

# UT131A/B/C/D Palm Size Multimeter User Manual



## I. Overview

The new generation UT131 series products redefine the performance standards for entry-level digital multimeter. The innovative industrial design ensures the products have 2 meters impact resistance. The new LCD display layout provides a clear display for better user experience. The UT131 series ensure safe operation in CAT II 250 V environment.

The special features of each model are as follows:

- UT131A: 2mF capacitance test function
- UT131B: Battery test with status indicators
- UT131C: Temperature test
- UT131D: NCV test

## II. Open Box Inspection

Open the package box and take out the device. Please check whether the following items are deficient or damaged and contact your supplier immediately if they are.

- User manual ----- 1 pcs
- Test leads ----- 1 pair
- Protective case ----- 1 pcs
- K-type thermocouple ----- 1 pcs (UT131 only)

### Warning:

Please carefully read "Safe Operation Rule" before using the device.

## III. Safe Operation Rule

### 1). Safety certification

This device strictly follows the CE standards: EN 61010-1: 2010, EN 61010-2-030:2010, EN 61326:2013, as well as CAT II: 250V, RoHS, pollution grade II, and double insulation standards.

### 2). Safety instructions and precautions

1. Do not use the device if the device or test leads appear damaged or if you suspect that the device is not operating properly. Pay particular attention to the insulation layers.
2. If the test leads are damaged, it must be replaced with one of the same type or the same electrical specification.
3. When measuring, do not touch exposed wires, connectors, unused inputs, or the circuit being measured.
4. When measuring the voltage higher than 60 VDC or 36 VACrms, keep your fingers behind the finger guard on the test lead in order to prevent electric shock.
5. If the range of the voltage to be measured is unknown, the maximum range should be selected and then gradually decreased.
6. Never input voltage and current exceeding the value listed on the device.
7. Before switching ranges, make sure to disconnect the test leads with the circuit to be tested. It is strictly prohibited to switch the ranges during the measurement.
8. Do not use or store the device in high temperature, high humidity, flammable, explosive or strong magnetic field environments.
9. Do not change the internal circuit of the device in order to avoid the damage to the device and users.
10. To avoid false reading, replace the battery when the battery indicator appears.
11. Use dry cloth to clean the case, do not use detergent containing solvents

## IV. Electrical Symbols

	Low battery		High voltage warning
	Electrical ground		Direct current
	Warning		Alternating current
	Double insulation		
	Conforms to UL STD. 61010-1, 61010-2-030, Certified to CSA STD. C22.2 No. 61010-1, 61010-2-030.		
	Comply with European Union Standards		
	It is applicable to test and measuring circuits connected directly to utilization points (socket outlets and similar points) of the low-voltage MAINS installation.		

## V. Specification

1. The maximum voltage between the input terminal and the ground: 250Vrms
2. 10A terminal: Fuse 10A 250V Fast fuse  $\Phi 5 \times 20$ mm
3. mA/ $\mu$ A terminal: Fuse 200mA 250V Fast fuse  $\Phi 5 \times 20$ mm
4. Max display 1999, over range display "OL", update rate: 2~3 times/second
5. Range select: Auto range UT131A; Manual range UT131B/C/D
6. Backlight: manual on, auto shut off after 30 seconds
7. Polarity: "-" symbol displaying on screen represents negative polarity signal.
8. Data hold function: symbol displays on screen when data hold function is activated
9. Low battery power: symbol displays on screen when battery power is low
10. Battery: AAA 1.5V \* 2
11. Operating temperature: 0~4°C (32°F~104°F)  
Storage temperature: -10~50°C (14°F~122°F)  
Relative humidity: 0°C~30°C:  $\leq 75\%$  RH, 30°C~40°C:  $\leq 50\%$  RH  
Operating altitude: 0 ~ 2000m
12. Dimension: (134x77x47) mm
13. Weight: about 206g (battery included)
14. Electromagnetic compatibility:  
In fields with less than 1V/m radio frequency, the total accuracy = designated accuracy + 5% of measurement range  
In fields with more than 1V/m radio frequency, the accuracy is not specified.

