

# User's and Service Guide

## Agilent Technologies 85050B 7 mm Calibration Kit

This manual applies directly to 85050B calibration kits with serial number prefix 3106A. The calibration devices in this kit are individually serialized. Record the device serial numbers in the table provided in this manual (see "Recording the Device Serial Numbers" in Chapter 1.)



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# 1 General Information

## Calibration Kit Overview

The Agilent 85050B 7 mm calibration kit is used to calibrate Agilent network analyzers up to 18 GHz for measurements of components with 7 mm connectors.

The standards in this calibration kit allow you to perform simple 1- or 2-port and TRM (thru–reflect–match) calibrations.

This manual describes the 85050B calibration kit and provides replacement part numbers, specifications, and procedures for using, maintaining, and troubleshooting the kit.

### Kit Contents

The 85050B calibration kit includes the following items:

- user's and service guide
- open, short, broadband load, lowband load, and a sliding load termination
- 7 mm gage set
- 3/4 in, 135 N-cm (12 in-lb) torque wrench for use on the 7-mm connectors

Refer to [Table 6-1 on page 6-2](#) for a complete list of kit contents and their associated part numbers.

### Opens and Shorts

The opens and shorts are built from parts that are machined to the current state-of-the-art in precision machining.

The shorts have a one-piece shorting plane that combines the inner and outer conductors. The construction provides for extremely repeatable connections.

The opens have a low-dielectric collet depressor that is flush with the outer conductor.

Both the opens and shorts are constructed so that the pin depth can be controlled very tightly, thereby minimizing phase errors. The lengths of the offsets in the opens and shorts are designed so that the difference in phase of their reflection coefficients is approximately 180 degrees at all frequencies.

### Broadband Load

The broadband load is a metrology-grade termination that has been optimized for performance up to 18 GHz. The rugged internal structure provides for highly repeatable connections. A distributed resistive element on sapphire provides excellent stability and return loss. The broadband load is a valid substitute for a lowband load.

### Sliding Loads

The sliding loads in this kit are designed to provide excellent performance from 3 GHz to 18 GHz. The inner and outer conductors of the airline portion are precision machined to state-of-the-art tolerances. Although the sliding load has exceptional return loss, its superior load stability qualifies it as a high-performance device.

The sliding load was designed with the ability to extend the inner conductor for connection



purposes and then pull it back to a preset pin depth. This feature is critical since it minimizes the possibility of damage during the connection, while maintaining a minimum pin depth to optimize performance.

## Calibration Definitions

The calibration kit must be selected and the calibration definitions for the devices in the kit installed in the network analyzer prior to performing a calibration.

The calibration definitions can be:

- resident within the analyzer
- manually entered from the front panel

Class assignments and standard definitions may change as more accurate model and calibration methods are developed. You can download the most recent class assignments and standard definitions from Agilent's Calibration Kit Definitions Web page at [www.na.tm.agilent.com/pna/caldefs/stddefs.html](http://www.na.tm.agilent.com/pna/caldefs/stddefs.html).

Refer to your network analyzer user's guide or embedded Help for instructions on manually entering calibration definitions, selecting the calibration kit, and performing a calibration.

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## Equipment Required but Not Supplied

Connector cleaning supplies and various electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection devices are not supplied with the calibration kit but are required to ensure successful operation of the kit. Refer to [Table 6-1 on page 6-2](#) for ordering information.

## Incoming Inspection

Refer to “[Kit Contents](#)” on page 1-2 to verify a complete shipment. Use [Table 1-1](#) to record the serial numbers of all serialized devices in your kit.

Check for damage. The foam-lined storage case provides protection during shipping. If the case or any device appears damaged, or if the shipment is incomplete, refer to “[Contacting Agilent](#)” on page 5-4. Agilent will arrange for repair or replacement of incomplete or damaged shipments without waiting for a settlement from the transportation company. See “[Returning a Kit or Device to Agilent](#)” on page 5-3.

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## Serial Numbers

A serial number is attached to this calibration kit. The first four digits followed by a letter comprise the serial number prefix; the last five digits are the suffix, unique to each calibration kit.

### Recording the Device Serial Numbers

In addition to the kit serial number, the devices in the kit are individually serialized (serial numbers are labeled onto the body of each device). Record these serial numbers in [Table 1-1](#). Recording the serial numbers will prevent confusing the devices in this kit with similar devices from other kits.

**Table 1-1 Serial Number Record for the 85050B**

Device	Serial Number
<b>Calibration kit</b>	_____
Broadband load	_____
Lowband load	_____
Open	_____
Short	_____
Sliding load	_____
Connector gage	_____
Gage master	_____

## Calibration Kits Documented in This Manual

This manual applies to any 85050B calibration kit whose serial number is listed on the title page. If your calibration kit has a different serial number prefix, refer to the “[Calibration Kit History](#)” section below for information on how this manual applies.

### Calibration Kit History

This section describes calibration kits with serial number prefixes lower than the ones listed on the title page.

#### 85050B Kits with Serial Prefix 3027A

These calibration kits did not have a calibration definitions disk to support the Agilent 8510C network analyzer. The part numbers provided in this manual are the recommended replacement parts for these kits. The devices in these kits should meet the specifications published in this manual.

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## Preventive Maintenance

The best techniques for maintaining the integrity of the devices in the kit include:

- routine visual inspection
- cleaning
- proper gaging
- proper connection techniques

All of these are described in [Chapter 3](#), “[Use, Maintenance, and Care of the Devices.](#)” Failure to detect and remove dirt or metallic particles on a mating plane surface can degrade repeatability and accuracy and can damage any connector mated to it. Improper connections, resulting from pin depth values being out of the observed limits (see [Table 2-2 on page 2-5](#)) or from bad connection techniques, can also damage these devices.

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## When to Calibrate

A network analyzer calibration remains valid as long as the changes in the systematic error are insignificant. This means that changes to the uncorrected leakages (directivity and isolation), mismatches (source match and load match), and frequency response of the system are small (<10%) relative to accuracy specifications.

Change in the environment (especially temperature) between calibration and

measurement is the major cause in calibration accuracy degradation. The major effect is a change in the physical length of external and internal cables. Other important causes are dirty and damaged test port connectors and calibration standards. If the connectors become dirty or damaged, measurement repeatability and accuracy is affected.

Fortunately, it is relatively easy to evaluate the general validity of the calibration. To test repeatability, remeasure one of the calibration standards. If you can not obtain repeatable measurements from your calibration standards, maintenance needs to be performed on the test port connectors, cables and calibration standards. Also, maintain at least one sample of the device under test or some known device as your reference device. A verification kit may be used for this purpose. After calibration, measure the reference device and note its responses. Periodically remeasure the device and note any changes in its corrected response which can be attributed to the test system. With experience you will be able to see changes in the reference responses that indicate a need to perform the measurement calibration again.

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## **2 Specifications**

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## Environmental Requirements

**Table 2-1 Environmental Requirements**

Parameter	Limits
Temperature	
Operating <sup>a</sup>	+20 °C to +26 °C
Storage	-40 °C to +75 °C
Error-corrected range <sup>b</sup>	± 1 °C of measurement calibration temperature
Relative humidity	Type tested, 0% to 95% at 40 °C, non-condensing

- a. The temperature range over which the calibration standards maintain conformance to their specifications.
- b. The allowable network analyzer ambient temperature drift during measurement calibration and during measurements when the network analyzer error correction is turned on. Also, the range over which the network analyzer maintains its specified performance while correction is turned on.

### Temperature—What to Watch Out For

Changes in temperature can affect electrical characteristics. Therefore, the operating temperature is a critical factor in performance. During a measurement calibration, the temperature of the calibration devices must be stable and within the range shown in [Table 2-1](#).

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**IMPORTANT** Avoid unnecessary handling of the devices during calibration because your fingers are a heat source.

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## Mechanical Characteristics

Mechanical characteristics such as center conductor protrusion and pin depth are *not* performance specifications. They are, however, important supplemental characteristics related to electrical performance. Agilent Technologies verifies the mechanical characteristics of the devices in the kit with special gaging processes and electrical testing. This ensures that the device connectors do not exhibit any center conductor protrusion or improper pin depth when the kit leaves the factory.

