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SPECIFICATIONS: ATS-20B

A. CURRENT AMMETER

1. Basic Accuracy = $1\% \pm 2$ digits AC + DC
True RMS 0 - 10 KHz CF5
Mean Average. . 0 - 1 KHz CF2
Peak 0 - 10 KHz
2. Input Conversion Time = 280 msec
3. Signal Input = 50mv per 1500 Amp Meter Shunt
4. Ranges 2,000 = .100 to 1.999 X 1000 Amps
20,000 = 1.00 to 19.99 X 1000 Amps
5. DPM Display = $3\frac{1}{2}$ LCD $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12mm) digits

B. METER SHUNT

1. Basic Accuracy = 0.1% (0 to 85°C)
2. Signal Output = 50mv per 1500 Amps
3. Duty Cycle (not to exceed 85°C) 10%
4. 4' (1.22m) connecting cable length

C. DURATION METER

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3. Minimum Input = 100/1000 Amps to start timer.
4. Auto Reset Time = 1.0 seconds
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D. POWER

1. 8 each AA size alkaline batteries
2. Nominal battery life (2 years)
3. Low battery Indicator

E. SIZE- HxWxD $5\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$ " (140 x 343 x 240mm)

F. WEIGHT = 13 lbs. (6kg)

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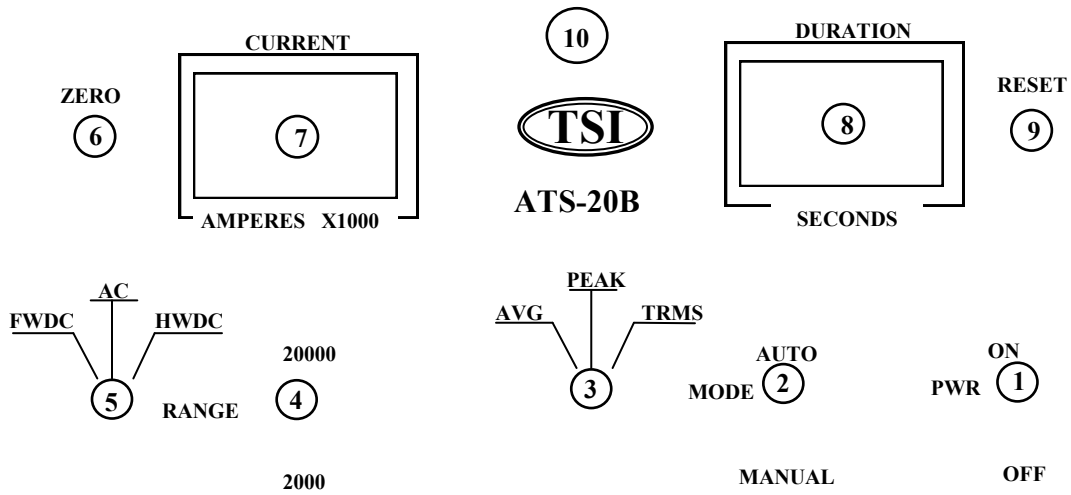
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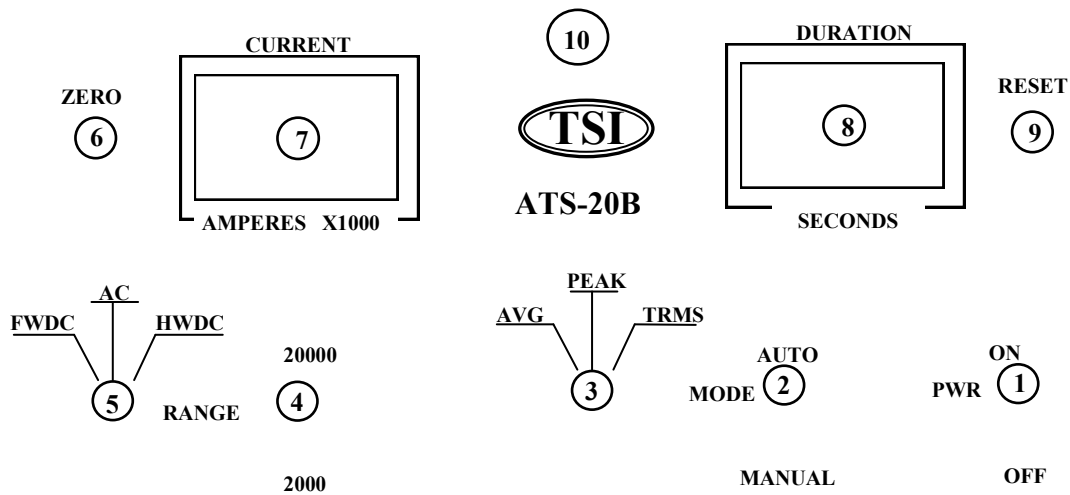
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- 2. MODE AUTO-MANUAL** - A toggle switch for selection of CURRENT METER into AUTO or MANUAL MODE. In AUTO mode current meter will store reading indefinitely. In MANUAL mode meter responds to input signal.
- 3. AVG-PEAK-TRMS** - A wafer switch for selection of CURRENT meters conversion technique of input current signal. AVG uses a mean average detector circuit. PEAK uses a fast rise peak detector circuit. TRMS uses a true RMS conversion circuit.
- 4. RANGE 2000-20000** -A toggle switch for converting CURRENT meter maximum reading of 1.999 to 19.99 Amperes X 1000.
- 5. FWDC-AC-HWDC** - A wafer switch for selection of CURRENT meters matching calibration of input current signal. Use AC position for PEAK measurements. Do not double HWDC measurement readings.
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- 7. CURRENT AMPERES X1000** - A 3½ digit LCD meter for displaying input current from meter-shunt. Meter blanks 0's on over-range.
- 8. DURATION SECONDS** - A 3½ Digit LCD meter for displaying time input current exceeds approximately 100 AMPS on 2000 RANGE or 1000 AMPS on 20000 RANGE, from 0.06 to 19.99 seconds. Will hold last reading indefinitely and automatically update on each successive input. Meter should reset to within 0.00±1. Meter blanks 0's on over-range.
- 9. RESET** - A pushbutton, when pushed in, will release the Current and Duration Meters hold function, when no signal is present meters reset to 00.
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QUICK BREAK TEST PROCEDURE**

