

FEATURES

- Built-in CTs provide true-rms values of complex waveforms
- Perfect for measuring AC current in IT applications
- Five ranges measure: 0-0.2A, 0-2A, 0-20A, 0-30A and 0-50A
- 50A models features a split-core CT for easy installation
- Self-powered from 85-140Vac or 170-264Vac
- Large, easy-to-read, red LED display with 0.37" digits
- Reliable single-board construction
- Digital replacement for analog meters
- UL and CSA recognized components

DATEL's new ACA-20RM Series are the world's first digital ac-ammeters to incorporate a built-in current transformer (CT) to directly measure the true-rms value of complex, non-sinusoidal ac currents from 2 to 50A – no bulky and expensive 5A “donut” CTs are required! Operation and setup is straightforward: simply pass the load-carrying wire through the on-board CT, apply power, and the ammeter is fully operational.

Five input ranges measure 0-0.2 amps (0.1mA resolution), 0-2 amps (0.001A resolution), 0-20 amps (0.01A resolution), 0-30 amps (0.1A resolution) or 0-50 amps (0.1A resolution). The 50A model features an oversized split-core current transformer that easily accommodates wires sizes up to 4 AWG (21.2mm²). Two power supply options are available: 85-140V (47-63Hz), and 170-264V (47-63Hz).

All models are totally self-contained; no external components are required. Power consumption from a nominal 120V or 220V ac supply is less than 50mA. And, precision auto-zeroing circuitry, super-stable components, and an rms-to-dc converter circuit combine to achieve excellent performance when measuring the complex, non-sinusoidal, ac currents found in today's computer/telecom equipment.

ACA-20RM Series ammeters feature full-size, 0.37" (9.4mm) high, 3½ digit, bright red LED-displays and a built-in bezel/filter assembly that features metal fasteners. They are panel-cutout compatible with DATEL's DMS-20 Series of ac voltage and frequency monitors, making ACA-20RM ammeters perfect replacements for older, less reliable, analog panel meters in today's sophisticated IT instrumentation.

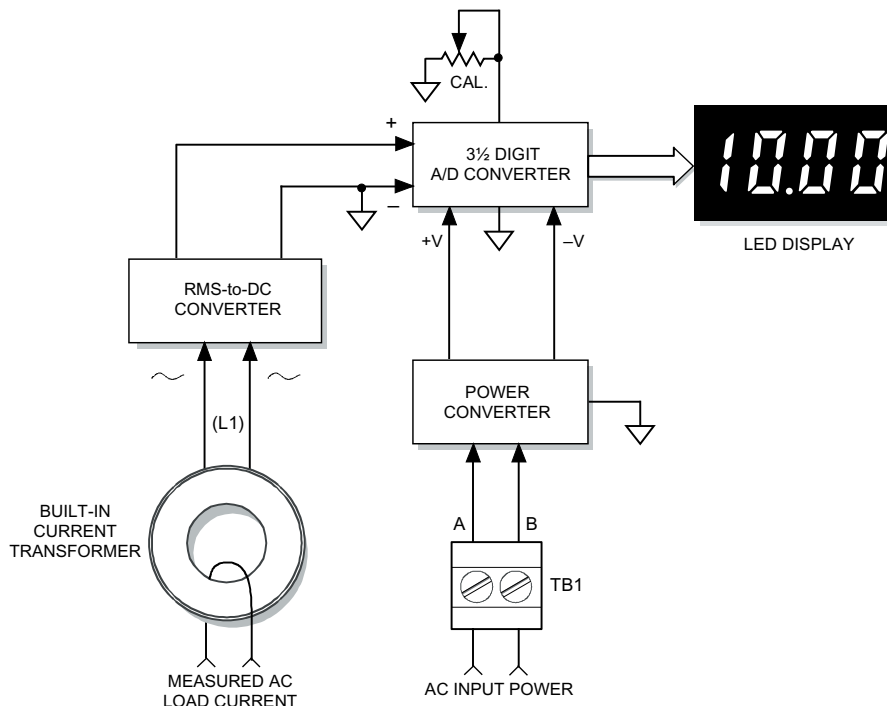


Figure 1. ACA-20RM Series Simplified Schematic

Performance/Functional Specifications

Typical at T_A = +25°C, unless otherwise noted.

