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Calibration and Verification Kit**

Operating and Service Manual

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## Safety and Regulatory Information

Review this product and related documentation to familiarize yourself with safety markings and instructions before you operate the instrument. This product has been designed and tested in accordance with international standards.

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### WARNING

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The **WARNING** notice denotes a hazard. It calls attention to a procedure, practice, or the like, that, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in personal injury. Do not proceed beyond a **WARNING** notice until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.

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### CAUTION

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## Instrument Markings



When you see this symbol on your instrument, you should refer to the instrument's instruction manual for important information.



This symbol indicates hazardous voltages.



The laser radiation symbol is marked on products that have a laser output.



This symbol indicates that the instrument requires alternating current (ac) input.



The CE mark is a registered trademark of the European Community. If it is accompanied by a year, it indicates the year the design was proven.



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1SM1-A

This text indicates that the instrument is an Industrial Scientific and Medical Group 1 Class A product (CISPER 11, Clause 4).



This symbol indicates that the power line switch is ON.



This symbol indicates that the power line switch is OFF or in STANDBY position.

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## **Safety Earth Ground**



This is a Safety Class I product (provided with a protective earthing terminal). An uninterruptible safety earth ground must be provided from the main power source to the product input wiring terminals, power cord, or supplied power cord set. Whenever it is likely that the protection has been impaired, the product must be made inoperative and secured against any unintended operation.

## **Before Applying Power**

Verify that the product is configured to match the available main power source as described in the input power configuration instructions in this manual. If this product is to be powered by autotransformer, make sure the common terminal is connected to the neutral (grounded) side of the ac power supply.



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## Typeface Conventions

### Italics

- Used to emphasize important information:  
Use this software *only* with the Agilent Technologies xxxxxX system.
- Used for the title of a publication:  
Refer to the *Agilent Technologies xxxxxX System-Level User's Guide*.
- Used to indicate a variable:  
Type `LOAD BIN filename`.

### Instrument Display

- Used to show on-screen prompts and messages that you will see on the display of an instrument:  
The Agilent Technologies xxxxxX will display the message `CAL1 SAVED`.

### [Keycap]

- Used for labeled keys on the front panel of an instrument or on a computer keyboard:  
Press `[Return]`.

### {Softkey}

- Used for simulated keys that appear on an instrument display:  
Press `{Prior Menu}`.

### User Entry

- Used to indicate text that you will enter using the computer keyboard; text shown in this typeface must be typed *exactly* as printed:  
Type `LOAD PARMFILE`
- Used for examples of programming code:  
`#endif // ifndef NO_CLASS`

### Path Name

- Used for a subdirectory name or file path:  
Edit the file `usr/local/bin/sample.txt`

### Computer Display

- Used to show messages, prompts, and window labels that appear on a computer monitor:  
The `Edit Parameters` window will appear on the screen.
- Used for menus, lists, dialog boxes, and button boxes on a computer monitor from which you make selections using the mouse or keyboard:  
Double-click `EXIT` to quit the program.

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## General Information

### Calibration and Verification Kit Overview

The 85059A 1.0 mm precision calibration and verification kit is used to calibrate and verify your network analyzer system. This kit is used for the measurement of components with 50 $\Omega$ , 1.0 mm connectors with a frequency range of DC to 110 GHz.

Because it is physically impossible to construct a slotless version of the 1.0 mm female contact, the female devices in this kit use slotted contacts. The slotted female contact does not have the same electrical characteristics as a solid conductor, and therefore, the male and female devices in this kit have different coefficients.

Although the male and female devices are designed to have the same mechanical length, their electrical delays are different. This reflects the differences in the connector interface compression. When the male and female devices are torqued together the male side compresses more than the female side.

The 1.0 mm connector utilizes an air dielectric interface for the highest accuracy and repeatability. The coupling diameter and thread size were chosen to maximize strength, increase durability and provide highly repeatable connections. The connectors are designed so that the outer conductors engage before the center conductors.

To obtain the best performance possible, the manufacturing tolerances of the connectors are tighter than the standard 1.0 mm specifications per the IEEE 287 precision connector standard.

### About This Manual

This manual describes the 85059A calibration and verification kit and provides replacement part numbers, specifications, and procedures for using, maintaining and troubleshooting this kit.

### How To Identify Shorts

The shorts in this kit are identified by the number of rings (or bands) around the body of the short.

- 1.0 x 1.30 mm short has 1 ring or band and is identified as Short 1
- 1.0 x 1.825 mm short has 2 rings or bands and is identified as Short 2
- 1.0 x 2.45 mm short has 3 rings or bands and is identified as Short 3
- 1.0 x 3.0 mm short has 4 rings or bands and is identified as Short 4

## Kit Contents Checklist

- M short 1
- F short 1
- M short 2
- F short 2
- M short 3
- F short 3
- M short 4
- F short 4
- Lossy Delay Line (2 per kit)
- M to M Adapter
- F to F Adapter
- M to F Adapter
- Mismatch Thru Adapter (verification device)
- Match Thru Adapter (verification device)
- F to F Test Port Cable (8.8 cm in length)
- M Load (50 GHz)
- F Load (50 GHz)
- M Open
- F Open
- 6 mm Open-end Wrench
- 4 in-lb Torque Wrench
- 10X Magnifying Glass
- Verification Data Disk
- Calibration Data Disk
- Cleaning Swabs

## Achieving Specified Frequency Performance

The standards in this calibration and verification kit allow you to perform simple 1- or 2-port calibrations, as well as TRM (thru-reflect-match) calibrations, and to verify the performance of your network analyzer system.

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**NOTE**

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Above 50 GHz, offset shorts are substituted for the opens and loads.

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**NOTE**

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For best results, before beginning calibration refer to “[Clarifying Connector Sex](#)” on page 1-10.

### Calibration Standards

*Table 1-1 Calibration Techniques and Standards*

Calibration Kit Label: 1.00mmA.1A Disk File Name: CK_MMKA1A						
Frequency Range	Calibration Technique	“Open” Standard (Reflection)	“Short” Standard (Reflection)	“Load” Standard (Reflection)	“Thru” Standard (not used for 1-port cal)	“Isolation” Standard <sup>1</sup>
DC - 50 GHz	SOLT <sup>2</sup>	Open	Short 3	50 GHz Load	Thru	50 GHz Load
50 - 75 GHz	Offset Shorts	Short 3	Short 1	Short 4	Thru	Load BB <sup>3</sup>
75 - 110 GHz	Offset Shorts	Short 3	Short 1	Short 2	Thru	Load BB <sup>3</sup>
To Combine Frequency Ranges <sup>4</sup>						
DC - 75GHz	SOLT <sup>2</sup> and Offset Shorts	Open Short 3	Short 3 Short 1	50 GHz Load Short 4	Thru	Load BB <sup>3</sup>
50 - 110 GHz	Offset Shorts	Short 3	Short 1	Short 4 Short 2	Thru	Load BB <sup>3</sup>
DC - 110 GHz	SOLT <sup>2</sup> and Offset Shorts	Open Short 3	Short 3 Short 1	50 GHz Load Short 4 Short 2	Thru	Load BB <sup>3</sup>

1. For best measurement results, the isolation standard should be the equivalent impedance of the device under test.
2. SOLT = Short, Open, Load and Thru standards
3. The broadband load is a combination of a lossy delay line plus a 50 GHz load (see [Figures 1-1](#) and [1-2](#) on page 1-5).
4. Combinations of the calibration methods shown in the upper half of [Table 1-1](#) are used to calibrate over the frequency ranges shown in the lower half of the table.



## Broadband SOLT Calibration

As a time saver, you can use an alternate SOLT technique. You can calibrate from DC to 110 GHz using the standards in [Table 1-2](#). The broadband SOLT technique is quicker than the full calibration outlined in [Table 1-1 on page 1-3](#), but it is substantially *less* accurate.

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### CAUTION

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The broadband SOLT technique is not recommended. It is meant to be used *only* in situations where measurement accuracy is *not* critical.

**Table 1-2 Broadband SOLT<sup>1</sup>**

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Calibration Kit Label: 1.00mmA.1B Disk File Name: CK_1MMA1B <sup>2</sup>						
Frequency Range	Calibration Technique	"Open" Standard	"Short" Standard	"Load" Standard	"Thru" Standard (not used for 1-port cal)	"Isolation" Standard
DC - 110 GHz	SOLT <sup>1</sup>	Open (broadband)	Short 3 (broadband)	Load BB <sup>3</sup>	Thru	Load BB <sup>3</sup>

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1. SOLT = Short, Open, Load and Thru standards
2. This file is used for "quick" calibrations and performance specifications are not guaranteed.
3. The broadband load is a combination of a lossy delay line plus a 50 GHz load (see [Figures 1-1 and 1-2 on page 1-5](#)).

### Broadband Load Construction

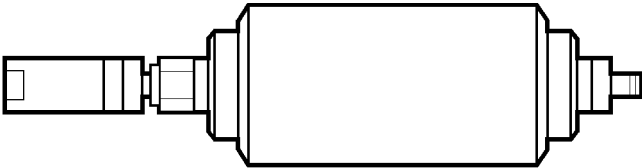
For broadband calibration it is necessary to add the Lossy Delay Line to the appropriate sex 50GHz load (see [Figures 1-1](#) and [Figures 1-2](#)).

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**CAUTION**

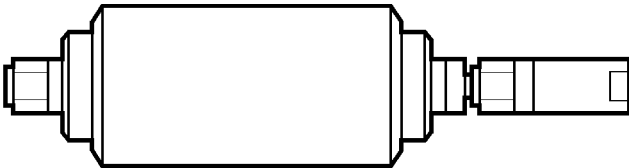
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The two Lossy delay lines in this kit are the same and may be used interchangeably. However, once they are mated with a particular 50 GHz load and the calibration sequence is started, the assembly should be considered a matched unit until the calibration has been completed.



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*Figure 1-1 Lossy Delay Line (male end) Attached To 50 GHz Load (female end)*



lossym

*Figure 1-2 Lossy Delay Line (female end) Attached To 50 GHz Load (male end)*

## Equipment Required but Not Supplied

Various connector cleaning supplies and electrostatic discharge safety supplies are *not* provided in this kit. (Refer to [Chapter 7, “Replaceable Parts”](#) for ordering information.)

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## Serial Numbers and Kit Contents

### Serial Number Prefix

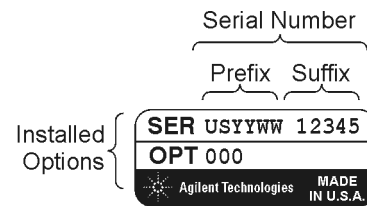
A serial number label is attached to the calibration and verification kit. A typical kit serial number label is shown in [Figures 1-3](#). The prefix is made up of six numbers. The first two digits show the country, the second two digits represent the year, and the last two digits designate the week of manufacturing.

### Serial Number Suffix

The last five digits are the suffix numbers. The suffix numbers are unique to each calibration kit.

**Figure 1-3 Typical Kit Serial Number Label**

serial



### Device Serial Numbers

In addition to the kit serial number, the devices in this kit are individually serialized (serial numbers are printed on an attached label, or scribed onto the body of each device). Record these serial numbers in [Table 1-3 on page 1-8](#). This can help you avoid confusing the devices in this kit with similar devices from other kits. Only the adapters for verification (matched and mismatched thru) need to have their serial numbers recorded, as the other adapters in this kit are used for measurement convenience only, and are not regarded as devices requiring a traceable path in order to comply with MIL-STD 45662A.

