

EXPOSURE LEVEL TESTER

ELT-400

Safety Evaluation Within a Magnetic Field Environment

- ▲ Direct evaluation of field exposure in comparison with major standards
- ▲ Automatic exposure evaluation for various waveforms
- ▲ Eliminates the overestimation that occasionally occurs with FFT-based evaluation
- ▲ Ultra wide frequency range (1 Hz to 400 kHz)
- ▲ Wide measurement range (up to 80 mT, dependent on type)
- ▲ IEC 62311, IEC 62233, EN 62233, EN 50366 : 2003 and A1 2006 standard compliant isotropic including 100 cm² probe and 3 cm² probe
- ▲ Three-axis analog signal output



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APPLICATIONS

The ELT-400 is an innovative exposure level meter for measuring magnetic fields in the workplace and in public spaces. The model is designed for health and safety professionals in industry, the insurance business and service industries.

The instrument can simply and precisely handle practically any level measurement required in the low and medium-frequency range. It is comparable to the sound level meters that are commonly used in the assessment of noise at the workplace.

Production Areas

The ELT-400 is useful for checking fields caused by various manufacturing plant, including induction heating, melting and hardening equipment. Thanks to its extremely low frequency limit and high power capability, it can also be used to check most magnetic stirrers.

Special demands often occur with machinery in production areas where non-sinusoidal signals are common, e.g. in industrial applications that use resistance welding machinery (pulse waveform, phase angle control) with traditional 50/60 Hz systems, as well as in newer medium-frequency switching units.

General Environment

The different types of electronic article surveillance systems generate complex fields in public spaces. Most electromagnetic and magneto acoustic gates operate within the frequency range of the ELT-400.

EMC Test House

The magnetic fields generated by household appliances or other electrical devices have become the focus of increased attention. Some new standards such as EN 50366 describe how to investigate such products. The ELT-400 is the ideal measuring device when it comes to compliance with these standards. Benefits include the perfectly matched frequency range and implementation of the specified transfer function.

The aim of this new generation ELT-400 is to greatly simplify the assessment process. With EXPOSURE STD (Shaped Time Domain) mode, the instrument achieves a new standard in simple but reliable measurement of magnetic fields, whether in straightforward or in very complex field environments. The easily misinterpreted time-consuming measurements with a spectrum analyzer or scope are rendered obsolete. Detailed knowledge about the evaluation procedure or the field waveform or frequency is no longer needed. The results are reliable,



and speed and ease of use are significantly better than all traditional methods.

BASIC OPERATION

The ELT-400 covers the wide frequency range of 1 Hz to 400 kHz. The measurement range of the ELT-400 is far wider than the reference limits of common guidelines. The instrument has an external isotropic magnetic field probe with a 100 cm² cross-sectional area. This is suitable for standards-compliant measurement even in non-homogeneous fields. The ELT-400 has a rugged housing and is easy to operate using only six buttons. The measurement result and the instrument settings are clearly displayed on a backlit LCD panel.

The optional probe extension cable is specially designed for low influence on the frequency response and sensitivity of the instrument. The cable is a good choice in cases where the probe and instrument must be handled separately. Variants of the ELT-400 are available with different operating mode combinations, e.g. “Exposure STD” or “Field Strength”. Please refer to the Ordering Information section for details.

EXPOSURE STD (SHAPED TIME DOMAIN) MODE

Signal-Shaped-Independent Field Evaluation

In EXPOSURE STD mode, the level of the magnetic (B) field is directly displayed as a “Percent of Standard” regardless of the signal shape and frequency. The numeric result clearly reflects the current situation and the remaining safety margin. The method employed can be compared to sound level meters that are commonly used to determine noise in the workplace.

The variation with frequency specified in the standard is normalized by means of an appropriate filter. Users no longer need to know the frequency or the frequency-dependent limits. The standard is easily selected by pressing just one button. Multi-frequency signals are just as easy to measure as single frequencies.

