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DigiFlex MA4000D



User's manual

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Thank you for purchasing a **DigiFLEX MA4000D current meter with flexible sensor**. For best results from your instrument:

- **read** this user's manual carefully,
- **comply with** the precautions for use.



WARNING, risk of DANGER! The operator must refer to these instructions whenever this danger symbol appears.



Equipment protected by double insulation.



Must not be applied to or removed from bare conductors at dangerous voltages. Type B current sensor as per IEC 61010-2-032.



Battery.



The CE marking indicates conformity with European directives, in particular LVD and EMC.



The rubbish bin with a line through it indicates that, in the European Union, the product must undergo selective disposal in compliance with Directive WEEE 2002/96/EC. This equipment must not be treated as household waste.

Definition of measurement categories:

- Measurement category IV corresponds to measurements taken at the source of low-voltage installations.
- Measurement category III corresponds to measurements on building installations.
- Measurement category II corresponds to measurements taken on circuits directly connected to low-voltage installations.

PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

This instrument is protected against voltages of not more than 1000V with respect to ground in measurement category III or 600V in CAT IV between the sensor and the conductor of which it measures the current.

The protection provided by the instrument may be impaired if the instrument is used other than as specified by the manufacturer.

- Do not exceed the rated maximum voltage and current or the measurement category.

- Observe the conditions of use, namely the temperature, the relative humidity, the altitude, the level of pollution, and the place.
- Before each use, check the integrity of the insulation on the coil, the cords and the housing. Do not use the instrument if it is open, damaged, or poorly reassembled, or its accessories if they appear damaged.
- The sensor must not be applied to or removed from uninsulated conductors at dangerous voltages.
- Use personal protection equipment systematically.
- All troubleshooting and metrological checks must be performed by competent and accredited personnel.

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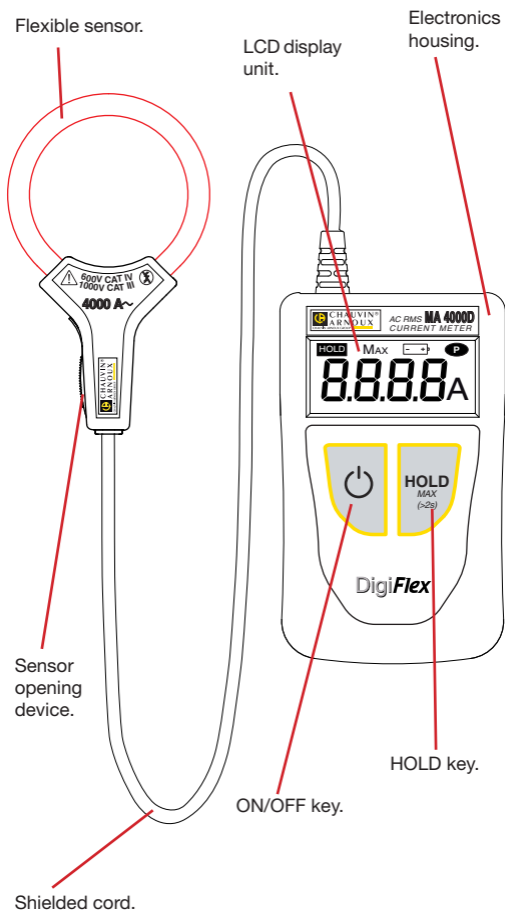
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1. PRESENTATION

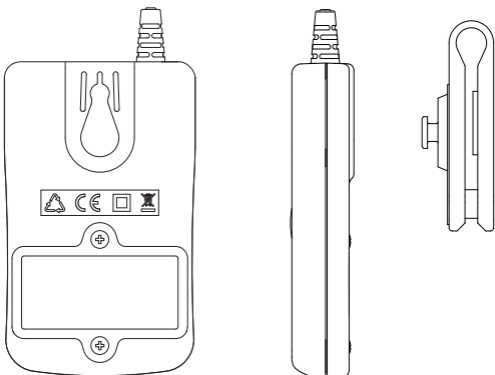
The DigiFLEX is used for RMS measurements of current, from 200 mA to 4000 A.

