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# ROGOWSKI CURRENT WAVEFORM TRANSDUCERS

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE CWT

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## INTRODUCTION

POWERTEK's Rogowski Current Waveform Transducers combine high bandwidth, safety, and the minimum disruption to the circuit under test. These instructions should be followed whenever the unit is used. They are intended to help you obtain the best and safest performance from the transducer.

## SPECIFICATION

### ACCURACY (5 to 100% full scale)

Within the limits of bandwidth and low frequency noise that are specified on the relevant CWT specification sheet.

Calibration:	Normally $\pm 0.2\%$ (traceable to UKAS) with the conductor central in the CWT loop. See the calibration certificate for more details.
Positional accuracy: (Standard coils)	$\pm 1\%$ typ. variation of accuracy with conductor position in the loop (see 'Obtaining The Best Measurement')
Linearity:	$\pm 0.05\%$ typ.

### POWER SUPPLY

The CWT can be powered by both battery **and** an external DC voltage. With the external DC supply present the batteries are inoperative.

Battery type:	4 (four) 1.5V AA alkali
Battery life:	70 hrs typ.
DC socket type:	2.1 or 2.5mm jack socket – polarity indicated on front of CWT
DC voltage:	12 to 24V DC ( $\pm 10\%$ )
DC quiescent supply current:	30mA (@12V DC) , 30mA (@ 24V DC)

When specified with **rechargeable batteries** the CWT operates directly from the batteries when there is no DC supply present and is powered directly from the DC supply when present. With the DC supply present the rechargeable batteries are permanently trickle charged.

Battery type:	4 (four) 1.2V NiMH rechargeable batteries
Battery life:	30 hrs typ. (based on a 1400mAh cell)
Recharge time:	40 hrs typ.
DC socket type:	2.1 or 2.5mm jack socket – polarity indicated on front of CWT
DC voltage:	12 to 24V DC ( $\pm 10\%$ )
DC quiescent supply current:	70mA (@12V DC) , 70mA (@ 24V DC)

