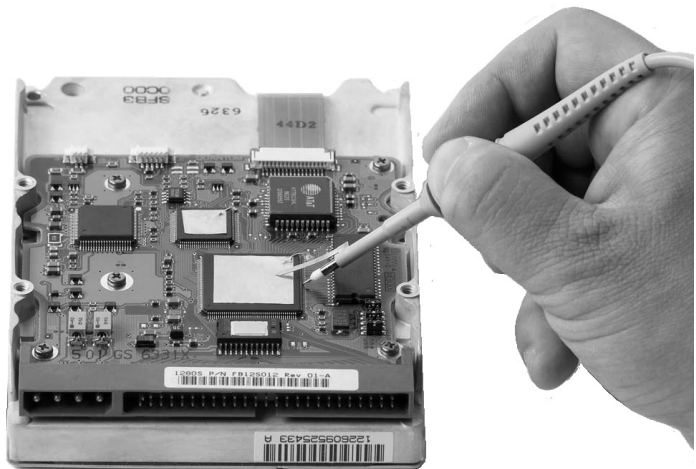




N2879A Fine Pitch Accessory Kit

User's Guide



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N2879A Fine Pitch Accessory Kit

The N2879A Fine Pitch Accessory Kit is to be used with the Agilent N2870A Series passive probe family. This kit contains accessories that make it easier to probe and measure signals on fine pitch surface mount components.

Kit Contents

The following table shows the accessories supplied in the N2879A kit. Some of these accessories are discussed in greater detail starting on page 5.

Accessory	Quantity
Spring-loaded probe tips, gold-plated 0.5 mm	5
Rigid probe tips, CuBe 0.5 mm	5
Ground blade, 2.5 mm	3
Ground spring, 2.5 mm	3
Dual adapter, 2.5 to 0.8 mm sockets	2
Pico hook, black	2
Pico hook, red	2
IC cap, 2.5 - 0.5 mm green	3
IC cap, 2.5 - 0.65 mm blue	3
IC cap, 2.5 - 0.8 mm grey	3
IC cap, 2.5 - 1.0 mm brown	3
IC cap, 2.5 - 1.27 mm black	3
PCB adapter kit 2.5	10
Insulating cap, 2.5 mm	1
Protection cap, 2.5 mm	1
QFP IC clips, 13 mm long down to 0.5 mm pitch (one pair yellow/green)	2
QFP IC clips, short down to 0.5 mm pitch (one pair yellow/green)	2
Micro SMD clip	2
2 leg probe positioner	1
Self-adhesive Cu-pads (2x2 cm)	10

Safety Information

Warning



To avoid personal injury and to prevent fire or damage to this product or products connected to it, review and comply with the following safety precautions (these apply to the accessories in the N2879A kit and the N2870A Series probes). Be aware that if you use this probe assembly in a manner not specified, the protection this product provides may be impaired.

Handle Probe Tips / Accessories Carefully

Some of the probe tips / accessories are very sharp (the spring tips and ground spring, for example). You should handle these with care to avoid personal injury.

Use Only Grounded Instruments

Do not connect the probe's ground lead to a potential other than earth ground. Always make sure the probe and the oscilloscope are grounded properly.

Connect and Disconnect Properly

Connect the probe to the oscilloscope and connect the ground lead to earth ground before connecting the probe to the circuit under test. Disconnect the probe input and the probe ground lead from the circuit under test before disconnecting the probe from the oscilloscope.

Observe Probe Ratings

Do not apply any electrical potential to the probe input which exceeds the maximum rating of the probe. Make sure to comply with the voltage versus frequency derating curve in the N2870A Series User's Guide.

Keep Away From Live Circuits

Avoid open circuitry. Do not touch connections or components when power is present.

Indoor Use Only

Do not operate in wet/damp environments. Keep product surfaces dry and clean.

Do Not Operate With Suspected Failures

Refer to qualified service personnel.

Do Not Operate in an Explosive Environment

Accessory Details

Below is information regarding some of the accessories in the N2879A Fine Pitch Accessory Kit.

Replacing Rigid/Solid Probe Tips and Spring-Loaded Probe Tips

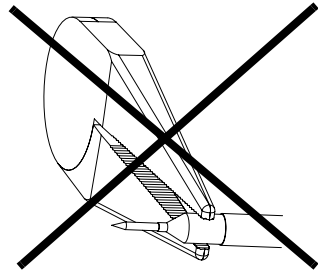
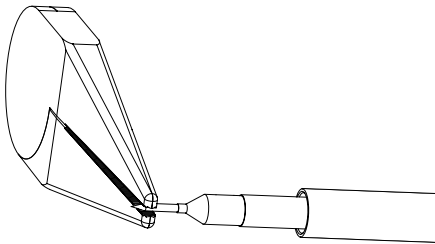


These solid tips and spring-loaded tips are replaceable. To change the probe tip, use pliers to grip the tip and pull it straight out of its contact socket along the axis of the probe. Do not grip the plastic insulator or the housing with the pliers because the tip could be crushed (see images below). This could result in being unable to remove the tip and/or damaging the probe. Once the probe tip is removed, the new tip can be inserted with pliers into the contact socket along the axis of the probe. In order to insert the probe tip completely into the housing, carefully press the probe tip against a hard surface.