## VI. Structure (see Figure 1)

1	Display screen	4	10A input jack
2	Function keys	5	COM jack
3	Functional dial	6	Remaining inputs jack

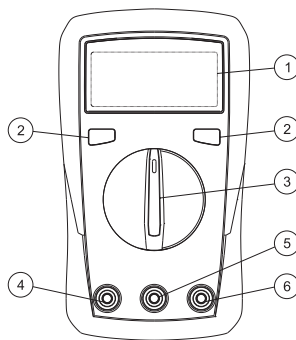


Figure 1

## VII. Key Functions

### 1) UT131A:

- SEL/REL: press this key to switch between AC and DC modes for mV,  $\Omega$ , and REL positions.
- HOLD: : Press to enter or exit data hold mode. Long press over 2 seconds to turn on/off backlight.

### 2) UT131B/C/D:

- HOLD/SEL: Press to enter or exit data hold mode
- In continuity/diode mode, press to cycle switch between the two modes
- : Press to turn on/off backlight.

## VIII. Operations

To avoid false reading, replace the battery if the battery low power symbol appears. Also pay special attention to the warning sign beside the test lead jack, indicating that the tested voltage or current must not exceed the values listed on the device.

### 1.AC/DC voltage measurement (see Figure 2b)

- 1) Switch the dial to "V~" position.
- 2) Insert the black test lead into the COM jack, the red test lead into the "VQmA" jack. Connect test leads with the load in parallel.

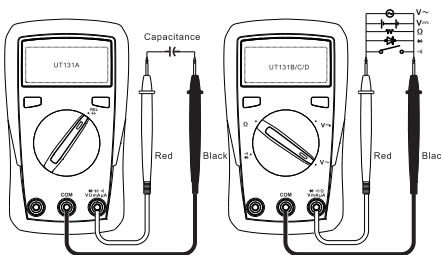


Figure 2a

Figure 2b

### Notes:

- Do not measure voltage over 250Vrms, or it may expose users to electric shock and damage the device. If the range of the voltage to be measured is unknown, select the maximum range and reduce accordingly.
- Please pay extra attention when measuring high voltage in order to avoid electric shock.
- Before using the device, it is suggested to measure a known voltage for verification.

### 2.Resistance measurement (see Figure 2b)

- 1) Switch the dial to "Q" position.
- 2) Insert the black test lead into the COM jack, the red test lead into the "VQmA" jack. Connect test leads with the resistor in parallel

### Notes:

- Before measuring resistance, switch off the power supply of the circuit, and fully discharge all capacitors.
- If the resistance when probes are shorted is more than 0.5Q, please check if test leads are loosened or damaged.
- If the resistor is open or over the range, the "OL" symbol will be displayed on the screen.
- When measuring low resistance, the test leads will produce 0.1Q~0.2Q measurement error. To obtain accurate measurement, the measured value should subtract the value displayed when two test leads are shorted.
- When measuring high resistance above 1MQ, it is normal to take a few seconds to steady the readings. In order to quickly obtain steady data, use short test wires to measure high resistance.

### 3. Continuity measurement (see Figure 2b)

- 1) Switch the dial to "buzzer" position.
- 2) Insert the black test lead into the COM jack, the red test lead into the "VQmA" jack. Connect test leads with the points to be tested in parallel
- 3) If measured points' resistance >51Q, circuit is in open status.  
If measured points' resistance  $\leq 10Q$ , circuit is in good conduction status, buzzer will go off

### Notes:

Before measuring continuity, switch off all power supplies and fully discharge all capacitors.

### 4. Diode measurement (see Figure 2b)

- 1) Switch the dial to "diode" position.
- 2) Insert the black test lead into the COM jack, the red test lead into the "VQmA" jack. Connect test leads with the diode in parallel
- 3) "OL" symbol appears when the diode is open or polarity is reversed.  
For silicon PN junction, normal value: 500 ~ 800mV (0.5 ~ 0.8V).

