

Electrical measurement in electronic component performance evaluation and quality testing





Moving towards a sustainable society with digital technology and 5G

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Trends are accelerating towards connecting devices with information and using energy efficiently. Innovations in a variety of core functions of society are taking place due to the combination of fast, high-bandwidth data communications based on 5G networks and advanced digital technologies.



Electronic components that make possible advanced digital technologies

All digital technologies are supported by highly reliable electric circuits. The performance of electronic components exerts a major influence on the operation of the electric circuits they comprise. In recent days, ensuring electronic components deliver a high level of performance is an essential part of satisfying market requirements.

Performance required of electronic components

Environmental performance

Low loss



Increasingly computerized automobiles



Smart factories



Data centers that support high-capacity communication



Increasingly sophisticated devices



Information and communication between cars (V2X)



Automated shipping services



Smart houses for efficient use of electricity



Growing crops using drones

Noise resistance

Measuring the performance of electronic components

Electric circuits operate properly when electronic components perform as designed. It is possible to design highly reliable circuits by measuring electronic components to accurately assess their performance.

Assessing the performance of electronic components

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Assessing changes in the performance by frequency

Measuring capacitors

Electricity frequency affects the performance of electronic components to a significant degree. That makes it important to check the performance of electronic components at the frequencies at which they will actually be used.

Frequency affects the performance of electronic components to a significant degree. That's why it's important to check how the performance of electronic components changes as the frequency changes.

Capacitors store and discharge electricity in circuits. The ability to store electricity in this manner is known as capacitance. Various types of capacitors are available, and it's necessary to choose the type that best suits your application.



Measuring resistors

Resistors regulate the amount of electricity flowing in a circuit, and they're used to detect the magnitude of currents. By accurately assessing resistors' resistance value and embedding them in circuits, you can regulate and detect current with a high degree of precision.



Resistance measurement range

RM3545-02 0.00000 mΩ to 1200.0 MΩ*1

*1: LOW POWER OFF *2: With a Z3003

Checking DC bias characteristics

When a DC current flows to a coil, the circuit's inductance may vary. The resulting tendencies are known as DC bias characteristics.







power source onto the measurement signal to measure the DC bias characteristics.



Connect between a test fixture and instrume Maximum applied current: DC 2 A







Applying a voltage above a certain level to an electronic component will damage the component and cause the device to fail. That's why it's important to check whether the component can withstand the voltage applied by the designed circuit.

Voltage is applied to circuit



Check durability under high voltages



Super Megohm Meters Insulation/withstanding Testers

Check an electronic component's durability by applying a gradually increasing voltage to it.

Insulation resistance measurement								
Model	Test voltage (DC)							
SM7110	0.1 V to 1000.0 V							
SM7120	0.1 V to 2000.0 V							
Model	Test voltage (DC)							
SM7420	Varies with external power source							







IM3570 Measurement frequency: 4 Hz to 5 MHz Maag Z, Y, θ, Rs, Rp, X, Rdc, G, B, Cs, Cp, Ls, Lp, D, Q

Impedance Analyzer

Checking frequency characteristics

Check frequency characteristics by making measurements while sweeping through a range of frequencies. The IM3570 can perform frequency sweep measurement for two parameters simultaneously



Checking behavior at high frequencies

Check characteristics to determine how parameter values vary by making measurements while sweeping through a range of measurement frequencies.



Evaluating power loss

ESR (Equivalent Series Resistance) is a cause of power loss. Identify the frequency associated with minimum ESR by measuring ESR while sweeping through a range of measurement frequencies.





The panel save function lets you save measurement conditions (for example, "measure C and D at 120 Hz" or "measure ESR at 100 kHz"), while the continuous measurement function lets you perform continuous measurements by combining saved measurement conditions.



3504-40, 3504-50, 3504-60 Measurement frequency: 120 Hz or 1 kHz Measurement parameters: C, D Capacitance measurement range: 0.9400 pF to 20.0000 mF

C Meter

Measuring the C values of high-capacity capacitors

The C values of high-capacity MLCCs that use dielectric substances with high permittivity vary significantly with the applied voltage. The constantvoltage (CV) mode provided by the 3504 series lets you make measurements while applying a defined voltage as the measurement signal.

C measurement range	0.9400 pF to 20.0000 mF
Measurement voltage (open-circuit voltage)	100 mV*, 500 mV, 1 V
Measurement voltage (constant voltage)	100 mV*, 500 mV, 1 V
Measurement frequency	120 Hz, 1 kHz, 1 MHz
*3504-60 only	



Setting the measurement signal level

Open-circuit voltage (V) mode Set the voltage produced by the instrument's signal source

Constant-voltage (CV) mode Set the voltage applied to the DUT This mode is used when measuring components that exhibit

voltage dependency, for example a high-permittivity MLCC Constant-current (CC) mode*

Set the current that flows to the DUT This mode is used when measuring devices that exhibit current dependency, for example inductors with cores

*Not available for the 3504 series.



