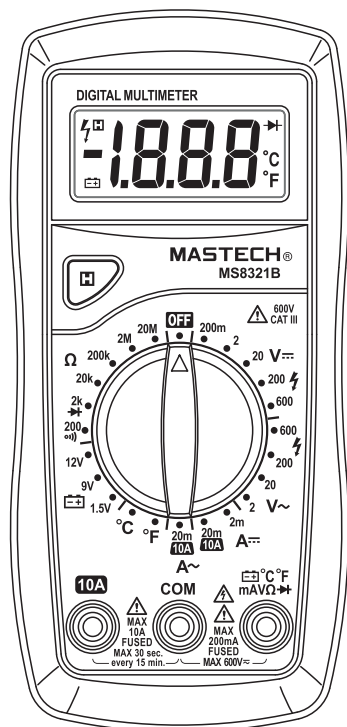


# MASTECH®

## MS8321B

### 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






To ensure safe usage of this instrument, please read the following carefully:

#### 1.1.1 Precautions

- All the instrument to warm up for 30 sec. before measurement.
- 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.
- 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.
- Make sure the test leads are in the correct input jacks before measurement.
- Choose the highest range when the value to be measured is unknown beforehand.
- Never exceed the protection limit values indicated in the specifications for each range of 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.
- 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.
- Disconnect leads from circuit before testing transistors.
- Turn off power to circuit and discharge all capacitors before making resistance, continuity or diode measurements.
- 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.

#### 1.1.2 Safety Symbols

	Important safety information. Refer to manual.
	Ground
	Double insulation (protection class II)
	Fuse
	Conforms to European Union (EU) Safety Standards.

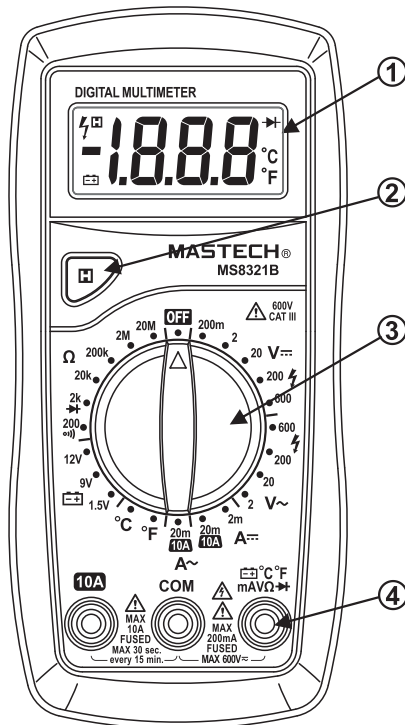
## 1.1.3 Maintenance

- 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. Display
2. Hold Button
3. Rotary Switch
4. Input Jacks



## 2.2 Display

3 ½ digit, 15mm LCD display


## 2.3 Hold Button

- Press to keep the current reading on the display.
- Press the button again to return to normal display.

## 2.4 Rotary Switch

The rotary switch is used to switch between functions/ ranges. Functions are: voltage, current, resistance, diode, continuity and transistor gain.

## 2.5 Input Jacks

- **VΩmA°C°F** : voltage, resistance, mA current, diode, continuity measurement input (red test lead)
- **COM**: Common lead input (black test lead)
- **10A**: Greater than 200mA current measurement input (red test lead)

## 2.6 Automatic Power Off


After 15 min. of non-use the meter will automatically turn itself off. To turn the meter back on, move the rotary switch to any position except off.

## 2.7 Accessories

- Manual 1 piece
- Test Leads 1 pair
- Case 1 piece
- Type-K Thermocouple 1 piece
- 9V Battery 1 piece

## 3. Specifications

### 3.1 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/600V F2 10A/600V
Sample Rate	Approx. 3 times/sec,
Display	3 ½ digit LCD display, max. reading: 1999.
Over-range Indication	display shows "1"
Low Battery Indication	When battery voltage drops below the normal operating voltage, "  " will appear on the display.
Polarity Indication	Display automatically displays "-"
Power	9V battery NEDA 1604 or 6F22
Dimensions	158(L)x74(W)x36(H) mm.
Weight	approx. 220g (including battery)

## 3.2 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.

### 3.2.1 DC Voltage

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
200mV	0.1mV	$\pm$ (0.7% of reading +1 digits)
2V	1mV	
20V	10mV	
200V	100mV	
600V	1V	$\pm$ (0.8% of reading +2 digits)

Input impedance: 10M $\Omega$

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

200mV range: 250V DC or AC rms.

### 3.2.2 AC Voltage

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
2V	1mV	$\pm$ (0.8% of reading +3 digits)
20V	10mV	
200V	100mV	
600V	1V	$\pm$ (1.2% of reading +3 digits)

Input Impedance: 10M

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

Frequency Response: 40Hz~400Hz rms sine wave (avg. responding)

## 3.2.3 DC Current

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
2mA	1 $\mu$ A	$\pm$ (1.0% of reading +3 digits)
20mA	10 $\mu$ A	
10A	10mV	$\pm$ (2.0% of reading +5 digits)

Overload Protection: F1 400mA/600V F2 10A/600V

Max. Input Current: mA: 200mA DC or AC rms.

10A: continuous (do not exceed 15 sec.)

