



# **Agilent U2941A Parametric Test Fixture**

## **Operating Guide**



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



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	Direct current (DC)		Equipment protected throughout by double insulation or reinforced insulation
	Alternating current (AC)		Off (supply)
	Both direct and alternating current		On (supply)
	Three-phase alternating current		Caution, risk of electric shock
	Earth (ground) terminal		Caution, risk of danger (refer to this manual for specific Warning or Caution information)
	Protective conductor terminal		Caution, hot surface
	Frame or chassis terminal		Out position of a bi-stable push control
	Equipotentiality		In position of a bi-stable push control

## General Safety Information

### WARNING

- **Do not load the output terminals above the specified current limits.**
  - **Do not use the device if it appears damaged or defective.**
  - **Observe all markings on the device before establishing any connection.**
  - **Do not operate the device in the presence of flammable gases or fumes.**
  - **Do not install substitute parts or perform any unauthorized modification to the device.**
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### CAUTION

- Applying excessive voltage or overloading the device will cause irreversible damage to the circuitry.
  - Use the device with the cables provided.
  - Repair or service that is not covered in this manual should only be performed by qualified personnel.
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## Environmental Conditions

This instrument is designed for indoor use and in an area with low condensation. The table below shows the general environmental requirements for this instrument.

<b>Environmental conditions</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
Operating temperature	0 °C to 50 °C
Operating humidity	20% to 85% RH noncondensing
Storage temperature	–20 °C to 70 °C
Storage humidity	5% to 90% RH noncondensing

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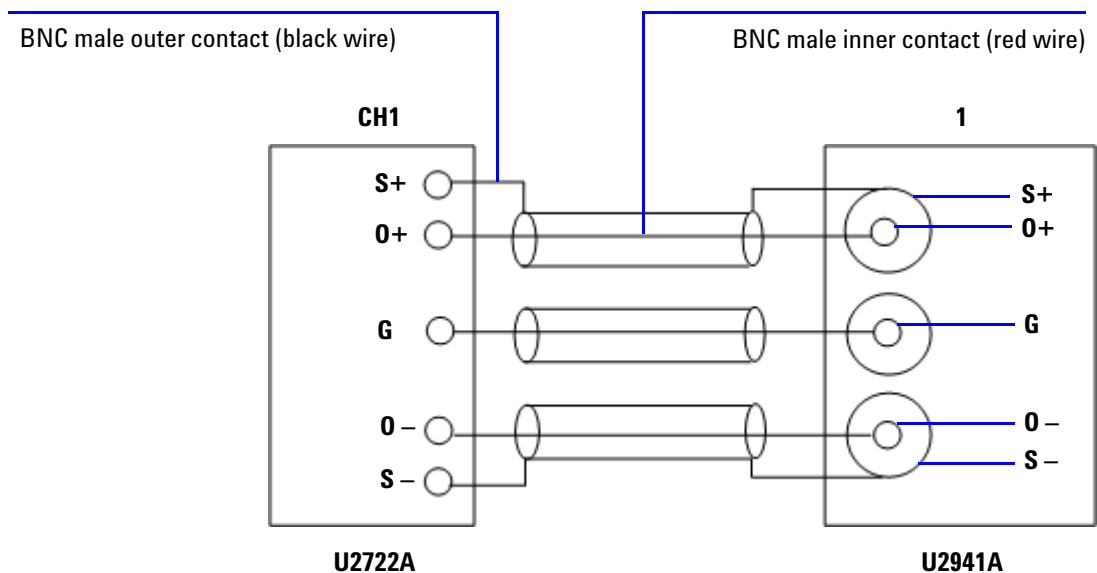




