Instruction Manual

Rogowski Coil Current Probe SS-663/664/665



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Preface

- Thank you for purchasing the Rogowski Coil Current Probe SS-660 Series. We sincerely hope to continue using our instruments for a long time.
- ◇ We ask you to thoroughly read this manual before commencing operation and to keep it at a readily accessible location for future reference.

Important Safety Precautions

To ensure safe operation of this instrument and to prevent injury to the user or damage to property, read and carefully observe \triangle WARNING and \triangle CAUTION in the following sections.

Definition of WARNING and CAUTION as used in this manual

Incorrect operation or failure to observe a warning may result in death or serious injury.
Incorrect operation or failure to observe a caution may result in bodily injury or damage to the instrument.

Notices

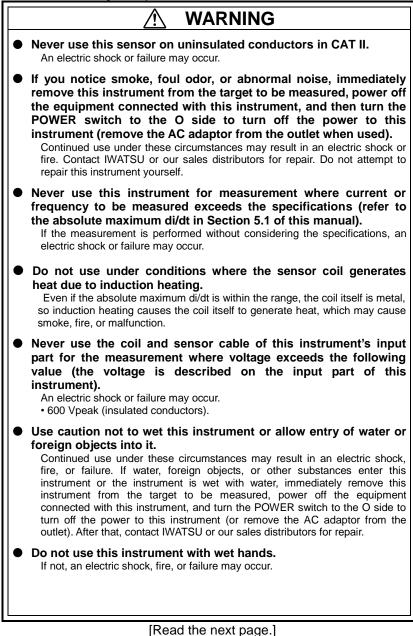
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- If any question arises about this instrument, contact IWATSU or our sales distributors.

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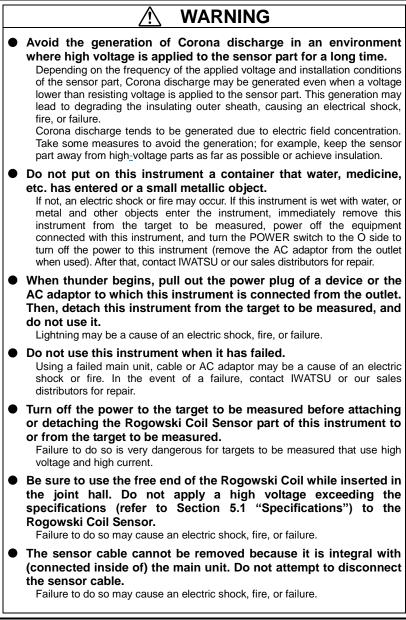
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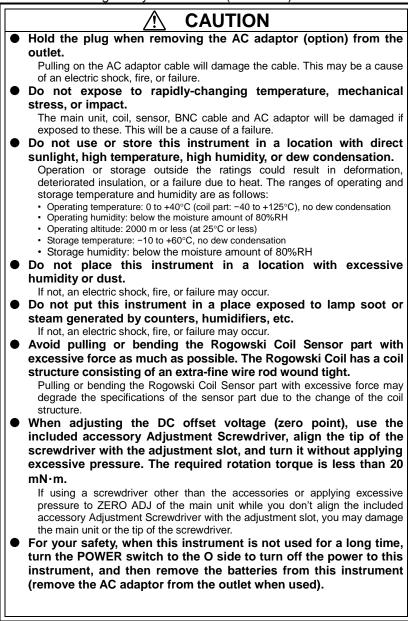
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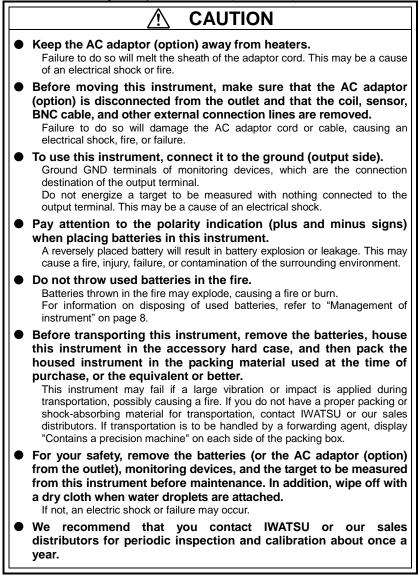
Read the following safety information.