The sensor takes the form of a flexible coil 35 cm long, connected by a shielded cord to a small housing containing the signal processing electronics, supplied by a battery.

The flexibility of the sensors makes it easier to wrap them round the conductor to be measured, whatever its type (cable, bar, strand, etc.) and its accessibility. The design of the snap-action coil opening and closing device allows it to be handled while wearing protective gloves.

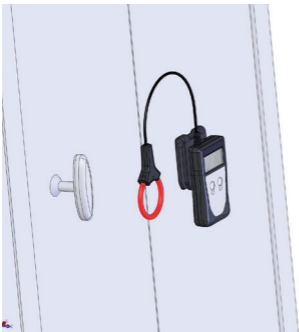


On the back of the electronics housing is a notch for the attachment of a belt clip (optional).



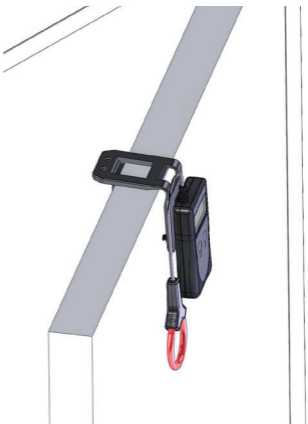
The multi-function belt clip can be used:

■ to carry the electronic housing on your belt,



■ to attach it to a metal surface using the built-in magnet,

■ to hook it to a door or the edge of a table.



2. CURRENT MEASUREMENT

2.1. MEASUREMENT PRINCIPLE

The flexible sensor is based on the Rogowski coil.

It combines:

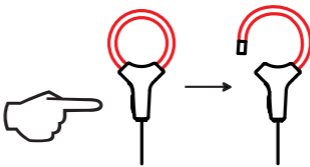
- very good linearity with no saturation effect (and so no heating);
- light weight (no magnetic circuit).

2.2. USE

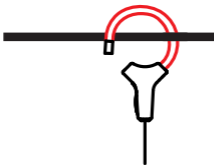
2.2.1. CONNECTION

First of all, use the appropriate means of protection.


- Press the yellow opening device to open the flexible coil.



- Open it, then place it round the conductor through which the current to be measured flows (only one conductor in the sensor).
- Close the coil.

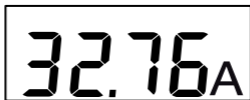


In order to optimize measurement quality, it is best to centre the conductor in the coil and to make the shape of the coil as nearly circular as possible.

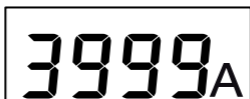
- Press the  key to switch the device on. The display unit lights.

2.2.2. MEASUREMENT

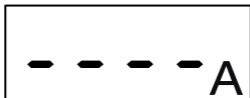
Read the measurement on the display unit. The current is given in ARMS.



If the measurement exceeds the display capacity (4000 A), the device displays 3999, blinking.



If the measurement is too low (see § 3.2), the device displays dashes.



If the edges of the signal are too steep or its peak factor is too large, the device displays OL.



2.2.3. FREEZING THE MEASUREMENT

If you want to freeze the display of a measurement, press the **HOLD** key.



The **HOLD** symbol is displayed.

The device continues to make measurements, but the display is frozen. To release it, press the **HOLD** key again.

2.2.4. SEARCH FOR MAXIMUM

To search for a maximum, for example a spike lasting at least 100 ms, press the **HOLD (MAX > 2s)** key for more than two seconds.




The **Max** symbol is then displayed; the device starts making measurements a few seconds later.

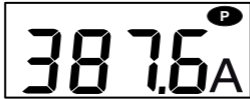
The device compares each new measurement to the one displayed. If the new measurement is greater than the old, it replaces it in the display.

To return to the real-time display mode, press the **HOLD (MAX > 2s)** key again.

