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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.

Agilent Technologies assumes no liability for the customer’s failure to comply with these requirements.

NOTE

16380C comply with INSTALLATION CATEGORY I and POLLUTION DEGREE 2 in IEC61010-1. 16380C are INDOOR USE product.

• DO NOT Substitute Parts Or Modify Instrument
Because of the danger of introducing additional hazards, do not install substitute parts or perform unauthorized modifications to the instrument. Return the instrument to an Agilent Technologies Sales and Service Office for service and repair to ensure that safety features are maintained.

- Dangerous Procedure Warnings

Warnings, such as the example below, precede potentially dangerous procedures throughout this manual. Instructions contained in the warnings must be followed.

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**Safety Symbol**

General definitions of safety symbols used on the instrument or in manuals are listed below.

⚠️ **WARNING**

This warning sign denotes a hazard. It calls attention to a procedure, practice, condition or the like, which, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in injury or death to personnel.

⚠️ **CAUTION**

This Caution sign denotes a hazard. It calls attention to a procedure, practice, condition or the like, which, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in damage to or destruction of part or all of the product.

⚠️ **NOTE**

Note denotes important information. It calls attention to a procedure, practice, condition or the like, which is essential to highlight.

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**Certification**

Agilent Technologies certifies that this product met its published specifications at the time of shipment from the factory. Agilent Technologies further certifies that its calibration measurements are traceable to the United States National Institute of Standards and Technology, to the extent allowed by the Institution’s calibration facility, or to the calibration facilities of other International Standards Organization members.

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**Warranty**

This Agilent Technologies instrument product is warranted against defects in material and workmanship for a period corresponding to the individual warranty periods of its
component products. Instruments are warranted for a period of one year. Fixtures and adapters are warranted for a period of 90 days. During the warranty period, Agilent Technologies Company will, at its option, either repair or replace products that prove to be defective.

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**Limitation of Warranty**

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**Exclusive Remedies**

The remedies provided herein are buyer’s sole and exclusive remedies. Agilent Technologies shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages, whether based on contract, tort, or any other legal theory.

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**Assistance**

Product maintenance agreements and other customer assistance agreements are available for Agilent Technologies products.

For any assistance, contact your nearest Agilent Technologies Sales and Service Office. Addresses are provided at the back of this manual.
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1 General Information
Description

The Agilent 16380C Capacitance Standard Set consists of three precision capacitors 0.01 µF (16385A), 0.1 µF (16386A), and 1 µF (16387A). One precision capacitor 10 µF (16388A) is also added with the option. All four capacitors have high capacitance stability and are virtually unaffected by changes in environmental temperature, ensuring measurement repeatability and reliability.

The 16380C was designed for use in calibrating precision impedance measuring instruments (such as LCR meters, impedance analyzers, etc.) that have capacitance ranges between 0.01 µF and 10 µF. The 16380C can be used to directly certify capacitance measurement accuracy over the 0.01 µF to 10 µF range.

Contents

The 16380C contents are listed in Table 1-1.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Agilent Part No.</th>
<th>Qty.</th>
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<tr>
<td>16385A (0.01 µF)</td>
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<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>16386A (0.1 µF)</td>
<td>Not Assigned</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>16387A (1 µF)</td>
<td>Not Assigned</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>16388A (10 µF) (option 001)</td>
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<tr>
<td>BNC(f)-(f) Adapters</td>
<td>1250-0080</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Case</td>
<td>16380-85104</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Calibration Report</td>
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<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating Note (This Manual)</td>
<td>16380-90221</td>
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Initial Inspection

Inspect the shipping container for damage. If the shipping container or cushioning material is damaged, it should be kept until the contents of the shipment have been checked for completeness and the instrument has been checked mechanically. The contents of the shipment should be as shown in Table 1-1. If the shipment is incomplete, or if there is mechanical damage or defects, notify the nearest Agilent office. If the shipping container is damaged, or the cushioning material shows signs of stress, notify the carrier as well as the Agilent office. Keep the shipping materials for carrier’s inspection. The Agilent office will arrange for repair or replacement at Agilent Option, without waiting for claim settlement.
2 Specifications and Supplemental Performance Characteristics
Specifications and Supplemental Performance Characteristics

Specifications

Operating Conditions

Ambient Temperature: 23±5°C
Relative Humidity: Less than 70% RH

Dimensions

16385A, 16386A, 16387A, and 16388A (opt.001): 142(W) × 88(D) × 112(H) mm
Carrying Case: 355(W) × 340(D) × 170(H) mm

Weight

16385A, 16386A, and 16387A: approximately 1.3 kg each
16388A (opt.001): approximately 1.7 kg
Total: approximately 7.0 kg
(Includes three capacitance standards, a carrying case, and four BNC adapters)
approximately 8.7 kg
(Includes four capacitance standards, a carrying case, and four BNC adapters)

Accessories Furnished

BNC (f)-(f) Adapters, 4ea.: PN 1250-0080
Carrying Case, 1ea.: PN 16380-85104
Operating Note, 1ea.: PN 16380-90221

Table 2-1

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>16385A</th>
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<th>16387A</th>
<th>16388A (opt.001)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Nominal Value*1</td>
<td>0.01 µF</td>
<td>0.1 µF</td>
<td>1 µF</td>
<td>10 µF</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nominal Accuracy*1</td>
<td>±0.1%</td>
<td>±0.05%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dissipation Factor*1</td>
<td>≤4×10⁻⁴</td>
<td>≤5×10⁻⁴</td>
<td>≤7×10⁻⁴</td>
<td>≤5×10⁻⁴</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

*1.Specified at 1kHz under the following ambient conditions:
Temperature: 23±5°C
Supplemental Performance Characteristics

Capacitance Temperature Coefficient
16385A, 16386A, 16387A, and 16388A (opt.001): -20 to 35 ppm/°C

Capacitance Stability
16385A, 16386A, 16387A, and 16388A (opt.001): <50 ppm/year @ 1kHz, 23±5°C

Maximum Allowable Voltage/Current
16385A, 16386A, 16387A, and 16388A (opt.001): 40 V peak (ac+dc)/100 mA rms

Table 2-2

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<thead>
<tr>
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<th>16385A</th>
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<td>$C_{HG}$*1</td>
<td>&lt;20 pF</td>
<td>&lt;20 pF</td>
<td>&lt;35 pF</td>
<td>&lt;50 pF</td>
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<tr>
<td>$C_{LG}$*1</td>
<td>&lt;20 pF</td>
<td>&lt;20 pF</td>
<td>&lt;35 pF</td>
<td>&lt;50 pF</td>
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</table>

*1.: See figure below.

Figure 2-1

C_{HL}: 4 terminal capacitance
$C_{HG}$, $C_{LG}$: Stray capacitance to guard

Storage Conditions
Temperature: -10°C to +55°C
Relative Humidity: Less than 85% RH at 40°C
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Calibration

Calibration
Agilent will calibrate the 16380C. For complete information (price, time required, etc.) on how to have the 16380C calibrated, contact the nearest Agilent Sales and Service Office.

Recommended Calibration Cycle
The 16380C should be calibrated at least once a year. More frequent calibration may be required if the 16380C is used in very hot or very cold environments.

Repair
The 16380C contains no replaceable components. If one of the capacitors becomes damaged, or if its capacitance value is outside specified Limits, the capacitor must be replaced. For complete information on service, contact the nearest Agilent Sales and Service Office.