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1 Introduction

1.1 Product description

This manual explains how to use TORKEL 900-series of battery load units, and it also covers the optional TXL (extra load units) and the BVM (Battery Voltage Monitor) system.

The instrument is designed mainly for capacity tests. The unit can be programmed to test a battery bank at constant current, constant power, constant resistance or using a user-defined load profile. TORKEL can also be used for testing battery chargers and other electrical equipment that require resistive load testing.

The BVM (Battery Voltage Monitor) is a battery voltage measurement device that is used for monitoring of cell voltages and battery blocks in battery banks commonly found in electrical power sub-stations, telecom facilities and computer data center UPS systems.

1.2 Features and benefits

Model overview

TORKEL	910	930	950
<i>Current (max)</i>	110 A	220 A	220 A
<i>Voltage (max)</i>	300 V	300 V	500 V
<i>BVM functionality</i>	No	Yes	Yes
<i>Charging measurement</i>	No	Yes	Yes
<i>Full report functionality</i>	No	Yes	Yes

1.3 Receiving instructions

- Check the equipment received against the packing list to ensure that all materials are present. Notify Megger of any shortage.
- Examine the instrument for damage received in transit. If damage is discovered, file a claim with the carrier at once and notify Megger, giving a detailed description of the damage.
- This instrument has been thoroughly tested and inspected to meet rigid specifications before being shipped. It is ready for use when set up as indicated in this user manual.

1.4 Warranty

Products supplied by Megger are warranted against defects in material and workmanship for a period of one year following shipment.

Our liability is specifically limited to replacing or repairing, at our option, defective equipment.

This warranty does not include batteries, lamps or other expendable items, where the original manufacturer's warranty shall apply.

We make no other warranty. The warranty is void in the event of negligence abuse (failure to follow recommended operating procedures) or failure by the customer to perform specific maintenance as indicated in this manual.

Warranty repair

Equipment returned to the factory for repair must be shipped prepaid and insured.

Contact your Megger representative for instructions and a return authorization (RA) number.

Please indicate all pertinent information, including problem symptoms.

Also specify the serial number and the catalog number of the unit.

2 Safety

2.1 Symbols on the instrument



Caution, refer to accompanying documents.



Caution, risk of electric shock.



Hot, do not cover



Protective conductor terminal.



WEEE, Waste Electronic Equipment. Please utilize your local WEEE collection facilities in the disposition of this product and otherwise observe all applicable requirements.

The unit can also be returned to Megger at any time at no charge for the disposal.

Information duty regarding substances on REACH article 33, SVHC-list

This product contains a coin cell battery which contains 1,2- dimethoxyethane (CAS 110-71-4) above 0.1% by weight.

2.2 Safety instructions

- All safety and operating instructions must be read before using TOR KEL.
- All safety and operating instructions for TOR KEL must be followed.
- All safety and operating instructions must be retained for future reference.



WARNING

1. The electrical voltage and current used in battery testing is potentially lethal. Ensure that the AC supply is disconnected and any battery under test is disconnected before attempting any cleaning or maintenance of TOR KEL.
2. Connection and disconnection procedures are extremely important. Be sure to follow the instructions carefully.
3. Do not touch conducting parts of the clamps on the current cables or the voltage sensing cables when they are connected to TOR KEL.
4. Never connect a TOR KEL to a voltage higher than specified.
5. Always connect protective earth (ground).
6. Misuse of TOR KEL can be extremely dangerous.
7. Inspect cable connections to make sure there is no short circuit.
8. Use an easily accessible power outlet. This will ensure that you can disconnect the power quickly in case of a problem.
9. When a lead acid battery is charged or discharged i.e. when there is a current flow through the battery it is always a risk that the battery can explode. If there is a bad connection inside the battery and there is a current flow - the connection will burn off and there will be an arc, which will ignite the oxyhydrogen gas in the battery. For new open (vented) batteries the risk is medium to low but in old VRLA (sealed) batteries the risk is medium to high.

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| <p>10. To minimize the risk for personnel injuries: Always place TORKEL/TXL as far away from the battery as possible. Never stand close to a battery during charge/discharge.</p> | <p>3. If TORKEL has been stored below freezing for an extended period of time, you must allow 3 hours for it to adapt to room temperature.</p> |
| <p>11. Too high discharge current applied on a battery can cause the battery to explode or get overheated. Be sure to not set too high current.</p> | <p>4. At high ambient temperatures and high loads, TORKEL will employ a heat reduction discharge scheme that under certain circumstances might induce a high frequency audible noise. This is normal, but can be taken as an indication that TORKEL is working close to its temperature limits.</p> |
| <p>12. If the external current measurement is interrupted or giving false values during the test, the current will rise to a higher level than the set value before the test is shut down. If the battery is too small for this current or in a bad condition - it may explode.</p> | |
| <p>13. Never use the TORKEL/TXL Extra Load in an explosive environment. Never put the TORKEL/TXL Extra Load where it can be reached by battery gas.</p> | |
| <p>14. Improperly connected cables carrying high current can cause fire. Make sure that the cables are not twisted in such a way that could cause them to turn and come loose from the connector.</p> | |
| <p>15. Make sure that there is no dust or dirt in or around the cooling fans before starting a discharge test. After starting a discharge test, check that the fans are running properly and that the airflow is good. Make sure no hair or clothing is sucked into the fans.</p> | |
| <p>16. Position TORKEL/TXL Extra Load where air flow is unobstructed and where it does not come into contact with any flammable or heat-sensitive material. Keep a free distance of 1.5 m (5 ft) to the vertical sides of TORKEL/TXL and 2.0 m (6.5 ft) above TORKEL/TXL.</p> | |
| <p>17. Do not place TORKEL a) near another TORKEL, a TXL Extra Load or any other heat source or b) where the cooling airflow can be blocked. TORKEL will overheat if there is insufficient cooling.</p> | |
| <p>18. External current shunt may not be used above 300 V DC</p> | |
| <p>19. Do not use any other equipment other than what is provided or specified.</p> | |

Protection system

The unit has built-in protection system against overheating and malfunctioning cooling fans. A built-in circuit breaker is an important component in the safety system. If the temperature will be too high and/or the cooling fans malfunction, the circuit breaker will trip. There is also a melting fuse connected in series with the circuit breaker.

Always follow the safety instructions in section 2.2.



Important

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|----|--|
| 1. | When using the external current measurement function: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Always replace the CT internal battery before a test or use the 9 V DC out from TORKEL. ■ Set the correct current ratio in the external current measurement menu. |
| 2. | Do not use liquid detergents or aero-sols when cleaning TORKEL or TXL units. Use a damp cloth. |

3 Instrument description and Accessories

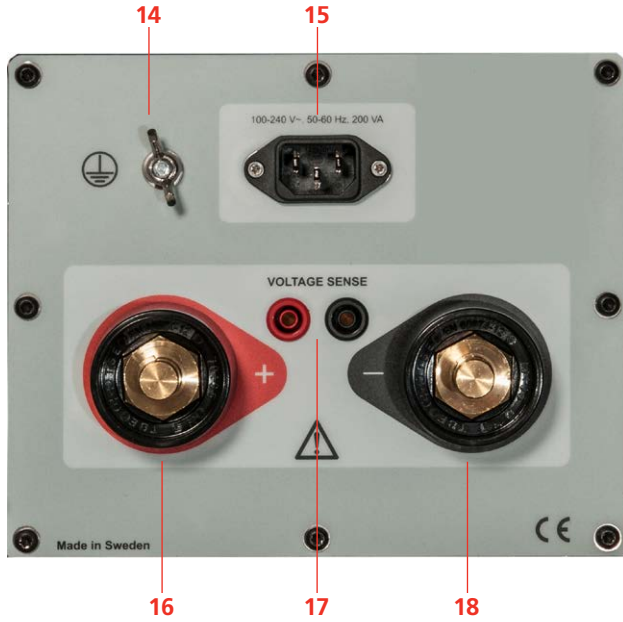
3.1 Top panel




- 1. TXL STOP**
Output used for stop discharging from an external device (TXL). Galvanically isolated.
- 2. SERVICE**
Connector for service purposes only.
- 3. ALARM**
Output equipped with a relay contact for triggering an external alarm device.
- 4. DC OUT**
9 V output for external current clamp.
- 5. IEXT ≤ 1V**
Input used to measure current in an external path by means of a DC clamp-on current probe or a current shunt.
- 6. Display**
Touch screen 7"
- 7. BVM1, BVM2**
USB connections for BVM units.
- 8. USB connection**
For USB memory stick.
The USB memory stick must be FAT32 formatted.
- 9. Ethernet connection**
For service of the instrument.

- 10. EMERGENCY STOP**
Push to stop.
The connection to the test object (battery bank) is interrupted in the same way as if mains would fail. In addition, a separate signal will stop the electronics and the discharge process stops.
The emergency stop works even if the electronics fail.
Reset the button by turning it right
- 11. Control knob**
For entering settings etc. Press to confirm a setting.
- 12. Buzzer**
For alarms.
- 13. ON/OFF switch**

3.2 Side panel



- 14.  Protective conductor terminal
- 15. **MAINS**
Connector for mains supply.
- 16. **+**
Connection terminal (+) for the battery (or other DC source)
- 17. **VOLTAGE SENSE**
Input for sensing voltage at the battery terminals. Impedance to the battery current terminals is >1 MΩ
- 18. **-**
Connection terminal (-) for the battery (or other DC source).

3.3 Included accessories

TORTEL 910

Cable set

Cable set, 2 x 3 m, 25 mm² (10 ft), for connecting TORTEL to the battery.



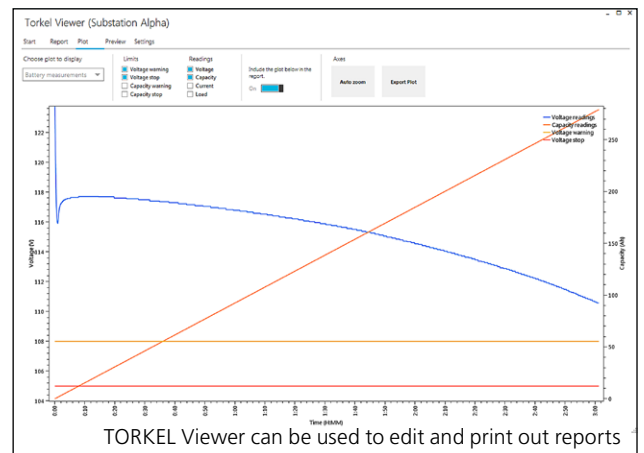
TORTEL 930/950

Cable set

Cable set, 2 x 3 m, 70 mm² (10 ft), for connecting TORTEL to the battery.



TORTEL Viewer



3.4 Optional accessories

TXL extra loads

See chapter "9 Optional equipment" on page 38

BVM - Battery Voltage Monitoring

Enables automatic battery cell voltage logging during capacity tests. Up to 2x120 units can be used (Daisy-chain).

For complete information see the BVM data sheet.



Sensing leads

For measuring voltage at battery terminals. 2 x 5 m (16.4 ft).



Sensing lead set (GA-00210)

Clamp-on-probe

Clamp-on probe, 1000 A DC.

To measure current in external circuit.



Clamp-on-probe (XA-12991)

Extension cables

Extension for GA-00550, 2x3 m, 25 mm², male/female.



Extension cable set (GA-00552)

Extension for GA-09550, 2x3 m, 70 mm², male/female.



Extension cable set, high rating (GA-09552)

4 Menu system

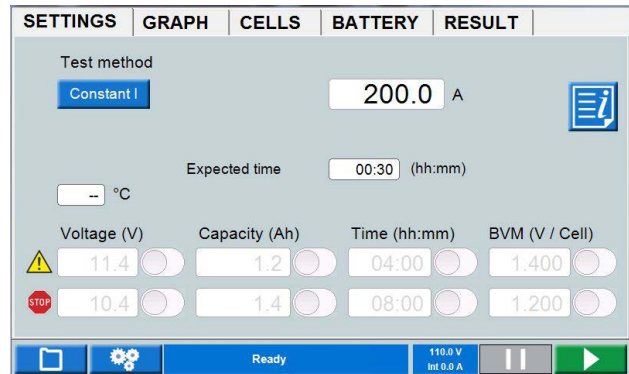
4.1 Main menu

Screen buttons

	Confirm
	Exit without changes
	Run
	Pause the test to make any corrections/changes in the settings*)
	Stop
	Temperature compensation Shown when compensation is enabled
	Quick guide
	Open test file library
	New test
	Test configuration
	Information bar Shows messages and is used for acknowledge alarms
	Information field Shows voltage and current

*) The pause time has limitations regulated by international standards. If the pause time is too long the battery may have to be recharged before a new test is done.

