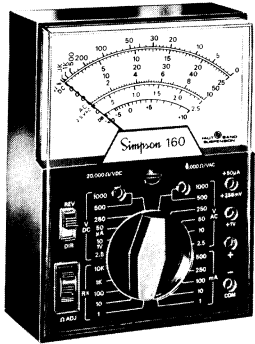


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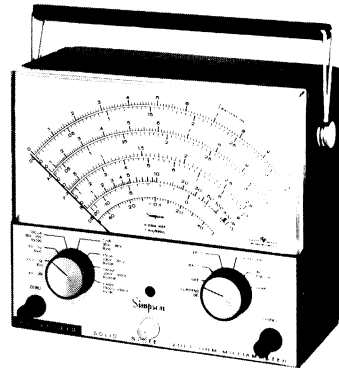
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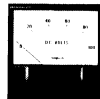


## OPERATOR'S MANUAL

## VOLT-OHM-MILLIAMMETER MODEL 250

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## SECTION I

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

#### INTRODUCTION

The Simpson Model 250 is a rugged, accurate, compact, easy to operate instrument. It is used to measure electrical characteristics of circuits and circuit components. It is used for measurement of AC and DC voltages, Direct currents, and Resistances.

To complement the circuit accuracy, the tester features the new Simpson taut-band suspension, annular movement. The annular movement is self-shielding, and the taut-band suspension has superior repeatability due to the absence of normal pivot-jewel wear. These basic design improvements result in an instrument which guarantees years of trouble-free service in normal use.

A special calibration circuit is incorporated which yields increased accuracy and facilitates recalibration to original factory accuracy, should it ever be necessary.

The Model 250 utilizes the most modern components and circuit techniques. It is manufactured by skilled workmen using high quality materials, and in modern plants using the best machines, tools, and test equipment. It will, therefore, take considerable abuse and still continue to function. However, it does contain a very precise instrument movement and, therefore, we urge that you treat it with the care it deserves by not subjecting it to severe vibration or to high electrical overloads.

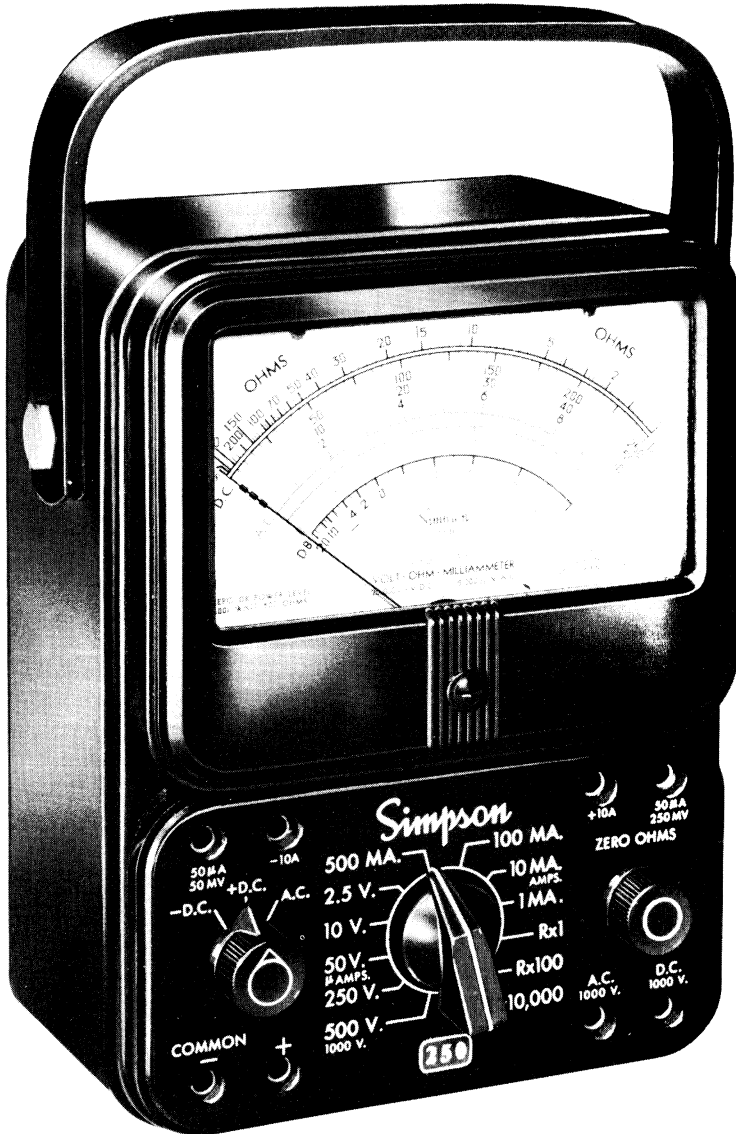


FIG. 1: SIMPSON VOLT-OHM-MILLIAMMETER — MODEL 250

## General Description

The Model 250 is housed in a sturdy, black phenolic case. It is molded with reinforced walls for maximum durability. All of the component parts of the tester are attached to the front panel. The entire instrument slips into and out of the case in one piece.

Conforming to the latest engineering developments, most of the component parts are mounted on a printed circuit board. This simplifies assembly, reduces maintenance and extends the useful life of the instrument.

The Adjust-A-Vue handle is attached on each side of the instrument case. The handle may be used to support the instrument in a convenient sloping position for easy viewing on the bench top. Of course, the tester can also be placed in either a vertical or horizontal position.