“Gaging Connectors” on page 3-6 explains how to use gages to determine if the kit devices have maintained their mechanical integrity. Refer to Table 2-2 on page 2-5 for typical and observed pin depth limits.

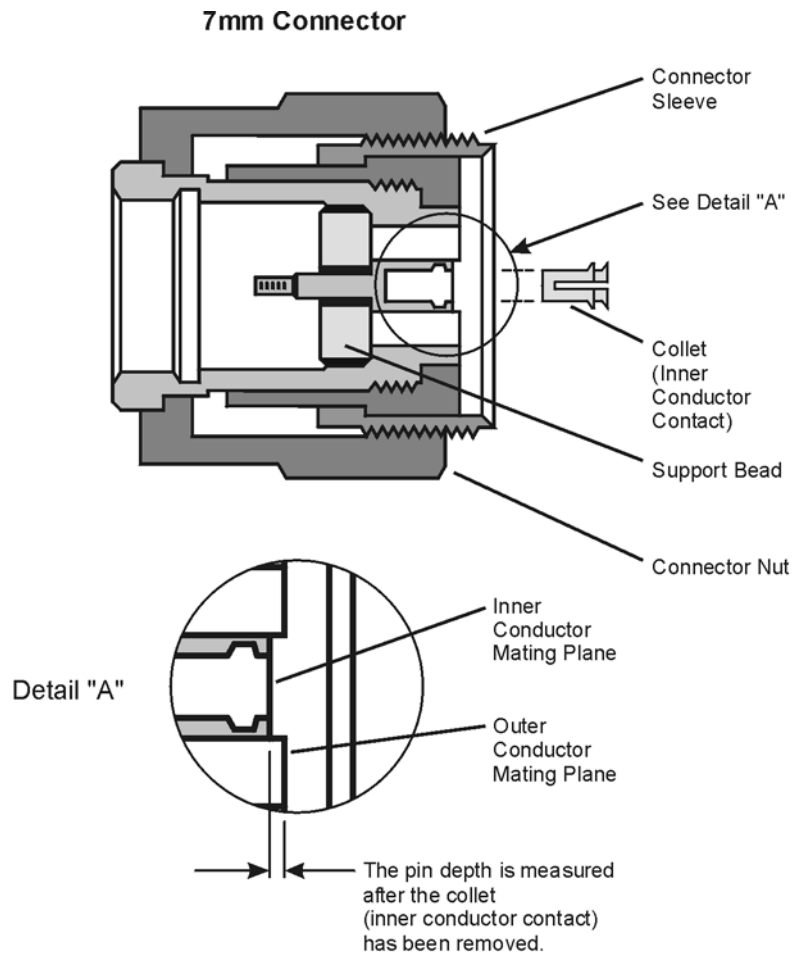
### Pin Depth

Pin depth is the distance the center conductor mating plane differs from being flush with the outer conductor mating plane. See Figure 2-1. The pin depth of a connector can be in one of two states: either protruding or recessed.

**Protrusion** is the condition in which the center conductor extends beyond the outer conductor mating plane. This condition will indicate a positive value on the connector gage.

**Recession** is the condition in which the center conductor is set back from the outer conductor mating plane. This condition will indicate a negative value on the connector gage.

**Figure 2-1 Connector Pin Depth**



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The pin depth value of each calibration device in the kit is not specified, but is an important mechanical parameter. The electrical performance of the device depends, to some extent, on its pin depth. The electrical specifications for each device in the kit take into account the effect of pin depth on the device’s performance. [Table 2-2](#) lists the typical pin depths and measurement uncertainties, and provides observed pin depth limits for the devices in the kit. If the pin depth of a device does not measure within the *observed* pin depth limits, it may be an indication that the device fails to meet electrical specifications. Refer to [Figure 2-1](#) for a visual representation of proper pin depth (slightly recessed).

**Table 2-2 Pin Depth Limits**

Device	Typical Pin Depth micrometers (10 <sup>-4</sup> inches)	Measurement Uncertainty <sup>a</sup> micrometers (10 <sup>-4</sup> inches)	Observed Pin Depth Limits <sup>b</sup> micrometers (10 <sup>-4</sup> inches)
Opens	0 to -12.7 (0 to -5.0)	+10.02 to -10.2 (+ 4.0 to -4.0)	+10.2 to -22.91 (+ 4.0 to -9.0)
Shorts	0 to -5.1 (0 to -2.0)	+6.4 to -6.4 (+ 2.5 to -2.5)	+6.4 to -11.4 (+ 2.5 to -4.5)
Broadband loads	0 to -7.62 (0 to -3.0)	+4.1 to -4.1 (+ 1.6 to -1.6)	+4.1 to -11.7 (+ 1.6 to -4.6)
Lowband loads	-5 to -63.5 (-2 to -25.0)	+4.1 to -4.1 (+ 1.6 to -1.6)	-0.9 to -67.6 (-0.4 to -26.6)
Sliding loads	0 to -7.6 (0 to -3.0)	+4.1 to -4.1 (+ 1.6 to -1.6)	+4.1 to -11.1 (+ 1.6 to -4.6)

- a. Approximately +2 sigma to -2 sigma of gage uncertainty based on studies done at the factory according to recommended procedures.
- b. Observed pin depth limits are the range of observation limits seen on the gage reading due to measurement uncertainty. The depth could still be within specifications.

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**NOTE** When measuring pin depth, the measured value (resultant average of three or more measurements) is *not* the true value. Always compare the measured value with the observed pin depth limits in [Table 2-2](#) to evaluate the condition of device connectors.

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## Electrical Specifications

The electrical specifications in [Table 2-3](#) apply to the devices in your calibration kit when connected with an Agilent precision interface.

**Table 2-3 Electrical Specifications for 85050B 7 mm Devices**

Device	Specification	Frequency (GHz)
Lowband loads	$\geq 52$ dB Return loss	dc to 2 GHz
Broadband loads	$\geq 38$ dB Return loss	dc to 18 GHz
Sliding loads <sup>a</sup>	$\geq 52$ dB Return loss	dc to 18 GHz <sup>b</sup>
Short <sup>c</sup> (collet style)	$\pm 0.2^\circ$ from nominal	dc to 2 GHz <sup>d</sup>
	$\pm 0.3^\circ$ from nominal	2 to 8 GHz <sup>d</sup>
	$\pm 0.5^\circ$ from nominal	8 to 18 GHz <sup>d</sup>
Open <sup>c</sup> (with collet pusher)	$\pm 0.3^\circ$ from nominal	dc to 2 GHz <sup>d</sup>
	$\pm 0.4^\circ$ from nominal	2 to 18 GHz <sup>d</sup>
	$\pm 0.6^\circ$ from nominal	8 to 18 GHz <sup>d</sup>

a. Assuming proper usage, the specifications for the residual return loss after calibration for the sliding load termination include:

- the quality of the airline portions within the sliding load, combined with
- the effective stability of the sliding element.

Proper usage includes the following practices:

- Connector mating surfaces are clean.
- The changes in slide positioning are NOT done in equal steps since this results in very poor calibration for some portions of the frequency range.
- The center conductor of test port connectors are nominally set back from the outer conductor.

Sliding loads are designed to allow the center conductor to be moved. The position of the sliding load center conductor should be set by a reference block and not positioned flush against the center conductor of the test port.

- b. The ratio of center conductor diameter to outer conductor diameter is selected from the mechanical tolerance range to meet electrical specifications.
- c. The specifications for the opens and shorts are given as allowed deviation from the nominal model as defined in the standard definitions.
- d. Nominal, in this case, means the electrical characteristics as defined by the calibration definitions downloaded from the Web at <http://na.tm.agilent.com/pna/caldefs/stddefs.html>

## Certification

Agilent Technologies certifies that this product met its published specifications at the time of shipment from the factory. Agilent further certifies that its calibration measurements are traceable to the United States National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to the extent allowed by the institute's calibration facility, and to the calibration facilities

of other International Standards Organization members. See [“How Agilent Verifies the Devices in Your Kit”](#) on page 4-2 for more information.



