User's Manual

PMM EP-600
ELECTRIC FIELD PROBE
100 kHz ÷ 9.25 GHz

PMM EP-601
ELECTRIC FIELD PROBE
10 kHz ÷ 9.25 GHz

PMM EP-602
ELECTRIC FIELD PROBE
5 kHz ÷ 9.25 GHz

PMM EP-603
ELECTRIC FIELD PROBE
300 kHz ÷ 18 GHz

PMM EP-604
ELECTRIC FIELD PROBE
300 kHz ÷ 26.5 GHz

SERIAL NUMBER OF THE INSTRUMENT
You can find the Serial Number on the fiber optic holder of the instrument.
The Serial Number is in the form: 000XY00000.
The first three digits and the two letters are the Serial Number prefix, the last five digits are the Serial Number suffix. The prefix is the same for identical instruments, it changes only when a configuration change is made to the instrument.
The suffix is different for each instrument

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⚠ CAUTION　If the instrument is used in any other way than as described in this User's Manual, it may become unsafe.

Before using this product, the related documentation must be read with great care and fully understood to familiarize with all the safety prescriptions.

To ensure the correct use and the maximum safety level, the User shall know all the instructions and recommendations contained in this document.

⚠ WARNING　This product is a **Safety Class III** instrument according to IEC classification and has been designed to meet the requirements of EN61010-1 (Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control and Laboratory Use).

In accordance with the IEC classification, the power supply of this product meets requirements **Safety Class II** and **Installation Category II** (having double insulation and able to carry out mono-phase power supply operations).

It complies with the requirements of **Pollution Class II** (usually only non-conductive pollution). However, occasionally it may become temporarily conductive due to condense on it.

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EXPLANATION OF ELECTRICAL AND SAFETY SYMBOLS :

You now own a high-quality instrument that will give you many years of reliable service. Nevertheless, even this product will eventually become obsolete. When that time comes, please remember that electronic equipment must be disposed of in accordance with local regulations. This product conforms to the WEEE Directive of the European Union (2002/96/EC) and belongs to Category 9 (Monitoring and Control Instruments). You can return the instrument to us free of charge for proper environment friendly disposal. You can obtain further information from your local Narda Sales Partner or by visiting our website at www.narda-sts.it .

⚡	**Warning, danger of electric shock**	⏚	**Earth**
⚠	**Read carefully the Operating Manual and its instructions, pay attention to the safety symbols.**	⏛	**Unit Earth Connection**
⏚	**Earth Protection**	▽	**Equipotential**

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS USED IN THIS DOCUMENT :

⚠ DANGER　The DANGER sign draws attention to a serious risk to a person's safety, which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. All the precautions must be fully understood and applied before proceeding.

⚠ WARNING　The WARNING sign indicates a hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury. All the precautions must be fully understood and applied before proceeding.

⚠ CAUTION　The CAUTION sign indicates a hazardous situation, which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

NOTICE　The NOTICE sign draws attention to a potential risk of damage to the apparatus or loss of data.

☞ NOTE　The NOTE sign draws attention to important information.

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⚠ WARNING | *SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS*

This product has been designed, produced and tested in Italy, and it left the factory in conditions fully complying with the current safety standards. To maintain it in safe conditions and ensure correct use, these general instructions must be fully understood and applied before the product is used.

- When the device must be connected permanently, first provide effective grounding;
- If the device must be connected to other equipment or accessories, make sure they are all safely grounded;
- In case of devices permanently connected to the power supply, and lacking any fuses or other devices of mains protection, the power line must be equipped with adequate protection commensurate to the consumption of all the devices connected to it;
- In case of connection of the device to the power mains, make sure before connection that the voltage selected on the voltage switch and the fuses are adequate for the voltage of the actual mains;
- Devices in Safety Class I, equipped with connection to the power mains by means of cord and plug, can only be plugged into a socket equipped with a ground wire;
- Any interruption or loosening of the ground wire or of a connecting power cable, inside or outside the device, will cause a potential risk for the safety of the personnel;
- Ground connections must not be interrupted intentionally;
- To prevent the possible danger of electrocution, do not remove any covers, panels or guards installed on the device, and refer only to NARDA Service Centers if maintenance should be necessary;
- To maintain adequate protection from fire hazards, replace fuses only with others of the same type and rating;
- Follow the safety regulations and any additional instructions in this manual to prevent accidents and damages.

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1 – General

1.1 Documentation

This Manual includes:
- Questionnaire to resend together with the instrument to service.
- Check list of supplied accessories.

1.2 Diode-based isotropic electric field probes

This type of probes are made by small antennas terminated on multiple diodes. To ensure optimal isotropy, the antenna elements are configured orthogonally in order to add all of the electromagnetic wave components. They measure the field independently from field polarization and direction.

The diodes feature linear and quadratic responses to level variations.
At low levels of field the output voltages are proportional to the square value of the field (E^2) i.e. to the RMS value.
At higher field levels, up to the saturation, the response becomes linear, thus the output voltages are proportional to the peak value of the field.
The calibration is performed in terms of RMS value in both cases, therefore modulated sources may require a proper correction factor to be taken into account.

1.3 Introduction

The EP-600/601/602/603/604 is a diode-type, three-axis technology-edge isotropic sensor of electric fields: from 0.14 to 140 V/m in the frequency range 100 kHz - 9.25 GHz (EP-600), from 0.5 to 500 V/m in the frequency range 10 kHz - 9.25 GHz (EP-601), from 1.5 to 1500 V/m in the frequency range 5 kHz - 9.25 GHz (EP-602), from 0.17 to 170 V/m in the frequency range 300 kHz - 18 GHz (EP-603) and from 0.4 to 800 V/m in the frequency range 300 kHz – 26.5 GHz (EP-604).

The spherical plastic housing includes: 6 orthogonal cones (one for each monopole) that allow for an easy identification of the electric field vectors; the ON/OFF button and LED; the battery and the charger connector.

A plastic fiber optic (not removable) is fixed to the EP-600/601/602/603/604 housing; at its extremity two connectors compatible with PMM devices allow for connection to PC (via optical adapter) or to the hand-held meter PMM 8053B to display the measurements and to set the proper filter for optimizing noise reduction, sampling time and battery autonomy.

The software supplied allows for storing the measurements and convert the same in text format. The recorded data can be viewed either as a graph or as a table.

The EP-600/601/602/603/604 includes an E^{2}PROM that stores serial number, calibration data, calibration factors and Firmware version.

Three Analog/Digital converters – one for each axis - read the electric field simultaneously; the sensors consist in 6 monopoles mounted orthogonally. Another Analog/Digital converter internal to the microcontroller provides the battery voltage and temperature measurements.

The EP-600/601/602/603/604 is supplied by an internal rechargeable battery capable of up to 100 hours of operation.

Fig. 1-1 EP-600/601/602/603

Fig. 1-2 EP-604

1.4 Specifications EP-600 This condition applies to all specifications:

- The operating ambient temperature range must be -10° to 50 °C.

TABLE 1-1 Specifications of the electric field probe PMM EP-600	
Frequency range	100 kHz – 9.25 GHz
Level range	0.14 – 140 V/m
Overload	> 300 V/m
Dynamic range	60 dB
Linearity	0.4 dB @ 50 MHz/0.3 – 100 V/m
Resolution	0.01 V/m
Sensitivity	0.14 V/m
Flatness	1 – 150 MHz 0.8 dB
	0.5 – 6000 MHz 1.6 dB
	0.3 – 7500 MHz 3.2 dB
	(With frequency correction OFF)
	0.3 – 7500 MHz 0.4 dB
	(Typical with frequency correction ON)
Isotropicity	0.5 dB (0.3 dB typical @ 50 MHz)
Sensors	Six monopoles
X/Y/Z reading	Simultaneous sampling of the components
Battery reading	10 mV res.
Temperature reading	0.1 °C res.
Internal data memory	Serial number
	Date calibration
	Calibration Factor
	SW release.
Battery	Panasonic ML621S 3V 5mA/h rechargeable Li-Mn
Operation time	100 h @ 0.4 S/sec 28 Hz filter
	60 h @ 3 S/sec 28 Hz filter
Recharge time	48h for maximum autonomy
Dimensions	21 mm sphere
	16 mm sensor
	53 mm overall
Weight	23g including FO weight (1m)
Operating temperature	-10° - +50°
Software for PC	YES
Optical fiber connector	HFBR-0500
Tripod adapter	¼ - 20 UNC female

1.5 Typical frequency response with correction OFF EP-600

EP-600 typical frequency response with correction OFF

Fig. 1-3 EP-600 typical frequency response with correction OFF

1.6 Specifications EP-601 This condition applies to all specifications:

- The operating ambient temperature range must be -10° to 50 °C.

TABLE 1-2 Specifications of the electric field probe PMM EP-601	
Frequency range	10 kHz – 9.25 GHz
Level range	0.5 – 500 V/m
Overload	> 1000 V/m
Dynamic range	60 dB
Linearity	0.4 dB @ 50 MHz/1 – 500 V/m
Resolution	0.01 V/m
Sensitivity	0.5 V/m
Flatness	0.1 – 150 MHz 0.4 dB
	0.05 – 6000 MHz 1.6 dB
	0.03 – 7500 MHz 3.2 dB
	(With frequency correction OFF)
	0.05 – 7500 MHz 0.4 dB
	(Typical with frequency correction ON)
Isotropicity	0.5 dB (0.3 dB typical @ 50 MHz)
Sensors	Six monopoles
X/Y/Z reading	Simultaneous sampling of the components
Battery reading	10 mV res.
Temperature reading	0.1 °C res.
Internal data memory	Serial number
	Date calibration
	Calibration Factor
	SW release.
Battery	Panasonic ML621S 3V 5mA/h rechargeable Li-Mn
Operation time	100 h @ 0.4 S/sec 28 Hz filter
	60 h @ 3 S/sec 28 Hz filter
Recharge time	48h for maximum autonomy
Dimensions	21 mm sphere
	16 mm sensor
	53 mm overall
Weight	23g including FO weight (1m)
Operating temperature	-10° - +50°
Software for PC	YES
Optical fiber connector	HFBR-0500
Tripod adapter	¼ - 20 UNC female

1.7 Typical frequency response with correction OFF EP-601

EP-601 typical frequency response with correction OFF

Fig. 1-4 EP-601 typical frequency response with correction OFF

1.8 Specifications EP-602 This condition applies to all specifications:

- The operating ambient temperature range must be -10° to 50 °C.

TABLE 1-3 Specifications of the electric field probe PMM EP-602	
Frequency range	5 kHz – 9.25 GHz
Level range	1.5 – 1500 V/m
Overload	> 3000 V/m
Dynamic range	60 dB
Linearity	0.4 dB @ 50 MHz/2.5 – 1000 V/m
Resolution	0.01 V/m
Sensitivity	1.5 V/m
Flatness	0.05 – 150 MHz 0.4 dB
	0.05 – 6000 MHz 1.6 dB
	0.03 – 7500 MHz 3.2 dB
	(With frequency correction OFF)
	0.05 – 7500 MHz 0.4 dB
	(Typical with frequency correction ON)
Isotropicity	0.5 dB (0.3 dB typical @ 50 MHz)
Sensors	Six monopoles
X/Y/Z reading	Simultaneous sampling of the components
Battery reading	10 mV res.
Temperature reading	0.1 °C res.
Internal data memory	Serial number
	Date calibration
	Calibration Factor
	SW release.
Battery	Panasonic ML621S 3V 5mA/h rechargeable Li-Mn
Operation time	100 h @ 0.4 S/sec 28 Hz filter
	60 h @ 3 S/sec 28 Hz filter
Recharge time	48h for maximum autonomy
Dimensions	21 mm sphere
	16 mm sensor
	53 mm overall
Weight	23g including FO weight (1m)
Operating temperature	-10° - +50°
Software for PC	YES
Optical fiber connector	HFBR-0500
Tripod adapter	¼ - 20 UNC female

1.9 Typical frequency response with correction OFF EP-602

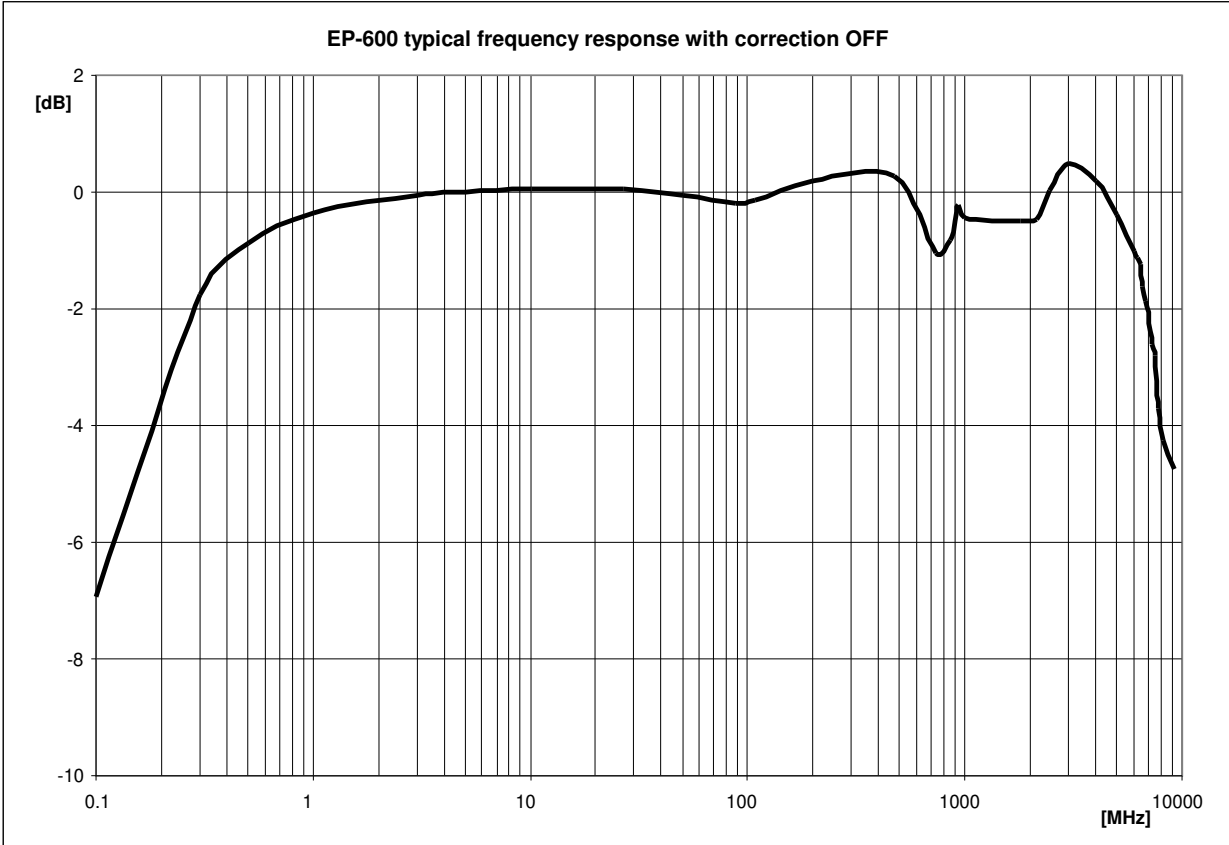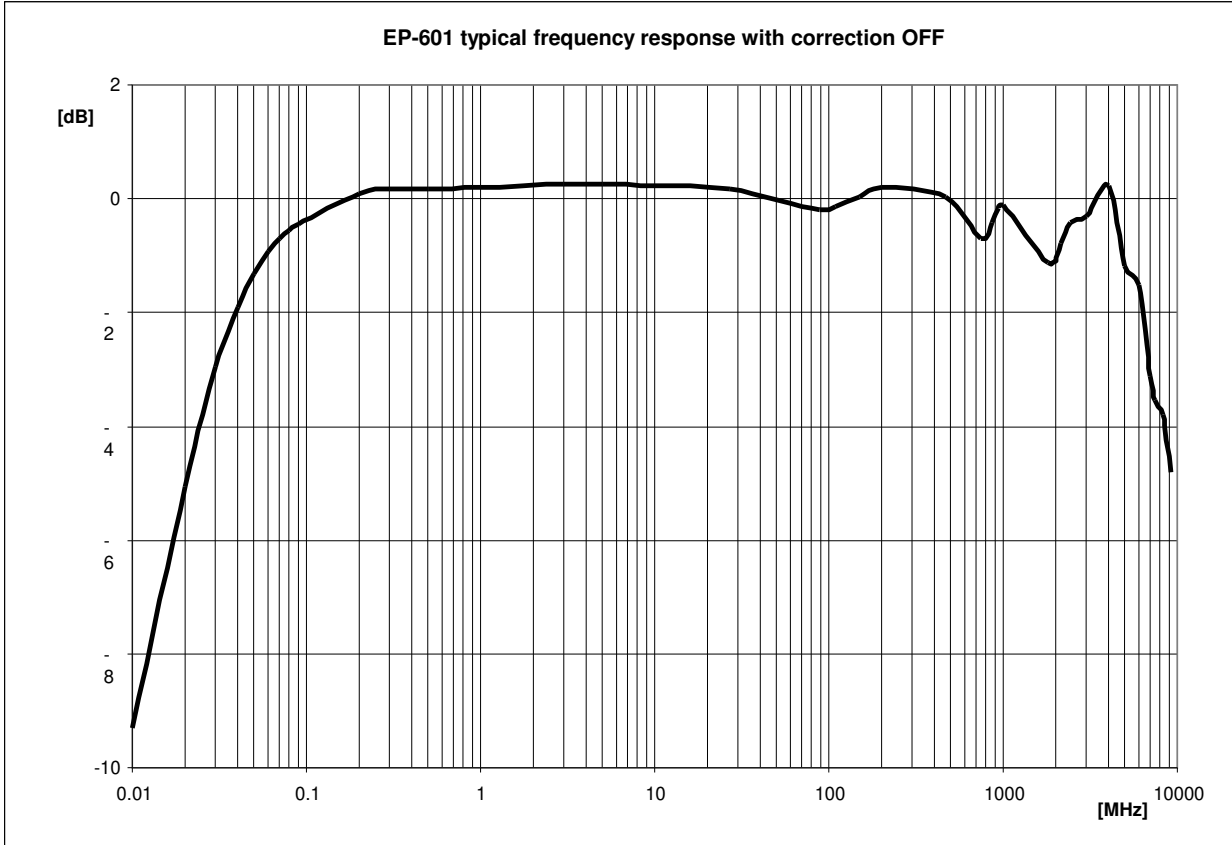**EP-602 typical frequency response with correction OFF**
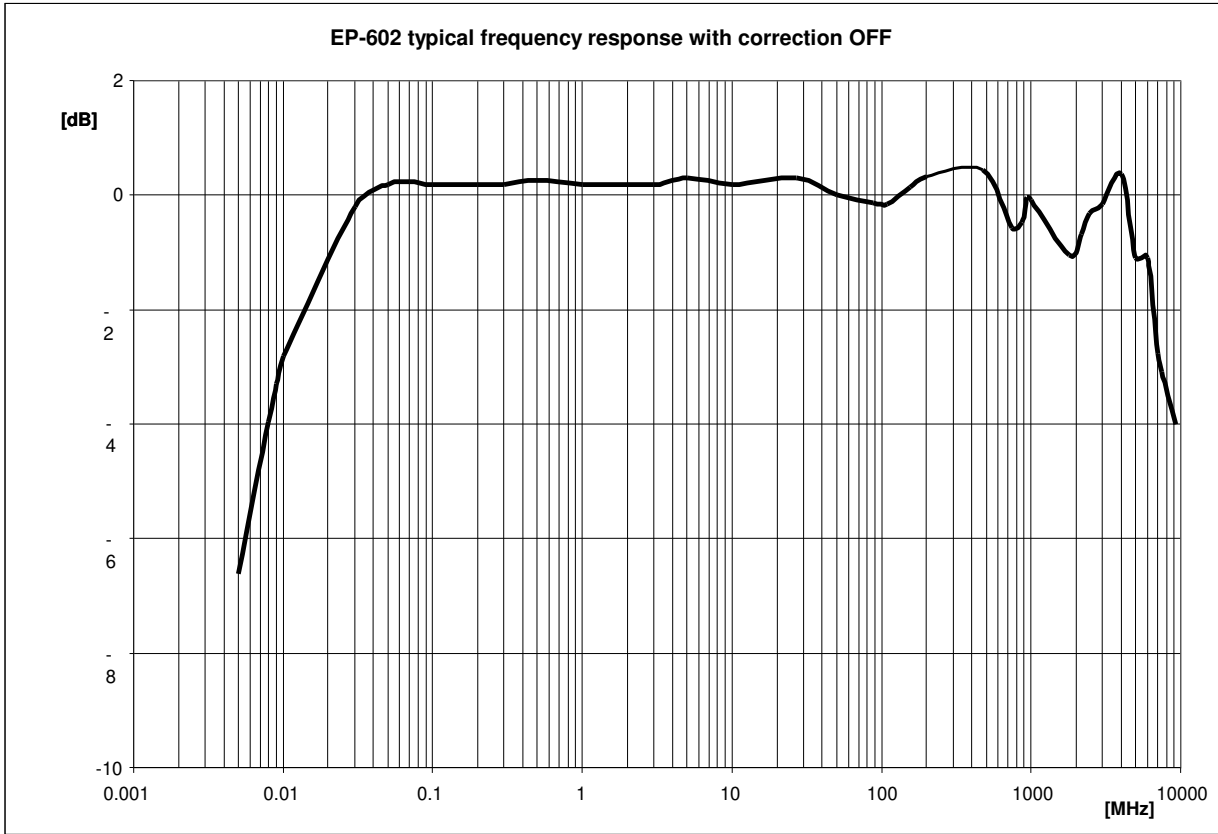
Fig. 1-5 EP-602 typical frequency response with correction OFF

1.10 Specifications EP-603 This condition applies to all specifications:

- The operating ambient temperature range must be -10° to 50 °C.

