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Introduction
The Fluke 1550C and 1555 Insulation Testers (the Tester or Product) are high-voltage insulation testers to validate general circuits, such as switchgear, motors, and cables.

The Tester features:

• Large liquid crystal display (LCD)
• Preset test voltages: 250 V, 500 V, 1000 V, 2500 V, 5000 V, (10 000 V 1555 only)
• Programmable test voltages: 250 V to 10 000 V (50/100 V steps)
• Resistance measurement: 200 kΩ to 2 TΩ
• Polarization Index (PI)
• Dielectric Absorption Ratio (DAR or DAR [CN])
• Ramp mode that linearly increases (100 V/s) the applied test voltage
• Test timer and storage for test results with user-defined ID tag
• Breakdown voltage indication
• Rechargeable lead-acid battery
• Auto shutoff after 30 minutes of inactivity
• Infrared (IR) port for downloading test data
• PC software (supplied)

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To contact Fluke, use one of these telephone numbers:

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• Europe: +31 402-675-200
• Japan: +81-3-6714-3114
• Singapore: +65-6799-5566
• China: +86-400-921-0835
• Brazil: +55-11-3530-8901
• Anywhere in the world: +1-425-446-5500

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Safety Information

A Warning identifies hazardous conditions and procedures that are dangerous to the user. A Caution identifies conditions and procedures that can cause damage to the Product or the equipment under test.

⚠️⚠️ Warning
To prevent possible electrical shock, fire, or personal injury:

- Carefully read all instructions.
- Read all safety information before you use the Product.
- Do not alter the Product and use only as specified, or the protection supplied by the Product can be compromised.
- Do not use the Product around explosive gas, vapor, or in damp or wet environments.
- Do not use the Product if it is altered or damaged.
- Do not use the Product if it operates incorrectly.
- Use Product-approved measurement category (CAT), voltage, and amperage rated accessories (probes, test leads, and adapters) for all measurements.
- Do not exceed the Measurement Category (CAT) rating of the lowest rated individual component of a Product, probe, or accessory.

- Do not use in CAT III or CAT IV environments without the protective cap installed on test probe. The protective cap decreases the exposed probe metal to <4 mm. This decreases the possibility of arc flash from short circuits.
- Comply with local and national safety codes. Use personal protective equipment (approved rubber gloves, face protection, and flame-resistant clothes) to prevent shock and arc blast injury where hazardous live conductors are exposed.
- Examine the case before you use the Product. Look for cracks or missing plastic. Carefully look at the insulation around the terminals.
- Do not use test leads if they are damaged. Examine the test leads for damaged insulation and measure a known voltage.
- Do not touch voltages >30 V ac rms, 42 V ac peak, or 60 V dc.
- Do not apply more than the rated voltage between the terminals or between each terminal and earth ground.
- Measure a known voltage first to make sure that the Product operates correctly.
- Limit operation to the specified measurement category, voltage, or amperage ratings.
• Remove all probes, test leads, and accessories that are not necessary for the measurement.
• Keep fingers behind the finger guards on the probes.
• Use the correct terminals, function, and range for measurements.
• Place test leads in proper input terminals.
• Do not work alone.
• Do not use in distribution systems with voltages higher than 1100 V.
• Use only recommended test leads.
• Remove all power from the circuit under test and discharge circuit capacitance before testing resistance or capacitor with the tester.
• Results of measurement can be adversely affected by the impedances of additional operating circuits connected in parallel or by transient currents.
• Before and after testing, confirm that the Product does not indicate the presence of a hazardous voltage. If a hazardous voltage is shown on the display, remove power from the circuit under test or allow the installation capacitance to fully discharge.

• Do not disconnect the test leads before a test has been completed and the test voltage at the terminals has returned to zero. This ensures that any charged capacitance is fully discharged.
• Use the guard terminal only as specified in this manual. Do not allow other foreign objects to contact the guard terminals as safety can be compromised.
• Remove the input signals before you clean the Product.
• Use only specified replacement parts.
• Repair the Product before use if the battery leaks.
• Do not operate the Product with covers removed or the case open. Hazardous voltage exposure is possible.
• Have an approved technician repair the Product.
Table 1 is a list of symbols used on the Product or in this manual.

