# **GLOVE CONSTANT AREA & FORCE ELECTRODE** PCF-825B

User Manual





#### **PROSTAT® PCF-825B GLOVE CONSTANT AREA & FORCE ELECTRODE**

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#### Overview

Glove and Finger Cot evaluation and qualification testing is conducted under controlled conditions in accordance with ESD Association Standard Practice ANSI/ESD SP15.1 Standard Practice for In-Use Resistance Testing of Gloves and Finger Cots. While Prostat's PCF-825B CAFÉ Fixture Set is designed for evaluation and qualification testing in accordance with ANSI/ESD SP15.1, it can also be used for Audit measurements in plant, laundry or in various field configurations. All in-use testing should be performed at environmental conditions similar to those in which the gloves will be used.

The PCF-825B CAFÉ Fixture Set includes:

- PCF-825B CAFÉ Fixture
- PWS-611-PGC No Resistor Ground Cord
- PWS-620C Metal Adjustable Band
- PCF-825BLR 36 Inch Red Test Lead

There are several ways to perform resistance measurements with the CAFÉ Fixture Set:

- A. Baseline resistance of operator to verify the system and establish minimum resistance of operator only.
- B. Low voltage system resistance test (less than 1.0x10<sup>6</sup> ohms). Test at >1.5 Volts to less than 10 Volts.
- C. Low voltage system resistance test (Greater than 1.0x10<sup>6</sup> ohms). Test at 10 Volts.
- D. High voltage system resistance test (Greater than 1.0x10<sup>7</sup> ohms). Test at 100 Volts.

The following recommends general procedures for using the PCF-825B fixture in practical Audit applications. For detailed evaluation procedures please refer to ANSI/ESD SP15.1.

#### II. Test Procedure Baseline Resistance of Operator

- A. Equipment
  - 1. Resistance Meter.
  - 2. PWS-620C Wrist Strap with PWS-611-PGC ground cord without the one megohm resistor.
  - 3. PCF-825B CAFÉ Fixture.
- B. Procedure
  - 1. Select the hand that will eventually wear the glove and select the finger or thumb to be tested.
  - 2. Attach the wrist strap to the test hand and make sure the cuff makes good contact. Lotion may be used to assure good connection (Figure 1).
  - 3. Attach the CAFÉ fixture to the PRS-801 or PRS-812 via the banana jack using the PCF-825BLR 36 inch Test Lead. Input the other end of the lead to the meter (Figure 2).



Figure 1: Attach Wrist Strap to test hand



Figure 2: Attach the PCF-825BLR Test Lead

- 4. Attach the wrist strap cord to the meter (Figure 3).
- 5. Balance the CAFÉ fixture electrode on the fingerprint side of the finger or thumb chosen in step 1 above (Figure 4).



Figure 3: Attach Wirst Strap cord to meter



Figure 4: Balance fixture with your finger

- 6. Press the meter test button (Figure 5).
- 7. Record resistance measurement after 15 seconds of electrification.
- 8. Repeat Steps 1 through 7 on each finger selected for testing.
- 9. Clean the electrode with isopropyl alcohol prior to performing additional tests (Figure 6).



Figure 5: Press the Test button



Figure 6: Clean electrode with alcohol

#### III. Test Procedure – Glove or Finger Cots

A. Procedure – Low Voltage System Resistance Test (Less than 1.0 x 10<sup>6</sup> Ohms)

Equipment required:

- Resistance Meter to apply greater than 1.5 volts and less than 10 volts.
- PWS-620C Wrist Strap with PWS-611-PGC ground cord without the one megohm resistor.
- PCF-825B CAFÉ Fixture

#### Steps:

- 1. Attach the wrist strap to the test hand that will wear the glove. Make sure the cuff makes a good connection with the skin.
- 2. Attach the CAFÉ fixture to the meter via the banana jack using the PCF-825BLR Test Lead. Input the other end of the lead to the meter.
- 3. Attach the wrist strap cord to the meter.
- 4. Wear the glove in test and wait a minimum of 15 seconds to begin the electrical testing.
- 5. Balance the CAFÉ fixture electrode on the fingerprint side of the finger or thumb chosen of the hand wearing the glove.
- 6. Press the meter test button.
- 7. Record resistance measurement after 15 seconds of electrification. If the resistance measured in less than 1.0x10<sup>6</sup> ohms, record the measurement. Repeat the test for all other digits.
- 8. If the resistance measured is greater than 1.0x10<sup>6</sup> ohms, proceed to procedure B below. If the resistance measured is greater than 1.0x10<sup>7</sup> ohms, proceed to procedure C below.
- 9. Clean the electrode with isopropyl alcohol prior to performing additional tests.
- B. Procedure Low Voltage System Resistance Test (Greater than 1.0 x 10<sup>6</sup> Ohms)