Verify packed Items

When receiving this instrument, verify the packed items while referring to the following "Components." If there is a missing item or an item damaged during transportation, immediately contact IWATSU or our sales distributors.

Components

○ Rogowski Coil Current Probe

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• Accessories (See the accessories table below.)

Items	Quantities
Hard case	1
BNC cable	1
Adjustment Screwdriver (flat tip)	1
AA dry battery	4
Instruction Manual (this document)	1

Accessories table

○ Option

• AC adaptor UNIFIVE CO., LTD. Model No: UNI312-0716 I/P: AC 100-240V 50/60Hz 0.4A

Note: The AC adaptor (option) can be purchased additionally later. Purchase separately the AC adaptor power cord meets the designated standards of the country and area that you are using it in.

Management of instrument

When disposing of this instrument, it must be recycled or disposed of properly in accordance with local laws or regulations. When disposing of it, request a recycling company to dispose of it in accordance with local laws or regulations.

Repair and sending instrument to be repaired

If a failure occurs, send the instrument to IWATSU or our sales distributors.

When sending an instrument to be repaired, clearly write the instrument name, serial number (in the label on the rear of this instrument), description of the failure, and the name, division, and telephone number of the responsible person.

Cleaning of this instrument

To clean this instrument, wipe it gently with a soft cloth moistened with a small amount of water or mild detergent. Never use solvents such as benzene, alcohol, acetone, ether, ketones, thinners, or gasoline, as they can deform and discolor the case.

Chapter 1 Overview

1.1 Rogowski Coil Current Probe

This instrument is a current probe that uses the Rogowski Coil as a sensor.

The electric current of the place etc. where the terminal and the electric circuit of the semiconductor device are complicated can be measured by using this instrument.

The coil of this instrument detects a change in magnetic flux caused by the current (target to be measured) flowing through the inside of the coil that forms a closed loop. The change in magnetic flux generates an electromotive force in the coil. The electromotive force is proportional to a differential value of the current. The output (electromotive force) of the Rogowski Coil is the differential waveform of the current. To detect the current waveform, the waveform is integrated by the main unit of this instrument (for details, refer to Chapter 3 "Measurement Principle").

This series has three models, which differ in sensitivity (mV/A), peak current (A), low frequency cutoff (Hz), and other specifications.

Connecting the output part of this instrument and an oscilloscope and other monitoring devices with the BNC cable allows observation of the current waveform that flows through a target to be measured.

1.2 Features

The following describes the features of this instrument.

O Target of measurement

- Semiconductor switch waveforms
- Transient current and pulsed current etc. of electrical instrument

O Compact measurement

The Rogowski Coil that detects the electric current thinly has the following advantages for the removable type (In the length of the coil, it is 84mm, and the diameter in the coil section is 1.0mm or less).

- The measurement in the place where the electric circuit is complicated can be done.
- The terminal of the semiconductor device can be measured.
- It is useful and flexible even in a narrow point.
- · Superior heat resistance and insulation property around the coil
- O **This instrument has the following specifications** (for details, refer to Section 5.1 "Specifications").
 - Frequency bandwidth: f_L to 30 MHz [−3 dB] (f_L: Low-Frequency cutoff)
 - Peak current: 120 A to 600 A (Three models of 120 A, 300 A and 600 A)
 - Sensitivity accuracy: ±2% (at the center of the coil loop)
 - Linearity: ±0.05% of full scale

O Power supply

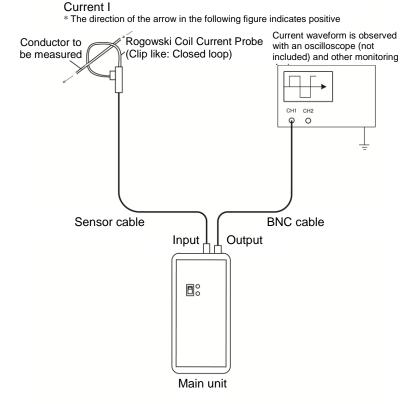
- This instrument operates with the supplied alkaline batteries or equivalent four AA dry batteries. It also operates with the AC adaptor (option).
 - Note: The power supply of this instrument is the AC adaptor when batteries and the adaptor are used in combination. It is changed from batteries to the adaptor by inserting the adaptor plug into the outlet. For this reason, during operation with batteries, this instrument may be stopped temporarily when the adaptor plug is inserted into the outlet.