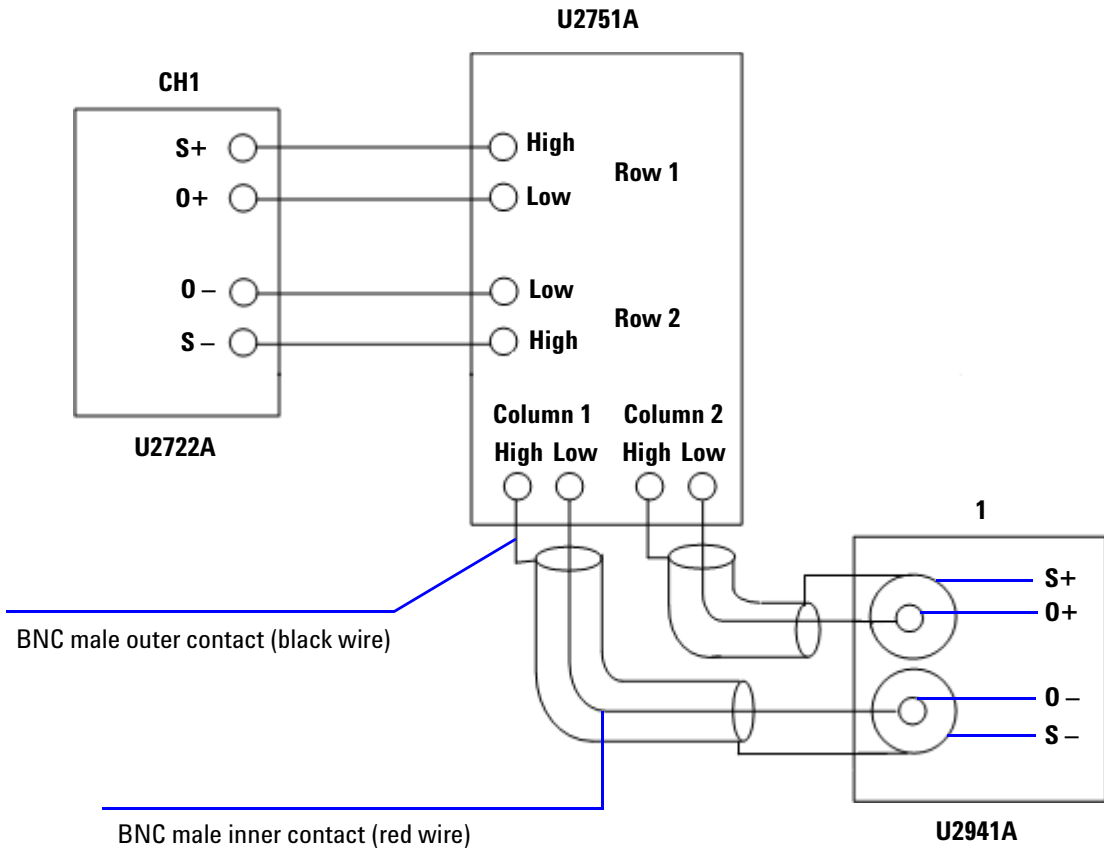
# Introduction

The Agilent U2941A parametric test fixture is designed for semiconductor device testing. The U2941A has three input channels and a common ground. You can select different types of socket modules for devices-under-test (DUTs) of various pin configurations. By mounting the suitable socket module on the U2941A, you are able to connect the DUTs to the U2722A USB modular source measure unit and U2751A USB modular switch matrix.

You can connect the U2722A directly to the U2941A as shown in the following figure.



You also have the option to connect the U2722A via the U2751A to the U2941A as shown below.

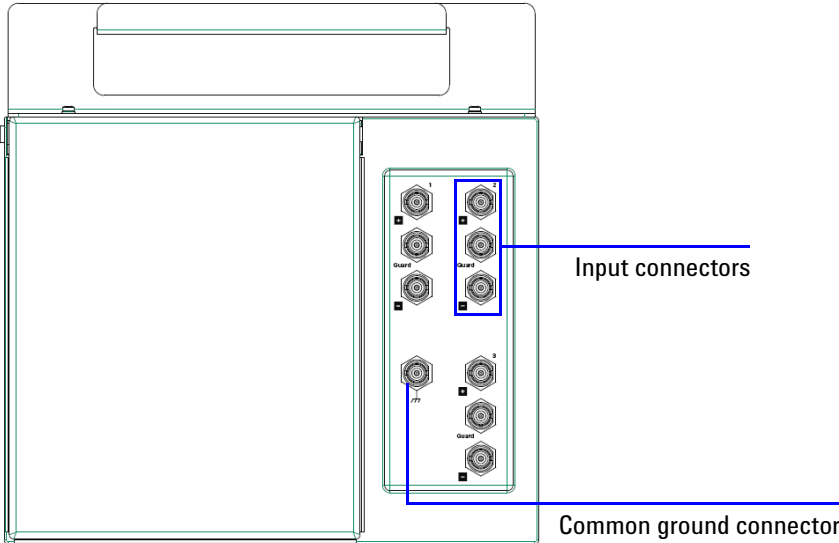


For the information on the socket modules, refer to “[Socket Modules](#)” on page 10. To obtain more information on the U2722A and U2751A, refer to the *U2722A USB Modular Source Measure Unit User’s Guide* and *U2751A USB Modular Switch Matrix User’s and Service Guide* respectively.

