

# **High-precision portable RESISTANCE METER**

measures from  $\mu\Omega$  to  $M\Omega$ 



### **Features**

- High-precision specs in a portable package (high accuracy of 0.02% rdg.)
- Design is ideal for maintenance and testing/measurement of large equipment.
- No warmup period or zero adjustment required.
- Dramatically improved overvoltage resistance (protection up to 70 V DC)

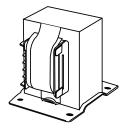
# High-precision specs in a portable package

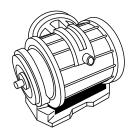
Expansive range options

Measure from 0.0  $\mu\Omega$  to 3.5000  $M\Omega$  0.1 $\mu\Omega$  max. resolution, 0.02% basic accuracy Max.measurable current of 1A

 Continuity and resistance measurement in large transformers, motors, and power supply equipment

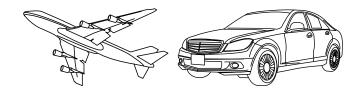
The RM3548 uses a high current of 1 A to measure lower resistance values more reliably at a resolution of 0.1  $\mu\Omega$  in applications including measuring resistance in large transformers and motors as well as wiring, busbars and connections in power supply equipment.





 Verification of continuity of ground lines in automobiles and fuselage welds and caulking in aircraft

The RM3548 can be used to check ground connections\* in automobiles and fuselage welds and caulking in aircraft using a measurement current of 300 mA (300 m $\Omega$  range).



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# Portable, easy to use, and easy to understand

### Design is ideal for maintenance and testing/measurement of large products

The included strap can be looped around the neck to support the instrument, leaving the operator's hands free to hold probes for measurement. The meter uses eight AA alkaline batteries, which provide enough power for approximately 10 hours of testing under normal operating conditions. (Operating times vary with measurement conditions.)

#### Auto-hold and auto-memory functionality

The RM3548 features auto-hold and auto-memory functionality to automatically hold and record data simply by placing the probes in contact with the desired measurement location. This functionality allows measured values to be recorded automatically as soon as they stabilize without the need for the user to operate any switches.

#### LED COMPARATOR ATTACHMENT

By installing the LED COMPAR-ATOR ATTACHMENT close to a probe, you can capture judgment results without moving your eyes away from the measurement location and probe.



Green light IN state



Red light HI/LO state

# No zero adjustment

Accuracy is defined without any need to perform zero-adjustment. Measurement can be performed as soon as the instrument is turned on.

#### Dramatically improved overvoltage resistance

Protection is provided against overvoltage input of up to 70 V, preventing damage caused by connecting the instrument to an electrical charge or by the effects of the counter-EMF from inductance.



Circuit protection detection state (Alerts the operator to overvoltage input with a screen display and an audible warning.)

# Offset Voltage Compensation(OVC)

Thermal EMF occurs at the contact point of different metals. This voltage affects measurements, and if large enough, can cause measurement errors. The offset voltage compensation function minimizes the effect of thermal EMF to maintain measurement accuracy. Particularly when measuring low resistances where the detection voltage is small, and during low-power resistance measurements, OVC is essential to maintain accuracy.

# Length conversion function

By setting a resistance value per meter, it is possible to convert resistance values into lengths. This capability is useful when managing cable inventory or estimating PCB pattern lengths.

#### Acquire measured values recorded in the instrument's memory over a USB connection

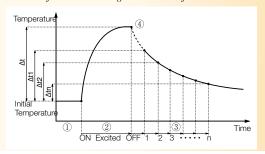
By connecting the RM3548 to a computer with a USB cable\*, you can download measured values stored in the instrument's memory. \*Since the RM3548 provides a mass storage class (read-only) USB interface, there is no need to install special driver software on the computer

# Temperature conversion function and interval measurement: Useful in temperature-rise testing

Temperature increase ( $\Delta t$ ) is obtained and displayed by converting resistance measurements and ambient temperature. The maximum temperature increase needs to be determined when current is applied especially for verifying motor windings or transformers. The interval measurement function can be used to take measurements at a user-specified interval from the start of measurement. Since measured values can be recorded in the instrument's memory, the maximum temperature can be easily estimated.

\*The temperature conversion function cannot be used simultaneously with the temperature correction function and length conversion function.

- ① When a motor or coil has thermally stabilized at room temperature, measure the resistance (r<sub>0</sub>) and ambient temperature (t<sub>0</sub>) before applying current
- ② Excite the coil, and when the temperature increase appears to saturate, remove the excitation.
- After removing excitation, determine the temperature (Δt₁ to Δt₁) from the resistance (rt) measured at each specific time (t), and the ambient temperature.
- **4** Project the curve through the collected temperature data ( $\Delta t_1$  to  $\Delta t_n$ ) to estimate the maximum temperature increase ( $\Delta t_1$ ).

