Introduction
This document supplies safety information for the 8508A Reference Multimeter (the Product).

How to Contact Fluke Calibration
To contact Fluke Calibration, call one of the following telephone numbers:

- Technical Support USA: 1-877-355-3225
- Calibration/Repair USA: 1-877-355-3225
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- Anywhere in the world: +1-425-446-6110

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To register your product, visit http://flukecal.com/register-product.

Safety Specifications

Voltage
- 115 V Setting ..................... 100 V to 120 V rms designed for additional voltage fluctuations ±10 %.
- 230 V Setting ..................... 200 V to 240 V rms designed for additional voltage fluctuations ±10 %.
- Frequency ......................... 50 Hz to 60 Hz designed for additional frequency variation of ±3 Hz.

Power Cord......................... NEMA 5-15 plug, IEC 60320-C13 receptacle, cable 3 core 18AWG to SVT

Measurement....................... 1000 V max to earth 1420 Vpk transient

Temperature
- Operating.......................... 0 °C to 50 °C
- Specified Operation ............ 5 °C to 40 °C
- Calibration (TCal) ............... 20 °C to 25 °C
- Factory Cal Temp ................. 23 °C
- Storage ............................ -20 °C to 70 °C
- Warm Up .......................... 4 hours to full uncertainty specification.

Relative Humidity (non-condensing)
- Operating .......................... 5 °C to 40 °C < 90 %
- Storage ........................... 0 °C to 70 °C < 95 %

Altitude
- Operating ......................... < 2000 meters
- Storage ......................... < 12000 meters
Safety Information

A **Warning** identifies conditions and procedures that are dangerous to the user.

⚠️⚠️ **Warning**

To prevent possible electrical shock, fire, or personal injury:
- Read all safety information before you use the Product.
- Carefully read all instructions.
- Use the Product only as specified, or the protection supplied by the Product can be compromised.
- Use extreme caution when the Product is in use. The Product can supply a lethal electric shock.
- Do not use the Product if it operates incorrectly.
- Examine the Product before use. Do not use the Product if it shows signs of damage. Carefully examine the insulation around the connectors.
- Do not use the Product around explosive gas, vapor, or in damp or wet environments.
- Do not use and disable the Product if it is damaged.
- Do not apply more than the rated voltage, between the terminals or between each terminal and earth ground.
- Do not touch voltages >30 V ac rms, 42 V ac peak, or 60 V dc.
- Measure a known voltage first to make sure that the Product operates correctly.
- Do not use test leads if they are damaged. Examine the test leads for damaged insulation, exposed metal, or if the wear indicator shows. Check test lead continuity.
- Use conductors of adequate gauge to make current measurements. High current can cause excessive heating of underrated conductors and can cause a fire.
- Use this Product indoors only.
- Use only the mains power cord and connector approved for the voltage and plug configuration in your country and rated for the Product.

Table 1 shows the symbols used in the manuals and on the Product.

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<th>Symbol</th>
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<td>⚠️</td>
<td>Hazardous voltage. Voltage &gt;30 V dc or ac peak might be present.</td>
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<td>AC (Alternating Current).</td>
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<td>☐</td>
<td>Power ON / OFF</td>
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<td>✎</td>
<td>Functional Earth ground.</td>
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<td>✎</td>
<td>This product complies with the WEEE Directive (2002/96/EC) marking requirements. The affixed label indicates that you must not discard this electrical/electronic product in domestic household waste. Product Category: With reference to the equipment types in the WEEE Directive Annex I, this product is classed as category 9 “Monitoring and Control Instrumentation” product. Do not dispose of this product as unsorted municipal waste. Go to Fluke’s website for recycling information.</td>
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<td>🗑️</td>
<td>Recycle.</td>
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<td>Product conforms with the requirements of the applicable EC directives.</td>
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<td>Intertek ETL listed mark for CSA C22.2 61010-1, and UL 61010-1.</td>
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• Make sure the ground conductor in the mains power cord is connected to a protective earth ground. Disruption of the protective earth could put voltage on the chassis that could cause death.
• Replace the mains power cord if the insulation is damaged or if the insulation shows signs of wear.
• If the mains power cord is to be the accessible disconnect device, the mains power cord must not be longer than 3 meters (118.1 inches).
• Remove all probes, test leads, and accessories that are not necessary for the measurement.
• Do not remove the cover until the test leads are removed.
• Turn the Product off and remove the mains power cord. Stop for two minutes to let the power assemblies discharge before you open the fuse door.
• Do not operate the Product with covers removed or the case open. Hazardous voltage exposure is possible.
• Disconnect the mains power cord before you remove the Product covers.
• Remove the input signals before you clean the Product.
• Use only specified replacement parts.
• Use only specified replacement fuses.
• The mains power service must be a protected branch circuit, and if the mains power cord is internally fused, a 10 A fuse must be fitted in the mains power cord plug.
• Have an approved technician repair the Product.
• When the cover is removed, voltages more than 1.5 KV can be present.
• Properly terminate the sense leads to prevent exposure to hazardous voltages on the sense terminals. The voltage sense terminals are at output voltage when the two-wire function is set.
• Never touch a lead or terminal on the Product when a dangerous voltage is present.
• Do not use low voltage spade-terminated leads to connect to a hazardous voltage (>32 V ac rms or >42 V pk). A general purpose probe kit is supplied with the Product for safe measurement at higher voltages.
• Do not touch exposed metal on banana plugs, they can have voltages that could cause death.
• Do not use test leads if they are damaged. Examine the test leads for damaged insulation and measure a known voltage.
• Use the correct terminals, function, and range for measurements.
• Keep fingers behind the finger guards on the probes.
• Connect the common test lead before the live test lead and remove the live test lead before the common test lead.
• Remove signal connections before the protective ground connection is removed. For example, the mains power cord must be connected when the signal leads are connected.
• Do not connect or disconnect signal leads while they are connected to a hazardous voltage or current source.
• Disconnect power and discharge all high-voltage capacitors before you measure resistance, continuity, capacitance, or a diode junction.
• Before the Product is connected to a circuit to make a current measurement, check the fuses on the Product and turn off the power to the circuit.
• Limit operation to the specified measurement category, voltage, or amperage ratings.
• Do not connect measurement probes directly to mains.
• Complete safety tests after a part replacement to make sure the Product is safe.
• Do not connect an external capacitance greater than 50 nF to the Product terminals.
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This Fluke product will be free from defects in material and
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