Eight-Channel Programmable Filter and Gain Signal Conditioning Plug-on VT1503A

User's Manual

The VT1503A manual also applies to Agilent/HP E1413Bs as E1413 Option 13.

Enclosed is the User's Manual for the VT1503A Signal Conditioning Plug-on. Insert this manual in your VT1413C, Agilent/HP E1313 or VT1415A manual behind the "Signal Conditioning Plug-ons" divider.

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Introduction

The VT1503A is a Signal Conditioning Plug-on that provides eight programmable low-pass filters with cutoff frequency settings of 2, 10 and, 100 Hertz (Hz), as well as a 1.5 kHz “pass-through” mode (filter OFF). The eight programmable input amplifiers provide gains of 1, 8 and 64. Also provided is input over-voltage protection and open transducer detection on each channel.

About this Manual

Except where noted, all references to the VT1413C apply to the Agilent/HP E1313 and VT1415A. This manual shows you how to control the Signal Conditioning Plug-on (SCP) using SCPI commands as well as Register-Based commands, and explains the capabilities of this SCP. Finally, it covers specifications for this SCP. The contents of this manual are:

Installation

Installation for this Plug-on is common to several others and is covered in Chapters 1 and 2 of your VT1413C or Agilent/HP E1313 manual.

Identifying the Plug-on

You’ll find the VXI Technology part number on the connector side of the SCP to the left of the serial number bar code. For the VT1503A, the part number is : VT1503A

Connecting To The Terminal Module

This section shows how to make connections to the Terminal Module.

The SCP connections for the Terminal Modules are shown on the stick-on labels that came with the SCP. Use the appropriate label for the type of Terminal Module you have. The connections and appropriate stickers are as follows:

For VT1413C and above Terminal Modules, use stickers for VT1503A SCPs. The connections are shown in Figure 1.

For Agilent/HP E1313 Terminal Moduless, use stickers for VT1503A SCPs. The connections are shown in Figures 2 and 3.

For Agilent/HP E1413B and below Terminal Modules, use stickers for Agilent/HP E1413 Option 13 SCPs. The connections are shown in Figure 4.

