## HP 974A Multimeter User's Guide

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## Safety Summary

The CAUTIONS and WARNINGS which appear on the following pages must be followed to ensure operator safety and to retain the operating condition of the Multimeter.

1. Do not use this product beyond its specifications or for uses not intended for this product as identified by the product functions, ranges, and hazards as indicted below.
2. To minimize possible electric shock hazard condition, connect only two leads at any one time to any of the multimeter terminals.
3. To prevent possible electric shock hazard condition when using the current function, do not leave one probe connected to the circuit under test and the other probe disconnected, exposed, and readily accessible (touchable).

## Safety Symbols

Indicates the operator must refer to an explanation in this manual.

Indicates terminals at which dangerous voltages may exist.

## WARNING

TO AVOID ELECTRICAL SHOCK or damage to the multimeter, do not apply more than $\pm 1000 \mathrm{Vdc}$ or 1000 Vrms between any terminal and earth ground. Use caution when working with voltages above 60 Vdc or 42 Vpeak. Ensure test leads are in good condition.

## WARNING

POSSIBLE ELECTRICAL SHOCK. Do not make measurements if the case is damaged or the rear cover is removed. Remove all electrical inputs before removing the rear cover.

## WARNING

POSSIBLE ELECTRICAL SHOCK or FIRE HAZARD. Do not expose this multimeter to rain or moisture. Do not operate the multimeter in the presence of flammable gases or fumes.

## WARNING

POSSIBLE ELECTRICAL SHOCK. Calibration and performance tests are to be performed by qualified personnel only. Do not attempt calibration or test procedures unless qualified to do so.

## CAUTION

To avoid damage to the multimeter for inputs above 250 Vdc or Vac, disconnect the test leads before changing functions. Do not exceed the maximum input limits.

## Maximum Overvoltage Limitations (AC and DC Voltage Functions)

## 1000 V

MAX indicates the maximum voltage between input terminals and earth is $\pm 1000 \mathrm{~V}$ (dc or ac rms).
$\qquad$
Do not use the multimeter on any ACV circuit where the maximum impulse overvoltage may be more than 4000 Vpk or any DCV circuit where the maximum impulse overvoltage may be more than 2500 Vpk between the COM and VOLT terminals. Excessive impulse overvoltage can damage the multimeter voltage functions. Do not measure branch circuits (CAT II) over 600 V to earth or service panel circuits (CAT III) over 300 V to earth.

| Function | Maximum Operating Input |
| :---: | :---: |
| $=\sim 10 \mathrm{~A}$ | $\pm 10 \mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{dc}$ or ac rms)/600 V |
| $\overline{=-} \sim \mathrm{mA}$ or $\mu \mathrm{A}$ | $\pm 500 \mathrm{~mA}$ (dc or ac rms) / 250 V |
| Resistance, Diode Test, Temperature, Continuity | 500 V (dc or ac rms) |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Frequency } \\ & (10 \mathrm{~Hz} \text { to } 9.999 \mathrm{kHz}) \\ & (9 \mathrm{kHz} \text { to } 200 \mathrm{kHz}) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 500 \mathrm{Vrms} \\ & 100 \mathrm{Vrms} \end{aligned}$ |
| $\overline{=-} \sim \mathrm{V}$ | $\pm 1000 \mathrm{Vdc}$ or 750 Vrms |

## Probes and Test Leads

1. Always inspect probes before use. Do not use test leads whose insulation has cuts, cracks, or other damage that may result in reduced electric shock protection.
2. Keep insulation surface clean between the probe tip connector and the finger guards.
3. If probes other than the ones specified are to be used with the multimeter, be sure the probes and their leads are rated for the voltage and current to which they will be subjected. Do not exceed the voltage ratings for the multimeter.
4. Probes supplied with this multimeter are rated for use up to 1000 Vrms or Vdc.

## Operation

## Terminals, Shutter, \& Test Leads

## SAFETY SHUTTER

Slide up to open shutters for current measurement inputs. Must have the function switch in one of the Current Measurement positions to open shutter. Close shutter to change function switch to any other measurement function.