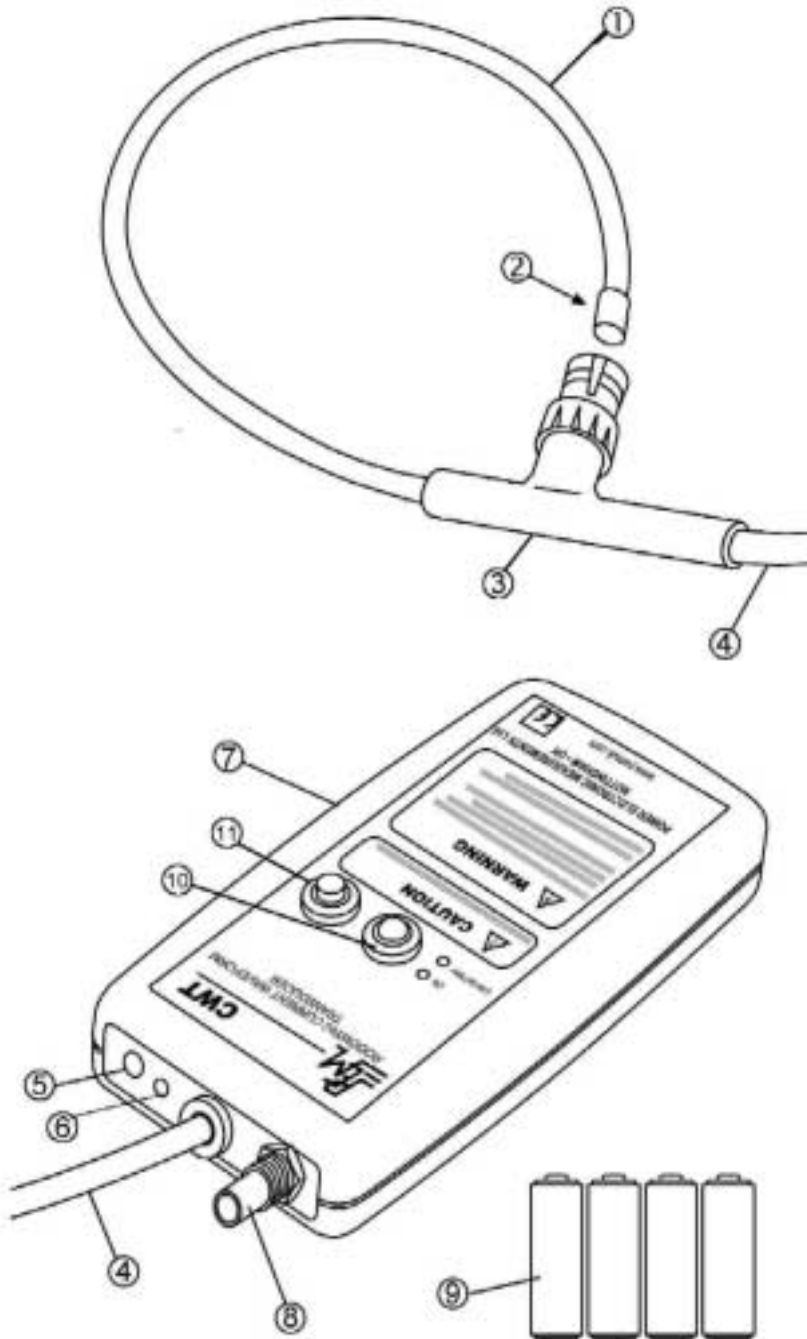
### OUTPUT

Maximum output voltage:	$\pm 6V$ (corresponding to $\pm$ Peak Current Rating of CWT)
Output cable:	0.5m BNC to BNC 50 $\Omega$ cable
Minimum output loading:	100k $\Omega$

### OPERATING TEMPERATURE RANGES

Rogowski coil and cable	-20°C to 100°C
Integrator electronics	0 to 40°C

## CWT - ROGOWSKI CURRENT TRANSDUCER



1. Rogowski coil (loop)
2. 'Free end' of the Rogowski coil
3. Ferrule (the connecting mechanism for closing the Rogowski coil).
4. Cable connecting the Rogowski coil to the integrator electronics
5. Socket for external DC supply
6. LED status indicator for external DC supply
7. Enclosure for the integrator electronics
8. Output BNC socket
9. 4 x AA batteries
10. LED indicator  
- GREEN - CWT is ON  
- RED - low battery
11. Push button ON / OFF switch

## SAFETY AND PRE-USE CHECKS

Throughout this instruction sheet there are a number of warnings which must be observed to ensure safe operation of this unit. These warnings are identified by the following symbol:



POWERTEK accepts no responsibility for any accidents or damage resulting from careless use, or non-observance of these instructions.

### THE ROGOWSKI COIL



The integrity of the insulation around the Rogowski coil itself should be VISUALLY INSPECTED before use, and the unit should NOT BE USED if there are signs of damage.



When bending the flexible coil around a conductor, avoid tight bends and sharp edges that could damage the coil.



The voltage rating (safe PEAK working voltage) is clearly labelled on the coil. The rating is normally 10kV peak (red coil) but can also be 5kV peak (yellow coil) and 2kV peak (green coil). The removable silicone sleeve supplied with the coil increases the voltage rating of yellow and green coils to 10kV peak and provides mechanical protection.



The ratings are derived from the following standard test. All coils supplied by POWERTEK including the ferrule connecting the coil to the cable are flash tested for 1 minute at 15kVrms using a 50Hz sinewave. Coils rated at 10kV peak (red coils) are tested without the 10kV sleeve; coils rated below 10kV peak (yellow and green coils) are tested with the 10kV sleeve fitted.



For additional safety it is recommended that the ferrule is not situated in direct contact with conductors at voltages higher than 8kV peak. See also "Obtaining the Best Measurement".



The voltage ratings are appropriate for intermittent use of the CWT as a test instrument and not for continuous use in a permanent installation.

