

**Agilent 42100A Four-Terminal Pair Resistor Set**

# **Operation and Service Manual**

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**SERIAL NUMBERS**

**This manual applies directly to an Agilent 42100A with serial number prefix 2950J.  
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in chapter 1 of this manual.**



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## Safety Summary

The following general safety precautions must be observed during all phases of operation, service, and repair of this instrument. Failure to comply with these precautions or with specific WARNINGS elsewhere in this manual may impair the protection provided by the equipment. In addition it violates safety standards of design, manufacture, and intended use of the instrument.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### INTRODUCTION

This operation and service manual provides the information necessary to use the HP 42100A Four-Terminal Pair Resistor Set. A pictorial figure of the HP 42100A is shown on the front cover.

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### DESCRIPTION

The HP 42100A is designed for performance testing and adjustment of HP's four-terminal pair type LCR meters and HP's four-terminal pair type impedance analyzers. The HP 42100A is applicable to instruments (LCR meters and impedance analyzers) which recommend using the HP 42100A in the manual of the instrument.

The HP 42100A consists of five resistors (10 $\Omega$ , 100 $\Omega$ , 1k $\Omega$ , 10k $\Omega$ , 100k $\Omega$ ), an OPEN termination, and a SHORT termination.

Each resistor and each termination has four BNC male terminals of the four-terminal pair configuration.

The state-of-the-art four-terminal pair configuration of the HP 42100A insures:

- Excellent Frequency Characteristics
- Low residual inductance and stray capacitance

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## CONTENTS

Table 1-1 lists the contents in the HP 42100A Four-Terminal Pair Resistor Set.

**Table 1-1. Contents of the HP 42100A**

Description	Parts Number	Qty
OPEN Termination	HP 42090A	1
SHORT Termination	HP 42091A	1
10 $\Omega$ Resistor	HP 42101A	1
100 $\Omega$ Resistor	HP 42102A	1
1k $\Omega$ Resistor	HP 42103A	1
10k $\Omega$ Resistor	HP 42104A	1
100k $\Omega$ Resistor	HP 42105A	1
Carrying Case	PN 42100-60001	1
Operation and Service Manual	PN 42100-90000	1



## SPECIFICATIONS

Complete specifications for the HP 42100A are listed in Table 1-2. The HP 42100A meets all of the specifications listed in Table 1-2 when shipped from the factory.

The supplemental specifications for the HP 42100A Four-Terminal Resistor Set are listed in Table 1-3. Supplemental specifications are not guaranteed.

**Table 1-2. HP 42100A Specifications**

MODEL RESISTANCE	HP 42101A 10 $\Omega$	HP 42102A 100 $\Omega$	HP 42103A 1k $\Omega$	HP 42104A 10k $\Omega$	HP 42105A 100k $\Omega$
ACCURACY	$\pm 1\%$ at DC *1				
DIMENSION	352(W) x 104(H) x 278(D) [mm]				
WEIGHT	120g each Set of 7 (HP 42100A ) + Carrying Case: approx. 2.2kg				

\*1: specified at 23 °C  $\pm$  5°C, 50 %  $\pm$  20 % RH

**Table 1-3. Supplemental Performance Characteristics**

Maximum Power Rating	0.1 W at 70 °C
Temperature Coefficient (0 °C to 70 °C)	< 10 ppm/°C *1
Thermal Resistance (Typical)	50 °C/W
DCR Short Term Stability	< 100 ppm/day *2

\*1: < 20 ppm/°C for HP 42101A 10 $\Omega$  resistor

\*2: specified at 23°C  $\pm$  5°C, 50%  $\pm$  20% RH

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## **OPERATION**

The HP 42100A is used for the OPEN/SHORT error correction procedure preceding a measurement, performance testing, or adjusting the applicable instrument. The exact procedure depends on the instrument, and described in the manual of each instrument.

## **RESISTORS**

The HP 42100A's five resistors are measured to temporarily obtain their accurate values preceding the performance testing and the adjustments of the applicable instruments. The long term stability of the HP 42100A isn't specified. Therefore the measurement procedure to obtain the values of the resistors must be performed just preceding the performance testing, or adjusting the applicable instruments. The measurement procedure is given in the manual of each instrument.

## UNITS COVERED BY THIS MANUAL

Hewlett-Packard uses a two-part, nine character serial number which is stamped on the serial number plate (see Figure 1-1) attached on the each instrument (Termination or Resistor). The first four digits and a letter are the prefix and the last five digits are the suffix of the serial number. The letter in the serial number identified the country where the instrument was manufactured. The prefix is same for all identical instruments, it changes only when a change is made to the instrument. The suffix, however, is assigned sequentially and is different for each instrument. This manual applies to instruments with serial number prefixes listed under *Serial Number* on the title page.