RED LEAD
Current Measurements ( 0 A to 10 A )


RED LEAD
DC \& AC Voltage,
Diode, Resistance,
Frequency, Temperature, dBm and Continuity Measurements

RED LEAD
Current Measurements
( 0 to 400 mA )

BLACK LEAD
COMMON
ALL Measurements

## Operation

## Function Switch



| Switch Position | Display |  | Select | Select |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10A | DC Current <br> ( 1 mA to 10 A ) | AC Current ( 1 mA to 10 A ) |  |  |
| 500 mA | DC Current ( $10 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ to 0.5 A ) | AC Current <br> ( $10 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ to 0.5 A ) |  |  |
| 50 mA | DC Current <br> ( $1 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ to 0.05 A ) | AC Current <br> ( $1 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ to 0.05 A ) |  |  |
| $500 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | DC Current $(0.01 \mu \mathrm{~A} \text { to } 0.5 \mathrm{~mA})$ | AC Current $(0.01 \mu \mathrm{~A} \text { to } 0.5 \mathrm{~mA})$ |  |  |
| * | Diode Test | Auto Diode Test |  |  |
| $\Omega$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Resistance } \\ (0.01 \Omega \text { to } 50 \mathrm{M} \Omega) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | o) )) C) Continuity <br> (alarm at < $100 \Omega$ ) | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Temperature in }{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F} \\ & \left(-112^{\circ} \mathrm{F} \text { to } 302^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Temperature in }{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \\ & \left(-80^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \text { to } 150^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| $=-\mathrm{mV}$ | DC Millivolts <br> $(10 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ to 500 mV ) |  |  |  |
| --- V | $\begin{gathered} \text { DC Volts } \\ (100 \mu \mathrm{~V} \text { to } 1000 \mathrm{~V}) \end{gathered}$ | AC + DC Volts ( 1 mV to 750 V ) |  |  |
| $\sim \mathrm{V}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { AC Volts } \\ (1 \mathrm{mV} \text { to } 750 \mathrm{~V}) \end{gathered}$ | Frequency <br> ( 10 Hz to 200 kHz ) | Frequency and Volts ${ }^{1}$ ( 10 Hz to 200 kHz ) | $\begin{array}{\|c} \mathrm{dBm} \\ (-59.94 \mathrm{dBm} \text { to } 62.22 \mathrm{dBm}) \end{array}$ |

${ }^{1}$ Voltage and frequency readings alternate on display

## Function Keys

## Power

Automatic power off after 30 minutes. Alarm sounds 30 seconds before automatic power off. Press any key or change any function to cancel automatic power off. Defeat automatic power off by holding $(\mathbf{H} /$ Autol $\mathbb{I})$ key for 2 seconds while applying power.


Relative/Percent
$\left.\begin{array}{c|c|c|c}\text { Press } & \text { Action } & \text { Main Display } & \text { Secondary Display } \\ \hline \text { Re//\% } & \text { Makes the displayed measurement } \\ \text { the reference }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l}\text { Each measured value relative to } \\ \text { the reference value (difference) }\end{array}\right]$ Range

Perform a zero adjust when using the $500 \Omega$ range and displayed value is less than 99 by shorting the test leads and pressing this key. Cycle power to erase the stored zero adjustment.

Operation
Minimum/Maximum ${ }^{1}$

| Press | Action | Main Display | Secondary Display ${ }^{2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (MIN/MAX) | Begin recording of min, max, and avg ${ }^{3}$ | Each measured value | Elapsed time |
| values |  |  |  |

${ }^{1}$ Automatic power off is disabled when Min/Max is selected.
${ }^{2}$ Time is recorded and displayed in minutes and seconds up to 99' 59". After 99' 59" time is recorded and displayed in minutes up to the maximum recording time of 1999 minutes. Recording will stop at the maximum time.
${ }^{3}$ Average is computed from all readings during elapsed time.

