

Probe - 3200

Probe Conductivity Meter



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►► What is a Four-Point Probe?

Analytical Technologies Probe Conductivity Meter is the most commonly-used piece of equipment for measuring the sheet resistance of a material. Sheet resistance is the resistivity of a material divided by its thickness, and represents the lateral resistance through a thin square of conducting/semiconducting material. This measurement uses four probes arrayed in a line, with equal spacing between each probe. A current is passed between the outer two probes, causing a reduction in voltage between the inner two probes. By measuring this change in voltage, the sheet resistance can then be calculated.

►► Key Features

Wide Current Range

Analytical Technologies Probe Conductivity Meter is capable of delivering currents between 1 μA and 200 mA, and can measure voltages from as low as 100 μV up to 10 V. The system can measure sheet resistances in the range of 100 $\text{m}\Omega/\square$ to 10 $\text{M}\Omega/\square$, enabling the characterisation of a wide range of materials.

High Accuracy

Positive and negative polarity measurements can be performed using the PC software. This enables you to calculate the average sheet resistance between positive and negative currents - eliminating any voltage offsets that may have occurred, hence increasing the accuracy of your measurements.

Easy-to-Use

Just plug in the system, install the software, and you're ready to go! The intuitive interface and clean design makes the four-point probe easy-to-use, simplifying the measurement of sheet resistance. Substrates of various shapes and sizes can be used.

Non-Destructive Testing

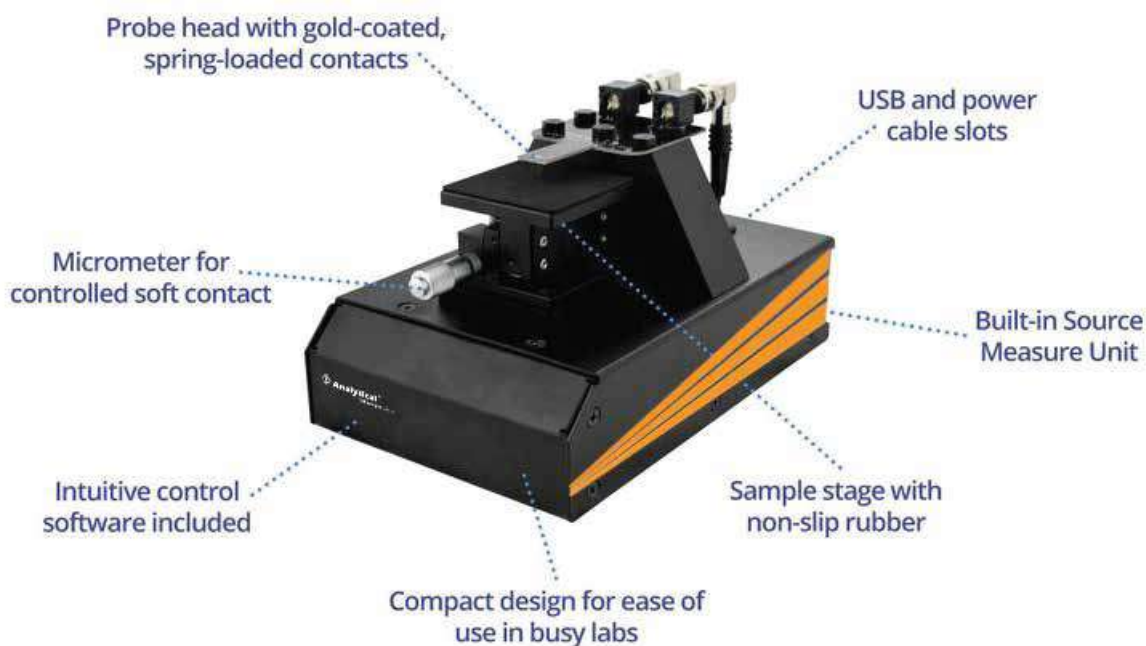
Designed with the measurement of delicate samples in mind, the four-point probe head utilises gold-plated, gentle spring-loaded contacts with rounded tips. This results in a constant contact force of 60 grams, preventing the probes from piercing fragile thin films, whilst still providing good electrical contact.