Rated Full-Scale Current ①	MIN	TYP	MAX	UNIT
ACA-20RM-0-ACX-RL	-	-	199.9	mAmperes
ACA-20RM-1-ACX-RL	-	-	1.999	Amperes
ACA-20RM-2-ACX-RL	-	-	19.99	Amperes
ACA-20RM-4-ACX-RL	-	-	50.0	Amperes
ACA-20RM-5-ACX-RL	-	-	30.0	Amperes
Overcurrent Rating ②	1.5 x Rated full-scale current			

Performance

Sampling Rate	2.5 samples per second			
Accuracy ③	±0.4%FS ±3 counts with 60Hz sine wave input			
Measurement Type	rms responding, Crest Factors of 1-5			
Temperature Drift (0 to 60°C)	±0.2	±0.4	Counts/°C	
Zero-Current Reading (within 30 sec.)	-001	000	001	Counts
Dielectric Withstanding Voltage	2000	-	-	Vdc

Power Supply Voltage

ACA-20RM-X-AC3-RL	85	120	140	Vac/47-63Hz
ACA-20RM-X-AC4-RL	170	220	264	Vac/47-63Hz

Power Supply Current ④

ACA-20RM-X-AC3-XX	-	30	50	mA/47-63Hz
ACA-20RM-X-AC4-XX	-	30	50	mA/47-63Hz

Power Supply Terminal Block

Wire Size	16-22AWG, Solid or stranded			
Insulation Strip Length	0.250 inches			
Screw Tightening Torque	3.6 pound-inches (0.4Nm)			
Rated Voltage	310Vac			

Display

Display Type and Size	3½ Digit LED, 0.37"/9.4mm high			
Overrange Indication	"1 ___"			
Decimal Point	Fixed, model dependent (see full-scale input current)			

Physical/Environmental

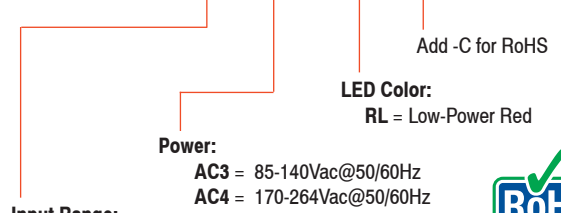
Operating Temperature	0	-	+60	°C
Storage Temperature	-40	-	+75	°C
Humidity (non-condensing)	0	-	95	%
Dimensions	model dependent, see sheets 3 and 4			
Weight:				
ACA-20RM-0,1,2-XXX-XX	1.1 Ounces (31 grams) nominal			
ACA-20RM-4-XXX-XX	2.1 Ounces (60 grams) nominal			
ACA-20RM-5-XXX-XX	1.5 Ounces (43 grams) nominal			

Footnotes

- ① Specified full-scale currents are those passing through the ammeter's built-in current transformer's primary load-circuit. See Notes 2 and 3 below for additional model-specific information.
- ② The overcurrent rating of 1.5 x the rated full-scale current is a continuous rating and applies to the current passing through the built in current transformer only, it does not apply to any external circuit-wiring or external loads. Accuracy is guaranteed up to the rated current level.
- ③ Specified accuracy applies to inputs with crest factors (CF) up to 2.0, where CF = V_{peak}/V_{rms}. Crest factors of 2 to 5 introduce an additional error of ±3% of full scale. Ammeters are calibrated with a near full-scale 60Hz sine-wave current flowing through the ammeter's built-in CT.
- ④ All specified maximum power supply currents are steady state; larger surge currents can occur at initial application of line power.

Ordering Information

ACA-20RM- 1 - AC3 - R L - C



- Input Range:**
- 0 = 199.9mA
 - 1 = 1.999A
 - 2 = 19.99A
 - 4 = 50.0A (with split-core flying-lead CT)
 - 5 = 30.0A (with flying-lead CT)

- Accessories:**
- DMS-20-CP Panel Cutout Punch



TECHNICAL NOTES

IMPORTANT! To ensure safe and reliable operation, ACA-20RM ammeters must be installed and serviced by qualified technical personnel after reading this data sheet in its entirety. Contact DATEL if there is any doubt regarding their installation or operation.

1. **Measurement Type:** ACA-20RM ac ammeters employ true-rms input circuitry to measure the stepped-down output of their on-board current transformers (CT). Stated accuracy is measured using a sine-wave input at, or close to, the specified full scale input, at a nominal line frequency of 60HZ.
2. **Calibration:** Periodic recalibration of ACA-20RM ammeters is not required under normal indoor environments. If user calibration is deemed necessary, it must be performed by qualified technical personnel since potentially lethal voltages and currents are applied to the ACA-20RM during the calibration process.

