
Positron Composite Insulator Tester

With Instant GO/NOGO Graphical Capability

Model # 3782091C/50 & 3782091C/60

For Composite (Polymeric) Insulators

User Manual

Description and Operation Guide



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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

This instrument is intended to be used in high voltage environments.

It should be used ONLY by personnel trained to work in those environments.

Although this instrument does not make electrical contact with the high voltages,

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS INSTRUMENT IS USED COUPLED WITH A SUITABLE

HIGH DIELECTRIC STRENGTH HOT STICK THAT HAS A VOLTAGE RATING

EQUIVALENT TO OR GREATER THAN THE VOLTAGE ON THE DEVICES OR LINES

BEING TESTED.

NOTE To be used on AC lines only



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Chapter 1

General Information

1.0 General Information

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1.2 About this Guide

This guide introduces you to and describes the operation of Positron’s Live Line High Voltage Tester used as a maintenance tool to test and report defects in Composite Insulators and for use as a safety tool to determine the condition of high-voltage insulators prior to beginning Live-Power Line work.

1.3 How to use this Guide

This guide was designed to describe the operational modes of the Composite Insulator Testers:

The reader is invited to use the digital (PDF) version of this document to allow searching by keywords. Select **Edit**, then **Find** from the pull-down menu, or select **Ctrl+F** to access the **Find** menu.

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Chapter 2

Overview

2.0 Introduction to the Composite Insulator Testers

2.1 Personnel Terminology Used in this Guide

The Composite Insulator Tester is used by the High-voltage Tower Workers/Technicians. In this guide, the High-voltage Tower Worker/Technician who uses the tester to scan the composite insulator is referred to as the “**Probe Operator**”.

The Foreman or other members of the supporting Ground Crew operate the Tablet/Laptop used in the field. In this guide they are referred to as the “**Tablet Operator**”.

2.2 General

The document describes the operation of Positron’s Composite Insulator Tester, enabling **GO/NOGO decision-making** for live-line testing of High Voltage Insulator performance:

Model # 3782091C/50: Composite Insulator Tester, 50Hz

Model # 3782091C/60: Composite Insulator Tester, 60Hz

Refer to Figure 1 for a detailed drawing of the unit.

With the Composite Insulator Tester field Probe mounted onto a user-supplied hot-stick, the Probe Operator passes the Insulator Tester along the length of the composite insulator. Any conductive defect in an insulator will cause a change in the electric field surrounding the insulator. This perturbation of the electric field indicates a faulty insulator. The fault is detected and identified by the Probe, and the data is downloaded to a database installed on the Tablet/PC for analysis. The graph displaying the E-Field of the insulator is clearly displayed on the Tablet/Laptop while in the field enabling **GO/NOGO decision-making on-the-spot**.

The skirts, or sheds, of Polymeric or Composite insulators are counted by the field Probe’s two integrated infrared detectors, referred to as IR1 and IR2 (see Figure 1), and the electric field of each insulator is recorded. Defective insulators are easily identified using the resulting data graphs that present the contour of the electric field along the length of the composite insulator. The field Probe contains a microprocessor-based recording system.

After a Composite insulator is scanned by the Probe Operator, the Tablet Operator downloads the Probe’s data via a long range Bluetooth communication link to the Tablet/Laptop for immediate GO/NOGO analysis.

The data is stored in ASCII format in order to be compatible with any text editor, including Excel spreadsheet and Microsoft NOTEPAD, plus the ASCII data can be imported into existing customer databases. A copy is also available in JSON format to simplify the upload to a server.

NOTE



- Verify the Date and Time settings of the Tablet/Laptop
- It is important to disable the WIFI of the Tablet/Laptop to avoid long operating system updates and interference with the long range Bluetooth communication link while preparing for or performing a testing session.

2.3 Overview

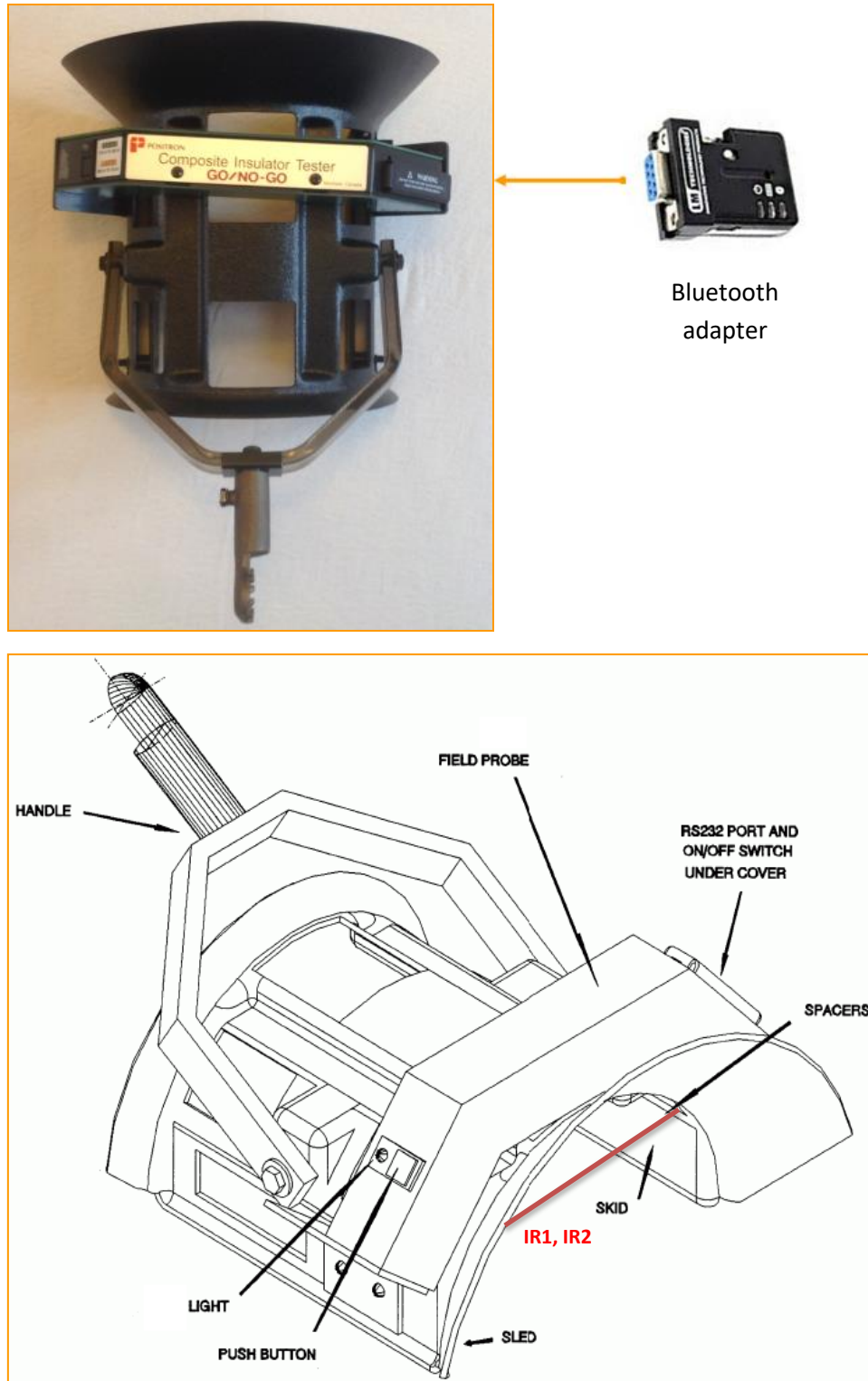


Figure 1: Composite Insulator Tester (C-Tester) Model #s 3782091C/50 (50Hz) & 3782091C/60 (60Hz)

2.4 Composite Insulator Tester Model Numbers

For ordering information, contact Positron Customer Support:

North America: 1-888-577-5254, Option 9, Option 1.
International: 001-514-345-2220, Option 9, Option 1

Testers and Model Numbers

Item Description	Model Number
Composite GO/NO-GO Insulator tester, 60 Hz, standard 10" sled	3782091C/60
Composite GO/NO-GO Insulator tester, 50 Hz, standard 10" sled	3782091C/50
220Vac/120Vac cable charger replacement	378126
Rechargeable battery pack replacement for the Probe	378127
12Vdc auxiliary automotive power cable charger replacement	378128
RS232 Long-range Bluetooth adapter replacement	378325/3
Replacement standard sled kit for 378209/x	378610
50 Hz GO/NO-GO E-field Probe for Composite Insulators (no sled)	378608
60 Hz GO/NO-GO E-field Probe for Composite Insulators (no sled)	378612
Replacement cover plate for Probe power switch (Min Order 25 pcs)	378613



Chapter 3

Composite Insulator Tester Elements

3.0 Description of Composite (Polymeric) Insulator Testers Kit

3.1 The Composite Tester Kit

The Composite Tester kit consists of:

- User manual
- A Quick Start Guide
- A rugged carrying case
- An adjustable Composite (Polymeric) Insulator Tester Sled
- USB key loaded with Insulator Tester user manual and PC software installer
- A 12Vdc auxiliary automotive power cable charger
- Sled spacer set to accommodate various insulator sizes
- A long-range RS232 Bluetooth Serial Adaptor, pre-paired with the Tablet/Laptop
- A Tablet/Laptop with Insulator Tester Data Processing Software installed
- Plug-in wall transformer: 120Vac/220Vac input, 12Vdc output (includes international wall-plug adaptors)
- Spare switch cover

The **Probe Operator Interface** (see Figure 2) consists of:

- a push-button
- a Status LED
- an internal tone generator



Figure 2

An ON/OFF switch is located to the left of the RS-232 connector underneath the Power Switch Cover. Remove the Power Switch Cover and slide the switch to the right to switch the Probe on. Slide the switch toward the left to switch the Probe off. See Figure 3.



Location of Power Switch Cover

Power Switch Cover

Power Switch
(OFF position)

Figure 3

CAUTION



DO NOT TURN THE POWER SWITCH OFF BEFORE DOWNLOADING THE DATA.

When the power is turned off the accumulated data in the Probe is lost. Once the data has been downloaded, slide the switch away (left) from the RS232 connector to turn the unit off.

The Probe uses two infrared detectors to trigger the E-field readings. Please refer to Figure 4. The two infrared detectors are identified as IR1 and IR2.

The RS232 connector port is used to recharge the Probe's battery and to connect a Bluetooth dongle for data transfer.

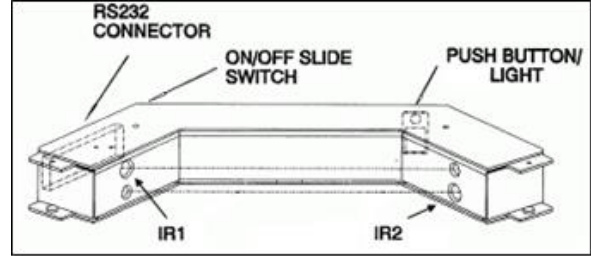


Figure 4

3.2 Tester Charger

The Probe's battery is recharged using a 120Vac/220Vac universal wall charger connected to a cable with a DB-9, RS232 female connector to connect to the Probe. A set of AC charger adaptors is provided to accommodate various country standards. For charging the Probe in the field, a 12Vdc auxiliary automotive charger cable terminated in a DB-9 connector is supplied to recharge the battery from a car or truck.

Both the AC power charger and the automotive DC charger are equipped with an LED status to report on the charging status. When first plugged in to charge, the LED will glow red. After 9 hours on charge, the LED will glow green, indicating that the charging time is completed.

NOTE



The battery should be recharged overnight the day before a testing session. The battery charge will last one day with the power switch in the ON position.

The battery can be recharged with the power switch in the ON or OFF position, however the Probe will charge faster when switched off.

CAUTION



The data accumulated by the Probe must be transferred via Bluetooth to a Tablet/Laptop prior to switching the Probe off or the data will be lost.

3.3 Insulator Tester Sled

The Probe mounts on a non-metallic sled. The sled permits the Insulator Tester to slide along an insulator.

Together, the sled and Probe attach to a hot stick via the coupler mounted on the sled's bracket. See Figure 5.



Insulator Sled for #3782091C/x



Insulator Tester Sled Hot stick Coupler

Figure 5

3.4 Sled Adjustments

The sled is equipped with adjustable skirts to accommodate the different insulator sizes. A spacer kit is provided if the sled skirts require adjustment. See Figure 6.

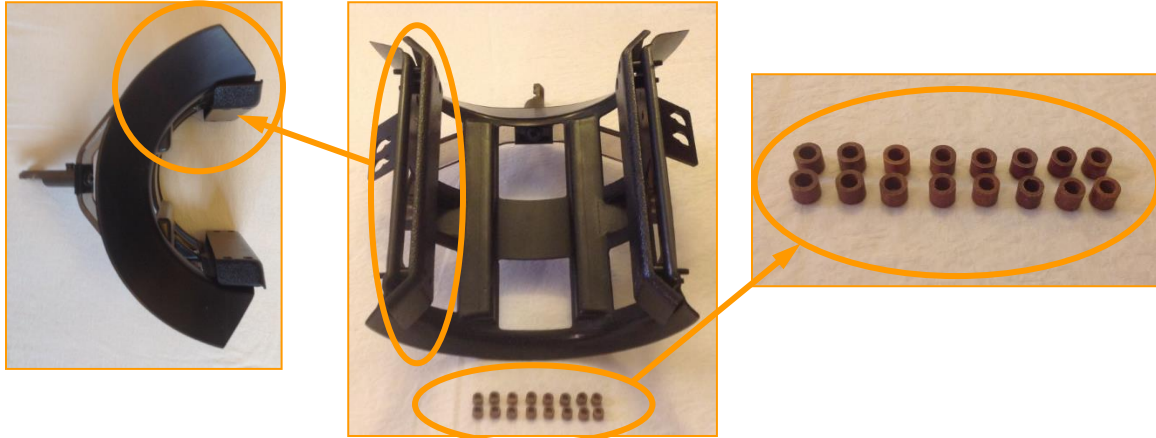


Figure 6

3.5 Placement of Probe on the Insulator Sled

The Composite Insulator Probe attaches to the companion sled via four key-hole openings on the insulator sled. Note that the Probe is skewed when attached to the sled to make the skirt thickness larger as seen by the IR detectors. See Figure 7.



