

# Fluke 123 Industrial ScopeMeter

**Users Manual** 

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for

Fluke 123

ScopeMeter® test tool

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#### **Statement of Conformity**

Based on test results using appropriate standards, the product is in conformity with Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive 89/336/EEC Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC

#### Sample tests

Standards used:

EN 61010.1 (1993)
Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use

EN 50081-1 (1992) Electromagnetic Compatibility. Generic Emission Standard: EN55022 and EN60555-2

EN 50082-2 (1992) Electromagnetic Compatibility. Generic Immunity Standard: IEC1000-4 -2, -3, -4, -5

The tests have been performed in a typical configuration.

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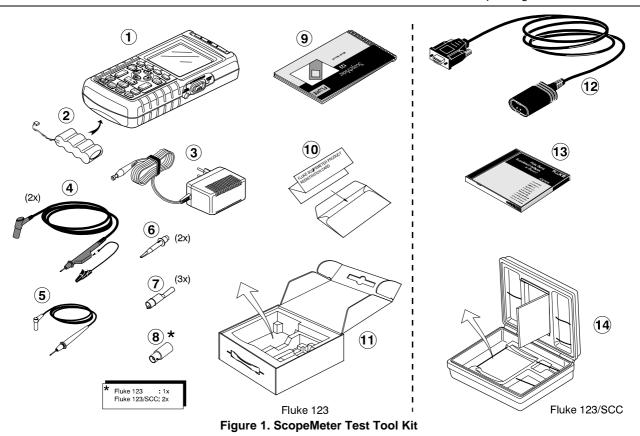
# Unpacking the Test Tool Kit

Note

The following items are included in your test tool kit. (see Figure 1.):

When new, the rechargeable Ni-Cd battery pack is not fully charged. See Chapter 2.

| #  | # Description Mod  |        | Model   |
|----|--|--------|---------|
|    |  | 123    | 123/SCC |
| 1  | Industrial ScopeMeter Test Tool                            | •      | •       |
| 2  | Ni-Cd Battery Pack (installed)                             | •      | •       |
| 3  | Power Adapter/Battery Charger                              | •      | •       |
| 4  | Shielded Test Leads (red and gray) with black ground leads | •      | •       |
| 5  | Test Lead (black)  | •      | •       |
| 6  | Hook Clips (red and gray)                                  | •      | •       |
| 7  | Alligator Clips (red, gray, and black)                     | •      | •       |
| 8  | Banana-to-BNC Adapter(s) (Black)                           | ● (1x) | ● (2x)  |
| 9  | Fluke 123 Users Manual (this book)                         | •      | •       |
| 10 | Product Registration Card with Envelope                    | •      | •       |
| 11 | Shipment box   | •      |         |
| 12 | Optically Isolated RS-232 Adapter/Cable                    |        | •       |
| 13 | FlukeView® ScopeMeter® Software for Windows®               |        | •       |
| 14 | Hard Carrying Case   |        | •       |



# Safely Using the Test Tool

#### **Attention**

Carefully read the following safety information before using the test tool.

#### **Safety Precautions**

Specific warning and caution statements, where they apply, will be found throughout the manual.

A Caution identifies conditions and actions that may damage the test tool.

A Warning identifies conditions and actions that pose hazard(s) to the user.

Symbols used on the test tool and in this manual are explained in the next table.

# **Marning**

To avoid electrical shock, use only Fluke power supply, Model PM8907 (Power Adapter/Battery Charger).

| $\triangle$ | See explanation in manual | $\Diamond$           | Equal potential inputs   |
|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| cd          | Disposal information      | #                    | Earth                    |
| <b>\$</b>   | Recycling information     | Œ                    | Conformité<br>Européenne |
|             | Double Insulation         | ÜL                   | UL 3111 listed           |
|             | (Protection Class)        | Ü <u>L</u><br>UL1244 | UL 1244 listed           |

#### Warning

Should this test tool be used with AC coupling selected, or manual operation of amplitude or time base ranges, the measuring results displayed on the screen may not be representative of the total signal. This can result in the presence of dangerous voltages of more than 42V peak (30V rms), not being detected. To guarantee user safety, all signals should first be measured with DC coupling selected and in fully automatic mode. This ensures that the full signal content is measured.

# Marning □

Do the following to avoid electrical shock or fire if a test tool ocommon input is connected to more than 42V peak (30V rms):

- Use only test leads and test lead adapters supplied with the test tool. (or equivalents as specified in the accessory list, see Chapter 2.)
- Do not use conventional exposed metal banana plug connectors.
- Use only one common connection to the test tool.
- · Remove all test leads that are not in use.
- Use 600V (or more) rated and marked test lead adapters. The maximum allowable input voltage is 600V.
- Connect the power adapter to the AC outlet before connecting it to the test
- Do not insert metal objects in the power adapter connector.

The terms 'Isolated' or 'Electrically floating' are used in this manual to indicate a measurement in which the test tool COM (common, also called ground) is connected to a voltage different from earth ground.

The term "Grounded" is used in this manual to indicate a measurement in which the test tool COM (common) is connected to an earth ground potential. For more information about proper grounding, see Chapter 3.

The test tool COM (common) inputs (red INPUT A shield, gray INPUT B shield, and black 4-mm banana jack) are connected internally via self-recovering fault protection. The input connectors have no exposed metal and are fully insulated to protect against electrical shock. The black 4 mm banana jack COM (common) can be connected to a voltage above earth ground for isolated (electrically floating) measurements and is rated up to 600V rms above earth ground.

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#### If Safety-Precautions are Impaired

Use of the test tool in a manner not specified may impair the protection provided by the equipment. Before use, inspect the test leads for mechanical damage and replace damaged test leads!

Whenever it is likely that safety has been impaired, the test tool must be turned off and disconnected from the line power. The matter should then be referred to qualified personnel. Safety is likely to be impaired if, for example, the test tool fails to perform the intended measurements or shows visible damage.

# Chapter 1 Using The Test Tool

#### Goal of this Chapter

This Chapter provides a step-by-step introduction to the test tool. The introduction does not cover all of the capabilities of the test tool but gives basic examples to show how to use the menus perform basic operations.

# Powering the Test Tool

Follow the procedure (step 1 to 3) in Figure 1-1 to power the test tool from a standard ac outlet. See Chapter 2 for battery power instructions.



Turn the test tool on.

The test tool powers up in its last setup configuration.

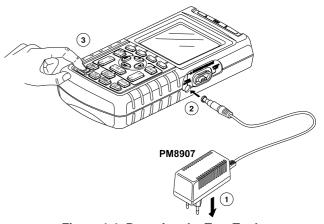
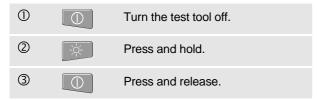


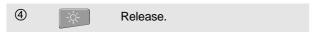
Figure 1-1. Powering the Test Tool

# Resetting the Test Tool

If you want to restore the test tool settings as delivered from the factory, do the following:



The test tool turns on, and you should hear a double beep, indicating the Reset was successful.



Now look at the display; you will see a screen that looks like Figure 1-2.

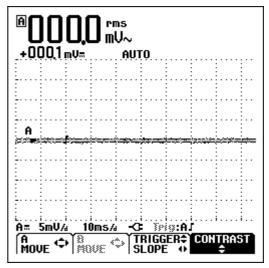


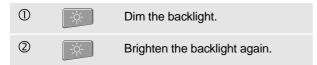
Figure 1-2. The Screen After Reset

# **Changing Backlight**

After power-up, the screen has a high bright display.

To save battery power, the screen has an economic brightness display when operated on the battery pack (no power adapter connected).

To change the brightness of the display , do the following:



The high brightness increases when you connect the power adapter.

Note

Using dimmed display lengthens maximum battery power operation time by about one hour.

### Reading the Screen

The screen is divided into three areas: Reading area, Waveform area, and Menu area. Refer to Figure 1-3 during the following.

**Reading area (A):** Displays the numeric readings. Because only input A is on, you will see the input A readings only.

**Waveform area (B):** Displays the input A waveform. The bottom line displays the ranges/div and the power indicator (line or battery). Because only input A is on, you will see the input A waveform only.

