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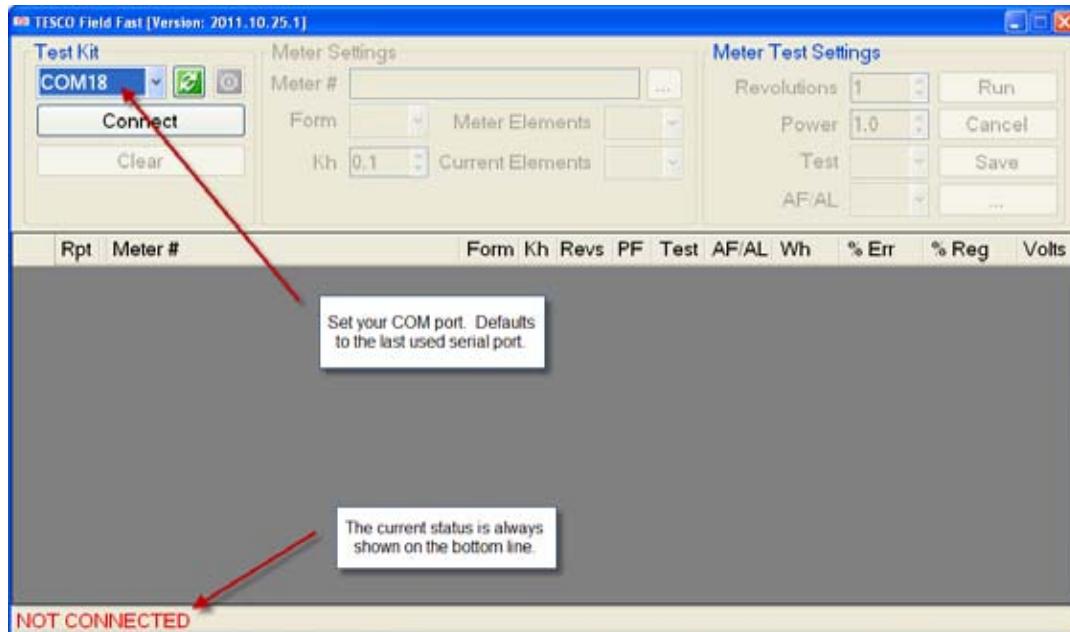
TESCO Field Fast is a software package that interfaces to TESCO field test kits. It provides direct control of the standard in the test kit, allowing the user to quickly and conveniently enter the settings for a test. It also contains tables of standard meter configurations and test sequences. The user may select a standard meter type from a list, which then auto-populates the meter attributes. If your organization normally runs a standard series of tests, such as Full Load then Light Load, for example, you can preconfigure the software with these, and the user selects a standard sequence, and will be prompted to run each test.

Starting the software

When you first run the software, you must select the serial port to be used to communicate with the test kit, and then press connect to establish communication.

The serial port may be built in to the computer (this is true of all Panasonic Toughbook computers) or it may be a USB to serial adaptor. **Important:** Only USB adaptors approved by TESCO may be used – many adaptors do not implement the full serial command set and will not work with Field Fast. Please consult with TESCO before purchasing an adaptor.

If you neglected to plug the USB serial adaptor in before starting the software, it will not appear on the list. Insert the adaptor, wait for it to be recognized, and click the green refresh button to update the list. The software will default to last-used serial port, unless that port is no longer present.