The Model 250 is furnished with one pair of 4 foot test leads with alligator clips on one end and elbow banana plugs on the other end. One lead is black and the other red for easy polarity identification.

An internal fuse is incorporated which protects the tester from misuse on the ohmmeter ranges and from excessive overload on the milliamperere ranges. A special silicon diode protects the meter movement even with 1000 times the current applied.

## General Description

### SPECIFICATIONS

#### RANGES

|                |                    | Accuracy                 |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
|                | (20,000 ohms/volt) | (per cent of full scale) |
| D.C. Voltage   | .050               | } $\pm 2\%$              |
|                | .250               |                          |
|                | 2.5                |                          |
|                | 10                 |                          |
|                | 50                 |                          |
|                | 250                |                          |
|                | 500                |                          |
|                | 1000               |                          |
| A.C. Voltage   | (5,000 ohms/volt)  |                          |
|                | 2.5                | } $\pm 3\%$              |
|                | 10                 |                          |
|                | 50                 |                          |
|                | 250                |                          |
|                | 500                |                          |
|                | 1000               |                          |
| Direct Current | M.V. Drop          | Accuracy                 |
|                |                    | (per cent of full scale) |
| 50 $\mu$ a     | 250                | $\pm 1\%$                |
| 50 $\mu$ a     | 50                 | $\pm 1\%$                |
| 1MA            | 50                 | } $\pm 2\%$              |
| 10MA           | 50                 |                          |
| 100MA          | 50                 |                          |
| 500MA          | 50                 |                          |
| 10 Amperes     | 50                 |                          |

## General Description

### RESISTANCE

|       |                              | Accuracy<br>(degrees of arc) |
|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Rx1   | 0-2000 ohms 12 ohm center    | 2.5°                         |
| Rx100 | 0-200K ohms 1200 ohm center  | 2.0°                         |
| Rx10K | 0-20 megohms 120K ohm center | 2.0°                         |

### VOLUME LEVEL IN DECIBELS

With zero DB equal to 1 milliwatt across a 600 ohm line

—20 to +10 DB

—8 to +22 DB

+6 to +36 DB

+20 to +50 DB

### OVER ALL DIMENSIONS

5-1/4" x 7" x 3-1/8"

### WEIGHT

3-1/2 lbs.

### FREQUENCY RESPONSE

#### A.C. Voltage Ranges

The Frequency response of the A.C. ranges is essentially flat over the wide range of 20 hertz to 100KHz.

## CONTROLS AND CONNECTORS

### RANGE SWITCH

The range switch, in the center of the lower part of the front panel, has 12 positions. It may be turned in either direction to obtain any desired range and circuit position.

## General Description

### FUNCTION SWITCH

The function switch is located at the left hand side of the lower part of the front panel. It has three positions: —D.C., +D.C. and A.C. When direct current, D.C. voltage, or resistance is to be measured, the function switch may be set to —D.C. or +D.C., depending upon the polarity of the current or voltage under test. This eliminates any need to reverse the test leads at the test points.

### ZERO OHMS

The control at the lower right on the panel is marked ZERO OHMS. This variable resistance in the ohmmeter circuit is used to compensate for the aging of the internal batteries. Use it to adjust the meter indication to zero (at the right end of the upper meter scale) with the test leads shorted together whenever the ohmmeter circuit is used.

### CIRCUIT JACKS

There are eight jacks, two being located in each corner of the front panel. These are the connection points for the test leads. Insert the elbow prods of the test leads into the proper jacks to obtain the circuit and range desired for each application.

At the lower left are the COMMON — and + jacks. These are the jacks that will be used most. Insert the black test lead into COMMON — for all circuits and ranges except the D.C. 10 amperes range. Insert the red test lead into the +jack for all circuits and ranges except those designated by the other circuit jacks.

## General Description

Across the top of the panel are jacks marked  $50 \mu\text{A}/50 \text{ MV}$ ,  $-10\text{A}$ ,  $+10\text{A}$ , and  $50 \mu\text{A}/250 \text{ MV}$ .

To use the  $50 \mu\text{A}$  or  $50 \text{ MV}$  range the black test lead is inserted into the COMMON — jack and the red test lead into the  $50 \mu\text{A}/50\text{MV}$  jack. To use the  $50 \mu\text{A}$  or  $250\text{MV}$  range transfer the red test lead to the  $50 \mu\text{A}/250\text{MV}$  jack. To use the  $10 \text{ AMP.}$  range the black test lead is inserted into the  $-10 \text{ AMP.}$  jack and the red test lead into the  $+10 \text{ AMP.}$  jack.

In the lower right hand corner of the panel are two jacks marked A.C.  $1000\text{V}$  and D.C.  $1000\text{V}$ . These jacks are used to measure the A.C. and D.C. voltages to 1000 volts. To use the 1000 volts A.C. range, the red test lead is inserted into the A.C.  $1000 \text{ V.}$  jack. For the 1000 volts D.C. range, the red test lead is inserted into the D.C.  $1000 \text{ V.}$  jack.

### SECTION II

#### OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

##### CAUTION

**When making voltage or current measurements, as a personal protection, form the habit of turning off all power to the circuit under test. Connect the test leads at the desired points in the circuit. Then turn on the power while taking readings. Turn off the power before disconnecting the test leads from the circuit.**

SHOCK HAZARD (As defined in Underwriters Laboratories Radio and Television Receiving Appliances Standards for Safety, Eleventh Edition, dated November, 1964.)