<table>
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<th>Symbol</th>
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<tr>
<td>符号1</td>
<td>Consult user documentation.</td>
<td>符号2</td>
<td>Conforms to relevant Australian EMC standards.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>符号3</td>
<td>WARNING. RISK OF DANGER.</td>
<td>符号4</td>
<td>Conforms to relevant South Korean EMC standards.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>符号5</td>
<td>WARNING. HAZARDOUS VOLTAGE. Risk of electric shock.</td>
<td>符号6</td>
<td>Conforms to relevant South Korean EMC standards.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>符号7</td>
<td>WARNING. HAZARDOUS VOLTAGE. Risk of electric shock.</td>
<td>符号8</td>
<td>Certified by CSA Group to North American safety standards.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>符号9</td>
<td>Earth</td>
<td>符号10</td>
<td>Certified by TÜV SÜD Product Service.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>符号11</td>
<td>AC (Alternating Current)</td>
<td>符号12</td>
<td>Conforms to European Union directives.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>符号13</td>
<td>Battery</td>
<td>符号14</td>
<td>Double Insulated</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>符号15</td>
<td>Electrical breakdown</td>
<td>符号16</td>
<td>Interference is present. Displayed value might be outside of specified accuracy.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>符号17</td>
<td>WARNING. Do not apply greater than 1100 Volts.</td>
<td>符号18</td>
<td>Ramp mode indicator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CAT II</td>
<td>Measurement Category II is applicable to test and measuring circuits connected directly to utilization points (socket outlets and similar points) of the low-voltage MAINS installation.</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>CAT III</td>
<td>Measurement Category III is applicable to test and measuring circuits connected to the distribution part of the building’s low-voltage MAINS installation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>CAT IV</td>
<td>Measurement Category IV is applicable to test and measuring circuits connected at the source of the building’s low-voltage MAINS installation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>符号19</td>
<td>This product complies with the WEEE Directive marking requirements. The affixed label indicates that you must not discard this electrical/electronic product in domestic household waste. Product Category: With reference to the equipment types in the WEEE Directive Annex I, this product is classed as category 9 “Monitoring and Control Instrumentation” product. Do not dispose of this product as unsorted municipal waste.</td>
<td></td>
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Before You Start

Table 2 is a list of the items included with your purchase. Carefully unpack and inspect each of the items.

Table 2. Pack List

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Quick Reference Guide and Safety Information</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>AC Power Cord</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Test Cables with Alligator Clips (red, black, green) and Test Probes (red, black)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Heavy Duty Alligator Clips: Red, Black, Green (1555 and kits only) Available as optional accessory for 1550C, PN TLK1550-RTLC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Soft Carrying Case (Kit includes Hard Case)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>ir3000 FC BLE-IR Adapter with Quick Reference Guide (FC kits only)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Infrared Adapter/Interface Cable with Installation Guide</td>
</tr>
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</table>

The Tester

This section is about the Tester and its operation. The Tester is shown in Table 3.

Table 3. 1550C/1555 Insulation Tester

<table>
<thead>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>LCD</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Safety Shutter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>AC Plug</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Input Terminals</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>IR Port</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Pushbuttons</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Built-in Handle</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Pushbuttons

Use the pushbuttons to control the Tester, view test results, and scroll through chosen test results. See Table 4.

<table>
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<th>Table 4. Pushbuttons</th>
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<thead>
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<th>Item</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Power on/off.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Push [FUNCTION] to go to the Function menu. Push again to exit the Function menu. To scroll within the Function menu, use the arrow pushbuttons.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Scrolls through test voltages, stored test results, timer duration, and changes test tag ID characters. Use to answer “yes” to prompts.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>After a memory location is set, [] displays the test parameters, test results stored in memory. These include voltage, capacitance, polarization index, dielectric absorption ratio, and current.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Use to scroll through test voltages, stored test results, timer duration, and memory locations. Use to answer “no” to prompts.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Use for Test Voltage mode to start incrementally setting the test voltage between 250 V and 10 000 V.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Starts and stops a test. Push and hold for 1 second to start a test. Push again to stop a test.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Use \[A\] and \[V\] to access these menu items:

1.X Insulation Functions:
- 1.1 Ramp off (default)
- 1.2 Ramp on
- 1.3 DAR T= 01-00
- 1.4 DAR/PI T= 10-00
- 1.5 DAR [CN]= 01-00

2 Time limit xx-xx

3 Show results

4 Delete results

Push \[ENTER\] to make the selection.

