

# **User's and Service Guide**

## **Agilent Technologies 85052C 3.5 mm Precision Calibration Kit**



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# **1 General Information**

## Calibration Kit Overview

The Agilent 85052C 3.5 mm calibration kit is used to calibrate Agilent network analyzers up to 26.5 GHz for measurements of components with 3.5 mm connectors.

### Kit Contents

The 85052C calibration kit includes the following items:

- offset opens and shorts, and broadband load terminations
- short and long airlines with insertion tools
- 3.5 mm precision adapters
- adapter anti-rotation clamps
- 5/16 in, 90 N-cm (8 in-lb) torque wrench
- spanner wrench
- 4-mm hex balldriver
- data disks that contains the calibration definitions of the devices in the calibration kit

Refer to [Chapter 6, "Replaceable Parts,"](#) for a complete list of kit contents and their associated part numbers.

### Broadband Loads

The broadband loads are metrology-grade terminations that have been optimized for performance up to 26.5 GHz. The rugged internal structure provides for highly repeatable connections. A distributed resistive element on sapphire provides excellent stability and return loss.

### Offset Opens and Shorts

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

The offset short's inner conductors have a one-piece construction, common with the shorting plane. The construction provides for extremely repeatable connections.

The offset opens have inner conductors that are supported by a strong, low-dielectric-constant plastic to minimize compensation values.

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.

### Adapters

Like the other devices in the kit, the adapters are built to very tight tolerances to provide good broadband performance. The adapters utilize a dual-beaded connector structure to ensure stable, repeatable connections. The beads are designed to minimize return loss and are separated far enough so that interaction between the beads is minimized.

The adapters are designed so that their nominal electrical lengths are the same, which allows them to be used in calibration procedures for non-insertable devices.

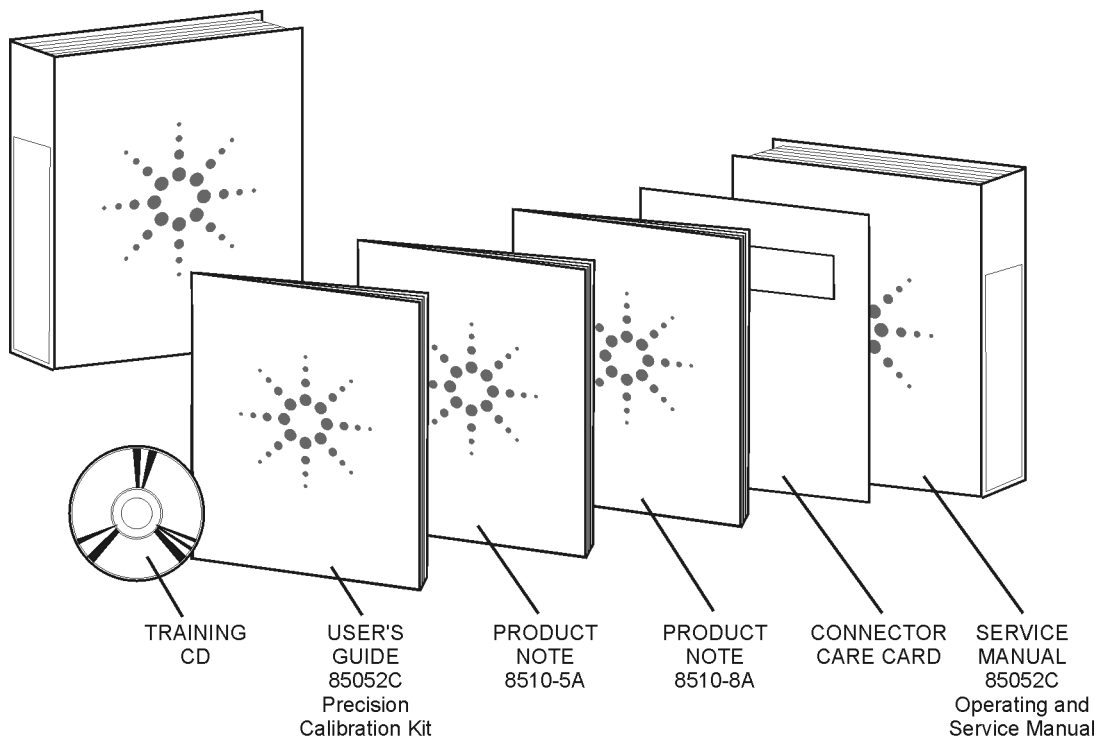
### Precision Airlines

The precision airlines are metrology-grade impedance reference devices. The characteristic impedance ( $Z_0$ ) of the line establishes the reference impedance after error correction is applied.

### Operating and Service Package

Figure 1-1 illustrates the items included in the operating and service package. The content of each of these items is described in the following paragraphs.

**Figure 1-1 85052C Operating and Service Package**



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## **User's and Service Guide**

The user's and service guide includes the following:

- overall description of the kit
- a place to record the serial numbers of the devices
- environmental, mechanical, and electrical specifications
- use, maintenance, and care instructions
- performance verification and recertification information
- troubleshooting information
- part numbers for replaceable parts
- calibration standards class assignments and nominal standard definitions

## **User's Guide**

The user's guide contains information on:

- the calibration kit components
- connecting the calibration devices
- TRL 2-port measurement calibration
- noninsertable calibrations
- other calibrations

## **Product Notes**

The 8510-5A and 8510-8A product notes contain information specific to using the calibration kit with the 8510 network analyzer.

## **User's Training CD-Video**

This CD-Video contains a complete calibration procedure and highlights important steps for using the devices in the kit and extending their useful life. The CD-video session is approximately 16 minutes long.



## 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. Refer to your network analyzer user's guide for instructions on selecting the calibration kit and performing a calibration.

The calibration definitions can be:

- already resident within the analyzer
- loaded from the calibration definitions disk (see [Table 6-2 on page 6-3](#))
- entered from the front panel

### Analyzer Families Supported by this Calibration Kit

The calibration definitions for the kit are permanently installed in the internal memory or hard disk of the following analyzer families.

- 8753
- PNA Series
- 872x Series

If this calibration kit is used with other analyzers, the calibration definitions must be manually entered into the analyzer. Refer to your analyzer's user's guide for instructions.

## Options

The following option is available for the 85052C:

### Option 910

This option adds an additional copy of the operating and service package.

## Equipment Required but Not Supplied

Gages, 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 6-2 on page 6-3](#) for ordering information.

## Incoming Inspection

Verify that the shipment is complete by referring to [Table 6-1 on page 6-2](#).

Check for damage. The foam-lined storage case provides protection during shipping. Verify that this case and its contents are not damaged.

If the case or any device appears damaged, or if the shipment is incomplete, contact Agilent Technologies. See [page 5-4](#) for contact information. Agilent will arrange for repair or replacement of incomplete or damaged shipments without waiting for a settlement from the transportation company.

When you send the kit or device to Agilent, include a service tag (found at the back of this manual) with the following information:

- your company name and address
- the name of a technical contact person within your company, and the person's complete phone number
- the model number and serial number of the kit
- the part number and serial number of the device
- the type of service required
- a *detailed* description of the problem

## 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.

The adapters included in the kit are for measurement convenience only and are not serialized.

**Table 1-1 Serial Number Record for the 85052C**

Device	Serial Number
<b>Calibration kit</b>	
Male broadband load	
Female broadband load	
Male open	
Female open	
Male short	
Female short	
Male-to-male precision adapter	
Male-to-female precision adapter	
Female-to-female precision adapter	
Long precision airline (2 to 7 GHz)	
Short precision airline (7 to 32 GHz)	

## Clarifying the Sex of a Connector

In this manual, calibration devices and adapters are referred to in terms of their connector interface. For example, a male open has a male connector.

However, during a measurement calibration, the network analyzer softkey menus label a calibration device with reference to the sex of the analyzer's test port connector—not the calibration device connector. For example, the label `SHORT(F)` on the analyzer's display refers to the short that is to be connected to the female test port. This will be a male short from the calibration kit.

