**Description**

The Desco 19250 Combo Tester is a 3-state touch tester designed for fast, frequent testing of ESD personnel grounding devices. This product can be used as one of the tools to fulfill the ANSI ESD S20.20 paragraph 6.1.3.2 “Compliance Verification Plan. Verification should include routine checks of the Technical Requirements of the Plan.” The Combo Tester incorporates a unique dual test circuit design which improves accuracy of testing and eliminates the need for separate wrist strap and foot grounder test units. The 19250 is equipped with a 750 kilohm - 10 megohm circuit, ideal for testing of wrist straps and a 750 kilohm - 100 megohm circuit designed for accurate testing of footwear.

Test parameters are factory set but can be adjusted to match your own specifications. The 19250 is very simple to operate. A green light signals the user that everything is OK. A red light and an audible indicator means that the circuit resistance is either too low or too high.

The Tester operates on either a 9 volt battery or a special AC adapter. The Combo Tester is calibrated to NIST traceable standards and is available in three models.

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**Packaging**

Remove the Tester from the carton and inspect for damage.

Items included with model 19250:
1. Combo Tester
2. 9 volt battery

Items included only with model 19253:
1. Combo Tester
2. Foot plate
3. Ground cord
4. 9 volt battery

Items included only with model 19252:
1. Combo Tester
2. Base plate
3. Pedestal tube with bracket and boot installed
4. 4" banana plug connector
5. Vinyl insulator cap
6. Wall poster
7. 1/2" hex wrench
8. 9 volt battery

Model numbers 19253 and 19252 are ideally suited for testing foot grounding devices.
Installation

The Combo Tester may be used as a portable unit, or may be permanently mounted on either a table or a wall. Please refer to the following instructions when installing your tester.

Stationary Installation

If you will be using the tester as a portable unit, you may prefer to mount the unit to a table or wall. Three keyhole slots on the back of the unit are included to allow you to attach the tester to a stationary surface.

General Instructions

In the following test configurations, the 19250 can be used to test wrist straps while they are worn. Models 19253 and 19252 will also allow the user to test footwear. Insertion of the banana plug on the wrist strap cord activates the wrist strap tester circuit and deactivates the footwear test circuit.

NOTE: When testing or calibrating, press and hold the test button until the test results are displayed. Allow 1-2 seconds for the unit to reset before pressing the test button again.

WRIST STRAP TESTING WITH MODEL 19250

This test safely checks that a continuous path between the operator, wrist strap and ground cord exists.

1. While wearing the wrist strap, plug the banana plug end of the cord into the jack on the face of the unit.
2. Press rocker switch toward "WRIST CORD".
3. Press and hold the test button until the test results are displayed.

NOTE: DO NOT TOUCH ANY OTHER METAL WHILE PERFORMING TEST.

Operation

The Combo Tester can be operated either on battery or AC power. The unit comes equipped with a 9 volt alkaline battery. For AC operation, plug the optional AC adapter into the mini phone jack located on the upper left hand corner of the tester. AC adapters are sold separately as item 98256 (120 volt) or 98257 (220 volt).

LOW BATTERY INDICATOR

The Combo Tester includes a low battery indicator alarm circuit. If both the audible alarm and indicator LED turn on during use, discontinue testing and replace the battery. The tester will continue to operate with a weak battery, but results should not be considered accurate.

The battery can be easily replaced by removing the battery compartment cover on the back of the unit and installing a new 9 volt battery.
1. Place the Foot Plate on the floor in front of the Combo Tester.
2. Plug the plate’s ground cord into the jack on the left hand side of the unit.
   NOTE: Steps 1 and 2 are not required with the 19252.

Figure 6. Installing ground cord to “FOOT PLATE” jack

3. Press the rocker switch toward “FOOT PLATE.”
4. Place one foot on the plate. If the floor is conductive, lift the foot you are not testing off of the floor during this test. Make sure there is no cord plugged into the “WRIST CORD” jack.
5. Press and hold the test button until the test results are displayed.

