

# **HIOKI**

**INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

## **3232**

**DIGITAL  
HI TESTER**

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## WARNING

⚠ IN HIGH POWER CIRCUIT AREA (DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMER AND BUS BAR)  
BEFORE ATTEMPTING ANY MEASUREMENT, DOUBLE CHECK THAT THE RANGE SWITCH IS AT THE CORRECT POSITION.  
IF THE RANGE IS INCORRECTLY SET, A DANGEROUS ARC OF EXPLOSION WOULD OCCUR.

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## 1. Outline

The 3232 digital hi-tester is a digital multimeter for frequency, diode test, and continuity test functions in addition to direct current voltage, alternating current voltage, resistance, direct current, and alternating current measurement functions. It has output data and facilitates Zero adjustment at full count.

## 2. Specifications

**Measuring method:** Double integral method

**Display:** 3 1/2 digits LED, character height: 18mm Max. 3199 with unit symbols (decimal point, mV, V,  $\Omega$ , k $\Omega$ , M $\Omega$ ,  $\mu$ A, mA, A, Hz, kHz, AC  $\overline{\sim}$ ,  $\overline{\sim}$  LP $\Omega$ ,  $\overline{\sim}$  ADJ],  $\overline{\sim}$  B, AUTO, HOLD, " ")

**Range change:** Auto & manual (manual only for current and frequency)

**Input over display:** "OF" or "-OF" (excluding DC1000V, AC750V, DC/AC10A)

Buzzer alarm (excluding DC1000V, AC750V, DC/AC10A,  $\Omega$ )

**Polarity display:** Only "-" is displayed automatically

**Battery Low:**  $\overline{\sim}$  B mark lights up (at 4.2V and less,  $\pm 0.1V$ )

**Sample rate:** 2.5times/second

**Operating temperature and humidity:** 0°C to 40°C at less than 80% humidity

**Storage temperature and humidity:** -20°C to 60°C, at less than 70% humidity

**Temperature property:** (400 ppm + 0.3 dgt)  $\pm 0.1^\circ C$ .

**AUTO POWER OFF:** Power turns off 60 minutes after the last setting. Turn to off to start measurement.

Four size AA)

**Power source:** SUM-3  $\times 4$  (250 hours continuous use at DCV)

**Power consumption:** 15mW TYP, (DCV) 18mW TYP, (ACV)

**Withstand voltage:** AC 3 kV (one minute) Terminal-case

**Dimensions and weight:** 160(H)  $\times$  85(W)  $\times$  33(D)mm 800g (Approx)

**Accessory:** 9170 test leads; battery, SUM3  $\times 4$ ; Spare fuse 0.5A/250V (dia. 6.4  $\times$  30) nonarcing type.

**Optional Accessory:** 9014 high voltage probe

**Maximum overload input:**

V/Hz terminal: 1100VDC or DC + AC peak one minute

$\Omega/u$  mA/  $\overline{\sim}$   $\rightarrow$  terminal: 250V AC Max. one minute, protected by fuse

**10A terminal:** 12A DC/AC one minute

\* Frequency measurement is separately specified.

Measuring range (23°C ± 5°C, 80%RH or less no condensation)

After zero adjustment

Function	Range	Accuracy	Note
D C V	300mV	± (0.35%rdg + 2dgt)	> 100MΩ
	3V	"	11MΩ (Approx)
	30V	"	10MΩ (Approx)
	300V	± (0.5%rdg + 2dgt)	"
	1000V	± (0.6%rdg + 2dgt)	"
A C V	3V	± (1.0%rdg + 4dgt)	11MΩ (Approx)
	30V	"	10MΩ (Approx)
	300V	"	"
	750V	"	"
			40 ~ 500Hz
Ω	300Ω	± (0.4%rdg + 2dgt)	Open terminal voltage < 1.5V (Approx)
	3kΩ	"	
	30kΩ	"	
	300kΩ	"	
	3000kΩ	± (1.0%rdg + 2dgt)	0.65V ± 0.2V
	30MΩ	± (2.0%rdg + 2dgt)	
I P Ω	3kΩ	± (0.5%rdg + 4dgt)	
	30kΩ	"	
	300kΩ	"	
	3000kΩ	± (1.0%rdg + 4dgt)	< 0.45V
	30MΩ	± (2.0%rdg + 4dgt)	
D C A	30mA	± (1.0%rdg + 2dgt)	10Ω (Approx)
	300mA	"	1Ω (Approx)
	10A	± (1.2%rdg + 2dgt)	< 15mΩ
A C A	30mA	± (1.2%rdg + 4dgt)	(Approx) 10Ω
	300mA	"	1Ω
	10A	± (1.5%rdg + 4dgt)	< 15mΩ
Hz	300Hz	± (0.15%rdg + 2dgt)	※ 10sec > approx. 1MΩ
	3kHz	± (0.1%rdg + 1dgt)	1sec AT 1kHz
	30kHz	"	0.1sec (30Hz ~
	300kHz	"	0.1sec 320kHz)
Continuity	Threshold level: less than 2kΩ or less Response time 100msec approx.		Open terminal voltage < about 1.5V