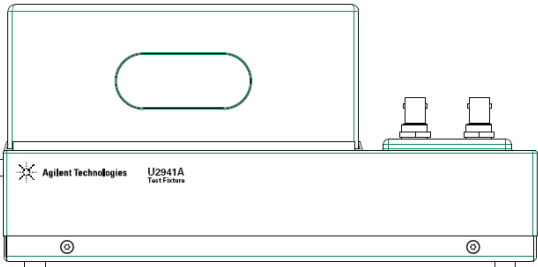
# Product at a Glance

## Product outlook (with closed cover)

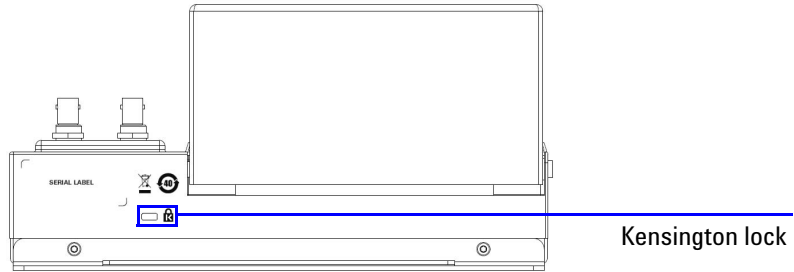
Top view



Front view

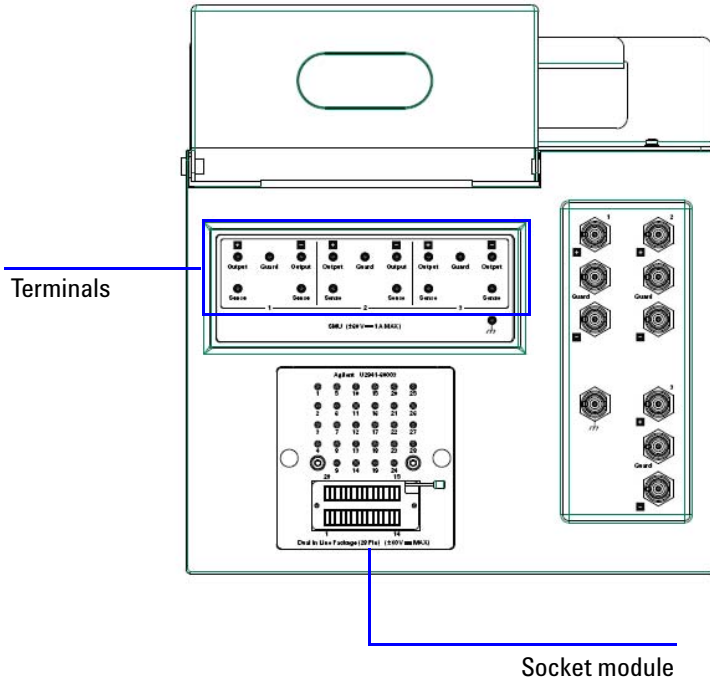


### Rear view



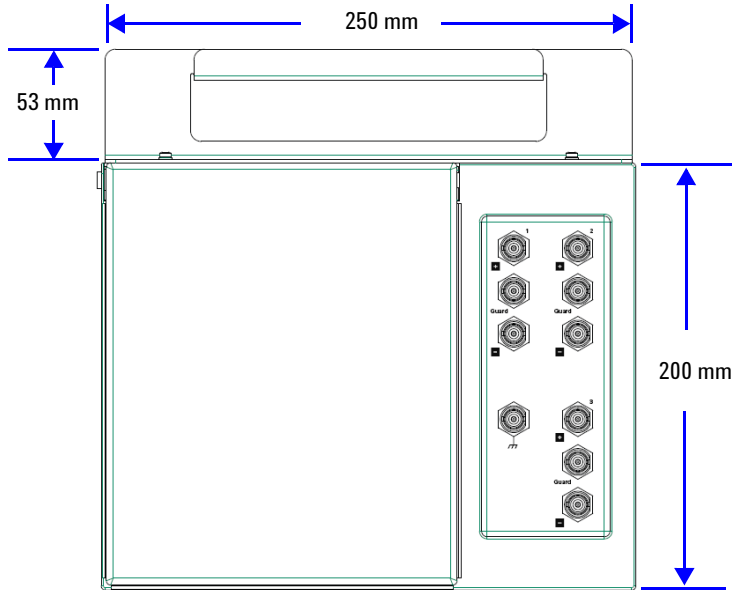
### Product outlook (with opened cover)

#### Top view

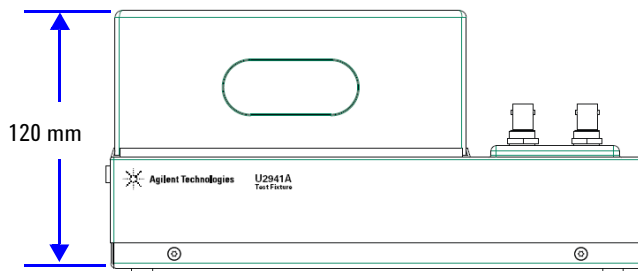


# Product dimensions

## Top view



## Front view



## Standard Purchase Items

Verify that you have received the following items with your U2941A. If anything is missing or damaged, please contact the nearest Agilent Sales Office.

- ✓ Assembly Teflon plate
- ✓ 28-pin dual-in-line package socket module
- ✓ 0.1 inch universal socket module
- ✓ 0.075 inch universal socket module
- ✓ 0.05 inch universal socket module
- ✓ Four pin plug to pin plug cables (black)
- ✓ Four pin plug to pin plug cables (red)
- ✓ Four pin plug to pin plug cables (blue)
- ✓ Four pin plug to miniature clip cables (black)
- ✓ Four pin plug to miniature clip cables (red)
- ✓ Four pin plug to miniature clip cables (blue)
- ✓ Three BNC to two-wire cables, 1 m
- ✓ PCB jumper pins
- ✓ Agilent Parametric Measurement Manager CD (includes installation and operating guides)