Power On/Off

Push \[0\] to turn on the Tester.

The Tester does a self-check, self-calibration, shows the software version, and starts in the Test Voltage mode.

In Test Voltage mode, you can:
- Change test parameters
- Start an insulation test
- View stored test results
- Download test results

Push \[0\] again to turn off the Tester.
Display

Table 5 is a list of features for the display.

Table 5. Display Features

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Interference present. Readings could be out of specified accuracy range.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Polarization Index.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Dialectic Absorption Ratio.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Electrical breakdown in Ramp mode.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Ramp mode indicator.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Possible hazardous voltage is at the test terminals.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Voltage sourced by the Tester or from the circuit under test at terminals of the Tester.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>Test voltage selection (250 V, 500 V, 1000 V, 2500 V, 5000 V, or 10 000 V).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>Battery charge status.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>Bar graph display of insulation resistance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Digital display of insulation resistance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>Text display. Shows voltage, test current, capacitance, programmable test voltages, and menu options.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Charge the Battery

This Tester uses a rechargeable 12 V lead-acid battery for power. Storing rechargeable lead-acid batteries in a low-charged state could decrease their life and cause damage. Fully charge the battery before storing it for extended periods and examine the charge at regular intervals.

Charge the 12 V lead-acid battery with the ac power cord. Expect up to 12 hours to fully charge the battery. Do not charge in very high or low temperatures. Charge the battery if the Tester is not used for extended periods. Figure 1 shows how to connect the Tester to a power supply.

To charge the battery with the ac power supply:
1. Turn off the Tester.
2. Disconnect the test leads from the Tester.
3. Move the safety shutter to access the power supply connection.
4. Connect the ac power cord to the IEC ac power socket on the Tester.
5. Connect the other end of the power cord to an ac power supply. See General Specifications for ac charger input specifications. The LCD displays CHARGING. You are able to download test results while the Tester is in the charge mode.
Guard Terminal Use

Note
Insulation resistance is measured between the (+) and (-) output connections. The Guard terminal (G) is at the same potential as the negative (-) terminal but is not in the measurement path.

For most tests, only two test leads are used. Connect the positive (+) and negative (-) test leads to the corresponding inputs on the Tester. Connect the test lead probes to the circuit under test. The Guard (G) terminal is left unconnected.

For the best accuracy when you measure very high resistances, use three-wire measurements and the Guard terminal. The Guard terminal is at the same potential as the negative (-) terminal, and can be used to prevent surface leakage or other unwanted leakage currents from degrading the accuracy of the insulation resistance measurement.

Figure 2 shows how to measure the resistance from one of the conductors to the outer shield. In this case, there is a leakage current along the surface of the inner insulation near the cables end. This leakage adds to the current that the negative terminal senses, and causes the Tester to read a lower resistance than it should.

Figure 3 shows how to prevent surface current leakage with a lead connected from the Guard terminal to a conductor that surrounds the inner insulation. The surface leakage current is directed to the Guard terminal. This removes the leakage current from the measurement path between the positive and negative terminals, and improves the accuracy of the test readings.

Figure 4 shows how to make the measurement setup better. Connect the Guard terminal to the unused wire and attach it to the inner insulation. This ensures that the Tester measures the leakage between the selected conductor and the outer shield, but removes the leakage path between conductors.

Figure 2. Surface Leakage Current

Figure 3. Guard Terminal Connection

Figure 4. Improved Guard Terminal Connection
**Measurements**

Common measurement procedures are discussed in this section.

**Connect to the Circuit Under Test**

⚠️⚠️ Warning

To prevent possible electric shock, fire or personal injury:

- Remove all power from the circuit under test and discharge circuit capacitance before testing a circuit with the Product.
- Connect the common test lead before the live test lead and remove the live test lead before the common test lead.
- Before and after testing, confirm that the Product does not indicate the presence of a hazardous voltage, see Table 5. If the Tester beeps continuously and a hazardous voltage is shown on the display, remove power from the circuit under test and disconnect test leads.