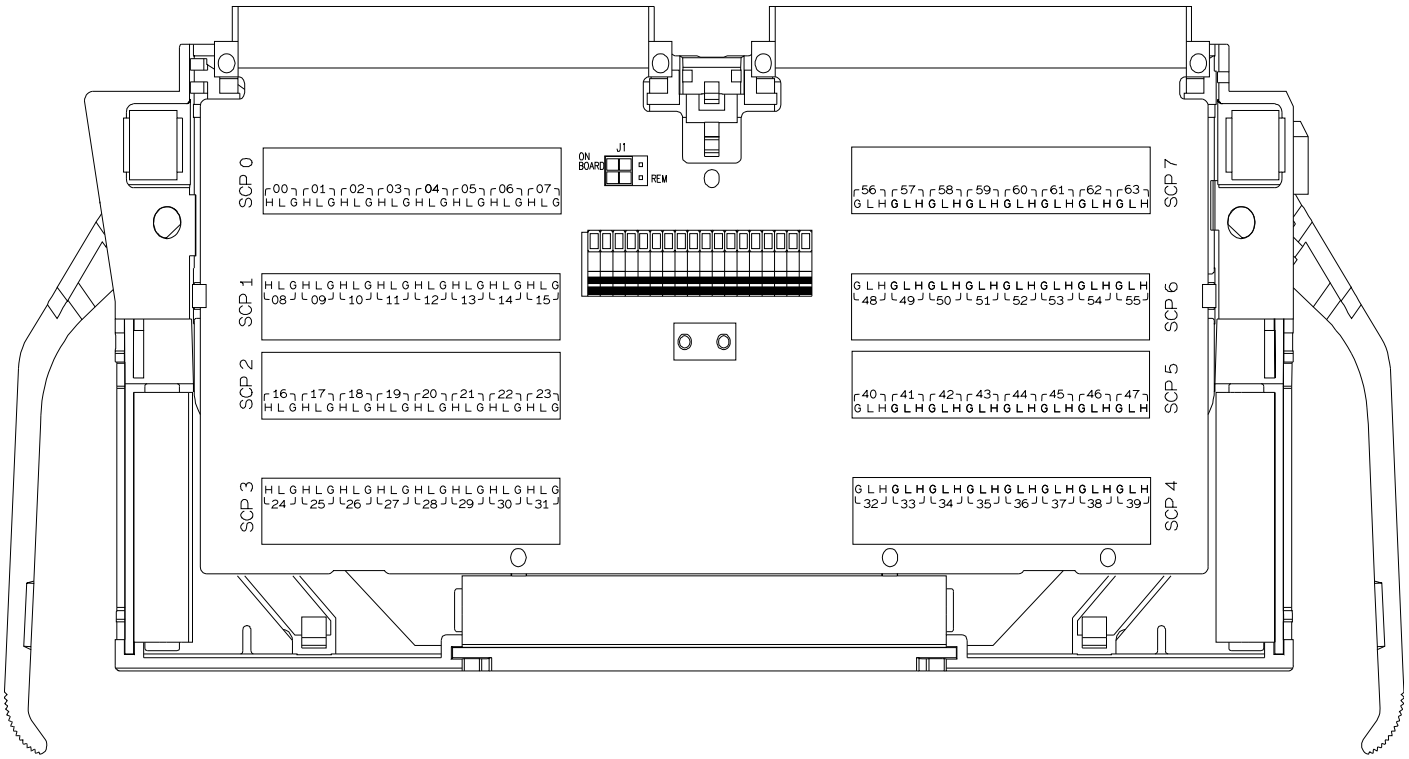

Figure 1 VT1503A C-Size Terminal Module Connections

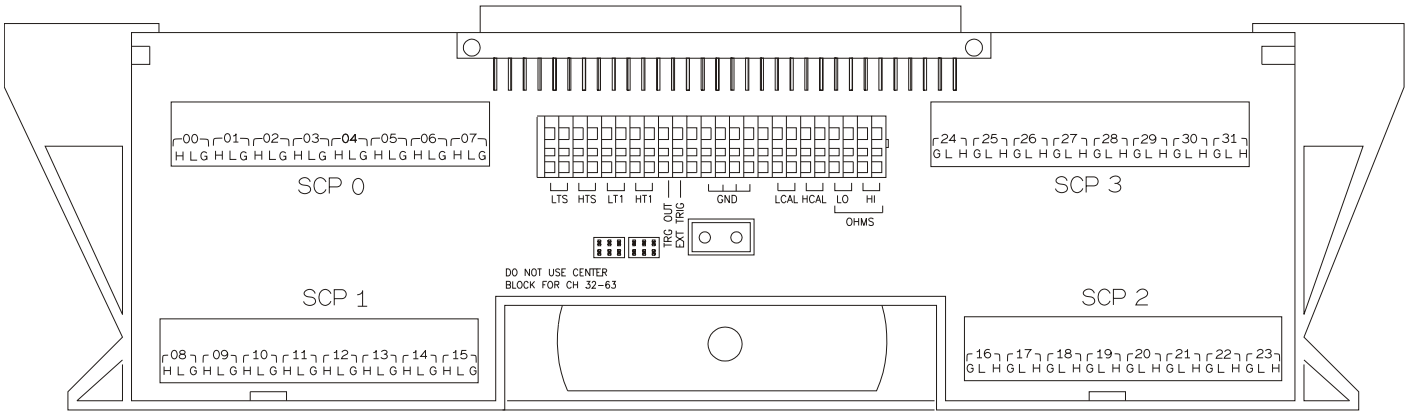

Figure 2 VT1503A B-size Terminal Module Connections (Ch 00-31)

