

## CT6872 / CT6872-01

# AC/DC CURRENT SENSOR

Maximum rating 50 A, high-stability, high-accuracy, wideband DC to 10 MHz, high-CMRR, high-performance fluxgate technology, pass-through type



### Features

- 2 ppm linearity
- 5 ppm offset
- Voltage output
- CT coil structure for broadband and superior frequency characteristics
- Built-in in plated shield for excellent noise resistance (high CMRR)
- Aperture  $\phi 24\text{mm}$  for cables and bus-bars
- The Power Analyzer PW8001 or the Data Logger LR8101, LR8102 with the Power Measurement Module M7103 automatically recognizes the current sensor's information (phase shift data, sensor model name, rated current, serial number) when connected.

### Applications

- Automotive (e.g. xEV R&D and manufacturing)
- Renewable energy (power conditioner R&D and manufacturing)
- Efficiency measurement of high-efficiency energy converters
- Analysis of industrial inverter motors
- Calibration of shunt resistors
- Measurement of minute superimposed current in battery systems
- Industrial drones
- For feedback control in medical devices (MRI,CT, X-ray)

Specification highlights	Symbol	Unit	Min.	Typ.	Max.
Nominal primary DC current	IPN DC	A	-50		50
Nominal primary AC current	IPN AC	Arms			50
Measurement range	IPM	A	-55		55
Nominal output voltage	V <sub>out</sub>	V	-2		2
Primary / secondary ratio	Ratio	V/A	0.04	0.04	0.04
Linearity error	$\epsilon_L$	ppm		$\pm 2$	
Offset error	$\epsilon_O$	ppm		$\pm 5$	
DC amplitude error	$\epsilon_G$	ppm		$\pm 7$	
Bandwidth ( $\pm 3\text{dB}$ )	f	MHz		10	
Withstand voltage (1mA, 50/60Hz for 1minute)	U <sub>d</sub>	kV			7.4
Power supply voltages	U <sub>c</sub>	V	$\pm 11.5$		$\pm 15$
Operating temperature range	T <sub>A</sub>	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	-40		85
Output cable length	L <sub>cab</sub>	m		CT6872 : 3m CT6872-01: 10m	

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**⚡ Electrical specifications at  $T_A = 23^\circ\text{C} \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ , supply voltage (by using external PSU)  $= \pm 12\text{V}$  unless otherwise stated**

Parameter	Symbol	Unit	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Comment
Nominal primary DC current	$I_{PN\ DC}$	A	-50		50	Refer to "Figure 1. Frequency derating"
Nominal primary AC current	$I_{PN\ AC}$	Arms			50	Refer to "Figure 1. Frequency derating"
Measurement range	$I_{PM}$	A	-55		55	Refer to "Figure 1. Frequency derating"
Maximum input current	$I_{MAX}$	A <sub>peak</sub>	-150		150	Not exceeding derating curve shown in Figure 1 However, it is allowable for up to 20 ms at 40°C or less
Nominal output voltage	$V_{out}$	V	-2		2	
Primary/secondary ratio	Ratio	V/A	0.04	0.04	0.04	
Bandwidth (-3dB)	f	MHz		10		Refer to "Figure 2. Frequency characteristics"
Output resistance		$\Omega$	40	50	60	
Linearity error	$\epsilon_L$	ppm		$\pm 2$		Refer to "Figure 3. Linearity error characteristics"
Offset error	$\epsilon_O$	ppm		$\pm 5$		
DC amplitude error	$\epsilon_G$	ppm		$\pm 7$		
AC amplitude error 10 Hz - 100 Hz 100 Hz - 1 kHz 1 kHz - 50 kHz 50 kHz - 100 kHz 100 kHz - 300 kHz 300 kHz - 1 MHz	$\epsilon_G$	%		$\pm 0.005$ $\pm 0.01$ $\pm 0.1$ $\pm 0.3$ $\pm 1$ $\pm 3$		
Output noise	noise	$\mu\text{Vrms}$			300	Measurement bandwidth: DC to 1MHz
Effects of temperature Amplitude sensitivity Offset voltage		ppm of reading/ $^\circ\text{C}$ ppm of full scale/ $^\circ\text{C}$	-20 -0.2		20 0.2	Within the range of $-40^\circ\text{C}$ to $18^\circ\text{C}$ or $28^\circ\text{C}$ to $85^\circ\text{C}$
Effects of magnetization		mA			0.5	Input equivalent, after 50 A DC is inputted
Common mode rejection ratio DC to 1 kHz 1 kHz to 10 kHz 10 kHz to 100 kHz 100 kHz to 1 MHz	CMRR	dB	150 140 120 100			(Effect on output voltage/common-mode voltage) Refer to "Figure 4. CMRR characteristics"
Effects of conductor position DC 50/60 Hz 1 kHz 10 kHz 100 kHz		% of reading	-0.004 -0.005 -0.04 -0.04 -0.8		0.004 0.005 0.04 0.04 0.8	When wire of outer diameter 10 mm is used
Effects of external magnetic field		mA			2 25	Input equivalent, under a magnetic field of 400 A/m, DC Input equivalent, under a magnetic field of 400 A/m, 60 Hz
Effects of radiated radio-frequency electromagnetic field		% of full scale			0.5	10 V/m
Effects of conducted radio-frequency electromagnetic field		% of full scale			0.1	10 V
Fluxgate excitation frequency	$f_{Exc}$	kHz		10.4		
Power supply voltages	$U_c$	V	$\pm 11.5$		$\pm 15$	
Positive current consumption	$I_{ps}$	mA			150	DC + 100 A with $\pm 12\text{V}$
Negative current consumption	$I_{ns}$	mA			-150	DC - 100 A with $\pm 12\text{V}$