TEST menu



Test method

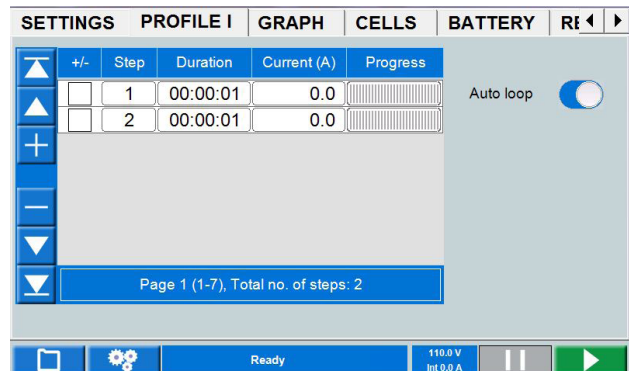
A test can be made in six test methods, "Constant I" is default.


1] Press the button and select test method.

- Constant I (current)
- Constant P (power)
- Constant R (resistance)
- Profile I (current profile)
- Profile P (power profile)
- V Logger (Current with monitoring during charge)

A] For **Constant I, P or R** you press the numeric field and make the settings for the parameter using the On-screen keyboard or the control knob.

For **Profile I or Profile P** a new tab will be shown on top of the screen together with a window for the settings.



Here you configure your profile and press  to start the test or press **TEST SETTI** to return to the test menu.

For **V Logger** the voltage will be logged during charge. You can set time values for warning and stop.

Warning and stop limit parameters

You can set TORQUEL to issue a warning and/or to stop:

- When the voltage has reached a certain level.
- When a certain amount of capacity is discharged.
- After a specified time.
- When a cell voltage has reached a certain level (if BVM is used, see section "9.2 BVM - Battery Voltage Monitor" on page 40).

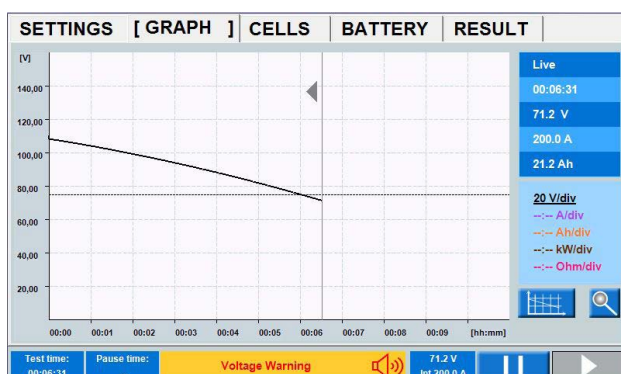
The warning and stop limits can be set and changed during a test.

The settings for the warning and stop levels are independent of each other.

See also chapter "7 Alarm function"

Warning limit

When a "Warning" limit is reached, the "information bar" turns yellow and the warning cause is displayed. The alarm buzzer sounds as well.

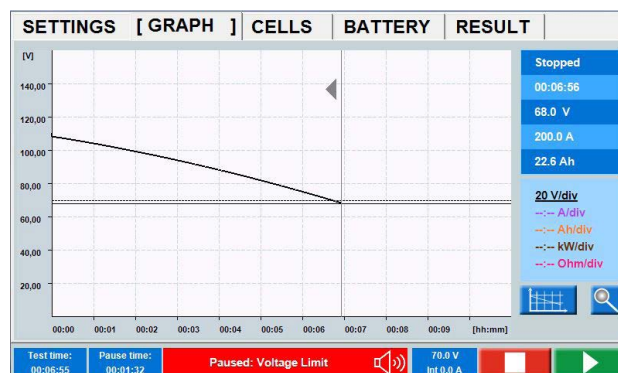



The warning is confirmed by pressing the "information bar" and the alarm buzzer stops to sound.

Note *The test will continue.*

Stop limit

When a "Stop" criteria is reached, the "information bar" turns red and the cause of stop is displayed.



Note *This means that the discharge is stopped and you can change parameters and continue the test or press  to close the test.*

When BVM stop limit is set and a BVM gets loose during test, the test stops.

Procedure for ignoring erroneous cells and, for example, connections that give misleading voltage drops is described under "CELLS (optional BVM)" on page 19

Setting the limit parameters

- 1] Press the numeric field and make the settings for the limit parameter using the On-screen keyboard or using the control knob (press to confirm).
- 2] Enable the limit by touching the checkbox.
- 3] Go on with the desired parameters.

Test configuration

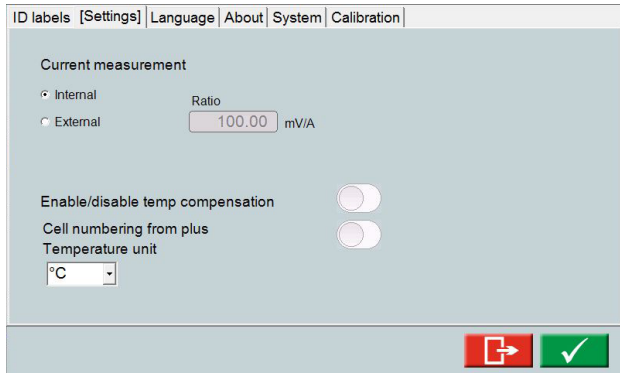
- 1] Press 

ID Labels

ID labels	Settings	Language	About	System	Calibration
ID Field1 :	<input type="text" value="Owner"/>				
ID Field2 :	<input type="text" value="Location"/>				
ID Field3 :	<input type="text" value="Substation"/>				
ID Field4 :	<input type="text" value="Position"/>				

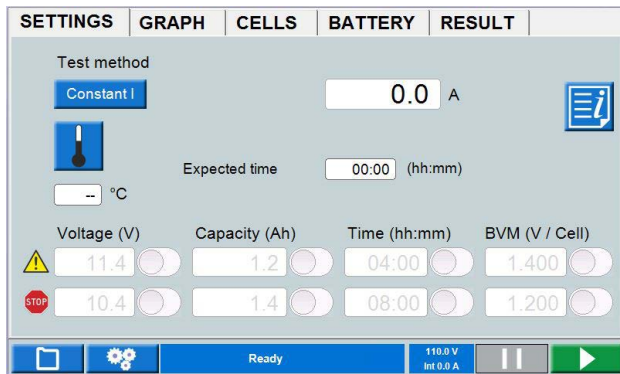
- 2] Click the label fields and enter the information as desired.


Settings




- Select **Internal** (prefault) or **External**.
For external current clamp/current shunt set the **Ratio**, see section "6.2 Setting up external current measurement" on page 31.
- If desired enable temperature compensation.
- If desired enable cell numbering from plus (default numbering is from minus).

Temperature compensation



If temperature compensation is enabled, see above, a button  will be shown in TEST menu.

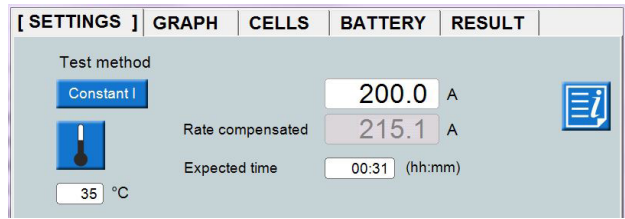
Note *The activation of temperature compensation in settings remains active until deactivation occurs. The activation forces the user to always enter a temperature before starting a new test.*

- 1] Press  to make settings for the temperature compensated test.
- 2] Select **Rate** or **Time** correction.
You can select according to IEEE and IEC standards or **Manual** setting:

Rate Correction

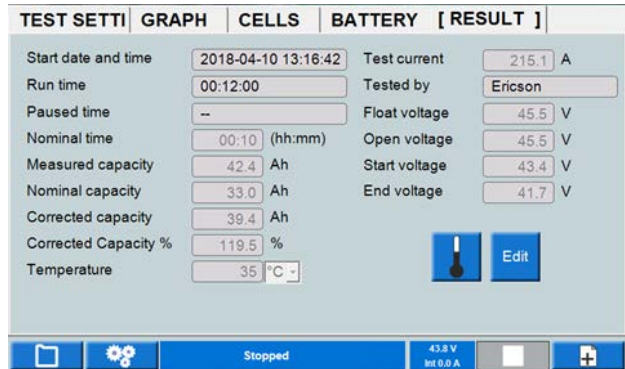
The rate compensation is for capacity tests up to 1 hour. Depending on the set temperature the nominal current will change.

It will be reflected in the "TEST SETTING" menu.



In this example 200A is set as nominal current. The temperature is set to 35 degrees.

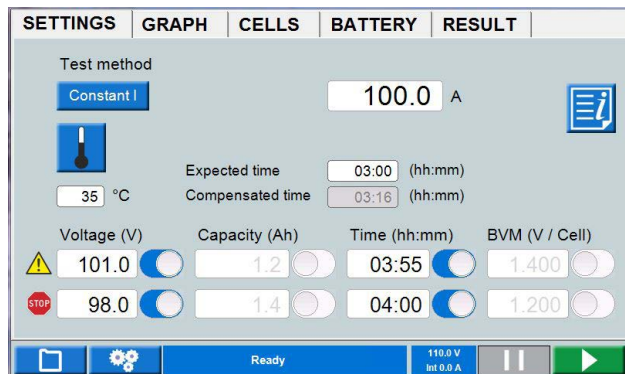
It gives a compensated current discharge level on 215.1 A.



Nominal capacity calculated on 200 A => nominal capacity 33 Ah

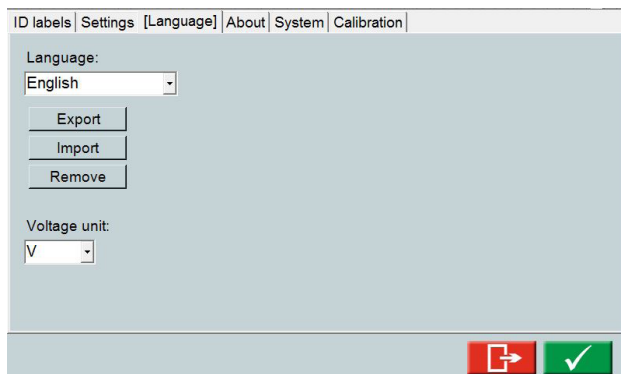
Time Correction

Setting of nominal time will give a compensated time depending on temperature selected. However tests has to be stopped manually or by any stop limits selected.



Note *Time correction is also possible after completion of the test.*

Language



- Manage language files for the internal software and select **U** or **V** as the symbol for voltage.

About

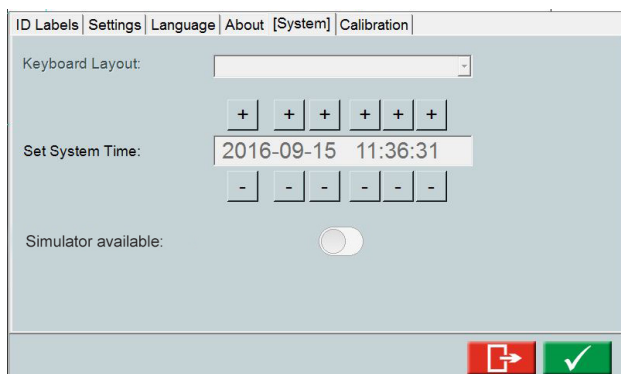
When an USB stick with a license file is inserted in one of the USB ports, the "License file" button will be highlighted in blue.

- Information about software version etc.
- Upgrade License.
A license file is to be copied to TOR KEL
Upgrade can be performed to TOR KEL 930/950.

How to upgrade

- 1] Press the "License file" button and select the license file from the menu that appears.
The upgrade will be performed directly.


System



- Select external keyboard.
- Set the time
- Simulator mode

Using simulator mode you are can simulate a test without a battery and BVM connected.

- 1] Enable "Simulator available".
- 2] Shut down and restart TOR KEL.
- 3] During start of TOR KEL select the "BVM Simulator" button and "Simulator".

- 4] When the start menu appears, tap on the space bar and select "Connected"
After a short while, the  button gets activated. From here a discharge test simulation with BVM can be performed.
- 5] When the TOR KEL has been turned off, the simulator mode will be disabled when TOR KEL is turned on again.

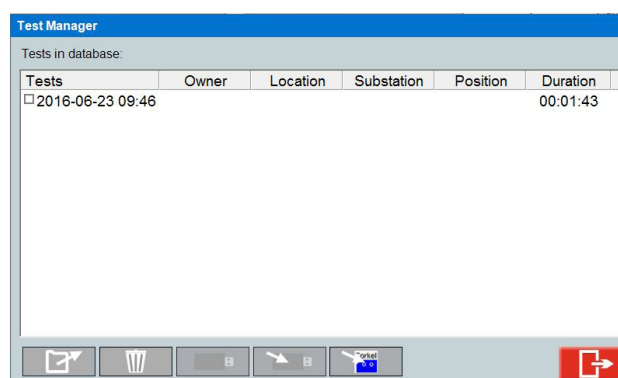
Calibration

See section "11.2 How to calibrate" on page 46.