"A shock hazard is considered to exist at any part involving

## Operating Instructions

a potential of between 30 volts and 40 kilovolts peak in the following cases:

- A. If the current through a load of not less than 500 ohms exceeds 300 milliamperes after 0.0003 second.
- B. If the current through a load of not less than 500 ohms exceeds 5 milliamperes after 0.2 second.
- C. If the time required for the current through a load of not less than 500 ohms to decrease to 5 milliamperes is between 0.1 and 0.2 second, and the total quantity of electricity passed through the load up to that time exceeds 4 millicoulombs.
- D. If the time required for the current through a load of not less than 500 ohms to decrease to 5 milliamperes is between 0.03 and 0.1 second, and to total quantity of electricity passed through the load up to that time exceeds  $75T-350T^2$  millicoulombs, where T is time in seconds.
- E. If the potential is more than 5 kilovolts peak and if the total capacitance of the circuit is more than 3000 micro-microfarads."

#### ADJUST POINTER FOR ZERO

Before any measurements are made, check to see that the pointer indicates zero when the meter is in its operating position. If the pointer is off zero, adjust the screw located in the phenolic case below the center of the meter scale, as shown in Figure 1. Use a small screwdriver to turn this screw slowly clockwise, or counterclockwise, until the pointer is exactly over the zero mark at the left side of the scale.

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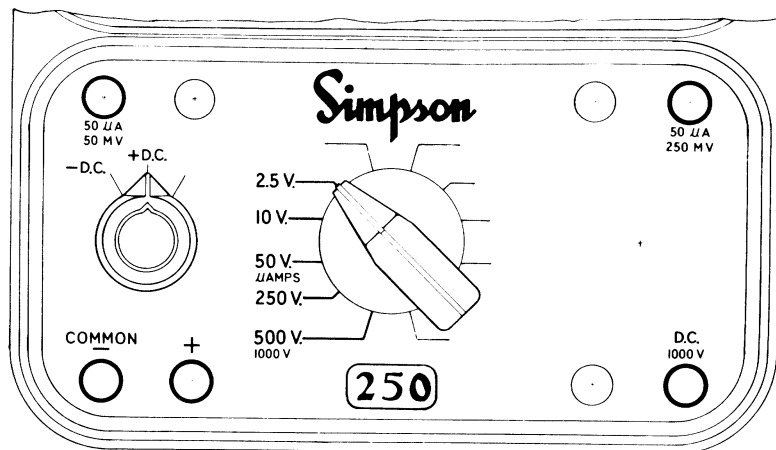


FIG. 2: JACKS AND SWITCH POSITIONS FOR D.C. VOLTS.

### D.C. VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS, 0-50 and 0-250 MILLIVOLT RANGES ONLY

#### CAUTION

Be extremely careful when using the Model 250 as a millivoltmeter in order to prevent damage to the meter. An excessive voltage applied to the meter when in this type of application can be detrimental to the meter movement.

1. Set the function switch to +D.C.
2. Insert the black test lead into the COMMON — jack. If the voltage to be measured is below 50 millivolts, insert the red lead into the 50  $\mu$ A/50 MV jack or, if the voltage is above 50 millivolts, insert the red lead into the 50  $\mu$ A/250 MV jack.

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3. Set the range switch at 50  $\mu$  AMPS (Common position with 50V).
4. Connect the black test lead to the negative side of the circuit to be measured, and the red test lead to the positive side of the circuit.
5. Read the voltage on the black arc marked D.C., and use the figures marked 0-50 when the red test lead is in the 50  $\mu$  A/50 MV jack, and use the figures marked 0-250 when the red test lead is in the 50  $\mu$  A/250 MV jack; read directly in millivolts.
6. If the meter reads in reverse, turn off the power in the circuit being measured and reverse the polarity of the test leads. The function switch does not reverse the polarity on these ranges.
7. Turn off the power to the circuit being measured before disconnecting the test leads.

### D.C. VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS, 0-500 VOLTS

1. Set the function switch on the left side of the front panel to +D.C.
2. Insert the black test lead into the COMMON — jack and the red test lead into the + jack.
3. Set the range selector switch in any of the five voltage range positions. These are marked 2.5V., 10V., 50V., 250V., and 500V. *When in doubt as to the voltage present, always use the highest voltage range as a protection to the instrument.*

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4. Connect the black test lead to the negative side of the circuit to be measured and the red test lead to the positive side of the circuit.
5. Turn on the power in the circuit to be tested. If the meter reads in reverse, turn off the power in the circuit which is being tested. Set the function switch at —D.C., and turn on the power again. This will correct the polarity as applied to the meter. Observe the meter reading. If the voltage is within a lower range, the switch may be set for the lower range to obtain a more accurate reading.
6. Read the voltage on the black arc marked D.C. which is second from the top of the dial.  
For the 2.5 V. range use the 0-250 figures and divide by 100.  
For the 10V., 50V., and 250V. ranges read the figures directly on the scale.  
For the 500V. range use the 0-50 figures and multiply by 10.
7. Turn off the power in the circuit being measured before disconnecting meter leads.

### D.C. VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS, 1000 VOLT RANGE

1. Set the function switch to +D.C.
2. Insert the black test lead into the COMMON —jack and the red test lead into the D.C. 1000 V. jack.
3. Set the range selector switch to the 1000 V. position (Common with the 500 V. position).

