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# Assembly Level Service Guide

This guide describes how to service the Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A Microwave Frequency Counters. The information in this guide applies to instruments having the number prefix below, unless accompanied by a “Manual Updating Changes” package indicating otherwise.

**SERIAL PREFIX NUMBER:** 3735A, US3925, and US4050 (53150A)  
3736A, US3926, and US4051 (53151A)  
3737A, US3927, and US4052 (53152A)

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Agilent 53150A/151A/152A  
Microwave Frequency Counter

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## Certification and Warranty

### Certification

Agilent Technologies, Inc. certifies that this product met its published specification at the time of shipment from the factory. Agilent further certifies that its calibration measurements are traceable to the United States National Institute of Standards and Technology (formerly National Bureau of Standards), to the extent allowed by the Institute's calibration facility, and to the calibration facilities of other International Standards Organization members.

### Warranty

Agilent warrants Agilent hardware, accessories and supplies against defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one year from date of shipment. If Agilent receives notice of such defects during the warranty period, Agilent will, at its option, either repair or replace products which prove to be defective. Replacement products may be either new or like-new.

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*For detailed warranty information, see back matter.*

### Safety Considerations

#### General

This product and related documentation must be reviewed for familiarization with this safety markings and instructions before operation.

## Before Cleaning

Disconnect the product from operating power before cleaning.

### Warning Symbols That May Be Used In This Book



Instruction manual symbol; the product will be marked with this symbol when it is necessary for the user to refer to the instruction manual.



Indicates hazardous voltages.



Indicates earth (ground) terminal.



or



Indicates terminal is connected to chassis when such connection is not apparent.



Indicates Alternating current.



Indicates Direct current.

## Safety Considerations (cont'd)

### WARNING

**BODILY INJURY OR DEATH MAY RESULT FROM FAILURE TO HEED A WARNING. DO NOT PROCEED BEYOND A WARNING UNTIL THE INDICATED CONDITIONS ARE FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND MET.**

### CAUTION

Damage to equipment, or incorrect measurement data, may result from failure to heed a caution. Do not proceed beyond a *CAUTION* until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.

### Safety Earth Ground

An uninterruptible safety earth ground must be maintained from the mains power source to the product's ground circuitry.

### WARNING

**WHEN MEASURING POWER LINE SIGNALS, BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL AND ALWAYS USE A STEP-DOWN ISOLATION TRANSFORMER WHICH OUTPUT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE INPUT MEASUREMENT CAPABILITIES OF THIS PRODUCT. THIS PRODUCT'S FRONT AND REAR PANELS ARE TYPICALLY AT EARTH GROUND. *THUS, NEVER TRY TO MEASURE AC POWER LINE SIGNALS WITHOUT AN ISOLATION TRANSFORMER.***

*For additional safety and acoustic noise information, see back matter.*

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# In This Guide

This guide provides assembly-level service information for the Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A Counters.

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## How to Use This Guide

### Repair Strategy

This service guide is designed to isolate failures to the assembly level only.

The Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Counter can be returned to Agilent for all service work, including troubleshooting, and verifying specifications. Contact your nearest Agilent Sales and Service Office for more details.

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#### **NOTE**

ISD (Instrument Service Division) Emergency Response or Express Calibration Service is available for Agilent customers in the USA. If downtime is critical, you can receive your repaired Counter via overnight shipment. Call **1-800-403-0801**, and ask for *Emergency Response* or *Express Calibration Service*. When your Counter is repaired, it is returned via overnight shipment at no extra charge.

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If you decide to service the Counter yourself, use the troubleshooting procedures in Chapter 2 (Service) and the disassembly and reassembly procedures in Chapter 3 (Replacing Assemblies). Then, use the calibration instructions in Chapter 2 to calibrate the Counter for peak-performance operation, and finally, perform all of the performance tests in Chapter 1 to verify that the Counter is operating to the specifications.

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#### **NOTE**

If the motherboard, the sampler, or the front-panel assembly are defective, the instrument must be returned to an Agilent Service Center for repair and recalibration.

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## **Instrument Identification**

The instrument is identified by the serial number on the rear panel. Agilent uses a two-part serial number with the first part (prefix) identifying a series of instruments and the second part (suffix) identifying a particular instrument within a series. Agilent-assigned alpha characters before the prefix identify the country in which the instrument was manufactured.

## **Instruments Covered by this Guide**

This guide applies directly to Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A Counters that have the same serial number prefix(es) shown on the title page. If the serial number prefix of your Counter differs from that listed on the title page of this guide, there may be differences between this guide and your instrument.

Instruments having a higher serial prefix are covered (when required) by one or more manual-change sheets included with this guide. If a required change sheet is missing, contact your nearest Agilent Sales Office listed at the back of this guide.

## **Assembly-Level Service Guide Organization**

This Assembly-Level Service Guide consists of a table of contents, a preface, six chapters, and an index. The page headers identify the chapters and sections of this manual. The chapter contents are summarized as follows:

**Chapter 1 Performance Tests** provides procedures that verify the Counter operates properly and meets the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A specifications given in Chapter 6, “Specifications,” in this guide.

**Chapter 2 Service** is divided into seven main sections that provide instructions for returning the Counter to Agilent for service, calibrating the Counter, and troubleshooting the assemblies in the Counter.

**Chapter 3 Replacing Assemblies** provides procedures for replacing defective assemblies and/or modules in the Counter.

## In This Guide

**Chapter 4 Replaceable Parts** lists the replaceable parts contained in the Counter, and explains how to order replacement parts for your Counter.

**Chapter 5 Backdating** contains information required to adapt this manual for older instruments (to be provided when required).

**Chapter 6 Specifications** lists all the specifications and operating characteristics for the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Counter.

### How to Order Guides

The part number for this guide is listed on the *Certification and Warranty* page (on the back of the title page) and on the back cover of this guide.

## Description of the Microwave Frequency Counter

The Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A Microwave Frequency Counters are capable of measuring frequencies from 10 Hz to 125 MHz on Channel 1 and from 50 MHz to 20 GHz (53150A), 26.5 GHz (53151A), and 46 GHz (53152A) on Channel 2. These frequency counters are also capable of measuring power on Channel 2 (in the same frequency ranges). All three Counters have a maximum frequency resolution of 1 Hz.

The Agilent 53150A/151A/152A provides GPIB and RS-232 serial interfaces and are suitable for bench-top and ATE operation.

The basic measurement functions of the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A include Frequency, Relative Frequency, Frequency Offset, and Power (including Power Offset and Relative Power). All of these features are accessible from the front panel and over the GPIB and RS-232 interfaces.

The Agilent 53150A/151A/152A includes the following additional measurement functions and features that are designed specifically for manufacturing and service applications:

- 1, 2, 5, and 10 MHz external reference capability
- Optional high-stability oven oscillator for high-accuracy needs and lengthened calibration cycles
- Frequency and power offset capabilities for relative measurements
- SCPI programming capability
- Battery and dc input option for operation in locations where AC power is unavailable
- Optional soft carrying case for safe transportation and mobile use

Programmable control is performed via an GPIB or an RS-232 serial interface. The GPIB and RS-232C ports are standard for the Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A.

## Options

The options available for the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A are listed following this paragraph. Specifications for the options are listed in Chapter 6, “Specifications.” Options ordered with the Counter are installed at the factory and are ready for operation on delivery.

### Hardware

- High Stability Oven Timebase, Option 001
- Battery/DC Power Input, Option 002
- Rack Mount Kit, Option 1CM (not installed)
- Soft Carrying Case, Option 007 (not installed)

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**NOTE**

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Hardware options can be retrofitted at an Agilent Service Center. However, the cost to retrofit options is considerably higher than the cost of the same options when purchased with the instrument.

### Support

- 3-year Return to Agilent for Repair, Option W30
- 3-year Return to Agilent for Calibration, Option W32
- 3-year Return to Agilent for Standards Compliant Calibration, Option W34
- 5-year Return to Agilent for Repair, Option W50
- 5-year Return to Agilent for Calibration, Option W52
- 5-year Return to Agilent for Standards Compliant Calibration, Option W54

## Accessories Supplied and Available

### Accessories Supplied

- Power cord, 2.3 meters (part number dependent upon destination country)
- Fuse (Agilent P/N 2110-0007)

### Accessories Available

- Accessories for use with Option 002 (Battery/DC Power Input):
  - Automotive Power Adapter (Agilent P/N 53150-60214)
  - Battery (Agilent P/N 53150-80010)
  - Battery Charger (Agilent P/N 53150-60217) 115V  
(includes Automotive Power Adapter)
  - Battery Charger (Agilent P/N 53150-60218) 230V  
(includes Automotive Power Adapter)
  - GPIB Cables (Agilent P/N 10833A/B/C/D)
- RS-232 Cable (Agilent P/N 53150-60215)
- Soft Carrying Case (Agilent P/N 53150-80016) — same as Option 007
- Rack Mount Kit (Agilent P/N 53150-67001) — same as Option 1CM

### Manuals Supplied

*Agilent 53150A / 151A / 152A Operating Guide*  
(Agilent P/N 53150-90013)

*Agilent 53150A / 151A / 152A Programming Guide*  
(Agilent P/N 53150-90014)

*Agilent 53150A / 151A / 152A Assembly-Level Service Guide*  
(Agilent P/N 53150-90015)

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## Performance Tests

Verifying Specifications

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## Introduction

This chapter provides procedures to test the electrical performance of the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A. These procedures are based on the Counter specifications in Chapter 6, “Specifications.”

Two types of testing are provided:

- Operational Verification
- Complete Performance Tests

This chapter is organized as follows:

- Introduction pg. 1-2
- Equipment Required pg. 1-4
- Operational Verification pg. 1-5
- Complete Performance Tests pg. 1-11
- Performance Test Record pg. 1-30

### **Operational Verification**

Operational Verification is an abbreviated series of tests that you can perform (instead of performing the Complete Performance Tests) to provide a high degree of confidence that the instrument is operating properly. Operational Verification is useful for incoming inspection, routine maintenance, and after instrument repair.

## **Introduction**

### **Complete Performance Tests**

The Complete Performance Tests verify the specifications listed in Chapter 6, “Specifications.” All tests can be performed without opening the instrument.

### **Recommended Calibration Cycle**

The Counter requires periodic verification of operation. Depending on the type of use, environmental conditions, aging, and measurement accuracy required, the Counter should be checked using the operational verification procedure at least once every year after the unit is first placed in operation. A full Calibration and Performance Test should be performed each time the Counter changes environment or if an assembly or module has been replaced.

### **Test Record**

The results of the Operational Verification and the Complete Performance Tests should be recorded on a copy of the Performance Test Record, located at the end of the Complete Performance Test section in this chapter.

## Equipment Required

Table 1-1 lists the test equipment and accessories needed to perform the tests.

**Table 1-1. Recommended Test Equipment and Accessories**

Instrument Type	Required Characteristics	Model Recommended *	Quantity Required	Use **
Synthesized Signal Generator	10 Hz to 20 MHz +7 dBm to -40 dBm	Agilent 3325A/B	2	OV, P, T
Microwave Synthesized Signal Generator	10 MHz to 50 GHz Accuracy $>1 \times 10^{-10}$ +7 dBm to -50 dBm	Agilent 83650B	1	P, T
Microwave Amplifier	45 MHz to 50 GHz	Agilent 83051A	1	P, T
Power Meter	50 MHz to 50 GHz +13 dBm to -50 dBm	Agilent 437B	1	P, T
Power Sensor	50 MHz to 50 GHz +13 dBm to -50 dBm	Agilent 8487A/D	1	P, T
Power Sensor Cable	2.4 mm to 2.4 mm, 5 ft.	Agilent 11730A	1	P, T
50 $\Omega$ Feedthrough Terminator	50 $\Omega$ (m to f) BNC	Agilent 10100C	1	OV, P, T
20 dB Attenuator	DC to 50 GHz 2.4 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (f)	Agilent 8490D (Opt. 020)	1	P, T
Power Splitter	DC to 50 GHz 2.4 mm (f3x)	Agilent 11667C/D	1	P, T
Cables	BNC (m) to BNC (m) 2.4 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (m)	Agilent 10503 series —	2 2	OV, P, C, T
Adapters	BNC (m) to SMA (f) 3.5 mm (f) to 2.92 mm (m) 2.92 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (m) 2.92 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (f) 2.4 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (m) 2.4 mm (f) to 2.4 mm (f)	Agilent 1250-2015 — Agilent 11904A Agilent 11904D Agilent 11900A Agilent 11900B	1 1 1 1 1	P, T

\* Equivalent equipment can be substituted for all instruments and accessories.

\*\* OV = Operational Verification P = Performance Tests C = Calibration T = Troubleshooting

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## Operational Verification

Operational Verification is an abbreviated series of tests that you can perform (instead of performing the Complete Performance Tests) to provide a high degree of confidence that the instrument is operating properly. Operational Verification is useful for incoming inspection, routine maintenance, and after instrument repair.

If you are not familiar with operating the Counter, you should review Chapter 1, “Getting Started,” in the *Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Operating Guide*. However, the procedures in this chapter are written so that little experience is necessary. These procedures should be followed in the order in which they appear.

### Power-On Self Tests

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**NOTE**

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This test is appropriate for the Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A Counters.

- 1 Inspect the Counter for damage.
- 2 Make sure no cables are connected to the Counter’s inputs.
- 3 Connect the power cord to the Counter and the power source.

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**NOTE**

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Since the Counter’s power supply automatically senses the line voltage, there is no AC input-voltage setting.

- 4 Turn on the **Main ~ Power** switch on the Counter’s rear panel.

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**NOTE**

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It is normal for the fan in the Counter to run when the Counter is in Standby mode. Power is supplied to the timebase whenever the **Main ~ Power** switch is on to maintain long-term measurement reliability, and the fan helps to maintain the timebase’s temperature stability.

- 5 Press and release the **Power** button on the front panel.

**Operational Verification**

- 6 Verify that the front-panel display shows the following:
  - All segments of the front-panel display are temporarily activated.
  - TESTING is displayed.
  - SELF TEST OK is displayed.
  - The model number of the Counter is displayed (a four-digit hex number is also displayed).
  - GPIB ADDR nn (nn = a two digit number from 0 to 30) is displayed.
  - CH2 NO SIGNAL is displayed.
- 7 If an error message is displayed, refer to the troubleshooting section in Chapter 2, "Service."
- 8 Mark Pass or Fail in the Performance Test Record on page 1-30, Test 1.

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**NOTE**

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To ensure that the test results are valid, the Counter and the test equipment should be powered on for at least 30 minutes prior to beginning the tests. This allows the internal temperatures of the equipment and the timebase to stabilize.

**10 MHz Test**

- 1 Connect a BNC-to-BNC cable from the **Reference 10MHz** connector on the Counter's rear panel to the **CHANNEL 1** input connector on the front panel.
- 2 Press and release the **Chan Select** key (CH1 is displayed).
- 3 Verify that the display reads 10,000,000 Hz.
- 4 Mark Pass or Fail in the Performance Test Record on page 1-30, Test 2.

## **Run Self Test**

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**NOTE**

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This test is appropriate for the Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A Counters.

- 1** Disconnect all signal cables from the input and **Reference 10MHz** connectors.
- 2** Press and release the **Shift** key, and then press and release the **Menu (Reset/Local)** key.
- 3** Press the up- and/or down-arrow key(s) as many times as necessary until DO SELF TEST is displayed.
- 4** Press and release the **Enter** key.
- 5** If no errors are detected, SELF TEST OK is briefly displayed when the self test is completed. If any error messages are displayed, refer to the troubleshooting section in Chapter 2, "Service."
- 6** Mark Pass or Fail in the Performance Test Record on page 1-30, Test 3.

## Operational Verification

### External Timebase Test

This test verifies the 10 MHz external timebase specifications of the Counter by verifying that setting REF OSC to EXT allows the Counter to be synchronized to the external reference signal.

#### Equipment Required

Agilent 3325A/B Synthesizer (2)

Agilent 10100C 50Ω Feedthrough Terminator

Agilent 10503 Series Coaxial Cables (BNC m to m) (2)

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#### NOTES

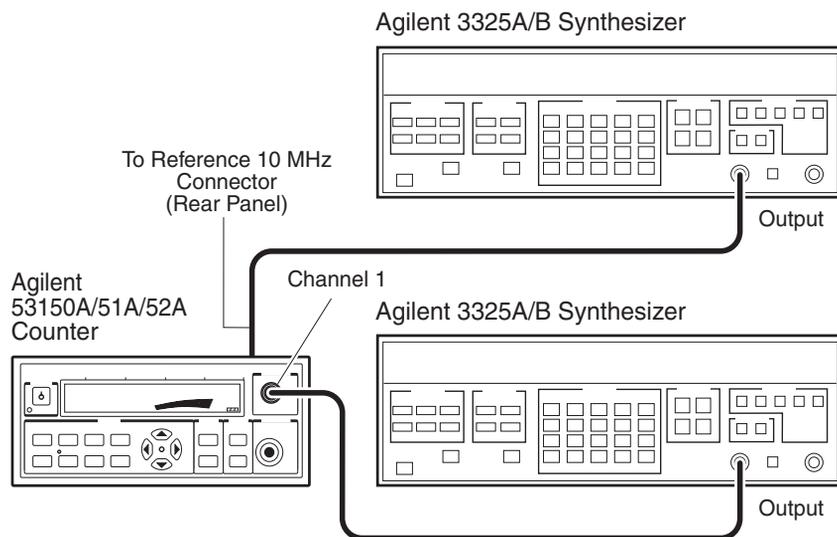
- To ensure that the test results are valid, the Counter and the test equipment should be powered on for at least 30 minutes prior to beginning the tests. This allows the internal temperatures of the equipment to stabilize.
- These tests are appropriate for the Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A Counters.

