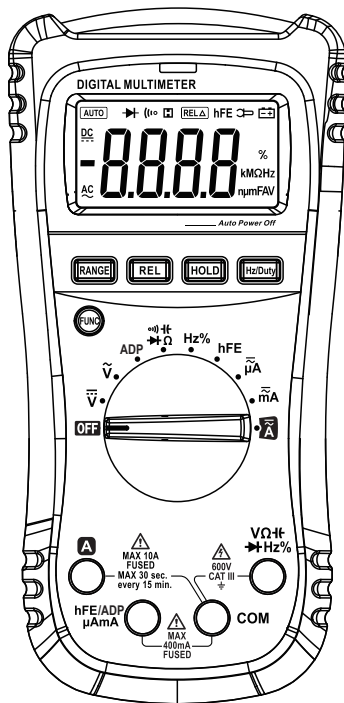


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## MY78

### Digital Multimeter



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## 1. Introduction

This digital multimeter complies with international safety standards EN61010-1 electrical safety requirements for electronic measuring instruments and handheld digital multimeters; CAT III 600V and pollution degree of 2. Read all instructions carefully before using the meter and follow all relevant safety standards.

### 1.1 Safety Guidelines

#### 1.1.1 Safety Category Information

- Category III measurements (CAT III) are measurements done inside the infrastructure of a building.

**Example:** fixed equipment switchboards, circuit breakers, wiring, including cables, bus bars, junction boxes, switches, sockets, output terminals on devices for industrial use and other equipment.

- Category II measurements (CAT II) are measurements done between the wall socket and a device.


**Example:** measurements on household appliances, portable tools and similar equipment.

- Category I measurements (CAT I) are measurements done at the component level.

**Example:** surface mounted devices on a circuit board.

#### 1.1.2 Precautions

- Allow the meter to warm up for 30 sec. before use.
- Do not place meter in a strong magnetic field; this may cause false readings.
- Do not place the meter in any environment with high pressure, high temperature, dust, explosive gas or vapor.
- Inspect the case before use. Check for cracks in the casing and the insulation around the input sockets.
- Only use the test leads provided with the meter. If leads are damaged or need to be replaced, use similar leads with matching specifications.

- Ensure the meter works properly by testing a known voltage source first. If not working properly, the protective equipment may be damaged; have the meter serviced before using.
- Make sure the test leads are in the correct input jacks before measurement.
- Do not perform a voltage test using the 10A input jack.
- Always be careful when working with voltages above 60V dc or 30V ac rms. Keep fingers behind the probe barriers when making voltage measurements.
- Never exceed the protection limit values indicated in the specifications for each range of measurement.
- Choose the highest range when the value to be measured is unknown beforehand.
- When connecting the test leads to a measurement circuit, connect the common lead first, then the live lead. Reverse when disconnecting.
- Disconnect leads from circuit before switching functions/ranges.
- In order to avoid incorrect readings and avoid electric shock injury, for DC measurements test the circuit using AC mode to check for the presence of AC voltage then return to DC mode for measurement.
- Turn off power to circuit and discharge all capacitors before making resistance, continuity or diode measurements.
- Disconnect leads from circuit before testing transistors.
- Before making current measurements, turn off power to the circuit, break the circuit, connect the leads in series across the break, then turn the power back on for measurement.
- When the  symbol appears, replace the batteries to avoid incorrect readings.

