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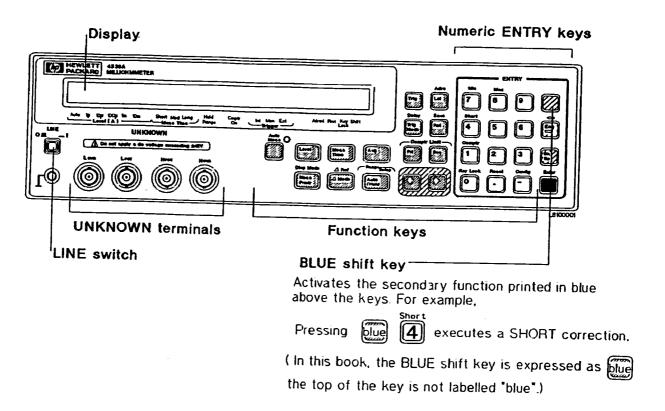
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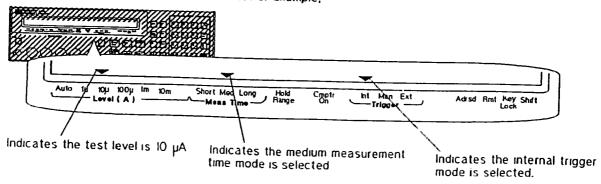
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# HP 4338A Milliohmmeter at a Glance



# Annunciator ( - marks, at the bottom of the display )

Shows the instrument's operational state. For example,



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#### **Documentation Map**

- HP 4338A User's Guide (HP part number 04338-90001) ← This Book
  Is a handy reference to help you to get started using your HP 4338A, basic measurements and commonly used features are explained.
- HP 4338A Operation Manual (HP part number 04338-90000, furnished with the HP 4338A) Provides information on initial inspection, how to operate the HP 4338A, in-depth reference information, general information, specifications, and maintenance information.
- HP 16338A Operation and Service Manual (HP part number 16338-90000, furnished with the HP 4338A)

Provides information on initial inspection, how to operate the HP 16338A Test Lead Set, in-depth reference information, general information, specifications, and service information.

■ HP 4338A Service Manual (HP part number 04338-90031, Option 0B3 only) Explains how to adjust, troubleshoot, and repair the HP 4338A.

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- Chapter 2, Operating the HP 4338A

Basic measurement operation

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■ Chapter 3, Measurement Example

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Measuring Contact Resistance of a Switch Measuring Internal Resistance of a Battery

In the User's Guide, information on the following subjects is not discussed:

Initial Inspection

Maintenance

- HP-IB remote control
- Specifications

Using with Handler

Error Messages

For detailed information on these subjects, see the HP 4338A Operation Manual.

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### **Preparation for Use**

#### In This Chapter

Before turning the HP 4338A ON, you must first set the HP 4338A to match the available power LINE voltage.

If the HP 4338A's power LINE voltage and frequency are properly set and ready to use, you can skip this chapter.

#### **Power Requirements**

The HP 4338A's power source requirements are as follows:

**LINE Voltage**:  $100 / 120 / 220 / 240 \text{ V ac} (\pm 10\%)$ 

LINE Frequency: 47 to 66 Hz

**Power Consumption**: 45 VA maximum

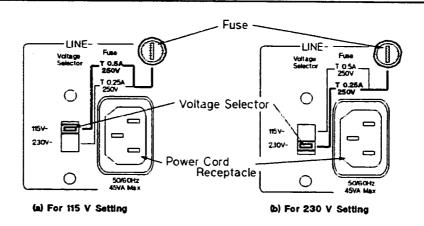
#### To Set Power LINE Voltage

1. Confirm that the power cable is disconnected.

2. Slide the LINE Voltage selector on the rear panel to match the power LINE voltage which will be used (see Table 1-1).

**Voltage Selector** Line Voltage Required Fuse (a) 115 V 100 / 120 V T 0.5 A 250 V (HP part number 2110-0202) (b) 230 V 220 / 240 V T 0.25 A 250 V (HP part number 2110-0201)

Table 1-1. Line Voltage Selection



#### To Set Power LINE Frequency

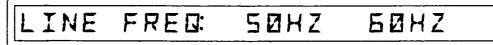
- 1. Connect the power cable to the power cord receptacle on the rear panel.
- 2. Push the LINE switch in and the HP 4338A will emit a beep when it turns ON. All digits are displayed while the self test is in progress. (If any message is displayed, see "Error Messages" back of HP 4338A Operation Manual.) The HP 4338A will be ready for operation after a message like the following is displayed.

