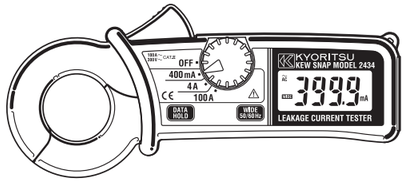
INSTRUCTION MANUAL



LEAKAGE CURRENT TESTER

KEW SNAP Series

KEW SNAP 2434

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1. SAFETY WARNINGS

This instrument has been designed and tested according to IEC Publication 61010: Safety Requirements for Electronic Measuring Apparatus. This instruction manual contains warnings and safety rules which must be observed by the user to ensure safe operation of the instrument and to retain it in safe condition. Therefore, read through these operating instructions before starting using the instrument.

⚠ WARNING

- ●Read through and understand instructions contained in this manual before starting using the instrument.
- ●Save and keep the manual at hand to enable quick reference whenever necessary.
- ●Be sure to use the instrument only in its intended applications and to follow measurement procedures described in the manual.
- ●Be sure to understand and follow all safety instructions contained in the manual.

Not following the above instructions may cause injury, instrument damage and/or damage to equipment under test.
The instrument is to be used only in its intended applications.
Understand and follow all the safety instructions contained in the manual.
Failure to follow the instructions may cause injury, instrument damage and/or damage to equipment under test. Kyoritsu is by no means liable for any damage resulting from the instrument in contradiction to this cautionary note.

The symbol ⚠ indicated on the instrument means that the user must refer to related parts of the manual for safe operation of the instrument. Be sure to carefully read the instructions following each ⚠ symbol in this manual.

⚠ **DANGER** is reserved for conditions and actions that are likely to cause serious or fatal injury.
⚠ **WARNING** is reserved for conditions and actions that can cause serious or fatal Injury.
⚠ **CAUTION** is reserved for conditions and actions that can cause minor injury or Instrument damage.

Following symbols are used on the instrument and in the instruction manual. Attention should be paid to each symbol to ensure your safety.

- ⚠ Refer to the instructions in the manual.
- ⧈ Indicates an instrument with double or reinforced insulation.
- ⚿ Indicates that this instrument can clamp on bare conductors when measuring a voltage corresponding to the applicable Measurement category,which is marked next to this symbol.
- ～ Indicates AC (Alternating Current).
- ⏚ Indicates Earth.

⚠ DANGER

- ●Never make measurement on a circuit having potential of 300VAC or greater.
- ●Do not attempt to make measurement in the presence of flammable gasses. Otherwise, the use of the instrument may cause sparking, which leads to an explosion.
- ●The transformer jaws are made of metal and their tips are not completely insulated. Be especially careful about the possible shorting where the equipment under test has exposed metal parts.
- ●Never attempt to use the instrument if its surface or your hand is wet.
- ●Do not exceed the maximum allowable input of any measurement range.
- ●Never open the battery compartment cover when making measurement.
- ●Never try to make measurement if any abnormal conditions, such as broken Transformer jaws or case is noted.
- ●The instrument is to be used only in its intended applications or conditions. Otherwise, safety functions equipped with the instrument doesn't work, and instrument damage or serious personal injury may be caused.
- ●Keep your fingers and hands behind the barrier during a measurement.

⚠ WARNING

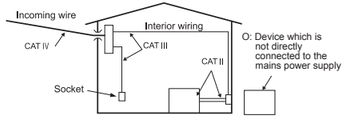
- ●Never attempt to make any measurement, if any abnormal conditions are noted, such as broken case, cracked test leads and exposed metal parts.
- ●Do not install substitute parts or make any modification to the instrument. Return the instrument to Kyoritsu or your distributor for repair or re-calibration.

⚠ CAUTION

- ●Make sure that the range selector switch is set to an appropriate position before making measurement.
- ●Do not expose the instrument to the direct sun, extreme temperatures or dew fall.
- ●Be sure to set the range selector switch to the "OFF" position after use. When the instrument will not be in use for a long period of time, place it in storage after removing the batteries.
- ●Use a damp cloth and detergent for cleaning the instrument. Do not use abrasives or solvents.
- ●Always switch off the instrument before opening the battery compartment cover for battery replacement.