Conversely, connector gages are referred to in terms of the connector that it measures. For instance, a male connector gage has a female connector on the gage so that it can measure male devices.

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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](#). 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 2-4](#)) or from bad connection techniques, can also damage these devices.

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## **2 Specifications**

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## Environmental Requirements

**Table 2-1 Environmental Requirements**

Parameter	Limits
Operating temperature <sup>a</sup>	+20 °C to +26 °C (+68 °F to +79 °F)
Error-corrected temperature range <sup>b</sup>	±1 °C of measurement calibration temperature
Storage temperature	-40 °C to +75 °C (-40 °F to +167 °F)
Altitude	
Operation	< 4,500 meters (≈15,000 feet)
Storage	< 15,000 meters (≈50,000 feet)
Relative humidity	Always non-condensing
Operation	0 to 80% (26 °C maximum dry bulb)
Storage	0 to 90%

- 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 2-4 for typical and observed pin depth limits.

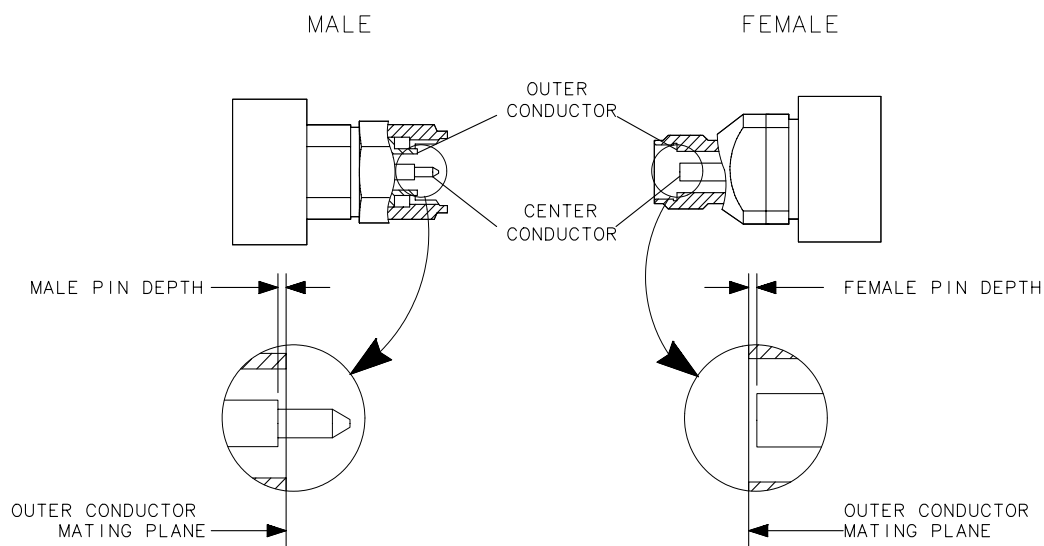
### Pin Depth

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	Measurement Uncertainty <sup>a</sup>	Observed Pin Depth Limits <sup>b</sup>
Opens	0 to -0.0127 mm 0 to -0.00050 in	+0.0064 to -0.0064 mm +0.00025 to -0.00025 in.	+0.0064 to -0.0191 mm +0.00025 to -0.00075 in
Shorts	0 to -0.0127 mm 0 to -0.00050 in	+0.0041 to -0.0041 mm +0.00016 to -0.00016 in	+0.0041 to -0.0168 mm +0.00016 to -0.00066 in
Fixed loads	-0.0025 to -0.0254 mm -0.0001 to -0.00100 in	+0.0041 to -0.0041 mm +0.00016 to -0.00016 in	+0.0016 to -0.0295 mm +0.00006 to -0.00116 in
TRL adapter (test port end)	0 to -0.0508 mm 0 to -0.00020 in	+0.0041 to -0.0041 mm +0.00016 to -0.00016 in	+0.0041 to -0.0549 mm +0.00016 to -0.00036 in
TRL Adapter (airline end)	0 to -0.0051 mm 0 to -0.00020 in	+0.0041 to -0.0041 mm +0.00016 to -0.00016 in	+0.0041 to -0.0091 mm +0.00016 to -0.00036 in

- 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.



## 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 85052C 3.5 mm Devices**

Device	Specification	Frequency (GHz)
Broadband loads (male and female)	Return loss $\geq 46$ dB ( $\rho \leq 0.00501$ ) <sup>a</sup>	dc to $\leq 2$
	Return loss $\geq 44$ dB ( $\rho \leq 0.00631$ )	$> 2$ to $\leq 3$
	Return loss $\geq 38$ dB ( $\rho \leq 0.01259$ )	$> 3$ to $\leq 8$
	Return loss $\geq 36$ dB ( $\rho \leq 0.01585$ )	$> 8$ to $\leq 20$
	Return loss $\geq 34$ dB ( $\rho \leq 0.01995$ )	$> 20$ to $\leq 26.5$
Offset opens <sup>b</sup> (male and female)	$\pm 0.65^\circ$ deviation from nominal	dc to $\leq 3$
	$\pm 1.20^\circ$ deviation from nominal	$> 3$ to $\leq 8$
	$\pm 2.00^\circ$ deviation from nominal	$> 8$ to $\leq 20$
	$\pm 2.00^\circ$ deviation from nominal	$> 20$ to $\leq 26.5$
Offset shorts <sup>b</sup> (male and female)	$\pm 0.50^\circ$ deviation from nominal	dc to $\leq 3$
	$\pm 1.00^\circ$ deviation from nominal	$> 3$ to $\leq 8$
	$\pm 1.75^\circ$ deviation from nominal	$> 8$ to $\leq 20$
	$\pm 1.75^\circ$ deviation from nominal	$> 20$ to $\leq 26.5$
Long precision airline <sup>c</sup>	Return loss $\geq 56$ dB ( $\rho \leq 0.00158$ )	$> 2$ to $\leq 7$
Short precision airline <sup>c</sup>	Return loss $\geq 50$ dB ( $\rho \leq 0.00316$ )	$> 7$ to $\leq 26.5$
Precision adapters	Return loss $\geq 30$ dB ( $\rho \leq 0.0316$ )	dc to $\leq 2$
	Return loss $\geq 27$ dB ( $\rho \leq 0.0447$ )	$> 2$ to $\leq 3$

- a. Broadband load characteristics  $\leq 2$  GHz are used only for TRL 2-port calibrations. 1-port calibrations use broadband load characteristics in the 45 MHz to 26.5 GHz frequency range.
- b. The specifications for the opens and shorts are given as allowed deviation from the nominal model as defined in the standard definitions (see [“Nominal Standard Definitions”](#) on page A-8).
- c. The specifications for the airlines is based on mechanical measurements. Refer to the calibration report included with you kit for the exact dimensions of your precision airlines. The values given in the calibration report take precedence over any other published values.

## **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

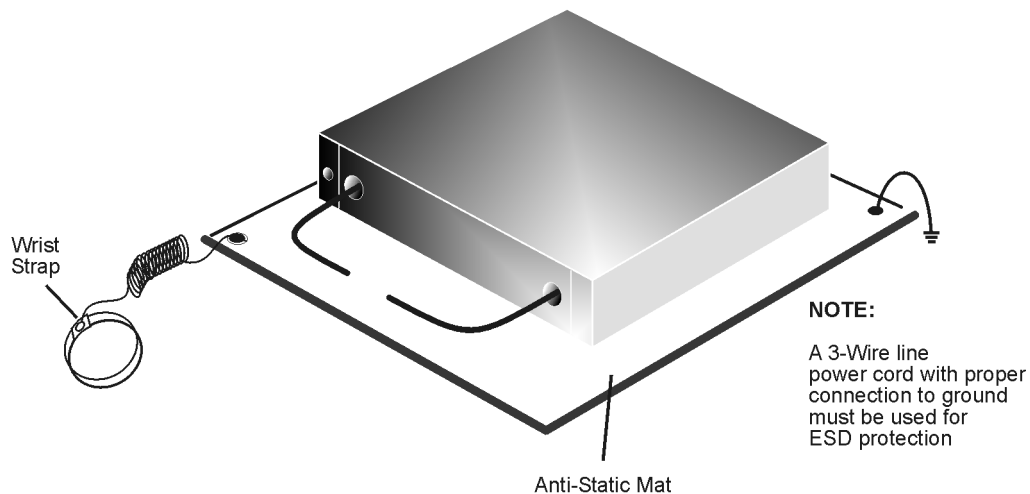
Protection against electrostatic discharge (ESD) is essential while connecting, inspecting, or cleaning connectors attached to a static-sensitive circuit (such as those found in test sets).

