

Microwave Meter

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Instruction Manual

Microwave Meter 840046

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INTRODUCTION

Measure hazardous microwave oven leakage

With use microwave oven door seals may wear enabling hazardous microwaves to leak out. Sper Scientific Microwave Meter is calibrated at 2.45 GHZ, the precise frequency of microwave ovens to accurately measure the intensity of such microwave leakage. Features maximum and minimum hold, an audible alarm, and a zero adjustment to eliminate background EMF. The display also indicates overload and low battery. Comes with a soft carrying case and standard 9V battery, which provides approximately 100 hours of use.

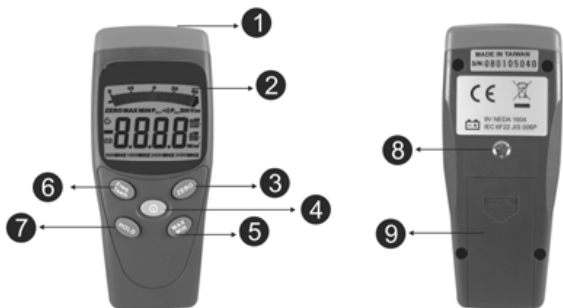
FEATURES

- Frequency selection of normal or microwave range
- Tripod mounting socket
- Maximum and minimum
- Hold function
- Auto-power-off
- Built-in alarm
- Zero offset adjustment
- Overload indicator
- Low battery indicator

MATERIALS SUPPLIED

- Meter
- 9 Volt Battery
- Instruction Manual
- Soft Carrying Case

KEYPAD



1. Sensor position
2. LCD
3. Zero button
4. Power on/off
5. Maximum/minimum button
6. Frequency range selection button
7. Data hold button
8. Tripod mounting socket
9. Battery cover

MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES

1. Press **POWER** to turn the meter **on**.
2. Press **FREQ. RANGE** to select microwave (2.45 GHZ) or RF (50 MHZ to 3.5 GHZ). When 2.45 GHZ is selected, "2450 MHZ" will appear on the lower right corner of the LCD. When normal range is selected, "2450 MHZ" will disappear from the lower right corner of the display.
3. For general information on microwave oven leakage and instructions on preparing for microwave measurement, see page 14.
4. Position the top of the meter to measure the electromagnetic waves. Adjust the measurement angle or position until the highest reading is obtained.

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Measurement Position

Figure 1 shows the correct measurement position of RF electromagnetic field strength.



Figure 1

Figure 2 shows the incorrect measurement positions of RF electromagnetic field strength.



Figure 2

MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES

Note...

Due to background environmental magnetic fields, this meter may display a reading value under 0.002 mW/cm^2 prior to measuring.

Maximum, Minimum and Hold

1. Press **MAX/MIN** to retain the maximum value. "MAX" will appear on the LCD. The meter will continue measuring, holding the maximum value on the LCD until exceeded.
2. Press **MAX/MIN** again to retain the minimum value. "MIN" will appear on the LCD. The meter will continue measuring, holding the minimum value on the LCD until exceeded.
3. Press **MAX/MIN** again to retain the maximum and minimum values simultaneously. "MAX MIN" will

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flash on the LCD. The meter will continue measuring, holding the maximum and minimum values on the LCD until exceeded.

4. Press and hold **MAX/MIN** for more than one second to exit and return to Normal Mode.
5. Press **HOLD** to freeze the current value on the display. "DH" (Data Hold) will appear on the LCD. Press **HOLD** again to release the data hold.

Auto Power Off

1. To save battery life, the meter will automatically turn **off** after 30 minutes of inactivity. To disable this function:

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2. Press **POWER** to turn the meter **off**. Press and hold **MAX/MIN** while simultaneously pressing **POWER** to turn the meter **on**. Auto-power-off is now disabled.
3. To restore auto-power-off: Press **POWER** to turn the meter **off** and then press **POWER** again to turn the meter back **on**.  will appear on the LCD to indicate that auto-power-off is enabled.

