
User's Guide

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Agilent 1160 Series Miniature Passive Oscilloscope Probes

Introduction

The Agilent 1160-series family of miniature passive probes offers modular construction and reliability. Modular construction allows individual replacement of probe tips. Improved cable and strain relief design increase reliability.

The Agilent 1160-series probes are compatible with the AutoProbe Interface, which completely configures the Infiniium oscilloscope for the probe. The snap-on BNC connector makes it easy to attach the probe to the oscilloscope. When using a 50 Ω oscilloscope, you must also use an Agilent E2697A 1 M Ω adapter.

Agilent Technologies miniature probes significantly reduce the problem of probing densely populated integrated circuit components or the characteristically minute conductors on printed circuit boards. These small, lightweight probes allow measurements that were previously very difficult, while reducing the hazard of shorting. The probe body fits in the hand as comfortably as a pencil.

The probe includes a browser tip that won't slip off the test point being probed and short to some adjacent point. The browser uses a crown point that "digs in" to solder, and won't slip.

These probes include a variety of ground leads for attaching to many different grounding points.

Probe packaging provides convenient storage and ordering information for replacement parts.

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To inspect the probe

- ❑ **Inspect the shipping container for damage.**

Keep a damaged shipping container or cushioning material until the contents of the shipment have been checked for completeness and the probe has been checked mechanically and electrically.

- ❑ **Check the accessories.**

Accessories supplied with the probe are listed in "Accessories Supplied" in the front of this manual.

- If the contents are incomplete or damaged notify your Agilent Technologies sales office.

- ❑ **Inspect the instrument.**

- If there is mechanical damage or defect, or if the probe does not operate properly or pass performance tests, notify your Agilent Technologies sales office.
- If the shipping container is damaged, or the cushioning materials show signs of stress, notify the carrier as well as your Agilent Technologies sales office. Keep the shipping materials for the carrier's inspection. The Agilent Technologies office will arrange for repair or replacement at Agilent Technologies's option without waiting for claim settlement.

Features

- Narrow, sharp, replaceable probe tip
- Browser attachment with ultra sharp crown point. Use this attachment when probing about the circuit in de-bug mode. The crown point will not easily slip off the lead you are probing. The pogo pin allows hand movement without losing contact.
- Snap-on BNC connector makes it easier to attach the probe to the scope
- An assortment of long and short ground leads for connecting to a wide variety of points. Also includes 0.050-inch SMD clips for signal and ground connections
- Handle unscrews and pulls back to reduce the size of the probe
- General purpose retractable hook tip constructed of strong, durable music wire
- Flexible, light weight cable with kevlar strengthener
- Multi-position barrel insulator exposes as much or as little probe ground as desired at the probe tip.
- Probes come in a convenient storage box, well labeled with information on how to reorder parts.
- Automatic Probe Identification Pin

Probe parts supplied

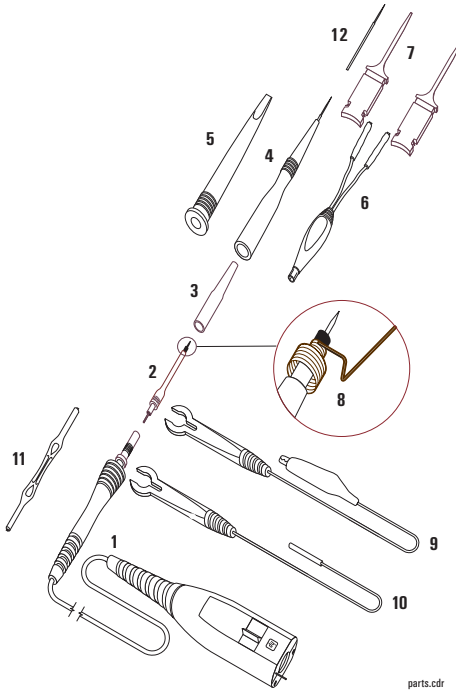
The following figure and table show the parts supplied with the Agilent 1160 series probe. The replaceable parts table shows replacement parts that can be ordered from Agilent Technologies.

Ordering replacement parts

To order a replacement part, in the United States please call our toll-free hotline at 1-877-447-7278, or call you local Agilent Technologies Sales Office.

