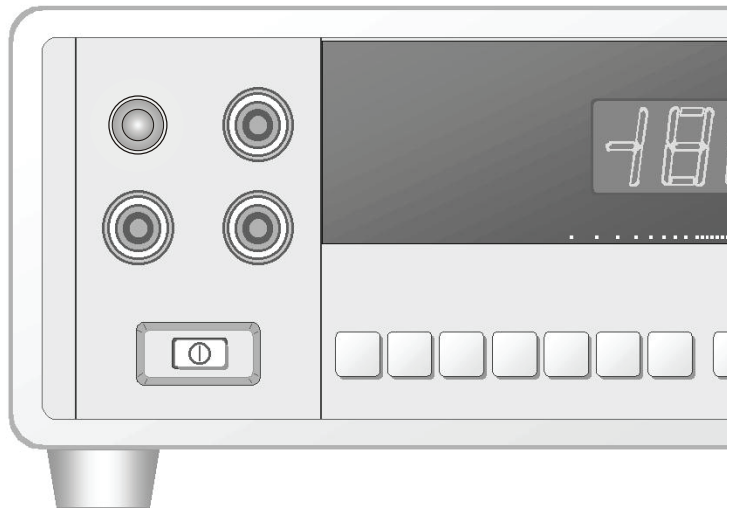




# Bench-top Instrument

**FC-3000/ 7150/ 7015/  
7150U/ 7015U**

**Frequency/ Universal Counter  
Operation Manual**



 **EZ Digital Co.,Ltd.**

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### **WARRANTY**

Warranty service covers a period of one year from the date of original purchase.

In case of technical failure within one year, our service center or sales outlet free of charge will provide repair service.

We charge customers for repair after the one-year warranty period has been expired. Provided that against any failure resulted from the user's negligence, natural disaster or accident, we charge you for repairs regardless of the warranty period.

For more professional repair service, be sure to contact our service center or sales outlet.

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## Introduction

Thank you for purchasing a EZ product. Electronic measuring instruments produced by EZ Digital are high technology products made under strict quality control. We guarantee their exceptional precision and utmost reliability. For proper use of the product, please read this operation manual carefully.

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## Note

1. To fully maintain the precision and reliability of the product use it within the range of standard setting( temperature 10 °C~35 °C, humidity 45%~85%)
2. After turning of power, please allow a pre-heating period of as long as some 30 minutes before use.
3. This equipment should be used with a triple line power cord for safety.
4. For quality improvement the exterior design and specification of the product can be changed without prior notice.
5. If you have further questions concerning use, please contact the EZ Digital service center or sales outlet

## Safety Summary

Please take a moment to read these operating instructions thoroughly and completely before operating this instrument. Pay particular attention to WARNINGS used for conditions and actions that pose hazard to the user and CAUTIONS used for conditions and actions that may damage the instrument.

- Always to inspect the instrument and other accessories for any sign of damage or abnormality before every use.
- Never ground yourself and keep your body isolated from ground.
- Never touch exposed wiring, connections or any live circuit conductors.
- Do not install substitute parts or perform any unauthorized modification to the instrument.
- Use caution when working above 60V DC or 30V AC rms. Such voltages pose a shock hazard.
- Remember that line voltage is present on some power input circuit points such as on-off switches, fuse, power transformers, etc., even when the equipment is turn off.
- Also, remember that high voltage may appear at unexpected points in defective equipment.

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### 1. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

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## **1-1. Introduction**

This reciprocal UNIVERSAL(FREQUENCY) COUNTER series are microprocessor controlled instrument for frequency measurement at high resolution within a short period of 7 digit display with one second gate time due to uniquely developed LSI as well as the expanding/reciprocal system. It covers a frequency range from 0.1Hz to 3.3 GHz (FC-3000: 3.3GHz, FC-7150U, FC-7150: 1.5GHz, FC-7015U,FC-7015: 100MHz) based on 10MHz time base T.C.O (temperature controlled oscillator) and also featuring,

### **FC-7150U/FC-7015U Universal Counter**

- Trigger Function
- Time Interval Measurement Function
- Frequency Ratio Measurement Function
- Common or Separate Input Selection
- External Frequency Standard Input with 9 Digits LED Display
- Attenuator
- Check
- Period
- Total
- Low Pass Filter
- Line Filter

### **FC-3000/FC-7150/FC-7015 Frequency Counter**

- RPM(Rotation Per Minute) Measuring Function
- External Frequency Standard Input with 9 Digits LED Display
- Attenuator
- Check
- Period
- Total
- Low Pass Filter
- Line Filter

A self-test mode is also provided for a quick check of several facts of operation. Each operating mode can be selected by front panel push button switches with automatic decimal points and indicators. The high accuracy, sensitivity and versatility of this counter make it an extremely valuable instrument to the scientist, engineer, experimenter and communications technician. Light weight and compact size make it practical for use by the hobbyist or field technicians.

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## 1-2. Technical Specifications

### ■ INPUT A CHARACTERISTICS

- FREQUENCY RANGE : 0.1Hz to 100MHz (DC Coupled)  
30Hz to 100MHz (AC Coupled)
- SENSITIVITY : 0.1Hz to 100MHz: 30mV
- COUPLING : AC or DC Selectable
- IMPEDANCE : 1 M  $\Omega$  Resistance, Shunted by < 40pF
- ATTENUATOR : x 1 or x 10 Switch Selectable
- LOW PASS FILTER : -3dB Point of 100KHz, Switch Selectable
- TRIGGER LEVEL : + 350mV to - 350mV (PRESET 0V)  
(FC-7150U, FC-7015U only)
- SLOPE : Positive or Negative Slope Switch Selectable  
(FC-7150U, FC-7015U only)

\* NOTE: Trigger error is typically  $\pm 0.3\%$  of reading by the number of cycles averaged for input signals having better than 40dB S/N ratio and greater than 100mV amplitude.