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## **3 Use, Maintenance, and Care of the Devices**

## Electrostatic Discharge

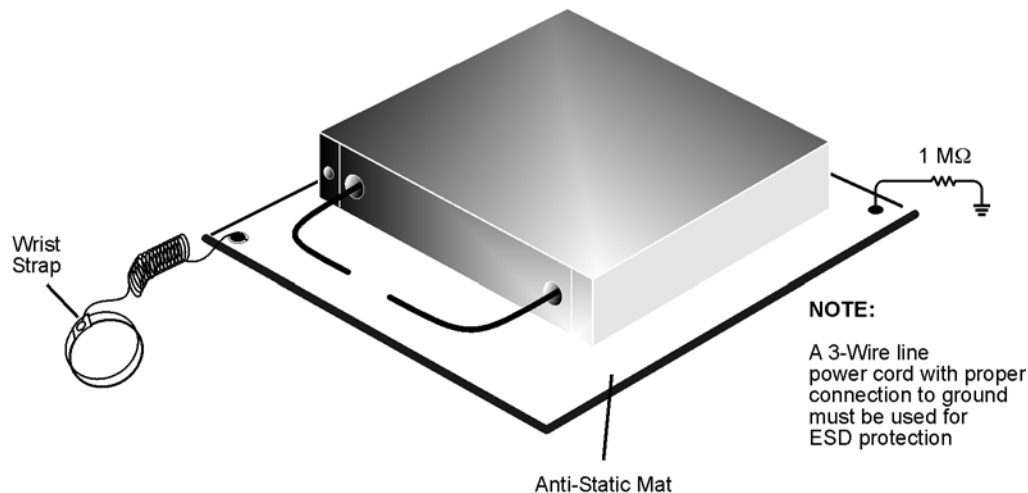
Protection against electrostatic discharge (ESD) is essential while connecting, inspecting, or cleaning connectors attached to a static-sensitive circuit (such as those found in test sets).

Static electricity can build up on your body and can easily damage sensitive internal circuit elements when discharged. Static discharges too small to be felt can cause permanent damage. Devices such as calibration components and devices under test (DUT), can also carry an electrostatic charge. To prevent damage to the test set, components, and devices:

- *Always* wear a grounded wrist strap having a 1 M $\Omega$  resistor in series with it when handling components and devices or when making connections to the test set.
- *Always* use a grounded antistatic mat in front of your test equipment.
- *Always* wear a heel strap when working in an area with a conductive floor. If you are uncertain about the conductivity of your floor, wear a heel strap.
- *always* ground yourself before you clean, inspect, or make a connection to a static-sensitive device or test port. You can, for example, grasp the grounded outer shell of the test port or cable connector briefly.
- *always* ground the center conductor of a test cable before making a connection to the analyzer test port or other static-sensitive device. This can be done as follows:
  1. Connect a short (from your calibration kit) to one end of the cable to short the center conductor to the outer conductor.
  2. While wearing a grounded wrist strap, grasp the outer shell of the cable connector.
  3. Connect the other end of the cable to the test port.
  4. Remove the short from the cable.

Figure 3-1 shows a typical ESD protection setup using a grounded mat and wrist strap. Refer to Chapter 6 , “Replaceable Parts,” for information on ordering supplies for ESD protection.

**Figure 3-1 ESD Protection Setup**



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## Visual Inspection

Visual inspection and, if necessary, cleaning should be done every time a connection is made. Metal particles from the connector threads may fall into the connector when it is disconnected. One connection made with a dirty or damaged connector can damage both connectors beyond repair.

Magnification is helpful when inspecting connectors, but it is not required and may actually be misleading. Defects and damage that cannot be seen without magnification generally have no effect on electrical or mechanical performance. Magnification is of great use in analyzing the nature and cause of damage and in cleaning connectors, but it is not required for inspection.

### Look for Obvious Defects and Damage First

Examine the connectors first for obvious defects and damage: badly worn plating on the connector interface, deformed threads, or bent, broken, or misaligned center conductors. Connector nuts should move smoothly and be free of burrs, loose metal particles, and rough spots.

### What Causes Connector Wear?

Connector wear is caused by connecting and disconnecting the devices. The more use a connector gets, the faster it wears and degrades. The wear is greatly accelerated when connectors are not kept clean, or are not connected properly.

Connector wear eventually degrades performance of the device. Calibration devices should have a long life if their use is on the order of a few times per week. Replace devices with worn connectors.

The test port connectors on the network analyzer test set may have many connections each day, and are, therefore, more subject to wear. It is recommended that an adapter be used as a test port saver to minimize the wear on the test set's test port connectors.

### Inspect the Mating Plane Surfaces

Flat contact between the connectors at all points on their mating plane surfaces is required for a good connection. See [Figure 2-1 on page 2-4](#). Look especially for deep scratches or dents, and for dirt and metal particles on the connector mating plane surfaces. Also look for signs of damage due to excessive or uneven wear or misalignment.

Light burnishing of the mating plane surfaces is normal, and is evident as light scratches or shallow circular marks distributed more or less uniformly over the mating plane surface. Other small defects and cosmetic imperfections are also normal. None of these affect electrical or mechanical performance.

If a connector shows deep scratches or dents, particles clinging to the mating plane surfaces, or uneven wear, clean and inspect it again. Devices with damaged connectors should be discarded. Determine the cause of damage before connecting a new, undamaged connector in the same configuration.

## Cleaning Connectors

Clean connectors are essential for ensuring the integrity of RF and microwave coaxial connections.

### 1. Use Compressed Air or Nitrogen

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**WARNING** Always use protective eyewear when using compressed air or nitrogen.

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Use compressed air (or nitrogen) to loosen particles on the connector mating plane surfaces. Clean air cannot damage a connector or leave particles or residues behind.

You can use any source of clean, dry, low-pressure compressed air or nitrogen that has an effective oil-vapor filter and liquid condensation trap placed just before the outlet hose.

Ground the hose nozzle to prevent electrostatic discharge, and set the air pressure to less than 414 kPa (60 psi) to control the velocity of the air stream. High-velocity streams of compressed air can cause electrostatic effects when directed into a connector. These electrostatic effects can damage the device. Refer to [“Electrostatic Discharge”](#) earlier in this chapter for additional information.

### 2. Clean the Connector Threads

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**WARNING** Keep isopropyl alcohol away from heat, sparks, and flame. Store in a tightly closed container. It is extremely flammable. In case of fire, use alcohol foam, dry chemical, or carbon dioxide; water may be ineffective.

**Use isopropyl alcohol with adequate ventilation and avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. It causes skin irritation, may cause eye damage, and is harmful if swallowed or inhaled. It may be harmful if absorbed through the skin. Wash thoroughly after handling.**

**In case of spill, soak up with sand or earth. Flush spill area with water.**

**Dispose of isopropyl alcohol in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations.**

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Use a lint-free swab or cleaning cloth moistened with isopropyl alcohol to remove any dirt or stubborn contaminants on a connector that cannot be removed with compressed air or nitrogen. Refer to [Table 6-1, “Replaceable Parts for the 85050B Calibration Kit,”](#) on [page 6-2](#) for a part number for cleaning swabs.

- a. Apply a small amount of isopropyl alcohol to a lint-free cleaning swab.
- b. Clean the connector threads.
- c. Let the alcohol evaporate, then blow the threads dry with a gentle stream of clean,



low-pressure compressed air or nitrogen. Always completely dry a connector before you reassemble or use it.

### 3. Clean the Mating Plane Surfaces

- a. Apply a small amount of isopropyl alcohol to a lint-free cleaning swab.
- b. Clean the center and outer conductor mating plane surfaces. Refer to [Figure 2-1 on page 2-4](#). When cleaning a female connector, avoid snagging the swab on the center conductor contact fingers by using short strokes.
- c. Let the alcohol evaporate, then blow the connector dry with a gentle stream of clean, low-pressure compressed air or nitrogen. Always completely dry a connector before you reassemble or use it.

### 4. Inspect

Inspect the connector to make sure that no particles or residue remain. Refer to [“Visual Inspection” on page 3-3](#).