Calibration is performed with approximately 95% of the specified full-scale current flowing through the ammeter's built-in CT. A fully insulated, non-metallic adjusting tool must be used to adjust the calibration potentiometer, located on the back of the ammeter (see Mechanical Specifications section).

The calibration potentiometer has approximately ¾ of a turn of rotation; do not force its adjustment screw past the end stops. Contact DATEL if additional information is required regarding calibration, setup, or any other technical issue pertaining to ACA-20RM ac ammeters.

3. **Wire Gauges and Fusing:** Use only the wires specified under the Functional Specifications Section when making connections to ACA-20RM Series ammeters. All power supply and load wiring must be

adequately rated for the supply voltages and currents they will carry, and they must comply with all code- or application-mandated requirements pertaining to the user's installation.

The supply wires connected to ACA-20RM ammeters must be fused in accordance with applicable regulatory codes. Also, wire insulation should be stripped to within +/-10% of the stated dimensions; wires should be inserted into TB1 such that the screw terminal does not pinch their insulation. TB1 can only be used for supplying power to the meter's internal circuitry; it must not be used to supply current to external loads.

AC-powered models draw minimal steady-state supply currents (less than 0.050A) and they can be fused according to the supply wire's maximum amperage rating. However, these models can draw higher surge currents for brief periods (in the microsecond range) when power is initially applied.

4. AC Supply Polarity and Grounding: The two supply inputs, TB1 'A' and 'B', on ACA-20RM ammeters are not polarity sensitive, that is, they have no 'AC LO' or 'AC HI' designations. Also, ac-powered ACA-20RM ammeters do not include or require a connection to earth/chassis ground.

5. Connector Torque Ratings: Be sure to tighten TB1's screw-terminals to 3.6 pound-inches (0.4Nm). Proper tightening will ensure reliable long-term operation.

6. Isolation: The on-board CT (L1) provides a minimum of 2000Vdc isolation between the current-carrying load conductor passing through its opening and the ammeter's power source that's connected to TB1. Of course, this isolation rating applies only to applications where the load wire does not connect directly or indirectly to TB1-A or TB1-B (i.e., where two different ac supplies are involved).

7. Split-Core CT (Clamp-on) Models: 50A models feature a split-core current transformer that can be clamped around a current-carrying load conductor without having to disconnect or remove power from the load's power source. This live-connection capability can only be used if the load's power source is isolated (see technical note 6) from the ammeter's own power source that's connected to TB1. The ammeter's ac power supply must always be deenergized before making connections to TB1. Refer to the 'Panel Installation' section of this data sheet for additional information.

WIRING DIAGRAMS

First pass and carefully dress one external load wire through L1, then connect the AC supply and load wires to TB1 as shown. Ensure all wires are stripped and properly tightened.

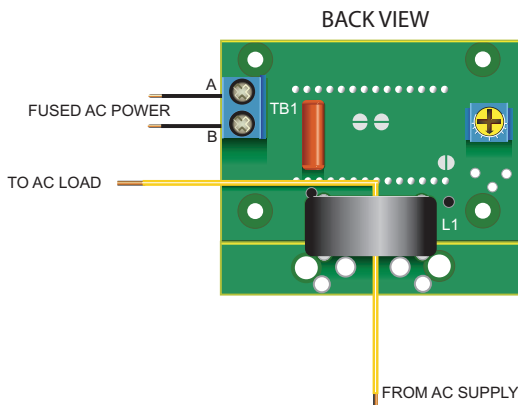


Figure 2. Connections for pc-board mounted CT's

For accurate operation, make only one pass with load wire through the on-board CT (only one primary turn). For split-core CT models, make sure to fully engage the CT's Locking mechanism

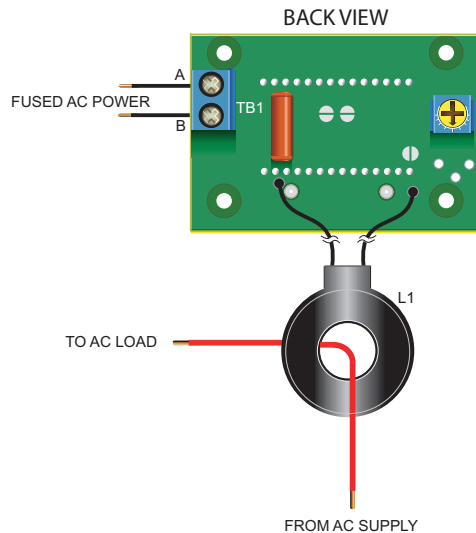


Figure 3. Connection for flying lead CT's

PANEL INSTALLATIONS

All connections to ACA-20RM Series ammeters must be made after the ammeter is securely attached to its panel and with all associated load and supply voltages de-energized (off). However, using extreme caution and observing all safety measures applicable to the user's installation, 50A split-core CT models can be connected to energized current-carrying load conductors, but connections to TB1 must always be made with the ammeter's power source off.