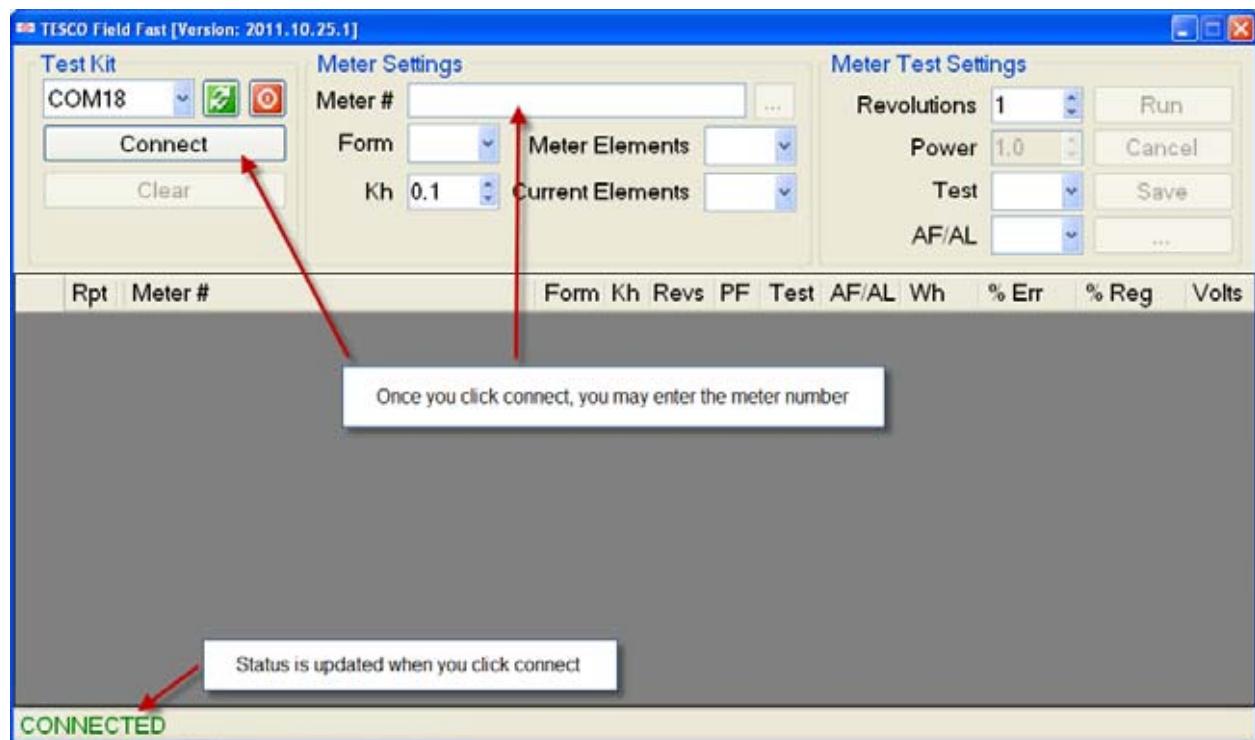


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Entering the meter number

The status field on the bottom of the screen will show “CONNECTED” once the software has been able to communicate with the test kit. If the status is “COMMUNICATION ERROR” then check your connections and try again. If you are still having communication errors, you should exit the software, disconnect and reconnect the serial adaptor, and restart the software.

Once you are connected to the test kit, you may enter the meter number. You may also enter the meter attributed directly, field by field, or you may select from a standard list, described later.