### - RESOLUTION AND NUMBER OF DISPLAYED DIGIT

| Time Base Selector        | INT        | EXT     | INT     | EXT     | INT     | EXT     | INT     | EXT     |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Gate Time                 | 0.01S      |         | 0.1S    |         | 1S      |         | 10S     |         |
| Number Of Displayed Digit | 5          | 6       | 6       | 7       | 7       | 8       | 8       | 9       |
| Frequency (Input A,B)     | RESOLUTION |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| 0.1 Hz-0.99 Hz            | 10 uHz     | 1 uHz   | 1 uHz   | 0.1 uHz | 0.1 uHz | 10nHz   | 10nHz   | 1nHz    |
| 1 Hz-9.9 Hz               | 0.1 mHz    | 10 uHz  | 10 uHz  | 1 uHz   | 1 uHz   | 0.1 uHz | 0.1 uHz | 10nHz   |
| 10 Hz-99 Hz               | 1 mHz      | 0.1 mHz | 0.1 mHz | 10 uHz  | 10 uHz  | 1 uHz   | 1 uHz   | 0.1 uHz |
| 100 Hz-999 Hz             | 10 mHz     | 1 mHz   | 1 mHz   | 0.1 mHz | 0.1 mHz | 10 uHz  | 10 uHz  | 1 uHz   |
| 1 KHz-9.9 KHz             | 0.1 Hz     | 10 mHz  | 10 mHz  | 1 mHz   | 1 mHz   | 0.1 mHz | 0.1 mHz | 10 uHz  |
| 10 KHz-99 KHz             | 1 Hz       | 0.1 Hz  | 0.1 Hz  | 10 mHz  | 10 mHz  | 1 mHz   | 1 mHz   | 0.1 mHz |
| 100 KHz-999 KHz           | 10 Hz      | 1 Hz    | 1 Hz    | 0.1 Hz  | 0.1 Hz  | 10 mHz  | 10 mHz  | 1 mHz   |
| 1 MHz-9.9 MHz             | 100 Hz     | 10 Hz   | 10 Hz   | 1 Hz    | Hz      | 0.1 Hz  | 0.1 Hz  | 10 mHz  |
| 10 MHz-99 MHz             | 1 KHz      | 100 Hz  | 100 Hz  | 10 Hz   | 10 Hz   | 1 Hz    | 1 Hz    | 0.1 Hz  |
| 100 MHz                   | 10 KHz     | 1 KHz   | 1 KHz   | 100 Hz  | 100 Hz  | 10 Hz   | 10 Hz   | 1 Hz    |

- ACCURACY :  $\pm$  Time base Error  $\pm$  Resolution(Table 1)
- PERIOD RANGE : 10 nS to 10 S
- DISPLAY : n. u. m., Sec with decimal point
- TOTAL RANGE : DC to 30 MHz
- CAPACITY : 0 to 999 999 999
- OVER FLOW : "OF"
- RPM RANGE : 6 to 600 x 10<sup>7</sup> RPM , OVER FLOW : "OF"

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**<FC-3000, FC-7150, FC-7015 only>**

- MAX. INPUT VOLTAGE LEVEL

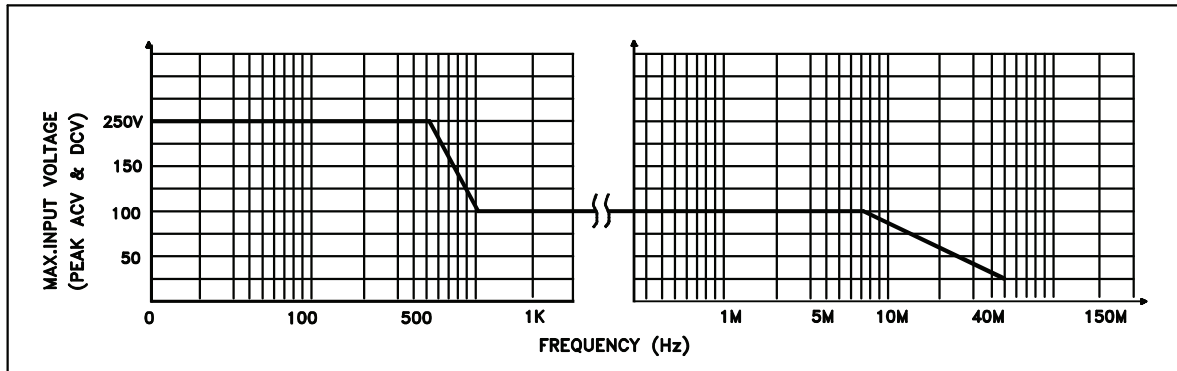


FIG 1. MAX. Input Level. (input A,B)

■ **INPUT B. CHARACTERISTICS <FC-7150U, FC-7015U>**

- FREQUENCY RANGE : 0.1Hz to 100MHz (DC Coupled)  
30Hz to 100MHz (AC Coupled)
- SENSITIVITY : 0.1Hz to 100MHz: 30mV
- COUPLING : AC or DC Selectable
- IMPEDANCE : 1 MΩ Resistance, Shunted by < 40pF
- ATTENUATOR : x 1 or x 10 Switch Selectable
- LOW PASS FILTER : -3dB Point of 100KHz, Switch Selectable
- SLOPE : Positive or Negative Switch Selectable

\* Resolution and Number of displayed digit (Table 1): Same as INPUT A

\* Max. INPUT VOLTAGE LEVEL (FIG 1): Same as INPUT A

■ **TIME INTERVAL(A→B) <FC-7150U, FC-7015U>**

- RANGE : 0.1 uSec-10Sec(0.1Hz-10MHz)
- LSD : 100nSec
- RESOLUTION : ± LSD ± Trigger Error\*
- ACCURACY : ± LSD ± Trigger Error ±Time base error x T.I
- MULTIPLIER : 1,10,100,1000 (Gate Time: 10S,1S,0.1S,0.01S)

■ **RATIO(A/B) <FC-7150U, FC-7015U>**

- RANGE : 0.1Hz to 10MHz(input A)  
0.1Hz to 10MHz(input B)
- RESOLUTION : ± LSD ± (B Trlg. ERROR x FREQ. A)/N
- ACCURACY : ± 1 COUNT of A ± B TRIG. ERROR x FREQ. A.