#### Note

When battery powered, the battery indicator informs you about the condition of the battery from full to empty:

**Menu area (C):** Displays the menu that provides choices available through the blue function keys.

When you change a setup, a part of the screen is used to display the choices. The area displays one or more menus with choices accessed with the arrow keys:



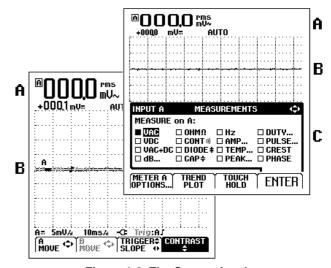
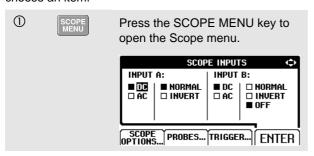


Figure 1-3. The Screen Area's

# Making Selections in a Menu

Subsequently follow steps  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{O}}$  to  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{O}}$  to open a menu and to choose an item.



Note

Pressing the SCOPE MENU key a second time closes this menu and resumes normal measurement. This toggling enables you to check the menu without destroying your settings.

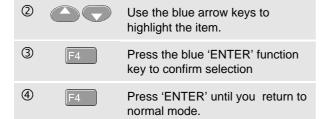


Figure 1-4 shows the basic navigation of the test tool.

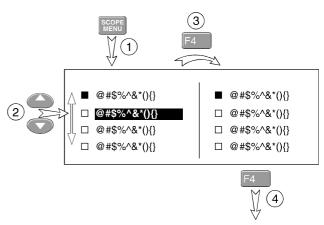


Figure 1-4. Basic Navigation

#### Note

When you do not change an item with the blue arrow keys, repeatedly pressing enables you to step through a menu without changing the setup of the test tool.

# Looking at the Measurement Connections

Look at the top of the test tool. The test tool provides two 4-mm safety shielded banana jack inputs (red input A and gray input B) and a safety 4-mm banana jack input (COM). (See Figure 1-5.)

# Input A

You can always use the red input A for all single input measurements possible with the test tool.

#### Input B

For measurements on two different signals you can use the gray input B together with the red input A .

#### COM

You can use the black COMmon as single ground for low frequency measurements, and for Continuity, Ohm  $(\Omega)$ , Diode, and Capacitance measurements.

# **Marning**

To avoid electrical shock or fire, use only one COM (common) connection, or ensure that all connections to COM (are at the same potential.

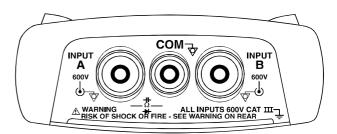


Figure 1-5. Measurement Connections

# Displaying an Unknown Signal with Connect-and View™

The Connect-and-View™ function enables hands-off operation to display complex unknown signals. This function optimizes the position, range, time base, and triggering and assures a stable display on nearly all waveforms. If the signal changes, the setup will track these changes.

To enable the Connect-and-View™ function, do the following:

 Connect the red test lead from red input A to the unknown signal to be measured.

Perform an Auto Set.

In the next example, the screen displays "1.411" in large numbers and "-0.103" in smaller numbers. A scope trace gives a graphical representation of the waveform.

The trace identifier (A) is visible on left of the waveform area. The zero icon  $(\blacksquare)$  identifies the ground level of the waveform.

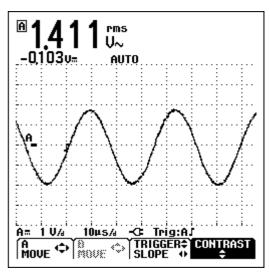


Figure 1-6. The Screen After an Auto Set

### Making Measurements

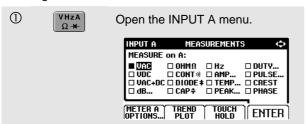
The reading area displays the numeric readings of the chosen measurements on the waveform that is applied to the input jack.

 First connect the red shielded test lead from input A, and the gray shielded test lead from input B to the signals to be measured. Connect the short ground leads to the same ground potential. (See Figure 1-7.)

#### Note

For Ohm  $(\Omega)$ , continuity, diode, and capacitance measurements, use the red shielded test lead from input A and the black unshielded ground lead from COM (common). (See Figure 1-7.)

To choose a frequency measurement for Input A, do the following:



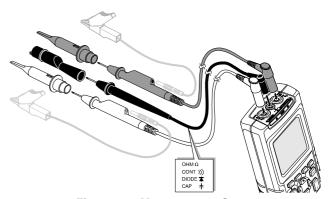
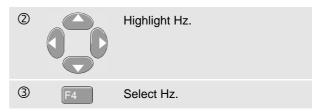
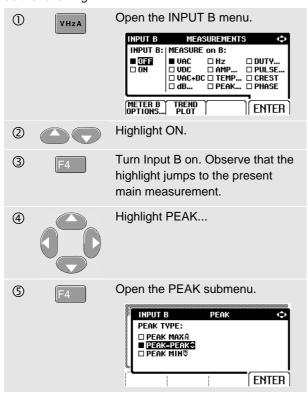


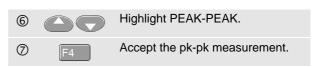
Figure 1-7. Measurement Setup



Observe that Hz is now the main reading. The former main reading has now moved to the smaller secondary reading position. (See Figure 1-8.)

To choose also a Peak-to-Peak measurement for Input B, do the following:





Now, you will see a screen like Figure 1-8.

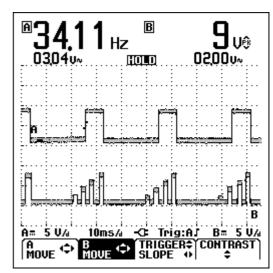
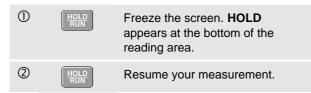


Figure 1-8. Hz and Vpp as Main Readings

#### Freezing the Screen

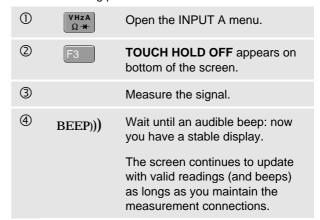
You can freeze the screen (all readings and waveforms) at any time.



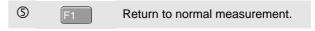
# Holding a Stable Reading

The Touch Hold® function captures and freezes the next stable measurement result. A beep indicates that a stable measurement has been made.

Use the following procedure for the Touch Hold function:

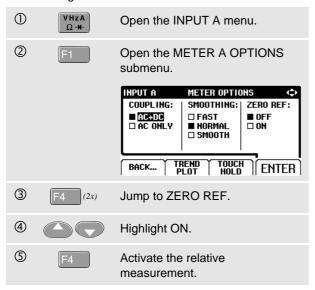


Because no special keys accompany the Touch Hold function, you can use this function for hands-free measurements.



# Making Relative Measurements

Zero Reference displays the present measurement result with respect to the defined value. This feature is useful when you need to monitor the measured value in relation to a known good value.



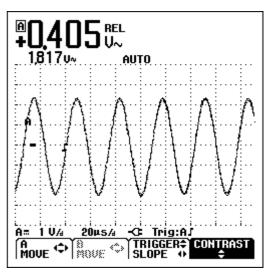


Figure 1-9. Making a Relative Measurement

The relative measurement now becomes the main reading, while the former main measurement has moved to the smaller secondary reading position. (See Figure 1-9.)

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# Selecting Auto/Manual Ranges

Press to automatically adjust the position, range, time base, and triggering. This assures a stable display on nearly all waveforms. The bottom line shows the range, the time base for both inputs, and the trigger information.

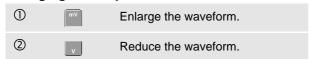
Press a second time to select the manual range.

MANUAL appears at the bottom of the reading area.

# Changing the Graphic Representation on the Screen

From Auto range, you can use the light-gray rocker keys to change the graphic representation on the screen manually.

