DEVICE SPECIFICATIONS

SA2500X
High Impedance Active Probe

This document lists specifications for the SA2500X active probe, which can contact adjacent square pins to 2.54 mm pitch simultaneously. The housing is T-shaped which allows many probes to be positioned next to each other in a chain, allowing for many measurements at the same time. The SA2500X is system-independent. The probe's standard BNC connector can be plugged into any measuring instrument with a 50 Ω input. The SA2500X is suitable for measurements in all frequency ranges.

Figure 1. SA2500X

Operating Basics

When using this device, ensure that the measuring instrument is set to 50 Ω input coupling and the SA2500X is connected to the power supply.

Caution Do not bend or pull the probe cable. Avoid mechanical shock to the device to ensure accurate performance and protection.

Cautions

To avoid personal injury and to prevent fire or damage to the SA2500X, review and comply with the following information.

Caution The protection provided by the SA2500X can be impaired if it is used in a manner not described in this document.
Caution Connect the probe ground lead to earth ground. Always make sure the probe and the measurement instrument are grounded properly.

Caution Connect the probe output to the measurement instrument and connect the ground lead to earth ground before connecting the probe to the circuit under test. Disconnect the probe input and the probe ground lead from the circuit under test before disconnecting the probe from the measurement instrument.

Caution Do not exceed the maximum ratings of the probe. Comply with the voltage versus frequency derating curve.

Caution Avoid open circuitry. Do not touch connections or components when power is present.

Caution Do not operate the probe with suspected failures.

Caution Do not operate the probe in an explosive atmosphere.

Caution Due to the nature of open probes, there may be susceptibility to outside interference.

Cleaning your Device
To clean the exterior of the probe use a soft cloth moistened with either distillated water or isopropyl alcohol. Allow the probe to dry completely before using.

Electrical Specification

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<tr>
<td>Attenuation ratio</td>
<td>10:1, ± 0.5% (DC)</td>
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<td>Dynamic measuring range</td>
<td>± 8 V</td>
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<td>Bandwidth (Probe only)</td>
<td>2.5 GHz</td>
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<td>Maximum rated input voltage</td>
<td>20 V</td>
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Input Impedance

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Maximum Input Voltage and Dynamic Measuring Range

The SA2500X is protected against electrostatic discharge voltage (ESD). Applying input-voltages outside the specified limits can result in destruction of the probe's amplifier.
Caution  The maximum amplitude of the input signal should not exceed the limits stated by the graph below to counter harmonic distortion and avoid input linearity errors. (Dynamic measuring range)

Caution  The maximum amplitude of the input signal may not exceed the limits stated by the graph below to avoid damage to the probe. (Maximum input voltage)

Figure 3. SA2500X Input Voltage Versus Frequency

Electrical Characteristics

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<tr>
<td>Input resistance (system)</td>
<td>&gt; 1 MΩ (DC)</td>
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<td>Input capacitance (system)</td>
<td>0.9 pF V</td>
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<td>Oscilloscope input coupling</td>
<td>50 Ω AC/DC</td>
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Mechanical Characteristics

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<tr>
<td>Weight (probe only)</td>
<td>96 g</td>
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<td>Cable length</td>
<td>1.3 m</td>
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Operating Environment

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<tr>
<td>Maximum altitude</td>
<td>2000 m</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating temperature range</td>
<td>0 °C to 45 °C</td>
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Maximum relative humidity 80% relative humidity for temperatures up to 31 °C, decreasing linearly to 50% at 45 °C

Pollution degree 2

Indoor use only.

Storage Environment

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<th>Altitude</th>
<th>up to 15000 m</th>
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<td>Temperature range</td>
<td>-40 °C to 71 °C</td>
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Verifying the Kit Contents

- Calibration certificate
- Ground blade
- Ground lead 6 cm
- Ground lead 12 cm
- Ground lead 90° 5 cm
- Ground lead 90° 10 cm
- Ground lead
- Hook (black)
- Hook (red)
- Instruction manual
- L-in adapter
- Marker bands 4 colors
- PCB adapter
- Power supply
- Probe
- Two self-adhesive cu pads (2 x 2 cm)
- Solid tip
- Spring tip
- Y-lead adapter to 0.8 mm sockets
- Z-ground

⚠️ **Caution**  Use ground lead only for connections to earth ground.

⚠️ **Caution**  The accessories with the probe have been safety tested. Do not use any other accessories than those provided.
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