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.

Figure 3-1 shows a typical ESD protection setup using a grounded mat and wrist strap. Refer to Table 6-2 on page 6-3 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.

In some cases, magnification is necessary to see damage to a connector; a magnifying device with a magnification of  $\geq 10\times$  is recommended. However, not all defects that are visible only under magnification will affect the electrical performance of the connector. Use the following guidelines when evaluating the integrity of a connector.

### 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 2-3](#). 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.

## Inspect Female Connectors

Inspect the contact fingers in the female center conductor carefully. These can be bent or broken, and damage to them is not always easy to see. A connector with damaged contact fingers will not make good electrical contact and must be replaced.

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**NOTE** This is particularly important when mating nonprecision to precision devices.

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The female 3.5 mm connectors in this calibration kit are metrology-grade, precision slotless connectors (PSC). Precision slotless connectors are used to improve accuracy. With PSCs on test ports and standards, the accuracy achieved when measuring at 50 dB return loss levels is comparable to using conventional slotted connectors measuring devices having only 30 dB return loss. This represents an accuracy improvement of about 10 times.

Conventional female center conductors are slotted and, when mated, are flared by the male pin. Because physical dimensions determine connector impedance, this change in physical dimension affects electrical performance, making it very difficult to perform precision measurements with conventional slotted connectors.

The precision slotted connector was developed to eliminate this problem. The PSC has a center conductor with a solid cylindrical shell, the outside diameter of which does not change when mated. Instead, this center conductor has an internal contact that flexes to accept the male pin.

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## 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 6-2 on page 6-3](#) for part numbers for isopropyl alcohol and 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 2-3](#). 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. 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. See [Table 6-1 on page 6-2](#) for part number information.

### 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. The information in [Table 2-2 on page 2-4](#) assumes new gages and gage masters. Therefore, these systematic errors were not included in the uncertainty analysis. As the gages undergo more use, the systematic errors can become more significant in the accuracy of the measurement.

The measurement uncertainties in are primarily a function of the assembly materials and design, and the unique interaction each device type has with the gage. Therefore, these uncertainties can vary among the different devices. For example, note the difference between the uncertainties of the opens and shorts in [Table 2-2](#).

The observed pin depth limits in [Table 2-2](#) add these uncertainties to the typical factory pin depth values to provide practical limits that can be referenced when using the gages. See “[Pin Depth](#)” on [page 2-3](#). Refer to “[Kit Contents](#)” on [page 1-2](#) for more information on the design of the calibration devices in the kit.

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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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## **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.)
- 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.

## Gaging Procedures

### Gaging Male 3.5 mm Connectors

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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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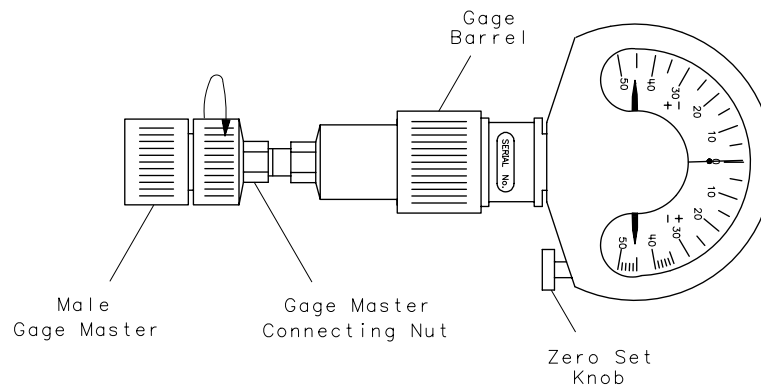
1. Select the proper gage for your connector. Refer to [Table 6-2 on page 6-3](#) for gage part numbers.
2. Inspect and clean the gage, gage master, and device to be gaged. Refer to “[Visual Inspection](#)” and “[Cleaning Connectors](#)” earlier in this chapter.
3. Zero the connector gage (refer to [Figure 3-2](#)):
  - a. While holding the gage by the barrel, and without turning the gage or the device, screw the male gage master connecting nut onto the male gage, just until you meet resistance. Connect the nut finger tight. Do not overtighten.
  - b. Using an open-end wrench to keep the gage from rotating, use the torque wrench recommended for use with the kit to tighten the connecting nut to the specified torque. Refer to “[Final Connection Using a Torque Wrench](#)” on [page 3-12](#) for additional information.
  - c. As you watch the gage pointer, gently tap the barrel of the gage to settle the reading. The gage pointer should line up exactly with the zero mark on the gage. If not, adjust the zero set knob until the gage pointer lines up exactly with zero.
  - d. Remove the gage master.
4. Gage the device connector (refer to [Figure 3-2](#)):
  - a. While holding the gage by the barrel, and without turning the gage or the device, screw the connecting nut of the male device being measured onto the male gage, just until you meet resistance. Connect the nut finger-tight. Do not overtighten.
  - b. Using an open-end wrench to keep the gage from rotating, use the torque wrench recommended for use with the kit to tighten the connecting nut to the specified torque. Refer to “[Final Connection Using a Torque Wrench](#)” on [page 3-12](#) for additional information.
  - c. Gently tap the barrel of the gage with your finger to settle the gage reading.
  - d. Read the gage indicator dial. Read *only* the black  $\pm$  signs; *not* the red  $\pm$  signs.

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.
  - e. Compare the average reading with the observed pin depth limits in [Table 2-2 on page 2-4](#).

**Figure 3-2 Gaging Male 3.5 mm Connectors**

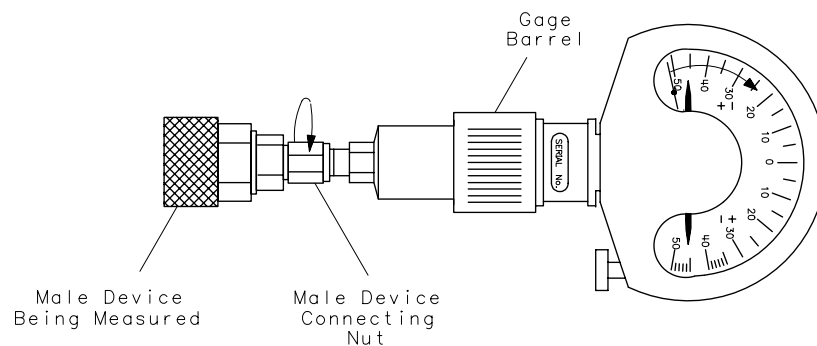
Zero the Connector Gage

- Screw the male gage master connecting nut onto the male gage.
- Torque the connecting nut.
- Gently tap the gage barrel to settle the reading.
- Using the zero set knob, adjust the gage pointer to line up exactly with the zero mark.
- Remove the gage master.



Gage the Device Connector

- Screw the male device connecting nut onto the male 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.