## ■ INPUT C. CHARACTERISTICS

### <FC-7150U, FC-7150>

- FREQUENCY RANGE : 80 MHz to 1.5 GHz
- SENSITIVITY : 80 MHz to 1.1 GHz: 35 mV  
1.1 GHz to 1.5 GHz: 70 mV
- COUPLING : AC only
- IMPEDANCE : 50  $\Omega$   $\pm$  5%
- MAX. INPUT LEVEL : 3 Vrms sine wave

### <FC-3000>

- FREQUENCY RANGE : 80 MHz to 3.3 GHz
- SENSITIVITY : 80 MHz to 2.0 GHz: 10 mV  
2.0 GHz to 3.0 GHz: 20 mV  
3.0 GHz to 3.3 GHz : 35mV
- COUPLING : AC only
- IMPEDANCE : 50  $\Omega$   $\pm$  5%
- MAX. INPUT LEVEL : 3 Vrms sine wave

- RESOLUTION AND NUMBER OF DISPLAYED DIGIT

| Time Base Selector        | INT        | EXT    | INT    | EXT    | INT    | EXT    | INT    | EXT    |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Gate Time                 | 0.01S      |        | 0.1S   |        | 1S     |        | 10S    |        |
| Number Of Displayed Digit | 5          | 6      | 6      | 7      | 7      | 8      | 8      | 9      |
| Frequency (Input B)       | RESOLUTION |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 80 MHz-99 MHz             | 1 KHz      | 100 Hz | 100 Hz | 10 Hz  | 10 Hz  | 1 Hz   | 1 Hz   | 0.1 Hz |
| 100 MHz-999 MHz           | 10 KHz     | 1 KHz  | 1 KHz  | 100 Hz | 100 Hz | 10 Hz  | 10 Hz  | 1 Hz   |
| 1 GHz-3.3 GHz             | 100 KHz    | 10 KHz | 10 KHz | 1 KHz  | 1 KHz  | 100 Hz | 100 Hz | 10 Hz  |

(Table 2)

## ■ TIME BASE CHARACTERISTICS

- TYPE : TCO (Temperature controlled oscillator)
- FREQUENCY : 10.000000 MHz
- STABILITY :  $\pm$  1 PPM( $\pm$  1 count)
- LINE VOLTAGE STABILITY : Less than  $\pm$  1 PPM with  $\pm$  10% line voltage variation.
- TEMPERATURE STABILITY :  $\pm$  5 PPM from 0° C to 50° C
- MAX. AGING RATE :  $\pm$  5 PPM/year
- INT. STD. OUT : 10 MHz(internal standard frequency output)
- LEVEL : 1 Vpp or more
- IMPEDANCE : Approx. 600 $\Omega$
- EXT. STD. IN : 10 MHz(external standard frequency input)
- LEVEL : 1.5 Vrms to 5Vrms
- IMPEDANCE : Approx. 600 $\Omega$



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## ■ DISPLAY CHARACTERISTICS

- DISPLAY : Nine Digit 0.56" LED with M/n, K/u, Hz, m, Sec, G.T, Hold, and "OF" indicators. Function and Gate time: User Selected.  
"OF" Display Shown When Count exceeds 999 999 999
- HOLD : In Frequency and Period, TOTAL. Mode measurement in progress is stopped, and the last complete measurement is displayed. When Hold is released, a new measurement begins.
- GATE TIME : Depending on input frequency
  - < 10mS-----Somewhere between 0.9 and 9mS
  - < 0.1S-----Somewhere between 9 and 90mS
  - < 1S----- Somewhere between 90 and 900mS
  - < 10S-----Somewhere between 0.9 and 9S

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| NOTE: LAST MEASUREMENT DISPLAY WILL REMAIN FOR 10 SECONDS AFTER SIGNAL OFF. |
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## ■ DIMENSION AND WEIGHT

- Dimensions : 255(W) x 90(H) x 255(D)mm
- Weight : Approx. 2.0 kg.

### 1-3. Equipment Ratings

#### ● Power & Fuse Ratings

| Input Voltage          | Fuse         | Power Max.        |                           |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
|                        |              | FC-7150U,FC-7015U | FC-3000, FC-7150, FC-7015 |
| 103 ~ 126V AC(50/60Hz) | F 0.5A 250V  | 15W               | 10W                       |
| 206 ~ 252V AC(50/60Hz) | F 0.25A 250V | 15W               | 10W                       |

#### ● Operating Environment

TEMPERATURE : 0 ° C to + 40 ° C (Accuracy Specified at 25° C ± 5 ° C)  
HUMIDITY : Up to 85% to 40°C without temperature extremes causing condensation within the instrument.

#### ● Storage Environment

TEMPERATURE : -20° C to +70° C  
HUMIDITY : below 85% RH

- Insulation Category II : Portable equipment of local level.
  - Pollution Degree : 2
  - Protection to IEC 529 : Ordinary
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## 1-4. Supplied Accessories

- Operation Manual ----- 1
- BNC cable ----- 1
- Power cord----- 1
- Spare Fuse----- 1

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

## 2. INSTALLATION

### 2-1. Initial Inspection

This instrument was carefully inspected both mechanically and electrically before shipment. It should be physically free of damage. To confirm this, the instrument should be inspected for physical damage in transit. Also, check for supplied accessories.

### 2-2. Connecting AC Power

This instrument requires ac 230V 50-60 Hz power through 3-conductor ac power cable to be fit into three-contact electrical outlet to secure grounding. If forced to use 2-conductor cable, use ground terminal in rear panel for grounding instrument.

#### CAUTION

THIS INSTRUMENT IS SET TO AC 230V. BEFORE POWERING ON THIS INSTRUMENT, MAKE SURE THE VOLTAGE OF THE POWER SOURCE IS AC 230V.

### 2-3. Cooling and Ventilation

No special cooling and ventilation is required. However, the instrument should be operated where the ambient temperature is maintained.

### 2-4. Position

This instrument is built as a bench-type instrument with rubber feet and tilt stand in place. Stand-up angle can be adjusted by rotating angle of carrying handle.