GO/NOGO Insulator Tester
#3782091C/x

Figure 7

3.6 Tablet/Laptop

3.6.1 General

A Tablet/Laptop is provided with the Insulator Tester. The Tablet/Laptop is Bluetooth-enabled and is shipped paired with the long range Bluetooth adapter of the Probe. Refer to Figure 8.

The Insulator Tester Data Processing Software is pre-installed on the Tablet/Laptop.

The Tablet/Laptop is used on-site for transfer of the data from the Probe after one or more scans of one insulator to immediately view the resulting graphs (interactive mode). The resulting graph can immediately be viewed enabling **GO/NOGO** decision making for immediate insulator replacement or establishing relative safety for live-line work. The transfer of data to the Tablet on-site also avoids the risk of data loss should the tester be switched off after testing.



Figure 8

CAUTION



The Tablet/Laptop should not be used by a High-voltage Tower Worker/Technician for safety reasons. The Tablet/Laptop is to be operated by the Tablet Operator on the ground.

3.6.2 Separating the Tablet while in the Field

When using the Tablet/Laptop in the field, it is best to separate the Tablet from its associated keyboard, as shown in Figure 9. The operating procedure in the field does not require the keyboard.

When attached, the keyboard is useful when creating insulator lists and preparing for the field visit.

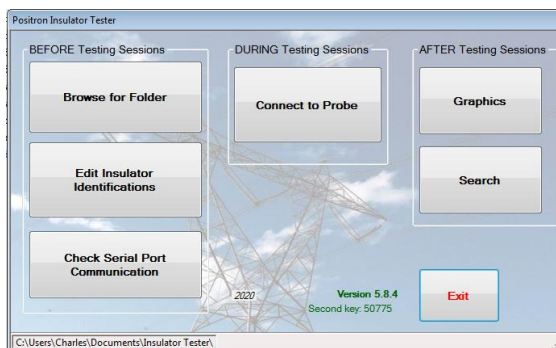
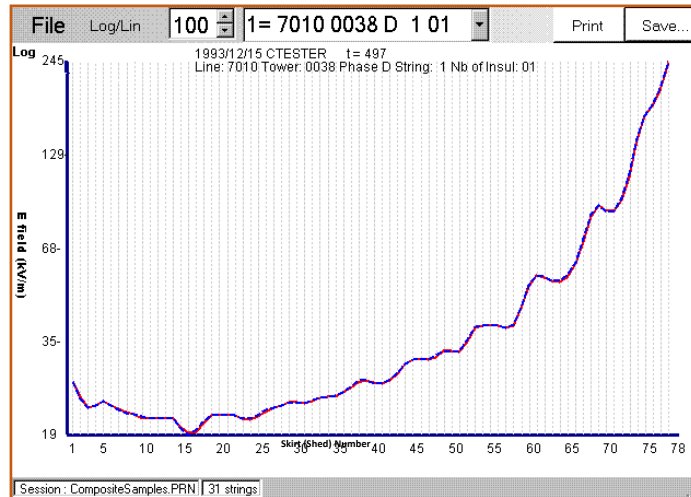


Figure 9

Large “Touch Buttons” are used to operate the Windows-based Positron Insulator Tester Software in the field.

The person on the ground uses the Tablet while the Probe Operator scans the Composite insulators. When they have completed one or more tests, they download the results immediately to the Tablet to see the profile of the E-field surrounding the tested insulator, thereby revealing its health, and determining immediately if a hazardous condition exists.



Example Only

The intensity of the Tablet's screen display is factory adjusted to its maximum setting. If this setting was changed by a user, it is important to adjust the intensity of the screen back to the maximum. (While the Tablet is operating from its battery, select "Best performance" after selecting the small battery icon and right-click on the desktop to change the Display settings to its maximum brightness).

The use of polarized sunglasses may make it difficult to see the display on the Tablet screen in Landscape mode (long edge of the Tablet screen is horizontal).

In this situation, rotate the Tablet 90° to switch to Portrait mode (short edge of the Tablet screen is horizontal). Otherwise, avoid the use of polarized sunglasses during use of the Tablet.



Chapter 4

Windows Based Software

4.0 Windows-based Insulator Tester Software

The Positron Insulator Tester Software is factory-installed on the Tablet/Laptop shipped with the Insulator Tester. Similarly, the RS232 long-range Bluetooth adapter has been factory-paired with the Tablet/Laptop shipped.

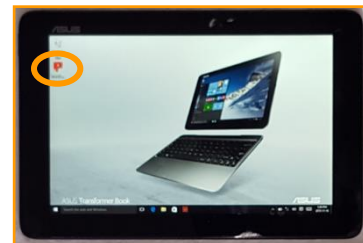
4.1 Insulator Tester Software Description

The Tablet/Laptop is Windows based and has the Positron Insulator Tester Software pre-installed. All data formats are backward compatible. The long range Bluetooth Class I device enables on-the-spot remote downloading.

The Windows-based Insulator Tester Software is used:

- A) **BEFORE** the testing session:
- To create and store one or more lists of insulators to identify the insulator to test and the condition of each insulator prior to generating a graph of the insulator E-field
 - To test the Bluetooth communication between the Tablet and the Probe
 - To set up a working folder
- B) **DURING** the testing session
- To remotely download the data scanned by the insulator tester
 - To identify last scanned insulator from the list
 - To display the graphic representation of the E-field along with the identification of the insulator
 - To make on-site **GO/NOGO** decisions based on the severity of the defects detected
 - To retain or discard the immediate results of a downloaded insulator test
 - To signal the Probe Operator to repeat the scan or proceed with the next scan
 - To put the Tester in sleep mode after the testing of all insulators of a tower.
- C) **AFTER** the testing session
- To use as a reference database to evaluate insulator degradation over time
 - To display the relative health of insulators using graph of the E-field along an insulator during live-line conditions
 - To use this information to determine where and when preventative action needs to be taken to prevent failures
 - To use as a tool in the asset management of Composite (Polymeric) insulator.

The Insulator Tester Software has been pre-installed on the Tablet/Laptop supplied with the unit. The icon for the Insulator Tester Software appears on the main-touch screen.



4.2 The Bluetooth Serial Adaptor

The long-range (100m) Bluetooth serial adaptor is powered by the Probe and has been paired with the Tablet/Laptop supplied with the Composite Insulator Tester.

4.3 Instant Graphical GO/NO-GO Reporting Capability

The Positron Composite Insulator Tester enables on-site a **GO/NOGO** decision making capability. A scan instantly downloaded to the Tablet/Laptop from the Probe is used to get a graphic representation of the E-field distribution of a composite (polymeric) insulator showing any floating or connected defects. A decision emergency replacement or establishing safety levels for live-line work can then be made.

During the scanning of an insulator, the Probe Operator manipulates the Insulator Tester with a hot stick, while the Tablet Operator uses the Tablet/Laptop. Once the scan is done, the Tablet Operator can immediately download the data to get the graphic representation of the distribution of the E-field along the composite (polymeric) insulator.

Once the Tablet Operator has downloaded the data from the Probe and has viewed the graph of the insulator's E-field, the Tablet Operator can choose to **Accept** or **Reject** the scan using the Windows-based Insulator Tester software interface installed on the Tablet/Laptop. In either case, the data in the Probe gathered during the scan will be deleted after download to the Tablet/Laptop.

Chapter 5

Using the Composite Insulator Tester & Software

5.0 Using the Composite Insulator Tester & Software

The Composite Insulator Tester and Tablet/Laptop are used together in the field. The Tablet Operator controls the Tablet/Laptop running the Windows-based Insulator Tester Software while the Probe Operator controls the Composite Insulator Tester and scans the insulator.

After a scan of a composite (polymeric) insulator, the Tablet Operator can instantly download the resulting data obtained by the Probe Operator. Once downloaded, the Tablet Operator can view the E-field profile of the scanned insulator on the screen of the Tablet/Laptop and the relative health of the insulator can be assessed while in the field.

Using the Tablet/Laptop, the Tablet Operator can choose to **Accept** or **Reject** the scan. In both cases, once a choice has been made by the Tablet Operator the data in the Probe is erased. If the choice is made to **Accept** the scan, the data is stored on the Tablet/Laptop.

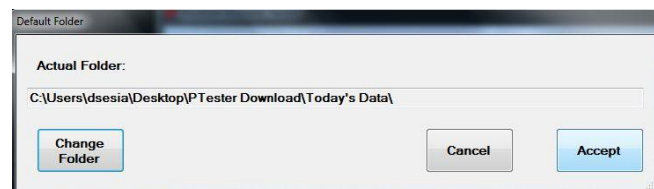
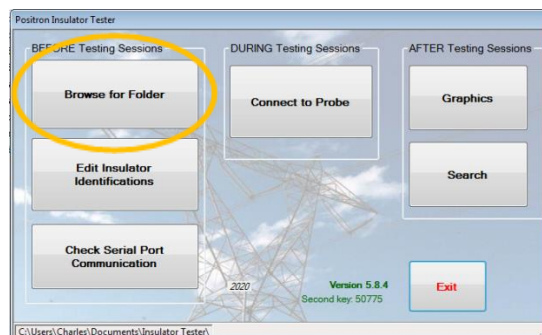
5.1 BEFORE Testing Sessions

If required, adjust the date and the time of the tablet. Begin by double-clicking the Insulator Tester icon. Ensure that the Bluetooth feature is enabled on the Tablet/Laptop.



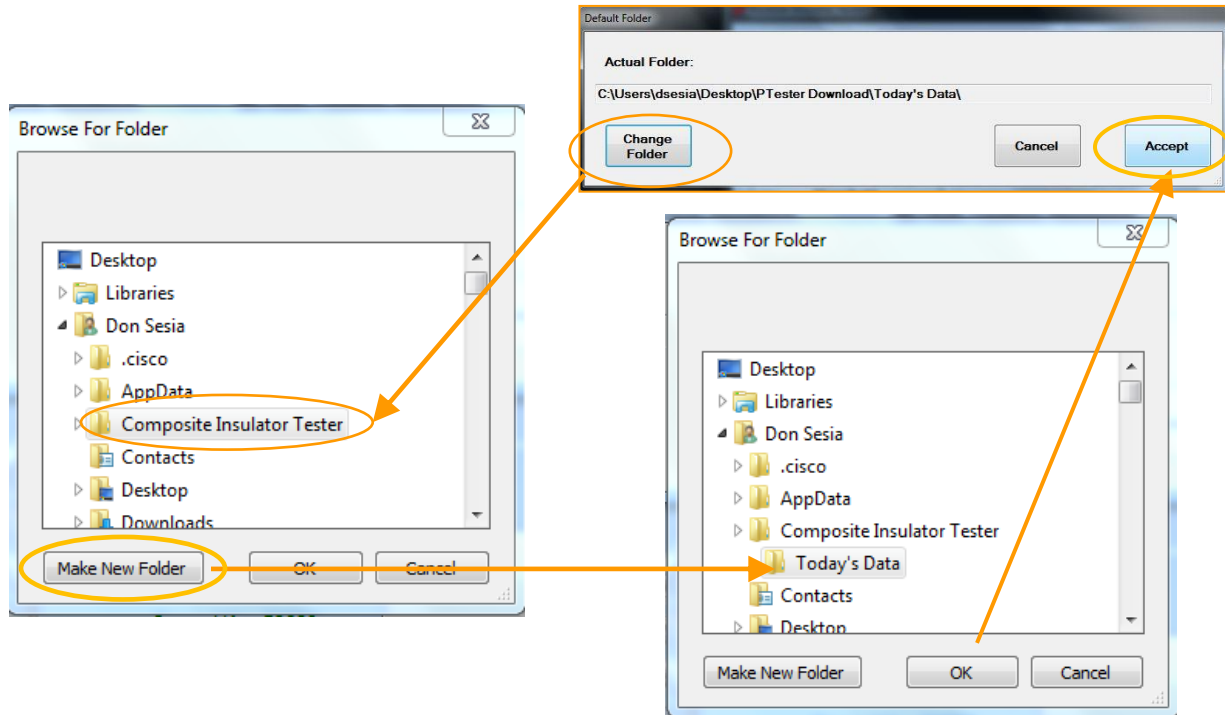
5.1.1 Select the Default Folder

First, set the Default folder where the data will be stored. From the screen, select **Browse for Folder**. A dialogue box will be returned showing you the default file location.



5.1.2 Changing the Folder

You can change the default location and folder name by selecting **Change Folder**. The **Change Folder** selection and Windows OS will guide you through the steps. Be sure to select **Accept** at the end of the process.



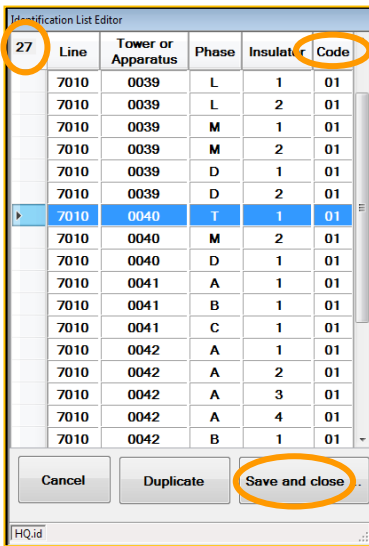
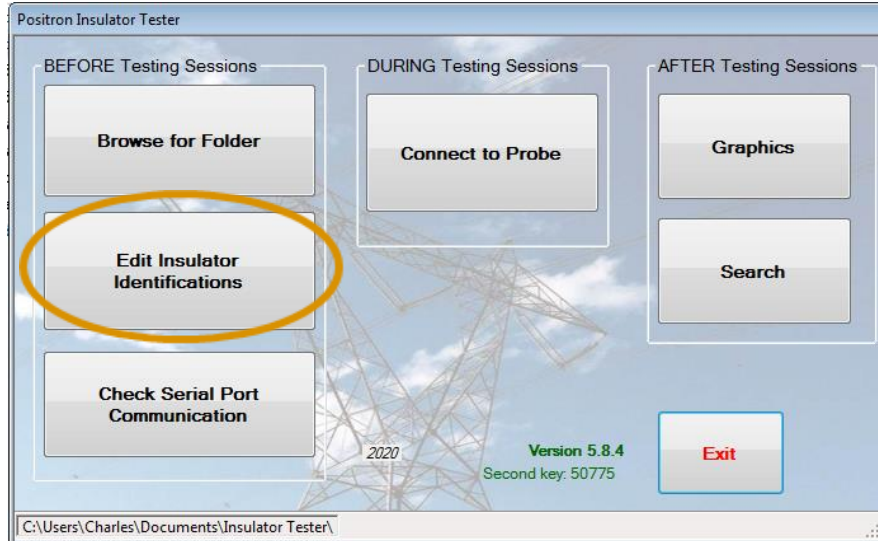
5.1.3 Create a List of Insulator Identifications

Create a listing of all insulators to be tested during an upcoming Testing session. This list will be used during a testing session to identify each insulator. This is best done with the Tablet engaged with the keyboard for ease of typing.