Measurement categories (Over-voltage categories)
To ensure safe operation of measuring instruments, IEC 61010 establishes safety standards for various electrical environments, categorized as O to CAT IV, and called measurement categories.
Higher-numbered categories correspond to electrical environments with greater momentary energy, so a measuring instrument designed for CAT III environments can endure greater momentary energy than one designed for CAT II.

- O: Circuits which are not directly connected to the mains power supply.
- CAT II: Primary electrical circuits of equipment connected to an AC electrical outlet by a power cord.
- CAT III: Primary electrical circuits of the equipment connected directly to the distribution panel, and feeders from the distribution panel to outlets.
- CAT IV: The circuit from the service drop to the service entrance, and to the power meter and primary overcurrent protection device (distribution panel).



2. FEATURES

- ●Digital clamp tester for AC leakage current measurement.
- ●Least affected by external magnetic field, providing wide measuring range from very small to large currents.
- ●Designed to safety standard IEC 61010-2-032: measurement CAT.Ⅲ, 300V and pollution degree 2.
- ●Data hold function to allow for easy readings in dimly lit or hard-to-reach locations.
- ●Provides filtering function to remove high frequency generated by such equipment as inverters.
- ●Sleep function prevents unnecessary power consumption.
- ●Dynamic range of 4000 counts full scale.
- ●Large easy-to-read LCD display with letter height of 13mm.
- ●Transformer jaws fitted with guard to further improve safety.

3. SPECIFICATIONS

Measuring ranges and accuracy

Range	Measuring Range	Accuracy (Frequency range)
400mA	0～399.9mA	± 2.0%rdg ± 4dgt（50/60Hz）
4A	0～3.999A	± 3.0%rdg ± 5dgt（40～400Hz）
100A	0～100.0A	

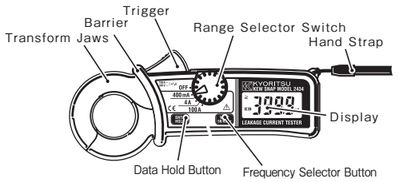
When measuring current which pulse element is superposed, differences of the indicated value may be caused between ranges, if the peak value exceeds the measurement range to a large extent. In this case, the reading at the bigger range should be taken as a right value.
Sensitive transformer jaws are used for Leakage clamp meter. Because of the characteristics of transformer jaws, which can be opened and closed, it is impossible to eliminate the interference of external magnetic field completely. If there are something, which generating large magnetic field, at a nearby site, current value can be displayed ("0" cannot be displayed.) before clamping on the conductor. For such a case, please use the instrument at a location far from the thing, which generating magnetic field.

Following are the typical things generating magnetic field.

Conductor fed large current, Motor, Equipment which has magnet, Integrating wattmeter

Measuring method:	Dual Integration
Display:	Liquid crystal display with maximum reading of 3999
Low battery warning:	"BATT" mark appears on the display
Overrange Indication:	"OL" appears on the display when upper limit of measuring range is exceeded
Response Time:	Approx. 2 seconds
Sample Rate:	Approx. 2.5 times per second
Location for use	Indoor use, Altitude up to 2000m
Accuracy-insured Temperature and Humidity Ranges:	23℃±5℃, relative humidity 85% or less (without condensation)
Operating Temperature and Humidity Ranges:	0-40℃, relative humidity 85% or less (without condensation)
Storage Temperature and Humidity Ranges:	-20-60℃, relative humidity 85% or less (without condensation)
Power Source:	Two 1.5V R03 (UM-4) batteries
Current Consumption:	Approx. 4mA
Measurement Time:	Approx. 150 hours
Sleep Function:	Automatically powered down in about 10 minutes after the last switch operation
Safety Standard:	IEC 61010-1, IEC 61010-2-032 measurement CAT.Ⅲ 300V, pollution degree 2 IEC 61326 (EMC), EN50581(RoHS)
Overload Protection:	120Arms max. for 10 seconds
Withstand Voltage:	3470Vrms (50/60Hz) for 5 seconds between metal part of transformer jaws and housing case (except transformer jaw case)
Insulation Resistance:	10MΩ or greater at 1000V between metal part of transformer jaws and housing case (except transformer jaw case)
Conductor Size:	Approx. 28mm in diameter max.
Dimensions:	169(L)×75(W)×40(D)mm
Weight:	Approx. 220g including batteries
Accessories:	Two R03 (UM-4) batteries Carrying case Model 9097 Instruction manual
Optional Accessories:	Multi-Tran Model 8008

4. INSTRUMENT LAYOUT



Barrier is a part providing protection against electrical shock and ensuring the minimum required air and creepage distances.

