

TECHNICAL DATA

Fluke 279 FC Thermal Multimeter















CAMERA

Built-in thermal imager

DISPLAY

Full-color LCD screen provides clean, crisp readings

iFLEX®

Expand your measurement capabilities-get into tight, hard to reach spaces for current measurement (up to 2500 A AC)

FLUKE CONNECT

Transmit results wirelessly to your smartphone with Fluke Connect





Find. Repair. Validate. Report.

The 279 FC is a full-featured digital multimeter with integrated thermal imaging and is designed to increase your productivity and confidence. The thermal multimeter helps you find, repair, validate, and report many electrical issues quickly so that you are confident problems are solved.

Locate the problem immediately

Thermal imaging multimeters are a first-line troubleshooting tool for electrical equipment that can check hot spots on high-voltage equipment and transformers, detect heating of fuses, wires, insulators, connectors, splices and switches. Scanning with the 279 FC's thermal imager reveals many electrical issues rapidly and from a safe distance. By combining two tools into one, the thermal multimeter lightens the load and increases productivity.

Expanded functionality

Compatible with iFlex® (a flexible current clamp) to expand your measurement capabilities and get into tight, hard to reach spaces for current measurement (up to 2500 A AC). The large full-color LCD screen makes for easier and clearer viewing of images and readings. The 10 hour+ rechargeable battery keeps you going all day long under normal conditions.

Communicate your results

With built-in Fluke Connect®, transmit results wirelessly to a smartphone and save time on reporting to validate work is complete. Troubleshoot better by instantly trending and monitoring measurements live on your smartphone screen. Create and email reports right from the field.



Product highlights

- Full-featured multimeter with built-in thermal imager
- 15 measurement functions including: AC voltage with low-pass filter, DC voltage, Resistance, Continuity, Capacitance, Diode test, Min/Max/Avg, AC current (with iFlex), Frequency
- Thermal imaging reveals many electrical issues quickly and safely, eliminating the need for time-consuming testing and validation
- Two-in-one tool is designed to increase productivity—no need to go back to the truck or office to retrieve a shared camera or wait for the thermographer—do more in less time!
- iFlex expands your measurement capabilities get into tight, hard to reach spaces for current measurement (up to 2500 A AC)
- Designed for durability, built to withstand a 3 m (9.8Ft) drop, double insulated with raised rubber holster for increased protection

- Save measurements and images while communicating wirelessly with a smart phone up to 20 feet/6.1 m away (no obstructions)
- Image resolution-80 x 60
- 3.5"/8.89 cm color LCD screen
- Rechargeable lithium ion battery allows for a for a full work day (10+ hours) under normal conditions
- Assembled in the USA
- Three year standard warranty
- Auto power off to save battery power
- CAT III 1000 V, CAT IV 600 V measurement category
- Optional accessories: Fluke i2500-10 or i2500-18 iFlex* Flexible Current Probes, Fluke BC500 AC Power Charger and Fluke BP500 Lithium-ion Battery 3000 mAh

Specifications

AC voltage		
Range ¹ /resolution	600.0 mV / 0.1 mV 6.000 V / 0.001 V 60.00 V / 0.01 V 600.0 V / 0.1 V 1000 V / 1 V	
Accuracy ^{2, 3, 4, 5}	45 Hz to 65 Hz	1.0 % + 3
	65 Hz to 200 Hz	4.0 % + 3
	200 Hz to 500 Hz	15 % + 3
AC mV		
Range¹/resolution	600.0 mV / 0.1 mV	
Accuracy ^{2, 3, 4}	45 Hz to 500 Hz	1.0 % + 3

 $^{^1\}mbox{AC}$ voltage ranges are specified from 1 % of range to 100 % of range.

⁵ Full-time low pass filter

Full-time low pass filter		
DC voltage		
Range/resolution	6.000 V / 0.001 V 60.00 V / 0.01 V 600.0 V / 0.1 V 1000 V / 1 V	
Accuracy	6 V, 60 V, 600 V	0.09 % + 2
	1000 V	0.15 % + 2
DC mV		
Range/resolution	600.0 mV / 0.1 mV	
Accuracy	0.09 % + 2	
Continuity		
Range/resolution	600 Ω / 1 Ω	
Accuracy	Meter beeps at < 25 Ω , beeper detects opens or shorts of 600 μs or longer	

²Crest factor of \leq 3 at full scale up to 500 V, decreasing linearly to crest factor < 1.5 at 1000 V.

 $^{^3}$ For non-sinusoidal waveforms, add - (2 % of reading + 2 % full scale) typical, for crest factor up to 3.

⁴Do not exceed 10⁷ V-Hz.



Detailed specifications (continued)