Test Manager

The database can store up to 30 tests.

- 1] Press 

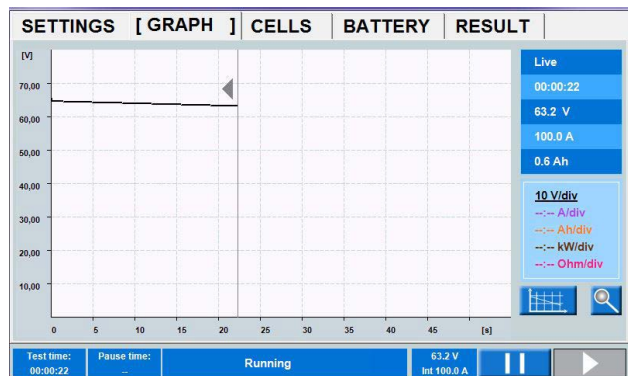


- 2] Select a test by marking the checkbox.
- 3] You can use the buttons at the bottom for actions described below:

	to open a test
	to put test in the trash can
	to undelete all tests
	to save test on USB stick for use in PC
	to import data from USB
	to save a test in TOR KEL Win format which makes it possible to open it in TOR KEL Win

Note *Downloading and opening files in TOR KEL may take some time depending on the size of the files.*

GRAPH



Graph settings

1] Press

Curve Settings		
Curve	Visible	Scale On
V	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Make settings for the axis. Above is an example of a setting that will show the voltage curve.

Zoom

1] Press to zoom the graph

Zoom V

AutoScale

Scale (V/div)

Auto Adjust

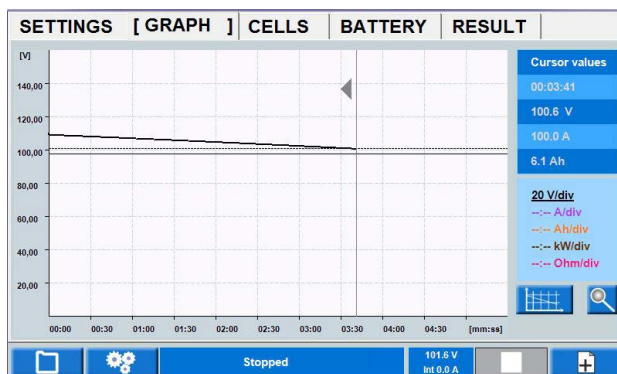
Offset (V)

2] Set scale for y-axis and set the offset value or select Auto scale.

RESULT

After ending a test you can go into the different tabs to see the result.

1] In the RESULT and BATTERY tabs you can add information by pressing the "Edit" button.



By pressing in the diagram, test data for the selected time will be shown in the table.

The specific time interval can also be examined by zooming the time axle.

- 1] Press in the diagram where you want to examine details on the voltage curve.
- 2] Press the control knob shortly and turn it clockwise to zoom. Tap on the diagram and to scroll the cursor for this time interval.
- 3] To return to the full test, press the control knob shortly and turn it counterclockwise.

REPORT

4] The saved tests can be stored on an USB memory stick and transferred to a PC or transferred using FTP communication. The included PC software TORDEL Viewer can be used to edit and print out reports. Edited reports can be transferred back to TORDEL i.e. you can design the test and settings in TORDEL Viewer.

Note *The USB memory stick must be FAT32 formatted.*

CELLS (optional BVM)

When using the optional BVM equipment you get information of the cell voltages, see also section "9.2 BVM - Battery Voltage Monitor" on page 40.

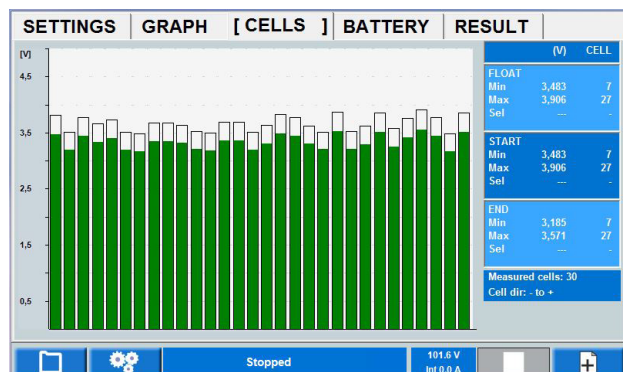



Diagram shows voltage per cell during the test. Numbering of cells depends on cell direction (cell 1 "+" or "-"). Information on cell numbering and direction are displayed on the screen.

- The LIVE voltage means the present voltage
- The FLOAT voltage means the voltage read prior to removing the battery charger.
- The START voltage is when the discharge tests start.

- 1] By pressing a cell bar, readings can be seen in the table as the "Sel" value.
The cell direction can be selected either from plus to minus or opposite (cell 1 "+" or "-")

Stop limit on cell voltage

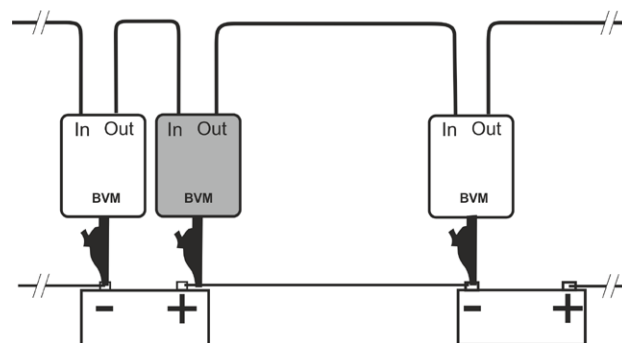
If a cell reach the stop limit during a test it is possible to ignore the cell for future stop.

- 1] Press the status bar to silent the alarm
- 2] Shoot out or disconnect the failing cell/cells.
The BVM should be kept in the loop.
- 3] Press  to continue the test

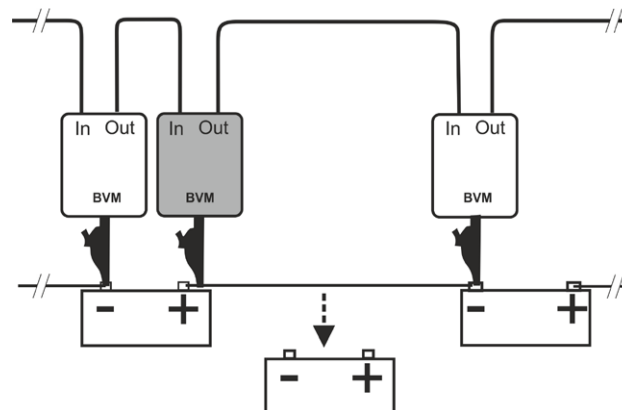
Note All BVMs that read 0V when restarted will be ignored for future cell voltage stop.

How to ignore voltage drop in long interconnections in battery strings

If there is a long interconnection in a battery string the voltage drop during a discharge test will affect the cell voltage value. This voltage drop can be cancelled by connecting a BVM on each side of the interconnection. It will be a 0 V bar, displayed as a gap in the bar graph. When the test starts all 0 V bars will be ignored and removed from the bar graph, in the data collection and in the report.



Connection change if there is a voltage drop in the interconnection.



Connection change when a battery cell voltage drops below set limit. Faulty battery is disconnected but the BVM should remain in the loop.


4.2 TORKEL Viewer

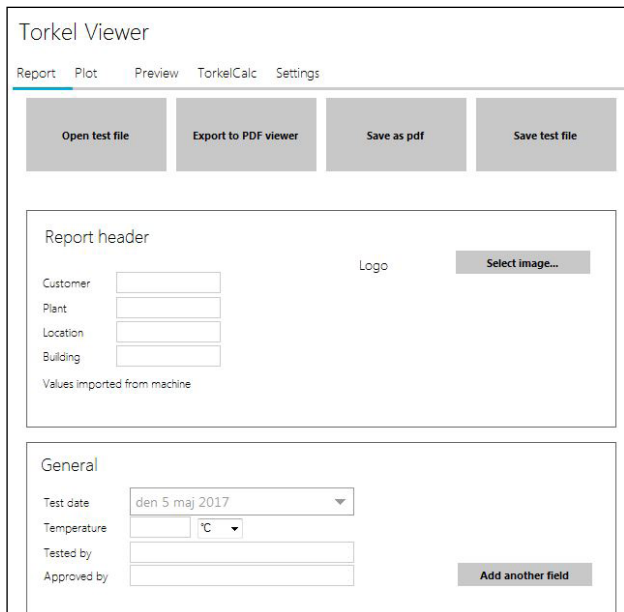
TORKEL Viewer is delivered together with TORKEL (not with TORKEL 910) on a USB stick.

TORKEL Viewer runs under MS windows 7,8 and 10.

- 1] Double click the: "TORKEL Viewer Setup.msi" file.
- 2] Follow instructions and the TORKEL Viewer will be installed on your computer.

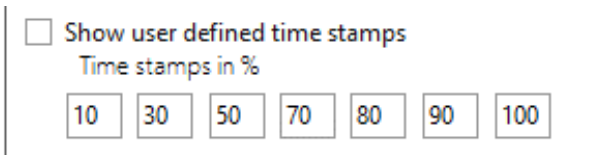
Note After installation you can find a demo file at C:\Program Files (x86)\Megger\Torkel Viewer\Reporting.

- 3] Click  to open the program.



- The "Report " tab includes several settings and options on how to set up the test report. With the "Save test file" button a test can be prepared in advance with information of the test object. Cell voltage reading with possibility of 7 percentage intervals applies to relevant standards and a possibility for user-defined choice.

Show user defined time stamps



Data summary - Cells											
	Float voltage (V)	10%	30%	50%	70%	80%	90%	100%	Last	Min	Max
Cell 1	12.804	12.48	12.466	12.456	12.447	12.443	12.439	12.435	12.435	12.435	12.696
Cell 2	12.819	12.496	12.482	12.472	12.464	12.46	12.456	12.452	12.452	12.452	12.739

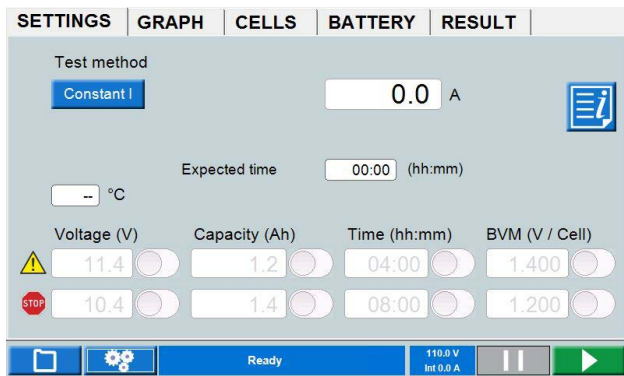
- The "Plot" tab gives you the possibility to check the battery measurements or the BVM voltages diagram. By right click and drag on the y-scale of resp. entity the diagram lines can be modified. The time scale can also be adjusted by right click and drag the scale. By placing the cursor in the diagram and scrolling with mouse, zooming of the time scale will be done. Clicking the "Auto zoom" will reset the diagram to the default appearance. Clicking the "Export Plot" button will export the diagram in a .png format. The BVM measurements can also be examined by selecting the BVM voltage diagram in the "Choose plot to display". The diagram can be moved by right click and drag. Each voltage cell can be checked by clicking on the cell bar. Float, start and end values are presented.
- The "Preview" tab is simply a way of checking the report after modification, prior saving or print out of the report.
- The "TorkelCalc" tab is used for calculating how many TORKELs and TXLs are needed.
- The "Settings" tab contains, among other things, language setting.
- The cell bar diagrams shows numbering of cells and whether it has + or - cell direction.

5 Making a test

5.1 Preparations for testing

WARNING
See the chapter "2.2 Safety instructions" on page 8.

- 1] Connect TORKEL to the mains voltage.
- 2] Switch on TORKEL.
The display will show the following after a short time:



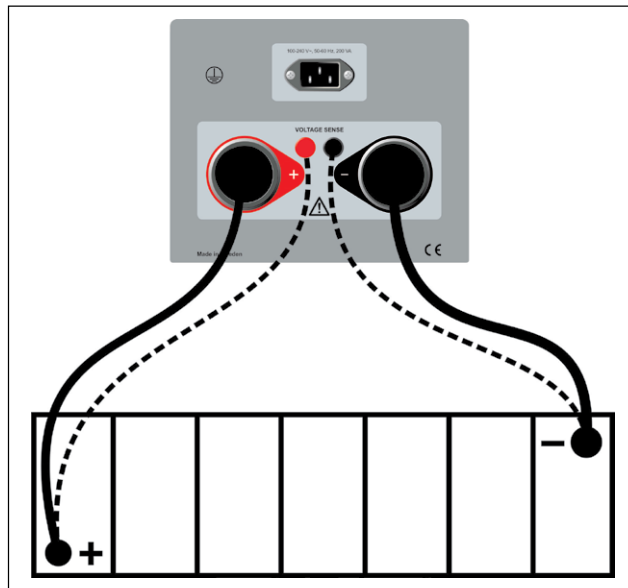
Connecting the current cables to the battery

Important
Connection and disconnection procedures are extremely important. Be sure to follow the instructions.