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### 10 MHz External Timebase Input Test

- 1 Connect an Agilent 10503 series coaxial cable between the output of the first Agilent 3325A/B Synthesizer and the **Reference 10MHz** connector on the Counter's rear panel (see Figure 1-2).
- 2 Connect the Agilent 10100C 50Ω Feedthrough Terminator to the Counter's **CHANNEL 1** input connector.
- 3 Connect an Agilent 10503 series coaxial cable between the output of the second Synthesizer and the Agilent 10100C 50Ω Feedthrough Terminator on the Counter's **CHANNEL 1** input connector.

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**Operational Verification**



**Figure 1-1. External Timebase Test Setup**

- 4 Cycle the **POWER** button to preset the Counter.
- 5 Press the **Shift** key on the Counter's front panel.
- 6 Press the **Menu** key on the Counter's front panel.
- 7 If necessary, use the up- and down-arrow keys to cycle the display until it reads REF OSC> INT.
- 8 Press the right-arrow key once. INT begins to flash off and on.
- 9 Press the up- or down-arrow key once. INT changes to EXT.
- 10 Press the **Enter** key.
- 11 Press the **Chan Select** key once to select the **CHANNEL 1** input connector.

**Operational Verification**

- 12 Set the first Synthesizer (the one connected to the Counter's rear-panel **Reference 10MHz** connector) to output a 10 MHz, 1V rms, sine-wave signal.
- 13 Set the second Synthesizer (the one connected to the **CHANNEL 1** input) to output a 2 MHz, 100 mV rms, sine-wave signal.
- 14 Press and release the Counter's **Reset/Local** key.
- 15 Verify that the Counter displays a reading of approximately 2 MHz and that the **Ext Ref** annunciator is activated.
- 16 Mark Pass or Fail for Test 4 in the Performance Test Record on page 1-30.

This completes the Operational Verification.

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**NOTES**

- If you intend to perform the Complete Performance Tests next, do not disconnect the cable from the Counter's **Reference 10MHz** connector. This connection is used in the Complete Performance Tests.
  - Do not turn off the Counter if you intend to perform the Complete Performance tests. Turning the Counter off and back on resets the reference oscillator (REF OSC) selection to internal (INT) and the channel selection to **CHANNEL 2**.
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## Complete Performance Tests

The Complete Performance Tests verify the specifications of the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Counter listed in Chapter 6, “Specifications.” All of these tests can be performed without opening the instrument. Table 1-2 lists a summary of the performance tests.

Record the results of the performance tests in the appropriate place on the Performance Test Record, which starts on page 1-30.

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**NOTE**

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To ensure that the test results are valid, the Counter and the test equipment should be powered on for at least 30 minutes prior to beginning the tests. This allows the internal temperatures of the equipment and the timebase to stabilize.

**Table 1-2. Complete Performance Tests**

Page Number	Test Description
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**NOTE**

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Other Counter measurement functions (e.g., Averaging) are mathematically derived by the microprocessor from the parameters verified by these performance tests. If the Counter passes the performance tests, the other measurement functions are also functioning to specifications.

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## Test 1: External Timebase Input Test

This test verifies the 10 MHz external timebase specifications of the Counter by verifying that setting REF OSC to EXT allows the Counter to be synchronized to the external reference signal.

### Equipment Required

Agilent 3325A/B Synthesizer (2)

Agilent 10100C 50 $\Omega$  Feedthrough Terminator

Agilent 10503 Series Coaxial Cables (BNC m to m) (2)

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### NOTES

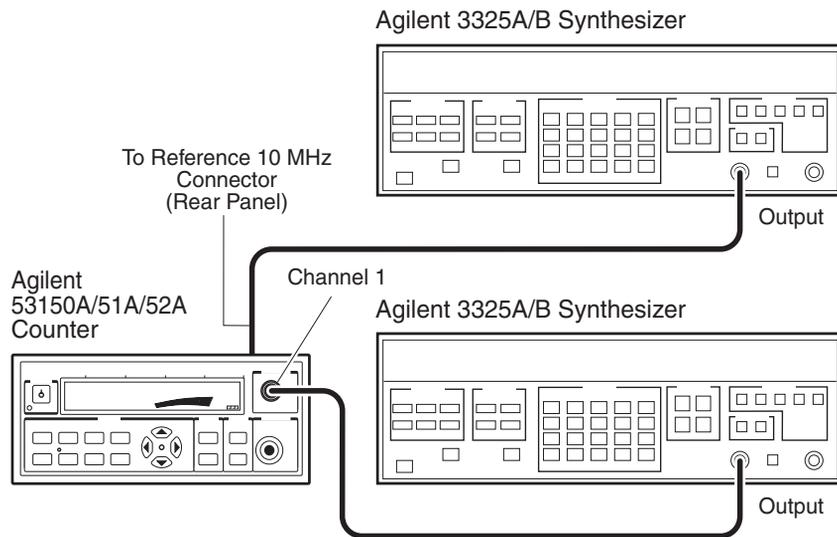
- To ensure that the test results are valid, the Counter and the test equipment should be powered on for at least 30 minutes prior to beginning the tests. This allows the internal temperatures of the equipment to stabilize.
- These tests are appropriate for the Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A Counters.

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### 1 MHz External Timebase Input Test

- 1 Connect an Agilent 10503 series coaxial cable between the output of the first Agilent 3325A/B Synthesizer and the **Reference 10MHz** connector on the Counter's rear panel (see Figure 1-2).
- 2 Connect the Agilent 10100C 50 $\Omega$  Feedthrough Terminator to the Counter's **CHANNEL 1** input connector.
- 3 Connect an Agilent 10503 series coaxial cable between the output of the second Synthesizer and the Agilent 10100C 50 $\Omega$  Feedthrough Terminator on the Counter's **CHANNEL 1** input connector.

**Test 1: External Timebase Input Test**



**Figure 1-2. External Timebase Test Setup**

- 4 Cycle the **POWER** button to preset the Counter.
- 5 Press the **Shift** key on the Counter's front panel.
- 6 Press the **Menu** key on the Counter's front panel.
- 7 If necessary, use the up- and down-arrow keys to cycle the display until it reads REF OSC> INT.
- 8 Press the right-arrow key once. INT begins to flash off and on.
- 9 Press the up- or down-arrow key once. INT changes to EXT.
- 10 Press the **Enter** key.
- 11 Press the **Chan Select** key once to select the **CHANNEL 1** input connector.

**Test 1: External Timebase Input Test**

- 12 Set the first Synthesizer (the one connected to the Counter's rear-panel **Reference 10MHz** connector) to output a 1 MHz, 1V rms, sine-wave signal.
- 13 Set the second Synthesizer (the one connected to the **CHANNEL 1** input) to output a 2 MHz, 100 mV rms, sine-wave signal.
- 14 Press and release the Counter's **Reset/Local** key.
- 15 Verify that the Counter displays a reading of approximately 2 MHz and that the **Ext Ref** annunciator is activated.
- 16 Mark Pass or Fail for Test 1a in the Performance Test Record on page 1-30.

**2 MHz External Timebase Input Test**

- 1 Change the frequency of the first Synthesizer (connected to the Counter's rear-panel **Reference 10 MHz** connector) to 2 MHz.
- 2 Press and release the Counter's **Reset/Local** key.
- 3 Verify that the Counter displays a reading of approximately 2 MHz and that the **Ext Ref** annunciator is activated.
- 4 Mark Pass or Fail for Test 1b in the Performance Test Record on page 1-30.

**5 MHz External Timebase Input Test**

- 1 Change the frequency of the first Synthesizer (connected to the Counter's rear-panel **Reference 10 MHz** connector) to 5 MHz.
- 2 Press and release the Counter's **Reset/Local** key.
- 3 Verify that the Counter displays a reading of approximately 2 MHz and that the **Ext Ref** annunciator is activated.
- 4 Mark Pass or Fail for Test 1c in the Performance Test Record on page 1-30.

**Test 1: External Timebase Input Test**

**10 MHz External Timebase Input Test**

- 1** Change the frequency of the first Synthesizer (connected to the Counter's rear-panel **Reference 10 MHz** connector) to 10 MHz.
- 2** Press and release the Counter's **Reset/Local** key.
- 3** Verify that the Counter displays a reading of approximately 2 MHz and that the **Ext Ref** annunciator is activated.
- 4** Mark Pass or Fail for Test 1d in the Performance Test Record on page 1-30.

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## Test 2: Channel 1 Frequency Sensitivity

This set of tests verifies the frequency-sensitivity specifications of Channel 1 of the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Counters.

### Equipment Required

Agilent 3325A/B Synthesizer  
Agilent 83650B Synthesizer  
Agilent 437B Power Meter  
Agilent 8487A/D Power Sensor  
Agilent 11730A Power Sensor Cable  
Agilent 11667C Power Splitter  
Agilent 8490D (Opt. 020) 20 dB Attenuator  
Agilent 1250-2015 BNC (m) to SMA (f) Adapter  
Agilent 11904A 2.92 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (m) Adapter  
Agilent 10503 Series Coaxial Cable (BNC m to m)  
2 mm (m) to 2 mm (f) Cable (2)

### Test 2a: 10 Hz to 20 MHz Frequency Sensitivity

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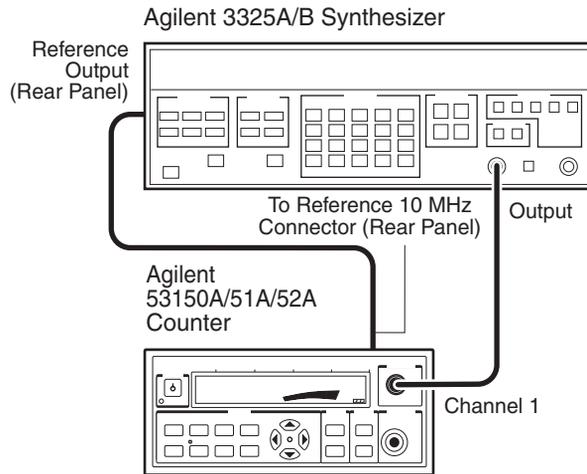
**NOTE**

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This test is appropriate for the Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A Counters.

- 1 Connect an Agilent 10503 Series Coaxial Cable between the RF output connector on the Agilent 3325A/B Synthesizer and Counter's **CHANNEL 1** connector.

**Test 2: Channel 1 Frequency Sensitivity**



**Figure 1-3. 10 Hz to 20 MHz Frequency Sensitivity Test Setup**

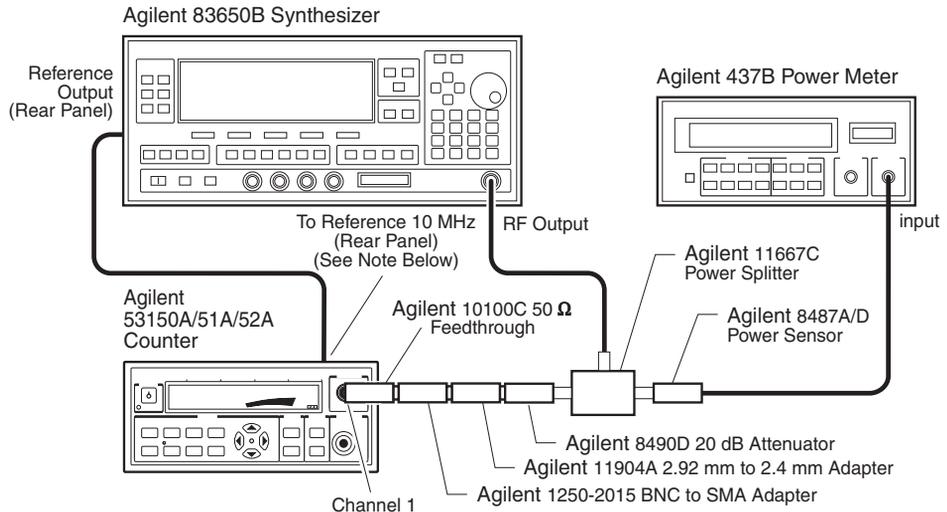
- 2 Verify that the Counter is still set to use an external reference signal (refer to steps 5 through 10 on page 1-13).
- 3 Set the output of the Synthesizer to the first frequency specified for Test 2a in the Performance Test Record on page 1-30 (10 Hz).
- 4 Set the power output of the Synthesizer to the first power value specified for Test 2a in the Performance Test Record on page 1-30 (-14.9 dBm) (40 mV).
- 5 Record the frequency value read on the Counter ( $\pm 1$  count) for Test 2a in the Performance Test Record on page 1-30.
- 6 Repeat steps 3, 4, and 5 for each of the remaining frequencies specified for Test 2a. Don't forget to change the power level when performing the 1 KHz test (-19.2 dBm) (25 mV).
- 7 If all of the frequency values you recorded for Test 2a are correct, mark Pass in the Performance Test Record for Test 2a. If any of the frequency readings you recorded are incorrect, mark Fail in the Performance Test Record.

**Test 2: Channel 1 Frequency Sensitivity****NOTES**

- Do not disconnect the cable from the Counter's **Reference 10MHz** connector. This connection is used in the following test.
- Do not turn off the Counter. Turning the Counter off and back on resets the reference oscillator (REF OSC) selection to internal (INT) and the channel selection to **CHANNEL 2**.

**Test 2b: 50 MHz to 125 MHz Frequency Sensitivity**

- 1 Connect an Agilent 10100C 50  $\Omega$  Feedthrough Terminator to the **CHANNEL 1** input connector on the Counter's front panel (refer to Figure 1-4 for steps 1 through 9).

**Figure 1-4. 50 MHz to 125 MHz Frequency Sensitivity Test Setup****NOTE**

If the 10 MHz reference output of the 53650B Synthesizer is not sufficient to drive the 53150A/51A/52A, reverse the test setup so that you drive the 83650B from the Counter.

**Test 2: Channel 1 Frequency Sensitivity**

- 2 Connect the Agilent 1250-2015 BNC (m) to SMA (f) Adapter to the Agilent 10100C Feedthrough Terminator on the Counter's **CHANNEL 1** connector.
- 3 Connect the Agilent 11904A 2.92 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (m) Adapter to the Agilent 1250-2015 Adapter.
- 4 Connect the Agilent 8490D 20 dB Attenuator to the Agilent 11904A Adapter.
- 5 Connect one of the output connectors on the Agilent 11667C Power Splitter to the Agilent 8490D Attenuator
- 6 Connect the Agilent 11900B 2.4 mm (f) to 2.4 mm (f) Adapter to the RF output of the Synthesizer.
- 7 Connect a 2.4 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (m) cable between the Adapter on the Synthesizer's RF output connector and the input connector on the Agilent 11667C Power Splitter.
- 8 Connect the Agilent 8487A/D Power Sensor to the remaining output connector on the Agilent 11667C Power Splitter.
- 9 Connect the Agilent 11730A Power Sensor Cable between the Power Sensor and the sensor connector on the Agilent 437B Power Meter.
- 10 Verify that the Counter is still set to use an external reference signal (refer to steps 5 through 10 on page 1-13).
- 11 Set the output of the Agilent 83650B Synthesizer to the first frequency specified for Test 2b in the Performance Test Record on page 1-30 (50 MHz).
- 12 Set the power output of the Synthesizer (read on the Power Meter) to a power value 20 dBm above the value specified for Test 2b in the Performance Test Record on page 1-30 (+.8 dBm). (The added 20 dBm compensates for the 20 dB Attenuator.)

**Test 2: Channel 1 Frequency Sensitivity**

- 13 Record the frequency value read on the Counter ( $\pm 1$  count) for Test 2b in the Performance Test Record on page 1-30.
- 14 Set the output of the Synthesizer to 125 MHz, and repeat steps 11 through 13.
- 15 If both of the frequency values you recorded for Test 2b are correct, mark Pass in the Performance Test Record for Test 2b. If either of the frequency readings you recorded are incorrect, mark Fail in the Performance Test Record.
- 16 Disconnect the Agilent 10100C Feedthrough Terminator, the Agilent 1250-2015 Adapter, and the Agilent 11904A Adapter from the Counter's **CHANNEL 1** connector.

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**NOTES**

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- Do not disconnect the rest of the test setup, as these connections are also used in the Channel 2 Frequency Sensitivity test.
- Do not turn off the Counter. Turning the Counter off and back on resets the reference oscillator (REF OSC) selection to internal (INT).

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## Test 3: Channel 2 Frequency Sensitivity

This set of tests verifies the frequency-sensitivity specifications of Channel 2 of the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Counters.

