



Zico Zi-3280
Meter User Manual



**Please read this manual before switching the unit on.
Important safety information inside.**

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1.Safety Information

The following safety information must be observed to insure maximum personal safety during the operation at this meter:

- Do not use the meter if the meter or test leads look damaged, or if you suspect that the meter is not operating properly.
- Never ground yourself when taking electrical measurements. Do not touch exposed metal pipes, outlets, fixtures, etc., which might be at ground potential. Keep your body isolated from ground by using dry clothing, rubber shoes, rubber mats, or any approved insulating material.
- Turn off power to the circuit under test before cutting, unsoldering, or breaking the circuit. Small amounts of current can be dangerous.
- When using the probes, keep your fingers behind the finger guards on the probes.
- Never apply voltage or current to the meter that exceeds the specified maximum:

Input Limits	
Function	Maximum Input
Resistance, Capacitance, Diode test, Continuity	36V DC/AC
Inductance	36V DC/AC

2.Safety Symbols

- This symbol adjacent to another symbol, terminal or operating device indicates that the operator must refer to an explanation in the Operating Instructions to avoid personal injury or damage to the meter.
- This WARNING symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
- This CAUTION symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, may result damage to the product.
- This symbol advises the user that the terminal(s) so marked must not be connected to a circuit point at which the voltage with respect to earth ground exceeds (in this case) 250VAC or VDC.
- This symbol adjacent to one or more terminals identifies them as being associated with ranges that may, in normal use, be subjected to particularly hazardous voltages. For maximum safety, the meter and its test leads should not be handled when these terminals are energized.



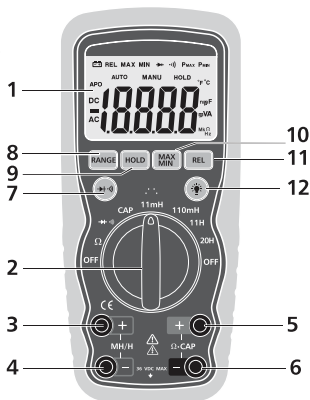
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CAUTION



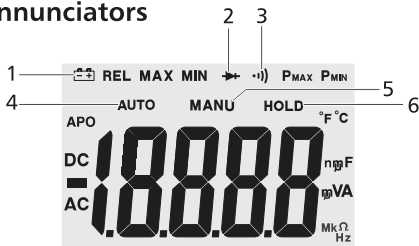
3.Controls And Jacks

- 1.11000 count Liquid Crystal Display
- 2.Function switch
- 3.Positive input jack for inductance measurements
- 4.Negative input jack for inductance measurements
- 5.Positive input jack
- 6.COM (Negative) input jack.
- 7.Diode pushbutton
- 8.Range pushbutton
- 9.HOLD pushbutton
- 10.Max/Min pushbutton
- 11.Relative Zero pushbutton
- 12.Backlight pushbutton



4.Symbols And Annunciators

- 1.Low Battery
- 2.Continuity
- 3.Diode
- 4.AutoRanging
- 5.ManualRanging
- 6.Data Hold



5. Specifications

The instrument complies with: EN61010-1.

Insulation: Class2, Double insulation.

Overvoltage category: 36V dc or 36V ac.

Display: 11000 counts LCD display with function indication.

Polarity: Automatic, (-) negative polarity indication.

Overrange: "OL" mark indication.

Low battery indication: The "🔋" is displayed when the battery voltage drops below the operating level.

Measurement rate: 4 times per second, nominal.

Auto power off: Meter automatically shuts down after approx. 15 minutes of inactivity.

Operating environment: 0°C to 50°C (32°F to 122°F)

at <70% relative humidity.

Storage temperature: -20°C to 60°C (-4°F to 140°F)

at <80% relative humidity.

For inside use, max height: 2000m

Pollution degree: 2

Power: One 9V battery , NEDA 1604, IEC 6F22.