## Serial Number Record Log

*Table 1-3 Kit and Device Serial Number Record*

Device Description	Serial Number
Calibration and Verification Kit	
M Short 1	
F Short 1	
M Short 2	
F Short 2	
M Short 3	
F Short 3	
M Short 4	
F Short 4	
M Load	
F Load	
Lossy Delay Line (1)	
Lossy Delay Line (2)	
M Open	
F Open	
Mismatched Thru Adapter	
Matched Thru Adapter	

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## Incoming Inspection

Refer to [Figure 7-1 on page 7-1](#) to verify a complete shipment. Use [Table 1-3 on page 1-8](#) to record the serial numbers of all serialized devices in your kit.

The foam-lined storage case provides protection during shipping. If the case or any device appears damaged, contact the nearest Agilent Technologies sales and service office. 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 (located at the rear 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.
- If you are returning a complete kit, include the model number and serial number.
- If you are returning one or more devices, include the part numbers and serial numbers.
- Indicate the type of service required.
- Include any applicable information.

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## Clarifying Connector Sex

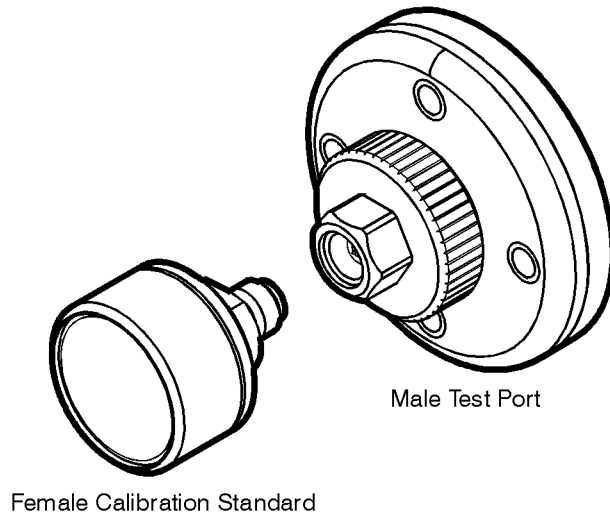
In this manual, connectors are referred to in terms of their device sex unless otherwise stated. For example, a male open has a male connector.

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### CAUTION

During a measurement calibration, however, the 8510XF softkey menus will label a calibration device with the sex of the analyzer's test port connector and *not* the device connector. For example, the label *(M)SHORT1* on the display refers to the female short 1 that will be connected to the *male* test port.

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*Figure 1-4 Clarifying Connector Sex*



mfcconn

*Figure 1-5 Male and Female Connectors*

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## Preventive Maintenance

The best techniques for maintaining the integrity of the devices in this kit include routine visual inspection (using 10X magnification), cleaning and proper connection techniques. 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 poor connection techniques can also damage these devices.

Visual inspection, cleaning techniques, and connection techniques are all described in [Chapter 3, “Making Connections”](#).



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## Specifications

### Environmental Requirements

Table 2-1 shows the environmental requirements necessary for optimum performance.

**Table 2-1** *Environmental Requirements*

Parameter	Required Values/Ranges
Operating Temperature <sup>1</sup>	20° to 26°C (68° to 79° F)
Error-Corrected Temperature Range <sup>2</sup>	± 1 °C of measurement calibration temperature
Storage Temperature	-40° to +75°C (-40° to +167° F)
Altitude	
Operation	< 15,000 meters ( ≈ 50,000 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%

1. The temperature range over which the calibration standards maintain performance to their specifications.
2. The allowable network analyzer ambient temperature drift during measurement calibration and during measurements when the network analyzer 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

Due to the small dimensions and tight tolerances of the calibration and verification devices, electrical characteristics will change with temperature. Therefore, the operating temperature is a critical factor in their performance. During a measurement calibration, the temperature of the calibration devices must be stable and within the range shown in [Table 2-1 on page 2-1](#).

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### NOTE

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*Remember* your fingers are a heat source, so avoid handling the devices unnecessarily during calibration.

Performance verification and measurements of devices-under-test (DUT's) do not need to be performed within the operating temperature range of the calibration devices. However, the DUT's must be within the error-corrected temperature range of the network analyzer ( $\pm 1^\circ \text{C}$  of the measurement calibration temperature). For example, if the calibration is performed at  $+20^\circ \text{C}$ , the error-corrected temperature range is  $+19^\circ$  to  $+21^\circ \text{C}$ . It is then appropriate to perform measurements and performance verifications even though  $+19^\circ$  is outside the operating temperature range of the calibration devices.

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## Mechanical Characteristics

### Supplemental Mechanical Characteristics

Supplemental mechanical characteristics are values which are typically met by the majority of calibration and verification kit devices that have been tested at Agilent Technologies. These supplemental characteristics are intended to provide useful information in calibration and verification kit applications. These are typical but non-warranted performance parameters. The following table lists the typical mechanical characteristics of the devices in this kit.

**Table 2-2** *Offset Short Typical Mechanical Characteristics*

Characteristic	Typical Value
Inside Diameter of Outer Conductor	1.000 ± 0.005 mm
Outside Diameter of Center Conductor	0.434 ± 0.003 mm
Offset Length	Nominal ± 0.008 mm
Pin Depth	0 (flush) to 0.010 mm (maximum recession)
Flatness of Reference Plane	0.002 mm (worst case)

### Center Conductor Protrusion and Pin Depth

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 this kit with special gaging processes and electrical testing. This ensures that the device connectors do not exhibit any center conductor protrusion and have proper pin depth when the kit leaves the factory.

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## Electrical Characteristics

### Supplemental Electrical Characteristics

**Table 2-3**     *Offset Short Electrical Characteristics*

Characteristic	Typical Value @ 50 GHz to 110 GHz
Phase Error (with respect to calibration constant model)	2.0 °
Connector Repeatability	−40 dB
Residual Directivity	−30 dB
Residual Port Match	−30 dB
Residual Reflection Tracking	± 0.25 dB

**Table 2-4**     *Adapter Electrical Characteristics*

Characteristic	Typical Value @ 0 - 110 GHz
Return Loss	16 dB
Insertion Loss	< 0.50 dB

### Residual Errors after Calibration

The 8510 “Specifications and Performance Verification” software can be used to obtain a printout of the residual errors after a calibration has been performed. Refer to the “Specifications and Performance Verification” section of the *8510 On-Site Service Manual* for information on how to use the software.

## Electrical Specifications

*Table 2-5 Electrical Specifications for 1.0 mm 50Ω Devices*

Device	Frequency	Parameter	Specifications	
			Male	Female
Loads	DC to 2 GHz	Return Loss	30 dB	30 dB
	2 GHz to 18 GHz		30 dB	30 dB
	18 GHz to 40 GHz		26 dB	26 dB
	40 GHz to 50 GHz		24 dB	24 dB
Opens	DC to 2 GHz	Deviation from	± 1.0 degrees	± 1.0 degrees
	2 GHz to 18 GHz	Nominal Phase	± 1.5 degrees	± 3.0 degrees
	18 GHz to 50 GHz		± 2.5 degrees	± 4.0 degrees
Short 3	DC to 2 GHz	Deviation from	± 0.8 degrees	± 1.0 degrees
	2 GHz to 18 GHz	Nominal Phase	± 1.2 degrees	± 2.0 degrees
	18 GHz to 50 GHz		± 1.5 degrees	± 2.5 degrees
	50 GHz to 110 GHz		± 3.0 degrees	± 5.0 degrees
Short1	50 GHz to 110 GHz	Deviation from Nominal Phase	± 2.5 degrees	± 4.0 degrees
Short 2	75 GHz to 110 GHz	Deviation from Nominal Phase	± 2.5 degrees	± 4.0 degrees
Short 4	50 GHz to 75 GHz	Deviation from Nominal Phase	± 2 degrees	± 3.5 degrees
Device	Frequency	Parameter	Specifications	
Lossy Delay Line	DC to 110 GHz	Return Loss	18 dB	
Adapters	DC to 20 GHz	Return Loss	24 dB	
	20 GHz to 50 GHz		20 dB	
	50 GHz to 75 GHz		18 dB	
	75 GHz to 110 GHz		14 dB	
Verification Match Thru (adapter)	DC to 20 GHz	Return Loss	24 dB	
	20 GHz to 50 GHz		20 dB	
	50 GHz to 75 GHz		18 dB	
	75 GHz to 110 GHz		14 dB	
Verification Mismatch Thru (adapter)	DC to 110 GHz	Return Loss	6 dB @ ~ 22.6 GHz intervals	

Specifications  
**Electrical Specifications**

**Table 2-6 Typical Electrical Specifications for 1.0 mm 50Ω Devices**

Device	Frequency	Parameter	Specifications	
			Male	Female
Load + Lossy Delay Lines or load (broadband)	DC to 2 GHz	Return Loss	25 dB	25 dB
	2 GHz to 18 GHz		20 dB	20 dB
	18 GHz to 50 GHz		20 dB	20 dB
	50 GHz to 110 GHz		18 dB	18 dB
Short 3	DC to 2 GHz	Deviation from Nominal Phase	± 1.0 degrees	± 1.0 degrees
	2 GHz to 18 GHz		± 1.5 degrees	± 2.5 degrees
	18 GHz to 50 GHz		± 2.0 degrees	± 3.0 degrees
	50 GHz to 110 GHz		± 3.0 degrees	± 7.0 degrees
Open (broadband)	DC to 2 GHz	Deviation from Nominal Phase	±1.0 degrees	± 1.5 degrees
	2 GHz to 18 GHz		± 1.8 degrees	± 3.5 degrees
	18 GHz to 50 GHz		± 2.5 degrees	± 4.5 degrees
	50 GHz to 110 GHz		± 5.0 degrees	± 8.0 degrees
Device	Frequency	Parameter	Specifications	
Lossy Delay Line	DC to 110 GHz	Delay	7.01 ± 0.4 n-sec	
		Insertion Loss	1.63 dB *(f/GHz) <sup>1/2</sup>	

### Electrostatic Discharge

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

Static electricity builds up on the body, and can easily damage sensitive internal circuit elements when discharged by contact with the center conductor of a connector. Static discharges too small to be felt, can cause permanent damage. Devices such as calibration and verification components and devices under test can also carry an electrostatic charge.

- Always have a grounded antistatic mat in front of your test equipment and wear a grounded wrist strap attached to it.
- Ground yourself before you clean, inspect, or make a connection to a static-sensitive device or test port. You can, for example, grasp the grounded outer shell of the test port briefly to discharge static from your body.
- Discharge static electricity from a device before connecting it: touch the device briefly (through a resistor of at least 1 M $\Omega$ ) to either the outer shell of the test port, or to another exposed ground. This discharges static electricity and protects test equipment circuitry.

Refer to [Chapter 7, “Replaceable Parts”](#) for information on ordering supplies for ESD protection.

## 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.

A minimum magnification of 10X is required to inspect the mating surfaces. A magnifying glass is supplied with your kit. It is also necessary to use good lighting (such as a halogen task light) to see damage on a connector. Use the following guidelines when evaluating the integrity of your connectors.

### Obvious Defects or Damage

Examine the connectors first for obvious defects or damage:

- Plating
  - ▲ Bare metal showing
  - ▲ Burrs or blisters
- Deformed threads
- Center Conductors
  - ▲ Bent
  - ▲ Broken
  - ▲ Misaligned
  - ▲ Concentricity

Connector nuts should move smoothly and be free of:

- Burrs
- Loose metal particles
- Rough spots

Any connector that has obvious defects should be discarded or sent for repair (Agilent Technologies Sales and Service offices listed in the front of this manual).



## Connector Contacts

A minimum magnification of 10X is required to inspect the connector contacts. You must also use a magnifying glass to inspect for contact integrity. It is necessary to use good lighting (such as a halogen task light) to see the contacts.