TABLE 1-4 Specifications of the electric field probe PMM EP-603	
Frequency range	300 kHz – 18 GHz
Level range	0.17 – 170 V/m
Overload	> 350 V/m
Dynamic range	60 dB
Linearity	0.4 dB @ 50 MHz/0.3 – 170 V/m
Resolution	0.01 V/m
Sensitivity	0.17 V/m
Flatness	3 – 8200 MHz 1.4 dB
	1 – 12000 MHz 2.4 dB
	0.6 – 18000 MHz 3.8 dB
	(With frequency correction OFF)
	0.3 – 18000 MHz 0.4 dB
	(Typical with frequency correction ON)
Isotropicity	0.4 dB (0.2 dB typical @ 50 MHz)
Sensors	Six monopoles
X/Y/Z reading	Simultaneous sampling of the components
Battery reading	10 mV res.
Temperature reading	0.1 °C res.
Internal data memory	Serial number
	Date calibration
	Calibration Factor
	SW release.
Battery	Panasonic ML621S 3V 5mA/h rechargeable Li-Mn
Operation time	100 h @ 0.4 S/sec 28 Hz filter
	60 h @ 3 S/sec 28 Hz filter
Recharge time	48h for maximum autonomy
Dimensions	21 mm sphere
	16 mm sensor
	53 mm overall
Weight	23g including FO weight (1m)
Operating temperature	-10° - +50°
Software for PC	YES
Optical fiber connector	HFBR-0500
Tripod adapter	¼ - 20 UNC female

1.11 Typical frequency response with correction OFF EP-603

EP-603 typical frequency response with correction OFF

Fig. 1-6 EP-603 typical frequency response with correction OFF

1.12 Typical anisotropicity @ 50 MHz EP-603

EP-603 Typical anisotropicity @ 50 MHz
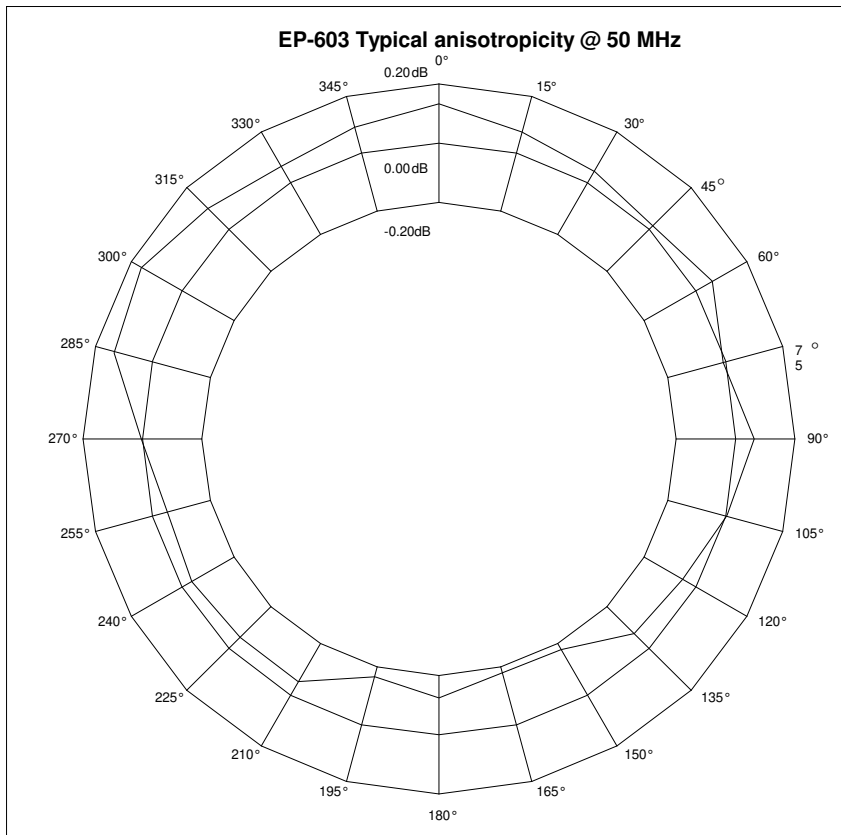
Fig. 1-7 EP-603 Typical anisotropicity @ 50 MHz

1.13 Housing and connectors EP-600/601/602/603

Fig. 1-8 EP-600/601/602/603 Plastic housing

1. ON-OFF Led

2. ON-OFF pushbutton

3. Battery compartment and closure

4. Charger connector receptacle

5. Fiber optic holder and ID label

Fig. 1-9 EP-600/601/602/603 Optical connectors

BLUE = Transmitter

GREY = Receiver

1.14 Specifications EP-604 This condition applies to all specifications:

- The operating ambient temperature range must be -10° to 50 °C.

TABLE 1-5 Specifications of the electric field probe PMM EP-604	
Frequency range	300 kHz – 26.5 GHz
Level range	0.4 – 800 V/m
Overload	> 1600 V/m
Dynamic range	66 dB
Linearity	0.4 dB @ 50 MHz/0.8 – 800 V/m
Resolution	0.01 V/m
Sensitivity	0.4 V/m
Flatness	10 – 18000 MHz 1.8 dB
	3 – 23000 MHz 3.2 dB
	(With frequency correction OFF)
	0.3 – 26500 MHz 0.4 dB
	(Typical with frequency correction ON)
Isotropicity	0.4 dB (0.2 dB typical @ 50 MHz)
Sensors	Six monopoles
X/Y/Z reading	Simultaneous sampling of the components
Battery reading	10 mV res.
Temperature reading	0.1 °C res.
Internal data memory	Serial number
	Date calibration
	Calibration Factor
	SW release.
Battery	Panasonic ML621S 3V 5mA/h rechargeable Li-Mn
Operation time	100 h @ 0.4 S/sec 28 Hz filter
	60 h @ 3 S/sec 28 Hz filter
Recharge time	48h for maximum autonomy
Dimensions	21 mm sphere
	12 mm sensor
	45 mm overall
Weight	22g including FO weight (1m)
Operating temperature	-10° - +50°
Software for PC	YES
Optical fiber connector	HFBR-0500
Tripod adapter	¼ - 20 UNC female

1.15 Typical frequency response with correction OFF EP-604

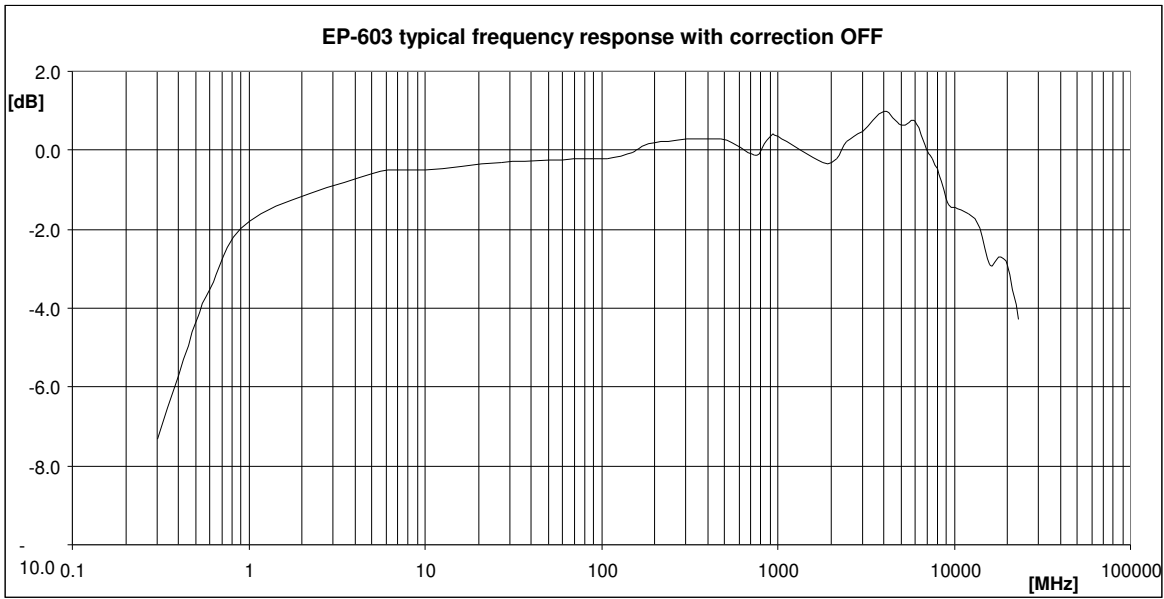**Fig. 1-10** EP-604 typical frequency response with correction OFF
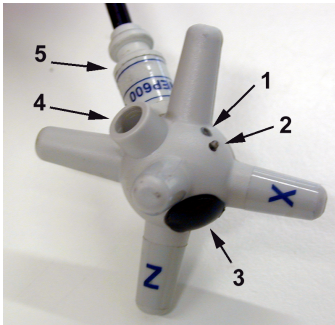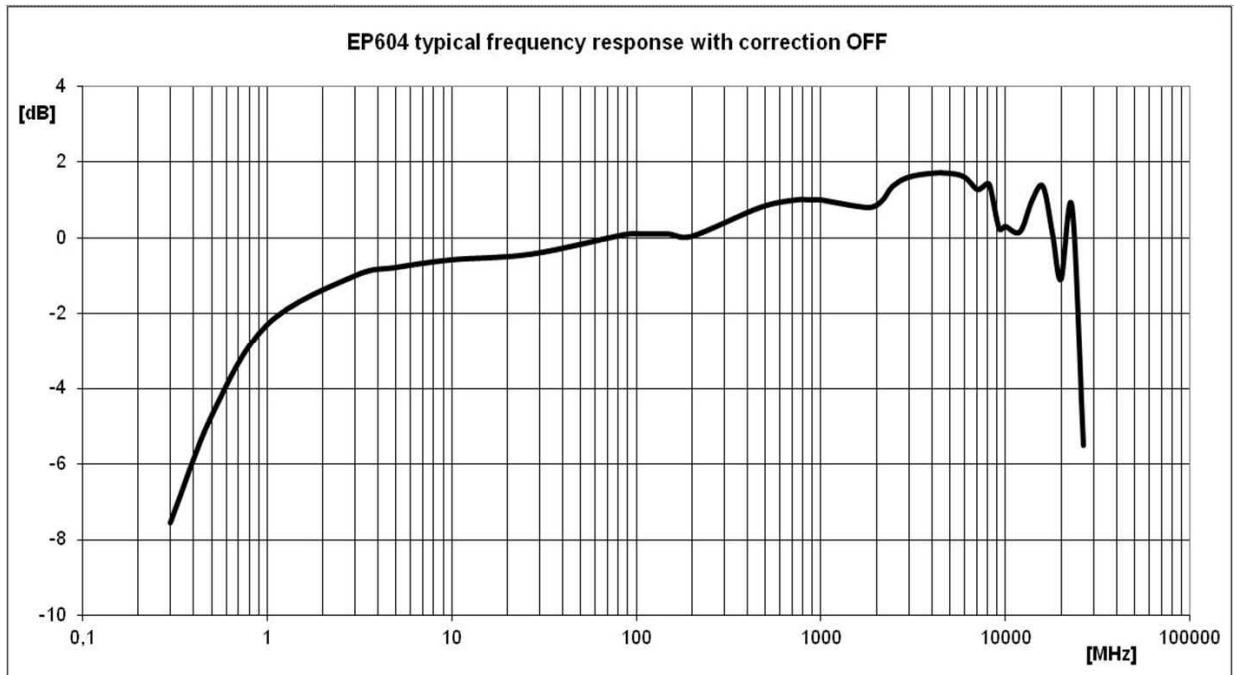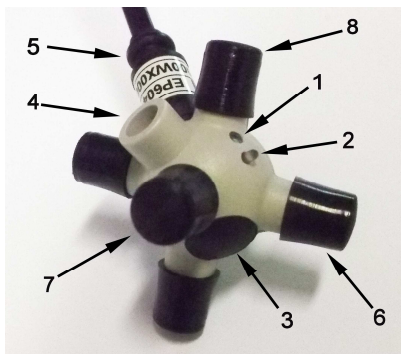
1.16 Housing, connectors and axes EP-604

Fig. 1-11 Plastic housing

1. ON-OFF Led

2. ON-OFF pushbutton

3. Battery compartment and closure

4. Charger connector receptacle

5. Fiber optic holder and ID label

6. X axis

7. Y axis

8. Z axis

BLUE = Transmitter

GREY = Receiver

Fig. 1-12 Optical connectors

1.17 Battery management   PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 has an internal Li-Mn rechargeable battery. To charge it use the provided EP600 CHARGER (see chapter 4). The EP600 CHARGER manages the battery charging taking it to full charge automatically.

Nevertheless this type of battery allows partial charge without damages expect for the ageing due to the number of cycles.

The table below shows the typical discharge values of a new battery according to the charge time.

TABLE 1-6 Battery management		
	Filter 28Hz Rate 0.33 sec [3 Sample/sec]	Filter 28 Hz Rate 2.5 sec [0.4 Sample/sec]
Charge time [h]	Discharge time [h]	Discharge time [h]
1	3	5
2	4	8
4	8	12
8	13	21
12	18	31
24	32	56
36	45	70
48	60	100

1.18 Standard accessories   Accessories and documents supplied with PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604:
- EP-600 CHARGER
- Battery Charger + Power cable
- Fiber optic adapter, Blue
- Fiber optic adapter, Grey
- Fiber optic cable FO-EP600/10 (length: 10m)
- Optical-RS232 converter 8053-OC
- USB-RS232 converter
- Tripod mounting adapter
- Mini tripod
- Nylon adapter ¼'' Withworth
- Carrying case
- Software Media
- Operating Manual
- Calibration Certificate
- Service form

1.19 Options   Options to order separately:
- PMM 8053B Hand-held metering unit
- PMM SB-10 Switching Control Box
- Fiber optic cable FO-EP600/10 (length: 10m)
- Fiber optic cable FO-EP600/20 (length: 20m)
- Fiber optic cable FO-EP600/40 (length: 40m)
- Optical-RS232 converter 8053-OC
- 8053-OC-PS Power Supply
- TR-02A tripod
- TT-01 Telescopic extension

2 - Operation

2.1 Inspection

Once received the instrument, check:
- packing integrity
- instrument and accessories integrity
- contents, according to the check list attached to this manual

⚠ **WARNING**

If anything is found damaged or missed, immediately contact your Dealer.

2.2 Ambient

Store instrument and accessories in clean, dry environment free of dust and acid vapours.
Follow requirements for temperature and humidity:

Operation:
- Temperature   -10° to +40° C
- Humidity   < 90% RH

Storage:
- Temperature   -20° to + 70° C
- Humidity   < 95% RH

2.3 Return for service

Every part of the instrument, included the battery, can only be replaced by NARDA, when the instrument needs repair or is malfunctioning, please contact the NARDA Support center.

When the instrument needs to be sent to NARDA for repairs please complete the questionnaire enclosed with this Operating Manual making sure you fill in all the details relative to the service requested.

In order to minimize repair time, please describe the nature of the failure. If the failure occurs only under certain conditions, please provide details on how we may recreate the same condition in order to identify the fault.

If possible, please reuse the original packaging, making sure the instrument in wrapped in heavy paper or plastic.

Alternatively, use a strong box filled with shockproof material, place enough material all around the equipment so that the unit is stable and firmly blocked inside the box.

Whilst packing, pay special care in protecting the unit's front panel.

Seal the box firmly before shipment.

Mark the box: FRAGILE HANDLE WITH CARE.

☞ **NOTE**

Nowadays there are restrictions on the shipment of hazardous materials, eg. some types of lithium batteries.
Please, check the proper, safe, shipping mode, with the help of your courier, in the case the product is equipped with batteries.

2.4 Cleaning

To clean the equipment use only dust-free, non-abrasive dry cloths.

⚠ **WARNING**

To avoid damage never use any kind of solvent, acid, or similar to clean the instrument.

2.5 Probe support

The conical holder and the extension fiber optic FO-EP600/10 are essential for proper operation. The optional tripod PMM TR-02 is highly recommended for positioning the EP-600/601/602/603/604 at the required height and distance.
To clean the equipment use only dust-free, non-abrasive dry cloths.

⚠ **WARNING**

Use fiber optics and optical converters supplied by PMM-Narda for this specific device and indicated in this user's manual.
In case optic parts non described in this user's manual are used communication problems could occur.

2.6 Coupling between probe and conductive surfaces

Close proximity of the probe to conductive surfaces can cause direct coupling (capacitive or inductive) with the field sensing dipoles.
Additional measurement uncertainty due to coupling can be limited to 1dB by respecting these minimum distances between the probe and any conductive surface:

- 250 mm, for frequencies 100 kHz - 3 MHz
- 150 mm, for frequencies 3 MHz - 10 MHz
- 100 mm, for frequencies > 10 MHz

2.7 Coupling between probe and operator's body

Accuracy characteristics are referred to non-perturbed electric fields. Always use a fiber optic extension of proper length to keep the probe far away from operator's body.

2.8 Multiple sources

Measuring complex electromagnetic fields as produced by multiple RF sources of different frequencies does require isotropic and broadband field probes, as well as fiber optic connections to eliminate errors due to scattering and pick-up effects. PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 perfectly meets these requirements.

2.9 Connecting EP-600/ 601/602/603/604

2.9.1 RS232 Connection

Requirements to connect the probe PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 to PC RS232 port:

NOTE

Some PC models may not provide enough power through the DB9 connector to supply the optical/RS232 adapter 8053-OC. In such cases install the separate power adapter model 8053-OC-PS between the optical/RS232 adapter 8053-OC and the PC (see chapter "Accessories").
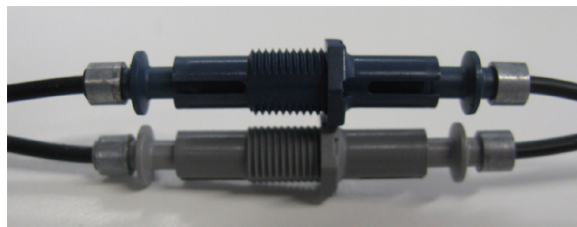

- Connect the 8053-OC to the first available PC RS232 port, directly or with the supplied serial extension cable
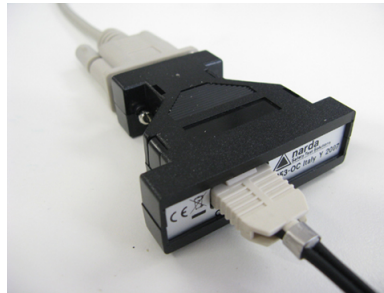

- match the colors of the EP-600/601/602/603/604 fiber optic connectors with the colors of the fiber optic adapters:

- match the colors of the extension connectors with colors of the fiber optic adapters:

- at one extremity the extension optic cable FO-EP600/10 or FO-EO600/20 is terminated with a shaped connector. Respect the connection sense when connecting the same into the shaped receptacle OPTIC LINK of the 8053-OC adapter.

In case of 40m Fiber Optic Optional Cable **FO-EP600/40**, differently from what available for the 10m and 20m fiber, the "white plug" is not provided on one side of the fiber for 8053-OC Adapter matching.

In fact for FO-EP600/40 the fiber optic cable is made of special "glass", which is not allowing a proper mechanical matching with same "white plug" used for the plastic made 10m and 20m fiber.

The FO-EP600/40 the fiber optic cable is provided instead with same "BLUE-GREY" connectors on both sides

These connectors can be easily plugged into the 8053-OC Adapter directly, just taking care about proper orientation, as for the following picture, until a "click" is felt while gently pushing connectors inside each corresponding hole:

WHITE or GREY fiber connector

BLU fiber connector

⚠ WARNING

Do not connect/disconnect the optic fibre by applying force to the fiber optic cable directly: this may damage the optical connection. Always hold the connectors with your fingers firmly to connect/disconnect the optic fibre.
Presence of dust, dirt or particles of any nature on the optical connecting surfaces must be carefully prevented.
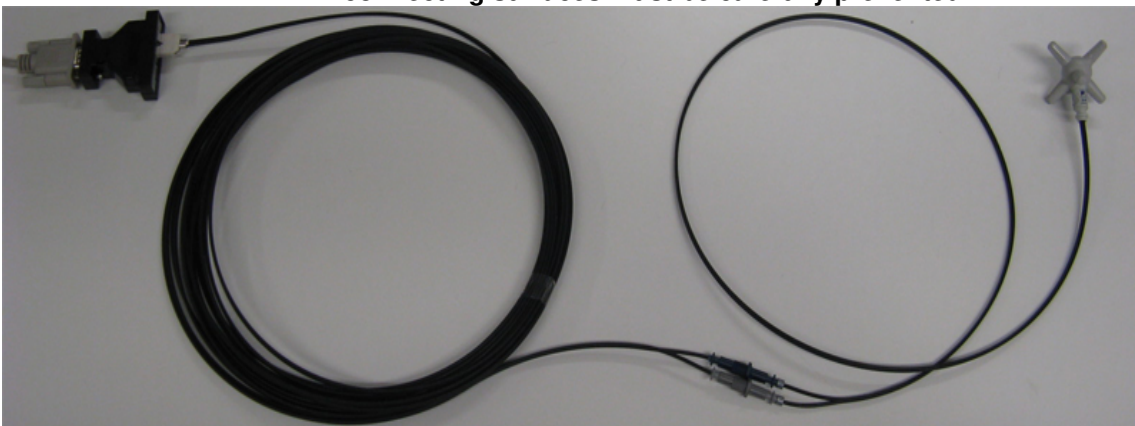

Fig. 2-1 RS232 connection of EP-600/601/602/603 with FO-EP600/10 extension

2.9.2 USB Connection

Requirements to connect the probe PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 to PC USB:

NOTE

In some cases the 8053-OC connected with an USB HUB or USB extension might not work properly. Connect the 8053-OC to an USB port of PC directly.

WARNING

Install the supplied driver software before connecting the USB-RS232 adapter; the driver can also be downloaded directly from the following Web site http://manhattan-support.com/usb-to-serial-converter .
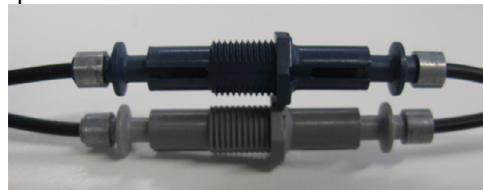

- Connect the USB-RS232 adapter to the first available PC USB port
- Connect the 8053-OC to the USB-RS232 converter

- match the colors of the EP-600/601/602/603/604 fiber optic connectors with the colors of the fiber optic adapters:

- match the colors of the FO-EP600/10 extension connectors with colors of the fiber optic adapters:

- at one extremity the extension optic cable FO-EP600/10 is terminated with a shaped connector. Respect the connection sense when connecting the same into the shaped receptacle OPTIC LINK of the 8053-OC adapter.