## Orderable Items

### Module options

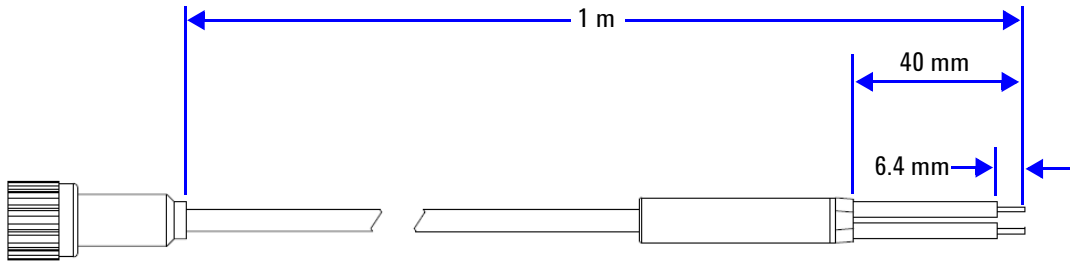
Orderable part number	Agilent part number	Description
U2941A-201	U2941-60002	Assembly Teflon plate
U2941A-202	U2941-60003	28-pin dual-in-line package socket module
U2941A-203	U2941-60004	0.1 inch universal socket module
U2941A-204	U2941-60005	0.075 inch universal socket module
U2941A-205	U2941-60006	0.05 inch universal socket module

### Cable options

Orderable part number	Agilent part number	Description
U2941A-101	U2941-20001	Four pin plug to pin plug cables (black)
U2941A-102	U2941-20002	Four pin plug to pin plug cables (red)
U2941A-103	U2941-20003	Four pin plug to pin plug cables (blue)
U2941A-104	U2941-20004	Four pin plug to miniature clip cables (black)
U2941A-105	U2941-20005	Four pin plug to miniature clip cables (red)
U2941A-106	U2941-20006	Four pin plug to miniature clip cables (blue)
U2941A-107	U2941-61601	Three BNC to two-wire cables, 1 m

## Connection Cables

- BNC to two-wire cable (U2941-61601)



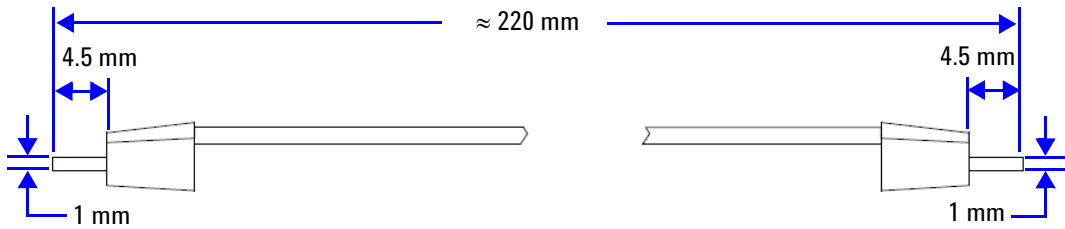
Follow the procedure below to connect the BNC to two-wire cables from the U2722A to the U2941A input connectors.

- 1** Push the cables through the cable casing. Refer to the *U2722A USB Modular Source Measure Unit User's Guide* for the details.
- 2** Insert the black wire ends of the cables into the SENSE connectors of the U2722A. Insert the red wire ends into the OUTPUT connectors.
- 3** Push the cable casing towards the connector until it firmly envelops the connector.
- 4** Connect the BNC ends of the cables to the U2941A input connectors.

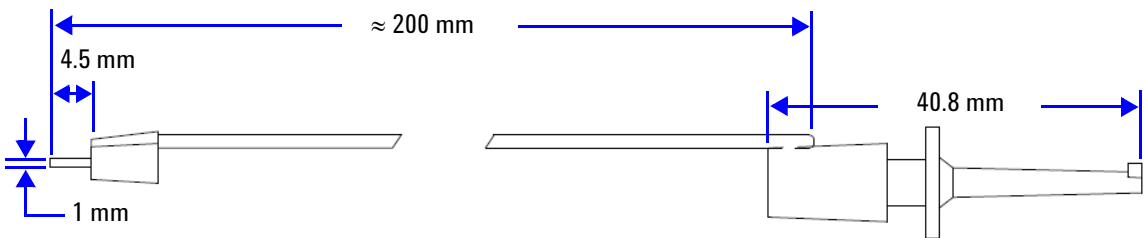
To connect the U2722A via the U2751A to the U2941A, use the U2922A terminal block. Refer to the *U2751A USB Modular Switch Matrix User's and Service Guide* for details on the U2922A terminal block.



- Pin plug to pin plug cable  
Residual Resistance: 12 mΩ typical  
Black: U2941-20001  
Red: U2941-20002  
Blue: U2941-20003



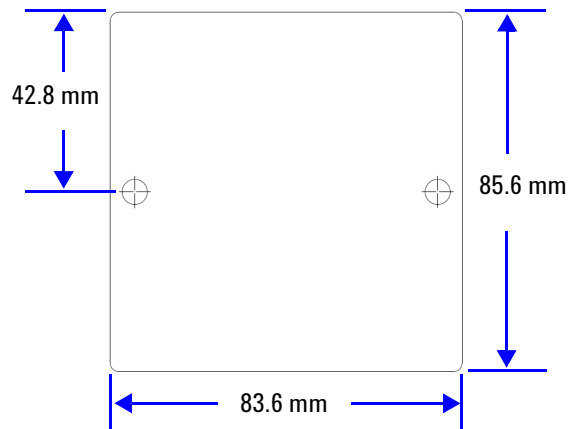
- Pin plug to miniature clip cable  
Residual Resistance: 12 mΩ typical  
Black: U2941-20004  
Red: U2941-20005  
Blue: U2941-20006



