

# PowerPad<sup>®</sup> Model 8436

Quick Start Guide  
ENGLISH



**IMPORTANT WARRANTY NOTE:**

By registering online within 30 days from the date of purchase, your warranty will be extended to 3 years

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INSTRUMENTS  
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## PRODUCT PACKAGING

### Shipping Contents:



(1) PowerPad® Model 8436  
Cat. #2136.43 (instrument alone) or  
Cat. #2136.44



(1) Large Classic Tool Bag  
Cat. #2133.73



(5) Black Test Lead and Alligator Clip  
Cat. #2140.73



(1) 110V Power Cord  
Cat. #5000.63



(1) Line power cord (Cat. #5000.89)



(1) 5 ft USB Cable  
Cat. #2140.46

#### Also Included:

- USB drive (DataView/User Manual)
- 9.6V NiMh Battery - installed
- SD-Card – installed
- High Voltage Warning/ Caution Card

#### Kit (Cat. #2136.44 only) also includes:

- (4) AmpFlex® Model 196A-24-BK



(12) Color-coded ID Markers  
Cat. #2140.45

**USB DRIVE:** DataView® software and complete user manual for the Model 8436 are stored on the USB drive supplied with the instrument.

# Statement of Compliance

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Chauvin Arnoux<sup>®</sup>, Inc. d.b.a. AEMC<sup>®</sup> Instruments certifies that this instrument has been calibrated using standards and instruments traceable to international standards.

We guarantee that at the time of shipping your instrument has met its published specifications.

**An NIST traceable certificate may be requested at the time of purchase, or obtained by returning the instrument to our repair and calibration facility, for a nominal charge.**

The recommended calibration interval for this instrument is 12 months and begins on the date of receipt by the customer. For recalibration, please use our calibration services. Refer to our repair and calibration section at [www.aemc.com](http://www.aemc.com).

**Serial #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Catalog #:** 2136.43 / 2136.44 \_\_\_\_\_

**Model #:** 8436 \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill in the appropriate date as indicated:











Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Calibration Due: \_\_\_\_\_



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Thank you for purchasing a **PowerPad® III Model 8436**. For best results from your instrument and for your safety, read the enclosed operating instructions carefully and comply with the precautions for use. These products must be only used by qualified and trained users.

	<b>WARNING, risk of DANGER!</b> The operator must refer to these instructions whenever this danger symbol appears.
	<b>CAUTION!</b> Risk of electric shock. The voltage at the parts marked with this symbol may be dangerous.
	Equipment is protected by double insulation.
	USB socket.
	SD Card.
	Ground/Earth.
	Important instructions to read and to fully understand.
	Useful information or hint to read.
	The CE marking guarantees conformity with European directives and with regulations covering EMC.
	The trash can with a line through it means that in the European Union, the product must undergo selective disposal for the recycling of electric and electronic material, in compliance with Directive WEEE 2002/96/EC.

### Definition of Measurement Categories (CAT)

- **CAT IV** corresponds to measurements taken at the source of low-voltage installations.  
*Example: power feeders, counters and protection devices.*
- **CAT III** corresponds to measurements on building installations.  
*Example: distribution panel, circuit-breakers, machines or fixed industrial devices.*
- **CAT II** corresponds to measurements taken on circuits directly connected to low-voltage installations.  
*Example: power supply to domestic electrical appliances and portable tools.*



## PRECAUTIONS FOR USE



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This instrument is compliant with safety standard IEC 61010-2-030, the leads are compliant with IEC 61010-031, and the current sensors are compliant with IEC 61010-2-032, for voltages up to 600 V in category IV or 1000 V in category III. Failure to observe the safety instructions may result in electric shock, fire, explosion, and destruction of the instrument and of the installations.