Remaining figure: one digit.

※ Gate time

Frequency measurement Maximum input sensitivity

	LOWER LIMIT		UPPER LIMIT	Overload voltage one minute
	Sine wave	Rectangular wave		
30Hz ~ 320kHz	500mVrms	600mVp-p	50V AC	300V DC + ACpeak

### 3. Operating instructions

#### ⚠ WARNING

This instrument is designed to prevent accidental shock to the operator when properly used. However, no engineering design can render safe an instrument which is used carelessly. Therefore, this manual must be read carefully and completely before making any measurement. Failure to follow directions can result in a serious or fatal accident.

#### 3-1. Names of sections and functions

##### Precautionary Notes

- The **BATT** mark appearing in the display indicates that the batteries are worn-out. Replace the batteries with new ones.
- Always turn the power switch **OFF** when not using the instrument.
- Always check to make sure that the function switch setting is correct, and that the test leads are plugged in to the proper terminals before making a measurement.
- In order to protect circuitry, a fuse is provided for V • Ω • Hz •  $\rightarrow \rightarrow$  • mA terminals. No measurement is possible at these terminals if the fuse is burned. If open-circuit is indicated ( $\infty$  ohms when touching both leads together in  $\rightarrow \rightarrow$  function), replace the fuse.
- Do not store the instrument in a high temperature, high humidity location, and avoid areas where condensation is likely to occur.



Note: [ADJ] mark may be displayed when the key switch is depressed or when measurement result is shown.

Note: When [ADJ] mark is turned on, the range is fixed even in the autorange and the range cannot be changed until autorange is released.

Note: While display is blank (Hz measurement or when function is being changed), zero adjustment cannot be made.

Note: Zero adjustment cannot be made with  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$  function key.

Note: When [ADJ] condition is released by the 0ADJ key, the condition prior to zero adjustment will be reinstated.

### (3) Hold function

Each time the HOLD key is depressed, the HOLD mark glows and all the data is hold, with the exception of [E] mark. While data is hold no switch functions except for the HOLD key (Unless the display lamp is on.)

The HOLD condition is released by pressing the HOLD key or by turning off the power switch.

Note: Data hold does not operate in  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$  functions.

Note: The HOLD condition is not released by changing function.

### (4) Range control function

Setting from autorange (V,  $\Omega$  function) to manual range must be done each time the range key is depressed. Each time the range key is depressed the autorange is fixed and each time the key switch is depressed the range goes up one range higher. After the highest range, the display returns to the lowest range, and this process is repeated.

To return to autorange, depress the range key for several seconds, change function switch to AC  $\cdot$  LP $\Omega$   $\cdot$  Hz/DC  $\cdot$   $\Omega$   $\cdot$   $\rightarrow \leftarrow$  key, or turn off the power switch.

### (5) Overflow

If reading exceeds 3200 in each function range, "OF" on + side and "—OF" on — side are displayed. Decimal point, unit and symbol of that range are displayed (so is [ADJ] mark lamp.).

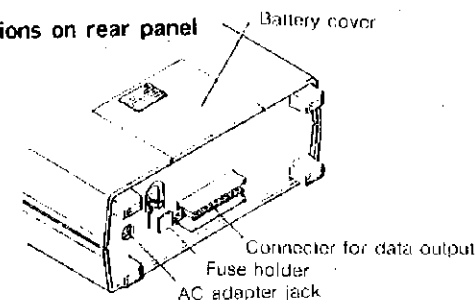
### (6) Buzzer

● If reading exceeds 3200 in each function range, the buzzer sounds intermittently, except for  $\Omega$ , LP $\Omega$ ,  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$  functions.