## Socket Modules

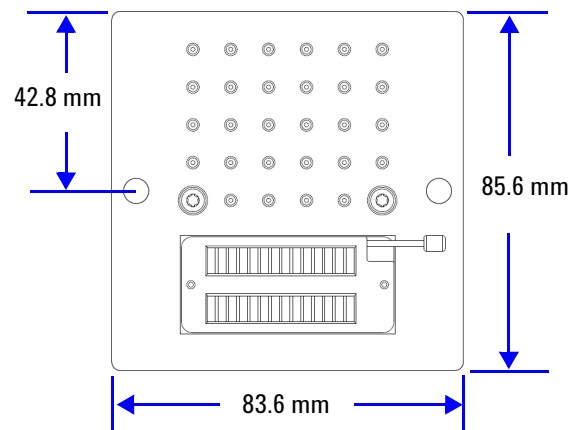
- Assembly Teflon plate (U2941-60002)

This insulation board has minimal leakage current which is suitable for extremely low current measurements, depending on the specifications of the cables and the U2722A.



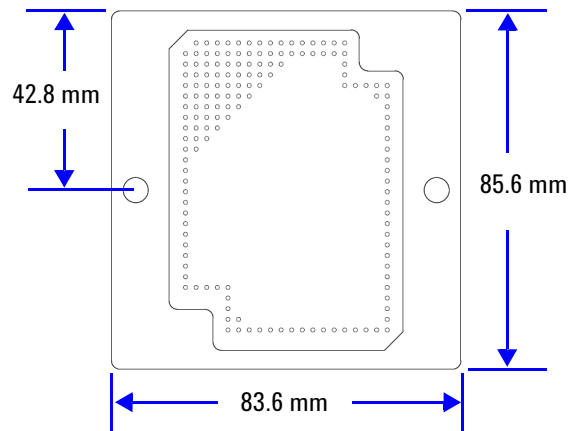
- 28-pin dual-in-line package (U2941-60003)

This socket module has a 28-pin dual-in-line lever actuated zero insertion force (ZIF) socket.



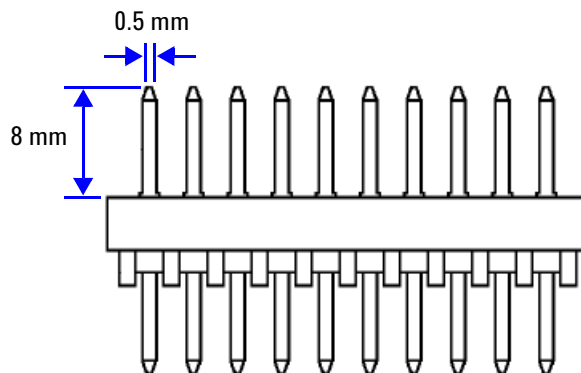
- Universal socket module  
0.1 inch pitch: U2941-60004  
0.075 inch pitch: U2941-60005  
0.05 inch pitch: U2941-60006

This socket module is used for measurement of virtually any device such as components, DIP IC, CPGA package, or any small-scale circuit.



Jumper pin (U2941-20008)

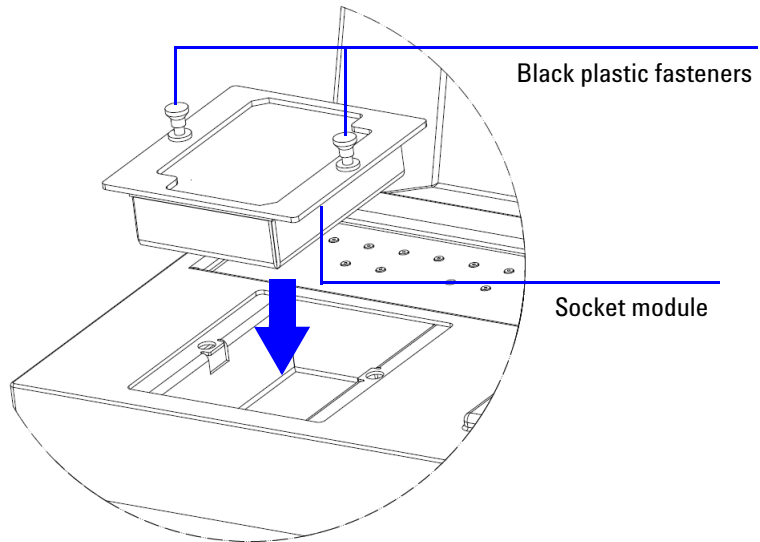
It is used with the universal socket module.



# Hardware Installation

## Attaching the socket module

After selecting the appropriate socket module for the DUT, install the socket module to the U2941A. The following figure shows the attachment of a socket module to the U2941A.



Use the following procedure to attach the socket module.

### NOTE

Ensure that no voltage or current is applied to the U2941A when attaching the socket module.

- 1 Open the lid of the U2941A.
- 2 Check that the black plastic fasteners of the socket module are unlocked (pulled up).
- 3 Insert the socket module onto the U2941A.
- 4 Press the black plastic fasteners down to lock the socket module into place.

Use the following procedure to remove the socket module from the U2941A.