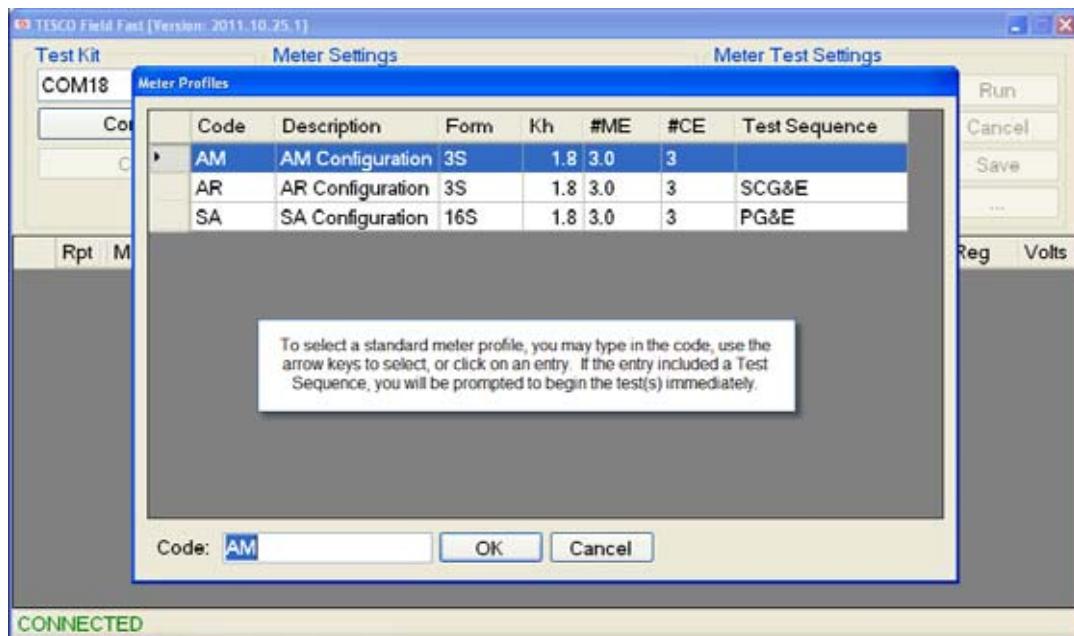
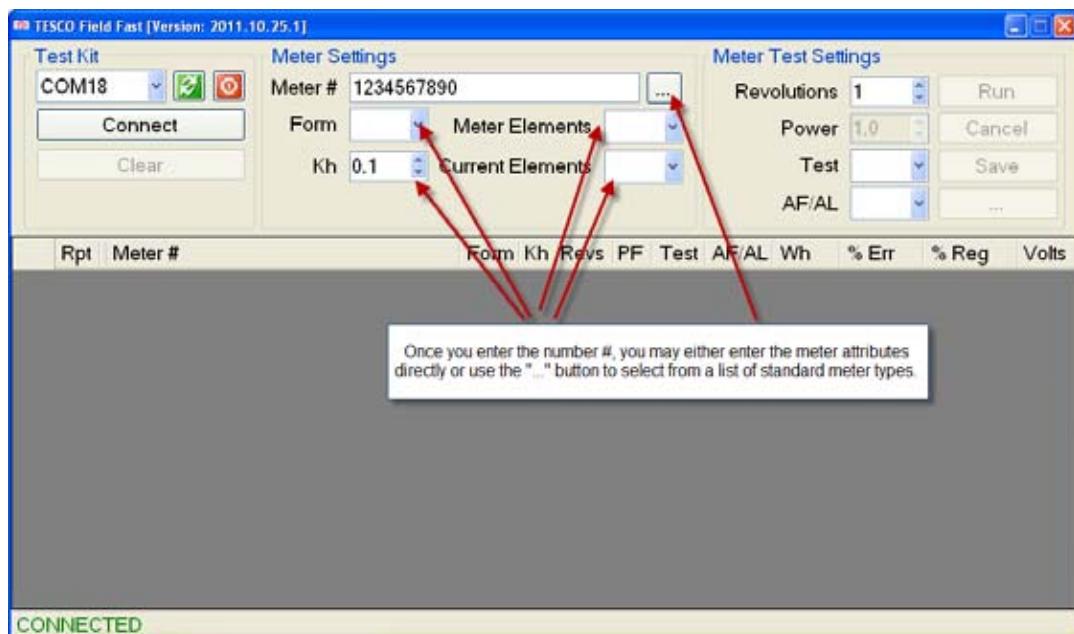




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Entering the meter attributes

Once the meter number is entered, the ellipse (...) button is enabled. This button is used to select the meter attributes from a list of standard meter types.