## Gaging Connectors

The gages available from Agilent Technologies are intended for preventive maintenance and troubleshooting purposes only. See [Table 6-1 on page 6-2](#) for part number information. They are effective in detecting excessive center conductor protrusion or recession, and conductor damage on DUTs, test accessories, and the calibration kit devices. Do not use the gages for precise pin depth measurements.

### Connector Gage Accuracy

The connector gages are only capable of performing coarse measurements. They do not provide the degree of accuracy necessary to precisely measure the pin depth of the kit devices. This is partially due to the repeatability uncertainties that are associated with the measurement. Only the factory—through special gaging processes and electrical testing—can accurately verify the mechanical characteristics of the devices.

With proper technique, the gages are useful in detecting gross pin depth errors on device connectors. To achieve maximum accuracy, random errors must be reduced by taking the average of at least three measurements having different gage orientations on the connector. Even the resultant average can be in error by as much as  $\pm 0.0001$  inch due to systematic (biasing) errors usually resulting from worn gages and gage masters. As the gages undergo more use, the systematic errors can become more significant in the accuracy of the measurement.

### When to Gage Connectors

Gage a connector at the following times:

- Prior to using a device for the first time: record the pin depth measurement so that it can be compared with future readings. It will serve as a good troubleshooting tool when you suspect damage may have occurred to the device.

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**NOTE** When measuring pin depth, the measured value (resultant average of three or more measurements) contains measurement uncertainty and is not necessarily the true value. Always compare the measured value with the observed pin depth limits (which account for measurement uncertainties) in [Table 2-2 on page 2-5](#) to evaluate the condition of device connectors.

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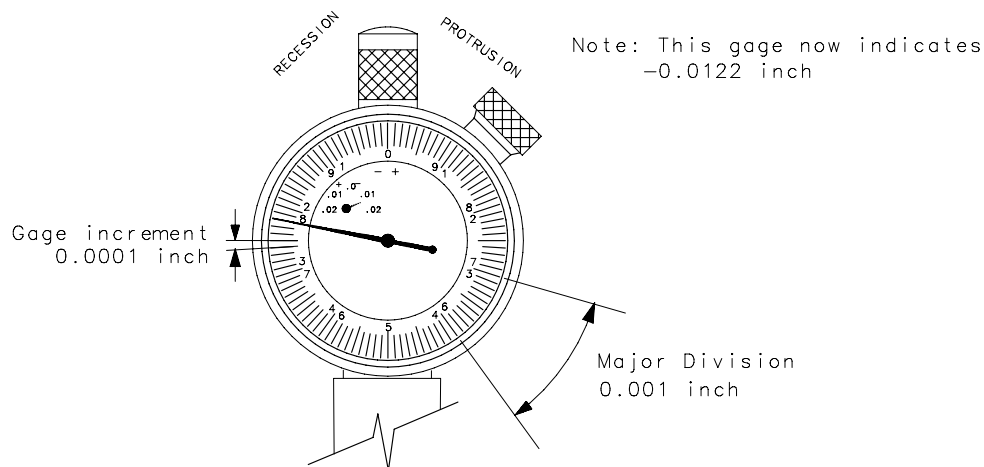
- If either visual inspection or electrical performance suggests that the connector interface may be out of typical range (due to wear or damage, for example).
- If a calibration device is used by someone else or on another system or piece of equipment.
- Initially after every 100 connections, and after that as often as experience indicates.

## Reading the Connector Gage

The gage dial is divided into increments of 0.0001 inch and major divisions of 0.001 inch (see [Figure 3-2](#)). For each revolution of the large dial, the smaller dial indicates a change of 0.01 inch. Use the small dial as the indicator of multiples of 0.01 inch. In most connector measuring applications, this value will be zero.

When making a measurement, the gage dial indicator will travel in one of two directions. If the center conductor is recessed from the *zero* reference plane, the indicator will move counterclockwise to indicate the amount of **recession**, which is read as a negative value. If the center conductor protrudes, the indicator will move clockwise to indicate the amount of **protrusion**, which is read as a positive value. Refer to [“Pin Depth” on page 2-3](#) for definitions of protrusion and recession.

**Figure 3-2** Reading the Connector Gage



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## Gaging Procedure

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**NOTE** Always hold a connector gage by the gage barrel, below the dial indicator. This gives the best stability, and improves measurement accuracy.

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1. Select the proper gage for your connector. Refer to [Table 6-1 on page 6-2](#) for gage part number.
2. Inspect and clean the gage, gage master, and device to be gaged. Refer to [“Visual Inspection” on page 3-3](#) and [“Cleaning Connectors” on page 3-4](#) of this chapter.
3. Zero the connector gage (refer to [Figure 3-3](#)):
  - a. While holding the gage by the barrel, and without turning the gage or the device, connect the gage master to the gage. Refer to [“Connections” on page 3-13](#) for more information. Connect the nut finger tight. Do not overtighten.
  - b. Using an open-end wrench to keep the gage from rotating, use the torque wrench

## Gaging Connectors

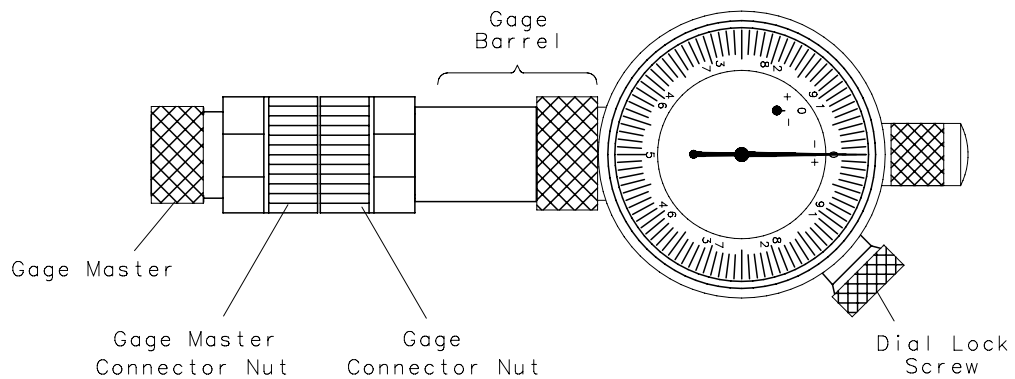
recommended for use with the kit to tighten the gage master connector nut to the specified torque. Refer to [“Final Connection Using a Torque Wrench” on page 3-13](#) for more information.

- c. The gage pointer should line up exactly with the zero mark on the gage. If not, loosen the dial lock screw on the gage and rotate the gage dial so that the pointer is aligned with the zero mark.
  - d. Tighten the dial lock screw and remove the gage master.
  - e. Attach and torque the gage master to the gage once again to verify that the setting is repeatable. Remove the gage master.
4. Gage the device connector (refer to [Figure 3-3](#)):
- a. If gaging one of the 50Ω loads in the kit, use a collet extractor tool to remove the center conductor collet from the device connector to be gaged. Refer to [Table 6-1 on page 6-2](#) for the part number of this extractor tool. Refer to [Figure 2-1 on page 2-4](#) for an illustration of the 7 mm connector and the location of the center conductor collet.
  - b. While holding the gage by the barrel, and without turning the gage or the device, connect the gage master to the device. Refer to [“Connections” on page 3-13](#) for more information. Connect the nut finger-tight. Do not overtighten.
  - c. Using an open-end wrench to keep the gage from rotating, use the torque wrench recommended for use with the kit to tighten the device connector nut to the specified torque. Refer to [“Final Connection Using a Torque Wrench” on page 3-13](#) for more information.
  - d. Gently tap the barrel of the gage with your finger to settle the gage reading.
  - e. Read the gage indicator dial. If the needle has moved clockwise, the center conductor is *protruding* by an amount indicated by the *black* numbers. If the needle has moved counterclockwise, the center conductor is *recessed* by an amount indicated by the *red* numbers.  
  
For maximum accuracy, measure the connector a minimum of three times and take an average of the readings. After each measurement, rotate the gage a quarter-turn to reduce measurement variations that result from the gage or the connector face not being exactly perpendicular to the center axis.
  - f. Compare the average reading with the pin depth specifications listed in [Table on page 2-5](#).
  - g. Remove the device from the gage and replace the center conductor collet.

