarity of leads can be ignored.



### DC Voltage Measurement

1. Move the e F junction selector to the  $\sim V$  position.
2. Connect the test leads to the measurement object, and read the indicated value. Correcting the leads of negative side will display the opposite. "Is" displays.



## Continuity Check



1. Move the Function Selector to the  $\Omega \rightleftharpoons$  position and press the  $\Omega \rightleftharpoons$  button. ("Beep" lights up).
2. Connect the test leads to the measurement object. When the continuity is established, the beeping sounds.



### Resistance Measurement



1. Move the e F junction selector to the  $\Omega \rightleftharpoons$  position.
2. Connect the test leads to the measurement object, and read the indicated value.



## Recharging and Replacing the Batteries



### Recharging the Main Battery

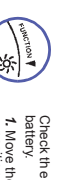
- Do not charge the unit outdoors where it will be exposed to direct sunlight, or place on the dashboard of automobiles. If the unit gets hot, the case may be damaged or the unit damaged.
- You can not charge the main battery when power is on.
- If the solar battery panel is soiled, you cannot charge the battery.

### ⚠ CAUTION

- If the  $\text{BATT}$  mark lights, the internal main battery (rechargeable battery) is exhausted. If this occurs, the internal backup battery is used as a power source.
- If you change the main battery according to the instruction Manual and battery life is shorter than usual, the battery may be deteriorated. Please have the main battery replaced at the place where you purchased the unit.

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1. Move the Function Selector to the  $\text{OFF}$  position.
2. Place the 3245-60 with the solar battery panel facing the light, such as near a window, but avoid direct sunlight.
3. Read the indicated value.
4. Turn off the power to charge. The main battery cannot be charged while the power is on. For charging time, refer to the table below.

### Approximate charging and operating time

Display	Charging time	Operating time (approx.) *1	Illuminance (approx.)
1000 or more	5 hours	10 hours	50,000 lx or more
500	3 hours	8 hours	10,000 lx
100	1 hours	3 hours	25,000 lx
10	5 hours	5 hours	5,000 lx
10	10 hours	2 hours	1,000 lx
10	10 hours	10 minutes	1,000 lx

\*1. Operating time is typical for DCV.

## Replacing the Backup Battery and Disposing of the Main Battery

### ⚠ WARNING

- To avoid electric shock when replacing the batteries, first disconnect the test leads from the object to be measured.
- Before replacing the batteries, make sure that the Function Selector is OFF.
- Be sure to insert them with the correct polarity. Otherwise, the main battery will be damaged from battery leakage could result.
- Replace batteries only with the specified type. (Coin-shaped lithium battery CR2032)
- If other battery is used, they may explode.
- After replacing the batteries, replace the cover and screws before using the product.
- Battery may explode if mistreated. Do not short-circuit, heat, or expose to fire.
- Handle and dispose of batteries in accordance with local regulations.
- Keep batteries away from children to prevent accidental swallowing.
- When disposing of this product, remove the main battery (lithium battery) and dispose of battery and product in accordance with local regulations.

### NOTE

- Make sure you use the unit with the backup battery installed. If the backup battery is not installed, the unit will not function properly.
- If the  $\text{BATT}$  mark flashes, the backup battery is exhausted. Replace the backup battery. In this case, the internal main battery is exhausted and must be changed in a well-lit place.

### Replacing the Backup Battery

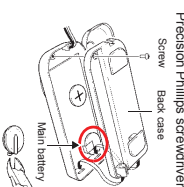
Necessary tool:  
Precision Phillips screwdriver; Coin-shaped lithium battery (CR2032)

1. Turn OFF the power.
2. Turn the 3245-60 over and use a Phillips screwdriver to remove the one retaining screw from the back case.
3. Replace the CR2032 battery. Make sure the polarity is correct.
4. Mount the back case and tighten the retaining screw. After replacing, charge the main battery.

### Disposing of the Main Battery

Necessary tool:  
Precision Phillips screwdriver; wire cutter

1. Turn OFF the power.
2. Turn the 3245-60 over and use a Phillips screwdriver to remove the one retaining screw from the back case.
3. Remove the main battery using the wire cutter.



CALIFORNIA, USA ONLY  
This product contains a CR Coin Lithium Battery which contains Perchlorate Material - special handling may apply.