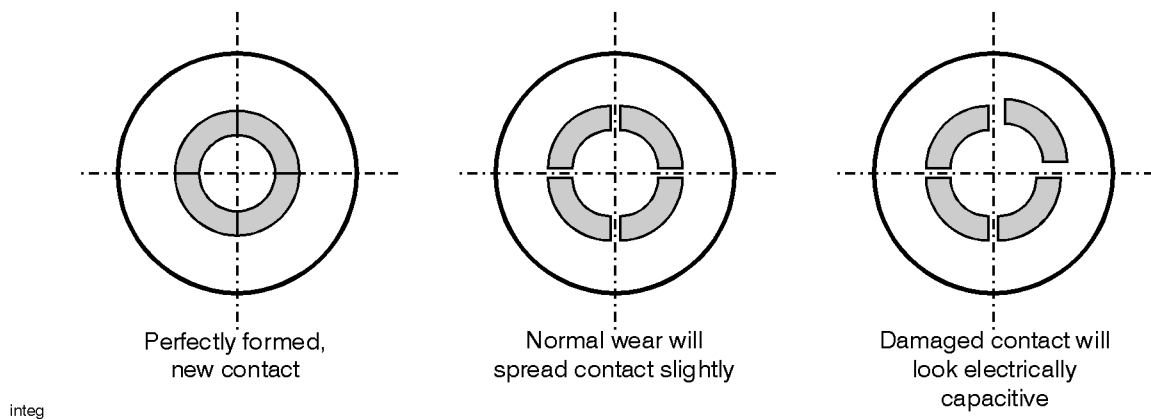
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### NOTE

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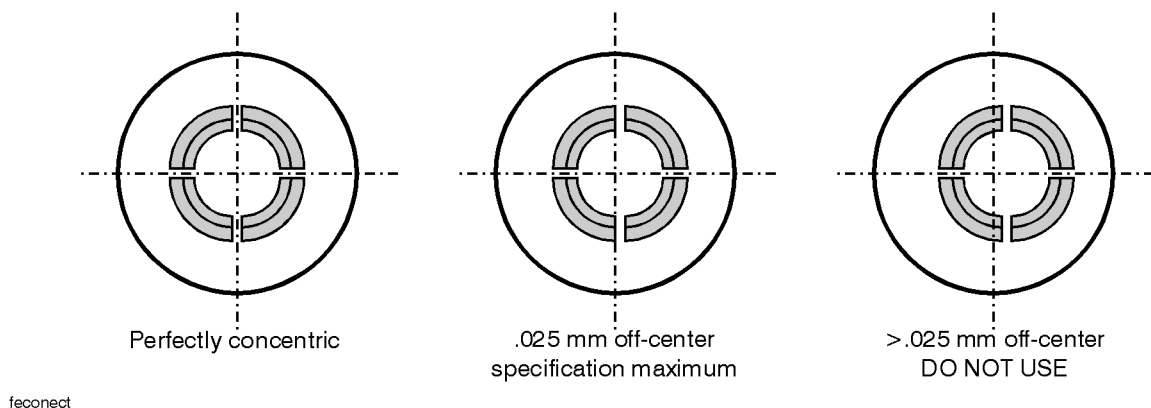
See [Figure 3-1](#) for visual guidelines when evaluating the contact integrity of a connector.



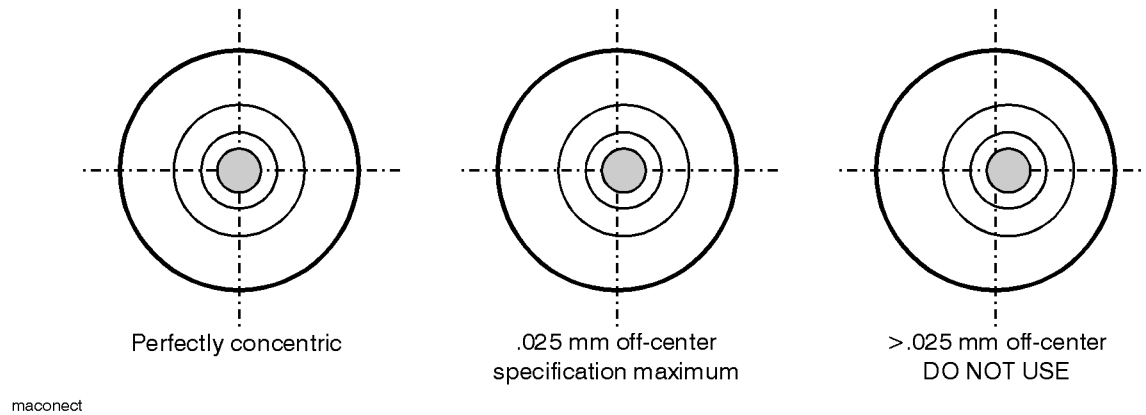
**Figure 3-1 Contact Integrity**

## Concentricity

[Figure 3-2](#) and [Figure 3-3](#) on page 3-4 show the concentricity of both the male and female 1.0 mm connectors. Inspect the connectors with a minimum magnification of 10X.



**Figure 3-2 Concentricity - Female Connector**



**Figure 3-3 Concentricity - Male Connector**

## Mating Plane Surfaces

Flat contact between the connectors at all points on their mating plane surfaces is required for a good connection.

Look for deep scratches or dents, and for dirt and metal particles on the connector mating plane surfaces. Also look for “dings” on the mating plane surfaces of the center and outer conductors, and for signs of damage due to misalignment, and excessive or uneven wear.

A light burnishing of the mating plane surfaces is normal. This 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.

Clean and inspect the connector again if it shows:

- Deep scratches or dents
- Particles clinging to the mating plane surfaces
- Uneven wear

Damaged connectors should be discarded or sent for repair. Try to determine the cause of damage before connecting a new, undamaged connector in the same configuration.

## **Connector Wear**

Connector wear eventually degrades performance. The more use a connector gets, the faster it wears and degrades. The wear is greatly accelerated when connectors are not kept clean.

Calibration devices should have a long life if their usage is a few times per week. The test port connectors on your network analyzer test set may have many connections each day, and therefore, are more subject to wear. It is recommended that an adapter be used as a test port saver. The use of an adapter will help to minimize the wear on your test set's connectors. When your connectors become worn, replace them.

## **Supplies and Equipment Needed**

The supplies and equipment needed to perform the cleaning procedure, and their Agilent Technologies part numbers are listed in [Table 7-1 on page 7-1](#) and [page 7-2](#).

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## Pin Depth

Pin depth is the distance that the center conductor mating plane differs from being flush with the outer conductor mating plane. The pin depth of a connector can be in one of two states, either protruding or recessed.

### Protrusion and Recession

- **Protrusion** - the center conductor *extends* beyond the outer conductor mating plane.

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#### CAUTION

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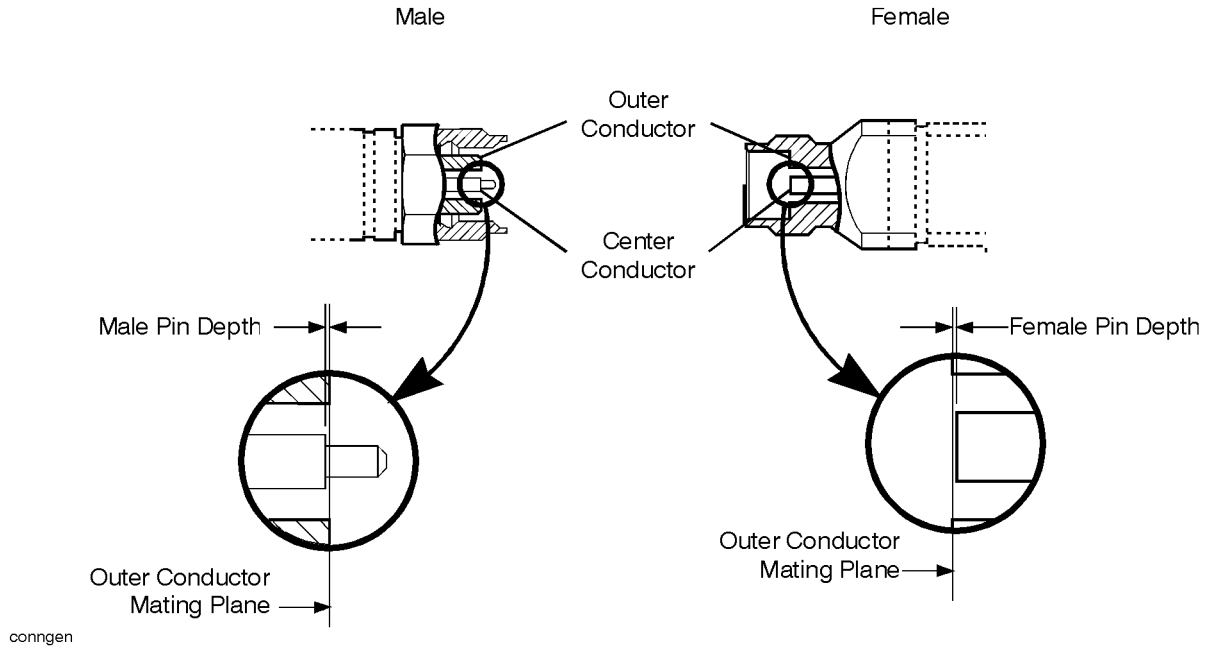
At *no* time should the pin depth of the 1.0 mm connector be protruding.

- **Recession** - the center conductor is *set back* from the outer conductor mating plane.

The pin depth value of each calibration device in your kit is not specified, but is an important mechanical parameter. The electrical performance of the device depends, to some extent, on its pin depth.

Agilent verifies the pin depth characteristics of the connectors in this kit with special gaging processes and electrical testing. This ensures that the device connectors do not exhibit any center conductor protrusion and have proper pin depth when the kit leaves the factory.

The electrical specifications for each device in this kit take into account the effect of pin depth on the device's performance. See [Figure 3-4 on page 3-7](#) for a visual representation of proper pin depth (slightly recessed).



**Figure 3-4 Connector Pin Depth**

## Making Connections

Good connections require a skilled operator. Instrument sensitivity and coaxial connector mechanical tolerances are such that slight errors in operator technique can have a significant effect on measurements and measurement uncertainties.

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### NOTE

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*The most common cause of measurement error is poor connections.*

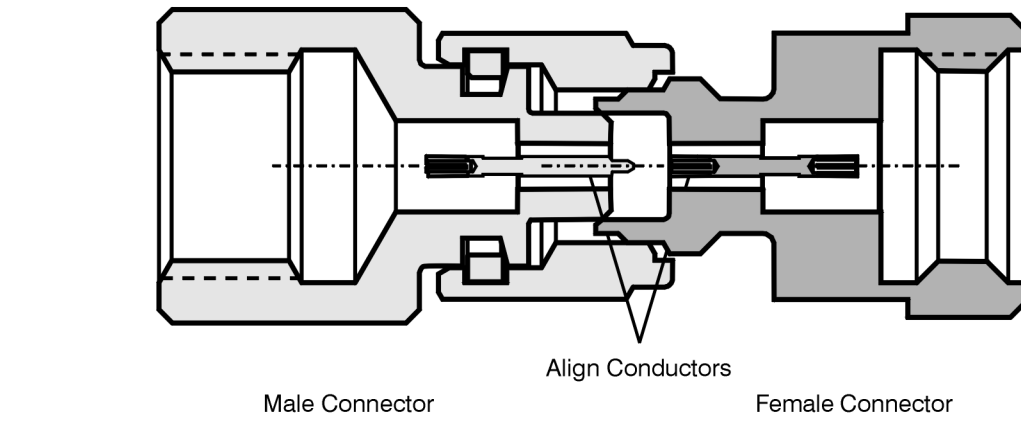
Follow these recommendations for optimum connection technique:

1. Clean and inspect (visually and mechanically) all of your connectors.
2. Align connectors carefully. Look for flat physical contact at all points on the mating plane surfaces.