### Notes:

- Before measuring PN junction, switch off the power supply to the circuit, and fully discharge all capacitors

### 5. Capacitance measurement (only for UT131A, see Figure 2a)

- 1) Switch the dial to capacitance test.
- 2) Insert the black test lead into the COM jack, the red test lead into the "VQmA" jack. Connect test leads with the capacitor in parallel
- 3) When there is no input, the device displays a fixed value (intrinsic capacitance).
- For small capacitance measurement, to ensure measurement accuracy, the measured value must be subtracted from intrinsic capacitance.
- Users can measure small capacity capacitors with relative measurement functions (REL) (the device will automatically subtract the intrinsic capacitance)

### Notes:

- If the tested capacitor is shorted or its capacity is over the specified range "OL" symbol will be displayed on the screen.
- When measuring large capacitors, it may take a few seconds to obtain steady readings.
- Before measuring capacitors (especially for high voltage capacitors), please fully discharge them.

### 6. DC measurement (see Figure 3)

- 1) Switch the dial to DC test.
- 2) Insert the black test lead into the COM jack, the red test lead into the "VQmA" jack. Connect test leads with the tested circuit in series.

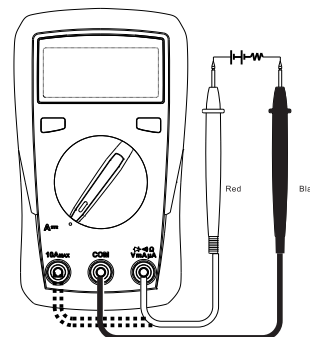


Figure 3

### Notes:

- Before measuring, switch off the power supply of the circuit and carefully check the input terminal and range position.
- If the range of the measured current is unknown, select the maximum range and then reduce accordingly.
- Please replace the fuse with the same type.  
10A jack: Fuse 10A/250V  $\Phi 5 \times 20$ mm  
VQmA jack: Fuse 0.2A/250V  $\Phi 5 \times 20$ mm
- When measuring, please do not connect the test leads with any circuit in parallel. Otherwise there is a risk of damage to the device and human body.
- If the tested current is over 10A, each measurement time should be less than 10 seconds and the next test should be after 15 minutes.

### 7. AC measurement (only for UT131A, see Figure 3)

Similar to DC Measurement.  
Please refer to Section 6 "DC measurement (see Figure 3)"

### 8. Battery measurement (only for UT131B, see Figure 4)

- 1) Switch the dial to battery test.
- 2) Insert the black test lead into the COM jack, the red test lead into the "VQmA" jack. Connect test leads with the battery in parallel.  
Red test lead at positive pole "+", black test lead at negative pole "-"
- 3) Battery status:  
"Good": Normal status  
"Low": Low power but still working  
"Bad": Replace/charge batteries
- 4) Battery display

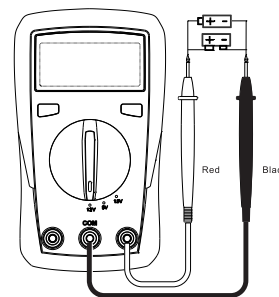
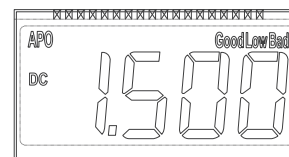


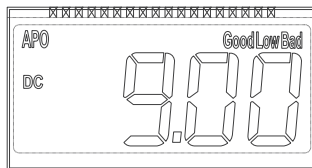
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### 1.5V battery



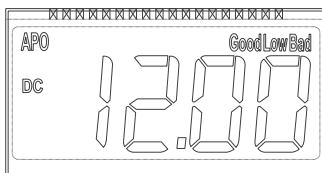
Load Resistance: 30 Q  
"Good": Voltage  $\geq 1.31V$   
"Low": Voltage 0.95V~1.31V  
"Bad": Voltage  $\leq 0.94V$

