

Agilent 4263B LCR Meter 100 Hz to 100 kHz

Technical Overview

Introduction

The Agilent Technologies LCR meter makes fast measurements on components. It is optimized for applications that require precision and versatility. The instrument's performance ranges from general bench-top impedance measurements to complex transformer, coil and electrolytic capacitor measurements. The LCR meter offers fast, reliable, and versatile testing at a low cost.

Satisfy your needs for... Fast system test throughput

- Maximize testing with rapid 25 ms measurements
- Minimize user intervention with pass/fail testing
- Communicate results with display and GPIB
- Automate testing with built-in handler interface



Fault-free results

- Test with confidence using contact check function
- Remove parasitics with error correction
- Get the best data with 0.1% basic accuracy
- Eliminate trigger timing errors with trigger delay function

Versatile measurements

- Select from 11 impedance parameters
- Add three complex transformer parameters with Option 4263B-001
- Set signal level with 5mVrms resolution
- Monitor actual ac voltage and current levels
- Pick from many test fixtures and accessories
- Save and recall up to ten measurement setups





Option 4263B-002 adds 20kHz

AC test signal levels: 20m–1Vrms, 5mVrms steps

Impedance parameters: |Z|, R, X, |Y|, G, B, C, L, D, Q, U

Option 4263B-001 adds transformer measurement functions: turns-ratio, mutual-inductance and dc-resistance

Cable length settings:

0, 1, 2, 4 meters

Error correction: Open, short, and load

Built-in system features: GPIB and handler interfaces

Measurement time (typical): 25 ms at best conditions

Contact check time (typical): 5 ms per measurement

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High-quality results

- See five digits of data
- Make precise measurements with 0.1% basic accuracy
- Select from 11 impedance parameters
- Verify device performance at simulated operating conditions
- Monitor actual test signal voltage and current levels



Make reliable impedance measurements.

System features for test automation

- Maximize accuracy with error correction
- Use performance specified with 0, 1, 2, and 4 meter cables
- Test device contact failure with contact check function
- Automate testing with GPIB interface
- Reduce ground-loops with isolated handler interface
- Continue testing after ac power loss with continuous memory
- Perform pass/fail testing with comparator function (High/In/Low)



The 4263B LCR meter is designed for automated applications.

Evaluate transformers and coils with Option 4263B-001

- Measure turns-ratio, mutual inductance and dc-resistance
- Easily make connections with 16060A transformer test fixture
- Measure parameter responses with variable signal levels



Simplify transformer testing.

Make electrolytic capacitor measurements

- Obtain versatile testing with a large capacitance range
- Keep costs down with built-in dc bias source
- Protect your investment: high energy protection on terminals
- Increase test throughput with fast system measurements
- Make reliable handler measurements with contact check function



Quickly evaluate electrolytic capacitors.

Specifications

Measurement accuracy



Figure 1. Conversion diagram

Table 1. Measurement accuracy (±% of reading)

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Measurement conditions

- 1. Warm-up time: \geq 15 min.
- 2. Ambient temperature: 23 \pm 5 °C
- 3. Test signal voltage: 1 Vrms
- 4. Test cable length: 0 meter
- 5. Open and short corrections performed

6. Measurement time: Medium or Long (Other test condition data is available in the operation manual.)

For |Z|, |Y|, L, C, R, X, G, and B accuracy (Ae), refer to Table 1. Table 1 equations yield accuracy based on frequency and DUT characteristic impedance (Zm). Zm is from Figure 1, Conversion Diagram.

 $D \operatorname{accuracy}(De) = \pm Ae/100$

u accuracy (ue) = $0.573 \times Ae$

- Ae = Accuracy of |Z|, |Y|, L, C, R, X, G, and B
- De = D accuracy
- Dm = Measured value of D
- Qe = Q accuracy
- Qm = Measured value of Q
- ue = u phase angle accuracy
- Zm = DUT impedance at test frequency in Hertz

| Other Specifications Measurement parameters/ranges | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Parameter | Range | | | | |
| Z , R, X | 1 m Ω to 100 M Ω | | | | |
| Y , G, B | 10 nS to 1000S | | | | |
| С | 1 pF to 1 F | | | | |
| L | 10 nH to 100 kH | | | | |
| D | 0.0001 to 9.9999 | | | | |
| ٥ | 0.1 to 9999.9 | | | | |
| u | -180° to + 180° | | | | |
| Δ | -999.99% to 999.99% | | | | |
| | | | | | |

Option 4263B-001: DC resistance 1 m Ω to 100 M Ω

Mutual inductance 1 µH to 100 H (typical)

Turns-ratio 0.9 to 200 (typical)

Measurement conditions and functions

Test frequency: 100 Hz, 120 Hz, 1 kHz, 10 kHz, 100 kHz. (Option 4263B-002 adds 20 kHz.)