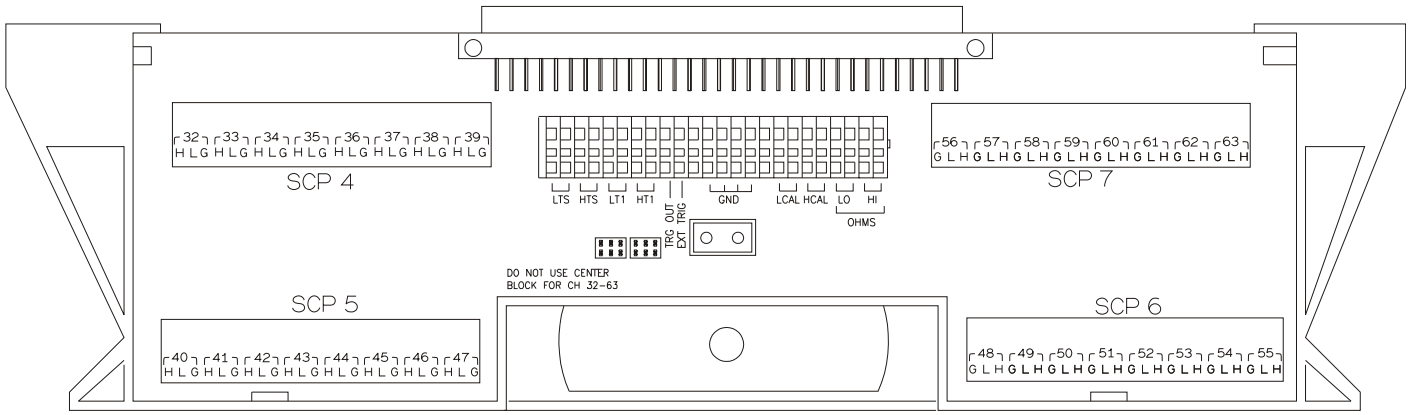

Figure 3 VT1503A B-size Terminal Module Connections (Ch 32-63)

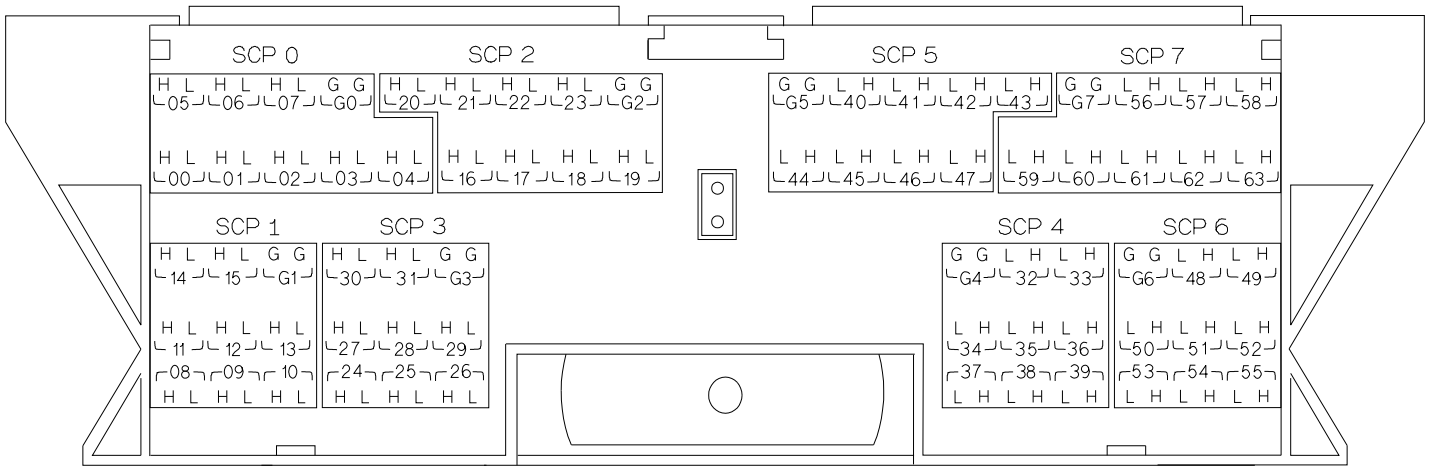

Figure 4 Agilent/HP E1413 Option 13 Terminal Module Connections

Programming With SCPI Commands

The SCPI commands shown here are covered in Chapters 3 and 5 of your VT1413C or Agilent/HP E1313 manual. This section will relate those commands to the parameter values which are specific to this Plug-on.

Checking the ID of the SCP

To verify the SCP type(s) installed on the VT1413C or Agilent/HP E1313 use the SYSTem:CTYPe? (@<channel>) command.

The *channel* parameter specifies a single channel in the channel range covered by the SCP of interest. The first channel number for each of the eight SCP positions are; 0,8,16,24,32,40,48 and 56.