9V battery



Load Resistance: 900Ω
"Good": Voltage >= 7.8V
"Low": Voltage 5.7V~7.7V
"Bad": Voltage <= 5.6V

12V battery



Load Resistance: 60Ω
"Good": Voltage >= 10.5V
"Low": Voltage 7.6V~10.4V
"Bad": Voltage <= 7.5V

Notes:

- When the measured voltage is <0.2V (0.05V-0.19V), no indicator status will be displayed and the reading will flash for 3 seconds for every 6 second interval.

9. Temperature measurement (only for UT131C, see Figure 5)

- 1) Switch the dial to temperature test.
2) Insert K-thermocouple into the device and fix the temperature probe to the measured object. Read the value when it is stable.

Notes:

- Only K-thermocouple is applicable. The measured temperature should be less than 250°C/482°F (°F=°C\*1.8+32)

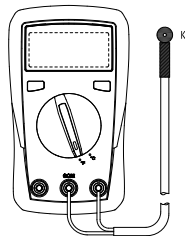


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10. NCV measurement (only for UT131D, see Figure 6)

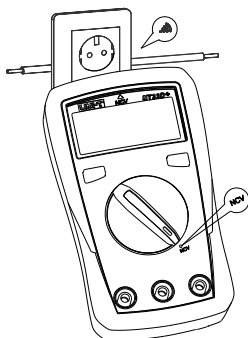
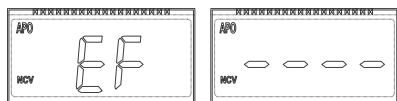


Figure 6

- 1) Switch the dial to NCV position
2) Place the device near the measured object. "-" symbol indicates the intensity of the electric field. More "-" and the higher the buzzer frequency, the higher the electric field intensity.
3) Intensity of electric field.



"EF": 0 ~ 50mV
"-": 50 ~ 100mV
"--": 100 ~ 150mV
"---": 150 ~ 200mV
"----": >200mV

11. Additional features

- The device enters measurement status in 2 seconds after startup.
The device automatically shuts down if there is no operation for 15 minutes. You can wake up the device by pressing any key. To disable auto shutdown, switch the dial to OFF position, long press HOLD key and turn on the device.
When pressing any key or switching the dial, the buzzer will beep once.
Buzzer Notification

- 1) Input voltage >= 250V (AC/DC), buzzer will continuously beep indicating measure range is at limit
2) Input current > 10A (AC/DC), buzzer will continuously beep indicating measure range is at limit
1 min before auto shutdown, 5 continuous beeps. Before shutdown, 1 long beep.

- Low power warnings: Voltage of the battery < 2.5V, symbol appears and flashes for 3 seconds every 6 second period. During low power status, the device can still work. Voltage of the battery < 2.2V, a solid symbol appears, the device cannot work.

IX. Technical specification

- Accuracy: ±(% of reading + numerical value in least significant digit slot), 1 Year Warranty
Ambient temperature: 23°C ±5°C (73.4°F±9°F)
Ambient humidity: <=75% RH

Notes:

- To ensure accuracy, operating temperature should be within 18°C ~28°C.
Temperature Coefficient= 0.1\*(specified accuracy)/°C (<18°C or >28°C)

1. DC voltage

Table with columns: Range, Model, Resolution, Accuracy. Rows include 200mV, 2000mV, 20.00V, 200.0V, 250V.

- Input impedance: about 10MΩ.
Results might be unstable at mV range when no load is connected. The value becomes stable once the load is connected. Least significant digit <= ±3
Max input voltage: ±600V, when the voltage >= 610V, "OL" symbol appears.
Overload protection: 600Vrms(AC/DC)

2. AC voltage

Table with columns: Range, Model, Resolution, Accuracy. Rows include 200.0mV, 2.000V, 20.00V, 200.0V, 250V.

