

How can I measure electrical contact resistance with my DMM?

I need to measure electrical contact resistance on a circuit breaker. It can be inconvenient to carry a micro-ohmmeter with me at all times. It would be nice to measure low values of ohms with my “every-day” DMM for making quick checks on electrical connections.

The problem: I need to make low-value ohms measurements on electrical circuit connections

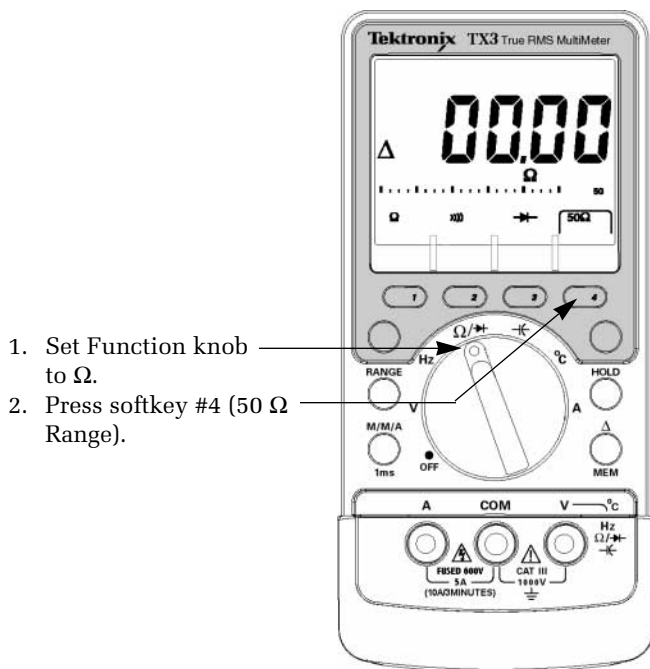
- I often can't take my low ohmmeter with me
- I need a quick check on contact resistance

The solution: Use the TX-DMM Series 50 Ω range with automatic lead calibration

- Measure small resistance values with 0.01 Ω resolution

Troubleshooting Tip

Use a TX-DMM in 50 Ω range as a quick check of electrical contact resistance.



3. Short the leads together for approximately three seconds to allow the meter time to calibrate out the lead resistance; the display should read 00.00 Ω when finished. For best results, do not significantly change the position of the leads after shorting them together; this may cause the lead resistance to change.
4. Measure electrical contact resistance with 0.01 Ω resolution.

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