

CCTV Tester

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 - B: Objetos han caído o líquido ha sido derramado dentro del aparato; o
 - C: El aparato ha sido expuesto a la lluvia; o
 - D: El aparato parece no operar normalmente o muestra un cambio en su desempeño; o
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Safety Information

Precautions when using the CCTV Tester

- A. Please read this manual before using the product.
- B. Always be cautious when working around voltage.
- C. Do not use the tester in damp or explosive environments.
- D. Areas of strong electromagnetism can cause incorrect measurements.
- E. Do not expose the tester to dirt or liquid.
- F. Do not disassemble the tester.
- G. Operating environment:
Temperature: -22 to 158° F (-30 to +70° C)
Relative humidity: 30 to 90%
Recharging voltage: 5 VDC

Precautions when charging the battery

- A. Use only the original, chargeable battery that came with the tester. When charging, use the original power adapter.
- B. Make sure the batteries are installed correctly (polarity).
- C. Do not short-circuit or disassemble batteries.

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1. Specifications

Table 1-1. CCTV Tester specifications.

Feature		Description
Video testing	Signal mode	NTSC/PAL compatible
	LCD display	2.5" LCD screen, 960 x 240 resolution
	Signal strength	Max. Vpp, ave. Vpp, and Sync V
	Video input	1 channel BNC
	Video output	1 channel BNC
	LCD brightness	Adjustable from keypad
PTZ test and control	Communication protocol	RS-232, RS-422 simplex and RS-485
	Baud rate	Includes 20 manufacturer's protocols 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200
Built-in multimeter	DC voltage test	Max.: 1000 V, Precision: 0.1 mV
	AC voltage test	Max: 750 V, Precision: 0.1 mV
	Resistance test	Max.: 40 Mohm, Precision: 0.1 ohm
Power to camera	Voltage	12 VDC
	Working time	4-5 hours to normal camera
	Max. current	200 mA
Other functions	UTP cable test	Test UTP (CAT5/6) cables
	Signal generator	Test security monitors
	RS-485 data test	Display RS-485 data from device
	OSD menu	English OSD menu
	Keypad	Easy to operate. Uses number buttons.
Power and battery	Power adapter	5 VDC
	Battery	3000 mAh rechargeable battery inside
	Rechargeable	6 hours recharging time
	Low consumption	Sleep mode. Power status display.
	Operating time	10 hours

Chapter 1: Specifications

Table 1-1 (Continued). CCTV Tester specifications.

Feature		Description
Other	Work temperature	-22 to +158° F (-30 to +70° C)
	Work humidity	30 to 90%
	Size	6.5"H x 3.6"W x 1.9"D (16.6 x 9.1 x 4.8 cm)
	Weight	0.6 lb. (0.3 kg)

2. Overview

2.1 Introduction

The CCTV Tester tests camera video output, signal strength, and PTZ functions. It also acts as a video pattern generator, cable mapper, and digital multimeter.

2.2 Features

- A. **Camera video testing (Visual).** See page 16. Test a CCTV camera's video output visually by displaying it on the tester's color LCD screen or loop the signal through to a video monitor.
- B. **Camera video testing (Signal strength).** See page 17. Perform a signal attenuation test with the touch of a button. The video signal's voltage (max and average Vpp) is displayed as sync voltage. Perfect for detecting weak signals. Also measures sync voltage.
- C. **Camera motion testing (PTZ).** See page 17. Test a PTZ camera's pan, tilt, and zoom directly from the tester's keypad. Complete with preset settings and speed adjustment. Supports RS-232, RS-422 simplex and RS-485 connections. Baud rates of 2400, 4800, 9600 and 19,200. RS-485 protocol includes: Pelco D,P, Samsung, Panasonic, Molynx, and more.
- D. **Monitor testing (Video signal generator).** See page 15. Inspect monitors and DVRs by driving them with a known good video signal from the tester. It can output color bars and separate colors. The Camera Wizard only supports NTSC format.
- E. **Keyboard testing (RS-485 serial data test).** See page 20. Test the RS-485 data sent from a control device by displaying its hexadecimal data.
- F. **Digital multimeter.** See page 22. Detect AC/DC voltages and measure resistance using a built-in DMM. Useful in measuring and isolating circuit problems.
- G. **Power to camera.** See page 23. The tester can supply 12 VDC (200 mA) power to a CCTV camera. Use when no camera power supply is available.
- H. **UTP (CAT5 or CAT6) cable test.** See page 18. Test CAT5 or 6 cables for opens and shorts. Remote terminator included.