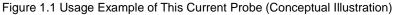
1.3 Usage Example

To measure current using this current probe, place a conductor to be measured through the coil loop, and detect a change in magnetic flux caused by the current flowing through the conductor with the Rogowski Coil as an electromotive force, as shown in the following usage example (conceptual illustration). The electromotive force (differential value of the current) passes through the input part of the main unit, and it is integrated by the integrator of the main unit.

The integrated current value is converted to voltage with a sensitivity (mV/A) set for each main unit. The converted voltage is output from the output terminal of the main unit. Inputting the output voltage to an oscilloscope and other monitoring devices allows observation of the current waveform.

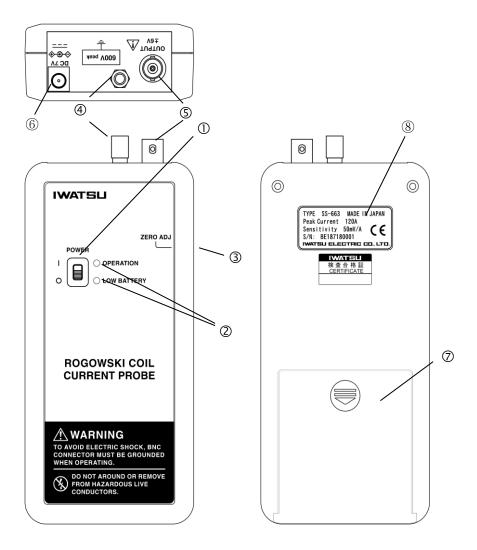
The sensor cable cannot be removed, because it is integral with (connected inside of) the main unit. Connect the main unit and monitoring devices with the BNC cable.





Chapter 2 Names and Functions

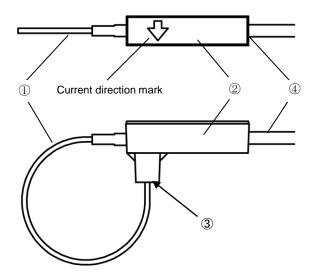
2.1 Main Unit



2.2 Names and Functions of Main Unit

No.	Name	Description	Reference
0	POWER switch	Turns this instrument on and off. This instrument is turned on when this slide switch is moved to the I side and is turned off when moved to the O side. This instrument operates with four AA dry batteries placed in its back (battery case⑥).	
0	LED lamps OPERATION LOW BATTERY	Indicates the operating condition of the power supply of this instrument. Comes on green when this instrument is turned on and comes off when turned off. Indicates the state of AA dry batteries. This lamp turns yellow when the batteries are consumed. Replace them when the lamp lights up yellow.	
3	ZERO ADJ	Used to adjust the ZERO point of the output [®] . There is a hole for ZERO point adjustment on the side of ZERO ADJ. Insert the accessory Adjustment Screwdriver into the hole to perform ZERO point adjustment.	► Section 4.2
4	Input part	The sensor cable (refer to Section 2.3) integral with the main unit is connected to this part.	Section 2.1
\$	Output part	BNC output connector. Outputs the voltage (current waveform) of the main unit.	 Section 2.1
6	Connector for AC adaptor (input)	Used to connect the AC adaptor (option) for this instrument to this connector. The adaptor supplies power by converting commercial power supplies to 7 VDC. This instrument operates with the AC adaptor (option) when the adaptor is connected to this connector.	► Section 2.1
Ø	Battery case	Located on the back of the main unit and used to house four AA dry batteries. To open this battery case, push its lid downward. Place the batteries in this case while paying attention to their orientation, and then close the lid.	 Section 2.1
8	Back label	 There is a label placed on the back of the main unit. The label describes the following: TYPE: One of the three models, SS-663/664/665 Peak Current: One of the current values that the above model handles, 120A, 300A, 600A. Sensitivity: Voltage sensitivity (mV/A) of the current that the above model handles. S/N: 11-digit serial number 	► Section 2.1

2.3 Rogowski Coil Sensor



No.	Name	Description
1	Rogowski Coil	A coil for detecting the current in conductors to be measured. Forms a closed loop during measurement. Covered with an insulating outer sheath for heat resistance and insulation.
2	Joint box	The sensor cable $\textcircled{3}$ is secured to one end so that the Rogowski Coil forms a closed loop. There is a joint hole $\textcircled{3}$ to secure the other end of the coil.
3	Joint hole	A part of the joint box $@$ and has a hole to insert the Rogowski Coil. The one end of the coil $@$ can be removed from this hole by hand.
4	Sensor cable	A coaxial cable used to input the electromotive force (differential value of the current) that is generated in the Rogowski Coil to the main unit.