## Connector Alignment

If one of the connectors is free to move, this will make it possible for the connectors to self-align during connection. Self-alignment occurs because outer conductors engage before the center conductors (see [Figure 3-5](#) and [Figure 3-6 on page 3-9](#)).

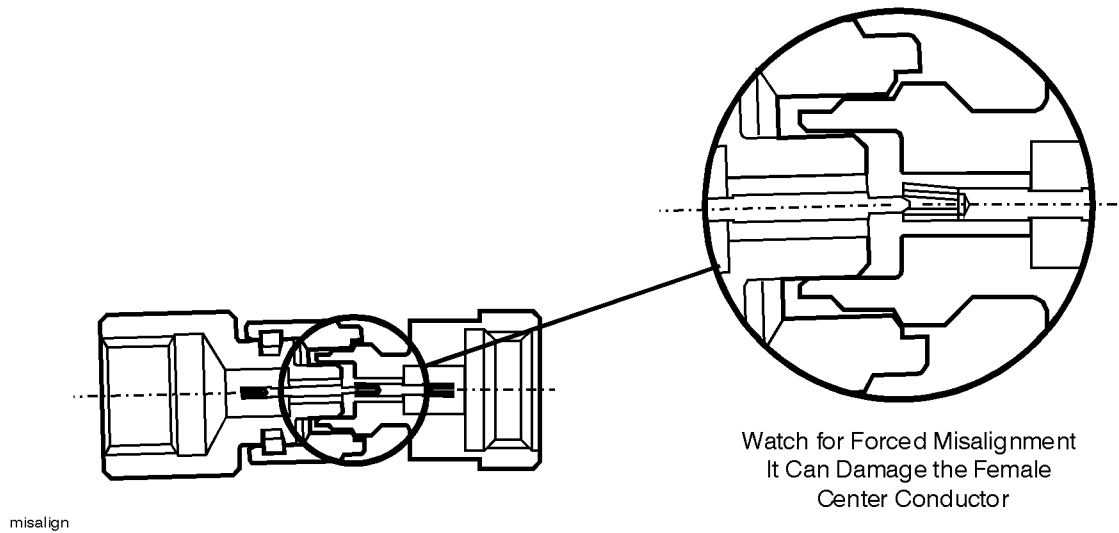
1. Make a gentle, preliminary connection.
2. When making a connection, turn *only* the connector nut. Do not rotate a device when you make a connection, and do not apply a lateral or horizontal (bending) force.
3. Use an open-end wrench to keep the device from rotating when you make a final connection with the torque wrench (see [Figure 3-8 on page 3-14](#)).



**Figure 3-5 Alignment**

## Connector Misalignment

*Forced misalignment could damage the female center conductor.*



**Figure 3-6 Misalignment**

## Cleaning Connectors

### Supplies and Equipment Needed

The supplies and equipment that are needed to perform the cleaning procedures, and their Agilent Technologies part numbers are listed in [Table 7-1 on page 7-1](#) and [page 7-2](#).

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#### NOTE

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A minimum magnification of 10X is required for all inspections of the calibration and verification parts.

### Basic Cleaning Procedure

1. Inspect the connectors for dust, dirt, metal fragments, oils or films, and debris.
2. Blow off any dust with a filtered, clean supply of compressed air.
3. Add a few drops of high-purity isopropyl alcohol to a small cleaning swab (do not apply alcohol directly to the parts).

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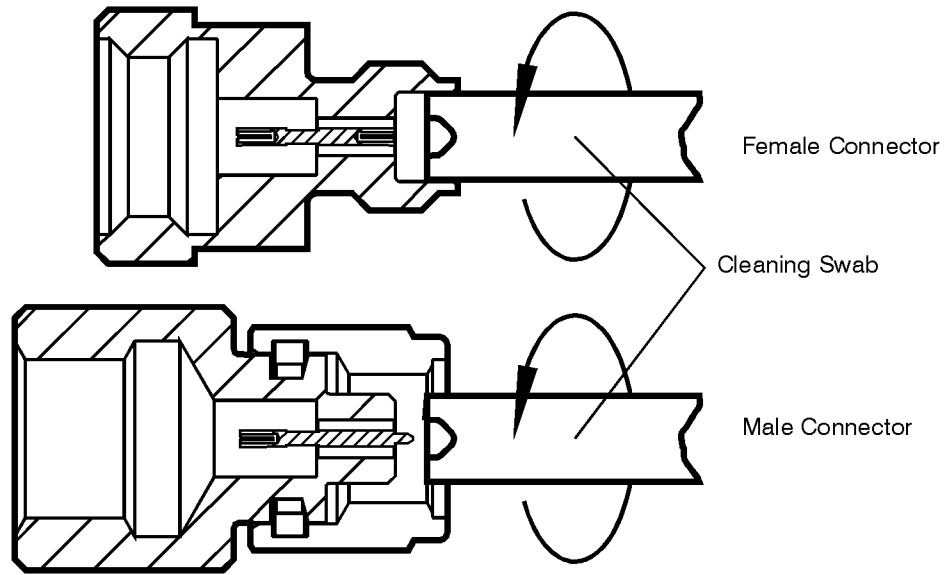
#### NOTE

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When using isopropyl alcohol to clean connectors *do not* allow the liquid to flow down inside the connector. This may cause measurement errors due to residue inside the connector. If possible keep the connector facing down.

4. *Gently* wipe connecting surfaces with the end of the cleaning swab (see [Figure 3-7](#)).
5. Blow dry with compressed air.
6. Inspect and repeat cleaning procedure if necessary.





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*Figure 3-7 Cleaning Illustration*

## Making a Connection

### Connection Procedure

1. Ground yourself and all devices (wear a grounded wrist strap and work on an antistatic mat).
2. Visually inspect the connectors (refer to [“Visual Inspection” on page 3-2](#)).
3. If necessary, clean the connectors (refer to [“Cleaning Connectors” on page 3-10](#)).
4. Carefully align the connectors. The male connector center pin must slip concentrically into the contact fingers of the female connector (see [Figure 3-5 on page 3-9](#) and [Figure 3-6 on page 3-9](#)).
5. Push the connectors straight together. Do *not* twist or screw them together. As the center conductors mate, there is usually a slight resistance.

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### CAUTION

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Do *not* twist one connector into the other (like inserting a light bulb). This happens when you turn the device body, rather than the connector nut. Major *damage* to the center conductor and the outer conductor can occur if the device body is twisted.

6. Initial tightening can be done by hand, or with a 6 mm open-end wrench. Tighten until “snug” or where the connectors are first making contact. The preliminary connection is tight enough when the mating plane surfaces make uniform, light contact. Do *not* *overtighten* this connection.

At this point, all you want is for the outer conductors to make gentle contact on both mating surfaces. Use very light finger pressure (no more than 2 inch–pounds of torque).

7. Relieve any side pressure on the connection from long or heavy devices, or cables. This assures consistent torque (refer to [“Using the Torque Wrench” on page 3-13](#)).

## Using the Torque Wrench

Table 3-1 provides information on the required settings and tolerances for the 1.0 mm torque wrench supplied in this kit.

**Table 3-1 Torque Wrench Information**

Connector Type	Torque Setting	Torque Tolerance
1.0 mm	45 N-cm (4 in-lb)	5.4 N-cm ( $\pm 0.5$ in-lb)

### Torque Wrench Procedure

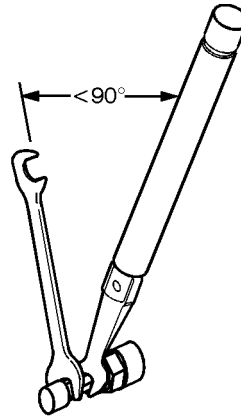
Using the torque wrench guarantees that a connection is not too tight. This will help prevent possible connector damage. It also guarantees that all connections are equally tight each time. [Figure 3-10 on page 3-15](#) shows you where to hold the torque wrench for optimum performance.

#### NOTE

*Do not* pre-tighten the connector nut so much that there is no rotation of the nut with the torque wrench. Static friction must *not* be present during torquing.

1. Use the torque wrench supplied with your kit to make the final connections.
2. Rotate *only* the connector nut when you tighten the connector.

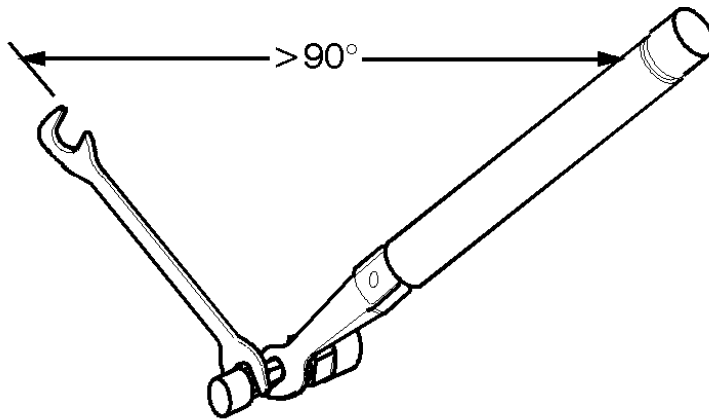
In *all* situations, use an open-end wrench to keep the body of the device from turning. Position both wrenches within 90 degrees of each other before applying force (see [Figure 3-8 on page 3-14](#)). Wrenches opposing each other (180 degrees apart) will cause a *lifting action*. This lifting action can misalign, and stress the connections of the devices involved. This is especially true when several devices are connected together.



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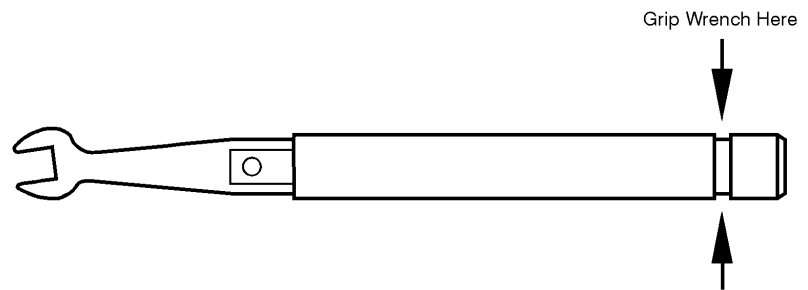
**Figure 3-8 Correct Wrench Position**

Narrow separation of the wrenches produces a small residual lateral force on the structure of connected devices.



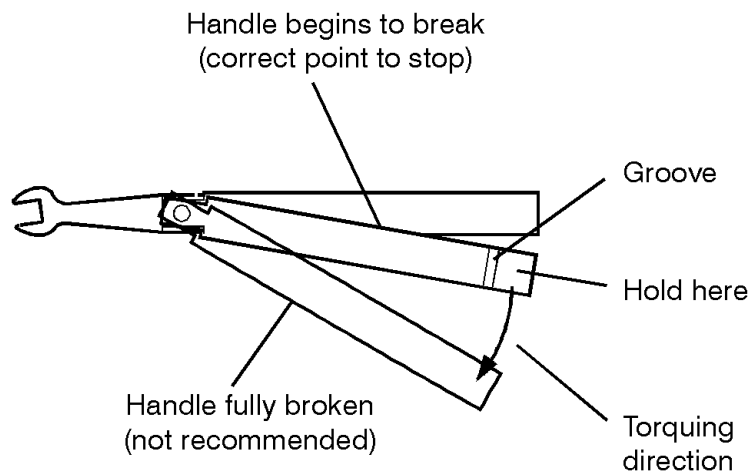
**Figure 3-9 Incorrect Wrench Position**

Wide separation of the wrenches produces a larger residual lateral force on the structure of connected devices. This can *degrade* connector repeatability.