## Operating Instructions

4. Connect the black test lead to the negative side of the circuit to be measured and the red test lead to the positive side of the circuit.
5. Turn on the power in the circuit to be tested. If the pointer deflects to the left of zero, the anticipated polarity is opposite the actual circuit polarity. Turn off the power in the circuit which is being tested. Set the function switch at —D.C. and turn on the power again. This will correct the polarity as applied to the meter.
6. Read the voltage on the black arc marked D.C. which is the second from the top of the dial. Use the 0-10 figures and multiply by 100.
7. Turn off the power in the circuit which is being measured before disconnecting the test leads.

### MEASURING A.C. VOLTAGES TO 500 VOLTS

The Simpson Volt-Ohm-Milliammeter, Model 250, measures A.C. voltage in terms of the R.M.S. value of a sine wave. This is accomplished by using two germanium diodes in a modified full wave bridge circuit.

1. Set the function switch to A.C.
2. Set the range selector switch in any of the five voltage range positions, marked 2.5 V., 10 V., 50 V., 250 V., and 500 V. *When in doubt as to the voltage present, always use the highest voltage range as a protection to the instrument.*
3. Insert the black test lead into the COMMON —jack and the red test lead into the +jack.

## Operating Instructions

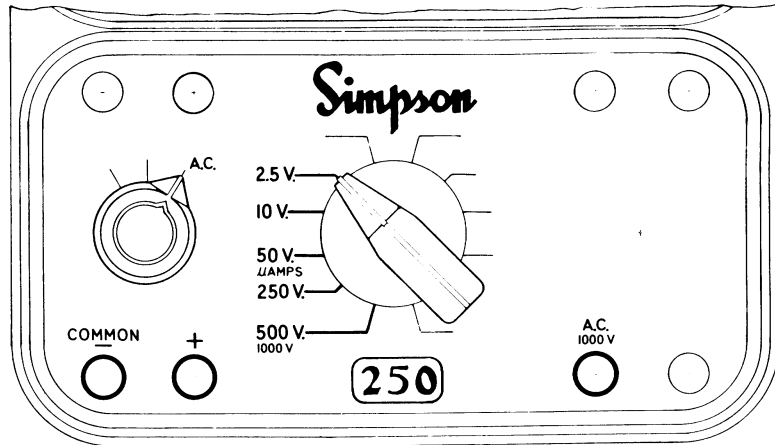


FIG. 3: JACKS AND SWITCH POSITIONS FOR A.C. VOLTS.

4. Be sure power is turned off in the circuit to be measured and connect the test leads across the voltage source.
5. Turn on the power in the circuit to be measured. Observe the meter reading. If the voltage is within a lower range, the switch may be set for the lower range to obtain a more accurate reading.

For the 0-2.5 V. range, read the value directly on the special arc marked 2.5 V. A.C. ONLY.

For the 10 V., 50 V., and 250 V. ranges, read the red arc marked A.C. and use the black figures immediately above the arc.

For the 500 V. range, read the red arc marked A.C. Use the 0-50 figures and multiply by 10.

6. Turn off the power to the circuit being measured before disconnecting the test leads.

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### MEASURING A.C. VOLTAGES TO 1000 VOLTS

1. Set the function switch to A.C.
2. Set the range selector switch to the 1000 V. position (Common with the 500 V. position).
3. Insert the black test lead into the COMMON —jack and the red test lead into the jack marked A.C. 1000 V.
4. Be sure power is turned off in the circuit to be tested and connect the test leads across the voltage source.
5. Turn on the power in the circuit to be tested. Use the 0-10 figures and the red arc marked A.C. and multiply by 100.
6. Turn off the power to the circuit under test before disconnecting the test leads.

### MEASURING AUDIO FREQUENCY VOLTAGES TO 500 VOLTS (OUTPUT METER)

This facility is used whenever it is desired to measure an A.C. voltage which is superimposed on a D.C. voltage, such as the A.C. voltage produced at the plate of an A.F. amplifier.

To measure such a voltage, connect a 0.1 microfarad 600 volt capacitor in series with the red test lead to block the D.C. component. Although the internal impedance of the model 250 is high, an error is introduced by the use of this series capacitor. Actual values may be calculated using the standard impedance formula and applying ohms law.

1. Set the function switch to A.C.
2. Set the range switch to the desired range.



## Operating Instructions

NOTE: If in doubt as to the voltage present, always use the highest range.

3. Insert the black test lead into the COMMON —jack and connect one lead of the 0.1 microfarad capacitor to the +jack, and connect the other end of this capacitor to the red test lead.
4. Connect the black lead to the ground point in the circuit under test and the red lead to the “hot” or above ground point in the circuit and turn the power on.
5. Read the voltage on the red arc marked A.C. using the black figures above the arc.  
For the 2.5 V. range use the 0-2.5 V. A.C. only arc and figures. Read the scale directly.  
For the 10 V., 50 V., and 250 V. ranges, read the figures directly on the A.C. scale.  
For the 500 V. range use the 0-50 figures and multiply by 10.
6. Turn off the power in the circuit under test before disconnecting the test leads.

### MEASURING DECIBELS

For some applications, output voltages and audio frequency voltages are frequently measured in terms of decibels. The decibel scale (DB), at the bottom of the dial, is numbered from —20 through 0 to +10.

To measure decibels, read the DB arc after proceeding according to instructions for A.C. or Audio Frequency Voltages.

The DB readings obtained on the 2.5 V. range will be correct

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on an absolute scale if you are using a 0 DB power level of .001 watt in 600 ohms, and if the voltage which you read was measured across 600 ohms.

To obtain absolute DB values across 600 ohms on the other ranges.

For the 10 V. range, read the DB arc and add +12 DB to the reading.

For the 50 V. range, read the DB arc and add +26 DB to the reading.

