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1. Introduction

We truly appreciate your purchase. Please read this manual carefully before use and follow the cautions below for your safety.

CAUTION

- 1. If the subject of the measurement could be hot, rotating, or near the movable parts, assure the safety and fix the pickup for measurement.

 <u>Do NOT hold the pickup manually</u> in these cases to avoid any possible accidents; including burning yourself, and entangled cables.
- 2. Follow the instructions printed on the battery for replacement and disposal of used batteries. Pay attention to the polarity of the battery for installation.

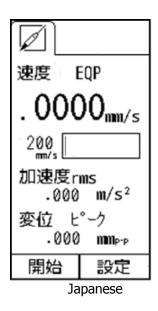
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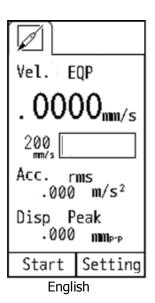
1-1. Panel Description

VM-4424 is available in Standard Model or High-End Model. Icons appeared on the display are different

in each model. High-end model has these two icons, when the machine is turned on.

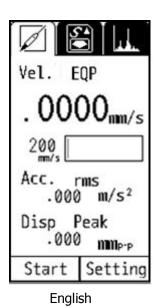
Standard Model





High-End Model





In this manual, panel displays of the standard model, VM-4424S, will be used to explain basic operation in Chapter 3. Additional functions of the high-end model, VM-4424H, will follow in Chapter 5.

1-2. Package Contents Product and Accessories for the VM-4424S/H

(1) Standard Product and Accessories

(Τ	1) Standard Product and Accessories					
		Products	Qty	Model	Note	Figure
	Main Unit	SmartVibro	1	VM-4424S/H		
Ī		Pickup	1	VP-4416	Piezoelectric Type	
Accessories		Probe	1	I	Handheld probe (with a nut). Ф6mm x 195mm	
	ssories	Output Cable	1	I	1.5m cable with a plug at one end. For output to a stroboscope or recorder, etc.	
	Battery	2	l	AA Alkaline batteries	Panaso Pa	
		Instruction Manual	1	_	With inspection report	
	SD Card	1	_	VM-4424H only	2 _{CS}	

(2) Optional Accessories

<u>2) Op</u>	2) Optional Accessories				
	Products	Model	Note	Figure	
1	Long Pickup Cable	LC4(4m)	To keep a distance from the subject of measurement.	(Example)	
2	Magnet	MH-201R	To fix the pickup on the subject of measurement.		
3	Cover	PC-3024	Silicone jacket	3.450	
4	AC Adapter	PS-3024-S	AC100-240V		
5	Carrying Case	C-3024	To store the SmartVibro and pickup.		

Specifications and appearances of the items above are subject to change without notice.

2. Outline

2-1. SmartVibro

SmartVibro is an acceleration meter placing emphasis on analysis, which is equipped with functions of H-function measurement, i.e., envelope processing. This machine serves various uses in measurement including checking the machines and equipment from various points of view. With SmartVibro, you can not only analyze the bearing, but also measure the acceleration amount and check fluctuation components in low-speed rotating machinery bearings.

2-2 Features

■Analysis Capability

RMS value of acceleration and H-function measurement enables precise data gathering that benefits your decision-making process.

■Simultaneous Measurement

High-speed processing CPU enabled simultaneous display of acceleration, velocity and displacement of velocity signal coming from the sensor.

■LCD Screen

Various settings like measurement conditions are possible by a touch panel.

■FFT Analysis Function (VM-4424H Only)

Real-time FFT analysis is possible with a minimum condition setting to check vibration frequency components.

■Waveform Data Save (VM-4424H Only)

Waveform can be stored.

Stored data in the SD card can be exported to a personal computer.

■Language

SmartVibro can be operated in Japanese or English by changing the setting.

■Volume Control

Volume is controllable with the digital volume.

3. Measurement



Fig.3-1

3.1 Before Getting Started

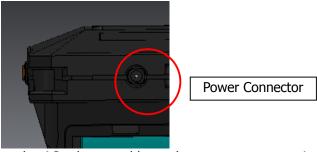
(1) You can select the computing method for velocity, acceleration, and displacement. Refer to the Chapter 4-2 for more details. Initial settings are as follows:

■ Acceleration : rms ■ Velocity : rms

■ Displacement : EQP (Equivalent Peak)

(2) Check the polarity carefully, and set two (2) AA batteries in the battery box. (NiCd or Alkaline)





For the use with the AC adaptor, connect the AC adapter cable to the power connector in the bottom of the device.

(3) Connect the pickup cable to the pickup connector.

Refer to the following chapters for measurement.

The pickup needs to touch the subject for measurement.

 \star For the method to fix the pickup, refer to the page 25.

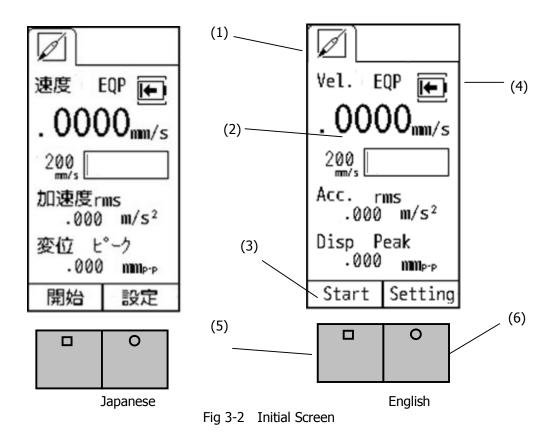
(4) Language Setting

You can select Japanese or English to be displayed on the screen. Refer to the Chapter 4-9 for details.

