1

Product Overview

This chapter provides information about the features provided by the Impedance Measurement Function (Option 010 of the 4396B Spectrum/Network/Impedance Analyzer) and the 43961A Impedance Test Kit. For additional information about the 4396B's features, see the *4396B Function Reference* manual. For the specification of the 4396B option 010,refer to the *4396B Function Reference* Chapter 10 Specification.

Product Overview

Option 010 adds the impedance measurement function to the 4396B. By installing this option into the 4396B spectrum/network/impedance analyzer, you can measure impedance parameters directly.

The 4396B with option 010 has the following added features:

- Directly displays the impedance measurement parameters.

  Measurement Parameters: |Z|, θ_z, R, X, |Y|, θ_y, G, B, |Γ|, θ_γ, Γ_x, Γ_y, Cp, Cs, Lp, Ls, Rp, Rs, D, Q

- Uses I-V method to measure impedance.

  Option 010 provides impedance measurements up to 1.8 GHz (a frequency range that was previously dominated by the reflection method using the network analyzer). The reflection coefficient method has difficulty measuring impedances that vary greatly from 50 Ω. However, the I-V (current and voltage) method can measure impedance equally well over a broad band impedance range.

- Provides OPEN/SHORT/LOAD fixture compensation and the port extension that eliminates additional errors by the fixture.
- External DC bias

  The 4396B and 43961A themselves do not have a function that applies DC voltage. However, you can apply DC bias by using an external power supply. The 43961A provides the external DC bias connector for this purpose.

- Equivalent Circuit Analysis

  There are 5 types of the equivalent circuit functions available. You can obtain the equivalent circuit parameters from the measured trace.

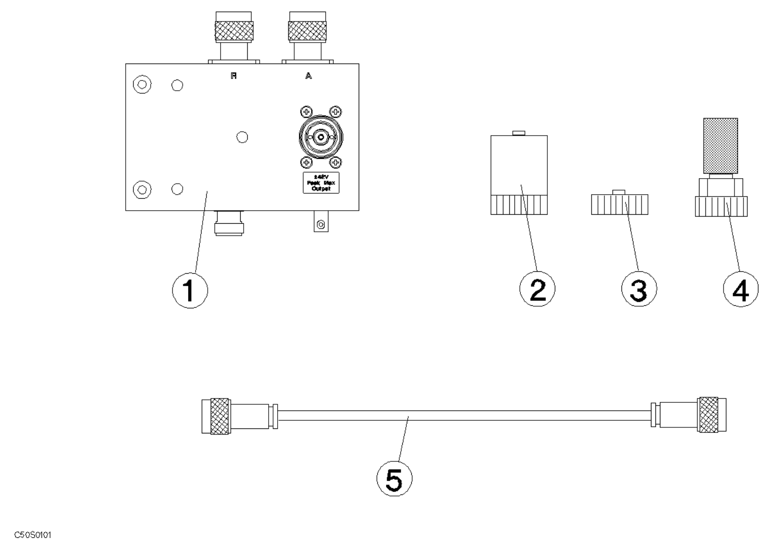
43961A Impedance Test Kit

The 43961A Impedance Test Kit is an impedance measurement accessory used by the 4396B.

Contents

Table 1-1 shows the contents of the 43961A Impedance Test Kit.

Table 1-1. Contents of the 43961A



No.	Description	Qty.	Agilent Part Number
1	Impedance Test Adapter	1	43961-61001
2	0 S Calibration Standard	1	04191-85302
3	0 Ω Calibration Standard	1	04191-85300
4	50 Ω Calibration Standard	1	04191-85301
5	N(m)-N(m) cable	1	41951-61602
	Carrying Case[1]	1	43961-60001
	Notice[1]	1	43961-90000

1 This part is not shown in above.

Dimention

Figure 1-1 shows the dimention of the 43961A.