## 1.1.3 Safety Symbols

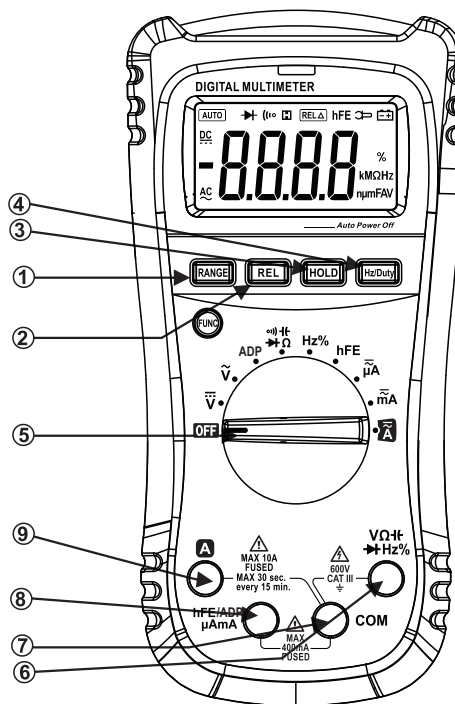
	Note-Important safety information, refer to the instruction manual.
	Caution, possibility of electric shock
	Equipment protected throughout by double insulation or reinforced insulation.
	Conforms to UL STD. 61010-1, 61010-2-032, 61010-2-033; Certified to CSA STD C22.2 NO. 61010-1, 61010-2-032, 61010-2-033
	Complies with European (EU) safety standards
	Earth (ground) TERMINAL
	Direct current
	Alternating current
	Fuse

## 1.1.4 Maintenance

- Maintenance/calibration should only be performed by professionals.
- For continued protection against fire, replace fuse only with the specified voltage and current ratings listed in the manual: F1 400mA/600V and F2: 10A/600V
- Before opening the case, always disconnect test leads from all energized circuits.
- Never use the meter unless the back cover is in place and fastened securely.
- If any abnormality is observed, stop using the meter and send it in for repair.
- If the meter is not going to be used for an extended period of time, remove the batteries and avoid storing in a hot/humid environment.

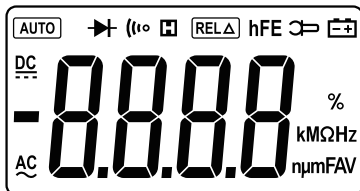
## 2. Instrument Description

### 2.1 Front Panel



- 1.Range: switches between ranges in manual mode
- 2.Rel: shows current measurement as compared to measurement when button is pressed.
- 3.Hold: keeps current reading on display
- 4.Hz/Duty: switches between frequency/duty cycle
- 5.Rotary switch
- 6.V/Ω/  $\frac{1}{f}$  /Hz input jack
- 7.COM input jack
- 8.μA/mA/ADP/hFE input jack
- 9.10A input jack


## 2.2 Display




Symbol	Description
	Battery charge is low. ⚠ To avoid false readings which could lead to personal injury or damage to the meter, replace battery when symbol appears.
	Negative polarity (DC)
	Alternating current

	Direct current
	Auto-range
	Diode mode
	transistor gain mode
	Continuity mode
	Reading hold
<b>V, mV</b>	V : Volts (voltage units) mV: millivolts: $1 \times 10^{-3}$ V or 0.001V
<b>A, mA, μA</b>	A : Amps (current units) mA: milliamps: $1 \times 10^{-3}$ A or 0.001A μA: microamps: $1 \times 10^{-6}$ A or 0.000001A
<b>Ω, kΩ, MΩ</b>	Ω : Ohms (resistance) kΩ: kilohms: $1 \times 10^3$ Ω or 1000Ω MΩ: megaohms: $1 \times 10^6$ Ω or 1,000,000Ω
<b>Hz, kHz, MHz</b>	Hz: Hertz (frequency) kHz: Kilohertz: $1 \times 10^3$ Hz or 1000 Hz MHz: Megahertz: $1 \times 10^6$ Hz or 1,000,000Hz
<b>μF, nF</b>	F: Farads (capacitance) μF: microfarads: $1 \times 10^{-6}$ F or 0.000001F nF: nanofarads: $1 \times 10^{-9}$ F or 0.000000001F
	Overload (need to select a higher range)
	Relative measurement
<b>ADP</b>	Current clamp attachment measurement