3-2. Measurement Screen

Turn on the SmartVibro by sliding an orange switch on the left side of the device. Initial screen (Fig3-2) will appear.

You can operate the device by using the touch screen and two function buttons.



- (1) Standard Measurement Mode
 - VM-4424S is equipped with this mode only.
- (2) Measurement Range Bar
 - This shows the level of measurement data. The data is not absolute, but rough indication.
- (3) Function Indicator
 - Valid functions are indicated. In the Fig 3-2, "Start" and "Setting" are operative.
- (4) Battery Indicator
 - This appears when the battery level is low.
- (5) Function Button (L)
 - In the measurement mode, you can start or hold measurement when you press this button. In the setting mode, you can check the battery level. (Chapter 4)
- (6) Function Button (R)
 - In the measurement mode, range display will appear when you press this button. In the FFT mode (available only with the VM-4424H), this button would switch the display from detailed to simple indication of the result, and vice versa. (Chapter 5) As for the range setting, refer to the Chapter 4.

3-3. Operations during Measurement

When the device is not measuring, "Start" is shown in the function indicator on the screen. (Fig 3-2) Pressing the function button L would start measurement. The screen displays measurement status. (Fig 3-3)

Once you press the same function button or touch the "Hold" on the touch screen would hold measurement and display the result at that point.

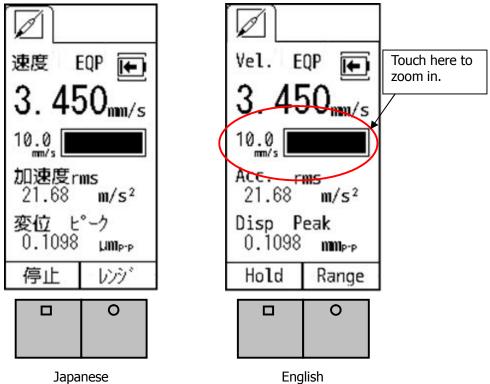


Fig 3-3 Display during Measurement

How to Change the Range

When the Auto Range function is OFF (as described in Chapter 4), the range key will be activated during measurement. (Fig 3-3) Touching "Range" on the touch screen or pressing the function button R will show the range setting display. You may adjust the range accordingly.

The icon, will appear on the upper right corner of the screen when the value is over the range. (Fig 3-4)

How to Zoom In

Touch the range bar area on the screen to zoom in the image. To zoom out, touch the same area again. (Fig 3-5)

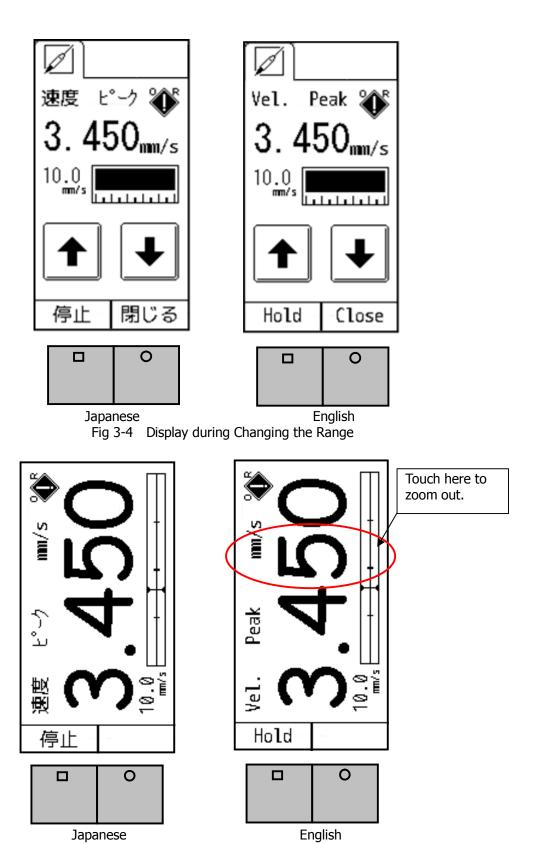


Fig 3-5 Enlarged

4. Setting

As shown in the Fig 4-1, the setting screen will appear when you press the function button R when "setting" is indicated in the function indicator. (Fig 4-2)

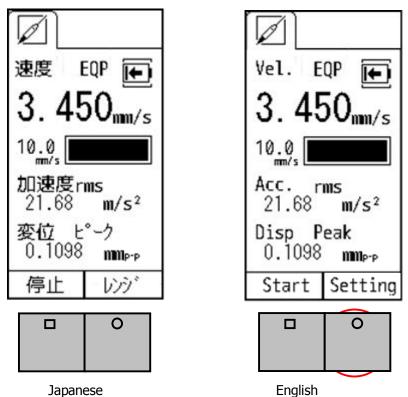


Fig 4-1 "Setting" in the Function Indicator

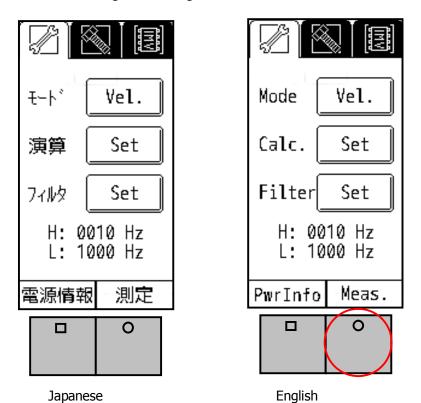


Fig 4-2 Mode and Calculation Setting Screen

4-1. Mode Setting

When "Vel." Is selected for the Mode (Fig 4-2), the physical amount is shown at the top of the measurement screen. Also, the enlarged screen will show the physical amount accordingly.