Resistance			
Range/resolution	$\begin{array}{c} 600.0~\Omega~/~0.1~\Omega\\ 6.000~k\Omega~/~0.001~k\Omega\\ 60.00~k\Omega~/~0.01~k\Omega\\ 600.0~k\Omega~/~0.1~k\Omega\\ 6.000~M\Omega~/~0.001~M\Omega\\ 50.00~M\Omega~/~0.01~M\Omega \end{array}$		
Accuracy	600 Ω	0.5 % + 2	
	6 kΩ to 600 kΩ	0.5 % + 1	
	50 ΜΩ	1.5 % + 3	
Diode test			
Range/resolution	2.000 V / 0.001 V	2.000 V / 0.001 V	
Accuracy	1 % + 2		
Capacitance			
Range/resolution	1000 nF / 1 nF 10.00 μF / 0.01 μF 100.0 μF / 0.1 μF 9999 μF' / 1 μF		
Accuracy	1000 nF thu 100 μF	1.2 % + 2	
	9999 μF	10 % typical	
1 In the 9999 μF range for measurements to 1	1000 μF, the measurement accuracy is 1.2 % + 2.	'	
AC current			
Range/resolution	999.9 A / 0.1 A 2500 A / 1 A (with iFlex)		
Accuracy	45 Hz to 500 Hz	3.0 % + 5	
Frequency			
Range/resolution	99.99 Hz / 0.01 Hz 999.9 Hz / 0.1 Hz		
Accuracy	0.1 % + 1		
Input characteristics			
AC voltage	Input impedance (nominal)	$> 10 \text{ M}\Omega < 100 \text{ pF}$	
	Common mode rejection ratio (1 $k\Omega$ unbalance)	> 60 dB, DC to 60 Hz	
	Overload protection	1100 V rms	
DC voltage	Input impedance (nominal)	> 10 MΩ < 100 pF	
	Common mode rejection ratio (1 $k\Omega$ unbalance)	> 120 dB at DC, 50 Hz or 60 Hz	
	Normal mode rejection	> 60 dB at 50 Hz or 60 Hz	
	Overload protection	1100 V rms	
AC mV / DC mV	Input impedance (nominal)	> 10 MΩ < 100 pF	
	Common mode rejection ratio (1 $k\Omega$ unbalance)	> 120 dB at DC, 50 Hz or 60 Hz	
	Normal mode rejection	> 60 dB at 50 Hz or 60 Hz	
	Overload protection	1100 V rms	
Resistance / capacitance	Open circuit test voltage	< 2.7 V DC	
	Full scale voltage to 6 M $\!\Omega$ Full scale voltage 50 M $\!\Omega$	< 0.7 V DC < 0.9 V DC	
	Typical short circuit current	< 350 mA	
	Overload protection	1100 V rms	
Continuity / diode test	Open circuit test voltage	< 2.7 V DC	
	Full scale voltage	2.000 V DC	
	Typical short circuit current	< 1.1 mA	



Detailed specifications (continued)

MIN/MAX recording accuracy			
AC functions	40 counts for changes > 900 ms in du	ration	
DC functions	12 counts for changes > 350 ms in dur	12 counts for changes > 350 ms in duration	
Infrared camera			
Infrared camera temperature	Range	-10 °C to 200 °C (14 °F to 392 °F)	
	Measurement resolution	0.1 °C	
	Temperature measurement	Yes, centerpoint	
	Accuracy	± 5 °C or \pm 5 % (as tested at 25 °C, whichever is greater)	
	Emissivity	0.95 fixed	
Image performance	Resolution	80 x 60	
	Image capture frequency	8 Hz	
	Detector type	Uncooled vanadium oxide	
	Thermal sensitivity (NETD)	≤ 200 mK	
	Infrared spectral band	7.5 µm to 14 µm	
	Distance to spot	162:1	
	Field of view	36 °(w) x 27 °(h)	
	Focus mechanism	Fixed focus	
Image presentation	Palette	Ironbow	
	Level and span	Auto	
Image capture and data storage	Image capture	Image available for review before a save	
	Storage medium	Internal memory stores up to 100 images	
	Image transfer	Fluke Connect® / SmartView®	
	File format	is2	
	Display size	8.9 cm (3.5 in) diagonal	
General specifications			
Maximum voltage between any terminal and earth ground	1000 V	1000 V	
Display (LCD)	Update rate	4/sec	
	Volts, amps, ohms	6000 counts	
	Frequency	10000 counts	
	Capacitance	1000 counts	
Battery type	Fluke BP500 lithium ion battery	Fluke BP500 lithium ion battery	
Battery life	10 hours minimum		
RF communications	2.4 GHZ ISM Band		
RF communication range	Open air, unobstructed	Up to 20 m	
	Obstructed, sheetrock wall	Up to 6.5 m	
	Obstructed, concrete wall, or steel electrical enclosure	Up to 3.5 m	
Temperature	Operating	-10 °C to 50 °C (14 °F to 122 °F)	
	Storage	-20 °C to 60 °C (-4 °F to 140 °F)	
Temperature coefficient	0.1 X (specified accuracy) / °C (< 18 °C	0.1 X (specified accuracy) / °C (< 18 °C or > 28 °C)	
Relative humidity	0 % to 90 % (0 °C to 35 °C) 0 % to 75 % (35 °C to 40 °C) 0 % to 45 % (40 °C to 50 °C)		
Altitude	Operating	2000 m	
	Storage	12000 m	



Detailed specifications (continued)

Certifications	CSA, FCC, CE
Size (H x W x L)	5.7 cm x 9.4 cm x 21.6 cm (2.3 in x 3.7 in x 8.5 in)
Weight	0.80 kg (1.75 lb)
Warranty	Three years



Figure 1. Fluke 279 FC with the iFlex Flexible Current Probe



Figure 2. Fluke 279 FC/iFlex TRMS Thermal Multimeter Kit

Ordering information

279 FC TRMS Thermal Multimeter

Includes 279 FC TRMS Thermal Multimeter, TL75 Test Leads, rechargeable lithium ion battery and charger

279 FC/iFlex TRMS Thermal Multimeter

Includes 279 FC TRMS Thermal Multimeter, 18" (45.72 cm) iFlex Flexible Current Probe, TL175 test leads, rechargeable lithium ion battery and charger, soft carrying case, hanging strap

Optional accessories

Fluke i2500-10 Fluke i2500-10 iFlex* Flexible Current Probe Fluke i2500-18 Fluke i2500-18 iFlex* Flexible Current Probe

Fluke BC500 Fluke BC500 AC Power Charger

Fluke BP500 Fluke BP500 Lithium-Ion Battery 3000 mAh battery

Fluke C280 Carrying Case