● The buzzer also sounds continuously at less than the threshold level in  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$  function.

### 3-2-3. Names and functions on rear panel

Note: See paragraph 4 for data output.



#### ● AC Adapter jack

Connect the AC adapter (DC 6V) to this terminal. The center pin is negative. (+ — —)

### 3-3. Measuring method

Place batteries in the case, after referring to instructions for replacing battery (6).

In AC adapter operation, AC adapter cord to the AC adapter jack, and insert the adapter plug into AC outlet. Turn on the power switch.

#### 3-3-1. Direct current voltage measurement

##### ⚠ WARNING:

Maximum allowable input is DC 1000V

- ① Plug the red test lead into the V terminal, and the black test lead into the —COM terminal.
- ② Set the range switch to V.
- ③ Press the AC • LP  $\Omega$  • Hz/DC •  $\Omega$  •  $\rightarrow$  key to obtain the appropriate current mode for the measurement.
- ④ Connect the test leads to the circuit under test and read the value from the display.
- ⑤ For manual operations, press the **RANGE** key to make the **AUTO** mark disappear from the display.
- Follow this by pressing the **RANGE** key repeatedly until the proper range is obtained.
- Short the test lead tips together and press the **0 ADJ.** key to make the **ADJ** mark appear in the display. Take the measurement and read the value from the display.

Note: In the DC 300mV range, since input resistance is a high value ( $> 100M\Omega$ ), noise will cause the display to show a reading even though there is no measurement input. In this case, short the test lead tips together and press the **0 ADJ.** key to make the **ADJ** mark appear in the display. This effectively sets the meter to the zero point.

Note: When taking voltage measurements where spikes and other distortion are present in the waveform (e. g., horizontal output from a TV set, etc.), use positive (+) polarity readings. Negative (–) polarity readings will be grossly erroneous.

### 3-3-2. Alternating current voltage measurement

#### ⚠ WARNING:

Maximum allowable input is AC/750V.

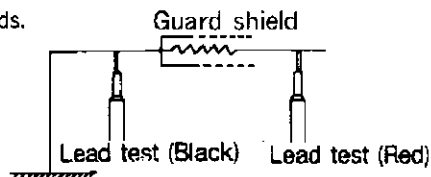
- ① Plug the red test lead into the V terminal, and the black test lead into the —COM terminal.
- ② Set the range switch to V.
- ③ Turn AC • LP  $\Omega$  • Hz/DC •  $\Omega$  •  $\rightarrow$  switch to AC. (AC mark glows)
- ④ Connect the test leads to the circuit under test and read the value from the display.
- ⑤ For manual operations, press the **RANGE** key to make the **AUTO** mark disappear from the display.
- Follow this by pressing the **RANGE** key repeatedly until the proper range is obtained.

### 3-3-3. Resistance measurement ( $\Omega$ )

- ① Plug the red test lead into the  $\Omega$  terminal, and the black test lead into the —COM terminal.
- ② Set the range switch to  $\Omega$ .
- ③ Press the AC • LP  $\Omega$  • Hz/DC •  $\Omega$  •  $\rightarrow$  key to obtain the appropriate current mode for the measurement.
- ④ Connect the test leads to the circuit or component under test and read the value from the display.
- ⑤ To place the instrument in the manual mode, press the **RANGE** key to make the **AUTO** mark go out of the display.
- Follow this by pressing the **RANGE** key repeatedly until the proper range is obtained.
- Short the test lead tips together and press the **0 ADJ.** key to make

the **ADJ** make appear in the display. Take the measurement and read the value from the display.

Note) In high resistance measurement, apply shielding or use shielded leads.



#### LPΩ (low power ohm)

Many diodes and transistors are used in electronic circuits. When measuring resistance in these circuits, parts must usually be removed from the circuits, since diodes and transistors function when voltage exceeding a certain value is applied. In LPΩ, however, applied voltage is kept low to permit in-circuit measurement.

### 3-3-4. Direct and alternating current measurement

#### ⚠ WARNING:

Maximum allowable input 320mA.