Use the cables supplied with TORKEL or other cables of suitable size. Follow the numbered steps that are set forth below. Inspect each connection to make sure it is securely fitted.

- 1] Connect one end of the first cable to the negative (-) terminal on TORKEL.
- 2] Connect the other end of the first cable to the negative (-) pole of the battery.
- 3] Connect one end of the second cable to the positive (+) pole of the battery.
- 4] Connect the other end of the second cable to the positive (+) terminal on TORKEL.

Tip
To get a more accurate voltage reading when current cables are long and the discharge current is high. Connect the voltage sensing cables between the "VOLTAGE SENSE" input on TORKEL and the battery terminals.



The sensing cables (dotted lines) are normally not needed.


Note TORKEL automatically selects the voltage range when voltage is applied to the high-current terminals.

If load polarity is incorrect the load will not be connected internally. On the display the "space bar" will be red and an alarm will sound. This is true for both the battery and voltage sense terminals.

You can start a test in any of the menus. While test is running you can go into any tab and pause the test and make changes and continue the test.

Emergency stop button

The button is intended to be used if a fault occur in the test object and/or the external testing cables.

- 1] Press the button  to immediately interrupt discharging.
TORHEL will still have power and the cooling fans will run at maximum speed.
- 2] Reset the stop button by turning it right.
If you consider it safe to continue the test you can start the test again.

5.2 Test at constant current

Preparations

Follow the safety precautions set forth in section "2.2 Safety instructions" on page 8 and the preparations for testing in section "5.1 Preparations for testing" on page 22.

Select "Test Method"


- 1] Press "Constant I"
- 2] Set the desired current by pressing the numeric field and make the settings for current using the On-screen keyboard.
- 3] Make settings for warning and stop limits, see section "Warning and stop limit parameters" on page 15.



Tip

You can change the settings for current and limits at any time in "TEST".

Starting the test

- 1] Wait for "Connected ready" to be displayed on the information bar and the control knob is lit.
- 2] Press 
The current value (A) will be displayed and the control knob lamp will start blinking.

Pausing the test

- 1] Press 
- 2] Restart by pressing 

Note *Any TXL Loads connected to TORHEL must be restarted manually.*

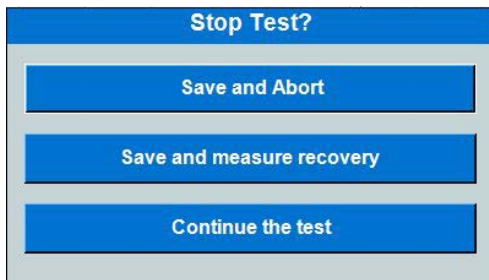
Ending the test



WARNING

Do not disconnect any cables until the test is completed and stopped

- 1] Press 



- 2] Press "Yes"
- 3] Disconnect the cables in reverse order that they were connected.

**WARNING**

Do not connect a discharged battery to a battery that has not been discharged. The batteries must be charged to the same potential (voltage) before they are connected together.

For viewing results and report see section "5.7 Viewing results and reporting" on page 28.

5.3 Test at constant power

TOR KEL can be used to conduct a discharge test at constant power instead of constant current. All procedures are the same except that you must set TOR KEL differently before starting – you set the power instead of the current.

Preparations

Follow the safety precautions set forth in section "2.2 Safety instructions" on page 8 and the preparations for testing in section "5.1 Preparations for testing" on page 22.

Configuring TOR KEL for constant power

- 1] Calculate the current at the end of the test (divide the power by the voltage).
- 2] Then make sure that the total current does not exceed 2999 A and that the TOR KEL and TXL units can load with the required current throughout the test.


Select "Test Method"

- 1] Press "Constant P"
- 2] Set the desired Power by pressing the numeric field and make the settings for power using the On-screen keyboard.
- 3] Make settings for warning and stop limits, see section "Warning and stop limit parameters" on page 15.

**Tip**

You can change the settings for power and limits at any time in "TEST".

Starting the test

- 4] Press  The power value (kW) will be displayed and the control knob lamp will blink.

Pausing the test

- 1] Press 
- 2] Restart by pressing 

Note Any TXL Loads connected to TOR KEL must be restarted manually.

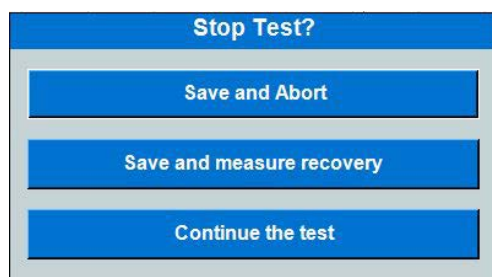
Ending the test



WARNING

Do not disconnect any cables until the test is completed and stopped

- 1] Press



- 2] Press "Yes"
- 3] Disconnect the cables in reverse order as described in section "Connecting the current cables to the battery" on page 22



WARNING

Do not connect a discharged battery to a battery that has not been discharged. The batteries must be charged to the same potential (voltage) before they are connected together.

For viewing results and report see section "5.7 Viewing results and reporting" on page 28.

5.4 Test at constant resistance

TOR KEL can be used to conduct a discharge test at constant resistance instead of constant current. All procedures are the same except that you must set TOR KEL differently before starting – you set the resistance instead of the current.

Preparations

Follow the safety precautions set forth in section "2.2 Safety instructions" on page 8 and the preparations for testing in section "5.1 Preparations for testing" on page 22.

Select "Test Method"

- 1] Press "Constant R"
- 2] Set the desired Resistance by pressing the numeric field and make the settings for resistance using the On-screen keyboard.
- 3] Make settings for warning and stop limits, see section "Warning and stop limit parameters" on page 15.



Tip

You can change the settings for resistance and limits at any time in "TEST".

Starting the test

- 4] Press The resistance value (Ohm) will be displayed and the control knob lamp will blink.

Pausing the test

- 1] Press
- 2] Restart by pressing

Note Any TXL Loads connected to TOR KEL must be restarted manually.

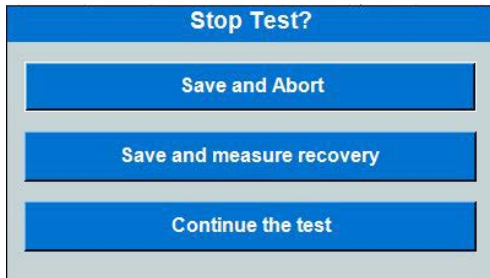
Ending the test



WARNING

Do not disconnect any cables until the test is completed and stopped

- 1] Press



- 2] Press "Yes"
- 3] Disconnect the cables in reverse order as described in section "Connecting the current cables to the battery" on page 22

WARNING
 Do not connect a discharged battery to a battery that has not been discharged. The batteries must be charged to the same potential (voltage) before they are connected together.

For viewing results and report see section "5.7 Viewing results and reporting" on page 28.

5.5 Testing with a load profile

TORKEL can be used to conduct a test that incorporates a current profile or power profile. A profile can consist of up to 20 time intervals. The duration and the magnitude of the load can be specified for each interval.

If you want step or steps to be repeated you enable the "Auto Loop".

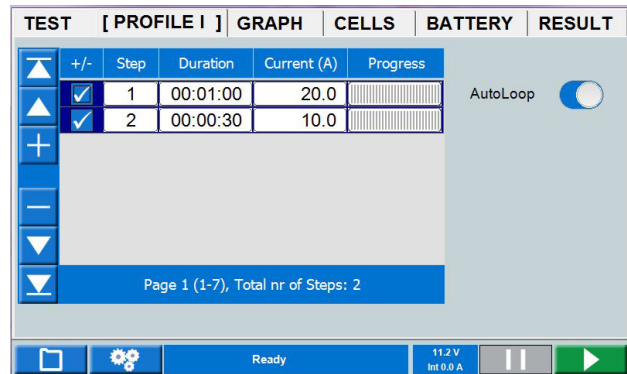
Note *Using more than 20 steps will slow the system.*

Preparations

Follow the safety precautions set forth in section "2.2 Safety instructions" on page 8 and the preparations for testing in section "5.1 Preparations for testing" on page 22.

Select "Test Method"


- 1] Press "Profile I" or "Profile P"



- 2] Set the desired "Duration" by pressing the numeric field and make the settings for duration using the On-screen keyboard.
- 3] Set the desired current or power by pressing the numeric field and make the settings for current using the On-screen keyboard.
- 4] Make settings for warning and stop limits, see section "Warning and stop limit parameters" on page 15.

Tip
 You can change the settings for current/ power and limits at any time in "TEST".

Starting the test

- 5] Press 
The current value (A) or power (kW) will be displayed and the control knob lamp will blink.

Pausing the test

- 1] Press 
2] Restart by pressing 

Note Any TXL Loads connected to TOR KEL must be restarted manually.

Ending the test



WARNING

Do not disconnect any cables until the test is completed and stopped.

- 1] Press 



- 2] Press "Yes".
3] Disconnect the cables in reverse order as described in section "Connecting the current cables to the battery" on page 22



WARNING

Do not connect a discharged battery to a battery that has not been discharged. The batteries must be charged to the same potential (voltage) before they are connected together.



Tip

You can select to make the charging test immediately after a discharging test and keep all connection as they are.

For viewing results and report see section "5.7 Viewing results and reporting" on page 28.

5.6 V Logger


TOR KEL can log the voltage during charging of the batteries.

Starting "V Logger" directly after a discharge test



Tip

You can select to make the charging test immediately after a discharging test and keep all connection as they are.


- 1] Press "Save and start V logger".
This will be a separate new test.
2] Press 
3] Start charging the batteries.
4] You can change the Warning and Stop limits during the test.

Starting "V Logger" as a separate test

Preparations

Follow the safety precautions set forth in section "2.2 Safety instructions" on page 8 and the preparations for testing in section "5.1 Preparations for testing" on page 22.

Select "Test Method"

- 1] Press "V Logger" button.
2] Make settings for warning and stop time, see section "Warning and stop limit parameters" on page 15.
3] Press 
4] Start charging the batteries.

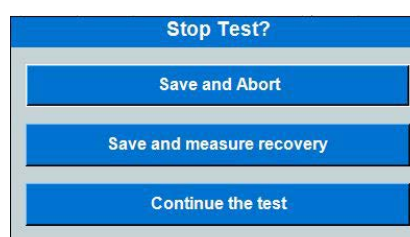
Ending the test



WARNING

Do not disconnect any cables until the test is completed and stopped.

- 1] Press 



- 2] Press "Yes".
- 3] Disconnect the cables in reverse order as described in section "Connecting the current cables to the battery" on page 22



WARNING

Do not connect a discharged battery to a battery that has not been discharged. The batteries must be charged to the same potential (voltage) before they are connected together.

5.7 Viewing results and reporting

Viewing the results

- 1] Select the "RESULT" tab to view the test results
- 2] In the RESULT and BATTERY tabs you can add information by pressing the "Edit" button.

Float voltage	The voltage value prior the charger is removed.
Open voltage	The value prior start of discharge test.
Start voltage	The value given after the first initial decrease of the battery bank at a start of a discharge test.
End voltage	The value at the end of discharge test

REPORT

The saved test can be stored on an USB memory stick and transferred to a PC. The included PC software TORHEL Viewer can be used to edit and print out reports, see paragraph "4.2 TORHEL Viewer" on page 20.

6 External current measurement

6.1 General

External current measurement must be used when:

- TOR KEL is working together with TXL Loads.
- Testing without disconnecting the regular load.
Since total current is measured, TOR KEL can compensate for changes attributable to the regular load. The total current from the battery is then kept at a constant value. This ensures accurate test results.

The external current measurement function enables TOR KEL to measure the total current in an external path and base regulation on this measurement.

A DC clamp-on current probe (optional accessory) has to be used for this measurement. It can be applied at one of the battery terminals or at an inter-cell connector. The DC clamp-on current probe must measure the total current, including that which passes through TOR KEL.

A current shunt can also be used, but this requires opening the current path and connecting the shunt in series. The current shunt must be connected to the negative side of the battery.



Tip

For tests where it is important to obtain the desired current within a few seconds or less it is better to use internal current measurement since it provides faster regulation.



WARNING

External current shunt may not be used above 300 V DC



Important

Always activate the warning and stop limit functions when using external current measurement. This will protect your batteries if the DC clamp-on current probe will malfunction.