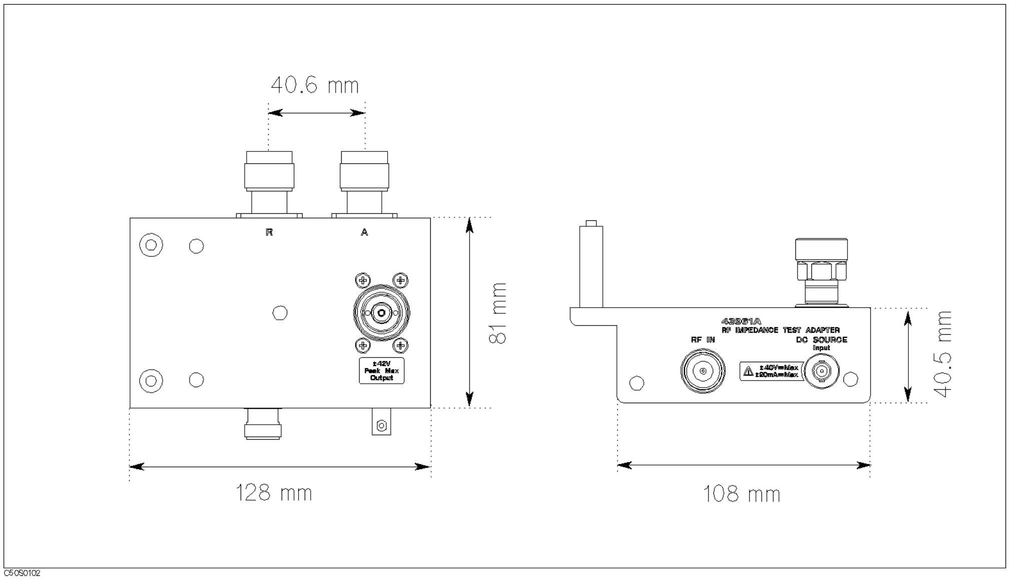


Figure 1-1. Dimention of the 43961A

Available Accessories

16191A Side electrode SMD test fixture

The 16191A is used to measure a side electrodes surface mount device (SMD) with high repeatability. The usable operating frequency is up 2 GHz.

16192A Parallel electrode SMD test fixture

The 16192A is used to measure a parallel electrodes surface mount device (SMD) with high repeatability. The usable operating frequency is up 2 GHz.

16193A Small side electrode SMD test fixture

The 16193A is used to measure a small, side electrodes surface mount device (SMD) with high repeatability. The usable operating frequency is up 2 GHz.

16194A High temperature component fixture

The 16194A is used to measure a component in wide temperature range. The operating temperature range is from −55°C through 200°C. The usable operating frequency is up to 2 GHz.

16091A Coaxial termination fixture set

The 16091A is suited to the measurement of lead-less material samples or small size, axial lead components whose leads can be shortened. Two types of fixtures are included in the fixture set to provide flexibility for various sample sizes. The usable operating frequency is up to 1 GHz.

16092A Spring clip test fixture

The 16092A provides a convenient capability for easily connecting and disconnecting samples. It has a usable operating frequency up to 500 MHz.

16093A/B Binding post test fixtures

The 16093A/B are suited for the measurement of relatively large size, axial and radial lead components or devices that do not fit other fixtures. The 16093A is provided with two small binding post measurement terminals set at 7 mm intervals. The usable frequency operating of the 16093A is up to 250 MHz. The 16093B employs a common type three binding post terminal arrangement that includes an extra guard post terminal. The terminal interval is 15 mm. The usable frequency operating of the 16093B is below 125 MHz.

16094A Probe test fixture

The 16094A provides probing capability for measuring circuit impedance and components mounted on circuit assemblies. The usable frequency operating of the 16094A is below 125 MHz.

I-V Measurement Method

The 4396B, when combined with the 43961A, uses an I-V measurement method to measure the impedance of a DUT. This section describes this measurement method.