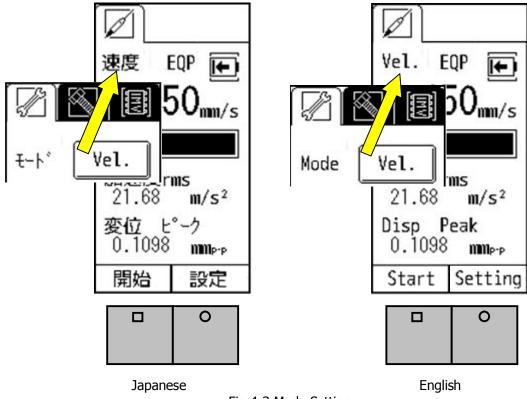


Fig 4-3 Mode Setting

As you touch the button by "Mode," the mode will change in the following order: Acc., Disp., BRG, Hfunc,and Vel. Refer below for explanation of BRG and Hfunc.

BRG

BRG is the bearing mode. In this mode, the measurement is processed with fixing the filter in the range of 1kHz to 10kHz. With the VM-4416 model, the range in this mode was classified as A to E in abstract number. However, with the VM-4424 model, the range is expressed in acceleration that is the original physical amount. BRG also has 6 ranges, same as the acceleration. Unlike regular measurement, [BRG] is displayed on the top side of screen, and only acceleration is displayed on the measurement screen. (Velocity or displacement will not be displayed).

H-Function

Through envelope process of the vibration signal, filtering 2kHz – 15kHz, H-function covers the range which BRG mode is not covering directly. H-function also has 6 ranges, same as the acceleration. Unlike regular measurement, [Hfunc] is displayed on the top side of screen, and only acceleration is displayed on the measurement screen. (Velocity or displacement will not be displayed). Corresponding to the switch from AC to DC, and vise versa, to be described in the Chapter 4-5, the output will change as follows(see next page). AC output terminal always outputs fluctuation data only.

(1) AC

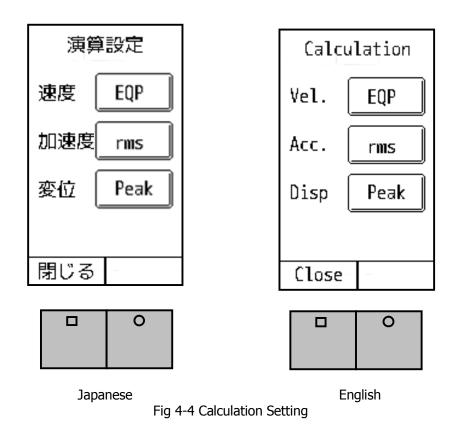
This is equivalent to "ENV" with the VM-4416. In this setting, the device rectifies only fluctuation of the H-function (envelope waveform), display the result, and conducts DC output. H-function is suitable to measure the relatively high components of 2kHz–15kHz generated from the source of vibration generation of low frequency below 1kHz, and an inaudible row signal is transformed to an audible signal by converting it into the signal below 1kHz.

(2) DC

Rectifying signal components through 2kHz to 15kHz, this mode outputs its level and fluctuating component below 1kHz. This is very definition of H-Function.

4-2. Calculation Setting

You can set how to indicate the physical amount of measurement results in calculation setting. As you touch "Set" in the Fig 4-2, the Fig 4-4 will appear.



The calculation method selected in the Fig 4-4 will be displayed on the screen.

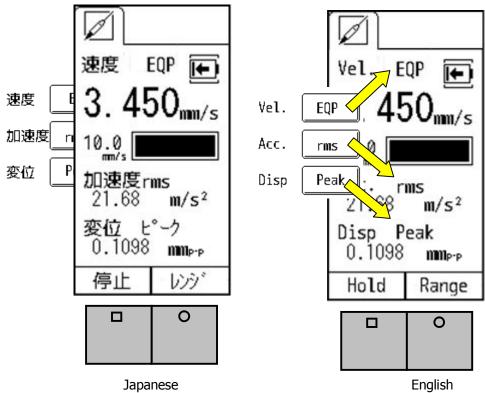


Fig 4-5 Example of the Setting Screen

The calculation method also will be changed as you touch the button on the screen in the following order:

Velocity: "rms" "EQP" "Peak" Acceleration: "rms" "EQP" "Peak" Displacement: "EQP" "Peak"

Below is a brief description of each calculation method.

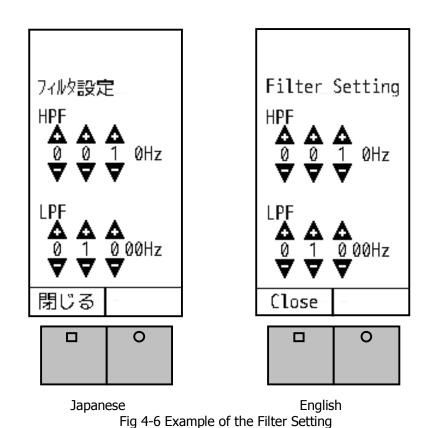
rms: Root mean square. This is the square root of the mean of the squares of the time-series data gathered from measurement.