- ① Plug the red test lead into  $\mu A \cdot mA$  terminal, and the black test lead into the  $-COM$  terminal.
- ② Set the function switch to either 30mA or 300mA range.
- ③ Press the **AC/DC** key to obtain the appropriate current mode for the measurement.

- ④ Short the test lead tips together and press the **0 ADJ.** key to make the **ADJ** mark appear in the display.

- ⑤ Connect the test leads to the circuit under test and read the value from the display.

#### 10A range

#### ⚠ WARNING:

Maximum allowable input is 10A, and there is no circuit protection in the 10A range. Do not apply voltage to the terminals in this range.

- ⑥ For measurements in the 10A range, plug the red test lead into the 10A terminal.

- ⑦ Set range to 10A; take the measurement and read the value from the display. (less than 3 min. measurement)

### 3-3-5. Frequency measurement

Measurement range is 30Hz to 320kHz. Confirm input level before making measurement.

- ① Connect the red lead to Hz terminal and black lead to  $-COM$ .
- ② Set the function switch to Hz and **AC • LPΩ • Hz/DC • Ω •  $\rightarrow$**  switch to Hz side.
- ③ Select frequency range by pressing the range key (manual).
- ④ Connect the test leads to object to be measured and read the display.

Note: In frequency measurement, measurement time varies due to gate time. In low frequency, two or more samplings are required.



### 3-3-6. Diode test, continuity test

- ① Plug the red test lead into the  $\rightarrow \nabla$ ,  $\mu\text{A}$ ,  $\text{mA}$  terminal, and the black lead into the  $\text{COM}$  terminal.
- ② Set the function switch to  $\rightarrow \nabla$ . Turn  $\text{AC} \cdot \text{LP}\Omega \cdot \text{Hz/DC} \cdot \Omega \cdot \rightarrow \nabla$  switch to  $\rightarrow \nabla$ . Reading before measurement is 1200 to 1800.
- ③ When testing a diode, the  $\rightarrow \nabla$ ,  $\mu\text{A}$ ,  $\text{mA}$  terminal will be the  $+$  side, and the  $\text{COM}$  terminal will be the  $-$  side. The anode lead of the diode should be connected to the  $+$  side, and the cathode lead connected to the  $-$  side in order to get a forward bias reading. (Note that this voltage reading is a rough figure only.) Connecting the diode to the meter backwards produces a meter reading of battery voltage, and this can be used to indicate the good/no good condition of the diode.
- ④ When testing for continuity, the audible tone will sound, and the  $\rightarrow \nabla$  mark will appear in the display to indicate continuity.

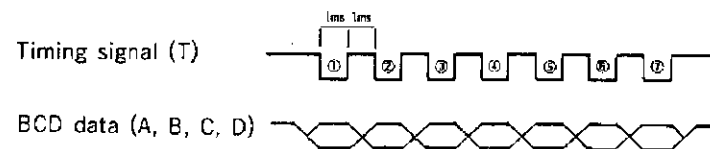
Disregard the display reading.

(The buzzer sounds at less than  $2\text{k}\Omega$ .)

### 4. Data output

Data is output through the BCD data terminal (A, B, C, D), synchronized with the BCD timing signal (T). Units and function codes are also output. However, 30mA and 10A range signals are output separately. A power source terminals (V, G) are provided.

Timing chart is shown in Fig. 2 (negative logic: Active Low)



※ Confirm data while timing signal is in L (=0).

(1) Output interval: Once each 0.4 second

(2) Output terminal

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
G	V	N	R <sub>2</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	T	D	C	B	A
R <sub>1</sub>	:30mA range			R <sub>2</sub>	:10A range				
N	:No-connection								

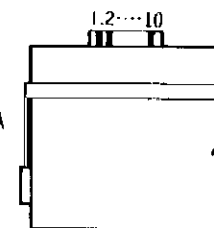


Fig. 3

(3) Output circuit

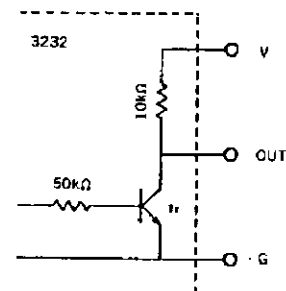


Fig. 4

V and G are supplied externally.  
(V: 3V to 15V)

Note: GND of the output terminal is connected to GND of batterie. in the body. GND of batterie in the body is 1.5V relative to COM terminal. Therefore, make sure that circuit to be measured and the adapter are insulated.