2.2.5. DE-ACTIVATION OF AUTOMATIC SWITCHING OFF


In order to save the batteries, the device switches itself off automatically at the end of 10 minutes if the user has not pressed a key (unless the **MAX** function is active).


It is possible to deactivate automatic switching off. To do this, when you switch the device on, press the  and **HOLD** keys simultaneously. The **P** symbol (lit steadily) is then displayed.




To reactivate automatic switching off, switch the device off, then back on.

2.2.6. BATTERIES LOW

When the battery voltage drops and the remaining battery life of the device is only about one hour, the  symbol blinks on the display unit.

When the battery voltage is too low to guarantee the accuracy of the measurements, the  symbol lights steadily. The batteries must then be replaced (see § 4.2).

2.2.7. DISCONNECTING

- Switch the device off by pressing the  key.
- Press the yellow opening device to open the flexible core.
- Remove the flexible core from the conductor.

3. CHARACTERISTICS

3.1. REFERENCE CONDITIONS

Quantity of influence	Reference values
Temperature	23 ± 3°C
Relative humidity	45 to 75% RH
Frequency of the signal measured	40 to 65 Hz
Peak factor of the signal measured	$\sqrt{2}$
Conductor diameter	≤ 5 mm
Battery voltage	2.8 - 3.2 V
External electric field	none
External DC magnetic field (earth field)	<40 A/m
External AC magnetic field	none
Position of the conductor	centred in the measurement coil
Shape of the measurement coil	nearly circular

3.2. ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Display range (A)	40	400	4000
Specified measurement range (A)	0.20 - 39.99	40.0 - 399.9	400 - 3999
Resolution	10 mA	100 mA	1 A
Intrinsic uncertainty	±(2% + 10 ct)	±(1.5% + 2 ct)	±(1.5% + 2 ct)

In MAX mode:

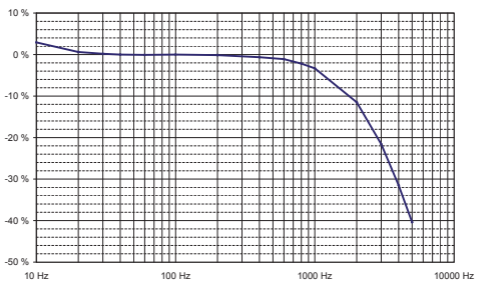
Display range (A)	40	400	4000
Specified measurement range (A)	1.00 - 39.99	40.0 - 399.9	400 - 3999
Resolution	10 mA	100 mA	1 A
Typical error	±(2% + 10 ct)	±(1.5% + 2 ct)	±(1.5% + 2 ct)

3.3. VARIATIONS IN RANGE OF USE

Quantity of influence	Range of influence
Battery voltage	1.8 to 2 V
Temperature	0 °C to 50 °C
Relative humidity	10 to 90% RH
Frequency response	10 to 20 Hz 20 Hz to 30 Hz 30 Hz to 400 Hz 400 to 1000 Hz 1000 to 3000 Hz
Position of the conductor in the sensor (f<400 Hz)	Any position on the interior perimeter of the sensor
Adjacent conductor carrying alternating current	Conductor touching the exterior perimeter of the sensor
Peak factor	1.4 to 3.5 limited to 6000 A _{peak}
Serial mode rejection ratio in AC	0 to 400 A _{DC}
Common mode rejection, 50/60 Hz	0 to 600 V _{RMS}
Influence of a 50/60 Hz external magnetic field	0 to 400 A/m

