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Measuring electric fields from 300 MHz to 100 GHz

using instruments in the NBM-500 family

- 🔺 Extra wide frequency range
- Field exposure from satellite communications and radar in the occupational environment, leak detection
- 🔺 Isotropic (non-directional) measurement
- True RMS indication even with multiple, superimposed, strong pulsed signals

The probe contains three orthogonally-arranged thermocouple sensors. Each sensor consists of several thermocouples, which together form a dipole. The output voltage from the thermocouple is proportional to the coupled power level, regardless of the signal shape. The isotropic measurement value is obtained by addition within the probe.

APPLICATIONS

The probe detects electric fields from 300 MHz to 100 GHz, covering the fields found in satellite communications, radar equipment as well as radar based systems for active cruise control and obstacle recognition. The use of thermocouples naturally results in a true RMS reading, making the probe particularly suitable for measuring human safety limit values in a multi-frequency environment.

PROPERTIES

The probe is mechanically and electrically robust. The probe head is made of foam material to provide effective protection for the sensors, while having excellent RF characteristics. The sensors can handle high impulse power levels.

CALIBRATION

The probe is calibrated at several frequencies up to 60 GHz. The correction values are stored in an EPROM in the probe and are automatically taken into account by the NBM instrument. Calibrated accuracy is thus obtained regardless of the combination of probe and instrument.





SPECIFICATIONS^a

Probe EF5092	Electric (E-)Field		
Frequency range ^(b)	300 MHz to 100 GHz	300 MHz to 100 GHz	
Type of frequency response	Flat		
Measurement range	8 to 614 V/m	17 µW/cm ² to 100 mW/cm ²	
Dynamic range	37 dB		
CW damage level	1200 V/m	0.4 W/cm ²	
Peak damage level ^(c)	20 kV/m	100 W/cm ²	
Sensor type	Thermocouple (inherent True RMS detection)		
Directivity	Isotropic (Tri-axial)		
Readout mode / spatial assessment	Combined 3-axis (RSS)		
UNCERTAINTY			
Flatness of frequency response ^(d) Calibration uncertainty not included	+2/-1.25 dB (1.8 GHz to 6 GHz) ±1.25 dB (>6 GHz to 26.5 GHz) +1.25/-2 dB (> 26.5 GHz to 40 GHz) +1.25/-4 dB (>40 GHz to 60 GHz) +1.25/-5 dB nom. (>60 GHz to 100 GHz)		
Linearity Referred to 1 mW/cm ² (61.4 V/m)	±1 dB (24 to 61.4 V/m) ±0.3 dB (> 61.4 V/m)	±1 dB (0.15 to 1 mW/cm²) ±0.3 dB (>1 mW/cm²)	
Isotropic response ^(e)	±1 dB (0.6 GHz to 10 GHz) ±1.2 dB (10 GHz to 50 GHz) ±1.5 dB (50 GHz to 60 GHz)		
Temperature response ^(f)	±0 dB		
GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS			
Calibration frequencies	0.3/ 0.6/ 0.75/ 1.8/ 2.45/ 4/ 5/ 6/ 8.2/ 9.3/ 10/ 11/ 18/ 26.5/ 40/ 45.5/ 60 GHz		
Recommended calibration interval	24 months		
Temperature range Operating Non-operating (transport)	0 °C to +50 °C -40 °C to +70 °C		
Humidity	5 to 95 % RH @ ≤25 °C	≤23 g/m³ absolute humidity	
Size	318 mm x 66 mm Ø		
Weight	90 g		
Compatibility	NBM-500 series meters		
Country of origin	Germany		

(a) Unless otherwise noted specifications apply at reference condition: device in far-field of source, ambient temperature 23±3 °C, relative air humidity 40% to 60%, sinusoidal signal
(b) Cutoff frequency at approx. -6 dB (300 MHz)
(c) Within any interval of 10ms an average value of 0.6 W/cm² and a peak value of 200 W/cm² should not be exceeded
(d) Frequency response can be compensated for by the use of correction factors stored in the probe memory
(e) Results are calculated from the maximum and minimum response obtained during the full revolution about the stem of the probe, oriented 54.7° to the electric field vector

(f) The conversion factor of thermocouple sensors is inherently not dependent on environmental temperature

ORDERING INFORMATION

	Part number
Probe EF5092, E-field for NBM, 300 MHz – 100 GHz, Thermo	2402/11E
Probe EF5092, E-field, ACC - with accredited (DAkkS) calibration up to 18 GHz, basic unit required	2402/11E/ACC

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