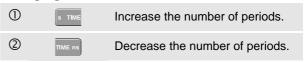
#### Changing the Amplitude



Available settings are from 5 mV/div to 500 V/div when using the test leads.

Observe that **AUTO** at the bottom of the reading area disappears to indicate that the continuous Auto Set function is not valid anymore.

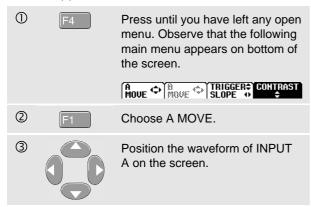
#### Changing the Time Base



Available settings are from 20 ns/div to 5 s/div in normal mode.

#### Positioning the Waveform on the Screen

Considerable flexibility is offered in moving the waveform(s) around the screen.



Waveform positioning is demonstrated in Figure 1-10.

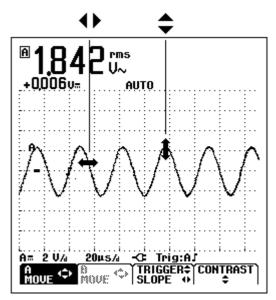
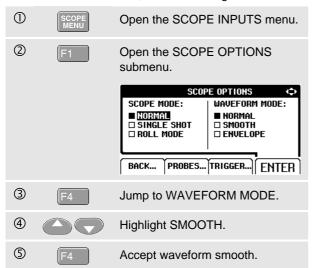


Figure 1-10. Positioning the Waveform

### Smoothing the Waveform

To smooth the waveform, do the following:



You can use waveform smooth to suppress noise without loss of bandwidth. Waveform samples with and without smoothing are shown in Figure 1-11.

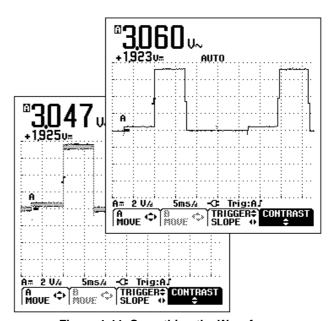


Figure 1-11. Smoothing the Waveform

#### Displaying the Envelope of a Waveform

The test tool records the envelope (minimum and maximum) of the live waveforms A and B.

Repeat the first three actions of 'Smoothing the Waveform', and then do the following:



The screen shows the resultant envelope in a gray waveform. See Figure 1-12.

You can use ENVELOPE to observe variations in time or amplitude of input waveforms over a longer period of time.

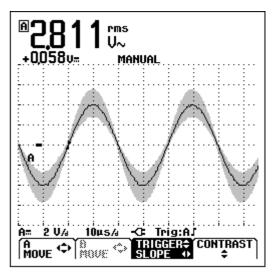


Figure 1-12. Displaying the Envelope of a Waveform

### TrendPlotting a Waveform

The TrendPlot™ function plots the digital readings as a function of time. Date and time stamp shows the time of the most recent change in a MIN or MAX reading.

#### Starting a TrendPlot™ function



The test tool records the minimum (MIN) reading as the main (upper displayed) measurement of input A. The date and time stamp appear below the MIN reading. (See Figure 1-13.)

The test tool also continuously logs all readings to memory and displays these as graphs. Automatic vertical scaling and horizontal time compression resizes the TrendPlot to fit on the screen. The TrendPlot is built up on the screen from left to right until the screen is full. The automatic time scaling then compresses this information to about half the screen.

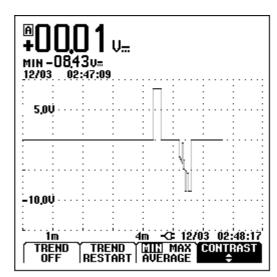


Figure 1-13. TrendPlot Reading

#### Note

When a new minimum value is detected, a beep occurs and the new minimum is displayed.

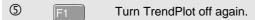
#### Changing the TrendPlot Reading

To toggle the TrendPlot reading between MIN (minimum), MAX (maximum), and AVERAGE, do the following:



Note that the date and time stamp now updates continuously to indicate the most recent change in a reading.

#### Turning Off the TrendPlot Display

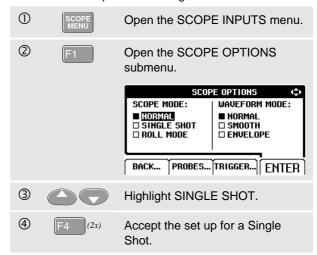


# Acquiring the Waveform

#### Making a Single Acquisition

To catch single events, you can perform a single shot. (One time screen update.) To set up the test tool for a single shot on the input A waveform, do the following:

Connect the probe to the signal to be measured.



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| (5) | HOLD | Wait appears on bottom of the screen to indicate that the test tool is waiting for a trigger. |
|-----|------|---|
| 6   |      | Run appears on bottom of the screen when the single acquisition is triggered.                 |
| 7   |      | <b>Hold</b> appears on bottom of the screen when the single acquisition has been completed.   |

The test tool will now have a screen like Figure 1-14.

To perform a next single acquisition, do the following:

Wait for another single acquisition trigger.

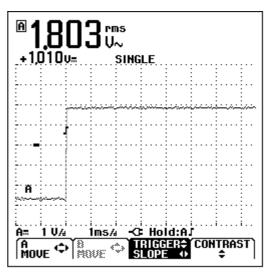
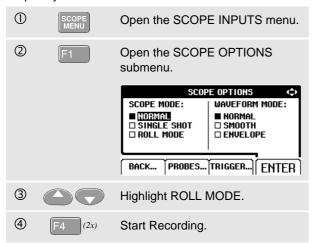


Figure 1-14. Making a Single Acquisition

# Recording Slow Signals over a Long Period of Time

The roll mode function supplies a visual log of waveform activity and is especially useful when you measure lower frequency waveforms.



The waveform moves accross the screen from right to left like a normal chart recorder. Observe that during recording no measurements are made. (See Figure 1-15.)

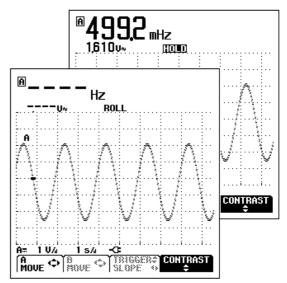
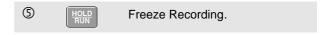


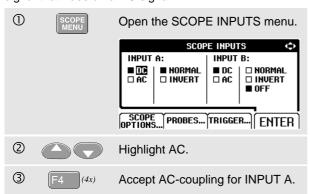
Figure 1-15. Recording Waveforms over Longer Period of Time



Observe that the measurement values are only displayed after HOLD is pressed. (See figure 1-15.)

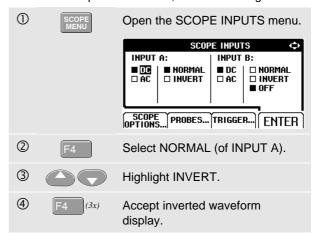
#### Selecting AC-Coupling

Use AC-coupling when you wish to observe a small AC signal that rides on a DC signal.



# Reversing the Polarity of the Displayed Waveform

To invert the input A waveform, do the following:



For example, a negative-going waveform is displayed as positive-going, providing a more meaningful viewing perspective in some cases. An inverted display is identified by trace identifier  $\Delta$  on left of the waveform area.

# Triggering on a Waveform

Triggering tells the test tool when to begin displaying the waveform. You can select which input signal should be used, on which edge this should occur, and you can define the condition for a new update of the waveform. Finally you can tell the test tool to trigger on video signals.

The bottom line of the waveform area identifies the trigger parameters being used. Trigger icons on the screen indicate the trigger level and slope. (See Figure 1-16.)

#### Setting Trigger Level and Slope

① Perform an AUTO SET.

For quick operation, use the AUTO SET key to automatically trigger on nearly all signals. To optimize trigger level and slope manually, do the following:



Adjust the Trigger Level continuously. Observe the trigger icon on the second time division line indicates the trigger level.

Trigger on either positive Slope or negative Slope of the chosen waveform.