## ⚡ Isolation specifications

Parameter	Unit	Value	Comment
Rated insulation RMS voltage, basic insulation	V	1000	IEC 61010-1 conditions • over voltage cat III • pollution degree 2
Rated insulation RMS voltage, reinforced insulation	V	1000	
RMS voltage for AC isolation test, 50/60 Hz, 1minute	kV	7.4	Between primary and secondary (and shield) Sensed current: 1 mA
Clearance	mm	23.4	Shortest distance through air
Creepage distance	mm	23.4	Shortest path along device body
Comparative tracking index (CTI)	V	< 250	Performance level category (PLC)= 3
Standards			Safety: EN 61010 EMC: EN 61326

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### Environmental and mechanical characteristics

Parameter	Symbol	Unit	Min.	Typ.	Max.	Comment
Operating environment (altitude)		m			2000	Indoor use, pollution degree 2
Ambient operating temperature range	T <sub>A</sub>	°C	-40		85	
Ambient storage temperature range	T <sub>Ast</sub>	°C	-40		85	
Relative humidity	RH	%			80	Non-condensing
Protection against mechanical impacts			IK07			Energy level: 2 J, test height defined in EN 61010 Safety requirements: 400 mm
Measurable conductor diameter	D <sub>meas</sub>	mm			24	
Dimensions	W H D	mm		70 100 53		Refer to "Figure 5. Dimensions"
Output cable length CT6872 CT6872-01	L <sub>cable</sub>	m		3 10		
Mounting hole diameter	D <sub>mout</sub>	mm		φ 4.8		M4 screws, recommended tightening torque: 1.2 Nm to 1.5 Nm
Weight CT6872 CT6872-01	m	g		370 690		

### Measurement accuracy (total accuracy including uncertainty in calibration system etc.)

Frequency [Hz]	Amplitude		Phase [±°]
	[±% of reading]	[±% of full scale]	
DC	0.03	0.002	-
DC < f < 16	0.1	0.01	0.1
16 ≤ f < 45	0.05	0.01	0.08
45 ≤ f ≤ 66	0.03	0.007	0.05
66 < f ≤ 100	0.04	0.01	0.1
100 < f ≤ 500	0.06	0.01	0.15
500 < f ≤ 1 k	0.1	0.01	0.4
1 k < f ≤ 5 k	0.15	0.02	0.4
5 k < f ≤ 10 k	0.15	0.02	0.5
10 k < f ≤ 1 M	0.012 × f	0.05	0.04 × f + 0.1
Frequency range	10 MHz (±3 dB typical)		-