Figure 1-1. Serial Number Plate

Units manufactured after this manual was printed may have a serial number prefix which is not listed on the title page. An unlisted serial number prefix indicates that the instrument may be different from those described in this manual. The manuals for instruments may be accompanied by a yellow Manual Changes supplement, or have a different part number. This supplement contains *Change Information* explaining how to adapt this manual to a newer resistor set.

In addition to change information, the supplement may contain information for correcting errors (Errata) in previous manuals. To keep this manual as current and accurate as possible, Hewlett-Packard recommends that you periodically request the latest Manual Change supplements. The supplement for this manual is identified by the *Print Date* and *Part Number*, both of which appear on this manual's title page.

For information concerning the serial number prefixes not listed on the title page or in the Manual Changes supplements, contact the nearest Hewlett-Packard Sales office.



## INSTALLATION

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### INTRODUCTION

This section provides the installation instructions for the HP 42100A.

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### INCOMING INSPECTION

The HP 42100A meets all of the specifications listed in Table 1-2 and is carefully inspected for damage when shipped from factory. Upon receipt, inspect the HP 42100A in accordance with the following procedures.

- Inspect the shipping container for damage, and keep the shipping materials until the inspection is completed.
- Verify that the shipping container contains everything shown in Table 1-1
- Inspect the exterior of the HP 42100A for any signs of damage.
- Complete the Verification Check in accordance with Chapter 3 in this manual.

If anything is missing, damaged (scratched, dents, etc.), or if the verification check fails, notify the nearest Hewlett-Packard Sales office (see the list at the back of this manual). The Sales Office will immediately arrange for repair or replacement without waiting for a claim settlement.

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### STORAGE ENVIRONMENT

The HP 42100A may be stored or shipped under the following environmental conditions listed in Table 2-1.

**Table 2-1. Storage Environment**

<b>Temperature</b>	-40 °C to +70 °C
<b>Humidity</b>	< 95 % RH at +40 °C

The unit must be protected from temperature extremes which can cause condensation.

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## PACKING

### ORIGINAL PACKING

Containers and packing material identical to those used in factory packing are available from Hewlett-Packard. If the unit is being returned to Hewlett-Packard for servicing, attach a tag indicating the type of service required, return address, model number, and full serial number.

### OTHER PACKING

The following general instructions should be used for repacking with commercially available materials:

- Wrap the unit in heavy paper or plastic. If shipping to a Hewlett-Packard Sales Office or Service Center, attach a tag indicating the type of service required, return address, model number, and full serial number.
- Use a strong shipping container. A double-walled carton made of 350 pound test material is adequate.
- Use enough shock absorbing material (a 3 to 4 inch layer ) around all sides of the unit to provide a firm cushion and to prevent the unit from moving inside the container.
- Seal the shipping container securely.
- Mark the shipping container *FRAGILE* to ensure careful handling.
- In any correspondence, refer to unit by its model number, and the full serial number.

## VERIFICATION CHECK

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### INTRODUCTION

This section contains the basic operational check-out procedures for the HP 42100A.

The verification check is typically used for the incoming inspection or the post repair checking, and it is also performed when a HP 42100A's termination or resistor is suspected to be defective.

### RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

Table 3-1 lists the recommended equipment to perform the HP 42100A's verification check. Equipment that meets or exceeds the critical specifications listed in Table 3-1 may be used as a substitute for the recommended models. The equipment used for the verification check must be calibrated.

**Table 3-1. Recommended Equipment for Verification Check**

Equipment	Critical Specifications	Qty	Recommended Model
Multimeter	Resistance Measurement Range at DC 10 $\Omega$ to 100 k $\Omega$ Accuracy 0.25 %	1	HP 3458A
Cable	BNC(m) to BNC(m) Cable	4	PN 8120-1838
Adapter	Coax BNC(f) to Coax BNC(f)	4	PN 1250-0080
	Coax BNC(f) to Banana Plug (m)	4	PN 1250-1786

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## VERIFICATION CYCLE

The verification check is typically performed after the HP 42100A's repair, or when a HP 42100A's termination or resistor is suspected to be defective. The HP 42100A doesn't have calibration values. Therefore, any periodic verification check or periodic calibration are not required.

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## OPEN and SHORT VERIFICATION CHECK

This verification check confirms the continuity/no continuity across two terminals: Hcur-Hpot, Hpot-Lpot, and Lpot-Lcur of each termination (OPEN or SHORT). The recommended check limit for the continuity/no continuity are listed in Table 3-2.