## 2.3 Buttons

Button	Function	Description
<b>FUNC</b>	 $\Omega$ ADP, A, mA and $\mu$ A Hold when turning on meter	Switch between functions switch between AC/DC Turns off auto power off
<b>RANGE</b>	$\sim$ V, V, $\Omega$ , ADP, mA, $\mu$ A and A	1.Press <b>RANGE</b> to enter manual range. 2.Each press increases the range. 3.Hold <b>RANGE</b> to return to auto-range.
<b>HOLD</b>	<b>Any function</b>	Press <b>HOLD</b> to keep current reading on the display.Press again to release the hold.
<b>REL</b>	<b>Any function except Hz/%</b>	Press <b>REL</b> to show current reading relative to the reading when the button was pressed.
<b>HZ/Duty</b>	$\sim$ V, V, ADP mA, $\mu$ A, A, Hz%	Switch between frequency and duty cycle measurements.

## 2.4 Rotary Switch

Position	Function
$\tilde{V}$	AC Voltage
$\overline{V}$	DC Voltage
$\Omega$  $\rightarrow$ $\rightarrow$	Resistance/Capacitance/ Diode/Continuity
Hz%	Frequency/Duty Cycle
hFE	hFE Transistor Gain
ADP	For optional current clamp attachment
$\mu$ A	$\mu$ A current
mA	mA current (up to 400mA)
A	A current (up to 10A)
OFF	Off position

## 2.5 Input Jacks

Jack	Description
<b>COM</b>	DC Voltage
<b>V</b> $\Omega$  $\rightarrow$ Hz%	Input for voltage, resistance, capacitance, diodes, continuity, frequency, duty cycle
<b>hFE ADP</b> <b><math>\mu</math>A mA</b>	Input for $\mu$ A/mA current below 400mA, transistor, current clamp attachment
<b>A</b>	Input for current above 400mA

## 2.6 Accessories

1	Manual	1 piece
2	Test leads	1 pair
3	Case	1 piece

## 3. Operating Instructions

### 3.1 General Instructions

#### 3.1.1 Data Hold

Press **HOLD** to keep the current reading on the display. To release the hold, press **HOLD** again or switch functions on the rotary switch to return to normal readings.

#### 3.1.2 Manual/Auto Range

- The meter's default range is auto-range. The meter will automatically pick the appropriate range for measurement.
- In manual range, the range is specified by the user, locking the display into one specific range.

#### To enter manual range:

1. Press the **RANGE** button.  
"AUTO" will disappear from the display. Each press of the button will increase the range and return to the lowest range once pressed at the highest range.

**Note:** If you press RANGE while in data hold mode, the meter will release the hold.

2. To return to auto-range mode, hold **RANGE** until "AUTO" appears on the display.

#### 3.1.3 Auto Power off

After 20 minutes of non-use the meter will turn itself off. Press **HOLD** or turn the rotary switch to any position to turn the meter back on.

## 3.2 Measurement Operation

### 3.2.1 DC/AC Voltage

#### Warning

**To prevent personal injury or damage to the meter, do not measure voltages that might exceed 600V DC/AC rms.**

DC voltage ranges: 400.0mV, 4.000V, 40.00V, 400.0V, 600V. AC voltage ranges: 400.0mV, 4.000V, 40.00V, 400.0V, 600V. (400.0mV range only available in manual range)

To measure DC/AC voltage:

1. Turn the rotary switch to the DC or AC voltage position; press RANGE for manual range if needed.
2. Connect the red test lead to the V input jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
3. Connect the test leads in parallel to the circuit under test.
4. Read the measured voltage on the display. When measuring DC voltage, the display will show the polarity of the red lead.

#### **Note:**

In small voltage ranges, the display may show a reading before leads are connected. This is normal because of the high sensitivity of the meter. Once the leads are connected to a circuit, the true voltage will be displayed.