To connect to the circuit under test:

1. Move the safety shutter to access the input terminals.
2. Put the test leads into the correct terminals shown, see Table 6.
3. Connect the test leads to the circuit under test.

![connecting diagram](image)

**Table 6. Test Lead Connections**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>(+) Positive Terminal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>(-) Negative Terminal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Safety Shutter</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note**

The Tester is NOT specified for <200 kΩ. When the leads are shorted and a test is performed, the Tester gives an unspecified reading that is >0. This is normal for this input circuitry configuration and does not change readings that are in the specified accuracy range.
**Before an Insulation Test**

The Tester includes features and functions that let you adapt the test to your requirements. These features let you:

- define a test voltage
- make a ramp test selection
- set a time limit (duration) for the test
- measure polarization index (PI)
- measure dielectric absorption ratio (DAR or DAR[CN])
- measure capacitance

Use these alone or in combination. Set, clear, or account for (as appropriate) each feature before you start an insulation test. The features are discussed in this section.

**Preset Test Voltage Selection**

To make a preset test voltage selection:

1. With the Tester turned on, push \( \text{FUNCTION} \) to select **TEST VOLTAGE**.

2. Push \( \text{A} \) or \( \text{V} \) to scroll through the preset test voltage options (250 V, 500 V, 1000 V, 2500 V, 5000 V, and 10 000 V).

   The test voltage selection shows in the upper-right of the display.

**Program a Test Voltage**

To set a test voltage in between the preset test voltages:

1. Push \( \text{A} \) or \( \text{V} \) to scroll through the preset test voltage options (250 V, 500 V, 1000 V, 2500 V, 5000 V, and 10 000 V). Select the voltage closest to the level required.

2. The selected test voltage appears in the upper-right of the display.

3. Push \( \text{ENTER} \).

   \( \text{TV=} \text{xxxxV} \) flashes in the lower-left of the display.

4. Push \( \text{A} \) or \( \text{V} \) to increment and decrement the voltage.

5. When the correct voltage level shows, push \( \text{FUNCTION} \) to go to the function menu.

   Do not push \( \text{ENTER} \). Doing so will return the test voltage to a preset voltage selection.

**Note**

The actual test voltage can be up to 10 % higher than the selected test voltage.
Select a Ramp or Steady-State Test
The ramp-test function is an automated test that checks insulation for a breakdown. During a ramp test, the output voltage starts at 0 V and increases linearly (100 V/s) until it reaches the specified test voltage or until a sudden drop in measured resistance is detected. Then, the Ramp stops, the test voltage drops to zero, and the voltage at the breakdown point is stored in memory on the Tester. All other test results are declared invalid if the test does not reach the specified test voltage.

If the test successfully meets compliance without breakdown, then the only valid test results are test voltage and insulation resistance.

To enable or disable the ramp function:
1. With the Tester turned on, push [enter] to enter the 1.X Function Menu.
2. Push [enter] to call the menu item.
3. Push U or D to toggle the Ramp on or off. When the ramp is on, a blinking [ ] shows in the upper left-hand corner of the display.
4. Push [enter] or [ ] to use the settings. [ ] starts the test.

Set a Timed Test
You can control the length of an insulation test by setting a timer. The time (test duration) can be set in 1-minute increments up to 99 minutes. During a timed test, the time limit appears on the right bottom of the display, and the elapsed time is shown in the middle of the display. At the end of the elapsed time, the insulation test has been completed and the test is terminated.

To set a test time limit:
1. With the Tester turned on, push [function] to enter the Function Menu.
2. Push [ ] or [ ] to select the 2.Time Limit function.
3. Push [enter] to call the menu item.
4. Push [ ] or [ ] to select the time.
5. Push [enter] or [ ] to use the settings. [ ] starts the test.