The value returned for the SCP in an Agilent/HP E1413B is:
HEWLETT-PACKARD,E1413 Opt 13 8-Channel Amp+Filter SCP,0,0

The returned value for the SCP in a VT1413C or Agilent/HP E1313A is:
HEWLETT-PACKARD,E1502 8-Channel Amp+Filter SCP,0,0

To determine the type of SCP installed on channels 0 through 7 send

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SYST:CTYP?    (@100)          query SCP type @ ch 0
enter statement here          enter response string
```

Setting the Filter Cutoff Frequency

To set the channel cutoff frequency use the INPut:FILTer[:LPASs]:FREQuency <*cutoff*>, (@<ch_list) command.

The *cutoff* parameter can specify 2, 10, 100, MIN or MAX. MIN will specify 2 Hz while MAX will specify 100 Hz.

To set channels 0 through 15 and 24 to the 2 Hz cutoff frequency and channels 16 through 23 to the 100 Hz cutoff frequency send

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INP:FILT:FREQ   2, (@100:115,124)     send separate command
INP:FILT:FREQ   100, (@116:123)       per cutoff frequency
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or to combine into a single command message

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INP:FILT:FREQ   2, (@100:115,124);FREQ 100, (@116:123)
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NOTE The *RST and Power-On condition for cutoff frequency is MIN for all channels.

Querying the Filter Cutoff Frequency

To query any channel for its cutoff frequency use the INPut:FILTer[:LPASs]:FREQuency? (@<*channel*>) command. The INP:FILT:FREQ? command returns the numeric cutoff value currently set for the channel specified.

The *channel* parameter must specify a single channel.

To query the cutoff frequency of channel 6 send

INP:FILT:FREQ? (@106)	*query channel 6*
enter statement here	*returns 2, 10, or 100*

Enabling and Disabling the Filter

To enable and disable channel filters use the INPut:FILTer[:LPASs][:STATe] <*enable*>, (@<*ch_list*) command.

The *enable* parameter can specify ON or OFF

To enable channels 0 through 15 and 20 to filter, send

INP:FILT ON, (@0:115,120)	*channels filtering as set by INP:FILT:FREQ*

To disable channels 0 through 8 send

INP:FILT OFF, (@100:108)	*channels 0-8 are now in pass-through mode*

NOTES

1) INP:FILT ON is the *RST and Power-On condition for all filter channels.

2) INP:FILT OFF has a low-pass filter characteristic of approximately 1.5 kHz and limitations to signal levels. It is intended primarily for diagnostic use.

Querying the Filter State

To query any channel to determine if it is enabled or disabled use the INPut:FILTer[:LPASs][:STATe]? (@<*channel*>) command. The INP:FILT? command returns a 0 if the channel is OFF or a 1 if the channel is ON.

The *channel* parameter must specify a single channel.

To query the filter state of channel 2 send

INP:FILT? (@102)	*query channel 2*
enter statement here	*returns 0 or 1*

Setting the Amplifier Gain

To set the channel gain use the INPut:GAIN <gain>, (@<ch_list>) command.

The *gain* parameter can specify 1, 8, 64, MIN or MAX. MIN specifies 1 while MAX specifies 64. Note that the gain choices for this SCP are multiples of 8 to complement the VT1413C or Agilent/ HP E1313's A/D range choices which are multiples of 4. The following table shows the gain and range combinations.

A/D Range SCP Gain	16 V (A/D gain 1)	4 V (A/D gain 4)	1 V (A/D gain 16)	0.25 V (A/D gain 64)	0.0625 V (A/D gain 256)
1	1	4	16	64	256
8	8	32	128	512	2,048
64	64	256	1,024	4,096	not allowed

To set channels 32 through 47 and 63 to a channel gain of 8 and channels 48 through 55 to a channel gain of 64 send

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INP:GAIN 8, (@132:147,163)        send separate command
INP:GAIN 64, (@148:155)           per gain factor
```

Querying the Amplifier Gain

To query any channel to determine its gain setting use the INPut:GAIN? (@<*channel*>) command. The INP:GAIN? command returns the current gain value for the specified channel.

The channel parameter must specify a single channel.