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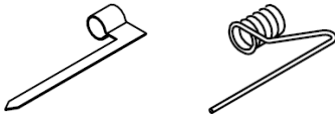


You should exercise caution when using these sharp probe tips to avoid personal injury.



Spring loaded probe tips offer a method of probing signals that is less susceptible to vibration or movement than traditional rigid tips. Many users find it easier to use this type of tip. The spring loaded tips work when they are either partially or fully compressed and are protected against over compression damage.

Short Ground Blade / Ground Spring



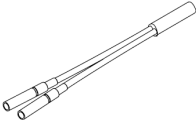
The short ground blade is the best performing ground connection available with the N2870A Series due to its low inductance. To attach the ground blade, simply push it over the probe tip and continue pushing until the blade is inserted into the notch located on the probe barrel (as shown in the picture below - Note that the ground blade was placed over the tip and then an IC cap was placed over it as well in the picture).



This will keep it from spinning around on the probe while in use. You can also bend and form the blade to reach your grounding location.

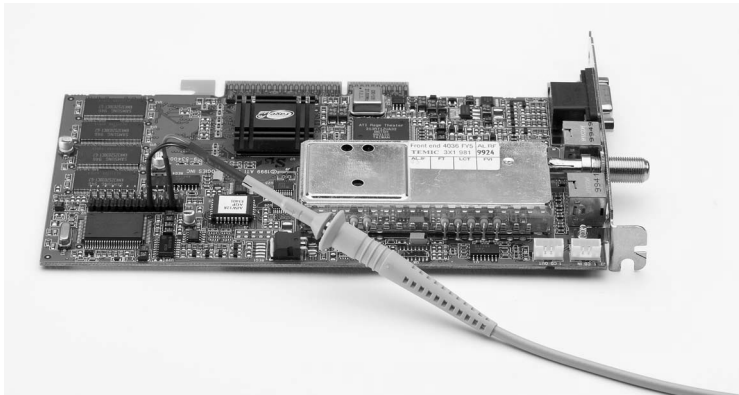
The ground spring offers similar performance as the ground blade and depending on the probing situation, may offer greater flexibility when making a ground connection. The ground spring is also inserted over the probe tip in a similar manner. It is mainly used for browsing as it is flexible and snaps back to original orientation (unlike the ground blade that you can form) which allows you to connect it to your grounding location and then move the probe tip around. It does have a slightly larger inductance than the ground blade which may result in some decrease in performance depending on the application.

Dual Adapter, 2.5 to 0.8 mm Sockets

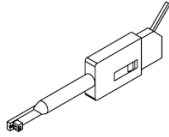


The dual lead adapter offers a convenient and reliable method to connect both the probe signal and ground to probe points on the board or other probe accessories. For example, this can be used to connect to connector headers or to other accessories like the QFP clips or pico hooks (see the picture in the Pico Hook section of this manual).

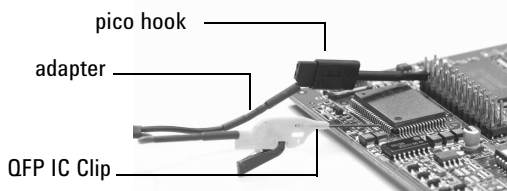
The sockets accept 0.56-0.86 mm round and 0.64 mm square (0.022 - 0.034 inch round and 0.025 inch square) diameter pins. The maximum insertion depth is 7.5 mm (0.295 inch) and the outer insulation of the socket is 2.2 mm maximum (0.87 inch). You can use it for 2.54 mm pitch (0.1 inch) terminals.



Pico Hooks / QFP IC Clips



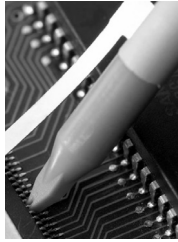
You can use pico hooks or QFP IC clips to make connections to components or wires with leads that are 1.01 mm (0.04 inches) in diameter or smaller. With today's miniature IC- and component-packaging techniques, the pico hooks or QFP IC clips can make probing challenging devices much easier. Most users prefer to attach the clips/hooks to the probe via the dual lead adapter as shown in the picture below. Press the back of the pico hooks to extend the grasping hook and then release to tighten the hook around the component you are testing. Press the lever on the QFP IC clip to extend the grasping jaws.



