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Battery Ground-Fault Tracer



- **Ground faults in ungrounded dc battery systems easily located**
- **Operates in high electrical noise environment**
- **Simplifies fault tracing by identifying fault characteristic (resistive and capacitive) magnitudes**

DESCRIPTION

The Battery Ground-Fault Tracer is an economical, manually-balanced instrument that identifies, tracks and locates ground faults in ungrounded dc battery systems – on-line. It is particularly effective in high electrical noise environments, as the strength of the test current can be adjusted.

The Battery Ground-Fault Tracer accelerates fault location by eliminating trial-and-error procedures and because faults can be located without going off-line. It is particularly useful in any industry where supply of power for operating measurement, communication and control equipment is critical.

APPLICATIONS

The Battery Ground-Fault Tracer, which consists of a line-operated transmitter and a portable, battery-powered receiver, determines fault magnitude and severity. The transmitter connects to the battery bus and station ground.

Incorporating a resistance and capacitance bridge, the transmitter can be used to determine the fault's magnitude and severity prior to tracking the fault.

System capacitance can then be nulled from the measurement to prevent erroneous readings on the receiver. Immune to distributed noise in the system, Battery Ground-Fault Tracer readings are unaffected by the presence of dc current and ac ripple up to 15 amperes.

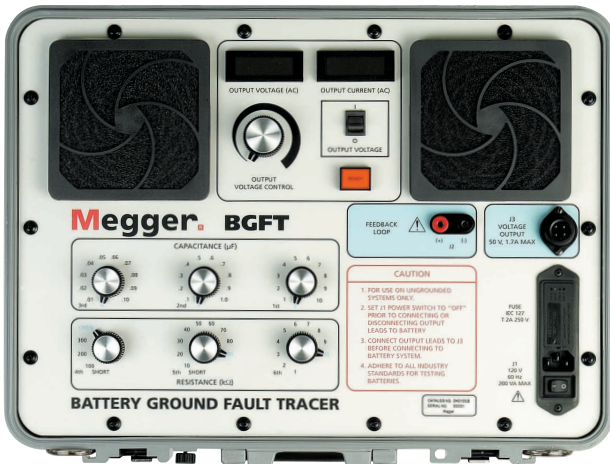
The transmitter can be left behind during tracking, which is performed quickly and easily using the hand-held receiver and clamp-on probe. The receiver provides digital display of signal amplitude, with a multiposition switch to adjust gain for optimal display resolution.

PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

The Battery Ground-Fault Tracer transmits an ac signal through an energized or de-energized system. Feeder cables are tested for signal amplitude, which is inversely proportional to the fault impedance. Faults up to 100 k Ω are easily tracked and isolated by clamping a direction-sensitive probe on the feeder cable and monitoring signal strength on the hand-held receiver.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Digital display of voltage and current signal amplitudes
- Bridge measurement of fault resistance and system capacitance
- Wide fault resistance measurement range from 1 to 100 k Ω
- Immune to distributed noise
- Soft-start charging system to prevent sensitive relay tripping
- Convenient, hand-held receiver
- Receiver gain control for optimal display resolution
- Caster-mounted transmitter for easy portability



SPECIFICATIONS

Power Source

Transmitter: 120 Vac, 60 Hz, 200 VA max. (240 Vac, 50 Hz)
Receiver: One 9 volt alkaline battery supplies up to 40 hours continuous use.

Source Voltage

Variable from 0 to 50 V rms

Source Current

Load dependent from 0 to 2 A rms

Source Frequency

20 Hz, ±2%

Fault Resistance

1 to 399 kW at 50 V; bridge accuracy ±10%

Line Capacitance

0.01 to 11.1 µF; bridge accuracy ±20%

Display

Transmitter: Separate 3-digit LCD meters for volts and current
Accuracy: ±5%
Receiver: Digital meter display up to 1.999 (three gain selections)

Temperature Range

Operating: 32 to 105° F (0 to 40° C)
Storage: -5 to +130° F (-20 to +55° C)

Dimensions

Transmitter
 12 H x 19.5 W x 11 D in. (30 H x 49 W x 28 D cm)
Receiver
 1.5 H x 3.5 W x 7.5 D in. (4 H x 9 W x 19 D cm)

Weight

Transmitter: 35 lb (15.9 kg)
Receiver: 0.66 lb (0.3 kg)

ORDERING INFORMATION

Item (Qty)	Cat. No.
Battery Ground Fault Tracer, 110/230 Vac, 50/60 Hz, CE-marked	246100B
Included Accessories	
Fused source leads, 20 ft (6 m) [1 pr]	29386-3
Current probe leads, 4 ft (1.2 m) [1 pr]	29999-1
AC power cord, 6 ft (1.8 m) [1]	17032
Feedback cable, 40 ft (12 m) [1]	29998
Padded accessory bag	29996
Battery, 9 volt [1]	1482-1
Operator's manual [1]	AVTM 246100B
Optional Accessories	
Canvas carrying case	246010
Current sensor, 0.5 in. (12.7 mm) with 4.25 ft (1.3 m) lead	30595

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