

Instructions

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General Safety Summary

Review the following safety precautions to avoid injury and prevent damage to this product or any products connected to it. To avoid potential hazards, use this product only as specified.



WARNING. *Only qualified personnel should perform service procedures*

To Avoid Fire or Personal Injury

Connect and Disconnect Properly. Connect the probe output to the measurement instrument before connecting the probe to the circuit under test. Disconnect the probe input and the probe reference lead from the circuit under test before disconnecting the probe from the measurement instrument.

Observe All Terminal Ratings. To avoid fire or shock hazard, observe all ratings and markings on the product. Consult the product manual for further ratings information before making connections to the product.

Avoid Electric Overload. To avoid injury or fire hazard, do not apply potential to any input, including the reference inputs, that varies from ground by more than the maximum rating for that input.

Avoid Exposed Circuitry. Do not touch exposed connections and components when power is present.

Avoid Electric Shock. To avoid injury or loss of life, do not connect or disconnect probes or test leads while they are connected to a voltage source.

Floating. Do not float the probe reference lead to $> 600 \text{ V}_{\text{RMS}}$ CAT II or $> 300 \text{ V}_{\text{RMS}}$ CAT III.

Do Not Operate in Wet/Damp Conditions.

Do Not Operate in an Explosive Atmosphere. To avoid injury or fire hazard, do not operate this product in an explosive atmosphere.

Keep Probe Surface Clean and Dry. To avoid electric shock and erroneous readings, keep probe surface clean and dry.

Inspect Probe. Before use, inspect probe for damage and do not use if damaged.

Product Damage Precautions

Do Not Operate With Suspected Failures. If you suspect there is damage to this product, have it inspected by qualified service personnel.

Do Not Immerse in Liquids. Clean the probe using only a damp cloth. Refer to cleaning instructions on page 17.

Safety Terms and Symbols

Terms in This Manual. These terms may appear in this manual:



WARNING. *Warning statements identify conditions or practices that could result in injury or loss of life.*



CAUTION. *Caution statements identify conditions or practices that could result in damage to this product or other property.*

Terms on the Product. These terms may appear on the product:

DANGER indicates an injury hazard immediately accessible as you read the marking.

WARNING indicates an injury hazard not immediately accessible as you read the marking.

CAUTION indicates a hazard to property including the product.

Symbols on the Product. These symbols may appear on the product:



DANGER
High Voltage



Protective Ground
(Earth) Terminal



ATTENTION
Refer to Manual



Double
Insulated

Certifications and Compliances

Compliances. Consult the product specifications for Overvoltage Category and Safety Class.

Overvoltage Category. Overvoltage categories are defined as follows:

CAT III: Distribution level mains, fixed installation

CAT II: Local level mains, appliances, portable equipment

CAT I: Signal level, special equipment or parts of equipment, telecommunication, electronics

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Features and Accessories

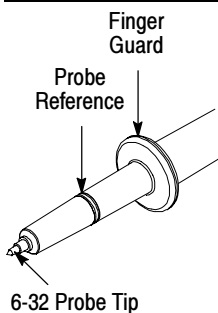
The P5120 is a passive high-voltage probe designed for use with TPS2000 series instruments. The probe features a floating reference and is ideal for measuring and troubleshooting power supplies and high-voltage devices. The probe provides 20X attenuation of signals up to 1000 V_{RMS} and derated performance up to 200 MHz. The P5120 probe is certified to international safety standards.

The P5120 probe has features and accessories to make high-voltage measurements safer and easier. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with these features and accessories and their uses.



WARNING. Do not substitute accessories from other products for those provided with the P5120. The accessories for the P5120 have been safety tested. The use of non-tested accessories may cause injury.

P5120 features and standard accessories



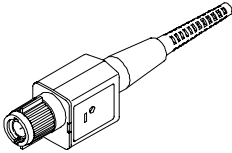
Probe Body – The P5120 probe body is designed for personal safety, ergonomic comfort, and signal fidelity.

The finger guard provides protection when the hook tips are not being used. Keep your fingers behind the finger guard whenever possible to reduce the risk of a shock from the circuit under test.