## 3.2.4 AC Current

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
20mA	10 $\mu$ A	$\pm$ (1.2% of reading +5 digits)
10A	10mV	$\pm$ (3.0% of reading +10 digits)

Overload Protection: F1 400mA/600V F2 10A/600V

Max. Input Current: mA: 200mA DC or AC rms.

10A: continuous (do not exceed 15 sec.)



Frequency Response: 40Hz~400Hz rms sine wave (avg. responding)

## 3.2.5 Resistance

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
200 $\Omega$	0.1 $\Omega$	$\pm$ (1.0% of reading +3 digits)
2k $\Omega$	1 $\Omega$	
20k $\Omega$	10 $\Omega$	
200k $\Omega$	100 $\Omega$	
2M $\Omega$	1k $\Omega$	
20M $\Omega$	10k $\Omega$	$\pm$ (1.0% of reading +5 digits)

Overload Protection: 250V DC or AC rms; do not exceed 15 sec. continuous measurement.

## 3.2.6 Continuity/Diode Test

Function	Description	
	If measured resistance is less than 50Ω, the buzzer will sound.	Open circuit voltage: approx. 2.8V
	The display shows the approx. forward voltage drop	Forward DC current: approx. 1mA Reverse DC voltage: approx. 2.8V

Overload Protection: 250V DC or AC rms; do not exceed 15 sec. continuous measurement.

## 3.2.7 hFE Transistor Gain

Measuring range	Resolution	Accuracy
-20°C ~ 0°C	°C	±(10% of reading +2 digits)
1°C ~ 400°C		±(1.0% of reading +3 digits)
401°C ~ 1000°C		±2.0% of reading
-4°F ~ 32°F	°F	±(10% of reading +2 digits)
33°F ~ 752°F		±(1.0% of reading +3 digits)
753°F ~ 1832°F		±(2.0% of reading)

Overload Protection: F1 400mA/600V


## 4. Operating Instructions

### 4.1 DC/AC Voltage

 **Warning**  
**Max. input voltage: 600V DC or AC rms (200mV range is 250V DC or AC rms).**  
**Do not exceed the protection limits to prevent electric shock and/or damage to the meter.**

- Turn the rotary switch to the proper voltage range.
- Connect the red test lead to the V input jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
- Connect the leads to the voltage source or circuit under test.
- Read the measured voltage on the display. When measuring DC voltage, the display will show the polarity of the red lead.
- If the display only shows "1", it indicates the input exceeds the selected range. Move the rotary switch to a higher range.

### 4.2 Resistance

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

- Turn the rotary switch to the proper voltage range.
- Connect the red test lead to the Ω input jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
- Connect the leads to the resistance or circuit under test and read the measured resistance on the display.
- 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.

## Note:

- When the measured resistance is greater than  $1\text{M}\Omega$ , 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 "1".

## 4.3 DC/AC Current





**To avoid personal injury, damage to the meter or device under test, always be sure to have the rotary in the correct position and leads in the correct jack before making current measurements.**

- Turn the rotary switch to the proper current range.
- Connect the black test lead to the COM jack. If the current to be measured is less than  $200\text{mA}$ , connect the red test lead to the mA jack; if the current to be measured is greater than  $200\text{mA}$ , connect the red test lead to the  $10\text{A}$  jack.
- Break the circuit and connect the leads in series with the circuit under test.
- Read the measured current on the display. When measuring DC current, the display will show the polarity of the red lead.
- If the display only shows "1", it indicates the input exceeds the selected range. Move the rotary switch to a higher range.

## 4.4 Diodes




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

- Turn the rotary switch to the  position.
- Connect the red test lead to the  input jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
- Connect the red lead to the anode (+) and the black lead to the cathode (-) of the diode.
- The meter displays the forward voltage drop of the diode. If the leads are reversed, the display will show '1'.

## 4.5 Continuity



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

- Turn the rotary switch to the  position.
- Connect the red test lead to the  $\Omega$  input jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
- Connect the leads to the circuit under test.
- If the measured resistance is less than  $50\Omega$ , the buzzer will sound.



## 4.6 Temperature

### Warning

**Turn off all power and discharge all capacitors completely before testing temperature.**

- Turn the rotary switch to the °C or °F position. The display will show “1” before thermocouple is connected.
- Connect the multi-function socket with the “+” end to the °C/°F input jack and the “COM” end to the COM jack.
- Insert the thermocouple into the type-k slots on the multi-function socket. The display will show the temperature of the object the end of the thermocouple is touching.



### Note:

For more accurate results, allow the meter to get acclimated to the test environment before measurement.

## 4.7 Battery Test

### Warning

**Turn off all power and discharge all capacitors completely before performing battery test.**

- Turn the rotary switch to the correct  position (12V/9V/1.5V).
- Connect the red test lead to the  input jack and the black test lead to the COM jack.
- Connect the red lead to the positive terminal and the black lead to the negative terminal of the battery under test.
- Read the voltage value of the battery on the display.

## 5. Maintenance

### 5.1 Cleaning the 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 Replacing the Batteries

#### Warning

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

To replace the battery (see illustration):

- When the battery voltage drops below the normal operating voltage, the “” symbol will appear on the display.
- Turn the rotary switch to the OFF position.
- Remove test leads from input jacks.
- Unscrew and remove the battery cover from the meter.
- Replace the used battery with a new 9V battery.
- Replace the cover and secure it in place.