### Equipment Required

Agilent 83650B Synthesizer  
Agilent 437B Power Meter  
Agilent 8487A/D Power Sensor  
Agilent 11667C Power Splitter  
Agilent 11730A Power Sensor Cable  
Agilent 8490D (Opt. 020) 20 dB Attenuator  
Agilent 11904D 2.92 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (f) Adapter  
Agilent 10503 series Coaxial Cable (BNC m to m)  
2.4 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (m) Cable (2)

### Test 3a: 50 MHz to 20 GHz Frequency Sensitivity

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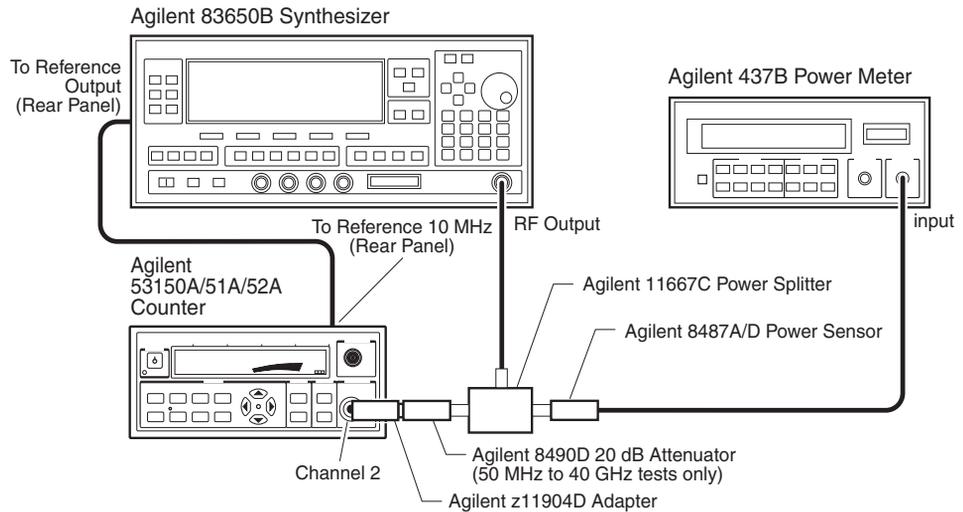
**NOTE**

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This test is appropriate for the Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A Counters.

- 1 Connect the Agilent 11904D 2.92 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (f) Adapter to the Counter's **CHANNEL 2** input connector (refer to Figure 1-5 for steps 1 through 4).
- 2 Connect the Agilent 8490D Attenuator to the Agilent 11904D Adapter, as shown in Figure 1-5 (the other end of the Attenuator should remain connected to the Agilent 11667C Power Splitter).
- 3 Verify that the cable (with Adapter) is still connected between the RF output of the Agilent 83650B Synthesizer and the Power Splitter input connector.
- 4 Verify that the Power Sensor is still connected to the Power Splitter and that the Power Sensor Cable is still connected between the Power Sensor and the sensor connector on the Power Meter.

**Test 3: Channel 2 Frequency Sensitivity**



**Figure 1-5. 50 MHz to 20 GHz Frequency Sensitivity Test Setup**

- 5 Verify that the Counter is still set to use an external reference signal (refer to steps 5 through 10 on page 1-13).
- 6 Set the output of the Agilent 83650B Synthesizer to the first frequency specified for Test 3a in the Performance Test Record on page 1-31 (50 MHz).
- 7 Set the power output of the Synthesizer (read on the Power Meter) to a power value 20 dBm above the value specified for Test 3a in the Performance Test Record on page 1-31 (0 dBm). (The added 20 dBm compensates for the 20 dB Attenuator.)
- 8 Record the frequency value read on the Counter ( $\pm 1$  count) for Test 3a in the Performance Test Record on page 1-31.
- 9 Repeat steps 6, through 8 for each of the remaining frequencies specified for Test 3a. Don't forget to change the power level when performing the 400 MHz and 19 GHz tests (53150A, 53151A, and 53152A) and the 16 GHz and 19 GHz tests (53152A only).

**Test 3: Channel 2 Frequency Sensitivity**

- 10 If all of the frequency values you recorded for Test 3a are correct, mark Pass in the Performance Test Record. If any of the frequency readings you recorded are incorrect, mark Fail in the Performance Test Record.

**Test 3b: 22 GHz to 26.5 GHz Frequency Sensitivity**

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**NOTE**

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This test is appropriate for the Agilent 53151A and 53152A Counters.

- 1 Use the same test setup as described for Test 3a on page 1-21.
- 2 Set the output of the Agilent 83650B Synthesizer to the first frequency specified for Test 3b in the Performance Test Record on page 1-31 (22 GHz).
- 3 Set the power output of the Synthesizer (read on the Power Meter) to a power value 20 dBm above the value specified for Test 3b in the Performance Test Record on page 1-31 (-5 dBm for the Agilent 53151A; -7 dBm for the Agilent 53152A). (The added 20 dBm compensates for the 20 dB Attenuator.)
- 4 Record the frequency value read on the Counter ( $\pm 1$  count) for Test 3b in the Performance Test Record on page 1-31.
- 5 Repeat steps 2 through 4 for each of the remaining frequencies specified for Test 3b.
- 6 If all of the frequency values you recorded for Test 3b are correct, mark Pass in the Performance Test Record for Test 3b. If any of the frequency readings you recorded are incorrect, mark Fail in the Performance Test Record.

**Test 3: Channel 2 Frequency Sensitivity**

**Test 3c: 30 GHz to 46 GHz Frequency Sensitivity**

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**NOTE**

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This test is appropriate for the 53152A Counter only.

- 1 Use the same test setup as described for Test 3a on page 1-21.
- 2 Set the output of the Agilent 83650B Synthesizer to the first frequency specified for Test 3c in the Performance Test Record on page 1-31 (30 GHz).
- 3 Set the power output of the Synthesizer (read on the Power Meter) to a power value 20 dBm above the value specified for Test 3c in the Performance Test Record on page 1-31 (-3 dBm). (The added 20 dBm compensates for the 20 dB Attenuator.)
- 4 Record the frequency value read on the Counter ( $\pm 1$  count) for Test 3c in the Performance Test Record on page 1-31.
- 5 Repeat steps 2, through 4 for each of the remaining frequencies specified for Test 3c. Don't forget to change the power level for the 42, 44, and 46 GHz tests.
- 6 If all of the frequency values you recorded for Test 3c are correct, mark Pass in the Performance Test Record for Test 3c. If any of the frequency readings you recorded are incorrect, mark Fail in the Performance Test Record.

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**NOTES**

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- Do not disconnect the Power Sensor or the Power Sensor Cable from the power meter or the Power Splitter. These connections are reused in the following tests.
- Do not turn off the Counter. Turning the Counter off and back on resets the reference oscillator (REF OSC) selection to internal (INT).

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## Test 4: Channel 2 Power Measurement

This set of tests verifies the power-measurement specifications of Channel 2 of the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Counters.

### Equipment Required

Agilent 83650B Synthesizer  
Agilent 83051A Microwave Amplifier  
Agilent 437B Power Meter  
Agilent 8487A/D Power Sensor  
Agilent 11730A Power Sensor Cable  
Agilent 11667C Power Splitter  
Agilent 11904D 2.92 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (f) Adapter  
Agilent 11900A 2.4 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (m) Adapter  
Agilent 11900B 2.4 mm (f) to 2.4 mm (f) Adapter  
2.4 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (m) Cable (2)

### Test 4a: 50 MHz to 20 GHz Power Measurement (-20 dBm)

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**NOTE**

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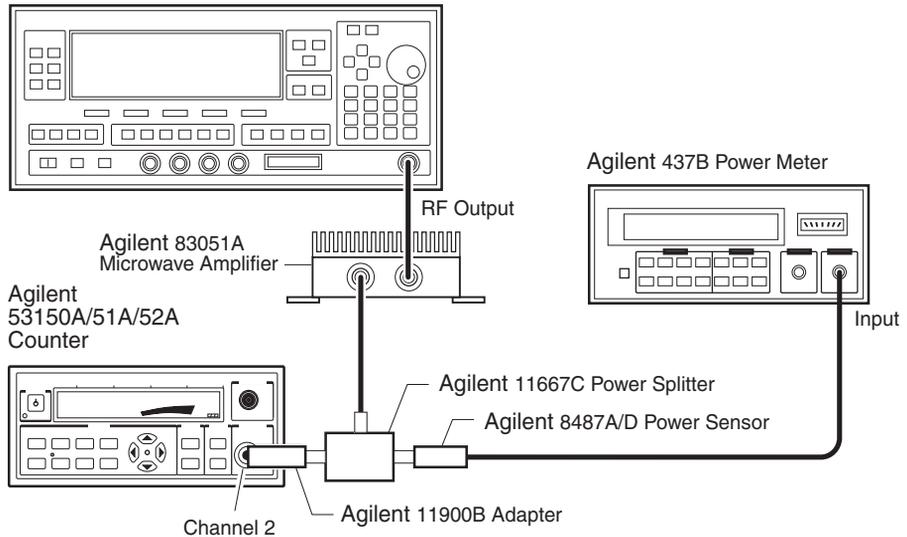
This test is appropriate for the Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A Counters.

- 1 Verify that the cable (with Adapter) is still connected to the RF output of the Agilent 83650B Synthesizer.
- 2 Connect the other end of the 2.4 mm cable to the input connector on the Agilent 83051A Microwave Amplifier.
- 3 Connect a 2.4 mm cable from the output of the Microwave Amplifier to the input connector on the Agilent 11667C Power Splitter.
- 4 Verify that the Power Sensor is still connected to the Power Splitter and that the Power Sensor Cable is still connected between the Power Sensor and the sensor connector on the Power Meter.

**Test 4: Channel 2 Power Measurement**

- 5 Connect the Agilent 11900A 2.4 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (m) Adapter to the Counter's **CHANNEL 2** input connector.
- 6 Connect the unused output of the Microwave Splitter to the Adapter on the Counter's **CHANNEL 2** input connector.

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**Figure 1-6. 50 MHz to 20 GHz (-20 dBm) Power Measurement Test Setup**

- 7 Verify that the Counter is still set to **CHANNEL 2** (if necessary, use the **Chan Select** key on the Counter's front panel to select **CHANNEL 2**).
- 8 Adjust the power output of the Synthesizer so that the power output of the Microwave Amplifier is -20 dBm.
- 9 Set the Synthesizer to the first frequency value listed for Test 4a in the Performance Test Record on page 1-32 (50 MHz).
- 10 Record the actual power reading in the Performance Test Record.

**Test 4: Channel 2 Power Measurement**

- 11 Repeat steps 8 through 10 for each of the remaining frequency values listed for Test 4a.
- 12 Mark Pass or Fail for Test 4a in the Performance Test Record.

**Test 4b: Channel 2 22 GHz to 26.5 GHz Power Measurement (-20 dBm)**

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**NOTE**

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This test is appropriate for the Agilent 53151A and 53152A Counters.

- 1 Use the same test setup as described for Test 4a on page 1-25.
- 2 With the power output of the Microwave Amplifier still at -20 dBm (adjust the power output of the Agilent 83650B Synthesizer, if necessary), set the Synthesizer to the first frequency value listed for Test 4b in the Performance Test Record on page 1-32 (22 GHz).
- 3 Record the actual power reading in the Performance Test Record.
- 4 Repeat steps 2 and 3 for each of the remaining frequency values listed for Test 4b.
- 5 Mark Pass or Fail for Test 4b in the Performance Test Record.

**Test 4: Channel 2 Power Measurement**

**Test 4c: Channel 2 26.5 GHz to 46 GHz Power Measurement (-20 dBm)**

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**NOTE**

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This test is appropriate for the Agilent 53152A Counter only.

- 1 Use the same test setup as described for Test 4a on page 1-25.
- 2 With the power output of the Microwave Amplifier still at -20 dBm (adjust the power output of the Synthesizer, if necessary), set the Synthesizer to the first frequency value listed for Test 4c in the Performance Test Record on page 1-32 (30 GHz).
- 3 Record the actual power reading in the Performance Test Record.
- 4 Repeat steps 2 and 3 for each of the remaining frequency values listed for Test 4c.
- 5 Mark Pass or Fail for Test 4c in the Performance Test Record.

**Test 4d: Channel 2 50 MHz to 20 GHz Power Measurement (0 dBm)**

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**NOTE**

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This test is appropriate for the Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A Counters.

- 1 Use the same test setup as described for Test 4a on page 1-25.
- 2 Adjust the power output of the Synthesizer so that the power output of the Microwave Amplifier is 0 dBm.
- 3 Set the Synthesizer to the first frequency value listed for Test 4d in the Performance Test Record on page 1-33 (50 MHz).
- 4 Record the actual power reading in the Performance Test Record.
- 5 Repeat steps 2 through 4 for each of the remaining frequency values listed for Test 4d.
- 6 Mark Pass or Fail for Test 3d in the Performance Test Record.

**Test 4: Channel 2 Power Measurement**

**Test 4e: Channel 2 22 GHz to 26.5 GHz Power Measurement (0 dBm)**

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**NOTE**

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This test is appropriate for the Agilent 53151A and 53152A Counters.

- 1 Use the same test setup as described for Test 4a on page 1-25.
- 2 With the power output of the Microwave Amplifier still at 0 dBm (adjust the power output of the Synthesizer, if necessary), set the Synthesizer to the first frequency value listed for Test 4e in the Performance Test Record on page 1-33 (22 GHz).
- 3 Record the actual power reading in the Performance Test Record.
- 4 Repeat steps 2 and 3 for the remaining frequency values listed for Test 4e.
- 5 Mark Pass or Fail for Test 4e in the Performance Test Record.

**Test 4f: Channel 2 30 GHz to 46 GHz Power Measurement (0 dBm)**

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**NOTE**

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This test is appropriate for the Agilent 53152A Counter only.

- 1 Use the same test setup as described for Test 4a on page 1-25.
- 2 With the power output of the Microwave Amplifier still at 0 dBm (adjust the power output of the Synthesizer, if necessary), set the Synthesizer to the first frequency value listed for Test 4f in the Performance Test Record on page 1-33 (30 GHz).
- 3 Record the actual power reading in the Performance Test Record.
- 4 Repeat steps 2 and 3 for each of the remaining frequency values listed for Test 4f.
- 5 Mark Pass or Fail for Test 4f in the Performance Test Record.

## Performance Test Record (Page 1 of 4)

### Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Microwave Frequency Counter

Serial Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Repair/Work Order No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Test Performed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Relative Humidity: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pre Calibration Test  Post Calibration Test

Test Number	Operational Verification	Specifications	Test Results	
			Pass	Fail
1	Power on Self Tests	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	10 MHz Test	10,000,000 Hz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Run Self Test	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	10 MHz External Timebase Input Test	2 MHz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Test Number	Complete Performance Tests	Specifications	Test Results	
			Pass	Fail
1a	1 MHz External Timebase Input Test	2 MHz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1b	2 MHz External Timebase Input Test	2 MHz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1c	5 MHz External Timebase Input Test	2 MHz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1d	10 MHz External Timebase Input Test	2 MHz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2a	Channel 1 Frequency Sensitivity		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	10 Hz 30 Hz 1 kHz 500 kHz 5 MHz 10 MHz 20 MHz	10 Hz @ 40 mV rms (-14.9 dBm) 30 Hz @ 40 mV rms (-14.9 dBm) 1 kHz @ 25 mV rms (-19.2 dBm) 500 kHz @ 25 mV rms (-19.2 dBm) 5 MHz @ 25 mV rms (-19.2 dBm) 10 MHz @ 25 mV rms (-19.2 dBm) 20 MHz @ 25 mV rms (-19.2 dBm)	_____	_____
2b	Channel 1 Frequency Sensitivity		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	50 MHz 125 MHz	50 MHz @ 25 mV rms (-19.2 dBm) 125 MHz @ 25 mV rms (-19.2 dBm)	_____	_____

## Performance Test Record (Page 2 of 4)

Test Number	Complete Performance Tests	Specifications			Test Results	
		53150A	53151A	53152A	Pass	Fail
3a	Channel 2 Frequency Sensitivity	<b>53150A</b>	<b>53151A</b>	<b>53152A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	50 MHz	-20 dBm	-20 dBm	-20 dBm	_____	_____
	100 MHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	250 MHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	300 MHz	-33 dBm	-33 dBm	-33 dBm	_____	_____
	500 MHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	1 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	2.5 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	5 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	10 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	12.4 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	16 GHz	"	"	-30 dBm	_____	_____
	18 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	19 GHz	-29 dBm	-29 dBm	-27 dBm	_____	_____
20 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____	
3b	Channel 2 Frequency Sensitivity	<b>53150A</b>	<b>53151A</b>	<b>53152A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	22 GHz	N/A	-25 dBm	-27 dBm	_____	_____
	24 GHz	N/A	"	"	_____	_____
	26.5 GHz	N/A	"	"	_____	_____
3c	Channel 2 Frequency Sensitivity	<b>53150A</b>	<b>53151A</b>	<b>53152A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	30 GHz	N/A	N/A	-23 dBm	_____	_____
	34 GHz	N/A	N/A	"	_____	_____
	40 GHz	N/A	N/A	"	_____	_____
	42 GHz	N/A	N/A	-17 dBm	_____	_____
	44 GHz	N/A	N/A	"	_____	_____
	46 GHz	N/A	N/A	"	_____	_____

## Performance Test Record (Page 3 of 4)

Test Number	Complete Performance Tests	Specifications			Test Results	
		53150A	53151A	53152A	Pass	Fail
4a	Power Measurement (-20 dBm):	<b>53150A</b>	<b>53151A</b>	<b>53152A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	50 MHz	±1.5 dB	±1.5 dB	±1.0 dBm	_____	_____
	500 MHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	1 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	5 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	10 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	12.4 GHz	"	"	±1.5 dB	_____	_____
	15 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	17 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
20 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____	
4b	Power Measurement (-20 dBm):	<b>53150A</b>	<b>53151A</b>	<b>53152A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	22 GHz	N/A	±2.0 dB	±1.5 dB	_____	_____
	24 GHz	N/A	"	"	_____	_____
	26.5 GHz	N/A	"	"	_____	_____
4c	Power Measurement (-20 dBm):	<b>53150A</b>	<b>53151A</b>	<b>53152A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	30 GHz	N/A	N/A	±2.0 dB	_____	_____
	34 GHz	N/A	N/A	"	_____	_____
	40 GHz	N/A	N/A	"	_____	_____
	46 GHz	N/A	N/A	"	_____	_____

## Performance Test Record (Page 4 of 4)

Test Number	Complete Performance Tests	Specifications			Test Results	
		53150A	53151A	53152A	Pass	Fail
4d	Power Measurement (0 dBm):	53150A	53151A	53152A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	50 MHz	±1.5 dB	±1.5 dB	±1.0 dB	_____	_____
	500 MHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	1 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	5 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	10 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	12.4 GHz	"	"	±1.5 dB	_____	_____
	15 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
	17 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____
20 GHz	"	"	"	_____	_____	
4e	Power Measurement (0 dBm):	53150A	53151A	53152A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	22 GHz	N/A	±2.0 dB	±1.5 dB	_____	_____
	24 GHz	N/A	"	"	_____	_____
	26.5 GHz	N/A	"	"	_____	_____
4f	Power Measurement (0 dBm):	53150A	53151A	53152A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	30 GHz	N/A	N/A	±2.0 dB	_____	_____
	34 GHz	N/A	N/A	"	_____	_____
	40 GHz	N/A	N/A	"	_____	_____
	46 GHz	N/A	N/A	"	_____	_____



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— Service

## Introduction

This chapter provides service information for your Agilent 53150A/151A/152A. It is divided into four major sections:

- **Returning the Counter to Agilent Technologies for Service** (Page 2-3). This section provides you with step-by-step instructions on how to return the instrument for service.
- **Calibration Procedure** (Page 2-6). This section provides step-by-step procedures for calibrating the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A.
- **Pre-Troubleshooting Information** (Page 2-8). This section provides you with pertinent information such as safety considerations, recommended test equipment, repair and after-service considerations, and assembly identification and location.
- **Troubleshooting the Counter** (Page 2-13). This section provides you with troubleshooting procedures that isolate the faulty assembly or module. Replacement and recalibration of most modules can only be performed at an authorized Agilent Technologies Service Center.

