Agilent 4284A Precision LCR Meter

Step-by-Step Operation Manual

Ceramic Capacitor Measurement

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The fundamental measurement procedures of the Agilent 4284A are shown in this slide.

1. Fixture Connection

The appropriate fixture is selected and connected to the instrument.

2. Measurement Condition Setting

The measurement conditions of the instrument, such as frequency, test signal level, and measurement parameters are set.

3. Error Compensation

In this step, stray admittance and residual impedance are eliminated by the open, short, and load corrections.

4. DUT Connection

The DUT is connected to the fixture.

5. Measurement & Analysis

After obtaining the measurement results, they are processed and/or analyzed in this step.



The 16334A tweezers contact test fixture is recommended for measuring an SMD type ceramic capacitor.



The second step is measurement condition setting. Set the measurement conditions by using the following key strokes.

	Setting Condition	Value	Key Stroke
	Reset	-	[MEAS SET UP], (SYS MENU), 'more 1/2', 'SYST EM RESET'
1	Meas. Parameter	Ср-D	[MEAS SET UP], (FUNC), 'Cp-D'
2	Frequency	1 MHz	(FREQ), [1], 'MHz'
3	Signal Level	1 V	(LEVEL), [1], 'V
4	ALC	ON	(ALC), 'ON'



The third step is error compensation. Compensation consists of three terms: cable length, open, and short.

1) The cable length correction eliminates phase errors caused by an extended cable. A length of 1 m is selected for the 16334A.

2) The open correction eliminates stray admittance. It is recommended that the distance between the tweezers of the 16344A be the same as that between the DUT's electrodes when using the compensation block.

3) The short correction eliminates residual impedance. It is recommended that the distance between the tweezers of the 16344A be the same as that between the DUT's electrodes when using the compensation block.

Perform error compensation by using the following key strokes.

	Setting Condition	Value	Key Stroke
1	Cable Length	1m	[MEAS SET UP], 'CORRECT ION', (CABLE), '1m'
2	Open correction	Measure/	[MEAS SET UP], 'CORRECT ION', (OPEN),
		ON	'MEAS OPEN', 'ON'
3	Short correction	Measure/	[MEAS SET UP], 'CORRECT ION', (SHORT),
		ON	'MEAS SHORT', 'ON'



The fourth step is DUT connection. Hold the DUT with the tweezers.



The last step of the procedures is measurement and analysis. The measurement result is shown on the display.

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Appendix 4284A with 16034E configuration



This slide shows the measurement configuration for using the Agilent 16034E test fixture.

The 4284A with the 16034E is suitable for evaluating the parallel electrode SMD components. The minimum SMD size is 1.6 mm length x 0.8 mm width. For a smaller-sized SMD, such as 0.6 mm length x 0.3 mm width, the 16034G is available.

The measurement procedure is almost the same as that used for the 16334A.



This slide shows the measurement configuration for using the Agilent 16047A test fixture.

The 4284A with the 16047A is suitable for evaluating lead type components.

The measurement procedure is almost the same as that used for the 16334A.