To create an Insulator Identification List, you have 3 choices:

- Select **Edit Insulator Identifications** and type in the list on the tablet PC
- Install the Positron Tester Software on any Windows based Desktop and type in the list. This part of the software is not copy protected; no Software Activation Key is required for this operation. The file created has the suffix ".ID". This file can then be copied from the Desktop to the Tablet PC using the USB memory stick supplied with the equipment. Copy the file in the Folder selected in the previous section of the manual: "Changing the Folder"
- If the Power Utility has already a long list of Insulator Identifications in Excel or ASCII format, Positron can assist in the conversion to ".ID" format. Note: The ".ID" file can be edited using any ASCII editor such as Microsoft Notepad.

A dialogue window will open so you can open the **Default.id** file. This will be used to enter the information identifying the insulators to be scanned.

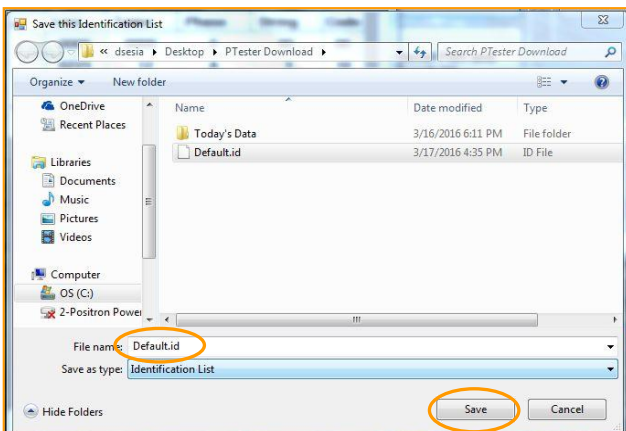


The **Identification List Editor** will open. Edit a field by clicking into it and move to the next field using the **TAB** key on your keyboard. The **ENTER** key will bring you to the field immediately beneath.

Note that number shown in the upper-left corner of the **Identification List Editor** corresponds to the number of entries there are in the list.

Enter any user defined code in the **Code** field.

With the list completed, select **Save and Close**. This will open the **Save this Identification List** dialogue box.



Enter a name for your list, and click **Save**. The list is saved with a file suffix of **“.ID”**.

5.1.4 Verifying Communication Before a Testing Session

Prior to going out in the field to use the Composite Insulator Tester, testing the Bluetooth communication between the Probe and the Tablet/Laptop is advised. This can only be done with the PC Insulator Tester software activated. After communication has been established, the Probe and Bluetooth adaptor can be switched off again before going out into the field.

5.1.5 Switching the Probe On

To activate the Probe, remove the Power Switch Cover and move the power switch to the right, toward the DB-9 connector, as shown in Figure 10. The Probe will first enter the Power-On Self-Test (POST). See 5.1.5.1 for details.

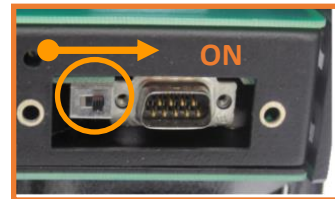
Ensure the slide switch on the Bluetooth adapter is in the DCE position. Insert the Bluetooth Serial adapter into the DB-9 Serial port of the Probe. The Bluetooth Serial adapter is powered by the battery of the Probe.



Location of Power
Switch Cover



Locate Power Switch
Cover and remove



Slide the Power Switch to the
right to the "ON" position,
toward the DB-9 connector



Ensure the slide switch on the Bluetooth
adapter is in the DCE position.

Figure 10

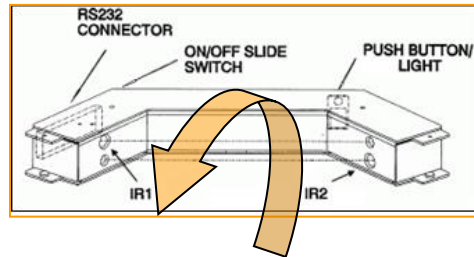
5.1.5.1 Power-On Self-Test (POST) of the Probe

Upon switching the Probe on, the **POST** process commences and the infrared detectors are verified.

The power-up sequence for the 3782091C/x Composite Insulator Tester is described below:

1. Apply power by sliding the switch located on the side of the Probe, underneath the Switch Cover, toward the RS232 connector
2. The LED will flash **Amber** once
3. The LED will then flash **Green** four times
4. After which, a long tone begins and the LED will flash **Amber** 10 times or less if the IR sensors (IR1, IR2) are manually interrupted.
5. If the **Red** LED begins flashing, then the Probe's infrared sensors are being obstructed. Ensure that there are no obstructions and that the lenses are not fouled. The **Red** LED will stop flashing the moment the infrared beams are unobstructed.

To fully check the 2 infrared beams (IR1, IR2), make a hand-pass through the beams, inside the sled near the Probe at the beginning of the long tone.

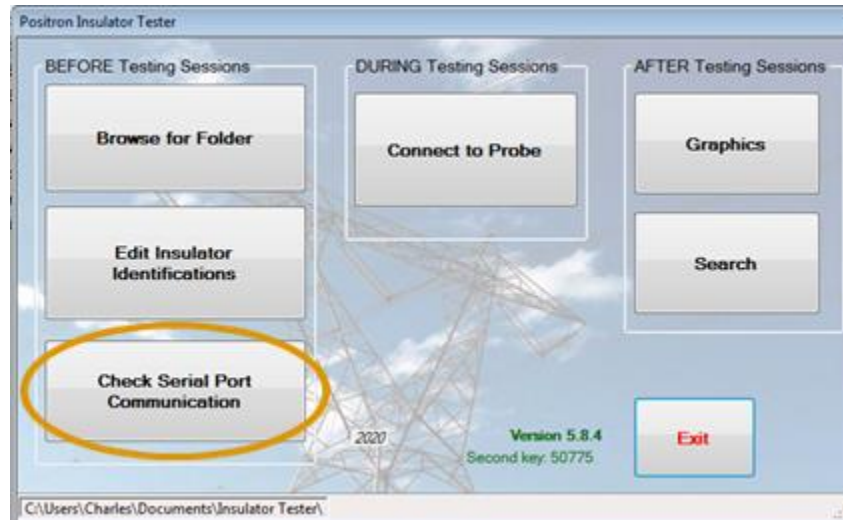


Once the infrared beams have been broken, or after flashing 10 times, the LED and the tone will turn off. The Probe is in "sleep" mode.

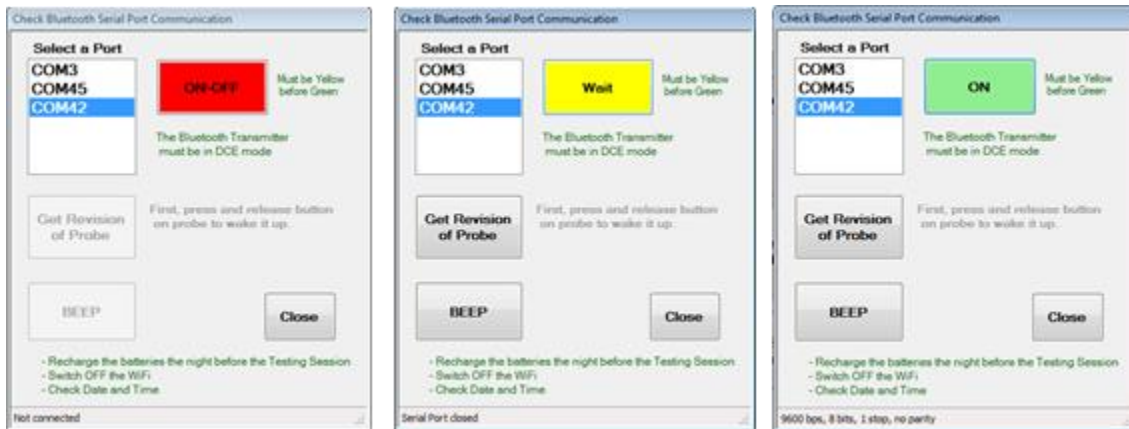
Once the Insulator Tester has been activated and the **POST** procedure is finished, communications between the Probe and the Windows-based software on the Tablet/Laptop must be tested.

5.1.6 Check Long-Range Bluetooth Serial Port Communication

Select the **Check Serial Port Communication** button to verify long range Bluetooth connectivity between the Tablet/Laptop and the Probe prior to going into the field.



The **Check Bluetooth Serial Port** dialogue screen will appear. Select the COM Port used by the Tablet/Laptop to communicate with the Bluetooth adapter.

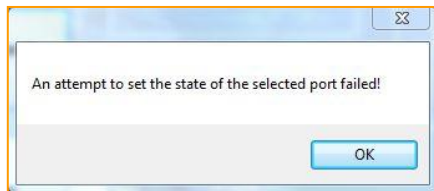
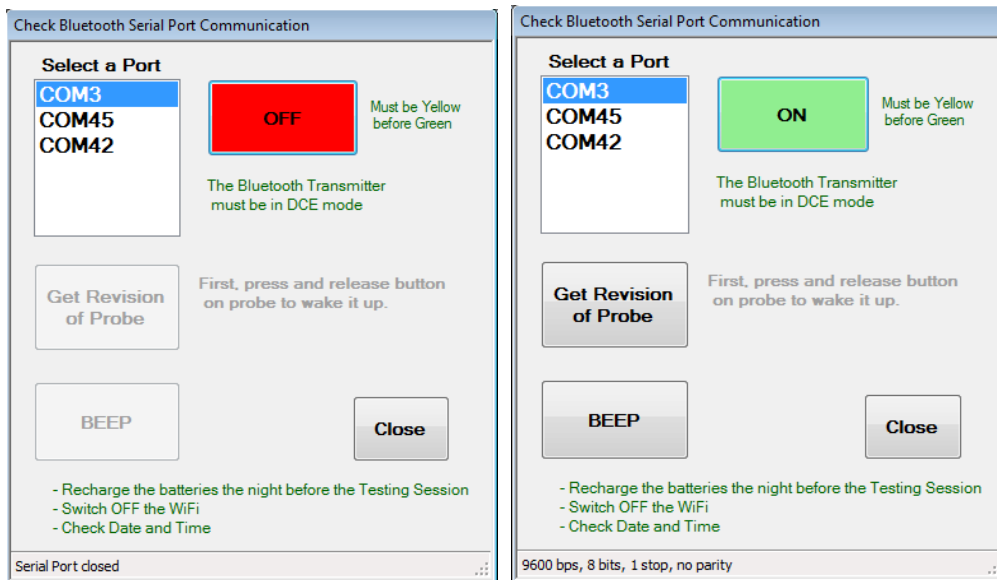


Must be Yellow before Green

Select the RED **ON-OFF** button. The button will turn YELLOW and “Wait” will appear until Bluetooth communication is established, and then it will turn GREEN.



If the button does not turn **YELLOW** and read "Wait", but turns **GREEN** immediately, try another port. If the button flashes **YELLOW** before **GREEN**, you have connected to the correct COM port. If the incorrect COM Port has been selected, an error message may be returned. If so, change the COM Port and retry.



These steps verify communication with the Tablet and the Probe's Bluetooth RS232 Adapter. This COM port will need to be reconnected once the unit is taken to the field for a scanning session.

It is important not to transport the Insulator Tester to the testing location with the Bluetooth Adapter inserted in the RS232 DB9 connector. This is to avoid possible physical damage during transport.



The buttons in the Insulator Tester Software change to **GREEN** once each software function receives an acknowledgment from the Probe. If a button in the Insulator Tester Software changes to **RED** after it has been **GREEN**, the Probe may be in sleep mode and the Push Button of the Probe must be pressed to bring the unit into Awake Mode.

5.1.7 Get Revision of the Probe (Firmware)

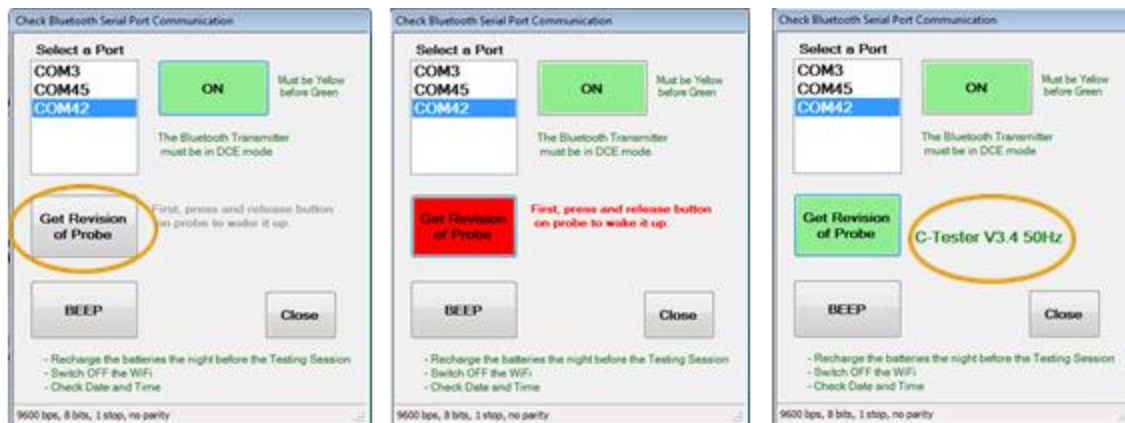
Select **Get Revision of Probe** to receive the Probe's internal Firmware Revision level. Normally, this function is used by Positron Technical Support when troubleshooting the Insulator Tester. In this instance, the function is used as a confirmation that the Tablet/Laptop can communicate a command to the Probe and that the Probe will respond via the long range Bluetooth communication through the associated COM Port.