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## Gaging Female 3.5 mm Connectors

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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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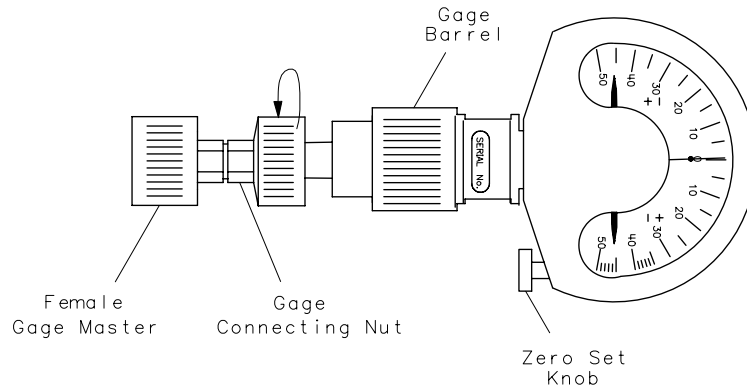
1. Select the proper gage for your connector. Refer to [Table 6-2 on page 6-3](#) for gage part numbers.
2. Inspect and clean the gage, gage master, and device to be gaged. Refer to [“Visual Inspection”](#) and [“Cleaning Connectors”](#) earlier in this chapter.
3. Zero the connector gage (refer to [Figure 3-3](#)):
  - a. While holding the gage by the barrel, and without turning the gage or the device, screw the female gage connecting nut onto the female gage master, just until you meet resistance. Connect the nut finger-tight. Do not overtighten.
  - b. Using an open-end wrench to keep the gage master from rotating, use the torque wrench recommended for use with the kit to tighten the connecting nut to the specified torque. Refer to [“Final Connection Using a Torque Wrench” on page 3-12](#) for additional information.
  - c. As you watch the gage pointer, gently tap the barrel of the gage to settle the reading. The gage pointer should line up exactly with the zero mark on the gage. If not, adjust the zero set knob until the gage pointer lines up exactly with zero.
  - d. Remove the gage master.
4. Gage the device connector (refer to [Figure 3-3](#)):
  - a. While holding the gage by the barrel, and without turning the gage or the device, screw the female gage connecting nut onto the female device being measured, just until you meet resistance. Connect the nut finger-tight. Do not overtighten.
  - b. Using an open-end wrench to keep the gage master from rotating, use the torque wrench recommended for use with the kit to tighten the connecting nut to the specified torque. Refer to [“Final Connection Using a Torque Wrench” on page 3-12](#) for additional information.
  - c. Gently tap the barrel of the gage with your finger to settle the gage reading.
  - d. Read the gage indicator dial. Read *only* the black  $\pm$  signs; *not* the red  $\pm$  signs.

For maximum accuracy, measure the connector a minimum of three times and take an average of the readings. Use different orientations of the gage within the connector. 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.
  - e. Compare the average reading with the observed pin depth limits in [Table 2-2 on page 2-4](#).

**Figure 3-3 Gaging Female 3.5 mm Connectors**

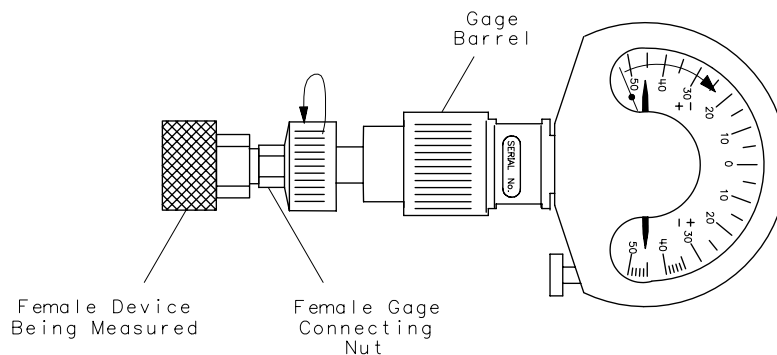
Zero the Connector Gage

- Screw the female gage connecting nut onto the female gage master.
- Torque the connecting nut.
- Gently tap the gage barrel to settle the reading.
- Using the zero set knob, adjust the gage pointer to line up exactly with the zero mark.
- Remove the gage master.



Gage the Device Connector

- Screw the female gage connecting nut onto the female device.
- 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.



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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 observed pin depth values in [Table 2-2 on page 2-4](#). Refer to [“Gaging Connectors” on page 3-6](#).
5. Carefully align the connectors. The male connector center pin must slip concentrically into the contact finger of the female connector.
6. Push the connectors straight together and tighten the connector nut finger tight.

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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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Do *not* twist or screw the connectors together. As the center conductors mate, there is usually a slight resistance.

7. The preliminary connection is tight enough when the mating plane surfaces make uniform, light contact. 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.

8. 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 6-2 on page 6-3](#) for replacement part number and ordering information.

**Table 3-1 Torque Wrench Information**

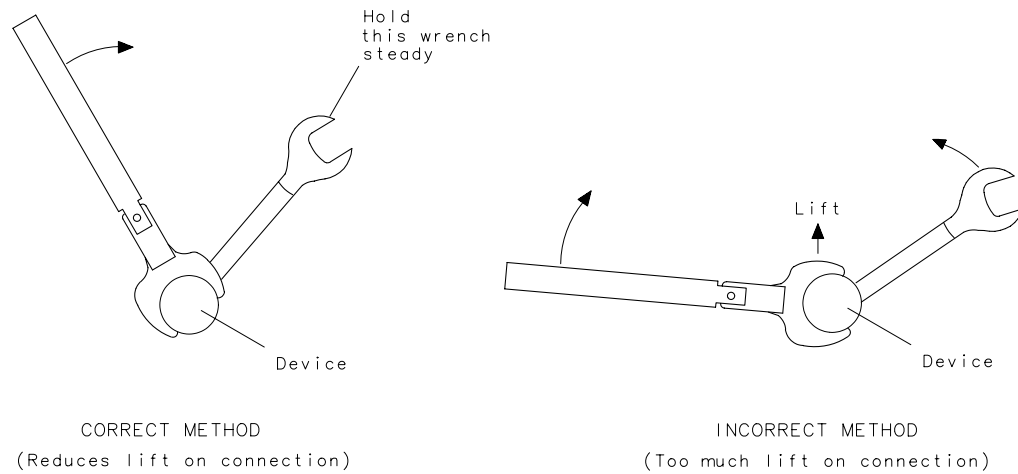
Connector Type	Torque Setting	Torque Tolerance
3.5 mm	90 N-cm (8 in-lb)	±9.0 N-cm (±0.8 in-lb)

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 3-4](#). 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.

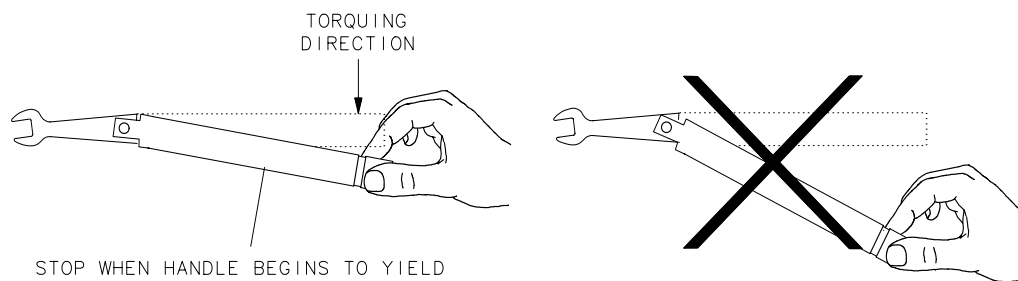
**Figure 3-4 Wrench Positions**



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2. Hold the torque wrench lightly, at the end of the handle only (beyond the groove). See [Figure 3-5](#).

**Figure 3-5 Using the Torque Wrench**



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

## Handling and Storage

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 3-5](#). 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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## 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 another open-end wrench to loosen the connector nut.
3. Complete the separation by hand, turning only the connector nut.
4. Pull the connectors straight apart without twisting, rocking, or bending either of the connectors.

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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 the nearest Agilent Technologies sales or service office. See [Table 5-1 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. Contact information is listed on [page 5-4](#). Refer to “[Returning a Kit or Device to Agilent](#)” on [page 5-3](#) for details on sending your kit.