Dimensions: 150 (H) x 70 (W) x 48 (D) mm

Weight Approx: 255g

Accuracy is given at 18°C to 28°C (65°F to 83°F), less than 70%RH

Resistance

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
110.00Ω	0.01Ω	±1.2% of rdg ±0.5Ω
1.1000kΩ	0.1Ω	±1.2% of rdg ± 8 dgts
11.000kΩ	1Ω	
110.00kΩ	10Ω	
1.1000MΩ	100Ω	±2.5% of rdg ± 8 dgts
11.000MΩ	1kΩ	
110.00MΩ	10kΩ	

Maximum Input: 36V DC or 36V AC rms.

Capacitance (Auto-ranging)

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
11.000nF	1pF	±5.0% of rdg ±0.1nF
110.00nF	10pF	±5.0% of rdg ± 15 dgts
1.1000uF	100pF	
11.000uF	1nF	±3.0% of rdg ± 10 dgts
110.00uF	10nF	
1.1000mF	0.1uF	
11.000mF	1uF	±10.0% of rdg ± 10 dgts
110.00mF	10uF	

Note:

In order to obtain an accurate reading, a capacitor must be discharged before measurement begins. The chip has a built-in discharge mode to automatically discharge the capacitor. In discharge mode, the LCD displays DS.C

Inductance (Manual-ranging)

Range	Resolution	Accuracy	Test frequency
11.000mH	1uH	$\pm 2.0\%$ of rdg $\pm 0.05\text{mH}$	About 1000Hz
110.00mH	10uH	$\pm 2.0\%$ of rdg $\pm 0.2\text{mH}$	
11.000H	1mH	$\pm 5.0\%$ of rdg ± 15 dgt	About 100Hz
20.00H	10mH		

Maximum Input: 36V dc or 36V ac rms.

Diode Test

Test current	Resolution	Accuracy
0.3mA typical	1 mV	$\pm 10\%$ of rdg ± 5 dgts

Open circuit voltage: 1.1V dc typical

Maximum Input: 36V dc or 36V ac rms.

Audible continuity

Audible threshold: Less than 30Ω Test current: $< 0.3\text{mA}$

Maximum Input: 36V dc or 36V ac rms.

6.Operation

- ALWAYS turn the function switch to the OFF position when the meter is not in use. This meter has Auto OFF that automatically shuts the meter OFF if 15 minutes elapse between uses.
- If "OL" appears in the display during a measurement, the value Exceeds the range you have selected. Change to a higher range.

7.Autoranging/manual Range Selection

When the meter is first turned on, it automatically goes into Autoranging. This automatically selects the best range for the measurements being made and is generally the best mode for most measurements. For measurement situations requiring that a range be manually selected, perform the following:

- Press the RANGE key. The "AUTO" display indicator will turn off or select diode /beeper, AC/DC Clamp

- Press the RANGE key to step through the available ranges until you select the range you want.
- To exit the Manual Ranging mode and return to Autoranging, press and hold the RANGE key for 2 seconds.

8. MAX/MIN

Note: When using the MAX/MIN function in Autoranging mode, the meter will “lock” into the range that is displayed on the LCD when MAX/MIN is activated. If a MAX/MIN reading exceeds that range, an “OL” will be displayed. Select the desired range BEFORE entering MAX/MIN mode.

- Press the MAX/MIN key to activate the MAX/MIN recording mode. The display icon “MAX” will appear. The meter will display and hold the maximum reading and will update only when a new “max” occurs.
- Press the MAX/MIN key again and the display icon “MIN” will appear. The meter will display and hold the minimum reading and will update only when a new “min” occurs.
- To exit MAX/MIN mode press and hold the MAX/MIN key for 2 seconds.

9. Display Backlight

The BACK LIGHT BUTTON is used to turn the back light on Only. Push the button again, the back light will close down.

HOLD

The hold function freezes the reading in the display. Press the HOLD key momentarily to activate or to exit the HOLD function.

REL + HOLD

In REL mode, the LCD panel displays $D_{N+K} - D_N$, Where $D_N = 1, 2, 3, \dots, D_N$ is the last value before REL is pushed, and D_{N+K} is the current value. If REL is pushed again in REL mode, the meter displays the reference value. The meter returns to normal Operation if REL is pressed and held for longer than one second. Pressing HOLD in REL mode makes the meter stop updating the LCD panel.