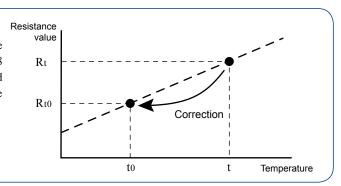


### Temperature correction

Generally, the resistance of cooper wiring changes with temperature by 0.4% per degree Celsius. The RM3544/RM3544-01/RM3548 provides a temperature correction function to convert the observed resistance value Rt at the current temperature t to the resistance value Rto at the reference temperature t0.

\*Requires temperature sensor (Z2001 or Z2002).

Reference temperature setting range: -10 °C to 99.9 °C Temperature coefficient setting range: -9,999 ppm to +9,999 ppm



#### Measurement accuracy

- Resistance measurement accuracy
- Conditions of guaranteed accuracy
- Temperature & humidity: 23 °C  $\pm 5$  °C, 80% rh or less (non-condensating)
- · Guaranteed Accuracy Period: 1 year
- From 0°C to 18°C and from 28°C to 40°C, add (temperature coefficient  $\pm [1/10 \text{ measurement accuracy}] / °C$ ).

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Accuracy =  $\pm$ (% rdg. + % f.s.)

(f.s. = calculated 30,000 dgt., where 0.010% f.s. = 3 dgt.)

(Example) 0.020 + 0.007 . .... 0.020% rdg. + 0.007% f.s.

| Range                 | Max. measurement display*4,*5 | Accuracy*6                        | Measurement<br>Current*7        | Open-Circuit<br>Voltage |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| $3m\Omega$            | $3.500~0~\mathrm{m}\Omega$    | $0.100 + 0.200 \ (0.100 + 0.020)$ | 1A                              |                         |
| $30 \mathrm{m}\Omega$ | $35.000~\mathrm{m}\Omega$     | $0.100 + 0.020 \ (0.100 + 0.010)$ | 1A                              |                         |
| 300mΩ                 | 350.00 mΩ                     | $0.100 + 0.010 \ (0.100 + 0.010)$ | 0 + 0.010 (0.100 + 0.010) 300mA |                         |
| 300m22                | 330.00 ms2                    | $0.020 + 0.020 \ (0.020 + 0.010)$ | 100mA                           |                         |
| $3\Omega$             | 3.500 0 Ω                     | $0.020 + 0.007 \ (0.020 + 0.007)$ | 100mA                           |                         |
| 30Ω                   | 35.000 Ω                      | $0.020 + 0.007 \ (0.020 + 0.007)$ | 10mA                            | 5.5Vmax.                |
| 300Ω                  | 350.00 Ω                      | $0.020 + 0.007 \ (0.020 + 0.007)$ | 1mA                             |                         |
| 3kΩ                   | $3.500~0~\mathrm{k}\Omega$    | 0.020 + 0.007                     | 1mA                             |                         |
| 30kΩ                  | 35.000 kΩ                     | 0.020 + 0.007                     | 100μΑ                           |                         |
| 300kΩ                 | 350.00 kΩ                     | 0.040 + 0.007                     | 5μΑ                             |                         |
| 3ΜΩ                   | 3.500 0 MΩ                    | 0.200 + 0.007                     | 500nA                           |                         |

<sup>\*4</sup> For negative values, to -10% f.s.

$$\frac{-\Omega_{t0}\Delta t}{1+\Omega_{t0}\times(t+\Delta t-t_0)} \times 100 \quad [\%]$$

to : Reference temperature. [ ${}^{\circ}C$ ]

t : Ambient temperature. [°C]

 $\Delta t$  : Temperature. measurement accuracy

αto: Temperature. coefficient at to is [1/°C]

# **● Temperature measurement accuracy**

- Temperature Sensor Z2001 (for RM3544/RM3544-01)
- Temperature Sensor Z2002 (for RM3548)

| Range of guaranteed accuracy | -10.0 to 99.9 °C |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Display refresh rate         | Approx. 2 s      |
| Guaranteed accuracy period   | 1 year           |

- Temperature Sensor Z2001 and RM3544/RM3544-01 combined accuracy
- Temperature Sensor Z2002 and RM3548 combined accuracy

t: Temperature measurement values [°C]

| Temperature        | Accuracy   |  |
|--------------------|--|--|
| -10.0 °C to 9.9 °C | $\pm (0.55 + 0.009 \times  \text{t-}10 ) ^{\circ}\text{C}$ |  |
| 10.0 °C to 30.0 °C | ± 0.50 °C  |  |
| 30.1 °C to 59.9 °C | $\pm (0.55 + 0.012 \times  \text{t-30} ) ^{\circ}\text{C}$ |  |
| 60.0 °C to 99.9 °C | $\pm (0.92 + 0.021 \times  \text{t-}60 ) ^{\circ}\text{C}$ |  |

Standalone instrument accuracy: ± 0.2 °C

<sup>\*5</sup> The maximum display range is the same as the maximum measurement range.