3.4. TYPICAL FREQUENCY RESPONSE CURVES

at 39 AAC



Error on the measurement	
Typical	Maximum
< 1 ct	$\pm(2\% + 1 \text{ ct})$
$\pm 0.25 \% / 10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	$\pm(0.5 \% / 10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} + 2 \text{ ct})$
0.2%	$\pm (0.3 \% + 2 \text{ ct})$
See § 3.4	$\pm (5 \% + 1 \text{ ct})$ $\pm (1 \% + 1 \text{ ct})$ $\pm (0.5 \% + 1 \text{ ct})$ $\pm (6 \% + 1 \text{ ct})$ - 3 dB typical
$\pm 0.5 \%$	$\pm (1.5 \% \pm 1 \text{ ct})$
Away from opening: 55 dB At opening: 55 dB	Away from opening: $\geq 45 \text{ dB}$ At opening: $\geq 45 \text{ dB}$
at 16.66 Hz : $\pm (2 \% + 1 \text{ ct})$ at 50 Hz : $\pm (0.5 \% + 1 \text{ ct})$ at 440 Hz : $\pm (30 \% + 1 \text{ ct})$	$\pm (6 \% + 1 \text{ ct})$ $\pm (3 \% + 1 \text{ ct})$ -
< 1 ct	$\geq 50 \text{ dB}$
< 1 ct	$\geq 60 \text{ dB}$
Housing: 43 dB Sensor: 50 dB	Housing: $\geq 30 \text{ dB}$ Sensor: $\geq 40 \text{ dB}$

3.5. POWER SUPPLY


The device can be powered:

- either by two 1.5 V R03 (AAA) alkaline batteries,
- or by two NiMH storage batteries of the same size.

The nominal operating voltage is between 1.8 and 3.2 V.

The battery life in continuous operation is:

- 70 hours with super-alkaline batteries,
- 50 hours with NiMH storage batteries having a capacity of 1200 mAh.

The low battery condition is reported by the blinking  symbol on the display unit. When it is lit steadily, the batteries must be replaced (see § 4.2).

3.8. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

The instrument must be used in the following conditions:

- Temperature in use: 0°C to $+50^\circ\text{C}$
- Storage temperature: -20°C to $+70^\circ\text{C}$
(without batteries)
- Relative humidity in use: 80% RH to 50°C
- Relative humidity in storage: 90% RH (up to 45°C)

The sensor can withstand a temperature of 90°C.

For indoor use.
Level of pollution: 2.
Altitude: <2000 m.

3.7. CHARACTERISTICS OF CONSTRUCTION

Overall dimensions

- Housing: 100 x 60 x 20 mm
- Connecting cable: 0.70 m
- Sensor
 - Length (mm) 350 mm
 - Clamping diameter 100 mm

Mass of the device: approximately 130 g.

Index of protection: IP 40 per IEC 60529
IK 04 per IEC 50102

Afterflame time: V0 (per UL 94)

The flexible coil is resistant to oils and aliphatic hydrocarbons.

3.8. COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

Electrical safety per IEC 61010-2-032 for type B sensors.
Rated voltage 600 V with respect to earth in category IV.

Double insulation: 

3.9. ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY

Emissions and immunity in an industrial setting compliant with IEC 61326-1 for portable devices.

4. MAINTENANCE



Any unauthorized repair or replacement of a part by an “equivalent” may gravely impair safety.

4.1. CLEANING

Disconnect everything connected to the instrument and switch it off.

Use a soft cloth, dampened with soapy water. Rinse with a damp cloth and dry rapidly with a dry cloth or forced air. Do not use alcohol, solvents, or hydrocarbons.

Make sure that no foreign body interferes with the operation of the snap device of the sensor.

4.2. REPLACEMENT OF THE BATTERIES

The battery must be replaced when the green indicator flashes or remains off when the instrument is switched on.

- Disconnect everything connected to the instrument and switch it off.
- Use a screwdriver to unscrew the two closing screws of the housing.
- Replace the old battery with a new battery (1.5 V R03 or AAA super-alkaline batteries).
- Close the housing; make sure that it is completely and correctly closed.
- Screw both screws back in.



Spent batteries must not be treated as ordinary household waste. Take them to the appropriate recycling collection point.

4.3. METROLOGICAL CHECK



Like all measuring or testing devices, regular instrument verification is necessary.

This instrument should be checked at least once a year. For checks and calibrations, contact one of our accredited metrology laboratories (information and contact details available on request), at our Chauvin Arnoux subsidiary or the branch in your country.

4.4. REPAIR

For all repairs before or after expiry of warranty, please return the device to your distributor.