2.3 What's Included

Your package should include the following items. If anything is missing or damaged, contact Black Box Technical Support at 724-746-5500 or info@blackbox.com.

- CCTV Tester with rechargeable battery
- Charger
- UTP cable terminator
- BNC connect cable
- BNC to RCA adapter
- PTZ terminal block/alligator adapter
- DMM test leads
- Lanyard
- 12-VDC power cable
- This user's manual

2.4 Hardware Description

Figures 2-1 through 2-4 illustrate the CCTV Tester and describe its components.

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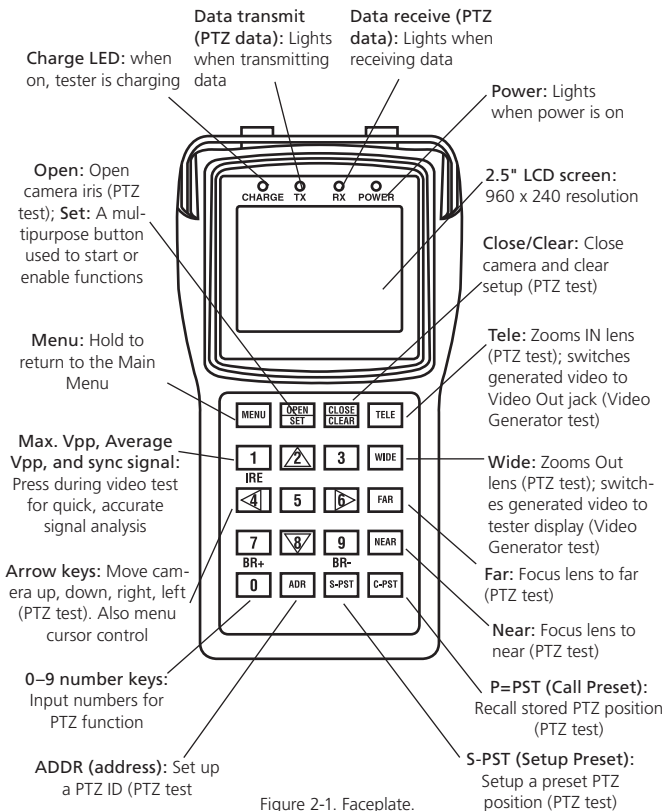


Figure 2-1. Faceplate.

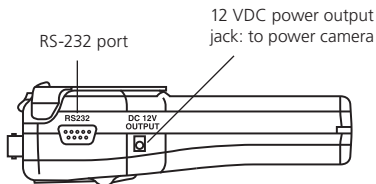


Figure 2-2. Side 1 view.

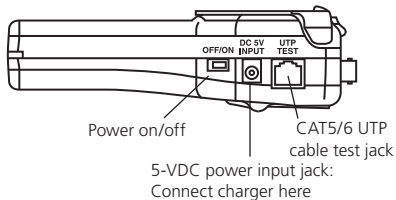


Figure 2-3. Side 2 view.

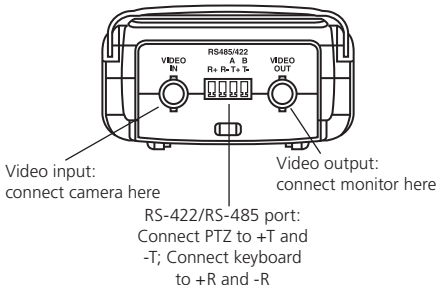


Figure 2-4. Top view.

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3. Operation

3.1 Power and Battery

POWER: The power ON/OFF switch is located on the side of the tester.

BATTERY SAVER: The tester has a battery-saving sleep mode. Turn the slide switch ON again if the tester is asleep.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERY: The tester has a non-removable battery for a larger capacity. Do not open the rear panel and attempt to repair it.

CHARGE TIME: The battery requires five hours for a full charge.

CHARGE LED: While charging, the “Charge” LED will be ON.

OPERATING TIME: Approximately 10 hours.

WHEN TO RECHARGE: Recharge when the battery indicator in the System Setup menu shows 25% or less.

USE WHILE CHARGING: The tester can be used during charging.