**Table 3-2. Verification Check Limit of OPEN and SHORT**

TERMINATION	OPEN	SHORT
Resistance between Hcur-Hpot	< 1Ω	< 1Ω
Resistance between Hpot-Lpot	> 1MΩ	< 1Ω
Resistance between Lpot-Lcur	< 1Ω	< 1Ω

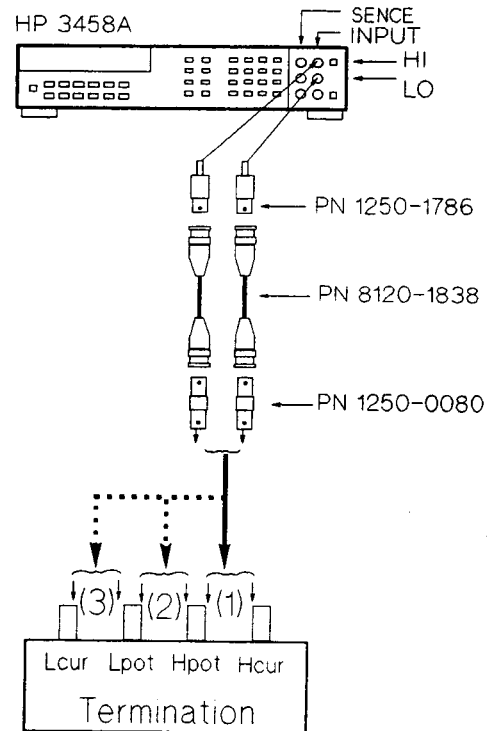
## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Multimeter	HP 3458A (recommended)
Cable	BNC(m) to BNC (m) Cable (2EA)
Adapter	BNC(m) to Banana Plug Adapter (2EA) BNC(m) to BNC(m) Adapter (2EA)

## PROCEDURES for OPEN

1. Set the multimeter to the 2-Wire resistance measurement mode.
2. Connect the multimeter to Hcur and Hpot of the OPEN termination as shown in Figure 3-1 (1).
3. Check that the multimeter's reading is less than 1Ω.
4. Connect the multimeter to Hpot and Lpot of the OPEN termination as shown in Figure 3-1 (2).
5. Check that the multimeter's reading is greater than 1MΩ.
6. Connect the multimeter to Lpot and Lcur of the OPEN termination as shown in Figure 3-1 (3).
7. Check that the multimeter's reading is less than 1Ω.





**Figure 3-1. Verification Check Setup for OPEN and SHORT**

**PROCEDURES for  
SHORT**

1. Set the multimeter to the 2-Wire Resistance measurement mode.
2. Connect the multimeter to Hcur and Hpot of the SHORT termination as shown in Figure 3-1 (1).
3. Check that the multimeter's reading is less than  $1\Omega$ .
4. Connect the multimeter to Hpot and Lpot of the SHORT termination as shown in Figure 3-1 (2).
5. Check that the multimeter's reading is less than  $1\Omega$ .
6. Connect the multimeter to Lpot and Lcur of the SHORT termination as shown in Figure 3-1 (3).
7. Check that the multimeter's reading is less than  $1\Omega$ .

## RESISTOR VERIFICATION CHECK

This verification check confirms that the resistance at DC of each HP 42100A's resistor is within the limits listed in Table 3-3.

**Table 3-3. Verification Check Limit of Resistors**

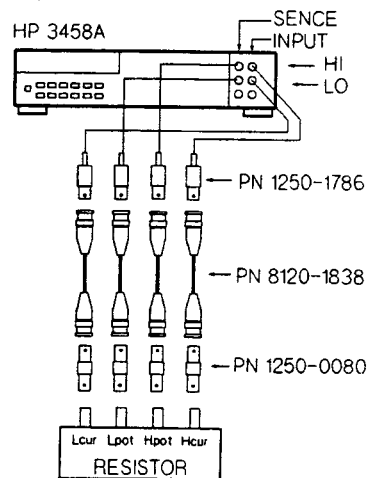
RESISTOR	CHECK LIMIT
10Ω (HP 42101A)	9.9Ω - 10.1Ω
100Ω (HP 42102A)	99Ω - 101Ω
1kΩ (HP 42103A)	0.99kΩ - 1.01kΩ
10kΩ (HP 42104A)	9.9kΩ - 10.1kΩ
100kΩ (HP 42105A)	99kΩ - 101kΩ

### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

Multimeter	HP 3458A (recommended)
Cable	BNC(m) to BNC (m) Cable (4EA)
Adapter	BNC(m) to Banana Plug Adapter (4EA)
	BNC(m) to BNC(m) Adapter (4EA)

### PROCEDURES

1. Set the multimeter to the 4-Wire Resistance measurement mode.
2. Connect the multimeter to 10Ω resistor as shown in Figure 3-2.
3. Check that the multimeter's reading is within the check limits of the 10Ω resistor. Refer to Table 3-3.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for the 100Ω, 1kΩ, 10kΩ, and 100kΩ resistors.