### 2-5. Warming-Up

Allow more than 20 minutes for the unit to warm up so that it is stabilized and ready for use.



### 3. OPERATION

#### 3-1. Controls, indicators and connectors

##### 3-1-1. FC-7150U, FC-7015U Universal Counter

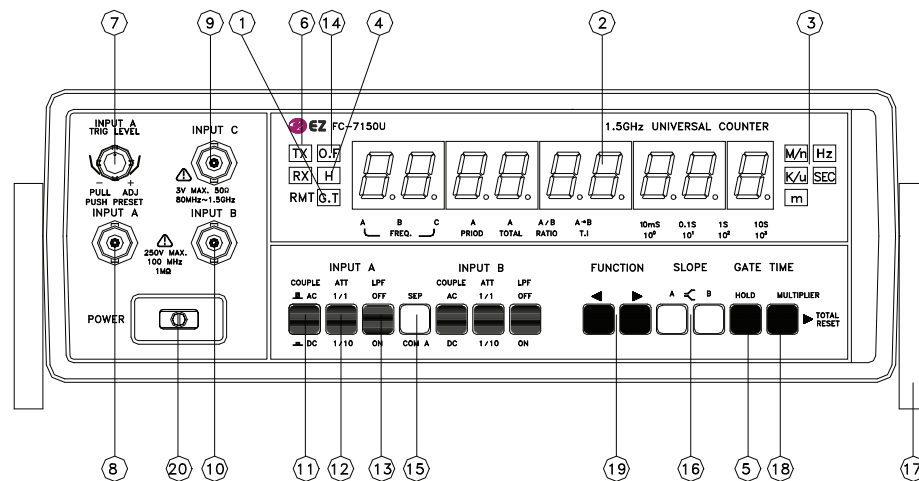


FIG 2. FC-7150U FRONT PANEL

- ① GATE INDICATOR : The gate light, when lit, indicates the main gate is open and measurement in progress.
- ② DISPLAY : 9 digit(0.56") green LED display used for all read readings.

NOTE: LAST MEASUREMENT DISPLAY WILL REMAIN FOR 10 SECONDS AFTER SIGNAL OFF.

- ③ UNIT INDICATOR : When lit, indicates that the frequency displayed is in KHz or MHz, and period is in n, u or mSec.
- ④ HOLD INDICATOR : When lit, engaged the hold function.
- ⑤ HOLD SWITCH : In hold function the display held but the counters continue to increment. When the hold is released, the display is updated and resumes counting.
- ⑥ RS-232C INDICATOR : TX(transmitting), RX(receiving) blinking(OPTION)
- ⑦ TRIG. LEVEL VR : Adjusts trigger threshold level on the input A input signal. Pushing the knob in (preset) sets this level at the mid-point of a symmetrical sinewave input. Pulling the knob out and rotating it varies the level from negative to positive around the mid point.

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- ⑧ INPUT A, BNC : Input for frequency measurements below 100MHz.  
Female BNC connector terminated in 1 M $\Omega$  input resistance, Shunted by < 40pF capacitance.
- ⑨ INPUT C, BNC : Input for frequency measurements above 80MHz female  
<FC-7150U Only> BNC connector terminated in 50 $\Omega$ .
- ⑩ INPUT B, BNC : Input for frequency measurements below 100MHz  
Female BNC connector terminated in 1 M  $\Omega$  input resistance, shunted by < 40pF capacitance.
- ⑪ COUPLE. SWITCH : The switch is used to select the input-coupling mode AC or DC.
- ⑫ ATT. SWITCH : When this switch is set to x 10 (pushed in) the input B is attenuated 10 :1 before application to the counter with the switch set to x 1 (pushed out), the input B signal is applied. The attenuator has no effect on the input C.
- ⑬ LOW PASS FILTER : With this switch pushed in, the input B is routed through a SWITCH(LPF) low-pass filter with-3dB point of approximately 100KHz. When it is released, the input B signal is applied to the counter. Same as input B function for input A.
- ⑭ OVER FLOW INDICATOR : OF is displayed when overflow.
- ⑮ COM/SEP. : COM. or SEPARATION for INPUT A,B
- ⑯ SLOPE SWITCH : Selects positive going or negative going edge of input A, B signal for triggering. When pushed in, negative going edge is selected; when pushed out, positive going edge is selected.
- ⑰ TILT STAND : Pull out to adjust Tilt.
- ⑱ GATE TIME SWITCH : This switch select the degree of resolution of the display in all modes except TOTAL.
- ⑲ FUNCTION SWITCH : Select the desired operating mode.
- FREQ. A. When this mode is selected, the counter reads the frequency of the input A. Resolution is selected using the GATE TIME.
  - FREQ. B. When this mode is selected, the counter reads the frequency of the input B. Resolution is selected using the GATE TIME.
  - FREQ. C<FC-7150U only>: When this mode is selected, the counter reads the frequency of the input C.All readings are in MHz.
  - PERIOD A. When this mode is selected, the counter read the period of the input A. Resolution is selected using the GATE TIME.
  - TOTAL A. When this mode is selected, the unit counts cycles of the input A signal and continuously displays that count.
  - T.I (A→B). When this mode is selected, the unit measures the time interval from an edge of the input A signal to an edge of the input B signal. Positive going or
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Negative going edge of each signal is selected By the slope switches.

g. RATIO (A/B). When this mode is selected, the unit measures the ratio of input A frequency to the input B frequency.

②⑩ POWER SWITCH : Push in the unit ON and push out the unit power OFF.