## 3.2.2 Resistance

### Warning

**Turn off all power and discharge all capacitors before making resistance measurements.**

Resistance ranges are: 400.0 $\Omega$ , 4.000k $\Omega$ , 40.00k $\Omega$ , 400.0k $\Omega$ , 4.000M $\Omega$ , 40.00M $\Omega$ .

To measure resistance:

1. Turn the rotary switch to the  position. The default mode is resistance.
2. Connect the red test lead to the  $\Omega$  input jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
3. Connect the leads to the resistance or circuit under test.
4. Read the measured resistance on the display.

### **Tips for measuring resistance:**




- Measured resistance and a components rated resistance often differ slightly. This is normal due to the test current flowing through all possible paths between the leads.
- When measuring low resistances, short the test leads and record the measurement. Then connect the leads to the resistance to be measured and subtract the shorted resistance from the measured resistance.
- When the measured resistance is greater than 1M $\Omega$ , wait a few seconds for readings to stabilize. This is normal for high resistance measurements.
- When the circuit is open or leads not connected, the display will show 'OL'.

## 3.2.3 Diodes

### Warning

**Turn off all power and discharge all capacitors before testing diodes.**

To test a diode:



1. Turn the rotary switch to the  position. Press  once to switch to diode mode.
2. Connect the red test lead to the  input jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
3. Connect the red lead to the anode (+) and the black lead to the cathode (-) of the diode.
4. The display will show the forward biased voltage drop. If the leads are reversed, the display will show 'OL'. In a circuit, a good diode will produce a voltage drop between .05~0.8V. Reverse bias readings will depend on the resistance of the pathways between the leads.

## 3.2.4 Continuity

### Warning

**Turn off all power and discharge all capacitors before testing continuity.**

To test continuity:

1. Turn the rotary switch to the  position. Press  twice to switch to continuity mode.
2. Connect the red test lead to the  $\Omega$  input jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
3. Connect the leads to the circuit under test.
4. If the measured resistance is less than 50 $\pm$ 20 $\Omega$ , the buzzer will sound.



## 3.2.5 hFE Transistor Gain

### ⚠ Warning

**Remove the transistor under test from any circuit to prevent damage to the meter.**

To measure transistor gain:

1. Turn the rotary switch to the hFE position.
2. Connect the multi-function socket to the hFE (+) input jack and the COM jack.
3. Connect the transistor to the appropriate holes in the multi-function socket depending on the type of transistor (NPN or PNP).
4. The display will show the measured transistor gain.

## 3.2.6 Capacitance

### ⚠ Warning

**Turn off all power and discharge all capacitors before testing capacitance.**

Capacitance ranges are: 4.000nF, 40.00nF, 400.0nF, 4.000μF, 40.00μF, 200μF.

To measure capacitance:

1. Turn the rotary switch to the  $\frac{\infty}{\Omega}$  position. Press **(FUNC)** 3 times to switch to capacitance mode.
2. Connect the red test lead to the  $\frac{\infty}{\Omega}$  input jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
3. Connect the leads to the circuit under test.
4. Read the measured capacitance on the display.

Tips for measuring capacitance:

When measuring large capacitances, wait a few seconds for readings to stabilize. This is normal for high capacitance measurements.

## 3.2.7 Frequency

### ⚠ Warning

**To prevent personal injury or damage to the meter, do not measure frequency with larger than 250V AC rms present.**

To measure frequency:

1. Turn the rotary switch to the Hz% position.
2. Connect the red test lead to the Hz% input jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
3. Connect the test leads in parallel to the circuit under test.
4. Read the measured frequency on the display.

### Note:

In electrically noisy environments, use shielded test leads to make small frequency measurements.

## 3.2.8 Clamp Current

### ⚠ Warning

**To prevent personal injury or damage to the meter, do not measure with voltages present that might exceed 250V DC/AC rms.**

1. Turn the rotary switch to the **ADP** position. Press **(FUNC)** to switch between AC/DC modes.
2. Connect the red lead of the clamp attachment to the **ADP** input jack and the black lead to the COM jack.
3. Open the clamp head and clamp it around the conductor under test.
4. Read the measured current on the display. When measuring DC current, the display will show the polarity of the red lead. If the display shows "OL" the input has exceeded the selected range; select a higher range.