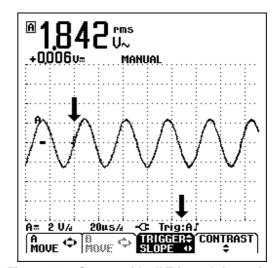
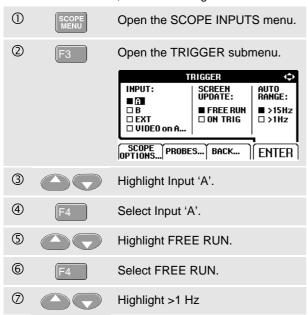
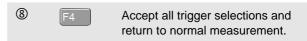


Figure 1-16. Screen with all Trigger Information

#### Selecting the Trigger Parameters

To trigger on the input A waveform, with automatic screen update, and to configure the auto range triggering for waveforms from 1 Hz, do the following:





#### Note

Setting the automatic triggering to >1Hz will slow down the auto range.

**TRIG:A** appears in gray text on bottom of the screen when no trigger is found.

#### Note

Gray text in a menu or button bar indicates that the function is disabled or the status is not valid.

#### Isolated Triggering

Use the optically isolated trigger probe (ITP120, optional) to trigger on an external source, and to isolate the test tool from a trigger waveform. See Figure 1-17.

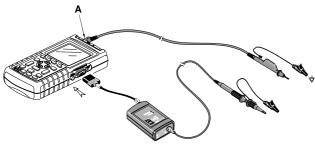
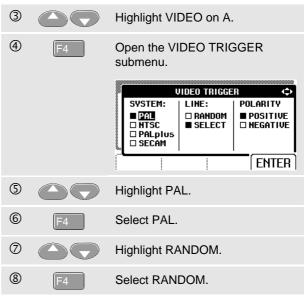


Figure 1-17. Isolated Triggering

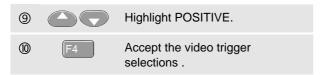
#### Triggering on Video Signals

Apply an interlaced video signal to the red input A.

To trigger on a random video line, continue from point  $\ @$  of the previous example as follows:



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Trigger level and slope are now fixed. (See Figure 1-18.) Positive video is indicated as a "+" icon on bottom of the screen.

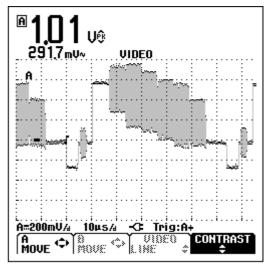
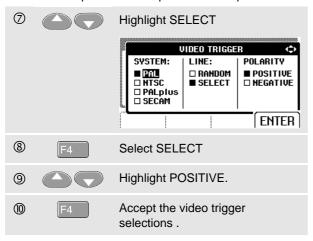


Figure 1-18. Measuring Video Signals

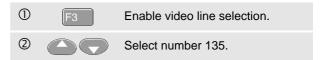
## Triggering on a Specific Video Line

To view a specific video line in more detail you can select the line number. To measure on a selected video line, continue from point © of the previous example as follows:



Pressing F3 selects the line number function.

To choose line 135, do the following:



## Saving and Recalling a Setup or a Screen

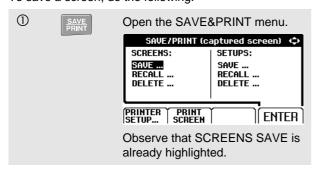
You can save Screens and Setups to memory, and recall them again from memory. Two Screen memories and ten Setup memories are available. Save Screens when you want to use the present screen image for future reference. Save a Setup when you need the present operating configuration more often for your measurements.

#### Note

Because the navigations for Setups and Screens are identical, only saving and recalling Screens are explained in this Section.

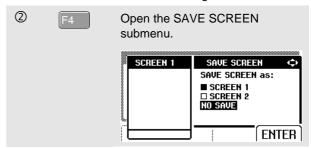
## Saving Screens

To save a screen, do the following:



#### Note

From this point the screen is frozen until you leave the SAVE&PRINT menu again.



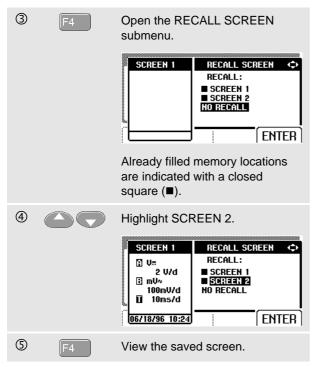
Note that free memory locations are indicated by an open square  $(\Box)$  before the memory number.



## Recalling Screens

To recall a screen, do the following:

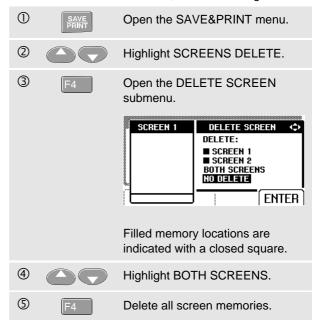




The image is presented as a picture that can no longer be changed.

## **Deleting Screens**

To delete all screen memories, do the following:



## Using a Printer

To print a (graphic) hard copy of the present screen, you need to use one of the following:

- The Optically Isolated RS-232 Adapter/Cable (PM9080) to connect a serial printer to the OPTICAL PORT of the test tool. See Figure 1-19.
- The Print Adapter Cable (PAC91, optional) to connect a parallel printer to the OPTICAL PORT of the test tool. See Figure 1-20.



Figure 1-19. Connecting a Serial Printer

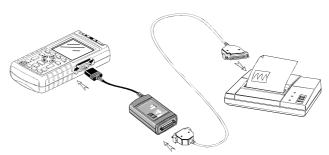
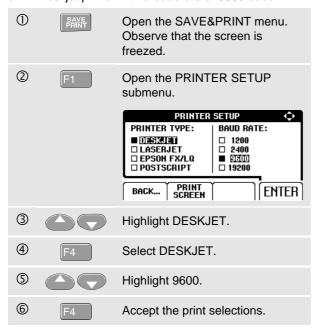


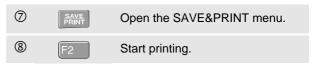
Figure 1-20. Connecting a Parallel Printer

This example covers how to set up the test tool to print on a HP Deskjet printer with a baudrate of 9600 baud:



Now you are ready to print.

To print a live screen, do the following:



To print a **recalled** screen, do the following:



A message that indicates that the test tool is printing appears on bottom of the screen.

## Using FlukeView® Software

To connect the test tool to a computer for using the FlukeView software for Windows® (SW90W), do the following:

 Use the Optically Isolated RS-232 Adapter/Cable (PM9080) to connect a computer to the OPTICAL PORT of the test tool. See Figure 1-21.

For all information relating to installing and using the FlukeView ScopeMeter software, see the SW90W Users Manual.

A Software & Cable Carrying Case Kit is optional available as model number SCC 120.



Figure 1-21. Connecting a Computer

# Chapter 2 Maintaining the Test Tool

## About this Chapter

This chapter covers basic maintenance procedures that can be performed by the user. For complete service, disassembly, repair, and calibration information, see the Service Manual. You will find the part number of the Service Manual in the section 'Parts and Accessories' in this manual.

## Cleaning the Test Tool

Clean the test tool with a damp cloth and a mild soap to avoid abrasion of text on the test tool. Do not use abrasives, solvents, or alcohol.

## Storing the Test Tool

If you are storing the test tool for an extended period of time, charge the Ni-Cd battery pack before storing. It is not necessary to remove the battery pack.

## Charging the Ni-Cd Battery Pack

At delivery, the Ni-Cd batteries may be empty and must be charged for 4 hours (test tool is off) to fill them completely. When fully charged, the batteries typically provide 4 hours of use at full brightness and 5 hours at normal brightness.

Use the setup as shown in Figure 2-1 to charge the battery pack and power the instrument.

Turn the test tool off to charge the batteries more quickly.

#### Note

The test tool uses a trickle charge for the batteries, so no damage can occur if you leave it charging for long periods, e.g., through the weekend.