HP 4338A REVØ 100

3. Press . The following message is displayed.

BEEP LINE SVE TEST EXIT

4. Press until "LINE" blinks, then press



A blinking item means that it is currently selected.

- 5. If the setting does not match the power LINE frequency, press to toggle the setting between "50HZ" and "60HZ".
- 6. Press twice to exit this menu.

Note

The power line frequency setting is stored and is not changed after reset or power-off. Once you set it, you do not need to set the line frequency again as long as the same power line frequency is being used.

## Operating the HP 4338A

#### In This Chapter

Basic measurement operations of the HP 4338A and references are explained.

For measurement, we use the HP 16338A Test Lead Set with the HP 4338A.

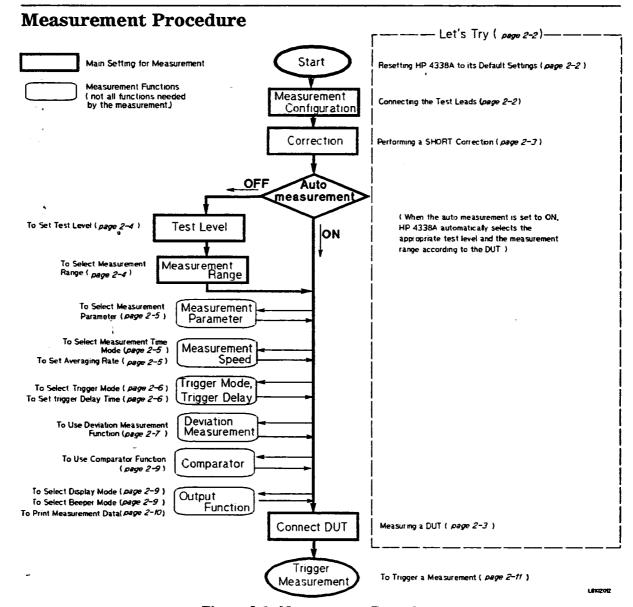


Figure 2-1. Measurement Procedure

#### Let's Try-Fully Automatic Measurement

The HP 4338A's auto measurement function automatically selects the appropriate test signal level and measurement range. You can measure the DUT with very simple procedure, only connecting test leads, performing a SHORT correction, and connecting the DUT.

#### Resetting HP 4338A to its Default Settings

to select the reset menu.

SYSTEM RESET: YES NI

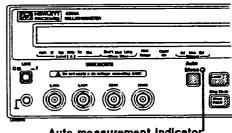
until YES is blinking, then press Enter .

The HP 4338A will be reset to its default settings. For more information about the default settings, see "Default Settings" later in this chapter.

Note When the auto measurement indicator

turns ON, the auto measurement function is active.

Resetting the HP 4338A, or pressing activates the auto measurement function.



Auto measurement indicator

#### Connecting the Test Leads

Connect the test leads to the UNKNOWN terminals as follows:

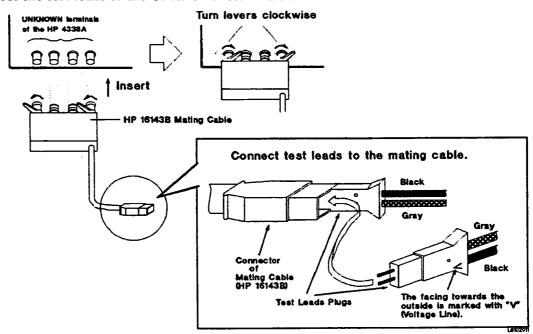


Figure 2-2. Connecting HP 16338A Test Lead Set

#### Performing a SHORT Correction

#### -Canceling the residual impedance in series with the DUT

- 1. Configure the test electrodes in a SHORT configuration by connecting the High and Low electrodes to each other. (For information on the SHORT configuration, see "SHORT Configuration" on page 2-13.)
- 2. Press



. The following message is displayed.

CORRECTION SHORT

After a while, the HP 4338A will display the SHORT correction finished message,

COMPLETE LUKK:

and return to the measurement mode.

#### If "OUT OF LIMIT" is displayed

The SHORT impedance is so high that it would be unsuitable for SHORT correction data.