If the instrument is under warranty, return it to Agilent for service. Refer to “Returning the Counter to Agilent Technologies for Service” on Page 2-3. If you decide to troubleshoot the instrument yourself, refer to the section titled “Troubleshooting the Counter” on Page 2-13.

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## Returning the Counter to Agilent Technologies for Service

### Providing Repair Information

Before shipping the Counter to an Agilent office for service or repair, call the nearest Agilent Sales Office to make arrangements. Then, tag and package the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A for shipment.

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#### NOTE

ISD (Instrument Service Division) Emergency Response or Express Calibration Service is available for Agilent customers in the USA. If downtime is critical, you can receive your repaired Counter via overnight shipment. Call **1-800-403-0801**, and ask for *Emergency Response* or *Express Calibration Service*. When your Counter is repaired, it is returned via overnight shipment at no extra charge.

- 1 Write the following information on a tag:
  - Owner's name and address
  - Counter model number
  - Complete serial number
  - Description of service required or failure indications
- 2 Attach the tag to the instrument.
- 3 Pack the instrument.

If the original packaging materials are available, use the procedure titled "Packing the Counter in the Original Packaging Materials." If the original packaging materials are not available, you can order new packaging materials from an Agilent Sales Office. The new packaging materials are identical to those used by the factory when packaging new instruments. To use commercially available packaging materials, use the procedure titled "Packing the Counter in Commercially Available Packaging Materials." Both procedures are on the following page.

## **Packing the Counter in the Original Packaging Materials**

To prevent shipping damage, it is best to repack the Counter in its original packaging. In any correspondence, refer to the Counter by the model number and the complete serial number.

- 1 Disconnect the power cord, probes, cables, or other accessories attached to the instrument.
- 2 Make sure the folded corrugated spacer (which normally contains the manuals) is in the box to ensure proper fitting.
- 3 Make sure one of the polystyrene blocks is in its proper position in the box.
- 4 Place the instrument, front panel end first, on the polystyrene block.
- 5 Place the other polystyrene block on top of the rear end of the instrument to secure it.
- 6 Do not return the manuals with the instrument. Return an accessory only when it is a part of the failure symptoms.
- 7 Seal the shipping container securely.

## **Packing the Counter in Commercially Available Packaging Materials**

If the original factory packaging materials are not available, use the following procedure to pack the Counter in commercially available shipping materials.

- 1 Wrap the instrument in heavy paper or plastic.
- 2 Place the instrument in a strong shipping container. Use a double-walled carton made of at least 350 lb. test material.
- 3 Protect the control panel with cardboard.

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- 4 Add a layer of shock-absorbing material that is 3 to 4 inches (70 to 100 mm) thick around all sides of the instrument cushion it and to prevent it from moving within the container
- 5 Seal the shipping container securely.
- 6 Mark the shipping container **FRAGILE**.

## Calibration Procedure

There is only one calibration procedure that can be performed outside of an Agilent authorized service facility. The following procedure describes how to calibrate the Counter's timebase.

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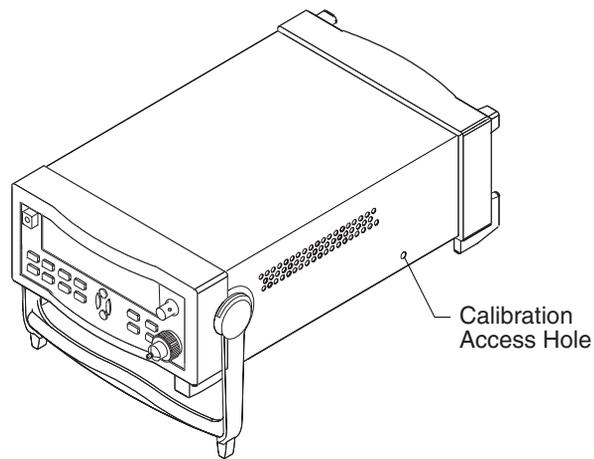
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The Counter should be powered on for at least 30 minutes prior to beginning the calibration procedure. This allows the internal temperature of the Counter and its timebase to stabilize.

### **Equipment Required**

10 MHz Reference Standard  
Non-metallic adjustment tool for slotted screw head  
Agilent 10503 series Coaxial Cable

- 1** Connect an Agilent 10503 series coaxial cable from the output of your 10 MHz frequency standard to the Channel 1 input on the Counter's front panel.
- 2** If there is a label covering the calibration adjustment access hole, remove it (see Figure 2-1).



**Figure 2-1. Calibrating the Counter**

- 3 Insert a non-metallic slotted adjustment tool through the hole in the lower-right side of the Counter's cover and into the slot in the timebase calibration screw.
- 4 Turn the calibration screw clockwise to increase the Counter's reading or counter-clockwise to decrease the reading until the frequency value displayed on the Counter's front panel is exactly 10,000,000 Hz.

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## Pre-Troubleshooting Information

This section contains the following pertinent troubleshooting information:

- Safety Considerations
- Recommended Test Equipment
- Repair Considerations
- After Service Considerations
- Assembly Identification and Location

### Safety Considerations

Although this instrument has been designed in accordance with international safety standards, this guide contains information, cautions, and warnings which must be followed to ensure safe operation and to retain the instrument in a safe condition. Service instructions, and adjustment procedures requiring removal of the instrument cover, are for use by service-trained personnel only. To avoid dangerous electric shock, do not perform any servicing or make any adjustments with the cover removed, unless qualified to do so.

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#### WARNING

**BEFORE APPLYING AC POWER, THE INSTRUMENT AND ALL PROTECTIVE EARTH TERMINALS, EXTENSION CORDS, AUTO TRANSFORMERS, AND DEVICES CONNECTED TO THE INSTRUMENT SHOULD BE CONNECTED TO A PROTECTIVE EARTH GROUNDED SOCKET.**

**ANY INTERRUPTION OF THE PROTECTIVE GROUNDING CONDUCTOR INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE INSTRUMENT OR DISCONNECTION OF THE PROTECTIVE EARTH TERMINAL WILL CAUSE A POTENTIAL SHOCK HAZARD THAT COULD RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY. INTENTIONAL INTERRUPTION IS PROHIBITED.**

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Any maintenance and repair of the opened instrument under voltage should be avoided as much as possible and, if necessary, should be carried out only by a skilled person who is aware of the hazards involved (for example, fire and electric shock).

## Recommended Test Equipment

Test equipment recommended for testing and troubleshooting the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A is listed in Chapter 1, “Performance Tests.” Substitute equipment may be used if it meets or exceeds the required characteristics listed in Table 1-1.

## Repair Considerations

### *Electrostatic Discharge*

Electronic components and assemblies in the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A can be permanently degraded or damaged by electrostatic discharge. Use the following precautions when servicing the instrument:

- 1 **ENSURE** that static-sensitive devices or assemblies are serviced at static-safe work stations providing proper grounding for service personnel.
- 2 **ENSURE** that static-sensitive devices or assemblies are stored in static shielding bags or containers.
- 3 **DO NOT** wear clothing subject to static-charge buildup, such as wool or synthetic materials.
- 4 **DO NOT** handle components or assemblies in carpeted areas.
- 5 **DO NOT** remove an assembly or component from its static shielding protection until you are ready to install it.
- 6 **AVOID** touching component leads (handle by packaging only).

### *Surface Mount Repair*

None of the assemblies in the Counter that use surface-mount components can be repaired outside of authorized Agilent Service Centers. Any attempt to repair these assemblies voids the Agilent factory warranty and makes the assemblies ineligible for return credit.

### *Disassembly and Reassembly Specifics*

Refer to Chapter 3 of this guide, “Replacing Assemblies,” for complete disassembly and reassembly instructions, and Chapter 4, “Replaceable Parts,” for an exploded view of the instrument’s parts.

## After Service Considerations

### *Product Safety Checks*

The following safety checks must be performed after any troubleshooting and repair procedures have been completed to ensure the safe operation of the instrument.

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**WARNING**

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**THE RESISTANCE CHECKS DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING TEXT REQUIRE THAT THE POWER CORD BE CONNECTED TO THE INSTRUMENT AND THAT AC POWER BE DISCONNECTED. BE SURE THAT THE POWER CORD IS NOT CONNECTED TO AN AC POWER SOURCE BEFORE PERFORMING ANY SAFETY CHECKS.**

- 1 **VISUAL INSPECTION.** Visually inspect the interior of the instrument for any signs of abnormal internally generated heat, such as discolored printed circuit boards or components, damaged insulation, or evidence of arcing. Determine and remedy the cause of any such condition.
- 2 **GROUND CONTINUITY TEST.** Plug the power cord into the rear- panel power receptacle. (DO NOT connect the instrument to AC power at this time.) Using a suitable ohmmeter, check resistance from the instrument's metallic connection (such as the rear panel or BNC ground collar) to the ground pin on the power cord plug. The reading must be less than 1 $\Omega$ . Flex the power cord while making this measurement to determine whether intermittent discontinuities exist.

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- 3 Check any indicated front- or rear-panel ground terminals marked, using the above procedure.
- 4 **INSULATION RESISTANCE TEST.** Tie the line and neutral pins of the power cord plug together. Measure the resistance from the instrument enclosure (chassis) to the line and neutral pins of the power cord plug. The minimum acceptable resistance is 2 M $\Omega$ . Replace any component which results in a failure.

***Product Performance Checks***

After replacement of any functional assembly, perform the operational verification test in Chapter 1 of this guide, “Performance Tests.”

**Assembly Identification and Location**

The assembly number, name, and Agilent part number for each of the Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A assemblies are listed in Table 2-1. Figure 2-2 illustrates the replaceable assemblies in the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A.

**Table 2-1. Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Assembly Identification**

Assembly Name	Agilent Part No.
A1 Adapter (53152A only)	53152-80001
A2 Cooling Fan Assembly	53150-80012
A3 Standby Power Switch Assembly	53150-80013
A4 Battery Housing Assembly *	53150-00002
A5 DC/DC Converter PCB *	53150-60004
A6 Battery *	53150-80010
A7 Battery Sled Assembly *	53150-00004
A8 Battery Cover Assembly	53150-00003
A9 Rear Panel Assembly	—
A10 Power Entry Module Assembly	53150-40007
A11 Power Supply Assembly	0950-3299
A12 Rear Panel Power Switch Assembly	53150-60220

\* With Option 002 (Battery Option) only.

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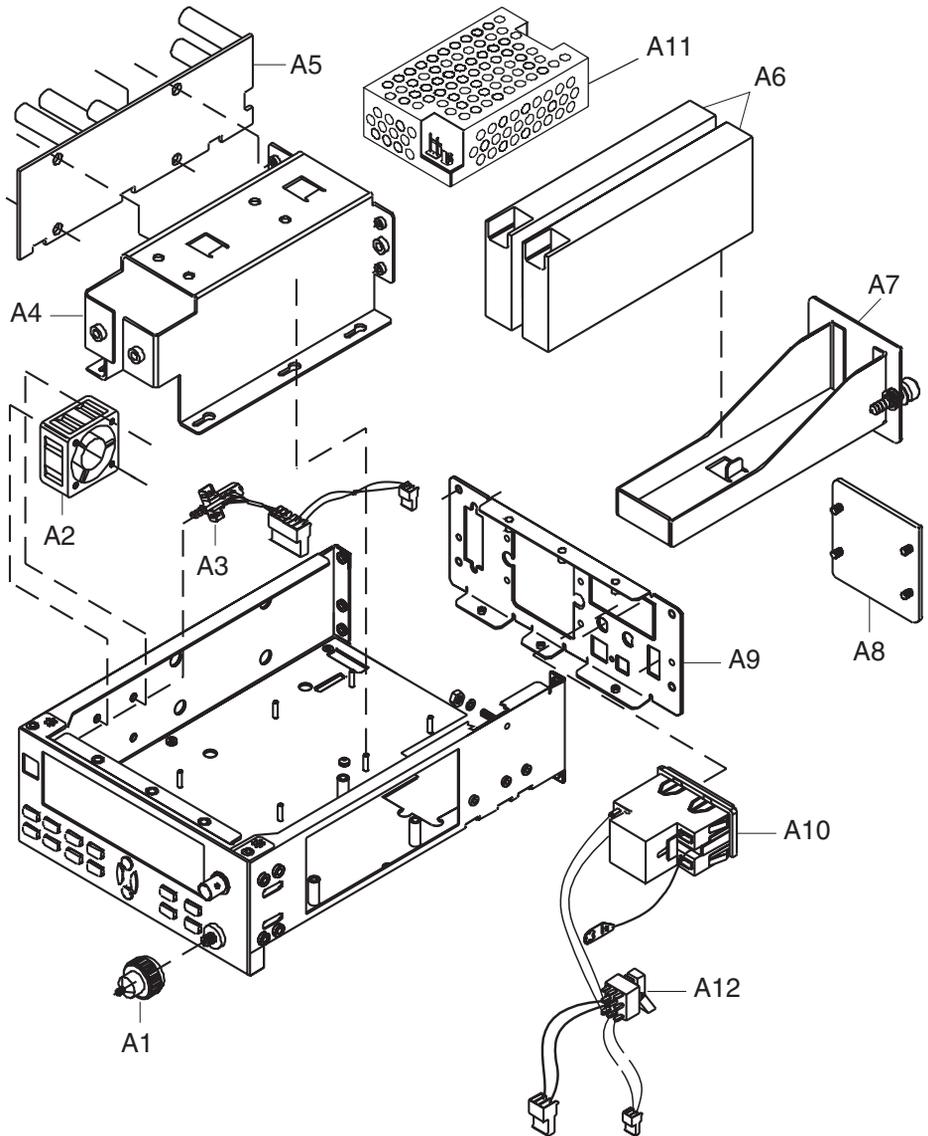


Figure 2-2. Replaceable Assembly Locations — Top Internal View

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### Power Supply Check

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**WARNING**

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**HAZARDOUS VOLTAGES ARE PRESENT ON THE POWER SUPPLY ASSEMBLY. ONLY TRAINED AND QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL SHOULD PERFORM THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE.**

- 1 Remove the power cord from the back of the instrument.
- 2 Remove the cover as described in Chapter 3.

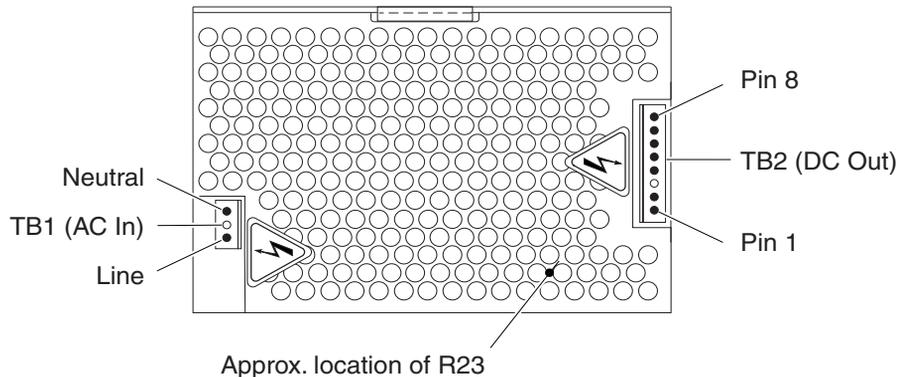
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**NOTE**

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The DC Power Supply Assembly is fused for safety reasons. It must be assumed that, if the fuses are blown, the power supply has probably suffered damage and has therefore become unreliable. If the power supply fails, it must be replaced, even if the fuse in the power supply appears to be all that has failed.