**Figure 3-10** *Where to Hold the Torque Wrench*

3. Hold the torque wrench lightly at the end of the handle *only* (beyond the groove). See [Figure 3-10](#).



**Figure 3-11** *Using the Torque Wrench*

4. Apply force perpendicular to the wrench handle. This applies torque to the connection *through* the wrench.

Do *not* hold the wrench so tightly that you push the handle straight down along its length rather than pivoting it. Doing so may apply an unlimited amount of torque.

5. Tighten the connection just to the torque wrench “break” point (see [Figure 3-11](#)). 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.

Do *not* pivot the wrench handle on your thumb or other fingers, you may apply an unknown amount of torque to the connection when the wrench reaches its “break” point.

Do *not* twist the head of the wrench relative to the outer conductor mating plane. If you do, you will apply more than the recommended torque.

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## Disconnection Procedure

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

1. Use an open-end wrench to prevent the device body from turning.
2. Use another wrench to loosen the connector nut.
3. Complete the disconnection by hand, turning *only* the connector nut.

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### CAUTION

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

4. Pull the connectors straight apart without twisting or bending.

## Handling and Storage

- Store calibration and verification devices with end caps on, in a foam-lined storage case.
- Never store connectors loose in a box, in a desk, or in a 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 the 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.
- When you are not using a connector, use plastic end caps over the mating plane surfaces to keep them clean and protected.



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**Calibration and Verification Devices**

The following section briefly describes the design and construction of all the calibration and verification kit devices.

**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. This construction provides for extremely repeatable connections. The offset opens have inner conductors that are supported by a strong, low dielectric plastic to provide repeatability and reliability. Both the opens and shorts are constructed so that the pin depth can be controlled very tightly, thereby minimizing phase errors. The length of the offset opens are designed so that the difference in phase of their reflection coefficients is approximately 180° at all frequencies, with respect to offset short 3.

Above 50 GHz, the offset short calibration technique is used. Different combinations of offset shorts using three different lengths are used to calibrate frequency ranges from 50 to 75 GHz and from 75 to 110 GHz. The calibration coefficients for these offset shorts are optimized for their applicable bandwidths.

**Offset Shorts (3 rings)**

The offset shorts with three rings have three sets of calibration coefficients. The lowband and broadband sets are optimized over the frequency range of DC to 50 GHz. The highband optimized over the 50 to 110 GHz frequency range. Again, female and male devices have different coefficients.

**Verification Devices**

The verification devices are designed to provide S-parameter measurement comparisons over a broad range of signal levels. The matched thru (adapter) checks the system performance for low loss and low reflection characteristics. The mismatch thru (adapter) checks the system performance over the medium to high reflection and medium loss ranges. The verification devices in this kit are not totally a pass or fail system, but should be considered probability indicators.

## Adapters

Like the other devices in your kit, the adapters are built to very tight tolerances. This provides a good performance and ensures stable, repeatable connections. The adapters are designed so that their nominal electrical lengths are the same, this allows them to be used in the calibration procedures for non-insertable devices, but can also be used as connector savers.

## Loads

The loads have been optimized for broadband performance up to 50 GHz. The Load can be combined with the Lossy Delay Line to construct a broadband termination. The Load and Lossy Delay Line combination can be used for such purposes as terminating an unused port on a device-under-test, or a “quick” open/short/load calibration from DC to 110 GHz.

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### NOTE

The best operating region of the load is from DC to 50 GHz. Performance degrades quickly above 50 GHz. For best results, the “lowband load” definition should be used. If desired, an open/short/ broadband load calibration may be performed up to 110 GHz by choosing the broadband load, broadband open and then the broadband Short 3.

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## Network Analyzer Calibrations

To calibrate a Network Analyzer, use the following combinations of standards listed in [Table 4-1](#) (for 1-port calibrations), and [Table 4-2](#) on [page 4-4](#) (for 2-port calibrations) for the best results. For more information refer to [Table 1-1](#) on [page 1-3](#).

### 1-Port Calibrations

**Table 4-1** *1-Port Calibrations*

Frequency Range	Calibration Type	Calibrations Standards	Standard Numbers <sup>1</sup>
File: CK_1MMA1A			
DC to 50 GHz	Open	Open	2, 4
	Short	Short 3	1, 3
	Load	Load	9
50 to 75 GHz	Offset Short	Short 1	12, 16
	Offset Short	Short 3	14, 18
	Offset Short	Short 4	15, 19
75 to 110 GHz	Offset Short	Short 1	12, 16
	Offset Short	Short 2	13, 17
	Offset Short	Short 3	14, 18
File: CK_1MMA1B <sup>2</sup>			
Optional:	Open	Open	6, 8
DC to 110 GHz	Short	Short 3	5, 7
	Load	Load (broadband)	10

- Standard numbers reference the line numbers in the Standard Definitions tables ([Table 8-5](#) on [page 8-6](#), and [Table 8-6](#) on [page 8-7](#)).
- Use calibration constant file CK\_1MMA1B. The performance specifications are *not guaranteed*.

## 2-Port Calibrations

**Table 4-2 2-Port Calibrations**

Frequency Range	Calibration Type	Calibrations Standards	Standard Numbers <sup>1</sup>
File: CK_1MMA1A			
Dc to 50 GHz	Thru	Thru	11
	Reflect	Short 3	5, 7
	Match	Load	21
DC to 50 GHz	Open	Open	2, 4
	Short	Short 3	1, 3
	Load	Load	9
	Thru	Thru	11
50 to 75 GHz	Offset Short	Short 1	12, 16
	Offset Short	Short 3	14, 18
	Offset Short	Short 4	15, 19
	Thru	Thru	11
75to 110 GHz	Offset Short	Short 1	12, 16
	Offset Short	Short 2	13, 17
	Offset Short	Short 3	14, 18
	Thru	Thru	11
File: CK_1MMA1B <sup>2</sup>			
Optional:	Open	Open	2, 4
DC to 110 GHz	Short	Short 3	1, 3
	Load	Load (broadband)	10
	Thru	Thru	11
Optional:	Thru	Thru	11
DC to 110 GHz	Reflect	Short 1	12, 16
	Match	Load (broadband)	21

1. Standard numbers reference the line numbers in the Standard Definitions tables ([Table 8-5 on page 8-6](#), and [Table 8-6 on page 8-7](#)).

2. Use calibration constant file CK\_1MMA1B. Performance specifications are *not guaranteed*.

## Calibration Residual Error Specifications

**Table 4-3** *Residual System Calibration Error Specifications  
 Using the CK\_IMMAIA Calibration Constants File*

Parameter	Cal Method	Frequency Range	Residuals		
			Male	Female	
Directivity	OSL	DC to 2 GHz	30 dB	30 dB	
	OSL	2 to 18 GHz	30 dB	30 dB	
	OSL	18 to 40 GHz	26 dB	26 dB	
	OSL	40 to 50 GHz	24 dB	24 dB	
	SSS	50 to 75 GHz	32 dB	28 dB	
	SSS	75 to 110 GHz	30 dB	26 dB	
	TRM	DC to 2 GHz	30 dB	30 dB	
	TRM	2 to 18 GHz	30 dB	30 dB	
	TRM	18 to 40 GHz	26 dB	26 dB	
	TRM	40 to 50 GHz	24 dB	24 dB	
	Source Match	OSL	DC to 2 GHz	27 dB	27 dB
		OSL	2 to 18 GHz	27 dB	27 dB
		OSL	18 to 40 GHz	23 dB	23 dB
		OSL	40 to 50 GHz	21 dB	21 dB
SSS		50 to 75 GHz	32 dB	28 dB	
SSS		75 to 110 GHz	30 dB	26 dB	
TRM		DC to 2 GHz	30 dB	30 dB	
TRM		2 to 18 GHz	30 dB	30 dB	
TRM		18 to 40 GHz	26 dB	26 dB	
TRM		40 to 50 GHz	24 dB	24 dB	
Reflection Tracking		OSL	DC to 2 GHz	0.05 dB	0.1 dB
		OSL	2 to 18 GHz	0.08 dB	0.1 dB
		OSL	18 to 40 GHz	0.1 dB	0.2 dB
		OSL	40 to 50 GHz	0.2 dB	0.25 dB
	SSS	50 to 75 GHz	0.2 dB	0.3 dB	
	SSS	75 to 85 GHz	0.2 dB	0.3 dB	
	SSS	75 to 110 GHz	0.2 dB	0.3 dB	
	TRM	DC to 2 GHz	0.1 dB	0.1 dB	
	TRM	2 to 18 GHz	0.3 dB	0.3 dB	
	TRM	18 to 40 GHz	0.5 dB	0.5 dB	
	TRM	40 to 50 GHz	0.7 dB	0.7 dB	

**Table 4-4** *Typical Residual Calibration Error Specifications  
Using the Broadband CK\_IMMA1B Calibration Constants File*

Parameter	Cal Method	Frequency Range	Residuals	
			Male	Female
Directivity	OSL	DC to 2 GHz	25 dB	25 dB
	OSL	2 to 18 GHz	20 dB	20 dB
	OSL	18 to 50 GHz	20 dB	20 dB
	OSL	50 to 110 GHz	18 dB	18 dB
	TRM	DC to 2 GHz	25 dB	25 dB
	TRM	2 to 18 GHz	20 dB	20 dB
	TRM	18 to 50 GHz	20 dB	20 dB
	TRM	50 to 110 GHz	18 dB	18 dB
Source Match	OSL	DC to 2 GHz	27 dB	27 dB
	OSL	2 to 18 GHz	27 dB	27 dB
	OSL	18 to 50 GHz	23 dB	23 dB
	OSL	50 to 110 GHz	21 dB	21 dB
	TRM	DC to 2 GHz	25 dB	25 dB
	TRM	2 to 18 GHz	20 dB	20 dB
	TRM	18 to 50 GHz	20 dB	20 dB
	TRM	50 to 110 GHz	18 dB	18 dB
Reflection Tracking	OSL	DC to 2 GHz	0.2 dB	0.2 dB
	OSL	2 to 18 GHz	0.3 dB	0.4 dB
	OSL	18 to 50 GHz	0.4 dB	0.6 dB
	OSL	50 to 110 GHz	0.6 dB	1.0 dB
	TRM	DC to 2 GHz	0.03 dB	0.03 dB
	TRM	2 to 18 GHz	0.09 dB	0.09 dB
	TRM	18 to 50 GHz	0.09 dB	0.09 dB
	TRM	50 to 110 GHz	0.15 dB	0.15 dB

## Loading Broadband SOLT Standards

The broadband SOLT standards are an alternative to (rather than a part of) the set of standards listed in [Table 1-1 on page 1-3](#). The calibration data disk supplied with this kit contains two separate files:

- **CK\_1MMA1A** - This file contains the recommended standards for calibration. This is the cal kit definition which supports the specified performance.
- **CK\_1MMA1B** - This file contains definitions which allow a full frequency broadband calibration using SOLT standards. It is included for convenience only and is not supported in the specifications.

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### Loading Calibration Constants

Use the following procedure to load the calibration constants into 8510 memory.

1. Insert the calibration constants disk into the 8510 disk drive.
2. Press **DISC**.
3. Select **LOAD**.
  - ▲ The analyzer displays **SELECT DATA TYPE TO LOAD**.
4. Select **CAL KIT 1** or **CAL KIT 2**.
  - ▲ The analyzer displays **USE KNOB OR STEP KEYS TO SELECT A FILE**.
5. Select **CK\_1MMA1A** from the display menu. (This is the recommended choice for most users), or **CK\_1MMA1B** from the display menu, (refer to [“Loading Broadband SOLT Standards” on page 4-7](#) for more information).
6. Select **LOAD FILE**. This loads the calibration constants into the memory of the network analyzer. When the file is loaded a screen message will indicate the process is complete.
7. Remove the disk from the 8510 disk drive.