To query the gain setting of channel 8 send

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INP:GAIN?   (@108)        query channel 8
enter statement here       returns 1, 8, or 64
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Detecting Open Transducers

This SCP provides a method to detect open transducers. When Open Transducer Detect (OTD) is enabled, the SCP injects a small current into the HIGH and LOW input of each channel. The polarity of the current pulls the HIGH inputs toward +17 volts and the LOW inputs towards -17 volts. If a transducer is open, measuring that channel will return an over-voltage reading. OTD is available on a per SCP basis. all eight channels of an SCP are enabled or disabled together. See Figure 5 for a simplified schematic diagram of the OTD circuit.

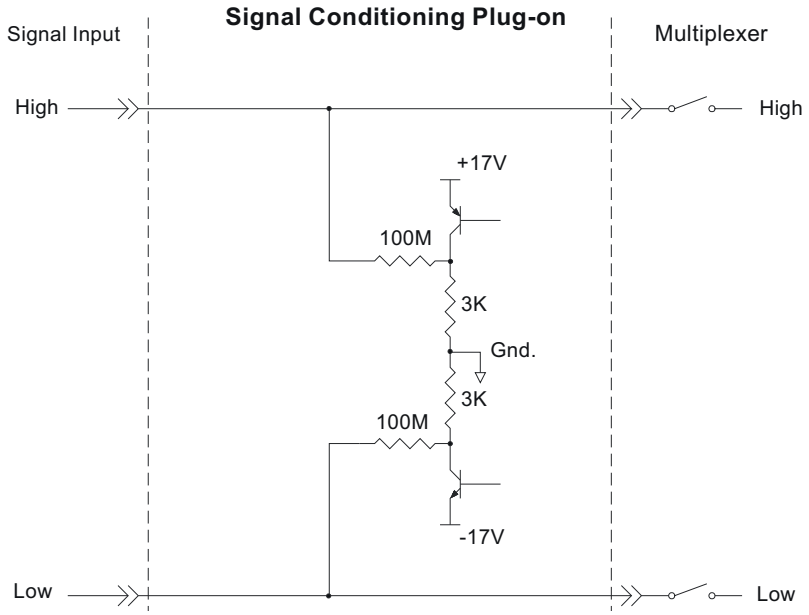

Figure 5 Open Transducer Detect Circuit

NOTES

1) When OTD is enabled, the inputs have up to 0.2 μA injected into them. If this current will adversely affect your measurement, but you still want to check for open transducers, you can enable OTD, make a single scan, check the CVT for bad measurements, then disable OTD and make your regular measurement scans. The specifications apply only when OTD is off.

2) When Filtering is enabled, allow 15 seconds or the filter capacitors to charge before checking for open transducers.

To enable or disable Open Transducer Detection, use the DIAGnostic:OTDetect <*enable*>, (@<*ch_list*>) command.

The *enable* parameter can specify ON or OFF

An SCP is addressed when the *ch_list* parameter specifies a channel number contained on the SCP. The first channel on each SCP is:
0, 8, 16, 24, 32, 40, 48 and 56

To enable Open Transducer Detection on all channels on SCPs 1 and 3:

DIAG:OTD ON, (@100,116) *0 is on SCP 1 and 16 is on SCP3*

To disable Open Transducer Detection on all channels on SCPs 1 and 3:

DIAG:OTD OFF, (@100,116)

Register Based Programming

The register-based commands shown here are covered in Appendix D of the VT1413C or Agilent/HP E1313 manual. You should read that section first to become familiar with accessing registers and executing Register-Based Commands. This section will relate those commands to the parameter values which are specific to this Plug-on.

When Register Programming an SCP most communication is through the Signal Conditioning Bus. For that you will use the Register Commands:

SCBWRITE <*regaddr*> <*regvalue*>

and

SCBREAD? <*regaddr*>

VT1503A Register Map

Read (returned value)	Write(<*regvalue*>)	SCP Register	<*regaddr*> Value
SCP ID ($E0E0_{16}$)		Whole SCP Reg 0	$00ppp000000_2$
SCP Gain Scale ($XXX3_{16}$)		Whole SCP Reg 1	$00ppp000001_2$
Channel Gain ($XXX0_{16}$=1, $XXX1_{16}$=8, $XXX2_{16}$=64)		Channel Reg 1	$01pppccc001_2$
Channel Frequency ($XXX0_{16}$=2Hz, $XXX1_{16}$=10Hz, $XXX2_{16}$=100Hz,$XXX3_{16}$=Straight Through)		Channel Reg 2	$01pppccc010_2$

XX=don't care

ppp=Plug-on
ccc=SCP channel

In addition you will access bits in the Card Control register to control Open Transducer Detection.