- The operator and/or the responsible authority must carefully read and clearly understand the various precautions to be taken in use. Sound knowledge and a keen awareness of electrical hazards are essential when using this instrument.
- If you use this instrument other than as specified, the protection it provides may be compromised, thereby endangering you.
- Do not use the instrument on networks of which the voltage or category exceeds those mentioned.
- Do not use the instrument if it appears to be damaged, incomplete, or poorly closed.
- Before each use, check the condition of the insulation on the leads, housing, and accessories. Any item of which the insulation is deteriorated (even partially) must be set aside for repair or scrapping.
- Use only the leads and accessories supplied. Using leads (or accessories) of a lower voltage or category reduces the voltage or category of the combined instrument + leads (or accessories) to that of the leads (or accessories).
- Use personal protection equipment systematically.
- Keep your hands away from the terminals of the instrument.
- When handling the leads, test probes, and alligator clips, keep your fingers behind the physical guard.
- Use only the external power adaptor and battery pack supplied by the manufacturer. They include specific safety features.
- Some current sensors must not be placed on or removed from bare conductors at hazardous voltages: refer to the sensor manual and comply with the handling instructions.

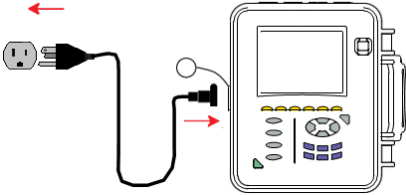
# Charging the Battery

Fully charge the battery before first use.




**NOTE:** A full recharge of a completely discharged battery takes approximately 5 hours.








120V ± 10%, 60Hz  
230V ± 10%, 50Hz






To recharge the battery:

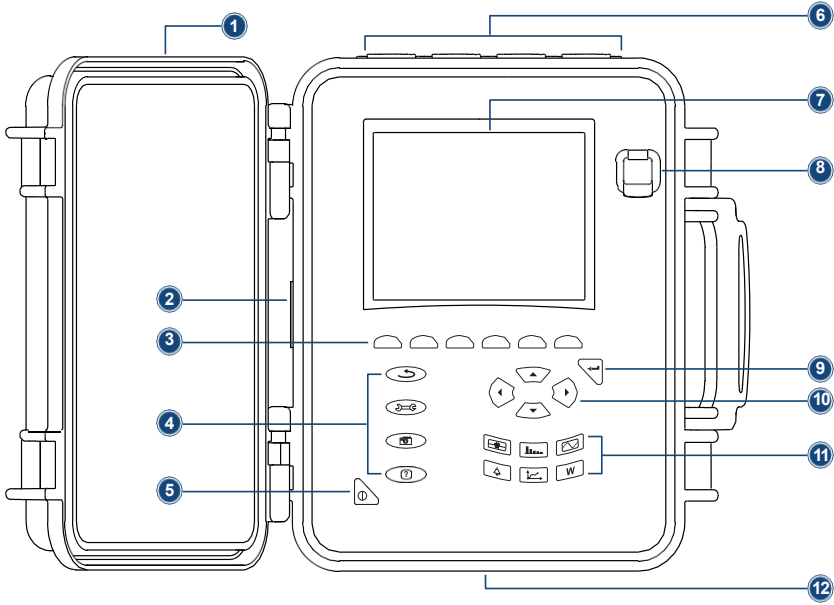
1. Unscrew the cover of the battery charging connector.
2. Connect the supplied power cord to the instrument and AC power.
3. The  button lights and will go out when the power cord is disconnected.

# Button Functions

BUTTON	DESCRIPTION
	Return to previous menu.
	Display Configuration menu for instrument setup.
	Take a snapshot of the current screen or access screens already stored in the memory.
	Open a Help screen describing the current function.
	<p><b>Transients or Inrush Current:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Waveform acquisition mode, with two sub-modes: transients mode (blackouts, interference, etc.) and inrush current mode (starting of motor).</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Harmonics Mode:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Displays the harmonics in percent and value ratios for voltage, current and power for each harmonic through the 50<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>▪ Determines harmonic current produced by non-linear loads.</li> <li>▪ Analyzes problems caused by harmonics according to their order (heating of neutrals, conductors, motors, etc.).</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Waveforms Mode:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Displays voltage and current waveforms or vector representation.</li> <li>▪ Identifies signal distortion signatures.</li> <li>▪ Displays of amplitude and phase unbalance for voltage and current.</li> <li>▪ Checks connections for correct phase order.</li> </ul>