.... Measurement frequency: 1 kHz or 1 MHz Measurement parameters: C, D, Q Measuring the C values of low-capacitance capacitors The 3506-10 provides optimal ranges for low-





3506-10

Capacitance measurement range

0.001 fF to 15.0000 µF

C Meter

capacitance C measurement



Measurement frequency interference occurs when multiple instruments are used at the same time on a production line. The measurement frequency shift function* (±1%, ±2%) facilitates stable measurement by shifting measurement frequencies.











Contact error 0.5 pF (measured value) < 1 pF (judgment value)

Equivalent series resistance (ESR) and equivalent series inductance (ESL)

An ideal capacitor would be an element that has only capacitance (C). In reality, however, capacitors have ESR (resistance called Equivalent Series Resistance) caused by losses from the dielectric substance, electrodes, and other factors, as well as parasitic ESL (inductance called Equivalent Series Inductance) caused by electrodes, lead wires, and other factors.

Loss coefficient D (tan δ)

The loss coefficient D (tan δ) expresses the power loss of a capacitor. Smaller values indicate less power loss, and therefore higher-quality capacitors.

performance such as the voltage endurance and flame resis-tance of capacitors connected to commercial power supplies from the perspective of preventing hazards caused by electric-ity leaks, including fire and electric shock.

Inductors

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IM7580s Series Measurement parameters Z, Y, θ , Rs, Rp, X, G, B, Cs, Cp, Ls, Lp, D, Q



Measurement parameters: Z, Y, θ, Rs, Rp, X, Rdc, G, B, Cs, Cp, Ls, Lp, D, Q

Impedance Analyzers

Checking frequency characteristics

Check frequency characteristics by making measurements while sweeping through a range of frequencies. The IM7580s series and IM3570 can simultaneously perform sweep measurement for two or four parameters, respectively,

Model	Measurement frequency
IM3570	4 Hz to 5 MHz
IM7580A	1 MHz to 300 MHz
IM7581	100 kHz to 300 MHz
IM7583	1 MHz to 600 MHz
IM7585	1 MHz to 1.3 GHz
IM7587	1 MHz to 3 GHz

Generating pass and fail judgments based on user-defined values

Generate pass and fail judgments based on whether coils satisfy required specifications.



threshold of the full frequencies frequency sweep

Detecting minuscule shorts between winding wires and the core

Checking inductance frequency characteristics up to the vicinity of the self-resonant frequency can reveal differences between non-defective parts and parts with shorts



Frequency



Measurement frequency: 1 mHz to 200 kHz Measurement parameter Z, Y, θ, Rs, Rp, X, Rdc, G, B, Cs, Cp, Ls, Lp, D, Q, N, M, ΔL, T



Measurement frequency: 4 Hz to 8 MHz Measurement parameters: Z, Y, θ, Rs, Rp, X, Rdc, G, B, Cs, Cp, Ls, Lp, D, ε, σ

LCR Meters

Measuring L, Q, and Rdc

The IM3533 and IM3536 can make measurements while switching between AC and DC signals. The instruments can measure L and Q using an AC signal and Rdc using a DC signal.





Measurement frequency: 40 Hz to 2 MHz Maximum applied current at frequency: 2 A DC Connect between fixture and instrument.



Measurement frequency: 4 Hz to 8 MHz Measurement parameters Z, Y, θ, Rs, Rp, X, Rdc, G, B, Cs, Cp, Ls, Lp, D, ε, σ

LCR Meters

Measuring DC bias

DC bias can affect L values. The IM3536 and 9269-10 can be used with an external power source to superimpose a DC current on the measurement signal and measure a coil's L value.



Ideal inductor Ideal inductors • Impedance would increase as frequer ന്ന Actual inductor Rdc -~~~ 11 Ср Frequency

> Simple series equivalent Frequency characteristics circuit diagram

Real inductors Affected by Rdc and Cp



Resistance mea 0.0000 mΩ to 120.0000 MΩ (LOW POWER OFF)* 0.000 mΩ to 1200.000 Ω (LOW POWER ON) Measurement current: 100 mA DC to 100 nA DC

*When the LOW POWER mode is turned off, a high current is used for measurement, giving stronger resistance to noise. On the other hand, the LOW POWER mode enables measurement f more delicate comp

Resistance Meters

Measuring the Rdc of ferrite beads at high speed

The RM3542A can measure the Rdc of ferrite beads in as little as 0.9 ms.

Increasing productivity by addressing contact errors

Oxide film and dirt between the probes and sample can result in incomplete contact, causing a contact error. The RM3542A addresses this issue by applying a current to destroy oxide film and dirt.

Oxide film and dirt



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Anticipating changes in ferrite bead characteristics

Applying a current to ferrite (a magnetic material) affects the material's characteristics. The amount of current flowing to the sample can be reduced by alternately applying a current to destroy oxide films and dirt.



Applying a current simultaneously from both ends of the sample causes current to flow to the sample if there is incomplete contact.



The amount of current flowing to the sample is reduced by alternating application of the current.