EQP: EQP is a value gained by "rms" times root 2 ($\sqrt{2}$). Peak: The maximum value of the time-series data.

[Note] Refer to the Chapter 11 for more detailed definitions.

4-3. Filter

You can change the settings of high-pass (HPF) and low-pass filters (LPF). Pressing "Set" would bring you to the screen indicated in Fig 4-6. By touching the triangles on the screen, you can change the frequency of each filter.



The range of the filter setting is as follows:

HPF: 5Hz – 999HzLPF: 100Hz – 10kHz

4-4. Auto Range

In the setting section, the menu will be switched in the following order as you touch any icon:

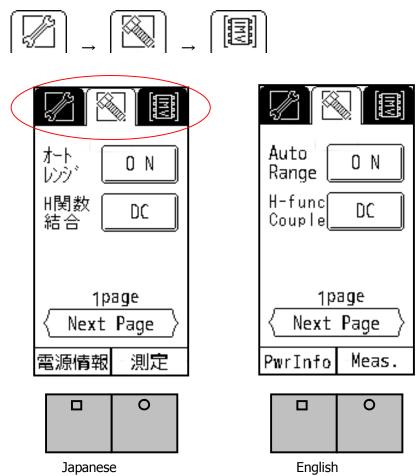


Fig 4-7 Auto Range Setting Page

Auto Range ON: Range will be adjusted automatically during measurement. "Range" will not be indicated on the measurement display, namely in this case the function button R is not effective.

You can switch between ON and OFF by touching the Auto Range button on the screen.

4-5. Coupling of the H-Function

You can select the coupling of H-function from AC or DC. Pressing "DC" button by "H-func Couple" in the Figure 4-7 will switch "AC" and "DC" alternately. Although AC output terminal always outputs fluctuation components (Refer to the Chapter 4-1).

4-6. Sensitivity Setting of AC and DC Output



Fig 4-8 will appear as this icon is selected.

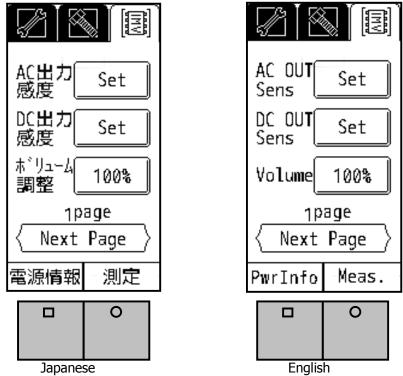


Fig 4-8 AC and DC Output Sensitivity Setting Page

This function set the full-scale value to the AC Output Voltage(1V). Display in the Figure 4-9 will appear once you press "Set."

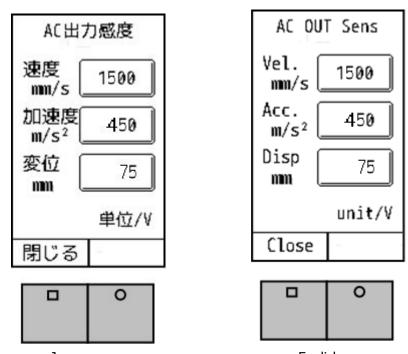
You can set the level of velocity, acceleration, and displacement per 1V. In the Figure 4-9, each level is set as follows:

Velocity: 1V is equivalent to 1500mm/s. Acceleration: 1V is equivalent to 450m/s². Displacement: 1V is equivalent to 75mm.

The physical amount of output signal of AC OUT is equivalent to the physical amount designated in the mode setting. You can select the value by pressing the button. The value will be switched as follows:

Velocity: $1500 \rightarrow 150 \rightarrow 15 \rightarrow 15000$ Acceleration: $45 \rightarrow 4.5 \rightarrow 450$

Displacement: $75 \rightarrow 7.5 \rightarrow 0.75 \rightarrow 0.075$



Japanese English Fig 4-9 AC Output Sensitivity Setting Page

This function set the full-scale value to the DC Output Voltage(1V). Display in the Fig 4-10 will appear once you press "Set."

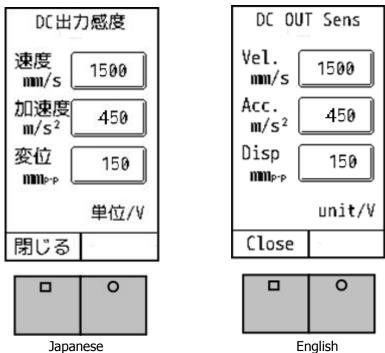


Fig 4-10 DC Output Sensitivity Setting Page

Setting method is the same as the AC sensitivity setting. You can set the sensitivity as follows:

Velocity: $1500 \rightarrow 150 \rightarrow 15 \rightarrow 15000$

Acceleration: $45 \rightarrow 4.5 \rightarrow 450$

Displacement: $15 \rightarrow 1.5 \rightarrow 0.15 \rightarrow 150$

4-7. Digital Volume

The sound of vibration during measurement is audible on earphones plugged in the AC outlet. With the volume button, you can control the volume level from 10% to 100% by 10%.

4-8. Battery Setting

You can go to the next page by touching the "Next Page" indication on the screen. You can go back to page 1 by touching "Next Page" in page 3. Fig 4-11 shows page 2.