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- The variable f in accuracy equations is expressed in kHz.
- Accuracy of amplitude and phase is specified with 110% of full scale input or less and not exceeding derating curve in Figure 1. Accuracy in range of DC < f < 10 Hz are design values.
- Add ±0.01% of reading to amplitude accuracy when input is 100% to 110% of full scale.
- For the CT6872-01, add the following values to accuracy in the range of 1 kHz < f ≤ 1 MHz.  
Amplitude accuracy: ±(0.005 × f [kHz])% of reading  
Phase accuracy: ±(0.015 × f [kHz])°
- Combined accuracy with HIOKI power analyzer PW8001, PW6001 and PW3390 is specified (DC, 45 Hz ≤ f ≤ 66 Hz).  
For details of combined accuracy, refer to the instruction manual (<https://www.hioki.com/download/38399>).

### Definition of on accuracy

(total accuracy including uncertainty in calibration system etc.)

#### Reading (displayed value) error:

Indicates the value displayed by the instrument. Limit values for reading errors are expressed as a percentage of the reading ("% of reading" or "% rdg").

#### Range error:

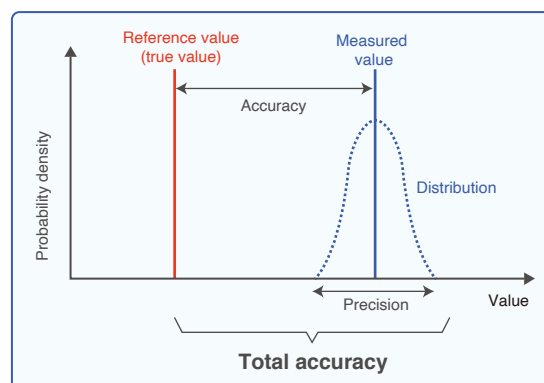
Indicates the instrument's range. Limit values for range errors are expressed as a percentage of the range ("% of range").

#### Full scale (rated current) error:

Indicates the rated current. Limit values for full-scale errors are expressed as a percentage of full scale ("% of full scale" or "% f.s.").

#### Calibration:

The accuracy of HIOKI products includes all factors that affect the measurement results, such as calibration system errors, ambient temperature, and secular change, as "uncertainty".







HIOKI is accredited as an official ISO/IEC 17025 calibrator.

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### ⚡ Specific accuracy calculation example

How to measure the current of **DC 10A** of a conductor with a diameter of  $\phi 20$  mm or less with high accuracy.  
Guaranteed specifications at  $T_A = 23^\circ\text{C} \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$

Measuring instrument configuration	CT6872,CT6872-01	CT9555	L9217 + 9704	DM7276
External view				
Range (connection)	50 A (2000 mV)	Front OUTPUT terminal (BNC terminal)	✓	1000 mV
Output voltage	10A × 2000 mV / 50 A = 400 mV			-
Error (reading)	0.03%	-	-	0.0011%
Error (full scale)	0.002%	-	-	3 $\mu\text{V}$
Total error	$400 \text{ mV} \times (0.03 + 0.0011)\% + 2000 \text{ mV} \times 0.002\% + (3 \mu\text{V} \times 10^{-3}) \text{ mV} = 0.1674 \text{ mV}$			
Total error (input equivalent)	$0.1674 \text{ mV} / 2000 \text{ mV} \times 50 \text{ A} = 0.004185 \text{ A}$			
Error range	<b>10 A <math>\pm</math> 0.004185 A <math>\rightarrow</math> 9.995815 A to 10.004185 A</b>			

### ⚡ Definition of linearity error

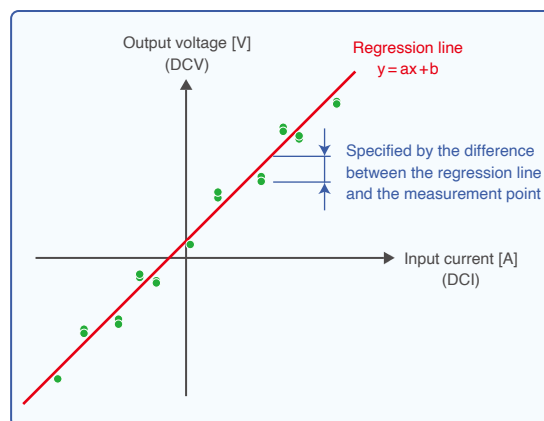
#### Linearity error $\epsilon_L$ :

Indicates that the output (current or voltage) changes linearly in response to the input current.