Important

If a current shunt is used it must be connected on the negative side of the battery.

6.2 Setting up external current measurement



WARNING

See the chapter "2.2 Safety instructions" on page 8.

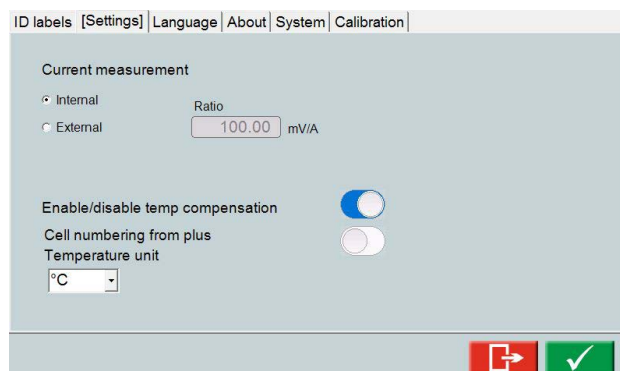
DC clamp-on current probe

Preparation and requirements of the DC clamp-on current probe to be used.

- The DC clamp-on current probe output voltage must not exceed 1 V.
- Make sure that the DC clamp-on current probe has fresh batteries. The batteries must last throughout the entire test.
- The DC clamp-on current probe must be accurate and calibrated and it must be able to carry a load of 600 k Ω . Please note that a DC clamp-on current probe is usually less accurate in the lowest part of its measurement range.

Resetting the output voltage

- 1] Place the DC clamp-on current probe as far as possible from any magnetic field
- 2] Connect a DC voltmeter (set to 2 V full scale) to the DC clamp-on current probe.
- 3] Switch on the DC clamp-on current probe and adjust its zero knob to set the output to 0.0 V



The mV/A ratio for the input can be set to a value between 0.1 mV/A and 100 mV/A.

- 1] In "TEST" press
- 2] Press "Settings".
- 3] Select "External" for "Current measurement".
- 4] Press the numeric field to set the "Ratio" for the current clamp to be used
- 5] Press

- 6] Activate the warning and stop limit functions.
- 7] Connect the DC clamp-on current probe to input I_{EXT} ≤ 1V. Best results are obtained if the cables running from the DC clamp-on current probe are twisted.

Note *If the DC clamp-on current probe has an adapter for using external power supply. Use the power supply from TORDEL (DC Out) connector, that gives 9 V.*



Important

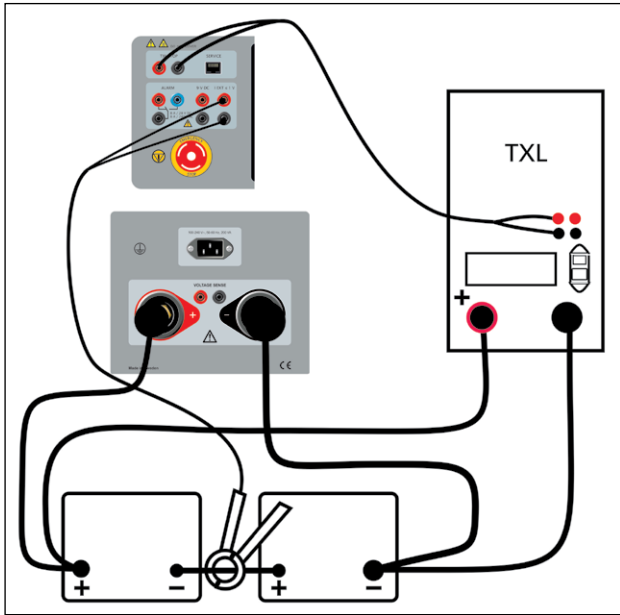
The DC clamp-on current probe must always be applied in such a way that current through TORDEL is included in the measurement.

- 8] Apply the DC clamp-on current probe to the conductor.
- 9] Turn on the power switch on the DC clamp-on current probe.
- 10] Make the setup for preferred test mode.

Troubleshooting

- 1] Check that the DC clamp-on current probe is properly connected to TORDEL.
- 2] Check that the DC clamp-on current probe is switched on.
- 3] Check that the DC clamp-on current probe has fresh batteries.
- 4] Check the following settings in "TEST SETTINGS", "Settings":
 - "I measurement" must be set to "External".
 - The mV/A ratio must match the ratio that appears on the DC clamp-on current probe itself.

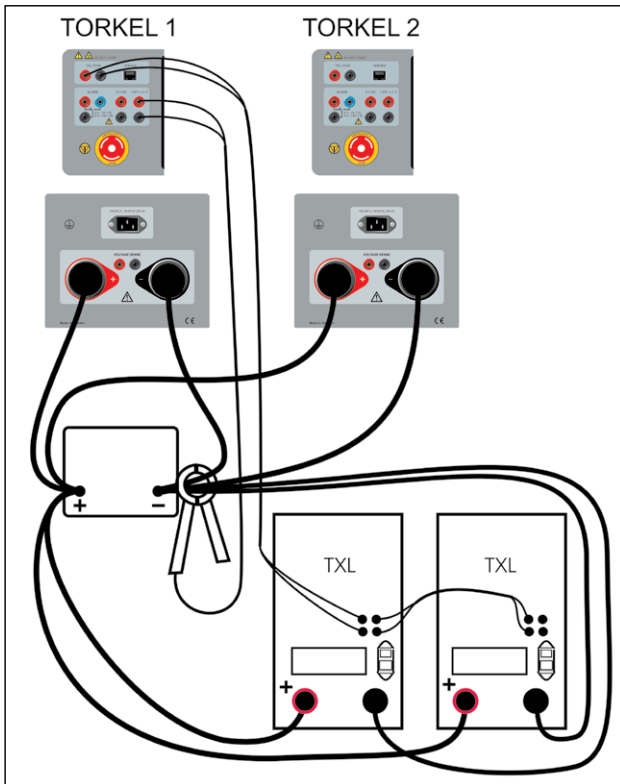
6.3 TORKEL used together with TXL Extra Load



A current shunt can also be used, but this requires opening the current path and connecting the shunt in series.

Multiple units used together

One TORKEL control



The first TORQUEL regulate the TXLs.

- 1] Apply the clamp-on-probes as illustrated above.
- 2] Set the desired total current on TORQUEL 1.

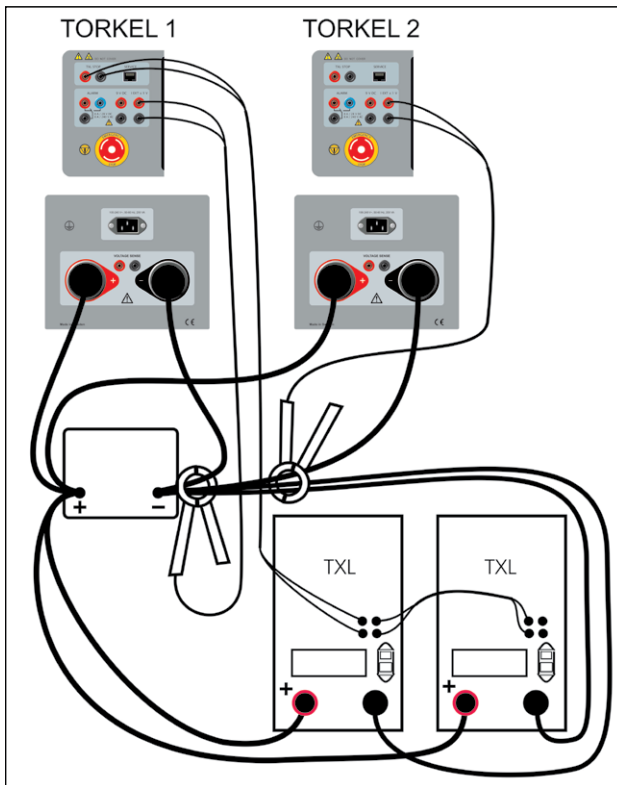
- 3] Set max current on TORQUEL 2.
- 4] Set warning limits only on TORQUEL 1.
- 5] Set the stop limits. The voltage and test period (time) can be set on each individual TORQUEL. Stopping after a certain capacity (Ah) is reached can only be activated on TORQUEL 1.

Note Only TORQUEL No. 1 is to control the TXLs.

- 6] Set switch <F1> to the upper (ON) position on the TXLs.
- 7] Then start the TORQUEL that has the highest number (when numbered as set forth above). Now start the TORQUEL with the second highest number, then the third highest, etc. Finally, start TORQUEL 1. Starting the TORQUELs in this order prevents the current from being higher than desired at the beginning of the test.

Two or more TORQUEL and TXL units

TORQUEL 1	Measures the entire battery current.
TORQUEL 2	Measures all current except the current through TORQUEL 1.
TORQUEL 3	Measures all current except the currents through TORQUEL 2 and TORQUEL 1 (and so forth).
The last TORQUEL	Measures only the current through itself and the TXLs.



Example with two TORKELS. The first TORDEL regulate the TXLs and the second TORDEL contributes in the total regulation.

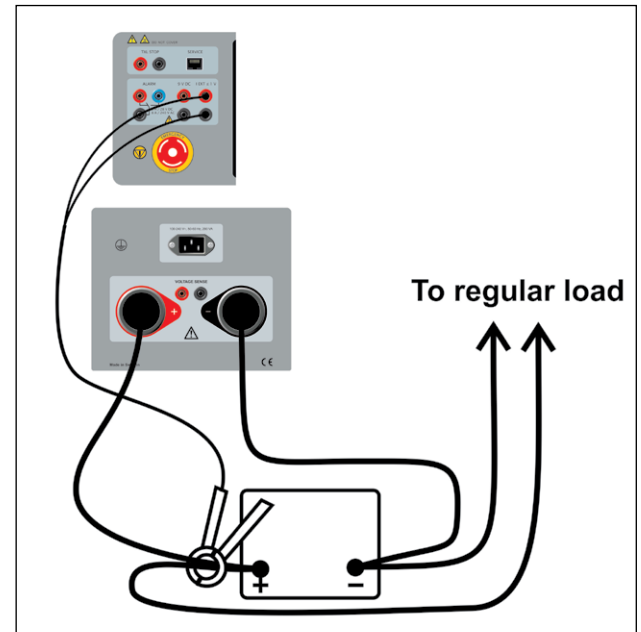
- 1] Apply the clamp-on-probes as illustrated above.
- 2] Set the desired total current (same value) on both (all) TORDEL units.
As a result, the maximum regulation capability of all TORDEL units will be used. You do not need to pay any attention to the message reading "Cannot regulate" as long as it does not appear on TORDEL No. 1.
- 3] Set warning limits only on TORDEL No. 1.
- 4] Set the stop limits. The voltage and test period (time) can be set on each individual TORDEL. Stopping after a certain capacity (Ah) is reached can only be activated on TORDEL No. 1.

Note Only TORDEL No. 1 is to control the TXLs.
Only TORDEL No. 1 is to be connected to the PC.

- 5] Set switch <F1> to the upper (ON) position on the TXLs.
- 6] Then start the TORDEL that has the highest number (when numbered as set forth above). Now start the TORDEL with the second highest number, then the third highest, etc. Finally, start TORDEL No. 1.
Starting the TORDELS in this order prevents

the current from being higher than desired at the beginning of the test.

Constant current, regular load connected



A current shunt can be used instead of the DC clamp-on current probe but this requires opening the current path and connecting the shunt in series.

7 Alarm function

7.1 Description

The TORKEL alarm function is provided by a buzzer and a relay connected to the <ALARM> - connector. An external alarm device can be connected to this connector if desired.

Devices higher than Cat II must not be attached to the alarm connector.

Relay contact

8 A / 28 V DC

0.28 A / 250 V DC (resistive load only)

8 A / 240 V AC

Connector insulation

Voltage to ground must not exceed 250 V.

The following events can cause an alarm to be issued

- Warning level is passed.
- Discharging is stopped because a stop level is reached.
- TORKEL can not regulate the current to the desired level.
- Thermal protection device trips or a fan does not rotate as expected.
- The connection to the battery is broken.
- Other fault situations such as battery voltage too high or too low or excessive current through TORKEL.

Note *TORKEL will safely interrupt the discharge and issue an alarm if any of the internal temperatures should exceed the safe operating limits.*

Resetting the alarm

- 1] You can reset the alarm by pressing the information bar.

8 How to obtain the desired current

8.1 When a single TORKEL isn't enough

TORKEL regulates current by lowering its internal resistance as the voltage drops. However, the resistance elements built into TORKEL impose a limit beneath which further lowering is impossible.

- You must make some simple calculations before starting a test to find out whether or not TORKEL will be able to provide the desired load current.
- You must also make certain that TORKEL will be able to sustain this current until the test ends.