## Average

| Press | Action | Main Display | Secondary Display |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average | Makes the displayed measurement the <br> average of the last eight measurements | Average value of last eight <br> measurements | Range |
| Average | Disables the averaging of measurements | Each measurement | Range |

## Hold/Auto-Hold

| Press | Action | Main Display | Secondary Display |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (H/Autotil) | Holds the measurement value in the display | Measurement value when hold pressed | Range |
| (H/Autotil) | Enters Auto-Hold function ${ }^{1}$ | Input value | Range |
| (H/Autolil) | Cancels Hold function | Measurement value | Range |

${ }^{1}$ Auto-Hold Operation. When measurement becomes stable, multimeter will beep and save the stable reading. Removing probe from measurement circuit will display and hold the last stable reading.

## Range

| Press | Action | Main Display | Secondary Display |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Range | Changes from auto-ranging to manual <br> ranging | Measurement value | Range |
| Range | Change manual range UP once with <br> each keypress | Measurement value | Range |
| Range | Returns to auto-ranging when key is held |  |  |
| for 1 second |  |  |  |$\quad$ Measurement value $\quad$ Range

1 When upper range is reached, the sequence begins again at the lowest range.

## Select

Press this key to use the functions indicated in yellow on the multimeter. See table on page 1-8. Hold this key to test display when turning meter on.

## Operation

## Function Keys and Function Switch Matrix

| Function | Relative | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ (\text { Percent }) \end{gathered}$ | Min/Max ${ }^{3}$ | Average | Data Hold | Auto-Hold | Range |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $=-{ }^{--}$A, mA, 10A | - | - | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ |  |
| $\sim \mu \mathrm{A}, \mathrm{mA}, 10 \mathrm{~A}$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ |  |
| $\leqslant$ | - | - | - |  | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ |  |
| $\pm *$ |  |  |  |  | - |  |  |
| $\Omega$ | - ${ }^{1}$ | - | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | - |
| ()l) $)$ ) |  |  |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F},{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $\bullet$ |  | $\bullet$ |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| =-- mV | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ |  |  |
| $\sim \mathrm{V}$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ |
| $\widetilde{\underline{\underline{+}}}$ |  |  |  |  | $\bullet$ |  | $\bullet$ |
| --- V | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ |
| $\mathrm{Hz} \quad \mathrm{Hz}+\mathrm{V}$ |  |  |  |  | $\bullet$ |  | - ${ }^{2}$ |
| dBm | $\bullet$ |  |  |  | $\bullet$ |  |  |

${ }^{1}$ Invokes zero adjust when display is less than 99.
${ }^{2}$ Changes input attenuator, frequency is always auto range.
${ }^{3}$ Secondary display shows elapsed time (in seconds and minutes).

## Display

Low Battery indicator
Replace batteries when on.

## Main Display

(Not all annunciators shown)
Number of digits is set by range and function Displays O.L to indicate an overload condition Entire display flashes if input overvoltage


## Secondary Display

Shows:
Range (most functions) except for Elapsed time (Min/Max)

## Audio

| $\longrightarrow$ | Power on <br> First beep at power on. <br> Second beep when beginning to make measurements. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Single beep |  |
| Indicates any valid function key press. |  |
| Indicates a new High or Low value recorded when in Min/Max function. |  |

## Calibration and Adjustment

## Required Test Equipment

The source used for the calibration should have an output accuracy as good or better than that listed in the specifications.

## Calibration Procedure

Environmental range for calibration: $23^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \pm 5^{\circ} \mathrm{C},<80 \% \mathrm{RH}$ Calibration interval: 6 Months

1 Disconnect all inputs from the multimeter and open the case as described on page 6-5.
2 Install new batteries (described below) and close the cover. Turn the multimeter on and allow a 30 minute warm-up. Open the case.

3 Set the multimeter function and range and the source output to the values specified at each step in the calibration table on page 6-2.

4 When appropriate, make the adjustments indicated in the calibration table to bring the multimeter display within the limits.

## CAUTION

Dangerous voltages are present during the calibration procedure. Calibration should only be performed by qualified service technicians Use a non-conductive adjustment tool.

## Maintenance

Operator protection from electric shock hazard is provided by a double insulated enclosure. Refer to pages 1-4 and 1-5 for maximum voltage specifications. When servicing, use only specified replacement parts.

## Battery Replacement

Replace the battery when the symbol appears in the display or before calibration. Replace both batteries at the same time. Use high-quality type AA alkaline (IEC LR6) batteries. Remove the batteries if the multimeter is to be stored for extended periods of time. Refer to the disassembly drawing on page 6-5.