- □ Check that the test leads are properly connected to the UNKNOWN terminals.
- □ Check that the test clips are properly shorted.

And then perform the SHORT correction again.

#### Measuring a DUT

Connect the DUT to the test clips and the measurement result will be displayed.

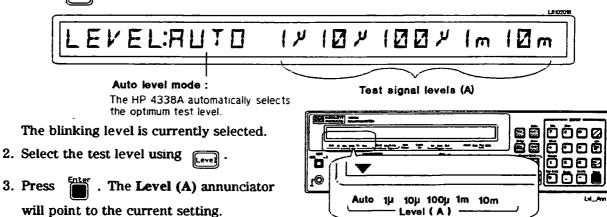
10.72 IMOHM

#### **Test Voltage Limit**

The peak voltage across the DUT does not exceed 20 mV. (When the test voltage exceeding 20 mV, the HP 4338A disables the test voltage output and displays "OVVOL" (Over Voltage).) It prevents the test voltage from destroying the oxidation film, formed between the contacts. So, even when an unknown DUT is measured without special preparation, the contact resistance is still accurately measured without disturbing the state of the oxidation film.

#### To Set Test Level

1. Press [ . The level menu will be displayed.

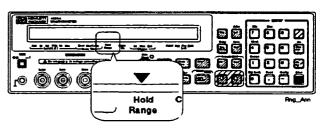


#### To Select Measurement Range

#### Auto Range mode

-Automatically selecting the optimum measurement range

Press Fine Hold Range annunciator turns OFF.



#### Hold Range mode—Holding the measurement range of your choice

To select the measurement range,

RANGE:	(00	DHM

- 2. Press or until the desired range is displayed. Or, input the impedance value to be measured using the numeric ENTRY keys, and the HP 4338A will select the optimum measurement range setting.
- 3. Press Fater . The Hold Range annunciator turns ON.

Note Only pressing or increases or decreases the measurement range setting while a measurement is in progress.

To determine which measurement range you should select, see "Measurement Range Setting" later in this chapter.

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#### To Select Measurement Parameter

Press Press until the desired measurement parameter is displayed.

■ Measurement parameter R

R:+ 10.72 Im 0 HM

■ Measurement parameter R-X

R:+ 10.72 Im 0 HM X:+ 0.8 15 m 0 HM

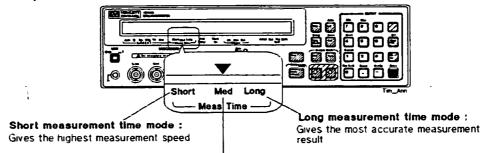
■ Measurement parameter R-L (equivalent series circuit)

R:+ 10.72 Im 0 HM L:+ 0.129 YH

■ Measurement parameter Z-∠ (phase angle)

#### To Select Measurement Time Mode

Press until the Meas Time annunciator points to the desired measurement time mode.



Medium measurement time mode

#### To Set Averaging Rate—Stabilizing the measurement result

1. Press Dive Heas

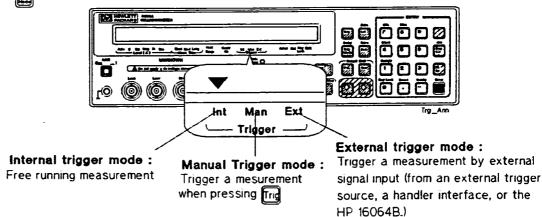
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- 2. Enter the averaging rate using the numeric ENTRY keys. (For example, to enter 4, press

  ) You can enter integer values from 1 to 256. Also, you can increase or decrease the value using or .
- 3. Press to set the value and to exit.

#### To Select Trigger Mode

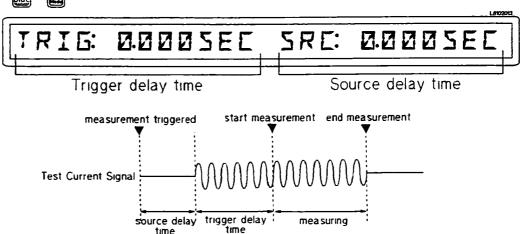
Press until the Trigger annunciator points to the desired trigger mode.



To trigger a measurement in each mode, see "To Trigger a Measurement" later in this chapter.

