



# STATIC DECAY TIMER PDT-740B

## User Manual





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## PROSTAT® PDT-740B STATIC DECAY TIMER

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**NOTE**

Before using this, or any other electronic piece of equipment, carefully read the instruction manual completely.

**I. Introduction**

The PDT-740B Static Decay Timer is typical of Prostat's innovative technology and support of Professional ESD Control Managers and Auditors. This unique accessory is designed to measure the decay time of ionizers from  $\pm 1,000$  volts to less than 100 volts in accordance with ESD Association's Ionization Standard ANSI/ESD STM3.1, and measure material decay time to less than 50 volts and less than 10 volts. Properly used, the PDT-740B provides decay time measurements for evaluating ionizers, packaging materials, footwear, personnel grounding, production aids, some equipment and many other ESD control products.

The PDT-740B Static Decay Timer is used with Prostat's precision portable Charge Plate Monitor kit components, including the PFM-711A Field Meter, CPM-720A Charge Plate Assembly and PCS-730  $\pm 1$ kV Charging Source. For evaluating materials and other products, additional decay measurement accessories e.g., PGB-745 Decay Electrode, or PRF-911 Concentric Ring fixtures are recommended.

**II. Before using the PDT-740B Static Decay Timer**

- A. Examine the instrument for damage, contamination (excessive dirt, grease, etc..) and defects. If any abnormal conditions exist, do not attempt to make any measurements.
- B. Basic contents of the PDT-740B package include:
  - 1. PDT-740B Instrument
  - 2. One 9 volt battery
  - 3. 40 inch (tip to tip) analog cable equipped with two (2) mini-phono jacks.
  - 4. Certificate of Calibration
  - 5. Available options include:
    - a. PGB-745 Static Decay Electrodes
    - b. PRF-911 Concentric Ring Fixture and PTB-920 Dual Test Bed
    - c. PTB-915 3x5.5 inch insulated test bed and 3x6 inch stainless steel test bed

**III. Safety**

The following safety information must be observed to insure maximum personal safety during the operation of this meter.

- A. DO NOT use the instrument if it appears damaged, or if you suspect it is not operating properly.
- B. Measuring voltages which exceed the limits of this instrument, i.e., greater than 1,500 electrostatic volts, may damage it and expose the operator to a shock hazard. **Always observe instrument voltage limits as stated.**

- C. As with other electronic devices, do not use or operate in wet conditions or in hazardous combustible environments.

#### IV. Function

The PDT-740B is designed specifically to measure decay time of ionizers and materials in seconds and tenths of a second from 1,000 to 100, 50 or 10 volts. It is used with the Prostat PFM-711A Field Meter and CPM-720 Charge Plate Monitor Assembly, or an equivalent instrument having an analog output of 1 volt equaling 10,000 electrostatic volts. This easy to use instrument comes equipped with LCD display, an analog input for connection to the field meter, **ON/OFF** Power Switch and a **VOLTAGE CUT-OFF SELECTOR** (10, 50 or 100 volts) switch.

#### V. Measurement Response Time

The PDT-740B response is 0.2 seconds at 100 volt CUT-OFF and 0.3 seconds at 50 and 10 volt CUT-OFF.

#### VI. Battery Installation & Maintenance

##### A. Battery Replacement

1. Power is supplied by a 9 volt "transistor" battery that will provide greater than 40 hours of operation without replacement.
2. Replace the battery periodically or when the **GREEN RESET** indicator will not reset in normal operations.

**NOTE:** Dead battery voltage is approximately 7.2 to 7.5 volts.

3. Unit should be **OFF** when replacing battery.
4. To replace the battery:
  - a. Remove the cover from the back of the instrument.