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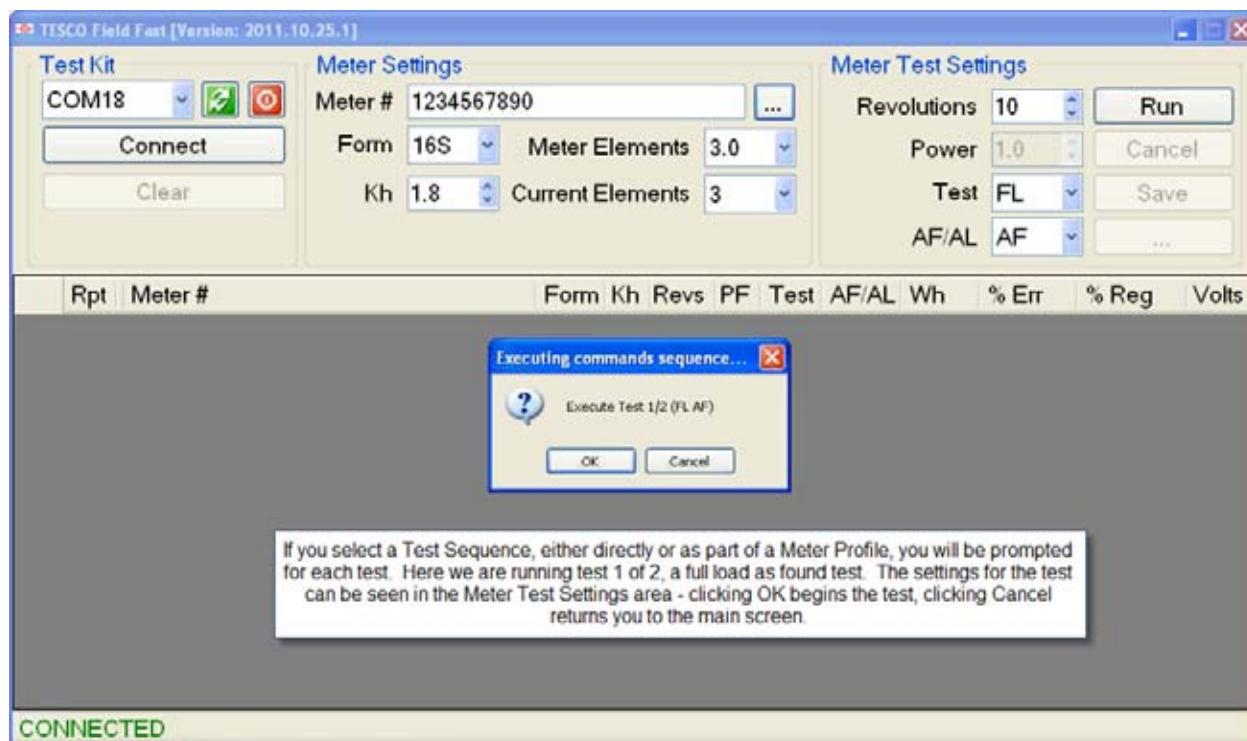
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Running the test

If you are running a standard test sequence, either because the meter profile included a test sequence, or because you selected a test sequence directly, you will be prompted to run each test.

Please note that the software does not change the load settings on the test kit – you must manually select the appropriate settings. The test sequence determines the type of test, number of revolutions, and the power factor, if applicable. The Power Factor field is only open for test type PF.

The software will cycle through each of the tests in the sequence. Each test shows X/Y in the dialog box, where X is the current test and Y is the total number of tests in the test sequence. You may cancel at any time – the results of the tests already completed within the test sequence will be kept. If you need to interrupt a test sequence, and then wish to run the sequence again, simply select the test sequence using the “...” button on the right. You may also run whatever individual tests you wish, in any order, by selecting the appropriate parameters and pressing the Run button.