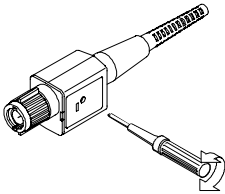
The probe tip is a 6-32 threaded post that accepts both standard and optional accessories.

Keep the probe body and accessories clean to reduce the risk of shock due to surface conduction.

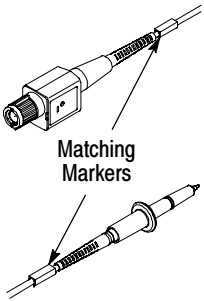
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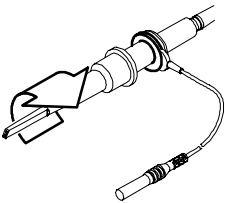
Compensation Box - The compensation box contains low- and high-frequency compensation adjustments. The high-frequency adjustments are accessible by removing the compensation box cover. Refer to *Adjustment Procedures* on page 7.



Adjustment Tool - Use the supplied adjustment tool for probe compensation adjustments. Do not use metallic or conductive tools while making adjustments.

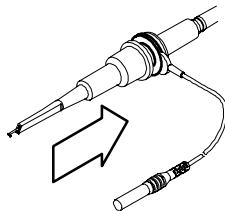


Color Markers - The matching markers help you identify probe inputs at a glance. Clip one marker near the probe head and the matching marker near the compensation box as shown.



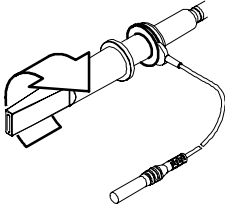
Small Hook Tip - Use the small hook tip for making connections to small conductors such as component leads.

Install the small hook tip by sliding it over the body of the probe and screwing it onto the threaded probe tip.



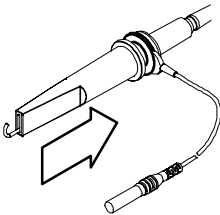
To use the tip, hold the probe body and pull the tip shield back. Hook the tip onto the circuit and release the shield. The hook tip will firmly hold the conductor under test.

P5120 features and standard accessories (Cont.)

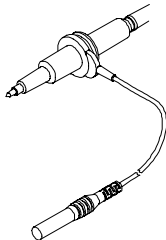


Large Hook Tip - Use the large hook tip when working with larger components such as bolt terminals and buss bars typically found in power distribution equipment.

Install the large hook tip by sliding it over the body of the probe and screwing it onto the threaded probe tip.



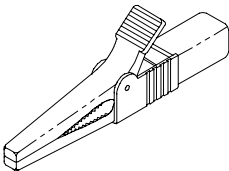
To use the tip, hold the probe body and pull the tip shield back. Hook the tip onto the circuit and release the shield. The hook tip will firmly hold the conductor under test.



Reference Leads - The P5120 probe comes with a long and a short, floatable reference lead. Both reference leads connect to a removable crocodile clip.

Attach the reference lead to the probe body by inserting the probe head into reference lead as shown.

The length of the reference lead directly impacts the fidelity of high-frequency signals. The longer the reference lead, the more the signal will be distorted. For more information about the reference lead and signal quality, go to page 5.

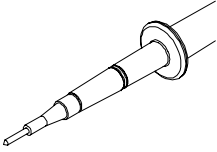


Crocodile Clip - The large crocodile clip attaches to the insulated banana connector on the reference leads.



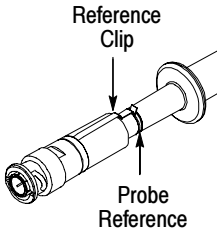
WARNING. For safe electrical connections, use the crocodile clip provided. Do not attempt to substitute the crocodile clip with any other accessory.

P5120 optional accessories



Probe Tip Extender - Use the probe tip extender to connect the probe to larger test sockets located in equipment or on printed circuit boards.

Connect the probe tip extender by screwing it onto the threaded probe tip.



Probe-to-BNC Adapter - Use the probe-to-BNC adapter to connect the probe directly to BNC connectors. The adapter is recommended for use when verifying or adjusting the probe.

Attach the adapter by pressing it onto the 6-32 probe tip and making sure that the reference clip makes contact with the probe reference.