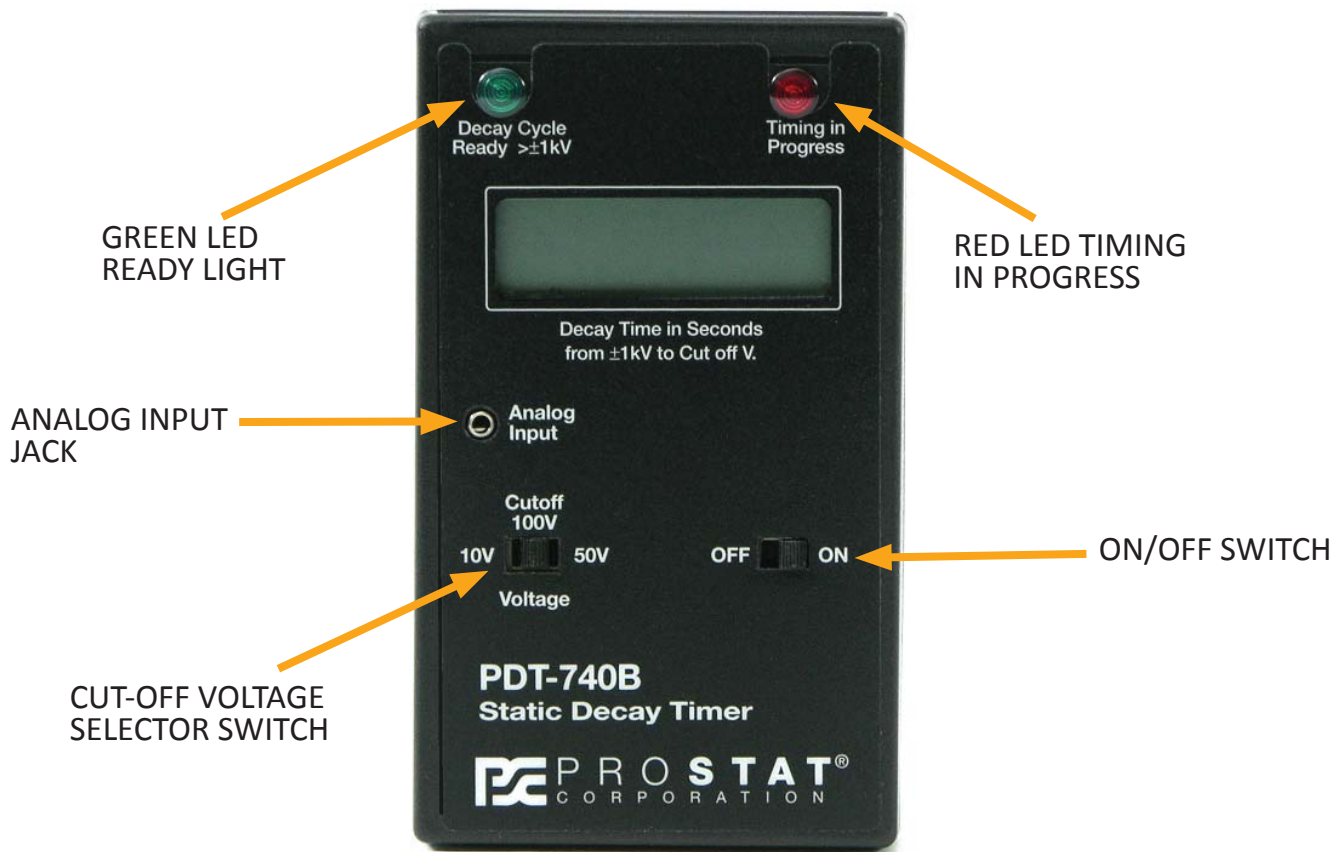
- b. Remove the battery from the case.
- c. Connect a new battery to terminals and insert it into the battery compartment.
- d. Replace the battery cover by sliding it carefully in the grooves provided. Do not over force the cover on.

If the cover does not re-install easily, remove the battery and reinsert for a better fit. Be sure wires do not hamper closing the battery cover.

e. The PDT-740B is now ready for use.

## B. Storage & Cleaning

1. The unit should be stored in clean, dirt free conditions at normal room temperature and humidity. The ideal storage environment is within a Prostat designed case or kit.
2. Simply maintain the outer surface and display by wiping with a non-abrasive low linting cloth.



## VII. Connecti

- A. Mount the CPM-720 Charge Plate Assembly onto the PFM-711A in accordance with their manual instructions.
- B. With both instruments' power switch OFF, connect the analog cable between the PFM-711A Field Meter and PDT-740B Static Decay Timer:
  1. Insert one cable mini-phono plug into the PFM-711A Analog Output receptacle located on the left front panel of the instrument.
  2. Insert the opposite end of the cable into the PDT-740B Analog Input receptacle located on the left front panel of the instrument.

