

The Excel DT9205A *switch mechanism* consists of a rotary platform with copper strips, which make electrical connection with etched contacts on the printed circuit board. The platform has a locking action because of a spring-loaded metal ball bearing, which lock into the grooves on the plastic platform.

This is a very cost-effective fabrication, using minimum number of parts. Usually the switch is the most expensive part of a meter; however, this technique is probably a sign of the times to come.

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## PCB Etched Contacts

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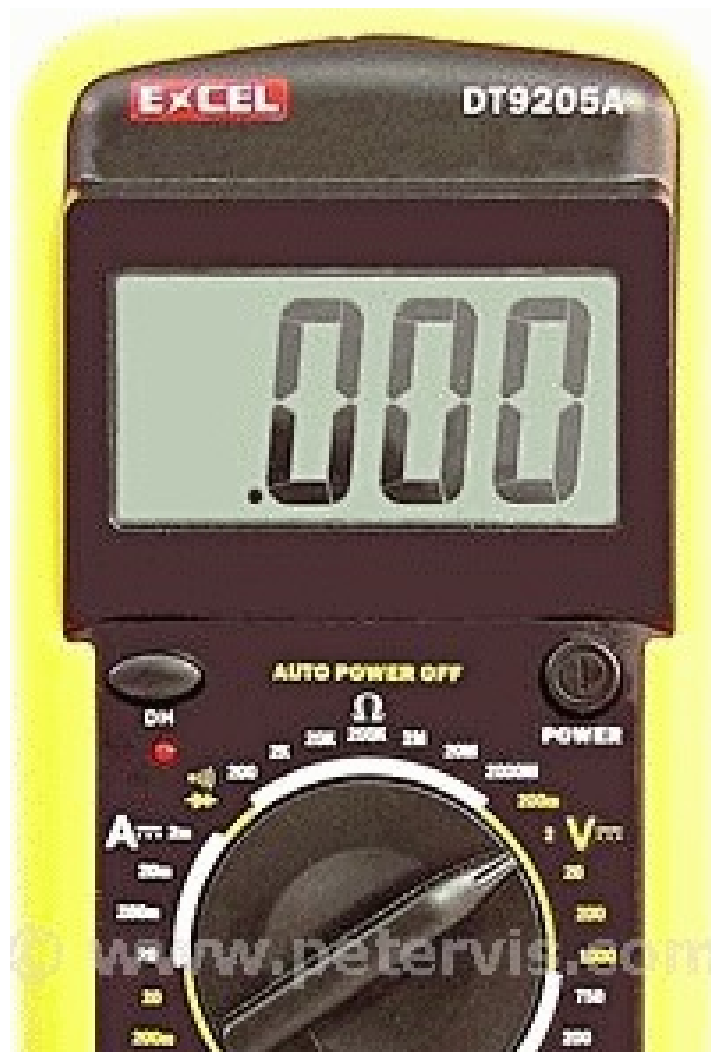




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Etching the *switch contacts* on the printed circuit board saves money and fabrication costs, and it seems to work extremely well.

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