**Figure 3-3 Gaging 7 mm Connectors**

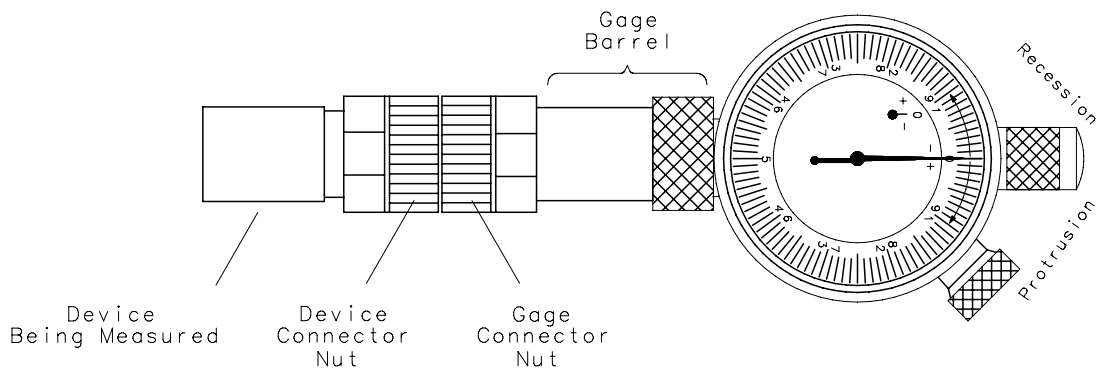
Zero the Connector Gage

- Connect the gage master to the gage.
- Torque the connecting nut.
- Loosen the dial lock screw.
- Rotate the gage dial so that the pointer is aligned with the zero mark.
- Tighten the dial lock screw.
- Remove the gage master.



Gage the Device Connector

- Connect the device to the gage.
- Torque the connecting nut.
- Gently tap the gage barrel to settle the reading.
- Read recession or protrusion from the gage.
- Remove the device.
- Repeat two additional times and average the three readings.



## Gaging the Sliding Loads

Gage a sliding load before each use. If the sliding load pin depth is out of the observed pin depth limits listed in [Table on page 2-3](#), refer to [“Adjusting the Sliding Load Pin Depth” on page 3-11](#).

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**NOTE** Always hold a connector gage by the gage barrel, below the dial indicator. This gives the best stability, and improves measurement accuracy. (Cradling the gage in your hand or holding it by the dial applies stress to the gage plunger mechanism through the dial indicator housing.)

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1. Select the proper gage for your connector. Refer to [Table 6-1 on page 6-2](#) for gage part numbers.
2. Inspect and clean the gage, gage master, and device to be gaged. Refer to [“Visual Inspection” on page 3-3](#) and [“Cleaning Connectors” on page 3-4](#) earlier in this chapter.
3. Zero the connector gage as described in [page 3-7](#).
4. Use your fingers to insert and tighten the gage aligning pin into the gage. This aligning pin is supplied in the 85050B 7 mm calibration kit, and also in the connector gage set.

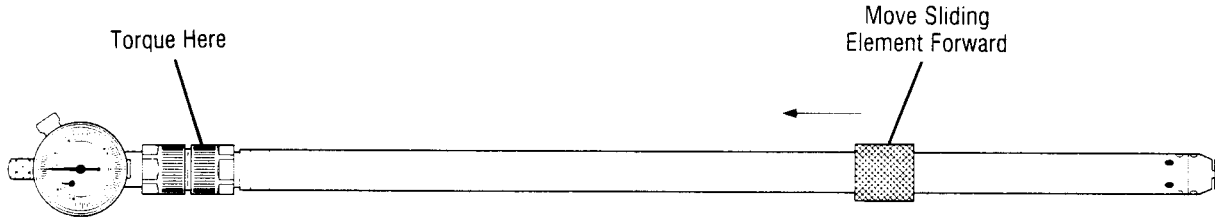
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**CAUTION** The centering beads supplied in the gage are used when gaging the airlines contained in the 85051B 7 mm verification kit. Do not use the centering beads with any device in this calibration kit (85050B) or the 85050D 7 mm calibration kit.

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5. Remove the center conductor protective cap from the sliding load.
6. Remove the center conductor protective cap and the center conductor tip from the sliding load.
7. Refer to [Figure 3-4](#). Extend the sleeve on the gage connector and retract the sleeve on the sliding load connector. Move the sliding element on the sliding load all of the way forward to help center the center conductor. Carefully attach the gage to the sliding load and torque the connection to 12 in-lb. (136 N-cm).
8. The sliding load pin depth should now be within specification. If the pin depth of the sliding load is out of specification (0.0000 to -0.0002 inch), repeat steps 2 through 4. Due to the gage accuracy of +/-0.0001 inch, it is permissible to read +0.0001 to -0.0003 inch on the connector gage when the connector is still within specification.

**Figure 3-4 Gaging the Sliding Load Pin Depth**



## Adjusting the Sliding Load Pin Depth

The sliding loads in this kit have a setback mechanism that allows the pin depth to be set to any desired value. The pin depth of the sliding load is preset at the factory. *The pin depth should not have to be reset each time the sliding load is used*, but it should be checked before each use.

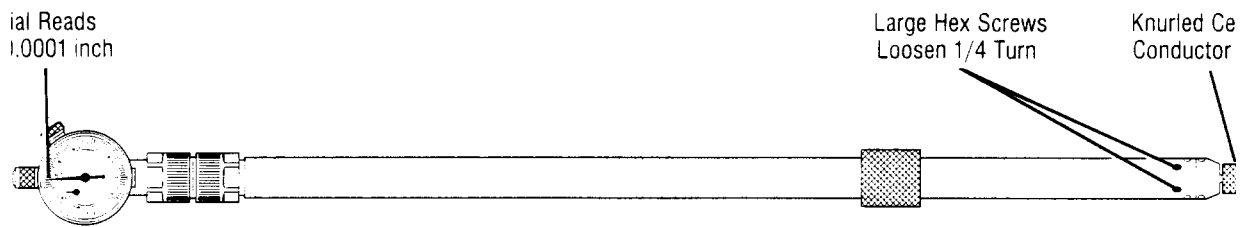
If the pin depth is outside the *observed* limits listed in [Table 2-2 on page 2-5](#), use the following procedure to reset it. Always measure the sliding load pin depth before attaching it to any connector.

This procedure assumes that you were directed here from [“Gaging the Sliding Loads” on page 3-10](#). If not, perform the steps in that procedure before performing this procedure.

1. The gage should be attached to the sliding load. Refer to [“Gaging the Sliding Loads” on page 3-10](#) if necessary.
2. With a 0.050 inch hex key, loosen the *two largest* hex screws by turning them 1/4 turn clockwise. Refer to [Figure 3-5](#).
3. Gently turn the knurled center conductor cap on the sliding load until the gage pointer reads  $-0.0001$  inches. Refer to [Figure 3-5](#).
4. Tighten the two hex screws just until they are finger tight (do not overtighten).
5. Wait approximately five minutes to allow the temperature to stabilize. Do not touch either the gage or the sliding load during this time.
6. Note the gage reading. If it is no longer within the allowable range, perform steps 2-5 again.
7. Remove the gage from the sliding load. Replace the center conductor tip in the sliding load and remove the aligning pin from the gage.

The sliding load pin depth is now in specification and the load is ready to use. Once the sliding load pin depth is set it rarely needs to be adjusted. However, the pin depth should be rechecked before each use. Replace the protective plastic caps on the sliding load and gage connectors when these devices are not in use.

**Figure 3-5 Adjusting the Sliding Load Pin Depth**





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## Connections

Good connections require a skilled operator. *The most common cause of measurement error is bad connections.* The following procedures illustrate how to make good connections.

### How to Make a Connection

#### Preliminary Connection

1. Ground yourself and all devices. Wear a grounded wrist strap and work on a grounded, conductive table mat. Refer to [“Electrostatic Discharge” on page 3-2](#) for ESD precautions.
2. Visually inspect the connectors. Refer to [“Visual Inspection” on page 3-3](#).
3. If necessary, clean the connectors. Refer to [“Cleaning Connectors” on page 3-4](#).
4. Use a connector gage to verify that all center conductors are within the pin depth specifications in [Table 2-2 on page 2-5](#). Refer to [“Gaging Connectors” on page 3-6](#).
5. Fully extend the connector sleeve on one of the connectors. Spin its knurled connector nut to make sure the threads are fully extended. Fully retract the sleeve on the other connector. The extended sleeve creates a cylinder into which the other connector fits.  
  