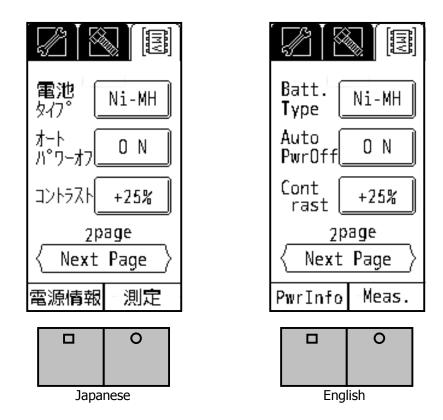


Fig 4-11 Battery, Auto Power, Contrast Setting Page

You can select the battery type, Ni-MH (rechargeable Ni-Cd battery) or LR6/R6 (alkaline battery). Since battery life indication depends on this battery type setting, the correct battery type needs to be selected. If other types of battery are used, the battery life may not be indicated correctly.

4-9. Auto Power OFF

Auto Pwr OFF: ON

The device will be turned off automatically in 30 minutes.

4-10. Contrast

You can adjust the contrast of the screen from -50% to +50% at +25% intervals

4-11. Language Setting

On page 3, you can select language and check the version.

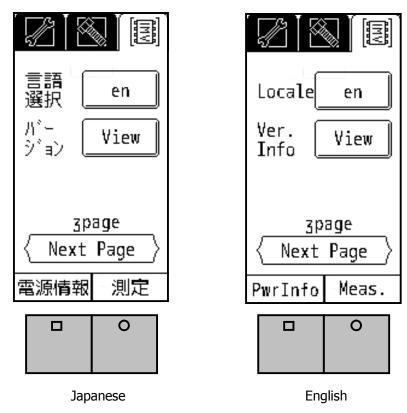


Fig 4-12 Language Setting and Version Information

Select "en" for English. Once you restart the device, the display will be changed into English. To choose Japanese, select "jp" and restart the device.

4-12. Version Information

Firmware version will be displayed as you press the View button in the Fig 4-13.

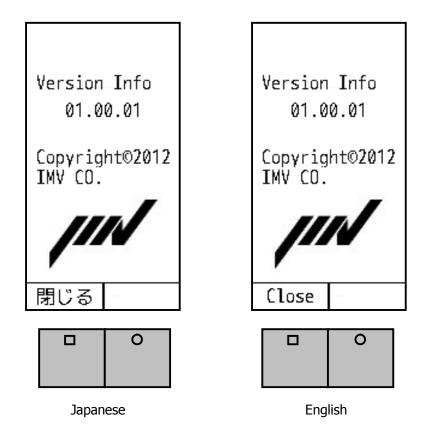
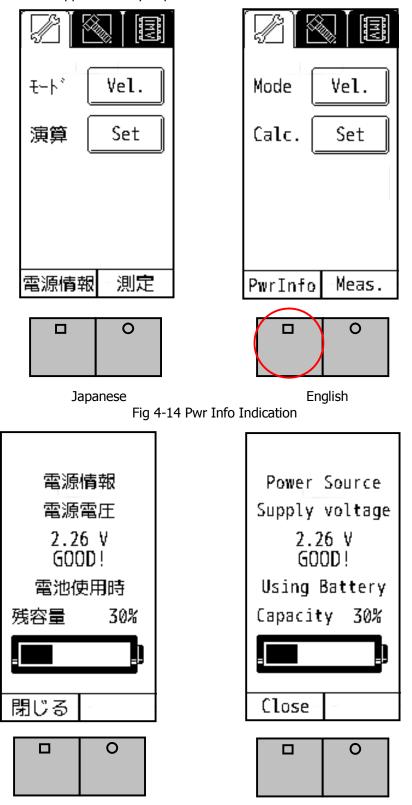


Fig 4-13 Version Information

4-13. Battery Indicator

Battery indicator will appear when you press the function button L below "Pwr Info" indication.



English Fig 4-15 Battery Information

Japanese

4-14. Password Function

4-14-1. Password Set

You can set the password not to change the setting parameters. Default password is not set.



tab's 4th page shows "Password setting".

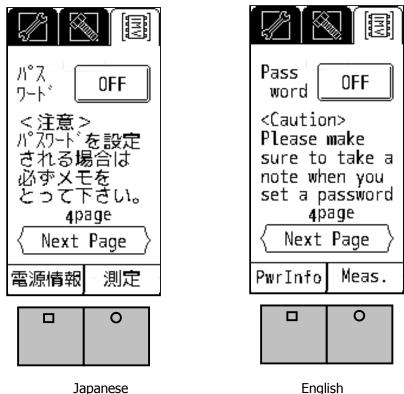


Fig 4-15 Password setting (password off)

Push the "OFF" button on Fig 4-15, then Fig 4-16 is showed to input 4 digits password number. Input 4 digits number, and push the "Return" button, then the password number is set. In case of " password is being set ", "OFF" becomes to "ON" in Fig 4-15 (see Fig 4-17) $_{\circ}$

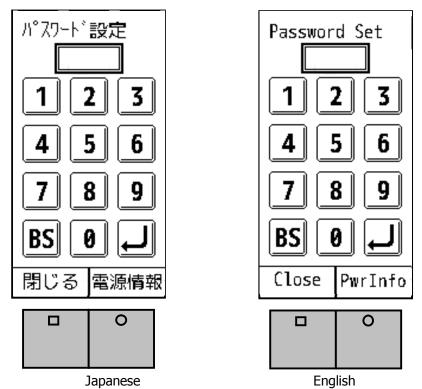


Fig 4-16 Password input

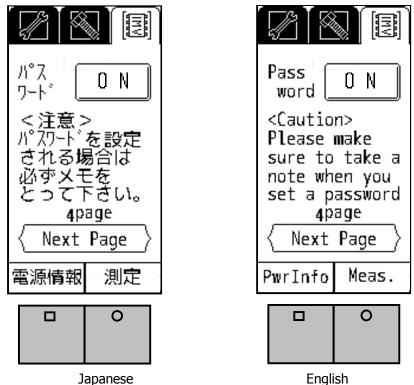


Fig 4-17 Password setting (password on)

4-14-2. Password Input

While password is set, if you press the "Setting" button, Fig 4-18 will show "Password entry". Please input 4 digits number, and press the "return" button. If password is correct, then the setting page will be displayed, and if not correct, then the "Password entry" is required again. In such a case, please confirm your password and input it correctly.