Once you have selected **Get Revision of Probe**, communication between the Tablet and Probe is established. Ensure that the Probe is in **Awake Mode** by pressing the push button of the Probe. See Figure 11. If required, select **Get Revision of Probe** after the Probe is awakened.



Figure 11

This step verifies that the Tablet/Laptop can communicate with the Probe. Once Bluetooth connectivity and functional communication are verified, first press the **Close** button to close the "Check Bluetooth Serial Port" dialog then the Probe can be switched off. The Probe will be switched on again in the field when scanning is to begin.



Firmware Revision shown above is for illustrative purposes only.



Before going out into the field for an insulator scanning session, ensure the Probe and Tablet/Laptop are fully charged. The batteries of the Tablet/Laptop are best maintained for longer life by recharging before the battery charge depletes below 50%.

5.2 DURING Testing Sessions

It is important to disable the WIFI of the Tablet/Laptop to avoid long operating system updates and interference with the Bluetooth communication link while performing a testing session.



Equipped with the Tablet separated from the keyboard, the Tablet Operator launches the Insulator Tester Software. Optionally, the camera of the Tablet/Laptop can be used take a picture of the tested tower.

To activate the Probe, remove the Power Switch Cover and move the power switch to the right, toward the DB-9 connector, as shown in Figure 12. The Probe will first enter the Power-On Self-Test (POST) as described in 5.1.5.1.

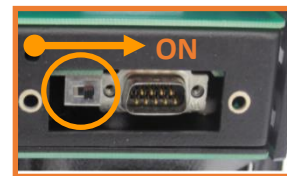
Ensure the slide switch on the Bluetooth adapter is in the DCE position. Insert the Bluetooth Serial adapter into the DB-9 Serial port of the Probe. The Bluetooth Serial adapter is powered by the battery of the Probe.



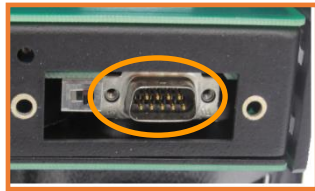
Location of Power Switch Cover



Locate Power Switch Cover and remove



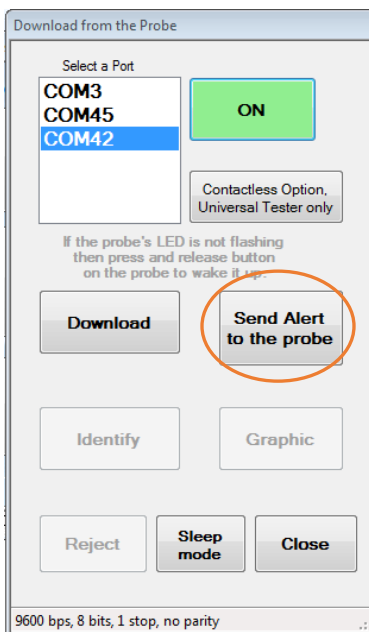
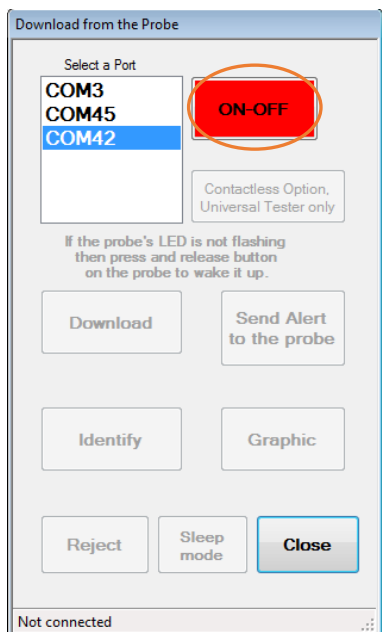
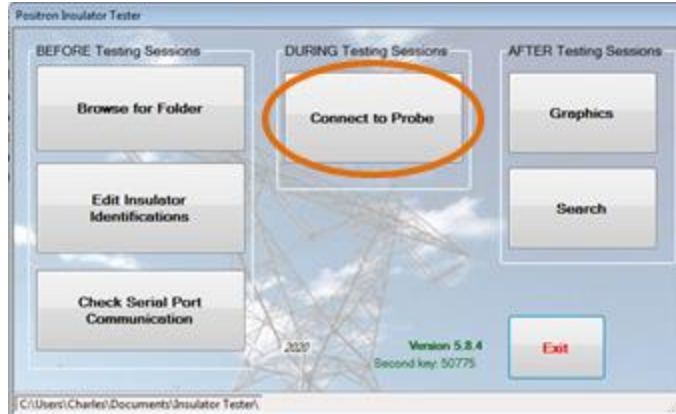
Slide the Power Switch to the right to the "ON" position, toward the DB-9 connector



Ensure the slide switch on the Bluetooth adapter is in the DCE position.

Figure 12

Ensuring that the Probe has been switched **ON**, select **Connect to Probe** and reconnect to the pre-selected COM port.



It is recommended to connect the Bluetooth in the field prior to Probe Operator climbing the tower. Use the **Send Alert to Probe** button in the field to check the communication link. The Probe will respond with an annunciating tone.

With communication confirmed, the Probe Operator can now ascend the Tower. Once in position, the Probe Operator should press the Probe's button to ensure it is in **Awake Mode**. If not, the Tablet Operator will be unable to signal the Probe Operator. Ensure that the LED of the Probe is flashing GREEN.

After 8 minutes of no communication, the Probe will go into Sleep mode. The Tablet Operator can keep the Probe awake by sending a download request or by pressing the **Send Alert to probe** button in the Windows based Insulator Tester Software interface.

5.2.1 Scanning an Insulator

5.2.1.1 Performing a “V” Scan or Horizontal scan

Once the Probe is securely fastened to the sled and the hot stick is attached, follow this procedure, per Figure 14:


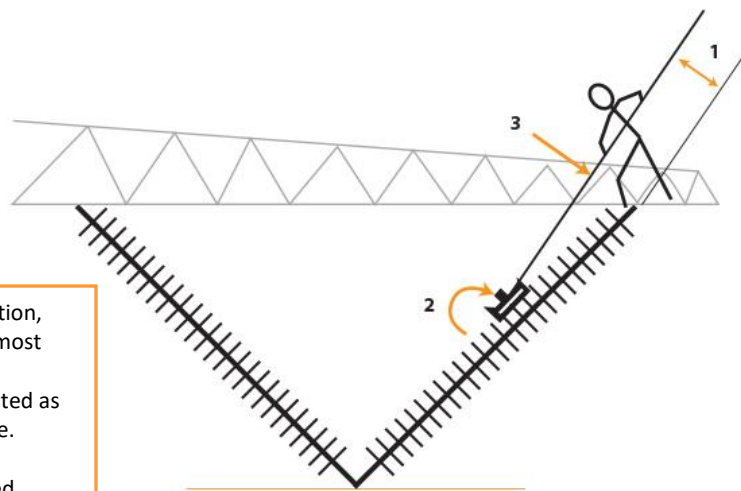
1. Following the instructions of the Tablet Operator, if the LED is not flashing, press the Push-button on the Probe (See Figure 13) and place the Insulator Tester as close as possible to the low voltage end of the composite (polymeric) insulator.
 
2. Slide the tester along the insulator toward the high voltage end of the insulator. A tone will sound each time a reading is taken at each insulator skirt (shed).
3. Remove the Insulator Tester from the insulator and wait for instructions from the Tablet Operator.
 - The Tablet Operator will **Download** the scanned data to the Tablet/Laptop PC to view the resulting graph and will **Accept** or **Reject** the scan. In either case, the data is wiped from the Probe leaving the Insulator Tester ready for the next scan.
 - The Tablet Operator selects **Send Alert to Probe** and the annunciator tone attracts the attention of the Probe Operator so the Tablet Operator at Ground level communicates the next step to the Probe Operator.
 - This process is repeated for each insulator.

Figure 13

Performing a “V” Scan

Place the Probe close to the low voltage end of the insulator and slide the Probe along the insulator, moving the Probe from 1 skirt (shed) per second up to 10 skirts (sheds) per second, toward the high-voltage end and withdraw the Probe.



1. To facilitate the manipulation, the hot stick should be almost parallel to the insulators.
2. The angle should be adjusted as shown on the above figure.
3. Apply constant pressure downward to keep the sled against the insulator at all times.

Figure 14

5.2.1.2 Performing a Vertical Scan

A single scan is performed to verify the Composite (Polymeric) insulator.

1. Following the instructions of the Tablet Operator, if the LED is not flashing, press the Push-button on the Probe (See Figure 15) and place the Insulator Tester against the insulator nearest possible to the low voltage end of the Composite (Polymeric) insulator, per Figure 16.



Figure 15

2. Then slide forward the Insulator Tester toward the high voltage end of the insulator. A tone will sound each time a reading is taken at each insulator skirt (shed). The Insulator Tester may be moved at a speed from 1 skirt (shed) per second up to 10 skirts (sheds) per second.
3. Remove the Insulator Tester from the insulator and wait for instructions from the Tablet Operator.

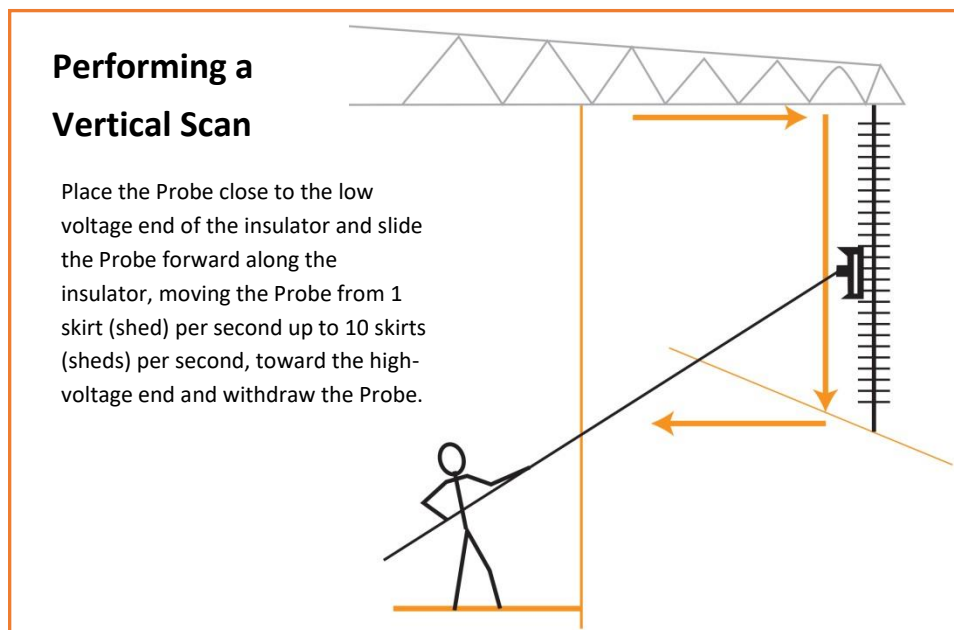


Figure 16



NOTE It is important to avoid moving the Insulator Tester backward at any time during the execution of a scan of the Composite (polymeric) insulators. The adjustable skids can be removed to accommodate large Composite insulators.

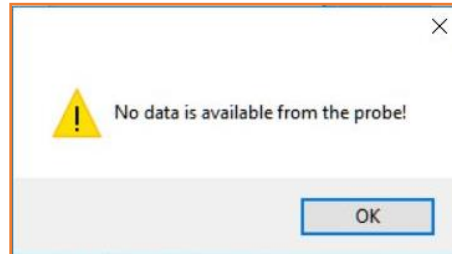
5.2.2 Downloading Data

The result of the scan is immediately downloaded and viewed on the Tablet/Laptop PC.

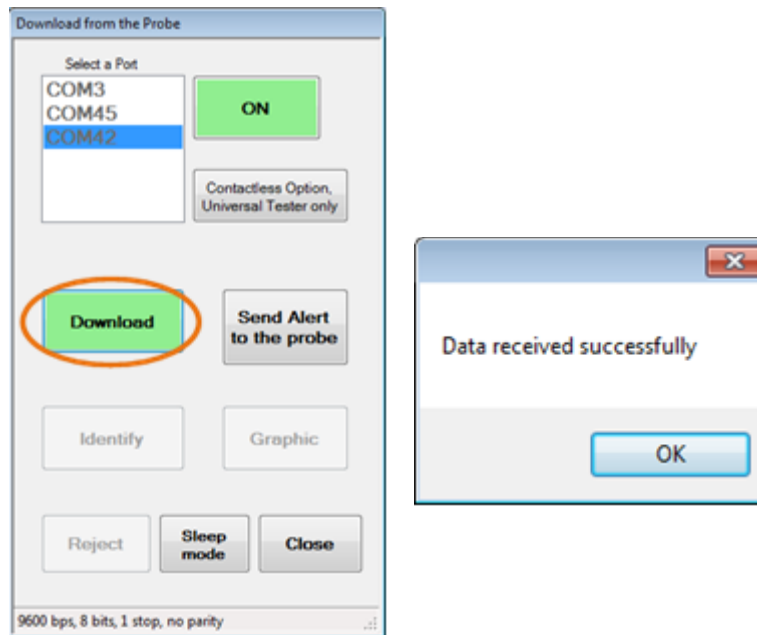
NOTE



During the Download process, if a system message is returned stating “**No data is available from the Probe**” this indicates that the Insulator Tester Software is in communication with the Probe, but that there is no data in the Probe to download. The **Download** button will still turn **GREEN**, indicating that the Windows-based Insulator Tester Software is able to communicate with the Probe, but that no data was resident.