If one of the connectors is fixed (such as on a test port), fully extend that connector sleeve and fully retract the sleeve on the moveable connector.
6. Carefully align the connectors. As you make the actual connection, be sure the connectors align perfectly.
7. Push the connectors straight together. Do *not* twist or screw the connectors together.
8. Engage the connector nut (of the connector with the retracted sleeve) over the threads of the other connector (the connector with the extended sleeve). Turn only the connector nut. Let the connector nut pull the two connectors straight together.
9. Do not overtighten this connection. A connection in which the outer conductors make gentle contact at all points on both mating surfaces is sufficient. Very light finger pressure is enough to accomplish this.
10. Make sure the connectors are properly supported. Relieve any side pressure on the connection from long or heavy devices or cables.

#### Final Connection Using a Torque Wrench

Use a torque wrench to make a final connection. [Table 3-1](#) provides information about the torque wrench recommended for use with the calibration kit. A torque wrench is included in the calibration kit. Refer to [Table 6-1 on page 6-2](#) for replacement part number and

ordering information.

**Table 3-1 Torque Wrench Information**

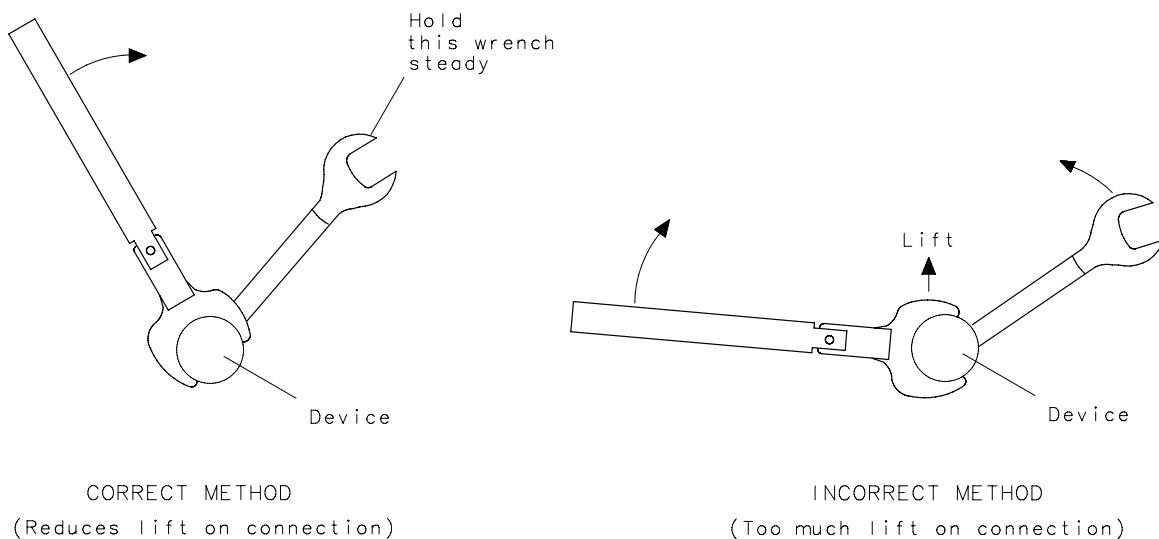
Connector Type	Torque Setting	Torque Tolerance
7 mm	136 N-cm (12 in-lb)	$\pm 13.6$ N-cm ( $\pm 1.2$ in-lb)

Using a torque wrench guarantees that the connection is not too tight, preventing possible connector damage. It also guarantees that all connections are equally tight each time.

Prevent the rotation of anything other than the connector nut that you are tightening. It may be possible to do this by hand if one of the connectors is fixed (as on a test port). However, it is recommended that you use an open-end wrench to keep the body of the device from turning.

1. Position both wrenches within 90 degrees of each other before applying force. See [Figure 3-6](#). Wrenches opposing each other (greater than 90 degrees apart) will cause a lifting action which can misalign and stress the connections of the devices involved. This is especially true when several devices are connected together.

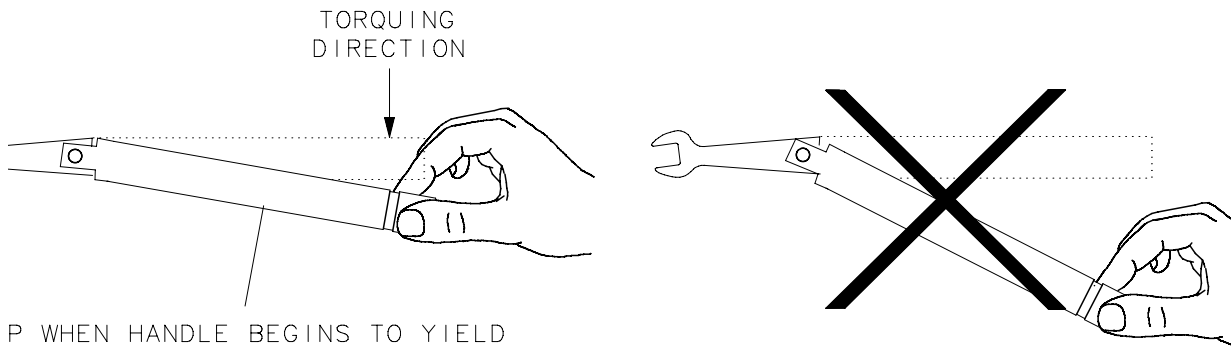
**Figure 3-6 Wrench Positions**



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2. Hold the torque wrench lightly, at the end of the handle only (beyond the groove). See [Figure 3-7](#).

**Figure 3-7 Using the Torque Wrench**



3. Apply downward force perpendicular to the wrench handle. This applies torque to the connection through the wrench.

Do not hold the wrench so tightly that you push the handle straight down along its length rather than pivoting it, otherwise, you apply an unknown amount of torque.

4. Tighten the connection just to the torque wrench break point. The wrench handle gives way at its internal pivot point. See [Figure 3-7](#). Do not tighten the connection further.

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**CAUTION** You don't have to fully break the handle of the torque wrench to reach the specified torque; doing so can cause the handle to kick back and loosen the connection. Any give at all in the handle is sufficient torque.

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### Connecting the Sliding Load

Use this procedure to connect the sliding load to a test port or a 7 mm cable connector.

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**CAUTION** Circuitry inside the test set at the test ports may be destroyed if precautions are not taken to avoid electrostatic discharge (ESD). During this procedure, the center conductor of the sliding load is connected to the exposed center conductor of the test port. Ground yourself to prevent electrostatic discharge.

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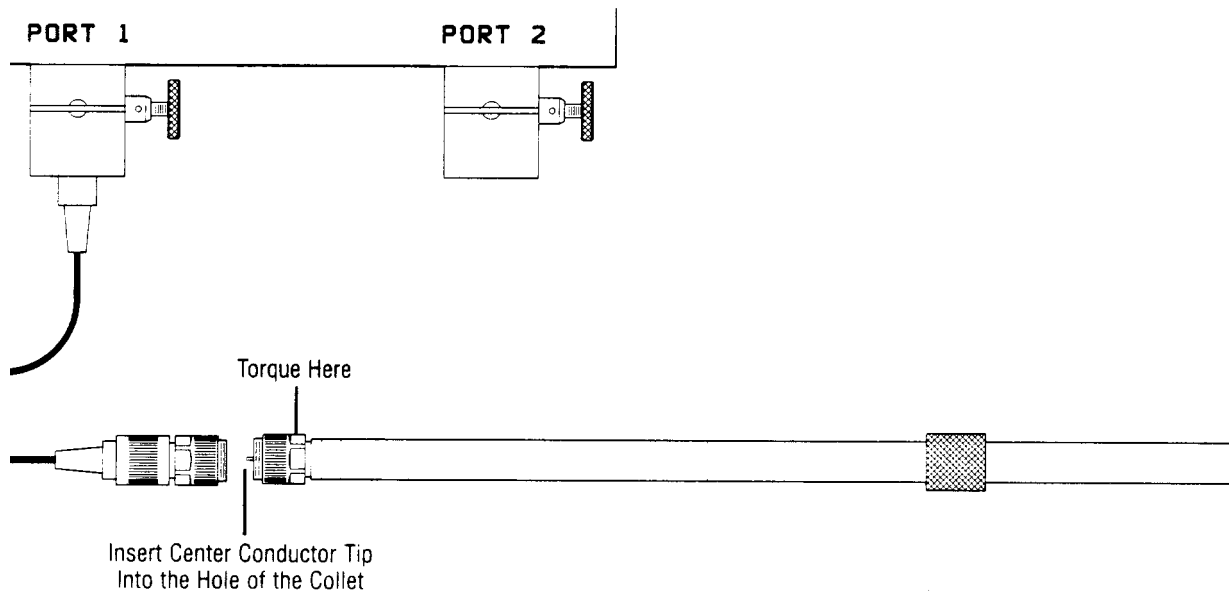
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**CAUTION** The sliding load center conductor can be damaged if the sliding load is not in line when mating the load to a connector. Always line-up the sliding load when connecting or removing it from a connector.