Checking ID of SCP

To query an SCP for its ID value, write the following value to Parameter Register 1:

(*SCP number*) 40_{16}

Then write the opcode for SCBREAD? (0800_{16}) to the Command Register. The ID value will be written to the Query Response Register.

Setting the Filter Cut-Off

To set the filter cut-off frequency for an SCP channel, write the following SCP channel address to Parameter Register 1:

200_{16} (*SCP number*) 40_{16} (*SCP channel number*) 8_{16} 2_{16}

Write one of the following cut-off values to Parameter Register 2:

0000_{16} for 2Hz, 0001_{16} for 10Hz, 0002_{16} for 100Hz,
0003_{16} for Straight Through

Then write the opcode for SCBWRITE (0810_{16}) to the Command Register.

Setting the Amplifier Gain

To set the amplifier gain for an SCP channel, write the following SCP channel address to Parameter Register 1:

200_{16} (*SCP number*) 40_{16} (*SCP channel number*) 8_{16} 1_{16}

Write one of the following gain values to Parameter Register 2:

0000_{16} for 1, 0001_{16} for 8, 0002_{16} for 64

Then write the opcode for SCBWRITE (0810_{16}) to the Command Register.

Detecting Open Transducers

Open Transducer Detection (OTD) is controlled by bits in the Card Control Register. For more information on OTD see Figure 1.

Card Control Register (Base + 12_{16})

15	14	14-13	12	11	10-8	7-0
PSI Pwr Reset	FIFO Mode	unused	FIFO Clear	VPPEN	A24 Window	Open Transducer Detect

Writing a one (1) to a bit enables open transducer detect on that signal conditioning module. Writing a zero (0) to a bit disables open transducer detect.

Bit 7	Bit 6	Bit 5	Bit 4	Bit 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 0
SCP 7	SCP 6	SCP 5	SCP 4	SCP 3	SCP 2	SCP 1	SCP 0

Specifications

These specifications for the VT1503A reflect the combined performance of the VT1413C or Agilent/HP E1313 and the VT1503A Signal Conditioning Plug-on. These specifications are not to be added to those presented in the VT1413C Agilent/HP E1313 User's Manual.

General Specifications

SCP Current Requirements (in Amps)

5Vmax	24Vtyp	24Vmax	-24Vtyp	-24Vmax
0.01	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.06

Measurement ranges

DC Volts	±3.9 mV to ±16V FS
Temperature	Thermocouples - -200 to +1700°C Thermistors - (Opt 15 required) -80 to +160°C RTD's - (Opt 15 required) -200 to +850°C
Resistance	(Opt 15 required) 128 to 131 K FS
Strain	25,000 μe or limit of linear range of strain gage

Maximum input voltage (Normal mode plus common mode)

Operating: < ±16 V peak Damage level: > ±42 V peak

Maximum common mode voltage

Operating: < ±16 V peak Damage level: > ±42 V peak

Normal mode rejection

2 Hz Filter	10 Hz Filter	100 Hz Filter	Filter Off
@ 2 Hz -3 dB @ 60 Hz >-45 dB	@ 10 Hz -3 dB @ 60 Hz >-20 dB	@ 100 Hz -3 dB @ 400 Hz -15 dB	@ 1.5 kHz approx -3 dB

Common mode rejection (0 - 60 Hz)

Gain X1	Gain X8	Gain X64
>-100 dB	>-116 dB	>-132 dB

Input impedance 100 M 10% (each differential input to ground)

Maximum tare cal offset (Maximum tare offset depends on A/D range and SCP gain)

A/D range ±V F.Scale	Offset V Gain x1	Offset V Gain x8	Offset V Gain x64
16	3.2213	0.40104	0.04970
4	0.82101	0.10101	0.01220
1	0.23061	0.02721	0.00297
0.25	0.07581	0.00786	0.00055
0.0625	0.03792	0.00312	N/A

Measurement accuracy
DC Volts

(90 days) 23°C±1°C (with *CAL? done after 1 hr warm up and CAL:ZERO? done within 5 min.). If autoranging is ON, add ±0.02% FS to accuracy specifications.
For Agilent/HP E1313, multiply Noise Spec. by 1.4.

