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High-Current Sensor U11315

Instruction Sheet

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1. Safety instructions

- In order to avoid damage to the sensor resistor, adhere strictly to the current and power limits mentioned below.
- Do not exceed a maximum duration of 15 s for a maximum current of 20 A, while taking readings. Allow the sensor to cool for 10 mins.
- Use safety connection leads.

2. Description

Sensor box for measuring electric current in AC and DC circuits.

Shunt resistance measurement method.

For connecting inputs and outputs, use experiment leads with 4-mm banana plugs.

CAUTION: This sensor box is not automatically recognised by the interface.

2.1 Contents

1 Sensor box

3. Technical data

Measurement range:	0 to ±10 A	
Max. current:	±20 A for 15 s	
Sensor type:	Shunt resistance	
	$5~\mathrm{m}\Omega$ / 2 W	
Accuracy:	<1 %	

4. Operation

- Insert into the current path via the sockets I+ and I-, maintaining the proper polarity for DC. When measuring AC, the polarity is not significant.
- Set up a connection from the sockets U+ and U- to the sockets Uⁱⁿ_A or Uⁱⁿ_B of the 3B NET/og[™] interface, maintaining the proper polarity.

5. Sample experiment

5.1 Measuring the magnetic field of a currentcarrying coil

Apparatus required:

1	3B NET <i>log</i> ™ interface	U11300
1	High-current sensor	U11315
1	Magnetic field sensor	U11360
1	Field coil	U12252
1	DC power supply unit 16 V/20 A	U117361
5	Connection leads from	U13802

• Set up the experiment according to Fig. 1

In order to build up a measurable magnetic field, a current of up to 10 A must flow into the field coil. At 10 A, the high-current sensor supplies a voltage of 50 mV which is proportional to the current. The selected measurement range is 200 mV at the employed voltage input of the interface.

- Connect the magnetic field sensor to the interface.
- Increase the current in the field coil from 0 to 10 A in steps of 0.5 A and record the corresponding flux density (Fig. 2).



Fig. 1: Measuring the magnetic field of a current-carrying coil



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