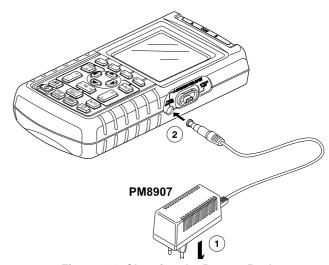


Figure 2-1. Charging the Battery Pack

## Keeping Batteries in Optimal Condition

Always operate the test tool on batteries until an [2]-icon appears on the bottom line of the screen. This indicates that the battery level is low and that the Ni-Cd batteries need to be recharged.

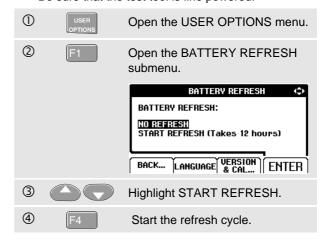
Frequent charging of the batteries when they are not completely empty can reduce the operating time for the test tool.

You can refresh the battery pack at any time. This battery refresh cycle fully discharges and charges the battery pack. A complete refresh cycle takes about 12 hours and should be done at least four times a year.

#### Note

Be sure not to disconnect the Power Adapter during the complete refresh cycle. Doing so will interrupt the refresh cycle. To refresh the battery pack, do the following:

Be sure that the test tool is line powered.



## Note

After start of the refresh cycle, the screen will be black. The backlight is on during discharging within the refresh cycle.

## Replacing and Disposing of the Ni-Cd Battery Pack

## **⚠** Warning

To avoid electrical shock, remove the test leads and probes before replacing the battery pack.



This instrument contains Nickel-Cadmium batteries. Do not dispose of this battery pack with other solid waste. Used batteries should be disposed of by a qualified recycler or hazardous materials handler. Contact your authorized FLUKE Service Center for recycling information.

To replace the battery pack, do the following: (See Figure 2-2.)

- 1. Disconnect the test leads and probes both at the source and at the test tool.
- Power the test tool with the Power Adapter. This ensures information stored in memories will not be lost.
- Locate the battery access cover on the bottom rear. Loosen the screw with a flat-blade screwdriver.

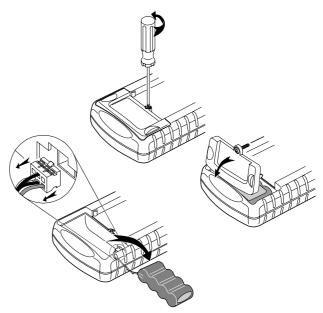


Figure 2-2. Replacing the Battery Pack

- 4. Lift the battery access cover away from the test tool.
- 5. Take the battery pack out of the battery compartment.
- 6. Remove the battery plug from the connector.

7. Install a new battery pack.

#### Note

Ensure that the battery pack is placed in the battery compartment as shown in Figure 2-2. Use only the Fluke BP120 Ni-Cd battery pack.

8. Reinstall the battery cover and secure the screw.

## Using and Adjusting 10:1 Scope Probes

You need to adjust the red <u>and</u> gray scope probes (PM8918, optional) for optimal response.

#### Warning

To avoid electrical shock use the BB120 Banana-to-BNC adapter (delivered with the test tool) to connect a 10:1 scope probe to the input of the test tool.

To adjust probes, do the following:

 Connect the 10:1 scope probe from the gray input B jack to the red input A jack. Use the red 4-mm banana adapter (delivered with the probe) and the banana-to-BNC adapter (BB120). See Figure 2-3.

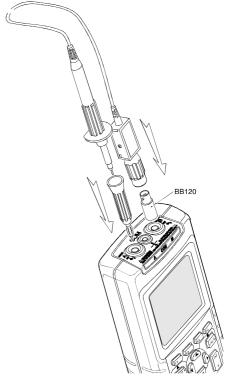
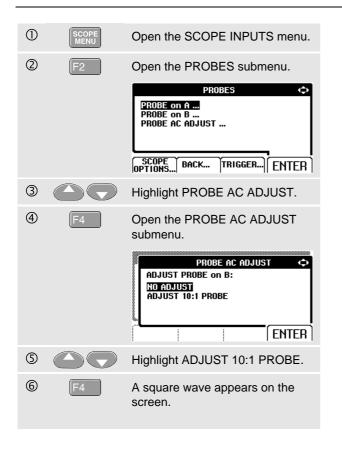
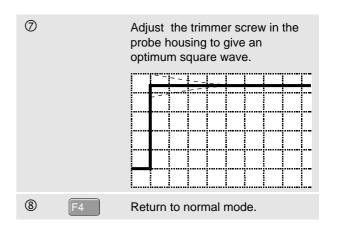


Figure 2-3. Adjusting Scope Probes

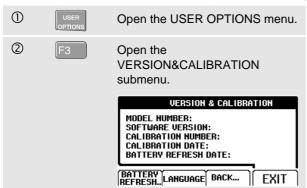
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## Calibrating the Test Tool

You can ask for the model identity (version and calibration data) at any time. To display the identity, do the following:



The screen gives you information about the model number with software version, the calibration number with latest calibration date, and the latest battery refresh date.



Recalibration must be carried out by qualified personnel only. Contact your local Fluke representative for recalibration.

## Parts and Accessories

## Service Manual

Ordering Number: 4822 872 05375

#### Standard Accessories

The next tables list the user-replaceable parts for the various test tool models. To order replacement parts, contact your nearest service center.

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## Standard Accessories (cont)

| Item   |          | Ordering Code  |
|--|----------|----------------|
| Ni-Cd Battery Pack (installed)                                       |          | BP120          |
| Power Adapter/Battery Charger, available models:                     |          |                |
| Universal Europe 230V, 50Hz  | <b>(</b> | PM8907/801     |
| North America 120V, 60Hz   | ŲL       | PM8907/803     |
| United Kingdom 240V, 50Hz  |          | PM8907/804     |
| Japan 100V, 60Hz   |          | PM8907/806     |
| Australia 240V, 50Hz   |          | PM8907/807     |
| Universal 115V/230V *  | (ŅL)     | PM8907/808     |
| * The 230V rating of the PM8907/808 is not for use in North America. |          |                |
| A line plug adapter complying with the applicable National           |          |                |
| Requirements may be provided to alter the blade configurations for   |          |                |
| a specific country.  |          |                |
| Set of two Shielded Test Leads (Red and Gray), designed for use only | (ŲL)     | STL120         |
| with the Fluke ScopeMeter 120 series test tool.                      |          |                |
| Set contains the following replaceable part:                         |          |                |
| Ground Lead with Alligator Clip (Black)                              |          | 5322 320 11354 |
| Set of two Test Leads (Red and Black)                                | ŲL       | TL75           |
|  | UL1244   |                |
| Set of two Hook Clips (Red and Gray)                                 | ŲL       | HC120          |
| Set of three Alligator Clips (Red, Gray, and Black)                  |          | AC120          |
| Set of two Banana-to-BNC Adapters (Black)                            | ŲL       | BB120          |

## Standard Accessories (cont)

| Item                      | Ordering Code  |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Users Manual (English)    | 4822 872 00743 |
| Users Manual (German)     | 4822 872 00744 |
| Users Manual (French)     | 4822 872 00745 |
| Users Manual (Spanish)    | 4822 872 00746 |
| Users Manual (Portuguese) | 4822 872 00795 |
| Users Manual (Italian)    | 4822 872 00747 |
| Users Manual (Dutch)      | 4822 872 00748 |
| Users Manual (Danish)     | 4822 872 00749 |
| Users Manual (Norwegian)  | 4822 872 00751 |
| Users Manual (Swedish)    | 4822 872 00752 |
| Users Manual (Finnish)    | 4822 872 00753 |
| Users Manual (Chinese)    | 4822 872 00754 |
| Users Manual (Japanese)   | 4822 872 00755 |
| Users Manual (Korean)     | 4822 872 00756 |

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## Optional Accessories

| Item   | Ordering Code |
|--|---------------|
| Software & Cable Carrying Case Kit           | SCC 120       |
| Set contains the following parts:            |               |
| Optically Isolated RS-232 Adapter/Cable      | PM9080        |
| Hard Carrying Case                           | C120          |
| Set of two Banana-to-BNC Adapters (Black)    | BB120         |
| FlukeView® ScopeMeter® Software for Windows® | SW90W         |
| Set of 10:1 Scope Probes (Red and Gray)      | PM8918/002    |
| UL1244                                       |               |
| Optically Isolated RS-232 Adapter/Cable      | PM9080        |
| Hard Carrying Case                           | C120          |
| Compact Soft Case                            | C125          |
| Soft Carrying Case                           | C789          |
| Isolated Trigger Probe                       | ITP120        |
| Print Adapter Cable for Parallel Printers    | PAC91         |

# Chapter 3 Tips and Troubleshooting

## Goal of this Chapter

This Chapter gives you information and tips on how you can make the best use of the test tool.

