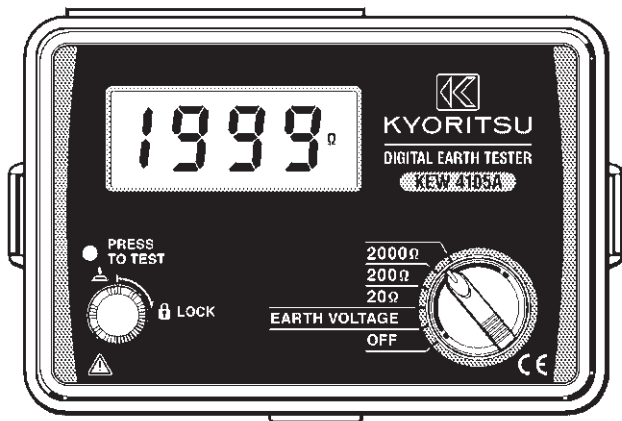


# INSTRUCTION MANUAL



Digital Earth Resistance Tester

**KEW 4105A**

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## 1. Safty Precautions

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- The instrument is designed, manufactured, tested and shipped in prime condition in accordance with the following standards.
- IEC 61010-1 Measurement CAT III 300V Pollution Degree 2
- IEC 61010-2-030
- IEC61010-031
- IEC61557-1,5
- IEC 60529 (IP54)

This instrucion manual contains warnings and safety rules which must be observed by the user to ensure safety operation of the instrument and to retain it in safe condition. Therefore, read through these instructions before using the instrument.

### WARNING

- Read through and understand instructions contained in this manual before using the instrument.
- Save and keep the manual handy to enable quick reference whenever necessary.
- Be sure to use the instrument only in its intended applications and to follow measurement procedures described in the manual.
- Be sure to understand and follow all safety instructions contained in the manual.

Be sure to observe the above rules strictly. Not following the instructions may cause injury or instrument damage.

Kyoritsu is by no means liable for any damage resulting from the instrument in contradiction to these cautionary notes.

- The symbol  on the instrument means that the user must refer to the manual for safe operation of the instrument. There are three kinds of the symbol . Read the instructions following each symbol carefully.

⚠ DANGER is reserved for conditions and actions that are likely to cause serious or fatal injury.

⚠ WARNING is reserved for conditions and actions that can cause serious or fatal injury.

⚠ CAUTION is reserved for conditions and actions that can cause minor injury or instrument damage.

⚠ DANGER

- Make sure that the range selector switch is set to a desired position before making measurement.
- Do not make measurement in the presence of flammable gasses. Otherwise, the use of the instrument may cause sparking, which leads to an explosion.
- Never attempt to connect the test probe if the instrument or your hand is wet.
- Do not apply an electrical quantity exceeding the allowable limit of a measuring range.
- Never open the battery compartment cover while making measurement.
- The instrument should be used only in its intended applications or conditions. Otherwise, safety functions equipped with the instrument do not work, and instrument damage or serious personal injury may be caused.
- Verify proper operation on a known source before use or take action as a result of the indication of the instrument.
- Keep your fingers and hands behind the protective fingerguard during a measurement.

⚠ WARNING

- Never attempt to make measurement, if any abnormal conditions are noted, such as broken case, cracked test probe and exposed metal parts.
- Never turn the range selector switch with test probe connected to the equipment under test.
- Do not install substitute parts or make any decomposition or modification to the instrument. Return the instrument to Kyoritsu or your distributor for repair or re-calibration.
- Do not replace batteries when the surface of the instrument is wet.
- Always set the range switch to the OFF position before opening the battery compartment cover for battery replacement.
- Stop using the test lead if the outer jacket is damaged and the inner metal or color jacket is exposed.

#### ⚠ CAUTION

- Make sure that the test probe are securely connected to the terminal of the instrument.
- Be sure to set the range selector switch to the OFF position after use. When the instrument will not be in use for a long period of time, place it in storage after removing the batteries.
- Do not expose the instrument to the direct sun, extreme temperature and humidity or dew fall.
- Use a damp cloth soaked in water or neutral detergent for cleaning the instrument. Do not use abrasives or solvents.
- When the instrument is wet, make sure to let it dry before putting it in storage.