- C. Slide the PFM-711A power switch to **kV/inch** to energize the field meter
- D. Slide the PDT-740B **ON/OFF** switch to ON.



- E. The system is ready for use

### VIII. Normal Operation for Ionization Static Decay Measurements

#### Overview:

The dual phono plug cable assembly is connected to the analog output of the PFM-711A Field Meter and the Analog Input of the PDT-740B Decay Timer. With the Charge Plate Assembly (CPM) installed on the Field Meter, the Charging Source is used to apply greater than  $\pm 1,000$  volts to the CPM. To measure an ionizers decay time performance, proceed as follows:

- A. While wearing a properly grounded wrist strap, grasp the PFM-711A/CPM-720 assembly in one hand making sure your hand contacts the grounding snap on the back of the PFM-711A Field Meter.
  1. Place the PFM-711A Field Meter power switch in the **kV/inch** position and **ZERO** the instrument.
  2. Note: Your hand should not make contact with, nor obstruct the CPM-720 Charge Plate Assembly in any way.



- B. Turn **ON** PDT-740B Timer and select 100 Cut Off Voltage
  1. With Charging Source properly grounded and held in your other hand, charge the CPM-720 Plate using the PCS-730  $\pm 1$ KV Charging Source to  $> \pm 1,000$  volts. When voltage exceeds  $\pm 1,000$  volts, the PDT-740B Static Decay Timer automatically:
    2. Resets its display to ZERO (00.0)
    3. Turns **ON** its Green LED, which provides Decay Cycle Ready indication.
- C. Assuming you are auditing a desk top blower, position the CPM-720 Charge Plate in the ionizers air flow approximately 12 inches from air output grid
- D. As the ionizer neutralizes CPM voltage, the field meter voltage will drop below  $\pm 1,000$  volts, at which time:
  1. The Green LED Decay Cycle Ready automatically goes **OFF**
  2. The PDT-740B LCD display begins timing function in seconds
  3. The PDT-740B Red LED Timing in Progress automatically comes **ON** and stays **ON** until voltage decays to 100 ( $\pm 2$ ) volts
  4. When CPM plate voltage reaches 100 volts or less, the timer stops and the Red Timing in Progress LED goes **OFF**.