Figure 7. Testing foot grounding devices with 19253

6. Lighting of the green “PASS” LED indicates that the foot ground assemblies are functioning properly.
7. If either red “FAIL LO” or red “FAIL HI” LEDs light and the audible indicator sounds, the wearer should check the foot grounding device immediately.
8. Repeat steps 3-6 with other foot.

Free Standing Test Fixture Assembly and Operation (Model 19252)
The 19252’s rugged steel pedestal tube is powder coated in a non-conductive white finish that helps to prevent false readings if contacted by skin or loose smocks.

Figure 8. The 19252 Free Standing Test Fixture

Assembly
1. Remove 3 screws from baseplate.
2. Position pedestal on the baseplate with the Tester mounting bracket pointing away from the operator. Attach pedestal to baseplate using the three screws provided. Tighten with hex wrench provided.

Figure 9. Attaching pedestal to baseplate

3. Open the compartment and attach the snap connector to the included 9 volt battery. Attach poster to the wall at eye level in front of the Tester location.
4. Install the Tester on the bracket by aligning keyholes on the back of tester with mounting studs on bracket. While pushing up on thumb screw, insert the mounting studs into the keyholes and slide the tester down. See Figure 10.

Figure 10. Installing Tester on bracket and securing Tester to bracket

5. Install the 4” banana plug connector to “FOOT PLATE” jack on the side of the unit. Insert ring terminal behind thumb screw.
6. Twist the thumb screw clockwise to secure the tester to the bracket. Cover thumb screw with vinyl insulator cap.

WRIST STRAP TESTING
This test verifies that a continuous path between the operator, wrist strap, and ground cord exists.
1. While wearing the wrist strap, plug the banana plug end of the cord into the jack on the face of the unit.
2. Press rocker switch toward “WRIST CORD”.
3. Press and hold the test button until the test results are displayed.

NOTE: DO NOT TOUCH ANY OTHER METAL WHILE PERFORMING TEST.
4. Lighting of the green “PASS” LED indicates that the wrist strap and ground cord assemblies are functioning properly.

5. If either red “FAIL LO” or “FAIL HI” LEDs light and the audible indicator sounds, the wrist strap wearer should check the wrist strap assembly immediately.

TESTING FOOT GROUNDING DEVICES

When using a Footwear Tester that does not use a split FOOT PLATE, one needs to test one foot at a time; best practice is to raise the other foot off the floor. When testing conductive shoes, or foot grounders worn on both feet, test each foot separately to test the separate path-to-ground. If the floor is an ESD floor, placing the other foot on the floor may result in erroneous test results. Care should also be taken not to create (hand resting on wall or bench) other paths-to-ground.

1. Press rocker switch toward “FOOT PLATE”.

2. Place one foot on the plate. If the floor is conductive, lift the foot you are not testing off of the floor during this test. Make sure there is no cord plugged into the “WRIST CORD” jack.

3. Press and hold the test button until the test results are displayed.

4. Lighting of the green “PASS” LED indicates that the foot ground assemblies are functioning properly.

5. If either red “FAIL LO” or red “FAIL HI” LEDs light and the audible indicator sounds, the wearer should check the foot grounding device immediately.

6. Repeat steps 1-3 with other foot.

Calibration

The models 19250, 19253, and 19252 are calibrated to NIST traceable standards. We recommend that calibration is performed annually to ensure that the Tester is operating within limits. Due to its dual circuit design both test circuits of the Combo Tester must be calibrated individually.

Desco offers a calibration unit that is specifically designed to simplify the calibration procedure. This unit is sold as item 07010. The Calibration Unit comes calibrated to NIST traceable standards. For additional information on the 07010, ask for Technical Bulletin TB-2039.

750 Kilohm - 10 Megohm TEST RANGE - WRIST STRAPS

The following resistance should give the display shown:

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<td>825 Kilohm</td>
<td>Green (Pass)</td>
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<td>8.5 Megohm</td>
<td>Green (Pass)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.5 Megohm</td>
<td>Red (Fail Hi)</td>
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750 Kilohm - 100 Megohm TEST RANGE - FOOTWEAR

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<td>80 Megohm</td>
<td>Green (Pass)</td>
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<td>120 Megohm</td>
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To calibrate, simply test each resistance value shown above which are included in the 07010 Calibration Unit. Test across the test button and “WRIST CORD” jack for calibration of the 750 Kilohm - 10 Megohm range. Test across the test button and “FOOT PLATE” jack for calibration of the 750K - 100M range. Be sure rocker switch is set correctly.
Observe the LEDs for the proper response as indicated. Be sure to hold the cord at an insulated point, so that resistance value is not affected by the body. Should testing reveal that the Tester is not functioning properly, verify that the battery or power supply is operating correctly.