Basic Concept of I-V Method

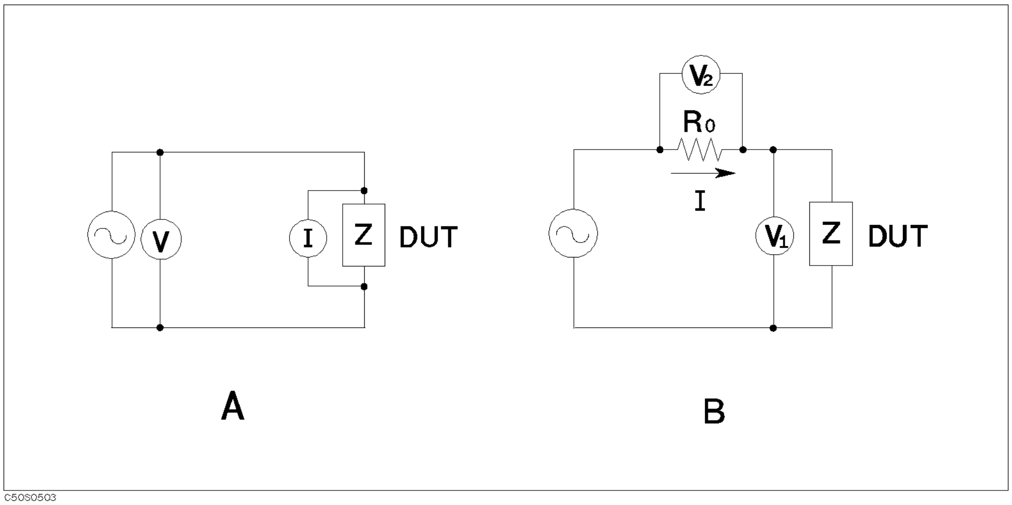


Figure 5-1. I-V Measurement Method

The unknown impedance, Z, can be calculated from the measured voltage and current using Ohm's law: (See circuit A in Figure 5-1.)

$$Z = \frac{V}{I}$$

The current, *I*, can be also obtained by the voltage level of the known resistance, R_0.

$$Z = \frac{V_1}{I} = \frac{V_1}{V_2} R_0$$

See circuit B in Figure 5-1.

The 4396B uses circuit B to determine the unknown impedance.

How This Is Different From Impedance Conversion in the Network Analyzer Mode

The network analyzer part of the 4396B has an impedance conversion feature that converts the reflection coefficient to impedance. The reflection is determined by the impedance of the DUT.

$$Z = R_0 \frac{1 - \Gamma}{1 + \Gamma} \qquad (-1 \leq \Gamma \leq 1)$$

If the DUT impedance is equal to the characteristic impedance, there is no reflection. When the impedance is an infinite value like OPEN, the all input signal is reflected. This means, the reflection signal level covers all impedance range (50 to infinite) by the output level. Thus, the reflected signal level difference is very small when compared to the impedance difference in the higher impedance ranges.

When the impednace is greater than characteristic impedance, the measurement error is increased. For example, for an impedance of 2 kΩ, a 1 percent error in the reflection coefficient is converted to a 24 percent error in impedance.

However, with the I-V method, the measurement error does not depend on the impedance of the DUT because the I-V method measures the impedance directly from the ratio of the voltage and current. Using the I-V method, you can measure a wide range impedance with constant accuracy. This is the major advantage of the I-V method.

Impedance Measurement Scheme

Measurement Block Diagram

With the 43961A connected, the measurement circuit is as shown in Figure 5-2.

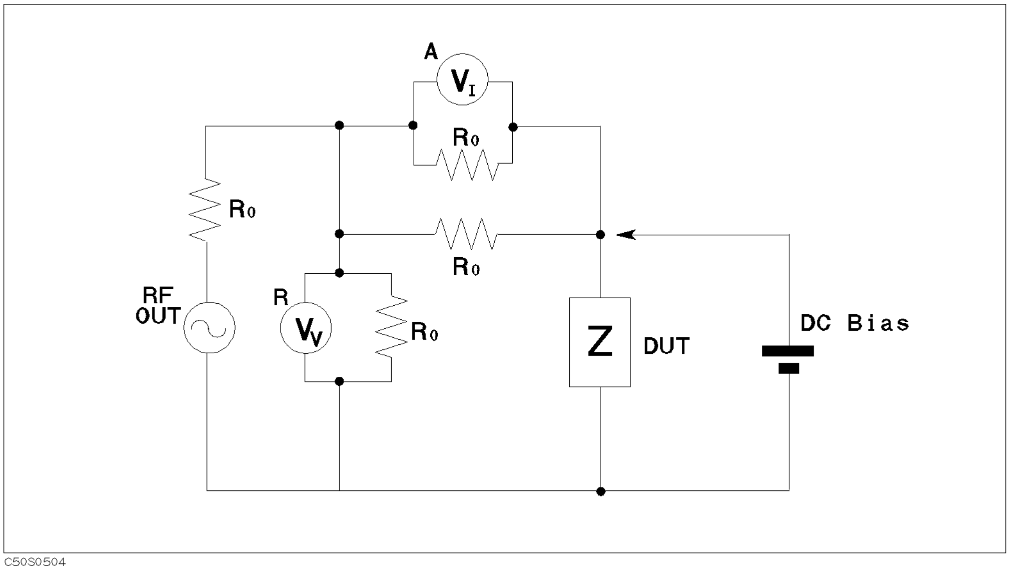


Figure 5-2. Impedance Test Kit Block Diagram

The source signal is output from RF OUT port. V_V voltmeter is R port receiver that measures a voltage. V_I voltmeter is A port receiver that measures a voltage of R_0 to obtain a current.