#### Symbols

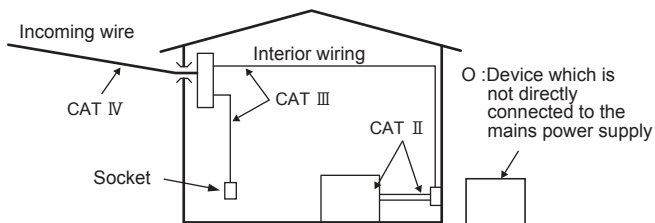
The following symbols are used and marked on the instrument and in the instruction manual. Please carefully check before starting to use the instrument.

|                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|   | Double or reinforced insulation                                                                                                                                                  |
|   | User must refer to the explanations in the instruction manual.                                                                                                                   |
|   | Earth                                                                                                                                                                            |
|  | This instrument satisfies the marking requirement defined in the WEEE Directive (2002/96/EC). This symbol indicates separate collection for electrical and electronic equipment. |

## Measurement Category

To ensure safe operation of measuring instruments, IEC 61010 establishes safety standards for various electrical environments, categorized as O to CAT IV, and called measurement categories. Higher-numbered categories correspond to electrical environments with greater momentary energy, so a measuring instrument designed for CAT III environments can endure greater momentary energy than one designed for CAT II.

- O : Circuits which are not directly connected to the mains power supply.
- CAT II : Electrical circuits of equipment connected to an AC electrical outlet by a power cord.
- CAT III : Primary electrical circuits of the equipment connected directly to the distribution panel, and feeders from the distribution panel to outlets.
- CAT IV : The circuit from the service drop to the service entrance, and to the power meter and primary over-current protection device (distribution panel).



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## 2. Features

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KEW 4105A is an earth resistance tester for testing power distribution lines, in-house wiring system, electrical appliances etc. It also has an earth voltage range for earth voltage measurement.

- Designed to safety standard IEC 61557.
- Dust and drip proof construction in conformity with IEC 60529 (IP54).  
Measurement can be made even under adverse weather conditions.
- Large, easy-to-read LCD digital display.
- Simplified measurement probe has a structure that both the alligator clip and the test bar are available.
- Warns when earth resistance of auxiliary earth spikes exceeds the permissible limit.
- Convenient carrying soft bag for accessories etc.

### 3. Specifications

- Measuring Range and Accuracy (at  $23 \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$  and RH 75% or less)

| Range            |               | Measuring Range    | Accuracy                                                                           |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Earth Voltage    |               | 0 - 199.9V         | $\pm 1.0\%$ rdg $\pm 4$ dgt                                                        |
| Earth Resistance | 20 $\Omega$   | 0 - 19.99 $\Omega$ | $\pm 2.0\%$ rdg $\pm 0.1\Omega$ ( 0 - 19.99 $\Omega$ )                             |
|                  | 200 $\Omega$  | 0 - 199.9 $\Omega$ | $\pm 2.0\%$ rdg $\pm 3$ dgt( above 20 $\Omega$ )                                   |
|                  | 2000 $\Omega$ | 0 - 1999 $\Omega$  | (Auxiliary earth resistance 100 $\Omega$ $\pm 5\%$ )<br>(Earth voltage 3V or less) |

- Electromagnetic compatibility(Radiated RF immunity & IEC61000-4-3)  
 RF field strength =  $\leq 1\text{V/m}$ , total accuracy : specified accuracy  
 RF field strength =  $3\text{V/m}$ , total accuracy : specified accuracy +5% of range
- Applicable Standards
- IEC 61010-1 Measurement CAT III 300V Pollution Degree 2
  - IEC 61010-2-030
  - IEC 61010-031
- MODEL7127A...CAT III 600V (with Alligator Clip)  
 CAT II 600V (with flat test prod)
- (Only the environment of CAT III or higher can be used with the alligator clip)
- ※When the instrument and the test lead are combined and used together, whichever lower category either of them belongs to will be applied.
- IEC 61557-1,5
  - IEC 60529 (IP54)
  - IEC 61326-1 (EMC)
  - EN 50581 Monitoring and control instruments

