

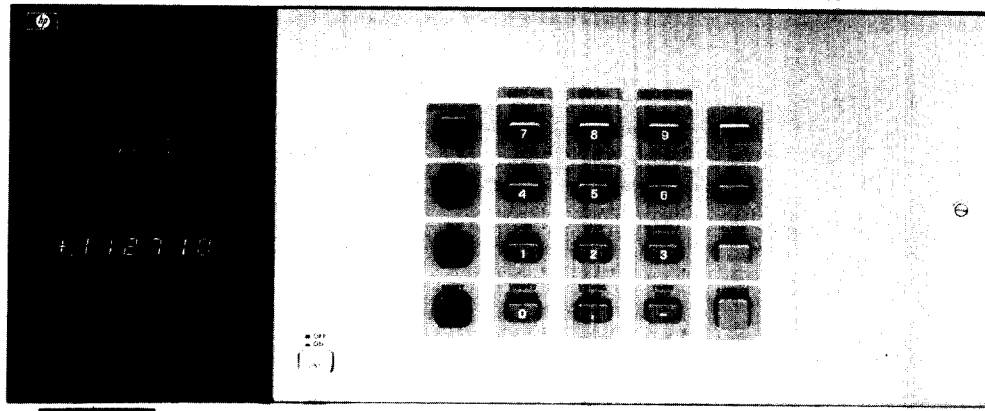
DATA ACQUISITION, CONTROL & TEST

Data Acquisition/Control Unit

HP Model 3497A



- Relay multiplexing
- DVM
- FET multiplexer
- Real time clock
- Bridge completion
- Digital inputs/outputs
- Counter
- Programmable D/As
- Optional RS-232C interface



HP 3497A



Description

The HP 3497A Data Acquisition/Control Unit combines the capabilities of several instruments and is a basic building block of an automatic data acquisition and control system. The HP 3497A will be used in an HP-IB automated system and can be viewed as a precision measurement and control computer peripheral.

The HP 3497A has been designed to be a very versatile and very powerful instrument. A basic HP 3497A consists of a mainframe that includes a front panel keyboard and display, a non-volatile real time clock, and an HP-IB interface. Available as an option is a 5½ digit integrating digital voltmeter and current source that occupies a dedicated slot in the HP 3497A chassis. Capability is added to the HP 3497A by using any combination of plug-in assemblies. Available plug-in assemblies are:

- Relay Multiplexers with or without thermocouple compensation
- FET Multiplexer
- Digital Input/Interrupt
- Counters
- Strain gage/bridge completion
- Actuators
- Programmable voltage and current D/As
- Breadboard Assembly

Up to 5 assemblies can be added to a HP 3497A and the HP 3498A Extender chassis can hold up to 10 more plug-in assemblies.

High Performance

The HP 3497A DVM can resolve 1 microvolt signals and is ideal for the precise measurement of the outputs of thermocouples, strain gauges and other transducers. Included on the DVM is a programmable current source that allows four-terminal resistance measurements. The multiplexer assemblies switch 3 wires (Hi, Lo, and Guard) and add less than 2 microvolts of thermal offset to the measured signal.

Flexible Hardware Configuration

The HP 3497A card cage can hold 5 of any combination of the plug-in assemblies. This allows the multiplexing of up to 100 3-wire inputs to the DVM in a single HP 3497A or a single HP 3497A might contain 60 multiplexer channels, 16 digital inputs, 16 actuator outputs, and a DVM. By using the HP 3498A Extender, up to 1000 analog channels and 1360 digital channels can be controlled, all at a single bus address.

Ease of Use

The HP 3497A keyboard and display make the HP 3497A very easy to use and makes debugging of a HP 3497A based system easy. The calibration adjustments for the HP 3497A DVM are located behind a

hinged front panel; this allows complete calibration of the DVM without removing it from the test rack. Connections to all of the HP 3497A assemblies are made using screw terminals, thereby eliminating the need for soldering.

Automatic Data Acquisition and Control Systems

The HP 3497A is an integral part of the HP 3054A/C Automatic Data Acquisition and Control Systems. The HP 3054A consists of a HP 3456A Digital Voltmeter for high accuracy measurements, a HP 3437A Systems Voltmeter for high speed measurements and an HP 3497A for multiplexing, digital I/O and control. The HP 3054A includes software compatible with the HP 85 and Series 200 computers. The HP 3054C is similar to the HP 3054A but it does not include the 3437A and the software is compatible with the HP 1000 series of computers. The HP 3497A is also a part of the HP 3054 DL data logger.



