

How can I safely measure floating signals with different voltage reference potentials?

Sometimes it's necessary to measure signals in circuits that don't have a normal ground reference. Or you may have a system with two different reference potentials. Using a conventional line-connected scope would create a dangerous short-circuit. You need a solution with fully isolated channels that don't need to be referenced to ground or to each other.

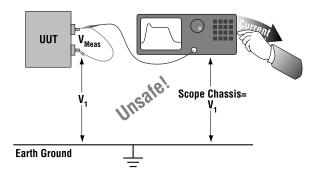
The problem: Need to measure a system with differing reference points

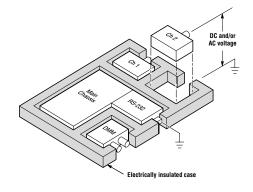
- Line-connected scopes have a fixed ground connection that must not be connected to ungrounded circuits
- Some systems have differing reference points for low-voltage and high-voltage circuits

The solution: Use the battery-operated TekScope's IsolatedChannel® architecture

- Features three fully isolated channels (including a DMM channel) for measurements
- No fixed connection to earth ground
- May be connected to any combination of grounded, multiple-grounded, or floating signals simultaneously

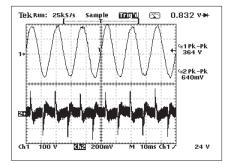
 up to 600 V RMS between channels or ground





Troubleshooting Tip

Criteria for using isolated channels to acquire floating measurements



To safely acquire floating measurements with TekScope, use the P5102 high voltage probe (10X attenuation)

Note: Do not attempt to measure voltages exceeding 600 V RMS