**NOTE**

Ensure that no voltage or current is applied to the U2941A when removing the socket module.

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- 1** Open the lid of the U2941A.
- 2** Remove the connection cables.
- 3** Pull up the black plastic fasteners on both sides of the socket module.
- 4** Lift the socket module from the U2941A.

**NOTE**

Always unlock the black plastic fasteners when the socket module is not in use.

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## Mounting and wiring the DUT on the socket module

You can mount and wire the DUTs as described in the following.

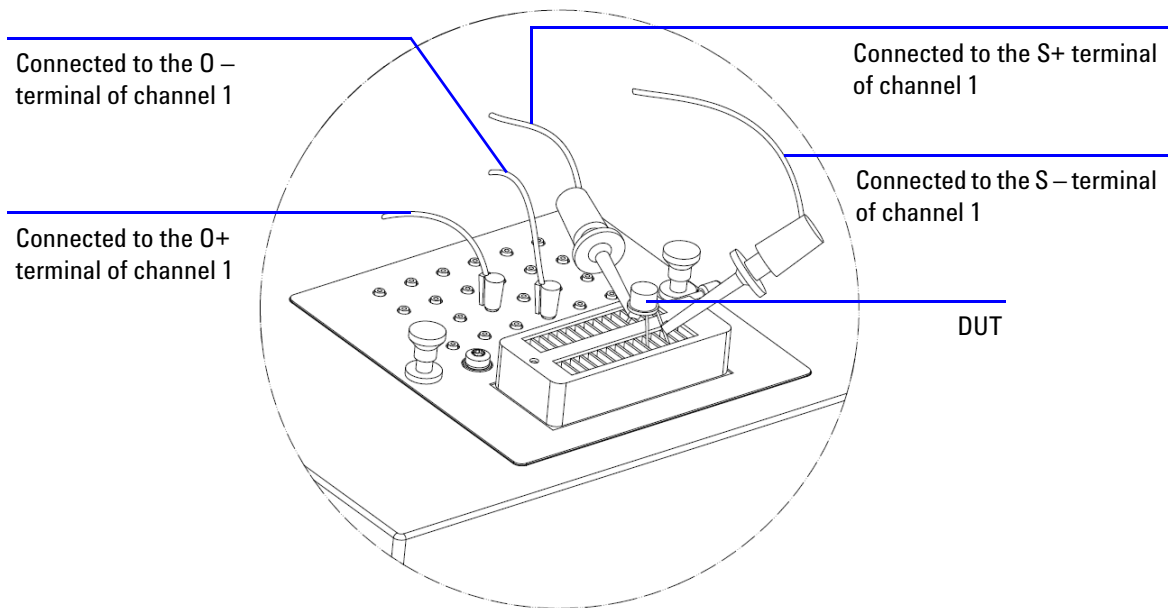
### Non-Kelvin connections

Connect the pin plug to pin plug cables between the Output terminals on the U2941A and the desired terminals on the socket module.

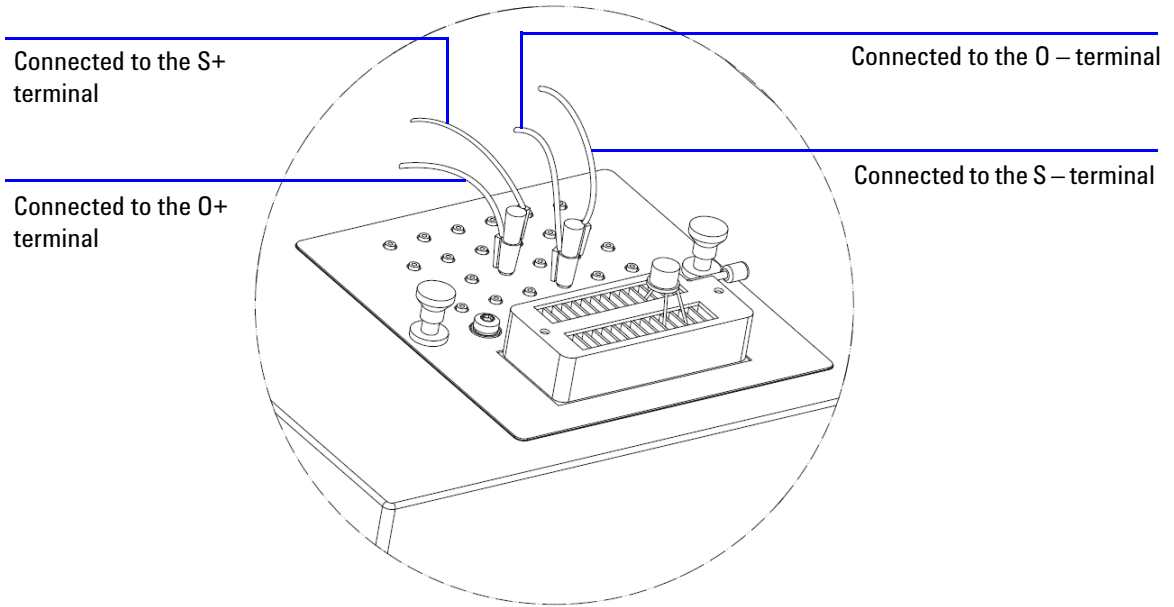
### Kelvin connections

Connect a pin plug to pin plug cable between the Output terminal on the U2941A and the desired terminal on the socket module, and then connect a pin plug to miniature clip cable between the Sense terminal and DUT lead. The U2941A enables usage of the Kelvin connections for a maximum of three U2722A channels.