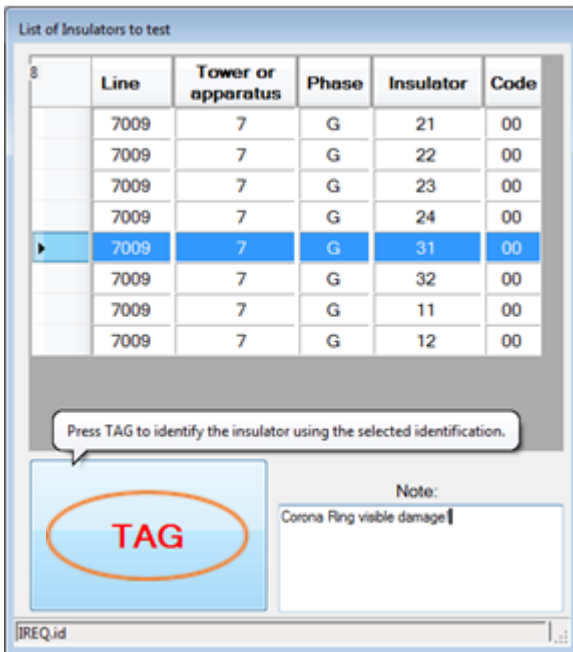
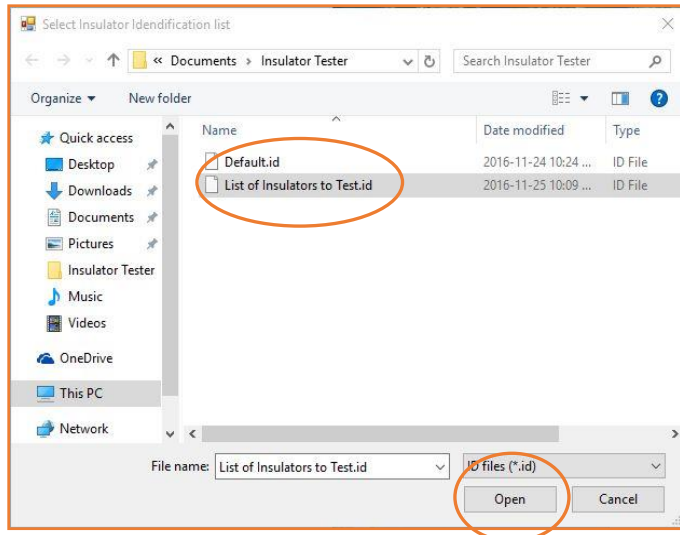
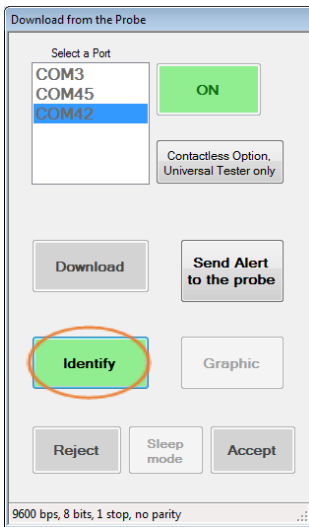


A successful **Download** will be confirmed by a system message stating **Data received successfully** and the **Identify** button will turn **GREEN**.



The **Download from the Probe** dialog box on the tablet will open. From this screen, you can associate the insulator scan with an ID created earlier in the Insulator Identification List.

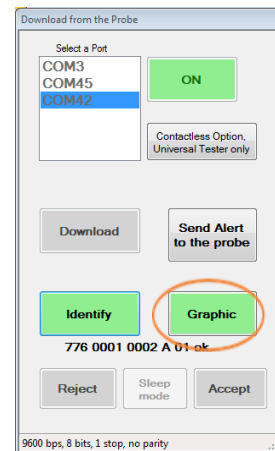
Select **Identify** and the **Select Insulator Identification List** will open.



From the **Select Insulator Identification List** you can select and open the Insulator ID List created before the testing session.

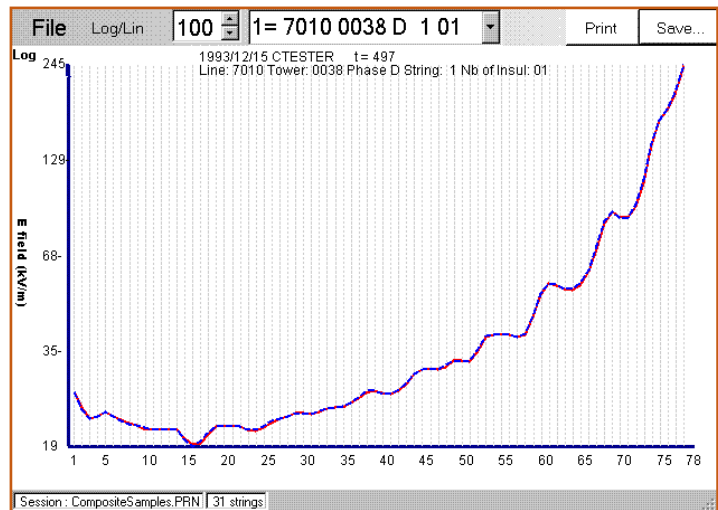
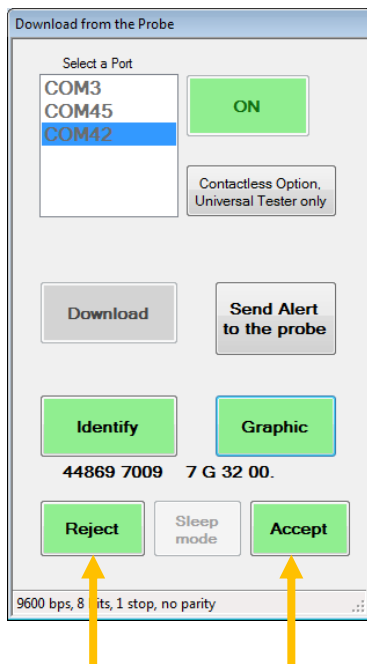
Select the Insulator just scanned from the list created earlier, and select **TAG**.

Select **Graphic** to see one or more graphs of the E-Field from scans of the last tested insulator. If more than one scan was done on the last tested insulator, click or touch the graphic to see the next related graphic.



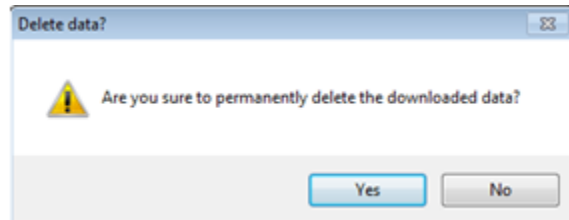
An instant determination can be made by the Tablet Operator whether to **Reject** or **Accept** the last insulator scan. Here are some examples of scans to be rejected:

- **Incomplete scan:** The Probe Operator stopped for any reasons the scan before reaching the end of the scan
- **Shed missing:** The sled jumped over a shed or skirt because the Probe Operator didn't apply enough pressure on the hot-stick
- **Curves don't match:** If two scans have been performed, the two curves should be almost identical
- **Practice session:** The first time, it is recommended to perform some "dummy" scans to get used to the manipulation of the hot-stick

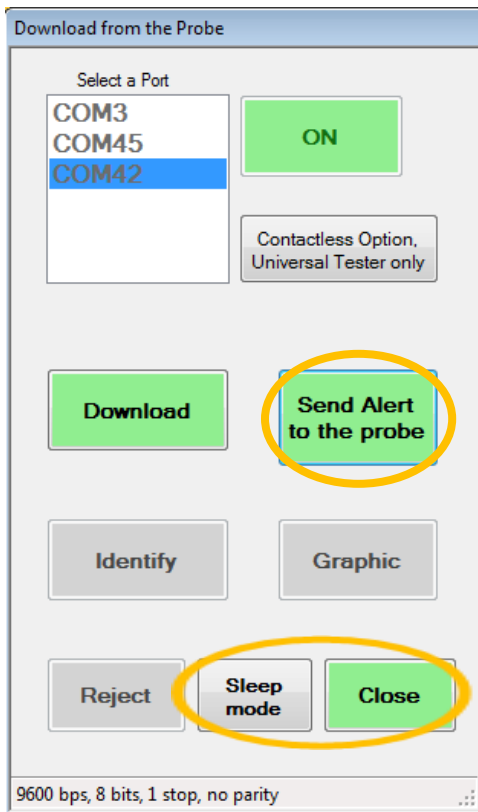


If the scan is **rejected**, a system message will be returned asking if you are sure you want to delete the downloaded data. If rejected, the data is erased from the Tablet/PC Tester Software database.

If **accepted**, the data from the scan, with all identifiers, is retained in the results database of the Insulator Tester Software database.



In the example shown below, the data was accepted by the Tablet Operator.



Once accepted, the next insulator may be scanned. The Tablet Operator can attract the attention of the Probe Operator by selecting **Send Alert to Probe** and issue the instructions for another insulator scan.

If this was the last planned scan, the Tablet Operator may elect to:

- A) Select **Sleep Mode** to put the Probe into **sleep mode** (The Probe can be awakened by pressing its Push Button).
- B) Optionally, select **Close** button to close the current window (The Bluetooth will disconnect to save power).

If during the process any of the software interface buttons turns RED when selected, it may mean that the Probe has gone into sleep mode. The Probe Operator must be signaled by the Tablet Operator to wake the Probe by pressing its Push Button.



5.3 Using the Tester without the Tablet and Bluetooth

It is possible to use the tester in a mode without downloading the data after each scan. This mode requires the Probe Operator to push the button on the probe after each scan in order to store the data in the probe. The data stored in the probe can be downloaded at a later time.

We do not recommend this method as it has the following disadvantages:

- The user does not get instantaneous feedback on the condition of the insulator tested.
- A dangerous condition will not be known until after the data is downloaded.
- If a scan is improperly done, this will only be known later and a return trip to the tower might be necessary.
- It requires the user to take notes on a piece of paper and later correlate manually these notes with actual towers and insulators identification.
- The database may be “dirty” because it may contain scans improperly done.
- The database and the graphics created would contain only the E-Field data. The insulator and tower identifications associated with the E-field curves would therefore not be included within the database for future use.
- There is a risk of losing all data stored in the Probe if its power is switched off or its internal battery becomes discharged.

Advantage of using the Tablet/PC with Bluetooth:

- The use of the tablet enables the manager to download or type in a list of the towers and insulators to be tested so that the Tablet Operator has an assigned task list for the field work.
- The Tablet Operator and Probe Operator can work together without having to take notes to correlate the towers and insulators tested data curves with the tower identification and each insulator. The curves are instantly tagged by the Tablet Operator to the tower and insulator including phase, etc. This saves a lot of time and also errors that can occur when using a manual identification method.

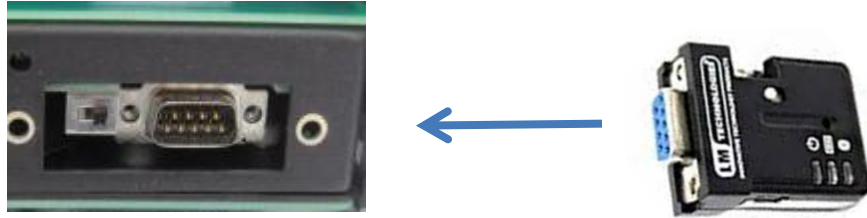
Bulk downloading stored data from the probe to a PC:

- This can be done via the Bluetooth provided with the Tester to a Bluetooth enabled PC.

The following procedure is applicable ONLY for bulk download from the probe if the tablet and Bluetooth are not used in the field. Disregard this procedure when using the Positron Tester in the recommended manner with the tablet/PC and Bluetooth while using the Tester in the field.

To download bulk E-field data stored in the probe:

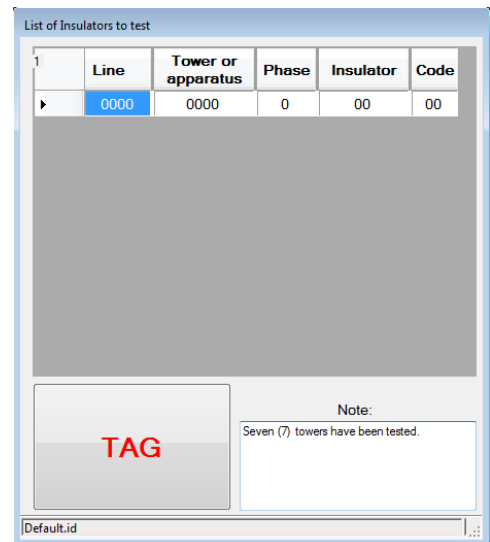
- 1- Connect the Bluetooth adapter to the probe (Ensure the slide switch on the adapter is in the DCE position)



- 2- Press the push button on the probe



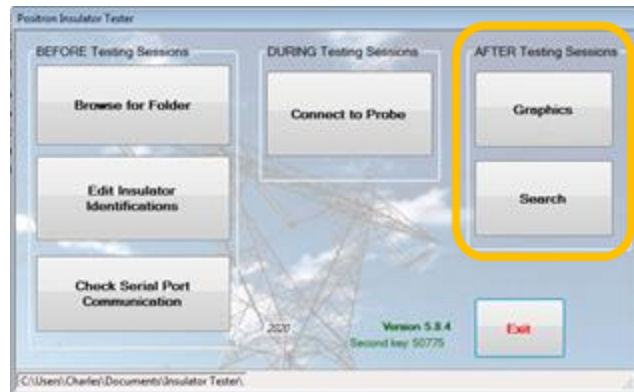
- 3- Start the Positron software on the Bluetooth enabled Tablet/Laptop PC, select the folder by pressing the “**Browse for Folder**” button then press “**Connect to probe**”
- 4- Select the COM port and press “**Download**”
- 5- After receiving the message “**Data received successfully**”, press the “**Identify**” button
- 6- Select “Default.id” file, then press on “TAG” button
- 7- Press “**Graphic**”, close the graphic displayed, press “**Accept**” then press “**Close**”
- 8- The E-field data is stored in the database located into the previously selected folder. The database consists in three ASCII files: Date.PRN, Date.LOG and Date.JSON
- 9- Press on the “**Graphics**” button on the Main Menu to display the graphics. The Graphics will not have any insulator identification into their title.



5.4 AFTER Testing Sessions

5.4.1 Displaying Graphs

At any time before, during or after a testing session, press the “Graphics” button on the Tablet screen to display the graphs from the data stored in the Tablet/Laptop. Refer to Chapter 6 for interpretation of the graphs.

