BOONTON IMPEDANCE MEASURING INSTRUMENTS

Capacitance Meters Model 72 Series

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- Analog Meters, Models 72B and 72C.
- Measurement range: Models 72B and 72C, 1 pF to 3000 pF full scale.
- Test frequency; Model 72B, 1 MHz. Model 72C, 100 kHz.
- 15 mV test level (Optional 100 mV on 72B).
- ±600 V external bias capability.
- ±100 V for CE units.
- Programmable
- DC ouput response time to 50 μS.



Description

All Boonton capacitance meters make rapid, accurate, low test-level, three-terminal measurements of shunt capacitance. Measurements are unaffected by the shunt loss of the test component down to Q values as low as 1.

If the loss of the test component is predominantly in series, as is the case with most junction capacitance measurements, the capacitance indicated is also essentially the same as the equivalent series capacitance value, provided that the series loss does not result in a Q value below 10.

Selection of the 100 kHz Model 72C is recommended for series capacitance measurements on very low capacitance junctions where normal series loss can cause the Q of the junction capacitance to fall well below 10 at 1 MHz. In this instance, using the Model 72C takes advantage of the fact that the Q of the capacitor with series loss is inversely proportional to frequency and therefore ten times higher at 100 kHz then at to 1 MHz.

Selection of the 1 MHz Model 72B is recommended for most measurements where a 1 MHz test frequency is specified, but especially where the fastest DC output response is required.

Three-Terminal Measurements

Three-terminal input configuration is needed to accurately measure low values of capacitance in the presence of relatively large values of shunt capacitance to ground. The Model 72 Series provides a three-terminal input connection adapter as standard.

The Model 72-4B Adapter accepts BNCterminated shielded cables to both the HI and LO test inputs. Because instrument accuracy in minimally affected by up to several hundred picofarads of capacitance loading from either input terminal to ground, reasonable lengths of cable may be used to connect to a remote test fixture such as a probe station.

In addition, the Model 72-4B Adapter has a second set of BNC connectors that allow relative differential measurements. For example, by connecting a suitable value capacitor to these DIFF terminals, the variance of a test capacitor can be read on lower ranges with greater resolution.

Phase-Sensitive Detector

All Model 72 Series instruments use a phasesensitive detector that effectively ignores the quadrature signal associated with capacitor loss. As a result, accurate shunt capacitance measurements may be made on components whose Q is as low as 1.

Provision For DC Bias

DC bias up to ± 600 V (± 100 V for CE units) may be applied to the test specimen through fused rear panel terminals from an external floating supply. This voltage appears between HI and LO posts on both the TEST and DIFF inputs, making it possible, for example, to compare the C-V characteristics of two varactors.

Two separate bias voltages may be applied between HI and ground and LO and ground. This is convenient when making small-signal capacitance measurements on transistors because it allows separate bias on both test terminals, or either HI or LO post to be at DC ground.

DC Output

A fast responding, high-level DC output, proportional to the capacitance display, is available on the rear panel of all Model 72 Series instruments. Option -05A shortens the output response time to 50 μ S for the Model 72B and to 200 μ S for the 72C.

System Applications

Both models have remote control capabilities of capacitance ranging via TTL logic inputs.

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Model 72 Series (continued)

Specifications

MODEL	Analog 72C	Analog 72B
Test Frequency:	100 kHz	1 MHz
Test Level:	15 mV	15 mV
Ranges:	1 pF to 3000 pF fs in a 1-3-10 sequence.	
Accuracy:	1-1000 pF fs, ±(0.5% rdg + 0.5% fs)	1 pF fs, ±(0.5% rdg + 0.01 pF)
Q > 5	Add 0.005 pF for 1 and 3 pF ranges.	3-1000 pF, ±(0.5% rdg + 0.5% fs)
	3000 pF, ±(1% rdg + 0.5% fs)	3000 pF, ±(1% rdg + 0.5% fs)
Q = 1 to 5	1-1000 pF fs, ±(1% rdg + 0.5% fs)	1 pF fs, ±(1% rdg + 0.01 pF)
	Add 0.005 pF for 1 and 3 pF ranges. 3000 pF, ±(2% rdg + 0.5% fs)	3-1000 pF, ±(1% + 0.5% fs)
Temp. Effect:	3000 pF, ±(2% rdg + 0.5% fs) 3000 pF, ±(2% rdg + 0.5% fs) 21°C to 25°C, 0%	
	18°C to 30°C	
	10°C to 40°C, 0.5% rdg.	
Differential Measurements:	Maximum capacitance on DIFF terminals for specified accuracy is fs value of range in use.	
Capacitive	LO post to ground, 500 pF maximum, all ranges. HI post to ground as follows:	
Loading:	1 pF, 3 pF fs: 200 pF max., 0.5% rdg effect.*	
-	10-3000 pF, 500 pF max., 0.25% rdg effect.*	
Esternel.	*Decreases proportionally with capacitive loading. HI to GND, ±200 V max.*	
External HI to GND, ±200 V max.* DC Bias: LO to GND, ±400 V max.*		
DC Blas.	H to LO (floating supply only), ± 600 V max.*	
	170 mA max., 1/32 A fuse-protected. * ±100 V for CE units	
Display:	4 ½ inch taut-band meter; two linear scales.	
	0 to 10 (0.1 per division) and 0 to 30 (0.5 per division).	
DC Output:		
FS Level	$1 \text{ V} \pm 0.5\%$ (1 series ranges).	
	3 V ±0.5% (3 series ranges).	
Linearity	$1-300 \text{ pF fs}; \pm (0.1\% \text{ rdg} + 0.01\% \text{ fs}).$	
	1000-3000 pF; ±(0.25% rdg + 0.01% fs).	
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Response Time	1 ms to full accuracy. (200 μ S, option -05A).	1 ms to full accuracy. (50 μS, option -05A).
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Noise	<1.5 mV, 1 and 3 pF ranges	<1 mV rms (<5 mV, option -05A).
	<1.0 mV, all other ranges	
Commands:	Logic 0(<0.7 V) selects each range (8 lines).	
Range		
Manual Disable	Logic 0 disables front panel range switch.	
Power Consumption:	9W; 115/230 V ±10%, 50 to 400 Hz.	
Weight:	Net 7.2 lbs (3.3 kg).	
Dimensions:	5.2 in (13.2 cm) high, 8.3 in (21.1 cm) wide, and 12 in (30.5 cm) deep.	
Options:		
-03		100 mV test level
-05A	200 µS DC output response time.	50 μS DC output response time.
Accessories Furnished:	72-4B Test Post Adapter (BNC).	
Accessories Available:	76-3A Precision Decade Capacitor, 1 pF to 1221 pF steps. Basic accuracy of 0.1% at 1 MHz or 100 kHz. 76-2A Capacitance Standard, Values available from .01 pF to 3000 pF. Basic accuracy 0.1%. Certifiable	
	at 1 MHz or 100 kHz.	
	71-1A High/Low Q Capacitance Standard.	
	950032 Rack Mounting Kit, Single.	
	950030 Rack Mounting Kit, Dual.	
	950031 Transit Case	
	960000 Extender Card	

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