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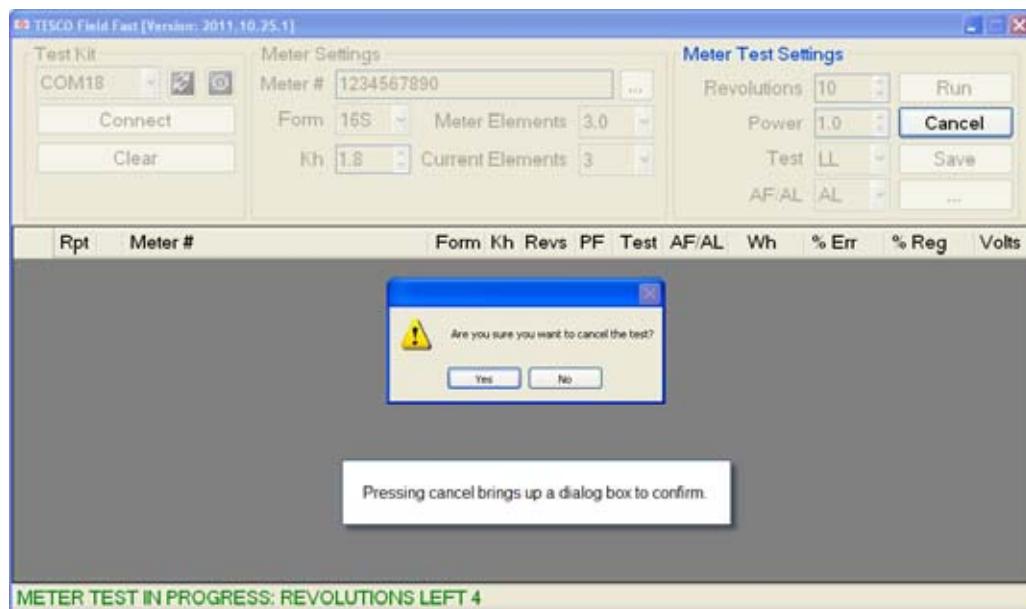
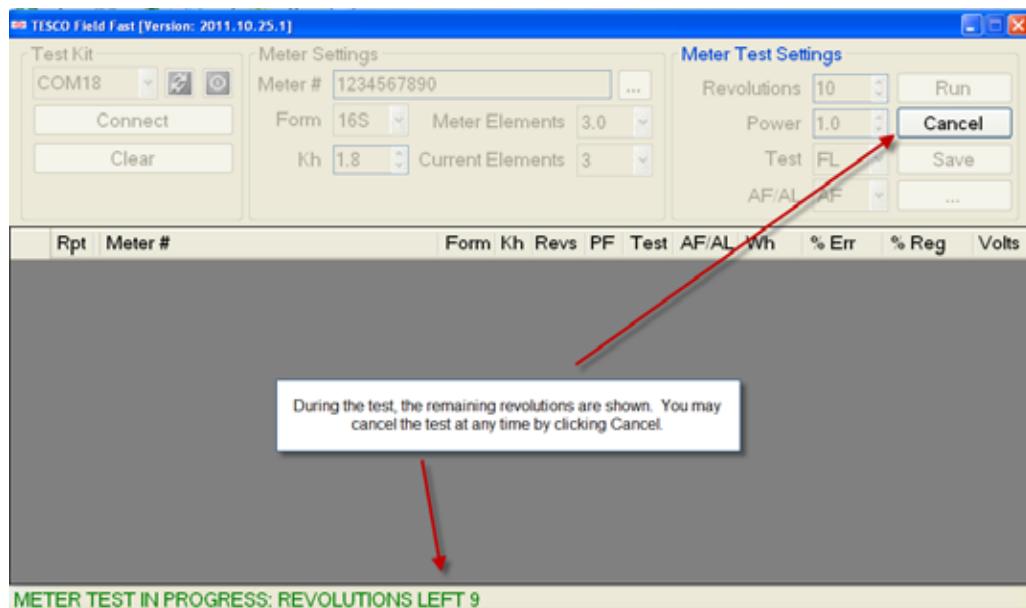
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Interrupting the Test

Once the test begins, only one button is active – the “Cancel” button. Pressing this button will send the appropriate commands to the test kit to abort the in-progress test, and reset the software.

During the test, the status line will display the remaining revolutions in the current test.