Real Time Clock

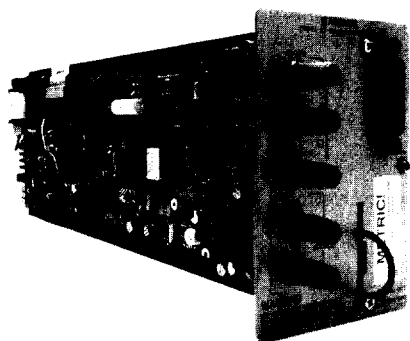
The HP 3497A mainframe includes a quartz-referenced, non-volatile, real-time clock. In addition to providing timing data, the clock can measure elapsed time, interrupt at a presettable time, and output a programmable pulse train.

Clock Format

Month:Day:Hours:Minutes:Seconds (U.S. Format)

Day:Month:Hours:Minutes:Seconds (European Format)

Modes	Max. Time	Resolution	Accuracy
Real Time Mode:	1 year	1 second	±(.005% of time + .1 s)
Elapsed Time Mode:	10 ⁶ seconds	1 second	±(.005% of time + .1 s)
Time Alarm Mode:	24 hours	1 second	±(.005% of time + .1 s)
Time Interval Mode:	24 hours	1 second	±(.005% of time + .1 s)
Timer Output Mode:	1 second	100 μs	±.02% of time



Option 001—5½ Digit DVM and Current Source

The HP 3497A DVM assembly is a systems quality, 5½ digit, 1 microvolt sensitive dc voltmeter. The DVM is fully guarded and uses an integrating A/D conversion technique; this yields excellent common and normal mode noise rejection.

Included on the DVM assembly is a three level programmable current source. The current source, when used simultaneously with the DVM, can be used to make high accuracy four terminal resistance measurements with 1 milliohm resolution. Maximum speed is 300 readings per second in 3½ digit mode.

Voltmeter Specifications

Range	Max. Display	5½ Digit Resolution	Accuracy 90 Days, 23°C ± 5°C 5½ Digits	Input Z
.10 V	±.119999	1 μV	±(.007% RDG + 3 counts)	10 ⁹ Ω
1.0 V	±1.19999	10 μV	±(.006% RDG + 1 count)	10 ⁹ Ω
10.0 V	±11.9999	100 μV	±(.006% RDG + 1 count)	10 ⁹ Ω
100.0 V	±119.999	1 mV	±(.006% RDG + 1 count)	10 ⁹ Ω

Maximum Input Voltage

High to low: 120 V peak
Low to guard: 170 V peak
Guard to chassis: 170 V peak

Current Source

Accuracy: 90 days

Range	23°C ± 5°C
10 μA	2.5 nA
100 μA	25.0 nA
1 mA	250 nA

Compliance: > +15 volts

Isolation voltage: 170 volts peak

General Information

Maximum Reading Rate: (readings/second)

Auto Zero	60 Hz Operation Digits Displayed			50 Hz Operation Digits Displayed		
	5½	4½	3½	5½	4½	3½
ON	25	100	150	20	83	125
OFF	50	200	300	40	166	250

Delay: 0 to 99.9999 seconds in 100 μs steps

Buffer size: packed format: 100 readings; ASCII format: 60 readings

Number of readings per trigger: 1 to 999

Measurement Speeds

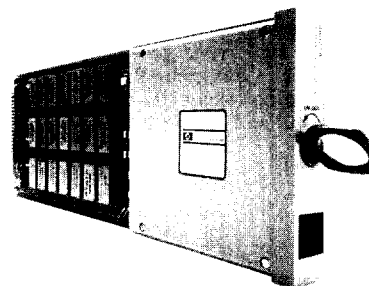
For the HP 3497A DVM and the relay multiplexer, speeds are given for measurements on random channels (using software channel selection) and sequential channels (using external hardware increment). Speeds include I/O times to the indicated computers.

60 Hz Operation (50 Hz operation)

	Number of Digits Selected	85	Computer 9826*	1000L	1000E,F
		Sequential Channels using external increment	5½ digits	39 (33)	39
	4½ digits	97 (88)	103	108 (79)	88 (79)
	3½ digits	112 (107)	123	127 (99)	107 (99)

	Number of Digits Selected	85	Computer 9826*	1000L	1000E,F
		Random Channels using software	5½ digits	13 (11)	27
	4½ digits	14 (11)	51	31 (28)	35 (30)
	3½ digits	14 (11)	55	33 (29)	35 (32)

*9826 speeds for BASIC operating system



Option 010—20 Channel Relay Multiplexer

This assembly uses reed relays to multiplex signals to the DVM or other instruments. Each assembly switches 20 channels, each channel consists of HI, Lo, and Guard lines. Two channels may be closed per assembly and relays may be closed in a random sequence or incremented between programmable limits. The low thermal offset of the relays make it suitable for measuring the outputs of strain gage and other transducers. Each channel can be configured with a filter or current shunt for additional flexibility.