- Measuring Method

- Earth voltage measurement  
Average sensing
- Earth resistance measurement  
Constant current inverter  
Frequency : Approx. 820Hz  
Measuring current : 20 $\Omega$  range Approx. AC 3mA

○ Operating uncertainty

Operating uncertainty (B) is an uncertainty obtained under the rated operating conditions, and calculated with the intrinsic uncertainty (A), which is an error of the instrument used, and the error (En) due to variations. According to IEC61557, the maximum operating uncertainty should be within  $\pm 30\%$ . Operating uncertainty in earth resistance measurements (IEC61557-5)

$$B = \pm (|A| + 1.15 \times \sqrt{(E_2^2 + E_3^2 + E_4^2 + E_5^2)})$$

A : Intrinsic uncertainty

$E_2$  : Variation due to changing the Battery voltage

$E_3$  : Variation due to changing the temperature

$E_4$  : Variation due to series interference voltage

$E_5$  : Variation due to resistance of the auxiliary earth electrode

○ The measuring range to keep operating uncertainty of  $\pm 30\%$ :

20 $\Omega$  range : 5-19.99 $\Omega$

200 $\Omega$  range : 20-199.9 $\Omega$

2000 $\Omega$  range : 200-1999 $\Omega$

○ Number of Measurement

3300 times or more

( Measure 10 $\Omega$  for 5s on 20 $\Omega$  range and take a pause for 25s)

○ Operating Temperature and Humidity

0 - 40°C, relative humidity 85% or less (no condensation)

○ Storage Temperature and Humidity

-20 - 60°C, relative humidity 75% or less (no condensation)

○ Power Source

9V DC : R6P (SUM-3) x6

○ Overload Protection

Earth resistance ranges : 280V AC/DC (10 seconds)

Earth voltage range : 300V AC/DC (1 minute)

○ Insulation Resistance

5M $\Omega$  or more at 500V between the electrical circuit and the housing case

○ Withstand Voltage

3470V AC for five second between the electrical circuit and the housing case

○ Dimensions

105(L) x 158(W) x 70(D) mm

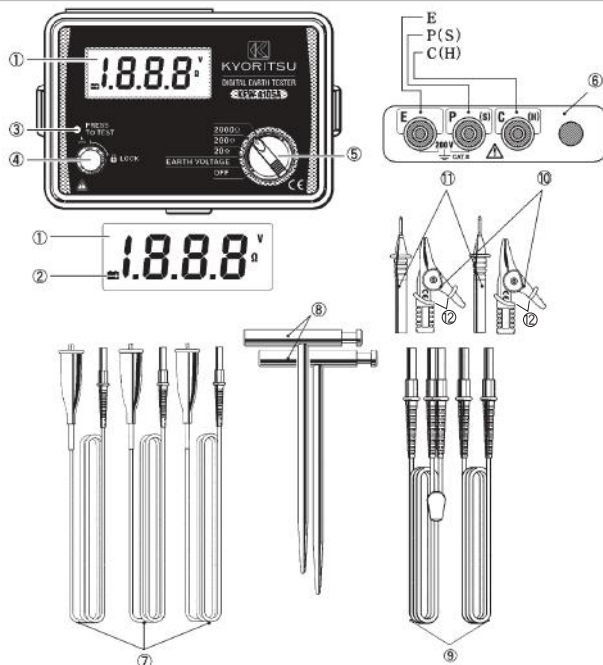
○ Weight

Approx. 550g

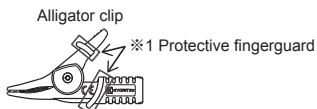
○ Accessories

|                           |                                                                                |         |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| M-7095A                   | Test Leads                                                                     | x 1 set |
| M-8032                    | Auxiliary Earth Spikes                                                         | x 2     |
| M-7127A                   | Simplified Measurement Probe<br>(with safety alligator clip and flat test bar) | x 1 set |
| M-9084                    | Carrying Case                                                                  | x 1     |
| M-9121                    | Shoulder Strap                                                                 | x 1     |
| Instruction Manual        |                                                                                | x 1     |
| Battery R6P (SUM-3)       |                                                                                | x 6     |
| Certificate of Conformity |                                                                                |         |