When a single TORKEL cannot provide the current you need, you can:

- Connect one or more TXL Extra Loads to TORKEL.
- Connect two or more TORKELS in parallel.
- Connect two or more TORKELS and two or more TXL Extra Loads into a single system.

When two or more TORKELS are connected into a single system, you will normally use the "External current measurement" function.

TXL connected to TORKEL

TXLs are resistive loads which are unable to provide any sort of regulation. Regulation is provided by TORKEL which measures the total current and keeps it constant. See the chapter headed "2.2 Safety instructions" on page 8 which shows how to connect the TXL(s) and TORKEL(s).

When TXL Extra Loads are connected to TORKEL, you must check:

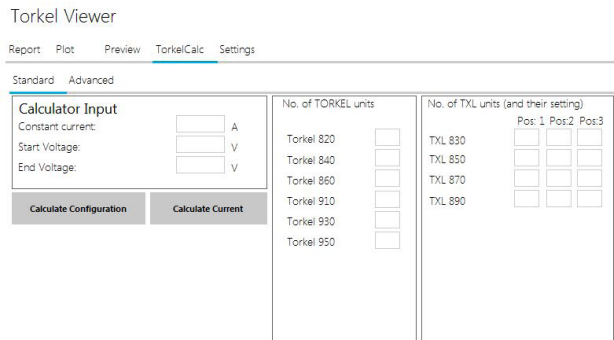
- That the current flowing through the TXLs when the test is started is not higher than intended.
- That TORKEL has enough regulation capability a) to compensate for the drop in current through the TXLs at the end of the test and b) to set the current to the correct value at the beginning of the test.

How many units are needed?

Automatic calculation - TorkelCalc

In TORKEL Viewer (not included with TORKEL 910) you can use TorkelCalc to figure out how many TORKEL and TXL are needed.

See "4.2 TORKEL Viewer" on page 20.



Enter the wanted constant current level, the start voltage and end voltage for the test and click "Calculate Configuration" to get a configuration that can handle your test. Or enter a configuration and click "Calculate Current" to get the range of possible constant current tests that are possible for the configuration.

For more options see the "Advanced" tab.

Manual calculation

1. Number of TXLs – Current flowing through TXL(s) at beginning of a test

At the beginning of the test, as high a percentage as possible of the current must flow through the TXLs, thereby providing the TORKEL(s) with as much reserve regulation capability as possible. However, the current through the TXLs must not, of course, exceed, the desired current value (A).



Tip

Remember that the internal resistances of the TXLs can be set manually. For accurate calculation, add the cable resistance to the internal resistance.

- The current in an individual TXL can be obtained by dividing the voltage at the beginning of the test by the internal resistance of the TXL in question (see tables below).
- Calculate the number of TXLs that you can connect without exceeding the desired total current.

2. Current flowing through TXL(s) at final voltage

- Multiply the total current through the TXL(s) which you obtained in step 1 above by the final voltage, and then divide by the voltage at the beginning of the test.

3. Number of TORKELS – for the current regulation

The TORKEL or TORKELS in the system must regulate the current to the desired value and compensate for the drop in current through the TXL(s) that occurs at the final voltage.

- The amount of regulation needed can be obtained by subtracting the current value (A) obtained in step 2 above from the desired current.
- Calculate the number of TORKELS required for the current regulation.

4. Are all of the TXLs needed?

If the total load-providing capability of the TORKEL(s) exceeds the amount of regulation needed by a wide margin (as set fort in step 3 above), you can perhaps conduct the test with fewer TXLs. If this margin is wider than the current through one of the TXLs at the final voltage, this TXL is not needed.

Note *Discharge is from 2.15 V to 1.8 V per cell*

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Systems TORKEL 910 and TXL 830 (Pos 2)		
<i>12 V battery (6 cells)</i>		
Max constant current	No. of TORKEL 910	No. of TXL 830
144 A	1	1
221 A	1	2
298 A	1	3
376 A	1	4
443 A	2	4
<i>24 V battery (12 cells)</i>		
Max constant current(A)	No. of TORKEL 910	No. of TXL 830
264 A	1	1
419 A	1	2
574 A	1	3

Systems TORKEL 910 and TXL 850 (Pos 3)		
<i>48 V battery (24 cells)</i>		
Max constant current	No. of TORKEL 910	No. of TXL 850
342 A	1	1
575 A	1	2

Systems TORKEL 910 and TXL 870 (Pos 3)		
<i>110 V battery (54 cells)</i>		
Max constant current	No. of TORKEL 910	No. of TXL 870
188 A	1	1
266 A	1	2
344 A	1	3
422 A	1	4
532 A	2	4

Systems TORKEL 910 and TXL 870 (Pos 1)		
<i>220 V battery (108 cells)</i>		
Max constant current	No. of TORKEL 910	No. of TXL 870
112 A	1	1
156 A	1	2
195 A	1	3
235 A	1	4
313 A	2	4

TORKEL 930

Systems TORKEL 930 and TXL 830 (Pos 3)		
<i>12V battery (6 cells)</i>		
Max constant current	No. of TORKEL 930	No. of TXL 830
183 A	1	1
299 A	1	2
414 A	1	3
<i>24V battery (12 cells)</i>		
Max constant current	No. of TORKEL 930	No. of TXL 830
384 A	1	1
615 A	1	2
846 A	1	3

Systems TORKEL 930 and TXL 850 (Pos 3)		
<i>48 V battery (24 cells)</i>		
Max constant current	No. of TORKEL 930	No. of TXL 850
452 A	1	1
685 A	1	2
918 A	1	3
1151 A	1	4

Systems TORKEL 930 and TXL 870 (Pos 3)		
<i>110 V battery (54 cells)</i>		
Max constant current	No. of TORKEL 930	No. of TXL 870
225 A	1	1
314 A	1	2
392 A	1	3
470 A	1	4
628 A	2	4

Systems TORKEL 930 and TXL 870 (Pos 1)		
<i>220 V battery (108 cells)</i>		
Max constant current	No. of TORKEL 930	No. of TXL 870
112 A	1	1
156 A	1	2
195 A	1	3
235 A	1	4
313 A	2	4

TORKEL 950

Systems TORKEL 950 and TXL 890 (Pos 1)		
<i>480 V battery (240 cells)</i>		
Max constant current	No. of TORKEL 950	No. of TXL 890
65 A	1	1
70 A	1	2
90 A	1	2
100 A	1	3
120 A	2	2

9 Optional equipment

9.1 TXL830/850/865/870/890 (Extra Loads)

The TXL830, TXL850, TXL865, TXL870, and TXL890 Extra Loads comprise resistive loads. They can be used together with TOR KEL Load Units to increase loading capability. The TXL Extra Loads can not provide regulation by themselves but TOR KEL measures total current from the battery and regulates the load characteristic. When TOR KEL is stopped it sends a stop signal to the TXL Extra Load.

- TXL830 28 V
- TXL850 56 V
- TXL865 260 V
- TXL870 280 V
- TXL890 480 V

Panel

The panels for the TXL models differ somewhat but the functionality is the same.

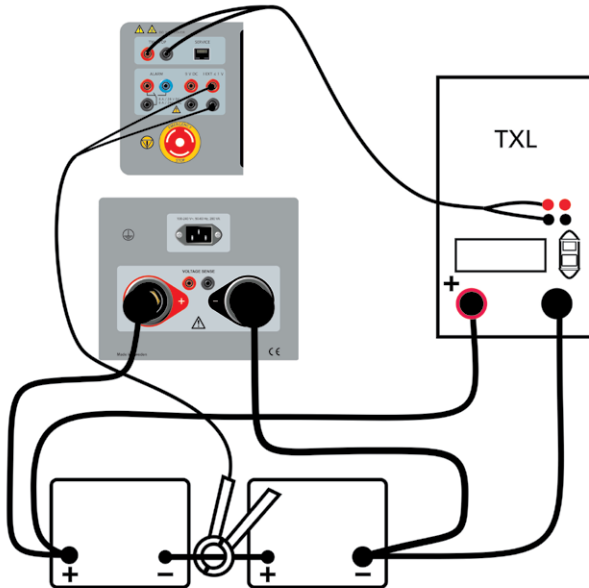


1.	<p>Selector switch Switch used to set the desired voltage range and/or resistance value.</p> <p>WARNING Do not exceed maximum voltage.</p>
2.	<p>Control CONTROL IN Input for control signal from TOR KEL-unit. Galvanically isolated. CONTROL OUT Output used for the control signal sent from TOR KEL to the adjacent TXL-unit. Galvanically isolated.</p>
3.	<p>Circuit breaker F1 Voltage-controlled circuit breaker that connects the resistors in the TXL Extra Load to the battery. Note F1 will not latch or remain at upper (ON) position unless the mains switch is turned on and a control signal from TOR KEL is present at the "CONTROL IN" input.</p> <p>WARNING The circuit breaker F1 is an important component in the safety system. If the temperature will be too high and/or the cooling fans malfunction, the F1 will trip. It is important to never operate the unit if there is any damage or malfunction to the circuit breaker or if any damage or malfunction is suspected.</p>
4.	<p>Mains inlet MAINS Connector used for mains supply, equipped with ON/OFF switch.</p>
5.	<p>Connection terminals for the battery + (Terminal) Positive (+) current connection for battery or other DC source, being tested. - (Terminal) Negative (-) current connection for battery or other DC source, being tested. Insulation voltage to ground: 2200 V</p>

Using the TXL

When an extra load is to be used, you must use the external current measurement function (see the chapter headed "6.2 Setting up external current measurement" on page 31).

- 1] Set the range selector switch to the desired position.
- 2] Connect as shown below.



- 3] When TORKELEK is stopped, manually or by any stop condition, the TXL will also shut off the discharge current.


- 3] Connect the control wires between the TXL CTRL output on TORKELEK and the CONTROL IN input on the TXL.
If two or more TXLs are to be used, provide a connection between the CONTROL OUT output on the first TXL and the CONTROL IN input on the second TXL, etc.
- 4] Connect the TXL to the mains voltage
- 5] Switch on the TXL.

Testing



WARNING

See the chapter "2.2 Safety instructions" on page 8. for safety precautions.

- 1] Proceed in the same way as set forth in the chapter headed "5.1 Preparations for testing" on page 22 but before you start TORKELEK you must set switch F1 to upper (ON) position on the TXL. (You must do this manually.)
- 2] Start TORKELEK by pressing 

9.2 BVM - Battery Voltage Monitor

The BVM (Battery Voltage Monitor) is a battery voltage measurement device that is used for monitoring of cell voltages and battery blocks in battery banks commonly found in electrical power sub-stations, telecom facilities and computer data center UPS systems. In conjunction the TORTEL unit, and test data management software, such as PowerDB or TORTEL Win, the BVM enables a completely automated battery bank capacity test to be performed.

BVM is available in three kits:

- BVM150 with 16 BVM units
- BVM300 with 31 BVM units
- BVM600 with 61 BVM units



1. Control cable – Output socket
2. Control cable – Input socket
3. Battery sense – Dolphin clip

The BVM is designed in modular form where one BVM device is used for each battery or “jar” in the string to be tested. It measures the voltage for each battery cell and each unit can handle up to 20 V. The BVMs connects to the batteries in a “daisy-chain” fashion, thereby providing easy and economical expandability to meet the testing requirements for small-to-large battery bank systems. Up to 240 BVMs can be daisy-chained in a single battery bank under test.

The included dolphin-style battery clamp can be easily removed and exchanged with different styles of standard banana plug clamps and/or extension cables to accommodate any battery connection requirement.

There is an Activity LED on the BVM that flashes whenever an individual BVM transmits data back to the data acquisition host computer. This LED activity is useful for indicating that the device is functioning properly.

Note *The BVM readings are continuously ongoing. A typical reading from a battery bank is around 30 seconds. Depending on the number of cells/BVM's connected.*



The other parts of the BVM system: AC Adapter, Power and Signal Connector and cables.

Power & signal connector unit

The BVM units require external 24 DC power and RS-485 data communications for operation. These functions are provided by a combination of an external DC power supply and a Power & signal connector unit”. The Power & signal connector conversion is performed within a single moulded plug that connects directly to the laptop computer or other data acquisition device. The Power & signal connector has an RJ-45 connector that provides a connection to the first BVM unit in the chain, and this connection provides RS-485 data and power to all BVM units in the BVM string.

Test with BVM and TORHEL



WARNING

See the chapter "Safety" for safety precautions.

- 1] Connect the BVM units as shown in the connection diagram, see below.
Each BVM is identical and can be connected in any battery test position. Up to 120 BVMs can be daisy-chained in a single battery bank under test.
If you need more than 120 BVMs they must be connected in two loops, see connection diagram on next page.