A regression line is attained by measuring the output voltage in the sequence below in 10 A intervals:

+50 A  $\rightarrow$  0 A  $\rightarrow$  -50 A  $\rightarrow$  0 A  $\rightarrow$  +50 A

It is defined as the difference between the regression line calculated from the above measurements and the measurement points.



### ⚡ Definition of offset error

#### Offset error $\epsilon_o$ :

Specified by the ratio of the average value ( $\mu$ ) of the measured values of the offset voltage and the rated current ( $I_{max}$ ) of each current sensor.

$$\epsilon_o = \mu / I_{max} \text{ [ppm]}$$

### ⚡ Definition of amplitude error

#### Amplitude error $\epsilon_G$ :

An index showing the degree of flatness of the frequency characteristics of gain.

DC error is defined as (linearity error + offset error).

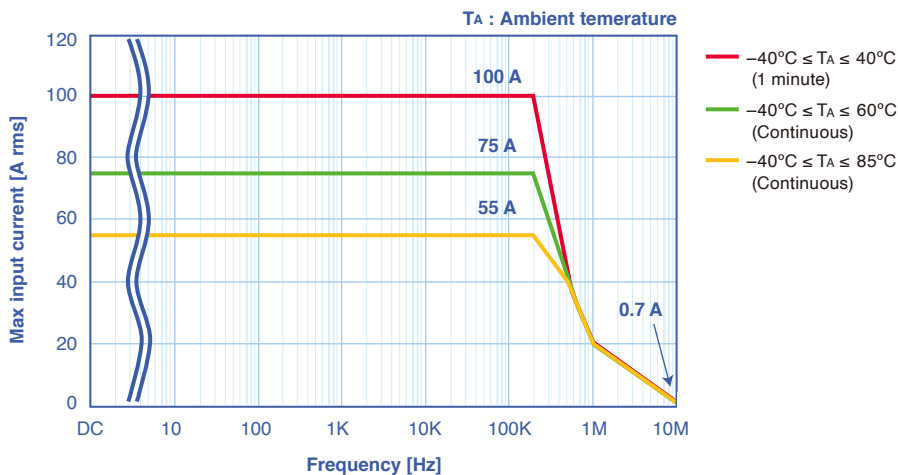
AC error is defined as deviation from the 55 Hz measurement point.

$$\epsilon_{GDC} = \epsilon_L + \epsilon_o \text{ [ppm]}$$

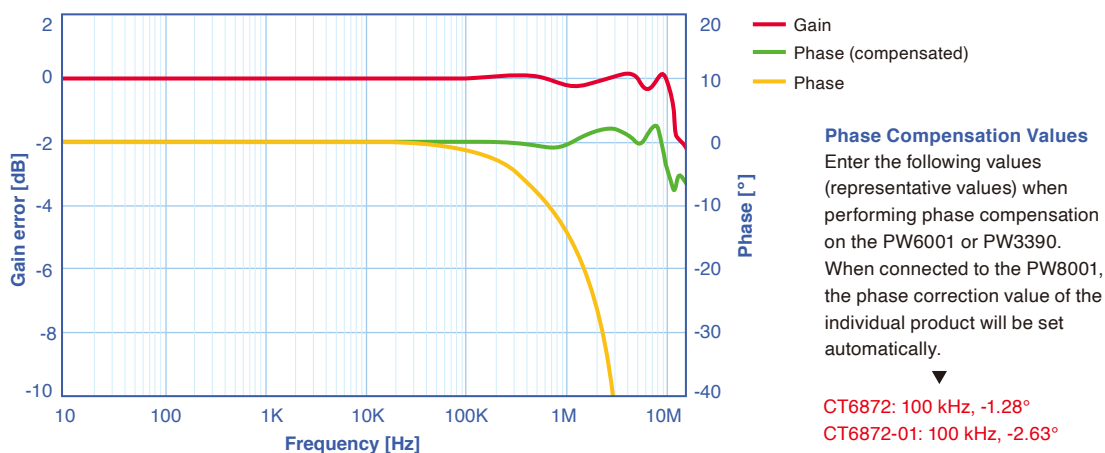
$$\epsilon_{GAC} = \frac{\text{Gain}(f) - \text{Gain}(55 \text{ Hz})}{\text{Gain}(55 \text{ Hz})} \times 100 \text{ [%]}$$