●LCD



5. PREPARATIONS FOR MEASUREMENT

5-1 Checking Battery Voltage

Set the Range Selector Switch to any position other than the OFF position. If the marks on the display is clearly visible without "BATT" mark showing, battery voltage is OK. If the display blanks or "BATT" is indicated, replace the batteries according to section 8: Battery Replacement.

NOTE
When the instrument is left powered on, the Sleep function automatically shut the power off; The display blanks even if the Range Selector Switch is set to a position other than the OFF position in this state. To power on the instrument, turn the Range Selector Switch or press any button. If the display still blanks, the batteries are completely exhausted. Replace the batteries.

5-2 Checking Switch Setting

Make sure that the Range Selector Switch is set to the appropriate range.
Also make sure that data hold function is not enabled. If inappropriate range is selected, desired measurement cannot be made.

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6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

⚠ DANGER

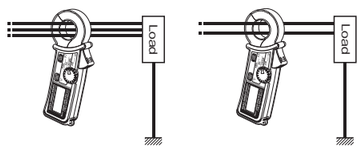
- In order to avoid possible shock hazard, never make measurement on circuits having a potential of 300VAC or greater.
- The transformer jaws are made of metal and their tips are not completely insulated. Be especially careful about the possible shorting where the equipment under test has exposed metal parts.
- Never make measurement with the battery compartment cover removed.
- Keep your fingers and hands behind the barrier during measurement.

⚠ CAUTION

- Take sufficient care to not to apply shock, vibration or excessive force to the jaw tips. Otherwise, precisely adjusted Transformer Jaw tips will be damaged.
- When a foreign substance is stuck in the jaw tips or they cannot properly engage, the transformer jaws do not fully close. In such a case, do not release the jaw trigger abruptly or attempt to close the transformer jaws by applying external force. Make sure that the jaws close by themselves after removing the foreign substance or making them free to move.
- The maximum size of a conductor to be tested is 28mm in diameter. Accurate measurement cannot be made on a conductor larger than this, because the transformer jaws cannot fully close.
- When measuring large current, the transformer jaws may buzz. This has no effect on the instrument's performance or safety.

6-1 Leakage Current Measurement

(1)Set the Range Selector Switch to the desired position. Current to measure should be within the selected measuring range.
(2)Measuring out of balance leakage current (See Fig.1):
Clamp onto all conductors except a grounded wire. Measured current value is shown on the display.
(3)Measuring earth leakage current (See Fig.2):
Clamp onto a grounded wire.Measured current value is shown on the display.



3-phase 3-wire system
(In 4-wire system with neutral, clamp onto all 4 wires)

Single-phase 2-wire system
(in 3-wire system with neutral, clamp onto all 3 wires)

Fig. 1 Measuring out of balance leakage current

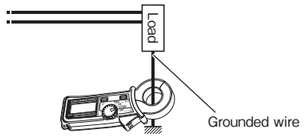


Fig.2 Measuring earth leakage current

6-2 How to Use Frequency Selector Button

When high frequencies from such equipment as inverters are present in the circuit under test, the instrument measures AC current of not only 50Hz or 60Hz of fundamental frequency but also of these high frequencies and harmonics.

To eliminate the effect of such high frequency noise and measure AC current of 50Hz or 60Hz fundamental frequency, a "high-cut" filter circuit in incorporated into the instrument which works when "50/60Hz" frequency response is selected with the Frequency Selector Button. Cut-off frequency of the "high-cut" filter is about 160Hz with attenuation characteristic of approx. -24dB/octave.

When the Frequency Selector Button is pressed, "50/60Hz" mark is shown on the left side of the display. When the Frequency Selector Button is pressed again, frequency response is switched to WIDE with "WIDE" mark shown on the display.

Output characteristic are shown in Fig.3.