## Using the Tilt Stand

The test tool is equipped with a tilt stand, allowing viewing from an angle. You can also use the tilt stand to hang the test tool at a convenient viewing position. Simply tilt the stand and hang the test tool. Typical positions are shown in Figure 3-1.

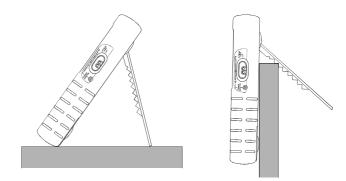
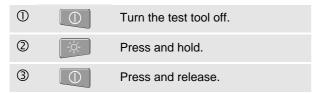


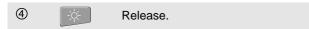
Figure 3-1. Using the Tilt Stand

## Resetting the Test Tool

Perform a Master Reset to make sure that your test tool is in the initial settings condition.



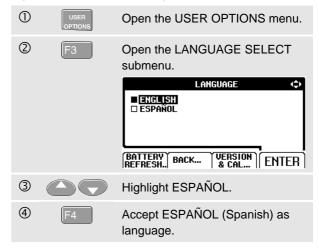
The test tool turns on, and you should hear a double beep, indicating the Reset was successful.



## Changing the Information Language

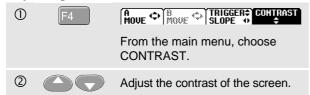
When you operate the test tool, messages appear on the bottom of the screen. These messages are always displayed in a box, and can in some test tool versions be displayed in more languages. In different combinations, you can choose from 10 languages: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, Japanese, Korean, and Chinese.

If you want to change the language of the messages into e.g. Spanish, do the following:



## Changing the Display

## Adjusting the Screen Contrast

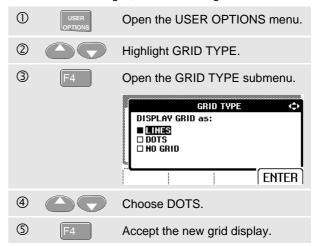


#### Note

The new contrast adjustment of the screen is saved in memory until a new adjustment is made.

## Setting the Grid Display

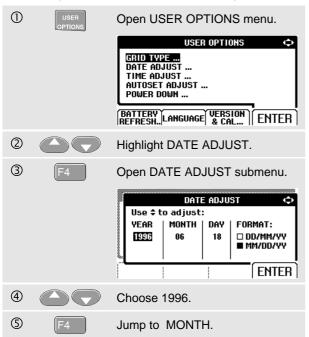
To choose a dotted grid, do the following:

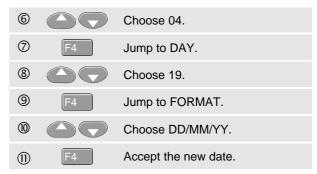


Use LINES when you need a cross hatch pattern based on the horizontal time and vertical divisions on the screen. Use DOTS when you need vertical and horizontal division dots as added reference points to the screen.

## **Changing Date and Time**

The test tool has a date and time clock. To change the date to (e.g.) 19 April, 1996, do the following:





You can change the time in a similar way by opening the TIME ADJUST submenu. (steps  $\ @$  and  $\ @$ .)

## Saving Battery Life

When operated on the battery pack (no Power Adapter connected), the test tool conserves power by shuting itself down. If you have not pressed a key for at least 30 minutes, the test tool turns itself off automatically.

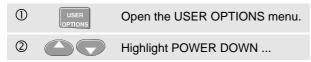
#### Note

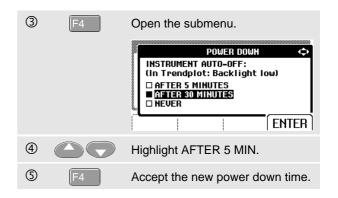
If the Power Adapter is connected, there is no automatic power shutdown.

Although automatic power shutdown will not occur if TrendPlot is on, the backlight will dim. Recording will continue even if the battery pack is low, and retention of memories is not jeopardized.

## Setting the Power Down Timer

To extend battery life, the power shutdown time is set to 30 minutes after the last key press. To set the power shutdown to five minutes, do the following:





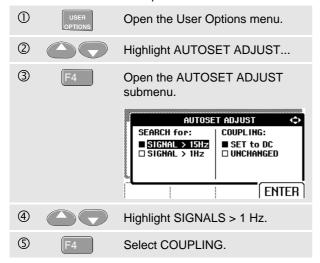
## Changing the Auto Set Options

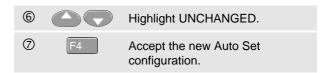
Normally, the Auto Set function captures waveforms from 15 Hz.

To configure Auto Set for waveforms from 1 Hz with unchanged input coupling, do the following:

#### Note

Setting the Auto Set adjust to 1 Hz will slow down the Auto Set response.





## **Using Proper Grounding**

Incorrect grounding can cause various problems. This Section gives you guidelines for proper grounding.

 Use the short ground lead(s) when measuring DC or AC signals on input A and input B. (See Figure 3-2.)

## **Marning**

To avoid electrical shock or fire, use only one COM (common) connection, or ensure that all connections to COM are at the same potential.

 Use the unshielded black ground lead to COM (common) for Ohm (Ω), Continuity, Diode, and Capacitance measurements. (See Figure 3-3.)

Using the unshielded ground lead is also possible for single or dual input measurements for waveforms with a frequency up to 1 MHz. This may add some hum or noise to the waveform display due to the unshielded ground lead.

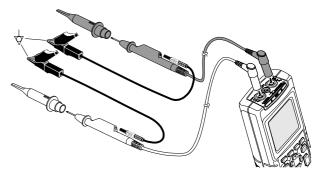


Figure 3-2. Grounding with Short Ground Lead

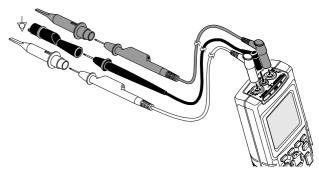


Figure 3-3. Grounding with Unshielded Ground Lead

## Solving Printing and Other Communication Errors

RS-232 communication may cause problems. When experiencing communication problems, try the following remedies:

- Make sure that the interface cable is connected to the correct port on the printer or computer. If necessary use the 9 pin to 25 pin adapter or gender changer.
- Make sure that you have selected the correct printer type. (To select printer type, see Chapter 1.)
- Make sure that the baud rate matches with the printer or computer. (To set the baud rate, see Chapter 1.)
- Reset the RS-232 parameters to defaults.

## **Battery Testing of Fluke Accessories**

When using battery operated Fluke accessories, always check the battery condition of the accessory first on a **Fluke multimeter** .

# Chapter 4 Specifications

## Introduction

#### **Performance Characteristics**

FLUKE guarantees the properties expressed in numerical values with the stated tolerance. Specified non-tolerance numerical values indicate those that could be nominally expected from the mean of a range of identical ScopeMeter test tools.

## **Environmental Data**

The environmental data mentioned in this manual are based on the results of the manufacturer's verification procedures.

## **Safety Characteristics**

The test tool has been designed and tested in accordance with Standards ANSI/ISA S82.01-1994, EN 61010.1 (1993) (IEC 1010-1), CAN/CSA-C22.2 No.1010.1-92 (including approval), UL3111-1 (including approval) Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use.

This manual contains information and warnings that must be followed by the user to ensure safe operation and to keep the instrument in a safe condition. Use of this equipment in a manner not specified by the manufacturer may impair protection provided by the equipment.