#### To Set Trigger Delay Time

1. Press blue Press.



- 2. A blinking TRIG: shows that you can enter the trigger delay time.

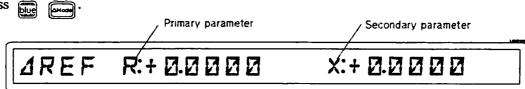
  Enter the desired trigger delay time using the numeric ENTRY keys. (For example, to set 0.5 sec, press of the trigger delay time from 0 sec to 9.999 sec.
- 3. Press to set the value.
- 4. A blinking SRC: shows that you can enter the source delay time.

  Enter the desired source delay time using the numeric ENTRY keys. (For example, to set 0.5 sec, press 5.) You can set the source delay time from 0 sec to 9.999 sec.
- 5. Press to set the value and to exit.
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#### To Use Deviation Measurement Function

#### Setting the Deviation Reference Values

1. Press Aref.



The blinking parameter is a prompt to enter the reference value.

- 2. Select the primary or secondary parameter using or or
- 3. Enter the numeric value using the numeric ENTRY keys.
- 4. Press to enter the value and to exit.

#### Selecting the Deviation Mode

Primary parameter

Secondary parameter

Deviation measurement OFF

(MEAS)-(REF)

(MEAS)-(REF)

(MEAS)-(REF)

(REF)

X 100 (%)

(MEAS): measurement result (REF): reference value

The blinking item is the mode currently selected.

- 2. Select the primary or secondary parameter using or or
- 3. Select the deviation mode using  $\frac{\triangle Ref}{[Dataset]}$ .
- 4. Press to set the mode and to exit.

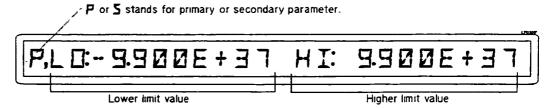
∆ is displayed in the deviation measurement mode.

AR:+ 70.

#### To Use Comparator Function

#### Setting the Limit Values

1. Press or select the parameter to set.



- 2. A blinking LO: shows that you can enter the lower limit value. Enter the value using the numeric ENTRY keys, then press to enter the value. You can set the value from  $-9.900 \times 10^{37}$  to  $9.900 \times 10^{37}$ .
- 3. A blinking HI: shows that you can enter the higher limit value. Enter the value using the numeric ENTRY keys, then press to enter the value and to exit. You can set the value from  $-9.900 \times 10^{37}$  to  $9.900 \times 10^{37}$ .

Comptr

#### Sorting

To start sorting,

Press  $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$  . The Comptr On annunciator turns ON.

To abort sorting,

Press . The Comptr On annunciator turns OFF.

The sorting results are HIGH, IN, and LOW.

Where,

HIGH greater than higher limit

IN between higher limit and lower limit

LOW less than lower limit

The HP 4338A shows the comparison results using the display, beeper, printer, and HP 16064B LED Display/Trigger Box. (To use the HP 16064B, see "Accessories Available" later in this chapter.)

- For result output to the display, see "To Select Display Mode" in the next page.
- For result output to the beeper, see "To Select Beeper Mode" later in the next page.
- For result output to the printer, see "To Print Measurement Data" later in this chapter.

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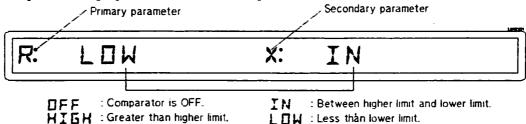
#### To Select Display Mode

Press until the desired display is displayed. The following modes are available.

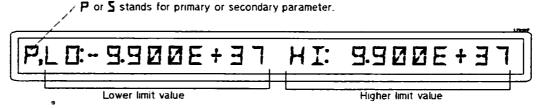
■ The Measurement Display mode shows the measurement data:

R:+ 10.72 ImOHM X:+ 0.8 15mOHM

■ The Comparison Display mode shows the comparison results:



■ The Limit Table modes (two modes: one for the primary parameter and another for the secondary parameter) shows the comparator limits:



■ The Display OFF mode shows the annunciators only.

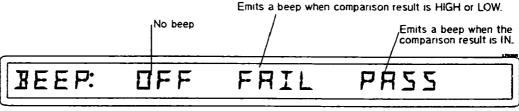
#### To Select Beeper Mode

To change the beeper mode for the comparator result reporting:

1. Press Due



2. Select BEEP using or and press to select.



- -3. Select the beep mode using or , and press to exit to the previous display.
- 4. Select EXIT using or , and press to exit.

