The HVcompact is a high voltage meter with an auto-ranging oscilloscope display of the voltage waveform. The unit displays $U$, $U/\sqrt{2}$, $U_{\text{rms}}$, frequency, and the crest factor. To improve the readability, one selected measurement is displayed using larger characters. To protect test specimens, the unit offers a pre-settable voltage limit, which trips a relay output. The divider ratio is widely adjustable and is kept with a non-volatile memory.

Mostly, the HVcompact is used in case of modernization or upgrade of high voltage test sets. With conventional analog or digital panel meters, usually, solely the voltage is displayed. The HVcompact adds several helpful functions.

**Oscilloscopic Display**

The input voltage is sampled in high resolution and one cycle is displayed as an oscilloscopic trace. Any distortion of the high voltage due to transformer core saturation or power frequency harmonics, for instance, are clearly identified with this display. The screen is automatically synchronized with the measured voltage and the amplitude deflection is controlled by an auto-range function.

**All voltage information at a glance**

**measurements**

Usually, the instrument connects to capacitive or resistive divider. With larger high voltage transformers, the capacitance of the condenser bushing can be used. Within the menu of the HVcompact the divider ratio can be adjusted. It is kept with a non-volatile memory. The nominal input range of the HVcompact is $100 \text{ V}_{\text{rms}}$. In order to cover correctly even strong harmonics, peak voltages of up to 200 V are accepted and sampled.
Using the sampled voltage, the instrument calculates based on the preset divider ratio the characteristic quantities of the high voltage signal. With the upper two lines of the display the peak voltage $U$, the peak voltage divided by the square root of two $U/\sqrt{2}$, and the effective voltage $U_{\text{rms}}$ is shown. Additionally, the crest factor is calculated and displayed. With the bottom line of the display, the frequency of the captured voltage signal is shown. This bottom line further shows the scaling of the Y-axis grid of the oscilloscopic display. One selected value is displayed using larger characters for improved readability.

**Safety Features**

A voltage limit can be set with the instrument in order to avoid that a test specimen is stressed above its allowable voltage. In case the voltage then exceeds this limit, a relay is tripped. This relay can be used to block the 'UP' button of the control circuit or to disconnect the main circuit breaker. Additionally, the instrument detects incipient breakdown or flashover. Therefore, a maximum permissible voltage change per second (dU/dt) can be set. Each individual cycle of the high voltage signal is analyzed. Especially with long-term voltage endurance tests, this feature can minimize the thermal destruction of the breakdown channel and, thus, improves the analysis of the defect.

**Optional REC OUT**

The HVcompact is available with an optional recorder output. In case, a connector carries a re-converted analog (DC) signal of 0-10 V, which corresponds to the high voltage signal. This signal can be fed to a paper recorder, for instance. A screw terminal carries the optional relay output signals for voltage limit and breakdown detection.

**Calibration**

By end of 2003, Power Diagnostix received the accreditation as calibration laboratory within the German Calibration Service (Deutscher Kalibrierdienst, DKD). The audit was held by 'Physikalisch Technische Bundesanstalt' PTB, the German authority of standards. In 2006, Power Diagnostix extended the accreditation by AC high-voltages up to 100 kV. On order the HVcompact can be calibrated on site together with its divider impedance.

In January 2012, Power Diagnostix passed over to the newly introduced German accreditation authority DAkkS (DAkkS = Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle). Power Diagnostix’ accreditation is filed under D-K-15068-01-00.

Giving an instant display of all relevant parameters of a high voltage signal including an oscilloscope trace makes the HVcompact an ideal upgrade for high voltage test rooms. Additionally, the HVcompact detects incipient breakdown and keeps a record of the voltage history.