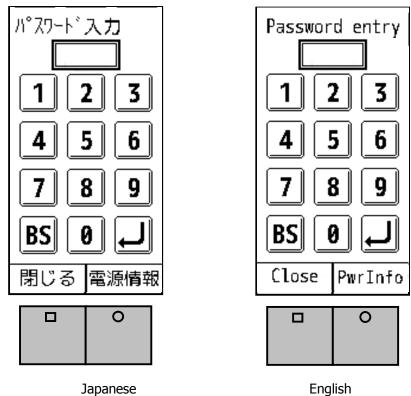


Fig 4-18 Password Input

Note) Please make sure to take a note when you set a password. If you have forgotten your password, you would not change the setting parameters.

5. The High-End Model; VM-4424H

VM-4424H is equipped with the FFT and waveform saving functions. (Note: Sections from here is not relevant to the VM-4424S functions).



FFT: FFT Mode

Equipped only with the VM-4424H.



Data Save: Data Save Mode

Waveform data will be stored in the SD card as plain text.

5-1. FFT

5-1-1. FFT Indication

Selecting the <FFT> tab will show the screen shown in Fig 5-1.

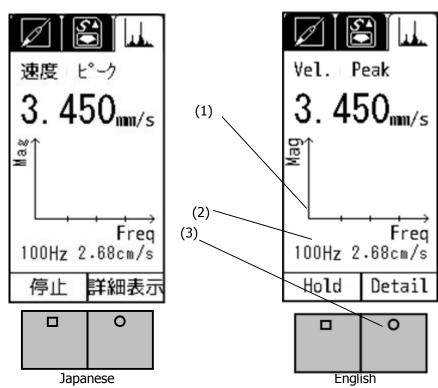


Fig 5-1 FFT Menu

(1) FFT Graph

Y-axis shows the physical amount of the measurement result indicated above the graph. (Velocity in Fig 5-1)

X-axis indicates frequency.

- (2) Maximum frequency and its value.
- (3) Details will appear as you press the function button R. (Fig 5-2)

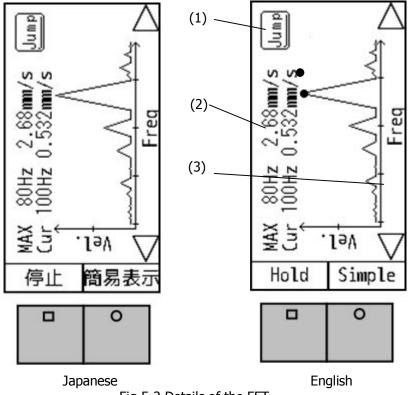


Fig 5-2 Details of the FFT

- (1) The cursor, indicated as a black dot on the screen, will move from one peak to another peak.
- (2) MAX: Maximum value of the gathered data. Cur: Value pointed by the cursor.
- (3) Slide the cursor.

5-1-2. FFT Setting

Fig 5-3 is the FFT setting page. FFT Line shows a frequency resolution. You can select from 25Hz, 12.5Hz, and 6.25Hz. This specifies the range of frequency axis; however, with the SmartVibro, VM-3024S/H, this setting does not affect the display range. Hence, you may not need to change the FFT setting from the default setting.

The FFT frequency needs to be set either "Mid," "Low," or "High." With this setting, the range of the frequency axis will be specified. Refer to the table below for the specified range per FFT frequency:

	Low	Mid	High
Acceleration	5Hz - 1kHz	50Hz - 5kHz	1kHz - 10kHz
Velocity	10Hz - 1kHz	10Hz - 1kHz	10Hz - 1kHz
Displacement	10Hz - 150Hz	10Hz - 150Hz	10Hz - 150Hz
Bearing	1kHz - 10kHz	1kHz - 10kHz	1kHz - 10kHz
H-Function	5Hz - 1kHz	5Hz - 1kHz	5Hz - 1kHz

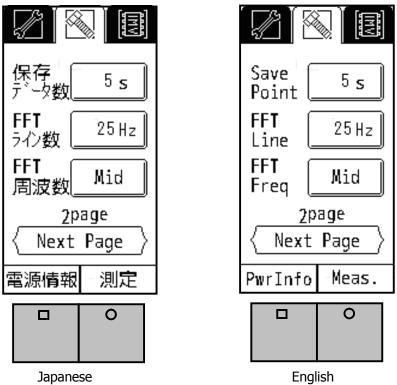


Fig 5-3 FFT Parameter Setting

5-2 Waveform Save 5-2-1. Waveform Data Save

Fig 5-4 is shown when you select <Waveform Save> icon in the measurement mode.