Alarm

The meter features a built-in alarm that will sound when the measurement exceeds 1 mW/cm^2 . The alarm will stop sounding when the measurement falls under 1 mW/cm^2 . This threshold value cannot be changed.

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Zero Offset Adjustment


If the meter shows a measurement other than 0 due to background EMF, zero adjusting will eliminate this electromagnetic interference.

Press **ZERO** to adjust and obtain a 0 measurement. “ZERO” will appear on the LCD.

Overload Indicator

When the reading exceeds 4 mW/cm^2 , “OL” will appear on the LCD to indicate overload.

Low Battery Indicator

The  symbol will appear on the LCD to indicate a low battery. Replace the battery (see page 16).

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Microwave Oven Leakage

With time, microwave leakage around door seals, hinges and metal fittings is not uncommon. Therefore, it is important that all microwave ovens be periodically checked to ensure that no damage or malfunction has occurred.

Microwaves may easily pass through porcelain, glass, ceramics and most plastics. Highly potent microwave energy generated by microwave ovens is also capable of penetrating living tissue to a depth of approximately 1.18" (30 mm).

Do NOT stand or look directly into any area where microwave leakage may be present.

Remove any rotating plates, etc. before testing.

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1. Because microwave ovens should not be operated while empty, fill a microwave safe container with 275 ml of water and place it in the center of the oven during testing.
2. Start the microwave at maximum power.
3. Follow the measurement procedures on page 8, concentrating measurements on door seams, window seals, welds and rivets.

BATTERY REPLACEMENT

1. Press **POWER** to turn the meter **off**.
2. Remove the battery cover on the back of the meter.
3. Remove the old battery and replace with 1 new 9V battery, ensuring correct polarity.
4. Replace the battery cover.

MAINTENANCE

Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the meter. Do NOT use a wet cloth, solvents, water or any liquid to clean the meter.

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

- 840090 Water Resistant
Instrument Pouch
- 840093 Field Tripod
- 850000 Rubber Boot

SPECIFICATIONS

Accuracy	± 2 dB at 2.45 GHZ ± 50 MHZ
Resolution	0.001 mW/cm ²
Display	3 3/4 digits LCD; maximum reading 3999 (4 mW/cm ²)
RF Power Density	0.003 to 2.700 mW/cm ²
RF Frequency	50 MHZ to 3.5 GHZ
Microwave Frequency	2450 MHZ
Axis	Single
Sample Rate	2.5 times per second
Operating Temperature & Humidity	5°C to 40°C <80% RH

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Storage Temperature & Humidity	-10°C to 60°C <70% RH
Operating Altitude	≤ 2000 M
Operating Environment	Indoor use; pollution degree 2*
Battery	9V NEDA 1604, IEC 6F22 or JIS 006P
Battery Life	Approximately 100 hours
Dimensions	5 ¼" x 2 ¼" X 1 ¼" (130 x 56 x 38 mm)
Weight	6 oz (170 g)

*Pollution degree is a classification of the amount of dry pollution and condensation present in an environment. This classification affects clearance distances required for product safety. Office and laboratory areas are considered pollution degree 2 environments.

WARRANTY

Sper Scientific warrants this product against defects in materials and workmanship for a period of **five (5) years** from the date of purchase, and agrees to repair or replace any defective unit without charge. If your model has since been discontinued, an equivalent Sper Scientific product will be substituted if available. This warranty does not cover probes, batteries, battery leakage, or damage resulting from accident, tampering, misuse, or abuse of the product. Opening the meter to expose its electronics will void the warranty.

To obtain warranty service, ship the unit postage prepaid to:

SPER SCIENTIFIC LTD
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Scottsdale, AZ 85260

The defective unit must be accompanied by a description of the problem and your return address. Register your product online at www.sperscientific.com, or return your warranty card within 10 days of purchase.

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