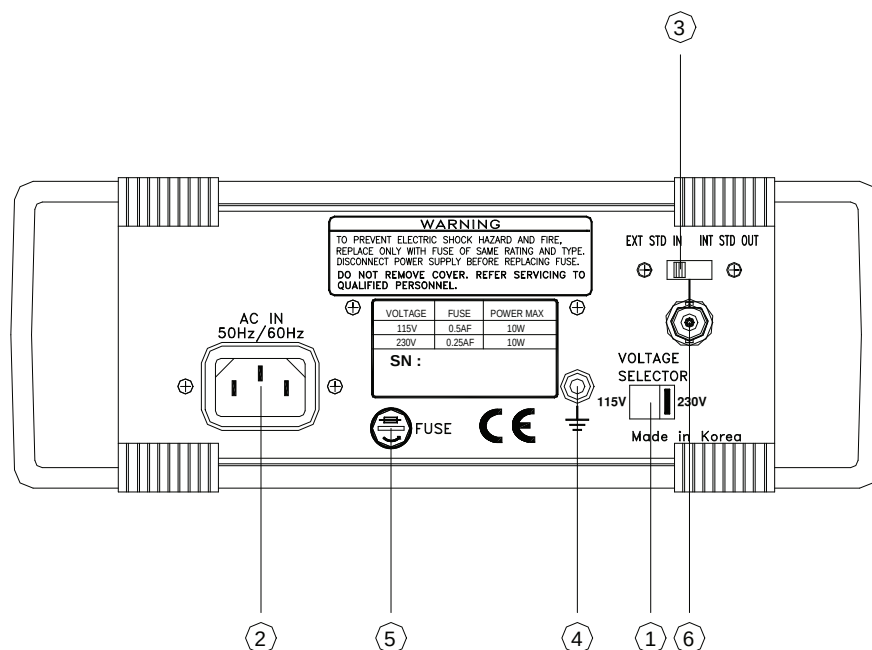


FIG 3. FC-7150U/FC-7015U REAR PANEL

- ① **VOLTAGE SELECTOR** : Select ac power, 115V AC or 230V AC.
- ② **AC INLET** : For connecting of the supplied ac power
- ③ **INT/EXT TIME BASE SELECTOR** : Select the time base, switch position  
EXT. STD.IN provides a nominal 600Ω input impedance path for an external 10 MHz time base. switch position  
INT. STD.OUT monitors the internal time base signal.
- ④ **GROUND TERMINAL**
- ⑤ **FUSE HOLDER** : Replacing fuse with unscrewing
- ⑥ **INT/EXT TIME BASE BNC**: Serves as a monitoring point for the internal time base signal, or provides an input path for an external time base signal depending on the INT/EXT switch setting.  
The external signal should have a voltage range of 1.5V~5 Vrms.
- ⑦ **RS-232C CONNECTOR** : Connector for serial interfacing with computer.

### 3-1-2. FC-3000, FC-7150, FC-7015 Frequency Counter

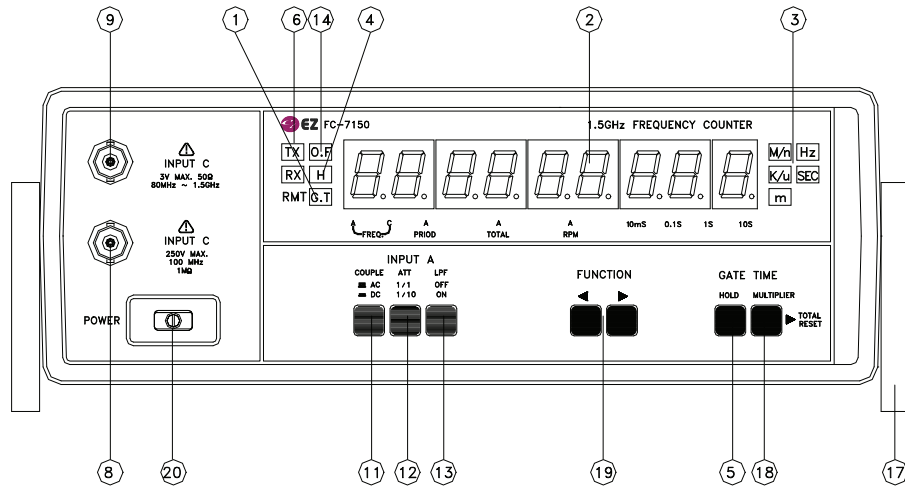


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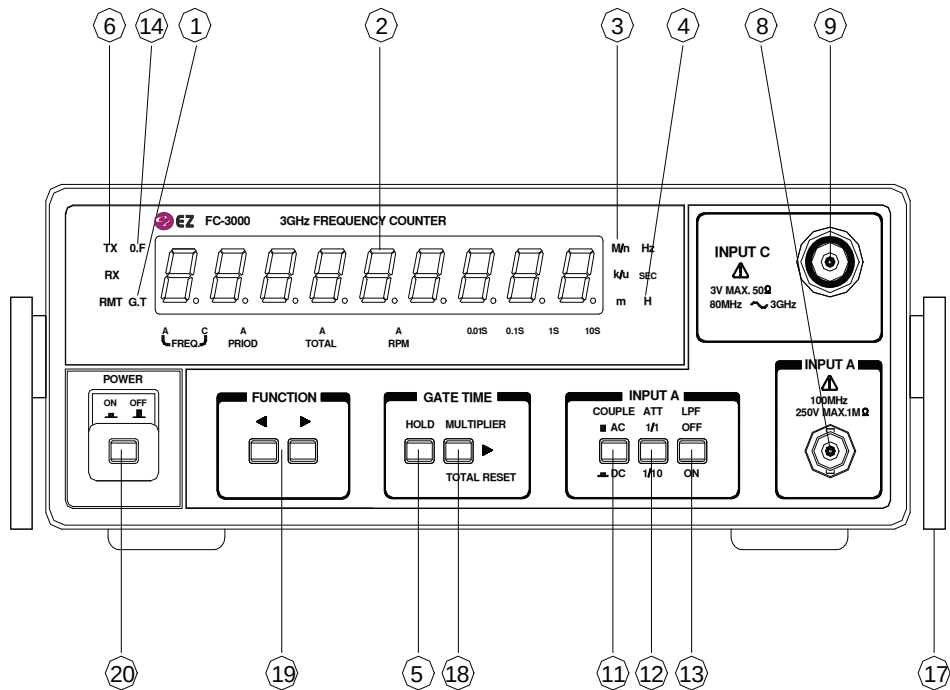


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  - ② DISPLAY : 9 digit(0.56") green LED display used for all read readings.