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Probe parts supplied



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Probe Parts Supplied

Item #	Description	Qty Supplied
1	Probe	1
2	Probe tip	2
3	Barrel insulator	2
4	Browser	1
5	General purpose retractable hook tip	1
6	Dual-lead adapter	1
7	SMD clip	2
8	Spring ground	4
9	Alligator ground lead	1
10	Socketed ground lead	1
11	Screwdriver	1
12	Browser pogo pin (spare)	1

Replacement Parts

Item #	Replacement part	Agilent Part Number
1	Probe (for replacement, order entire probe assembly)	1160A, 1161A, 1162A, 1163A, 1164A, or 1165A
2	1160A probe tip (qty 5) — Red	5063-2136
2	1161A probe tip (qty 5) — Brown	5063-2137
2	1162A probe tip (qty 5) — Black	5063-2138
2	1163A probe tip (qty 5) — Grey	5063-2139
2	1164A probe tip (qty 5) — Orange	5063-2151
2	1165A probe tip (qty 5) — Brown	5063-2137
3	Barrel insulator (qty 4)	*
4	Browser (qty 1)	5063-2115
5	General purpose retractable hook tip (qty 2)	5063-2135
6	Dual-lead adapter (qty 1)	5063-2147; See ** below
7	SMD clip (qty 5)	5063-2149
8	Spring ground (qty 4)	*
9	Alligator ground lead (qty 2)	5063-2140
10	Socketed ground lead (qty 1)	5063-2120
11	Screwdriver	*
12	Browser pogo pin (qty 4)	*
—	Accessory kit*	01160-68701

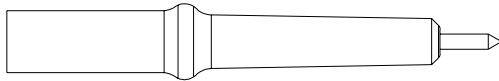
* Accessory kit includes 4 spring grounds, 4 browser pogo pins, 4 barrel insulators, and 1 screw driver.

** Provides interface with the Agilent Wedges.

Available accessories

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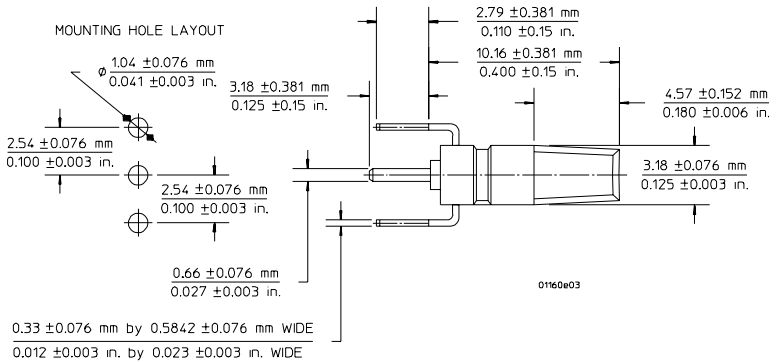
- Agilent 10467-68701 SMD microclips for connection to SMT parts with lead spacings of 0.5mm (0.020 inch) to 0.8mm (0.032 inch)
- Agilent 5063-2143 probe tip-to-BNC adapter.
- Agilent 10100C BNC(m)-to-BNC(f) 50Ω feedthrough terminator.
- Agilent N2844A flexible tip jack adapter



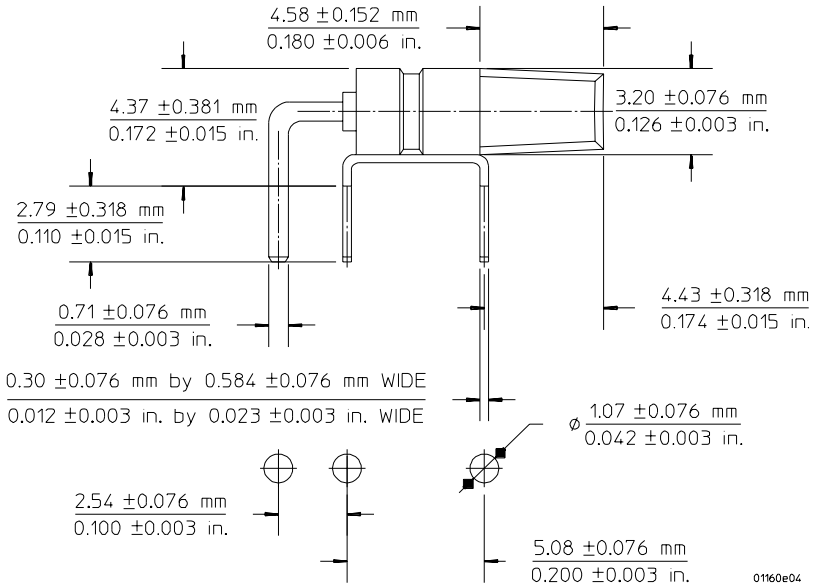
- Agilent E9639A 5 mm socket adapter.