For the 250 V. range, read the DB arc and add +40 DB to the reading.

If the reference level is 0 DB = .006 watt in 500 ohms, subtract 7 DB from the reading to obtain the absolute value of decibels.

### ZERO OHMS ADJUST

Each time the ohmmeter circuit is used, check the zero indication on the meter before measuring any resistance. Check and adjust after switching to a different range. To set the ZERO OHMS control, proceed as follows:

1. Set the range switch to one of the resistance range positions and the function switch at either —D.C. or +D.C.
2. Insert the black test lead into the COMMON —jack and the red test lead into the +jack.
3. Clip the contact end of the test leads together to short out the resistance circuit.
4. Observe the meter indication. It should read 0 on the right hand end of the OHMS arc, which is at the top of the dial.

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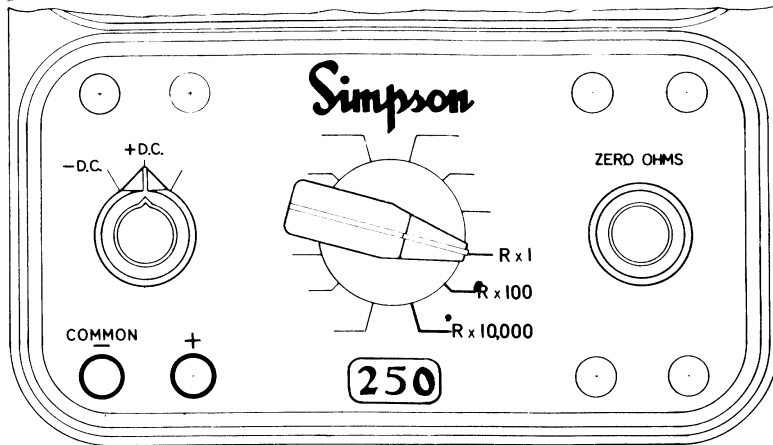


FIG. 4: JACKS AND SWITCH POSITIONS FOR RESISTANCES.

5. If the pointer does not read 0, rotate the ZERO OHMS knob until it does. If the pointer cannot be brought to read 0, one or more batteries need to be replaced.
6. When the pointer shows zero, unclip the shorted test leads. The ohmmeter circuit is now ready to measure resistance.

### MEASURING RESISTANCES

NOTE: Before making any resistance measurement, always make sure there is no voltage present across the device whose resistance is to be measured.

To measure resistance, proceed as follows:

1. Set the range switch to one of the resistance range positions.  
Use  $R \times 1$  for resistance readings from 0 to 200 ohms. (Short circuit current 125MA. at 1.5 Volts.)

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Use  $R \times 100$  for resistance readings from 200 to 20,000 ohms.  
Use  $R \times 10,000$  for resistance readings above 20,000 ohms.

2. Set the function switch to either -D.C. or +D.C.
3. Insert the black test lead into the COMMON -jack and the red test lead into the +jack.
4. Short the test leads together and adjust for zero ohms (See ZERO OHMS ADJUST, Page 17).
5. Separate the test leads and connect them across the resistance which is to be measured. If there is a "forward" and "backward" resistance, such as in rectifiers, switch back and forth between the two D.C. positions of the function switch to reverse the polarity of the voltage which appears at the ends of the test leads.

### NOTE

The resistance of such rectifiers will measure different values on different resistance ranges of the Model 250. For instance, a crystal diode which measures 80 ohms on the  $R \times 1$  range may measure 300 ohms on the  $R \times 100$  range. This is normal and is a result of the diode characteristic. The difference in values does not indicate any fault in the ohmmeter.

6. Read the indication on the OHMS arc at the top of the dial. Note that this arc reads from right to left for increasing values.
7. Multiply the reading by the multiplier factor at the switch position for the resistance value in ohms. "K" on the dial stands for "thousand".

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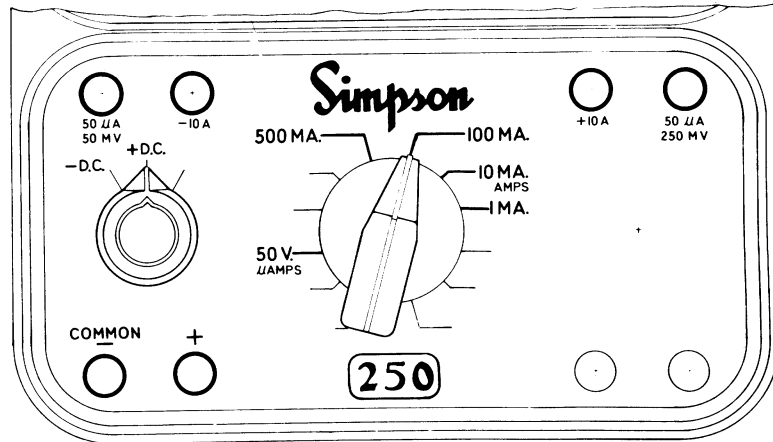


FIG. 5: JACKS AND SWITCH POSITIONS FOR DIRECT CURRENTS.

### MEASURING DIRECT CURRENTS, 0 TO 50 MICROAMPERES

#### CAUTION

Never connect the test leads directly across any voltage when the Model 250 is used as a current meter, except when it is used as a 0 - 50 millivoltmeter or a 0 - 250 millivoltmeter. This will damage the instrument. When making a current measurement, always connect the meter in series with the load.