10. Resistance Measurements

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect power to the unit under test and discharge all capacitors before taking any resistance measurements. Remove the batteries and unplug the line cords.

- Set the function switch to the Ω position.
- Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative (COM) jack and the red test lead banana plug into the positive Ω jack.
- Touch the test probe tips across the circuit or part under test. It is best to disconnect one side of the part under test so the rest of the circuit will not interfere with the resistance reading.
- Read the resistance in the display. The display will indicate the proper decimal point, value and symbol.

11. Continuity Check

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, never measure continuity on circuits or wires that have voltage on them.

- Set the function switch to the $\rightarrow \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot$ position.
- Insert the black lead banana plug into the negative (-) jack (COM) and the red test lead banana plug into the positive (+) jack (Ω).
- Press the $\rightarrow \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot$ button until the $\cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot$ symbol appears in the display.
- Touch the test probe tips to the circuit or wire you wish to check.
- If the resistance is less than approximately 100Ω , the audible Signal will sound. The display will also show the actual resistance.

12. Diode Test

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not test any diode that has voltage on it.

- Set the function switch to $\rightarrow \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot$ position.
- Press the $\rightarrow \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot$ button until the \rightarrow symbol appears in the display.
- Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative (-) jack (COM) and the red test lead banana plug into the positive (+) jack (Ω).
- Touch the test probe tips to the diode or semiconductor junction you wish to test. Note the meter reading.
- Reverse the probe polarity by switching probe position. Note this reading.

- The diode or junction can be evaluated as follows:
 - A.If one reading shows a value and the other reading shows OL, the diode is good.
 - B.If both readings show OL, the device is open.
 - C.If both readings are very small or 0, the device is shorted.

NOTE: The value indicated in the display during the diode check is the forward voltage.

13.Capacitance Measurements

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect power to the unit under test and discharge all capacitors before taking any capacitance measurements. Remove the batteries and unplug the line cords.

- Set the function switch to the CAP position. (“nF” and a small value will appear in the display).
- Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative (COM) jack and the red test lead banana plug into the positive Ω jack.
- Touch the test leads to the capacitor to be tested. The display will indicate the proper decimal point, value and symbol.

Note: For very large values of capacitance measurement time can be several minutes before the final reading stabilizes. The LCD displays “dis.c” when discharging. Discharging through the chip is quite slow. We recommend the user to discharge the capacitor with some other apparatus.

14.Inductance Measurements

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect both test probes from any source of voltage before making an inductance measurement.

- If you wish to measure inductance, set the function switch to the 10mH.
- Insert the black test lead banana plug into Negative input jack for Inductance measurements and the red test lead banana plug into Positive input jack for inductance measurements.
- Touch the inductance Probe head to the part whose inductance you wish to measure. Keep the probe touching the part under test until the reading stabilizes (about 10 seconds).

- Read the temperature in the display. The digital reading will indicate the proper decimal point and value.

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, be sure the inductance has been removed before changing to another measurement function.

15.Replacing The Battery

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads from any source of voltage before removing the battery door.

- When the batteries become exhausted or drop below the operating voltage, “ BAT ” will appear in the right-hand side of the LCD display. The battery should be replaced.
- Follow instructions for installing battery. See the Battery Installation section of this manual.
- Dispose of the old battery properly.

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not operate your meter until the battery door is in place and fastened securely.

16.Battery Installation

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads from any source of voltage before removing the battery door.

- Disconnect the test leads from the meter.
- Open the battery door by loosening the screw using a Phillips head Screwdriver.
- Insert the battery into battery holder, observing the correct polarity.
- Put the battery door back in place. Secure with the two screws.

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not operate the meter until the battery door is in place and fastened securely.

NOTE: If your meter does not work properly, check the fuses and battery to make sure that they are still good and that they are properly inserted.

17.Replacing The Fuses

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads from any source of voltage before removing the fuse door.

- Disconnect the test leads from the meter and any item under test.
- Open the house by loosening the screw on the house using a Phillips head screwdriver.
- Remove the old fuse from its holder by gently pulling it out.
- Install the new fuse into the holder.
- Put the house back in place. Insert the screw and tighten it securely.

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not operate your meter until the house is in place and fastened securely.

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