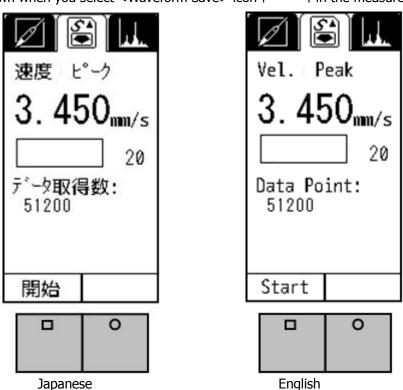


Fig 5-4 Data Gathering Start

Once you press "Start" on the screen or button in Fig 5-4, Fig 5-5 will appear.

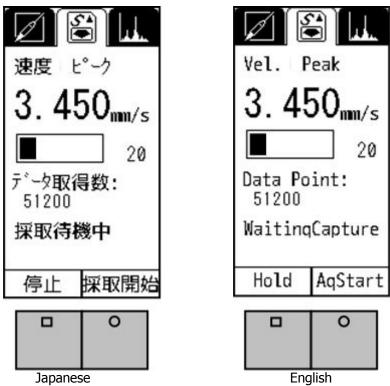
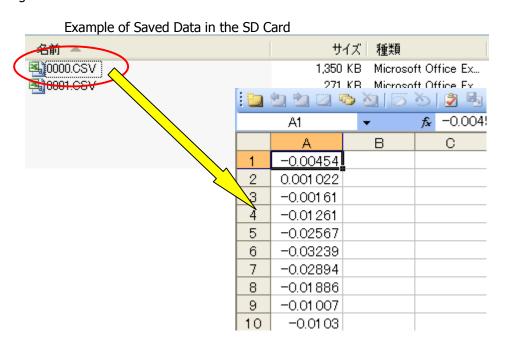


Fig 5-5 Data Gathering

Pressing/Touching "Aq Start" in Fig 5-5 starts gathering the data. Once it is completed, Fig 5-6 appears. Press/Touch "Save" to save the data in a SD card. Data will be numbered automatically in series starting from 0000.



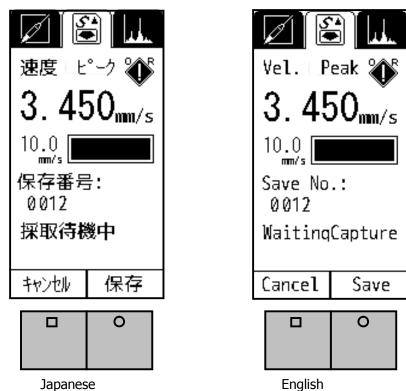
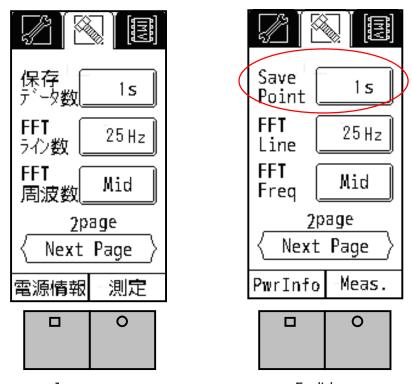


Fig 5-6 Completed Data Gathering

5-2-2. Data Save Settings



Fig 5-7 is the display of data save setting. Select this icon: Go to page 2, and set the save points.



Japanese English
Fig 5-7 Parameter Setting of Data Save

Select the time to save the data. You can select from 1s, 0.5s, 0.2s, or 0.1s.

6. Specifications 6-1. SmartVibro

Sampling Frequency	51200Hz
	Acceleration: 10Hz – 10kHz
Frequency Range	Bearing: 1kHz - 10kHz
, ,	H-function: 3Hz - 1kHz (Envelope process of 2 – 15kHz by BPF)
Fundamental Characteristics	±5%(10Hz~5kHz)
Frequency Characteristics	±30%(5Hz~10kHz)
	Acceleration: BRG, H-Func, 6-Range (1000, 300, 100, 30, 10,3m/s ²), Auto
Full Scale	Velocity: 6-Range (1000, 300, 100, 30, 10, 3mm/s), Auto
	Displacement: 6-Range (10, 3, 1, 0.3, 0.1, 0.03mmp-p), Auto
	EQP: Acceleration, Velocity, Displacement
Indication	PEAK: Acceleration, Velocity, Displacement
	rms: Acceleration, Velocity
	Sensitivity Error: +/-5% (1kHz)
Accuracy	Range Changeover Error: +/-2% (1kHz)
	Linearity: +/- 0.5% (FS)
Output	AC OUT: 0 to \pm 1 with a load over \pm 10k Ω
Output	DC OUT: 0 to +1V with a load over $10k\Omega$
FFT (VM-4424H Only)	Δf: 6.25Hz, 12.5Hz, 25Hz
Data Save (VM-4424H Only)	SD Card Data Saving: 0.1s, 0.2s, 0.5s, 1s
Language	Japanese and English
Language	AA x 2pcs (Approx. 20hrs in continuous run)
Power	Alarm: Icon in the screen
	Use: 0 to +50C; 95%RH or less, without condensation
Ambient Conditions	Accuracy Assured: +5 to +35C; 85%RH or less, without condensation
	Save: -10 to +60C; 95%RH or less, without condensation
Diameter 0 Watel:	74(W) x 32.5(D) x 148(H)mm
Dimensions & Weight	230g (with batteries)

6-2. Pickup

Detection Method	Piezoelectric Acceleration Sensor
Detection Direction	1 direction
Sensitivity	10.0 [pC/(m/s ²)] (Standard)
Ambient Temperature	-10 to +50C
Material (Case)	Aluminum
Weight	Pickup: 40g Probe: 70g
Cable	Pull-out, directly, Curl Cable (1.5m)
Connector	BNC Connector
Structure	Dust proof

7. Troubleshooting

(1) Over range

When the over range icon, appeared during use, modify the range setting as explained in Figure 3-4. Over range will be adjusted automatically in the auto range setting.

