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KEITHLEY
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Model 237-ALG-2

Triaxial Cable

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Description

The Keithley Instruments Model 237-ALG-2 is a 6.6 ft (2 m) triaxial cable that is terminated with a three-slot male triaxial connector on one end and alligator clips on the other end.

Figure 1: Model 237-ALG-2



⚠ WARNING

This cable can allow exposed hazardous voltages when used in certain applications, and is intended for use only by qualified personnel who recognize shock hazards and are familiar with the safety precautions required to avoid possible injury. If an operator is using this cable, a qualified person must provide training in electrical safety procedures and proper use of the equipment and must ensure that the operator is protected from electric shock and contact with hazardous live circuits. Refer to the complete user manual for the product being used with this cable for complete cable configuration infor\-mation and additional safety instructions.
Never touch or change connections when power is applied to the cable assembly. Always turn off all power and discharge all capacitors before connecting or disconnecting the cable.

Before each use, inspect the cable, connector, and boots for wear, cracks, or breaks. Make sure the boots completely cover the alligator clips after making connections.

The outer shield of the triaxial connector provides protection from voltages on the center and inner shield conductors. Make sure the outer shell is always connected to earth ground or a properly grounded chassis.

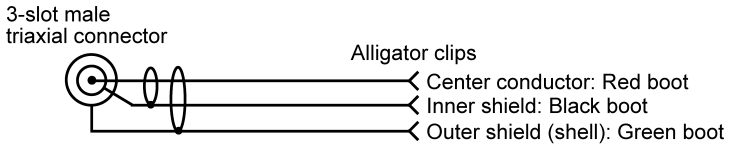
Make sure both ends of the cable are properly connected before applying power. This prevents voltages from being exposed and connections from shorting together.

Never touch or change connections when power is applied to the cable assembly. Always turn off all power and discharge all capacitors before connecting or disconnecting the cable.

Mechanical characteristics

A schematic of the cable is shown in the figure below.

Figure 2: Model 237-ALG-2 schematic



Electrical characteristics

Working voltage: 600 V peak center conductor to inner shield; 1,300 V peak center conductor and inner shield to outer shell

Contact resistance: < 0.5 Ω

Insulation resistance: 10^{15} Ω, center conductor to inner shield (500 V test voltage, 23 °C at < 40 percent relative humidity)

General characteristics

Operating environment: 32 °F to 122 °F (0 °C to 50 °C), up to 70 percent relative humidity at ≤ 95 °F (35 °C)

Safety precautions

The following safety precautions should be observed before using this product and any associated instrumentation. Although some instruments and accessories would normally be used with nonhazardous voltages, there are situations where hazardous conditions may be present.

This product is intended for use by qualified personnel who recognize shock hazards and are familiar with the safety precautions required to avoid possible injury. Read and follow all installation, operation, and maintenance information carefully before using the product. Refer to the user documentation for complete product specifications.

If the product is used in a manner not specified, the protection provided by the product warranty may be impaired.

The types of product users are:

Responsible body is the individual or group responsible for the use and maintenance of equipment, for ensuring that the equipment is operated within its specifications and operating limits, and for ensuring that operators are adequately trained.

Operators use the product for its intended function. They must be trained in electrical safety procedures and proper use of the instrument. They must be protected from electric shock and contact with hazardous live circuits.

Maintenance personnel perform routine procedures on the product to keep it operating properly, for example, setting the line voltage or replacing consumable materials. Maintenance procedures are described in the user documentation. The procedures explicitly state if the operator may perform them. Otherwise, they should be performed only by service personnel.

Service personnel are trained to work on live circuits, perform safe installations, and repair products. Only properly trained service personnel may perform installation and service procedures.

Keithley Instruments products are designed for use with electrical signals that are measurement, control, and data I/O connections, with low transient overvoltages, and must not be directly connected to mains voltage or to voltage sources with high transient overvoltages. Measurement Category II (as referenced in IEC 60664) connections require protection for high transient overvoltages often associated with local AC mains connections. Certain Keithley measuring instruments may be connected to mains. These instruments will be marked as category II or higher.

Unless explicitly allowed in the specifications, operating manual, and instrument labels, do not connect any instrument to mains.

Exercise extreme caution when a shock hazard is present. Lethal voltage may be present on cable connector jacks or test fixtures. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) states that a shock hazard exists when voltage levels greater than 30 V RMS, 42.4 V peak, or 60 VDC are present. A good safety practice is to expect that hazardous voltage is present in any unknown circuit before measuring.

Operators of this product must be protected from electric shock at all times. The responsible body must ensure that operators are prevented access and/or insulated from every connection point. In some cases, connections must be exposed to potential human contact. Product operators in these circumstances must be trained to protect themselves from the risk of electric shock. If the circuit is capable of operating at or above 1000 V, no conductive part of the circuit may be exposed.

For maximum safety, do not touch the product, test cables, or any other instruments while power is applied to the circuit under test. ALWAYS remove power from the entire test system and discharge any capacitors before: connecting or disconnecting cables or jumpers, installing or removing switching cards, or making internal changes, such as installing or removing jumpers.

Do not touch any object that could provide a current path to the common side of the circuit under test or power line (earth) ground. Always make measurements with dry hands while standing on a dry, insulated surface capable of withstanding the voltage being measured.

For safety, instruments and accessories must be used in accordance with the operating instructions. If the instruments or accessories are used in a manner not specified in the operating instructions, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

Do not exceed the maximum signal levels of the instruments and accessories, as defined in the specifications and operating information, and as shown on the instrument or test fixture panels, or switching card.

Chassis connections must only be used as shield connections for measuring circuits, NOT as protective earth (safety ground) connections.

The **WARNING** heading in the user documentation explains dangers that might result in personal injury or death. Always read the associated information very carefully before performing the indicated procedure.

The **CAUTION** heading in the user documentation explains hazards that could damage the instrument. Such damage may invalidate the warranty.

Instrumentation and accessories shall not be connected to humans.

Before performing any maintenance, disconnect the line cord and all test cables.

To maintain protection from electric shock and fire, replacement components in mains circuits — including the power transformer, test leads, and input jacks — must be purchased from Keithley Instruments. Standard fuses with applicable national safety approvals may be used if the rating and type are the same. Other components that are not safety-related may be purchased from other suppliers as long as they are equivalent to the original component (note that selected parts should be purchased only through Keithley Instruments to maintain accuracy and functionality of the product). If you are unsure about the applicability of a replacement component, call a Keithley Instruments office for information.

To clean an instrument, use a damp cloth or mild, water-based cleaner. Clean the exterior of the instrument only. Do not apply cleaner directly to the instrument or allow liquids to enter or spill on the instrument. Products that consist of a circuit board with no case or chassis (e.g., a data acquisition board for installation into a computer) should never require cleaning if handled according to instructions. If the board becomes contaminated and operation is affected, the board should be returned to the factory for proper cleaning/servicing.

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