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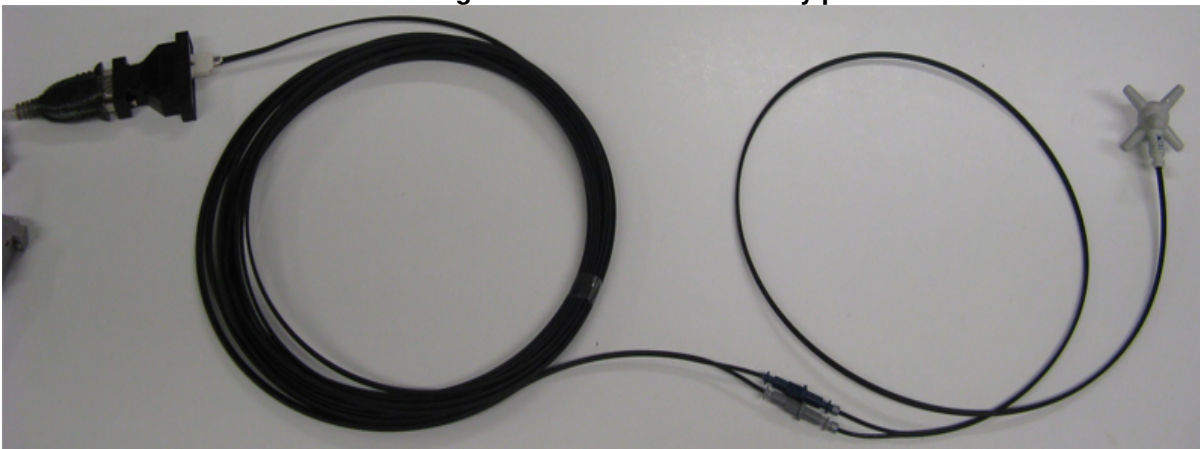

Fig. 2-2 USB connection of EP-600/601/602/603 with FO-EP600/10 extension

2.10 EP-600/601/602 /603/604 installation

Unexpected variations of the probe position may vary the field measurements. Make sure the probe is steadily installed by using the recommended standard or optional accessories.

2.10.1 EP-600/601/ 602/603/604 installation on the conical holder

Using the conical holder supplied with the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 as support for the same is essential for correct measurements.
An inadequate support might significantly influence the measurements results; hence it is highly recommended to make use of the supplied conical holder as support for the probe.
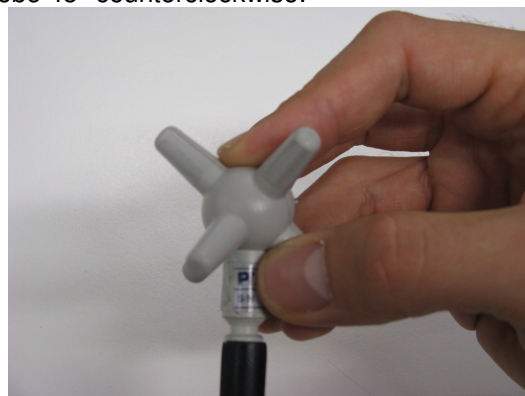To mount the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 on the conical holder:
- place the conical holder vertical on a stable surface
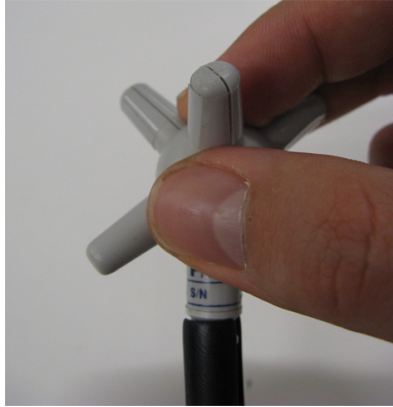

- Apply the probe to the conical holder as shown in the picture, having the fiber optic passing through the slot of the conical holder. The picture below shows how to hold the probe between your fingers.

- Rotate the probe 45° counterclockwise:

- Pull the probe gently downwards until the probe plug is locked in the conical holder top.

- The installation is now completed.

Fig. 2-3 EP-600/601/602/603 mounted on conical holder

**Fig. 2-4** EP-604 mounted on conical holder

NOTE

As a general rule, when measuring the field from a transmitting antenna it is advisable to position the probe supporting devices perpendicular to the antenna polarization, particularly for frequencies in the range of megahertz.

2.10.1.1 EP-600/601/602 603/604 removal from the conical holder

To remove the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 correctly from the conical holder:
- Hold the probe and conical holder in vertical position
- Hold the probe as shown in the picture. Handle the probe with care.
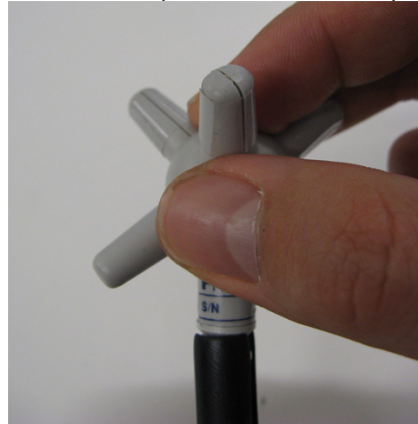
- With the conical holder in vertical position, gently rotate the probe of 45° clockwise. The probe will be automatically released from the conical holder.

- The removal from conical holder is completed.

2.10.2 EP-600/601/ 602/603/604 installation on tripod PMM TR-02

It is recommended to make use of the optional tripod PMM TR-02 to position the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 as required by the reference standards. Maintaining the same hardware configuration contributes to improve the measurement repeatability (see chapter "Accessories").

Fix the EP-600/601/602/603/604 conical holder to the tripod TR-02A by means of the screw at the top or by means of the swivel PMM 8053-SN.

Fig. 2-5 EP-600/601/602/603 on TR-02A

Fig. 2-6 EP-604 on TR-02A

Fig. 2-7 EP-600/601/602/603 on TR-02A with PMM 8053-SN

Fig. 2-8 EP-604 on TR-02A with PMM 8053-SN

3 – Measurements

3.1 Foreword

The following procedures and measurement methods apply to electromagnetic field sources present in industrial, medical, research, residential and telecommunication applications..

3.2 Preliminary

Before starting measuring electromagnetic fields (EMF) potentially dangerous, it's advisable to determine the known characteristics of the sources and their possible propagation characteristics.
This will allow for a better evaluation of the field distribution and for selecting the correct measuring equipments and procedures.

The source characteristics may include:
- type of generator and radiated power
- carrier frequency or frequencies (i)
- modulation
- polarization of transmitting antenna
- duty cycle, width and repetition frequency for pulsed modulations
- type of antenna and characteristics (gain, size, radiation diagram etc.)
- the number of sources, including those out of the probe bandwidth

To know for propagation evaluation:
- distance between source and point of measurement
- presence of RF absorbing or reflecting structures that may influence the field intensity.

3.2.1 Spurious signals

The operation with diode-based field sensors does require considering possible effects due to spurious signals, like:

- Multiple sources. Diodes feature RMS response only for low level signals. In presence of two or more strong signals the probe readings are higher than the real RMS value of the field in the corresponding bandwidth.

- Pulse modulation. At high levels the diode response is linear. Consequently, in presence of pulsed signals of low duty cycle the probe tends to read values higher than the real average value. This must be particularly considered for radar signals.

- Sensitivity to light. The Schottky diodes employed in some field probes are sensitive to light, including infrared. In such cases it's advisable to avoid direct exposition to the light sources.

- Perturbing structures . Metallic and in general conductive surfaces and structures can influence the field probe readings. Field probes must be operated at a proper distance from such structures.

3.3 General requirements   The basic components of a field measuring equipment are:
- field probe (field sensor and transducer)
- connecting cables
- metering and data processing equipment

3.3.1 Probes   As a general rule the field probes must respect the following conditions:
- High rejection to spurious signals
- No perturbation of the field surrounding the sensors
- Such connecting cables e.g. fiber optics that do not perturb the field to measure
- Known response to the operating ambient

3.3.2 Connections   The connection between field probe and metering equipment transfer the data relevant to the measurements and the probe/converter settings without influencing the measure.
Also, unwanted couplings and noise pick-up must be avoided.
Fiber optic connections do perfectly meet the requirements.

3.3.3 Metering equipment   The metering/data processing equipment is designed so that the probe signals or data are properly read, displayed and stored.

3.4 Basic functional checks   Some basic functional checks are:
- check of the proper probe operation
- check for the readings not varying significantly when rotating the probe along one of its axis

3.5 Measurement procedures   The measurement procedures must minimize:
- Risks of exposure of personnel to hazardous electromagnetic fields
- Measurement errors
- Interferences
- Damages to the equipment

3.6 Preventing measurement errors

To prevent influencing the field measurements the operator, vehicles etc. should stay away of 5 meters from the field sensor; the same should not be located near metallic or conductive surfaces and objects.

From the definition of difference of potential between two points:

$$V_{21} = -\int_{r_1}^{r_2} \overline{E}\, dr$$

NOTE

We obtain that, with constant difference of potential, when the distance between the two given points diminishes, the field strength increases.
Example: the field strength present between the two plates of a condenser at a distance of 0,1 m and with 100 V applied is of:

$$E = \frac{100V}{0,1m} = 1\,KV\!\!\Big/\!m$$

To remark that a voltage of 100 V applied in these conditions produces a field strength of 1000 V/m, i.e. much higher than the applied voltage.

3.7 PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 operation

The EP-600/601/602/603/604 field probe is allocated in a spherical plastic housing with 6 orthogonal monopoles that allow for immediate identification of the electric field vectors (axis).

The PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 is supplied from an internal battery that can be recharged by the charge EP600 CHARGER supplied with.

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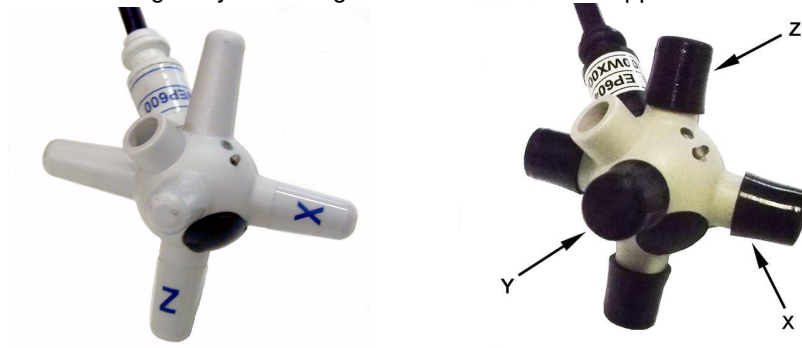
One full charge cycle before operation is recommended to obtain the maximum autonomy.

The PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 can be switched ON by shortly pressing the pushbutton, after that the LED is sequentially turned on with **green, red and blue indications** as a test for the same; then the LED will blink **red,** this meaning the EP-600/601/602/603/604 is ready for the operation.

⚠ WARNING

The PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 cannot be switched OFF by the pushbutton.

The PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 automatically turns OFF when:

- after 180 sec. the fiber optic has been disconnected or the communication with PC is not established; use the setting command **#00e n*** (see chapter 6) to set the time before the EP-600/601/602/603/604 auto-switches off.

NOTE

The command #00e n* is available with Firmware release 1.12 or higher

- When use the setting command **#00!** (see chapter 6).

- when the battery voltage is below 2.05V (the battery voltage is displayed by the software WinEP600).

- when the Software WinEP600 is closed

⚠ WARNING

Do not expose the probe to a field higher than the max. allowed.
Field strengths exceeding the allowed may cause severe probe damage whether it is connected or not, either turner ON or OFF.

⚠ WARNING

The fiber optic must be connected or disconnected by holding it by the connectors only. Pulling the fiber optic cable may cause severe damages to the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 and to the fiber optic cable itself.
Dust and dirt must be prevented to be in between the optical connections.

NOTE The PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 can be connected to the PC via fiber optic either when ON or OFF.

NOTE When making measurements with PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 the power supply must be ALWAYS removed.

⚠ WARNING The min. battery voltage allowed for proper operation is of 2,05 V; it is displayed by the PC software WinEP600. Lower values do require recharging the battery.

⚠ WARNING The max. battery autonomy is of approx. 100 hours (with Filter 28 Hz and Rate 2.5 sec), according to the filter setting.

⚠ WARNING The internal battery can be replaced at factory only; in case of damage or incorrect operation contact your Dealer.

⚠ WARNING It is recommended to fully recharge the battery before long-term storage of the probe; a full recharge shall be performed every 4 months since then.

3.8 Applications

The PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 field probe is connected to the user's PC via fiber optic and the optic to serial converter (see chapter Operation).

3.8.1 EMC

The wide frequency range and small size allow for using the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 in EMC applications for monitoring the field strength during radiated immunity tests in open site, TEM/GTEM and anechoic chamber.

The optional accessory PMM SB10 allows for controlling up to 10 field probes at the same time. Up to five PMM SB10 can be connected together to control up to 50 field probes.

Examples of measuring configurations:
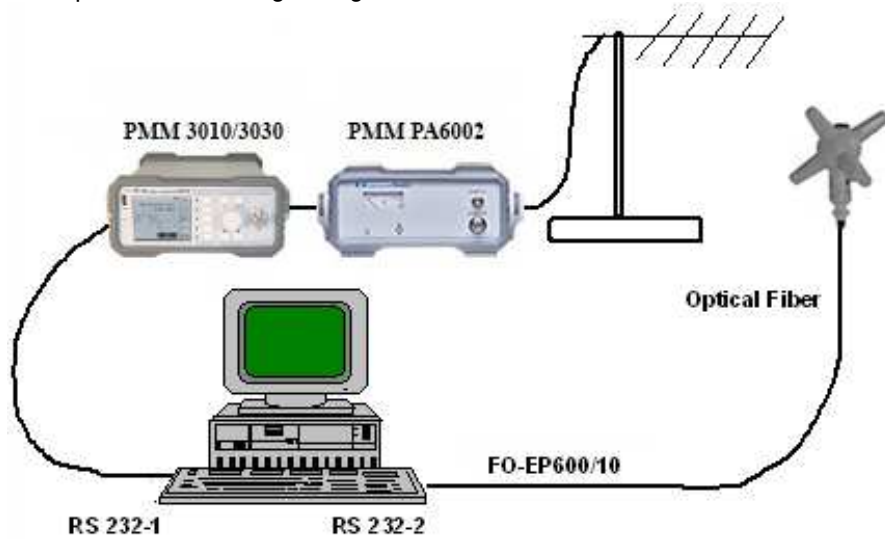
Fig. 3-1 PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 in open site
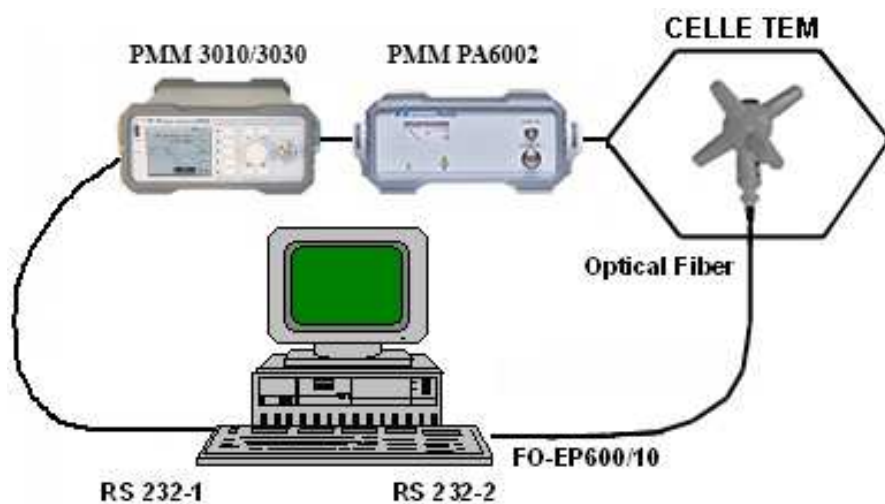
Fig. 3-2 PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 in TEM cell
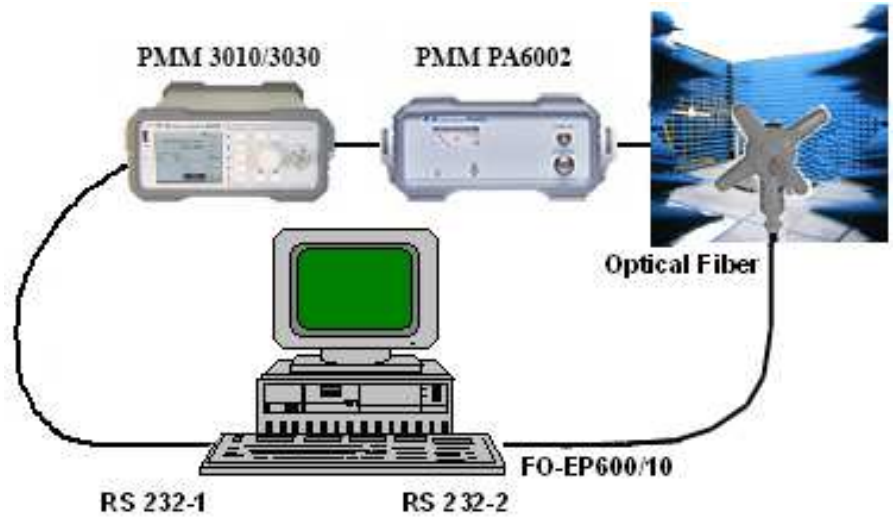
Fig. 3-3 PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 in Anechoic Chamber

3.9 Operating PMM EP-600/601/ 602/603/604 with 8053B (Option)

The EP-600/601/602/603/604 can be connected and operated by the meter PMM 8053B.

Fig. 3-4 EP-600/601/602/603 with 8053B

Fig. 3-5 EP-604 with 8053B

- Display of field strength in **ABS/%, MIN-MAX/AVG, MIN-MAX/RMS** modes.
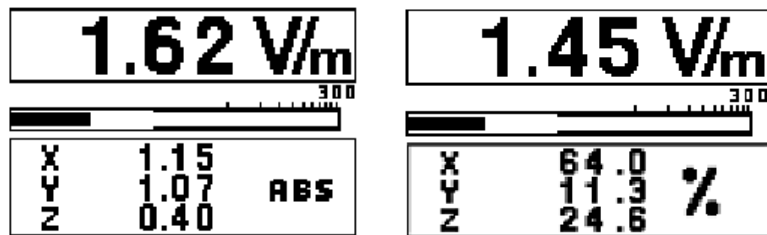
- Graph of field strength in **PLOT** mode**.**

- Field strength data recording in **Data Logger** mode.

NOTE

For further information on configuration and operation with PMM 8053B, please refer to the operation manual supplied with it.