(2) No display

Possible causes are following:

- (A) Battery voltage is below 2.0V.
- (B) Polarity of the battery is wrong.
- (C) Pickup cable is not properly connected to the equipment.
- (D) AC adaptor is broken (if AC adapter is used), or not properly connected to the equipment.

When no problem was found in the 4 items above, (A) to (D), turn off and restart the machine.

8. Precautions

- 1. Turn off and remove batteries when not in use for long period of time.
- 2. Keep the machine away from organic solvent like ketone or thinner to protect the body made of ABS resin. For cleaning, use soft clothes. You may use a small amount of alcohol.
- 3. Do not disassemble the equipment. You can open only the battery box cover.
- 4. Avoid strong shock. The screen is made of glass.
- 5. Avoid high temperature or humidity to protect LCD screen. Store the equipment in dry place under 35C. Do not leave the machine under direct sunlight or in a car.

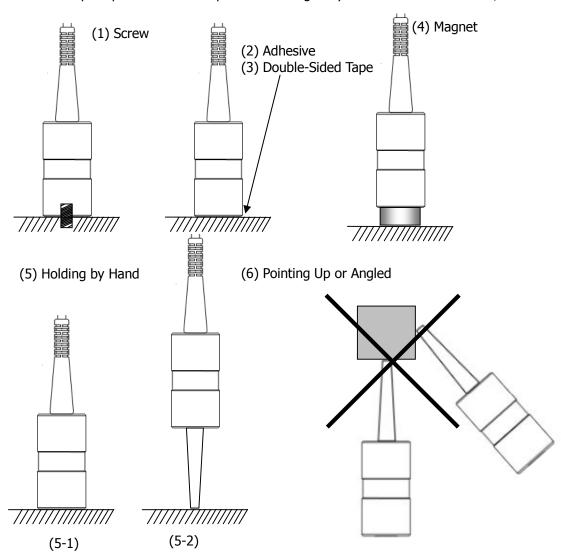
9. How to Fix the Pickup and Frequency

Mounting a pickup on a vibrating object create a vibrating system with its own resonant frequency, called Mounted Resonant Frequency.

This frequency vary with mounting method and state, and for high frequency characteristics, it is much influenceable.

You can fix the pickup onto the subject of measurement by (1) a screw, (2) instant adhesive, (3) double-sided tape, (4) a magnet, or (5) holding the pickup manually during measurement. These five methods do not have any problem in terms of mounted resonant frequency since it is over 2kHz. (5-2) However, the contact resonance frequency could be nearly 1.5kHz if when a contact pin is used for fixing. In this case, you need to be careful since the reading will become large when frequency goes over 500Hz. Also, please note that the probe needs to be pointed down straight to the subject of the measurement. (6)

★Handle the pickup with care. Pickup can be damaged by the shock around 1000m/s².



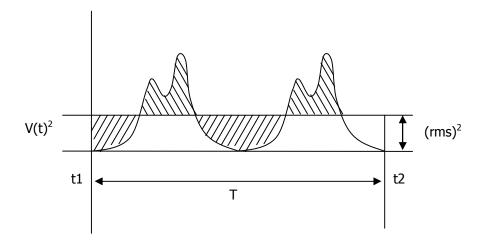
10. Definitions

rms : Root mean square. This is the square root of mean of the values x_i^2 , for a set of measuring data $x_1, x_2,, x_n$, namely

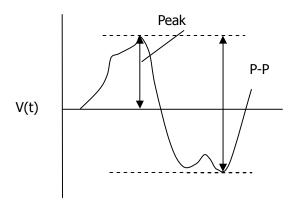
$$rms = \sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}{n}}$$

ISO standard sets RMS of vibration velocity as evaluation criteria of the vibration velocity, which is also known as vibration severity.

EQP: Equivalent peak. Giving that a measuring data set is sinusoidal, EQP is calculated Peak by following formula. (rms) $x \sqrt{2}$ is the formula with SmartVibro since the peak would be rms $x \sqrt{2}$ in sine wave.



Peak: Maximum value in the time-domain data.



Envelope Waveform: Envelope curve that reflects the track of the vibration waveform peaks. For example, vibration generated due to deterioration of rolling element bearing always occurs from rotation in the range of DC to 1kHz, which was modulated in the bearing's natural frequency, 2 – 15kHz, then transmitted to the bearing housing. SmartVibro can catch this vibration, gain absolute value, and show the track of peaks of waveform in high frequency, 2-15kHz, by low-pass filtering of 1kHz.

H-Function:

Once 2-15kHz signals go through the 1kHz filter by envelope process, the signals are rectified into DC components, and become a waveform, on which the DC-1kHz envelope waveform is superimposed. This waveform is called H-function and indicates the size and variation of vibration level for high frequency. AC output waveforms in the VM-4424 and VM-4416 are the signals gained after removing DC components from H-function and picking up fluctuation components in DC-1kHZ. You can select which value, H-function or fluctuation components, is displayed on the LCD or output through DC output, switching AC DC mode(see 4-5).