The newer safety standards and guidelines also specify waveform-specific evaluation procedures. For example, stationary sinusoidal and pulsed fields are differentiated. With the ELT-400 the waveform is automatically taken into account. Users no longer need any knowledge about the waveform or the duty cycle. Measurements on pulsed signals are also possible. Different evaluation patterns are occasionally specified in the standard for certain pulse waveforms. These patterns (valid for all imaginable waveforms) are directly handled by EXPOSURE



STD mode. This completely eliminates the need to analyze the waveform in the time domain using a scope.

Even when faced with pulses that include DC fields, the EXPOSURE STD method provides valuable results. The ELT-400 covers all the signal components down to 1 Hz that are relevant in assessing such a situation.

Occasionally both the RMS value and the peak value are critical for assessing exposure in the low-frequency range. Both detector types are provided, and are simultaneously activated in the default setting. Depending on the incoming signal and standard selected, the most suitable detector is automatically employed at all times. The necessary weighting factors are also taken into account. The detectors may also be selected independently for further interpretation of the signal.

Detailed knowledge of the field, the test equipment and other auxiliary conditions is necessary to obtain insight into the degree of exposure when using traditional analysis instruments. The exposure level is derived through extensive calculation. Results can be easily misinterpreted or other problems may occur. For example, FFT spectrum analysis tends to overestimate results for the ICNIRP standard. The ELT-400 continuously monitors the field, and the results are constantly updated. Any change in the field, e.g. due to a power reduction, can be evaluated immediately.

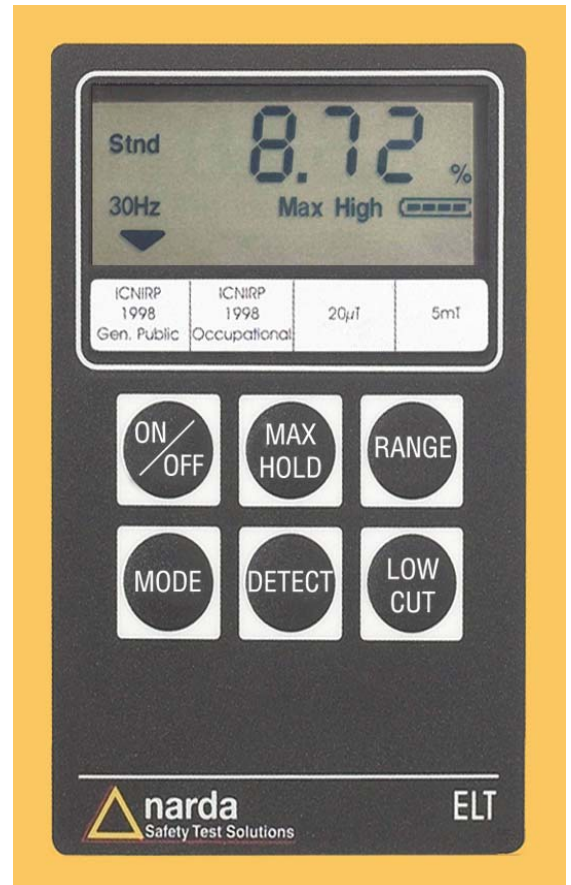
Proper evaluation in a personal safety context is achieved quickly and reliably using the STD technique.

FIELD STRENGTH MODE

Broadband Field Strength Measurements

If the field under test is essentially a single frequency component, broadband mode is also a good choice.

The ELT-400 provides an ultra wideband, flat frequency response. The measurement range can handle extremely high field strength levels. Both detectors, RMS and Peak, are available for broadband measurement. The field strength result is displayed in "Tesla".