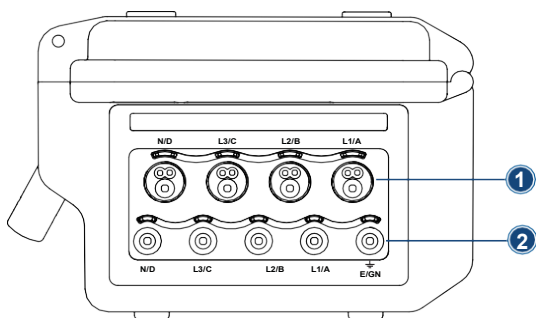
	<p><b>Alarm Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provides a list of the alarms recorded according to the thresholds programmed during configuration.</li> <li>▪ Logs interruption with half-cycle resolution.</li> <li>▪ Determines energy consumption exceedances.</li> <li>▪ Stores value, duration, date, time and set point for up to 4096 events.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Trend Mode:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lists all recording trends and views them on the display (Urms, Vrms, Arms, etc.).</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Power / Energy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Displays power levels and the associated parameters (power factor, displacement and tangent).</li> <li>▪ Energy monitoring.</li> <li>▪ Four quadrant measurement to discern source/load active energy and inductive/capacitive reactive energy.</li> </ul>

## Control Features



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protective cover</li> <li>2. Battery charging connector</li> <li>3. Six function buttons (yellow)</li> <li>4. Four function buttons (see "Function Buttons" above)</li> <li>5. ON/OFF button</li> <li>6. Four current inputs and five voltage inputs</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. LCD Display</li> <li>8. USB port</li> <li>9. Confirm/Enter button</li> <li>10. Navigation buttons</li> <li>11. Six mode buttons (see above)</li> <li>12. Battery compartment and SD-Card slot cover</li> </ol> |
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## Connection Terminals



1. Four (4) current inputs on the top of the instrument for connecting current sensors (MN, SR, AmpFlex®, MiniFlex®, J93 and MR probes).
2. Five (5) voltage inputs.

Each terminal is protected by a weatherproof plug. The plugs must be removed to connect the leads, then stored in the pouch inside the front cover. Leave the plugs on unused terminals to keep the instrument water/air-tight and the terminals clean.

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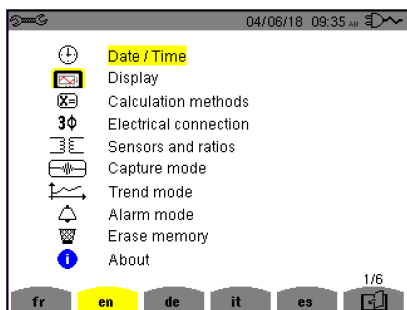
## Instrument Configuration



**NOTES:** The instrument must be configured the first time it is used. The configuration is saved in memory when the instrument is turned OFF.

The instrument configurations can also be modified through the DataView® software.

1. Press the button to display the Configuration menu:



2. Press the yellow button corresponding to the language to set the display language.
3. The parameter that is ready to be configured will be highlighted in yellow. To move to a different parameter, use the and buttons.
4. Press the Enter button to select a parameter.
5. Use the and buttons to change a value or setting.
6. When finished, return to the Configuration menu by pressing the .



