SGT-200
safety ground tester
The Vanguard SGT-200 Safety Ground Tester is a 200A DC micro-ohmmeter designed specifically to measure the resistance of protective in-service grounding and jumper cable assemblies. The SGT-200 can measure the resistance of the grounding cables, clamps and ferrules. The measured resistance values can be compared against the calculated values (using the ASTM 2249-03 standard) and a Pass/Fail result can be printed along with the measured resistance values. Since the SGT-200 uses a DC current, there is no need to uncoil the cable under test. It can be conveniently tested in its coiled state in a much smaller testing environment.

**Product Overview**

The SGT-200 can measure resistance value from 1 micro-ohm to 1000 milliohms. A typical test requires the two ends of the safety ground cable to be connected to the terminals of the SGT-200. The resistance of the cable and ferrules can then be measured. If the cable size, cable length and temperature are provided, the SGT-200 will determine if the cables passes or fails the test and a pass/fail indicator will be printed on the test report.

Test results are printed on the unit’s built-in 2.5” thermal printer. A 44-key QWERTY-style rugged membrane keypad is used to input information and control the SGT-200. A back-lit graphic LCD screen (128 x 64 pixels) is used to display menus and test results.

The SGT-200 can store up to 100 test records in its internal memory. It also features a USB Flash drive interface port that can be used to store test data in a USB flash drive (not included). The SGT-200 also features an RS-232C port that is used for factory diagnostics and calibration.

Test records can be reviewed and printed on a PC using the provided Vanguard VUS software.

**In-Service Cable Testing**

The SGT-200 measures the total resistance value of the cable under test and then compares it to the calculated value to determine the Pass or Fail result. In order to calculate the total resistance value, the user is first prompted for the cable size, cable length, and cable temperature. Total resistance (Rm) is calculated in accordance with the ASTM F2249-03 standard using the formula below:

\[ R_m = 1.05RL + 2Y = 1.05RL + 320 \mu \Omega \]

Where:

- \( Y \) = Resistance of clamps, ferrule, and portions of the cable inside the ferrule, in milliohms
- \( L \) = Cable length in feet (ferrule to ferrule measurement to the nearest inch)
- \( R \) = Cable resistance, in milliohms/foot

*NOTE: The clamp and ferrule resistance value of 160 \( \mu \Omega \) is used per the ASTM-F2249-03 standard.

**Test Cable Sizes and Length**

Typical Safety Ground Cable sizes are #2, 1/0, 2/0, and 4/0. The test cable length, ranging from 1’ to 50’ per table 2 in the F2249-03 standard, is entered by the user.

**Test Record Storage**

The SGT-200 can store 100 test records internally. Each test record contains test header information, test cable size, test cable length, temperature, test current, and cable resistance. Test records can also be stored on a USB flash drive via the unit’s USB flash drive interface.

**Sample Test Results Screen**

![Sample Test Results Screen](image)

**Included Connection Posts**

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SGT-200 technical specifications

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Input Power                     100 – 240 Vac, 50/60 Hz

Test Current Range               10A – 200A (selectable in 1A steps); thermally protected DC power supply

Test Voltage                     5 Vdc

Keypad                           rugged, 44-key “QWERTY” membrane keypad

External Test Record Storage     up to 999 test records on external USB flash drive

Computer Interfaces             one RS-232C PC interface, one USB flash drive interface

Printer                          built-in 2½" wide thermal printer

Humidity                         90% RH @ 40°C (104°F) non-condensing

Altitude                         2,000 m (6,562 ft) to full safety specifications

Warranty                         one year on parts and labor

NOTE: the above specifications are valid at nominal voltage and ambient temperature of +25°C (+77°F). Specifications are subject to change without notice.
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