Care should be exercised when passing the load-carrying conductor through the meter's built-in CT--particularly when larger conductors are used. The installed wire-positions should be such that minimal mechanical forces are applied to the built-in CT, TB1, or to the ammeter itself. In high-vibration environments, it is strongly recommended that adequate strain reliefs be used for all load and supply wiring.

Using Figure 4 as a guide, carefully insert the bezel/color filter assembly into the panel opening. From the rear of the panel, install the four round plastic standoffs over the bezel's threaded studs. Install the pc-board assembly then attach and securely tighten all four hex nuts. Use only the factory-supplied hardware as the use of substitute hardware could result in an unsafe installation and/or adversely affect the reliability of the ammeter itself.

The recommended range of panel thickness that can be used with the supplied hardware is 0.040 inches (1.0mm) to 0.125 inches (3.2mm). Panel thickness outside of this range will require additional user-supplied hardware and/or modifications.

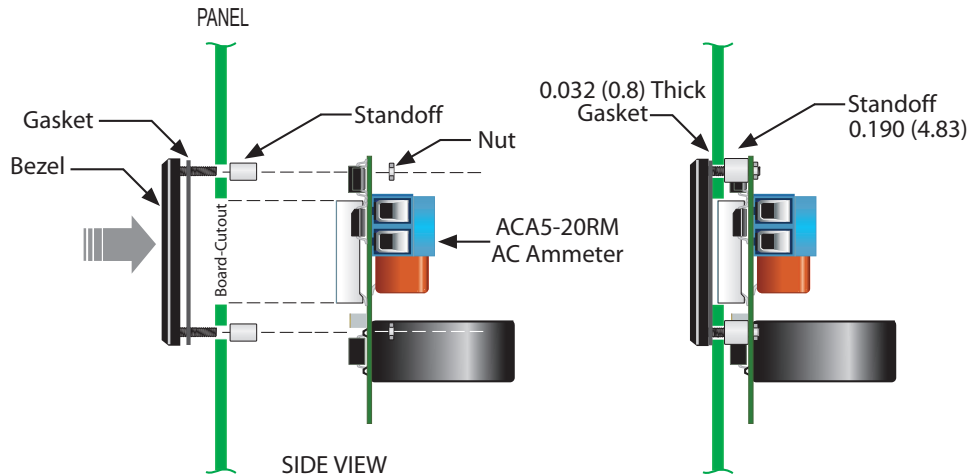
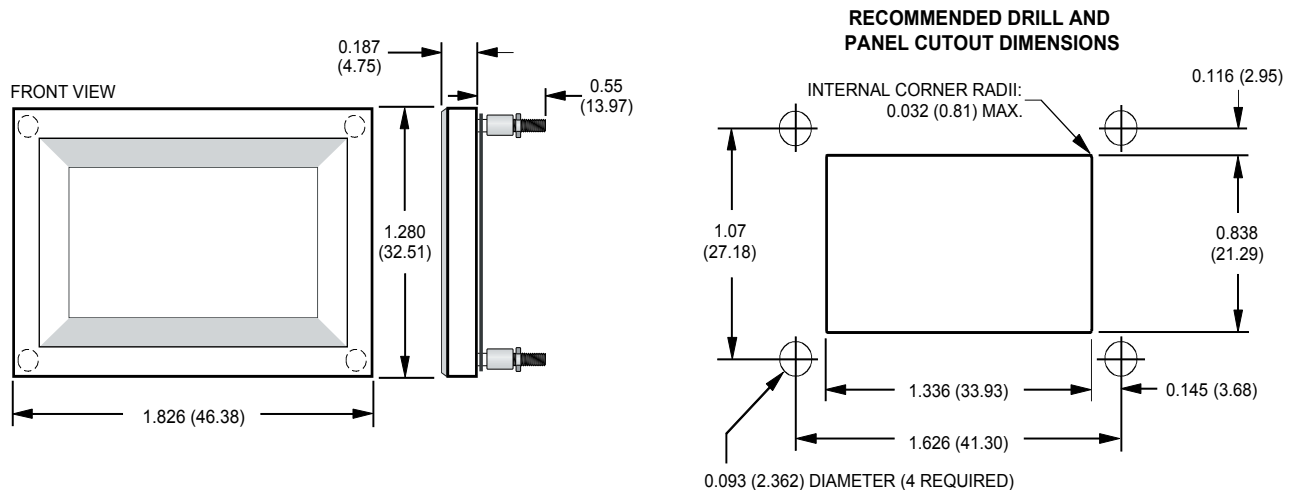