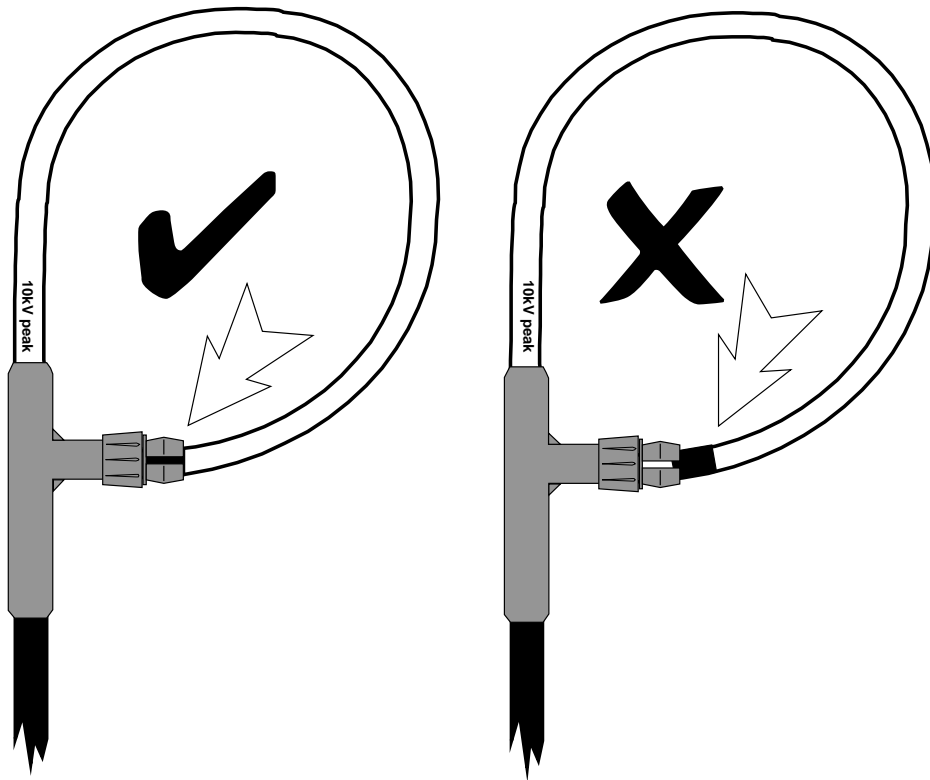
For permanent installation the coil should be situated such that corona, which would eventually damage the coil insulation, cannot occur. For information regarding permanent installation of POWERTEK's Rogowski coils on high voltage equipment please consult POWERTEK.



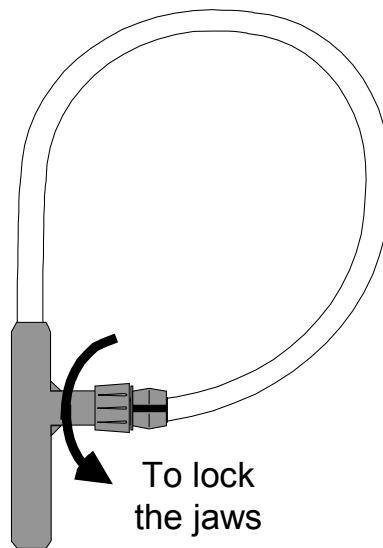
Voltage ratings are only valid if the 'free-end' of the coil is fully inserted into the socket, and remains fully inserted during use.

The 'free-end' will be fully inserted when the user feels the free-end of the coil engage with the internal click-in mechanism inside the ferrule.

Visual indication that the coil mechanism is fully inserted is provided by the black cable marker situated near the end of the coil, as shown opposite



If the coil is to be left in-situ for any period of time or is used in an environment where the coil is subject to vibration the locking nut should be engaged as shown in the diagram below.



The locking mechanism must not be actuated at temperatures below 0°C

Care must be taken not to over-tighten the locking nut.

## THE INTEGRATOR



The CWT must only be used with oscilloscopes or monitoring equipment which have their BNC INPUTS PROPERLY GROUNDED.

## SWITCHING ON



Before installing the CWT and taking a measurement refer to SAFETY AND PRE-USE CHECKS to ensure safe operation of your CWT



Do not fit a Rogowski coil to a live circuit; always de-energise the circuit first.

1. Connect the BNC plug on the output cable of the transducer to your oscilloscope or current monitoring equipment. The CWT must only be used with oscilloscopes or monitoring equipment which have their BNC INPUTS PROPERLY GROUNDED.
2. Having carried out the VISUAL INSPECTION of the Rogowski coil, un-clip the coil and wrap it around the de-energised conductor under test.
3. Insert the free-end of the coil fully inside the ferrule and lock the jaws if necessary.
4. Re-energise the conductor.
5. The CWT is switched ON by pressing and releasing the ON push button, and is turned OFF by depressing the button fully; the LED indicates that the CWT is ON when the LED is GREEN.
6. – **EITHER** - Standard alkali battery supplied CWT units - **B**

Four 1.5V AA alkali batteries provide about 70 hours operation. Battery voltage is continuously monitored; healthy batteries are indicated by the GREEN LED. If the LED is RED the batteries are delivering less than 2V and must be replaced by removing the sliding battery door in the back cover of the integrator enclosure.