#### To Print Measurement Data

#### Setting the Printer

- 1. Use an HP-IB compatible printer, set to the listen-always mode.
- 2. Connect the printer to the HP 4338A's HP-IB port on the rear panel.
- 3. Turn the printer ON.

#### **Printing**

Set the HP 4338A to talk only mode (Set the HP 4338A's HP-IB address to 31).

HP-II FIRS: 31

2. Press . The Adrsd annunciator turns ON and the printer begins printing the measurement data.

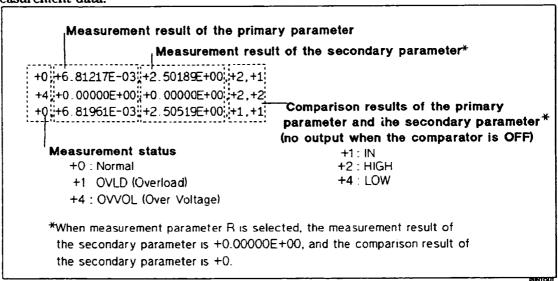


Figure 2-3. Printer Output

#### **Disabling Printing**

Change the HP-IB address to an address other than 31 (for example, 17, which is the default setting).

Press











#### To Trigger a Measurement

- In internal trigger mode—The HP 4338A makes continuous free-running measurements.
- In manual trigger mode—Press when you want to trigger a measurement.
- In external trigger mode— Connect the external trigger source to the EXT TRIGGER terminal on the HP 4338A's rear panel, and apply a TTL level trigger signal to trigger a measurement. (For details, see the HP 4338A Operation Manual.)

Note that the HP 4338A must be set to the external trigger mode to be triggered from an external handler or from the HP 16064B LED Display/Trigger Box.

#### If You Have a Problem

If any of the problems listed below occur, follow the instructions given for the problem.

#### If you find yourself lost when operating the HP 4338A

You can get back on track by:

To return to the measurement mode Press several times.

To return to the default settings

Press (If the reset is not accepted, confirm that the key Lock annunciator is turned ON. See next.)

#### If the HP 4338A does not accept key input:

- □ Check whether or not the Key Lock annunciator is ON. If so:
  - □ Press □ The Key Lock annunciator turns OFF and the front-panel keys are unlocked.
  - □ Check that the HP 16064B LED display/trigger box is connected to the HP 4338A and it is set to lock out the keys. If so, unlock the keys from the HP 16064B.

#### If the HP 4338A displays annunciators only:

The display mode is set to the Display OFF mode.

- 1. If the HP 4338A is in the key lockout mode, cancel the key lockout mode. (See previous description.)
- 2. Press plue to change the display mode to a mode other than Display OFF.

#### If ---- or "OVLD" is displayed:

The measurement result is out of the measurable range. Check the DUT and make sure the measurement range is properly set.

#### Reference

#### **Default Settings**

Auto measurement : ON
 (Auto level auto range model)

(Auto level, auto range mode)

Measurement parameter : RDeviation measurement : OFF

Measurement timeAveraging rate: MEDium: 1

• Trigger mode : Internal

Trigger delay timeSource delay time

: 0 ms : 0 ms

• Comparator : OFF

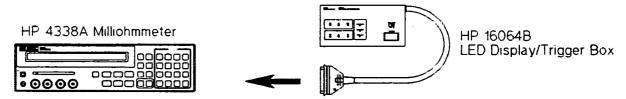
Display mode
Beep mode
FAIL mode

• SHORT correction data is cleared

#### **Accessories Available**

#### HP 16064B LED Display/Trigger Box

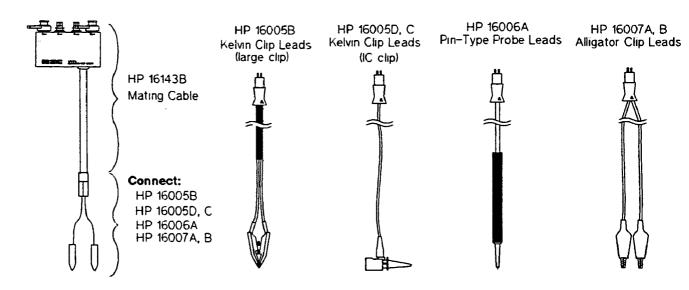
The HP 16064B LED Display/Trigger Box triggers a measurement when its trigger key is pressed, and displays the comparison results using LEDs. It allows you to manually operate the comparator function of the HP 4338A.