Test Signal Level at DUT

The test signal level actually applied to the DUT depends on the test signal level from the 4396B, the output impedance, the insertion loss of the Impedance Test Kit, and the impedance of the DUT.

Figure 5-3 shows the simplified equivalent circuit of the 4396B and 43961A.

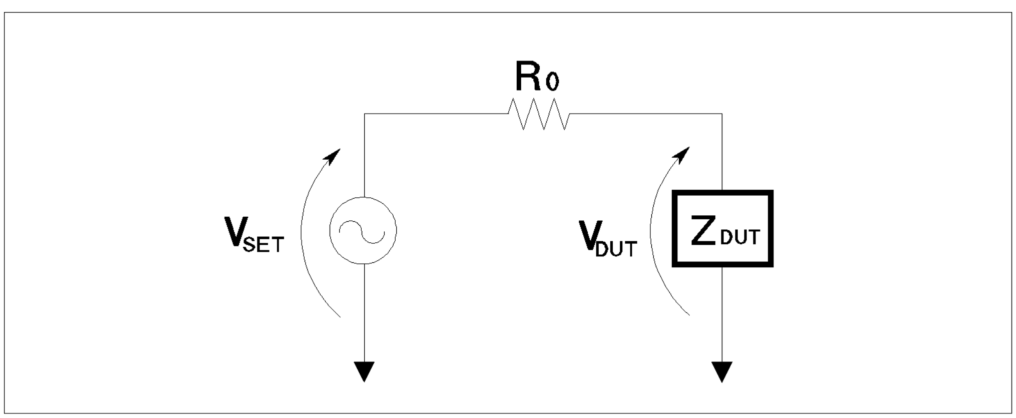


Figure 5-3. Test Signal Level

The output signal is divided by the input impedance (R_0) and the impedance of the DUT. You can use the following equation to determine the signal level actually applied to the DUT:

$$V_{DUT} = V_{SET} \times \frac{Z_{DUT}}{(Z_{DUT} + R_0)} [V]$$

Where,

V_{DUT} Voltage level that is actually applied to the DUT.

V_{SET} Voltage level that is set. See below.

Z_{DUT} Impedance of the DUT.

R_0 Input impedance, 50 Ω.

The 4396B defines the output level as the level when the RF OUT port is 50 Ω terminated. Therefore, you can caluculate the voltage from dBm,

$$V_{SET} = \sqrt{10^{\frac{P_{SET}}{10}} \times 0.001 \times R_0}$$

Where,

P_{SET} Output power setting level. [dBm]

Impedance Measurement (Option 4396B-010)

Measurement functions

Measurement parameters . . . . .Z, Y, L, C, Q, R, X, G, B, θ
Display parameters . . . .[Z], θ_z, R, X, [Y], θ_y, G, B, [Γ], θ_g, Γ_x, Γ_y, Cp, Cs, Lp, Ls, Rp, Rs, D, Q

Display formats

- Vertical lin/log scale
- Complex plane
- Polar/Smith/admittance chart

Sweep parameters

- Linear frequency sweep
- Logarithmic frequency sweep
- List frequency sweep
- Linear power sweep (dBm)

IF bandwidth

- 10, 30, 100, 300,1 k, 3 k, 10 k, 40 k [Hz]

Calibration

- OPEN/SHORT/LOAD 3 term calibration
- Fixture compensation
- Port extension correction

Unknown port

- 7-mm connector

Output characteristics[1]

Frequency range . . . . 100 kHz to 1.8 GHz
Frequency resolution . . . . .1 mHz
Output level . . . . –60 to +20 dBm (@RF OUT port)
Output level accuracy . . . . A + B + 6 [dB] x F/(1.8 x 10^9)

Where,
A = 2 dB (±5 °C)
B = 0 dB(GSC ≤ 0 dBm), or 1 dB (–40 ≤ GSC < 0 dBm),
or 2 dB (–60 ≤ GSC < –40 dBm)

F is output frequency.

Output level resolution . . . . .0.1 dB
Measurement port impedance . . . . .Nominal 50 Ω

1. Signal level at the measurement port is 6 dB lower than the RF GUT port when the measurement port is terminated by 50 Ω.