Equipment required:

- Resistance Meter to apply 10 volts.
- PWS-620C Wrist Strap with PWS-611-PGC ground cord without the one megohm resistor.
- PCF-825B CAFÉ Fixture

Steps:

1. Attach the wrist strap to the test hand that will wear the glove. Make sure the cuff makes a good connection with the skin.

- 2. Attach the CAFÉ fixture to the meter via the banana jack using the PCF-825BLR Test Lead. Input the other end of the lead to the meter.
- 3. Attach the wrist strap cord to the meter.
- 4. Wear the glove in test and wait a minimum of 15 seconds to begin the electrical testing.
- 5. Balance the CAFÉ fixture electrode on the fingerprint side of the finger or thumb chosen of the hand wearing the glove.
- 6. Press the meter test button.
- 7. Record resistance measurement after 15 seconds of electrification. If the resistance measured in less than 1.0x10<sup>7</sup> ohms, record the measurement. Repeat the test for all other digits.
- 8. If the resistance measured is greater than 1.0x10<sup>7</sup> ohms, proceed to procedure C below.
- 9. Clean the electrode with isopropyl alcohol prior to performing additional tests.
- C. Procedure Low Voltage System Resistance Test (Greater than 1.0 x 10<sup>7</sup> Ohms)

Equipment required:

- Resistance Meter to apply 100 volts.
- PWS-620C Wrist Strap with PWS-611-PGC ground cord without the one megohm resistor.
- PCF-825B CAFÉ Fixture

Steps:

- 1. Attach the wrist strap to the test hand that will wear the glove. Make sure the cuff makes a good connection with the skin.
- 2. Attach the CAFÉ fixture to the meter via the banana jack using the PCF-825BLR Test Lead. Input the other end of the lead to the meter.
- 3. Attach the wrist strap cord to the meter.
- 4. Wear the glove in test and wait a minimum of 15 seconds to begin the electrical testing.
- 5. Balance the CAFÉ fixture electrode on the fingerprint side of the finger or thumb chosen of the hand wearing the glove.
- 6. Press the meter test button.
- 7. Record resistance measurement after 15 seconds of electrification. Record the measurement. Repeat the test for all other digits.
- 8. Clean the electrode with isopropyl alcohol prior to performing additional tests.

### PCF-825B Glove Constant Area & Force Electrode Specifications

PCF-825B CAFÉ Fixture			
Size:	3.0 x 6.0 x 1.0 inches		
Electrode Material:	303 Stainless Steel		
Cross Bar Material:	UHMW		
Threaded Rod Material:	Stainless Steel		
Bottom Weight Material:	1018 CRS Plated (Nickel or Zinc)		
Weight:	1 lb		
PWS-620C Metal Adjustable Wrist Strap			
Construction:	Made from jewelry quality stainless steel, tested to MIL STD 202 Method 101.		
Thickness:	3.5mm, average weight 33 grams. Manufactured to 130mm circumference with 5 10mm nylon expansion links.		
Electrical Properties:	<b>Outer band</b> : insulative at 500V per unit mm, coating is polyurethane based polymer Inner band: Conductive - <1.0x10 <sup>4</sup>		
Adjustable:	Easily adjustable to fit all personnel.		
Elasticity:	Expansion ratio 1.5:1		
Snap Size:	4mm post snap for ground cord, tested to MIL STD 202 Method 101		
Color:	Black		
Meets or Exceeds:	DOD-HDBK-263, DOD-STD-1686, EOS/ESD Std. No. 1-1987, EN10015/1		
PWS-611-PGC No Resistor Grounding Cord			
Snap:	4mm female snap		
Coil:	Polished polyurethane coil insulation provides excellent coil memory. A swivel type banana jack with six (6) leaves increases coil life and prevents cord tangles.		
Size/Length:	7-core tinsel wire has a nominal 2.5mm diameter. Length of 6 feet		

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