

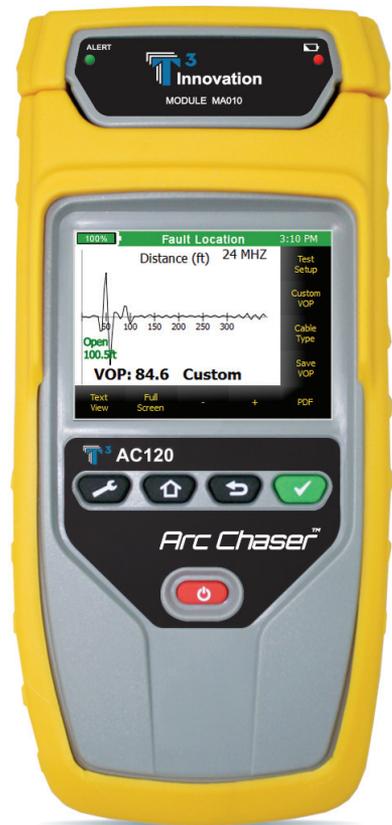
# Arc Chaser™

**21st Century Dual Mode TDR for Testing and Monitoring Energized and Unenergized Cables**

## Quick Start Guide

The Arc Chaser Dual Mode TDR is capable of finding faults (Opens, Shorts, **Arc Faults**) on fully energized cables up to 600 Volts. Arc Chaser can monitor live cables for **intermittent** conditions, capturing these “events”, and reporting where and when they occur. Using advanced Spread Spectrum Time Domain Reflectometry (SSTDR), Arc Chaser is capable of accuracy to fault of better than 1%.

AC120



# Interface



BNC Male to F Female



Dual Banana to BNC Female



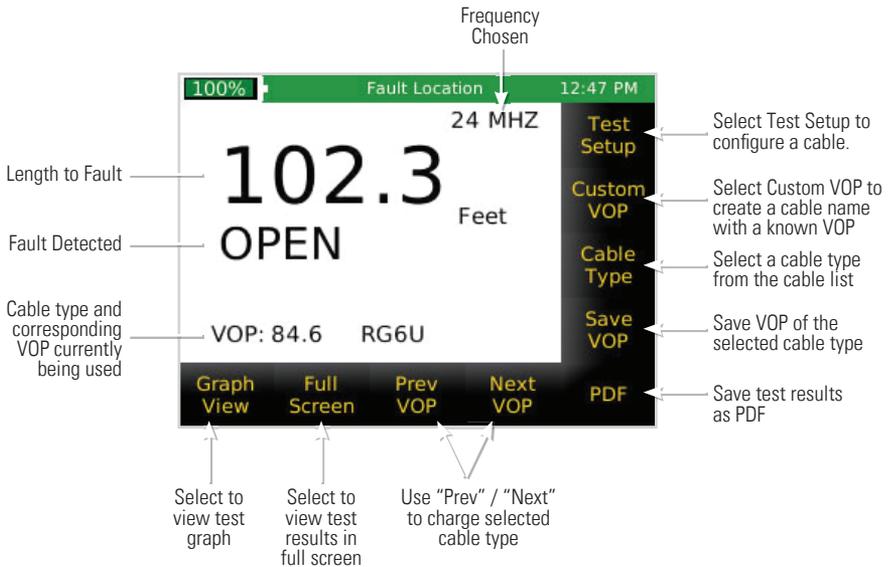
T3 Leader Cable  
5ft 600V CAT III



Flanged Crocodile  
Clips: red and black  
600V CAT III

# Fault Location

Fault Location mode will identify a cable fault as “short” or “open” and provide a length measurement to the fault. This menu is also useful in determining cable characteristics such as VOP and Test Frequency.



- Power the Arc Chaser on by pressing **Power Button** 
- Select **Fault Location** icon
- Connect the Arc Chaser to the cable (via leader cable or dual banana plug to BNC female adapter)
- Select **Test Setup** icon to configure the Fault Location cable test
  - Leader Settings: select **Leader** or **No Leader** (Leader should be used unless dual banana plug to BNC female adapter is being used.)
  - Cable Type: Select either **Twisted Pair/Coax** or **Other**
  - VOP: Three options to select cable VOP (Custom VOP, Cable Type, Discover VOP)

*Note: Only select one of the three options:*

- If you know the cables VOP, select **Custom VOP** and enter the VOP.
- If you do not know the VOP, but do know the cable type select **Cable Type** and pick the cable type then press **Select** icon.

## Fault Location (Cont'd)

- If the VOP or Cable Type is not known, select **Discover** VOP and enter the known length of the cable you are testing. This will give you your VOP for this cable.

*Note: VOP values can vary among cable types, lots, and manufacturers. In most cases, these differences are minor and may be disregarded.*

- Select **Save** icon
- Press the **Test Button**  to perform a test  
*Note: Select **Graph View** to view waveform*

## Live Intermittent Fault Detection (Live IFD):

Live IFD mode can monitor live cables for intermittent conditions, capturing these “events”, and reporting where and when they occur.