## Fuse Replacement

Fuse locations are shown in the diagram on page 6-5. Fuses are listed in the replaceable part list on page 6-4.

CAUTION
For continued protection use only the specified manufacturers part number or HP part number fuse for replacement purposes.

Maintenance

## Troubleshooting

| Problem | Possible Cause | Suggested Action |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Unit won't turn on | Dead Batteries | Replace batteries |
| Unit won't turn off | Input limit exceeded | Remove test leads and press any key to reset. |
| Display flashes and Rapid <br> beeps | Input limit exceeded | Remove test leads and press any key to reset. |
| Battery Annunciator on | Low battery voltage | Replace batteries |
| Unable to measure current <br> 10 A or $\mathrm{mA}-\mu \mathrm{A}$ | Blown input protection fuse | Replace fuse(s) |

## Cleaning

Wipe instrument with a soft rag dampened with soap and water. Do not immerse in water.
Do not use chemical cleansers or solvents.

## Replaceable Parts/Accessories

Refer to the disassembly diagram on page 6-5.

## Specifications

Calibration period: six months minimum. Specifications apply at $23^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \pm 5^{\circ} \mathrm{C},<80 \% \mathrm{RH}$ Accuracy $= \pm$ (\% of reading + number of digits)
Temperature Coefficient = Accuracy $0.1 /{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\left(0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right.$ to $18^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; $28^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ )

## General

Do not expose product to moisture or rain. Do not use product in flammable atmosphere.
Operating Temperature: $0^{\circ}$ to $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / 80 \%$ RH max (no condensation).
Storage Temperature: $-25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / 20 \%$ to $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ RH (no condensation).
Display reading rate: Approximately $2-4$ times/second
Display rate for frequency measurements: Approximately 1 times/second Battery life: Approximately 120 hours on DCV

## DC Voltage

| Range | Resolution | Accuracy | Input Resistance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 500 mV | $10 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ | $\pm(0.05 \%+2)$ | > $1000 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ |
| 5 V | $100 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ |  | $11 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ (nominal) |
| 50 V | 1 mV |  | $10 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ (nominal) |
| 500 V | 10 mV |  |  |
| 1000 V | 100 mV |  |  |

Normal Mode Rejection Ratio: (NMR) > 60 dB @ 50 or 60 Hz
Effective Common Mode Rejection Ratio (CMR) $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ imbalance: > $120 \mathrm{~dB} @ 50$ or 60 Hz
AC Voltage (RMS responding, calibrated to display rms)

| Range | Resolution | Accuracy |  |  |  |  | Input Impedance (nominal) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} 20 \mathrm{~Hz} \text { to } \\ 50 \mathrm{~Hz} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 50 \mathrm{~Hz} \text { to } \\ 10 \mathrm{kHz} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \mathrm{kHz} \text { to } \\ 30 \mathrm{kHz} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 30 \mathrm{kHz} \text { to } \\ 50 \mathrm{kHZ} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \mathrm{kHz} \text { to } \\ & 100 \mathrm{kHz} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 500 mV | $10 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ | $\pm(1 \%+30)$ | $\pm(0.7 \%+30)$ | $\pm(2 \%+50)$ | Not Sp | ecified | , |
| 5 V | $100 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ |  | $\pm(0.5 \%+30)$ | $\pm(1 \%+40)$ | $\pm(2 \%+70)$ | $\pm(3 \%+300)$ | < 50 pF |
| 50 V | 1 mV |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \mathrm{M} \Omega \\ & <50 \mathrm{pF} \end{aligned}$ |
| 500 V | 10 mV |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 750 V | 100 V | $\pm(1 \%+30) 20 \mathrm{~Hz}$ to 1 kHz |  | Not Specified |  |  |  |