PARAMETER	FUNCTION
<b>Date / Time</b>	Sets the date and time format
<b>Display</b>	Adjusts the contrast and brightness of the display Defines the color of the voltage and current curves
<b>Calculation Methods</b>	Determines whether or not harmonics are used in calculations of reactive quantities (power and energy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>With harmonics:</b> Harmonics are taken into account when calculating reactive parameters.</li> <li>▪ <b>Without harmonics:</b> Only the fundamental part is used for the calculation of reactive parameters</li> </ul>
<b>Electrical Connection</b>	Determines the type of connection to the network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Single-Phase</li> <li>▪ Split-Phase</li> <li>▪ 3-Phase 4-Wire</li> <li>▪ 3-Phase 5-Wire</li> </ul>
<b>Sensors &amp; Ratios</b>	Defines the type of current probe to connect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MN93: 200A<sub>AC</sub></li> <li>▪ MN193: 100A or 5A<sub>AC</sub> (with variable ratio)</li> <li>▪ SR193: 1000A<sub>AC</sub></li> <li>▪ J93: 3500A<sub>AC</sub>/5000A<sub>DC</sub></li> <li>▪ AmpFlex® Sensors: 6500A<sub>AC</sub></li> <li>▪ MiniFlex® Sensors: 6500A<sub>AC</sub></li> <li>▪ MR193: 1000A/1200A<sub>AC/DC</sub></li> <li>▪ SL261: 100A (sensitivity 10mV/A<sub>AC/DC</sub>) 10A (sensitivity 100mV/A<sub>AC/DC</sub>)</li> <li>▪ 5A three-phase adapter (3-channel only)</li> </ul>
<b>Transient Mode</b>	Configures the voltage and current thresholds
<b>Trend (Recording) Mode</b>	Selects the parameters to record (up to 4 configurations)
<b>Alarm Mode</b>	Defines the parameters of an alarm
<b>Erase Memory</b>	Deletes configurations, alarm settings, snapshots and recordings
<b>About</b>	Displays the serial number, software and hardware version

## SD-Card

SD-Cards are supported. **To access the SD-Card:**

1. Ensure the instrument is disconnected and OFF.
  2. Use a screwdriver to unscrew the 6 screws of the battery compartment cover.
  3. Remove the cover and withdraw the battery from its compartment without disconnecting it.
  4. Press on the SD-Card to release it, then press on the protecting tab to withdraw it from its slot.
  5. Ensure the SD-Card contacts are on the left side, and the locator down.
  6. Slide the card into its slot until it snaps into place. The protecting tab is at the top of the card.
  7. Place the battery back in its compartment and screw the cover back on.
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## Getting Started



**NOTE:** Ensure the PowerPad® is fully charged before use.

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### Connecting:

1. Press the button to turn the instrument ON.
2. Configure the instrument to obtain the required results and type of network.
3. Connect the current leads and sensors to the PowerPad®.
4. Connect the ground and/or neutral lead to the network ground and/or neutral (when distributed), as well as the corresponding current sensor.
5. Connect the L1 phase lead to the network L1 phase, as well as the corresponding current sensor.
6. Repeat the procedure for phases L2, L3 and N.

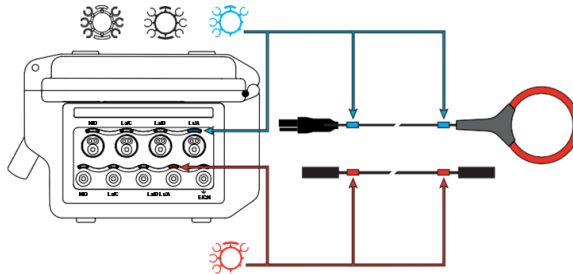
### Disconnecting:

1. Proceed in the reverse order to connecting, always finishing by disconnecting the ground and/or neutral (when distributed).
2. Disconnect the leads and press the button to turn the instrument OFF.
3. Recharge the battery, if necessary.

## Installing Leads and Current Sensors

Color-coded ID markers are supplied to identify the leads and input terminals.

1. Detach the appropriate inserts from the color-coded marker and place them in the holes provided under the terminals (larger inserts for current terminals, smaller inserts for voltage terminals).
2. Clip the rings of the same color to the ends of the lead that will connect to the terminal.