1. Set the function switch to +D.C.
2. Insert the black test lead into the COMMON —jack and the red test lead into either the 50  $\mu$ A/50 MV or the 50  $\mu$ A/250 MV jack, depending on which is desired.
3. Set the range switch at 50  $\mu$  AMPS (common position with 50 V.).

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4. Open the circuit in which the current is to be measured. Connect the meter in series with the circuit. Connect the red test lead toward the positive side, and the black test lead toward the negative side.
5. Turn on the power in the circuit to be measured. Observe the meter. If the pointer is deflected to the left, turn off the power and reverse the leads. Turn on the power again.
6. Read the current directly on the black D.C. arc. Use the 0-50 figures. The current value is shown in microamperes.
7. Turn off the circuit power. Remove the test leads and restore the circuit continuity.

### MEASURING DIRECT CURRENTS 0 TO 500 MILLIAMPERES

1. Set the function switch to +D.C.
2. Insert the black test lead into the COMMON —jack and the red test lead into the +jack.
3. Set the range switch in any of the four range positions required. These are marked 1 MA., 10 MA., 100 MA., and 500 MA.
4. Open the circuit which is to be measured. Connect the meter in series with the circuit. Connect the red test lead toward the positive side and the black test lead toward the negative side.
5. Turn on the power in the circuit to be measured. Observe the meter. If the pointer is deflected to the left, the current polarity is opposite to that which was anticipated. Turn off the power, set the function switch to —D.C. and then turn on the power again.

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6. Read the current directly on the black D.C. arc.  
For the 1 MA. range, use the 0 - 10 figures and divide by 10.  
For the 10 MA. range, use the 0 - 10 figures directly.  
For the 100 MA. range, read the 0 - 10 figures and multiply by 10.  
For the 500 MA. range, read the 0 - 50 figures and multiply by 10.

The current values are in milliamperes.

7. Turn off the circuit power. Remove the test leads and restore circuit continuity.

### MEASURING DIRECT CURRENT, 0 TO 10 AMPERES

1. Insert the black test lead into the  $-10$  A. jack and the red test lead into the  $+10$  A. jack.
2. Set the range selector switch to AMPS (common with 10 MA.).
3. Open the circuit which is to be measured. Connect the meter in series with the circuit. Connect the red test lead toward the positive side and the black test lead toward the negative side.
4. Turn on the power in the circuit which is to be measured. Observe the meter. If the pointer is deflected to the left, the current polarity is opposite to that which was anticipated. Turn off the power, reverse the test lead connections, and turn on the power again.

## Operating Instructions

### NOTE

**The function switch has no effect on polarity for the 10 AMP range.**

5. Read the current directly on the black D.C. arc. Use the 0 - 10 figures. The current values are in amperes.
6. Turn off the circuit power. Remove the test leads and restore circuit continuity.

### SECTION III

### MAINTENANCE

#### HOW TO OPEN THE CASE

The case is designed to provide easy and quick access for all necessary adjustments and replacement of parts. Use a 1/4-inch screwdriver to remove the four screws in the back of the case. Slip the entire front panel straight forward out of the case. The meter, the front panel, the printed circuit, and the batteries are attached and are removed as a unit.

#### BATTERY REPLACEMENT

There are five batteries inside the case behind the front panel. They are used to supply power for resistance measurements. One is a large size (Size D) flashlight cell, and the other four are smaller (Size AA) flashlight cells.

When it is no longer possible to bring the meter pointer to 0 for the  $R \times 1$  and  $R \times 100$  ranges (see ZERO OHMS ADJUST, page 17), replace the large cell with a fresh one. When it is

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no longer possible to bring the pointer to 0 on the  $R \times 10,000$  range, replace the four smaller cells with fresh ones. This will restore operation of the ohmmeter circuit.

**NOTE: When batteries reach the end of their useful life, they should be replaced promptly. Failure to do so may result in extensive damage to your tester due to battery leakage, even though the battery may be advertised by its manufacturer as "Leakproof".**

### OBSERVE POLARITY

When you replace the cells, be sure to observe the polarity of the battery circuit. Battery polarity is shown on the panel. The cells are each held in place with specially designed spring clips which also act as battery contacts.

### RECTIFIER REPLACEMENT AND RECALIBRATION

There are two small rectifiers located at the top of the printed circuit near the large 1.5 volt cell. These are used to rectify the A.C. voltages for measurement. They are shown as D-1 and D-2 in the overall schematic diagram, Fig. 6.

Both rectifiers act in the meter circuit to effectively create a full wave rectifying action. If either or both should fail, the meter will show incorrect indications.

In case of rectifier failure, replace the defective rectifier with another 1N87G, and be sure to observe polarity when connecting it into the circuit. If a type 1N87G is not available, use any good quality small crystal rectifier as a replacement.

After replacing either or both rectifiers, test the accuracy

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of A.C. voltage indications. If necessary, recalibrate the circuit by adjusting rheostats R-28 and R-31 as follows:

1. Set the function switch to A.C. and the range switch to 250 V.
2. Insert the red test lead into the +jack and the black test lead into the COMMON —jack.
3. From a standard voltage source, apply 250 volts A.C. to the red and black test leads. Adjust rheostat R-31 (which is in the upper right corner on the printed circuit board) so the meter reads full scale. Turn power off.
4. Set the range switch to 2.5V. Apply 2.5 volts A.C. to the red and black test leads. Adjust rheostat R-28 (located in the upper left corner on the printed circuit board) so the meter reads full scale. Turn power off.