**Figure 3-2. Verification Check Setup for Resistors**

## MANUAL CHANGES

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### INTRODUCTION

This section contains information for adapting this manual to instruments for which its contents do not directly apply. The following paragraphs explain how to adapt this manual to older instruments which have a serial prefix/number lower than that given on the title page.

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### MANUAL CHANGES

To adapt this manual to your instrument, refer to Table 4-1 and make all of the manual changes listed opposite your instrument's serial number. Perform these changes in the sequence given.

If your instrument serial number is not listed on the title page of this manual or in Table 4-1, or may be documented in a yellow MANUAL CHANGES supplement. For additional information about serial number coverage, refer to UNIT COVERED BY THIS MANUAL in Chapter 1.

**Table 4-1. Manual Changes by Serial Number**

Serial Prefix or Number	Make Manual Changes



## SERVICE

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### INTRODUCTION

This section provides the service information for the HP 42100A Four-Terminal Pair Resister Set.

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### REPLACEABLE PARTS

Each of the HP 42100A's terminations or resistors can be replaced at the assembly level, if it is damaged. The replaceable part numbers are listed in Table 5-1.

The top cover (PN 42090-04001) is common for all HP 42100A's terminations and resistors. When the top cover is replaced, the serial number plate on the damaged top cover should be moved to the new top cover.

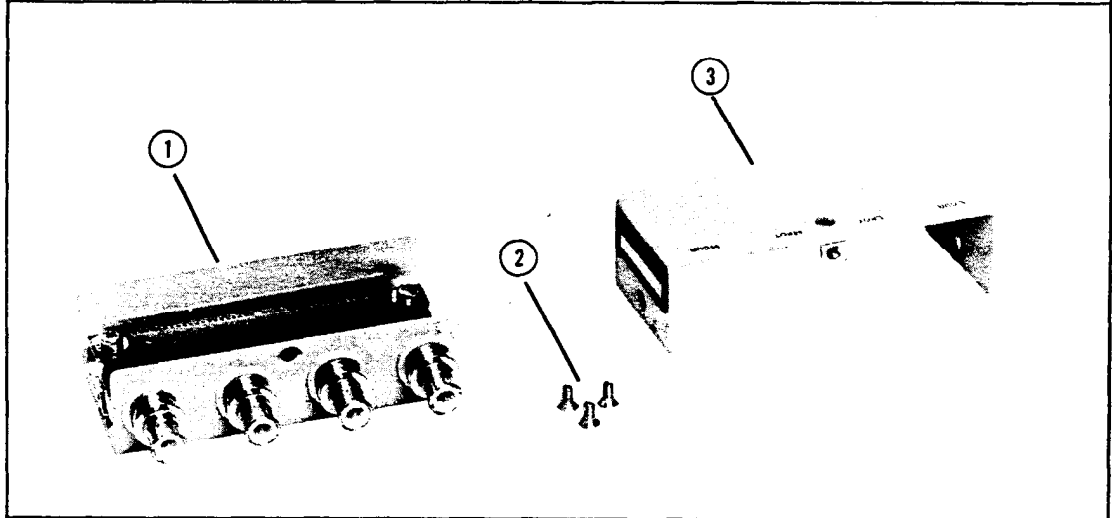
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### VERIFICATION CHECK after REPAIR

After repair, perform the complete verification checks in accordance with *VERIFICATION CHECK* in chapter 3 of this manual. The HP 42100A doesn't have calibration values. Therefore the calibration of the HP 42100A is not required.

**Table 5-1. Replaceable Parts List**

Reference Designator	Part Number	Qty	Description
1	PN 42090-60001	1	OPEN Assembly (for HP 42090A)
	PN 42091-60001	1	SHORT Assembly (for HP 42091A)
	PN 42101-60001	1	10 $\Omega$ Assembly (for HP 42101A)
	PN 42102-60001	1	100 $\Omega$ Assembly (for HP 42102A)
	PN 42103-60001	1	1 k $\Omega$ Assembly (for HP 42103A)
	PN 42104-60001	1	10 k $\Omega$ Assembly (for HP 42104A)
	PN 42105-60001	1	100 k $\Omega$ Assembly (for HP 42105A)
2	PN 0515-0914	3	Screw
3	PN 42090-04001	1	Cover Top



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