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## Installing DataView®



**DO NOT CONNECT THE INSTRUMENT TO THE COMPUTER BEFORE INSTALLING THE SOFTWARE AND DRIVERS.**

1. Insert the USB drive into an available USB port (wait for driver to be installed).
2. If Autorun is enabled, an AutoPlay window appears. If Autorun is disabled, open Windows Explorer, then locate and open the USB drive labeled "DataView" to view the files on the drive.
3. In the AutoPlay window, select "Open folder to view files."
4. Double-click on **Setup.exe** from the opened folder view to launch the DataView® setup program.

For more information on using DataView®, refer to the Model 8436 user manual that is supplied on the USB drive.

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## Updating Software & Firmware

To provide our customers the best possible service in terms of performance and technical upgrades, AEMC® offers free software and firmware updates on our website.

- Visit us at: [www.aemc.com](http://www.aemc.com).
- Click on the **RESOURCES** tab.

DataView® can also be updated by selecting "Update" from the Help menu within the software.



**WARNING:** Updating the firmware will erase all stored data in the instrument. We recommend downloading all stored data before performing any firmware updates.

## Repair and Calibration

To ensure that your instrument meets factory specifications, we recommend that it be scheduled back to our factory Service Center at one-year intervals for recalibration, or as required by other standards or internal procedures.

### For instrument repair and calibration:

You must contact our Service Center for a Customer Service Authorization Number (CSA#). This will ensure that when your instrument arrives, it will be tracked and processed promptly. Please write the CSA# on the outside of the shipping container. If the instrument is returned for calibration, we need to know if you want a standard calibration, or a calibration traceable to N.I.S.T. (Includes calibration certificate plus recorded calibration data).

**Ship To:** Chauvin Arnoux<sup>®</sup>, Inc. d.b.a. AEMC<sup>®</sup> Instruments  
15 Faraday Drive • Dover, NH 03820 USA  
Phone: (800) 945-2362 or (603) 749-6434 (Ext. 360)  
Fax: (603) 742-2346 or (603) 749-6309  
E-mail: [repair@aemc.com](mailto:repair@aemc.com)

**NOTE:** You must obtain a CSA# before returning any instrument.

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## Technical and Sales Assistance

If you are experiencing any technical problems, or require any assistance with the proper operation or application of your instrument, please call, fax or e-mail our technical support team:

Chauvin Arnoux<sup>®</sup>, Inc. d.b.a. AEMC<sup>®</sup> Instruments  
Phone: (800) 343-1391 or (508) 698-2115 (Ext. 351)  
Fax: (508) 698-2118  
E-mail: [techsupport@aemc.com](mailto:techsupport@aemc.com)

## Limited Warranty

The instrument is warranted to the owner for a period of two years from the date of original purchase against defects in manufacture. This limited warranty is given by AEMC® Instruments, not by the distributor from whom it was purchased. This warranty is void if the unit has been tampered with, abused or if the defect is related to service not performed by AEMC® Instruments.

**Full warranty coverage and registration is available on our website:**  
[www.aemc.com/warranty.html](http://www.aemc.com/warranty.html).

**Please print the online Warranty Coverage Information for your records.**

**What AEMC® Instruments will do:** If a malfunction occurs within the warranty period, you may return the instrument to us for repair, provided we have your warranty registration on file or a proof of purchase. AEMC® Instruments will, at its option, repair or replace the faulty material.

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## Warranty Repairs

### **What you must do to return an Instrument for Warranty Repair:**

First, request a Customer Service Authorization Number (CSA#) by phone or e-mail from our Service Department, then return the instrument along with the signed CSA Form. Please write the CSA# on the outside of the shipping container. Return the instrument, shipment pre-paid to:

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15 Faraday Drive • Dover, NH 03820 USA  
Phone: (800) 945-2362 or (603) 749-6434 (Ext. 360)  
E-mail: [repair@aemc.com](mailto:repair@aemc.com)

**Caution:** To protect yourself against in-transit loss, we recommend you insure your returned material.

**NOTE:** You must obtain a CSA# before returning any instrument.

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