

Differential Probes

TDP1500 and TDP3500 Datasheet



Differential active probes provide truer signal reproduction and fidelity for high-frequency measurements. With ultra-low input capacitance and versatile device-under-test connection capabilities, the TDP1500 and TDP3500 Differential-ended Active probes provide excellent high-speed electrical and mechanical performance required for today's digital system designs.

Key performance specifications

- 3.5 GHz (TDP3500) and 1.5 GHz (TDP1500) probe bandwidth
- ≤ 1 pF (TDP1500) and ≤ 0.3 pF (TDP3500) differential input capacitance
- 200 k Ω (TDP1500) and 100 k Ω (TDP3500) differential input resistance
- ± 25 V (TDP1500) and ± 15 V (TDP3500) DC + pk AC input voltage
- > 60 dB at 1 MHz and > 25 dB at 1 GHz CMRR

Key features

- Outstanding electrical performance
 - 3.5 GHz and 1.5 GHz bandwidth models - accurate measurements for serial and digital applications
 - Excellent common mode rejection – reduces measurement errors in higher common environments
 - Low capacitive and resistive loading – maintains signal fidelity and reduces DC biasing interactions
- Versatile mechanical performance
 - Compact probe head size for probing small geometry circuit elements
 - DUT attachment accessories enable connection to fine-spaced SMDs
 - Robust design for reliability
- Easy to use
 - Connects directly to oscilloscopes with the TekVPI™ probe interface
 - Provides automatic units scaling and readout on the oscilloscope display
 - Easy access to probe comp box controls or oscilloscope probe menu display for probe status, setup control, and diagnostic information
- Integrated Scope/Probe system
 - Direct connection to and powered from the TekVPI™ oscilloscope interface (Connects directly to TekVPI scopes without the need of an external power supply, like many competitors require)
 - Single-button oscilloscope probe menu access
 - Setup and control from probe comp box or oscilloscope user interface
 - AutoZero - zeros out output offset
 - Remote GPIB/USB probe control through the oscilloscope

Applications

- Design, validation, debugging, and characterization of common high-speed serial bus designs:
 - I²C
 - CAN/LIN
 - SPI
 - Serial ATA
 - Ethernet (GbE)
 - USB 2.0
 - FireWire (1394b)
- Signal integrity, jitter, and timing analysis
- Manufacturing, engineering, and test

A better measurement tool

Specifically designed for use and direct connection to oscilloscopes with the TekVPI™ probe interface, the TDP1500 and TDP3500 Differential probes achieve high-speed signal acquisition and measurement fidelity by solving three traditional problems:

- DUT loading effects - Are reduced by lower input capacitance and high input resistance
- DUT connectivity - A variety of accessories exist for attaching to small SMDs, some come standard or recommended
- Maximizing of system (oscilloscope and probe) bandwidth - Probing solutions for all measurements for TekVPI interface oscilloscope models up to 3.5 GHz

For the best probe support, download and install the latest version of the oscilloscope software from www.tektronix.com.

Specifications

All specifications apply to all models unless noted otherwise.

Warranted characteristics

Bandwidth (probe only)

TDP1500	≥1.5 GHz warranted
TDP3500	≥3.5 GHz warranted

Attenuation

TDP1500	1X, 10X
TDP3500	5X

CMMR

>60 dB at 1 MHz, >25 dB at 1 GHz

Maximum input voltage (nondestruct)

TDP1500	±25 V (DC + pk AC)
TDP3500	±15 V (DC + pk AC)

Typical characteristics

Rise time (probe only)

TDP1500	≤265 ps
TDP3500	≤110 ps

Differential input capacitance

TDP1500	≤1 pF
TDP3500	≤0.3 pF

Differential input resistance

TDP1500	200 kΩ
TDP3500	100 kΩ

Noise level

TDP1500	$< 50 \frac{\text{nV}}{\sqrt{\text{Hz}}}$
TDP3500	$\approx 35 \frac{\text{nV}}{\sqrt{\text{Hz}}}$

Propagation delay

5.4 ns

Common mode input range

TDP1500	±7 V (1X)
	±7 V (10X)
TDP3500	+5 V to -4V

Input offset range

TDP1500	±7 V (10X or 1X)
TDP3500	±1 V displayed

Differential input dynamic range

TDP1500	±8.5 V (10X)
	±850 mV (1X)
TDP3500	±2 V

Nominal characteristics

Recommended oscilloscope interface

TekVPI™ Probe

Power requirements

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Powered directly by oscilloscopes with the TekVPI probe interface.

Physical characteristics

Dimensions	Dimension	millimeters (mm)	inches (in)
	Cable length ¹	1200	48
Weight	Model (probe only)	grams (g)	ounces (oz)
	TDP1500, TDP3500 ²	160	5.4

¹ Typical for TDP1500.

² Typical for TDP1500.

Ordering information

Models

TDP1500	1.5 GHz Differential Probe with TekVPI™ Probe Interface, Certificate of Traceable Calibration Standard.
TDP3500	3.5 GHz Differential Probe with TekVPI™ Probe Interface, Certificate of Traceable Calibration Standard.