Input Characteristics

Maximum input voltage: < 170 V peak between any two input terminals

Maximum current: 50 mA per channel non-inductive

Maximum power: 1 VA per channel

Thermal offset: direct switched, < 1 μV differential; tree switched, < 2 μV differential

Closed Channel Resistance

In series: 100 Ω ± 10% in High, Lo and Guard

Relays contacts only: < 1 Ω per contact

Open channel isolation: > 10¹⁰ Ω (Hi to Lo, 40°C, < 60% R.H.)

Maximum switch rate: 475/second (using hardware increment)

Rated switch life at 1 VA: 10⁷ operations

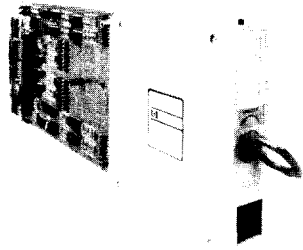
All Relays are Break-Before-Make

Option 020—Relay Multiplexer with Thermocouple Compensation

The option 020 assembly uses the same relay multiplexer as option 010 but incorporates a special isothermal connector block to allow thermocouple compensation. Two types of compensation (selectable by the user) are available. A temperature-dependent voltage is generated for software compensation; this voltage is then used in a computer program to compensate the thermocouple voltage. Hardware compensation involves inserting a voltage in the measurement circuit that automatically compensates the thermocouple voltage.

Reference Junction Compensation Comparison

	Software	Hardware
Compatible Thermocouples	Any mixture	One of the following types: B,E,J,K,R,S,T
Measurement channels available per assembly	19	20
Reference junction compensation accuracy (23°C ± 5°C)	0.1°C	



Option 030—20 Channel FET Multiplexer Assembly

The option 030 assembly is used to multiplex input signals to a DVM in a manner similar to option 010. The option 030 assembly provides high speed, low level multiplexing. Maximum signal levels are 12 volts peak between any high, low or guard input and any other guard input, guard common or chassis ground.

Maximum sequential scanning rate: 4800 readings/s (at 60 Hz) using an HP 3437A Voltmeter and HP Series 200 computer; 4000 readings/s at 50 Hz power.

Bias currents: sourced by either high or low to guard

	0-28°C	28-55°C
Channel closed:	±300 nA	Current doubles
Channel open:	± 15 nA	every 15°C
From each deselected FET assembly:	± 15 nA	above 28°C

Differential offset voltage: includes effects of bias currents and series resistance. Does not include effects of voltmeter bias and noise currents.

	0-28°C	28-55°C
±1.4 mV		Add ±140 μV/°C for each degree above 28°C
±0.15 mV per deselected FET assembly		Add ±15 μV/°C above 28°C for each selected FET assembly

Series resistance for each input: intrinsic resistance of the FET switch (when ON) plus series protection resistor.

	0-55°C
High, low	5500 Ohms
Guard	3500 Ohms

Maximum current: ±1 mA per channel

Option 050—16 Channel Isolated Digital Input/Interrupt

The option 050 assembly can sense up to 16 channels of digital data. The first 8 channels can also be used as interrupt lines to detect transient signals. The assembly can accept a wide range of input levels and all functions and masks are fully programmable. A five-volt supply is provided for driving external contact closures and open collector outputs.

Input Signal Characteristics

Input Level	Low Voltage		High Voltage		Maximum Input Voltage Between High & Low Terminals	Minimum Input Current
	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum		
5 V	0.8 V	2.4 V	30 V	400 μA		
12 V	3.0 V	7.0 V	42 V	1 mA		
24 V	6.0 V	13.0 V	42 V	2 mA		

Maximum voltage: ±170 V peak between any terminal and chassis

Logic polarity: positive true (negative true is jumper selectable)

Interrupt Mode (bits 0-7)

Minimum pulse width: 100 microseconds

Triggering: each interrupt line is individually programmable for positive or negative edge triggering.

Masking: each interrupt line may be enabled or disabled using a programmable mask.

Option 060—100 kHz Reciprocal Counter

This option can be used to measure mechanical and low frequency electronic signals. The counter can measure the period of signals up to 100 kHz and the pulse width of signals down to 18 μs. The counter can also count up or down from a programmable start point. It can accept a wide variety of input signals including CMOS, open collector TTL and passive contact closures.