Figure 4. Panel Installation

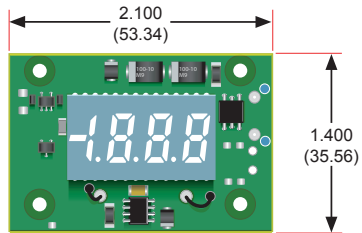
BEZEL AND PANEL CUTOUT



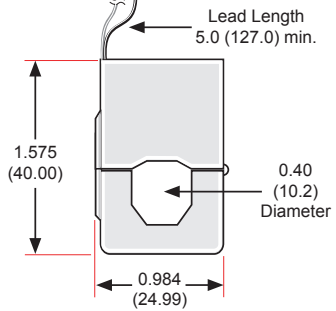
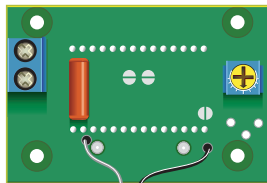
MECHANICAL SPECIFICATIONS

MECHANICAL DIMENSIONS: Inches (mm)
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 3 PL DEC ±0.010 (±0.254)

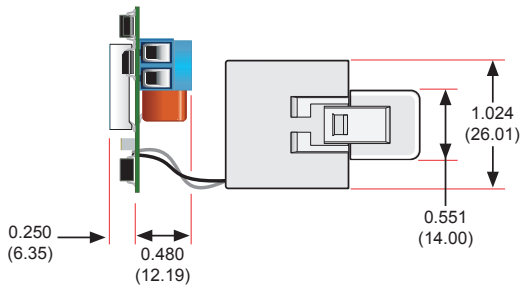
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FRONT VIEW



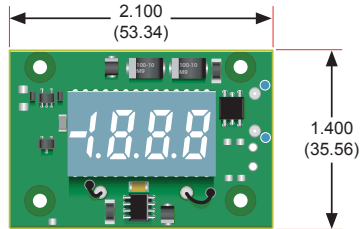
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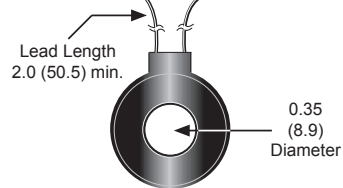
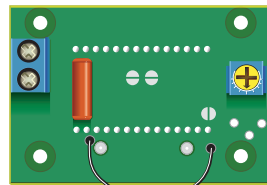
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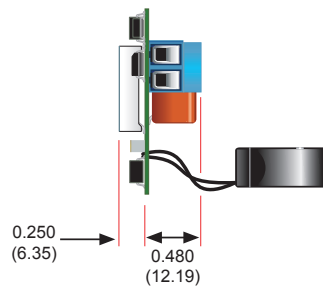
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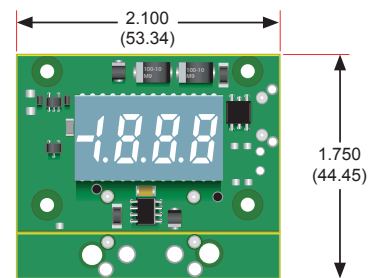
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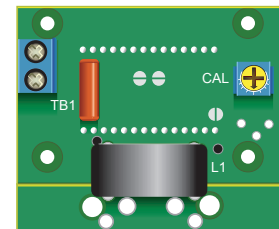
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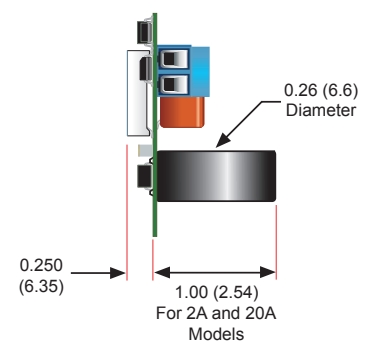
PC-BOARD MOUNTED CT MODELS
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