## Duplicating A Calibration Constants Disk

Use the following procedure to make a backup copy of the calibration constants disk on an 8510 network analyzer. If you are using a different network analyzer, or are using an external disk drive, refer to the network analyzer documentation.

1. Load the original calibration constants disk (see previous procedure).
2. Initialize a blank disk:
  - ▲ Insert the disk into the disk drive of the 8510.
  - ▲ Press **DISC**
3. Select:
  - ▲ **STORAGE IS INTERNAL**
  - ▲ **SETUP DISC**
  - ▲ **INITIALIZE DISC**
  - ▲ **YES**
4. With an initialized disk in the 8510 disk drive, transfer the calibration constants:
  - ▲ Press **DISC**
  - ▲ **STORE**
5. Select:
  - ▲ **CAL KIT/1-2**
  - ▲ **CAL KIT/\*1 or CAL KIT/\*2**
  - ▲ Select the appropriate data type.
6. Remove, write protect, and label the disk.

## Performing A Calibration

### Using a Network Analyzer

With the calibration constants loaded, set up the network analyzer for the appropriate frequency range, step size, and averaging.

1. Set the desired frequency range using the STIMULUS keys.

2. Set the desired frequency step size using

- ▲ STIMULUS
- ▲ MENU
- ▲ STEP

or the desired number of points, using

- ▲ STIMULUS
- ▲ MENU
- ▲ NUMBER OF POINTS

3. Set the desired averaging value by using the following.

- ▲ RESPONSE
- ▲ MENU
- ▲ AVERAGING ON/restart

4. To be sure that the system impedance is set to 50Ω press:

- ▲ CAL
- ▲ MORE
- ▲ SET Z0

if the display does not read 50.0Ω, press:

- ▲ 5
- ▲ 0
- ▲ X1

5. Press:

- ▲ CAL
- ▲ CAL 1 or
- ▲ CAL 2

6. Select a calibration type from the menu. The calibration options are available as softkeys on the display. As selections are made, more softkeys will appear.

7. Follow the prompts on the display, or refer to the *8510 Operating Manual* for more information.

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## Connecting the Calibration Standards

Determine which calibration standards are appropriate for the frequency range being calibrated see [Table 1-1 on page 1-3](#) for “Calibration Techniques and Standards”.

1. Starting from the top down, connect the first standard that is appropriate.
2. Select the softkey associated with the standard and wait until the standard softkey name is underlined.
3. If the standard previously used is still needed, repeat step 2 until all of the standards have been measured and are underlined. If the standard previously used is not needed, disconnect it and proceed to step 4.

When all appropriate standards on the menu have been measured and are underlined, select *DONE* or *SAVE* (softkey at the bottom of the menu).

- a. If the menu includes a *DONE* softkey, this indicates that the sub-menu is complete but the calibration as a whole is not. Selecting this softkey leads back to the calibration menu that still needs to be completed.
- b. If the menu includes a *SAVE* softkey, no other calibration sub-menus are required to complete the calibration. Selecting this softkey saves the calibration.

## Examining Calibration Constants

Use the following procedure to examine the calibration constants of a short. To examine the calibration constants of a different standard, substitute the standard number in step 3 with the standard number of the device you want to examine. For example, to examine the calibration constants for an open, press 2, then press x1. See [Table 8-2 on page 8-3](#) for the standard numbers.

1. Press **CAL**.
2. Select:
  - ▲ **MORE**
  - ▲ **MODIFY 1** or
  - ▲ **MODIFY 2** (depending on where the calibration constants are loaded)
  - ▲ **DEFINE STANDARD**
3. Press:
  - ▲ **1**
  - ▲ **x1** (the calibration standard number). The softkey **SHORT** is underlined.
4. Select:
  - ▲ **SHORT L0, L1, L2, L3** (the analyzer displays the value of each L-term as the softkeys are selected).
  - ▲ **SPECIFY OFFSET**
  - ▲ **OFFSET DELAY** (the analyzer displays the value).
  - ▲ **OFFSET LOSS** (the analyzer displays the value).
  - ▲ **OFFSET Z0** (the analyzer displays the value).
  - ▲ **MINIMUM FREQUENCY** (the analyzer displays the minimum frequency).
  - ▲ **MAXIMUM FREQUENCY** (the analyzer displays the maximum frequency). The softkey **COAX** is underlined.
5. Select:
  - ▲ **PRIOR MENU**
  - ▲ **LABEL STD**
  - ▲ **SHORT** is displayed on the analyzer (in the upper left corner of the display).
6. Press:
  - ▲ **PRIOR MENU** three times. The top softkey is **DEFINE STANDARD**.
  - ▲ **ENTRY OFF**

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## Changing Calibration Constants

Use the following procedure to change the calibration constants of a short. To change the calibration constants of a different standard, substitute the standard number in step 3 with the standard number of the device you want to change. For example, to change the calibration constants for an open, press 2, then press x1. See [Table 8-5 on page 8-6](#) for the standard numbers.

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### NOTE

Agilent Technologies provides this procedure for users who wish to customize standards definitions for their own special purposes. Customers who do this need to be aware that doing so may invalidate the published specifications of their network analyzer.

1. Press **CAL**
2. Select:
  - ▲ **MORE**
  - ▲ **MODIFY 1** or
  - ▲ **MODIFY 2** (depending on where the calibration constants are loaded).
  - ▲ **DEFINE STANDARD**
3. Press:
  - ▲ **1**
  - ▲ **x1** (the calibration standard number). The softkey **SHORT** is underlined.
4. Select:
  - ▲ **SHORT**
  - ▲ **L0** enter the new L-term value.
  - ▲ Do the same for **L1**, **L2** and **L3**.
  - ▲ **SPECIFY OFFSET**
  - ▲ **OFFSET DELAY** enter the new offset delay.
  - ▲ **OFFSET LOSS** enter the new offset loss.
  - ▲ **OFFSET Z0** enter the new  $Z_0$ .
  - ▲ **MINIMUM FREQUENCY** enter the new minimum frequency.
  - ▲ **MAXIMUM FREQUENCY** enter the new maximum frequency. The softkey **COAX** is underlined.

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5. Select:

- ▲ **PRIOR MENU**
- ▲ **LABEL STD SHORT** is displayed on the analyzer (in the upper left corner of the display).
- ▲ Modify the label as desired.

6. Select:

- ▲ **TITLE DONE**
- ▲ **STD DONE (DEFINED)**

7. Relabel the kit select:

- ▲ **LABEL KIT** and follow the instructions on the analyzer. You can enter a total of 10 characters.

8. Select:

- ▲ **TITLE DONE**

### System Verification

After installation of the system is complete, a performance verification is necessary to assure proper system operation. The initial verification is included with the installation of your system, but it is necessary to perform system verification at regular intervals. Included with this kit are a matched thru adapter and a mismatched thru adapter for use in system verification. For more information on system verification see the *8510 Network Analyzer Operating and Service System Manual*.

### Calibration Kit Verification

The performance of your calibration and verification kit can only be verified by returning the kit to Agilent Technologies for recertification. The equipment and calibration standards required to verify the specification limits of the devices inside this kit have been specially manufactured, and are not commercially available. Agilent recognizes its responsibility to provide you with procedures to reconfirm the published specifications of any product offered. That commitment applies equally to the 85059A 1.0 mm calibration and verification kit.

### What Recertification Provides

The following will be provided with a recertified kit:

- New calibration sticker affixed to the case
- Certificate of Calibration
- List of NIST (United States National Institute of Standards and Technology) traceable numbers
- A calibration report for each device in this kit listing measured values, specifications, and uncertainties.

For more information, contact the nearest Agilent Technologies office (sales and service offices are listed in the front of this manual).

### How Often to Recertify

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

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**NOTE**

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In some cases, the first time a kit is used after being recertified occurs some time after the actual recertification date. The recertification interval should begin on the date the kit is *first* used.

**Where to Send a Kit for Recertification**

Contact the sales and service office nearest you for information on where to send your kit for recertification (offices are listed in the front of this manual). When you return the kit, fill out and attach a service tag. (Refer to [Table on page 6-1](#)).

**How Agilent Technologies Verifies Devices in this Kit**

The appropriate test system is calibrated, and then verified using precision standards that were thoroughly characterized mechanically and electrically. High frequency electrical parameters are compared to airlines, and offset shorts. Low frequency parameters are compared to DC resistance, and low frequency capacitance standards. These reference standards provide the most direct path to fundamental standards, and the lowest possible uncertainties. The resistance and capacitance are directly traceable to NIST (United States National Institute of Standards and Technology).



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## Troubleshooting

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If you suspect a bad calibration, or if your network analyzer does not pass performance verification, follow the steps in [Figure 6-1 on page 6-2](#).

### Returning a Kit or Device to Agilent Technologies

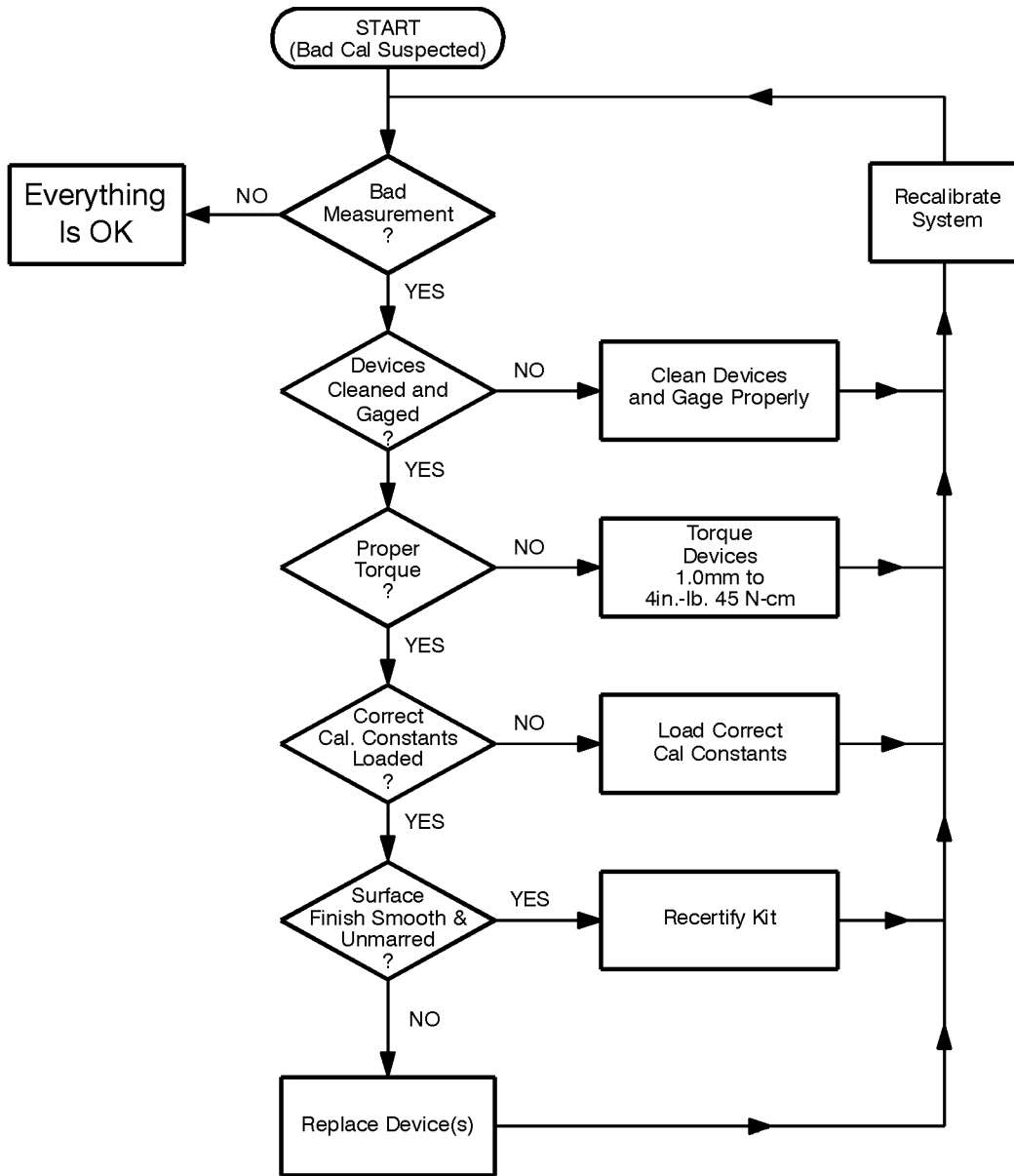
If your kit or device requires service, contact the Agilent Technologies office nearest you for information on where to send it (sales and service offices are listed in the front of this manual). When you send the kit or device to Agilent Technologies, include a service tag (found at the end of this 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.
- If you are returning a complete kit, include the model number and serial number.
- If you are returning one or more devices, include the part numbers and serial numbers.
- Indicate the type of service required.
- Include any applicable information.