Note *The BVM units must be connected following the battery cell sequence order. The BVM connected to the "To 1:st BVM unit" port of the Power and Signal Connector must be connected to the most Negative pole of the battery. The red dolphin clip shall be connected to the most Positive pole of the battery. The connection is the same regardless of the cell numbering selected in TORHEL. If more than 61 BVM units are connected an extra cable is needed. See the connection diagrams.*

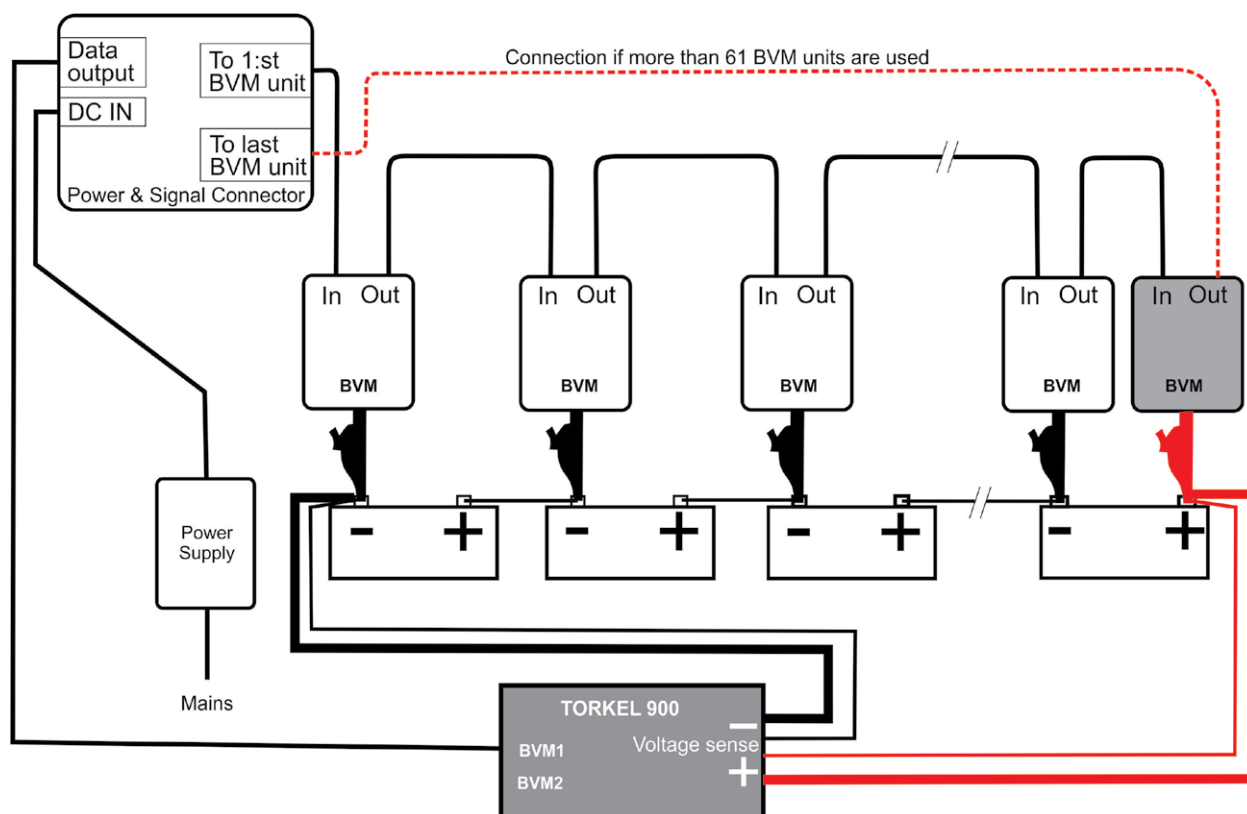


Fig.9.1 The BVM units must be connected following the battery cell sequence order. The red dolphin clip shall be connected to the most Positive pole of the battery.

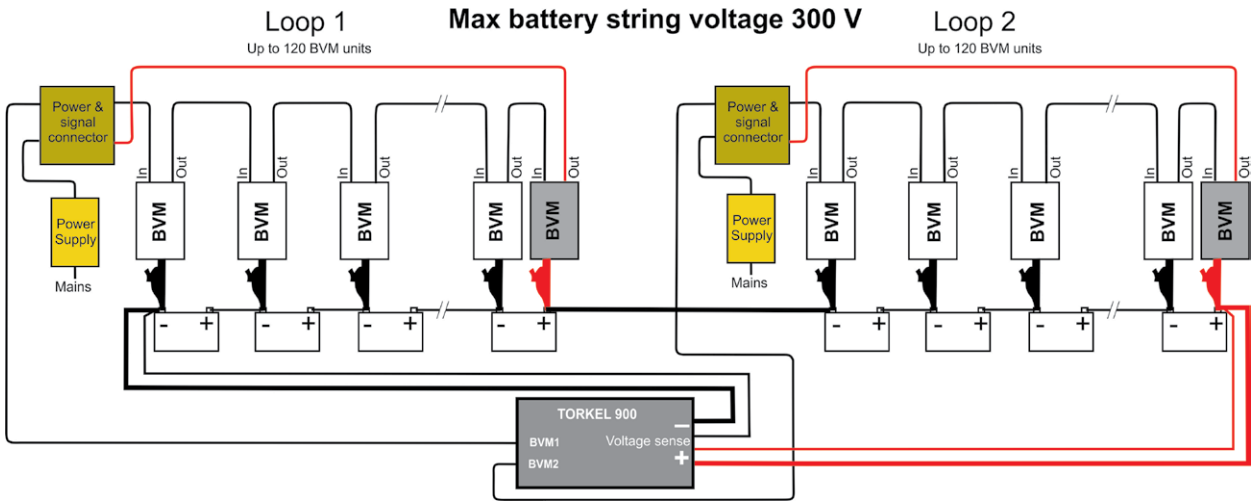


Fig.9.2 When the battery bank exceeds 120 cells, this connection with 2 BVM loops shall be used. Connect the first loop to the BVM1 connector on TORTEL and the second loop to the BVM2 connector on TORTEL.

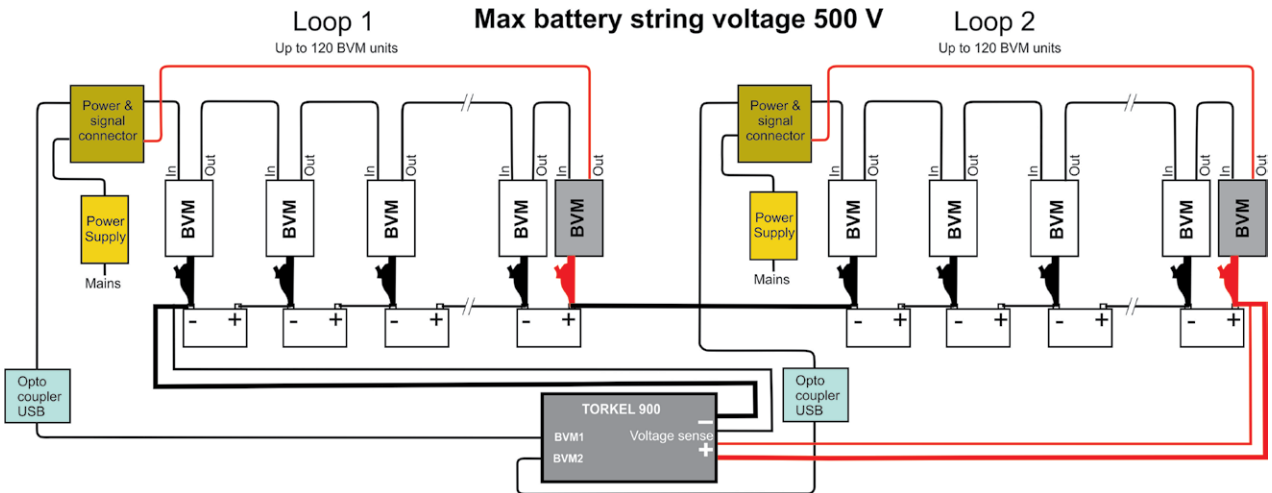


Fig.9.3 The connection shown above must be used when the battery bank voltage is between 300 V and 500 V. It includes two opto couplers and two ungrounded power supplies.

Warning
 A BVM control cable must never be connected directly to a computer network inlet. When battery string voltage is over 300 V an opto coupler must be used, see Fig. 9.3.

- 2] **A. Battery string voltage max 300 V**
 Connect the cable from "Power & signal connector" to BVM1 / BVM2 terminals on TORTEL 900.
- B. Battery string voltage max 500 V**
 Connect the cable from "Power & signal connector" to Opto Coupler (UH401-2kV).
- 3] **A. Battery string voltage max 300 V**
 Connect to a **grounded** Power Supply
- B. Battery string voltage max 500 V**
 Connect to a **ungrounded** Power Supply

Warning
 Do not use any other Power Supply than the original delivered together with BVM.

4] Start TORTEL 900

The BVM "Auto Discovery" feature enables the host device to automatically determine the number of batteries under test and provide sequential identification of each BVM in the test string.

Note The cell numbering can be done from minus to plus or reversed and shall correspond to the setting in TORTEL. The red BVM connected to plus is not included in the numbering. When "Cell number from plus" is selected in TORTEL settings, the most positive cell is Cell 1, when this setting is not selected, then the most negative cell is Cell 1.

The initialization time for the BVMs depends on how many BVMs are connected. E.g. with 2 loops and 240BVMs, it is about 3 to 4 minutes. With 1 loop and 12 BVMs, some seconds. The connected cells are shown under tab "CELLS".

Loose BVM unit detection

If BVM unit 1 comes loose during test, the first bar in the bar graph indicates and a beep sounds.

If the BVM unit between 2 and 3 cell becomes loose, the staple bars for cell 2 and 3 indicates.

If the last BVM unit is loose, the last staple in the staple bar diagram indicates.

Test with BVM – without TOR KEL

BVM can handle battery voltage up to 600 V, but then without TOR KEL 900. With this connection, only the voltage can be monitored.

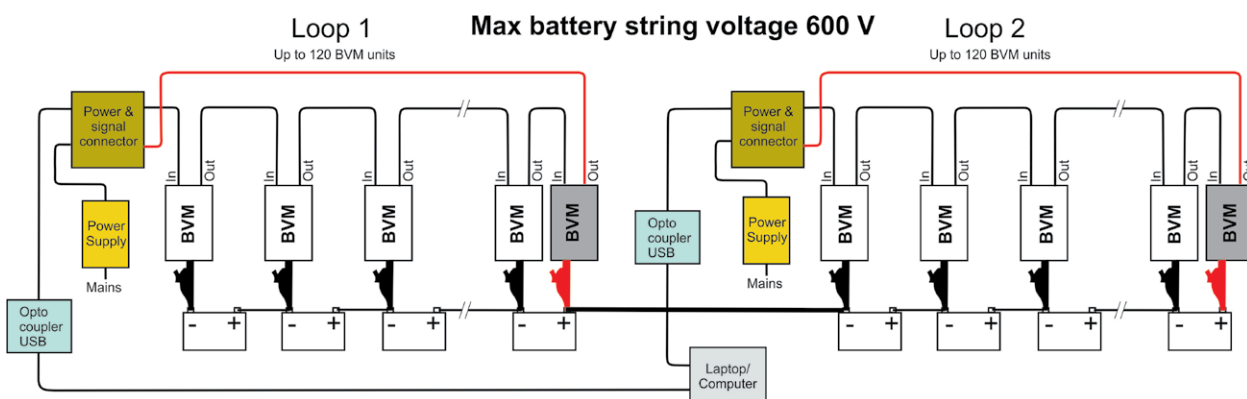


Fig.9.4 The connection is made the same as in example above (Fig9.3) but without TOR KEL 900.

Optional BVM equipment

BVM Cal Kit

Calibration system for BVM units.

Instructions for calibration included with the BVM Ca Kit.



Extension cables

The BVM cables (USB) may be extended 2 x 5 m with an Opto Coupler (e.g. B&B UH401 2 kV) in between.



Note "Active" USB cables does not work.

10 Troubleshooting

Problem	Cause	Remedy
BVM connected to TORKEL		
BVM does not get initialized	Problem with the connection to BVM port	Check/verify BVM connector on TORKEL
Communication lost with BVM units	Cable/power fault	Check cables, BVM units and Power supply to the BVM units.
		Check/replace the Power & Signal converter.
		If more than 60 BVM units connected, extra cable needed. See the connection diagram.
External measurement with current probe		
No readings	Current probe ratio not set	Set ratio in "Configuration" "Settings"
	Current probe not activated	Turn on current probe
	Battery/power failure	Check battery/power supply
Faulty readings	Zero adjustment not done	Zero adjust
Other		
Impossible to switch on the circuit breaker F1 on the TXL unit	Control cable from TORKEL to TXL not connected properly	Check the connection
No voltage measurement in TORKEL	Bad connections	Check battery connectors
TORKEL fans revs up	Emergency Stop button pressed	Release emergency stop button
	Fans blocked	Remove blocking objects from fan


11 Calibration

11.1 General

By using the internal calibration program TORKEL will be calibrated on internal/external current and internal/external voltage. However, external instruments must be used.