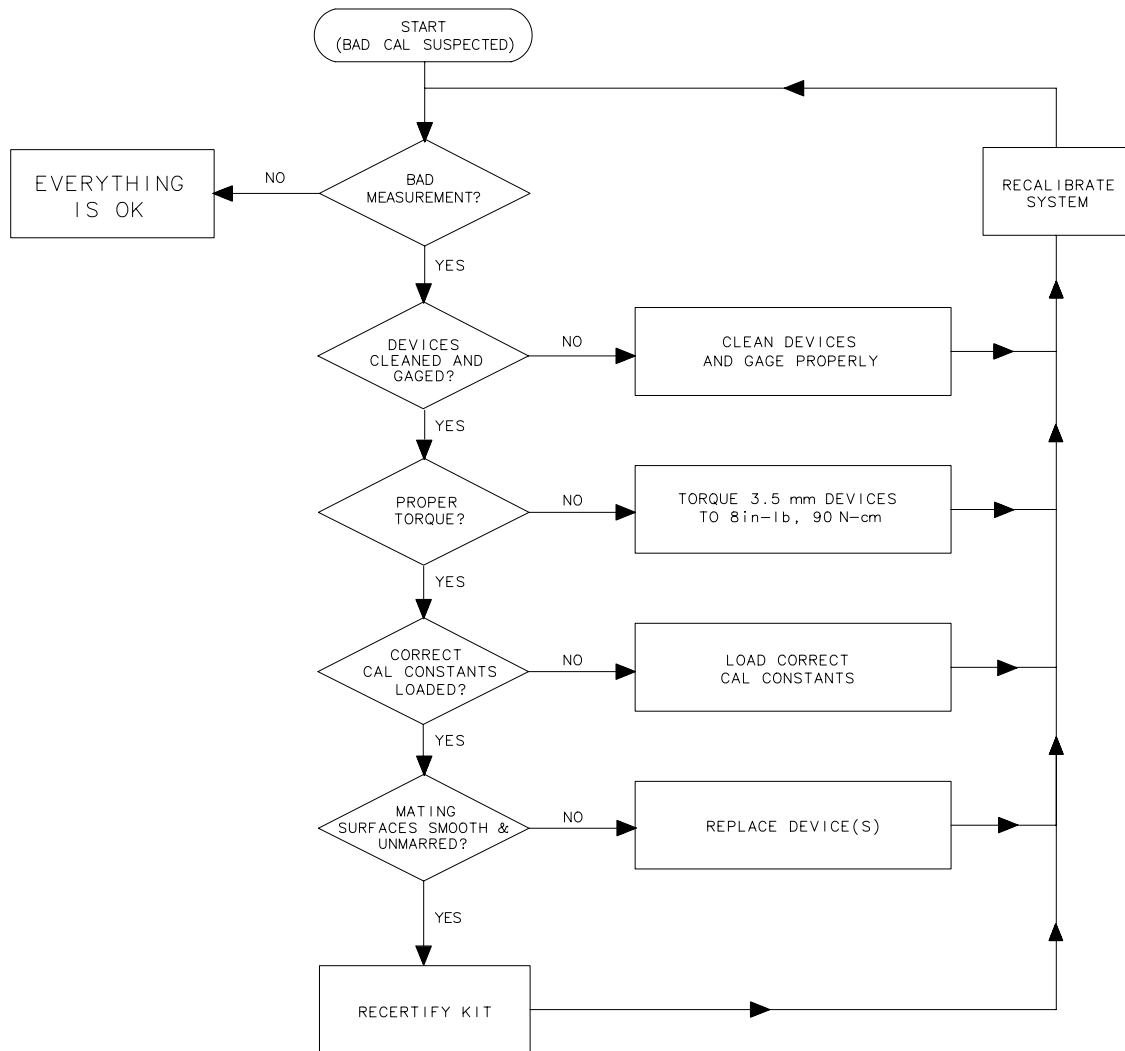
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## **5 Troubleshooting**

## 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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## 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 [Table 5-1](#) 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 phone 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

**Table 5-1 Contacting Agilent**

<b>Online assistance:</b> <a href="http://www.agilent.com/find/assist">www.agilent.com/find/assist</a>			
<b>United States</b> <i>(tel)</i> 1 800 452 4844	<b>Latin America</b> <i>(tel)</i> (305) 269 7500 <i>(fax)</i> (305) 269 7599	<b>Canada</b> <i>(tel)</i> 1 877 894 4414 <i>(fax)</i> (905) 282-6495	<b>Europe</b> <i>(tel)</i> (+31) 20 547 2323 <i>(fax)</i> (+31) 20 547 2390
<b>New Zealand</b> <i>(tel)</i> 0 800 738 378 <i>(fax)</i> (+64) 4 495 8950	<b>Japan</b> <i>(tel)</i> (+81) 426 56 7832 <i>(fax)</i> (+81) 426 56 7840	<b>Australia</b> <i>(tel)</i> 1 800 629 485 <i>(fax)</i> (+61) 3 9210 5947	<b>Singapore</b> <i>(tel)</i> 1 800 375 8100 <i>(fax)</i> (65) 836 0252
<b>Malaysia</b> <i>(tel)</i> 1 800 828 848 <i>(fax)</i> 1 800 801 664	<b>Philippines</b> <i>(tel)</i> (632) 8426802 <i>(tel)</i> (PLDT subscriber only): 1 800 16510170 <i>(fax)</i> (632) 8426809 <i>(fax)</i> (PLDT subscriber only): 1 800 16510288	<b>Thailand</b> <i>(tel)</i> outside Bangkok: (088) 226 008 <i>(tel)</i> within Bangkok: (662) 661 3999 <i>(fax)</i> (66) 1 661 3714	<b>Hong Kong</b> <i>(tel)</i> 800 930 871 <i>(fax)</i> (852) 2506 9233
<b>Taiwan</b> <i>(tel)</i> 0800-047-866 <i>(fax)</i> (886) 2 25456723	<b>People's Republic of China</b> <i>(tel)</i> (preferred): 800-810-0189 <i>(tel)</i> (alternate): 10800-650-0021 <i>(fax)</i> 10800-650-0121	<b>India</b> <i>(tel)</i> 1-600-11-2929 <i>(fax)</i> 000-800-650-1101	



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## **6 Replaceable Parts**

## Introduction

Table 6-1 lists the replacement part numbers for items included in the 85052C calibration kit and Figure 6-1 illustrates each of these items.

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 Table 5-1 on page 5-4 for contact information.

**Table 6-1 Replaceable Parts for the 85052C Calibration Kit**

Description	Qty Per Kit	Agilent Part Number
<b>Calibration Devices (3.5 mm)</b>		
Male broadband load	1	00902-60003
Female broadband load	1	00902-60004
Male offset open	1	85052-60008
Female offset open	1	85052-60009
Male offset short	1	85052-60006
Female offset short	1	85052-60007
<b>Precision Adapters (3.5 mm)</b>		
Male to male	1	85052-60033
Male to female	1	85052-60032
Female to female	1	85052-60034
<b>Precision Airlines</b>		
Long, 2 to 7 GHz (includes insertion tool)	1	85052-60036
Short, 7 to 32 GHz (includes insertion tool)	1	85052-60035
<b>Protective End Caps for Connectors</b>		
Protective Cap 0.234 ID	6	1401-0202
Protective Cap 0.313 ID	3	1401-0208
Protective Cap 0.812 ID	3	1401-0214
<b>Tools</b>		
5/16 in, 90 N-cm (8 in-lb) torque wrench	1	8710-1765
Spanner wrench	1	08513-20014
4-mm hex balldriver	1	8710-1933