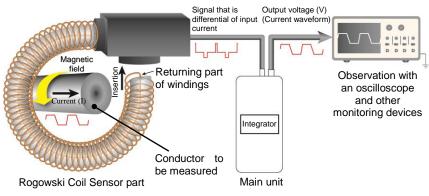
Chapter 3 Measurement Principle

This instrument is designed to measure the current (current waveform) in conductors to be measured.

It consists of the Rogowski Coil Sensor part and the main unit (integrator). Sections 3.1 and 3.2 in this chapter describe measurement principles and functions of each part and are concluded with an explanation of a process of measuring the current (current waveform).

3.1 Rogowski Coil Sensor

Figure 3.1 shows that the current I flows through the conductor to be measured. This section describes the principle of detecting this current by the Rogowski Coil step by step.



Note)The above figure is a conceptual illustration to explain this measurement principle. The Rogowski Coil Sensor part is actually covered with the insulating outer sheath. During measurement, one end of the Rogowski Coil is inserted into the joint hole on the joint box. Figure 3.1 Conceptual Illustration of Rogowski Coil

It is assumed that the conductor to be measured is placed inside of the loop of the Rogowski Coil. A magnetic field is generated around the conductor to be measured. It moves around the conductor in a clockwise direction in relation to the current direction (Ampere's right-handed screw rule).

The magnetic field changes with time, because alternating current flows in the conductor to be measured. In the Rogowski Coil, magnetic flux changes along the loop. When it changes, an electromotive force is generated and current flows in the coil by electromagnetic induction.

Provided that the entire length of the wound Rogowski Coil is I, small radius of the coil turn is r, turn of the coil is N, and current flowing through the coil is i, and the electromotive force generated in the coil is expressed by Equation 3.1:

$$e = \frac{\pi r^2 \mu_0 N}{l} \frac{di}{dt} \quad [V] \qquad \dots \dots (3.1)$$

Where,
$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$$
 [H/m]

(Permeability of Vacuum)

As shown in Equation 3.1, the electromotive force induced in the coil is determined by the shape and turn of the coil and time differentiation of the current. Thus, the electromotive force must be integrated to determine the current.

3.2 Main Unit

As illustrated in Figure 3.2, the electromotive force e induced in Section 3.1 is brought in the input part of the main unit through the sensor cable.

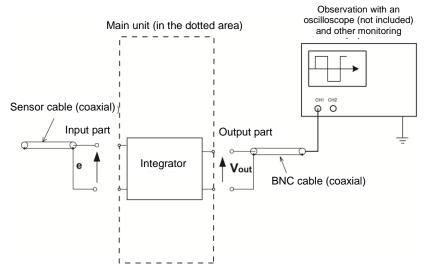


Figure 3.2 Illustration of Rogowski Coil Current Probe Operation

As explained in Equation 3.1 in Section 3.1, the electromotive force e is integrated by the integrator of the main unit, because it is the time differentiation of the current.

The output voltage of the main unit Vout is expressed by Equation 3.2.

The output voltage of the main unit (current waveform) is observed by an oscilloscope and other monitoring devices through the BNC cable.

As expressed by the following Equation 3.3, the voltage component Vout observed by monitoring devices can be converted to the current I with a sensitivity S (mV/A) described on the label affixed to the back of the main unit.

The current I (current waveform) of the conductor to be measured is determined by the measurement principle described in this chapter.

Chapter 4 Measurement

4.1 Preparation for Measurement

- (1) Have this instrument, a monitoring device, and a target to be measured ready.
 - * A monitoring device means an oscilloscope, DVM, recorder, and other devices.
- (2) Place four AA dry batteries in the main unit, or connect the AC adaptor (option) to this instrument.

* The power supply of this instrument is the AC adaptor when the batteries and the adaptor are used in combination.