Tester calibration can also be verified with the use of discrete resistors and two banana-to-alligator cords.

**Adjustment**

Detailed adjustment instructions follow:

**Equipment Required:** - Small blade screwdriver or Trimpot adjusting tool, manufacturer's calibration box or a resistor decade box or discrete resistors, with appropriate test leads.

**PREPARATION OF THE UNIT:**

Make sure that a fresh 9 Volt alkaline battery is installed, and orient tester so that it corresponds to Figure 15.

**TABLE 1 - STANDARD RANGES**

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<td>&quot;C&quot;</td>
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**CALIBRATION OF FOOT WEAR RANGES:**

1. Connect resistance "A" from table 1 or 2, this time between the test button and the "FOOT PLATE" banana jack on the left side of the tester. For footwear calibration, press and hold the touch plate. The red "FAIL LO" LED should be on.

2. If required, adjust FWL trimpot to the point where the "FAIL LO" LED illuminates.

3. Connect resistance "B" and press switch as in step 1. The green "PASS" LED illuminates. If required, adjust the FWL trimpot to the point where the green LED illuminates.

4. Connect resistance "C" (footwear range) and press switch as in step 1. The green "PASS" LED should illuminate. If required, adjust the WSH trimpot to the point where the green LED illuminates.

5. Finally, connect resistance "D" (footwear range) and press switch as in step 1. The red "FAIL HI" LED should illuminate. The WSH trimpot may require a slight re-adjustment.

6. Re-check to insure that all footwear ranges are correct.

**RETURN UNIT TO SERVICE.**

Unauthorized modifications will void the product warranty. Servicing should be performed only at the factory. See warranty section for repair information.

**Specifications**

**Wrist Strap Circuit**

FAIL HI  Factory set at 11.5 Megohms
FAIL LO  Factory set at 675 Kilohms

**Footwear Circuit**

FAIL HI  Factory set at 120 Megohms
FAIL LO  Factory set at 675 Kilohms

**General Characteristics**

- **Power:** 9 Volt battery or optional AC power supply
- **Operation:** Resistance bridge
- **Readout:** Three LED's & audible alarm
- **Accuracy:** ±20%
- **Weight:** 12 pounds
- **Height:** 39 inches

Consider adding the 19250 to your list of “test equipment [that] shall be selected to make measurements of appropriate properties of the technical requirements that are incorporated into the ESD program plan” as required by paragraph 6.1.3.1 of ANSI/ESD S20.20.
Limited Warranty
Desco expressly warrants that for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase, Desco Combo Testers will be free of defects in material (parts) and workmanship (labor). Within the warranty period, the product will be tested, repaired, or replaced at Desco's option, free of charge. Call our Customer Service Department at 909-627-8178 (Chino, CA) or 781-821-8370 (Canton, MA) for a Return Material Authorization (RMA) and proper shipping instructions and address. Include a copy of your original packing slip, invoice, or other proof of purchase date. Any unit under warranty should be shipped prepaid to the Desco factory. Warranty repairs will take approximately two weeks.

If your unit is out of warranty, call Customer Service at 909-627-8178 (Chino, CA) or 781-821-8370 (Canton, MA) for a Return Material Authorization (RMA) and proper shipping instructions and address. Desco will quote repair charges necessary to bring your unit up to factory standards.

Warranty Exclusions
THE FOREGOING EXPRESS WARRANTY IS MADE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER PRODUCT WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED AND IMPLIED, INCLUDING MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE WHICH ARE SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMED. The express warranty will not apply to defects or damage due to accidents, neglect, misuse, alterations, operator error, or failure to properly maintain, clean or repair products.

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