Space-Saving Design

Through careful design consideration, we have been able to keep the footprint of the four-point probe to a minimum (total bench area of 14.5 cm x 24 cm), allowing it to be used even in busy labs where shelf space is lacking.

Rapid Material Characterisation

The PC software (included with the system) performs all the necessary measurements and calculations for sheet resistance, resistivity, and conductivity - making material characterisation effortless. It also automatically performs correction factor calculation.



►► Applications

Sheet resistance is an important property of materials, which is commonly used in material characterisation and in the development of thin-film devices such as perovskite solar cells or organic LEDs.

Material Characterisation

Resistivity is an inherent characteristic of a material, and an important electrical property. It can be determined by measuring the sheet resistance of a thin film with a known thickness, making the four-point probe measurement a key technique for the electrical characterisation of materials.

Easy-to-Use

Thin-film devices require thin conducting electrodes that transport electrical charge laterally to be extracted, so materials with low sheet resistances are required to reduce potential losses. This becomes even more important when attempting to scale up these devices, as the electrical charges must travel further along the electrodes before they can be extracted.

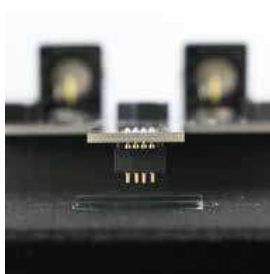
Please note, this system is not suitable for silicon or other materials which naturally form insulating oxide layers. To measure such materials, the oxide layer needs to be penetrated by the probes, which may not be possible with the spring-loaded, round tipped probes utilised by this

►► The Four-Point Probe Unit



Built-in Source Measure Unit

Four-Point Probe is powered by our Source Measure Unit. Supplied with a 24 V / 2 A power adapter and USB-B cable.



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Providing a constant contact force of 60 grams, the spring-loaded four point probe head is perfect for delicate samples. The probes are gold-plated to ensure good electrical contact is made without excess force, and are rounded to further prevent them from causing damage to thin films and other fragile samples (note that they are not suitable for silicon or other materials with insulating oxide layers).



Linear translation stage

With micrometer height control and a sample stage with non-slip rubber.

►► Technical Specifications

Analytical Technologies Probe Conductivity Meter Specifications

Voltage range	±100 μ V to ±10 V
Current range	±1 μ A to ±200 mA
Sheet resistance range	100 m Ω /□ to 10 M Ω /□ (ohms per square)

Sheet Resistance	Accuracy*	Precision**	Measured at Range
100 m Ω /□	±8%	±3%	200 mA
1 Ω /□	±2%	±0.5%	200 mA
10 Ω /□	±1%	±0.5%	200 mA
100 Ω /□	±1%	±0.05%	20 mA
1 k Ω /□	±1%	±0.03%	20 mA
10 k Ω /□	±1%	±0.02%	2000 μ A
100 k Ω /□	±2%	±0.05%	200 μ A
1 M Ω /□	±8%	±0.5%	20 μ A
10 M Ω /□	±30%	±5%	20 μ A

*Accuracy is the maximum deviation from the true value.

** Precision is the maximum deviation between identical measurements (useful for comparative measurements).

Physical Device Specifications

Probe Spacing	1.27 mm
Rectangular Sample Size Range	Long Edge Minimum: 5 mm Short Edge Maximum: 60 mm
Circular Sample Size Range (Diameter)	5 mm to 76.2 mm
Maximum Sample Thickness	10 mm
Overall Dimensions	Width: 145 mm Height: 150 mm Depth: 240

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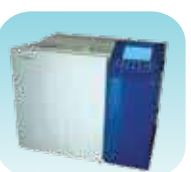
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