<For batteries>

- a) To open the case, push downward on the lid of the battery case on the back of the main unit (refer to (6) in the appearance in Section 2.1).
- b) Place four AA dry batteries in the battery case.
 Note) Do not place them in the wrong orientation.
- c) Close the lid of the battery case.

<For the AC adaptor (option)>

- a) Connect the AC adaptor cable to the connector on the top of the main unit (refer to [®] in the appearance in Section 2.1).
- b) Plug the power cord of the AC adaptor into an outlet of a commercial power supply.
- (3) Connect the accessory BNC cable to this instrument.
 - a) Connect one end of the BNC cable to the output part on the top of this instrument (refer to (s) in the appearance in Section 2.1).
 - b) Attach the other end of the BNC cable to the monitoring device.

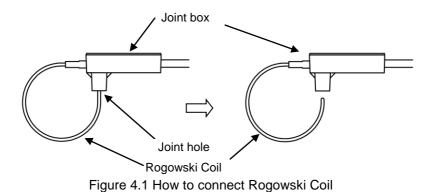
	 To use this instrument, connect it to the ground (output side).
_	Ground GND terminals of monitoring devices, which are the connection destination of the output terminal. Do not energize a target to be measured with nothing connected to the output terminal. This may be a cause of an electrical shock.

4.2 Measurement Procedure

- (1) Make sure that all preparations described in the previous section are completed.
- (2) Set up a target to be measured so that it can be used.

Do not energize the target to be measured even when it is ready to be used.

- Do not energize a target to be measured before attaching the Rogowski Coil of this instrument to the target. It is dangerous to apply power to the target to be measured before the attachment.
- (3) Place the target to be measured through the Rogowski Coil Sensor part.
 - a) As illustrated in Figure 4.1, release free end of Rogowski Coil from the joint hole.



- b) Loop the Rogowski Coil around the conductor to be measured.
- c) Insert the Rogowski Coil into the joint hole.
 - *: The insertion length of the coil is about 8 mm from the joint hole end. Insert the coil until bumping. To achieve accurate measurement, be sure to insert the end of the coil into the joint hole securely.

The current detection polarity is shown as in the following figure. Positive polarity is output by current flowing in the direction indicated by the current direction mark shown on the joint box.

Current to be measured

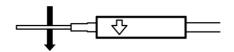
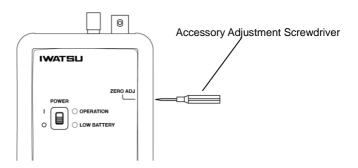


Figure 4.2 Current Detection Polarity

(4) Turn on this instrument (this instrument is turned on by turning the slide switch shown in the following figure to the I side and off by moving the switch to the O side).
POWER



- (5) Adjust the ZERO point of the output observed by monitoring devices.
 - a) Have the included accessory Adjustment Screwdriver ready.
 - b) As shown in the figure below, there is a hole for ZERO point adjustment on the side of ZERO ADJ on the main unit panel. Insert the screwdriver into the hole and align the tip of the screwdriver with the adjustment slot.



c) Turn the screwdriver while watching the monitoring device to perform ZERO point adjustment.

▲ CAUTION • When adjusting the DC offset voltage (zero point), use the included accessory Adjustment Screwdriver, align the tip of the screwdriver with the adjustment slot, and turn it without applying excessive pressure. The required rotation torque is less than 20 mN·m. If using a screwdriver other than the accessories or applying excessive pressure to ZERO ADJ of the main unit while you don't align the included accessory Adjustment Screwdriver with the adjustment slot, you

(6) Energize the target to be measured, and then observe and measure the output with the monitoring device.

may damage the main unit or the tip of the screwdriver.

4.3 Before Measurement

This section describes notes on accuracy and the handling of the Rogowski Coil Sensor part when measuring the current using this instrument.

4.3.1 To Achieve Accurate Measurement

As explained in Chapter 3 "Measurement Principle," the Rogowski Coil is a wire rod wound tight around a tube-like wick material, as illustrated in Figure 3.1. The coil formed into a ring body detects a change in magnetic flux caused by the current passing through the inside of the coil. The evenly wound coil causes no error even when the current to be measured does not flow through the center of the coil. In addition, each turn of coil enables the cancellation of external magnetic fields.

However, it doesn't become constructional and a complete ring compound because there is a connecting part in the Rogowski Coil.