Specifications
$A C+D C$ Voltage (rms responding, computed from acV, dcV)

| Range | Resolution | Accuracy |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { DC, } 20 \mathrm{~Hz} \text { to } \\ 10 \mathrm{kHz} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { DC, } 10 \mathrm{kHz} \text { to } \\ 30 \mathrm{kHz} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { DC, } 30 \mathrm{kHz} \text { to } \\ 50 \mathrm{kHZ} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { DC, } 50 \mathrm{kHz} \text { to } \\ 100 \mathrm{kHz} \end{gathered}$ |
| 5 V | 1 mV | $\pm(1 \%+30)$ | $\pm(1.2 \%+40)$ | $\pm(2.5 \%+70)$ | $\pm(3.5 \%+300)$ |
| 50 V | 10 mV |  |  |  |  |
| 500 V | 100 mV |  |  |  |  |
| 750 V | 1 V | $\begin{gathered} \pm(1 \%+30) \\ \text { DC, } \\ 20 \stackrel{H}{\mathrm{~Hz}} \text { to } 1 \mathrm{kHz} \end{gathered}$ | Not Specified |  |  |

Measurement range:

| 500 mV to 500 V ranges | 20 Hz to 30 kHz | $5 \%$ to $100 \%$ of range <br> 750 V range |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 30 kHz to 100 kHz | $10 \%$ to $100 \%$ of range <br> 75 V to 750 V |  |

Response time: $<2$ seconds for $A C, 5$ seconds for $A C+D C$ on fixed range
Crest factor: < 3
Common Mode Rejection Ratio (CMR) $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ imbalance: $>60 \mathrm{~dB}$ @ DC to 60 Hz
DC Current, AC Current ( 40 Hz to 1 kHz ), $5 \%$ to $100 \%$ of range

| Range | Resolution | DC Current Accuracy | AC Current Accuracy | Input <br> Resistance | Maximum Input |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $500 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | 10 nA | $\pm(0.3 \%+2)$ | $\pm(1 \%+20)$ | < $1050 \Omega$ | 0.5 A (fused) |
| 50 mA | $1 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ |  |  | $<12 \Omega$ |  |
| 500 mA | $10 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ |  |  | $<2.5 \Omega$ |  |
| 10 A | 1 mA | $\pm(0.7 \%+2)$ |  | $<0.05 \Omega$ | 15 A (fused) |

## Resistance

| Range | Resolution | Accuracy | Test Current | Max Open Circuit Voltage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $500 \Omega$ | $10 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$ | $\pm(0.06 \%+2)^{1}$ | $\mu$ | < 5.5 V |
| $5.0 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $100 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$ | $\pm(0.06 \%+2)$ | $<800 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | < 5.5 V |
| $50 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $1 \Omega$ |  | $<80 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | < 2.2 V |
| $500 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $10 \Omega$ |  | $<15 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ |  |
| $5.0 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ | $100 \Omega$ | $\pm(0.5 \%+1)$ | $<1.5 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ |  |
| $50 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ | $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $\pm(1.0 \%+2)$ | $<150 \mathrm{nA}$ |  |

${ }^{1}$ After zero adjust of input leads. Zero adjust range up to $0.99 \Omega$.
Response time: $500 \Omega$ to $500 \mathrm{k} \Omega-<2$ seconds, $5 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ to $50 \mathrm{M} \Omega-<10$ seconds.

## Continuity

Measurement Current: 0.8 mA maximum
Displayed resistance: $0 \Omega$ to $499.99 \Omega$
Alarm: Tone when input $<100 \Omega \pm 50 \Omega$

Open circuit voltage: < 5.5 Vpeak
Input protection: 500 Vrms (sinewave)
Resolution: $10 \mathrm{~m} \Omega$ ( $<100 \mathrm{mSec}$ response time)

## Diode

Measurement current: +1.0 mA nominal @ 0.6 V Open circuit voltage: < 5.5 Vpeak Displayed Voltage: 0 V to 4.999 V Input protection: 500 Vrms (sinewave) Resolution: $100 \mu \mathrm{~V}$

## Frequency (AC Coupled)

| Frequency Range | Resolution | Accuracy | Input Voltage (rms) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 Hz to 99.99 Hz | 0.01 Hz | $\pm(0.05 \%+1)$ | 0.45 mV to 500 V |
| 90 Hz to 999.0 Hz | 0.1 Hz |  |  |
| 900 Hz to 9.999 Hz | 1 Hz |  |  |
| 9.00 kHz to 99.99 kHz | 10 Hz |  | . 7 V to 100 V |
| 90 kHz to 200 kHz | 100 Hz |  | 1.5 V to 100 V |