The units can also be powered by an external DC supply. The DC voltage can be between 12 and 24V ( $\pm 10\%$ ). When the DC supply is present a RED indicating LED adjacent to the socket is illuminated. With the DC supply present the batteries are inoperative.

- **OR** - Re-chargeable battery CWT units - **R**

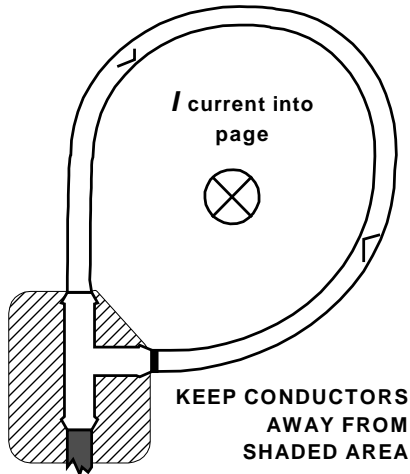
When fully charged four 1.2V AA NiMH rechargeable cells provide about 30hrs operation. Battery voltage is continuously monitored; healthy batteries are indicated by the GREEN LED. If the LED is RED the batteries are delivering less than 2V and must be recharged.

The units can also be powered by an external DC supply. The DC voltage can be between 12 and 24V ( $\pm 10\%$ ). When the DC supply is present a RED indicating LED adjacent to the socket is illuminated. When the DC supply is present the batteries are inoperative and the external DC voltage powers the integrator. In addition when the DC supply is present (regardless of whether the integrator is on or off) the rechargeable batteries are trickle charged.

7. After switch-on the CWT requires a settling down time to attain its quiescent state before providing correct current measurement. The time, which depends on warm-up and low frequency bandwidth, can be as long as 2 minutes.

## OBTAINING THE BEST MEASUREMENT

The Rogowski coil should be positioned so that the conductor under test is encircled by the coil but is not adjacent to the cable attachment (see picture below). The arrows across the coil show the direction a positive current should pass through the coil loop in order to obtain a positive output voltage. The CWT has been calibrated with the conductor near the centre, and this is the ideal position.



The sensitivity of the CWT to currents that do not pass through the coil is very small, provided that such currents are no greater than the CWT's rating or such currents are relatively distant from the coil. In the vicinity of a multi-turn inductor the 'H' field is far stronger than from a single conductor carrying the same current, and such positions should be avoided.

Similarly if there is a surface with a high voltage very close to the coil, and the voltage is subject to high rates of change (e.g. several 100 V/ $\mu$ s) or high frequency oscillations in the MHz range, then measurement error can arise due to capacitive coupling to the coil.

As a check on any unwanted response to adjacent fields, it is wise to display the output of the CWT when close to (but not encircling) the conductor whose current is to be measured. This will reveal the magnitude of any unwanted response to currents close to but outside the coil.

## EMC

### EMISSIONS

POWERTEK's Rogowski current waveform transducers are certified to: BS EN 50081-2:1994

### IMMUNITY

POWERTEK's Rogowski current waveform transducers are certified to: BS EN 50082-2:1995

### OUTPUT CABLES

A 0.5m BNC-BNC output cable is supplied with the unit but a longer cable can be used. The cable should be a 50 ohm singly screened co-axial cable. Although at present this has not been included in the immunity tests and may decrease RF noise immunity, POWERTEK does not consider the use of extension cables to be problematic from the noise viewpoint. POWERTEK has conducted tests using a 25m extension and no discernible attenuation of measured current signal has occurred although, as is to be expected, there is an increased measurement delay of 5ns/m.

## WARRANTY

The coil is guaranteed to be free from defects due to materials and workmanship for 12 months and the integrator for 24 months from the date of despatch from Powertek Ltd. In the event of a defect or incorrect operation of the unit where the transducer has not been misused the CWT should be returned to POWERTEK with all freight charges to be paid by the customer. Correction shall be in the form of repair or replacement.

## RETURNING CWTs FOR RECALIBRATION OR REPAIR

If it is necessary to return the CWT to POWERTEK for repair whether or not under warranty please contact POWERTEK in advance for shipping instructions (see last below for contact details). To facilitate customs clearance it is important to follow the correct procedure otherwise import tax will be charged. POWERTEK will not accept units sent for recalibration or repair if the relevant procedure is not followed.

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