If no standard voltage supply is available for the above procedure, use this alternate method:

1. Set the function switch to A.C., and the range switch to 2.5V.
2. Insert the red test lead into the + jack and the black test lead into the COMMON —jack.
3. Connect the test leads to a fresh 1.5 volt flashlight cell. Connect the red test lead to the positive post of the battery and the black test lead to the negative post.
4. Adjust rheostat R-28 fully clockwise. It is located in the extreme upper left hand corner of the printed circuit board.

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5. Rheostat R-31 is located in the upper right hand corner of the printed circuit board. Adjust it so the meter reads 1.8 volts on the 2.5 V. A.C. ONLY arc.
6. Adjust R-28 so the meter pointer moves back to 1.71 volts on the same arc (the pointer will indicate 6 on the OHMS scale when it is in this position).

## RESISTOR REPLACEMENT

Almost all of the resistors are mounted on the rear of the printed circuit board and are easily accessible for troubleshooting and repair.

When it is necessary to replace any of the resistors in the circuit, obtain an exact equivalent resistor. Order from your nearest Simpson Parts Depot and specify the Simpson part number as shown in the parts list. Clip the defective resistor off the printed circuit board, leaving sufficient lead length in the board to be used as connections for the replacement.

Carefully twist the leads of the new resistor around the leads left from the defective resistor and solder each connection. Trim away all excess and see that you have not caused any short circuit to any other part nearby.

## REMOVING THE PRINTED CIRCUIT

To service parts located between the printed circuit board and the front panel, remove the printed circuit as follows:

1. Set the function switch to +D.C. and the range switch to 2.5 V.

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2. Remove the knob for the ZERO OHMS control.
3. Remove the two screws in the lower part of the printed circuit board.
4. Remove the two hex nuts from the meter studs on the top of the printed circuit board.
5. Carefully pry out the battery contact at the + terminal for the small 1.5 volt cell, and the battery contact to (-) side of the large 1.5 V. battery.
6. Lift the printed circuit board away from the front panel. The entire board, with the switch wafers in place, will come up in one piece.
7. After removal, do not turn knobs on front panel or move any rotors on switches until reassembled.

## FUSE REPLACEMENT

Remove the front panel from the case and disconnect the burned-out fuse using a small (60-watt or less) soldering iron. Replace with a 1 amp, 250 volt pigtail fuse, type 3AG or equivalent only.

## PARTS LIST

| Reference Symbol | Description                  | Simpson Part No. |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| R1               | Resistor, 1138 ohms          | 1-113372         |
| R2               | Resistor, 110 ohms           | 1-113373         |
| R3               | Resistor, 21,850 ohms        | 1-113369         |
| R4               | Resistor, 117,700 ohms       | 1-113367         |
| R5               | Resistor, 47.6 ohms (bobbin) | 10-675263        |

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| Reference Symbol | Description                                 | Simpson Part No. |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------|
| R6               | Resistor, 37,500 ohms                       | 1-113393         |
| R7               | Resistor, 200,000 ohms                      | 1-113365         |
| R8               | Resistor, 800,000 ohms                      | 1-113363         |
| R9               | Resistor, 1.25 megohms                      | 5-110455         |
| R10              | Resistor, 49,000 ohms                       | 5-110388         |
| R11              | Resistor, 910 ohms                          | 5-110456         |
| R12              | Resistor, 150,000 ohms                      | 1-113366         |
| R13              | Resistor, 1 megohm                          | 1-113392         |
| R14              | Resistor, 4 megohms                         | 1-113362         |
| R15              | Resistor, 5 megohms                         | 5-110454         |
| R16              | Resistor, 11.2 ohms (bobbin)                | 10-805073        |
| R17              | Resistor, .095 ohms Shunt Assy.<br>500 MA   | 5-110393         |
| R18              | Resistor, 4.5 ohms (bobbin)                 | 10-675264        |
| R19              | Resistor, .402 ohms (bobbin)                | 10-675265        |
| R20              | Resistor, 10 megohms                        | 5-110453         |
| R21              | Resistor, 2.5 megohms                       | 1-117904         |
| R22              | Resistor, .005 ohms Shunt Assy.<br>(10 Amp) | 5-110459         |
| R23              | Resistor, 3900 ohms                         | 1-110723         |
| R24              | Resistor, 4000 ohms                         | 5-110390         |
| R25              | Potentiometer, 10,000 ohms $\pm 30\%$       | 5-110295         |
| R26              | Resistor, 7,500 ohms                        | 1-113370         |
| R27              | Rheostat, 350 ohms $\pm 10\%$               | 5-110457         |
| R28              | Rheostat, 5000 ohms $\pm 10\%$              | 1-116254         |
| R29              | Resistor, 5000 ohms                         | 1-113425         |
| R30              | Resistor, 5000 ohms                         | 1-113425         |

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| Reference Symbol | Description                                                                                          | Simpson Part No. |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| R31              | Rheostat, 5000 ohms $\pm 10\%$                                                                       | 1-116254         |
| R32              | Potentiometer, 50,000 ohms $\pm 20\%$                                                                | 5-110458         |
| D1               | Diode, Germanium                                                                                     | 1-115970         |
| D2               | Diode, Germanium                                                                                     | 1-115970         |
| D3               | Varistor, Silicon                                                                                    | 1-110670         |
| F1               | Fuse, 1 amp, 250 V., Pigtail Type<br>3AG or equivalent                                               | 1-117702         |
|                  | Meter Assembly                                                                                       | 15-302250        |
|                  | Test Lead Set (one red and one black)                                                                | 7500             |
|                  | Phenolic Case (less handle)                                                                          | 3-320141         |
|                  | Carrying Handle Assembly                                                                             | 10-860158        |
|                  | Knobs, for Function Switch                                                                           | 1-115789         |
|                  | For Range Switch (less set screw)                                                                    | 3-260180         |
|                  | For Zero Ohms Adjust                                                                                 | 1-115790         |
|                  | Set Screw (for knob 3-260180)                                                                        | 1-114178         |
|                  | Battery 1.5 V., Size D                                                                               | 1-111798         |
|                  | Battery 1.5 V., Size AA                                                                              | 1-111802         |
|                  | Cover Assembly (This includes cover<br>glass glazed into phenolic frame and<br>associated hardware.) | 0-005572         |