3.10 Operating EP-600/601/602/603/604 with PMM SB10 (Option)

The optional accessory PMM SB10 allows for controlling up to 10 field probes at the same time. Up to five PMM SB10 can be connected together to control up to 50 field probes.
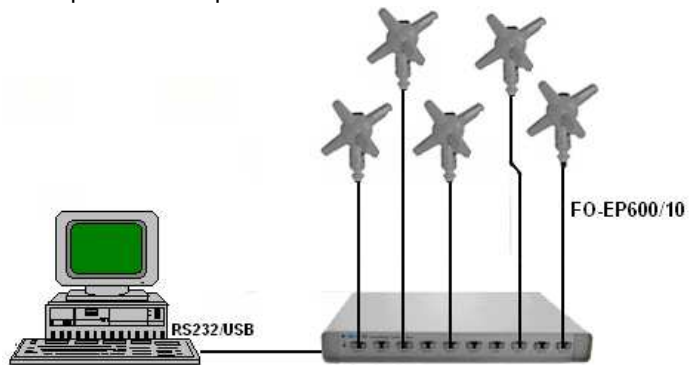
Fig. 3-6 PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 with one SB-10
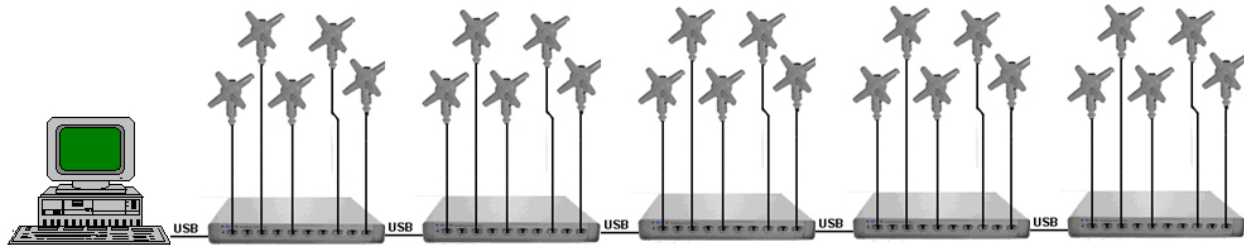
Fig. 3-7 PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 with five SB-10
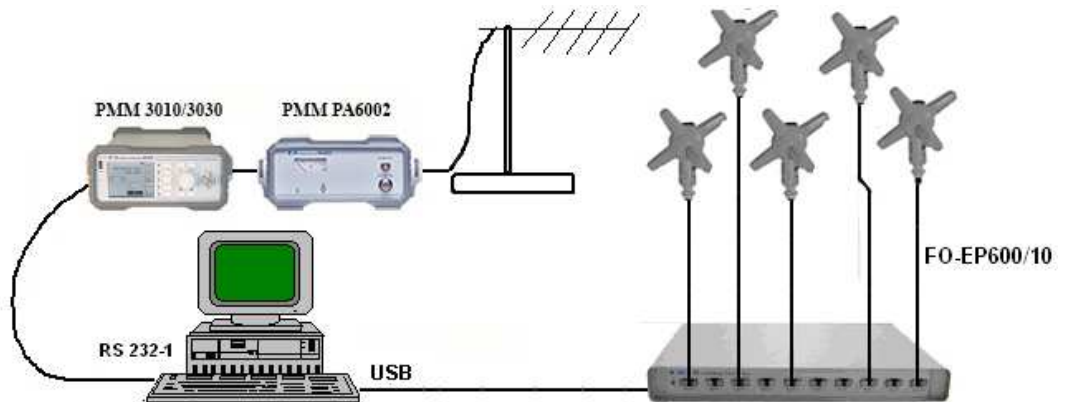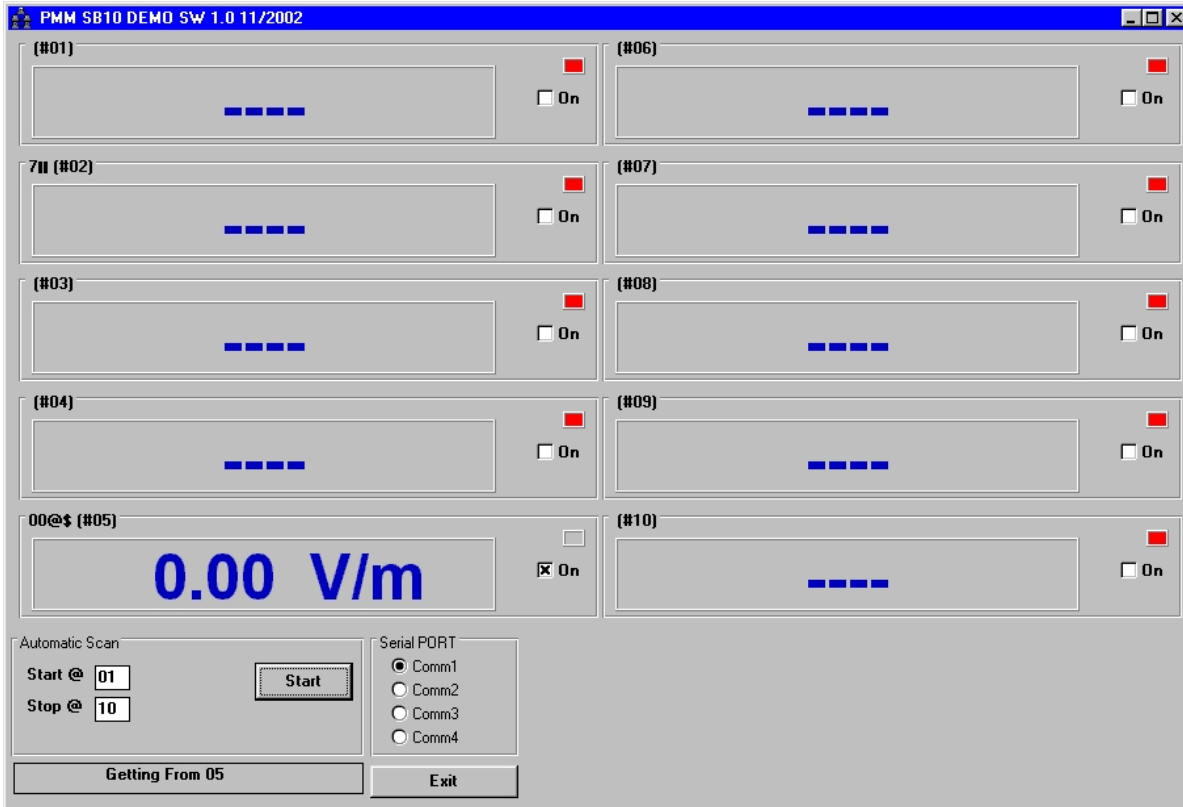

Fig. 3-8 PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 with SB-10 in open site

The PC software supplied with the PMM SB10 allows for simultaneous displaying of the field strength measured by each single field probe.

4 – Battery charger EP600 CHARGER

4.1 Foreword

The probe EP-600/601/602/603/604 internal circuitry is supplied by a rechargeable Li-Mn internal battery to recharge by means of the battery charger EP600 CHARGER connected to the mains by means of the supplied adapter.
The EP600 CHARGER is intended for this application only; any other use or application is strictly forbidden.

EP600 CHARGER is intended for operation on desk; its special design allows for keeping the probe under charging in correct and safe position. Inside the EP600 CHARGER a microprocessor controls and checks the recharging operation.
The LED shows the charging status.

The adapter and power cable supplied with the EP600 CHARGER works with mains voltages from 100 to 240 VAC, 50/60 Hz.

Fig. 4-1 AC adapter

Fig. 4-2 Power cable

Fig. 4-3 EP600 CHARGER

4.2 AC adapter   Always connect the AC adapter to the PMM EP600 CHARGER prior to plug to the mains by the supplied power cable.

Output: DC, 10 - 15 V, ~ 500 mA

NOTE   **Connector polarity:**   - → (●) ← +

4.3 EP600 CHARGER   The following conditions apply to all specifications:
• Operating temperature: -10° to +50°C.

4.3.1 Specifications

TABLE 4-1 Characteristics and specifications of the battery charger EP600 CHARGER
Characteristics
Charging is stopped when removing the probe
Microprocessor control with autostart
Charging status Led
Self-test
Safety timer
AC adapter and power cable supplied
Specifications

Specifications	
Supply voltage	3.8V 5mA (Max)
Supported battery type	Panasonic ML621S 3V 5mA/h Li-Mn
Max. recharging time for max. autonomy	48h
Operating temperature	-10° ÷ +50°
Dimensions (LxDxH)	60x60x75mm
Weight	130 g

4.3.2 EP600 CHARGER components

Description:

1 – Knob and Spring

2 – Charging connector

3A – Charging status Led

3B – DC Supply connector

Fig. 4-4 EP600 CHARGER components

NOTE — **Attempting to charging batteries of different types or dry cells may cause explosion of the same and is strictly forbidden.**

NOTE — **The internal battery of EP-600/601/602/603/604 can be replaced by the Factory only. In case of failure or incorrect operation please contact the Dealer.**

NOTE — **The minimum voltage level for proper operation is of 2,05V; lower voltages do require recharging the battery.**

NOTE — **It is recommended to fully recharge the battery before long-term storage of the probe; a full recharge shall be performed every 4 months since then.**

NOTE — **The max. battery autonomy is of approx. 100 hours (with Filter 28 Hz and Rate 2.5 sec), according to the filter setting.**

NOTE — **When making measurements with PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 the power supply must be ALWAYS removed.**

4.4 Installing EP-600/601 /EP602/603/604 on EP600 CHARGER

A first complete charging cycle is recommended to achieve the max autonomy.

To install the probe EP-600/601/602/603/604 on the battery charger EP600 CHARGER:

- place the EP600 CHARGER on a flat, stable surface
- hold and lift up the knob as shown in figure

- Insert the EP-600/601/602/603/604 on the EP600 CHARGER in correspondence of the threaded contact pin. Do not spin the probe to avoid damaging the contact pin.

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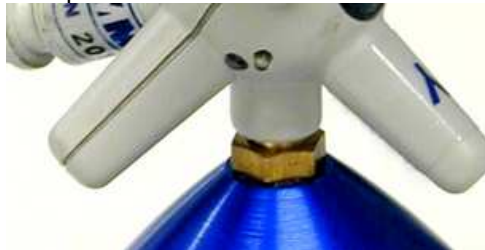
- Release progressively the knob until rubber tip holds the EP-600/601/602/603/604 housing downwards.

- Connect the AC adapter to the EP600 CHARGER first, then to the mains.

- Plug the power cable to the AC adapter

- Plug the power cable to the mains
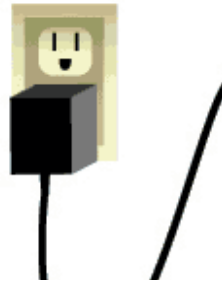
- Check the Led status as the table below:

Fig. 4-5 EP-600/601/602/603
on the EP600 CHARGER

Fig. 4-6 EP-604
on the EP600 CHARGER

EP600 CHARGER   **4-5**

		Table 4-2 EP600 CHARGER Led status - Start up phase
Fix	Green	The EP600 CHARGER is supplied but without load (battery not present or disconnected or completely full) *.
Fix	Orange	Charge ended after 10 minutes of no load (led fix green) ***
Fix	Red	The charging circuit is overloaded (the output is OFF for 30 seconds before attempting a new charging cycle). The central contact has been shorted **

		Table 4-3 EP600 CHARGER Led status - Charger phase
Blinking	Green	The battery is under charge
Fast Blinking	Red	Charge ended for maximum time limit reached [60 hours]
Slow Blinking	Orange	Charge ended for maximum time limit reached without 12 hours of stabilisation.
Fast Blinking	Orange	Charge ended for maximum time limit reached with 12 hours of stabilisation.

NOTE — **The complete charging cycle is of 48 hours; the charge is completed when the Led of EP600 CHARGER blinks orange.**

* The led status, of the blue conic charger, is based on current consumption.
When the current is very low, the charger interprets this as "no load" on it and the LED is fixed green.
In case the battery is fully charged the led on the charger is immediately green without blinking because the current absorbed by the probe, is very low.

** The red status of the led happens when there is an overloading or a short circuit on the pin of the blue conic charger.
In this case you have to remove the ac/dc charger from the blue cone to give it the possibility to restore itself, just some seconds are more than enough

*** Available from June 2018, for new products or after repair & calibration service

5 – WinEP600 and SetAddEP600 Operating instructions

5.1 Foreword

This section provides the information necessary to install and use the WinEP600 software and SetAddEP600 utility with the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 field probe.

The SetAddEP600 is a utility that integrates the PMM SB10 Switching Control Box and the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604.
Several PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 can be connected to the PMM SB-10 and each of them need to be set with a different address using the SetAddEP600 utility.

5.2 PC minimum requirements

To ensure the proper operations of the WinEP600 software, the minimum hardware requirements of the Personal Computer are:
- Processor: Pentium
- 16 Mb RAM
- 10 Mb free space on hard disk;
- Operating system Windows™, XP/Vista/Win7/Win8/Win10

NOTE

Software and Utility updates can be downloaded from the web page www.narda-sts.it.

5.3 Installation   To install the WinEP600 and the SetAddEP600 on PC from the supplied Software Media as follows:

NOTE   **Do not connect the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 to the PC until the installation is completed.**

Browse the Software Media in Computer Resources and double click on the **WinEP600.exe** file to start the installation

The User must have administrator privileges to install the WinEP600 and the SetAddEP600 in Windows 7, 8 etc.; right click on WinEP600.exe file and click on "Run as administrator" to temporarily run the program or application as an administrator until close it (Windows also allows to mark an application so that it always runs with administrator rights).

The installation can be aborted by clicking on **Cancel:**
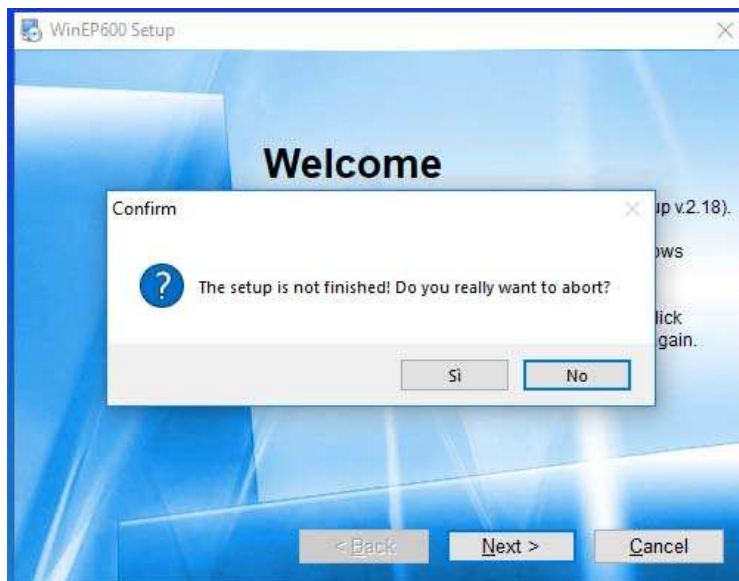
NOTE **In Windows Vista most programs are blocked for computer protection. To start the installation correctly it might be necessary to authorize the operation.**
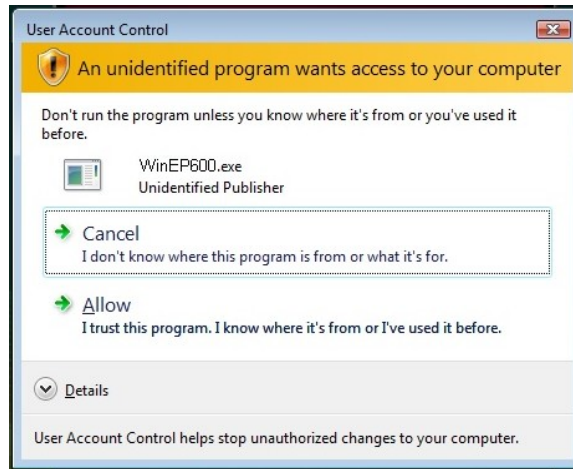
The installation folder must be specified. Click **Next** to confirm the default folder or **Change** to modify.
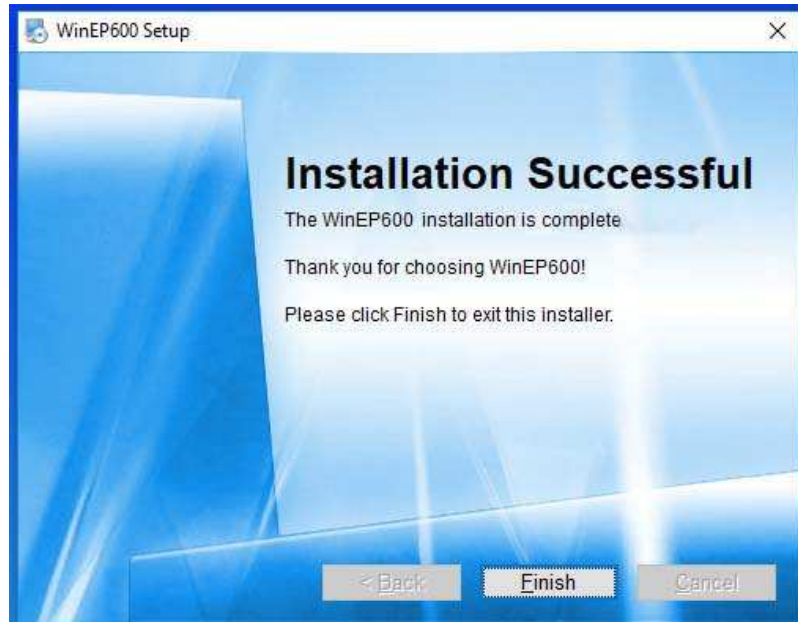

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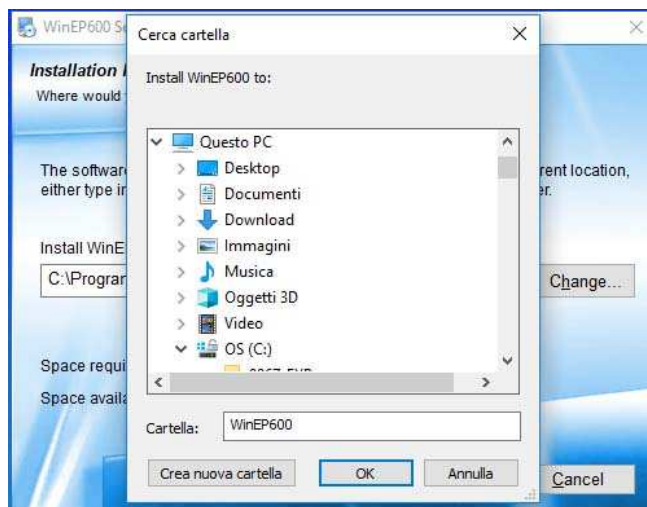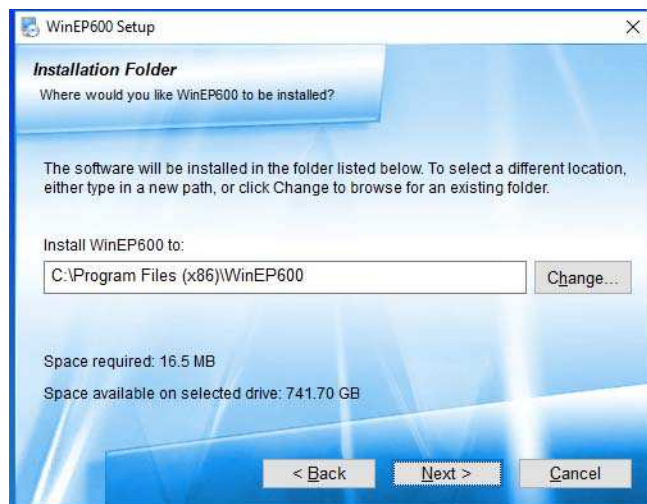
Click **Next** to proceed installing.
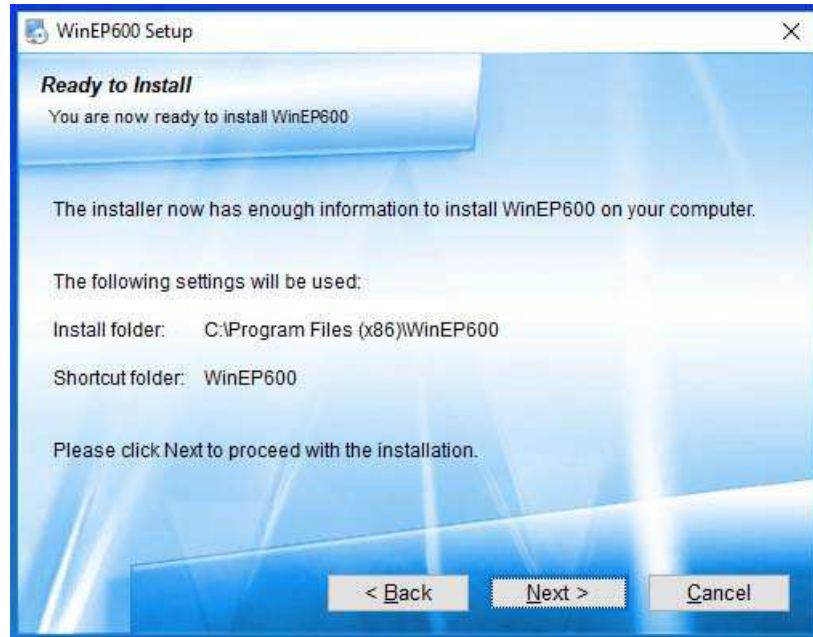
The installing status is displayed then:
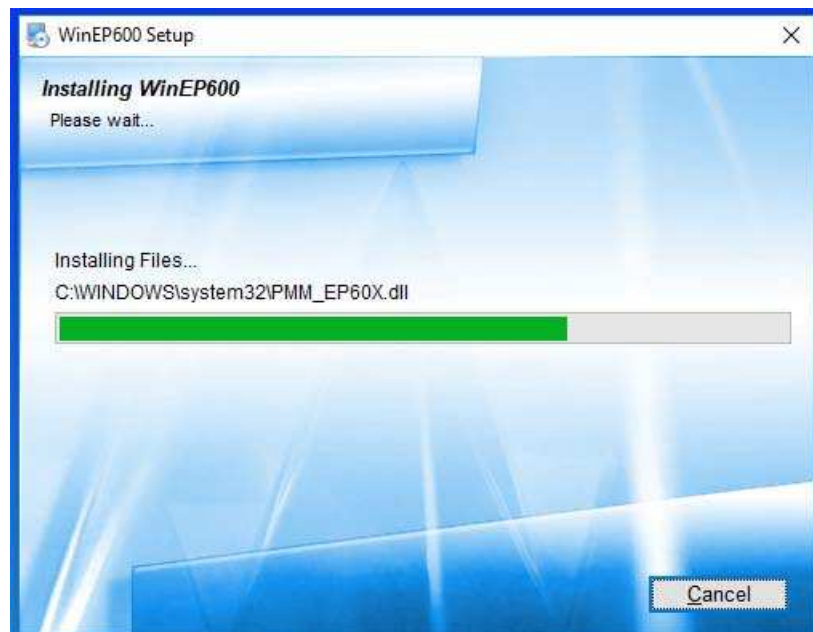
Click **Finish** to complete and exit the installer.

The folder **WinEP600** and **SetAddEP600** are created under **Programs** with the icon **WinEP600** on desktop.

Create the **SetAddEP600** shortcut on your desktop.

SetAddEP600

5.4   **Running WinEP600 software**

Before to start WinEP600, it is recommended to limit the applications running on your computer.

Connect the 8053-OC to the PC first serial port available or to the PC USB port by USB-RS232 adapter provided. Then connect the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 to the converter (for more details see chapter "Operation"). Click the icon on desktop.

The User must have administrator privileges to install the WinEP600 and the SetAddEP600 in Windows 7, 8 etc.; right click on WinEP600.exe file and click on "Run as administrator" to temporarily run the program or application as an administrator until close it (Windows also allows to mark an application so that it always runs with administrator rights).

Alternatively (Windows XP): **Start**, **All Programs**, **WinEP600**, **WinEP600**.

Windows Vista or 7: Click **Windows** (), **Programs**, **WinEP600, WinEP600**.

Windows 10: Click **Start** (), **WinEP600, WinEP600**.

This window is displayed first.

The user can quickly change the desired communication channel by clicking onto the **Comm port** drop-down menu.