Connect to the Handler Interface connecter on the rear panel.

#### HP 16338A Test Lead Set

Four types of test leads are available for the HP 4338A for various forms of DUTs.



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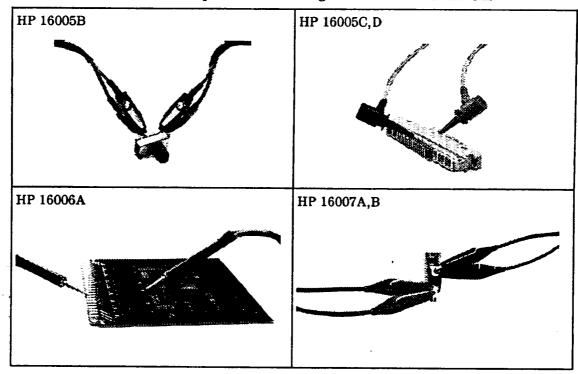
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Table 2-1. Examples of Connecting the Test Leads and DUTs



Note



In addition to using two of the same types of test leads for a measurement, as shown in the above figure, you can use two different types of test leads together.

#### **SHORT Configuration**

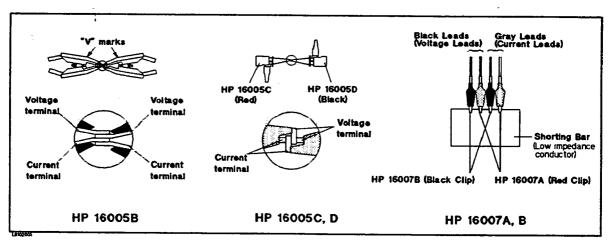


Figure 2-4. SHORT Configuration for Each Test Leads

DO NOT perform the SHORT correction when using the HP 16006A Pin-type Probe, or two test clips of different types. (It is difficult to achieve effective SHORT impedance.)

#### **Measurement Range Setting**

The available measurement range settings are 1 m $\Omega$ , 10 m $\Omega$ , 100 m $\Omega$ , 1  $\Omega$ , 10  $\Omega$ , 100  $\Omega$ , 1 k $\Omega$ , and 10 k $\Omega$ , and the range settings are limited by test level setting. See Figure 2-5.

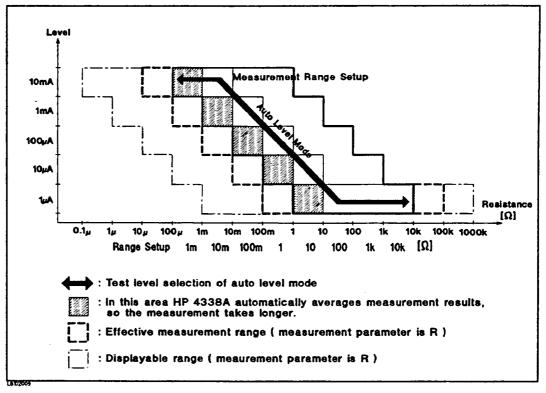


Figure 2-5. Measurement Range

#### Other Topics

For details on these functions, see the HP 4338A Operation Manual.

- Initial Inspection Chapter 1 of the Operation Manual
- Key Lock Function Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 of the Operation Manual
- HP-IB Chapter 4 and Chapter 5 of the Operation Manual
- Handler Interface Chapter 3, Chapter 6, and Appendix B of the Operation Manual
- Save / Recall Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 of the Operation Manual
- Backup Function Chapter 3 of the Operation Manual
- Specification Chapter 8 of the Operation Manual
- Maintenance Chapter 9 of the Operation Manual
- Error Messages "Error Messages" in back of the Operation Manual

### **Measurement Examples**

#### In This Chapter

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The HP 4338A's features and benefits are discussed, which you can investigate by trying the typical measurement examples described in this chapter.

#### **HP 4338A Features and Benefits**

HP 4338A Milliohmmeter is a precise, reliable, and high speed test tool for measuring low resistance.