## 3.2.9 DC/AC Current

### Warning

**Do not measure current when voltages might exceed 250V to avoid blowing the fuses which can lead to personal injury or damage to the meter.**


Current ranges are: 400.0μA, 4000μA, 40.00mA, 400.0mA, 10.00A.

To measure current:

1. Turn off power to circuit and discharge all capacitors.
2. Turn the rotary switch to the μA, mA or A position.
3. Press  to switch between DC/AC modes.
4. Connect the red test lead to the μA/mA input jack if measured current is less than 400mA, the A input jack for measurements above 400mA and the black test lead to the COM jack.
5. Break the circuit and connect the leads in series across the break with the red lead at the higher voltage side and the black lead on the lower voltage side.
6. Turn on power to the circuit and read the measured current on the display. If the display shows "OL" the measured value has exceeded the selected range. Move the rotary switch to the next higher current position.

## 4. Specifications

### 4.1 General Specifications

Function	Range
Safety Rating	600V CAT.III
Pollution degree	2
Operating Altitude	<2000m
Operating Temperature/ Humidity	0~40°C, (<80% RH)
Storage Temperature/ Humidity	-10~60°C, (<70% RH, remove battery)
Temperature coefficient	0.1%accuracy/0°C (>18°C or <28°C)
Max. Input between terminals and earth ground	600V DC or AC rms
Fuse Protection	F1 400mA/1000V F2 10A/600V
Sample Rate	Approx. 3 times/sec,
Display	3 ½ digit LCD display, max. reading: 3999.
Over-range Indication	display shows "OL"
Low Battery Indication	When battery voltage drops below the normal operating voltage, "  " will appear on the display.
Polarity Indication	Display automatically displays "-"
Power	1x 9V battery NEDA 1604 or 6F22
Dimensions	189(L)91(W)31.5(H) mm.
Weight	approx. 420g (including battery)

## 4.2 Technical Specifications

Accuracy:  $\pm$ (% of reading + digits) at 18°C~28°C with a relative humidity of <80%; guaranteed for a period of one year.

### 4.2.1 DC Voltage

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
400mV	0.1mV	$\pm$ (0.7% of reading +2 digits)
4V	1mV	
40V	10mV	
400V	100mV	
600V	1V	$\pm$ (0.8% of reading +2 digits)

Input impedance: 10M $\Omega$

Max. input voltage: 600V DC or AC rms.

### 4.2.2 AC Voltage

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
400mV	0.1mV	$\pm$ (3.0% of reading +3 digits)
4V	1mV	$\pm$ (0.8% of reading +3 digits)
40V	10mV	
400V	100mV	
600V	1V	$\pm$ (1.2% of reading +3 digits)

Input Impedance: 10M $\Omega$

Max. Input Voltage: 600V DC or AC rms.

Frequency Response: 4V range: 40Hz~400Hz;

other ranges: 40Hz~1kHz rms sine wave (avg. responding)

### 4.2.3 hFE Transistor Gain

Function	Description	
hFE	Displays approx. hFE transistor gain (0-1000)	Base current: approx. 10 $\mu$ A Vce: approx. 2.8V


### 4.2.4 Resistance

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
400 $\Omega$	0.1 $\Omega$	$\pm$ (1.2% of reading +2 digits)
4k $\Omega$	1 $\Omega$	
40k $\Omega$	10 $\Omega$	
400k $\Omega$	100 $\Omega$	
4M $\Omega$	1k $\Omega$	$\pm$ (2.0% of reading +5 digits)
40M $\Omega$	10k $\Omega$	

Open circuit voltage: approx. 250mV

Overload protection: 250V DC or AC rms.