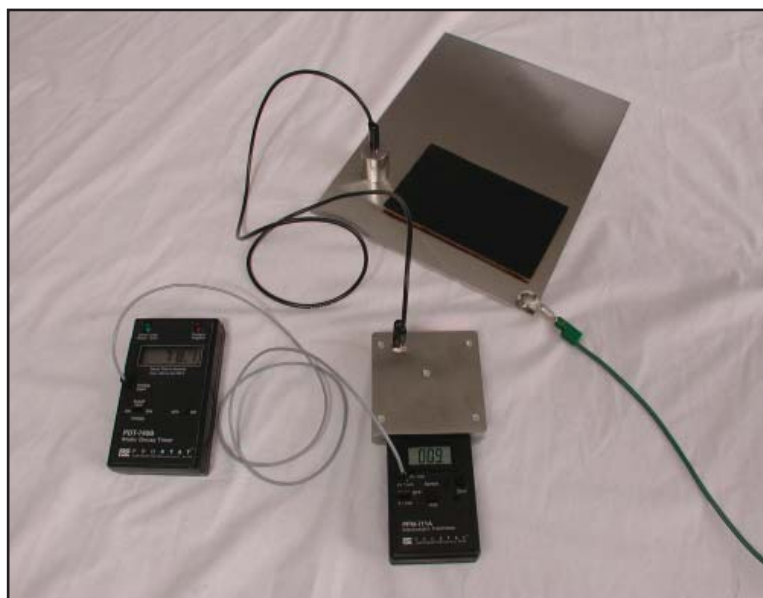


E. Repeat the above procedure for additional measurements.

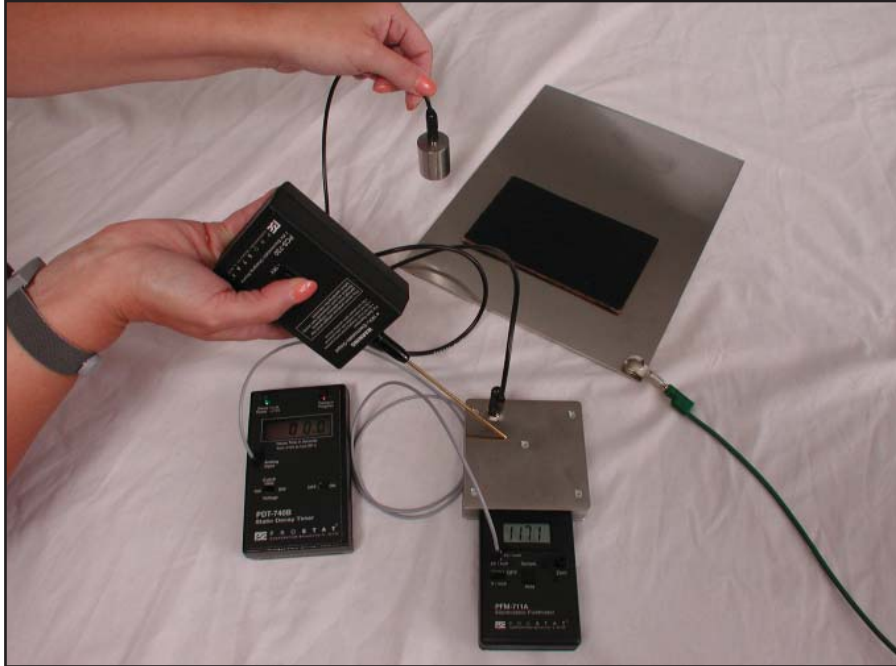
## IX. Suggestion “A” for Material Static Decay Measurements

### Overview:

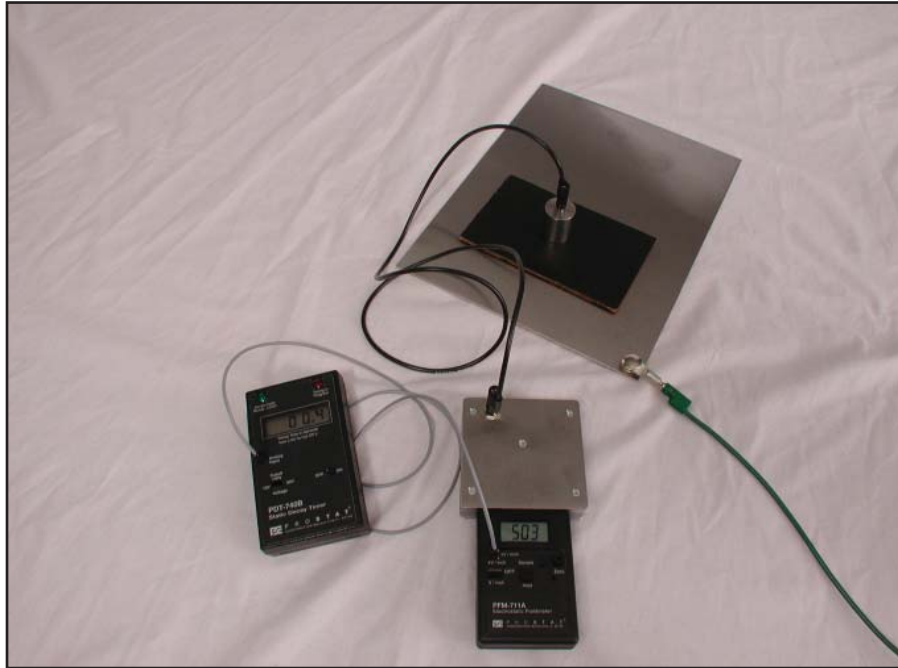
The dual phono plug (input) cable assembly is connected to the analog output of the PFM-711A Field Meter and the Analog Input of the PDT-740B Decay Timer. The Charge Plate Assembly (CPM-720) is installed on the Field Meter. One end of a high resistance lead is connected to the CPM-720 Plate and the other end connected to a Prostat PGB-745 Electrode. The PCS-730 Charging Source is used to apply greater than  $\pm 1,000$  volts to the CPM, which is shared with the PGB-745 Electrode. To measure material's decay time performance, refer to the figures below and proceed as described.