- Agilent N2767A (Qty 5) or Agilent N2768A (Qty 25) vertical mini-probe socket.



- Agilent N2765A (Qty 5) or Agilent N2766A (Qty 25) horizontal mini-probe socket.



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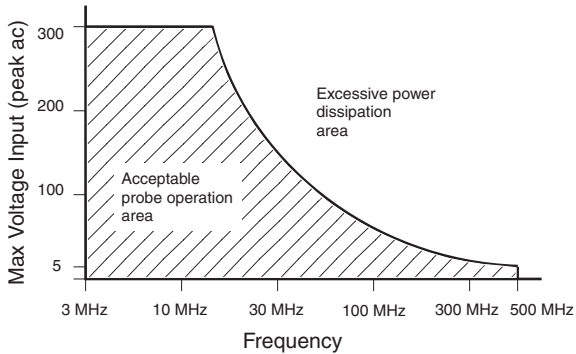
Characteristics

Operating and environmental characteristics are shown below.

Operating Characteristics

Approximate propagation delay 1160A, 1161A, 1162A, 1163A and 1165A	6.7 ns
Approximate propagation delay (1164A)	8.8 ns
Safety	Meets IEC1010-2-31
Pull strength (BNC to probe tip)	≤12 lb static pull
Maximum input voltage	Except 1163A: 300 V (dc + peak ac), CAT II 1163A: 10 V (dc+ peak ac), CAT I

Voltage vs Frequency Rating Curve



Environmental Characteristics

Temperature (operating)	0 °C to +55 °C
Humidity (operating)	Up to 95% relative humidity at 40 °C
Altitude (operating)	Up to 4,600 meters (15,000 ft)
Shock	50 g (400 g tip only)
Weight	2.6 oz
Indoor Use	



This symbol indicates that the Agilent 1160A Series Probes are in compliance with European product regulations, including the EMC Directive and the Low Voltage Directive.



This symbol indicates that the Agilent 1160A Series Probes are in compliance with Australian product regulations.

CAT I and CAT II Definitions

Installation category (overvoltage category) I: Signal level, special equipment or parts of equipment, telecommunication, electronic etc., with smaller transient overvoltages than installation category (overvoltage category) II.

Installation category (overvoltage category) II: Local level, appliances, portable equipment etc., with smaller transient overvoltages than installation category (overvoltage category) III.

Bandwidth considerations**Bandwidth considerations**

The Agilent 1160-series probes span four bandwidths.

- The 1160A, 1161A, and, 1164A are designed for use with oscilloscopes having bandwidths up to 500 MHz.
- The 1165A is designed for use with oscilloscopes having bandwidths up to 600 MHz.
- The 1162A is designed for use in measurements demanding maximum sensitivity and bandwidth up to 25 MHz.

The dominant probe limitation to system bandwidth is its input capacitance, assuming the high-frequency compensation adjustments have been made. Displayed bandwidth of any measurement system using an oscilloscope and probe is determined by four factors: probe input capacitance, source impedance, source bandwidth, and oscilloscope bandwidth.

- The system bandwidth when using the 1163A (500 Ω probe) with a 50 Ω test source is generally the bandwidth of the oscilloscope.