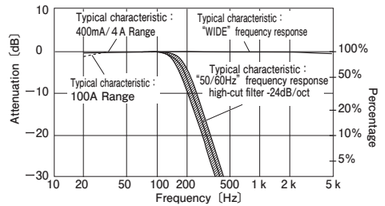


Fig.3 KEW SNAP 2434 Frequency Characteristic

Note:
Characteristic of -24dB/octiave means that signal magnitude declines to about one sixteenth of that at the initial frequency when frequency doubles. KEW SNAP 2434 have the following two settings for the Frequency Selector Button.

WIDE (40Hz-): Permits measurement of currents of fundamental frequencies as well as currents of high frequencies generated by such equipment as inverters
50/60Hz (40-approx.160Hz): Filters out high frequency currents and measures current of fundamental frequency only

Recently there has been increased use of power through inverters, switching regulators, etc. When the high frequency noise from such appliances leaks or flows into the ground through capacitors not filtering completely, the earth leakage breaker may trip even though there is no "actual" leakage. In such a case, the instrument do not give leakage current reading if "50/60Hz" frequency response is selected.

Take current readings with the 50/60Hz and WIDE frequency responses respectively to make effective use of the Frequency Selector Button.

6-3 Load Current Measurement

(1)Set the Range Selector Switch to the desired position. Current to measure should be within the selected measuring range.
(2)Measuring load current (See Fig.4):
Press the jaw trigger to open the transformer jaws and close them over one conductor only.Measured current value is shown on the display.

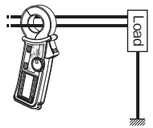


Fig.4 Measuring load current

7. OTHER FUNCTIONS

7-1 Sleep Function

This is a function to prevent the instrument from being left powered on in order to conserve battery life.
The instrument automatically enters the Sleep (powered-down) Mode about 10 minutes after the last switch operation.
To exit the Sleep Mode, press the Data Hold or Frequency Selector Button or turn the Range Selector Switch to OFF, then to any other position.
How to Exit the Sleep Mode:
Turn the Range Selector Switch from "OFF" to another position with the Data Hold Button pressed. Then, "P.OFF" is shown on the display. This disables the Sleep function and enables continuous use of the instrument.
To enable the Sleep function, turn the Range Selector Switch back to "OFF", then to any other position.
Note:
The instrument consumes small amount of current in the Sleep Mode. When the instrument is not in use, make sure to set the Range Selector Switch to "OFF".

7-2 Date Hold Function

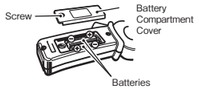
This is a function to freeze the readings on the display. When the Data Hold Button is pressed once, the current reading is held even though current under test varies. "H" mark is shown on the upper right corner of the display.
To exit the data hold mode, press the Data Hold Button again.
Note: When the Sleep function works while the instrument is in the data hold mode, data hold is cancelled.

8. BATTERY REPLACEMENT

⚠ CAUTION

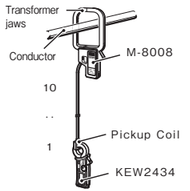
- Do not mix new and old batteries.
- Install batteries in the orientation as shown inside the battery compartment, observing correct polarity.
- In order to avoid possible shock hazard, always set the Range Selector Switch to the OFF position before trying to replace the batteries

When the battery voltage warning mark "BATT" is shown on the top left corner of the LCD, replace the batteries. Note that the display blanks and "BATT" mark is not shown if the batteries are completely exhausted.
(1)Set the Range Selector Switch to "OFF."
(2)Loosen the battery-compartment-cover-fixing screw on the lower back of the instrument.
(3)Replace the batteries with two new R03 (UM-4) 1.5V batteries.
(4)Put the battery compartment cover back in place and tighten the screw.
Note: Use alkaline batteries to perform measuring for long



9. OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

Model 8008 (Multi-Tran)
These models help KEW SNAP 2434 to measure current greater than 1000A or to make measurement on a large bus-bar or conductor.
(1)Set the Range Selector Switch to "100A".
(2)As shown, open the jaws and close them over the pickup coil of Model 8008.
(3)Clamp on a conductor with Model 8008.
(4)Take the reading and multiply it by 10.



Note: Model 8008 cannot be used for leakage current measurement. For detailed specifications, refer to the instruction manual for Model 8008.

	Max. Conductor Size	Measuring Range	Current Transformation Ratio
M-8008	100mm in diameter	0 ~ 1000A	10:1