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Product Overview

The LTCA-40 is Vanguard's winding resistance meter and load tap changer contact analyzer. The LTCA-40 is designed to accurately measure the winding resistance of highly inductive power transformers. The unit's triple resistance-reading input channels can measure three winding resistances simultaneously. Two-wire (Kelvin) connections provide high accuracy and require no lead compensation. A special feature of this device is its ability to measure and graph the resistance trace of a transformer LTC or voltage regulator contact during operation. One resistance input channel is dedicated to this feature. The LTCA-40 provides stable resistance readings of very large transformers by utilizing a 60 Vdc power supply capable of outputting a test current up to 40 Amperes.

Transformer Load Tap Changer Control

Transformer tap positions can be changed remotely using the unit's built-in transformer load tap changer. This remote-controlled tap changer feature eliminates the need to manually change a transformer's step-up and step-down taps.

Resistance Reading Features

Three resistance-reading channels can measure resistance from 1 micro-ohm to 500 ohms, and the test current is programmable (1A, 5A, 10A, 40A). The LTCA-40 can also be used to measure EHV circuit-breaker contact resistance, motor winding resistance or any low resistance. If the transformer winding temperature is entered, the LTCA-40 can calculate the equivalent resistance value of the winding material (aluminum or copper) at any standard reference temperature. Also, a special test mode can run a test for up to 45 minutes while saving resistance readings at one-minute intervals.

User Interface

The LTCA-40 features a back-lit LCD screen (128 x 64 pixels) that is viewable in both bright sunlight and low-light levels. A rugged, alpha-numeric, membrane keypad is used to control the unit.

Built-in Thermal Printer

The built-in 4½" wide thermal printer can print the breaker contact analysis results in both tabular and graphic formats.

AC Motor Current Monitoring

One AC current monitoring channel is dedicated to monitoring the LTC voltage regulator motor current during operation. The motor current is also printed on the resistance graph and can help detect LTC voltage regulator motor problems. An AC clamp-on current sensor is provided with the LTCA-40.

Built-in Safety Features

At the end of each test, the LTCA-40 automatically dissipates the stored energy in the transformer. This discharge circuit will continue to work even if the supply voltage is lost.

Dynamic Resistance Testing

One resistance reading channel is dedicated to dynamic resistance testing. This test can monitor the LTC voltage regulator contact resistance during operation. A resistance graph, plotting resistance over time, can be printed on the built-in thermal printer and is very useful for detecting LTC voltage regulator contact problems.

Internal Test Record Storage

The LTCA-40 can store 128 static test records (48 tests per record) and 11 dynamic resistance test records in Flash EEPROM. Test records can be recalled locally or transferred to a PC via the available interfaces (RS-232C port, USB port, USB Flash drive port).

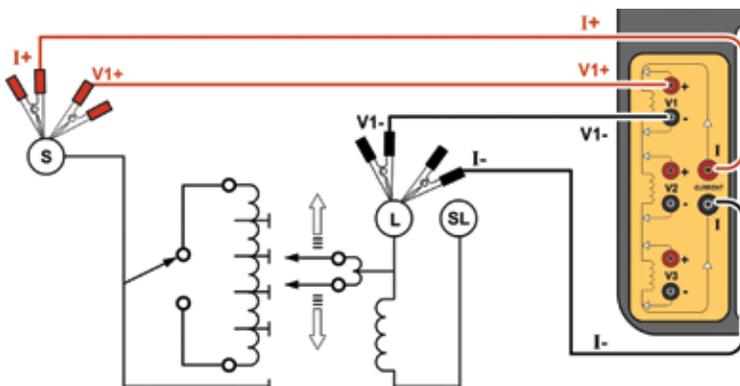
USB Flash Drive and PC Interface

A built-in USB Flash drive interface provides a convenient method for transferring test records to or from a USB Flash drive. Test records can also be transferred directly to a PC via the RS-232C or USB interface ports. If using a USB Flash drive, test records stored in the LTCA-40's internal memory can be transferred to the drive, and then the supplied PC software can be used to view the test records stored on the drive. Up to 999 test records can be stored on a USB Flash drive.

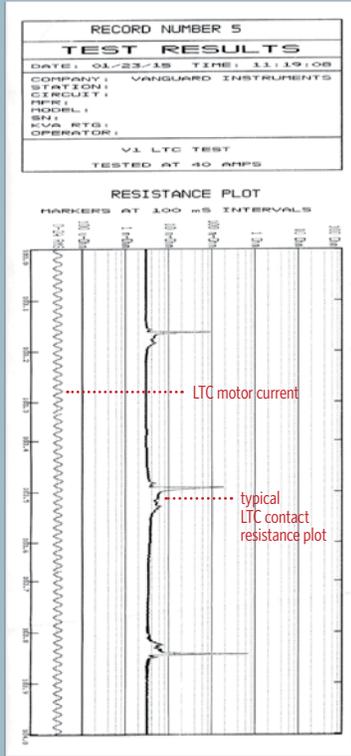
ordering information

Part No.	Description
9059-UC	LTCA-40, cables, and PC software
9059-SC	LTCA-40 shipping case
TP4-CS	TP4 thermal printer paper (24 rolls)