**Table 6-1 Replaceable Parts for the 85052C Calibration Kit**

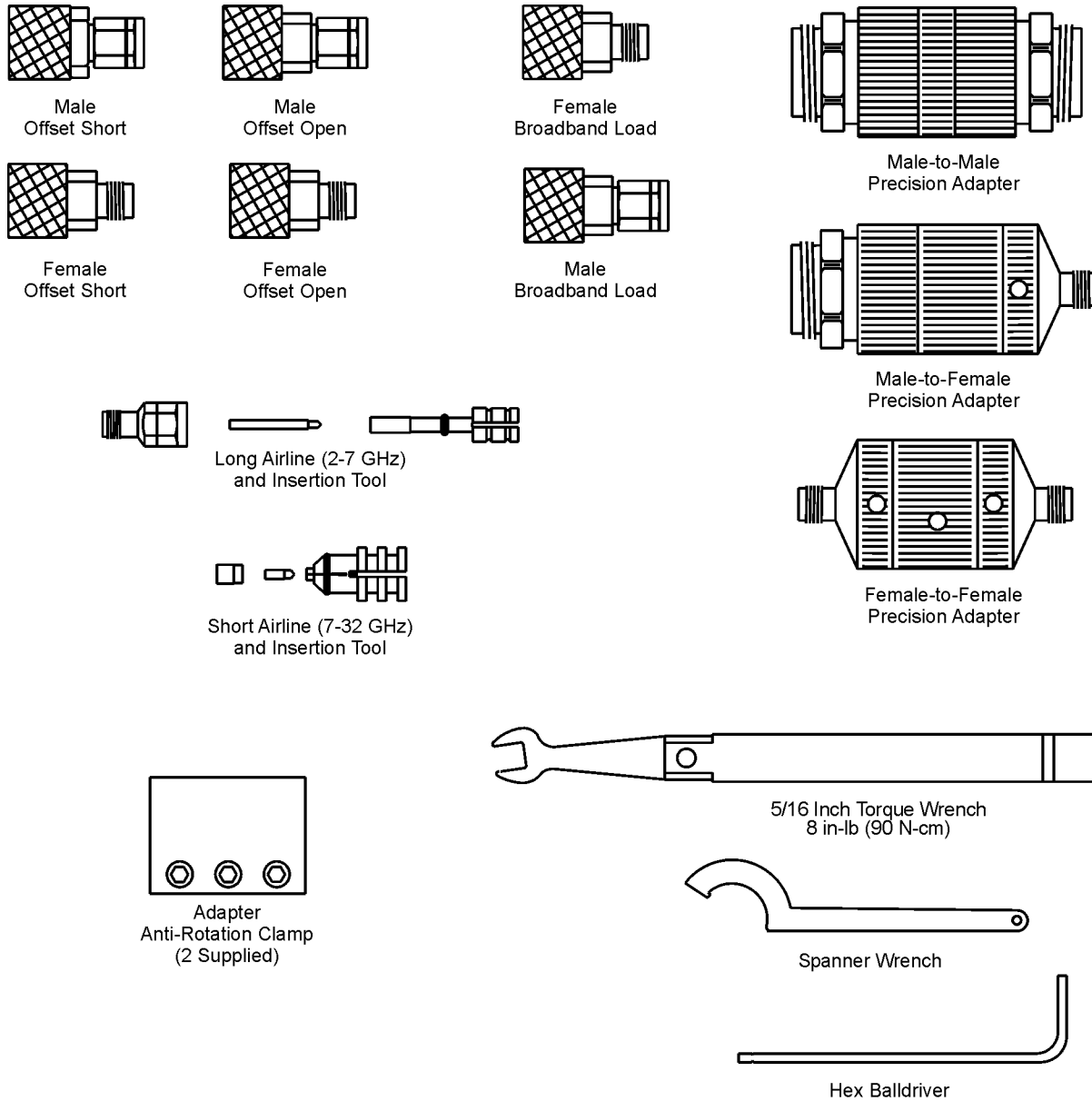
Description	Qty Per Kit	Agilent Part Number
Adapter anti-rotation clamp	2	85052-20060
<b>Calibration Kit Storage Case</b>		
Box (without foam pads)	1	5180-8419
Foam pad (for lid)	1	5180-7807
Foam pad (for lower case)	1	85052-80037
Foam pad (in between lid and lower case)	1	5181-5522
<b>Miscellaneous Items</b>		
Calibration definitions disk (8510C)	1	85052-10011
Calibration definitions disk (PNA series)	1	85052-10016
Specifications and performance verification disk	1	08510-10033
Operating and service package (see <a href="#">Figure 1-1 on page 1 -3</a> )	1	85052-90084

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

Description	Qty	Agilent Part Number
<b>Connector Gages (3.5 mm)</b>		
Gage Set (for female connectors)	1	85052-60043
Gage Set (for male connectors)	1	85052-60042
<b>Wrench</b>		
5/16 in open-end wrench	1	8720-0015
<b>Slotless Connector Repair Kit</b>		
3.5 mm slotless connector contact repair kit <sup>a</sup>	1	85052-60049
<b>ESD Protection Devices</b>		
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	1	9300-1308
<b>Connector Cleaning Supplies</b>		
Isopropyl alcohol	30 ml	8500-5344
Foam-tipped cleaning swabs	100	9301-1243

a. All female connectors on the precision devices in this kit are slotless connectors. Refer to [“Inspect Female Connectors” on page 3-4](#).

**Figure 6-1 Component Identification Sheet for the 85052C Calibration Kit**



**NOT SHOWN:**

- Calibration constants disks
- Specifications and performance verification disk
- Operating and service package
- Storage case
- Protective end caps

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# **A Standard Definitions**

## Standard Class Assignments

Class assignment organizes calibration standards into a format compatible with the error models used in the measurement calibration. A class or group of classes corresponds to the systematic errors to be removed from the measured network analyzer response. Tables A-1 through A-3 list the classes of the devices in the kit for various network analyzers. This information resides on the calibration definitions disk included in the kit.

**Table A-1 Standard Class Assignments for the 8510 Network Analyzer**

Disk File Name: CK_35MMC4		Calibration Kit Label: 3.5 mm C.4						
Class	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Standard Class Label
S <sub>11</sub> A	2							Open
S <sub>11</sub> B	1							Short
S <sub>11</sub> C	9							Load
S <sub>22</sub> A	2							Open
S <sub>22</sub> B	1							Short
S <sub>22</sub> C	9							Load
Forward transmission	11							Thru
Reverse transmission	11							Thru
Forward match	11							Thru
Reverse match	11							Thru
Forward isolation <sup>a</sup>	9							Isol'n Std
Reverse isolation	9							Isol'n Std
Frequency response	1	2	11					Response
TRL thru	11							Thru
TRL reflect	1							Short
TRL line	15	16	17					Lines
Adapter	13							Adapter
<b>TRL Option</b>								
Cal Z <sub>0</sub> :    ___ System Z <sub>0</sub> <u> X </u> Line Z <sub>0</sub>								
Set ref: <u> X </u> Thru                    ___ Reflect								
Lowband frequency: <u> 2.0 GHz </u>								

a. The forward isolation standard is also used for the isolation part of the response and isolation calibration.

**Table A-2 Standard Class Assignments for the 872x Series Network Analyzer**

Calibration Kit Label: TRL3.5mm 85052C								
Class	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Standard Class Label
S <sub>11</sub> A	1							Short
S <sub>11</sub> B	7	8	6					Lines
S <sub>11</sub> C	7	8	6					Lines
S <sub>22</sub> A	1							Short
S <sub>22</sub> B	7	8	6					Lines
S <sub>22</sub> C	7	8	6					Lines
Forward transmission	4							Thru
Reverse transmission	4							Thru
Forward match	4							Thru
Reverse match	4							Thru
Response	1	2	4					Response
Response & isolation	1	2	4					Response
TRL thru	4							Thru
TRL reflect	1							Short
TRL line or match	7	8	6					Lines
TRL Option								
Cal Z <sub>0</sub> :    ___ System Z <sub>0</sub> <u>  X  </u> Line Z <sub>0</sub>								
Set ref: <u>  X  </u> Thru                    ___ Reflect								
Lowband frequency: <u>  2.0 GHz  </u>								

**Table A-3 Standard Class Assignments for the PNA Series Network Analyzer**

Calibration Kit Label: 3.5 mm TRL Model 85052C	
Class	A <sup>a</sup>
S <sub>11</sub> A	1
S <sub>11</sub> B	2
S <sub>11</sub> C	2
S <sub>21</sub> T	4
S <sub>22</sub> A	1
S <sub>22</sub> B	2
S <sub>22</sub> C	2
S <sub>12</sub> T	4

a. For additional ports, make sure values match the correct sex of the port.

