

COMPONENT MEASUREMENT

Milliohmmeter

HP 4338A

- Low and selectable test signal current: 1 μ A to 10 mA
- Wide measurement range: 10 $\mu\Omega$ to 100 k Ω
- 10 $\mu\Omega$ resolution
- 1 kHz ac measurement
- High-speed measurement: 34 ms
- Built-in comparator
- Auto-measurement mode



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The HP 4338A milliohmmeter is a precise, reliable, high-speed test tool for measurements of low resistance.

Precise Low-Resistance Measurement

Contact failure of electromechanical components in a low-current circuit is a key issue for component reliability. The HP 4338A offers selectable low ac test signals (1 μ A to 10 mA). Users can now characterize low resistances of electromechanical components under low-current conditions. A high resolution of 10 $\mu\Omega$ allows you to determine the slightest differences in contact resistance testing of relays, switches, connectors, PC board traces and cables. The 1 kHz test signal eliminates potential errors introduced by thermoelectric effects on the device-under-test (DUT) contacts. The 1 kHz ac test signal is the best solution to evaluate the internal resistance of batteries, because it avoids dc energy consumption.

High-Speed Measurements

The high-speed (34 ms), built-in comparator and HP-IB/handler interfaces make it possible to construct a measurement system using an automatic handler and external computer to minimize production test time.

Auto-Measurement Mode

When performing gross continuity testing where the test signal level is not a significant factor in the test, the auto-measurement function allows the instrument to select an appropriate test signal and measurement range setting.

Specifications

(See data sheet for complete specifications.)

Measurement function

Measurement parameters: R (ac resistance), X (reactance), L (inductance), |Z| (impedance), θ (phase [°])

Combinations: R, R-X, R-L, |Z|- θ (series mode only)

Mathematical functions: Deviation and percent deviation

Ranging: Auto and manual

Trigger: Internal, external, manual, and HP-IB

Delay time: 0 to 9999 ms in 1 ms steps

Measurement time: Short, medium, and long

Averaging: 1 to 256

Test Signal Characteristics

Test frequency: 1 kHz

Frequency accuracy: $\pm 0.1\%$

Test signal level: 1 μ A, 10 μ A, 100 μ A, 1 mA, 10 mA rms

Level accuracy: $\pm 10\% + 0.2 \mu$ A

Maximum voltage across sample: 20 mV peak in any case

Measurement Range

Parameter	Measurement Range
R	10 $\mu\Omega$ to 100 k Ω
X, Z	10 $\mu\Omega$ to 100 k Ω (typical)
L	10 nH to 10 H (typical)
θ	-180° to +180° C (typical)

Measurement accuracy: $\pm 0.4\%$ Basic for R

Measurement time: Time interval from a trigger command to the EOM (end of measurement) signal output at the handler interface port.

Mode	Time (typical)
Short	34 ms
Medium	70 ms
Long	900 ms

Display: 24 digits LCD display. Capable of displaying: measured values, control settings, comparator limits and decisions, self-test messages, and annunciations.

Correction Function

Zero SHORT: Eliminates measurement errors due to parasitic impedances in the test fixture.

Comparator Function

HIGH/IN/LOW for each primary measurement parameter and the secondary measurement parameter.

Other Functions

Superimposed dc: ± 42 Vdc maximum may be present on measurement terminals.

Save/recall: Ten instrument setups can be saved/recalled from the internal nonvolatile memory.

Continuous memory capability: If the instrument is turned off, or if a power failure occurs, instrument settings are automatically memorized (≤ 72 hours at $23 \pm 5^\circ$ C)

HP-IB interface: All control settings, measured values, and comparator information.

Handler interface: All output signals are negative-logic, optically isolated open collectors.

Output signals include: HIGH/IN/LOW, index, end of measurement, and alarm. Input signals are keylock and external trigger.

General Specifications

Power requirements: 90 to 132 V or 198 to 264 V, 47 to 66 Hz, 45 VA max.

Operating temperature: 0° to 55° C

Dimensions: 320 mm W \times 100 mm H \times 300 mm D (12.6 in \times 3.94 in \times 11.81 in)

Weight: 4.5 kg (9.9 lb)

Ordering Information

	Price
HP 16338A Test Lead Set	\$770
HP 16143B Mating Cable (0.6 m)	\$320
HP 16005B Kelvin Clip Lead (0.4 m, with large clip)	\$100
HP 16005C Kelvin IC Clip Lead (0.4 m, with IC clip)	\$140
HP 16006A Pin-Type Probe Lead (0.4 m)	\$53
HP 16007A Alligator Clip Leads (0.4 m, with 2 red clips)	\$25
HP 16007B Alligator Clip Leads (0.4 m, with 2 black clips)	\$25
HP 16064B LED Display/Trigger Box	\$330
HP 4338A Milliohmmeter	\$3,450
Opt 009 Delete Operation Manual	
Opt W30 Extended Repair Service (see page 671)	