Agilent 1160 family selection guide

Model Number	Type of probe	Bandwidth scope/probe system	Division ratio	Input R	Input C	Scope Input R	Comp Range	Length
1160A	High impedance, passive	500 MHz	10:1	10 M Ω	9 pF	1 M Ω	6–9 pF	1.5 m
1161A	High impedance, passive	500 MHz	10:1	10 M Ω	10 pF	1 M Ω	12–14 pF	1.5 m
1162A	High impedance, passive	25 MHz	1:1	1 M Ω	50 pF + scope capacitance	1 M Ω	n/a	1.5 m
1163A	500 Ω resistive divider	>1.5 GHz with 54845B	10:1	500 Ω	1.5 pF	50 Ω	n/a	1.5 m
1164A	High impedance, passive	500 MHz	10:1	10 M Ω	10.5 pF	1 M Ω	6–9 pF	2.0 m
1165A	High impedance, passive	600 MHz	10:1	10 M Ω	10 pF	1 M Ω	12–14 pF	1.5 m

NOTE: An E2697A 1 M Ω input adapter is required to use this probe with a 50 Ω oscilloscope. The E2697A includes one 10073C general purpose 100 MHz, 10:1 passive probe .

Safety considerations

WARNING SHOCK HAZARD!

These probes are designed for use with oscilloscopes that have a common terminal at *GROUND POTENTIAL* (in accordance with OSHA requirements and the National Electric Code.) Exposed metallic surfaces of the probe and the oscilloscope *MUST BE GROUNDED*. Failure to ground the common terminal during certain applications, such as those requiring the oscilloscope to be powered from an external battery, might expose the operator to an electrical shock hazard that could be lethal (depending on voltage and current conditions.)

To clean the probe

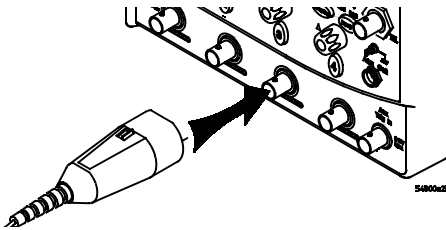
If this probe requires cleaning, disconnect it from all power sources and clean with soft cloth dampened with a mild soap and water solution. Make sure the probe is completely dry before reconnecting it to a power source.

To connect oscilloscope probes

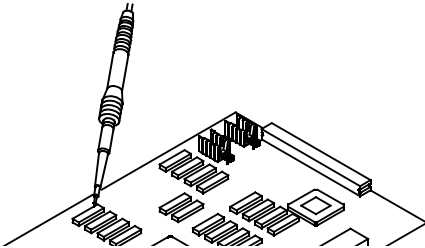
To connect oscilloscope probes

- 1 Attach the probe connector to the desired oscilloscope channel or external trigger input. Push it straight on until it latches into place.

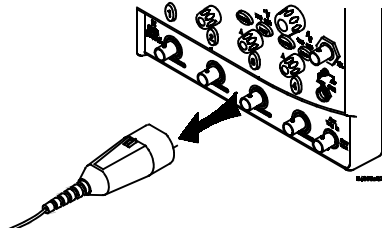
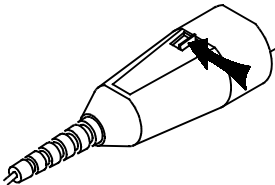
The Agilent 1160 series probes are not compatible with the Aux Trig In or Aux Out connectors on the Infiniium oscilloscope. Use standard BNC cables on these connectors.



- 2 Connect the probe to the circuit using any of the probing aids.



- 3 To disconnect the probe from the oscilloscope, push the small latch on top of the probe connector to the left, then pull the connector body away from the front panel of the oscilloscope without twisting the probe connector.



CAUTION

Do not attempt to twist the snap-on probes on or off the oscilloscope's BNC connector. Twisting with excessive force will damage the probe.

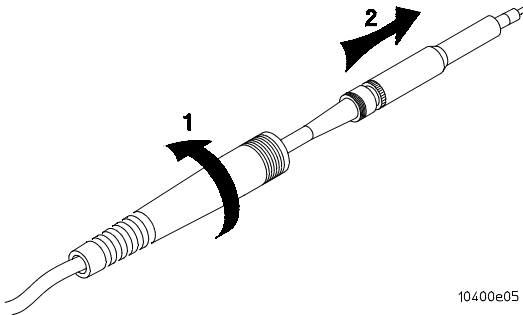
To operate the probe

CAUTION Do not solder probe tip to any surface. Solder will damage the probe tip.

CAUTION If using the probe without any accessories, the probe could cause a short if dropped within the circuit.

To attach the probe to the circuit under test

The probe tip may be used without any accessories for probing in hard- to-get places.