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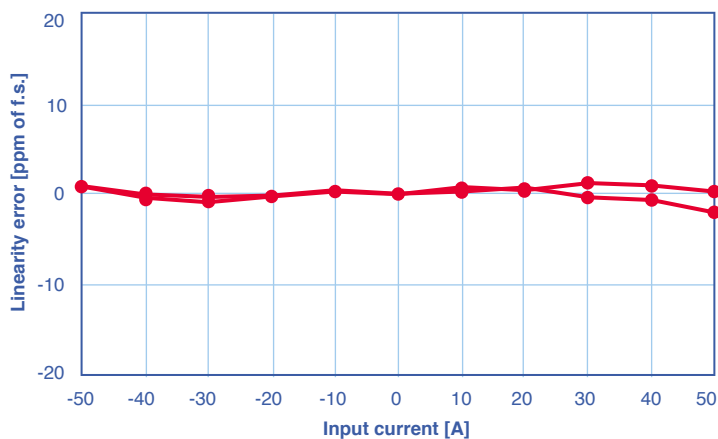
⚡ Figure 1. Frequency derating



⚡ Figure 2. Frequency characteristics



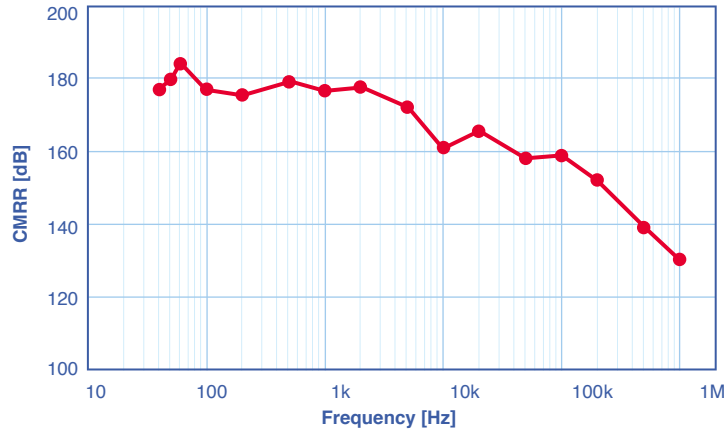
⚡ Figure 3. Linearity error characteristics