3.2 Main Menu Introduction

Turn on the device. The Main Menu appears: #1 is the setup mode. #2 thru #6 selects five test modes. Use the keypad’s numbered buttons to select the menu item. The last item is the software version and serial number.

MAIN MENU	
1 SYSTEM SETUP	> Set up PTZ and check battery
2 VIDEO AND PTZ TEST	> Test video and control PTZ
3 UTP CABLE TEST	> Test UTP cables
4 VIDEO GENERATOR	> Test video monitors
5 RS485 DATA TEST	> Analyze RS-485 protocol
6 MULTIMETER	> Measure voltage/resistance
VER:V1.11 S/N:08110910	> Software version and S/N

Figure 3-1. Main Menu.

3.3 Quick Test

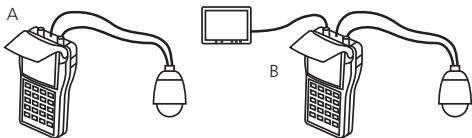


Figure 3-2. Quick test setup.

A. Viewing a camera image: Follow diagram A to connect a CCTV camera (including PTZ control) to the tester. The camera's video output connects to the tester's VIDEO IN BNC connector. The camera's PTZ control wires connect to tester's RS-485/422 control block (using the terminal block/alligator clip adapter provided with the tester). Turn ON the tester and select menu item "2." The camera's video will display on the tester screen. More detailed instructions follow in this manual.

B. Connecting a monitor: Follow diagram B to connect a CCTV monitor to the tester. The tester's VIDEO OUT BNC connects to the monitor's video input connector. You can drive the monitor with the video signal generated by the tester (menu item #4, then TELE) or in "looped mode" with a camera's video connected to the tester's VIDEO IN BNC (menu item #4, then WIDE). More detailed instructions follow in this manual.

3.4 Main Menu (in order of appearance)

3.4.1 Selection 1: System Setup: Display battery status, set auto-off time, and set up PTZ parameters to match your CCTV camera.

NOTE: If you are not using the PTZ (pan/tilt/zoom) test feature, there is no need to set the PTZ parameters.

ENTERING AND EXITING: Press "1" to enter the setup screen. Press "MENU" to return to the Main Menu. A typical configuration is as shown in Figure 3-3.

PROTOCOL Pelco P	> PTZ protocol of camera
COM 485	> PTZ communication port type
RATE 4800	> PTZ baud rate: 2400/4800/9600/19200
SPEED 016	> PTZ pan and tilt speed
IDLE TIME 000	> Battery saver turn off time (minutes)
BATTERY 090	> Battery status (%):100/90/75/50/25/5

Figure 3-3. Typical configuration.

MODIFYING THE SETTINGS:

ENTER SETUP MODE: Press “SET.” In this mode you 1) modify the PTZ settings (Protocol, Com, Rate and Speed) to match the camera you are testing and 2) set the battery saver turnoff time (when no activity).

SELECT THE ITEM: Press the “UP and DOWN arrows” to blink the line you wish to modify. Battery status (% remaining) cannot be modified.

ADJUST THE PARAMETER: Press the “UP/DOWN/RIGHT arrow.”

SAVE/EXIT. Press the “LEFT arrow” to save the setting. Press the “LEFT arrow” again to stop the blinking. Exit by holding the “MENU key” to return to the Main Menu.

NOTE: The CCTVTES has 20 PTZ protocols and 17 speed settings (1 is the slowest and 16 is the fastest).

3.4.2 Selection 2: Video, Signal Strength, and PTZ Test

A. Display a camera’s video signal on the LCD and monitor:

CONNECTION: Connect the camera to the tester as shown in Figure 3-1. The camera connects to the tester’s VIDEO IN jack.

Display camera video: Press “2” on the keypad to turn ON the tester’s video and PTZ feature. The camera’s video appears on the color LCD display. The camera’s video will also appear on a monitor (if connected to the tester’s VIDEO OUT jack). Study the image for proper focus and viewing angle. Study the voltage readout (below) for proper amplitude. And use the tester’s PTZ feature (below) to control pan, tilt, and zoom.

Adjust LCD brightness: Use keys number 7 (BR+) and 9 (BR-) to adjust the LCD screen's brightness.