- 3 Connect the Counter to the power source.
- 4 Connect the negative lead of a voltmeter to the chassis and measure each of the voltages listed in Table 2-2 on Power Supply connectors TB1 and TB2 (see Figure 2-3).



**Figure 2-3. A4 DC Power Supply Test-Point Locations**

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Table 2-2 lists A4 Power Supply's input and output voltages, the corresponding wire color for each input and output, and the tolerances specified for these voltages.

**Table 2-2. A4 Power Supply Inputs and Outputs**

Input/Output Voltage	Connector and Pin Designation	Wire Color	Tolerance
AC-input (neutral) 0 VAC*	TB1, pin N	blue	—
AC-input (line in) 85 - 264 VAC*	TB1, pin L	brown	—
-15.0 VDC @ 0.7 A max.	TB2, pin 1	lavender	±3%
0.0 VDC (ground for -15 VDC)	TB2, pin 2	brown	—
N/A (unused)	TB2, pin position 3 (no pin)	N/A	—
N/A (unused)	TB2, pin 4		
+15.0 VDC @ 2 A max.	TB2, pin 5	blue	±5%
0.0 VDC (ground for +15 VDC)	TB2, pin 6	brown	—
+5.0 VDC @ 5A max.	TP 10 (bottom of motherboard)	red	±1%
0.0 VDC (ground for +5 VDC)	TB2, pin 8	black	—

\* AC-input values are referenced to chassis ground.

#### ***Adjusting the +5 VDC Output***

The +5 VDC output of the power supply is adjustable. If this voltage is found to be outside of the tolerance range listed in Table 2-2, it can be adjusted using R23, which is visible on the top surface of the power supply's circuit board. When adjusting the +5 VDC output, use a non-metallic or insulated adjustment tool.

### **Self-Test**

The Counter performs a Self-Test procedure when it is powered on. The Self-Test can also be invoked from the Counter's Menu.

#### ***Running the Self Test***

- 1** Disconnect all cables connected to the Counter's front and rear signal connectors.
- 2** Turn on the **Main ~ Power** switch on the Counter's rear panel.
- 3** Press and release the **Power** button on the front panel.
- 4** Observe the front-panel display and note any error messages displayed.
- 5** When CH 2 NO SIGNAL is displayed, press and release the **Shift** key, and then press and release the **Menu** key.
- 6** Press the up-arrow key or the down-arrow key repeatedly until DO SELF TEST is displayed, and then press and release the **Enter** key.
- 7** Observe the front-panel display and note any error messages displayed.

***Self Test Error Messages***

Table 2-3 lists and describes messages that are generated by the Counter during Self-Test to indicate whether a component passed or failed its test. These messages are sent via the RS-232 serial output only—they do not appear on the Counter’s front-panel display.

**Table 2-3. Self-Test Messages**

<b>Message</b>	<b>Description</b>
ROM TEST FAIL ROM TEST OK	ROM failed read test. ROM passed read test.
RAM DATA LINES OK RAM DATA ERROR RAM ADDR LINES OK RAM ADDR ERROR RAM TEST OK	RAM data lines passed test. RAM data lines failed test. RAM address lines passed test. RAM address lines failed test. RAM tests completed with no errors detected.
EEPROM FAIL - CONFIGURATION DATA	The configuration data saved in EEPROM memory is defective.
ROM FAIL; Computed checksum does not match the value stored in EEPROM.	The checksum of the ROM data does not match the value stored in EEPROM.
EEPROM FAIL - CONFIGURATION DATA; Needs to be (re)initialized.	The EEPROM org code does not verify with current revision of ROM code.
EEPROM FAIL - POWER CAL DATA; Using default data	The checksum of the EEPROM power-calibration table is bad. Factory default calibration data will be used.
EEPROM FAIL - SAVED SETTINGS; Using default data	The checksum of the user settings stored in EEPROM is bad. Factory default settings will be used.
EEPROM FAIL - SAVED SETTINGS; Invalid EEPROM SAV n Data.	The checksum of one set of user settings (1 – 9) stored in EEPROM is bad.
GPIB FAIL; Conf. Test	The GPIB hardware failed its confidence test.



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Tables 2-4 and 2-5 list and describe the messages that are generated by the Counter during Self-Test or during operation to indicate that a problem has been detected. These messages are displayed on the Counter's front-panel display and are also sent via the RS-232 serial output (in many cases, the exact message text that is displayed on the front panel is a condensed form of the message that is sent via RS-232).

**Table 2-4. Front Panel Display Error Messages**

Message	Description
12V FAIL	The +12 VDC output from the power supply is not within specifications.
-12V FAIL	The -12 VDC output from the power supply is not within specifications.
-5V FAIL	The -5 VDC output from the power supply is not within specifications.
ADC FAIL	Failure detected in the ADC.
PATH FAIL	Failure detected in the Channel 1 signal path.
THRS FAIL	Failure detected in the Channel 1 threshold circuit.
THRS FAIL	Failure detected in the Channel 2 RF threshold circuit.
THRS THRU	Failure detected in the Channel 2 through-path threshold circuit.
THRS HET	Failure detected in the Channel 2 heterodyne-path threshold circuit.
EEP WRT FAIL	Failure detected while writing to EEPROM.
FPANEL FAIL	The front panel or its interconnecting cable is defective or not properly connected.
FPGA FAIL	Failure detected in the FPGA (Field Programmable Gate Array).
GPIB FAIL	Failure detected in the GPIB hardware.
HET PATH FAIL	Failure detected in the heterodyne-path circuit.
IIC FAIL	An attempt to write to the LCD display failed.
INSTCFG FAIL	The instrument's configuration data is missing or has become corrupted.
OVERTEMP	The Counter's internal temperature is above the acceptable limit.
PWR CAL FAIL	The instrument's power-calibration data is missing or corrupted.
PWR CKT FAIL	Failure detected in the Channel 2 power-measurement circuit.
RAM FAIL	Failure detected in RAM.
ROM FAIL	Failure detected in ROM.
SAV SET FAIL	One or more of the sets of user settings is missing or is corrupted.
SERVICE FAIL	The instrument's service data is missing or has become corrupted.
THRU FAIL	Failure detected in the through-path circuit of Channel 2.
VCO/CNT FAIL	Failure detected in the VCO or the Count Chain.



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**Table 2-5. RS-232 Error Messages**

Message	Description
12V FAIL	The +12 VDC output from the power supply is not within specifications.
-12V FAIL	The -12 VDC output from the power supply is not within specifications.
-5V FAIL	The -5 VDC output from the power supply is not within specifications.
ADC FAIL	Failure detected in the ADC.
B1 SIGNAL PATH FAIL	Failure detected in the Channel 1 signal path.
B1 THRESHOLD FAIL	Failure detected in the Channel 1 threshold circuit.
B2 RF THRESHOLD FAIL	Failure detected in the Channel 2 RF threshold circuit.
B2 THROUGH-PATH THRESHOLD FAIL	Failure detected in the Channel 2 through-path threshold circuit.
B2 HETERODYNE PATH THRESHOLD FAIL	Failure detected in the Channel 2 heterodyne-path threshold circuit.
EEPROM FAIL - WRITE	Failure detected while writing to EEPROM.
FRONT PANEL FAIL	The front panel or its interconnecting cable are defective or not properly connected.
FPGA FAIL	Failure detected in the FPGA (Field Programmable Gate Array).
GPIB FAIL	Failure detected in the GPIB hardware.
HETERODYNE PATH FAIL	Failure detected in the heterodyne-path circuit.
IIC FAIL	An attempt to write to the LCD display failed.
INSTCFG FAIL	The instrument's configuration data is missing or corrupted.
OVER TEMPERATURE	The Counter's internal temperature is above the limit.
PWR CAL FAIL	The instrument's power-calibration data is missing or corrupted.
POWER METER FAIL	Failure detected in the Channel 2 power-measurement circuit.
RAM FAIL	Failure detected in RAM.
ROM FAIL	Failure detected in ROM.
SAV SET FAIL	One or more of the sets of user settings is missing or corrupted.
SERVICE FAIL	The instrument's service data is missing or corrupted.
THRU PATH FAIL	Failure detected in the through-path circuit of Channel 2.
VCO/COUNT CHAIN FAIL	Failure detected in the VCO or the Count Chain.

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## Replacing Assemblies

Disassembly and Reassembly

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## Introduction

This chapter provides instructions for removing major assemblies in the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A. To install an assembly, apply the removal instructions in reverse.

The following disassembly and repair procedures are provided:

- Removing the Bumpers pg. 3-4
- Removing the Handle and Handle Mounts pg. 3-5
- Removing the Rear Bezel pg. 3-6
- Removing the Shroud pg. 3-8
- Removing the Rear Panel Assembly pg. 3-12
- Removing the Cooling Fan pg. 3-15
- Replacing the Power Supply pg. 3-16

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**WARNING**

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**HAZARDOUS VOLTAGES ARE PRESENT ON THE POWER SUPPLY ASSEMBLY. DISCONNECT THE COUNTER FROM THE POWER SOURCE, AND WAIT AT LEAST SIX MINUTES BEFORE WORKING INSIDE THE INSTRUMENT.**

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**CAUTION**

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Do not replace assemblies when the Counter is operating to prevent damage to components.

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**NOTE**

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Unless otherwise stated, directional referents in the procedures in this chapter are accurate when viewing the Counter from the front.

Part numbers for all replaceable parts and assemblies are provided in Chapter 5, "Replaceable Parts."

## Tools Required

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## Tools Required

The following tools are required for the removal/replacement procedures in this chapter:

- #1 Phillips screwdriver
- #2 Phillips screwdriver
- TORX® 15 (T15) hand screwdriver
- 1/4-inch open-end or box wrench
- 1/4-inch nut driver
- 5/16-inch nut driver
- Needle-nose pliers

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## Do This First

Perform the following steps before beginning any of the removal and replacement procedures:

- 1 If the Counter is on, press and release the POWER button on the front panel, and then set the **Main ~ Power** switch on the rear panel to “0” (off).
- 2 Disconnect the AC power cord from the AC input socket on the rear panel.
- 3 If the Counter has the Battery Option (002) installed, remove the battery sled, and disconnect any DC input cable from the EXT DC connector on the rear panel.

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### CAUTION

While most of the hardware used in the Counter is SAE, the four TORX screws that attach the handle mounts to the Counter are metric. To avoid damage to the threaded holes in the chassis that handle mount screws fit in, be sure to use the correct screws.

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## Removing the Bumpers

Use the following procedure to remove the front and rear bumpers:

- 1 To remove the front bumper, lift the center of the top of the bumper upward, stretch a corner of the bumper diagonally, then slide it off the front of the Counter.



**Figure 3-1. Removing the Bumpers**

- 2 Use the equivalent procedure for the rear bumper.

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**NOTE**

The bumpers can be used to support and protect the Counter after the shroud is removed. Place both bumpers on their inner edges on your work surface, and then place the Counter on top of them. The rear bumper can also serve as a holder for screws and other hardware temporarily removed from the Counter.

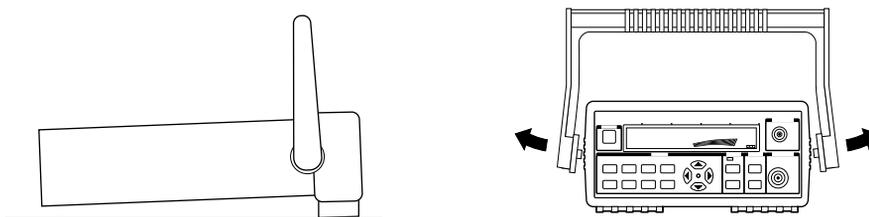
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## Removing the Handle and Handle Mounts

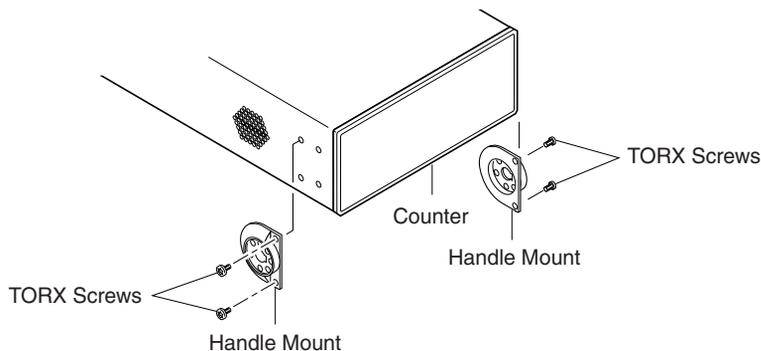
Use the following procedure to remove the carrying handle and handle mounts:

- 1 Rotate the handle to the vertical position above the Counter, pull the ends of the handle outward at the mounts to detach it, and set it aside.



**Figure 3-2. Removing the Handle**

- 2 Remove the front bumper (see “Removing the Bumpers” on page 3-4).
- 3 Use a T15 TORX screwdriver to remove the two screws that attach each of the handle mounts to the Counter, and remove the mounts.



**Figure 3-3. Removing the Handle Mounts**

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**NOTE**

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When reattaching the handle mounts, limit the torque on the TORX screws to 4 to 5 inch-pounds.

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## Removing the Rear Bezel

Use the following procedure to remove the rear bezel:

- 1 Remove the rear bumper (see “Removing the Bumpers” on page 3-4).

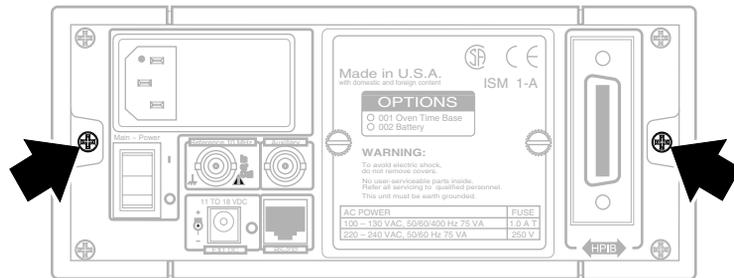
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**NOTE**

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The rear bumper can be used as a holder for hardware and other small parts while they are temporarily removed from the Counter.

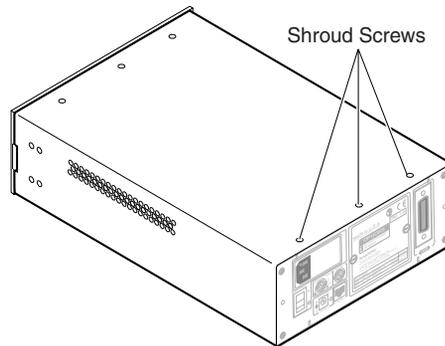
- 2 Use a #2 Phillips screwdriver to remove the two 6-32 pan-head machine screws that attach the rear bezel to the rear panel of the Counter (see Figure 3-4).



**Figure 3-4. Rear Bezel Mounting Screws**

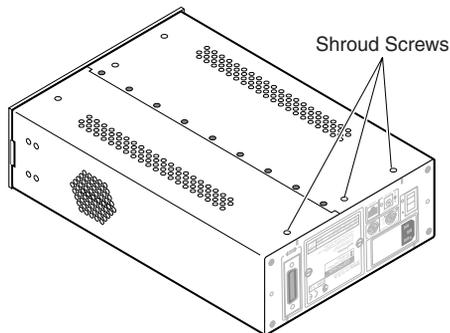
- 3 Use a #1 Phillips screwdriver to remove the three 4-40 x 3/16-inch countersunk shroud screws on the top of the Counter near the back edge of the shroud (see Figure 3-5).

## Removing the Rear Bezel



**Figure 3-5. Top Rear Shroud Screws**

- 4 Turn the Counter upside-down, and remove the three 4-40 x 3/16-inch countersunk shroud screws on the bottom of the Counter near the back edge of the shroud (see Figure 3-6).



**Figure 3-6. Bottom Rear Shroud Screws**

- 5 Carefully work the rear bezel out of the back end of the shroud by alternately pulling opposite corners of the bezel away from the Counter a small amount at a time. Do not use tools to pry the bezel out of the shroud, since this could damage it.

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## Removing the Shroud

Use the following procedure to remove the shroud:

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**WARNING**

**WHEN THE SHROUD IS REMOVED FROM THE COUNTER, DANGEROUS LINE VOLTAGES THAT CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY ARE EXPOSED. ALWAYS DISCONNECT THE POWER CORD BEFORE REMOVING THE SHROUD.**

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- 1 Remove the front and rear bumpers (see “Removing the Bumpers” on page 3-4).