When the menu is selected, the communication port selector appears. It allows the user to choose between the RS232 port or RS232-to-USB converter that is needed if no RS232 port is available in the controller PC.
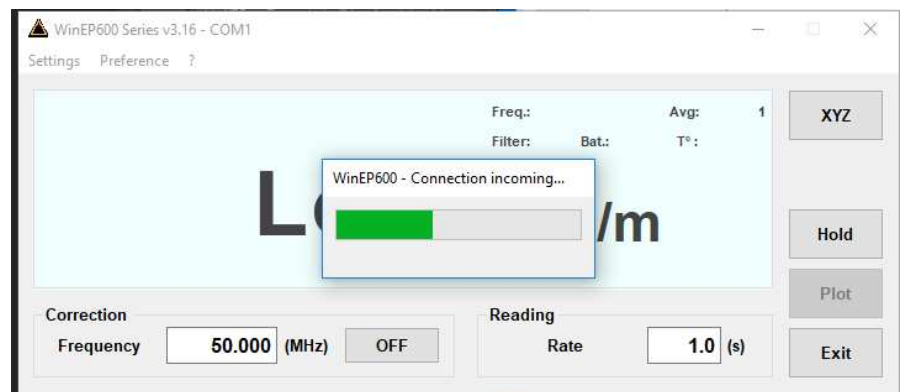

NOTE
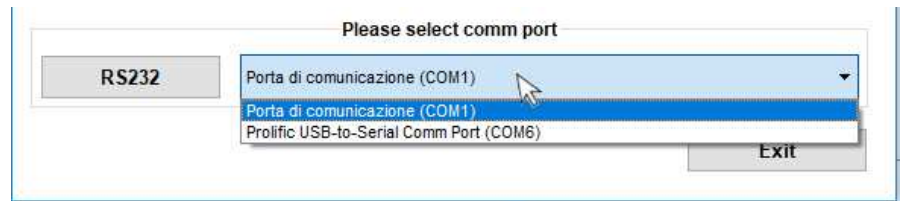
**When the USB connection is used, the USB-RS232 adapter appears among the devices as a "Prolific USB to Serial Comm Port (COMn)".**

Click on **RS232** to confirm.

Then, the main window is displayed together with the **WinEP600 - Connection Incoming** indication of the correct communication with the probe.

This message appears when PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 is not connected or the communication is not established:
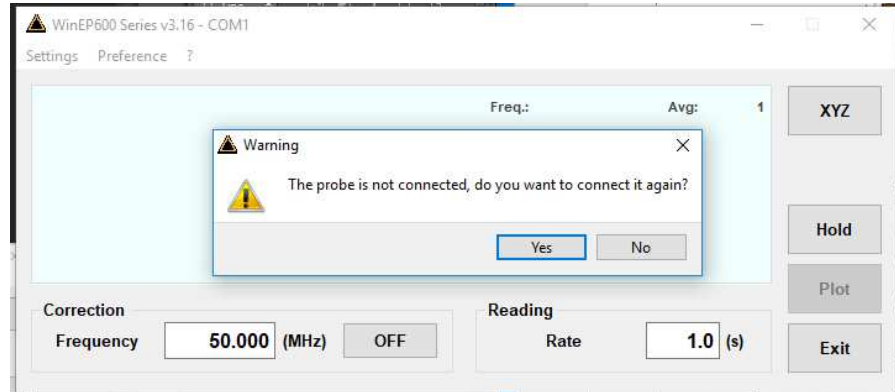
Select **NO** to quit the WinEP600.

Select **YES** to retry establishing the communication (check the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 correct installation before).

5.5 Main window contents

Once connected the main window is displayed:

Commands description:

1. Title bar

2. Measurements and settings

3. Settings selection

4. Correction frequency setting in MHz

5. Reading rate in seconds (s)

6. Toggle between total field value or contemporary x - y – z axis readings

7. Button to store the field value (every time the software starts the button is disabled).

8. Hold/run readings

9. Exit and quit the program

5.5.1 Title bar

The software release shown here, together with the serial port as set in the program properties.

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The control buttons allow to minimize to icon, enlarge/restore the main window and exit the program:

When minimizing the main window the information is displayed in the Windows application bar at the bottom of screen.
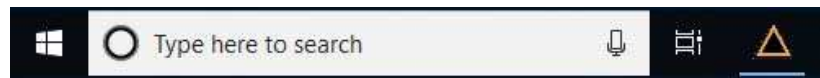
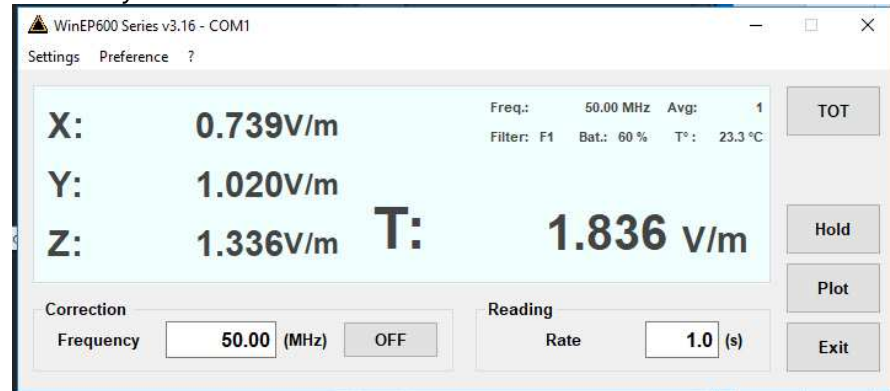The field measurement remains displayed on desktop meanwhile (for more information see §5.5.8.2 Preference).

WinEP600 - Total Field

2.989 V/m

5.5.2 Main window displayed measurements

The measurements displayed in the main window are:

- **Electric field values** as x - y - z or total (see par. "XYZ / TOT")

Mode x - y - z

Mode Total (TOT)
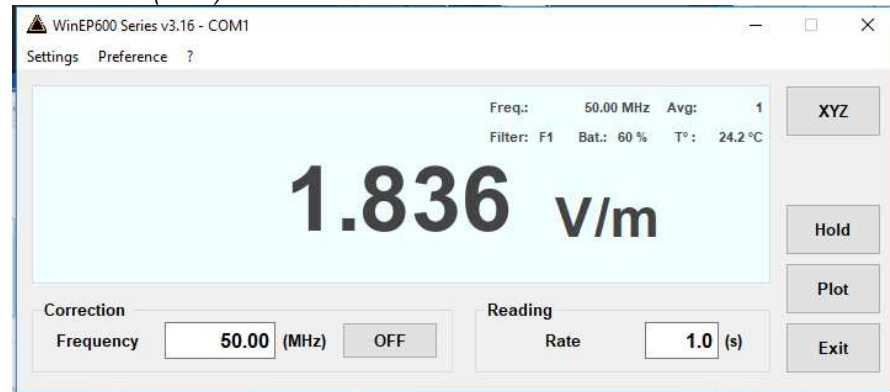
- **Measuring unit** shows the electric field measuring unit; the value is displayed with three decimals. Min. value displayed: 0.010 V/m.

- **Correction frequency** see par. "Frequency setting"
Default*: Freq: 50.00 MHz*

- **Average and Filter** see par. "Settings"
Default*: Avg: 1   Filter: F1*

- **Battery status** displayed in 5% steps. It shows the residual autonomy during measurements and the achieved autonomy during charging.

- **EP-600/601/602/603/604 internal temperature** in °C

5.5.3 Frequency correction setting

This setting in MHz recalls the corresponding frequency correction factor stored in the EP-600/601/602/603/604 memory. It allows an extremely precise measurement of the field level at the selected frequency.

NOTE **The graph in chapter 1 shows the correction factor in db as a function of the working frequency.**

NOTE **The setting displayed at the first run is the default; the last setting will be displayed then.**

The frequency is displayed with two decimals, max. resolution of 0.01 MHz. Press the enter key to enter the set frequency value.

Correction
Frequency   **50.00** (MHz)   OFF

Click OFF to disable the frequency correction; the button toggles to ON for enabling the function when required.

Correction
Frequency   50.00 (MHz)   ON

NOTE **When entering the correction frequency value or enabling the function, the "Frequency value" will be updated according to the Reading Time setting.**

NOTE **When entering the frequency correction value while in HOLD mode, the new value will be not displayed until the HOLD is released.**

NOTE **The following message will appear when entering frequencies out of the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 range:**
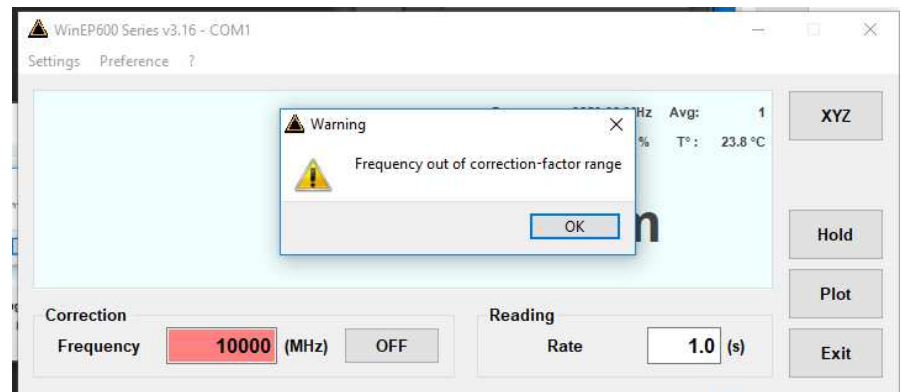
5.5.4 Reading Rate setting

It shows the time interval (in seconds) between subsequent readings.
Setting resolution of 0.1 s.
Press the enter key to enter the set frequency value.

Reading

Rate   30.0 (s)

NOTE

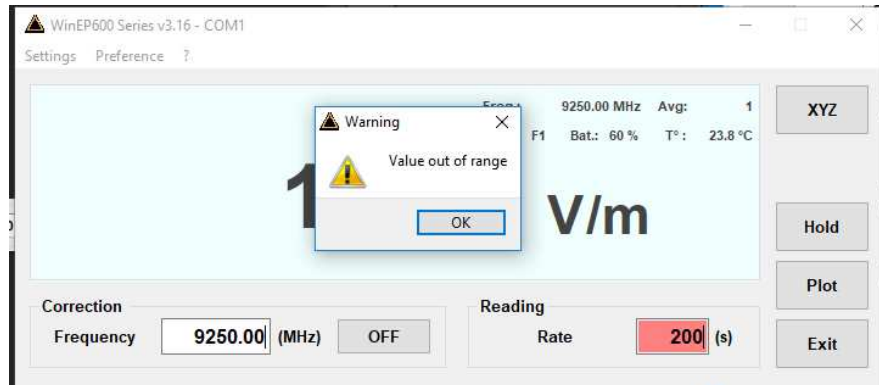**The setting displayed at the first run is the default; the last setting will be displayed then.**

NOTE

The minimum time interval between readings is in function of the filter setting. The table Filter (Settings/Filter) show the minimum reading rate allowed.

NOTE

The max. time interval between readings is of 30 s regardless of the filter setting.

NOTE

Entering a reading rate not allowed will cause a warning message to appear:

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Settings   Preference   ?.

Freq: 9250.00 MHz   Avg: 1

F1   Bat.: 60 %   T° :   23.8 °C

⚠ Warning   ×

⚠ Value out of range

OK

1   V/m

XYZ

Hold

Plot

Correction

Frequency   9250.00 (MHz)   OFF

Reading

Rate   200 (s)

Exit

5.5.5 XYZ / TOT

Button for selecting the x - y – z (**XYZ**) or Total mode (**TOT**).

Max. display resolution: 0.001 V/m.

NOTE
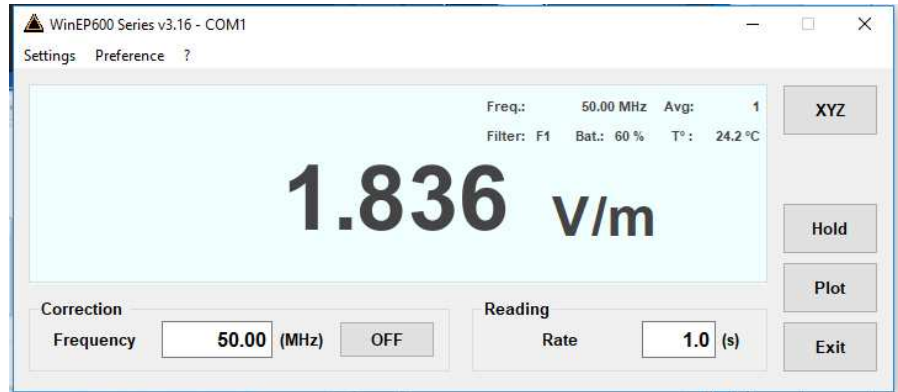
Click on the XYZ button to toggle to Total mode.
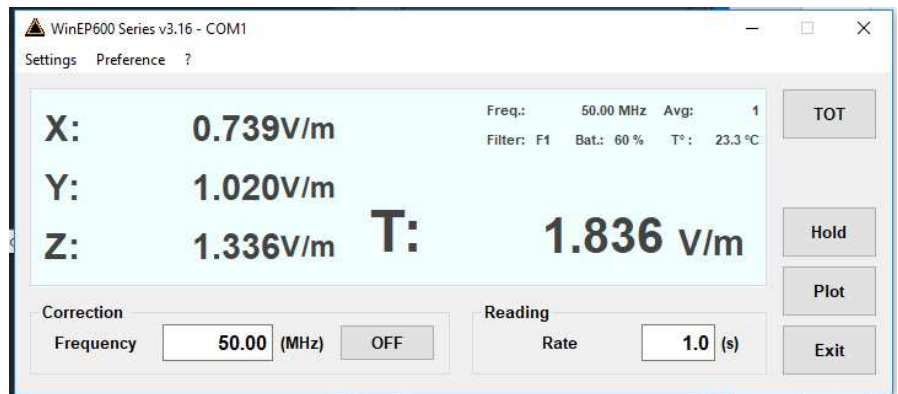
If the field value measured is outside the nominal level range, the following messages are displayed:

Ovr : the field level is higher than 110% of the nominal maximum level (550 V/m for EP601).

! : the field level is between 100% and 110% of the nominal maximum level (from 500 to 550 V/m for EP601). The symbol is close to the value.

* : the field level is lower than nominal minimum level. The symbol is close to the value.
  - 0.5 V/m per EP601 on the total;
  - 0.5 / $\sqrt{3}$ per EP601 on the single axis.

Low : the field level is lower than 1/15 of the nominal minimum level.
  - 0.5 / 15 per EP601 on the total
  - 0.5 / (15 x $\sqrt{3}$) per EP601 on the single axis.

The field value outside the nominal level range could be unreliable.

5.5.6 Save Meas

Active **Measurements Log** (√) to display the **Save Meas** button in the main window.
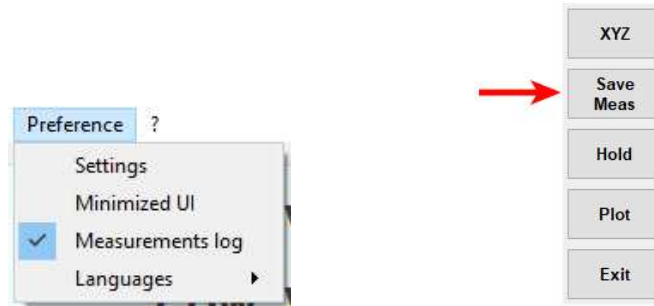
When the software starts, the function Measurements Log is disabled

NOTE

Every time the button **Save Meas** is selected, the field value is stored in the file *EP600_Measurements.txt* file located on the installation folder; at the first run the file is created automatically (**the software must be run as Administrator).**
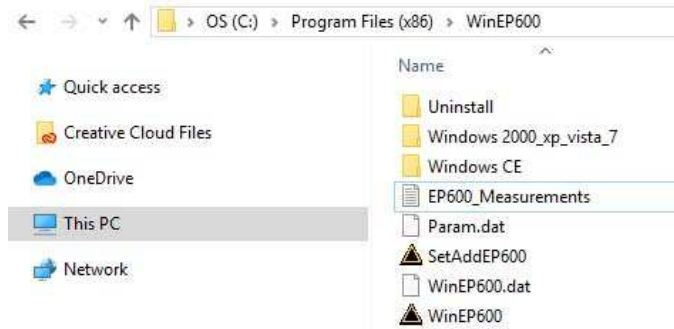
When the file is saved in TXT format and the table is opened, a huge amount of data are available

If the field value measured is outside the nominal level range, the value are displayed with **Ovr,** or **!** or, ***** or **Low** . See the previous paragraph for further information.

For every working session (from starting to closing the software) the following headline will be created in the txt file:

```
Measurements log - Monday 20 July 2020 - 16:32:05 (EP 601)
Time          X(V/m)          Y(V/m)          Z(V/m)          T(V/m)
```

dd/mm/yyyy: working session date.

(EP600 model): between brackets is reported the EP600 model connected

Time: hour, minute, second of the measurement acquisition

X(unit)   Y(unit)   Z(unit): field value on x, y and z axis. If the **XYZ** mode is not enable, each axis will be marked with a minus sign "-". Between brackets is reported the unit

**T (unit).** Total field value; between brackets is reported the unit.

The recorded data can be viewed either as a graph or as a table. By using Word or Excel application, click the Open file command and select "Type of file": "all files"; then find the file to open starting from the directory and follow the necessary path until the file is found.
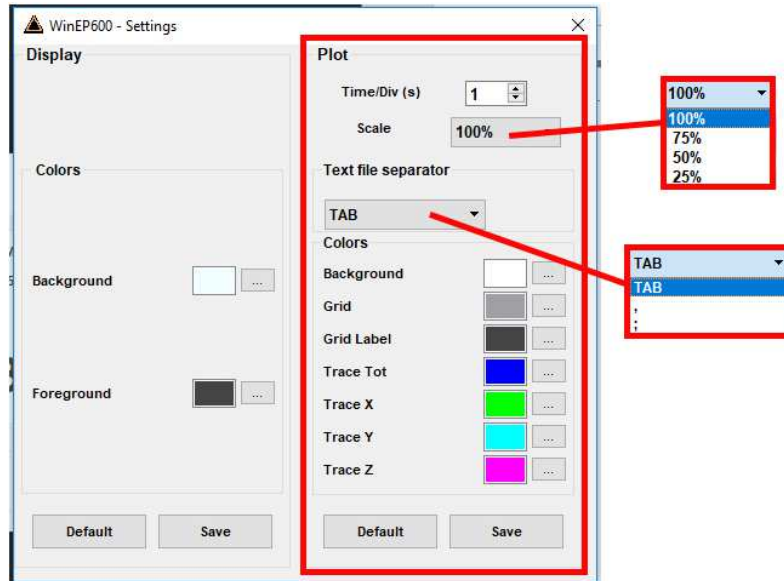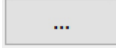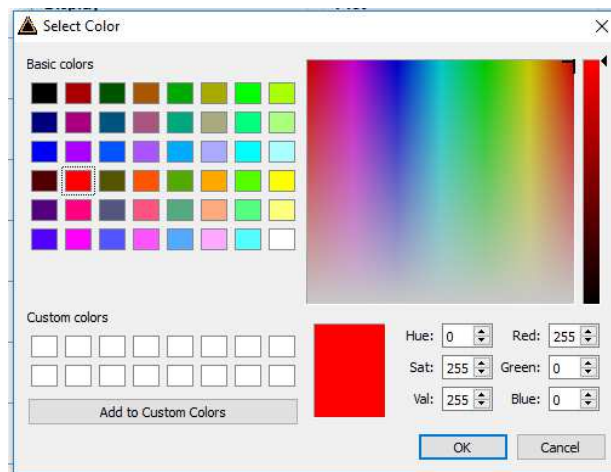
NOTE

5.5.7 Plot

Plot

The PLOT function allows to show the field measured during the test in an intuitive graphical way; the plot represents the level versus time in seconds. Once selected the button PLOT, the graph will appear:
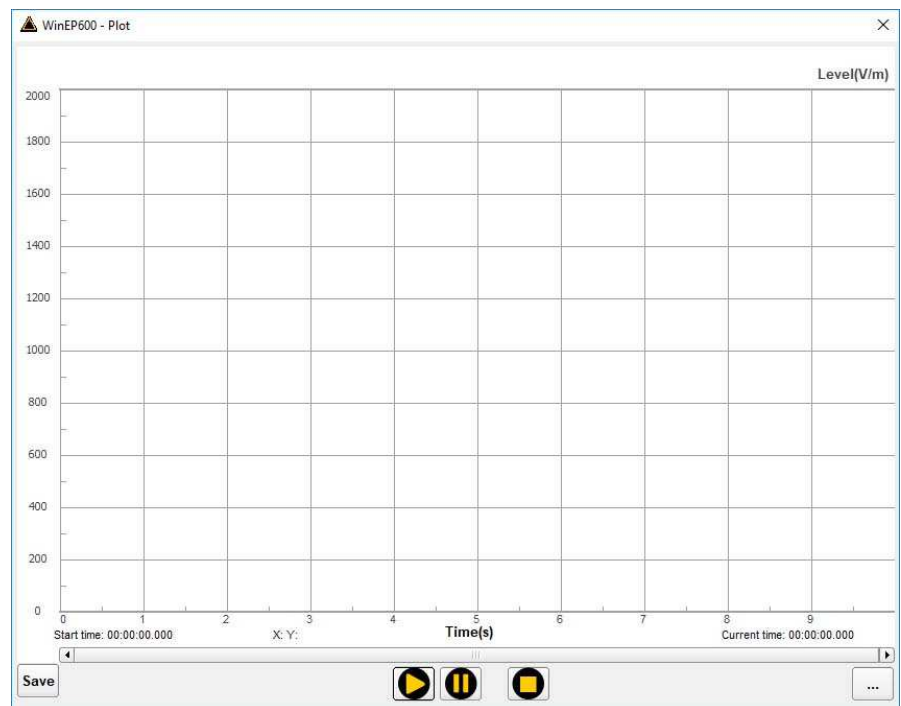
Use the button **Settings** [...] at the bottom of the screen to customize the plot appearance:

- The resolution time (**Time/Div (s)**);

- Allow to change the probe level displayed on the graph from the maximum (100%) to 25%   in 25% steps (**Scale**).

- The character used as data separator when required by the table form (**Text file separator**);

- Different color combinations of the background, grid, labels and traces are listed under **Colors**. The choice is made by selecting the corresponding

[...] to be changed and then using the Color Palette window.

The new settings can be saved with **Save**. Otherwise, press **Default** button to completely restore the initial aspect.

☞ NOTE

The **Display** section allows to set the desired color of the main window; see §5.5.8.2 Preference for further information.