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| NOTE: LAST MEASUREMENT DISPLAY WILL REMAIN FOR 10 SECONDS AFTER SIGNAL OFF. |
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- ③ UNIT INDICATOR : When lit, indicates that the frequency displayed is in KHz or MHz, and period is in n, u or mSec.
  - ④ HOLD INDICATOR : When lit, engaged the hold function.
  - ⑤ HOLD SWITCH : In hold function the display held but the counters continue to increment. When the hold is released, the display is updated and resumes counting.
  - ⑥ RS-232C INDICATOR : TX(transmitting), RX(receiving) blinking(OPTION)
  - ⑧ INPUT A, BNC : Input for frequency measurements below 100MHz. Female BNC connector terminated in 1 M $\Omega$  input resistance, Shunted by < 40pF capacitance.
  - ⑨ INPUT C, BNC : Input for frequency measurements above 80MHz female BNC connector terminated in 50 $\Omega$ .
  - ⑪ COUPLE. SWITCH : The switch is used to select the input-coupling mode AC or DC.
  - ⑫ ATT. SWITCH : When this switch is set to x 10 (pushed in) the input B is attenuated 10 :1 before application to the counter with the switch set to x 1 (pushed out), the input B signal is applied. The attenuator has no effect on the input C.
  - ⑬ LOW PASS FILTER : With this switch pushed in, the input B is routed through a SWITCH(LPF) low-pass filter with-3dB point of approximately 100KHz. When it is released, the input B signal is applied to the counter. Same as input B function for input A.
  - ⑭ OVER FLOW INDICATOR : OF is displayed when overflow.
  - ⑰ TILT STAND : Pull out to adjust Tilt.
  - ⑱ GATE TIME SWITCH : This switch select the degree of resolution of the display in all modes except TOTAL.
  - ⑲ FUNCTION SWITCH : Select the desired operating mode.
    - a.FREQ. A. : When this mode is selected, the counter reads the frequency of the input A. Resolution is selected using the GATE TIME.
    - b. FREQ. C<FC-3000,7150 >: When this mode is selected, the counter reads the frequency of the input C.All readings are in MHz.
    - c. PERIOD A. : When this mode is selected, the counter read the period of the
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input A. Resolution is selected using the GATE TIME.

e. TOTAL A. : When this mode is selected, the unit counts cycles of the input A signal and continuously displays that count.

f. RPM A. : When this mode is selected, the unit displays the RPM(rotation per minute) of the input A signal.

② POWER SWITCH : Push in the unit ON and push out the unit power OFF.

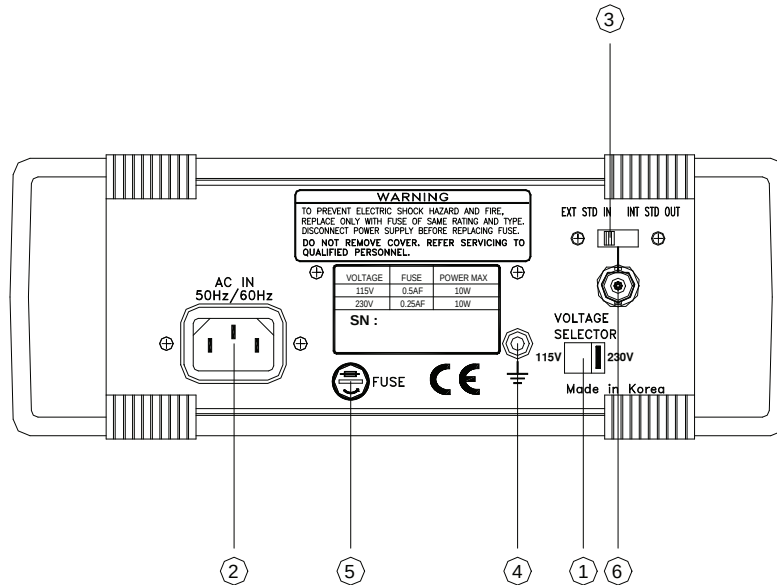


FIG 6.FC-7150/FC-7015 REAR PANEL

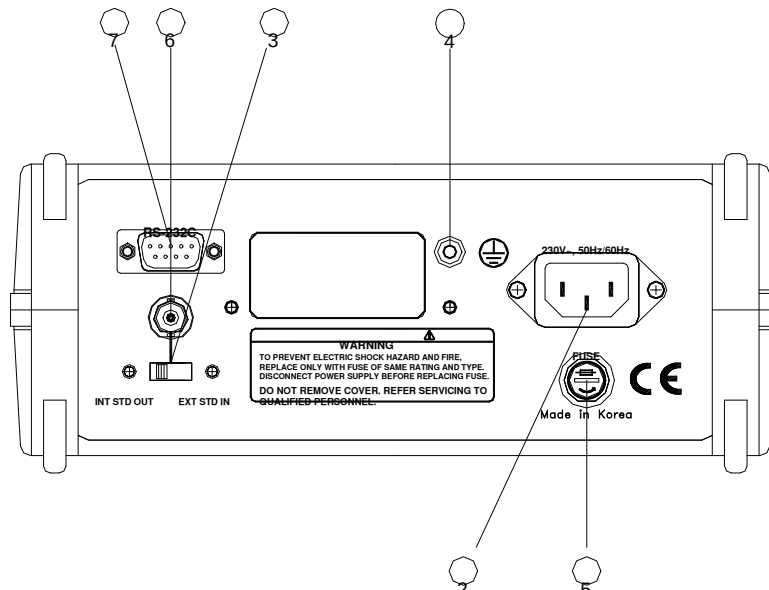


FIG 7 . FC-3000 REAR PANEL

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- ① **VOLTAGE SELECTOR** : Select ac power, 115V AC or 230V AC.
  - ② **AC INLET** : For connecting of the supplied ac power
  - ③ **INT/EXT TIME BASE SELECTOR** : Select the time base, switch position  
EXT. STD.IN provides a nominal 600Ω input impedance path for an external 10 MHz time base. switch position  
INT. STD.OUT monitors the internal time base signal.
  - ④ **GROUND TERMINAL**
  - ⑤ **FUSE HOLDER** : Replacing fuse with unscrewing
  - ⑥ **INT/EXT TIME BASE BNC**: Serves as a monitoring point for the internal time base signal, or provides an input path for an external time base signal depending on the INT/EXT switch setting. The external signal should have a voltage range of 1.5V~5 Vrms.
  - ⑦ **RS-232C CONNECTOR** : Connector for serial interfacing with computer.