Input Signal Characteristics Input Levels

Input Level Range	V(Lo) (Maximum)		V(Hi) (Minimum)	
	Isolated	Non-iso	Isolated	Non-iso
5 V	1.0 V	1.0 V	4.2 V	4.2 V
12 V	1.8 V	2.7 V	10.3 V	8.0 V
24 V	2.6 V	6.0 V	18.4 V	16.5 V

(5 V level is standard, 12 and 24 volt levels are jumper selectable. Other voltages can be accepted using customer supplied resistors.)

Input circuit: switch selection of optically isolated or non-isolated input. Non-isolated input has 19.5 kΩ minimum input impedance.

Maximum isolation voltage: 170 V peak between any terminal and ground. Isolated mode only.

Period Mode

Maximum input frequency: 100 kHz

Minimum on time: 5 μs

Minimum off time: 5 μs

Range Characteristics

Range	Least Significant Digit (LSD)	
	HP-IB	Display
9999.999 s	1 ms	10 ms
99.99999 s	10 μs	100 μs
0.9999999 s	100 ns	1 μs
.09999999 s	10 ns	1 μs

Accuracy: ±(0.1% of reading + 2 LSDs + Trigger Error)

Pulse Width

Minimum start to stop time: (pulse width): 18 μs

Minimum stop to start time: 18 μs

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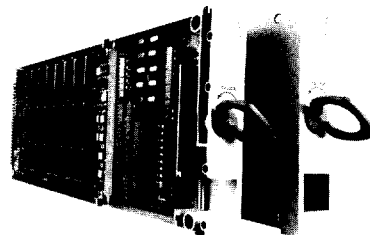
Accuracy: ±(0.1% of reading + Trigger Error + (2 LSDs or 18 μs, whichever is greater)).

Totalize/Down Count Mode

Maximum input frequency: 100 kHz

Minimum pulse width: 5 μs

Range: 0 to 999,999



Option 070—120 Ohm Strain Gage/Bridge Completion Assembly

Option 071—350 Ohm Strain Gage/Bridge Completion Assembly



The option 070/071 assemblies may be used to provide bridge completion for measuring strain gages, RTDs pressure sensors and load cells. Each card uses an internal shared half bridge and can complete 10 channels of ¼ and ½ and full bridges in any combination. When used with a +5 V excitation supply (such as the HP 6214A) and the HP 3497A DVM, the assembly provides 0.1 μ E sensitivity with 1 μ E accuracy. Provisions are made for shunt calibration and checking gage leakage and lead resistance.

Specifications

Bridge Type	Sensitivity (excitation voltage at 5 volts)		Accuracy	
	HP 3497A DVM	HP 3456A DVM	Range at Best Resolution	90 Day 23°C \pm 5°C
¼	.4 μ E	.04 μ E	42400 μ E	25 μ E
½	.2 μ E	.02 μ E	21200 μ E	5 μ E
Full	.1 μ E	.01 μ E	9500 μ E	1 μ E

Excitation Supply Requirements

V max: 5.4 Vdc; **I (out):** 250 mA per 10 channels (120 ohm gages)

Option 110—16 Channel Actuator

Option 115—8 Channel High Voltage Actuator

Option 110 consists of 16 mercury wetted form C (single pole-double throw) relays. Each relay can be individually closed and can switch 1A at 100V. The actuator assembly can be used to switch test fixture power or to actuate alarm bells. This flexibility of this assembly allows it to be used as a digital output or matrix switch.

Option 115 is an 8 channel high voltage actuator assembly that can switch voltages up to 252 Vrms and currents up to 2 amperes. The Option 115 assembly is ideal for switching power line voltages to small motors, alarm bells and lights, motor starters and solenoids.

Option 110 and 115 Specifications

	Option 110	Option 115
Switch Form	C	A
Contact Type	Mercury Wetted	Dry
Number of channels	16	8
Maximum Voltage	100 V Peak	252 Vrms 48 Vdc
Maximum Current	1 A	2 Arms or dc
Maximum Power	100 VA	500 VA ac 60 VA dc

Option 120—Dual Voltage D/A

Option 130—Dual Current D/A

Option 120 consists of two 0 to \pm 10 V programmable voltage sources. These sources can be used to provide a programmable test stimulus or to control voltage programmed devices like power supplies and VCOs.

Option 130 consists of two 0 to 20 mA or 4 to 20 mA programmable current sources. These sources, especially when using the 4 to 20 mA range, can be used as transmitters in industrial current loops and can drive up to 600 ohms of total loop resistance.