Polarization Index (PI)
As part of the insulation test, the Tester measures and stores polarization index (PI), when appropriate. A polarization index test requires 10 minutes to complete. Therefore, the Tester will start a countdown at 10 minutes. When an insulation test is 10 minutes or more, the polarization test is completed and stored. The results are available for display during a test by pushing the [ ] button or by storing the test results and scanning the RESULTS fields. The field is identified by:

\[
P_I = \frac{R @ 10 \text{ min}}{R @ 1 \text{ min}}
\]
**Dielectric Absorption Ratio**

As part of the insulation test, the Tester measures and stores dielectric absorption ratio (DAR), when appropriate. A DAR test requires 1 minute to complete. Therefore, it is measured and stored as invalid data for all insulation tests <1 minute. When an insulation test is ≥1 minute, the DAR test is included in the results. The results are available for display during a test by pushing the RESULTS button or by storing the test results and scanning the RESULTS fields. The field is identified by:

\[
DAR = \frac{R@1 \text{ min}}{R@30 \text{ sec}}
\]

The Tester also does the DAR test in accordance to the Chinese standards:

\[
DAR [\text{CN}] = \frac{R@1 \text{ min}}{R@15 \text{ sec}}
\]

**Capacitance**

As part of the insulation test, the Tester measures and stores capacitance when appropriate. The results are available for display during a test by pushing the RESULTS button or by storing the test results and scanning the RESULTS fields. The field is identified by C=

**Insulation Test**

⚠️ Warning

To prevent possible electric shock, fire, or personal injury:

- Be aware that insulation resistance measurement requires the application of potentially dangerous voltages to the circuit. This may include exposed bonded metalwork.
- Remove all power from the circuit under test and discharge circuit capacitance before you do a circuit test with the Product.
- Before proceeding, ensure that the installation is wired correctly and no personnel are endangered by any tests.
- Connect the test leads to the Product inputs before you make connection to the circuit under test.

**PI/DAR Limits:**

- Cap. Max >1 μF and Res. Max >100 MΩ
- Res. Min <200 kΩ
- Current min <50 mA
- If a limit is exceeded, the Tester shows UNSPEC. on the display.

To perform an insulation test:

1. With the Tester turned on, set the available measurement options to meet the test requirements. These include:
   - Test Voltage
     - Set range: 250 V to 1000 V (50 V steps)
     - Set range: 1000 V to 10 000 V (100 V steps)
   - Ramp Test – Toggle on or off
   - Time Limit – No limit or from 1 to 99 minutes

2. Connect the probes to the circuit under test.
**Warning**

Before and after a test, confirm that the Product does not indicate the presence of a hazardous voltage. See Table 5. If the Product beeps continuously and a hazardous voltage is shown on the display, disconnect test leads and remove power from the circuit under test.

3. Push for 1 second to start the insulation test.

The Tester beeps three times as the test begins, and flashes on the display to indicate potentially hazardous voltages may be present on the test terminals.

The display indicates the measured insulation resistance after the circuit has stabilized. The bar graph displays this value continuously (in real time) as a trend, see Table 7.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Table 7. Measured Insulation Resistance Display</th>
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<tr>
<td><img src="image.png" alt="Image of display showing insulation resistance" /></td>
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</tbody>
</table>

Any of these conditions terminate an insulation test:

- User stop (push )
- Timer limit reached
- Interference on the test circuit
- Breakdown occurs with ramp test enabled
- Battery depleted

If breakdown occurs with ramp test enabled, push before going to step 4.

After the termination of an insulation test, the Tester beeps when a potentially hazardous voltage remains on the test terminals due to charged-circuit capacitance or from the presence of an external voltage.

4. When the test is terminated, STORE RESULT? shows on the display. If appropriate, store the test results. See Store Test Results. Or, push to terminate the STORE RESULT? prompt. The results are not stored.

**Store Test Results**

When the insulation test is complete, the Tester shows STORE RESULT? as a prompt to save the measurement results for future use. The Tester includes enough memory to store the results of 99 insulation tests.

To store the results of an insulation test:

1. Push to save the measurement results. The Tester will assign and display a sequential tag number (00 to 99) to identify the measurement.

2. If the tag number is acceptable, push again to store the data. If a different tagging convention is required, proceed as follows to provide a custom 4-character tag.

   Notice that * is blinking on the display. This is the first of the four characters available for tagging the test results.

3. Repeatedly push to cycle through the character positions.
At each character position use ▲ or ▼ to assign a character (0-9, A-Z).

Push [enter] to store the results.

**View Test Results Stored in Memory**

*Note*

Parameters not appropriate for a test are shown as **INVALID**.