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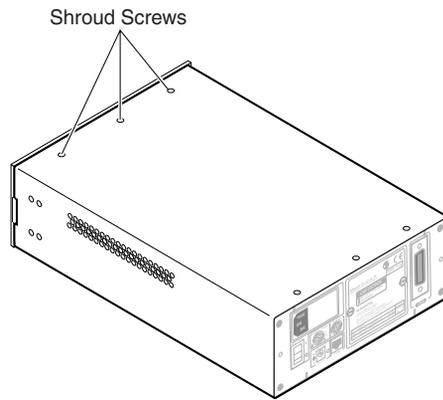
**NOTE**

The bumpers can be used to support and protect the Counter after the shroud is removed. Place both bumpers on their inner edges on your work surface, and then place the Counter on top of them. The rear bumper can also serve as a holder for screws and other hardware temporarily removed from the Counter.

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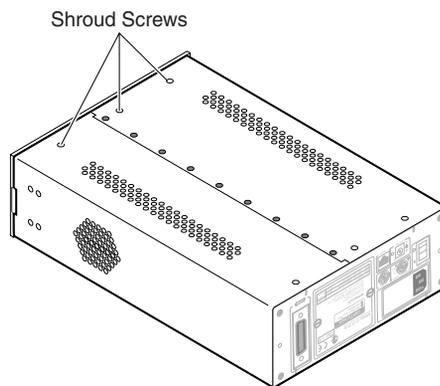
- 2 Remove the handle and the handle mounts (see “Removing the Handle and Handle Mounts” on page 3-5).
- 3 Remove the rear bezel (see “Removing the Rear Bezel” on page 3-6).
- 4 Use a #1 Phillips screwdriver to remove the three 4-40 x 3/16-inch countersunk shroud screws from the top of the Counter near the front edge of the shroud (see Figure 3-7).

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**Figure 3-7. Top Front Shroud Screws**

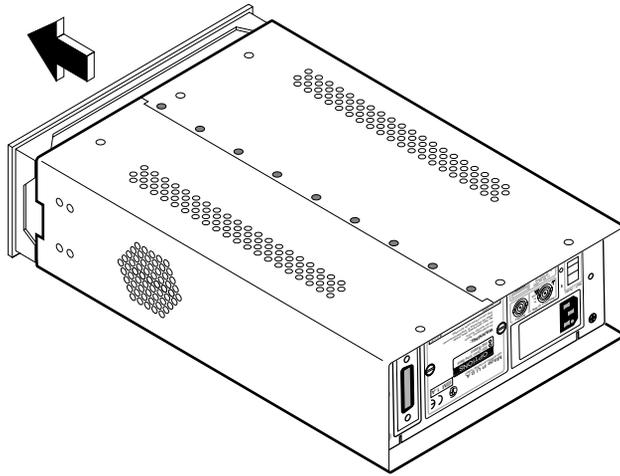
- 5 Turn the Counter upside-down, and remove the three 4-40 x 3/16-inch countersunk shroud screws on the bottom of the Counter near the front edge of the shroud (see Figure 3-8).



**Figure 3-8. Bottom Front Shroud Screws**

**Removing the Shroud**

- 6 With the Counter resting upside-down on your work surface, grip the front edge of the shroud in the cutout of the front bezel with the fingers of one hand, and push the Counter's rear panel toward the front of the shroud with your other hand. Reduce the amount of pressure you apply to the rear panel when the shroud begins to slide off the Counter, and carefully remove the shroud the rest of the way (see Figure 3-9).



**Figure 3-9. Removing the Shroud**

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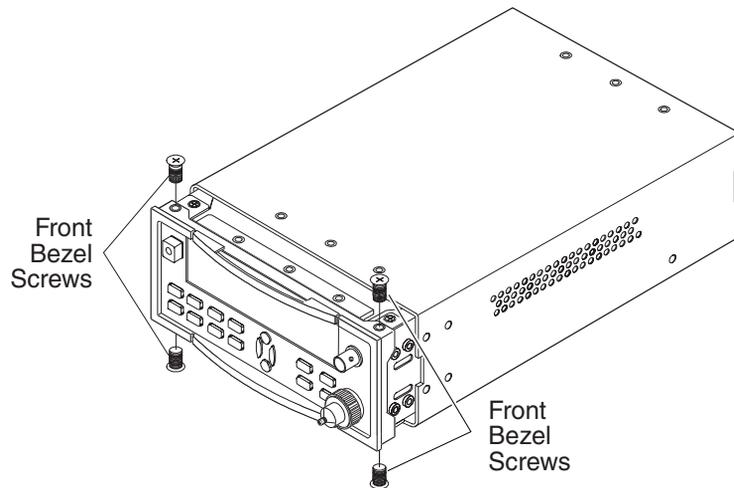
## Removing the Front Bezel

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# Removing the Front Bezel

Use the following procedure to remove the front bezel:

- 1 Remove the shroud hardware and slide the shroud back far enough to fully expose the front bezel, or remove the shroud completely (see “Removing the Shroud” on page 3-8).
- 2 Remove the four 4-40 x 3/16-inch self-locking flathead machine screws that attach the front bezel to the front panel (two on top and two on the bottom as shown in Figure 3-10).



**Figure 3-10. Front Bezel Screws**

- 3 Carefully slide the front bezel off the front panel.

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**CAUTION**

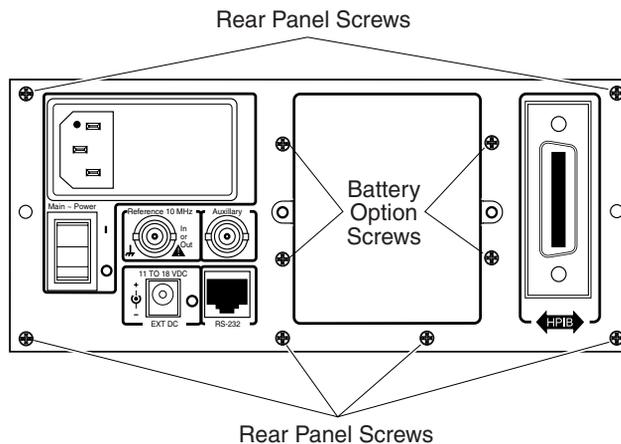
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When reattaching the front bezel to the front-panel assembly, do not tighten the screws excessively to prevent damage to the bezel.

## Removing the Rear Panel Assembly

Use the following procedure to remove the rear panel assembly:

- 1 Remove the shroud (see “Removing the Shroud” on page 3-8).
- 2 If the Battery Option is *not* installed, remove the four 4-40 self-locking hex nuts that attach the battery opening cover to the rear panel (these nuts are accessible from inside the chassis). Then, remove the battery opening cover, and skip to step 5.
- 3 If the Battery Option *is* installed, remove the battery sled from the Counter (for instructions on removing the battery sled, see Appendix C of the *Agilent 53150A / 151A / 152A Operating Guide*).
- 4 If the Battery Option is installed, remove the four 4-40 x 3/16-inch self-locking flathead machine screws that attach the rear panel assembly to the Battery Option chassis as shown in Figure 3-11 (two screws on each side of the opening, and two more screws at the bottom of the opening).



**Figure 3-11. Rear Panel Assembly Screws**

- 5 Remove the six 4-40 x 3/16-inch self-locking flathead machine screws that attach the rear panel assembly to the chassis (see Figure 3-11).

## Removing the Rear Panel Assembly

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**NOTE**

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The screw in the lower-left corner of the rear panel assembly (as viewed from the rear of the Counter) may be covered by the serial-number sticker. If it is, carefully cut away the lower-left corner of the sticker to expose the screw head.

- 6 Disconnect the seven-wire cable that runs between the connector at the back end of the power supply (TB2) and connector PMAIN1 on the main board to provide better access to the cables that are attached to the back panel assembly.
- 7 Disconnect the GPIB ribbon cable from connector JP3 on the main board, and disengage the ribbon cable from the ribbon-cable clamps that are attached to the power supply and the inside of the left wall of the chassis. Position this cable so that it cannot catch on any other cables or other components of the Counter.
- 8 Disconnect the external-reference input/output cable (coaxial) from connector J8 on the main board. J8 is directly under the back edge of the power supply near the chassis wall.
- 9 A two-wire AC-input cable (brown and blue wires) runs between the **Main ~ Power** switch on the rear-panel assembly and the connector that is accessible through the cutout in the right-front corner of the power supply enclosure (TB1). Disconnect this cable from the power supply.

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**NOTE**

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When reinstalling the Rear Panel Assembly, be sure to route the two-wire AC-input cable (brown and blue wires) underneath the power supply.

- 10 If the Battery Option is installed, there is a two-wire cable (brown and white wires) that runs between the **Main ~ Power** switch on the rear panel assembly and connector J3 on the Battery Option circuit board (J3 is the third connector from the back edge of the board). Disconnect this cable from J3 on the Battery Option circuit board.

## Removing the Rear Panel Assembly

- 11 Use a 5/16-inch spin tight to remove the self-locking hex nut that attaches the rear panel assembly grounding wire (green/yellow) to the right wall of the chassis. Slide the grounding lug off the welded stud on the chassis wall, and thread the lock nut back onto the stud a few turns until it is finger-tight.

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**WARNING**

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**AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD EXISTS IF THE COUNTER IS OPERATED WITH THE REAR PANEL ASSEMBLY GROUNDING WIRE NOT PROPERLY CONNECTED TO THE CHASSIS. TO PREVENT SERIOUS INJURY AND/OR DAMAGE TO THE EQUIPMENT, NEVER OPERATE THE COUNTER UNLESS THIS GROUND WIRE IS SECURELY CONNECTED TO THE CHASSIS WALL AND THE REAR PANEL ASSEMBLY.**

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- 12 Extract the ends of all of the cables that you disconnected in Steps 7 through 9 from under the power supply, so that they are completely exposed and cannot catch on other cables and components when you remove the rear panel assembly.
- 13 Carefully pull the rear panel assembly away from the back end of the chassis. Guide the cables that remain attached to the rear panel assembly as you remove it to prevent them from catching on other cables or other components of the Counter.

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**CAUTION**

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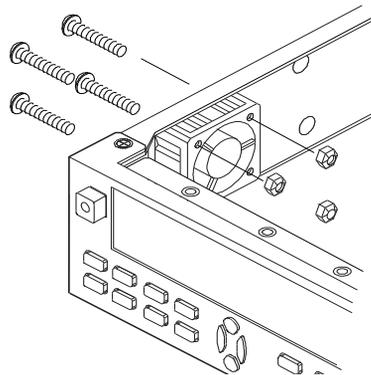
When reinstalling the Rear Panel Assembly, position it carefully to avoid damage to the power LED, the serial-port connector (RJ-12), and the main board. If these components are not correctly aligned with the openings in the back panel, they may be damaged.

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## Removing the Cooling Fan

Use the following procedure to remove the cooling fan:

- 1 Remove the shroud (see “Removing the Shroud” on page 3-8).
- 2 Disconnect the two-wire cooling-fan power cable (blue and red wires) from J16 on the main board. J16 is the connector that is closest to the rear panel assembly near the right chassis wall and behind the power supply.
- 3 Open the two cable clamps that are attached to the floor of the chassis immediately behind the front panel assembly, and remove the cooling-fan cable from the cable clamps.
- 4 Extract the end of the cooling-fan cable from under the power supply by pulling it toward the front of the Counter with one hand while guiding the connector with your other hand.
- 5 Use a #1 Phillips screwdriver and a 1/4-inch wrench or spin tight to remove the four 4-40 x 1-inch panhead machine screws and 1/4-inch self-locking hex nuts that attach the cooling fan to the chassis (see Figure 3-12).



**Figure 3-12. Cooling Fan Screws**

- 6 While removing the cooling fan from the chassis, guide the cable to be sure it does not catch on other cables or other components of the Counter.

## Replacing the Power Supply

Use the following procedure to replace the power-supply circuit board:

- 1** Remove the shroud (see “Removing the Shroud” on page 3-8).
- 2** Disconnect the two power-supply connectors (one at the front and one at the rear of the power supply).
- 3** Use a #1 Phillips screwdriver to remove the two pan-head screws and the two star washers that fasten the perforated power-supply cover to the power-supply chassis. The screws are accessible through the rectangular cutout in the side of the Counter’s chassis.
- 4** Use a small flat-bladed screwdriver to pry the power-supply cover toward the opening in the chassis to loosen it from the chassis.
- 5** Remove the power-supply cover by sliding it through the rectangular opening in the side of the counter’s chassis.
- 6** Use a ¼-inch nut driver to remove the two nuts used to fasten the circuit board to the power-supply chassis. You may have to hold the screws to prevent them from turning while removing the nuts. Do not discard the nuts, lock washers, ¼-inch spacers, and 5/8-inch flat-head screws.
- 7** Remove the two flat-head screws that are on both sides of the power-supply nameplate.
- 8** Lift the circuit board up until it clears the power-supply cover mounting tabs, and remove it from the chassis. Discard the defective circuit board.
- 9** Disassemble the replacement power supply in the same manner as described in steps 3 through 8.
- 10** Insert the circuit board from the new power supply into position in the power-supply chassis inside the Counter.

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- 11 Insert the two screws removed in step 7 into the holes on both sides of the power-supply nameplate. Do not tighten these screws at this time.
- 12 Use a pair of needle-nose pliers to position one of the  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch spacers removed in step 6 between the circuit board and the power-supply chassis, and align the spacer with the mounting holes in the circuit board and the chassis.
- 13 Insert one of the  $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch, flat-head screws removed in step 6 up through the circuit-board mounting hole in the bottom of the power-supply chassis, through the spacer, and through the hole in the circuit board.
- 14 Place a lockwasher over the screw on top of the circuit board.
- 15 Thread a nut onto the screw, but do not tighten it fully at this time.
- 16 Repeat steps 12 through 15 for the other circuit-board mounting hole.
- 17 Tighten the two screws next to the power-supply nameplate.
- 18 Tighten the nuts on the circuit-board mounting screws.
- 19 Insert the power-supply cover through the rectangular hole in the side of the counter's chassis, and position it properly on the power-supply.
- 20 Insert the two screws that fasten the power-supply cover to the chassis and tighten them.
- 21 Reconnect the two power-supply connectors and the front and rear ends of the power supply.
- 22 Turn the Counter on, and perform the "Power Supply Check" procedure on page 2-13.
- 23 If necessary, adjust the +5 VDC output of the power supply using the procedure titled "Adjusting the +5 VDC Output" on page 2-14.
- 24 Reassemble the Counter.

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**Replacing the Power Supply**

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Replaceable Parts

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## Introduction

This chapter contains parts-ordering information for the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Counter. Table 4-1 lists the reference designations used in the parts list and throughout this guide, Table 4-2 lists all replaceable assemblies and parts. Figure 4-1 is an exploded view of the Agilent 53150A/151A/152A's internal parts, Figure 4-2 is an exploded view of the cabinet and other external parts, and Figure 4-3 is a top view of the chassis with the shroud removed. These illustrations are provided to help you locate and identify parts.

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## Replaceable Parts

Table 4-2 contains a list of replaceable parts that is organized as follows:

1. Electrical assemblies in alphanumeric order by reference designation.
2. Chassis-mounted electrical parts in alphanumeric order by reference designation.
3. Chassis-mounted mechanical parts in alphanumeric order by reference designation.

The information given for each part consists of the following:

1. Reference designation.
2. Agilent part number.
3. The quantity (QTY) of the part used in the instrument (field-replaceable items only).
4. Description of the part.
5. Typical manufacturer's part number for the part (when available).

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## How To Order A Part

Agilent Technologies wants to keep your parts ordering process as simple and efficient as possible. To order parts, perform the following steps:

- 1 Identify the part and the quantity you need.
- 2 Determine the ordering method to be used, and contact Agilent.

If the part you need is *not identified* in the guide, you can call Agilent for assistance (see the following section titled “Contacting Agilent”). Please have the following information available when you contact Agilent:

- Instrument Model Number (example, “Agilent 53151A”).
- Complete instrument Serial Number (example, “1234A56789”). Information about where to find the serial number is provided in the Preface portion of this guide in the section titled “How to Use This Guide.”
- Description of the part(s) and its use.
- Quantity of the part(s) required.

## How To Order A Part

### Contacting Agilent Technologies

Depending on where you are in the world, there are one or more ways to obtain parts or parts information from Agilent Technologies.

- Outside the United States, contact your local Agilent Technologies sales office.
- Within the United States, we encourage you to order replacement parts or request parts information directly by telephone or mail from Agilent using the telephone numbers or address listed on the next page. (You can also contact your local Agilent sales office. Agilent sales offices are listed near the back of this guide.)

#### By Telephone:

- For Parts Ordering, use our toll-free number, **(800) 227-8164**, Monday through Friday (except Holidays), 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Time).
- For Parts Identification Assistance, call us at **(916) 783-0804**. Our Parts Identification hours are from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Pacific Time) on Monday through Thursday and from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Pacific Time) on Friday.

#### For Mail Correspondence, please use the address below:

Agilent Technologies, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1145  
Roseville, CA 95661-1145

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## Parts Identification

To identify the part(s) you need, refer to the exploded views in Figures 4-1 and 4-2 and the top view of the chassis in Figure 4-3.

When ordering from Agilent Technologies, the important numbers to note from the Parts List are the Agilent Part Number, the part-number check digit (in the “CD” column), and the quantity of the part(s) you need.

### Reference Designations

Table 4-1 lists the reference designations used in the parts lists.