B. Measure signal strength (Vpp) and attenuation:

Video signal strength (attenuation): With the tester displaying the video signal (see A), press the "1" (IRE) key. The following is displayed:

MAX Vpp: The peak-to-peak amplitude of the video signal. The larger the video signal, the brighter the picture. 1 Vpp is minimum.

AVERAGE Vpp: The average peak-to-peak amplitude of the video signal.

SYNC SIGNAL: A camera's sync pulses synchronize the camera with the monitor.

NO VIDEO: No signal, "No Video" will be displayed.

Example of attenuation: If the Vpp at the camera is 1.25 Vpp, and the Vpp at the end of the cable is 1.15 V, the attenuation is 8%.

C. Testing and controlling the camera motion (PTZ):

Connection. Connect the camera to the tester as shown in Figure 3-2, diagram A. The camera's PTZ wires plug into the T+ and T- ports on the tester's RS-422/485 jack (use the terminal block/alligator adapter).

ADDRESS:001	> Enter the PTZ camera's ID (001-255)
VIDEO: NULL	> Video format PAL/NTSC/NULL

Enter the camera's ID.

Press "ADDR" and input the PTZ camera's ID.

Press "SET" to save the address.

Press "MENU" to hide the menu display.

Hold "MENU" to exit the video/PTZ function and return to the Main Menu.

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NOTE: See Section 3.4.1, System Setup to match the tester's PTZ protocol, com type, and baud rate to that of the camera.

Controlling the camera's PTZ (pan/tilt/zoom):

Press "UP/DOWN/LEFT/RIGHT" to control the movement.

Press "OPEN/CLOSE" to control the iris.

Press "FAR/NEAR" to adjust focus.

Press "WIDE/TELE" to zoom the camera lens in and out.

Saving and Calling Preset positions:

The Video Wizard can Save and Call preset positions.

To Save: Press "S-PST" and input a position number. Press "SET" to save.

To Call: Press "C-PST" and input the position number. Press "SET" to call.

Multiple preset positions can be saved.

3.4.3 Selection 3: UTP Cable Testing: Testing a UTP cable (CAT5/6) for proper connection.

NOTE: "UTP" means unshielded twisted pair. UTP is the most common type of CAT5 and 6 cable.

CONNECTION: Connect the CAT5/6 UTP cable to the UTP TEST socket on the right side of the tester. Connect the Remote Terminator to the far end of the cable.

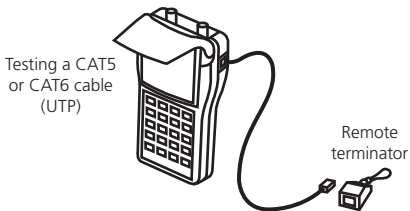


Figure 3-4. Testing UTP cable setup.

SELECT UTP CABLE TEST MODE: Press the “3” key to enter the UTP test mode.

START TEST: Press “SET.” The CAT5/6 UTP cable wire map will be displayed on the LCD screen.

RETURN TO MAIN MENU: Hold the MENU key to return to the Main Menu.

UTP CABLE TEST				
TESTER SIDE	1	-----	1	REMOTE
PIN NUMBERS	2	-----	2	PIN NUMBERS
	3	-----	3	
Typical CAT5/6	4	-----	0	“0” means open
Cable (UTP)	5	-----	0	Two “0”s is a
Wiremap	6	-----	6	short circuit
	7	-----	7	
	8	-----	8	

Figure 3-5. UTP cable test wiremap.

3.4.4 Selection 4: Video Generator: Testing a monitor using the VIDEO OUT port.

Connection. Connect the monitor to the tester using the VIDEO OUT jack:

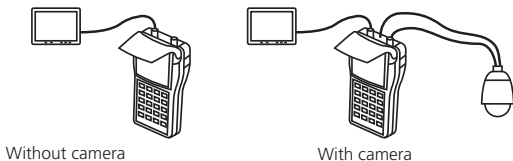


Figure 3-6. Video generator test setup.

Drive the monitor with the tester's video generator. Or drive the monitor with a camera “looped” through the tester.

SELECT VIDEO GENERATOR MODE: Press the “4” key to turn ON the video generator.

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SELECT OPTIONS: Use the following keys to control the options:

- SET selects the tester's video signal: Color bar, Blue, Red, Pink, Green, Cyan, Yellow, and White.
- TELE switches the tester's video signal to the monitor (connected to the VIDEO OUT jack).
- WIDE switches the video signal so it loops from the VIDEO IN jack to the VIDEO OUT jack. In this mode, a picture will only appear on the monitor if a camera is connected to the VIDEO IN jack.