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## Dual Input Oscilloscope

## Vertical

## Frequency Response

| DC Coupled:                                   |
|---|
| excluding probes and test leads:              |
| DC to 20 MHz (-3 dB)                          |
| with STL120 1:1 shielded test leads:          |
| DC to 12.5 MHz (-3 dB)                        |
| DC to 20 MHz (-6 dB)                          |
| with PM8918 10:1 probe (optional accessory):  |
| DC to 20 MHz (-3 dB)                          |
| AC Coupled (LF roll off):                     |
| excluding probes and test leads<10 Hz (-3 dB) |
| with STL120<10 Hz (-3dB)                      |
| with PM8918<1 Hz (-3 dB)                      |
| Rise Time                                     |
| excluding probes and test leads<17.5 ns       |

| Input Impedance                                      |
|--|
| excluding probes and test leads 1 M $\Omega$ //12 pF |
| with BB1201 $M\Omega$ //20 pF                        |
| with STL1201 M $\Omega$ //225 pF                     |
| with PM8918 10 M $\Omega$ //15 pF                    |
| Sensitivity5 mV to 500 V/div                         |
| Display ModesA, -A, B, -B                            |
| ⚠Max. Input Voltage A and B                          |
| direct or with test leads600 Vrms                    |
| with BB120300 Vrms                                   |
| (For detailed specifications, see "Safety")          |
| <b>Max. Floating Voltage</b>                         |
| from any terminal to ground600 Vrms                  |
| up to 400 Hz   |
| Resolution 8 bit                                     |
| <b>Vertical Accuracy</b> ±(1% + 0.05 range/div)      |
| Max. Vertical Move±4 divisions                       |

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| Horizontal  |
|---|
| Scope Modes Normal, Single, Roll  |
| Ranges Normal:  |
| equivalent sampling   |
| Single (real time)  |
| Sampling Rate (for both channels simultaneously)  Equivalent sampling (repetitive signals)up to 1.25 GS/s                           |
| Real time sampling:  1 μs to 5 ms/div   |
| Time Base Accuracy Equivalent sampling $\pm (0.4\% +0.04 \text{ time/div})$ Real time sampling $\pm (0.1\% +0.04 \text{ time/div})$ |
| Glitch Detection≥40 ns @ 20 ns to 5 ms/div<br>≥200 ns @ 10 ms to 60 s/div<br>Glitch detection is always active.                     |
| Horizontal Move   |

| Trigger  |  |
|--|--|
| Screen Update  | Free Run, On Trigger                                       |
| SourceEXTernal via optically iso                             | A, B, EXT lated trigger probe ITP120 (optional accessory)  |
| <b>Sensitivity A and B</b> @ DC to 5 MHz  @ 25 MHz  @ 40 MHz | 0.5 divisions or 5 mV                                      |
| Slope  | Positive, Negative   |
| Video on A info Modes  | Lines, Line Select AL, NTSC, PAL+, SECAMPositive, Negative |

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## **Advanced Scope Functions**

## **Display Modes**

Normal...... Captures up to 40 ns glitches and displays

analog-like persistence waveform.

Smooth ..... Suppresses noise from a waveform.

Envelope  $\dots$  Records and displays the minimum and  $\,$ 

maximum of waveforms over time.

## **Auto Set**

Continuous fully automatic adjustment of amplitude, time base, trigger levels, trigger gap, and hold-off. Manual override by user adjustment of amplitude, time base, or trigger level.

## **Dual Input Meter**

The accuracy of all measurements is within  $\pm$  (% of reading + number of counts) from 18 °C to 28 °C. Add 0.1x (specific accuracy) for each °C below 18 °C or above 28 °C. For voltage measurements with 10:1 probe, add probe uncertainty +1%. More than one waveform period must be visible on the sceen.

## Input A and Input B

#### D

| DC Voltage (VDC)   |
|--|
| Ranges500 mV, 5V, 50V, 500V, 1250V   |
| Accuracy±(0.5% +5 counts)  |
| Normal Mode Rejection (SMR)>60 dB  |
| @ 50 or 60 Hz ±1%  |
| Common Mode Rejection (CMRR) >100 dB @ DC  |
| >60 dB @ 50, 60, or 400 Hz   |
| Full Scale Reading5000 counts  |
| True RMS Voltages (VAC and VAC+DC)   |
|  |
| Ranges500 mV, 5V, 50V, 500V, 1250V   |
| Ranges500 mV, 5V, 50V, 500V, 1250V<br>Accuracy for 5 to 100% of range  |
|  |
| Accuracy for 5 to 100% of range DC coupled: DC to 60 Hz (VAC+DC)±(1% +10 counts)   |
| Accuracy for 5 to 100% of range DC coupled:  |
| Accuracy for 5 to 100% of range DC coupled: DC to 60 Hz (VAC+DC)±(1% +10 counts)   |
| Accuracy for 5 to 100% of range DC coupled: DC to 60 Hz (VAC+DC)±(1% +10 counts) 1 Hz to 60 Hz (VAC)±(1% +10 counts) AC or DC coupled: 60 Hz to 20 kHz±(2.5% +15 counts) |
| Accuracy for 5 to 100% of range DC coupled:     DC to 60 Hz (VAC+DC)±(1% +10 counts)     1 Hz to 60 Hz (VAC)±(1% +10 counts) AC or DC coupled:                           |

| 5 MHz to 12.5 MHz±(30% +25 counts)                     |
|--|
| 5 MHz to 20 MHz (excl. test leads or probes)           |
| $\pm (30\% + 25 \text{ counts})$                       |
| AC coupled with 1:1 (shielded) test leads              |
| 60 Hz (6 Hz with 10:1 probe)1.5%                       |
| 50 Hz (5 Hz with 10:1 probe)2%                         |
| 33 Hz (3.3 Hz with 10:1 probe)5%                       |
| 10 Hz (1 Hz with 10:1 probe)30%                        |
| DC Rejection (only VAC)>50 dB                          |
| Common Mode Rejection (CMRR) >100 dB @ DC              |
| >60 dB @ 50, 60, or 400 Hz                             |
| Full Scale Reading5000 counts                          |
| The reading is independent of any signal crest factor. |
| Peak   |
| Modes Max peak, Min peak, or pk-to-pk                  |
| Ranges   |
|  |
| Accuracy:  May peak or Min peak                        |
| Max peak or Min peak                                   |
| Peak-to-Peak   |
| Full Scale Reading500 counts                           |
| Frequency (Hz)   |
| Ranges 1 Hz, 10 Hz, 100 Hz, 1 kHz, 10 kHz,             |
| 100 kHz,1 MHz, 10 MHz, and 40 MHz                      |
| Frequency Range in Continuous Autoset                  |
| 15 Hz (1 Hz) to 30 MHz                                 |

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| Accuracy:  @1 Hz to 1 MHz±(0.5% +2 count)  @1 MHz to 10 MHz±(1.0% +2 count)  @10 MHz to 40 MHz±(2.5% +2 count)  | s)<br>s)           |
|---|--------------------|
| Full Scale Reading  | ts                 |
| Puty Cycle (DUTY) Range   |                    |
| 15 Hz (1 Hz) to 30 MH   |                    |
| Accuracy:  @1Hz to 1 MHz±(0.5% +2 count) @1 MHz to 10 MHz±(1.0% +2 count) @10 MHz to 40 MHz±(2.5% +2 count) Resolution0.1   | s)<br>s)           |
| Pulse Width (PULSE)   |                    |
| Frequency Range in Continuous Autoset   | <br><del>I</del> z |
| Accuracy:  @1 Hz to 1 MHz±(0.5% +2 count) @1 MHz to 10 MHz±(1.0% +2 count) @10 MHz to 40 MHz±(2.5% +2 count) Full Scale Reading1000 coun  | s)<br>s)           |
| Amperes (AMP) with optional current prob<br>Ranges same as VDC, VAC, VAC+DC, or PEA<br>Scale Factor 1 mV/A, 10 mV/A, 100 mV/A, and 1 V/<br>Accuracy same as VDC, VAC, VAC+DC, or PEA<br>(add current probe uncertaint | AK<br>/A<br>AK     |