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The cable strain relief may be unscrewed from the probe and slid back on the cable when using two or more probes in close proximity. When using the probe without the browser or retractable hook tip, the barrel insulator (supplied accessory) should be used to cover the tip ground shield to prevent the hazard of shorting when probing the circuit. The barrel insulator, may be unscrewed and removed to accommodate tight probing situations.

The barrel insulator can be screwed to multiple positions:

- With the barrel insulator screwed all the way on, a spring ground (supplied accessory) may be added to the probe tip to provide ground contact.
- With the barrel insulator screwed most of the way out, the barrel insulator covers the ground shield by the probe tip.

To operate the probe

Probe tip with ground

Ground the probe by attaching either the alligator ground, socket ground, or spring ground. Any of these ground accessories provides reference for a ground point. To avoid possible shorting of other circuitry, use the barrel insulator in conjunction with any of the grounding accessories.

Probe tip with browser

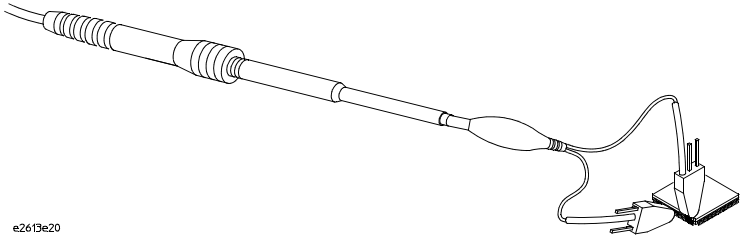
The browser tip has a crown point that digs into solder and won't slip. Attach a ground lead to the probe, then the barrel insulator, and then the browser. The spring-loaded pogo pin allows hand movement without losing contact.

Probe tip with general purpose retractable hook tip

The retractable hook tip is used for most typical in-circuit probing and ICs. Attach a ground lead to the probe, then the barrel insulator, and then the retractable hook tip. Attach the hook tip to a probing point by pressing the retractable hook tip body towards the probe body, placing the hook tip around the probing point, and then release the retractable hook tip body.

The Agilent Wedge Probe Adapter

The Agilent Wedge Probe Adapter makes contact with legs of the IC under test when the Agilent Wedge Probe Adapter conductors are inserted into the space between the legs of the IC. If you are using the Agilent Wedge Probe Adapter, refer to the supplied Agilent Wedge Probe Adapter User's Guide.



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Connecting the Probe to an Agilent Wedge Adapter**Agilent Wedge Probe Adapters**

Agilent Model Number	Description
E2613A	One 0.5 mm x 3-signal wedge
E2613B	Two 0.5 mm x 3-signal wedge
E2614A	One 0.5 mm x 8-signal wedge
E2615A	One 0.65 mm x 3-signal wedge
E2615B	Two 0.65 mm x 3-signal wedge
E2616A	One 0.65 mm x 8-signal wedge
E2643A*	One 0.5 mm x 16-signal wedge
E2644A*	One 0.65 mm x 16-signal wedge

* 16-signal Agilent Wedge Probe Adapters include 3 removable jumpers
(Agilent part number 1258-0141 for quantity of 1 jumper)


Compensation adjustments

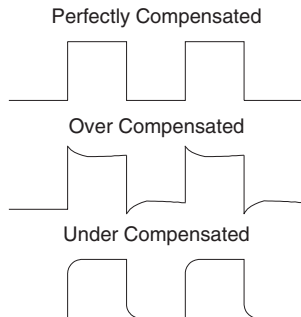
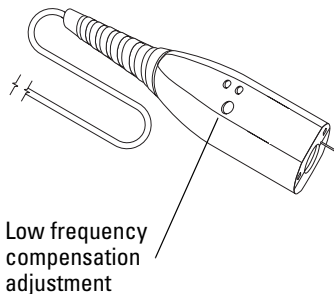
The probes can be adjusted for low-frequency compensation and for high-frequency compensation. Low-frequency compensation is an operating adjustment.

Low-frequency compensation is adjusted when the probe is first connected to the oscilloscope. Probe compensation will usually hold over all the attenuator ranges when used with the recommended Agilent Technologies oscilloscope. If the input capacitance of the oscilloscope changes as ranges are switched, compensation must be adjusted each time a new range is selected.