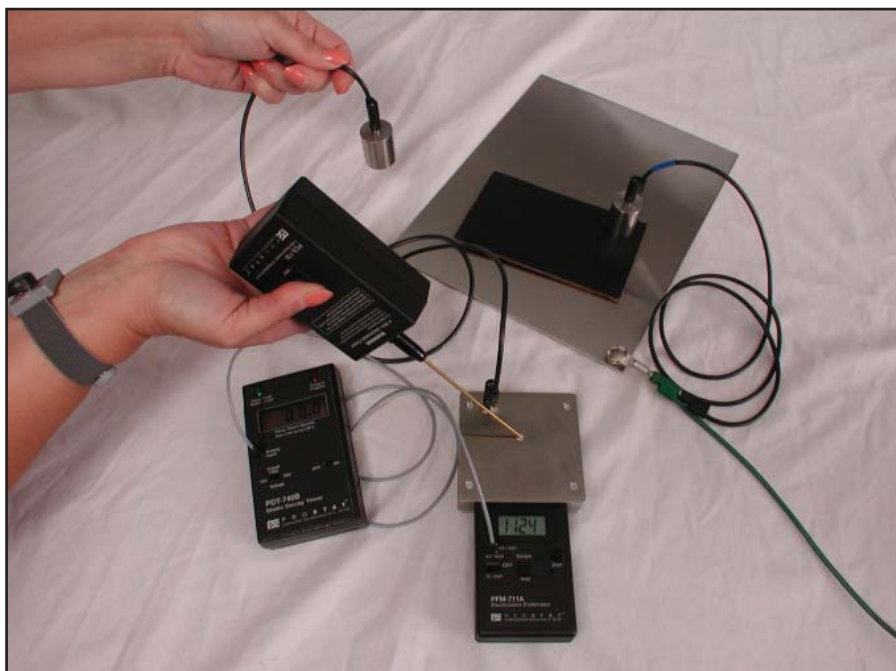
- A. Setup PFM-711A Field Meter, PCS-720 Charge Plate and PDT-740B Static Decay Timer as described and illustrated above.
- B. Place the material to be tested on a grounded steel test bed.
- C. Connect the PGB-745 Static Decay Electrode to the CPM-720 Charge Plate using a high resistance lead, and suspend the electrode above the specimen to be tested.



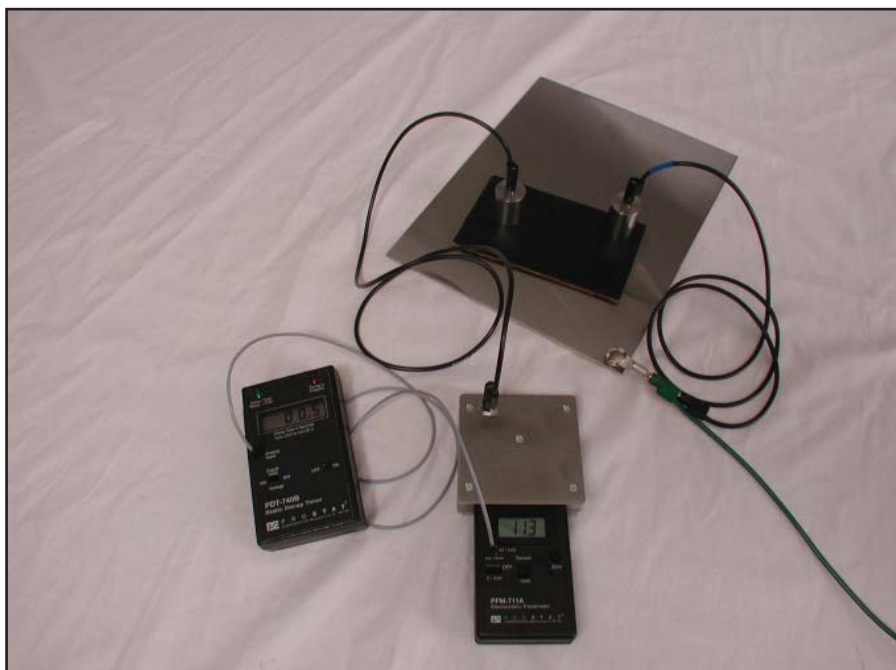
- D. While wearing a properly grounded wrist strap and the PFM-711A/CPM-720 is connected to ground:
  - 1. Place the PFM-711A Field Meter power switch in the **kV/inch** position and **ZERO** the instrument.
  - 2. Note that the PFM-711A Field Meter and CPM-720 Charge Plate Assembly may lay on a grounded conductive worksurface or be attached to ground through the PFM-711A ground snap. Nothing should be in contact with the upper CPM-720 plate except the high resistance lead.
- E. Turn **ON** PDT-740B Timer and select Cut Off Voltage
- F. With Charging Source properly grounded, charge the CPM-720 Plate using the PCS-730  $\pm 1$ KV Charging Source to  $> \pm 1,000$  volts. This also charges the PGB-745 Electrode to the same voltage. When voltage exceeds  $\pm 1,000$  volts, the PDT-740B Static Decay Timer automatically:
  - 1. Resets its display to **ZERO** (00.0)
  - 2. Turns **ON** its Green LED, which provides Decay Cycle Ready indication.