Specifications
Temperature (5 k $\Omega$ @ $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ Thermistor probe)

|  | ${ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}$ | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Measurement Range | $-80^{\circ}$ to $150^{\circ}$ | $-112^{\circ}$ to $302^{\circ}$ |
| Resolution | $0.1^{\circ}$ | $0.1^{\circ}$ |
| Accuracy ${ }^{\circ}$ | $\pm 0.2^{\circ}$ | $\pm 0.4^{\circ}$ |

${ }^{1}$ Accuracy does not include $5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ Thermistor error
dBm $600 \Omega 1 \mathrm{~mW}$ reference (rms responding, computed from AC Voltage)

| Input dBm | Input Voltage | Accuracy |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} 20 \mathrm{~Hz} \text { to } \\ 10 \mathrm{kHz} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \mathrm{kHz} \text { to } \\ 30 \mathrm{kHz} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 30 \mathrm{kHz} \text { to } \\ 50 \mathrm{kHz} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \mathrm{kHz} \text { to } \\ & 100 \mathrm{kHz} \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & -29.82 \mathrm{dBm} \text { to } \\ & -23.80 \mathrm{dBm} \end{aligned}$ | 25 mV to 50 mV | $\pm 0.2 \mathrm{dBm}$ | $\pm 0.50 \mathrm{dBm}$ | Not specified |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & -23.80 \mathrm{dBm} \text { to } \\ & -3.80 \mathrm{dBm} \end{aligned}$ | 50 mV to 499.99 mV | $\pm 0.15 \mathrm{dBm}$ | $\pm 0.30 \mathrm{dBm}$ |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & -3.80 \mathrm{dBm} \text { to } \\ & 55.28 \mathrm{dBm} \end{aligned}$ | 0.5 V to 450.00 V | $\pm 0.10 \mathrm{dBm}$ | $\pm 0.20 \mathrm{dBm}$ | $\pm 0.5 \mathrm{dBm}$ | $\pm 1.00 \mathrm{dBm}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 55.28 \mathrm{dBm} \text { to } \\ & 59.72 \mathrm{dBm} \end{aligned}$ | 450 V to 750 V | $\begin{gathered} \pm 0.15 \mathrm{dBm} \\ \text { to } 1 \mathrm{kHz} \end{gathered}$ | Not specified |  |  |

Dynamic range: -59.94 dBm to $59.72 \mathrm{dBm}(0.8 \mathrm{mV}$ to 750 V ),
Accuracy not specified below $-29.82 \mathrm{dBm}(25 \mathrm{mV}$ )
Display reads OL (overload) outside dynamic range

Adjustments


## Calibration Table



CAUTION
Dangerous voltages are present during the calibration procedure. Calibration should only be performed by qualified service technicians using a non-conductive tool.

*Repeat steps 9 and 10.