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**IMPORTANT** The following calibrations are only supported by certain PNA analyzers. See your PNA network analyzer embedded help system.

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Notes:

**1. If you are performing a TRL calibration:**

- S<sub>21</sub>T and S<sub>12</sub>T must be defined as *thru* standards.
- S<sub>11</sub>A and S<sub>22</sub>A must be defined as *reflection* standards.
- S<sub>11</sub>B, S<sub>11</sub>C, S<sub>22</sub>B, and S<sub>22</sub>C must be defined as *line* standards.

**2. If you are performing a TRM calibration:**

- S<sub>21</sub>T and S<sub>12</sub>T must be defined as *thru* standards.
- S<sub>11</sub>A and S<sub>22</sub>A must be defined as *reflection* standards.
- S<sub>11</sub>B, S<sub>11</sub>C, S<sub>22</sub>B, and S<sub>22</sub>C must be defined as *match* standards.

**3. If you are performing an LRM calibration:**

- S<sub>21</sub>T and S<sub>12</sub>T must be defined as *line* standards.
- S<sub>11</sub>A and S<sub>22</sub>A must be defined as *reflection* standards.
- S<sub>11</sub>B, S<sub>11</sub>C, S<sub>22</sub>B, and S<sub>22</sub>C must be defined as *match* standards.

**4. S<sub>11</sub>B and S<sub>11</sub>C must be defined as the same standard.**

**5. S<sub>22</sub>B and S<sub>22</sub>C must be defined as the same standard.**



## Blank Forms

The standard class assignments may be changed to meet your specific requirements. Tables A-4 through A-6 are provided to record the modified standard class assignments.

**Table A-4 Blank Form for the 8510 Network Analyzer**

Disk File Name: _____				Calibration Kit Label: _____				
Class	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Standard Class Label
S <sub>11</sub> A								
S <sub>11</sub> B								
S <sub>11</sub> C								
S <sub>22</sub> A								
S <sub>22</sub> B								
S <sub>22</sub> C								
Forward transmission								
Reverse transmission								
Forward match								
Reverse match								
Forward isolation <sup>a</sup>								
Reverse isolation								
Frequency response								
TRL thru								
TRL reflect								
TRL line								
Adapter								
<b>TRL Option</b>								
Cal Z <sub>0</sub> :    ___ System Z <sub>0</sub> ___ Line Z <sub>0</sub>								
Set ref:    ___ Thru                    ___ Reflect								
Lowband frequency:    _____								

a. The forward isolation standard is also used for the isolation part of the response and isolation calibration.

**Table A-5 Blank Form for the 872x Series Network Analyzer**

Calibration Kit Label: _____								
Class	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Standard Class Label
S <sub>11</sub> A								
S <sub>11</sub> B								
S <sub>11</sub> C								
S <sub>22</sub> A								
S <sub>22</sub> B								
S <sub>22</sub> C								
Forward transmission								
Reverse transmission								
Forward match								
Reverse match								
Response								
Response & isolation								
TRL thru								
TRL reflect								
TRL line or match								
<b>TRL Option</b>								
Cal Z <sub>0</sub> :    ____ System Z <sub>0</sub> ____ Line Z <sub>0</sub>								
Set ref:    ____ Thru                    ____ Reflect								
Lowband frequency:    _____								

**Table A-6 Blank Form for the PNA Series Network Analyzer**

Calibration Kit Label:	
_____	
Class	A <sup>a</sup>
S <sub>11</sub> A	
S <sub>11</sub> B	
S <sub>11</sub> C	
S <sub>21</sub> T	
S <sub>22</sub> A	
S <sub>22</sub> B	
S <sub>22</sub> C	
S <sub>12</sub> T	

- a. For additional ports, make sure values match the correct sex of the port.

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**IMPORTANT** The following calibrations are only supported by certain PNA analyzers. See your PNA series network analyzer embedded help system.

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Notes:

**1. If you are performing a TRL calibration:**

- S<sub>21</sub>T and S<sub>12</sub>T must be defined as *thru* standards.
- S<sub>11</sub>A and S<sub>22</sub>A must be defined as *reflection* standards.
- S<sub>11</sub>B, S<sub>11</sub>C, S<sub>22</sub>B, and S<sub>22</sub>C must be defined as *line* standards.

**2. If you are performing a TRM calibration:**

- S<sub>21</sub>T and S<sub>12</sub>T must be defined as *thru* standards.
- S<sub>11</sub>A and S<sub>22</sub>A must be defined as *reflection* standards.
- S<sub>11</sub>B, S<sub>11</sub>C, S<sub>22</sub>B, and S<sub>22</sub>C must be defined as *match* standards.

**3. If you are performing an LRM calibration:**

- S<sub>21</sub>T and S<sub>12</sub>T must be defined as *line* standards.
- S<sub>11</sub>A and S<sub>22</sub>A must be defined as *reflection* standards.
- S<sub>11</sub>B, S<sub>11</sub>C, S<sub>22</sub>B, and S<sub>22</sub>C must be defined as *match* standards.

**4. S<sub>11</sub>B and S<sub>11</sub>C must be defined as the same standard.**

**5. S<sub>22</sub>B and S<sub>22</sub>C must be defined as the same standard.**

## Nominal Standard Definitions

Standard definitions provide the constants needed to mathematically model the electrical characteristics (delay, attenuation, and impedance) of each calibration standard. The nominal values of these constants are theoretically derived from the physical dimensions and material of each calibration standard, or from actual measured response. These values are used to determine the measurement uncertainties of the network analyzer. The standard definitions in [Tables A-7](#) through [A-9](#) list typical calibration kit parameters used to specify the mathematical model of each device. This information must be loaded into the network analyzer to perform valid calibrations. Refer to your network analyzer user's guide for instructions on loading calibration definitions.

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**NOTE**        The values in the standard definitions table are valid *only* over the specified operating temperature range.

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## Setting the System Impedance

This kit contains only 50 ohm devices. Ensure the system impedance ( $Z_0$ ) is set to 50 ohms. Refer to your network analyzer user's guide for instructions on setting system impedance.

**Table A-7 Standard Definitions for the 8510 Network Analyzer**

System $Z_0^a = 50.0 \Omega$		Calibration Kit Label: 3.5 mm C.4											
Disk File Name: CK_35MMC4						Offset			Frequency in GHz				
Number	Standard <sup>b</sup>	$C0 \times 10^{-15} F$	$C1 \times 10^{-27} F/Hz$	$C2 \times 10^{-36} F/Hz^2$	$C3 \times 10^{-45} F/Hz^3$	Fixed or Sliding <sup>c</sup>						Coax or Waveguide	Standard Label
		$L0 \times 10^{-12} H$	$L1 \times 10^{-24} H/Hz$	$L2 \times 10^{-33} H/Hz^2$	$L3 \times 10^{-42} H/Hz^3$		Delay in ps	$Z_0 \Omega$	Loss in GΩ/s	Min	Max		
1	Short <sup>d</sup>	2.0765	-108.54	2.1705	-0.01		31.785	50	2.36	0	999	Coax	Short
2	Open <sup>d</sup>	49.433	-310.131	23.1682	-0.15966		29.243	50	2.2	0	999	Coax	Open
3													
4													
5	Open <sup>e</sup>	6.9558	-1.0259	-0.01435	0.0028		0	50	0	0	999	Coax	3.5/2.92
6	Open <sup>e</sup>	5.9588	-11.195	0.5076	-0.00243		0	50	0	0	999	Coax	3.5/SMA
7	Open <sup>e</sup>	13.4203	-1.9452	0.5459	0.01594		0	50	0	0	999	Coax	2.92/SMA
8	Open <sup>e</sup>	8.9843	-13.9923	0.3242	-0.00112		0	50	0	0	999	Coax	2.4/1.85
9	Load					Fxd	0	50	0	0	999	Coax	Broadband
10													
11	Delay/thru						0	50	0	0	999	Coax	Thru
12													
13	Delay/thru						160.5	50	2.51	0	999	Coax	Adapter
14													
15	Delay/thru						13.013	50	1.3	6.999	32.001	Coax	7-32 line
16	Delay/thru						53.988	50	1.3	1.000	7.001	Coax	2-7 line
17	Delay/thru						999	50	1.3	0	2.001	Coax	0-2 loads
18													
19													
20													
21													

- a. Ensure system  $Z_0$  of network analyzer is set to this value.
- b. Open, short, load, delay/thru, or arbitrary impedance.
- c. Load or arbitrary impedance only.
- d. Typical values only. Disk values may be different.
- e. This standard type (open) is used to accurately model the adapter listed in the Standard Label column.