### Where To Look For More Information

This manual contains limited information about network analyzer system operation. For complete information, refer to the instrument documentation.

If you need additional information, contact your local Agilent Technologies representatives. Sales and service offices are listed at the front of this manual.



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**Figure 6-1 Troubleshooting Flowchart**

## Replaceable Parts

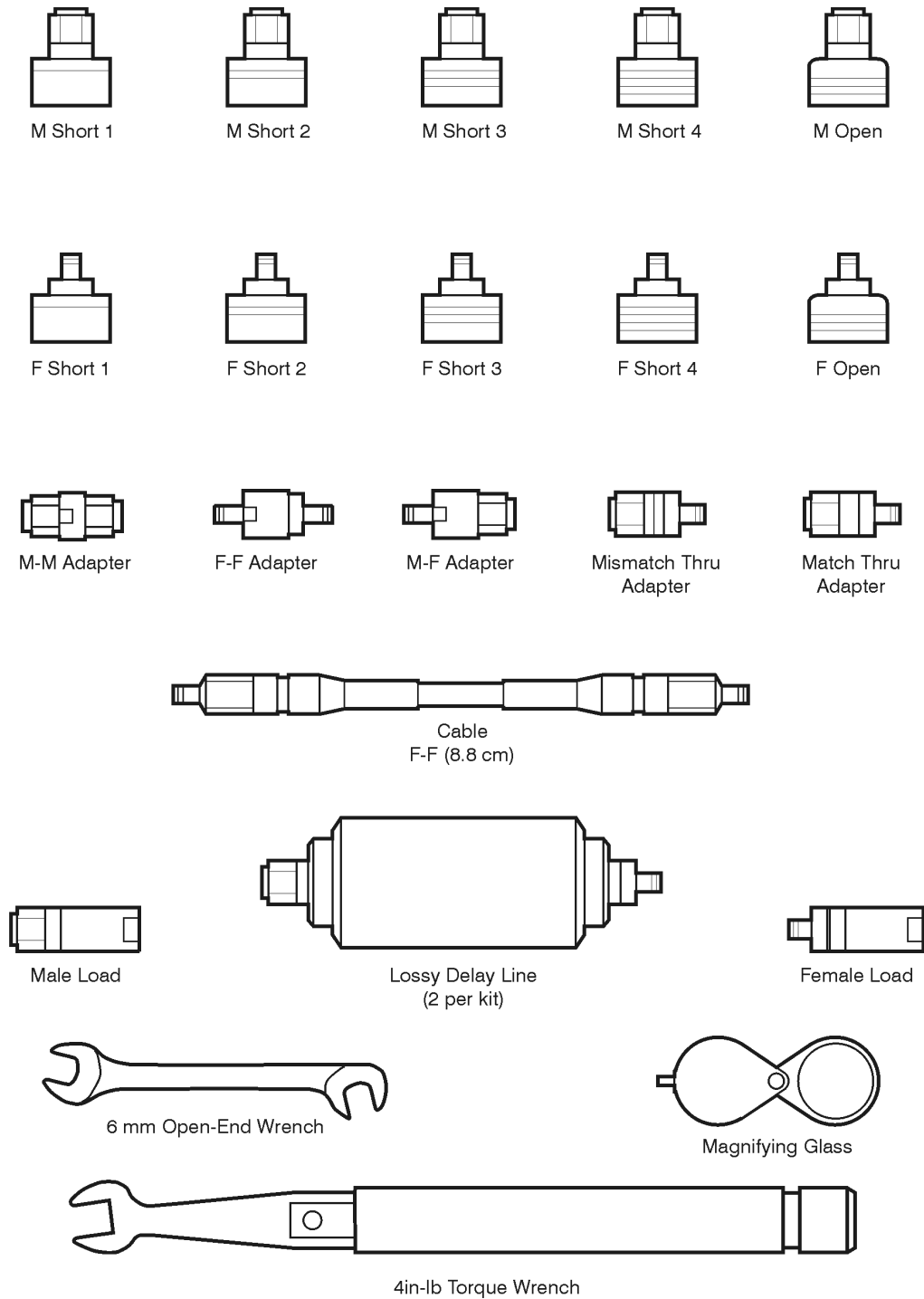
The following replaceable parts table lists the replacement part numbers for the 85059A calibration and verification kit contents. To order a listed part, note the description, part number, and the quantity desired. Telephone or send your order to the nearest Agilent Technologies sales and service office (listed in the front of this manual).

**Table 7-1 Replaceable Parts**

Description	Qty Per Kit	Replaceable Part Number
<b>Calibration Devices</b>		
<b>Shorts:</b>		
M Short 3	1	85059-60003
F Short 3	1	85059-60007
M Short 4	1	85059-60004
F Short 4	1	85059-60008
M Short 2	1	85059-60002
F Short 2	1	85059-60006
M Short 1	1	85059-60001
F Short 1	1	85059-60005
<b>Opens:</b>		
Male Open	1	85059-60009
Female Open	1	85059-60010
<b>Loads:</b>		
Male Load	1	85059-60019
Female Load	1	85059-60020
Lossy Delay Line	2	85059-60021
<b>Adapters:</b>		
Male to Male Adapter	1	11920-60001
Female to Female Adapter	1	11920-60002
Male to Female Adapter	1	11920-60003
<b>Cables:</b>		
Female to Female Cable (8.8 cm)	1	11500-60001

**Table 7-1 Replaceable Parts (Continued)**

Description	Qty Per Kit	Replaceable Part Number
<b>Verification Devices</b>		
Mismatched Thru Adapter	1	85059-60016
Matched Thru Adapter	1	85059-60017
<b>Wrenches</b>		
6 mm 4 in-lb Torque	1	8710-2079
6 mm Open-end	1	8710-2156
<b>Miscellaneous Items</b>		
Calibration Data Disc	1	85059-10002
Verification Data Disc	1	08510-10033
Verification Disk	1	85059-10004
Disk Holder	1	5180-8491
Operating and Service Manual	1	85059-90003
Plastic Box	1	1540-1218
Cleaning Swabs	1	9300-1745
10X Magnifying Glass	1	1000-1114
<b>Items Not Included In Kit</b>		
Blank Disk (for data backup)		9164-0166
Isopropyl Alcohol (30 ml)		8500-5344
Grounding Wrist Strap		9300-1367
5 Foot Grounding Cord (for wrist strap)		9300-0980
2 x 4 Foot Conductive Table Mat and 15 ft Ground Wire		9300-0797
ESD Heel Strap (for conductive floors)		9300-1126



Included in 85059A Cal Kit but not shown:  
 Calibration Data Disk  
 Verification Disk  
 Cleaning Swabs

**Figure 7-1 Replaceable Parts**

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### Electrical Characteristics

#### Standard Class Assignments

The class assignment forms (Table 8-2 on page 8-3) organize calibration standards into a format compatible with the error models used in measurement calibration. A class or group of classes corresponds to the systematic errors to be removed from the measured network analyzer response.

#### 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 definition tables list typical calibration kit parameters used by the 8510 and specify the mathematical model of each device.

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#### NOTE

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The values in the standard class assignments, and in the standard definitions tables are valid *only* over the specified operating temperature range.

#### Setting System Impedance

Ensure the system impedance ( $Z_0$ ) is set to the same value as the standards being used. This kit contains only 50 $\Omega$  devices. For use with the 8510 do the following:

1. Press:
  - ▲ CAL
  - ▲ MORE
  - ▲ SET Z0
2. Observe the display to determine *current* system impedance.
3. If it is not 50 $\Omega$ , press:
  - ▲ 5
  - ▲ 0
  - ▲ x1

## Version Changes

Class assignments and standard definitions may change as more accurate model and calibration methods are developed. The disk shipped with your kit is for use with the 8510 and will contain the most recent version.

**Table 8-1** *Standard Class Assignments for the 8510 Network Analyzer*

Calibration Kit Label: 1.00 mm A.1A Disk File Name: CK_1MMKA1A										
Class	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Standard Class Label		
S <sub>11</sub> A	2	14	4	18				Open/Short		
S <sub>11</sub> B	1	12	3	16				Short		
S <sub>11</sub> C	9	15	13	19	17			Load/Short		
S <sub>22</sub> A	2	14	4	18				Open/Short		
S <sub>22</sub> B	1	12	3	16				Short		
S <sub>22</sub> C	9	15	13	19	17			Load/Short		
Forward Transmission	11								Thru	
Reverse Transmission	11								Thru	
Forward Match	11								Thru	
Reverse Match	11								Thru	
Forward Isolation <sup>1</sup>	10								Load	
Reverse Isolation	10								Load	
Frequency Response	5	6	7	8	11			Response		
TRL Thru	11								Thru	
TRL Reflect	5	7						Short		
TRL Line	21								Match	
Adapter	20								Adapter	
TRL Option										
Cal Z <sub>0</sub> :	_X_ System Z <sub>0</sub>			___ Line Z <sub>0</sub>						
Set Ref:	_X_ Thru			___ Reflect						
Lowband Frequency:	___0___									

1. Forward isolation standard is also used for isolation part of response and isolation calibration.

The following table is for the standard class assignments using the “quick” broadband SOLT cal. The performance specifications are not guaranteed for the “Quick” calibration using file CK\_1MMA1B.