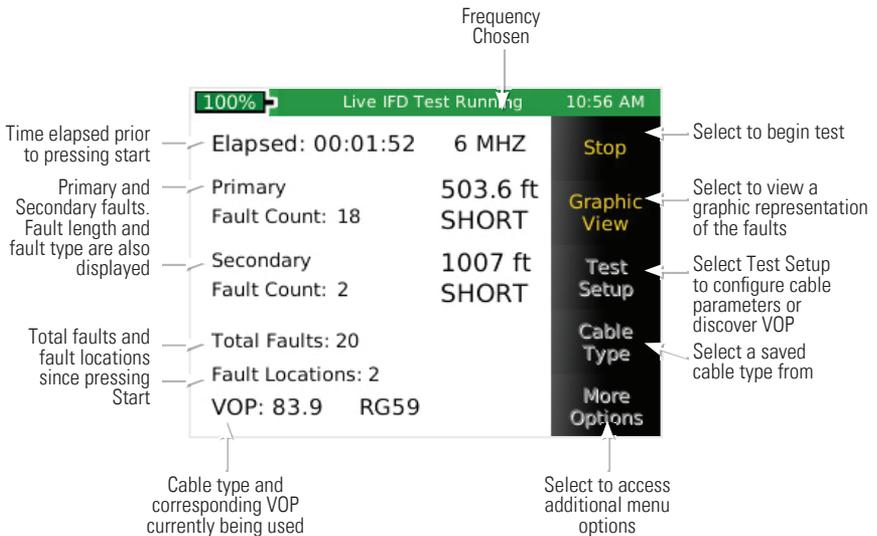
- Power the Arc Chaser on by pressing the **Power Button** .
- Select **Live IFD** icon.
- Connect the Arc Chaser to the cable (via leader cable or dual banana plug to BNC female adapter).
- Select **Test Setup** icon to configure the Live IFD cable test.
- Test Setup: Auto Frequency
  - Leader Settings: select **Leader** or **No Leader** (Leader should be used unless dual banana plug to BNC female adapter is being used.)
  - Cable Type: Select either **Twisted Pair/Coax** or **Other**
  - Test Frequency: Two options to select test frequency (Estimated Test Length or choose one of 5 preset Frequencies on the right hand side of screen).
  - If you do not know which of the five preset frequencies to use, select **Estimated Test Length** icon to enter the approximate length of the cable to determine test frequency.  
*Note: Running a Fault Location test will help to obtain the most accurate test frequency.*
- Test Setup: VOP
  - VOP: Two options to select cable VOP (Custom VOP, Cable Type)

Note: Only select one of the two options:

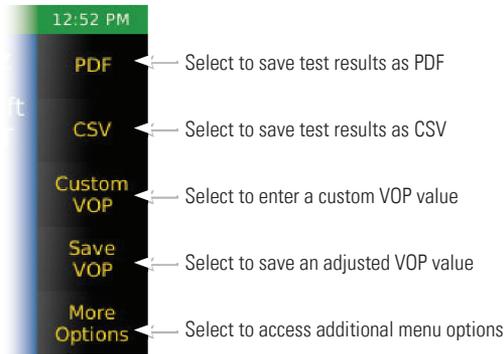
- If you know the cables VOP, select **Custom VOP** icon and enter the VOP.
- If you do not know the VOP, but do know the cable type select **Cable Type** icon and pick the cable type, then press **Select** icon.

Note: If you do not know the cable type or the cable type is not in the listing, go to back to the Home screen  select **Fault Location>Test Setup>Discover VOP** to determine your cables VOP.

- Select **Save** icon.
- Press the **Start** icon or the **Test Button**  to begin and stop a test.
- When your test is complete, select **Stop** icon.



## Live Intermittent Fault Detection (Live IFD) Continued:



## Tone

Tone Generation mode is used to trace cable runs and locate faults by sound.

- Power the Arc Chaser on by pressing the **Power Button** 
- Select **Tone** icon
- Connect the Arc Chaser to the cable (via leader cable or dual banana plug to BNC female adapter)
- Select one of the four tone cadences in the Tone Selection box:
  - Low - High - Melody #1 - Melody #2
- Select **Start** icon to send the tone
- Use a tone probe (refer to accessories) alongside the cable or at the end of the cable to hear an audible tone
- Select **Stop** icon to stop the tone generator

## System Settings

System Settings is for management of Arc Chaser system settings.

- Power the Arc Chaser on by pressing the **Power Button** .
- Select the **System Settings** icon or **System Settings Button**  to enter the Arc Chaser settings
- Press the **System Settings** button  to access additional settings

# File Manager

File Manager mode is for management of saved test results.

- Power the Arc Chaser on by pressing the **Power Button** 
- Select the **File Manager** icon
- Fault location files will be displayed first. To view IFD files, select **Show IFD** icon
- Select the **Up** or **Down** icons to scroll through the file list
- The files can be renamed or deleted by selecting the **Rename** or **Delete** icon

# USB

USB mode is for transferring results from Arc Chaser to a computer for record keeping and printing.

- Power the unit on by pressing the **Power Button** .
- Connect Arc Chaser to your computer by using the included micro **USB** cable
- Select **USB** icon
- A dialog window will appear on your computer (if a dialog window does not appear, open **Computer** then double click on the **Removable drive**)
- Double click on the **Reports** folder
- Double click in either the **Live IFD** or **Fault Location** folder
- Right click on the desired files and copy them to a folder in your computer

*Note: Saving test results to your computer can be done either by using your micro USB cable or SD card. See the Arc Chaser instruction manual for specific instructions.\**

# Arc Chaser Kit

Part Number	Description
AC120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arc Chaser main unit</li><li>• T3 Leader Cable 5ft 600V CAT III</li><li>• Flanged Crocodile Clips: red and black 600V CAT III UL/CSA</li><li>• Dual banana to BNC female</li><li>• Adapter: BNC male to F female</li><li>• Power Supply</li><li>• SD Card</li><li>• Micro USB Cable</li><li>• Carabiner Strap</li><li>• Protective Arc Chaser Case</li></ul>

## Optional Accessories

**TP200**  
TrakAll Tone Probe



**AD006**  
Adapter: Multi-Pin  
Connectors



For complete Arc Chaser user manual, technical information and customer support, please visit [www.t3innovation.com](http://www.t3innovation.com) or send an email to [support@t3innovation.com](mailto:support@t3innovation.com).

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