**Table A-8 Standard Definitions for the 872x Series Network Analyzer**

System $Z_0^a = 50.0 \Omega$						Calibration Kit Label: TRL3.5mm 85052C							
Standard <sup>b</sup>		$C0 \times 10^{-15} \text{ F}$	$C1 \times 10^{-27} \text{ F/Hz}$	$C2 \times 10^{-36} \text{ F/Hz}^2$	$C3 \times 10^{-45} \text{ F/Hz}^3$	Fixed or Sliding <sup>c</sup>	Offset			Frequency in GHz		Coax or Waveguide	Standard Label
Number	Type	$L0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ H}$	$L1 \times 10^{-24} \text{ H/Hz}$	$L2 \times 10^{-33} \text{ H/Hz}^2$	$L3 \times 10^{-42} \text{ H/Hz}^3$		Delay in ps	$Z_0 \Omega$	Loss in G $\Omega$ /s	Min	Max		
1	Short <sup>d</sup>	0	0	0	0		31.798	50	2.1991	0	999	Coax	Short
2	Open <sup>d</sup>	49.433	-310.131	23.1682	-0.15966		29.243	50	2.2	0	999	Coax	Open
3	Load					Fxd	0	50	1.3	0	999	Coax	Broadband
4	Delay/thru						0	50	1.3	0	999	Coax	Broadband
5													
6	Load					Fxd	0	50	1.3	0	2	Coax	0-2 load
7	Delay/thru						13.013	50	1.3	6.999	32.001	Coax	7-32 line
8	Delay/thru						53.988	50	1.3	1.000	7.001	Coax	2-7 line

- a. Ensure system  $Z_0$  of network analyzer is set to this value.
- b. Open, short, load, delay/thru, or arbitrary impedance.
- c. Load or arbitrary impedance only.
- d. Typical values only. Disk values may be different.

**Table A-9 Standard Definitions for the PNA Series Network Analyzer**

System $Z_0^a = 50.0 \Omega$		Calibration Kit Label: 3.5 mm TRL Model 85052C											
Number	Standard <sup>b</sup> Type	$C0 \times 10^{-18} \text{ F}$	$C1 \times 10^{-30} \text{ F/Hz}$	$C2 \times 10^{-39} \text{ F/Hz}^2$	$C3 \times 10^{-48} \text{ F/Hz}^3$	Fixed or sliding	Offset			Frequency in GHz		Coax or Waveguide	Standard Label
		$L0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ H}$	$L1 \times 10^{-24} \text{ H/Hz}$	$L2 \times 10^{-33} \text{ H/Hz}^2$	$L3 \times 10^{-45} \text{ H/Hz}^3$		Delay in ps	$Z_0 \Omega$	Loss in GΩ/s	Min	Max		
1	Short	2.0765	-108.54	2.1705	-10.00		31.785	50	2.36	0	999	Coax	Short
2	Thru						53.988	50	1.30	1.0	7.001	Coax	2-7 line
3	Broadband Load					Fxd	0	50	0	0	999	Coax	Broadband
4	Thru						0	50	0	0	999	Coax	Thru
5	Thru						13.013	50	1.3	6.999	32.001	Coax	7-32 line
6	Lowband Load					Fxd	0	50	1.3	0	2	Coax	Lowband (0-2 load)
7	Short												
8	Open												

- a. Ensure system  $Z_0$  of network analyzer is set to this value.  
b. Open, short, load, delay/thru, or arbitrary impedance.

## Blank Forms

The standard definitions may be changed to meet your specific requirements. Tables A-10 through A-12 are provided to record the modified standard definitions.

**Table A-10 Blank Form for the 8510 Network Analyzer**

Standard <sup>b</sup>		$C0 \times 10^{-15}$ F	$C1 \times 10^{-27}$ F/Hz	$C2 \times 10^{-36}$ F/Hz <sup>2</sup>	$C3 \times 10^{-45}$ F/Hz <sup>3</sup>	Fixed or sliding <sup>c</sup>	Offset			Frequency in GHz		Coax or Waveguide	Standard Label
Number	Type	$L0 \times 10^{-12}$ H	$L1 \times 10^{-24}$ H/Hz	$L2 \times 10^{-33}$ H/Hz <sup>2</sup>	$L3 \times 10^{-42}$ H/Hz <sup>3</sup>		Delay in ps	$Z_0 \Omega$	Loss in GΩ/s	Min	Max		
1													
2													
3													
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10													
11													
12													
13													
14													
15													
16													
17													
18													
19													
20													
21													

- a. Ensure system  $Z_0$  of network analyzer is set to this value.
- b. Open, short, load, delay/thru, or arbitrary impedance.
- c. Load or arbitrary impedance only.



**Table A-11 Blank Form for the 872x Series Network Analyzer**

System $Z_0^a =$ _____		Calibration Kit Label: _____												
Number	Type	Standard <sup>b</sup>				Fixed or Sliding <sup>c</sup>	Offset			Frequency in GHz		Coax or Waveguide	Standard Label	
		$C0 \times 10^{-15}$ F	$C1 \times 10^{-27}$ F/Hz	$C2 \times 10^{-36}$ F/Hz <sup>2</sup>	$C3 \times 10^{-45}$ F/Hz <sup>3</sup>		Delay in ps	$Z_0 \Omega$	Loss in GΩ/s	Min	Max			
1		$L0 \times 10^{-12}$ H	$L1 \times 10^{-24}$ H/Hz	$L2 \times 10^{-33}$ H/Hz <sup>2</sup>	$L3 \times 10^{-42}$ H/Hz <sup>3</sup>									
2														
3														
4														
5														
6														
7														
8														

- a. Ensure system  $Z_0$  of network analyzer is set to this value.
- b. Open, short, load, delay/thru, or arbitrary impedance.
- c. Load or arbitrary impedance only.

**Table A-12 Blank Form for the PNA Series Network Analyzer**

System $Z_0^a =$ _____		Calibration Kit Label: _____											
Standard <sup>b</sup>		$C0 \times 10^{-18}$ F	$C1 \times 10^{-30}$ F/Hz	$C2 \times 10^{-39}$ F/Hz <sup>2</sup>	$C3 \times 10^{-48}$ F/Hz <sup>3</sup>	Fixed or sliding	Offset			Frequency in GHz		Coax or Waveguide	Standard Label
Number	Type	$L0 \times 10^{-12}$ H	$L1 \times 10^{-24}$ H/Hz	$L2 \times 10^{-33}$ H/Hz <sup>2</sup>	$L3 \times 10^{-45}$ H/Hz <sup>3</sup>		Delay in ps	$Z_0 \Omega$	Loss in GΩ/s	Min	Max		
1													
2													
3													
4													
5													
6													
7													
8													

- a. Ensure system  $Z_0$  of network analyzer is set to this value.
- b. Open, short, load, delay/thru, or arbitrary impedance.

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