Once modified the appearance of the graph, press Play [▶] to start the analysis. In this case, the analysis is done with Time/Div set to 5s .
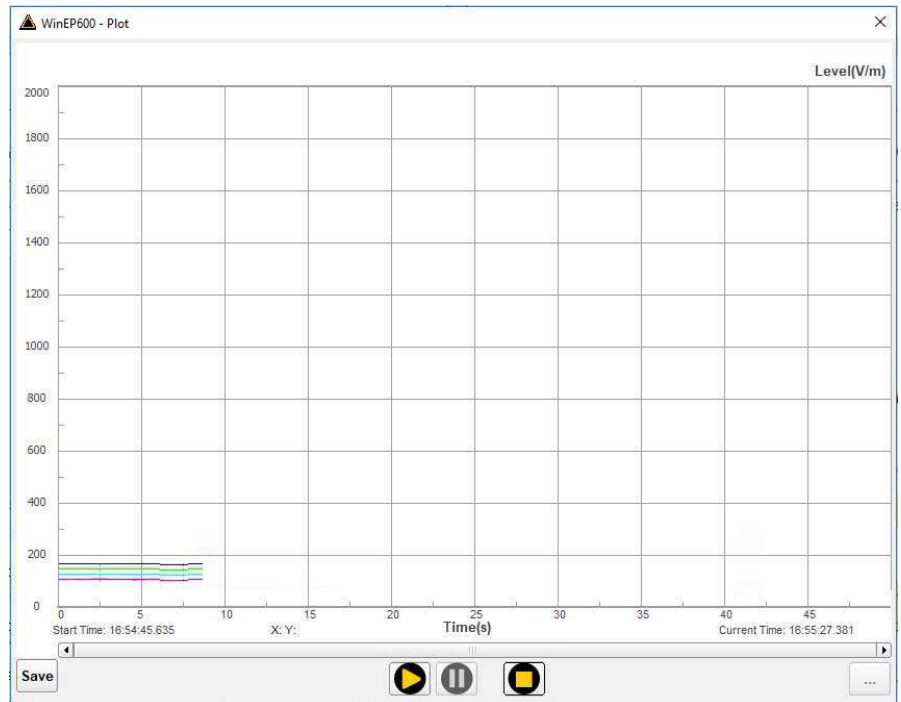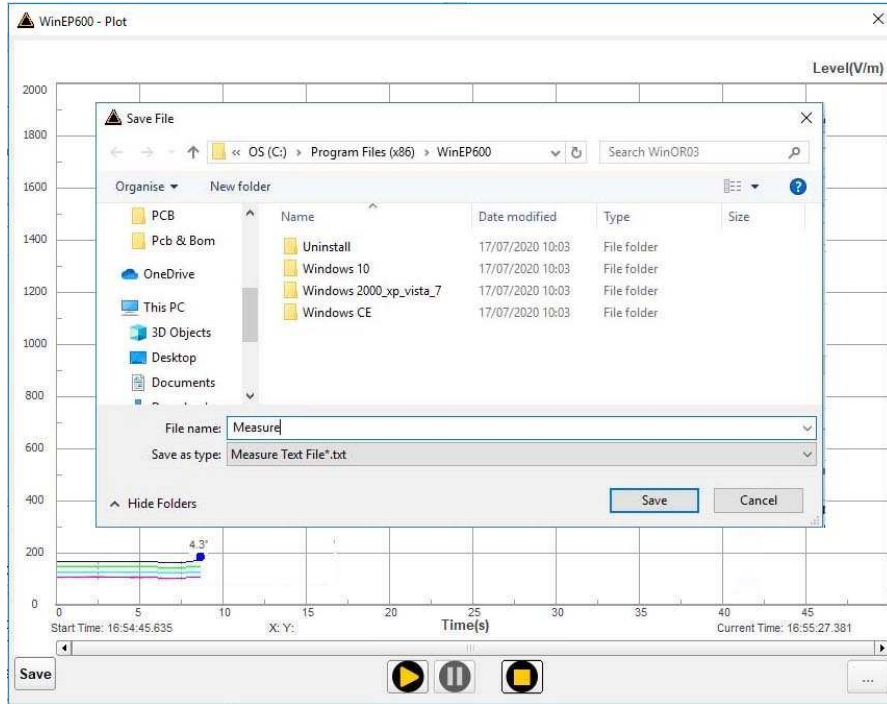

At any time, the graph can be paused [❚❚] or terminated by clicking the **STOP** button [■].

Once pressed Pause [❚❚] button, it will be shown a round marker with a "pausing" time count close to it.

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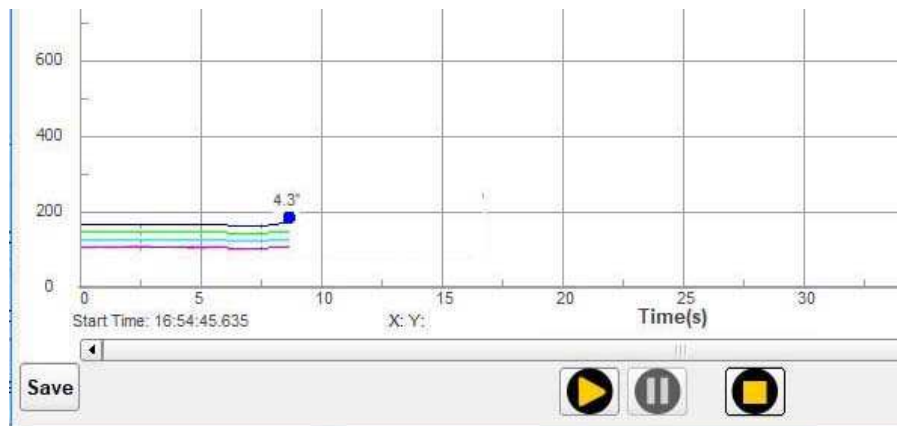
In pause mode, the field produced in that interval can be saved in table form pressing **Save** button .

The folder must be specified, enter the file name assigned to the work session and press **Save**

The file is saved in TXT format and once the table is opened, a huge amount of data are available

During the session work, the graph can be resumed with button, paused and saved at any time (the existing TXT file can be overwrote or a new one can be saved with a different file name).
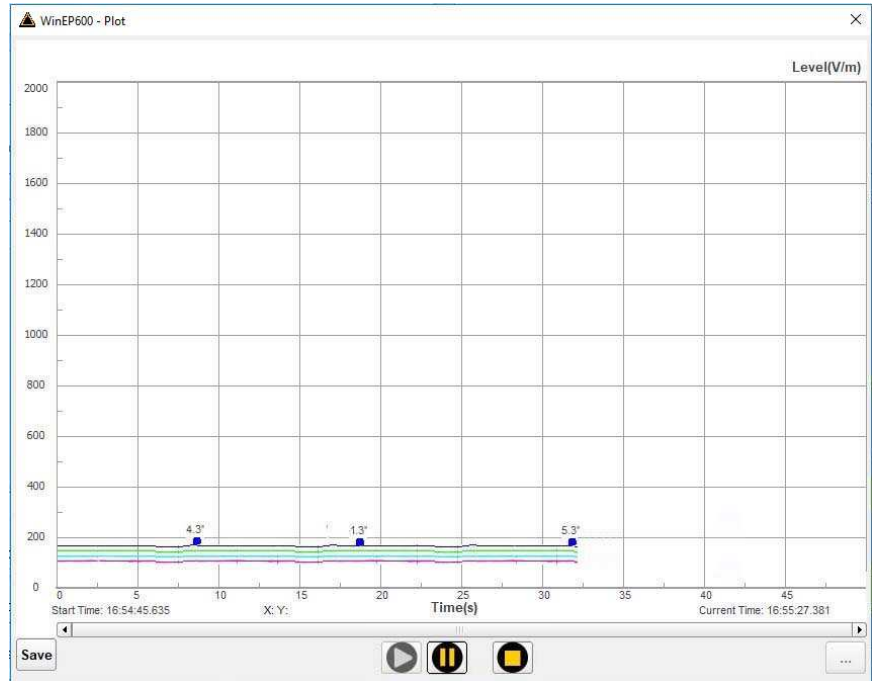
When the test is over, the graph can be terminate with and the following message will appear:
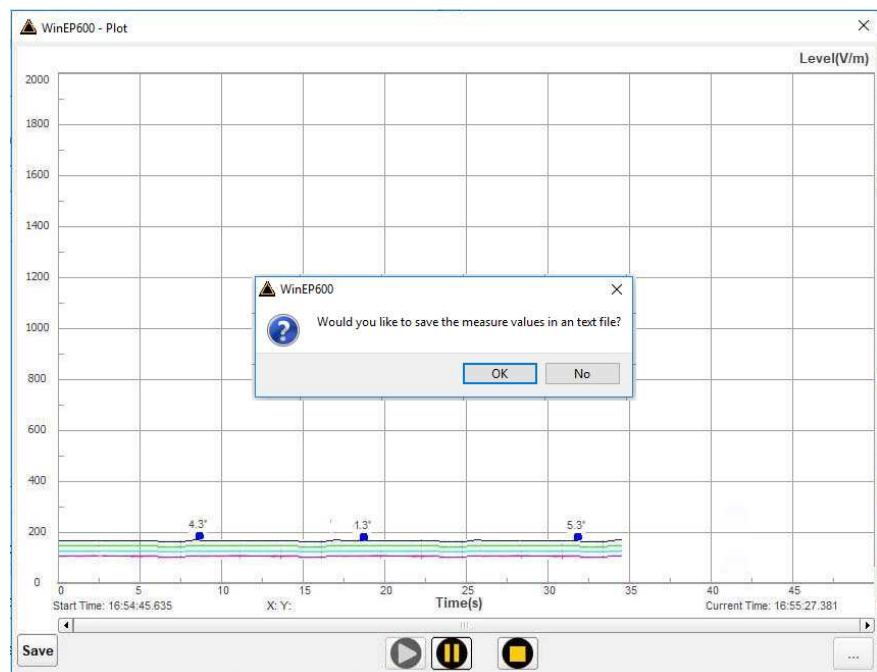
Press **OK** to save. Select **NO** to exit without saving and start a new session work.

5.5.8 HOLD / RUN

Press HOLD to freeze the readings.
Click on the button to toggle from HOLD to RUN
The button XYZ/TOT is active even when in HOLD.

| Hold | | Run |

NOTE

If the program is exit when in HOLD mode, it will restart in RUN mode**.**

5.5.9 EXIT

Press **EXIT** to end the program. The current settings are saved and will be recalled at the next start.
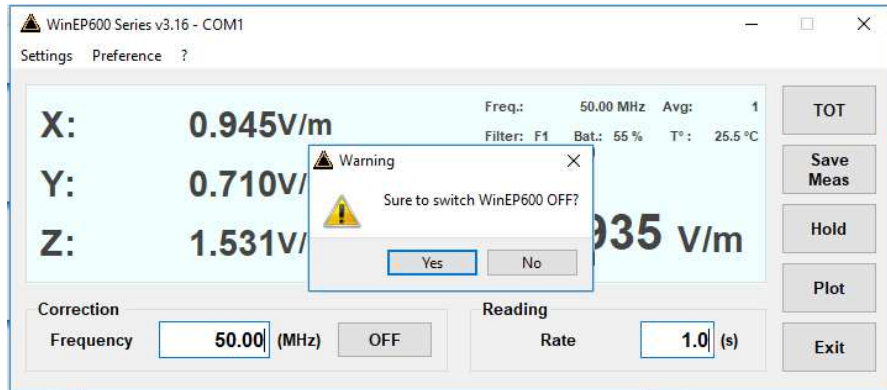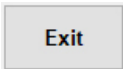
| Exit |

Press **YES** to exit and turn the EP-600/601/602/603/604 off.

Press **NO** to not exit (EP-600/601/602/603/604 will remain on)

5.5.10 Settings menu

Settings   Preference   ?

Commands:
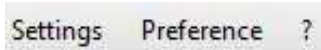
- Settings: set Average and Filter

- Preference: select program skin and enable the function **Minimized UI**

- ? (Info): software and product information

5.5.10.1 Settings

Settings   Preferer
    Filter
    Average

NOTE
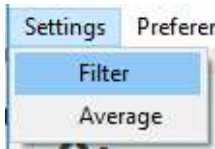
Settings options:

- Filter: the EP-600/601/602/603/604 internal A/D Sigma-Delta converters feature digital filters to improve resolution and sensitivity, as well to reducing interferences.
The filters can be selected according to the application requirements: from the faster (F1) to the slower (F8).

To set the required filter click on the corresponding line, which turns blue. The selected filter will be displayed in the main window.

When selecting a new filter while in HOLD mode, the filter setting indication in the main window will be updated only after toggling to RUN mode.

Filter

	Filter(Hz)	Rejection to mains	Settling time(ms)	Max Sample rate(S/s)	Min Reading Rate(s)
F1	25	25dB@50Hz	20	22	0.1
F2	24	25dB@50Hz	23	20	0.1
F3	8	no notch	63	12	0.15
F4	4.7	80dB@60Hz	100	8	0.15
F5	4	65dB@50/60Hz	125	6.6	0.2
F6	4	80dB@50Hz	125	6.6	0.2
F7	3.2	no notch	150	5.9	0.25
F8	2.3	67dB@50/60Hz	200	4.4	0.3

Close

Filter(Hz): indication of the filter characteristics

Rejection to mains: some filters feature notch filtering at mains frequency to reducing interference

Settling time (ms): time required for getting a complete reading

Max Sample rate (S/s): A/D conversion speed

Min Reading Rate (s): min. time interval between readings of electric field

Normally a fast field measurement is required for faster response and better stability when the field probe controls as feedback for a preset field value the radiated power of a system composed by antenna and RF generator.

However, as faster the measurements as higher the noise is, with consequent reduction of sensitivity.

Slower measurements increase sensitivity but increase the response time and the power consumption.

The PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 features eight different filters to help finding the most suitable combination of the a.m. parameters for each specific application:

F	Settling time	Power consumption	Sensitivity	Rejection @ 50Hz	Rejection @ 60Hz
1	Very fast	Very low	Low	-----	low
2	Very fast	Very low	Average	Low	------
3	Fast	Low	Good	------	-------
4	Average	Average	High	Good	Very high
5	Average	Average	High	High	High
6	Average	Average	High	Very high	Good
7	Slow	High	Very high	good	Good
8	Slow	Very high	Very high	High	High

NOTE

In normal operation setting the filters F4 - F5 may offer a good compromise in terms of power consumption, sensitivity, settling time and rejection @ 50Hz.
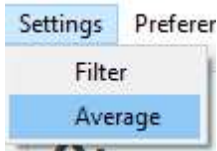
- Average: setting of the number (1, 4, 16, 32 or 64) of readings to calculate the arithmetic average (AVG).

NOTE
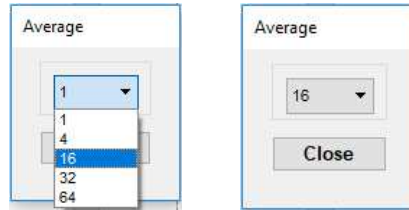
When setting Average = 1, the readings are not averaged and the current measurements are displayed.

In the example, the average value of the last 16 field readings will be displayed. The **"Avg"** counter shows the progressing of the average calculation, updating according to the "Reading rate" time interval setting.
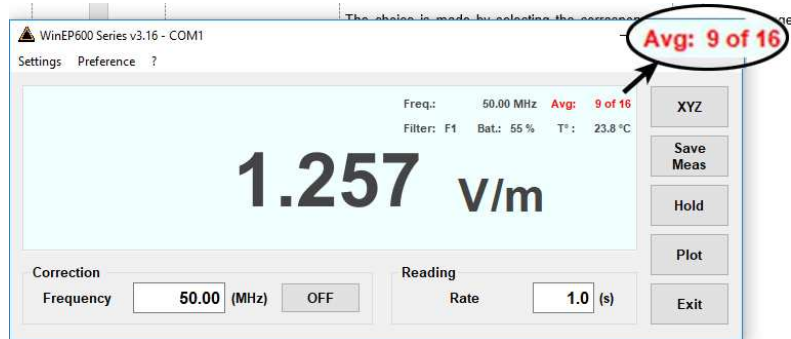
The message **AVG: OK** will be displayed shortly after completion of the averaging process, then followed by the indication of the preset averaging **Avg: 16 .**

Then the process continues in moving Average mode: of the 16 readings block, the older is discarded and the latest is added at the speed of the Reading rate setting.

The process is restarted from the beginning when setting a different Average value.

NOTE

When toggling from TOT to XYZ mode the Average is reset to re-calculate the field values for each single axis.

NOTE
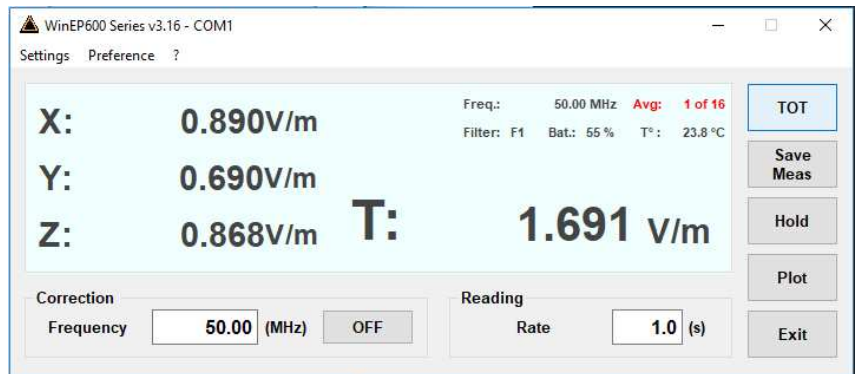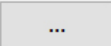
When in HOLD mode, the new Average value is displayed in the main window and is updated only when the HOLD is released.

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5.5.10.2 Preference

Functions of the **Settings** menu:

- Settings → Display: Different color combinations of the background and text are listed under **Colors**:
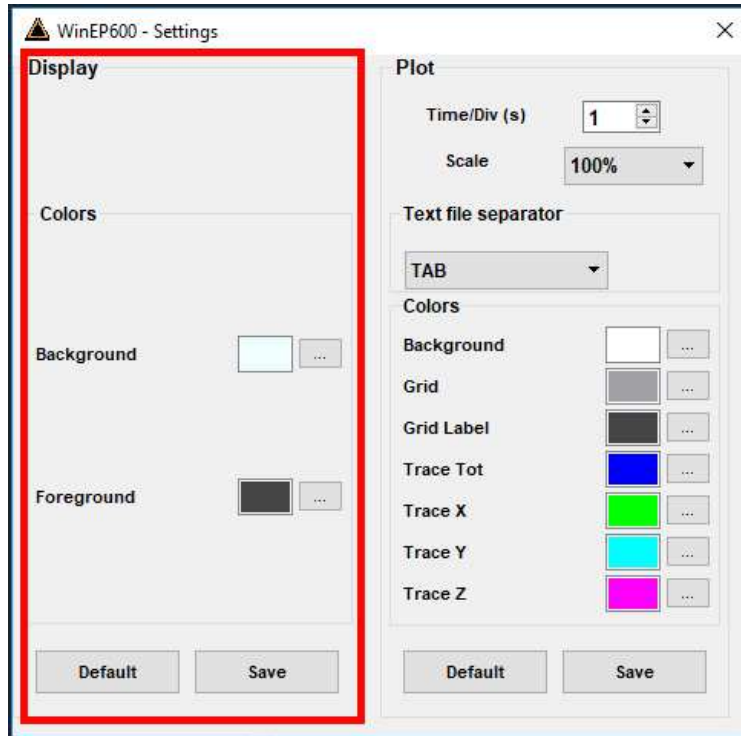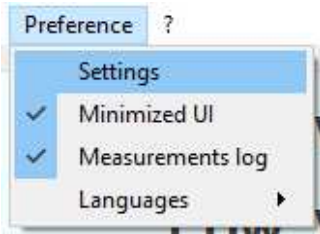
The choice is made by selecting the corresponding [...] to be changed and then using the Color Palette window.
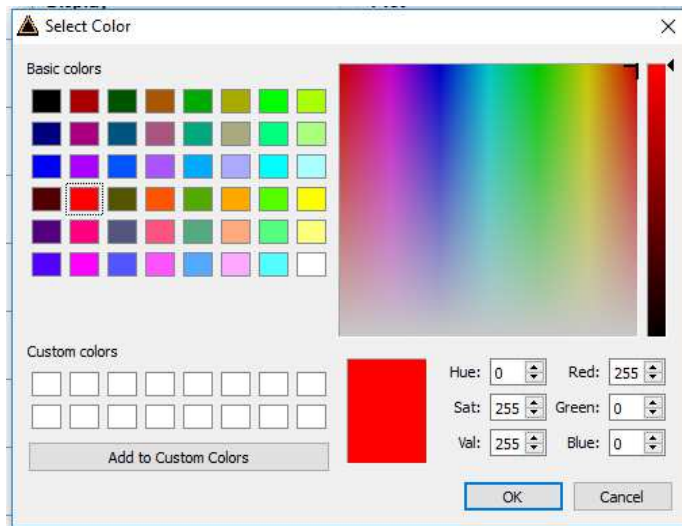
The new settings can be saved with **Save**. Otherwise, press **Default** button to completely restore the initial aspect.

The **Plot** section allows to set the desired color of the plot; see §5.5.7 "Plot" for further information.
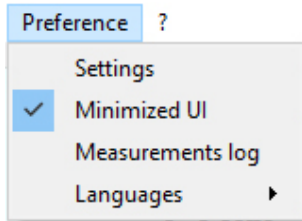
- **Minimized**: enable the function **Minimized UI (Unit Interface)** to keep the field readings displayed on desktop when minimizing the main window on the tray.

This window can be moved anywhere on the desktop, keeping its final position even at the next minimizing of the main window.