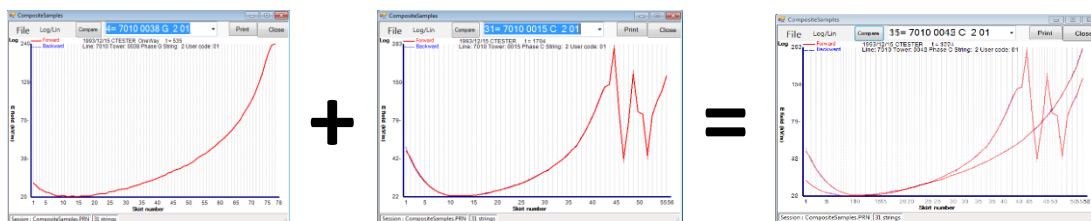
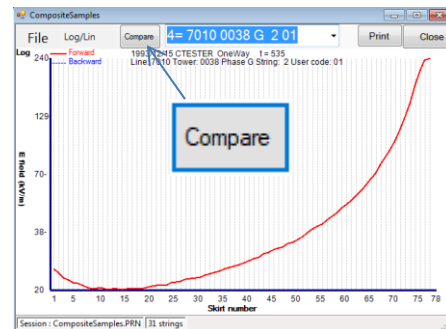
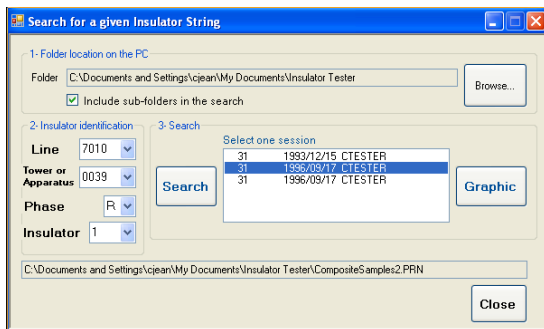


5.4.2 Searching the Database

Search a database for a given insulator in the database to evaluate its degradation over time. See Section 6.6 for a description of superimposed graph comparison.

To **search** the historic of an insulator:

- Browse and select the “**Search**” button from the menu of the Insulator Tester Software,
- Select the folder (and optionally all its subfolders)
- then choose an insulator
- display the chosen insulator
- select the next insulator
- display its graphic and reduce its opacity to superimpose many graphics
- the degradation over time becomes evident



One graph superimposed on another using the **Compare** feature

5.5 Important General Notes

- ✓ Always use the same Bluetooth adapter with its paired Tablet/Laptop.
- ✓ If the Probe has not been used for more than six (6) months, recharge its Ni-Cad battery before turning ON the power of the Probe.
- ✓ The Probe's battery should be recharged overnight (9 hours minimum) before each day of testing. If the power switch remains ON, the battery will discharge completely after two days.
- ✓ Recharge the battery of the Probe and the Tablet/Laptop before a day of testing.
- ✓ Switch the power OFF when the Probe is left unused. To switch the Probe OFF, remove the cover and move the slide switch away from the RS232 connector.
- ✓ To verify that the power is ON, press the push-button; the LED should flash, then press the push-button again to turn the light OFF.
- ✓ Do not use the Probe and the Tablet/Laptop in rain or snow or during lightning.
- ✓ To recharge the battery, remove the RS232 cover (3" x 1"), plug the charger cable to the Probe and plug the universal wall transformer to a 120/220 Vac source, 50 or 60 Hz.
- ✓ If the battery is completely discharged (No light on power-up), switch the Probe OFF while the battery is recharging. Under normal circumstances, it is not necessary to turn the Probe OFF during a recharge.

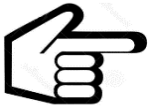
Switching the Probe OFF will erase all data in the Probe.

WARNING



The equipment covered in this manual should be used and serviced only by competent and trained personnel familiar with and following good work safety practices. This equipment is intended solely for the use by such trained personnel. This manual is not intended as a substitute for adequate training and experience. Appropriate safety procedures must be followed at all times in the use of this equipment.

NOTE



This equipment will detect any conductive defect irrespective of the cause of the conductive defect. Conductive defects can be manufacturing defects or internal defects due to deterioration or caused by mechanical failure or cracks or due to conductive pollution. The tester does not detect non-conductive defects including mechanical defects that have not resulted in a conductive defect.

Chapter 6

Interpreting Graphic Results

6.0 Interpreting Graphic Results

6.1 Understanding the Graphic

The data transfer software on the Tablet/Laptop creates ASCII files. MS-Excel or any text editor, such as Microsoft NOTEPAD, can import these files. The tagging of an insulator creates, an ASCII file ".LOG", which contains time tag and insulator identification pairs. The associated data file ".PRN" contains the same time tag which is used to identify the data.

See Figure 17 for a description of the fields shown on the graphs.

- A) **Log/Lin** indicates the scaling of the graphic results of the scans, and is selectable.
- B) Shows the date of scan and the type of insulator tester (CTester = Composite Tester)
- C) Detailed information of the scanned insulator taken from the user's insulator list.
- D) "t = 497" indicates the number of seconds since midnight.
- E) This pull-down menu allows the selection of an insulator identification:
 - i. **7010** identifies the particular power transmission line being scanned
 - ii. **0038** identifies a particular tower associated with the power transmission line being scanned
 - iii. **D** indicates the power phase associated with the power transmission line being scanned
 - iv. **1** indicates that it is the 1st insulator for the given phase,
 - v. The last two characters can be any alphanumeric characters chosen by the user. These last 2 characters are not used by the software Search function. The other alphanumeric characters are used for the "Search for a given insulator" function.

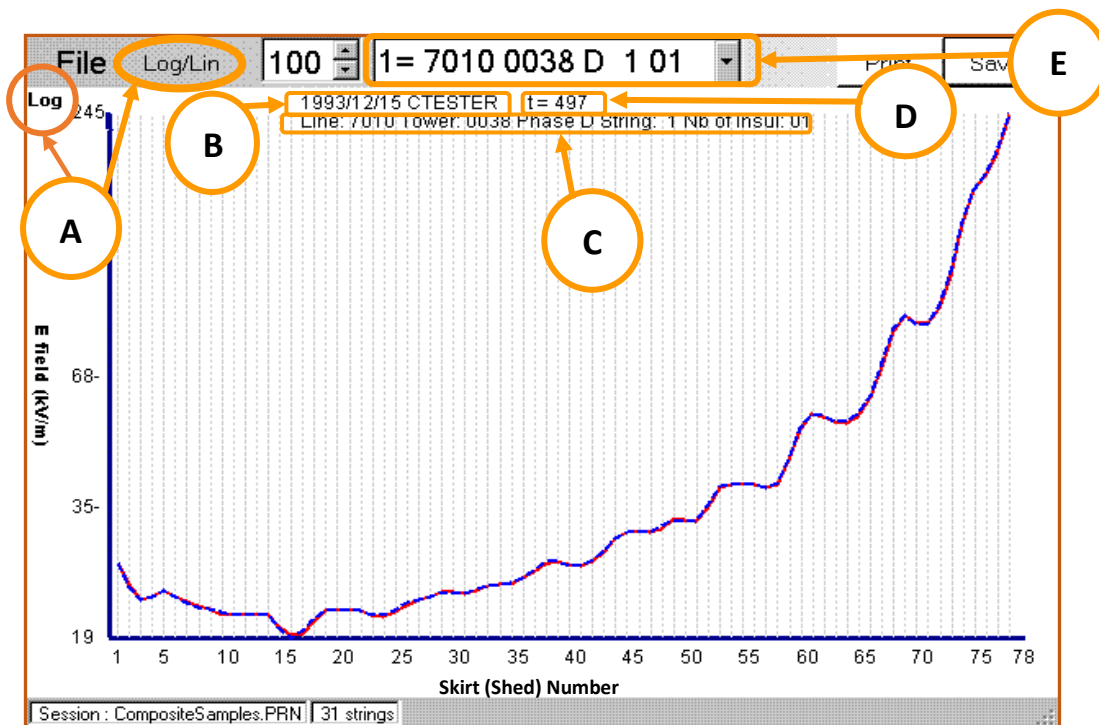


Figure 17: Example of a Graph of a Composite (polymeric) Insulator Scan shown using LOG Scale

6.2 Linear and Logarithmic Graphic Options

The “Linear” display mode is used to display the electric field readings from the Probe on a linear scale. It is normally used for lower voltage applications.

The “Log” display mode is used to amplify the small variations in the lower portion of the curve for longer composite (polymeric) insulator.

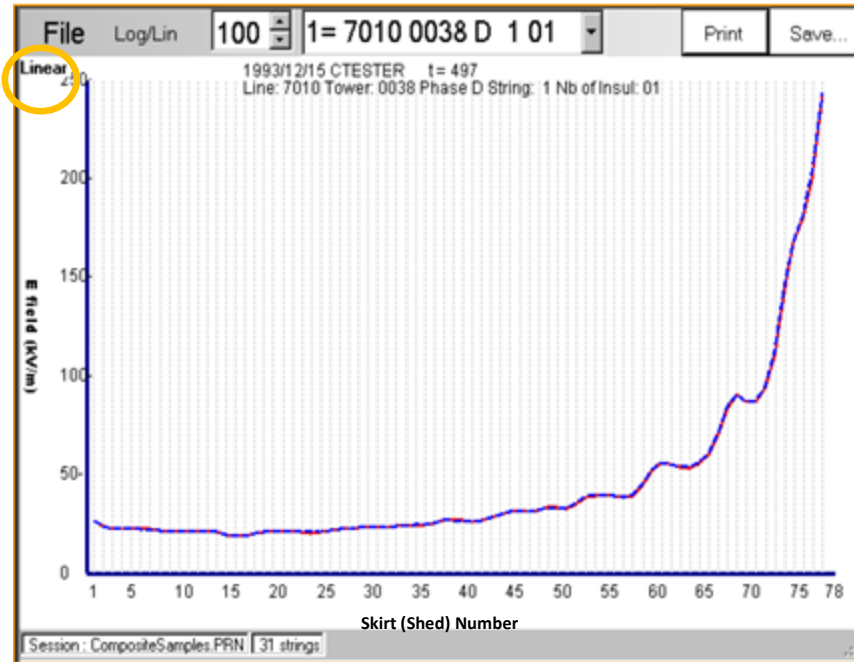


Figure 18: Example of scan of a bad insulator shown on Linear Scale

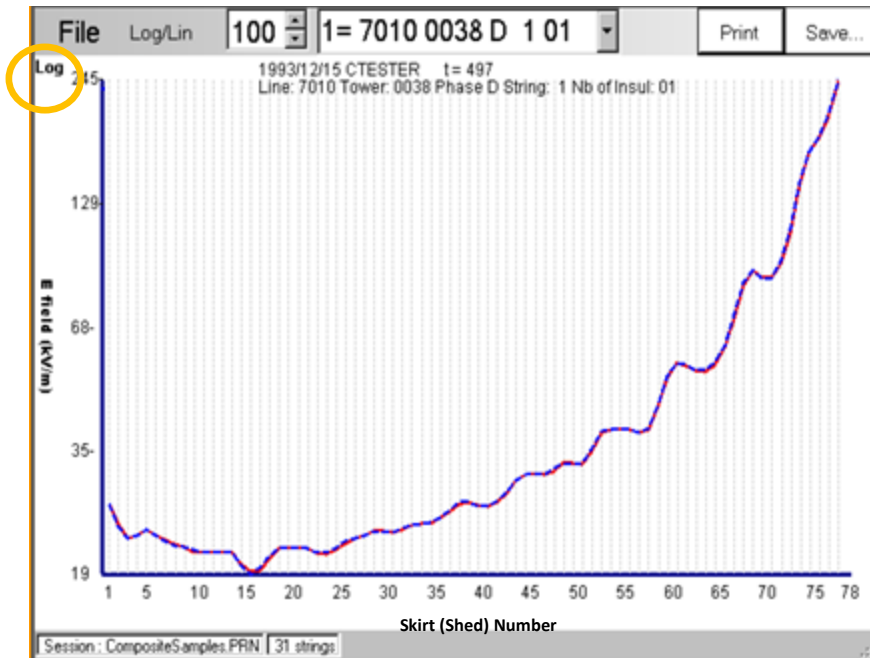


Figure 19: Example of scan of the same insulator shown on Log Scale, focusing on the magnified variations on the lower portion of the curve.

6.3 Composite Insulator Tester Results: Healthy Insulators

The graphs below show the insulator skirt (shed) on the horizontal axis, with “1” being the insulator skirt nearest the tower side. The vertical axis represents the strength of the electrical field in kilovolts/meter, expressed as “E-field (kV/m)”. The E-field is determined longitudinally at each skirt along the energized composite (polymeric) insulator by the Probe.

The smoothness of the curves of the E-field characterizes a healthy insulator.