**Table 4-1. Reference Designations**

A	= assembly	P/O	= part of
H	= hardware	S	= switch
J	= electrical connector (stationary portion); jack	T	= transformer
MP	= miscellaneous mechanical part	TP	= test point
P	= electrical connector (movable portion); plug	U	= integrated circuit; microcircuit
		W	= cable; transmission path; wire

### Cabinet Parts and Hardware

To locate and identify cabinet and external parts and mounting hardware, refer to Figure 4-2 (internal parts and mounting hardware are shown in Figure 4-1). These figures provide different views of the instrument, with the parts identified by reference designations; the reference designations correspond with the ones in Table 4-2.

### Accessories and Miscellaneous Items

Table 4-3 lists all of the accessories available for the Counter and also lists some other miscellaneous items, such as power cords, rack mounts, and manuals.

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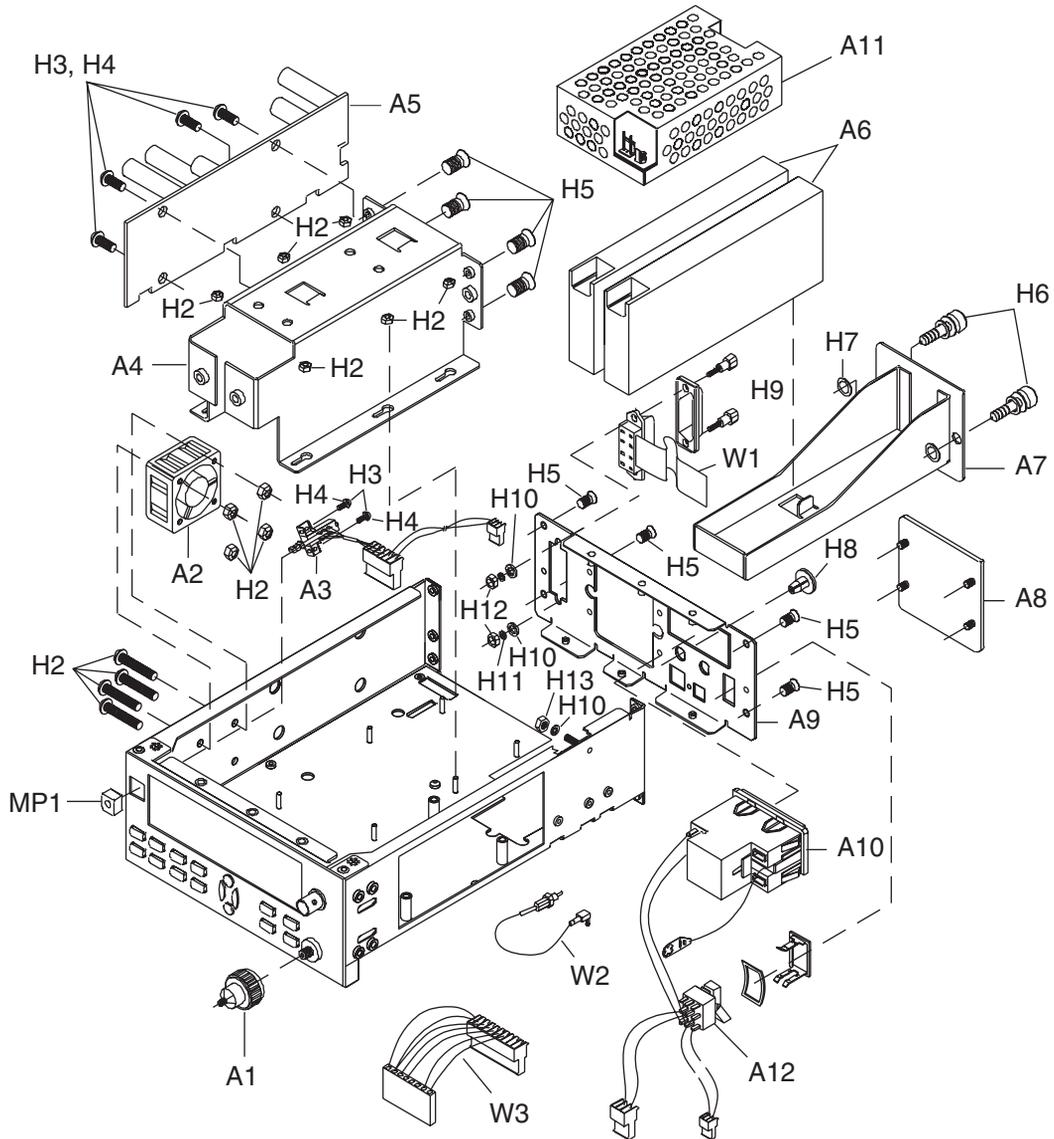


Figure 4-1. Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Exploded View — Internal Parts

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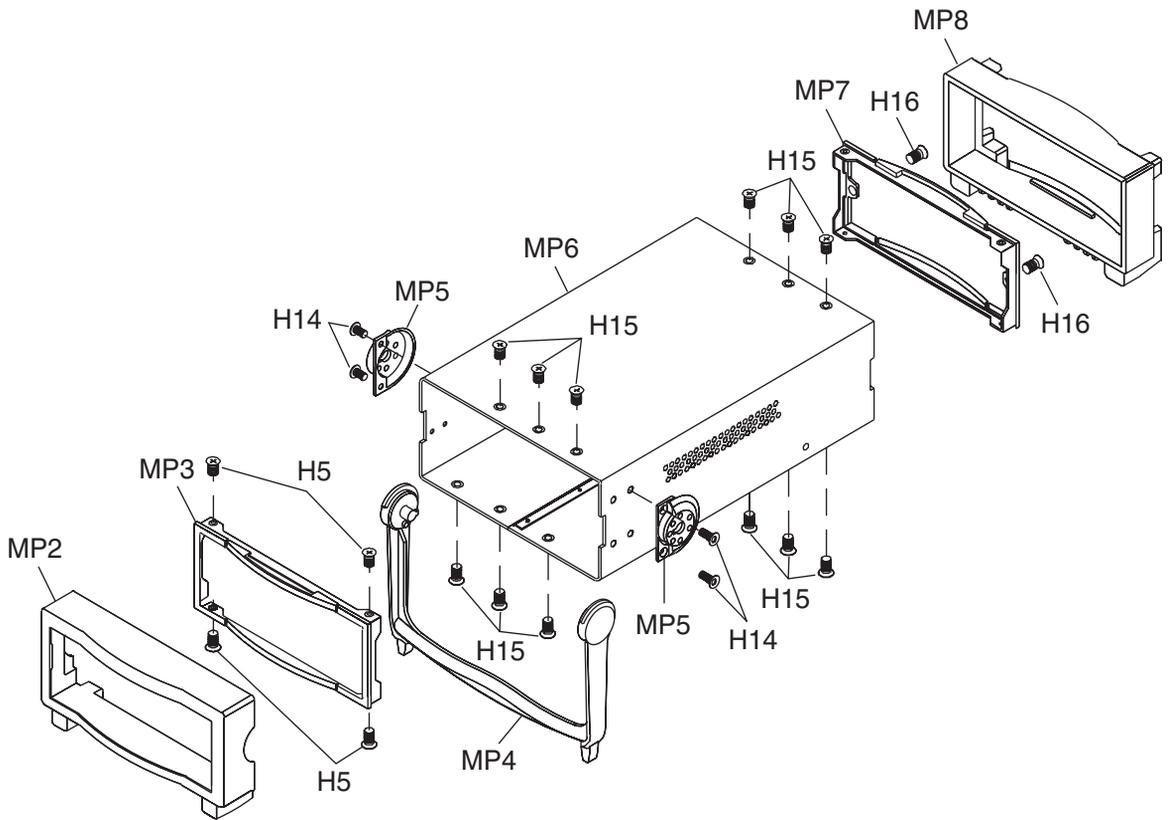


Figure 4-2. Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Exploded View — Cabinet and External Parts

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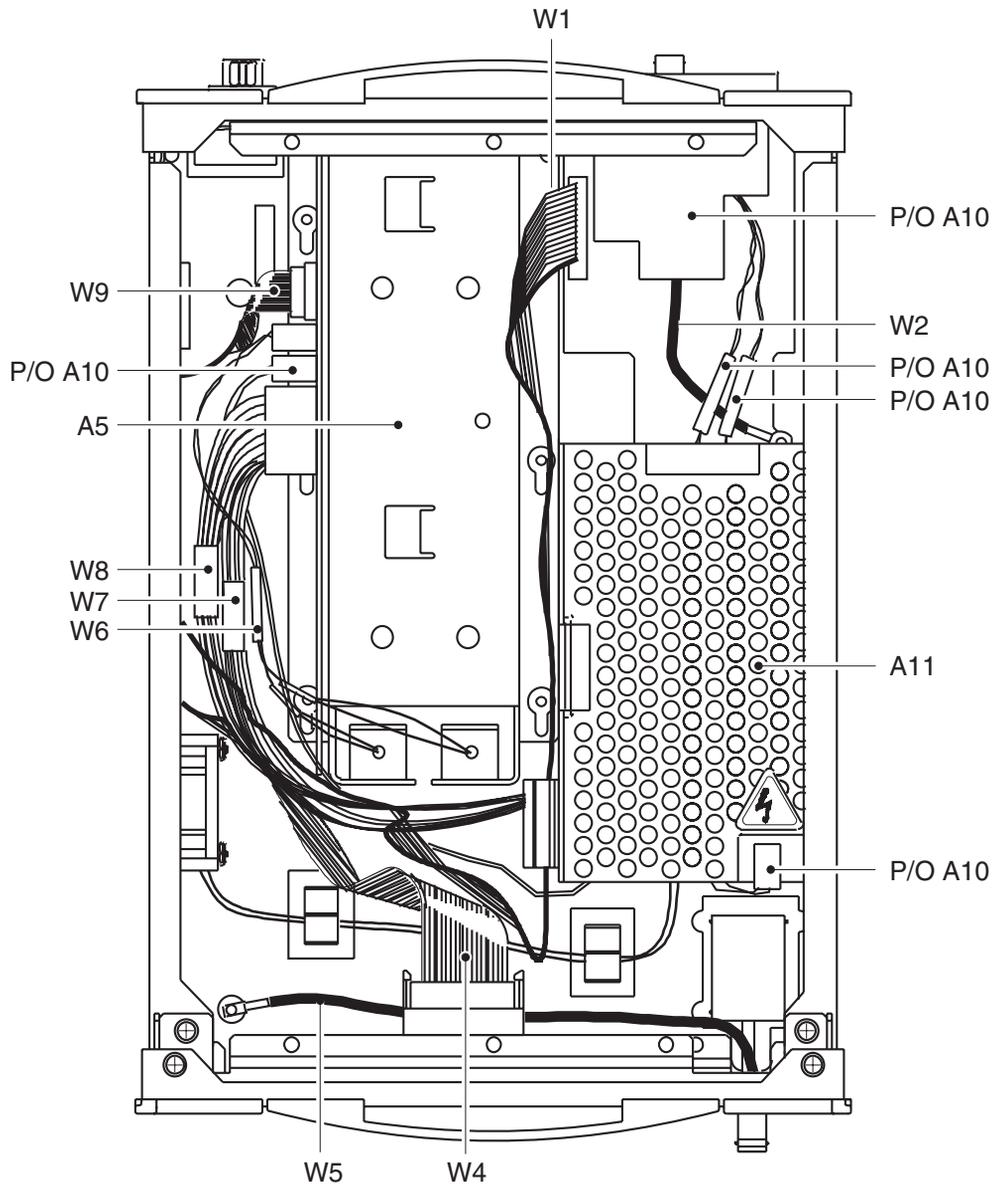


Figure 4-3. Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Top View

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**Table 4-2. Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Replaceable Parts**

Reference Designation	Agilent Part Number	Qty.	Description	Mfr. Part Number
A1	53152-80001	1	ADAPTER, 2.92 mm FEMALE <sup>1</sup>	2610181-00
A2	53150-80012	1	FAN, COOLING	2011151-01
A3	53150-80013	1	SWITCH ASSY., FRONT PANEL POWER	2010306-01
A4	53150-00002	1	HOUSING ASSY., BATTERY <sup>2</sup>	5211156-01
A5	53150-60004	1	DC/DC CONVERTER PCB <sup>2</sup>	2020543-04
A6	53150-80010	2	BATTERY, LEAD-ACID, RECHARGEABLE <sup>2</sup>	5000410-00
A7	53150-00004	1	SLED ASSY., BATTERY <sup>2</sup>	5218025-01
A8	53150-00003	1	COVER, BATTERY OPENING <sup>3</sup>	5218019-01
A9	—	1	PANEL ASSY., REAR <sup>4</sup>	2011146-01
A10	53150-40007	1	POWER ENTRY MODULE ASSY.	2011148-01
A11	0950-3299	1	POWER SUPPLY ASSY., 45 W	2011156-01
A12	53150-60220	1	SWITCH ASSY., REAR PANEL POWER	2041089-01
H1	2200-0155	4	SCREW, PANHEAD, 4-40x1	5120004-16
H2	0590-0076	10 <sup>5</sup>	NUT, HEX, SELF-LOCKING, 4-40	5184004-40
H3	2200-0143	6	SCREW, PAN HEAD, 4-40x3/8	5174004-06
H4	2190-0004	6	WASHER, LOCK, #4 (USE WITH H3)	—
H5	2200-0165	12	SCREW, FLATHEAD, SELF-LOCKING, 4-40x1/4	5134004-04
H6	1390-0832	2	SCREW, KNURLED HEAD, CAPTIVE, W/WASHER	5110101-00
H7	1390-0473	2	WASHER, RETAINING (USE WITH H6)	5000420-00
H8	6960-0045	1	HOLE PLUG, REAR PANEL	5000246-02
H9	0380-0643	2	SCREW, HEX STANDOFF, 6-32	—
H10	3050-0010	3	WASHER, FLAT, #6	—
H11	2190-0007	4	WASHER, LOCK, #6	—
H12	2420-0003	2	NUT, HEX, 6-32	—

1 53152A only

2 With Option 002 only

3 Without Option 002

4 Includes Rear Panel, Power Entry Module, GPIB Cable, 10 MHz I/O Cable, Power Switch, Hole Plug, and Fuse.

5 Qty. = 8 without Option 002

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**Table 4-2. Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Replaceable Parts (Continued)**

Reference Designation	Agilent Part Number	Qty.	Description	Mfr. Part Number
H13	0590-0157	1	NUT, HEX, SELF-LOCKING, 6-32	5000046-00
H14	0515-1101	4	SCREW, TORX, FLATHEAD, m4x8	5138007-01
H15	2200-0164	12	SCREW, FLATHEAD, SELF-LOCKING, 4-40x3/16	5134004-03
H16	2360-0197	2	SCREW, PANHEAD, 6-32x3/8	5171006-06
MP1	53150-40008	1	SWITCH CAP, FRONT PANEL POWER	5230012-00
MP2	53150-40001	1	BUMPER, FRONT	5211122-01
MP3	53150-40009	1	BEZEL, FRONT	5211124-01
MP4	53150-40004	1	HANDLE	5211125-01
MP5	53150-40005	2	MOUNT, HANDLE	5218014-01
MP6	53150-00001	1	SHROUD	5218018-01
MP7	53150-40003	1	BEZEL, REAR	5211123-01
MP8	53150-40002	1	BUMPER, REAR	5211121-01
W1	53150-60209	1	CABLE ASSY., GPIB INTERFACE	2041084-01
—	53150-40006	1	CABLE ASSY., AC SWITCH INTERFACE <sup>5</sup>	2041089-01
W2	53150-60210	1	CABLE ASSY., COAXIAL, 10 MHz I/O	2041086-02
W3	53147-60224	1	CABLE ASSY, HARNESS, OUTPUT, DC SUPPLY	2041083-01
W4	—	1	CABLE ASSY, RIBBON, FRONT PANEL	2041085-01
W5	53150-60216	1	CABLE ASSY, COAXIAL, BAND 1 INPUT	2041086-01
W6	53150-60208	1	CABLE ASSY., BATTERY INTERCONNECT	2041088-01
—	—		CABLE ASSY., HARNESS, INTERCONNECT <sup>7</sup>	2041082-01
W7	53150-60212	1	CABLE ASSY., HARNESS, RETURN <sup>2</sup>	2041087-02
W8	53150-60211	1	CABLE ASSY., HARNESS, INTERCONNECT <sup>2</sup>	2041087-01
W9	53150-60213	1	CABLE ASSY., STATUS INTERFACE <sup>2</sup>	2041092-01

<sup>1</sup> 53152A only

<sup>2</sup> With Option 002 only

<sup>3</sup> Without Option 002

<sup>4</sup> Includes Rear Panel, Power Entry Module, GPIB Cable, 10 MHz I/O Cable, Power Switch, Hole Plug, and Fuse.

<sup>5</sup> Qty. = 8 without Option 002

<sup>6</sup> Part of A8

<sup>7</sup> In Counters without Option 002, this harness is used in place of W7 and W8.