#### High quality testing

- Remove parasitics with error correction
- Consistent results with 0.4 % basic accuracy
- Resolve data to five digits

#### Fast test system throughput

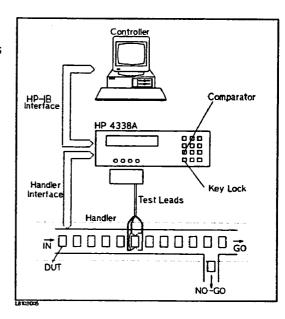
- High speed measurement: 34 ms
- Built-in comparator
- Built-in handler-interface
- HP-IB interface standard

#### Versatile measurement

- Five impedance parameters (R, X, L, Z,  $\theta$ )
- 1 μA, 10 μA, 100 μA, 1 mA, and 10 mA test levels (1 kHz)
- Wide measurement range:  $10 \mu\Omega$  to  $100 k\Omega$
- Four types of test leads available
- Reduce test complexity with auto measurement function
- Voltage protection on UNKNOWN terminals
   42 Vmax
- Cable extension 2 meters maximum

#### Test System Configuration for a Production Line

The HP 4338A's handler interface outputs signals to indicate measurement completed, and PASS/FAIL judgments of the comparator function. The handler interface has an input for an external trigger signal and a keylock signal. Using these signals, the HP 4338A can easily be combined with a component handler and a system controller to fully automate component testing, sorting, and quality control data processing to increase production efficiency.



#### **Testing Contact of Electromechanical Devices**

Contact failure of electromechanical devices in low current circuits is a key issue in determining reliability of these components. The HP 4338A offers selectable low level ac test signals (1  $\mu$ A to 10 mA), so now low current conditions can be characterized. A high resolution of 5-digit measurement results allow you to determine the slightest differences in contact resistance of devices. The ac (1 kHz) test signal eliminates potential errors introduced by thermo-electric effects across the DUT contacts.

#### ■ 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 HP 4338A to select the appropriate test signal level and measurement range.

#### ■ Test Voltage Limit

If the peak voltage across the DUT exceeds 20 mV, the HP 4338A disables the test voltage output. This function prevents the test signal voltage applied across the DUT from disturbing the state of the oxidation film formed between the contacts.

#### Measuring the Contact Resistance of a Switch

This example shows the procedure to measure contact resistance of switch. Using the auto measurement function reduces the test measurement complexity due to selecting the test level and measurement range according to the DUT.

#### DUT

Switch

#### Requirements

Test Fixture :

HP 16143B Mating cable

HP 16005C IC Clip Leads

(red clip)

HP 16005D IC Clip Leads

(black clip)

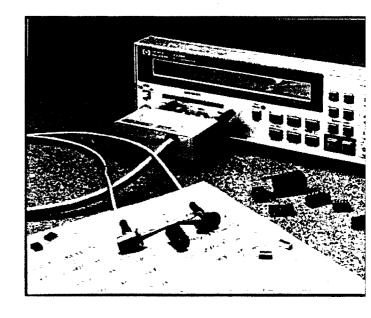
#### **Measurement Setup**

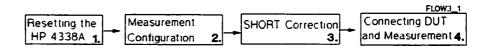
Measurement parameter: R

Use Auto Measurement Mode

(Auto level, Auto measurement range)

# Measurement Procedure





#### 1. Reset the HP 4338A.

a. Press blue

#### 3-2 Measurement Examples

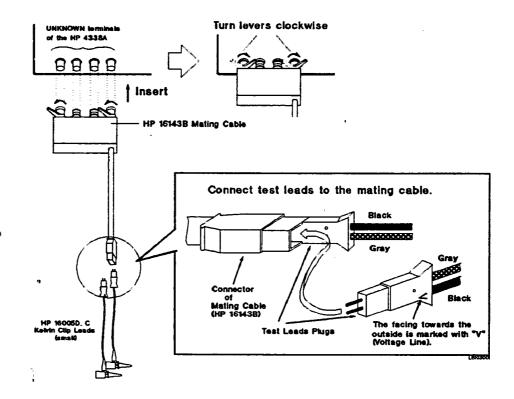
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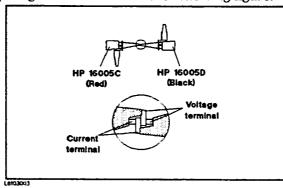
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# SYSTEM RESET: YES NO

- b. Press until YES blinks, and press the
- 2. Connect test fixture to the UNKNOWN terminals as follows:



- 3. Perform a SHORT correction.
  - a. Short the test lead clips together as shown in the following figure:

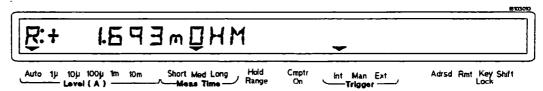


b. Press bue 4

# SHORT CORRECTION

After a while, "CORR: COMPLETE" will be displayed, then the SHORT correction is completed. (If "OUT OF LIMIT" is displayed, see "Performing a SHORT Correction—Canceling the residual impedance in series with the DUT" in Chapter 2.)