METER OPTION



A. OPERATION ON 2000 RANGE

During current measurement, green OK LED will illuminate. When current flow stops Q.B. circuit will measure fall time of current and leave OK green LED on if system under test quick break is functioning properly. NG red LED will stay on if system quick break is not functioning properly.

B. TO CHECK HEADSHOT OPERATION

Monitored place meter shunt between head and tail stock, set current for 1000 amps. Current and duration can be at same time.

C. TO CHECK COIL OPERATION

Place meter shunt in series with coil by removing input coil cable from coil lug and bolting meter shunt between input cable and coil. Current and duration can be monitored at the same time. Set coil current at 1000 amps.

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2. PWR switch to ON. Meters may show some reading.
3. Press RESET. DURATION meter should indicate 0.00 with or without minus (-) sign. With MODE switch in AUTO, CURRENT meter should indicate 000. With MODE switch in MANUAL CURRENT meter should slowly reduce to 000. RESET does not affect CURRENT meter while MODE switch is in MANUAL.
4. To ZERO CURRENT meter to 000. Set MODE switch to MANUAL. Allow meter to stabilize. Turn zero knob for 000 meter indication. Minus (-) sign and last digit may flicker in MANUAL MODE.
5. Check for battery Indicator [10]. If ON, calibration is not valid and new batteries should be installed.
6. Turn AVG-PEAK-TRMS knob to desired measurement method. AVG (averaging) is used for most measurements. PEAK is used in some countries and on pulse discharge units. TRMS is used for True RMS measurements of any wave form, AC, DC, FWDC or HWDC, AVG and TRMS require a minimum of 200 msec to compute current to rated accuracy. Peak responds in 0.5 msec.

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7. Set RANGE switch for desired CURRENT meter maximum range. 2000 will measure between .100 to 1.999 amperes X1000.20000 will measure between 1.00 to 19.99 amperes X1000.
8. Turn FWDC-AC-HWDC knob to match output of unit under calibration. Use AC position when making PEAK measurements.
9. Duration meter is automatic and will time a current signal if above 300 AMPS on 2000 RANGE or 3000 AMPS on 20000 RANGE from 0.06 to 19.99 seconds. Meter blanks out the 0's above 19.9 seconds.
10. Check that CURRENT meter is still zero.
11. Place MODE switch to AUTO.
12. Remove meter shunt and place in position for measurement. Above 5000 AMPS do not exceed 5 second ON time. Allow to cool if temperature exceeds 65°C rating.
13. General Measurement Procedures -
 - A. ATS-20B accepts either polarity. Meters always read out positive.
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ATS-20B will automatically reset after each measurement when current drops below 100/1000 amps when in AUTO MODE while holding last reading and will update next measurement when current exceeds 100/1000 Amps.
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3. Lift panel and lay in front of case.
4. Remove 2 battery holder screws from case and slide off battery cover.
5. Remove AA batteries from holder by pressing (+) end back against spring and lifting up and out.
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