<sup>\*6</sup> Measurement accuracy values assume offset voltage correction (OVC) is ON.

<sup>\*7</sup> Measurement current accuracy is ±5%.

<sup>\*</sup> During temperature correction, the value calculated below is added to the rdg. error for resistance measurement accuracy:

Product warranty: 1 year

# RM3544/RM3544-01/RM3548 Specifications

|                                       |   | RM3544/RM3544-01  | RM3548  |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| Measurement types                     |   | Resistance measurement: $0.000 m\Omega$ ( $30 m\Omega$ range) to $3.500~0 M\Omega$ ( $3 M\Omega$ range), 9 ranges Temperature measurement (thermistor): $-10.0~to~99.9^{\circ}C$  | Resistance measurement: $0.0000 m\Omega$ (3m $\Omega$ range) to 3.500 0M $\Omega$ (3M $\Omega$ range), 10 ranges Temperature measurement (thermistor): -10.0 to 99.9°C                |  |
| Measurement method                    |   | 4-terminal direct current (constant current), banana plug,with guard terminal   | 4-terminal direct current (constant current), banana plug   |  |
| Rar                                   | Range switching Auto or Manual  |   |   |  |
| Tem                                   | emperature correction Reference temperature setting range: -10°C to 99.9°C, Temperature coefficient setting range: -9,999 ppm/°C to |   | ture coefficient setting range: -9,999 ppm/°C to +9,999 ppm/°C  |  |
| Zer                                   | o-adjustment  | Within -3% to 50% f.s. of each range. (f.s.= 30,000 dgt.)   | Within ±3% f.s. of each range (f.s.= 30,000 dgt.)   |  |
| Trig                                  | ger   | RM3544: Internal trigger, RM3544-01: Internal or external   | Internal trigger  |  |
| Mea                                   | surement speed  | FAST (50Hz:21 ms, 60Hz:18 ms) / MED (101 ms) / SLOW (401 ms)  | Fixed   |  |
| Dis                                   | play refresh rate   | N/A   | Without OVC: approx. 100ms, With OVC: approx. 230ms   |  |
| Del                                   | ay  | N/A   | Internal fixed value: / 10 to 1000ms (7 settings)   |  |
| Functions                             |   | Temperature correction, comparator (ABS/REF%), key-lock (OFF, menu lock, all lock), display digit count selection function (5 digits/4 digits), automatic power supply frequency settings (AUTO/50Hz/60Hz), scaling, judgment sound setting, auto hold                                    | Temperature correction, temperature conversion, offset voltage compensation (OVC), comparator (ABS/REF%), length conversion, judgment sound setting, auto hold, auto power save (APS) |  |
| Measurement fault detection functions |   | Over-range detection, current fault detection, fuse trip detection  | Over-range detection, current fault detection, circuit protection detection function, fuse trip detection   |  |
| Ave                                   | eraging   | OFF, 2 to 100 averaging iterations (variable in 1-iteration steps)  | OFF, 2/5/10/20 averaging iterations   |  |
| Par                                   | nel store,  | 10  | 9   |  |
|                                       | iel load  | Panel save parameters: resistance measurement ranges, measurement speed, average, comparator, judgment sound, scaling, temperature correction(TC), auto hold, zero-adjust   |   |  |
| Memory storage                        |   | N/A   | Manual, Auto memory, interval memory Number of blocks: 10 Number of recordable data points: (manual/auto) Up to 1,000,  |  |
| Interfaces                            |   | RM3544-01: EXT I/O, Communication interface   | Communication interface   |  |
| Communication interfaces              |   | RM3544-01:<br>Select from RS-232C, PRINTER(RS-232C), or USB   | USB   |  |
|                                       | Communication function  | Remote function, communications monitor function, data output function  | N/A   |  |
|                                       | RS-232C   | Bit rates: 115,200 / 38,400 / 19,200 / 9,600 bps  | N/A   |  |
|                                       | USB   | Class: CDC (COM mode), HID (USB keyboard mode)  | Class: USB mass storage class (read-only)   |  |
|                                       | Printer   | Operation: Prints at PRINT signal or PRINT key input. Printed data: Resistance measurement values, temperature measurement values, judgment results, measurement conditions Interval: ON/OFF Interval times: 1 to 3,600 s (variable in 1 s steps) Number of print columns per row: 1 or 3 | N/A   |  |