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1. Refer to [Figure 3-8](#). Extend the threads on the test port adapter or cable connector and retract the threads on the sliding load. Insert the center conductor tip into the hole in the sliding load center conductor. Do not insert a collet in this hole.

**Figure 3-8** Connecting the Sliding Load



2. Align and insert the sliding load center conductor tip into the hole of the mating connector collet.
3. Mate the outer conductors and tighten the nut on the threaded sleeve finger-tight. Hold the sliding load body and torque the sliding load nut to 12 in-lb. (136 N-cm) using the torque wrench provided. Do not let the sliding load body rotate when torquing the nut.

### Disconnecting the Sliding Load

Reverse the previous procedure leaving the lock nut tight. Support the sliding load at both ends at all times.

Replace the protective plastic cap over the connector end. This cap provides protection without requiring that the center conductor be withdrawn from the measurement plane. It also keeps the center conductor tip from coming out of the connector.

### How to Separate a Connection

To avoid lateral (bending) force on the connector mating plane surfaces, always support the devices and connections.

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**CAUTION** Do not turn the device body. Only turn the connector nut. Damage to the center conductor can occur if the device body is twisted.

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1. Use an open-end wrench to prevent the device body from turning.
2. Use the torque wrench to loosen the connecting nut.
3. Complete the separation by hand, turning only the connecting nut.
4. Pull the connectors straight apart without twisting, rocking, or bending either of the connectors.

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**CAUTION** Do *not* twist one connector out of the other (like removing a light bulb). Turn the connector nut, not the device body. Major damage to the center conductor can occur if the device body is twisted.

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## Handling and Storage

- Install the protective end caps and store the calibration devices in the foam-lined storage case when not in use.
- Never store connectors loose in a box, or in a desk or bench drawer. This is the most common cause of connector damage during storage.
- Keep connectors clean.
- Do not touch mating plane surfaces. Natural skin oils and microscopic particles of dirt are easily transferred to a connector interface and are very difficult to remove.
- Do not set connectors contact-end down on a hard surface. The plating and the mating plane surfaces can be damaged if the interface comes in contact with any hard surface.



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## **4 Performance Verification**

## Introduction

The performance of your calibration kit can only be verified by returning the kit to Agilent Technologies for recertification. The equipment required to verify the specifications of the devices in the kit has been specially manufactured and is not commercially available.

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## How Agilent Verifies the Devices in Your Kit

Agilent verifies the specifications of these devices as follows:

1. The residual microwave error terms of the test system are verified with precision airlines and shorts that are directly traced to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The airline and short characteristics are developed from mechanical measurements. The mechanical measurements and material properties are carefully modeled to give very accurate electrical representation. The mechanical measurements are then traced to NIST through various plug and ring gages and other mechanical measurements.
2. Each calibration device is electrically tested on this system. For the initial (before sale) testing of the calibration devices, Agilent includes the test measurement uncertainty as a guardband to guarantee each device meets the published specification. For recertifications (after sale), no guardband is used and the measured data is compared directly with the specification to determine the pass or fail status. The measurement uncertainty for each device is, however, recorded in the calibration report that accompanies recertified kits.

These two steps establish a traceable link to NIST for Agilent to the extent allowed by the institute's calibration facility. The specifications data provided for the devices in the kit is traceable to NIST through Agilent Technologies.



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## Recertification

The following will be provided with a recertified kit:

- a new calibration sticker affixed to the case
- a certificate of calibration
- a calibration report for each device in the kit listing measured values, specifications, and uncertainties

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**NOTE** A list of NIST traceable numbers may be purchased upon request to be included in the calibration report.

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Agilent Technologies offers a *Standard* calibration for the recertification of the kit. For more information, contact Agilent Technologies. Refer to [“Contacting Agilent” on page 5-4](#).

### How Often to Recertify

The suggested initial interval for recertification is 12 months or sooner. The actual need for recertification depends on the use of the kit. After reviewing the results of the initial recertification, you may establish a different recertification interval that reflects the usage and wear of the kit.

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**NOTE** The recertification interval should begin on the date the kit is *first used* after the recertification date.

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### Where to Send a Kit for Recertification

Contact Agilent Technologies for information on where to send your kit for recertification. Refer to [“Contacting Agilent” on page 5-4](#). Refer to [“Returning a Kit or Device to Agilent” on page 5-3](#) for details on sending your kit.



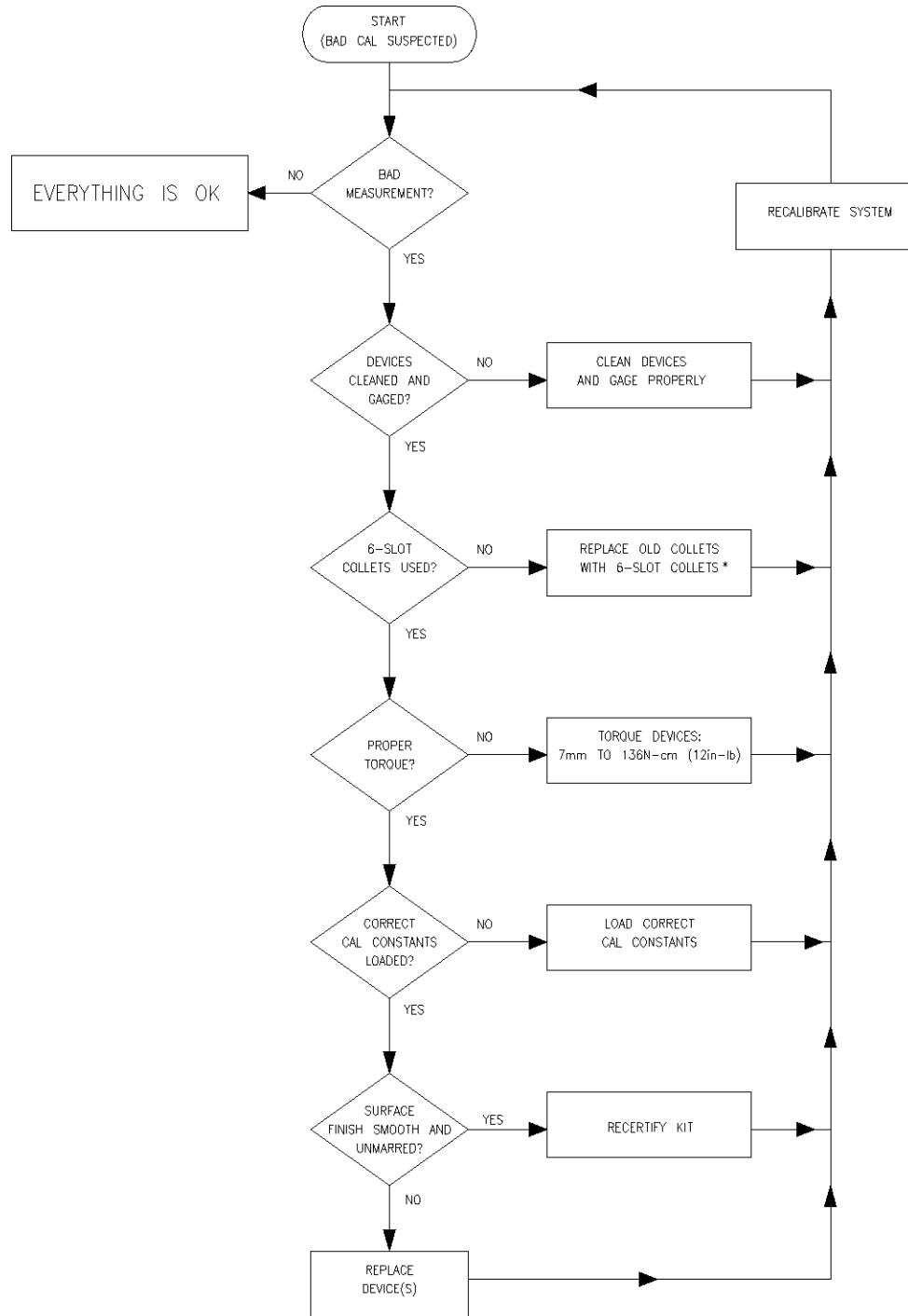
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# 5 Troubleshooting