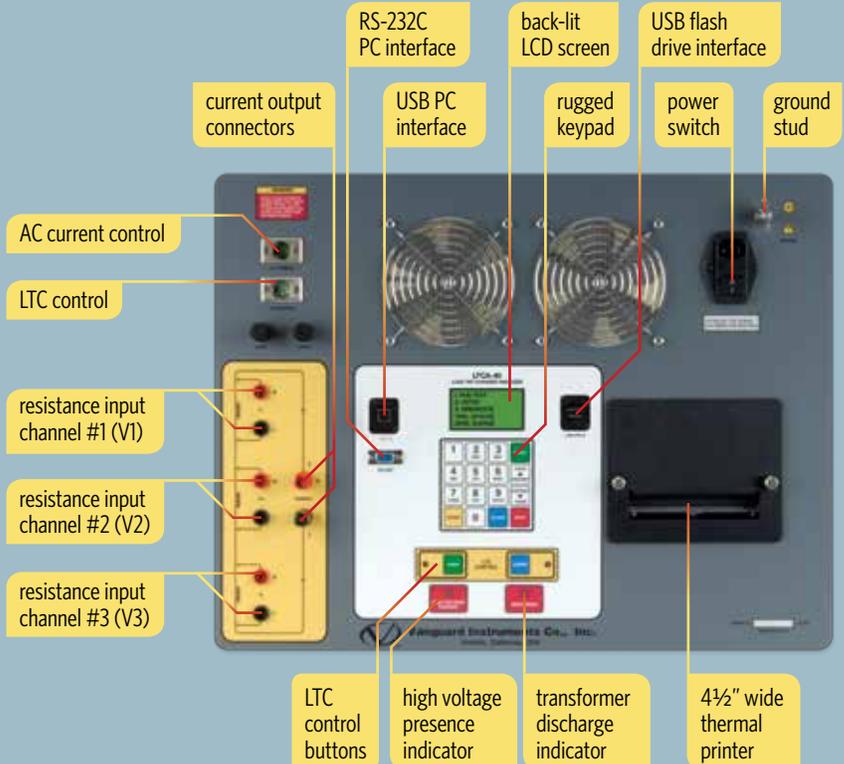
LTCA-40 connections



Thermal Printer Output



LTCA-40 Features



LTCA-40 technical specifications

 physical specifications	Dimensions: 25"W x 8½"H x 20" D (63.5 cm x 21.6 cm x 50 cm) Weight: 46 lbs. (20 Kg)	 input power	100 – 240 Vac, 50/60 Hz
 resistance reading range	1 micro-ohm – 500 ohms	 test currents	1 A, 5 A, 10 A, and 40 A
 accuracy	1 – 19,999 micro-ohms: ±0.5% reading, ±1 count 20 – 999 milliohms: ±1% reading, ±1 count 1 – 500 ohms: ±1.5% reading, ±1 count	 resistance channels	three static resistance reading channels, one dynamic resistance channel
 display	back-lit LCD screen (128 x 64 pixels) viewable in bright sunlight and low-light levels	 test voltage	60 Vdc max
 printer	built-in 4½" wide thermal printer	 ac current input	clamp-on current sensor, 1 – 20 A
 pc software	Windows®-based software is included with purchase price	 computer interface	one RS-232C port, one USB port, one USB flash drive port
 internal test record storage	stores up to 128 static resistance test records (48 tests per record) and 11 dynamic resistance test records	 load tap changer contact	designed to meet IEC 61010 (1995), UL 61010-a, and CAS-C22.2 standards
 external data storage	stores up to 999 test records on a USB flash drive (drive not included)	 safety	designed to meet UL 61010A-1 and CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 1010.1-92 standards
 temperature	Operating: -10°C to +50°C (+15°F to +122°F) Storage: -30°C to +70°C (-22°F to +158°F)	 humidity	90% RH @ 40°C (104°F) non-condensing
 cables	one 50' (15.2m) current cable set, three 50' (15.2m) resistance cable sets, ground cable, USB cable, RS-232C cable, LTC cable, power cord, cable bag	 altitude	2,000 m (6,562 ft) to full safety specifications
 options	shipping case	 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.



Instruments designed and developed by the hearts and minds of utility electricians around the world.

Vanguard Instruments Company (VIC), was founded in 1991. Currently, our 28,000 square-foot facility houses Administration, Design & Engineering, and Manufacturing operations. From its inception, VIC's vision was, and is to develop and manufacture innovative test equipment for use in testing substation EHV circuit breakers and other electrical apparatus.

The first VIC product was a computerized circuit breaker analyzer, which was a resounding success. It became the forerunner of an entire series of circuit breaker test equipment. Since its beginning, VIC's product line has expanded to include microcomputer-based, precision micro-ohmmeters, single and three phase transformer winding turns-ratio testers, transformer winding-resistance meters, mega-ohm resistance meters, and a variety of other electrical utility maintenance support products.

VIC's performance-oriented products are well suited for the utility industry. They are rugged, reliable, accurate, user friendly, and most are computer controlled. Computer control, with innovative programming, provides many automated testing functions. VIC's instruments eliminate tedious and time-consuming operations, while providing fast, complex, test-result calculations. Errors are reduced and the need to memorize long sequences of procedural steps is eliminated. Every VIC instrument is competitively priced and is covered by a liberal warranty.



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