NOTE

To close this window, restore the main window from the tray and deselect the "Minimized UI" function.
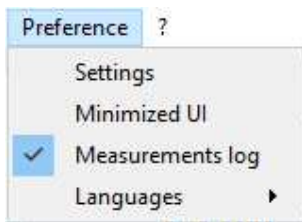
- **Measurements Log:** click on it to enable the function **Measurements Log** to display the **Save Meas** button in the main window. The symbol √ means that the function is actived.
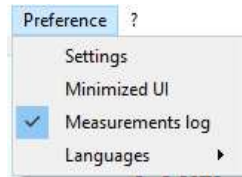
See **Save Meas** button for further information

NOTE

Every time the software starts, the function Measurements Log is disabled
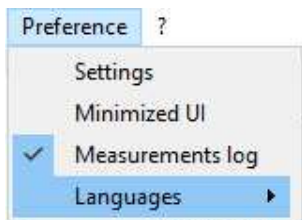
- **Languages**: selection of different language of the main window among:

Once selected the new language, a message will appear:
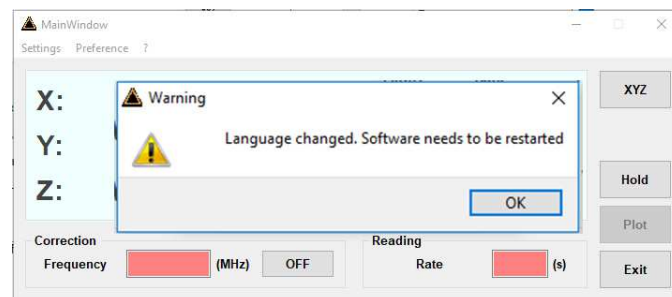
Confirm with OK to restart the software with the new language.

5.5.10.3 ? (Info)

Contents:
- **Info:** Probe model, current firmware and date, current WinOR03 release and date, serial number, battery voltage and latest probe calibration.
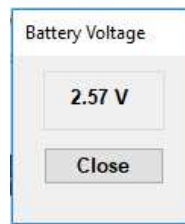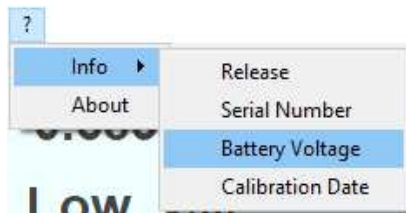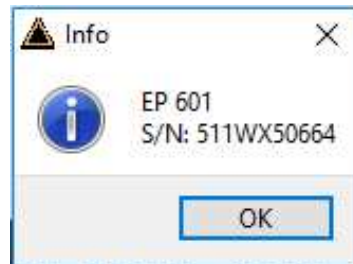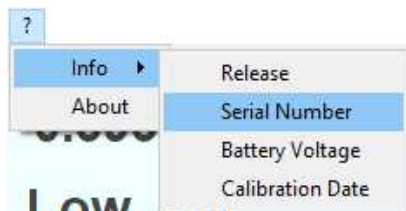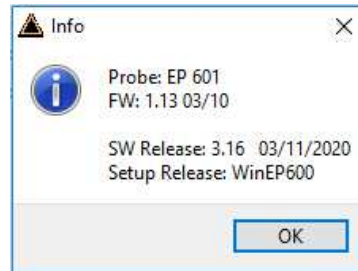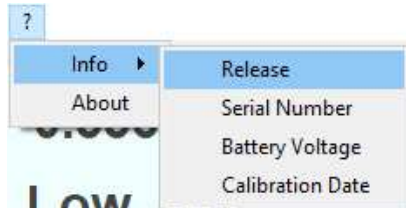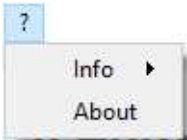
NOTE **Battery voltages below 2.11V (5% of charge) are displayed red.**
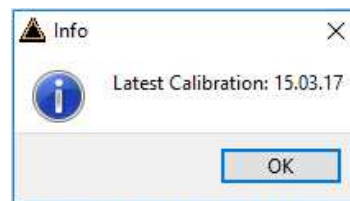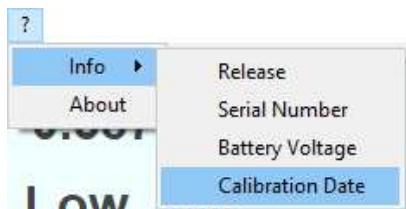
5.5.10.4 ? (About)

- About: Manufacturer information.
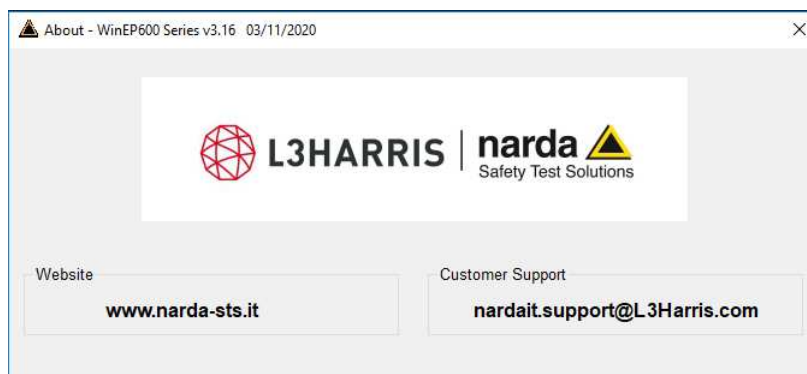
5.6   ## Running SetAddEP600 utility

Connect the 8053-OC to the PC first serial port available or to the PC USB port by USB-RS232 adapter. Then connect the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 to the optical converter (for more details see chapter "Operation").

NOTE

In some PC models, the power delivered through the DB9 connector may be not enough to supply the optical/serial converter 8053-OC. In such cases, the external power supply adapter mod. 8053-OC-PS must be connected between the PC and the optical/serial converter 8053-OC.

In case of using the USB-RS232 converter, wait for the "**new hardware installation**" procedure. Drivers supplied with the converter can be used as well.

Enter in **Device Manager** on the **Control panel.** In case of USB connection**,** the assigned COM can be found in **Ports (COM & LPT) – Prolific USB to Serial Comm Port (COMx)**. Otherwise, if you are using the PC serial port check on **Porta di comunicazione** (**COMx**).

COMx shows the COM port assigned.

NOTE

The assigned COM port nr. must be between 1 and 9.
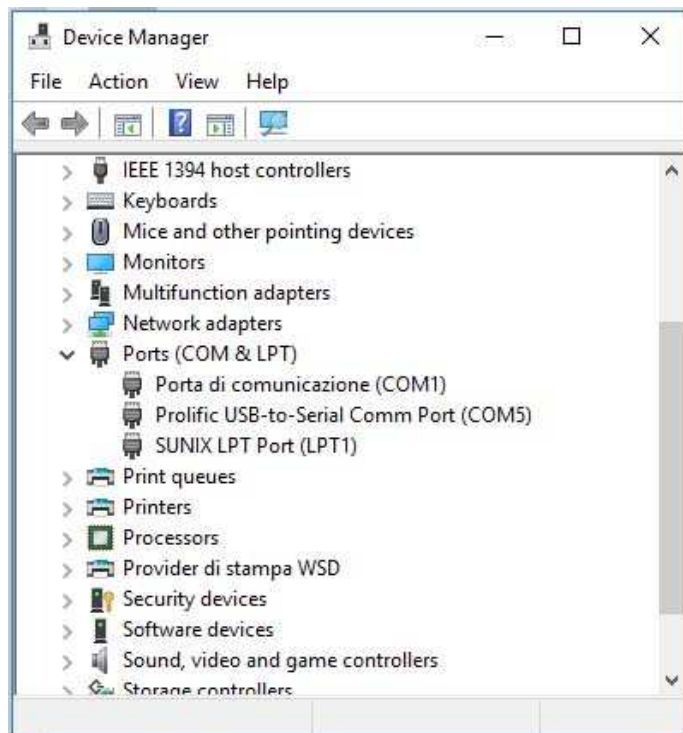
If the COM port nr. NOT comprised between 1 and 9, double click the line **Ports (COM & LPT)** and **Prolific USB to Serial Comm Port (COMx).** Enter in **Port settings** and **Advanced**. Otherwise, if you are using the PC serial port check on **Porta di comunicazione** (**COMx**).
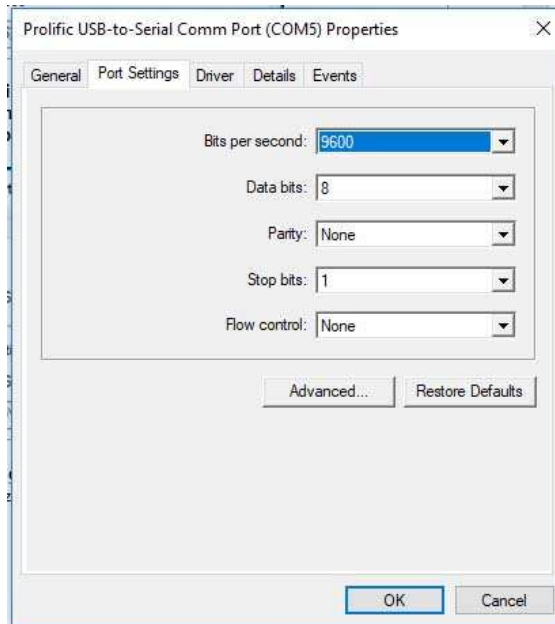
In **Advanced Settings** select the first COM port available between 1 and 9; click **OK**.
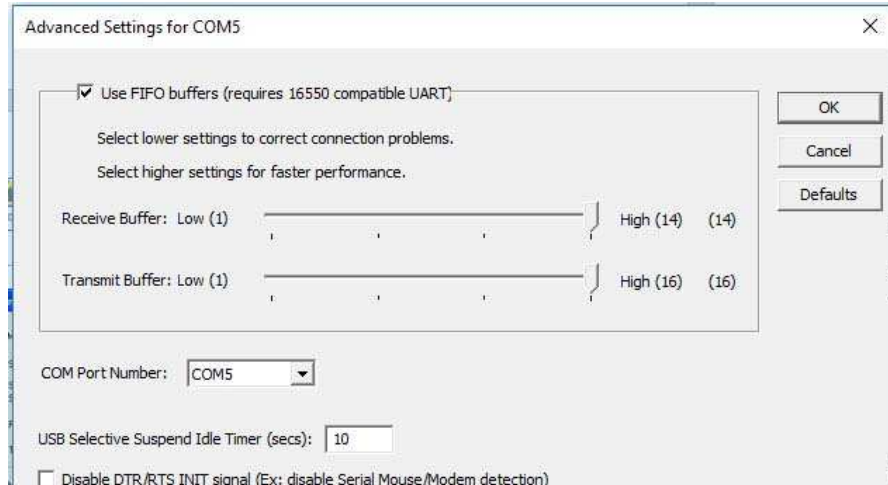
Select the icon SetAddEP600 with the right mouse button and enter on **Properties → Shorcut**.

Add the command COMM=N preceded by a space (in capital letters) at the end of the Destination field where N indicates the Serial or USB port to be used; for example, if the EP-600 is connected to port 2, add the command COMM=2.

The assigned COM port nr. must be between 1 and 9.

NOTE
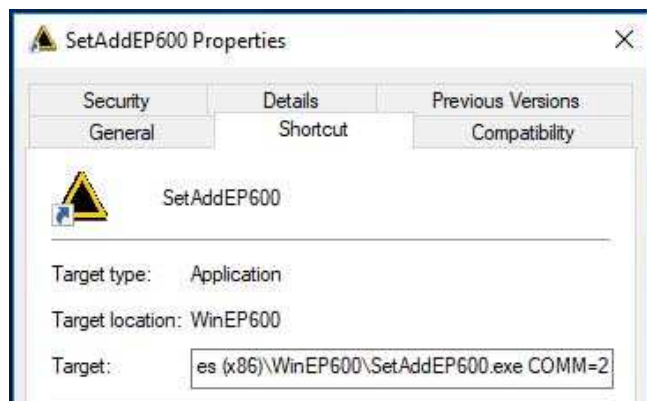
In some operating system the Destination field is enclosed in double quotation marks ("); in this case, the command COMM=N, preceded by a space must be outside as in the example below;
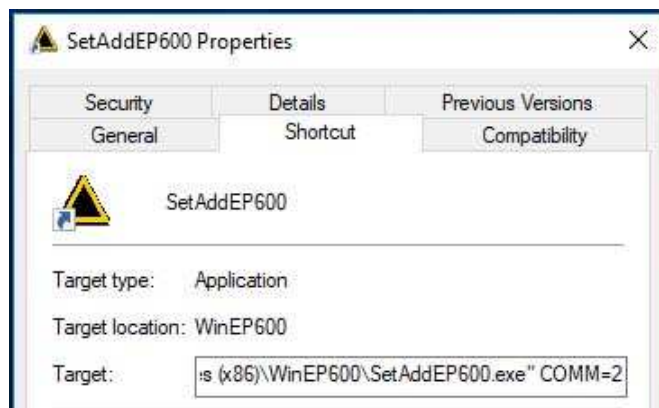
Then confirm by selecting Apply

Double click on **Set AddEP600** icon for running the utility.

The User must have administrator privileges to install the WinEP600 and the SetAddEP600 in Windows 7, 8 etc.; right click on WinEP600.exe file and click on "Run as administrator" to temporarily run the program or application as an administrator until close it (Windows also allows to mark an application so that it always runs with administrator rights).

Alternatively (Windows XP): **Start**, **All Programs**, **WinEP600**, **SetAddEP600**.

Windows Vista or 7: Click **Windows** (), **Programs**, **WinEP600, SetAddEP600**.

Windows 10: Click **Start** (), **WinEP600, SetAddEP600**.

Then, the main window is displayed together with the **SetAddEP600 - Connection Incoming** indication of the correct communication with the probe.
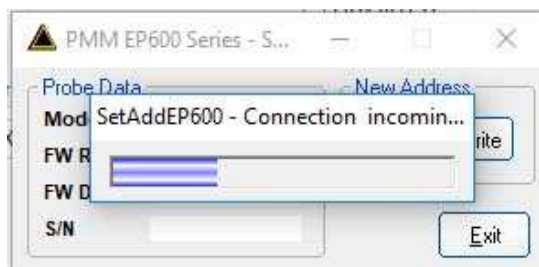
This message appears when PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 is not connected or the communication is not established:

Select **YES** to quit the SetAddEP600.

Select **NO** to retry establishing the communication (check the EP-600/601/602/603/604 correct installation before).

5.7 Main window

Once connected the main window is displayed:

1. Title bar

2. Probe Data

3. New Address

4. Exit

5.7.1 Title bar

The title bar displays the name of the program.
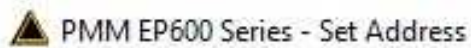
The control buttons allow to minimize to icon and exit the program:

When minimizing the main window the information is displayed in the Windows application bar at the bottom of screen.
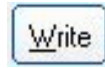
5.7.2 Probe data   When the communication is established, the probe data displays: probe model, release and data firmware and serial number.
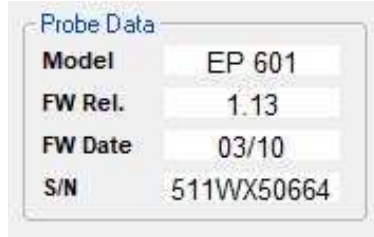
5.7.3 New Address   When the communication is established, the window [00] displays the current probe address.

Enter new address **05** and press Write to store it.

5.7.4 Exit

Press Exit to close the program.

5.8 ## Uninstalling WinEP600 and SetAddEP600

Press **EXIT** to quit Win EP600 or SetAddEP600, disconnect the EP-600 from the PC and uninstall the software and utility.

In Windows XP: click **Start, All Programs**, **WinEP600**, **Uninstall WinEP600**.

In Windows Vista or 7 click **Windows** [icon] and in Windows 10: click **Start** [icon]. Then **WinEP600**, **Uninstall WinEP600**.

NOTE
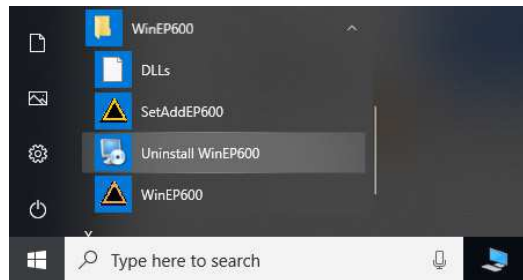
If the Uninstaller is not available:
Click **Start**, **Settings**, **Control Panel** and **Add or Remove Programs** (**Programs and functions** for Windows Vista or 7). Find **WinEP600** then click **Remove** and follow the instructions.
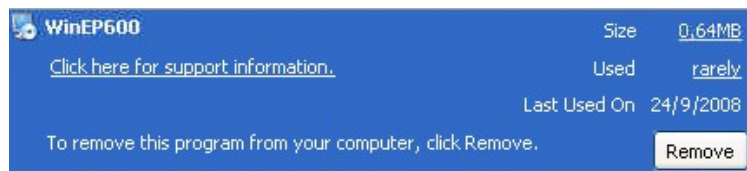
Click **Start**, **Settings**, **App&Features**. Find **WinEP600** then click **Uninstall** and follow the instructions.

⚠ WARNING
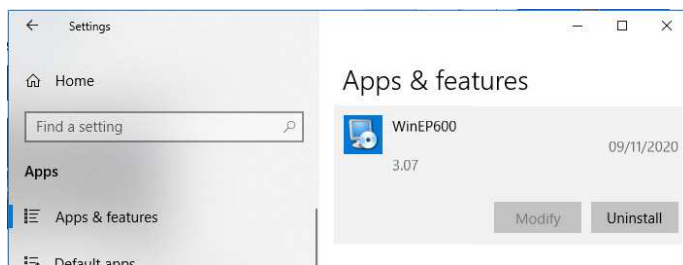
When asked if removing the shared files, answer NO to prevent other programs not to run correctly.

5.9   # Uninstalling the driver of RS232-USB adapter

Apply this method if the driver uninstaller (normally supplied with the hardware) is not available.

Go to **Control Panel → Uninstall a Program**. Select **"PL-2303 USB-to-Serial"** with right mouse button and select **Uninstall**.
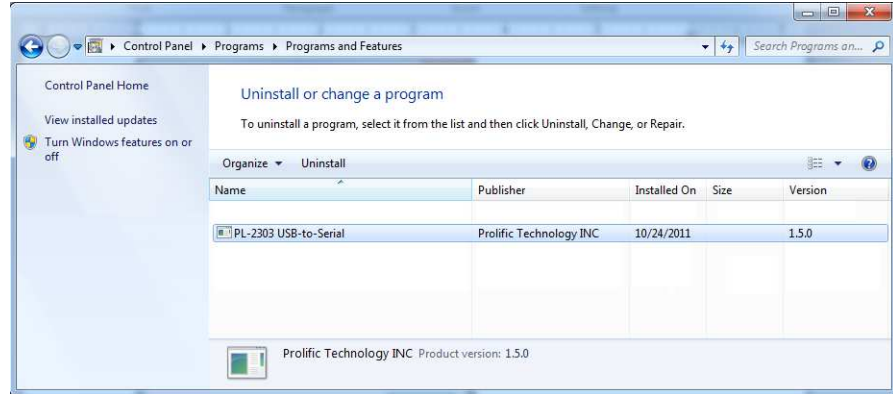
Click **Remove**, then **Next** to begin the driver uninstall.
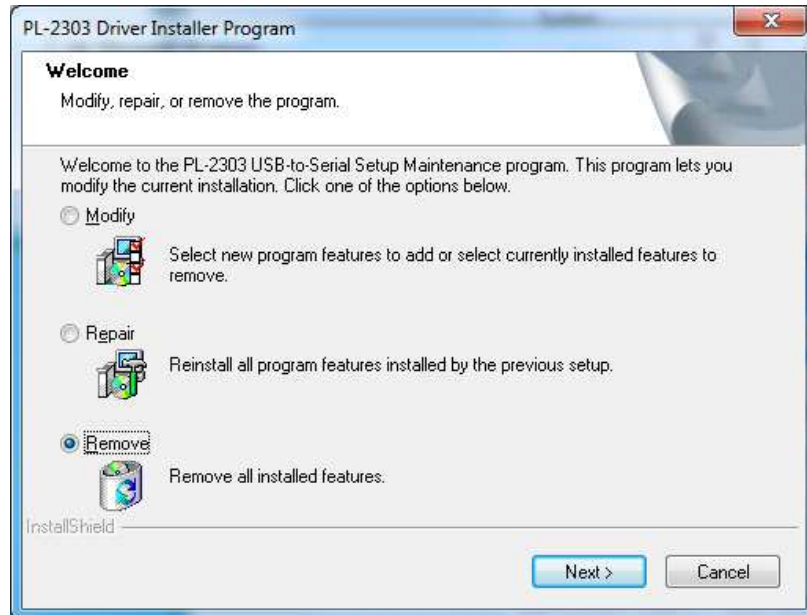
Click **Yes** to continue.
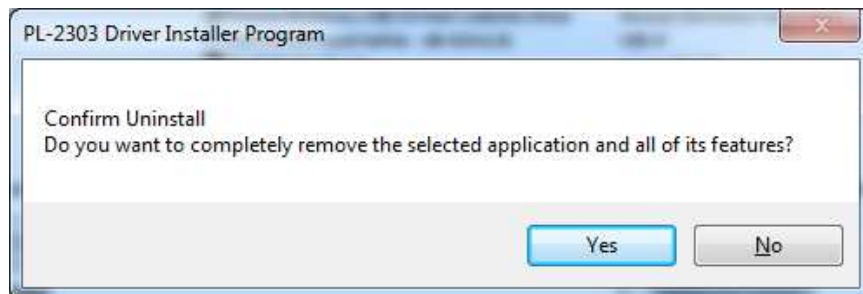
When the Uninstall Complete screen displays, click **Finish** to end the program. Wait a few seconds more until the "PL-2303 USB-to- Serial" program is removed from the Control Panel Uninstall program list.
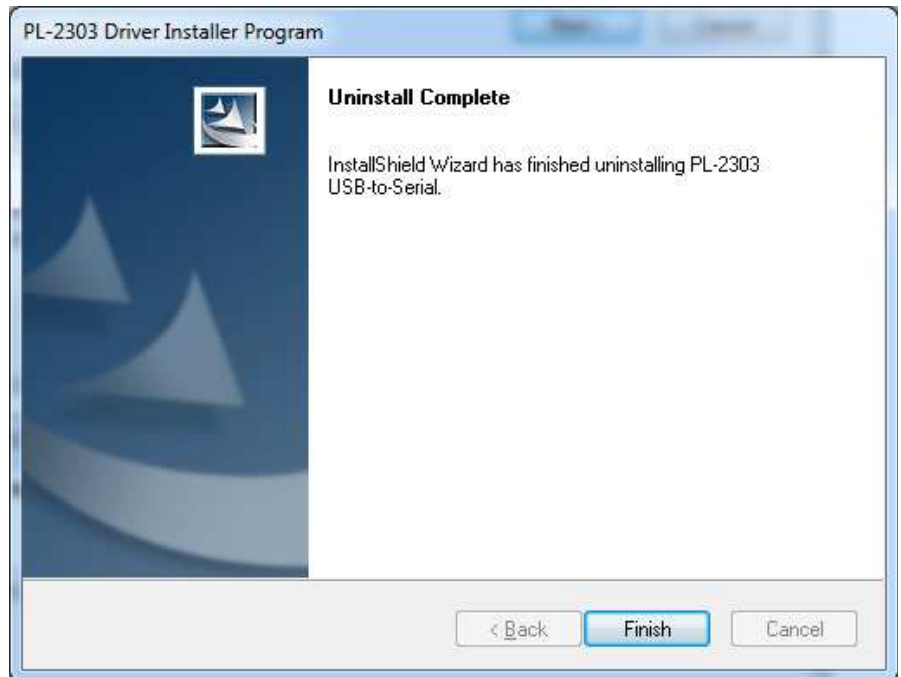
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6 - Communication protocol

6.1 Disclaimer

This chapter provides the information required to control the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 via the fiber optic connected to a PC and by means of user's own PC software applications. Narda STS S.r.l supports the correctness of the information only, and disclaim for any consequence the use of such information may cause to anybody. The inclusion of Narda's communication protocol into user's or third party software is entirely at the user's risks and responsibility. In no way Narda STS S.r.l shall be liable for damages of any kind consequent to the use of the information provided in this chapter.