Gain X1

Range ±V FS	Linearity % of rdg	Offset Error 2 Hz	10 Hz	100 Hz	Filt Off	Noise 3 sigma	Noise* 3 sigma
0.0625	0.01%	13 μV	9.5 μV	6.8 μV	6.3 μV	45 μV	26 μV
0.25	0.01%	15 μV	12.5 μV	11.2 μV	10.8 μV	63 μV	31 μV
1	0.01%	33 μV	31.8 μV	31.3 μV	31.2 μV	112 μV	93 μV
4	0.01%	123 μV	122 μV	122 μV	122 μV	450 μV	366 μV
16	0.01%	488 μV	488 μV	488 μV	488 μV	1.8 mV	1.5 mV

* [SENSe:]FILTer[:LPASs][:STATe] ON (max scan rate - 100 rdgs/sec/channel)

Temperature Coefficients: Gain - 15 ppm/°C after *CAL?. Offset - Add tempco + fixed offset to offset above

Temp	Tempco	2 Hz	10 Hz	100 Hz	Filt Off
0 - 30°C	0.16 μV/°C	0 μV	0 μV	0 μV	0 μV
30 - 40°C	0.18 μV/°C	13 μV	9 μV	1.1 μV	0.2 μV
40 - 55°C	0.39 μV/°C	31 μV	22 μV	6.4 μV	μV

Gain X8

Range V FS	Linearity % of rdg	Offset Error 2Hz	10Hz	100Hz	Filt Off	Noise 3 sigma	Noise* 3 sigma
0.0078	0.01%	4.6 μV	4.2 μV	3.8 μV	3.7 μV	5.8 μV	4.9 μV
0.031	0.01%	4.8 μV	4.6 μV	4.4 μV	4.3 μV	6.9 μV**	5.9 μV**
0.125	0.01%	6 μV	5.3 μV	5 μV	4.9 μV	14 μV	12 μV
0.5	0.01%	16 μV	16 μV	16 μV	16 μV	56 μV	46 μV
2	0.01%	61 μV	61 μV	61 μV	61 μV	225 μV	188 μV

* [SENSe:]FILTer[:LPASs][:STATe] ON (max scan rate - 100 rdgs/sec/channel)
** 7.4 μV and 6.3 μV when temp >= 40°C

Temperature Coefficients: Gain - 15 ppm/°C after *CAL?. Offset - Add tempco + fixed offset to offset above

Temp	Tempco	2 Hz	10 Hz	100 Hz	Filt Off
0 - 30 °C	0.16 μV/°C	0 μV	0 μV	0 μV	0 μV
30 - 40°C	0.18 μV/°C	4.3 μV	2.7 μV	1 μV	0.2 μV
40 - 55°C	0.39 μV/°C	13 μV	10 μV	6.2 μV	0.8 μV

Gain X64

Range V FS	Linearity % of rdg	Offset Error 2Hz	10Hz	100Hz	Filt Off	Noise 3 sigma	Noise* 3 sigma
0.0039	0.01%	2.9 μV	2.3 μV	2.1 μV	2.1 μV	1.6 μV**	1.3 μV**
0.0156	0.01%	3 μV	2.4 μV	2.2 μV	2.2 μV	2.2μV***	1.9μV***
0.0625	0.01%	3.5 μV	3 μV	2.9 μV	2.9 μV	7 μV	5.7 μV
0.25	0.01%	8.2 μV	8 μV	8 μV	8 μV	28 μV	23 μV

* [SENSe:]FILTer[:LPASs][:STATe] ON (max scan rate - 100 rdgs/sec/channel)
** 1.9 μV and 1.7 μV for 100 Hz Filter
*** 2.5 μV and 2.2 μV when temp >= 40°C

Temperature Coefficients: Gain - 15 ppm/°C after *CAL?. Offset - Add tempco + fixed offset to table above

Temp	Tempco	2 Hz	10 Hz	100 Hz	Filt Off
0 - 30 °C	0.16 μV/°C	0 μV	0 μV	0 μV	0 μV
30 - 40°C	0.18 μV/°C	1.1 μV	0.2 μV	0.1 μV	0.1 μV
40 - 55°C	0.39 μV/°C	6 μV	1.4 μV	0.6 μV	0.6 μV

Measurement accuracy Temperature

(simplified specifications, see temperature accuracy graphs in the VT1413C or Agilent/HP E1313 manual for details)

(90 days) 23°C ±1°C (with *CAL? done after 1 hr warm up and CAL:ZERO? within 5 min.). If autoranging is ON, add ±.02% FS to accuracy specifications.

