IGBT Tester

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Kit 128883

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Controls and indicators



Prepare IGBTs for test

The complexity of the circuits requires that service technicians have a working knowledge of inverter power supply theory. In addition to being technically qualified, technicians must perform all testing with safety in mind. See Section 1 in the manual for your power supply for more safety precautions before proceeding.



Connect leads

Connect the colored leads to the IGBT as shown below.

Before the IGBT can be tested it must be electrically isolated from all circuits. If the IGBT is installed in a power supply the power board and any lead connections must be removed before testing. Failure to do so may result in false readings and/or damage to the IGBT tester.



The IGBTs in Hypertherm power supplies may have one or two devices contained within the same housing. The illustration below depicts two common configurations of an IGBT. Each connection on the IGBT will be labeled with an abbreviation. They may be labeled as C, E, G or 1, 2, 3 with a schematic depicting numbers and pin functions.



Note: Each device should be tested seperately.

Indicator LEDs and device tests



Red fail LED

When illuminated during test this indicates that the IGBT failed the test, for either an open IGBT when switch is pressed to the right or a shorted IGBT when switch is pressed to the left.



Green pass LED

When illuminated during test this indicates that the IGBT passed the test, for either an open IGBT when switch is pressed to the right or a shorted IGBT when switch is pressed to the left.



Red low battery LED

When illuminated during test this indicates that the remaining voltage in the battery is insufficient to power the test circuitry. Replace battery immediately.

NOTE: The IGBT Tester requires a minimum of 8V to properly power its circuitry.

Perform IGBT device test

Switch Position	Fail	LED Pass	Battery	This May Mean	Corrective Action
Left	x	_	_	IGBT is shorted	Replace IGBT
Left	_	Х	_	IGBT passed short test	None
Left	_	_	Х	Battery below 8V	Replace battery
Left	_	_	-	Dead battery	Replace battery
Right	x	_	_	IGBT is open	Replace IGBT
Right	_	Х	_	IGBT passed open test	None
Right	_	_	Х	Battery below 8V	Replace battery
Right	-	_	-	Dead battery	Replace battery

Press and hold the switch in the desired direction to perform test.

Note: The IGBT is considered to be good only if it passes both the open and short device tests.

Troubleshooting

- 1. Visually inspect leads and IGBT Tester for damage.
- 2. Verify that the battery voltage is greater than 8V.
- 3. Perform a self test on the IGBT Tester as shown below. If the results do not match the table replace the lead connections.

Connect leads	Short Test	Open Test
None Red to Black	Pass Fail	Fail Pass

Technical questions

If you are unable to fix the problem by following this basic troubleshooting guide or if you need further assistance call Hypertherm Technical Service at (800) 643-9878.

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