- G. Lower the PGB-745 Electrode onto the specimen under test
- H. As the electrode dissipates its charge through or across the test specimen voltage will drop below  $\pm 1,000$  volts, at which time:
1. The Green LED Decay Cycle Ready automatically goes **OFF**
  2. The PDT-740B LCD display begins timing function in seconds
  3. The PDT-740B Red LED Timing in Progress automatically comes **ON** and stays **ON** until voltage decays to set cutoff ( $\pm 2$ ) volts
  4. When CPM plate voltage reaches cutoff volts or less, the timer stops and the Red Timing in Progress LED goes **OFF**.
- I. Repeat the above procedure for additional measurements.
- J. As an option, use two (2) PGB-745 Electrodes as shown below:



1. Place the specimen to be tested on an insulated test bed
2. Place the second electrode on the test specimen and attached to ground.
3. The first electrode is connected and used as described above.
4. In this case, the charge dissipates from the first electrode, moves across the material to the second grounded electrode.



**PDT-740B Static Decay Timer Specifications**

Controls:	OFF-ON Cut Off Voltage, 10, 50 and 100 Volts (Selects Voltage to stop timing)
Indicators:	Green LED: Decay Cycle Ready > $\pm 1$ kV, CPM voltage > $\pm 1,000$ volts Red LED: Timing in Progress, CPM voltage decay timing activated LOBAT displayed when battery voltage < 6.0 volts
Display:	Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) displays elapsed decay time from $\pm 1,000$ volts to selected Cut Off voltage in seconds and tenths of a second (00.0)
Polarity:	Automatically senses Positive & Negative voltage references
Zero & Reset:	Automatically Resets Timer and Display to 00.0 when CPM voltage > $\pm 1$ kV. Reset indicated when Green LED Decay Cycle Ready LED is ON.
Response:	Approximately 200 milliseconds in combination with CPM and PFM-711A
Timing Range:	From 0.2 to 159.9 seconds
Timing Setpoints:	Reset when voltage input 100mv $\pm 2$ mv (1,000 Field Meter Volts $\pm 20$ V) Cut Off Voltage @ 100 V: 10mv $\pm 0.2$ mv (100 Field Meter Volts $\pm 2$ V) Cut Off Voltage @ 50 V: 5mv $\pm 0.2$ mv (50 Field Meter Volts $\pm 2$ V) Cut Off Voltage @ 10 V: 1mv $\pm 0.2$ mv (10 Field Meter Volts $\pm 2$ V)
Accuracy:	Typically < $\pm 5\%$
Power:	One (1) standard 9-volt battery, PROCELL, Eveready #216 (NEDA 1604, JIS 006P, IEC 6F22)Eveready #216
Battery Life:	>40 hours typical
Dimensions:	4.50 inches x 2.75 inches x 1.0 inches
Weight:	6.5 oz. (184 g)

## NOTES





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