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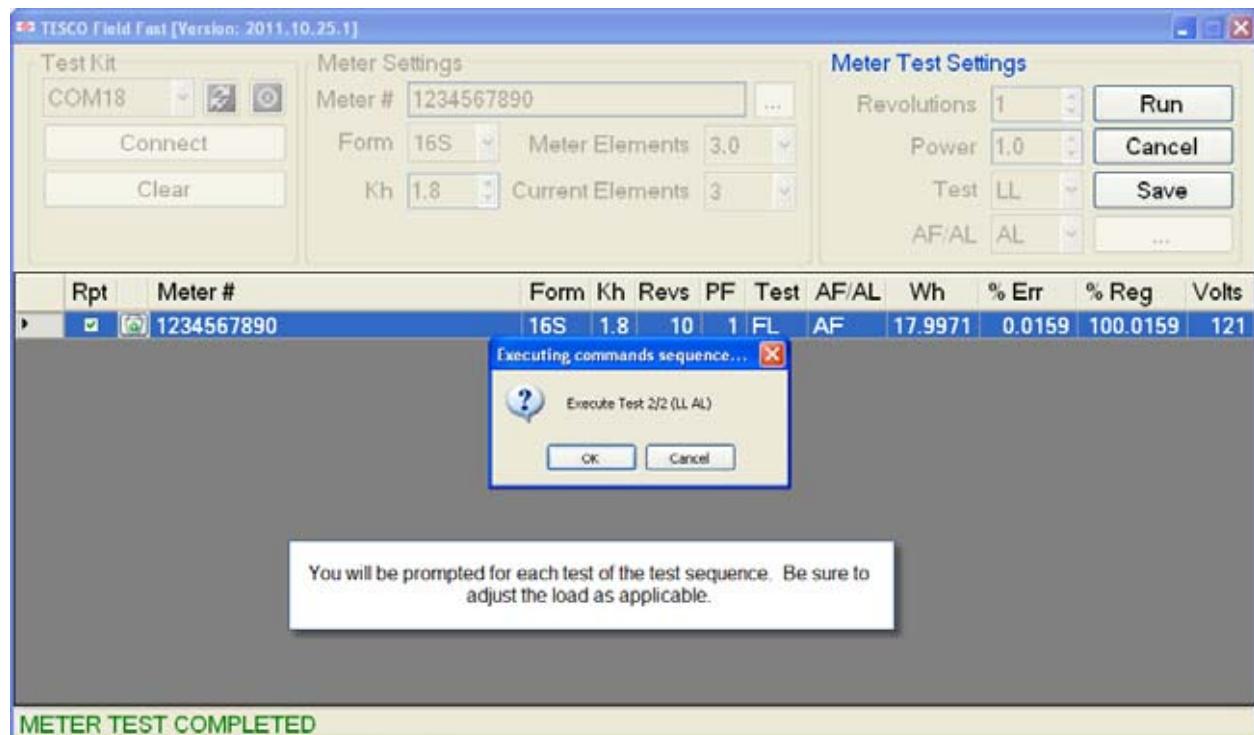
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Completing the Test Sequence

Once the first test in the test sequence is completed, you will be prompted to begin the second test. Be sure to adjust the load and/or power factor as required for the next test. The parameters for the test are shown on the underlying screen.

If you decide not to run the next test, simply press Cancel to abort.





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Deleting Individual Test Runs

Each test run may be deleted by clicking on the recycle icon. Delete tests are completely removed from the results. You should use this only if the test run was not valid.

You may also flag a test run as “not reportable.” By default, all test runs are reportable. You may use this option if you want to run extra tests, such as single element tests, customer load tests, or other tests which will assist you in determining how the meter is operating, but do not want to include these tests in the data used to adjust billing.

The screenshot shows the TESCO Field Fast software interface. The top menu bar displays "TESCO Field Fast [Version: 2011.10.25.1]". The main window is divided into several sections:

- Test Kit:** Includes a dropdown for "Test Kit" set to "COM18", and buttons for "Connect" and "Clear".
- Meter Settings:** Displays "Meter # 1234567890", "Form 16S", "Meter Elements 3.0", "Kh 1.8", "Current Elements 3", and dropdowns for "Revolutions" (set to 1), "Power" (set to 1.0), "Test" (set to LL), and "AF/AL" (set to AL).
- Meter Test Settings:** Includes a "Run" button and a "Save" button.
- Results Grid:** A table showing test results for two meters:

Rpt	Meter #	Form	Kh	Revs	PF	Test	AF/AL	Wh	% Err	% Reg	Volts
✓	1234567890	16S	1.8	10	1	FL	AF	17.9971	0.0159	100.0159	121
✓	1234567890	16S	1.8	1	1	LL	AL	1.7996	0.0180	100.0180	122
- Status Messages:**
 - A message box in the bottom left states: "Each test run can be set as reportable or not reportable."
 - A message box in the center states: "You may delete any test run prior to saving the results."
 - A message box in the middle right states: "You may clear all the results for the meter and begin again by clicking the Clear button. Nothing will be saved. You will be prompted to confirm."
 - A message box in the bottom right states: "Once you have tested a meter, you must either save or clear the results before you may test another meter."
- Bottom Status Bar:** Displays "METER TEST COMPLETED" in green text.