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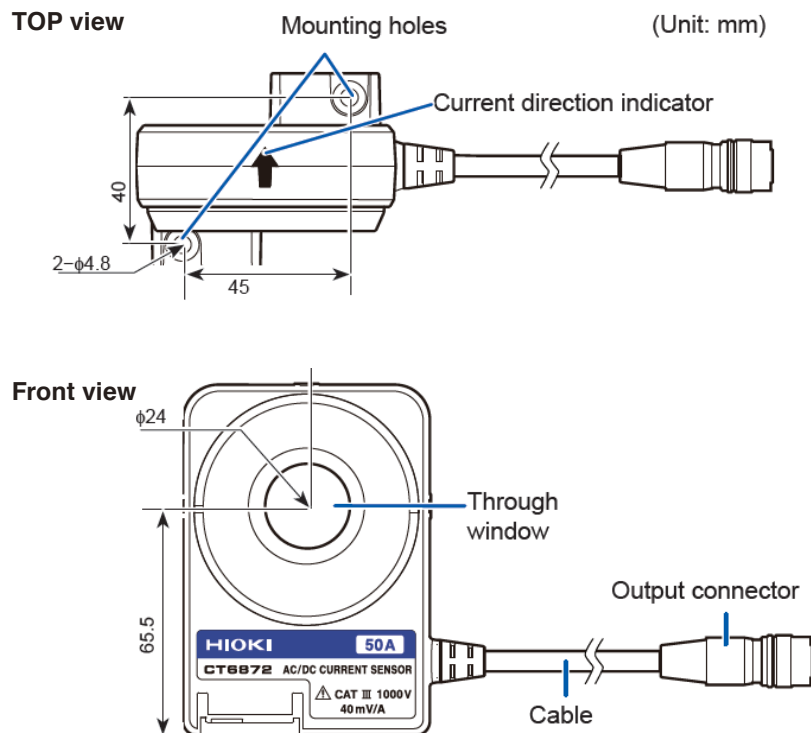
⚡ Figure 4. CMRR characteristics



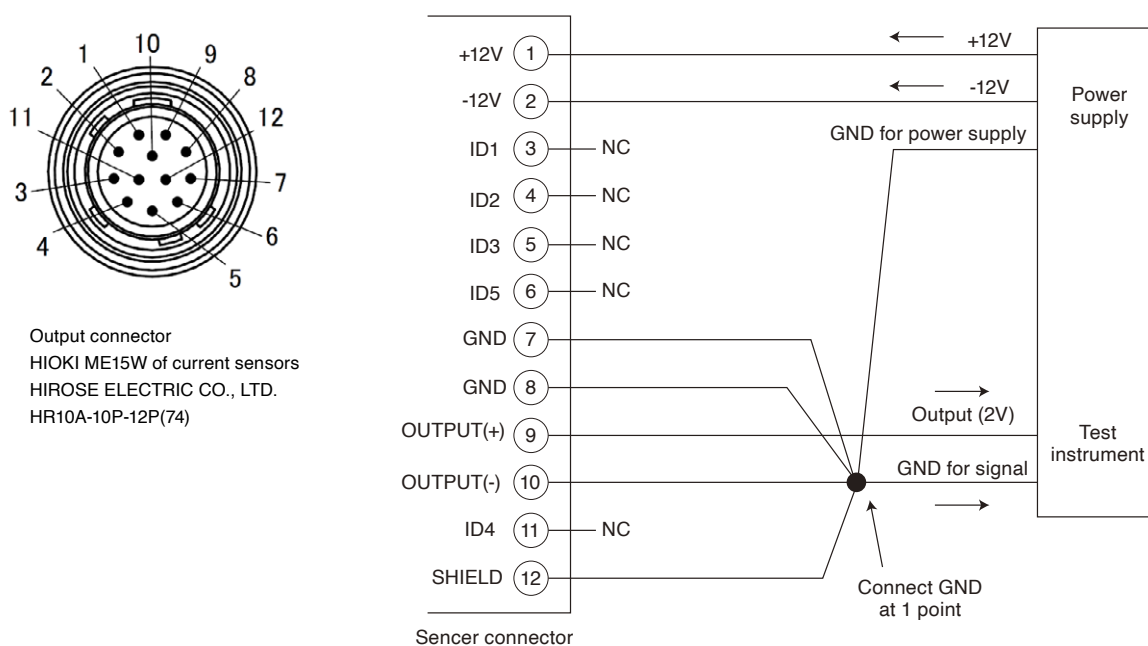
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**Figure 5. Dimensions**



