

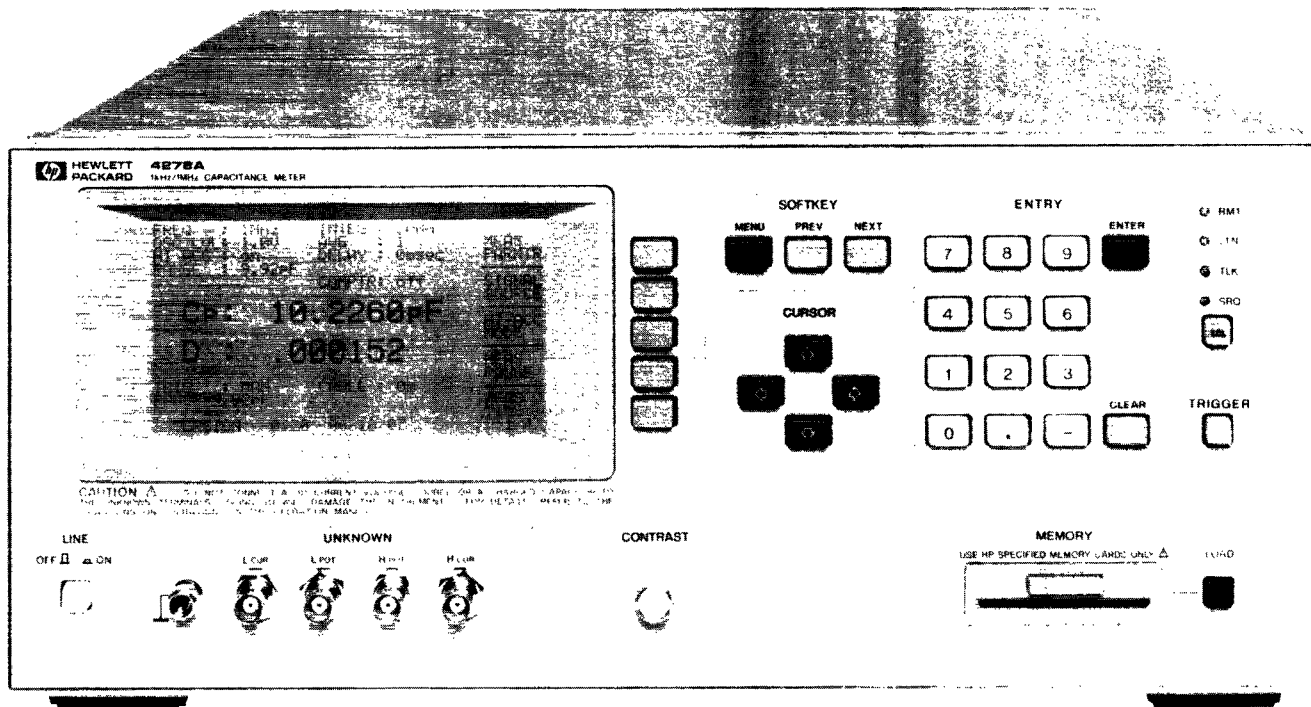
COMPONENT MEASUREMENT

1 kHz / 1 MHz Capacitance Meter

Model 4278A

- Measurement Speed: 6.5ms/10ms/21ms
- Measurement Parameters: C-D•Q•ESR•G
- C-D Measurement Accuracy:
0.07%, 0.0005(1kHz, 21ms)
0.05%, 0.0002(1MHz, 21ms)

- High Resolution: 6 digit, D:0.00001
- Intelligent Built-in Comparator: 10-bin Sorting



Description

The HP 4278A 1kHz/1MHz Capacitance Meter is a high speed, highly reliable, precision test instrument aimed at incoming/outgoing capacitor inspection applications on the production line and in quality control. The HP 4278A will improve test efficiency by performing comparative measurements of low to medium value capacitors (up to 200 μ F—a range that covers most ceramic and film capacitors) several times faster than previously available capacitance meters.

The HP 4278A's standard measurement frequencies and oscillator output levels are 1kHz/1MHz and from 0.1V to 1V in 0.1V steps, respectively. The HP 4278A's ability to make precision capacitance measurements and to measure low dissipation values will give you an edge in improving the quality of your devices.

The built-in comparator function of the HP 4278A gives you the ability to sort parts into ten bins. A high speed HP-IB interface and an optional handler interface are available for combining the HP 4278A with an automatic handler and an external computer to build a total solution for automatic testing and data acquisition and analysis.

High Speed Measurements

One of the HP 4278A's main features is its selection of high measurement speeds: 6.5ms (153 measurements/sec), 10ms (100 measurements/sec), or 21ms (47 measurements/sec), with a fast settling time. Additionally, the HP 4278A's built-in comparator and high speed HP-IB interface make it possible to construct a measurement system using an automatic handler and an external computer to minimize production test time, and, therefore, cost.

High Accuracy and Resolution

Dissipation factor (D), the parameter measured to determine the quality of capacitors, can be measured with an accuracy of 0.0002 (1MHz) and 0.0005 (1kHz) with a resolution of 0.00001 without degrading measurement speed. The HP 4278A has high capacitance measurement accuracy, 0.05% (1MHz) and 0.07% (1kHz) with 6 full digits of resolution in all measurement ranges, 1pF to 2048 pF (1MHz), and 100pF to 100 μ F (1kHz).

The pushbutton zero adjustment function is used to compensate for stray impedance and admittance of the handler and test fixture. The auto calibration function, when used with a capacitance standard, can be used to calibrate the system up to the point of device connection.

Intelligent Built-in Comparator

The intelligent built-in comparator gives the HP 4278A the capability to use nine sets of high and low capacitance values and one set of dissipation limits to sort capacitors into nine bins, according to their capacitance values and whether or not they meet the dissipation limits. Capacitors which are not within the capacitance limits or do not meet the dissipation limits go into the tenth or no-go bin.

All comparator settings can be controlled and monitored using an external computer, and the results of the comparisons can be transferred to a handler interface (optional). All control settings and comparator parameters can be saved on the removable EEPROM memory module (memory card) to facilitate instrument setup and to minimize the chance of an instrument setup error.