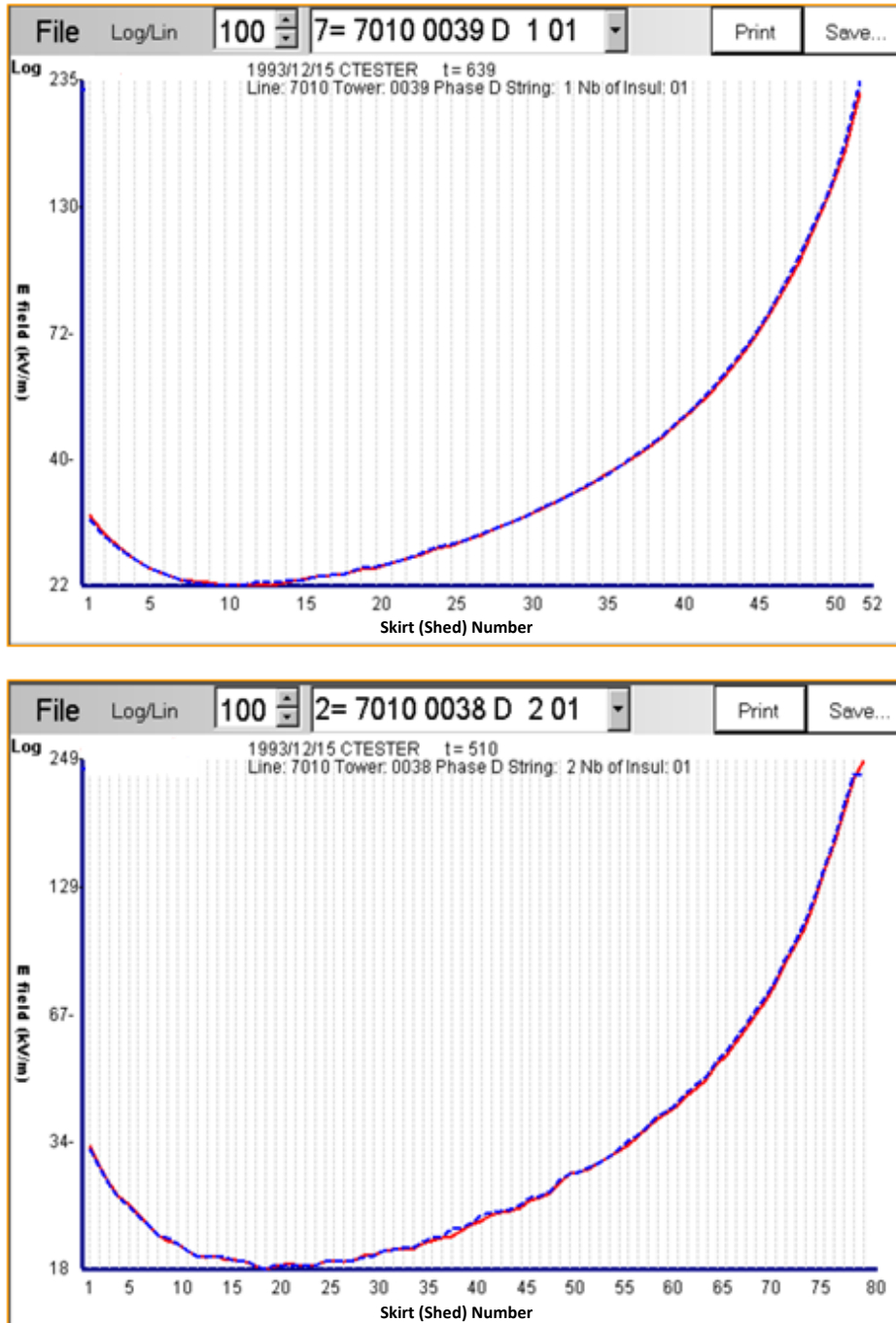


Figure 20: Graphic representations of the E-Field of two *Healthy* Composite (polymeric) Insulators shown in the Log scale

6.4 Composite Insulator Tester Results: Unhealthy Insulators

Disturbances in the E-field surrounding the composite (polymeric) insulator indicate defects. The severity of the deviation in the curve of the E-field reflects the severity of the defect.

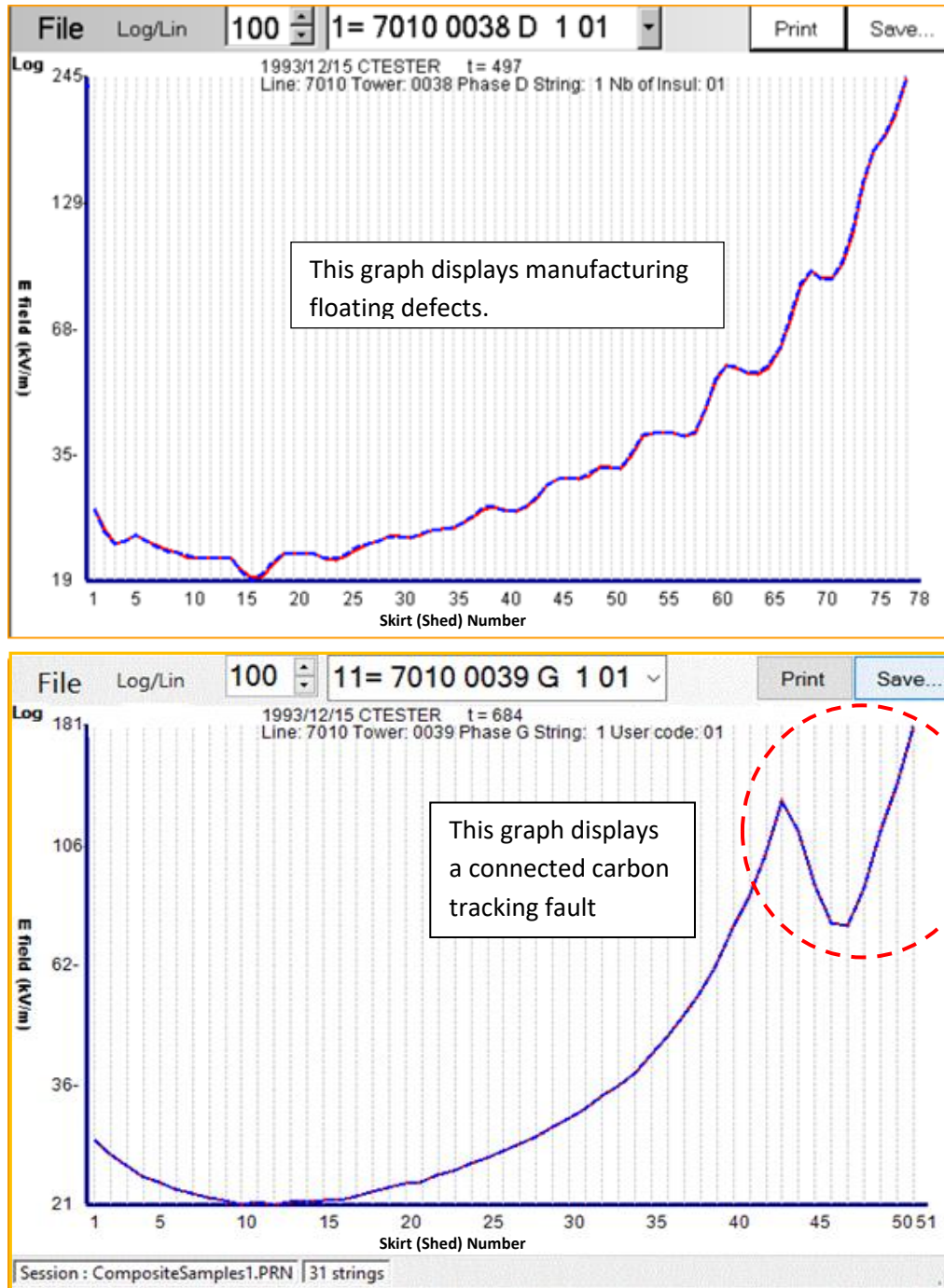


Figure 21: Graphic representations of the E-Field of two *Unhealthy* Composite (polymeric) Insulators shown in the Log scale

6.5 Comparing Historical Graphs

Graphs can be superimposed for comparison. Refer to Figure 22. Place one or more graphs over the other, and select **Compare** to reduce the opaqueness so one graph is visible through the other.

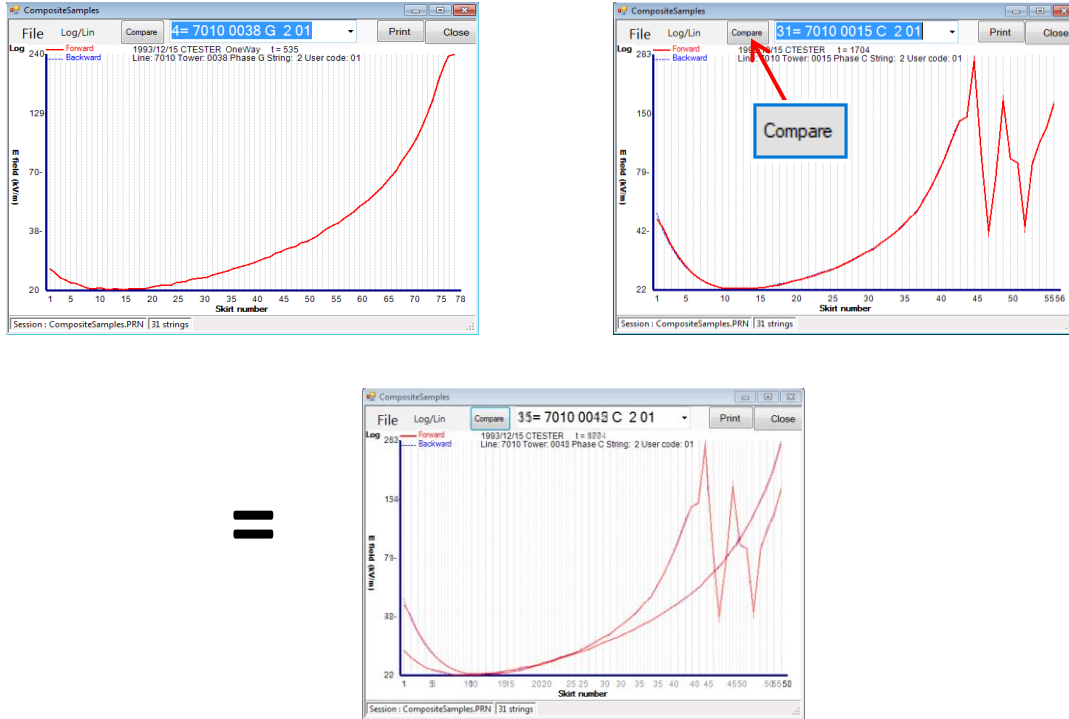


Figure 22: One Composite insulator graph superimposed on another using the **Compare** feature



Chapter 7

Specifications

7.0 Specifications

Parameter	Specifications
Maximum skirts per insulator	150 skirts
Minimum skirts per insulator	5 skirts (sheds)
Scanning speed	From 1 to 10 skirts/sec
Maximum voltage	1,000 kV phase to ground
Minimum battery recharging time	10 hours (one night)
Cumulative use between charges	12 hours
Maximum period between battery charges	1 day
Operating temperature range:	
• Probe	-4°F to 140°F (-20°C to +60°C)
• Bluetooth Adapter	14°F to 158°F (-10°C to +70°C)
Composite Tester Dimensions	12" x 11" x 6" (30.5 cm x 28 cm x 15 cm)
Skirt (shed) diameter	4.3" to 6.7" (10.9 cm to 17 cm)
Weight (Composite Tester)	2.4 lbs (1 kg)
Humidity	95%
Factory calibration (User recalibration is not required)	500 raw units = 100 kV/m longitudinally

NOTE To be used on AC lines only

Chapter 8

Recommended Practices

8.0 Recommended Practices

8.1 Horizontal and V Scan of a Composite insulator

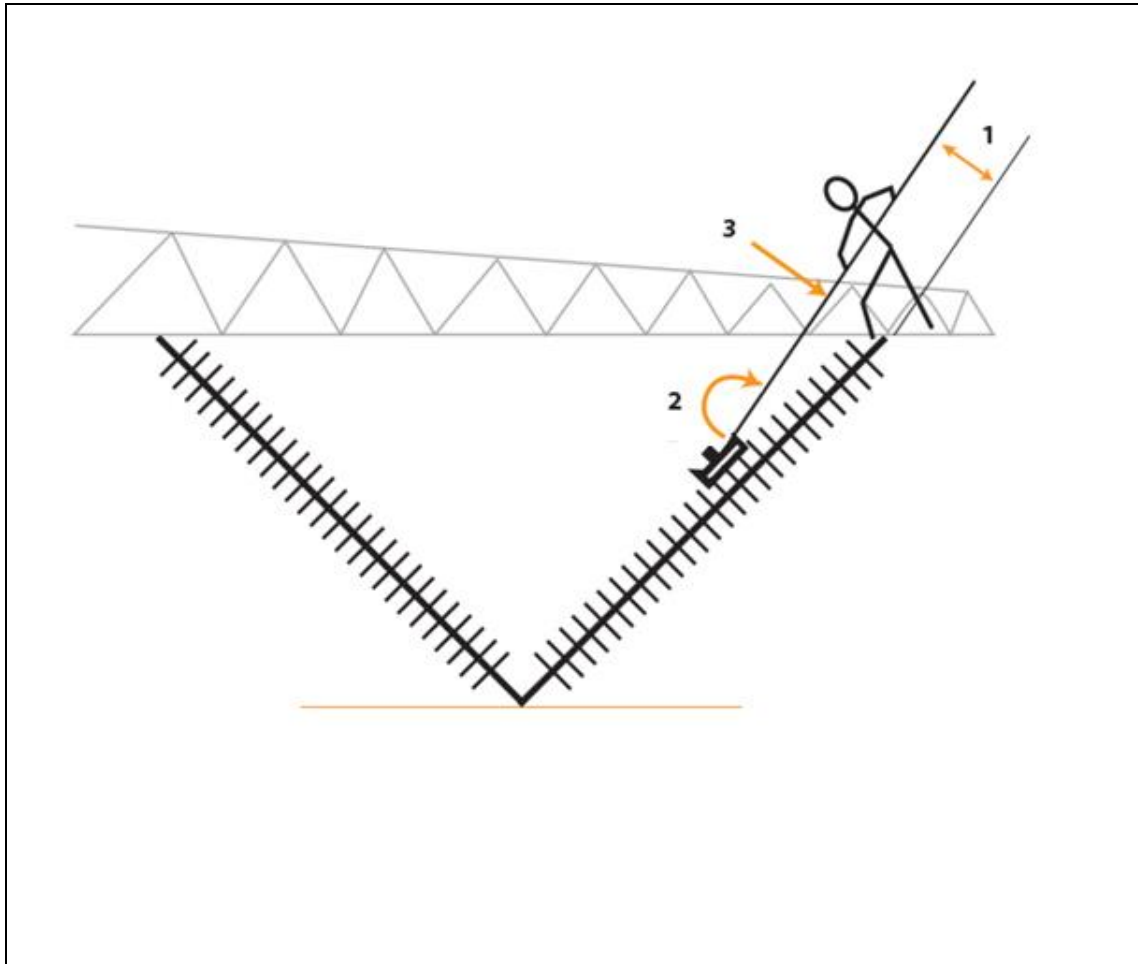


Figure 23

Place the Probe close to the low voltage end of the insulator and slide the Probe along the insulator, moving the Probe from 1 skirt (shed) per second up to 10 skirts (sheds) per second, toward the high-voltage end and withdraw the Probe.