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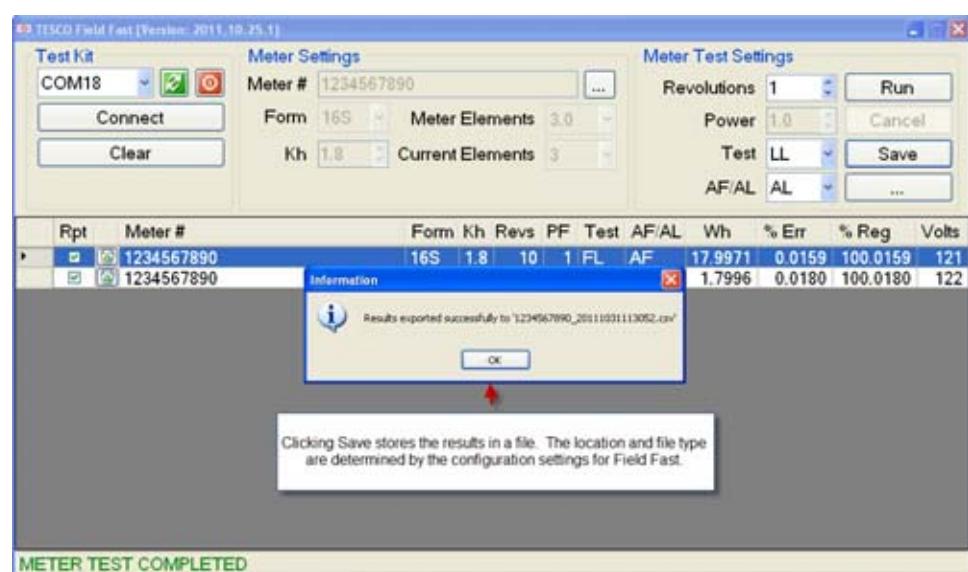
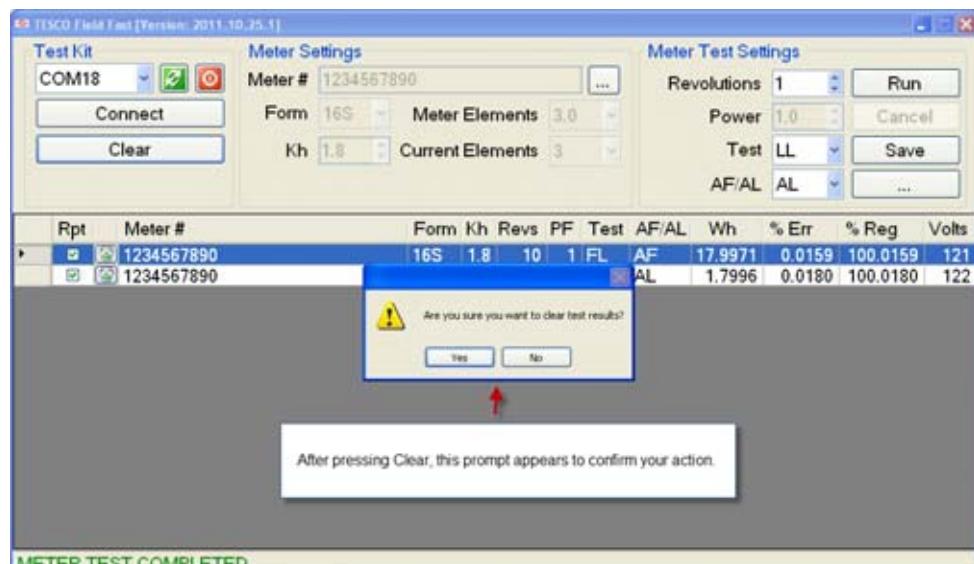
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Saving the Results

Once you have tested a meter, you may either save the results to a file, or erase them by using the Clear button. If the software has been configured to save the results for each meter in a separate file, then you will not be able to enter a new meter number until after you save or clear.

The location, name, and format of the data file are determined by the configuration of the software. Usually the file name includes the meter number and a date-time stamp to make it unique.





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Testing the Next Meter

Once you have saved (or cleared) the results for a meter, you may enter the next meter number. The same options are available to you – you may select a standard meter profile, or you may enter the meter attributes directly. You may enter the test parameters directly, or use the Test Profiles to select a standard sequence of tests.