- Input impedance: about 10MΩ.
Frequency response: 40Hz ~ 400Hz, sine wave RMS (average response).
Max input voltage: ±250V, when the voltage >= 610V, "OL" symbol appears.
Overload protection: 250Vrms(AC/DC)

3. Resistance

Table with columns: Range, Model, Resolution, Accuracy. Rows include 200.0Ω, 2000Ω, 20.00kΩ, 200.0kΩ, 20.00MΩ, 200.0MΩ.

- Measurement result = reading of resistor - reading of shorted test leads
Overload protection: 250Vrms(AC/DC)

4. Continuity, diode

Table with columns: Range, Resolution, Remark. Rows include continuity mode (beep) and diode test mode.

- Overload protection: 250Vrms(AC/DC)

5. Capacitance (only for UT33A+)

Table with columns: Range, Resolution, Accuracy. Rows include 2.000nF, 20.00nF, 200.0nF, 2.000μF, 20.00μF, 200.0μF, 2.000mF.

- Overload protection: 250Vrms(AC/DC)
Tested capacitance <= 200nF, adapt REL mode.

6. Temperature (only for UT131C)

Table with columns: Range, Resolution, Accuracy. Rows include °C and °F ranges.

- Overload protection: 250Vrms(AC/DC)
K thermocouple is only applicable for temperature less than 250°C/482°F.

7. DC current

Table with columns: Range, Model, Resolution, Accuracy. Rows include 200.0μA, 2000μA, 20.00mA, 200.0mA, 2.000A, 10.00A.

- Input current > 10A, "OL" symbol appears and buzzer beeps
Overload protection 250Vrms
μA mA range: F1 Fuse 0.2A/250V φ5×20mm
10A range: F2 Fuse 10A/250V φ5×20mm

8. AC current (only for UT33A+)

Table with columns: Range, Model, Resolution, Accuracy. Rows include 200.0μA, 2000μA, 20.00mA, 200.0mA, 2.000A, 10.00A.

- Frequency response: 40 - 400Hz.
Accuracy guarantee range: 5 - 100% of the range, shorted circuit allows least significant digit <= 2
Input current > 10.10A, "OL" symbol appears with beeps
Overload protection 250Vrms
μA mA range: F1 Fuse 0.2A/250V φ5×20mm
10A range: F2 Fuse 10A/250V φ5×20mm

X. Maintenance

Warning: Before opening the rear cover, switch off the power supply (remove test leads from the input terminal and the circuit).

1. General maintenance

- 1) Clean the case with a damp cloth and detergent. Do not use abrasives or solvents
2) If there is any malfunction, stop using the device and send it to maintenance.
3) The maintenance and service must be conducted by qualified professionals or designated departments.

2. Replacements (see Figure 7a, Figure 7b)

Battery replacement:

To avoid false reading, replace the battery when the battery indicator symbol appears. Battery Specification: AAA 1.5V x 2

- 1) Switch the dial to "OFF" position and remove the test leads from the input terminal.
2) Take off the protective case. Loosen the screw on battery cover, remove the cover to replace the battery. Please identify the positive and negative pole.

Fuse replacement:

- 1) Switch the dial to "OFF" position and remove the test leads from the input terminal

- 2) Loosen the both screws on the rear cover, then remove the rear cover to replace the fuse
Fuse specification
F1 Fuse 0.2A/250V φ5×20mm ceramic tube
F2 Fuse 10A/250V φ5×20mm Ceramic tube

Test Leads replacement:

If insulation on test leads is damaged, replace it.

WARNING:

Use meet EN 61010-031 standard, rated CAT II 250V, 10A or better test leads.

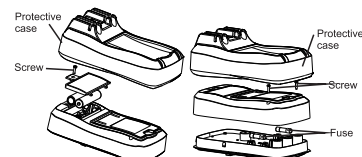


Figure 7a

Figure 7b