### 3-2. Operating Introductions

Below is the basic operating information needed for frequency counter.

- a. Connect the unit to AC power cord into receptacle on rear panel and plug into AC inlet.
- b. To Turn on equipment, push power on-off switch on.
- c. set the function indicator position to **FREQ A** and Gate time indicator to 1 Sec position.

#### **CAUTION**

1. APPLICATION OF INPUT VOLTAGES HIGHER THAN THE LIMITS LISTED IN THE SPECIFICATIONS SECTION MAY DAMAGE THE COUNTER. BEFORE APPLYING ANY SIGNAL TO THE INPUTS, MAKE CERTAIN THAT IT DOES NOT EXCEED THESE SPECIFIED MAXIMUMS.

2. FREQUENCY COUNTER GROUND POINTS ARE CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO EARTH GROUND. ALWAYS CONNECT FREQUENCY COUNTER GROUND ONLY TO GROUND POINTS IN THE CIRCUIT UNDER TEST.

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### 3-3. Frequency Measurements

#### 3-3-1 INPUT A, B (0.1 Hz to 100 MHz)

- a. Apply the signal to be measured to the input A and/or B(FC-7150U, FC-7015U only) BNC.
- b. Set the FREQ. A and/or B(FC-7150U, FC-7015U only) of function switch.
- c. Select the degree of resolution desired, using the gate time selector switch.
- d. Frequency is given by the display. The gate indicator lights while each measurement in progress, and the display is updated at the end of each measurement interval.
- e. Engaging the hold switch “freezes” the display at the existing reading, When hold is released, the display is updated and resumes counting.
- f. If necessary, engage the attenuator switch When set to x 10 (pushed in), this switch attenuates the input A and/or B(FC-7150U, FC-7015U only) signal by a factor of approximately 10 before application to the counter. This helps prevent miscounting caused by noisy or improperly terminated high amplitude signals.
- g. If necessary, engage the LPF (low pass filter) switch This route the input A and/or B through a low pass filter (-3 dB point of approximately 100 KHz) before application to the frequency counter. This helps eliminate counting errors in low frequency measurements by minimizing effects of high frequency noise present on the input.
- h. When measurement the lower cut-off frequency (10 Hz), pushed in DC coupling position.

#### 3-3-2 INPUT C

**FC-7150U, FC-7150: 80 MHz to 1.5 GHz**  
**FC-3000 : 80MHz to 3.3GHz**

#### **CAUTION**

THE MAXIMUM INPUT LIMIT TO THIS INPUT IS 3 Vrms MAXIMUM OVER THE INPUT FREQUENCY RANGE. THE X 10 ATTENUATOR DOES NOT APPLY.

- a. Apply the signal to be measured to the input C. BNC.
  - b. Set the function indicator to the FREQ. C position.
  - c. Select the degree of resolution desired, using the gate time switch.
  - d. Frequency is given by the display. The indicator lights while each measurement in progress.
  - e. Engaging the hold switch “freezes” the display at the existing reading, When hold is released, the display is updated and resumes counting.
  - f. The attenuator and LPF coupling switch have no effect in input C.
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### 3-4. Period Measurements

- a. Apply the signal to be measured to the input A BNC.
- b. Select the degree of resolution desired, using the gate time switch.
- c. Period is given by the display. The gate indicator lights while each measurement is in progress.
- d. attenuator, low pass filter, coupling switch application is same as frequency measurements mode.

### 3-5. Total Measurements

The totalize mode is used to count the total number of events occurring during a specific time period. Maximum frequency is 30 MHz.

- a. Set the totalize mode. Any gate and units setting is ignored.
- b. Apply the signal to be measured to input A , and then the counter display is the count continually. Maximum count is 999999999. if this is exceed the overflow message display as "OF"
- c. Low pass filter and attenuator, coupling switch application is same as frequency measurements mode.

#### NOTE

THE HOLD SWITCH MAY BE USED TO BE LATCH THE DISPLAY. HOWEVER, THE COUNTER TO INCREMENT AND WHEN THE HOLD IS RELEASED, THE UPDATE COUNT IS DISPLAY.

### 3-6. RPM (Rotation Per Minute) Measurement <FC-3000, FC-7150, FC-7015>

- a. Apply the signal to be measured to the input A BNC, and then the counter displays the RPM. Maximum count is 999999999. If this is exceed, the overflow message displays as "OF"
- b. Low pass filter and attenuator, coupling switch application is same as frequency measurements mode.

### 3-7. Time Interval Measurements(A→B) <FC-7150U, FC-7015U>

In time interval mode, unit measures the elapsed time from a selected edge of the input A waveform to a selected edge of the input B waveform. For a stable reading, the two input signals should be related to each other such that this time interval remains reasonably constant from one measurement to the next. For example, two digital waveforms derived from the same clock would be suitable; two arbitrary frequencies from separate function generators would not.

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- a. Connect the signal to be measured to the input A and input B.
  - b. Set the T.I(A→B) of function switch. The switch label serves as a reminder that the measurement starts at the input A edge and stops at the input B edge.
  - c. Select desired edge of each waveform using the input A, and input B slope switches push switch in for negative-going edge, leave out for positive-going edge.
  - d. Set a trigger level control to preset (Push In). This ensures that both input A and input B are triggering at the same level (approximately the average) on their respective waveforms.
  - e. Select the degree of resolution desired, using the gate time switch
  - f. Time interval is given by the display, the gate indicator lights while each measurement is in progress, and the display is updated at the end of each measurement interval.
  - g. Press the hold switch, "freezes" the display at the existing reading when hold is released, a new measurement begins (Gate Indicator Lights), but the display continues to hold the old reading until the new measurement is completed.

