

Process Multimeter
Model 394B



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The 394B Process Multimeter combines the capabilities of a mA loop calibrator with a full-featured True RMS multimeter in one package.

Dedicated mA loop calibrator functions provide technicians and electricians with the tools required for testing and troubleshooting current loop applications in process control systems. Source and simulate industry standard 0-20 mA and 4-20 mA control loops using the adjustable DC current output. To evaluate process transmitters, the built-in power supply outputs 24 V while measuring the signal drive current displayed in mA and % of scale.

Additionally, the 394B serves as a general purpose multimeter delivering the performance required for evaluating a wide range of electronics and electrical systems.

When working in low-light environments, the auto on/off backlight adjusts for best visibility while maximizing battery life. Dual line display capabilities enable two measurements or one measurement and a math function to appear on screen simultaneously. PC software is provided for convenient measurement monitoring and recording from a computer connected to the meter's optical isolated USB interface.

Features and benefits

Process

- Source/Measure/Simulate 0-20 mA and 4-20 mA DC current
- Simultaneously monitor mA and % of scale
- Adjustable manual and automatic output current ramp and step modes
- Built-in 24 V loop power supply for testing process transmitters eliminates the need for an external supply
- HART® mode inserts 250 Ω resistor in series with loop power output when evaluating devices using the HART communication protocol

General Purpose

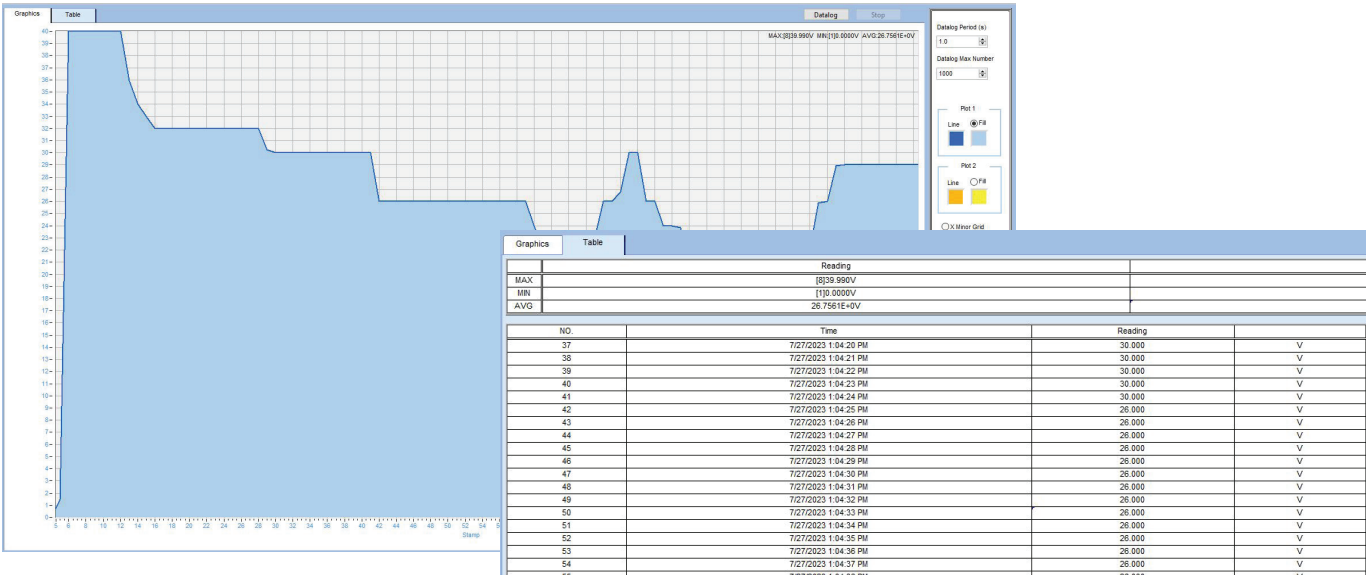
- Measurement functions: DCV, ACV, AC+DC, DCI, ACI, resistance, frequency, continuity, diode test
- True RMS AC and AC+DC measurements
- 50,000-count, dual display
- dB, dBm, limits, peak-hold, REL (Δ), MIN, MAX, average math functions
- HFR (High Frequency Rejection) mode applies a low pass filter for AC measurements (800 Hz cut-off)
- Frequency measurement to 100 kHz
- Dirt and water-resistant housing with rubberized protective case
- Isolated USB interface with operating software for remote data logging
- CAT III 1000 V / CAT IV 600 V protection

Key Specifications	
Process Multimeter	
Current Output Ranges	0-20 mA or 4-20 mA, using internal batteries or external loop supply
Current Output Adjustment Modes	Slow ramp, fast ramp, 25% step
Loop Power Supply	> 24 V
250 Ω HART® Mode	✓
General Purpose Multimeter	
True RMS	✓ AC, AC+DC voltage and current
Basic DCV Accuracy	± 0.05%
Display	5 digit / 50,000 count

Operation highlights



Provided application software



Specifications

Specifications are based on the following conditions/assumptions:

- Accuracy specifications: \pm (% of reading + counts of least significant digit) at $23\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, with relative humidity less than 80% RH
- One year calibration cycle
- Temperature coefficient is $0.1 \times$ (specified accuracy)/ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ for $T < 18\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, $T > 28\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- AC voltage and AC current specifications are AC coupled, true RMS
- For non-sinusoidal waveforms:
 - Add 1.0% to AC accuracy specification for Crest Factor 1.4 to 2.0
 - Add 2.5% to AC accuracy specification for Crest Factor 2.0 to 2.5
 - Add 4.0% to AC accuracy specification for Crest Factor 2.5 to 3.0
- For best accuracy use REL (delta) function to compensate the offsets
- AC + DC accuracy: AC accuracy + DC accuracy + 1.0%
- HFR accuracy: AC accuracy + 1.0% for 40 Hz to 400 Hz.
- Overload protection: AC/DC 1000 V

Voltage

Function	Range	Accuracy
AC ⁽¹⁾	50.000 mV 500.00 mV	Sine wave: (0.7 + 20) for 40 Hz to 70 Hz (1.5 + 40) for 71 Hz to 10 kHz
	5.0000 V 50.000 V 500.00 V 1000.0 V ⁽²⁾	Sine wave: (0.5 + 20) for 40 Hz to 70 Hz (1.5 + 40) for 71 Hz to 10 kHz (3.0 + 80) for 1001 Hz to 10 kHz
DC	50.000 mV	0.05 + 30
	500.00 mV 5.0000 V 50.000 V 500.00 V 1000.0 V	0.05 + 5

(1) Below 5% of AC range, add 20 digits to accuracy.

(2) The bandwidth of range is 40 Hz to 1 kHz

Notes:

- Input impedance: 10 M Ω , < 100 pF
- Min. resolution: 1 μV in 50 mV range

Resistance

Range	Resolution	Test Current	Accuracy
500.00 Ω	0.01 Ω	1 mA	0.2 + 30
5.0000 k Ω	0.1 Ω	100 μA	0.2 + 10
50.000 k Ω	1 Ω	10 μA	
500.00 k Ω	10 Ω	1 μA	0.5 + 10
5.0000 M Ω	100 Ω	100 nA	1.0 + 10
50.00 M Ω	10 k Ω	10 nA	2.0 + 10

Notes:

- Max. open circuit voltage: 3.5 V

Current

Function	Range	Accuracy
AC ⁽³⁾	50.000 mA 1.000 A	Sine wave: (1.0 + 20) for 40 Hz to 70 Hz (2.0 + 40) for 71 Hz to 10 kHz
DC	50.000 mA 1.000 A	0.05 + 5

(3) Below 5% of AC range, add 20 digits to accuracy.

Notes:

- Max. continuous measuring time: 10 minutes at mA input, 1 minute at A input
- Min. rest time: 20 minutes after continuous measuring
- Input impedance: 13 Ω at mA input and 0.1 Ω at A input
- Min. resolution: 1 μA in 50 mA range

Continuity

Range	Resolution	Test Current	Accuracy
500.00 Ω	0.01 Ω	1 mA	0.1 + 30

Notes:

- Max. open circuit voltage: 3.5 V
- Continuity threshold: < 30 Ω

Diode Test

Range	Resolution	Test Current	Accuracy
2.000 V	1 mV	\pm 1 mA	1.0 + 10

Notes:

- Max. open circuit voltage: \pm 3.5 V

Frequency

Range	Resolution	Accuracy
500.00 Hz	0.01 Hz	\pm 3 digits
5.0000 kHz	0.1 Hz	
50.000 kHz	1 Hz	
100.00 kHz	10 Hz	

Notes:

- Min. frequency: 5 Hz

Specifications

Process Multimeter Functions / Current Output

Range	Accuracy	Resolution	Output Adjustment Modes	
			Ramp	Step
0 to 20 mA or 4 mA to 20 mA (overrange up to 24 mA)	$\pm (0.05 + 5)$	1 μ A	Linear (slow), 0% to 100% and back to 0% in 40 s Linear (fast), 0% to 100% and back to 0% in 20 s	25% steps (coarse), 0% to 100%, 15 s for each step 25% steps (fine), 0% to 100%, 5 s for each step

General

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Display	5 digit / 50,000 count	
Measurement Speed	10 samples per second	
Connectivity	IR-USB	
Power	4 x 1.5 V AA size batteries	
Battery Life (typical)	100 hours	
Auto Power Off	Adjustable up to 20 minutes or never	
Low Battery Indicator	✓	
Overrange	OL is displayed	
Temperature	Operating	14 °F to 122 °F (-10 °C to 50 °C) at \leq 80% relative humidity
	Storage	-4 °F to 140 °F (-20 °C to 60 °C)
Safety	Low Voltage Directive (LVD) 2014/35/EU, EN61010-1, EN61010-2-30, 600 V CAT IV / 1000 V CAT III	
Electromagnetic Compatibility	EMC Directive 2014/30/EU, EN61326-1:2013	
Dimensions (W x H x D), without holster	3.8" x 8.2" x 2" (95 mm x 207 mm x 52 mm)	
Weight	1.4 lbs (630 g)	
Warranty	3 Years	
Standard Accessories	Test leads, protective case, optical-isolated USB cable, magnetic hanging kit, alkaline batteries	

Process Multimeter Functions / Loop Power

Range	Accuracy	Drive Capability	
		Normal	250 Ω HART
50 mA	$\pm (0.05 + 5)$	30 V / 1.25 k Ω	24 V / 1 k Ω

Included Accessories



These multimeters include test leads, magnetic hanger strap, and USB communication cable.

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