4. Connect the DUT to the test fixture and the measurement result will be displayed. The following figure shows the typical measurement result display.



#### For More Information

- To print out the measurement result See "To Print Measurement Data" in Chapter 2
- To select other measurement parameters See "To Select Measurement Parameter" in Chapter 2
- To select measurement level See "To Set Test Level" in Chapter 2

#### **Evaluating Battery Internal Resistance**

The HP 4338A's voltage protection on the UNKNOWN terminals allows you to evaluate internal resistance of a battery (42 V maximum).

The 1 kHz ac test signal is the best solution for evaluating the internal resistance of batteries because it avoids dc energy consumption.

#### Measuring a Battery Internal Resistance

#### DUT

 $\mathfrak{M}_{(0)}$ 

Battery ( $\leq 42 \text{ V}$ )

#### Requirements

Test Fixture: HP 16143B Mating cable

HP 16006A Pin-type Probe Leads

(use two leads)

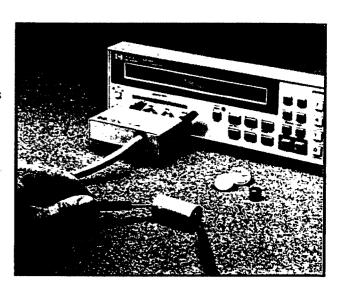
#### Measurement Setup

Measurement parameter : R

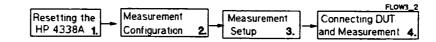
Measurement Range : Auto range mode

Test level : 1 mA1

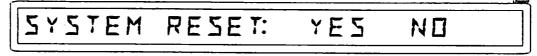
1 If the internal resistance of the battery is higher than 10 Q, set the test level to 100  $\mu$ A, so as not to be OVLD (overload). '



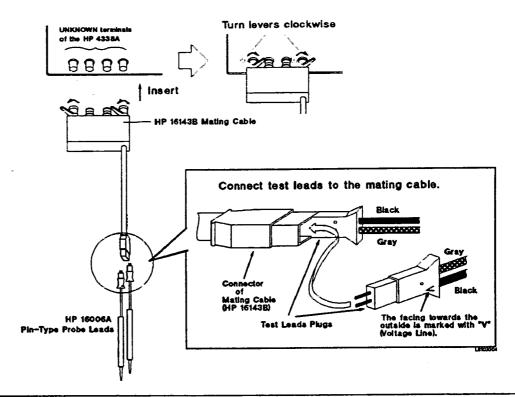
#### **Measurement Procedure**



- 1. Reset the HP 4338A.
  - a. Press



- until YES blinks, and press
- 2. Connect the test fixture to the UNKNOWN terminals.

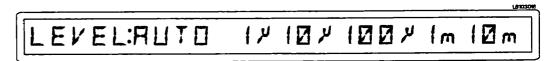


Note

DO NOT perform a SHORT correction when using the HP 16006A Pin-type Probe.

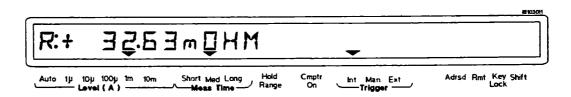


- 3. Set the test level to 1 mA (or 100  $\mu$ A if  $R_{DUT}>10 \Omega$ ).
  - a. Press



The blinking level is the level currently selected.

- b. Press until "1m"(or "100 $\mu$ " if  $R_{DUT}>10 \Omega$ ) is selected and press .
- 4. Connect the DUT and the measurement result is displayed. The following figure shows the typical measurement result display.



3-6 Measurement Examples

#### HP 4338A

#### For More Information

- To print out the measurement result See "To Print Measurement Data" in Chapter 2
   To select other measurement parameters See "To Select Measurement Parameter" in Chapter 2