The Tester can store 99 sets of test data, including:

- Tags
- Ramp on or off
- Insulation Resistance
- Timer reading at termination of test (Timer)
- Test Voltage Selected (TV)
- Actual Test voltage (V)
- Capacitance
- Polarization Index (PI)
- Dielectric absorption ratio (DAR or DAR[CN])
- Test current (I)
- Reason for ending the test
- Limit – off or timer setting from 1 to 99 minutes (T. Limit)

To view stored test data, see Table 8:

1. With the Tester turned on, push [FUNCTION] to call the Function menu.
2. Push ▲ or ▼ to select 3. **Show Results**.
3. Push [enter] to select the menu item.

*Note*

When a voltage is present at the terminals, that voltage is always shown on the top-center of the display, regardless of whether that voltage is sourced by the Tester or is from the circuit under test.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Voltage at terminals</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Stored location</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Stored test results</td>
</tr>
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</table>

4. Push ▲ or ▼ to step through the stored locations.
5. Stop at the location you want to view.
6. Push [◆] to view the stored test data for a specific test. Test data appears on the alphanumeric text display and on the LCD.
Download Test Results
You can use Fluke Connect® Desktop software to update your Product firmware and download all your stored test data to a PC. Fluke Connect Desktop is available at http://en-us.fluke.com/support/software-downloads/fluke-1550-1555-FC. An infrared cable assembly is supplied for the Tester to PC connection.

With the ir3000 FC BLE-IR adapter option, you can use a smartphone or tablet and the Fluke Connect® app to download test results as well as view measurements simultaneously at the inspection site and from the office or an off-site location.

Table 9 shows the IR port and options.

Table 9. IR Port

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>IR Port</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>IR Cable Assembly (included)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>ir3000 FC BLE-IR Adapter (option-PN 4460451)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Power On/Off</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note
Before the USB-IR cable can be used, software drivers must be installed on your Windows PC. See the USB-IR Installation Guide for more information.

IR Cable Assembly
To connect the Tester to the PC for use with FC Desktop software:
1. Make sure the Tester is not in the test mode. When in test mode, serial communications are disabled.
2. Connect the USB-IR cable to an available USB port on the PC.
3. Attach the USB-IR cable to the IR port on the Tester.
4. Open FC Desktop software.
5. Turn the Tester on.
6. Follow the prompts in the software.
7. Verify that the download was successful before deleting the stored test results on the Tester.

Note
Results data stored in the Tester can be deleted from the PC using the FC Desktop software.

Fluke Connect App
The Product supports the Fluke Connect® Wireless System (may not be available in all regions). Fluke Connect® uses low-power 802.15.4 wireless radio technology to wirelessly connect to an app on your smartphone or tablet. The wireless radio does not cause interference with measurements. The app shows measurements on your smartphone or tablet display, saves to Fluke Cloud™ storage, and shares the information with your team.

Note
Changes or modifications to the wireless 2.4 GHz radio not expressly approved by Fluke Corporation could void the user’s authority to operate the equipment. For complete information about radio frequency data, go to www.fluke.com/manuals and search for “Radio Frequency Data Class A”.

The Fluke Connect app works with Apple and Android mobile products. The app is available for download from the Apple App Store and Google Play.

To set up:
1. Connect the ir3000 FC BLE-IR adapter to the IR port on the Tester.
2. Turn on the adapter.

On your mobile device:
1. Go to Settings > Bluetooth. Verify that Bluetooth is turned on.
2. Go to the Fluke Connect app and in the list of connected Fluke tools, select 155x FC.
3. Follow the prompts in the app to continue.

**Delete Test Results**

To delete all saved test results:
1. Push [FUNCTION] to call the Function menu.
2. Push [△] or [▲] to select the menu item DELETE RESULT.
3. Push [ENTER] to call the menu item.
5. Push [△] to confirm the deletion or push [ENTER] to return to Test Voltage.

**Note**

The Delete function deletes all stored test results. Individual test locations cannot be deleted but are overwritten.

**Maintenance**

⚠️⚠️ Warning

To prevent possible electric shock, fire, or personal injury:
- Do not repair or service your Product beyond what is described in this manual.
- Have an approved technician repair the Product.
- There are no user-replaceable parts inside the Product.