AC test signal level: 20 m - 1 Vrms, 5 mVrms steps

Bias:

Internal: + 1.5 and +2.0 Vdc External: 0 to + 3.0 Vdc

Ranging: Auto and Hold

Trigger: Internal, Manual, and External

Trigger delay time: 0 to 9999 ms in 1 ms steps

Test cable lengths: 0, 1 meter @ f \leq 100 kHz 2 meter @ f \leq 10 kHz (20 kHz) 4 meter @ f \leq 1 kHz

| Measurement time: | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| SHORT | MEDIUM | LONG | | | | |
| 25ms | 65ms | 500ms | | | | |

Other instrument functions *Test signal level monitor:* Voltage, current

Error Correction: Open, Short, Load

Comparator: HIGH, IN, and LOW for each displayed parameter

Save/recall: 10 instrument states from non-volatile memory

 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{Front-end Protection:} \\ \textit{Vmax} = \sqrt{8/C} & \textit{@ Vmax} \leq 250 \textit{ V} \\ \textit{Vmax} = \sqrt{2/C} & \textit{@ Vmax} \leq 1000 \textit{ V} \\ \textit{C in Farads} \end{array}$

Handler interface: Negative logic and isolated. Signals are HIGH/IN/LOW, No-Contact, EOM, Index, Alarm, Keylock, Ext. Trigger.

GPIB interface: Instrument control, TALKonly mode for LISTEN-only printers using GPIB or Centronics/GPIB converter

Physical characteristics

Power: 90-132 Vac or 198-264 Vac. 47-66 Hz. 45 VA typical.

Operating temperature: 0 to 45 °C

Dimensions: 320 (W) x 100 (H) x 300 (H) mm

Weight: 4.5 kg (typical)

Test Fixtures/Accessories for the Agilent 4263B



16060A transformer test fixture Allows fast connections to transformers



16065C external bias adapter For external dc bias of DUT. Vmax ≤ 40 Vdc.



16089C Kelvin IC clip leads IC package clip. 1 meter length.



16064B LED display/trigger boxDisplays comparator status.1.5 meter cable. External trigger.



16089A Kelvin clip leads Large clip. 1 meter length.

16089B Kelvin clip leads Medium clip. 1 meter length.

16089D Alligator clip leads Four clips. 1 meter length.



16034G Test fixture For SMD components.

Component dimensions (L x W): 0.6 mm x 0.3 mm to 5.0. mm x 1.6 mm

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| Ordering information ¹ Agilent 4263B LCR Meter Furnished accessory: power cable Options | | Test fixtures and accessories | | 16065A | 200-Vdc external voltage bias fixture |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|--|
| | | 16034E/G/H | SMD component test fixture | 16065C | 10 Vda ovtornal voltago biao |
| | | 16043A/B ³ | 3-terminal SMD test fixture | | adapter |
| 4263B-001 Add N/M/DCR Measurement | | Options | | 16089A | Large Kelvin clip leads |
| | Function | 16043A-ABA | U.S English localization | 16089B | Medium Kelvin clip leads |
| 4263B-002 Test fixtures are r | Add 20 kHz Test Frequency | 16043A-ABJ | Japan - Japanese localization | 16089C | Kelvin IC clip leads |
| Manual ontions ² | | 16043B-ABA | U.S English localization | 16089D | Alligator clip leads |
| 4263B-AB0 | Taiwan - Chinese localization | 16043B-ABJ | Japan - Japanese localization | 16089E | Kelvin clip leads |
| 4263B-AB1 | Korea - Korean localization | 16044A ³ | Test fixture | | |
| 4263B-AB2 | China - Chinese localization | Options | | | |
| 4263B-ABA | U.S English localization | 16044A-ABA | U.S English localization | | |
| 4263B-ABD | Germany - German localization | 16044A-ABJ | Japan - Japanese localization | | |
| 4263B-ABE | Spain - Spanish localization | | | | |
| 4263B-ABF | France - French localization | 16047A/E ⁴ | Axial and radial test fixture | | |
| 4263B-ABJ | Japan - Japanese localization | Options | | | |
| 4263B-ABZ | Italy - Italian localization | 16047E-ABA | U.S English localization | | |
| 4263B-0BW | Add service manual | 16047E-ABJ | Japan - Japanese localization | | |
| Cabinet optio | ns | 16334A | SMD tweezer test fixture | | |
| 4263B-1CM R | ackmount kit | 16048A | 0.94-meter/BNC test leads | | |
| 4263B-1CN Handle kit (Rack flange and handle kit are not compatible.) | | 16048B | 0.94-meter/SMC test leads | | |
| | | 16048D | 1.89-meter/BNC test leads | | |
| Calibration c | ertificate option | 16048E | 3.8-meter/BNC test leads | | |
| 4263B-A6J | ANSI Z540 compliant calibration | 16060A | Transformer test fixture | | |
| | | 16064B | LED display/trigger box | | |

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¹ Accessories and options are priced individually.

² Manual is not furnished as standard

³ Must specify one of language options (ABA or ABJ) for operation manual for shipment with product.

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