## Accessory Probes

### ACCESSORIES AVAILABLE

|                                               |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Carrying Case.....                            | Simpson No. 1818 |
| Carrying Case (Ever-Redy).....                | Simpson No. 0805 |
| Roll Top Safety Case.....                     | Simpson No. 0249 |
| Carrying Case.....                            | Simpson No. 0549 |
| Snap on Pouch for High Voltage<br>Probes..... | Simpson No. 0574 |

### SECTION IV

#### ACCESSORY PROBES

##### A.C. HIGH VOLTAGE PROBE (5000 ohms per volt)

10,000 volts A.C. .... No. 0161

##### D.C. HIGH VOLTAGE PROBES (20,000 ohms per volt)

10,000 volts D.C. .... No. 0507  
 25,000 volts D.C. .... No. 0508  
 50,000 volts D.C. .... No. 0509

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

These D.C. high voltage probes extend the range of a 20,000 ohms per volt multimeter in a safe, convenient manner at nominal cost. Their primary purpose is to provide effective measurement of terminal potentials of very high voltage, very low power capacity, direct current sources such as anode supplies used in television receivers and other cathode ray tube circuits.

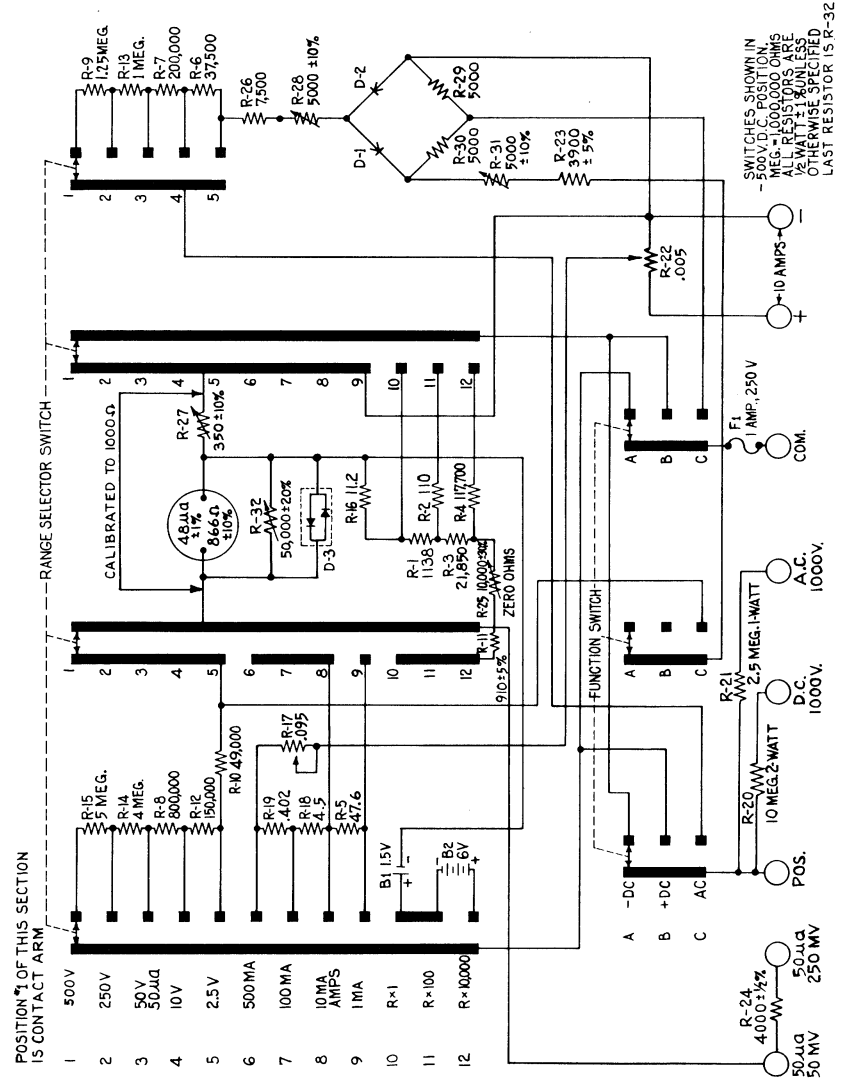


FIG. 6: SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM SIMPSON V.O.M. MODEL 250



## Accessory Probes

The probe body is made of high temperature polystyrene in order to provide high dielectric strength and low leakage. It contains a high resistance precision resistor.

### ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS

These D.C. high voltage probes are designed for use with any 20,000 ohms per volt tester having a 2.5 volt D.C. range and scale graduations from 0 - 10 or multiple thereof for the 10 K V probe, 0 - 25 or multiples thereof for the 25 K V probe, and 0 - 50 or multiples thereof for the 50 K V probe.

The D.C. high voltage test probes are available from leading electronics parts distributors.

Accuracy: Probe resistance  $\pm 2\%$ .

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