For reference, Figure 4.3 shows the position of the connection part of the Rogowski Coil.

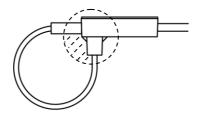


Figure 4.3 Rogowski Coil Connection Part

The connection part of the Rogowski Coil is in the center of the dotted circle. It is known that a larger measurement error is caused as the current to be measured comes closer to this part because the variation of the magnetic flux that cannot be detected increases. Avoid measuring current in the dotted area, because a measurement error of -4% or more may be caused by the measurement performed in the area. In addition, there is a possibility that the measurement error grows because of an external magnetic flux that similarly hangs to the connecting part. Before measuring current, place conductors in which current flows other than the conductor to be measured away from the Rogowski Coil connection part as much as possible.

4.3.2 To Minimize Influence of Fluctuations in Voltage

If there is a part whose voltage fluctuates around the Rogowski Coil Sensor part, electrostatic coupling between the part and the Rogowski Coil will occur. This may influence the output from this instrument.

If possible, place the Rogowski Coil Sensor part away from the part whose voltage fluctuates. This will improve noise caused by electrostatic coupling. For instance, it is improved to measure the electric current that flows to IGBT in the emitter terminal connected with not the collector terminal that changes greatly the voltage but a constant voltage and is improved the capacitive coupling noise.

4.3.3 Use caution to heat generated by induction heating

In a strong magnetic field due to high frequency and large current, the metal may generate heat due to induction heating. (Applicating this is IH's electromagnetic cooker)

Since the Rogowski coil has a coiled structure in which a copper wire is wound around a core material, the coil itself, which is a metal, may generate heat by the same principle.

The Rogowski coil can not be used even within the absolute maximum di/dt under conditions such that the coil itself generates heat due to induction heating.



• Do not use under conditions where the sensor coil generates heat due to induction heating. Even if the absolute maximum di/dt is within the range, the coil itself is metal, so induction heating causes the coil itself to generate heat, which may cause smoke, fire, or malfunction.

- <Example in which there is a possibility of heat generation by induction heating>
- · Drive current of electromagnetic cooker etc.
- Driving current of welding machines, quenching devices, etc. using induction heating
- High frequency power supply output used for semiconductor manufacturing equipment, high frequency drive current

4.3.4 Handling of Rogowski Coil Sensor

The Rogowski Coil has a coil structure consisting of an extra-fine wire rod wound tight around a wick material of Teflon tube. Avoid pulling or bending the Rogowski Coil Sensor part excessively as much as possible. Application of excessive force to the Rogowski Coil may cause plastic deformation of part of the coil. Use caution when attaching and detaching the coil from a target to be measured. Deformation of the coil structure will degrade the specifications of the sensor part.

In order to measure current, the one end of the Rogowski Coil is required to be inserted into the joint hole so that the coil forms a loop that circles around the current to be measured. The insertion length of the coil is about 8 mm from the joint hole end. Insert the Rogowski Coil until bumping.

	 Avoid the generation of corona discharge in an environment where high voltage is applied to the sensor part for a long time.
	Depending on the frequency of the applied voltage and installation conditions of the sensor part, Corona discharge may be generated even when a voltage lower than the resisting voltage is applied to the sensor part. This generation may lead to degrading the insulating outer sheath, causing an electrical shock, fire, or failure. Corona discharge tends to be generated due to electric field concentration. Take some measures to avoid the generation; for example, keep the sensor part away from high-voltage parts as far as possible to achieve insulation.
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CAUTION • Stop using the Rogowski Coil with its sheath damaged, because the resisting voltage for insulation of the coil cannot be guaranteed.

The Rogowski Coil has a structural life. The duration of use of the coil depends on the use environment and use conditions.

We recommend that you replace a deformed coil or a coil with its surface damaged, in order to maintain safety and accurate measurement. Contact lwatsu office or our sales distributors for replacement.