The following figure shows an example of the Kelvin connection for channel 1.



You may also connect an additional pin plug to pin plug cable between the Sense terminal and the hole of the pin plug connected to the terminal as shown in the following figure.

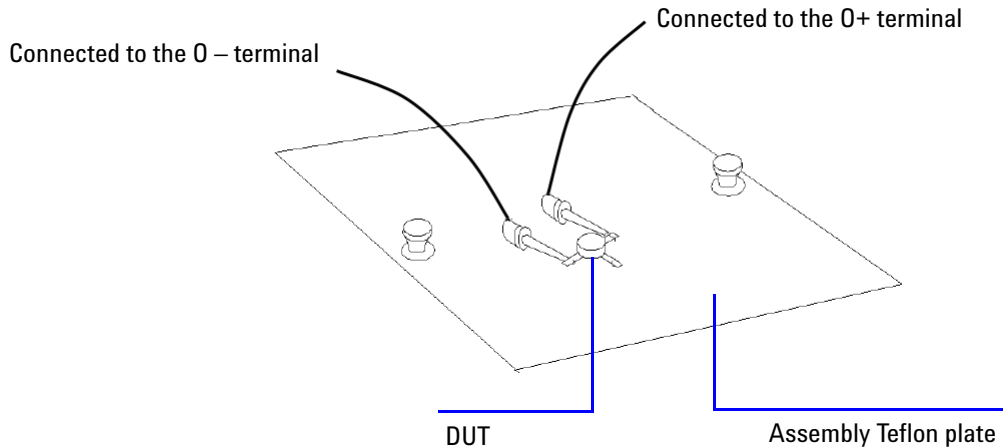


### Connections for a uniquely shaped device

If there is no suitable socket module for a uniquely shaped DUT, you can connect the device by using the assembly Teflon plate or universal socket module as described in the following.

- **Assembly Teflon plate**

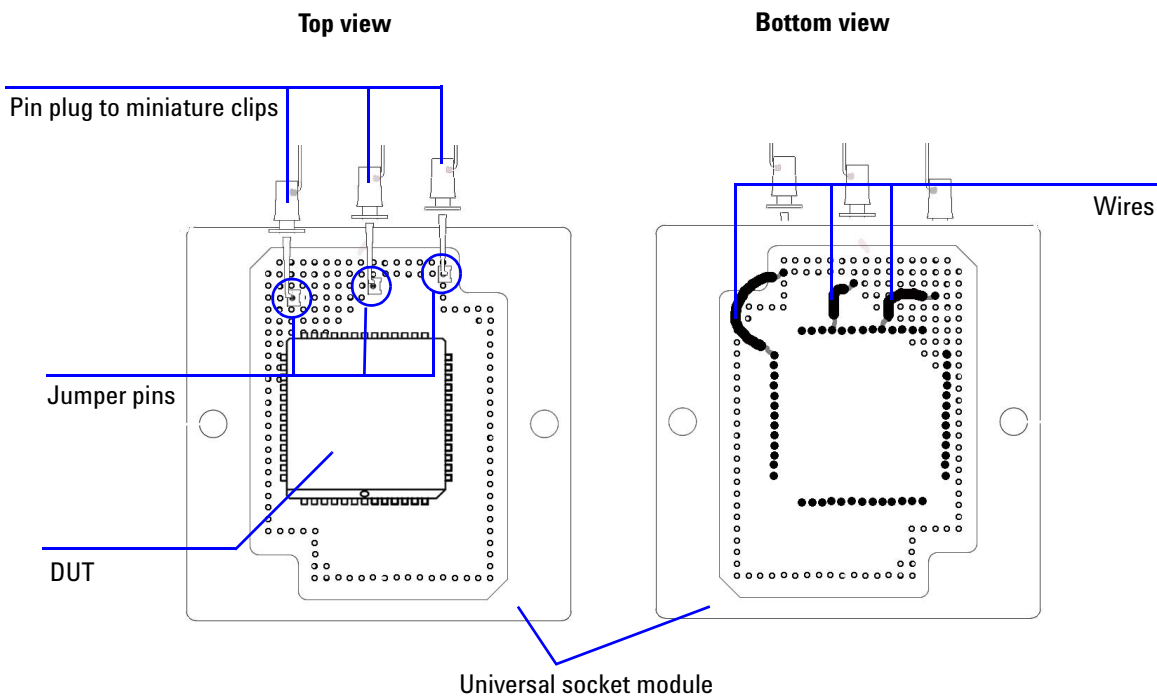
Connect the terminals directly to the DUT on the assembly Teflon plate using the pin plug to miniature clip connection cables, as shown in the following figure. Ensure that the DUT is placed on the assembly Teflon plate.