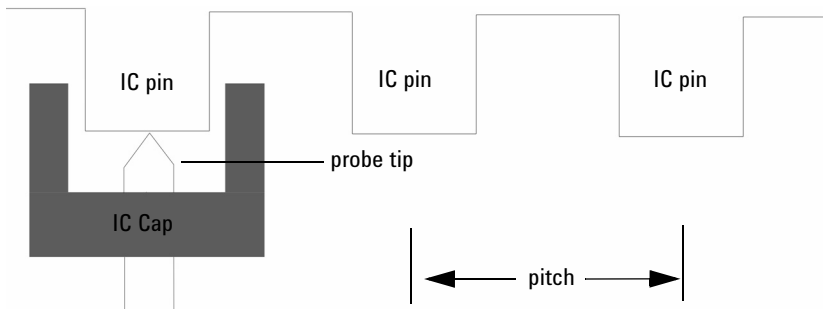
IC Caps



The IC caps fit over the probe tip and provide a convenient self-aligning connection to IC pins. This helps maintain contact on small fine pitch legs and prevents shorting adjacent pins by preventing the probe tip from sliding between the legs of the component.



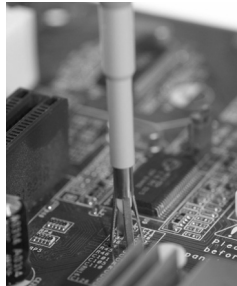
The different colored IC caps correspond to different pitches (see diagram below to see how pitch is measured and refer to the table on page 3 to see what pitch each color corresponds to). The IC caps are compatible with both the rigid and spring loaded tips. Below is a simplified drawing showing how the caps fit around the IC pins and where the probe tip comes through the cap.



PCB Adapter Kit



The PCB Adapter sockets are designed to solder into a printed circuit board (PCB) as test points to minimize ground inductance and maximize signal fidelity. Below is a picture showing one of these PCB sockets attached to a PCB.



The recommended PCB layout is shown in the manual that accompanied your N2870A Series probe. The PCB socket is compatible with hand soldering and reflow processes. After soldering the socket - both the signal contact and ground contact - to the board, simply insert the probe. The PCB adapter is compatible with either the rigid or spring-loaded probe tip.

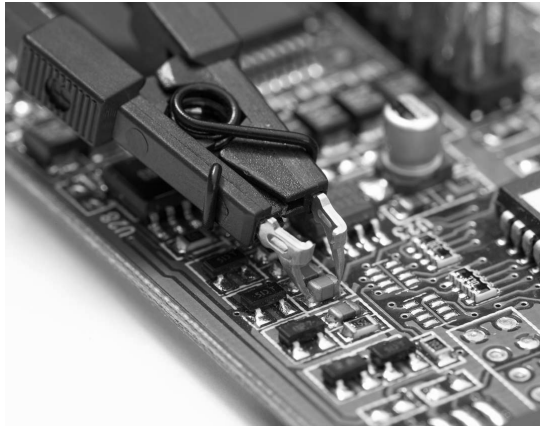
Insulator Cap



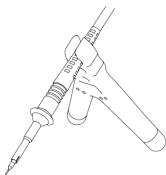
This cap is meant to fit over the probe tip and cover the ground barrel of the probe, covering any potential shorting locations near the tip. This enables you to probe in hot environments without having to worry about shorts.

Micro-SMD Clip

The micro-SMD clip is a spring loaded, two-pole test clip specially designed for SMD components. It features a gold-plated, hardened tip for testing circuits and has flat-nosed grips for individual components. Its balanced spring force enables you to test both large and small components. Its pin connection is 0.64 mm (0.025 inches) and the spring is electrically insulating. The clip's clamping range is 0 - 8 mm (0 - 0.3 inches)



2-Leg Probe Positioner



The 2-leg probe positioner can be used for quick and stable hands-free browsing. The positioner has three different sized apertures into which various sized probes can be placed. To use, first determine the appropriate aperture for your probe. Then insert your probe and arrange the positioner/probe at the measuring point. The front of the positioner (the side with the Agilent logo) must be pointing up during use.



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- Service instructions are for trained service personnel. To avoid dangerous electric shock, do not perform any service unless qualified to do so. Do not attempt internal service or adjustment unless another person, capable of rendering first aid and resuscitation, is present.
- Do not install substitute parts or perform any unauthorized modification to the instrument.
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- Do not operate the instrument in the presence of flammable gasses or fumes. Operation of any electrical instrument in such an environment constitutes a definite safety hazard.
- Do not use the instrument in a manner not specified by the manufacturer.

Safety Symbols



Instruction manual symbol: the product is marked with this symbol when it is necessary for you to refer to the instruction manual in order to protect against damage to the product or personal injury.



Hazardous voltage symbol.



Earth terminal symbol: Used to indicate a circuit common connected to grounded chassis.

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