## 4. Layout Diagram



- |                                              |                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| ① LCD Display                                | ② Battery Replacement Mark<br>(Low Battery Symbol) |
| ③ Indication LED With<br>Measurement (Green) | ④ Press To Test Button                             |
| ⑤ Range Selector Switch                      | ⑥ Measuring Terminals                              |
| ⑦ Test Leads                                 | ⑧ Auxiliary Earth Spikes                           |
| ⑨ Simplified Measurement Probe               | ⑩ Safety Alligator Clip                            |
| ⑪ Test Bar                                   | ⑫ Protective finger guard                          |



\*1 Protective fingerguard is a part providing protection against electrical shock and ensuring the minimum required air and creepage distances.

## 5. Preparation for Measurement

### 5-1 Battery Voltage Check

Turn on the instrument. If the display is clear without low battery symbol "🔋" showing, battery voltage is sufficient. If the display blanks or "🔋" is indicated, replace the batteries according to section 7 for Battery Replacement.

### 5-2 Connecting Test Probe

Insert the plug of the probe securely into the terminals of the instrument. Loose connection may result in inaccurate measurements.

## 6. Operating Instructions

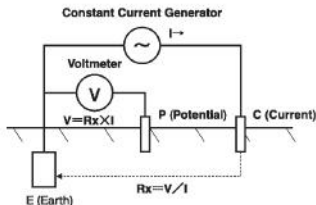
### ⚠ DANGER

- The instrument will produce a maximum voltage of about 50V between terminals E-C in earth resistance function. Take enough caution to avoid electric shock hazard.
- When measuring earth voltage, do not apply voltage greater than 200V between measuring terminals.
- When measuring earth resistance, do not apply voltage between measuring terminals.

### 6-1 Principle of Measurement

This instrument makes earth resistance measurement with fall-of-potential method, which is a method to obtain earth resistance value  $R_x$  by applying AC constant current  $I$  between the measurement object E (earth electrode) and C (current electrode), and finding out the potential difference  $V$  between E and P (potential electrode).

$$R_x = V / I$$

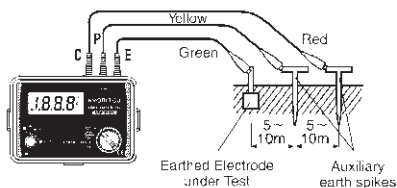


## 6-2 Precise Measurement (with Test Probe M-7095A)

### ① Test probe connection

Stick the auxiliary earth spikes P and C into the ground deeply. They should be aligned at an interval of 5-10m from the earthed equipment under test. Connect the green wire to the earthed equipment under test, the yellow wire to the auxiliary earth spike P and the red wire to the auxiliary earth spike C from terminals E, P and C of the instrument in order.

Note : ◇ Make sure to stick the auxiliary earth spikes in the moist part of the soil. Give enough water where the spikes have to be stuck into the dry, stony or sandy part of the earth so that it may become moist.  
◇ In case of concrete, lay the auxiliary earth spike down and water it, or put a wet dustcloth etc. on the spike when making measurement.



### ② Earth Voltage Measurement

Set the range switch to EARTH VOLTAGE position in the condition of ①. Earth voltage will be indicated on the display. Make sure that the voltage is 3V or less.

When the display reads more than 3V, it may result in excessive errors in earth resistance measurement. To avoid this, make measurement after reducing the voltage by turning off the power supply of the equipment under test etc.

### ③ Precise Measurement

Set the range switch to 2000 $\Omega$  position and press the test button. LED remains illuminated during testing. Turn the range switch to 200 $\Omega$  and

20 $\Omega$  when the earth resistance is low. This indicated value is the earth resistance of the earthed equipment under test.