## Troubleshooting Process

If you suspect a bad calibration, or if your network analyzer does not pass performance verification, follow the steps in [Figure 5-1](#).

**Figure 5-1. Troubleshooting Flowchart**



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## Where to Look for More Information

This manual contains limited information about network analyzer system operation. For detailed information on using a VNA, ENA or PNA series network analyzer, refer to the appropriate user guide or online Help.

- To view the ENA or PNA online Help, press the Help key on the front panel of the network analyzer.
- To view an online VNA user guide, use the following steps:
  1. Go to *www.agilent.com*.
  2. Enter your VNA model number (Ex: 8753ES) in the Search box and click **Search**.
  3. Under the heading **Manuals & Guides**, click on the title/hyperlink for the document PDF you want to view.

If you need additional information, see “Contacting Agilent” on page 4.

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## Returning a Kit or Device to Agilent

If your kit or device requires service, contact Agilent Technologies for information on where to send it. See “Contacting Agilent” on page 4 for contact information. Include a service tag (located near the end of this manual) on which you provide the following information:

- your company name and address
- a technical contact person within your company, and the person's complete telephone number
- the model number and serial number of the kit
- the part number and serial number of each device
- the type of service required
- a *detailed* description of the problem and how the device was being used when the problem occurred (such as calibration or measurement)

## Contacting Agilent

Assistance with test and measurements needs and information on finding a local Agilent office are available on the Web at:

[www.agilent.com/find/assist](http://www.agilent.com/find/assist)

If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact your Agilent field engineer.

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**NOTE**      In any correspondence or telephone conversation, refer to the Agilent product by its model number and full serial number. With this information, the Agilent representative can determine whether your product is still within its warranty period.

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## **6 Replaceable Parts**

## Introduction

Table 6-1 lists the replacement part numbers for the 85050B calibration kit.

TABLE 6-2 lists the replacement part numbers for items not included in the calibration kit that are either required or recommended for successful operation of the kit.

To order a listed part, note the description, the part number, and the quantity desired. Telephone or send your order to Agilent Technologies. See [“Contacting Agilent” on page 5-4](#).

**Table 6-1 Replaceable Parts for the 85050B Calibration Kit**

Description	Qty Per Kit	Agilent Part Number
<b>Calibration Devices (7 mm)</b>		
7 mm lowband load	1	00909-60003
7 mm sliding load	1	85050-80011
7 mm broadband load	1	85050-60006
7 mm short	1	85050-80007
7 mm open	1	85050-80010
7 mm center conductor collets	1	85050-20001
<b>Wrenches</b>		
7 mm connector collet extractor tool	1	5060-0370
3/4 in, 135 N-cm (12 in-lb) torque wrench	1	8710-1766
<b>Miscellaneous Items</b>		
7 mm connector gage set <sup>a</sup>	1	85050-80012
Calibration kit storage case with foam	1	85050-60009
Storage box without foam	1	5180-7900
Foam pad (lid)	1	5181-5543
Foam pad (bottom)	1	85050-80032
User's and service guide <sup>b</sup>	1	85050-90050

a. Gage set includes gage, gage master, aligning pin, and two centering beads.

b. See [“Printing Copies of Documentation from the Web” on page -3](#).

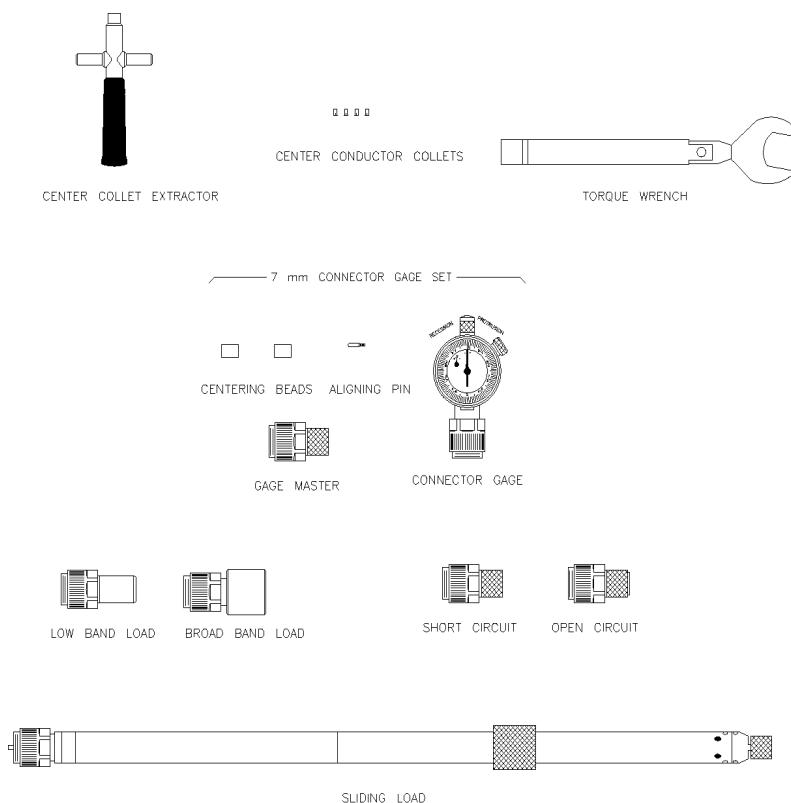


**Table 6-2 Items Not Included in the 85050B Calibration Kit**

Description	Qty Per Kit	Agilent Part Number
Anhydrous isopropyl alcohol (>92% pure) <sup>a</sup>	--	--
Cleaning swabs	100	9301-1243
Grounding wrist strap	1	9300-1367
5 ft grounding cord for wrist strap	1	9300-0980
2 ft by 4 ft conductive table mat with 15 ft grounding wire	1	9300-0797
ESD heel strap (for conductive floors)	1	9300-1308

a. Agilent can no longer safely ship isopropyl alcohol, so customers should purchase it locally.

**Figure 6-1. Replaceable Parts for the 85050B Calibration Kit**



Not Shown:  
7mm Calibration Constants Tape  
Verification Program and Data Disks  
Operating and Service Manual  
Storage Case



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# **A Standard Definitions**

## **Class Assignments and Standard Definitions Values are Available on the Web**

Class assignments and standard definitions may change as more accurate model and calibration methods are developed. You can download the most accurate class assignments and standard definitions from Agilent's Calibration Kit Definitions Web page at <http://na.tm.agilent.com/pna/caldefs/stddefs.html>.

For a detailed discussion of calibration kits, refer to the Agilent Application Note, "Specifying Calibration Standards and Kits for Agilent Vector Network Analyzers." This application note covers calibration standard definitions, calibration kit content and its structure requirements for Agilent vector network analyzers. It also provides some examples of how to set up a new calibration kit and how to modify an existing calibration kit definition file. To download a free copy, go to [www.agilent.com](http://www.agilent.com) and enter literature number 5989-4840EN in the Search window.

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