

# OPERATING & INSTRUCTION MANUAL



## High Voltage Digital Ammeter

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## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The High Voltage Digital Ammeter, HVA-2000, measures line current on overhead and underground secondary voltage, distribution voltage and transmission voltage distribution systems up to 500kV.

The HVA-2000 measures current from 1 Amp up to 2000 Amps and current is displayed in the large easy to read four digit display.

The HVA stores the four most recent current readings, typically three individual phase currents and a neutral current for easy review after making measurements.


## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- Only trained, professional operating personnel should use the HVA High Voltage Ammeter. The voltages this instrument operates at are dangerous and lethal. Severe injury or death can occur if improperly used.
- Risk of electrocution is inherent in or around high voltage.
- Always use proper high voltage procedures, including personal protective equipment, when working near or around high voltage equipment or conductors.
- Do not exceed the maximum voltage rating.
- The Ammeter must be used with a hot stick of the

appropriate length for the voltage of the conductor being measured per your company and OSHA published requirements.

- Do not touch the HVA High Voltage Ammeter during measurements. The housing should be considered to be at the same voltage as the conductor under test.
- Prior to using, inspect the instrument for any physical damage, cleanliness and check for proper working order by pressing and holding the ON button. Do not proceed if the display does not indicate all 8's.
- Never allow another high voltage or grounded conductor to contact the instrument during use. Keep the housing free and clear of all structures at all times. Bridging the housing from line-to-ground or line-to-line may cause a fault and arc.
- The HVA High Voltage Ammeter does not measure current below 1 Amp. A zero current reading does not mean the line is dead or grounded.
- The HVA High Voltage Ammeter measures AC current only. It does not measure DC current.

**This important label is affixed to the product.  
Read and understand before proceeding.**

**HVA-2000 High Voltage Digital AC Ammeter** For use on overhead or underground circuits to 500kV. Press ON switch. Place conductor inside U to measure current. View stored readings by pressing ON button. Clear stored readings by holding ON button. See instructions to select measurement mode. Measures AC current only, 25-500Hz. **CAUTION:** Use only with high voltage insulating hotsticks with length appropriate for voltage. The housing is not an insulator and must not bridge energized conductors or an energized conductor to ground. **WARNING:** Do not touch during measurement. Read and understand all instructions. For use by trained professionals only. Misuse or abuse of this product can lead to severe injury or death. HD Electric Company www.HDElectricCompany.com U.S. Patent 8,212,549 HVA 3/16 s.n. 

## OPERATIONAL IMPAIRMENT

If the HVA High Voltage Ammeter is used in a manner not described in this instruction manual, the protection and effective operation of this equipment may be impaired.

## MANUFACTURING LOCATION

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## HOW TO USE IT

Test the Ammeter battery and display by pressing the ON button. Verify that each digit in turn displays 8. If needed, replace the 9V battery with a lithium or alkaline type.



The Ammeter measures and displays current in two modes:

The initial factory default mode is Peak Hold, which displays the peak RMS current measured while the Ammeter is placed on a conductor. Peak Hold mode allows a user to capture and store the peak current over the period of time the Ammeter is applied to a conductor.



The second available mode is Real Time which displays the current as it normally rises or falls. Real Time mode allows the user to see changes in load current as they occur.



The measurement mode can be viewed or changed after the HVA High Voltage Ammeter is turned on. Simply press the ON button again to display **PH** for Peak Hold, the initial factory default, or **rt** for Real Time, as shown above. The selected measurement mode will be saved when the Ammeter shuts off. To switch between measurement modes, press the ON button again.

The measurement mode can be displayed and changed any time after the Ammeter is turned on but before current measurements are made by pressing the ON button. Press it once to display the measurement mode and press it again to change the mode. If current measurements have already been made, the memory must be cleared before the measurement mode can be changed. To clear the memory, press and hold the ON button until zero is shown on the display. Then proceed to display or change the measurement mode by pressing the ON button.

Always install the HVA High Voltage Ammeter on a hot stick with length appropriate for the voltage to be measured by way of the built-in universal spline or hookstick connection, making certain it is securely attached.

To measure the current in a conductor, place the Ammeter completely over the conductor as shown (upper right) so that the conductor is completely inside the U.

When the conductor is properly positioned inside the U, the current reading is displayed.

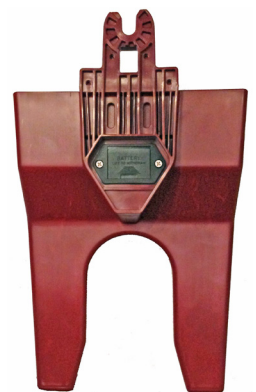
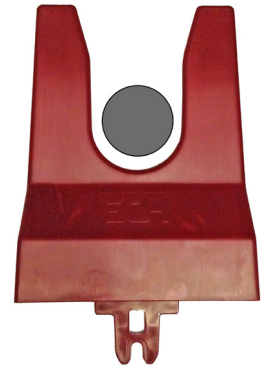
Up to four current measurements are stored, sufficient to measure three phase conductors and a neutral.