1. To facilitate the manipulation, the hot stick should be almost parallel to the insulators, per Figure 23.
2. The angle should be adjusted as shown on the above figure.
3. Apply constant pressure downward to keep the sled against the insulator at all times.

8.2 Vertical Scan of a Composite Insulator (Preferred Method)

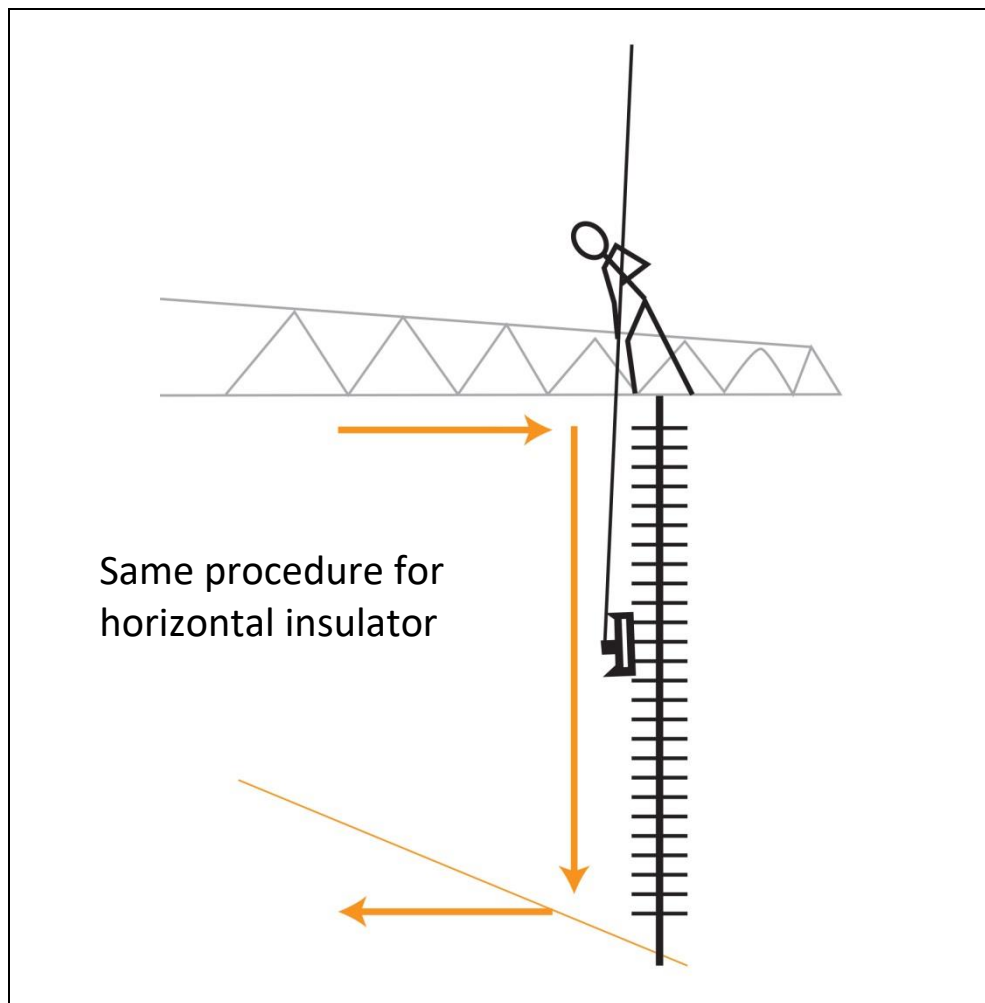


Figure 24

Place the Probe close to the low voltage end of the insulator and slide the Probe along the insulator, moving the Probe from 1 skirt (shed) per second up to 10 skirts (sheds) per second, toward the high-voltage end and withdraw the Probe.

To facilitate the manipulation, the hot stick should be almost vertical, per Figure 24.

Apply pressure toward the insulator to keep the sled against the insulators at all times.

8.3 Vertical Scan of a Composite Insulator (Alternate method)

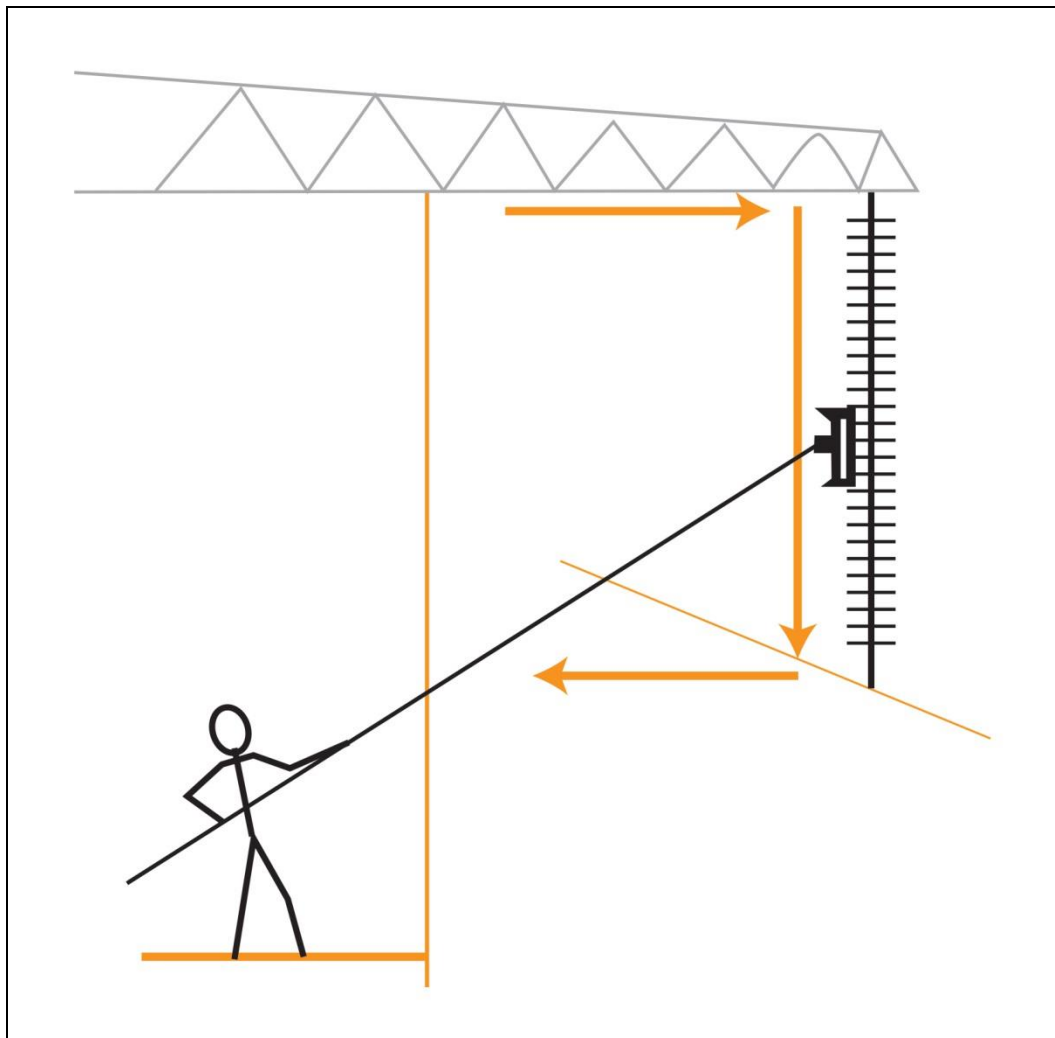


Figure 25

Place the Probe close to the low voltage end of the insulator and slide the Probe along the insulator, moving the Probe from 1 skirt (shed) per second up to 10 skirts (sheds) per second, toward the high-voltage end and withdraw the Probe.

The Probe Operator should be located below the high voltage line to simplify the manipulation of the scan.

Chapter 9

Important Information

9.0 Important Information

9.1 Service and Support

Positron Contact Information

General information: Positron Inc. 5101 Buchan Street Suite 220 Montreal, Québec, Canada H4P 2R8 US and Canada: 1-888-577-5254 International: 1-514-345-2214 Fax: 1-514-345-2271 E-mail: info@positronpower.com Web site : www.positronpower.com	Receiving address: Positron Inc. 5180 Pare Street Montreal, Québec, Canada H4P 1P3
Repairs	US and Canada: 1-888-577-5254, Option 1 International: 001-514-345-2220, Option 1

We can communicate also by Skype if pre-advised by e-mail.

9.2 Technical Customer Support

Positron is committed to providing excellent ongoing technical support to its customers. A team of specialists is always available for telephone consultations, or for on-site visits to assist in maintenance and troubleshooting.

For more information, or assistance in the planning, configuration, use and interpretation of data produced by the equipment, contact Technical Customer Support (TCS) at 1-888-577-5254, Option 1, Option 3 (US and Canada) or +1-514-345-2220 Option 1, Option 3 (International). Or, email scarbonaro@positronpower.com. Skype calls can be arranged.

9.3 Customer Training

Full customer training courses on the operation and results interpretation of Positron Insulator Testers are available. For information, contact Positron.

9.4 Repair Service

All warranty repairs are performed at no cost. Positron reserves the right to repair or replace any equipment that has been found to be defective.

For information about out-of-warranty repairs, contact Positron's Repair department at 1-888-577-5254 (US and Canada) or +1-514-345-2220 (International).

Due to the varied nature of repairs, no specific turnaround can be guaranteed, but average turnaround time is two weeks from date of receipt. In emergency situations, special arrangements can be made. All repaired items are warranted for a period of 180 days, or balance of warranty, whichever is longer.

Before returning any items to Positron for repair, warranty repair or replacement, call or e-mail the Repair Department (info@positronpower.com) to obtain a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number. Parts returned without RMA numbers cannot be accepted. The RMA number must always be clearly marked on all boxes and crates and on all shipping documents.

To accelerate the repair process, whenever possible, include a report detailing the reason for return with the unit(s). Also, please include the name and phone number of a contact person should our Repair department need further information.

When packing items being returned for repair, please ensure they are properly packed and shipped in their carrying cases to avoid further damage.

9.5 Warranty

Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, Positron warrants that the equipment shall perform in accordance with Positron's specifications. The warranty on the electronic Probe and the Bluetooth device is three (3) years from the date of shipment. The warranty on the tablet/PC is one (1) year. The warranty fully covers workmanship, materials and labor. Positron shall, at its sole discretion, repair or replace the problem unit. A detailed warranty description is available on request.

During the warranty period, freight costs to ship defective equipment to Positron are borne by the Customer, while the return of replaced or repaired equipment is at Positron's expense. To obtain an RMA for warranty repair, e-mail customerservice@positronpower.com.

9.6 Limitation of Liability

Subject to anything to the contrary contained herein, Positron's sole obligation and liability and the customer's sole remedy for Positron's negligence, breach of warranty, breach of contract or for any other liability in any way connected with or arising out of, the equipment or any services performed by Positron shall be as follows:

- In all situations involving performance or non-performance of the equipment or any component thereof, the customer's sole remedy shall be, at Positron's option, the repair or replacement of the equipment or said component.
- For any other claim in any other way related to the subject matter of any order under warranty, the customer shall be entitled to recover actual and direct damages; provided that Positron's liability for damages for any cause whatsoever, and regardless of the form of the action, whether in contract or in tort (including negligence), shall be limited to the value of the order.

Positron shall not be obligated to repair or replace any item of the equipment which has been repaired by others, abused or improperly handled, improperly stored, altered or used with third party material or equipment, which material, or equipment may be defective, of poor quality or incompatible with the equipment supplied by Positron, and Positron shall not be obligated to repair or replace any component of the equipment which has not been installed according to Positron specifications.

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9.7 Disclaimer Notice

The equipment covered in this manual should be used and serviced only by competent and trained personnel familiar with and following good work safety practices. This equipment is intended solely for the use by such trained personnel and is not intended as a substitute for adequate training and experience. Appropriate safety procedures must be followed at all times in the use of this equipment.

The descriptive information contained in this manual is not intended to and does not cover all details, usages, or methods of use of this equipment, and such information is not intended to discuss all situations or contingencies which might be encountered with respect to the operation, maintenance or use of the equipment. This information is provided for purposes of description only and is not to be relied upon or utilized by any purchaser as instructions, warranties, specifications or use certifications. Although Positron Inc. has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information contained herein, this document is subject to change without notice due to ongoing product development. Any additional information which may be required by any purchaser regarding the use, maintenance, installation or operation of this equipment should be referred to Positron Inc.

9.8 Cancellation and Rescheduling Charges

Should the customer cancel, prior to shipment, any part of an order, the customer agrees to pay to Positron cancellation charges, not as a penalty, which shall total all expenses, including labor expenses, incurred by Positron prior to said cancellation. Modified equipment that has been specially developed for the customer's specific applications shall not be subject to cancellation. Cancellation or rescheduling is not permissible after shipment of the System.

Positron's Suite of Insulator Products

Simply slide the tester sled along the insulator.

Positron's Insulators Testers and software enhances worker safety with an Instant Graphical Download of the insulator's surrounding E-field for immediate on-site viewing, providing immediate warning for **DANGEROUS** conditions.

Porcelain Tester

The Porcelain Tester is used for Porcelain and Glass insulators.

For Glass insulators, it is used for contamination assessment.



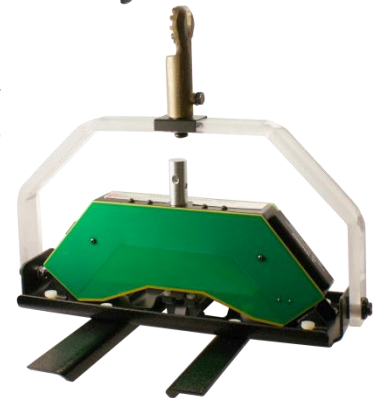
Composite Tester

The Composite Tester is used to detect floating or connected defects for Composite (or Polymeric) insulators.



Universal Substation Insulator Tester

The Universal Substation Insulator Tester has been specifically designed for use in fully energized equipment in substations to test bushings and insulators of all shapes and sizes.



Positron's Mapping System displays at a glance the health and location of the insulators in the power network.