Note : ◇ If the auxiliary earth resistance of auxiliary earth spike C is too high to make measurement, the display reads '...'. Recheck the connection of test leads and the earth resistance of auxiliary earth spike.

**⚠ CAUTION**

- If measurement is made with the probes twisted or in touch with each other, the reading of the instrument may be affected by induction. When connecting the probes, make sure that they are separated.
- If earth resistance of auxiliary earth spikes is too large, it may result in inaccurate measurement. Make sure to stick the auxiliary earth spike P and C into the moist part of the earth carefully, and ensure sufficient connections between the respective connections.

### **6-3 Simplified Measurement (with Test Probe M-7127A)**

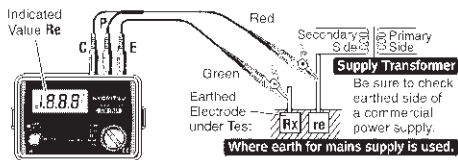
Use this method when the auxiliary earth spike cannot be stuck. In this method, an existing earth electrode with a low earth resistance, such as a metal water pipe, a common earth of a commercial power supply and an earth terminal of a building, can be used with two-terminal method (E,P).

Use the simplified measurement probe attached which has a convenient structure that both the safety alligator clip and the test bar are available.

#### **① Wiring**

Make connection as shown in the figure.

Note : ◇ When the simplified measurement probes are not used, short P and C terminals.



### ⚠ DANGER

- Please be sure to use a voltage detector to check a common earth of commercial power supply.
- Do not use the instrument to check a common earth of commercial power supply.

A danger will be caused because the voltage may not be displayed even in case of a live conductor when the connection of the earth electrode to be measured has come off, or when the connection of the test leads of the instrument is not correct etc.

- Do not use the instrument to measure the voltage of commercial power supply.

The instrument is not designed for voltage measurement of commercial power supply. When using the adjunctive simplified measurement probe MODEL7127A, P and C terminals will be short-circuited and the input impedance will be reduced. The residual current circuit breaker may operate when making measurement of the voltage in the circuit with the breaker.

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When the display reads more than 3 V, it may result in excessive errors in earth resistance measurement. To avoid this, make measurement after reducing the voltage by turning off the power supply of the equipment under test etc.

## ③ Simplified Measurement

Set the range switch to 2000Q position and press the test button. LED remains illuminated during testing. Turn the range switch to 200Q and  $20\Omega$  when the earth resistance is low. This indicated value is the earth resistance of the earthed equipment under test.

Note : ◇ If the auxiliary earth resistance of auxiliary earth spike C is too high to make measurement, the display reads ' ... '. Recheck the connection of each test lead and the earth resistance of auxiliary earth spike.

## ④ Simplified Measurement Value

Two-terminal method is used for simplified measurement. In this method, earth resistance value  $r_e$  of earth electrode connected to terminal P is added to true earth resistance value  $R_x$  and shown as an indicated value **Re**.

$$\mathbf{Re = Rx + re}$$

If the **re** is known beforehand, true earth resistance value **Rx** is calculated as follows.

$$\mathbf{Rx = Re - re}$$

## 7. Battery Replacement

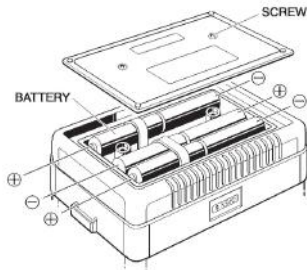
### ⚠ DANGER

- Never attempt to open the battery compartment cover, if the outer surface of the instrument is wet.
- Never attempt to replace batteries while making measurement. To avoid shock hazard, turn the instrument off and disconnect the test leads and the probes from the instrument before opening the battery compartment cover.

### ⚠ CAUTION

- Do not mix new and old batteries.
- Install batteries in the orientation as shown inside the battery compartment, observing correct polarity.