**Cleaning**

⚠️⚠️ Warning

To prevent possible electric shock, fire, or personal injury, remove excess water from the cloth before you clean the Product to ensure that water does not enter any terminal.

Periodically wipe the case with a damp cloth and mild detergent. Do not use abrasives or solvents to clean the Product.
Replaceable Parts and Accessories

Table 10 is a list of the replaceable parts for the Product. Table 11 is a list of the available accessories.

### Table 10. Replaceable Parts

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Part</th>
<th>Part Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>TL1550B, includes: Test Leads (Red, Black, Green) Test Clips (Red, Black, Green) Test Probes (Red, Black)</td>
<td>2788216</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AC Power Cord (North America)</td>
<td>284174</td>
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<tr>
<td>AC Power Cord (Continental Europe)</td>
<td>769422</td>
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<tr>
<td>AC Power Cord (UK)</td>
<td>769455</td>
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<tr>
<td>AC Power Cord (Australia)</td>
<td>658641</td>
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<tr>
<td>AC Power Cord (S. Africa)</td>
<td>1552363</td>
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<tr>
<td>Soft Carrying Case</td>
<td>3592805</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Infrared Cable Assembly</td>
<td>1578406</td>
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<tr>
<td>Quick Reference Card</td>
<td>3592822</td>
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### Table 11. Accessories

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<th>Part Number</th>
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<tr>
<td>Extended Test Lead Set, 25 feet (7.6 meters)</td>
<td>2032761</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rugged Alligator Clamps Leads</td>
<td>4112351</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Soft Case</td>
<td>3592805</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hard Case</td>
<td>4253708</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ir3000 FC BLE-IR Adapter</td>
<td>4460451</td>
</tr>
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</table>
General Specifications

Display........................................................................475 mm x 105 mm
Power..........................................................................12 V lead-acid rechargeable battery, 2.6 Ahr

Typical Battery Charge Capacity

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of tests</th>
<th>Capacity (V)</th>
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<tr>
<td>4100 @ 250 V</td>
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<tr>
<td>3600 @ 500 V</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3200 @ 1 kV</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2500 @ 2.5 kV</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1000 @ 5 kV</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>500 @ 10 kV</td>
<td></td>
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</tbody>
</table>

At temperature extremes.................................charge the battery more frequently

Charger Input (AC) ..............................................85 V to 250 V ac, 50/60 Hz, 20 VA

This Class II (double insulated) instrument is supplied with a Class 1 (grounded) power cord. The protective earth terminal (ground pin) is not connected internally. The extra pin is for added plug retention only.

Dimensions (H x W x L) ......................................170 mm x 242 mm x 330 mm (6.7 in. x 9.5 in. x 13.0 in.)

Weight ...................................................................3.6 kg (7.94 lb)

Tamper Protection................................................Kensington lock

Environmental Specifications

Operating Temperature...........................................-20 °C to +50 °C (-4 °F to +122 °F)

Storage Temperature..............................................-20 °C to +65 °C (-4 °F to +149 °F)

Relative Humidity..................................................80 % to 31 °C decreasing linearly to 50 % at 50 °C

Altitude...................................................................2000 m

IP Rating..............................................................IEC 60529: IP40
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Safety ................................................................. IEC 61010-1: 600 V CAT IV / 1000 V CAT III Pollution Degree 2

Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)
- International ....................................................... IEC 61326-1: Portable
  - CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A
    - Group 1: Equipment has intentionally generated and/or uses conductively-coupled radio frequency energy that is necessary for the internal function of the equipment itself.
    - Class A: Equipment is suitable for use in all establishments other than domestic and those directly connected to a low-voltage power supply network that supplies buildings used for domestic purposes. There may be potential difficulties in ensuring electromagnetic compatibility in other environments due to conducted and radiated disturbances.
    - Caution: This equipment is not intended for use in residential environments and may not provide adequate protection to radio reception in such environments.
    - Emissions that exceed the levels required by CISPR 11 can occur when the equipment is connected to a test object.

- Korea (KCC)......................................................... Class A Equipment (Industrial Broadcasting & Communication Equipment)
  - Class A: Equipment meets requirements for industrial electromagnetic wave equipment and the seller or user should take notice of it. This equipment is intended for use in business environments and not to be used in homes.