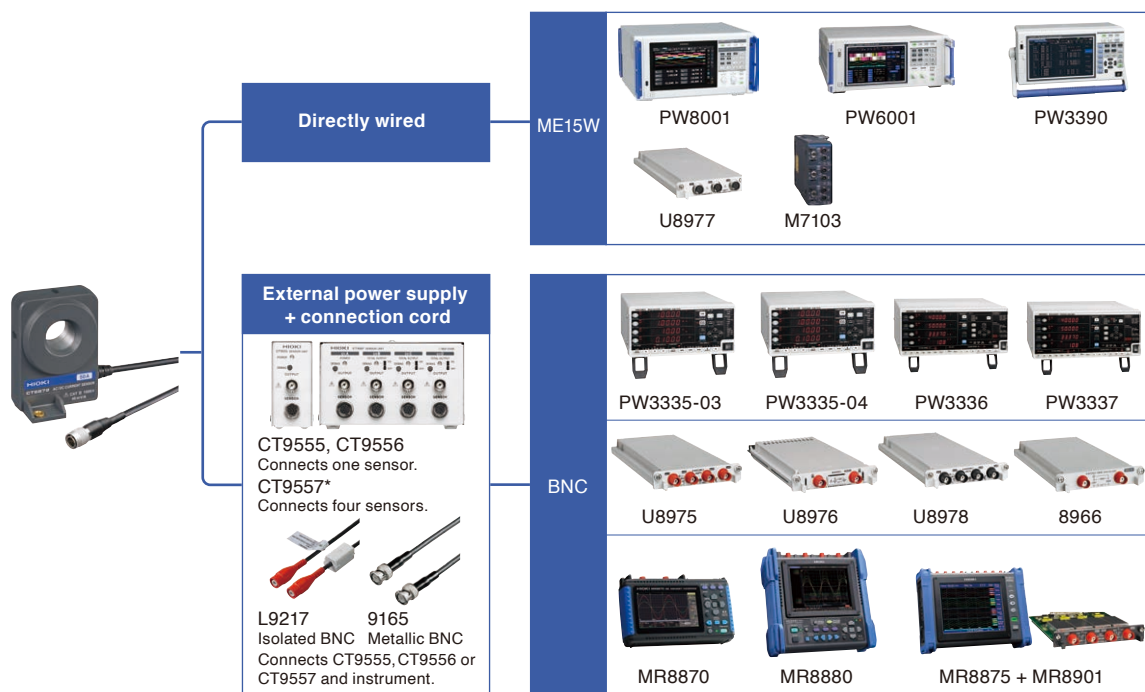
**Figure 6. Pin assignment (when not using the sensor units CT9555, CT9556, or CT9557)**



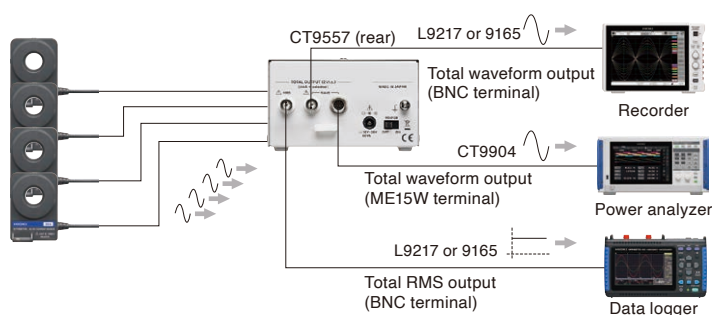
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⚡ Figure 7. Options and main combination



The CT9557 not only functions as a 4-channel power supply, but can also output additive waveform and RMS output from up to four input waveforms.



**CT9904 CONNECTION CABLE**  
ME15W (12 pin) terminal - ME15W (12 pin) terminal  
The CT9904 is the cable for the CT9557 addition output and POWER ANALYZER PW8001/PW6001/PW3390 connection.



**CT9902 EXTENSION CABLE**  
ME15W (12 pin) terminal - ME15W (12 pin) terminal  
The CT9902 can be used to extend a current sensor's cable by 5m. Up two of these cables can be used for a maximum extension of 10 m.  
\*When using the CT9902, an additional accuracy needs to be added. For details, see the sensor's user manual.

⚡ Links

1. Web site [https://www.hioki.com/global/products/current-probes/high-precision/id\\_469127](https://www.hioki.com/global/products/current-probes/high-precision/id_469127)
2. Accuracy calculation tools  
PW8001, PW6001, PW3390, LR8101/LR8102 (M7103): <https://hioki-cierto.com/gl/fm50bha8wk/>  
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