#### (4) Data format

BCD data is output consecutively from block ① to block ⑦ as shown in Fig.2. They are at H level until the next output.

In the following description, A is the lowest bit ( $2^0$ ) and D the highest bit ( $2^3$ ).

①The first digit ( $10^0$ ) of display is output in BCD parallel.

②The second digit ( $10^1$ ) of display is output in BCD parallel.

③The third digit ( $10^2$ ) of display is output in BCD parallel.

Data is shown in Table 1.

Data	A	B	C	D
0	1	1	1	1
1	0	1	1	1
2	1	0	1	1
3	0	0	1	1
4	1	1	0	1
5	0	1	0	1
6	1	0	0	1
7	0	0	0	1
8	1	1	1	0
9	0	1	1	0

Table 1

④The fourth digit ( $10^3$ ) of display is shown in Table 2.

Data	A	B	C	D
0	1	1	1	×
1	0	1	1	×
2	1	0	1	×
3	0	0	1	×
+	×	×	1	1
	×	×	1	0

× : Don't Care

Table 2

Note: Zero suppressor is shown in Table 3.

Data	A	B	C	D
①~③	1	1	1	1
④ +	1	1	1	1
④ -	1	1	1	0

Table 3

Note: Overflow is shown in Table 4 and 5.

In case of (OF)

Block	A	B	C	D
①	1	1	1	1
②	1	1	1	1
③	1	0	1	1
④	0	0	1	1

Table 4

In case of (-OF)

Block	A	B	C	D
①	1	1	1	1
②	1	1	1	1
③	1	0	1	1
④	0	0	1	0

Table 5

⑤ Positions of decimal points are output in BCD as shown in Table

6.  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$ ,  $P_3$  are decimal positions shown in Fig.5.

Decimal points	A	B	C	D
None	1	1	1	1
$P_1$	0	1	1	1
$P_2$	1	0	1	1
$P_3$	0	0	1	1

Table 6

#. #. #. #  
 $\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$   
 $P_3 P_2 P_1$   
 Fig. 5

Note: In case of overflow, the point in the range is output.

⑥ Units are output in BCD. Output codes are shown in Table 7.

Units	A	B	C	D
None	1	1	1	1
mV	0	1	1	1
V	1	0	1	1
mA	0	0	1	1
$\Omega$	1	1	0	1
k $\Omega$	0	1	0	1
M $\Omega$	1	0	0	1
Hz	0	0	0	1
kHz	1	1	1	0

Table 7

⑦ Function codes are output in BCD. Output codes are shown in

Table 8.

Func.	A	B	C
DCV	1	1	1
ACV	0	1	1
DCA	1	0	1
ACA	0	0	1
$\Omega$	1	1	0
Hz	0	1	0
LP $\Omega$	1	0	0
$\rightarrow \cdot \rightarrow$	0	0	0

Table 8

Note: D ( $2^3$ ) is 0 in 10A range and is 1 in other functions.

\*Signal in 30mA, 10A range are shown in Table 9.

output	30mA	10A
30mA	0	1
10A	1	0

Table 9

Note: It is 1 in other than 30mA, 10A range.

Note: Data in 30mA, 10A range is equivalent to data output in 300mA range. Thus when the signal of 30mA, 10A is output, data needs correction. For instance, 20mA measured in 30mA range will show data 200.0mA which require moving the decimal point. In 10A range, mA must be changed to A.

Note: Data output while range is being changed in autorange measurement should be ignored.

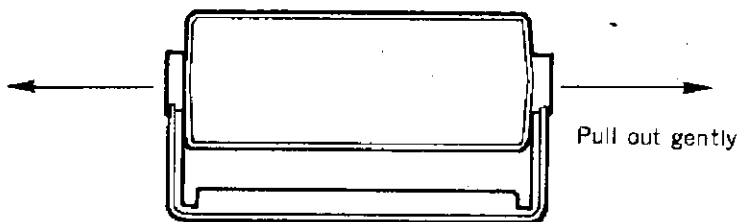
Note: In frequency measurement, data is output repeatedly every 0.4 second when gate time is long (in 300Hz and 3kHz range)

but in 30kHz and 300kHz range, data is output only every 0.4 seconds due to short gate time.