RETURN TO MAIN MENU: Hold the Main Menu key to turn OFF the video generator and return to the Main Menu.



Figure 3-7. Video generator (press SET to select and TELE to output).

3.4.5 Selection 5: RS-485 Data Test: Analyze data from an RS-485 device (keyboard).

CONNECTION. Connect the device to the tester using the +R -R sockets (use terminal block/alligator adapter).

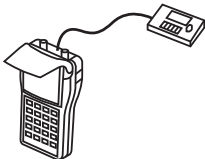


Figure 3-8. RS-485 keyboard test setup.

Display the device's hexadecimal output on the tester's LCD.

SELECT THE DATA TEST MODE: Press the "5" key to turn ON the RS-485 protocol analyzer.

SELECT OPTIONS: Use the following keys to control the options:

- SET enables the changing of the Baud rate.
- UP/DOWN ARROW KEYS change the tester's Baud rate. Select the Baud rate that matches the device that is being analyzed.

Data transfer will start automatically through the RS-485 port. The hexadecimal data is displayed on the tester's screen as shown below. Analysis of the data will indicate its protocol.

RETURN TO MAIN MENU: Hold the Main Menu key to turn OFF the data flow and return to the Main Menu.

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A0 00 01 00 00 00 AF 0F
A0 00 01 00 00 00 AF 0E
A0 00 01 00 00 00 AF 0F
A0 00 01 00 00 00 AF 4F
A0 00 01 00 00 00 AF EF
A0 00 01 00 00 00 AF 2F
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Figure 3-9. Typical hexadecimal data from an RS-485 device.

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3.4.6 Selection 6: Multimeter. Use the tester as a digital multimeter to measure AC/DC voltage and resistance.

NOTE: The tester displays the Vpp of the video signal and sync signal on the LCD without the use of the test leads. See Menu Item #4 on page 14.

CONNECTION: Connect the 2 test leads to the bottom of the tester as shown in Figure 3-10.

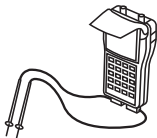


Figure 3-10. DMM test leads attached to bottom of tester.

SELECT MULTIMETER MODE: Press “6” on the keypad to turn ON the DMM (digital multimeter).

DC: 121.3 MV

- 1 DC VOLTAGE
- 2 AC VOLTAGE
- 3 RESISTANCE

Figure 3-11. Digital multimeter menu.

SELECT FUNCTION: Press key 1, 2 or 3.

DC voltage test range: 0-1000 V, precision: 0.1 mV

AC voltage test range: 750 V, precision: 0.1 mV

Resistance test range: 0-40 Mohm , precision: 0.1 ohm

RETURN TO MAIN MENU: Hold the Main Menu key to return to the Main Menu.

NOTE: Exercise caution when voltage is present. If you are not familiar with proper safety techniques, ask for guidance. Do not exceed the testing range (above) or damage may occur.

3.5 Provide Power to a 12V Camera

The tester can be used to provide power to a 12V camera.

CONNECTION: Connect the cable (included) to the tester's "DC 12V OUTPUT" jack (on the left side of the tester). Connect the other end to the camera's 12-VDC power input jack. Use only with 12 VDC cameras (200 ma max.).

WORKING TIME: The amount of time that the tester powers the camera depends on the camera's power consumption. If the camera draws less than 100 mA, the tester will power the camera for about four hours.

MAXIMUM CURRENT/POWER: The maximum output current from the tester is 200 mA/2400 milliwatts.

NOTES:

1. The output voltage of tester is DC 12V. Please only connect it to 12V cameras.
2. Do not connect the tester's DC12V output to the tester's own 5-VDC input jack. This will damage the tester.

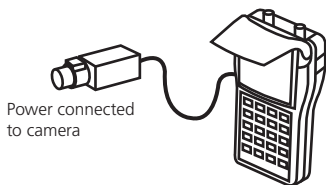


Figure 3-12. Powering a 12 V camera.

3.6 Screen Brightness Adjustment

When in the Video and PTZ testing mode (menu item #2) use key number 7 (BR+) and key number 9 (BR-) to adjust the screen's brightness.

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