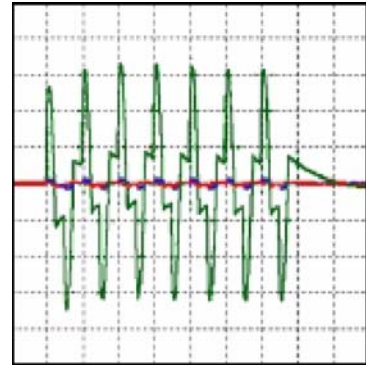


ACTIVE FIELD PROBE

Three-Axis Analogue Signal Output

For scientific studies or advanced signal-shape / frequency analysis, a scope or an FFT analyzer can be connected to the analogue output. The output signal ensures proper phase within the three axes and covers the full bandwidth of the instrument.

The buffered output provides an adequate voltage swing to allow for simple operation.



SPECIFICATIONS ^a

ELT – 400 with 100 cm² probe						
Frequency range (-3 dB), selectable	1 Hz to 400 kHz, 10 Hz to 400 kHz, 30 Hz to 400 kHz					
Antenna type	Magnetic (B-) field					
Sensor type	Isotropic coil 100 cm ²					
Damage level	RMS	160 mT The damage level reduces linearly with increasing frequency above 77.5 Hz (1/f)				
	Peak	226 mT The damage level reduces linearly with increasing frequency above 620 Hz (1/f). The damage level (peak) applies for pulse duration ≤15.6 ms and duty cycle ≤ 1/64.				
Measurement uncertainty ^d	±4 % (50 Hz to 120 kHz)					
E-Field response	< 20nT @ f< 2kHz, 100 V/m < 300nT@ f=50Hz, 50kV/m					
Mounting thread	1/4-20UNC-2B (standard thread)					
EXPOSURE STD MODE						
Exposure evaluation	Comparison with standard (see Ordering Information)					
MODE ^b	ICNIRP / IEC 62311		BGV B11		IEC/EN 62233	
RANGE	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
Overload limit	160 %	1 600 %	160 %	1 600 %	160 %	1 600 %
Noise level, typical ^c	1 %	5 %	0.4 %	2 %	0.4 %	2 %
Resolution	0,001 % (RANGE: LOW)					
Detection, selectable	Automatic according to selected standard, or RMS (averaging time 1 s), or Peak Value					
Display mode, selectable	Instantaneous or Max Hold					
FIELD STRENGTH MODE						
Frequency response	Flat					
MODE ^b	320 μT		8 mT		80 mT	
RANGE	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
Overload limit	32 μT	320 μT	800 μT	8 mT	8 mT	80 mT
Noise level, typical ^e	60 nT	320 nT	1 μT	8 μT	10 μT	80 μT
Resolution	1 nT (RANGE: LOW)					
Detection, selectable	RMS (averaging time 1 s), or Peak Value					
Display mode, selectable	Instantaneous or Max Hold					
OUTPUT						
Analogue scope output	Three channel (X-Y-Z)					
Analogue output level	The open-circuit analogue output voltage is 800 mV when the field strength value corresponds to the overload limit (sensitivity = 800 mV/ overload limit) (ELT-400 output impedance = 50 Ω, load impedance ≥10 k Ω)					
Interface (remote control and readout)	RS-232 (19200 baud, 8n1, XON/XOFF), 3-wire, 2.5 mm stereo jack					
GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS						
Operating temperature range	-10 °C to +50 °C					
Operating humidity range	< 95 % (30° C) or < 29 g/m ³ , non-condensing					
Weight, typical	910 g (with probe)					
Dimensions, typical	180 x 100 x 55 mm (basic unit) / 290 x 125 Ø mm (probe)					
Display	LCD with backlight; refresh rate 4 times per second					
Battery	NiMH batteries (4 x Mignon, AA), exchangeable					
Operating life, typical	12 h					
Charger unit	100 to 240 V AC / 47 to 63 Hz, fits all AC line connectors					
Charging time, typical	2 h					
Recommended calibration interval	24 months					
Country of origin	Germany					

a Unless otherwise stated, these specifications apply for the reference condition: ambient temperature 23±3 °C, relative air humidity 40 % to 60 %, continuous wave signal (CW), RMS detection (frequency range: 30 Hz to 400 kHz)

b Depends on type; see Ordering Information

c Detection: Automatic according to selected standard, for IEC/EN 62233 based on ICNIRP limit values

d Includes flatness, isotropy, absolute and linearity variations (frequency range: 1 Hz to 400 kHz or 10 Hz to 400 kHz).