- USA (FCC).......................................................... 47 CFR 15 subpart B. This product is considered an exempt device per clause 15.103.

Wireless Radio with Adapter
- Frequency Range................................................. 2412 MHz to 2462 MHz
- Output Power .................................................... <100 mW
### Electrical Specifications

The Tester accuracy is specified for 1 year after calibration at operating temperatures of 0 °C to 35 °C. For operating temperatures outside the range (-20 °C to 0 °C and 35 °C to 50 °C), add ±0.25 % per °C, except on the 20 % bands add ±1 % per °C.

#### Insulation

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Test Voltage (DC)</th>
<th>Insulation Resistance Range</th>
<th>Accuracy (± reading)</th>
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<tr>
<td>250 V</td>
<td>&lt;250 kΩ</td>
<td>unspecified</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>250 kΩ to 5 GΩ</td>
<td>5 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>5 GΩ to 50 GΩ</td>
<td>20 %</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&gt;50 GΩ</td>
<td>unspecified</td>
</tr>
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<td>500 V</td>
<td>&lt;500 kΩ</td>
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<td>500 kΩ to 10 GΩ</td>
<td>5 %</td>
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<td>10 GΩ to 100 GΩ</td>
<td>20 %</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&gt;100 GΩ</td>
<td>unspecified</td>
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<tr>
<td>1000 V</td>
<td>&lt;1 MΩ</td>
<td>unspecified</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1 MΩ to 20 GΩ</td>
<td>5 %</td>
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<tr>
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<td>20 GΩ to 200 GΩ</td>
<td>20 %</td>
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<td></td>
<td>&gt;200 GΩ</td>
<td>unspecified</td>
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<tr>
<td>2500 V</td>
<td>&lt;2.5 MΩ</td>
<td>unspecified</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2.5 MΩ to 50 GΩ</td>
<td>5 %</td>
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<td>50 GΩ to 500 GΩ</td>
<td>20 %</td>
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<td>10 000 V</td>
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<td></td>
<td>10 MΩ to ≥0 GΩ</td>
<td>5 %</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>200 GΩ to 2 TΩ</td>
<td>20 %</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&gt;2 TΩ</td>
<td>unspecified</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Bar graph range: 0 to 2 TΩ

- Insulation test voltage accuracy: -0 %, +10 % at 1 mA load current
- Induced ac mains current rejection: 2 mA maximum
- Charging rate for capacitive load: 5 s/μF
- Discharge rate for capacitive load: 1.5 s/μF
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**Principles of Measurement and Resistance**

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measurement</th>
<th>Range</th>
<th>Accuracy</th>
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<tr>
<td>Leakage Current</td>
<td>1 nA to 2 mA</td>
<td>±(20 % + 2 nA)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Capacitance</td>
<td>0.01 μF to 20.00 μF</td>
<td>±(15 % of reading + 0.03 μF)</td>
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### Measurement Range Accuracy

- **Leakage Current**: 1 nA to 2 mA
- **Capacitance**: 0.01 μF to 20.00 μF
- **Setting**: 1 minute
- **Indication**: 1 second

### Live circuit warning

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Warning Range</th>
<th>Voltage Accuracy</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>30 V to 1100 V ac/dc, 50/60 Hz</td>
<td>±(15 % + 2 V)</td>
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Short circuit current ................................................>1 mA and <2 mA

### Principles of Measurement and Resistance

The Tester measures insulation parameters and displays the results using with the following formulas.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ohm’s Law</th>
<th>Capacitance (charge)</th>
<th>PI (Polarization Index)</th>
<th>DAR (Dielectric absorption ratio)</th>
<th>DAR [CN] (Dielectric absorption ratio)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>( R = \frac{V}{I} )</td>
<td>( C = \frac{Q}{V} )</td>
<td>( PI = \frac{R @ 10 \ min}{R @ 1 \ min} )</td>
<td>( DAR = \frac{R @ 1 \ min}{R @ 30 \ sec} )</td>
<td>( DAR [CN] = \frac{R @ 1 \ min}{R @ 15 \ sec} )</td>
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</table>