- **Universal socket module**

The provided pitch sizes (0.1 inch, 0.075 inch, and 0.05 inch) offer you the flexibility to mount your DUT on the U2941A. You may either solder the DUT directly or insert an IC holder on the universal socket module. Open the casing of the socket module by removing the screws and use a wire to connect the DUT lead or IC holder lead to the jumper pin which is inserted on the socket module. The jumper pins connection at the bottom layer of the printed circuit board (PCB) is shown in the **Bottom view** figure. The other end of the jumper pins at the top layer of the PCB allows you to connect the terminals to the jumper pins using the pin plug to miniature clip cables as shown in the **Top view** figure.



**NOTE**

Do not use the universal socket module for low leakage current measurements (<1 nA).

# Software Installation

The Parametric Measurement Manager extends the capabilities of the U2941A by allowing you to perform various types of measurements efficiently.

## System requirements

Before installing the Parametric Measurement Manager, ensure that your PC meets the following minimum system requirements for installation and operation.

### Hardware requirements

Required hardware	Specification (Minimum)
Processor	1.6 GHz Pentium® IV or higher
Operating system	One of the following Microsoft® Windows® versions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Windows® XP Professional or Home Edition, Service Pack 1 or later</li><li>• Windows® 2000 Professional, Service Pack 4 or later</li></ul>
Video	1024 × 768 recommended
Browser	Microsoft® Internet Explorer 5.01 or higher (6.0 or higher recommended)
Available RAM	512 MB (1.0 GB or higher recommended)
Hard disk space	1.0 GB free disk space at runtime

### Software requirements

Required software	Version (Minimum)
Agilent IO Libraries Suite	Version 15.0 <sup>[1]</sup> or higher
Agilent VEE	Runtime version 8.5 <sup>[2]</sup> , patch 8.5.1 <sup>[2]</sup>
Agilent Measurement Manager	Version 1.6 <sup>[3]</sup> or higher
Microsoft® .NET Framework	Version 1.1 and 2.0

[1] Available on the *Agilent Automation-Ready CD*.

[2] Bundled with the *Agilent Parametric Measurement Manager* installer.

[3] Bundled with the Agilent U2722A USB Modular Source Measure Unit or Agilent U2751A USB Modular Switch Matrix.

## Installing the Parametric Measurement Manager

- 1 Disconnect any instrument that is connected to your PC and close all other applications on your PC.
- 2 Insert the *Agilent Parametric Measurement Manager CD* into your CD-ROM drive.
- 3 If the installation menu does not appear after a few seconds, go to **Start > Run** and type <drive>:\Autorun.exe where <drive> is your CD-ROM drive location. Click **OK** to begin installation.
- 4 Click **Application** on the **Agilent Parametric Measurement Manager Installation Menu** to begin the installation.
- 5 Click **OK** to begin the installation.
- 6 If you do not have any of the prerequisites installed, the InstallShield Wizard software prerequisite will appear.
- 7 Click **OK** to begin the installation of the listed missing prerequisites.
- 8 Once the above installation has completed, installation of the Parametric Measurement Manager will proceed as normal.
- 9 The **Agilent Parametric Measurement Manager 1.0 InstallShield Wizard** dialog will appear. Click **Next** to begin.
- 10 Read the License Agreement and select **I accept the terms in the License Agreement** to proceed. You may click **Print** to print a hardcopy of the Agilent License Terms for your reference. Click **Next** to proceed.
- 11 Fill in the **Customer Information Form** accordingly, and click **Next**.
- 12 Click **Next** to install to the specified folder or click **Change** to install to a different folder.
- 13 Click **Install** to begin the installation of the Parametric Measurement Manager.
- 14 Click **Finish** when the installation has completed.
- 15 A shortcut to the Parametric Measurement Manager will be created to your desktop.

### NOTE

Refer to the *Agilent U2941A Parametric Measurement Manager Application Software Help File* for more information on the software features and functions.

# Product Specifications

The following specifications are valid for a temperature of 23 ±5 °C and 85% relative humidity.

<b>ELECTRICAL SPECIFICATIONS</b>	
Voltage rating	60 VDC
Current rating	1 A

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS</b>	
Operating temperature	0 °C to 50 °C
Storage temperature	-20 °C to 70 °C
Operating humidity	20% to 85% RH noncondensing
Storage humidity	5% to 90% RH noncondensing
Altitude	Up to 2000 m

<b>PHYSICAL SPECIFICATIONS</b>	
Dimensions (W × D × H)	250 mm × 200 mm × 120 mm
Weight	≈ 1.33 kg
Warranty	3 months

# Maintenance

To maintain high performance, the U2941A must be kept clean. Oil, perspiration, hair, dust, and dirt will degrade board insulation, which increases leakage current and decreases measurement accuracy.

Agilent recommends the following cleaning procedures.

## **Chassis, lid, inner plate, and socket modules**

- 1** Ensure that voltage or current is not applied to the U2941A.
- 2** Remove all connection cables from the U2941A.
- 3** Using lint-free paper, gently wipe the chassis, lid, inner plate, and socket module. For any area that will not come clean, dip the lint-free paper into alcohol and wipe the area gently.

## **Connection cables**

- 1** Ensure that voltage or current is not applied to the U2941A.
- 2** Remove the connection cables from the U2941A.
- 3** Dip lint-free paper into alcohol and gently wipe the metal contacts of the connection cables.



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