### 3-8. Frequency Ratio Measurements (A/B) <FC-7150U, FC-7015U>

In this mode of operation, the counter displays the ratio of the frequency applied to input A to the frequency applied to input B. The input A frequency should preferably be equal to or greater than that of input B. And both frequencies must be within the limits given in the "SPECIFICATIONS" section. Frequency ratio is determined by counting the number of input A cycles occurring during a specified number of input B cycles (1.10.100.1000) and applying the result, with a proper decimal point, to the display.

- a. Connect a signals to be measured to the input A and input B

#### **NOTE**

BOTH INPUTS MAY BE CONNECTED TO THE SAME SIGNAL FOR A RATIO OF 1.000000 AT THE GATE TIME 1 SEC. THE UNIT INDICATORS ARE OFF BECAUSE THE READING DISPLAYED IS RATIO.

- b. Set the ratio A/B of function switch.
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- c. Select the resolution desired using the gate time switches.
  - d. Frequency ratio is given by the display the gate indicator lights while each measurement is in progress, and the display is updated at the end of each measurement interval.
  - e. Press the hold switch "freezes" the display at the existing reading. When hold is released, a new measurement begins, but the display continues to hold the old reading until the new measurement is completed.

## **4. MAINTENANCE**

### **CAUTION**

IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR SAFETY TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN AND SERVICE THIS INSTRUMENT

### **WARNING**

VOLTAGES WITHIN THIS INSTRUMENT ARE SUFFICIENTLY HIGH TO ENDANGER LIFE. COVERS MUST NOT BE REMOVED EXCEPT BY PERSONS QUALIFIED AND AUTHORIZED TO DO SO AND THESE PERSONS SHOULD ALWAYS TAKE EXTREME CARE ONCE THE COVERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED.

#### **4-1. Fuse Replacement**

- Disconnect and remove all connections from any live power source.
- Unscrew fuse holder by screw driver.
- Locate the defective fuse and remove it by gently pulling-out.
- Install a new fuse of the SAME SIZE AND RATING.
- Screwing fuse holder.

### **CAUTION**

MAKE SURE THAT THE RATED AND SPECIFIED FUSES ARE USED FOR REPLACEMENT.

#### **4-2. Adjustment And Calibration**

It is recommendable to regularly adjust and calibrate this instrument. Qualified and authorized personnel only should execute performance and procedures

#### **4-3. Cleaning and decontamination**

The instrument can be cleaned with a soft clean cloth to remove any oil, grease or grime. Never use liquid solvents or detergents. If the instrument gets wet for any reason, dry the instrument using low-pressure clean air at less than 25 PSI. Use care and caution around the window cover areas where water or air could enter into the instrument while drying.

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## 5. OTHERS

### 5-1. BNC Cable Considerations

Accuracy of radio frequency measurements can be affected by connections between signal source and counter. Main considerations are standing waves and shunt cable capacitance.

Standing wave is usually present due to reflections when a transmission line is not terminated in its characteristic impedance. These standing waves may cause damage to the signal source or produce inaccurate measurements, and their effects increase as cable length reaches one-fourth of the wavelength for the frequency being measure. Standing wave can be minimized by keeping cable lengths short, and more important, providing a proper termination.

The cable's characteristic impedance and the terminating impedance should match the source impedance. For example, for a source impedance of  $50\Omega$ , use  $50\Omega$  coaxial cable terminated with a  $50\Omega$  resistive load.

Use DC blocking capacitor in situations where bias voltage or other DC voltages could be affected by the termination resistor. Shunt cable capacitance, which can cause undesirable signal attenuation, increases with increased cable length. It is recommended that for radio frequency measurements, the cable be no longer than three feet (90 cm), to keep shunt capacitance within acceptable limit.

In  $50\Omega$  systems the internal  $50\Omega$  input termination of the input B. BNC minimizes reflections and the resulting standing waves. Thus, the need for an external termination is eliminated. Also, shunt capacitance has a much lesser effect at this BNC then at the input A, and the above restriction on cable length is reduced. However, prescale measurements must always be taken from a  $50\Omega$  point in the circuit under test.

### 5-2. Use of Attenuator Probes

Input A resistance ( $1\text{ M}\Omega$ ) and input capacitance ( $< 40\text{ pF}$ ) are independent of the ATT switch. To decrease loading, a high impedance oscilloscope probe such as the following may be used with input A. Use the probe in the x 10 position whenever possible for less circuit loading.

#### NOTE

DO NOT USE A 10:1 PROBE WITH THE INPUT C, THE PROBE IS DESIGNED FOR 10:1 ATTENUATOR WITH A COUNTER INPUT RESISTANCE OF  $1\text{ M}\Omega$ . THE  $50\Omega$  TERMINATION OF THE INPUT C WOULD RESULT IN UNACCEPTABLY HIGH ATTENUATION.

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### 5-3. Line Frequency Measurements

Use of the attenuator, low pass filter, and/or x10 probe is advisable when measuring line frequency because the high amplitude signal and noise can cause wrong counting.

#### **WARNING**

USE CAUTION IN MEASURING THE LINE FREQUENCY OF AN AC OUTLET. USING THE PROBE TIP ONLY, MEASURE BOTH SIDES OF THE LINE. THE GROUND SIDE WILL GIVE A ZERO READING AND THE HOT SIDE WILL PROVIDE THE DESIRED MEASUREMENT. DO NOT USE THE "GROUND" LEAD OF THE PROBE. REMEMBER THAT THE CHASSIS OF THE COUNTER AND THE "GROUND" LEAD OF THE PROBE ARE ALREADY AT EARTH GROUND (VIA THE 3-WIRE POWER CORD OF THE INSTRUMENT). TOUCHING THE "GROUND" LEAD TO THE "HOT" SIDE OF THE LINE WOULD PLACE A DIRECT SHORT ON THE POWER LINE THROUGH THE PROBE CABLE, RESULTING IN POSSIBLE INJURY AND DAMAGE TO THE PROBE CABLE.



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