Low-frequency compensation

Before you can have a flat frequency response when using a compensated passive divider probe, the probe's cable capacitance and scope input capacitance must be compensated to optimize the step response for flatness. You should compensate your probe to match its characteristics to the oscilloscope. A poorly compensated probe can introduce measurement errors. To compensate a probe, follow these steps.

- 1 Connect the probe from the appropriate oscilloscope channel to the front-panel probe adjust signal terminal [] on the oscilloscope. The probe can be attached with the holes in the probe body facing up to allow adjustment.
- 2 Press Autoscale.
- 3 Using the wide end of the supplied screwdriver tool, set the low frequency compensation adjustment on the probe for the flattest pulse possible (see figures below.)



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High-frequency compensation

High-frequency compensation is not required if you are using the probe that is recommended for your oscilloscope.

The low-frequency compensation procedure must be performed before performing this procedure.

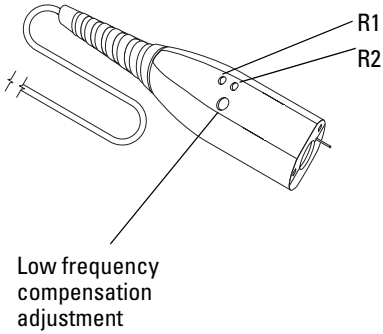
Equipment required

Equipment	Specification	Agilent Part Number
50 Ω feedthrough	50 Ω , BNC(m) and (f)	10100C
Adapter	BNC-to-probe tip	5063-2143

- 1 Connect a 50 Ω feedthrough to Infiniium oscilloscope Aux Out connector.
- 2 Connect BNC-to-probe tip adapter to 50 Ω feedthrough.
- 3 Remove any probing aid and the barrel insulator from the probe tip.
- 4 Connect the probe tip to the BNC-to-probe tip adapter.
- 5 Connect the probe BNC to oscilloscope channel 1. The probe can be attached with the holes in the probe body facing up to allow adjustment.
- 6 Set the Infiniium oscilloscope Aux Out to Probe Comp (set under Utilities...Calibration...Aux Output on the Infiniium oscilloscope.)
- 7 Press Autoscale, then set the time base to 5 ns/div.
- 8 Set sample mode to equivalent time, # of averages to 4 (set under Setup...Acquisition... on the Infiniium oscilloscope.)
- 9 Using the narrow end of the supplied screwdriver tool, rotate high-frequency compensation resistors R1 and R2 fully clockwise.

Compensation adjustments

- 10** Adjust R1 and R2 alternately in small increments until the displayed waveform has the flattest top.



High frequency
compensation
adjustments

Low frequency
compensation
adjustment

Safety Notices

This apparatus has been designed and tested in accordance with IEC Publication 1010, Safety Requirements for Measuring Apparatus, and has been supplied in a safe condition. This is a Safety Class I instrument (provided with terminal for protective earthing). Before applying power, verify that the correct safety precautions are taken (see the following warnings). In addition, note the external markings on the instrument that are described under "Safety Symbols."

Warnings

- Before turning on the instrument, you must connect the protective earth terminal of the instrument to the protective conductor of the (mains) power cord. The mains plug shall only be inserted in a socket outlet provided with a protective earth contact. You must not negate the protective action by using an extension cord (power cable) without a protective conductor (grounding). Grounding one conductor of a two-conductor outlet is not sufficient protection.
- Only fuses with the required rated current, voltage, and specified type (normal blow, time delay, etc.) should be used. Do not use repaired fuses or short-circuited fuseholders. To do so could cause a shock or fire hazard.

- If you energize this instrument by an auto transformer (for voltage reduction or mains isolation), the common terminal must be connected to the earth terminal of the power source.

- Whenever it is likely that the ground protection is impaired, you must make the instrument inoperative and secure it against any unintended operation.

- 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.

- Capacitors inside the instrument may retain a charge even if the instrument is disconnected from its source of supply.

- 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.

To clean the instrument

If the instrument requires cleaning: (1) Remove power from the instrument. (2) Clean the external surfaces of the instrument with a soft

cloth dampened with a mixture of mild detergent and water. (3) Make sure that the instrument is completely dry before reconnecting it to a power source.

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.



Hazardous voltage symbol.



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

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