Note: Sampling time and data output are not synchronized.

## 5. How to operate the handle

The handle is used as a stand. Pull both ends of the handle, turn it and push it back.



## 6. Replacing batteries

- (1) Remove the battery cover.
- (2) Replace batteries, observing correct polarities.

## 7. Replacing fuse

A fuse is provided on the side of the rear panel. Push the upper side of the fuse holder gently with a finger, pull the fuse out and replace it.

## 8. Applications

As described in 4, data is output to BCD code with timing signal. An interface circuit is required to connect external circuits to the data output. An example of parallel interface circuit is shown in Fig. 6. TC4022BP is an octal counter/divider and TC4042BP is a QUAD "6" latch. Process  $10^0 - 10^2$  digits referring to the BCD output of Table 1 and  $10^3$  digit, decimal point, unit, and function referring to each code table of the BCD output.

Note) This interface circuit is not necessarily usable for all external circuits. Interface circuit must be determined after carefully studying data input from external circuits.

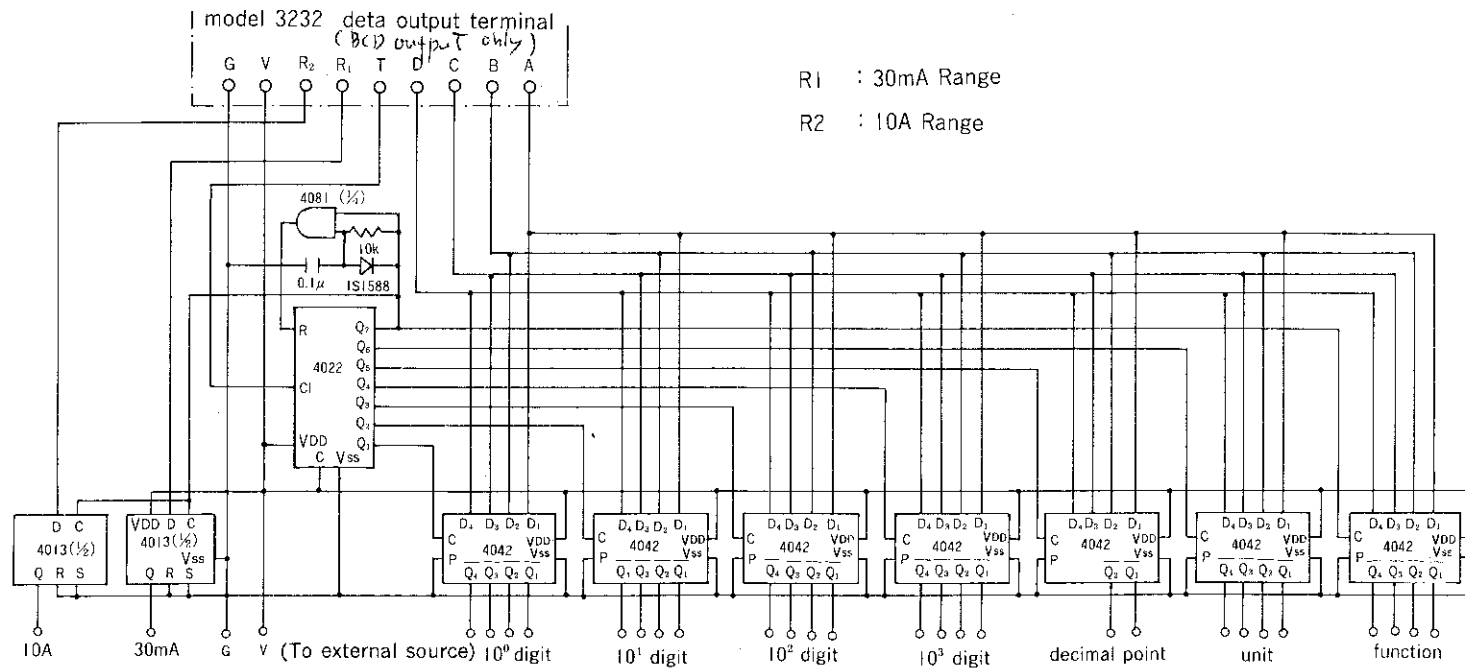


Fig. 6