Options

Language options

Opt. L0	English manual
Opt. L5	Japanese manual
Opt. L7	Simplified Chinese manual

Service options

Opt. C3	Calibration Service 3 Years
Opt. C5	Calibration Service 5 Years
Opt. D1	Calibration Data Report
Opt. D3	Calibration Data Report 3 Years (with Opt. C3)
Opt. D5	Calibration Data Report 5 Years (with Opt. C5)
Opt. R3	Repair Service 3 Years (including warranty)
Opt. R5	Repair Service 5 Years (including warranty)
Opt. SILV900	Standard warranty extended to 5 years

Accessories

TDP1500 standard accessories

	Description	Quantity shipped	Reorder part number	Reorder quantity
	Pouch, nylon carrying case with inserts	1 each	016-1952-xx	1 each
	Documentation kit TDP1500, includes:	1 each of selected language	020-2866-xx (English with Standard) 020-2891-xx (Japanese with Option L5) 020-2892-xx (Simplified Chinese with Option L7)	1 each of selected language
	Printed user manual (071-2209-xx, English; 071-2210-xx, Japanese; 071-2211-xx, Simplified Chinese)			
	CD containing PDF-only technical reference manual, 071-2296-xx, English			
	Certificate of traceability	1 each	Standard with probe	1 each
	Accessory kit TDP1500 (see contents listed below, 0 through 10)	1 each	020-2702-xx	1 each
	Plastic accessory box	1 each	006-7164-xx	--
	Straight pins	8 each	016-1891-xx	8 each
	Longhorn VIA adapter	2 each	016-1780-xx	5 each

	Description	Quantity shipped	Reorder part number	Reorder quantity
	1-inch solder down	1 each	196-3504-xx	1 each
	3-inch solder down	1 each	196-3505-xx	1 each
	Y-lead adapter	2 each	196-3434-xx	1 each
	Micro CKT test tip	3 each	206-0569-xx	1 each
	Tip saver	2 each	016-1781-xx	2 each
	3-inch ground lead	2 each	196-3437-xx	2 each
	Marker band set (2 each of 5 colors)	1 each	016-1315-xx	1 each
	Accessory performance summary and reorder sheet	1 each	001-1412-xx	1 each

TDP3500 standard accessories

	Description	Quantity shipped	Reorder part number	Reorder quantity
	Pouch, nylon carrying case with inserts	1 each	016-1952-xx	1 each
	Documentation kit TDP3500, includes:	1 each of selected language	020-2867-xx (English with Standard) 020-2893-xx (Japanese with Option L5) 020-2894-xx (Simplified Chinese with Option L7)	1 each of selected language
	Printed user manual (071-2212-xx, English; 071-2213-xx, Japanese; 071-2214-xx, Simplified Chinese)			
	CD containing PDF-only technical reference manual, 071-2297-xx, English			
	Certificate of traceability	1 each	Standard with probe	1 each
	Probe tip cover	1 each	200-4236-xx	1 each
	Antistatic wrist strap	1 each	006-3415-xx	1 each
	Accessory kit TDP3500 containing:	1 each	020-2883-xx	1 each
	Plastic accessory box	1 each	006-7164-xx	--
	Square pin adapter	4 each	016-1884-xx	4 each
	Variable spacing tip adapter	4 each	016-1885-xx	4 each
	Y-lead adapter	2 each	196-3434-xx	1 each
	Micro CKT test tip	3 each	206-0569-xx	1 each
	3-inch ground lead	2 each	196-3469-xx	2 each
	Marker band set (2 each of 5 colors)	1 each	016-1315-xx	1 each
	Accessory performance summary and reorder sheet	1 each	001-1435-xx	1 each
	Accessory kit (solder-in differential probes TDP3500, P6330, P7330, P7350) containing:	1 each	020-2505-xx	1 each
	Adapter, resistor/wire	2 each	016-1926-xx	2 each
	Wire assembly w/ 0.02 diameter	10 each	016-1930-xx	10 each
	Wire assembly w/ 0.008 diameter	10 each	016-1931-xx	10 each
	10Ω resistor w/ 0.02 diameter wire	10 each	016-1927-xx	10 each
	10Ω resistor w/ 0.008 diameter wire	10 each	016-1933-xx	10 each

	Description	Quantity shipped	Reorder part number	Reorder quantity
	20Ω resistor w/ 0.02 diameter wire	10 each	016-1928-xx	10 each
	20Ω resistor w/ 0.008 diameter wire	10 each	016-1934-xx	10 each

Recommended accessories

Description	Part number	Quantity	
		TDP1500	TDP3500
BNC to probe tip adapter	067-1734-xx	1 each	--
Spring loaded grounds	016-1782-xx	1 package of 6	--
TwinFoot™ adapter	016-1785-xx	1 package of 4	1 package of 4
TwinTip™ adapter	016-1786-xx	1 package of 4	--
VanTip™ adapter	016-1890-xx	1 package of 8	--
IC micro grabber	SMK-4	1 package of 4	1 package of 4
IEEE 1394 adapter	679-5027-xx	1 each	1 each
TekVPI™ cal fixture	067-1701-xx	1 each	1 each
Short ground contacts	016-1783-xx	1 package of 10	--



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