12.00000 **RM3545**

0 00000 mO to 1200 0 MO Measurement current: 1 A DC to 100 nA DC

Resistance Meters

Measuring low Rdc at high accuracy

Low-Rdc inductors are becoming more common as a way to reduce energy loss. The RM3545 can measure low Rdc at high accuracy and high resolution



High-accuracy measurement

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10 mΩ	±0.060% rdg. + 0.00
100 mΩ	±0.014% rdg. + 0.00
1000 mΩ	±0.008% rdg. + 0.00
10 Ω	±0.008% rdg. + 0.00
100 Ω	±0.007% rdg. + 0.00
1000 Ω	±0.006% rdg. + 0.00
10 kΩ	±0.007% rdg. + 0.00
100 kΩ	±0.007% rdg. + 0.00
1000 kΩ	±0.008% rdg. + 0.00
10 MΩ	±0.030% rdg. + 0.00
100 MΩ	±0.200% rdg. + 0.00
1000 MΩ	±1.00% rdg. + 0.02



1000 MΩ

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Range	Resolution
10 mΩ	10 nΩ
100 mΩ	100 nΩ
1000 mΩ	1 μΩ
10 Ω	10 μΩ
100 Ω	100 μΩ
1000 Ω	1 mΩ
10 kΩ	10 mΩ
100 kΩ	100 mΩ
1000 kΩ	1Ω
10 MΩ	10 Ω
100 MΩ	10 kΩ

100 kΩ

DC resistance Rdc (DCR)

An ideal coil would be an element that has only inductance (L). In reality however, coils have resistance from the winding wire and coil, Rdc, as well as capacitance between the winding wires, Cp.

Loss coefficient Q (quality factor)

Q is an important quality indicator for high-frequency coils. Larger values indicate less power loss and therefore higher-quality coils.



Other electronic components



Resistors

accuracy (0.1 m Ω ±0.16%) and high resolution (0.01 uΩ



Range	Basic accuracy	Measurement current
10 mΩ	±0.060% rdg. +0.001% f.s.*1	1 A
100 mΩ	±0.060% rdg. +0.001% f.s.*2	1 A, 100 mA
1000 mΩ	±0.012% rdg. +0.001% f.s.	100 mA
10 Ω	±0.008% rdg. +0.001% f.s.	10 mA
100 Ω	±0.007% rdg. +0.001% f.s.	10 mA
1000 O	+0.006% rdg +0.001% fs	1 m 4

*1: With averaging enabled and set to 16 or more iterations *2: Measurement current: 1 A

High resolution

Range	Resolution	Max. display			
10 mΩ	10 nΩ	12.000 00 mΩ			
100 mΩ	100 nΩ	120.000 0 mΩ			
1000 mΩ	1 μΩ	1200.000 mΩ			
10 Ω	10 μΩ	12.000 00 Ω			
100 Ω	100 μΩ	120.000 0 Ω			
1000 Ω	1 mΩ	1200.000 Ω			

High repeatability

The instrument applies an appropriate measurement current based on the resistance value of the resistor under measurement. The instrument delivers high repeatability and is ideally suited for use in shipping inspections of resistors with low nominal value toler ances



judaments for the other resistors.





Thermistors and resettable fuses

Thermistors are characterized by a resistance value that changes in response to temperature variations. Drawing on this characteris-tic, thermistors are primarily used as temperature sensors.



Generating pass and fail judgments without temperature compensation

When used with the Z3003 Multiplexer Unit, The RM3545-02 can use previously measured values as a master reference sample connected to channel 1 to generate pass and fail judgments based on the measurement results for subsequent channels. Since measured values for channel 1 serve as the reference values for generating those judgments, there's no need to perform temperature correction



Piezoelectric elements

Applying pressure or vibration to a piezoelectric element generates a voltage. Conversely, applying a voltage causes the piezoelectric material to deform in shape. Drawing on this characteristic, piezoelectric elements are used in vibration sensors and actuators.



Analyzing the characteristics of piezoelectric elements

The equivalent circuit analysis function can be used to analyze individual elements in an equivalent circuit model. It can also be used to calculate resonant and antiresonant frequencies.



Varistors

When a voltage that is equal to or greater than a certain value is applied to a varistor, the varistor's resistance decreases. Drawing on this characteristic, varistors are used to protect circuits by routing electricity to the ground in the event of an abnormal voltage such as a surge voltage or static electricity.



Testing voltage: 100 V to 4200 V

Testing voltage: special specifications available for 100 V or less



Impulse testers can be used to test whether a varistor functions at the defined voltage. The ST4030A can record a response waveform while applying a user-specified voltage. The response waveform from a known-good part can be used as a master/reference waveform to generate pass and fail judgments.



Substrate materials

A variety of substrate materials are available. For equipment such as communications components used to exchange information at high speeds, it's essential to use substrate materials with low permittivity so that losses that occur during information transmission can be minimized

LCR Meters IM3536 Measuring permittivity The IM3536 can measure permittivity if the sample's diameter and thickness are specified



Probes and test fixtures for LCR Meters and Impedance Analyzers

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