### **■**General specifications

|   | RM3544/RM3544-01   | RM3548  |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| Operating temperature and humidity  | 0 to 40°C, 80% rh or less (non-condensating)   |   |  |
| Storage temperature and humidity  | -10 to 40°C, 80% rh or less (non-condensating)   |   |  |
| Operating environment   | Indoors, Pollution Degree 2, up to 2,000 m ASL   |   |  |
| Power supply  Rated supply voltage: 100 to 240 VAC ±10% Rated supply frequency: 50/60 Hz  |  | DC1.5V × 8 (LR6 alkaline battery × 8)   |  |
| Continuous operating time   | N/A  | 1 s measurements over 10 s in 3 m $\Omega$ range:<br>Approx. 10 hours (when using new alkaline batteries)   |  |
| Rated power consumption   | 15 VA  | 5 VA  |  |
| Insulation withstand potential  1.62 kV AC for 1 min. (with 10 mA cutoff current) between all mains supply terminals and protective ground, interfaces, and measurement jacks |  | N/A   |  |
| Dimensions Approx. $215W \times 80H \times 166D \text{ mm} (8.46\text{"W} \times 3.15\text{"H} \times 6.54\text{"D})$<br>(without projections)                                |  | Approx. $192W \times 121H \times 55D \text{ mm}$ (7.56"W × 4.76"H × 2.17"D) (without projections)   |  |
| Mass  | RM3544: Approx. 0.9 kg (31.7 oz)<br>RM3544-01:Approx. 1.0 kg (35.3 oz)   | Approx. 0.77 kg (27.2 oz.)  |  |
| Accessories   | RM3544: Power cord ×1, CLIP TYPE LEAD L2101 ×1, instruction manual ×1, extra fuse ×1 RM3544-01: Power cord ×1, CLIP TYPE LEAD L2101 ×1, male EXT I/O connector ×1, instruction manual ×1, application disc ×1, USB cable (A-to-B type) ×1, extra fuse ×1 | CLIP TYPE LEAD 9287-01 ×1, TEMPERATURE SENSOR Z2002 ×1, LR6 alkaline battery ×8, instruction manual ×1, USB cable(A-to-mini B type) ×1, strap ×1, extra fuse ×1 |  |
| Applicable standards  | Safety: EN61010<br>EMC: EN61326, EN61000-3-2, EN61000-3-3  | Safety: EN61010<br>EMC: EN61326   |  |

#### Model Configurations and Options



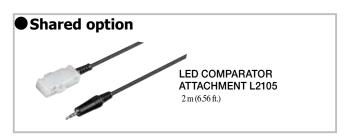
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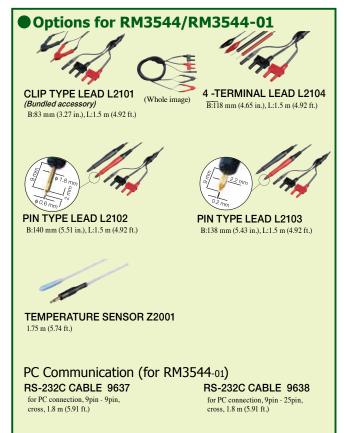
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#### **RESISTANCE METER RM3544-01**

(EXT I/O. with communication interface)

(Accessories: Power Cord ×1, CLIP TYPE LEAD L2101 ×1, male EXT I/O connector ×1, instruction manual ×1, applications disc ×1, USB cable (A-to-B type) ×1, extra fuse ×1)

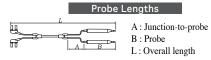




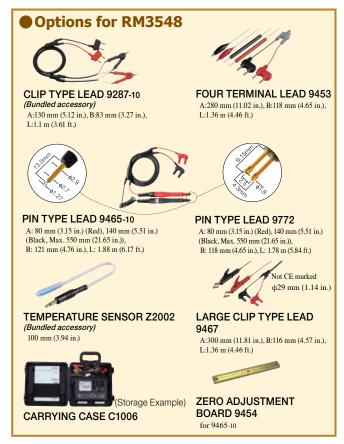


#### **RESISTANCE METER RM3548**

(Accessories: CLIP TYPE LEAD 9287-10 ×1, TEMPERATURE SENSOR Z2002 ×1, LR6 alkaline battery ×8, instruction manual ×1, USB cable (A-to-mini B type) ×1, strap  $\times 1$ , extra fuse  $\times 1$ )



\*Since the L2101 to L2104 leads can be separated into two units, length A is not noted



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