- Stable voltage power supply (vary less than 1% per second) with capability up to 200 V DC.
- Current source (vary less than 1% per second) supplying up to 100 A DC at a voltage between 10 and 30 VDC, e.g. a 12 V car battery can be used.
- Accurate reference instrument, e.g. HP 34401A, must be used.
- A current shunt with accuracy class 0.1% for connection in series with the current source.

11.2 How to calibrate

- 1] Switch on TORKEL.
- 2] Press  button to enter the configuration menu.
- 3] Press "Calibration" tab.
- 4] Press "Start" and follow on-screen instructions.




WARNING

Follow the instructions carefully. Battery connectors may have dangerous voltage

Note *You can press "Skip" to continue to the next calibration step. No value will be added. Press "Previous" to redo a calibration point.*

- 5] Press "Store" to save the calibration values.

Note *If the "Skip" button is pressed the calibration values will not be saved.*

- 6] Connect an USB stick to save a copy of the calibration report that can be opened with Excel.
- 7] Press "Stop" to stop the calibration and leave the calibration routine.
The fans will start and run for about 10 seconds.
- 8] Press  to save and close the calibration.

12 Specifications

SPECIFICATIONS

TORTEL 900-SERIES

Specifications are valid at nominal input voltage and an ambient temperature of +25°C, (77°F). Specifications are subject to change without notice.

Environment

<i>Application field</i>	The instrument is intended for use in high-voltage substations and industrial environments.
<i>Temperature</i>	
<i>Operating</i>	0°C to +50°C (32°F to +122°F) Power derating at temperatures over +35°C (+95°F)
<i>Storage & transport</i>	-40°C to +70°C (-40°F to +158°F)
<i>Humidity</i>	5% – 95% RH, non-condensing
<i>Shock/Vibration/Fall</i>	
<i>Instrument only</i>	ETSI EN 300 019-2-7 class 7M2
<i>Instrument in transport case</i>	ISTA 2A
<i>Altitude</i>	
<i>Operating</i>	3000 m (10000 ft)
<i>Storage</i>	10000 m (33000 ft)
<i>Encapsulation class</i>	IP20
CE-marking	
<i>LVD</i>	2014/35/EU
<i>EMC</i>	2014/30/EU
<i>RoHS</i>	2011/65/EU
General	
<i>Mains voltage</i>	100 – 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz
<i>Power consumption</i>	200 W (max)
<i>Power interruption</i>	40 ms (max)
<i>Protection</i>	Thermal cut-outs, Automatic overload protection, Emergency stop button
<i>Dimensions</i>	519x315x375 mm, (20.5" x 12.4" x 14.7")
<i>Weight</i>	19.5 kg (43.0 lbs) instrument 31.9 kg (70.3 lbs) incl. standard transport case 37 kg (82 lbs) incl. large transport case
<i>Display</i>	7" LCD, Capacitive touch screen
<i>Available languages</i>	Czech, English, French, German, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish
<i>Number of test files</i>	30 (max)
<i>Test time</i>	240 h (max)

Measurement section

Current measurement

<i>Display range</i>	0.0 to 2999.0 A
<i>Basic inaccuracy</i>	±(0.5% of reading +0.1 A)
<i>Resolution</i>	0.1 A

Internal current measurement

Range

<i>TORTEL 910</i>	0 to 110 A
<i>TORTEL 930/950</i>	0 to 220 A

Input for clamp-on probe

<i>Range</i>	0 to 1000 mV DC
<i>mV/A-ratio</i>	0.30 mV/A to 100.00 mV/A
<i>Input impedance</i>	>1 MΩ

Voltage measurement

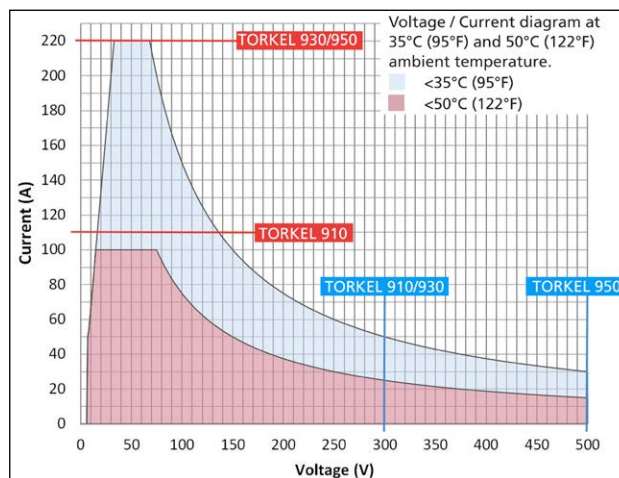
<i>Voltage</i>	0 to 500 V DC
<i>Inaccuracy</i>	±(0.5% of reading +0.1 V DC)
<i>Resolution</i>	0.1 V
<i>Sample rate</i>	10 Hz, Values are saved when change is >10 mV

Time measurement

<i>Inaccuracy</i>	±0.1% of reading ±1 digit
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Load section

<i>Battery voltage</i>	7.5 V to 300 V ¹⁾ /500 V ²⁾
<i>Power</i>	15 kW (max)
<i>Load patterns</i>	Constant current, constant power, constant resistance, current or power profile



Constant I

Range

<i>TORTEL 910</i>	0 to 110.0 A
<i>TORTEL 930/950</i>	0 to 220.0 A
<i>Inaccuracy</i>	±(0.5% +0.2 A)
<i>Resolution</i>	0.1 A
<i>Ripple</i>	max 0.5 A peak

Constant R

<i>Range</i>	300 mΩ to 3 kΩ
<i>Inaccuracy</i>	±1% typical
<i>Resolution</i>	100 mΩ

Constant P

<i>Range</i>	0 to 15 kW
<i>Inaccuracy</i>	±1% typical
<i>Resolution</i>	10 W

Inputs

+	7.5 to 300 V ¹⁾ 7.5 to 500 V ²⁾
-	0 V
I EXT ≤ 1 V	1 V DC, 300 V DC to ground
VOLTAGE SENSE	Impedance to the current terminals is >1 MΩ

Outputs**ALARM**

Relay contact	28 V DC, 8 A, 240 V AC, 8 A Devices higher than Cat II must not be attached
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TXL STOP

Relay contact	250 VDC, 0.28A, 28VDC, 8A, 250VAC, 8A
9 V DC	9 V DC, ±7% max 100 mA

Communication ports

BVM1 BVM2	USB connection for BVM units
	USB connection for USB memory



SERVICE	For service of the instrument
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- 1) TORTEL 910 and 930
2) TORTEL 950

SPECIFICATIONS**TXL830/850/865/870/890**

Specifications are valid at nominal input voltage and an ambient temperature of +25°C, (77°F). Specifications are subject to change without notice.

Environment

Application field	The instrument is intended for use in high-voltage substations and industrial environments.
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Temperature

Operating	0°C to +40°C (32°F to +104°F)
Storage & transport	-40°C to +70°C (-40°F to +158°F)
Humidity	5% – 95% RH, non-condensing

CE-marking

LVD	2014/35/EU
EMC	2014/30/EU
RoHS	2011/65/EU

General

Mains voltage	100 – 240 V AC, 50/60 Hz
Power consumption	75 W (max)
Protection	Thermal cut-outs, automatic overload protection
Dimensions	
Instrument	210x353x600 mm (8.3" x 13.9" x 23.6")
Transport case	265x460x750 mm (10.4" x 18.1" x 29.5")
Weight	13 kg (29 lbs) 21.4 kg (47 lbs) with transport case
Cable sets	
for TXL830/850	2 x 3 m (9.8 ft), 70 mm ² , 270 A, with female plug/clamp. Max. 100 V. 5 kg (11 lbs)
for TXL865/870/890	2 x 3 m (9.8 ft), 25 mm ² , 110 A, with female plug/lug. Max. 480 V. 3 kg (6.6 lbs)

Load section

	Voltage (DC) max.	Current max.	Power max.
TXL830	28 V	300 A	8.3 kW
TXL850	56 V	300 A	16.4 kW
TXL865	260 V (98 A max)	117 A	25.5 kW
TXL870	280 V (56 A max)	112 A	15.8 kW
TXL890	480 V (32 A max)	62 A	15.4 kW

Internal resistance, 3-position selector

	Position 1	Position 2	Position 3
TXL830	0.275 Ω	0.138 Ω	0.092 Ω
TXL850	0.55 Ω	0.275 Ω	0.184 Ω
TXL865	2.65 Ω	5.05 Ω	0.12 Ω
TXL870	4.95 Ω	2.48 Ω	1.24 Ω
TXL890	14.10 Ω	7.05 Ω	3.52 Ω

Maximal currents, 3-position selector¹⁾

Position 1				
	Current	Voltage	Cells	Cell voltage
TXL830	100 A	27.6 V	12	2.3 V
28 V max	78.5 A	21.6 V	12	1.8 V
TXL850	100 A	55.2 V	24	2.3 V
56 V max	78.5 A	43.2 V	24	1.8 V
TXL865	93.7 A	248.4 V	108	2.3 V
260 V max	73.4 A	194.4 V	108	1.8 V
TXL870	50.1 A	248.4 V	108	2.3 V
280 V max	39.2 A	194.4 V	108	1.8 V
TXL890	32.3 A	469.2 V	204	2.3 V
480 V max	26.0 A	367.2 V	204	1.8 V

Position 2				
	Current	Voltage	Cells	Cell voltage
TXL830	200 A	27.6 V	12	2.3 V
28 V max	156 A	21.6 V	12	1.8 V
TXL850	200 A	55.2 V	24	2.3 V
56 V max	156 A	43.2 V	24	1.8 V
TXL865	49.2 A	248.4 V	108	2.3 V
260 V max	38.5 A	194.4 V	108	1.8 V
TXL870	50.1 A	124.2 V	54	2.3 V
280 V max	39.2 A	97.2 V	54	1.8 V
TXL890	35.2 A	248.4 V	108	2.3 V
480 V max	27.8 A	194.4 V	108	1.8 V

Position 3				
	Current	Voltage	Cells	Cell voltage
TXL830	300 A	27.6 V	12	2.3 V
28 V max	235 A	21.6 V	12	1.8 V
TXL850	300 A	55.2 V	24	2.3 V
56 V max	235 A	43.2 V	24	1.8 V
TXL865	115 A	13.8 V	6	2.3 V
14 V max	90 A	10.8 V	6	1.8 V
TXL870	100 A	124.2 V	54	2.3 V
140 V max	74.8 A	97.2 V	54	1.8 V
TXL890	70.5 A	248.4 V	108	2.3 V
250 V max	55.2 A	194.4 V	108	1.8 V

1) The data examples apply to lead batteries.

SPECIFICATIONS BVM

Specifications are valid at an ambient temperature of +25°C, (77°F). Specifications are subject to change without notice.

Environment

<i>Application field</i>	The instrument is intended for use in medium-voltage substations and industrial environments. Altitude <2000 m (6500 ft) above sea level.
<i>Temperature</i>	
<i>Operating</i>	0°C to +50°C (32°F to +122°F)
<i>Storage & transport</i>	-20°C to +70°C (-4°F to +158°F)
<i>Humidity</i>	5% – 95% RH, non-condensing

CE-marking

<i>LVD</i>	2014/35/EU
<i>EMC</i>	2014/30/EU
<i>RoHS</i>	2011/65/EU

General

<i>Power supply</i>	
<i>Mains voltage</i>	100–240 V AC, 50/60 Hz
<i>Power consumption</i>	50 VA (max)
<i>Protection</i>	Over voltage, reverse voltage, voltage transients, ESD
<i>Dimensions</i>	
<i>BVM unit</i>	75 x 64 x 25 mm (3" x 2.5" x 1")
<i>Carrying case</i>	575 x 470 x 205 mm (22.6" x 18.5" x 8.1")
<i>Weight</i>	
<i>BVM unit</i>	0.07 kg (0.15 lbs)
<i>With accessories and carrying case</i>	BVM system of 16 units 7 kg (15 lbs) BVM system of 31 units 8.8 kg (19 lbs) BVM system of 61 units 12.5 kg (27 lbs)

Measurement section

<i>Maximum number of BVM</i>	2 x 120
<i>Voltage ranges</i>	0-5 V DC and 0-20 V DC
<i>Resolution</i>	1 mV both ranges
<i>Inaccuracy</i>	< 0.1% of full scale ±0.01 VDC
<i>Battery string voltage</i>	300 V DC (max)
<i>Measurement input impedance</i>	1 MΩ

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