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**Table 4-3. Agilent 53150A/151A/152A Accessories and Miscellaneous Items**

Description	Agilent Part Number
BATTERY 12 V	53150-80010
CABLE ASSY., EXT. DC POWER	53150-60214
CABLE ASSY., POWER (AUSTRALIA)	8120-0696
CABLE ASSY., POWER (CANADA)	8120-1692
CABLE ASSY., POWER (DENMARK)	8120-2957
CABLE ASSY., POWER (ENGLAND)	8120-1703
CABLE ASSY., POWER (GERMANY)	8120-2296
CABLE ASSY., POWER (JAPAN)	8120-4754
CABLE ASSY., POWER (S. AFRICA)	8120-4600
CABLE ASSY., POWER (USA)	8120-1521
CABLE ASSY., RS-232, DB-25/RJ-12	53150-60215
CARRYING CASE, SOFT	53150-80016
FUSE	2110-0007
GUIDE, OPERATING	53150-90001
GUIDE, PROGRAMMING	53150-90002
GUIDE, SERVICE	53150-90003
GPIB CABLES	10833A/B/C/D
RACK MOUNT, SINGLE	53150-67001

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———— Backdating

## Introduction

Since this is the first edition of this guide, this chapter does not contain any information for adapting this guide to apply to older instruments.

As engineering changes are made, newer instruments may have higher serial prefix numbers than the ones shown on the title page of this guide. These instruments may be supplied with a *Manual Updating Changes* package containing the required information, or they may be supplied with newer editions of this guide that contain information about adapting that edition of this guide to older instruments.

If a *Manual Updating Changes* package is included with your Counter, modify existing guide information or replace the affected pages as directed in the pages of the *Manual Updating Changes* package. For additional information, contact the nearest Agilent Sales and Support Office.

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Specifications

## Introduction

The specifications of the Agilent 53150A, 53151A, and 53152A are provided in this chapter.

## Measurement Specifications and Characteristics

*All measurement specifications are over the full signal and temperature ranges unless otherwise noted.*

Input Characteristics	Agilent 53150A	Agilent 53151A	Agilent 53152A
<b>Frequency Range</b> Channel 1 (Normal mode) (Low pass filter enabled) Channel 2	10 Hz–125 MHz 10 Hz–50 kHz 50 MHz–20 GHz	10 Hz–125 MHz 10 Hz–50 kHz 50 MHz–26.5 GHz	10 Hz–125 MHz 10 Hz–50 kHz 50 MHz–46 GHz
<b>Sensitivity</b> Channel 1 10–30 Hz 30 Hz–125 MHz Channel 2 50–300 MHz 0.3–12.4 GHz 12.4–18 GHz 18–20 GHz 20–26.5 GHz 26.5–40 GHz 40–46 GHz	40 mV rms 25 mV rms –20 dBm –33 dBm –33 dBm –29 dBm N/A N/A N/A	40 mV rms 25 mV rms –20 dBm –33 dBm –33 dBm –29 dBm –25 dBm N/A N/A	40 mV rms 25 mV rms –20 dBm –33 dBm –30 dBm –27 dBm –27 dBm –23 dBm –17 dBm
<b>Maximum Input</b> Channel 1 Channel 2 50 MHz–2 GHz 2–46 GHz	2 V <sub>rms</sub> +5 dBm +13 dBm	2 V <sub>rms</sub> +5 dBm +13 dBm	2 V <sub>rms</sub> +5 dBm +13 dBm
<b>Damage Level</b> Channel 1 Channel 2	120 V (dc + ac pk) linearly derated to 5 V <sub>rms</sub> at 125 MHz +27 dBm	120 V (dc + ac pk) linearly derated to 5 V <sub>rms</sub> at 125 MHz +27 dBm	120 V (dc + ac pk) linearly derated to 5 V <sub>rms</sub> at 125 MHz +27 dBm
<b>Impedance (Nominal)</b> Channel 1 Channel 2	1 M $\Omega$ / 60 pF 50 $\Omega$	1 M $\Omega$ / 60 pF 50 $\Omega$	1 M $\Omega$ / 60 pF 50 $\Omega$
<b>Connector</b> Channel 1 Channel 2	BNC female SMA/APC-3.5 compatible female	BNC female SMA/APC-3.5 compatible female	BNC female 2.92 mm removable, SMA/APC-3.5 compatible female
<b>SWR</b> Channel 2 50–300 MHz 0.3–10 GHz 10–20 GHz 20–26.5 GHz 26.5–46 GHz	1.5:1 typical 2.0:1 typical 3.0:1 typical N/A N/A	1.5:1 typical 2.0:1 typical 3.0:1 typical 3.0:1 typical N/A	1.5:1 typical 2.0:1 typical 3.0:1 typical 2.5:1 typical 2.5:1 typical
<b>Coupling</b> Channel 1 Channel 2	ac ac	ac ac	ac ac
<b>Acquisition Time (1 MHz FM rate)</b> Channel 1 Channel 2 (FM Auto/FM Off)	N/A 125 ms/100 ms	N/A 125 ms/100 ms	N/A 140 ms/115 ms
<b>Resolution</b> Channel 1/Channel 2	1 Hz to 1 MHz	1 Hz to 1 MHz	1 Hz to 1 MHz
<b>Coupling</b> Channel 1 Channel 2	ac ac	ac ac	ac ac

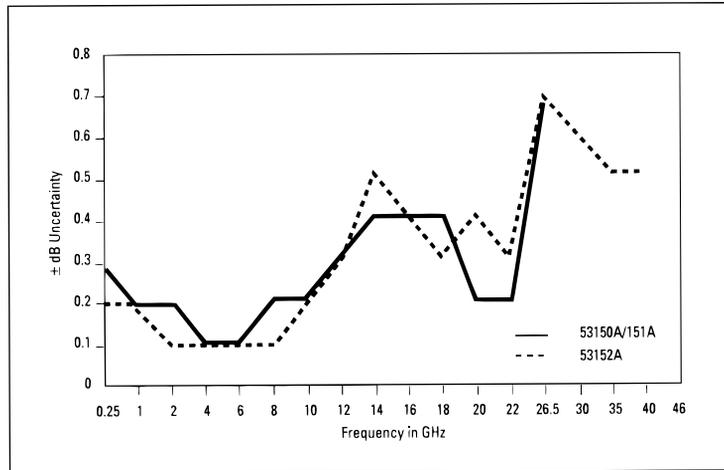
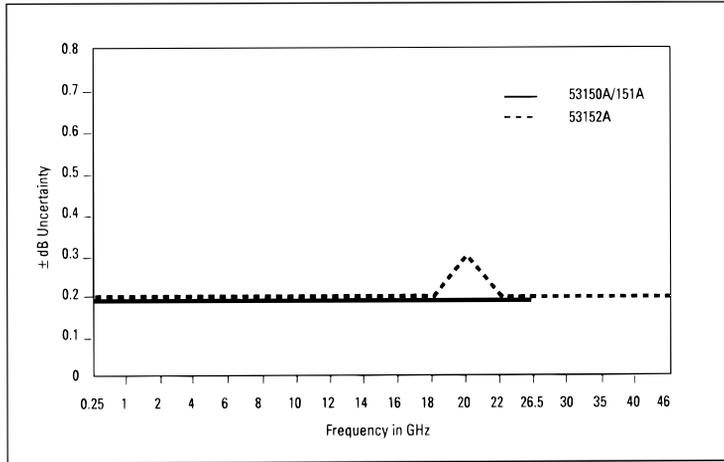
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### Measurement Specifications and Characteristics

Input Characteristics	Agilent 53150A	Agilent 53151A	Agilent 53152A
<b>Acquisition Time (1 MHz FM rate)</b> Channel 1 Channel 2 (FM Auto/FM Off)	N/A 125 ms/100 ms	N/A 125 ms/100 ms	N/A 140 ms/115 ms
<b>Resolution</b> Channel 1/Channel 2	1 Hz to 1 MHz	1 Hz to 1 MHz	1 Hz to 1 MHz
<b>Emissions ("kickback noise")</b> Channel 1 Channel 2 (measuring/no input)	N/A -40 dBm/<-70 dBm	N/A -40 dBm/<-70 dBm	N/A -40 dBm/<-70 dBm
<b>Residual Stability*</b> Channel 1 Channel 2 <small>*Counter and source tied to same timebase</small>	N/A 0.6 LSD rms	N/A 0.8 LSD rms	N/A 1.25 LSD rms
<b>Accuracy</b> Channel 1/Channel 2 (LSD=Resolution selected)	±1 LSD ± residual stability ± timebase error x frequency	±1 LSD ± residual stability ± timebase error x frequency	±1 LSD ± residual stability ± timebase error x frequency
<b>Measurement Time</b> Channel 1 Channel 2	1/Resolution + 20 ms  1/Resolution + Acquisition time + 20 ms	1/Resolution + 20 ms  1/Resolution + Acquisition time + 20 ms	1/Resolution + 20 ms  1/Resolution + Acquisition time + 20 ms
<b>FM Tolerance</b> Channel 1 Channel 2 (FM Auto)  (FM Off)	N/A 20 MHz p-p max @ 10 MHz rate  1 MHz p-p @ 10 MHz rate	N/A 20 MHz p-p max @ 10 MHz rate  1 MHz p-p @ 10 MHz rate	N/A 20 MHz p-p max to 26.5 GHz, 12 MHz p-p max above 26.5 GHz @ 10 MHz rate 1 MHz p-p @ 10 MHz rate
<b>AM Tolerance</b> Channel 1 Channel 2	N/A Any index provided minimum signal level is not less than sensitivity	N/A Any index provided minimum signal level is not less than sensitivity	N/A Any index provided minimum signal level is not less than sensitivity
<b>Amplitude Discrimination</b> Channel 1 Channel 2 below 300 MHz above 300 MHz	N/A  N/A Automatically measures the largest signal present provided signal is >10 dB (typical) above any signal separated by less than 75 MHz; >20 dB (typical) above any signal separated by more than 75 MHz	N/A  N/A Automatically measures the largest signal present provided signal is >10 dB (typical) above any signal separated by less than 75 MHz; >20 dB (typical) above any signal separated by more than 75 MHz	N/A  N/A Automatically measures the largest signal present provided signal is >10 dB (typical) above any signal separated by less than 75 MHz; >20 dB (typical) above any signal separated by more than 75 MHz
<b>Power Measurement</b> Channel 1 Channel 2 Range Accuracy at input connector** (0 dBm to -20 dBm) 0.05-12.4 GHz 12.4-20 GHz 20-26.5 GHz 26.5-46 GHz Resolution Display <small>**see graphs for typical data</small>	N/A  Counter sensitivity to +7 dBm  ±1.5 dB ±1.5 dB N/A N/A 0.01 dB dBm or milliwatts/microwatts	N/A  Counter sensitivity to +7 dBm  ±1.5 dB ±1.5 dB ±2.0 dB N/A 0.01 dB dBm or milliwatts/microwatts	N/A  Counter sensitivity to +7 dBm  ±1.0 dB ±1.5 dB ±1.5 dB ±2.0 dB 0.01 dB dBm or milliwatts/microwatts

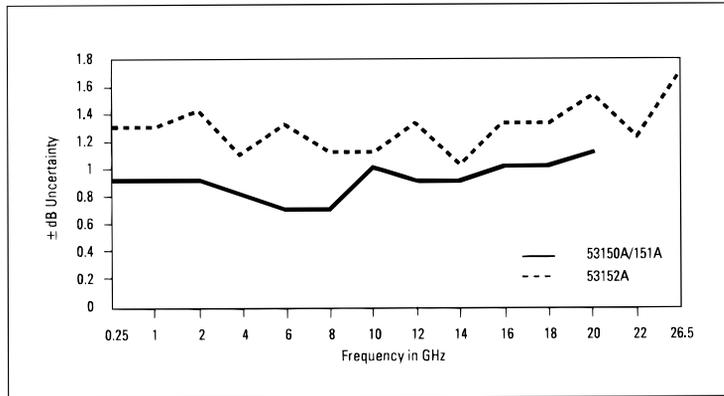
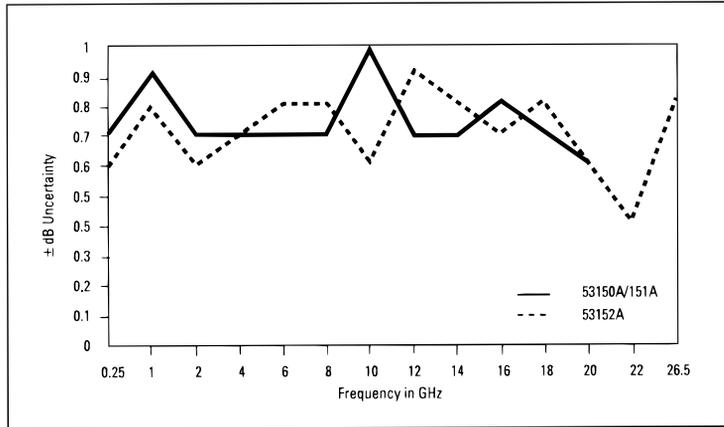
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**Typical\* power measurement uncertainty at 25°C for various input levels**



*\*Typical means approximately 2/3 of all units will meet these characteristics.*

**Typical\* power measurement uncertainty at -25 dBm input level**



\*Typical means approximately 2/3 of all units will meet these characteristics.

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**Timebase**

**Frequency:** 10 MHz  
**Output:** 10 MHz sine wave, 1 V<sub>p-p</sub> into 50 Ω  
**External Timebase Input:** 1, 2, 5, 10 MHz;  
 1 to 5 V<sub>rms</sub> into 50 Ω  
**Connector:** BNC female located on rear panel

**Internal Timebase Stability**

	TCXO (Standard)	Oven (Option 001)
<b>Aging Rate</b> Per Day Per Month	— <1 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	<5 x 10 <sup>-10</sup> <1.5 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>
<b>Short Term</b> (1 sec. avg. time)	<1 x 10 <sup>-9</sup>	<2 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>
<b>Line Variation</b> (±10%)	<1 x 10 <sup>-7</sup>	<1 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>
<b>Warm-up</b>	—	<1 x 10 <sup>-8</sup> within 5 min. after turn-on at 25°C
<b>Temperature Stability (0–55°C)</b>	<1 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	<1 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>

**General Information**

**Save and Recall:** Up to 9 complete instrument setups may be saved and later recalled. These setups are retained when power is removed.

**Sample Rate:** User-selectable Fast (nominally 20 ms between readings), Medium (nominally 250 ms between readings), Slow (nominally 1 s between readings) and Hold.

**Self Test:** Internal memory and count circuitry automatically tested at startup, via menu selection, or remotely. Error messages displayed to indicate failed tests.

**Size:** 213 mm W x 88.5 mm H x 300 mm D

**Operating temperature:** 0–55°C  
 With battery option: 0–40°C

**Weight:** 4 kg without battery option, 6.4 kg with battery option

**Warranty:** 1 year

**Programming:** GPIB (IEEE-488.1-1987, IEEE 488.2-1987) or RS-232C

**Language:** SCPI-1992.0 (Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments)

**RS-232C Rates:** User-selectable 2400 to 19200 baud

**Power Supply**

**ac:** 90–132 Vac; 47.5–66 Hz or 360–440 Hz  
 216–264 Vac; 47.5–66 Hz  
 line selection: automatic  
 power requirements: 75 VA max. (25 W typ.)  
**dc: (Option 002 only):** 11–18 Vdc; 2A max.

**Battery (Option 002):**

Type: VHS camcorder, lead acid (2 each)  
 Charge Time: 8 hours in unit  
 Capacity: 2.5 hours min. at 25°C

**Math Functions:**

**Offset:** Last reading and/or entered offset to reading for either power or frequency

**Averaging:** 1 to 99 measurement running average

**Cable Loss Compensation:** Offsets power reading via linear interpolation of user-entered attenuations with up to 9 independent frequency points.

**Display:** Backlit LCD. Backlight can be turned on or off via front panel control.

**Sleep Mode (Option 002 only):** Automatically activated if no input is present for 5 minutes.

**Safety:** Designed in compliance with IEC-1010, CAN/CSA 1010.1

**EMC:** Designed in compliance with IEC-11, EN50082-1, IEC801-2, -3, -4

**Accessories Supplied**

Operating, programming, and service manuals and ac power cord.

**Accessories Available**

Spare Battery 53150-80010  
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#### WARNING

**ANY INTERRUPTION OF THE PROTECTIVE GROUNDING CONDUCTOR (INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE PRODUCT'S CIRCUITRY) OR DISCONNECTING THE PROTECTIVE EARTH TERMINAL WILL CAUSE A POTENTIAL SHOCK HAZARD THAT COULD RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY. (GROUNDING ONE CONDUCTOR OF A TWO CONDUCTOR OUTLET IS NOT SUFFICIENT PROTECTION.)**

Whenever it is likely that the protection has been impaired, the instrument must be made inoperative and be secured against any unintended operation.

If this instrument is to be energized via an autotransformer (for voltage reduction), make sure the common terminal is connected to the earthed pole terminal (neutral) of the power source.

Instructions for adjustments while covers are removed and for servicing are for use by trained personnel only. To avoid dangerous electric shock, do not perform such adjustments or servicing unless qualified to do so.

For continued protection against fire, replace the line fuse(s) with fuses of the same current rating and type (for example, normal blow, time delay). Do not use repaired fuses or short-circuited fuseholders.

### Acoustic Noise Emissions

LpA<47 dB at operator position, at normal operation, tested per EN 27779. All data are the results from type test.

### Geräuschemission

LpA<47 dB am Arbeitsplatz, normaler Betrieb, geprüft nach EN 27779. Die Angaben beruhen auf Ergebnissen von Typenprüfungen.

### Electrostatic Discharge Immunity Testing

When the product is tested with 8kV AD, 4kV CD and 4kV ID according to IEC801-2, a system error may occur that may affect measurement data made during these disturbances. After these occurrences, the system self-recovers without user intervention.