Option 120 Specifications

Output: 13 bits including polarity

Least significant bit: 2.5 mV

Output range: -10.2375 V to +10.2375 V

90 day accuracy: \pm 0.070% of programmed value \pm 4.0 mV

Maximum output current: 15 mA (output within specifications)

Option 130 Specifications

Output: 12 bits

Least significant bit: 5 μ A (0 to 20 mA range)
4 μ A (4 to 20 mA range)

Output range: 0 to 20.475 mA or 4 to 20.380 mA (each source jumper selectable)

90 day accuracy: \pm 0.07% of programmed value \pm 10.0 μ A

Compliance voltage: 12.0 volts

Option 140 Breadboard Card

Option 140 is a breadboard card compatible with the HP 3497A cardcage. Using this card, HP 3497A users can construct special purpose assemblies that communicate with the HP 3497A backplane.

Option 232—RS232C Interface

Option 232 to the HP 3497A deletes the standard HP-IB interface and adds an RS232C (CCITT/V.24) compatible interface. The option 232 interface is also compatible with the new RS423 (CCITT/V.10) version of the RS449 interface.

The option 232 interface allows you to remotely locate the 3497A. HP technical brochure part number 5952-8884 contains additional information on HP 3497A option 232.

Option 298—HP 3498A Extender

The HP 3498A Extender chassis allows low cost expansion of HP 3497A-based systems. Each HP 3498A can hold up to ten HP 3497A plug-in assemblies. Use of one or more HP 3498As requires a HP 3497A (for control); all required connecting cables are supplied with the HP 3498A.

Number of slots per HP 3498A: 10

Maximum number of added analog multiplexer channels (options 010, 020): 900 channels (45 assemblies)

Maximum number of added non-analog acquisition assemblies (options 050, 060, 110, 120, 130): 85 assemblies

Maximum number of HP 3498As per HP 3497A: 13

General

HP-IB Interface functions: SH1, AH1, T5, L4, SR1, R1, PP0, DC1, DT1, C0, E1

Size (HP 3497A or HP 3498A): 190.5 mm H x 428.6 mm W x 520.7 mm D (7½" x 16¾" x 20½")

Net weight: HP 3497A, 20.4 kg (45 lb) and 3498A, 20.4 kg (45 lb) with assemblies in all slots.

Shipping weight: HP 3497A and HP 3498A maximum with assemblies in all slots are 26.3 kg (58 lb.)

Operating temperature: 0°C to 55°C

Non-operating temperature: -40°C to 75°C

Humidity: to 95% at 40°C except as noted

Operating power: switch selection of 110, 120, 220 and 240 volts \pm 10%, 48-66 Hz, 150 VA 3497A and 3498A.

Ordering Information

Price

Each HP 3497A can hold one DVM assembly (Opt 001) and up to 5 plug-in assemblies. Each HP 3498A (Opt 298) can hold 10 additional plug-ins. To order plug-ins without a mainframe, order as 444XXX Field Installation Kits as shown below.

Required on Every Order:

- A Clock Format (Option 230 or 231)
- A Power Line Frequency and Voltage (Options 315 through 346)

Opt 001 or 44420A: 5½ Digit DVM and Current Source	\$1,650
Opt 010 or 44421A: 20 Channel Relay Multiplexer Assembly	\$600
Opt 020 or 44422A: Relay Multiplexer Assembly with thermo-couple compensation	\$750
Opt 030 or 44423A: 20 channel FET Multiplexer Assembly	\$750
Opt 050 or 44425A: 16 channel Isolated Digital Input/Interrupt Assembly	\$550
Opt 060 or 44426A: 100 kHz Reciprocal Counter	\$600
Opt 070 or 44427A: 120 Ohm Strain Gage/Bridge Completion Assembly	\$900
Opt 071 or 44427B: 350 Ohm Strain Gage/Bridge Completion Assembly	\$900
Opt 110 or 44428A: 16 Channel Actuator/Digital Output Assembly	\$750
Opt 115 or 44431A: 8 Channel High Voltage Actuator Assembly	\$550
Opt 120 or 44429A: Dual Output Voltage DAC Assembly	\$1,000
Opt 130 or 44430A: Dual Output Current DAC Assembly	\$1,000
Opt 140 or 44432A: Breadboard Card	\$130
Opt 230: Clock Format (Month:Day:Hours:Min:Second)	N/C
Opt 231: Clock Format (Day:Month:Hours:Min:Second)	N/C
Opt 232: Delete HP-IB Interface, add RS232C Interface	\$210
Opt 260: Delete Keyboard and Display	less \$360
Opt 298: Add HP 3498A Extender & connecting cables	\$2,100
HP 3497A Data Acquisition/Control Unit	\$3,000