NOTE

All the following examples are indifferently referred to the PMM EP-600, EP-601, EP-602, EP-603 and EP-604.

6.2 Protocol

The serial communication between PC and PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 is the RS232 standard or USB (via the USB-RS232 converter). Specifications:

- Rate 9600 Baud
- Start 1 bit
- Stop 1 bit
- No Parity

The commands are composed by an ASCII string delimited by **"#"** (0x23) and "*" (0x2A)

Up to FW 1.02 each command must begin with the address which is made of the string "00".

From FW 1.10 each command starts sending the address which is made of two characters string in the range "00" to "99".

The address "00" is a special one as it is considered Broadcast while all others must match the address stored in the unit (see command "**I**").

In other words the EP-600 will always grant all commands starting with "#00" regardless its own address stored.

Broadcast mode is intended when using the EP-600 in a NON-BUS way, typically PC directly linked to EP-600, or for setting the new address (see command "**I**"). In this mode the address can be changed even without knowing the current address.

Careful must be taken, however, when the EP-600 works on a BUS (for example via SB10) as using the broadcast address all the device sharing the BUS would answer at the same time creating thus a conflict.

Hereafter all example are made using the broadcast address but, of course, they work also using different address. The only restriction is that the address must be made of two characters and the range is "00" to "99"

The answer can be either in ASCII or Binary, according to the command sent. The first character is always like the character sent, and can be used as control marker or synchronization for the answer.

The available commands are of three categories:
- **Query COMMANDs**
- **Setting COMMANDs**
- **Operative COMMANDs**

The commands have this format:
#00Qcommand(parameters)* where:

# = command string start
00 = string always present
Q = **?** for query commands
    S for setting commands
Command = command string
(parameters) = setting parameters value (where present)
* = command string end

NOTE

At power ON the EP-600/601/602/603/604 is in Master mode, as required by the communication with the hand-held unit 8053B; the EP-600/601/602/603/604 will continue to send the measurement data independent from receiving the commands. For this might be not useful when interfacing to other software, send the command #00?v* to turn the EP-600/601/602/603/604 in Slave mode to answer only when receiving a query.
To save battery the EP-600/601/602/603/604 automatically turns off 180 seconds after receiving a command; use the operative command #00e n* (see table 6-2) to set the time before the EP-600 auto-switches off.

Table 6-1 Query Commands

Command	Description
?v	This query command **#00?v*** sends back a string containing information about model, release and date of firmware. Example of reply to the command **#00?v***: **"vEP600:1.02 10/05;"**
?p	This query command **#00?p*** sends back a string containing information about date of calibration. Example of reply to the command **#00?p***: **"10/05;"**
?b Battery	This query command **#00?b*** sends back 3 bytes containing information about the voltage of EP-600 battery. The array is made of 3 bytes in which the first is the character 'b' followed by 2 bytes expressing a 16bit unsigned integer (**nn**) in **Big** Endian notation. To get the battery voltage use the following formula: V_battery= **3 * (nn / 1024 * 1.6)**
?t Temperature	This query command **#00?t*** sends back 3 bytes containing information about the temperature of EP-600 probe. The array is made of 3 bytes in which the first is the character 't' followed by 2 bytes expressing a 16bit unsigned integer (**nn**) in **Big** Endian notation. To get the temperature in degrees Centigrade use the following formula: T_ep600= **((nn / 1024 * 1.6) - 0.986) * 1000 / 3.55**
?s Serial Number	This query command **#00?s*** sends back a string containing the serial number of the device Example of reply to the command **#00?s***: **"s123456789AAAA"**
?T Total Field	This query command **#00?T*** sends back 5 bytes containing information about the **total** field strength measured by EP-600. The array is made of 5 bytes in which the first is the character 'T' followed by 4 bytes expressing a 32bit IEEE floating point number(**ff**) in **Little** Endian notation. The figure **(ff)** represents the square of total field strength (isotropic measure) To get the field strength, the square root must be taken: **V/m=√ff**
?A All Field Components	This query command **#00?A*** sends back 13 bytes containing information about field strength measured by EP-600 of every **single axis**. The array is made of 13 bytes in which the first is the character 'A' followed by 12 bytes expressing 3 (X,Y,Z) 32bit IEEE floating point number(**ff**) in **Little** Endian notation. The 3 figures **(fx,fy,fz)** directly represent the field strength of related axis and are expressed in V/m.

Table 6-2 Setting Commands	
Command	Description
k fr	This setting command **#00k frq*** sets the frequency(**frq**) to which refer the correction factor. The figure **fr** is the ASCII string representing the **integer** frequency multiplied by 100 giving thus the resolution of 10kHz. Once the EP-600 has received and granted this command, all measurements will be corrected using the factor stored in factory related to this frequency. Sending a frequency which is out of EP-600 range disables frequency correction factor function. The reply is an array made of 5 bytes in which the first is the character 'k' followed by 4 bytes expressing a 32bit IEEE floating point number(**ff**) in **Little** Endian notation. The figure **(ff)** represents the frequency used by the EP-600 Example of command **#00k 10000***: (Set the internal frequency to 100MHz)
f n	This setting command **#00fn*** sets the processing filter (**n**) used for measurements. The index **n** must be between 0 and 7. For further information on filters please refer to separated document Example of command **#00f2***
e n	This setting command **#00e n*** sets the time before the EP-600 auto-switches off after receiving a recognized command. Note that this setting is **not permanent** and it will be kept only while the EP-600 is ON. Every time the EP-600 is turned off, the default 180 second is taken. The argument **n** is expressed in second e should be lower than 10800 (3 hours). The replay to this command is 'e' if it has been granted and 'x' if the argument is out of range (in which case the default 180 is taken). Example of command **#00e 600*** : (sets the switch off time to 10 minutes)
!	This setting command **#00!*** switches the probe OFF. Once it is OFF there is no way to turn it ON via remote command Example of command **#00!***

Table 6-3 Operative Commands

Command	Description
@c	This setting command **#00@c*** temporarily puts the EP-600 in "Storing Mode" allowing thus storing a new address. As this permission lasts only for 1 second, the command "I" should be issued closely. This command has not a reply. Example of command **#00@c***
@Iaddr	This setting command **#00@Iaddr*** sets the address used for communication protocol. It is made of a 2 character string int range "00" to "99". Neither spaces nor punctuation are allowed between "#@00" and addr . This setting command is executed only if sent within 1 second since the command "c" The reply is the address itself if it has been granted otherwise "ERR" if the EP-600 was not in Storing Mode Example of command **#00@0I53*** which sets the address to "53". Therefore, all following commands starting with **#53……*,** in addition to **#00….*,** will be granted.

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7 – DLL Function reference guide

NOTE

All the following examples are indifferently referred to the PMM EP-600, EP-601, EP-602, EP-603 and EP-604.

NOTE

The DLL library manages only the broadcast address ("00").

7.1 C language

7.1.1 PMM_CreateProbe()

int PMM_CreateProbe(const char *name, HANDLE *probeHandle, const char *commPort);

Purpose:
Establishes communications with a specified probe.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
const char *name: PMM EP-60X model name Ex.: EP-601
const char *commPort: Serial communication port name Ex.: COM1, COM3…COM99

Output Parameters:
HANDLE * Handle

NOTE

Use #include<windows.h> for the HANDLE type data.

Special value that is used to refer to this probe for subsequent function calls after it is created.

7.1.2 PMM_RemoveProbe()

int PMM_RemoveProbe(const HANDLE probeHandle);

Purpose:
Closes the communications port and releases memory back to the system.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
HANDLE probeHandle; as returned from the *CreateProbe* function

Output Parameters:
None

7.1.3 PMM_Firmware()

int PMM_Firmware(const HANDLE probeHandle, char *firmware, int *arraySize);

Purpose:
Gets the probe's firmware version.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
HANDLE probeHandle; as returned from the *CreateProbe* function

Output Parameters:
Pass-by-reference character string: Specifying the length of string

7.1.4 PMM_ProbeName()

int PMM_ProbeName(const HANDLE probeHandle, char *name, int *arraySize);

Purpose:
Return the probe name identification information.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
HANDLE probeHandle; as returned from the *CreateProbe* function

Output Parameters:
The name is placed in the user allocated string buffer.

7.1.5 PMM_Model()

int PMM_Model(const HANDLE probeHandle, char *model, int *arraySize);

Purpose:
Return the probe model identification information.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
HANDLE probeHandle; as returned from the *CreateProbe* function

Output Parameters:
The model is placed in the user allocated string buffer.

7.1.6 PMM_CalibrationDate()

int PMM_CalibrationDate(const HANDLE probeHandle, char *calibrationDate, int *arraySize);

Purpose:
Returns the probe's the last calibration date. Not available on older probes.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
HANDLE probeHandle; as returned from the *CreateProbe* function

Output Parameters:
Pass-by-reference character string: calibrationDate: probe's calibration date.
arraySize: the length of the string.

7.1.7 PMM_ReadBattery()

int PMM_ReadBattery(HANDLE probeHandle, float *battery);

Purpose:
This function reads the probe's battery status.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
HANDLE probeHandle

Output Parameters:
Pass-by-reference float battery: Is the battery's status in Volt.

7.1.8 PMM_ReadTemperature()

int PMM_ReadTemperature(HANDLE probeHandle, float *temperature);

Purpose:
This function reads the probe's internal temperature.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
HANDLE probeHandle

Output Parameters:
Pass-by-reference float temperature. The numeric value of the probe internal temperature in degrees Celsius.

7.1.9 PMM_SerialNumber()

int PMM_SerialNumber(const HANDLE probeHandle, char *serialNumber, int *arraySize);

Purpose:
Returns the probes serial number.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
HANDLE probeHandle

Output Parameters:
Pass-by-reference character string serialNumber: probe's serial number.
arraySize: the length of the string.

7.1.10 PMM_SetFrequency()

int PMM_SetFrequency(const HANDLE probeHandle, int Frequency);

Purpose:
Sets the frequency to which refer the correction factor. Once the EP-600 has received and granted this command, all measurements will be corrected using the factor stored in factory related to this frequency.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
HANDLE probeHandle, int Frequency multiplied by 100 giving thus the resolution of 10kHz.
Sending a frequency which is out of EP-600 range disables frequency correction factor function.

Output Parameters:
None

7.1.11 PMM_SetFilter()

int PMM_SetFilter(const HANDLE probeHandle, int FILTER);

Purpose:
Sets the processing filter (n) used for measurements.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
HANDLE probeHandle, int range Accepts values 0 – 7

Output Parameters:
None

7.1.12 PMM_SetTimeout()

int PMM_SetTimeout(int tout);

Purpose:
Sets the communication timeout with PMM EP-600 series.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
int tout in milliseconds. Default value is 500 ms.

Output Parameters:
None

7.1.13 PMM_SetAutoOffTime()

int PMM_SetAutoOffTime(const HANDLE probeHandle, int Time);

Purpose:
Sets the time before the EP-600 auto-switches off after having received a recognized command.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
HANDLE probeHandle, int time in seconds. Accepts values 180(3 minutes) – 10800(3 hours)

Output Parameters:
None

7.1.14 PMM_ReadTotalField()

int PMM_ReadTotalField (const HANDLE probeHandle, float &XYZField);

Purpose:
Returns the total combined field of the X, Y and Z Axis.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
HANDLE probeHandle; as returned from the *CreateProbe* function

Output Parameters:
Pass-by-reference float. The combined fields of X, Y and Z axis.

7.1.15 PMM_ReadAxisField

PMM_ReadAxisField (const HANDLE probeHandle, float *xField, float *yField, float *zField);

Purpose:
To read the field values from the X-axis, Y-axis and Z.

Return Value:
Returns an integer status code. The numeric value of 0 indicates no error occurred. See Status Code chapter for an error code description.

Input Parameters:
HANDLE probeHandle

Output Parameters:
Pass-by-reference float. Returns the X, Y and Z fields.

7.2 Visual Basic From the Project menu, select References to call up the References dialog box, and then click Browse to find your new type library (PMM_EP60X.tlb). Once you have located it, press OK. Visual Basic will automatically register the library for you the first time you reference it. Make sure that your library ("PMM_EP60X") has been checked in the references List, and then close the dialog box.

7.3 Status Code

TABLE 7-1 Status Code	
0	OK
1	Bad Handle
2	Unable to open port
3	Not connected
4	Wrong response
5	No response
6	Invalid parameter
7	COMM port busy
8	Timeout
9	COMM port error
10	Problem writing COMM port
11	Read COMM port error
12	Bad connection string
13	Value cannot be set
14	Probe not supported
15	Probe over range
16	Probe under range
17	Error closing COMM port
18	Error purging COMM port

NOTE

The file PMM_EP60X.DLL and PMM_EP60X.TLB are installed automatically by the WinEP600 Setup.exe in the system folder C:\Windows\System32\.

8 - Accessories

8.1 Foreword

This chapter explains how to use the accessories of PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604.
The following general indications apply to all accessories.

8.2 Inspection

Check the packing integrity.

⚠ **WARNING**

If anything is found damaged or missed, immediately contact your Dealer.
Check the accessories with reference to the packing list included in the package.

8.3 Ambient

Store the accessories in clean, dry environment free of dust and acid vapours.
Follow requirements for temperature and humidity:

Operation:
- Temperature   -10° to +40° C
- Humidity   < 90% RH

Storage:
- Temperature   -20° to + 70° C
- Humidity   < 95% RH

8.4 Return for service

Every part of the accessories, included batteries, can only be replaced by NARDA, when the instrument needs repair or is malfunctioning, please contact the NARDA Support center.
When an accessory needs to be sent to NARDA for repairs please complete the questionnaire enclosed with this Operating Manual making sure you fill in all the details relative to the service requested.
In order to minimize repair time, please describe the nature of the failure. If the failure occurs only under certain conditions, please provide details on how we may recreate the same condition in order to identify the fault.
If possible, please reuse the original packaging, making sure the accessory is wrapped in heavy paper or plastic.
Alternatively, use a strong box filled with shockproof material, place enough material all around the equipment so that the unit is stable and firmly blocked inside the box.
Whilst packing, pay special care in protecting the unit's front panel.
Seal the box firmly before shipment.
Mark the box: FRAGILE HANDLE WITH CARE.

8.5 Cleaning

To clean the equipment use only dust-free, non-abrasive dry cloths.

⚠ **WARNING**

To avoid damage never use any kind of solvent, acid, or similar to clean the instrument.

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8.6

PMM 8053-OC Optical-Serial converter

This accessory of the field probe PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 allows the fiber optic to be connected to the PC RS-232 serial port.

Installation

Connect the PMM 8053-OC to a free serial port of PC; connect the fiber optic of the probe respecting the optical connector insertion key.
The PMM 8053-OC is powered from the PC serial port directly.

Table 8-1 Specifications of PMM 8053-OC	
Max allowed fiber optic length	80 m (see notes below)
RS 232 connector	9 pin DB9

NOTE

For some PC models the power available at the DB9 connector may be not enough to allow the 8053-OC for driving fiber optics up to 80 m.

NOTE

For some PC models the power available at the DB9 connector may be not enough to guarantee the correct operation of the 8053-OC. In such cases apply the 8053-OC-PS between 8053-OC and PC.

Front panel

1 – fiber optic connector
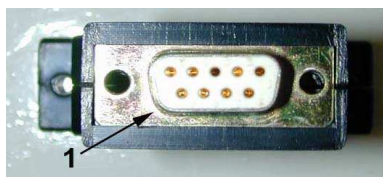
Rear panel

1 – RS232 DB9 female connector

Fig. 8-1 8053-OC Panels

Power supply

The PMM 8053-OC is powered from the PC serial port directly.

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8.7 ## *8053-OC-PS Power Supply*
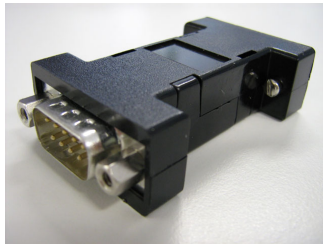
This accessory of the field probe PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 allows for providing the power supply to the 8053-OC converter whenever the PC serial port power supply is not sufficient or absent.

Installation

Connect the 8053-OC-PS to the PC serial port (or serial cable) and to the 8053-OC. Connect the 8053-OC-PS to the mains by the AC adapter (supplied). Connect the fiber optic to the 8053-OC.
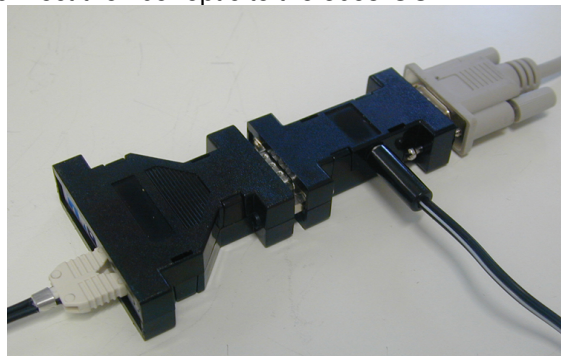
Table 8-2 Specifications of 8053-OC-PS Power Supply	
RS 232 Connectors	9 pin DB9

Front panel

DB9 M connector

Rear panel

DB9 F connector

Side

M connector for DC supply

Fig. 8-2 8053-OC-PS

Power supply

8053-OC-PS is supplied by the 230Vac - 9Vdc Wall Adapter.

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8.8 *PMM TR-02A Tripod*

This accessory allows for standing the PMM EP-600/601/602/603/604 field probe or the PMM 8053B hand held unit by means of the fixing screw.
The swivel PMM 8053-SN is supplied together with the tripod.

The PMM TR-02A has been specifically designed to prevent influencing the field measurements.

The extensible legs allow for setting the required height; the feet are designed to provide stability on most of the surfaces. The height of the central rod can be set as well.

The PMM TR-02 is supplied in a robust carrying bag.

Table 8-3 Characteristics of PMM TR-02A
• 3 legs of 3 extensible sections • Transport encumbrance: 76 x 12 x 12 cm • Minimum height: 60 cm • Maximum height: 180 cm • Weight   2,8 kg • Max load: 10 kg • Screw connection   ¼"

Details:
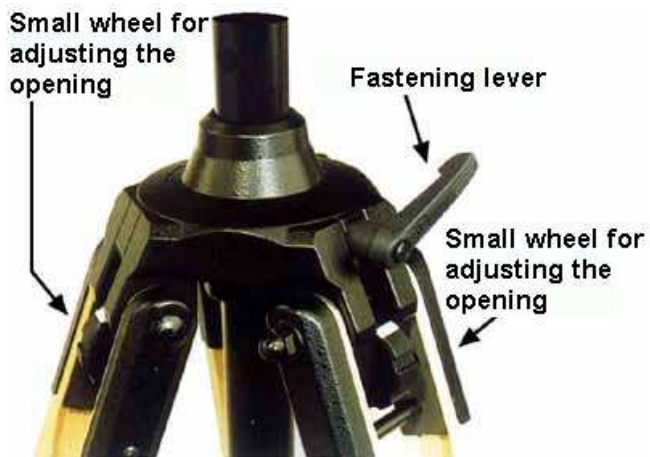
The inclination of each leg can be set in three different positions:

- Fixed 20°: white mark
- Fixed 45°: red mark
- Variable: no marks visible.

The central support can be set and locked by the handle.

Fig. 8-3 EP-600/601/602/603 on TR02A

Fig. 8-4 EP-604 on TR02A

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The swivel **PMM 8053-SN** can be mounted on the PMM TR-02A top.

- height: 8 cm
- weight: 160 g
- Load max: 10 kg
- Screw: ¼ "

Fig. 8-5 EP-600/601/602/603 on adjustable swivel

Fig. 8-6 EP-604 on adjustable swivel

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8.9   *PMM TT-01 Telescopic extension*

PMM TT-01 allows for extending the distance between field probe and operator or measuring instrument.

The TT-01 top is provided with the screw to fix the conical adapter. The length can be adjusted at any value between minimum and maximum.

☞ NOTE

The PMM TT-01 is made of fibreglass and has been specifically designed to prevent influencing the field measurements.

Table 8-4 Characteristics of TT-01

- Diameter   32 mm
- Minimum length: 120 cm
- Maximum extension: 420 cm
- Weight   500 g

Fig. 8-7 TT-01 with EP-600/601/602/603 installed on the top.

Fig. 8-8 TT-01 with EP-604 installed on the top.

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8.10   *PMM SB-10 Switching Control Box*

NOTE   **Please refer to SB-10 User's manual.**

Fig. 8-9 SB-10 front view

Fig. 8-10 SB-10 rear view

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