### 4.2.5 Continuity

Function	Description
	The buzzer will sound if the measured resistance is less than 50 $\pm$ 20 $\Omega$ .

Open circuit voltage: approx. 0.5V

Overload Protection: 250V DC or AC rms

## 4.2.6 Diodes

Function	Resolution	Description
	1mV	The display shows the approx. forward voltage drop.

Forward DC current: approx. 1mA

Reverse DC voltage: approx. 1.5V

Overload Protection: 250V DC or AC rms

## 4.2.7 Capacitance

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
4nF	1pF	±(4.0% of reading +25digits)
40nF	10pF	±(4.0% of reading +15digits)
400nF	100pF	
4μF	1nF	
40μF	10nF	
200μF	100nF	

Overload protection: 250V DC or AC rms.

## 4.2.8 Frequency

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
9.999Hz	0.001Hz	±(2.0% of reading +5 digits)
99.99Hz	0.01Hz	
999.9Hz	0.1Hz	
9.999kHz	1Hz	
99.99kHz	10Hz	
199.9kHz	100Hz	For reference only
>200kHz	100Hz	

Overload protection: 250V DC or AC rms.

Input voltage range: 0.6V~3V AC rms (as frequency increases, input voltage increases)

Frequency response: 10Hz~200kHz sine wave;  
0.5Hz~200kHz square wave.

## 4.2.9 Clamp Current

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
DC40A	1A/1mV	±(0.8% of reading +3 digits)
DC400A	1A/1mV	
AC40A	1A/1mV	±(1.0% of reading +3 digits)
AC400A	1A/1mV	

Input Impedance: 1MΩ

Max. Input Voltage: 250V DC or AC rms.

## 4.2.10 DC Current

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
400μA	0.1μA	±(1.2% of reading +3 digits)
4000μA	1μA	
40mA	0.01mA	
400mA	0.1mA	
10A	10mA	±(2.0% of reading +5digits)

Overload Protection: F1 400mA/1000V; F2 10A/600V  
 Max. Input Current: μA/mA: 400mA DC or AC rms.  
 10A: 10A (do not exceed 4 min.)

## 4.2.11 AC Current

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
400μA	0.1μA	±(1.5% of reading +5 digits)
4000μA	1μA	
40mA	0.01mA	
400mA	0.1mA	
10A	10mA	±(3.0% of reading +7 digits)

Overload Protection: F1 400mA/1000V; F2 10A/600V  
 Max. Input Current: μA/mA: 400mA DC or AC rms.  
 10A: 10A (do not exceed 4 min.)  
 Frequency Response: 40Hz~400Hz rms sine wave  
 (avg. responding)

## 4.2.12 DUTY CYCLE

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
5%~95%	0.1%	±(2.0% + 5)

## 5. Maintenance

### 5.1 Cleaning Meter

**⚠ Warning**  
**Before opening the back cover, turn off the meter and disconnect test leads from any circuit.**

Clean meter with a damp cloth and mild detergent; do not use chemical solvents on the meter. Dirt or moisture on the input jacks can affect the reading of the meter.

#### To clean the input jacks:

- Turn the rotary switch to OFF and remove test leads.
- Remove all dirt from the input jacks.
- Use a detergent or lubricant with a cotton swab to clean the jacks. Use a new cotton swab for each jack to prevent cross contamination.

### 5.2 Changing Battery/Fuses

**⚠ Warning**  
**To avoid electric shock and personal injury, turn off the meter and remove the test leads before opening the battery cover.**  
**Replace fuses with ones that have the exact same ratings: F1:F400mA/1000V;F2:F10A/600V**

To replace battery and fuses:

1. Turn off the meter.
2. Disconnect test leads from input jacks.
3. Use a screwdriver and remove the back cover from the meter.
4. Remove used battery and replace with a new 9V battery.
5. Remove and replace blow fuses with new ones.
6. Replace back cover before using meter again.



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