Chapter 5 Specifications

5.1 Specifications

Basic specifications

·	SS-663	SS-664	SS-665
Sensitivity [mV/A]	50	20	10
Peak current [A]	120	300	600
Peak di/dt [kA/µs]	8	20	40
Absolute maximum di/dt			
Peak [kA/µs]	80	80	80
RMS [kA/µs]	3	3	3
Frequency bandwidth	f_{L} to 30MHz [-3dB], f_{L} : Low frequency cutoff		
Low frequency cutoff [Hz]	65	32	17
Noise [mV rms]	3.5	2.5	2.0
Sensitivity accuracy	 ±2% At the center of the coil loop with sensor part temperature of −10°C to +70°C * Add an error of ±250 ppm/°C when the temperature is −10°C or less or +70°C or more. 		
Output	Maximum voltage range: ±6 V (load ≥ 100 kΩ) * Output becomes ±2V and sensitivity becomes about the half for 50Ω load.		
Connector	BNC		
Linearity	±0.05 % of full scale		
Zero point adjustment range	±300 mV or more		

Sensor part

Coil length	84 mm ± 4 mm
Wire rod diameter at coil part	1.0 mm (Max)
Maximum rating voltage between ground	600 V peak Sensor providing basic insulation for max. working voltage of 600 Vpk and max. transient overvoltages of 2500 Vpk as well as reinforced insulation for max. working voltage of 600 Vpk and max. transient overvoltages of 1500 Vpk.
Sensor cable length	1.5 m ± 50 mm
Operating temperature range	-40 $^{\circ}\!C$ to +125 $^{\circ}\!C$ $$ (including sensor cable)

General specification

Dimensions	Approx. 80 (W) × 165 (H) × 35 (D) mm(excluding protrusions)
Weight	Approx.0.37 kg
Power supply	Four AA dry batteries Note 1 or dedicated AC adaptor (option)
Battery life Note2	Approx. 18 hours (when alkaline batteries are used)
Accessories	BNC cable (1) ^{Note3} , Adjustment Screwdriver (1), AA dry battery (4),
	Instruction Manual (1), and hard case (1)

Environmental characteristics

Operating temperature and humidity range	0 °C to +40 °C, below the moisture amount of 80 %RH	
Storage temperature and humidity range	-10 $^\circ C$ to +60 $^\circ C$, below the moisture amount of 80 %RH	
Operating altitude	≦2,000 m at ≦25 °C	

- Note 1) Equivalent nickel metal-hydride, nickel-cadmium battery, and other rechargeable batteries can also be used.
- Note 2) Operation time of this instrument during the use of batteries The continuous operation time of this instrument is about 18 hours when alkaline batteries are used. The LOW BATTERY LED lamp lights up when batteries are consumed. About 30 minutes after the illumination, this instrument will be automatically shut down to avoid over discharge. Note that from the time the LOW BATTERY LED lamp comes on until the time this instrument is automatically shut down may be shortened when nickel metal-hydride batteries are used. When using with the accessory batteries, the operation time of this

instrument may be shorter than that described above.

Note 3) BNC cable length is recommended 50cm.

Compliance information

This instrument is an IEC safety class I instrument (provided with a terminal for protective earth grounding).

Safety Standard

Compliant standards EN 61010-1:2010 (Third Edition) Pollution degree 2

EMC Standard

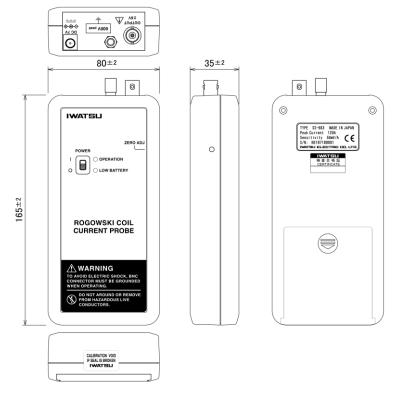
Compliant standards EN 61326-1:2013 (Class A) This instrument is a Class A (for industrial environments) instrument. Compliant standards EN 61326-1:2013 (Industrial Electromagnetic Environment)

Environmental standard

Compliant standard: EN IEC 63000:2018 Monitoring and instruments

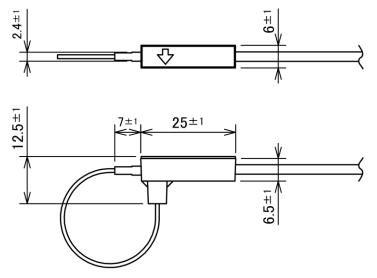
5.2 Appearance

(1) Main Unit



Unit: mm

(2) Rogowski Coil Sensor



Unit: mm

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