The uncertainty increases at the frequency band limits (10 Hz, 30 Hz, 400 kHz) to ±1 dB based on the nominal frequency response.

e For Frequency Range 1 Hz to 400 kHz and 10 Hz to 400 kHz only.

ELT – 400 with 3 cm² probe						
Frequency range (-3 dB), selectable	1 Hz to 400 kHz, 10 Hz to 400 kHz, 30 Hz to 400 kHz					
Antenna type	Magnetic (B) field					
Sensor type	Isotropic coil 3 cm ²					
Damage level	RMS	1 500 mT The damage level reduces linearly with increasing frequency above 30 Hz (1/f).				
	Peak	2 121 mT The damage level reduces linearly with increasing frequency above 240 Hz (1/f). The damage level (peak) applies for pulse duration ≤ 15.6 ms and duty cycle ≤ 1/64.				
Measurement uncertainty ^d	±6 % (50 Hz to 120 kHz)					
E-Field response	< 187,5 nT @ f< 2kHz, 100 V/m < 2.8mT@ f=50Hz, 50kV/m					
Mounting thread	1/4-20UNC-2B (standard thread)					
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RANGE	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
Overload limit	1 500 %	15 000 %	1 500 %	15 000 %	1 500 %	15 000 %
Noise level ^c , typical	10 %	50 %	4 %	20 %	4 %	20 %
Resolution	0,001 % (RANGE: LOW)					
Detection, selectable	Automatic according to selected standard, or RMS (averaging time 1 s), or Peak Value					
Display mode, selectable	Instantaneous or Max Hold					
FIELD STRENGTH MODE						
Frequency range	Flat					
MODE ^b	320 µT		8 mT		80 mT	
RANGE	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
Overload limit	300 µT	3 mT	7.5 mT	75 mT	75 mT	750 mT
Noise level, typical ^e	600 nT	3.2 µT	10 µT	80 µT	100 µT	800 µT
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ORDERING INFORMATION

ELT-400 Exposure Level Tester		Part number P/N:
Calibrated Basic Unit and B-field probe (100 cm ²), with calibration certificate, charger unit (fits all AC line connectors), operating / programming manual, and rechargeable batteries		
MODES (included in instrument)		
Set 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EXPOSURE STD: ICNIRP gen. pub. EXPOSURE STD: ICNIRP OCC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIELDSTRENGTH: 320 μT FIELDSTRENGTH: 80 mT 2304/101
Set 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EXPOSURE STD: BGV B11 EXP2 EXPOSURE STD: BGV B11 EXP1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EXPOSURE STD: BGV B11 2H/D FIELDSTRENGTH: 8 mT 2304/102
Set 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EXPOSURE STD: IEC/EN 62233 EXPOSURE STD: ICNIRP OCC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIELDSTRENGTH: 320 μT FIELDSTRENGTH: 80 mT 2304/104
Set 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EXPOSURE STD: IEC 62311 EXPOSURE STD: ICNIRP OCC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIELDSTRENGTH: 320 μT FIELDSTRENGTH: 80 mT 2304/105
OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES		
Cable, Probe Extension 1m		2300/90.30
Cable, Serial Interface, Stereo Jack/DB9 2m		2260/90.51
Cable, Interface Analogue, DSUB15/3xBNC 3m		2260/90.80
Tripod, Non-Conductive, 1.65m with Carrying Bag		2244/90.31
Tripod Extension, 0.50m, Non-Conductive		2244/90.45
Transport Soft Case for ELT-400		2245/90.07
B-Field Probe 3cm ² (Upgrade required for all ELT-400 with Firmware Version below 2.1 or Serial Number A-0001 till H-9999)		2300/90.20

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