To display the stored readings, press the ON button for each reading. Each of the four readings will be displayed in rotation. The last reading will be displayed first. For example, pressing the ON button four times will show the most recent four readings:

The Ammeter will shut off automatically four minutes after the last reading. All stored readings are cleared when the unit shuts off.

All stored readings can also be cleared by pressing and holding the ON button until zero is shown on the display.

All readings are in Amps. Currents below 1 Amp may indicate zero. A zero current reading does not mean the line is dead or grounded. Voltage in excess of 500kV may damage the unit.



## BATTERY REPLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

If the Ammeter does not turn on or if it shuts off during use, replace the battery with a standard 9V lithium or alkaline type. For temperatures below -20°F (-7°C) a lithium battery is recommended.

To replace the battery, open and remove the compartment on the bottom of the housing. Remove and dispose of the old battery, replacing it with a fresh, new 9-volt lithium or alkaline battery. Note battery polarity on the battery compartment. This compartment cannot be reinserted if the battery polarity is reversed.



## **MEASURING CURRENT ON UG CABLES & IN PADMOUNT ENCLOSURES**

Secondary voltage cables are generally unshielded and current can be easily measured by placing the Ammeter completely over the secondary cable or cable bundle so that all cables are completely inside the U on the HVA High Voltage Ammeter.



Primary voltage cables are generally shielded and the Ammeter cannot measure current on a shielded cable except in areas where the shield has been removed.

Current can be measured where primary voltage cables are terminated, generally in a vault or padmount enclosure, as long as the Ammeter is placed on the cable just above the termination where the shield wires have been terminated. The Ammeter can be placed over small drain wires but the cable shield wires should not go inside the U of the HVA High Voltage Ammeter.

## **CARE AND MAINTENANCE**

**STORAGE** - It is recommended for protection of the HVA High Voltage Ammeter that it is stored in the carrying case provided.

**CLEANLINESS** - The molded housing is very rugged, but it should be kept clean and free of dirt, grease and any other foreign materials. If the housing surface integrity has been compromised in any way, remove from service and return to factory for repair or replacement.

**CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS** - To clean, wipe with a damp cloth with water. Do not use harsh chemicals or solvents.

**DAMAGE** - If you suspect any mechanical or electrical damage, do not use and arrange for repair by returning to the factory.

**CALIBRATION & TESTING** - Calibration service is available at the HD Electric factory.

**SERVICE** - If any damage is found please contact us at 800-435-0786 to arrange for service.

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**MODEL NUMBER:** HVA-2000

**OPERATING VOLTAGE RANGE:** Up to 500kV line to ground

**OPERATING FREQUENCY:** 25-500Hz

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:**

**CONDITIONS:** Indoor and outdoor use

**ALTITUDE:** Up to 6,566 ft. (2000M)

**OPERATING TEMPERATURE:**  
-20°F to +140°F (-29°C to +60°C)

**HUMIDITY:** 95% to +60°C (non-condensing)

**POLLUTION DEGREE:** PD4

**OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY IV**

**DIMENSIONS:** 4"H x 6.6"W x 11.5"L  
(10 cm x 17 cm x 29 cm)

**WEIGHT:** 1.8 lbs. (0.8 kg)

**LED HEIGHT:** 1.5" (3.8 cm)

**ACCURACY:** 50-60Hz

**RANGE ACCURACY**

1-10A 1%±2 counts

11-100A 1%±3 counts

101-500 1%±6 counts

501-2000 1%±8 counts

**25-49Hz and 61-500Hz**

**RANGE ACCURACY**

1-10A 2%±3 counts

11-100A 2%±4 counts

101-500 2%±6 counts

501-2000 2%±8 counts

**RESOLUTION:** 1 Amp in all ranges

**BATTERY LIFE:** About 100 readings with 9V alkaline or lithium

**BATTERY:** 9V alkaline ANSI 1604A, IEC 6LR61 or 9V lithium, ANSI-1604LC

**ENCLOSURE MATERIAL:** Supertough nylon UL94-HB

**PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS:** FR-4 UL94V-0



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**9. INSTALLATION:** Buyer shall be responsible for receiving, inspecting, testing, storing, installing, starting up and maintaining all Goods.

**10. INSPECTION/TESTING:** Buyer, at its expense, agrees that it will promptly inspect the Goods upon receipt thereof, and in no event later than thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the Goods. Buyer shall deliver to HDE within fifteen (15) days of inspection, but in no event later than forty-five (45) days from the date of receipt of the Goods, written notice of any and all deficiencies, defects, variations from specifications or complaints of any kind with respect to the quantity, quality, condition, shipment, performance, price or appearance of the Goods so received by Buyer. In the event no such written notice is received by HDE, Buyer shall be deemed conclusively to have inspected and accepted all such Goods unconditionally and to have waived any and all rights and claims, including without limitation any right to reject the Goods or to claim damages in respect thereof. Buyer may not return goods without first advising HDE of the reasons therefore, obtaining from HDE a material authorization number and observing such instructions as HDE may give in authorizing such return. In the event a return is authorized by HDE, a restocking for any Goods requiring repackaging or maintenance a twenty percent (20%) restocking fee shall be assessed to Buyer in the final credit amount.

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**14. MISCELLANEOUS:** These terms and conditions supersede all other communications, negotiations and prior oral

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