**Table 8-2 Standard Class Assignments for the 8510 Network Analyzer**

Calibration Kit Label: 1.00 mm A.1B Disk File Name: CK_1MMKA1B								
Class	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Standard Class Label
S <sub>11</sub> A	2	4						Open
S <sub>11</sub> B	1	3						Short
S <sub>11</sub> C	10							Load
S <sub>22</sub> A	2	4						Open
S <sub>22</sub> B	1	3						Short
S <sub>22</sub> C	10							Load
Forward Transmission	11							Thru
Reverse Transmission	11							Thru
Forward Match	11							Thru
Reverse Match	11							Thru
Forward Isolation <sup>1</sup>	10							Load
Reverse Isolation	10							Load
Frequency Response	2	4	1	3	11			Response
TRL Thru	11							Thru
TRL Reflect	12	16						Short
TRL Line	21							Load
Adapter	20							Adapter
TRL Option								
Cal Z <sub>0</sub> :	_X_ System Z <sub>0</sub>			___ Line Z <sub>0</sub>				
Set Ref:	_X_ Thru			___ Reflect				
Lowband Frequency:	___0___							

1. Forward isolation standard is also used for isolation part of response and isolation calibration.



**Table 8-3 Standard Class Assignments Blank Form**

Calibration Kit Label: _____									
Disk File Name: _____									
Class	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Standard Class Label	
S <sub>11</sub> A									Open/Short
S <sub>11</sub> B									Shorts
S <sub>11</sub> C									Load/Short
S <sub>22</sub> A									Open/Short
S <sub>22</sub> B									Short
S <sub>22</sub> C									Load/Short
Forward Transmission									Thru
Reverse Transmission									Thru
Forward Match									Thru
Reverse Match									Thru
Forward Isolation <sup>1</sup>									Load
Reverse Isolation									Load
Frequency Response									Response
TRL Thru									Thru
TRL Reflect									Short
TRL Line									Load
Adapter									Adapter
TRL Option									
Cal Z <sub>0</sub> :	____ System Z <sub>0</sub>			____ Line Z <sub>0</sub>					
Set Ref:	____ Thru			____ Reflect					
Lowband Frequency: _____									

1. Forward isolation standard is also used for isolation part of response and isolation calibration.

**Table 8-4 Standard Class Assignments Blank Form**

Calibration Kit Label: _____									
Disk File Name: _____									
Class	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	Standard Class Label	
S <sub>11</sub> A									Open
S <sub>11</sub> B									Short
S <sub>11</sub> C									Load
S <sub>22</sub> A									Open
S <sub>22</sub> B									Short
S <sub>22</sub> C									Load
Forward Transmission								Thru	
Reverse Transmission								Thru	
Forward Match								Thru	
Reverse Match								Thru	
Forward Isolation <sup>1</sup>								Load	
Reverse Isolation								Load	
Frequency Response								Response	
TRL Thru								Thru	
TRL Reflect								Short	
TRL Line								Load	
Adapter								Adapter	
TRL Option									
Cal Z <sub>0</sub> :		_____ System Z <sub>0</sub>			_____ Line Z <sub>0</sub>				
Set Ref:		_____ Thru			_____ Reflect				
Lowband Frequency: _____									

1. Forward isolation standard is also used for isolation part of response and isolation calibration.

Table 8-5 Standard Definitions for the 8510 Network Analyzer

Calibration Kit Label: 1.00mmA.1A Disk File Name: CK_1MMA1A													
STANDARD <sup>1</sup>		C0 X10 <sup>-15</sup> F	C1 X10 <sup>-27</sup> F/Hz	C2 X10 <sup>-36</sup> F/Hz <sup>2</sup>	C3 X10 <sup>-45</sup> F/Hz <sup>3</sup>	Fixed <sup>2</sup> or Sliding	OFFSET			FREQ <sup>3</sup> (GHz)		COAX or WG	STANDARD LABEL <sup>4</sup>
NO	TYPE	L0 X10 <sup>-12</sup> H	L1 X10 <sup>-24</sup> H/Hz	L2 X10 <sup>-33</sup> H/Hz <sup>2</sup>	L3 X10 <sup>-42</sup> H/Hz <sup>3</sup>		Delay ps	Zo Ω	LOSS G Ω/s	MIN	MAX		
1	Short	3.2053	-171.65	3.3888	-0.0208		8.149	50.0	7.74	0	50.50	Coax	(F) Short 3
2	Open	31.579	162.211	-4.0954	0.037		6.575	50.0	7.80	0	50.50	Coax	(F) Open
3	Short	2.419	-21.1901	-0.8034	0.0095		8.149	50.0	7.7	0	50.50	Coax	(M) Short 3
4	Open	29.27	360.024	-8.3672	0.0758		6.575	50.0	8.0	0	50.50	Coax	(M) Open
5	Short	0.2885	40.2472	-0.9816	0.0057		8.149	50.0	7.93	0	999	Coax	(F) Short 3
6	Open	31.043	274.897	-6.6250	0.0539		6.575	50.0	8.0	0	999	Coax	(F) Open
7	Short	4.3065	-156.379	1.9852	-0.0081		8.149	50.0	7.9	0	999	Coax	(M) Short 3
8	Open	28.40	543.356	-11.754	0.0793		6.575	50.0	8.0	0	999	Coax	(M) Open
9	Load					Fixed	0	50.0	0	0	50.50	Coax	50 GHz Load
10	Load					Fixed	0	50.0	0	0	999	Coax	Load
11	Thru						0	50.0	0	0	999	Coax	Thru
12	Short	4.4217	-174.59	2.2083	-0.0084		4.313	50.0	8.0	49.90	999	Coax	(F) Short 1
13	Short	-14.4155	484.395	-5.0055	0.0164		6.064	50.0	8.51	65.0	999	Coax	(F) Short 2
14	Short	1.14	24.8423	-0.9462	0.006		8.149	50.0	8.0	49.90	999	Coax	(F) Short 3
15	Short	3.6474	-113.206	1.1075	-0.0027		9.984	50.0	8.2	49.90	75.1	Coax	(F) Short 4
16	Short	-0.9209	107.672	-1.553	0.0057		4.313	50.0	8.0	49.90	999	Coax	(M) Short 1
17	Short	11.2987	-384.343	3.251	-0.009		6.064	50.0	8.55	65.0	999	Coax	(M) Short 2
18	Short	8.2341	-305.298	3.7762	-0.015		8.149	50.0	8.0	49.90	999	Coax	(M) Short 3
19	Short	45.099	-1988.66	27.99	-0.1258		9.984	50.0	8.23	49.90	75.1	Coax	(M) Short 4
20	Thru						42.50	50.0	7.90	0	999	Coax	Adaptor
21	Load					Fixed	99999	50.0	0	0	50.50	Coax	50 GHz Load

1. Open, short, load, or arbitrary impedance.

2. Load or arbitrary impedance only.

3. For waveguide, lower frequency is same as Fco.

4. The connector sex designations of the calibration standards refer to the sex of the test port.

For example, (F) Open is the female test port open.

Table 8-6 Standard Definitions for the 8510 Network Analyzer

Calibration Kit Label: 1.00mmA.1B Disk File Name: CK_1MMA1B <sup>1</sup>													
STANDARD <sup>2</sup>		C0 X10 <sup>-15</sup> F	C1 X10 <sup>-27</sup> F/Hz	C2 X10 <sup>-36</sup> F/Hz <sup>2</sup>	C3 X10 <sup>-45</sup> F/Hz <sup>3</sup>	Fixed <sup>3</sup> or Sliding	OFFSET			FREQ <sup>4</sup> (GHz)		COAX or WG	STANDARD LABEL <sup>5</sup>
NO	TYPE	L0 X10 <sup>-12</sup> H	L1 X10 <sup>-24</sup> H/Hz	L2 X10 <sup>-33</sup> H/Hz <sup>2</sup>	L3 X10 <sup>-42</sup> H/Hz <sup>3</sup>		Delay ps	Zo Ω	LOSS G Ω/s	MIN	MAX		
1	Short	0.2885	40.2472	-0.9816	0.0057		8.149	50.0	7.93	0	999	Coax	(F) Short 3
2	Open	31.043	274.897	-6.6250	0.0539		6.575	50.0	8.0	0	999	Coax	(F) Open
3	Short	4.3065	-156.379	1.9852	-0.0081		8.149	50.0	7.9	0	999	Coax	(M)F Short 3
4	Open	28.400	543.356	-11.754	0.0793		6.575	50.0	8.0	0	999	Coax	(M) Open
5													
6													
7													
8													
9													
10	Load					Fixed	0	50.0	0	0	999	Coax	Load BB <sup>6</sup>
11	Thru						0	50.0	0	0	999	Coax	Thru
12	Short	0	0	0	0		4.3165	50.0	8.0	0	999	Coax	(F) Short 1
16	Short	0	0	0	0		4.3165	50.0	8.0	0	999	Coax	(M) Short 1
17													
18													
19													
20	Thru						42.50	50.0	7.90	0	999	Coax	Adapter
21	Load					Fixed	99999	50.0	0	0	999	Coax	Load BB <sup>6</sup>

1. This file is used for “quick” calibrations and performance specifications are not guaranteed.

2. Open, short, load, or arbitrary impedance.

3. Load or arbitrary impedance only.

4. For waveguide, lower frequency is same as Fco.

5. The connector sex designations of the calibration standards refer to the sex of the test port.

For example, (F) Open is the female test port open.

6. The broadband load, is a combination of the lossy delay line plus the 50 GHz load.

**Table 8-7 Standard Definitions Blank Form**

Calibration Kit Label: _1.00mmA.1A_ Disk File Name: CK_1MMA1A													
STANDARD <sup>1</sup>		C0 X10 <sup>-15</sup> F	C1 X10 <sup>-27</sup> F/Hz	C2 X10 <sup>-36</sup> F/Hz <sup>2</sup>	C3 X10 <sup>-45</sup> F/Hz <sup>3</sup>	Fixed <sup>2</sup> or Sliding	OFFSET			FREQ <sup>3</sup> (GHz)		COAX or WG	STANDARD LABEL <sup>4</sup>
NO	TYPE	L0 X10 <sup>-12</sup> H	L1 X10 <sup>-24</sup> H/Hz	L2 X10 <sup>-33</sup> H/Hz <sup>2</sup>	L3 X10 <sup>-42</sup> H/Hz <sup>3</sup>		Delay ps	Zo Ω	LOSS G Ω/s	MIN	MAX		
1	Short												(F) Short 3
2	Open												(F) Open
3	Short												(M) Short 3
4	Open												(M) Open
5	Short												(F) Short 3
6	Open												(F) Open
7	Short												(M) Short 3
8	Open												(M) Open
9	Load												Load LB
10	Load												Load BB
11	Thru												Thru
12	Short												(F) Short 1
13	Short												(F) Short 2
14	Short												(F) Short 3
15	Short												(F) Short 4
16	Short												(M) Short 1
17	Short												(M) Short 2
18	Short												(M) Short 3
19	Short												(M) Short 4
20	Thru												Adapter
21	Load												Load

1. Open, short, load, or arbitrary impedance.
2. Load or arbitrary impedance only.
3. For waveguide, lower frequency is same as Fco.
4. The number refers the number of rings around the device.

Table 8-8 Standard Definitions Blank form

Calibration Kit Label: _1.00MMA.1B__														
Disk File Name: CK_1MMA1B <sup>1</sup>														
STANDARD <sup>2</sup>		C0 X10 <sup>-15</sup> F	C1 X10 <sup>-27</sup> F/Hz	C2 X10 <sup>-36</sup> F/Hz <sup>2</sup>	C3 X10 <sup>-45</sup> F/Hz <sup>3</sup>		OFFSET			FREQ <sup>4</sup> (GHz)		COAX or WG	STANDARD LABEL <sup>5</sup>	
NO	TYPE	L0 X10 <sup>-12</sup> H	L1 X10 <sup>-24</sup> H/Hz	L2 X10 <sup>-33</sup> H/Hz <sup>2</sup>	L3 X10 <sup>-42</sup> H/Hz <sup>3</sup>	Fixed <sup>3</sup> or Sliding	Delay ps	Zo Ω	LOSS G Ω/s	MIN	MAX			
1	Short													(F) Short 3
2	Open													(F) Open
3	Short													(M) Short 3
4	Open													(M) Open
5														
6														
7														
8														
9														
10	Load													Load BB <sup>6</sup>
11	Thru													Thru
12	Short													(F) Short 1
13														
14														
15														
16	Short													(M) Short 1
17														
18														
19														
20	Thru													Adapter
21	Load													Load

1. This file is used for “quick” calibrations and performance specifications are not guaranteed.

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