- ① Turn off the instrument and disconnect the test probes from the terminals.
- ② Loosen two screws on the bottom of the instrument and remove the battery cover.
- ③ Always replace all six batteries in correct polarity.  
Battery : R6P (AA dry battery) x6
- ④ Put the cover back in place and tighten the two screws.



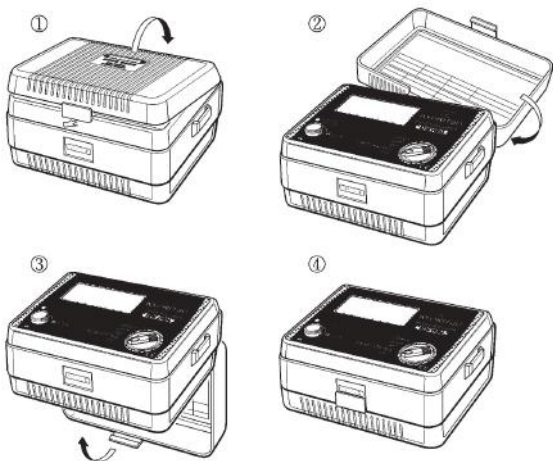
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## 8. Notes on Housing Case & Accessories

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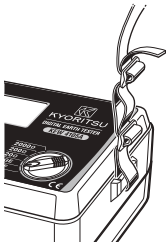
### 8-1 Case Lid

Case lid can be fit under the housing case while making measurement.



### 8-2 How to Fit Strap Belt

The instrument is equipped with a strap belt to suspend from the neck to allow both hands to be used freely for easy and safe operation

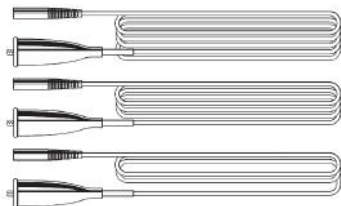


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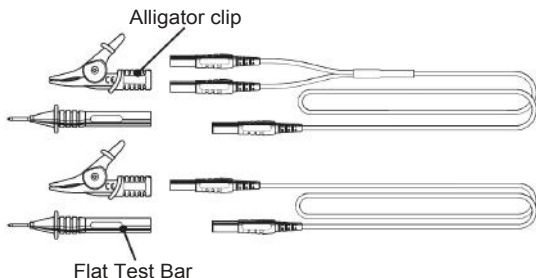
## 9. Cautions when using Test Leads

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Do not connect the Precision Measurement Test Leads where electrical potentials exceeding 33Vrms with peak value of 46V or DC70V. Please use the Simplified Measurement Test Leads for voltage measurements. The Alligator clips need to be attached and used under CAT III/IV test environments and the Flat Test Bars are under CAT II test environment.



Precision Measurement Test Leads MODEL 7095A



Simplified Measurement Test Leads MODEL 7127A

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## 10. Before Sending for Service

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If this instrument should fail to operate correctly, return it to your nearest distributor stating the exact nature of the fault. Before returning the instrument follow the trouble-shooting guide shown below.

- If the instrument does not turn on;  
Check whether batteries are missing or they are installed incorrect polarity. Note that batteries were not installed in the instrument at the time of shipment.
  
- If the display reads '1 ... ' in earth voltage measurement;  
A voltage exceeding 200V is being applied to the instrument.  
Halt the measurement immediately, otherwise the instrument may be damaged.
  
- If the display reads ' ... ' in normal earth resistance measurement;  
Stick the auxiliary earth spikes deeper into the earth, or stick them at other locations; or  
Add moisture to the part of the earth where C auxiliary earth spike is stuck ( connected with the red wire ); and  
Short the three test leads and check if the display indicates a value near ' 0.00 '. (See section 6 for details.)
  
- If the display reads ' ... ' in simplified earth resistance measurement;  
Check if the connection to a metal water pipe, a common earth of commercial power supply, etc., is secure; or  
Use another metal water pipe, common earth of commercial power supply, etc.

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## **11. Service**

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If this instrument should fail to operate correctly, return to your nearest distributors stating the exact nature of the fault.

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