| <b>Temperature (TEMP)</b> with optional temperature probe Range  |
|--|
| $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$  |
| dB onVDC, VAC, or VAC+DC Full Scale Reading1000 counts   |
| Crest Factor (CREST)         1 to 10           Range         1 to 10           Accuracy         ±(5% +1 count)           Full Scale Reading         100 counts           Phase         A to B, B to A           Range         0 to 350 degrees |
| Range  |
| Input A  |
| $\begin{array}{llllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllllll$   |
| 30 IVI22   |

| Measurement Current                                     |
|---|
| Open Circuit Voltage<4V                                 |
| Continuity (CONT)                                       |
| Beep< $(30\Omega \pm 5\Omega)$ in $50\Omega$ range      |
| Measurement Current                                     |
| Detection of shorts of≥1 ms                             |
| Diode   |
| Measurement Voltage:                                    |
| @0.5 mA>2.8V  |
| @open circuit<4V  |
| Accuracy±(2% +5 counts)                                 |
| Measurement Current                                     |
| Polarity+ on input A, - on COM                          |
|   |
| Capacitance (CAP)                                       |
| Ranges50 nF, 500 nF, 5 $\mu$ F, 50 $\mu$ F, 500 $\mu$ F |
| Accuracy±(2% +10 counts)                                |
| Full Scale Reading5000 counts                           |
| Measurement Current5 μA to 0.5 mA                       |
| increases with increasing ranges                        |
| Dual slope integrating measurement with parasitic       |
| serial and parallel resistance cancellation.            |

#### **Advanced Meter Functions**

#### Zero Set

Set actual value to reference

#### Fast/Normal/Smooth

Meter settling time Fast: 1s @ 1  $\mu$ s to 10 ms/div. Meter settling time Normal: 2s @ 1  $\mu$ s to 10 ms/div. Meter settling time Smooth: 10s @ 1  $\mu$ s to 10 ms/div.

## Touch Hold (on A)

Captures and freezes a stable measurement result. Beeps when stable. Touch Hold works on the main meter reading, with thresholds of 1 Vpp for AC signals and 100 mV for DC signals.

#### **TrendPlot**

Graphs meter readings of the Min and Max values from 15 s/div (120 seconds) to 2 days/div (16 days) with time and date stamp. Automatic vertical scaling and time compression.

Displays the actual and Minimum, Maximum, or average (AVG) reading.

#### **Fixed Decimal Point**

Possible by using attenuation keys.

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## Miscellaneous

| Display                                     |
|---|
| Size72 x 72 mm (2.83 x 2.83 in)             |
| Resolution 240 x 240 pixels                 |
| Waveform Display:                           |
| Vertical8 div of 20 pixels                  |
| Horizontal9.6 div of 25 pixels              |
| BacklightCold Cathode Fluorescent (CCFL)    |
| <b>⚠</b> Power                              |
| External:via Power Adapter PM8907           |
| Input Voltage10 to 21V DC                   |
| Power5W typical                             |
| Input Connector5 mm jack                    |
| Internal:                                   |
| Battery Power Rechargeable Ni-Cd 4.8V       |
| Operating Time4 hours with bright backlight |
| 5 hours with dimmed backlight               |
| Charging Time 4 hours with test tool off    |
| 12 hours with test tool on                  |
| 12 hours with refresh cycle                 |
| Allowable ambient temperature:              |
| during charging 0 to 45 °C (32 to 113 °F)   |

| Memory Number of Screens   |
|--|
| <b>Mechanical</b> Size232 x 115 x 50 mm (9.1 x 4.5 x 2 in)   |
| Weight   |
| Interface  |
| To Printersupports Epson FX, LQ, and HP Deskjet®, Laserjet®, and Postscript Serial via PM9080 (optically isolated RS-232 adapter/cable, optional). |
| Parallel via PAC91 (optically isolated print adapter cable, optional).   |
| To PC  |

## Specifications Environmental

## Environmental

Environmental ....MIL 28800E, Type 3, Class III, Style B Operating...... 0 to 50 °C (32 to 122 °F) Storage .....-20 to 60 °C (-4 to 140 °F) Humidity Operating: @0 to 10 °C (32 to 50 °F) .....noncondensing @30 to 40 °C (86 to 104 °F) ......75% @40 to 50 °C (104 to 122 °F) .......45% Storage: @-20 to 60 °C (-4 to 140 °F).....noncondensing **Altitude** Operating.......4.5 km (15 000 feet) Max. Input and Floating Voltage 600 Vrms upto 2 km, linearly derating to 400 Vrms @ 4.5 km Storage ...... 12 km (40 000 feet) Vibration ...... max. 3g **Shock**...... max. 30g

#### **Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)**

| Emission             | EN 50081-1 (1992):       |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
|                      | EN55022 and EN60555-2    |
| Immunity             | EN 50082-2 (1992):       |
|                      | IEC1000-4-2, -3, -4, -5  |
|                      | (See also Tables 1 to 3) |
| Enclosure Protection | IP51, ref: IEC529        |



Designed for measurements on 600 Vrms Category III Installations, Pollution Degree 2, per:

- ANSI/ISA S82.01-1994
- EN61010-1 (1993) (IEC1010-1)
- CAN/CSA-C22.2 No.1010.1-92 (including approval)
- UL3111-1 (including approval)

## **Max. Input Voltage Input A and B**

## **Max. Floating Voltage**

from any terminal to ground.................................. 600 Vrms up to 400 Hz

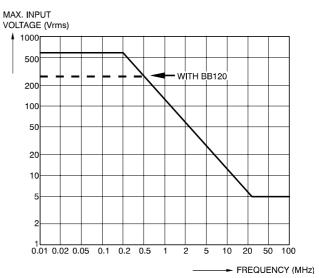


Figure 4-1. Max. Input Voltage v.s. Frequency

The Fluke 123, including standard accessories, conforms with the EEC directive 89/336 for EMC immunity, as defined by IEC1000-4-3, with the addition of the following tables.

## Trace disturbance with STL120

#### Table 1

| No visible disturbance           | E= 3 V/m               | E= 10 V/m               |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Frequency range 10 kHz to 27 MHz | 50 mV/div to 500 V/div | 500 mV/div to 500 V/div |
| Frequency range 27 MHz to 1 GHz  | 50 mV/div to 500 V/div | 50 mV/div to 500 V/div  |

## Table 2

| Disturbance less than 10% of full scale                          | E= 3 V/m  | E= 10 V/m                    |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| Frequency range 10 kHz to 27 MHz Frequency range 27 MHz to 1 GHz | 10 mV/div to 20 mV/div<br>5 mV/div to 20 mV/div | 50 mV/div to 200 mV/div<br>- |

#### (-): no visible disturbance

Test tool ranges not specified in tables 1 and 2 may have a disturbance of more than 10% of full scale.

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#### Multimeter disturbance:

- VDC, VAC, and VAC+DC with STL120 and short ground lead.
- OHM, CONT, DIODE, and CAP with STL120, and black test lead to COM.

Table 3

| Disturbance less than 1% of full scale | E= 3 V/m                           | E= 10 V/m                          |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Frequency range 10 kHz to 27 MHz       |                                    |                                    |
| VDC, VAC, VAC+DC                       | 500 mV to 1250V                    | 500 mV to 1250V                    |
| OHM, CONT, DIODE                       | $500\Omega$ to $30~\text{M}\Omega$ | $500\Omega$ to $30~\text{M}\Omega$ |
| CAP                                    | 50 nF to 500 μF                    | 50 nF to 500 μF                    |
| Frequency range 27 MHz to 1 GHz        |                                    |                                    |
| VDC, VAC, VAC+DC                       | 500 mV to 1250V                    | 500 mV to 1250V                    |
| OHM, CONT, DIODE                       | $500\Omega$ to $30~\text{M}\Omega$ | $500\Omega$ to $30~\text{M}\Omega$ |
| CAP                                    | 50 nF to 500 μF                    | 50 nF to 500 μF                    |

Test tool ranges not specified in table 3 may have a disturbance of more than 10% of full scale.

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