The temperature accuracy specifications include instrument and firmware linearization errors. The linearization algorithm used is based on the IPTS-68(78) standard transducer curves. Add your transducer accuracy to determine total measurement error.

Thermocouples

NOTE: ALL Thermocouple Specifications Use Gain X64

Type E	A/D Filter	-200 to 0°C	0 to 200°C	200 to 400°C	400 to 800°C
	OFF	1.25°C	0.10°C	0.12°C	0.125°C
	ON*	1.20°C	0.095 C	0.10°C	0.11°C

Type EEXtended	A/D Filter	-200 to 0°C	0 to 200°C	200 to 800°C	800 to 1000°C
	OFF	13.4°C	0.30°C	0.20°C	0.35°C
	ON*	13.3°C	0.25°C	0.15°C	0.30°C

Type J	A/D Filter	-200 to 0°C	0 to 280°C	280 to 600°C	600 to 775°C
	OFF	1.50°C	0.10°C	0.15°C	0.17°C
	ON*	1.47°C	0.11°C	0.15°C	0.15°C

Type K	A/D Filter	-200 to 0°C	0 to 375°C	375 to 800°C	800 to 1400°C
	OFF	2.25°C	0.15°C	0.20°C	0.25°C
	ON*	2.70°C	0.15°C	0.17°C	0.25°C

Type R	A/D Filter	0 to 100°C	100 to 200°C	200 to 600°C	600 to 1000°C
	OFF	1.40°C	0.75°C	0.45°C	0.30°C
	ON*	1.40°C	0.70°C	0.40°C	0.30°C

Type S	A/D Filter	0 to 100°C	100 to 200°C	200 to 800°C	800 to 1750°C
	OFF	2.85°C	1.35°C	0.70°C	0.65°C
	ON*	2.85°C	1.80°C	0.65°C	0.55°C

Type T	A/D Filter	-200 to -100°C	-100 to 0°C	0 to 200°C	200 to 400°C
	OFF	1.35°C	0.25°C	0.10°C	0.15°C
	ON*	1.35°C	0.22°C	0.10°C	0.13°C

* [SENSe:]FILTer[:LPASs][:STATe] ON (max scan rate - 100 rdgs/sec/channel)

Measurement accuracy Temperature (cont.) (simplified specifications, see temperature accuracy graphs in VT1413C or Agilent/HP E1313 manual for details)

Thermistors

5 k Reference Thermistor Use Gain X8

A/D Filter	0 to 45°C	45 to 65°C	65 to 85°C
OFF	0.0035°C	0.0045°C	0.0072°C
ON*	0.0035°C	0.0045°C	0.0068°C

100 Reference RTD Use Gain X64

A/D Filter	-125 to 70°C
OFF	0.080°C
ON*	0.080°C

100 RTD Use Gain X64

A/D Filter	-200 to 75°C	75 to 300°C	300 to 600°C	600 to 970°C
OFF	0.08°C	0.21°C	0.27°C	0.37°C
ON*	0.07°C	0.18°C	0.25°C	0.35°C

2252 Thermistor Use Gain X8

A/D Filter	10 to 40°C	40 to 70°C	70 to 83°C	83 to 100°C
OFF	0.0055°C	0.0065°C	0.0077°C	0.010°C
ON*	0.0055°C	0.0065°C	0.0077°C	0.010°C

5 k Thermistor Use Gain X8

A/D Filter	-10 to 20°C	20 to 40°C	40 to 65°C	65 to 85°C
OFF	0.0085°C	0.010°C	0.016°C	0.018°C
ON*	0.0082°C	0.010°C	0.015°C	0.018°C

10 k Thermistor Use Gain X8

A/D Filter	0 to 30°C	30 to 60°C	60 to 90°C	90 to 115°C
OFF	0.010°C	0.012°C	0.018°C	0.022°C
ON*	0.010°C	0.012°C	0.018°C	0.021°C

Notes