Calibration Table

| Step | Function | Range | Input Signal | Adjustment (limit) | Tolerance (counts) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 17 | $=--\mathrm{V}$ | 50 V | 48.000 V @ 10 kHz | C3 ( $\pm 20$ ) | $\pm 270$ |
| 18 |  |  | 48.000 V @ 100 kHz | - | $\pm 1740$ |
| 19 |  |  | 48.000 V @ 200 Hz | - | $\pm 270$ |
| 20 |  | 500 mV | 480.00 mV @ 10 kHz | - | $\pm 366$ |
| 21 |  | 750 V | 750.0 V @ 200 Hz | - | $\pm 105$ |
| 22 | $\Omega$ | $500 \Omega$ | Short | zero adjust ${ }^{1}$ | $\pm 1$ |
| 23 |  |  | $480.00 \Omega$ | $9( \pm 5)$ | $\pm 30$ |
| 24 |  | $5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $4.8000 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | - | $\pm 30$ |
| 25 |  | $50 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $48.000 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | - | $\pm 30$ |
| 26 |  | $500 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | $480.00 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ | - | $\pm 30$ |
| 27 |  | $5 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ | $4.8000 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ | - | $\pm 242$ |
| 28 |  | $50 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ | $48.000 \mathrm{M} \Omega$ | - | $\pm 482$ |
| 29 | $=500 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | $500 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | Short | - | $\pm 2$ |
| 30 |  |  | $480.00 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | - | $\pm 146$ |
| 31 | $=-50 \mathrm{~mA}$ | 50 mA | 48.000 mA | - | $\pm 146$ |
| 32 | $=-500 \mathrm{~mA}$ | 40 mA | 480.00 mA | - | $\pm 146$ |
| 33 | $=10 \mathrm{~A}$ | 10 A | 10.000 A | $10( \pm 10)$ | $\pm 72$ |
| 34 | $\sim 500 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | $500 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ | $480.00 \mu \mathrm{~A}$ @ 200 Hz | - | $\pm 500$ |
| 35 | $\sim 50 \mathrm{~mA}$ | 50 mA | 48.000 mA @ 200 Hz | - | $\pm 500$ |
| 36 | $\sim 500 \mathrm{~mA}$ | 500 mA | 480.00 mA @ 200 Hz | - | $\pm 500$ |
| 37 | $\sim 10 \mathrm{~A}$ | 10 A | 10.00 A @ 200 Hz | - | $\pm 120$ |
| 38 | or) $)^{\prime}$ ) | $500 \Omega$ | $0 \Omega$ to $150 \Omega$ | - | Tone < $100 \Omega$ |
| 39 | * | 5 V | 1.000 V | - | $\pm 102$ |
| 40 | Hz | 5 V | 9.000 kHz @ 1 Vrms | - | $\pm 5$ |

${ }^{1}$ Perform zero adjustment using Rel/s key.

## Replaceable Parts/Accessories

Refer to the disassembly diagram on page 6-5.

| Call out | Description | HP Part Number |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F1 | Fuse, $500 \mathrm{~mA}, 250 \mathrm{~V}$ fast blow Littlefuse 216-500 DO NOT SUBSTITUTE | 2110-0940 |
| F2 | Fuse, 15 A, 600 V fast blow Littlefuse KLK15 DO NOT SUBSTITUTE | 2110-0941 |
| MP1 | Top case assembly | 00974-64401 |
| MP2 | Dust/moisture seal | 00971-64403 |
| MP3 | Bottom case assembly (includes stand) | 00974-64402 |
|  | Rubber Boot | 00971-86001 |
|  | Replacement Test Leads, 2 pair | E2305A |
|  | Temperature probe, $5 \mathrm{~K} \Omega$ Thermistor | E2308A |
|  | Surface temperature sensor, Thermistor $\pm 0.1^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ <br> 12" lead, requires dual banana plug | 40653B |
|  | Soft Case <br> (fits meter with rubber boot) | E2304A |

Operator protection from electric shock hazard is provided by a double insulated enclosure. Refer to the Safety Summary for maximum voltage specifications. When servicing, use only specified replacement parts.

## Disassembly

## WARNING

Always disconnect the test leads before opening the case.



## Warranty/Service

## Limited 3 Year Warranty

## What is Covered

The HP 974A Multimeter is warranted by Hewlett-Packard against defects in materials and workmanship for three years from the date of original purchase. If you sell your unit or give it as a gift, the warranty is automatically transferred to the new owner and remains in effect for the original three year period. During the warranty period, we will repair, or at our option, replace at no charge, a product that proves to be defective, provided you return the product, shipping prepaid, to a Hewlett-Packard service center.

## What is Not Covered

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The warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state, province to province, or country to country.

## Service

Hewlett-Packard maintains service centers in many countries throughout the world. You may have your unit repaired at a Hewlett-Packard service center any time it needs service, whether the unit is under warranty or not. There is a charge for repairs after the warranty period. Repair or replacement during the first 30 days after purchase will be provided by the sales channel. After 30 days, contact the nearest service office.

Hewlett-Packard products normally are repaired and reshipped within five (5) working days of receipt at any service center. This is an average time and could possibly vary depending upon the time of year and work load at the service center. The total time you are without your unit will depend largely on the shipping time.