WARNING. Do not connect the Probe-to-BNC Adapter to a floating or high-voltage source. The BNC adapter is only rated to 500 V (DC + peak AC) with the probe reference connected to earth ground.

Operating Basics

To get guaranteed performance from the P5120 probe, please read and apply the information in this section.

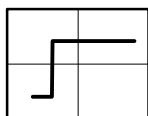
Maximum Nondestructive Input Voltage

The P5120 probe is designed to be used in a high voltage environment; however, the voltage input rating of the probe starts to decrease at about 2 to 3 MHz. Please refer to the *Specifications* section of these instructions for the maximum input voltage and frequency derating information.

Reference Lead Length

Always use as short a reference lead as possible between the probe head and circuit reference for high frequency or fast rise time signals.

The input capacitance of the probe and the series inductance added by the probe tip and reference lead can result in a resonant circuit; this circuit may cause parasitic “ringing” visible within the bandwidth of your oscilloscope. Refer to Figure 1.



6-inch Reference



18-inch
Reference

Figure 1: Waveform distortion from reference lead length

Parasitic ringing is not a concern when the probe is used with low frequency or slow rise time signals and is not apparent if the frequency content is beyond the bandwidth of the oscilloscope.

Probe Loading

When you touch your probe tip to a circuit element, you are introducing a new resistance, capacitance, and inductance into the circuit. Refer to Figure 2.

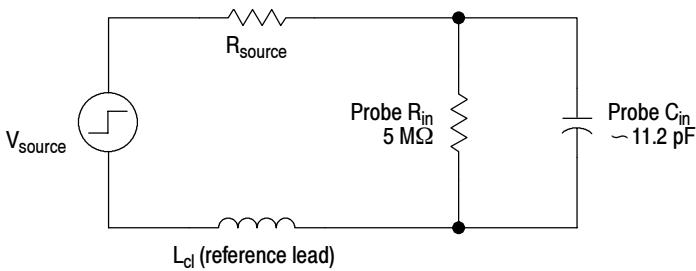


Figure 2: Probe loading equivalent circuit

Frequency and impedance of the source determine how much the probe loads the circuit you are measuring. As the frequency of the source starts to increase beyond 1 kHz, the input impedance of the probe begins to decrease. The lower the impedance of the probe relative to that of the source, the more the probe loads the circuit under test. Refer to Figure 12 on page 21 for a graph of frequency versus input impedance.

The probe has virtually no loading effect on sources with relatively low impedance and low frequency.

Adjustment Procedures

The low-frequency (LF) compensation of the P5120 probe must be checked every time the probe is connected to a different oscilloscope input.

The high-frequency (HF) compensation should be checked if the probe was repaired or fails to meet rated bandwidth specifications. Check the probe using the performance verification procedures on page 15 to determine if adjustment is required.

LF Compensation

Before taking any measurements with the probe, first check the LF compensation of the probe and adjust it to match the channel input it is connected to.

1. Connect the probe to the Probe Comp signal on your TPS2000 instrument and then press **AUTORANGE**. See Figure 3. Use the reference lead connection to obtain the proper waveform.

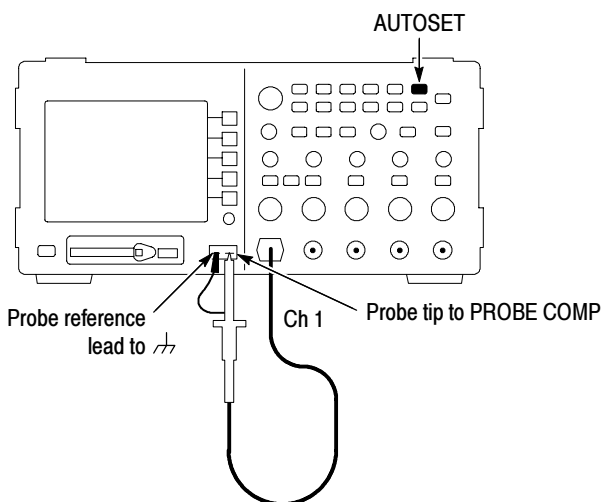


Figure 3: LF compensation setup

2. Compensate the probe by adjusting the trimmer in the probe compensation box so that the corners of the signal are square. See Figure 4.

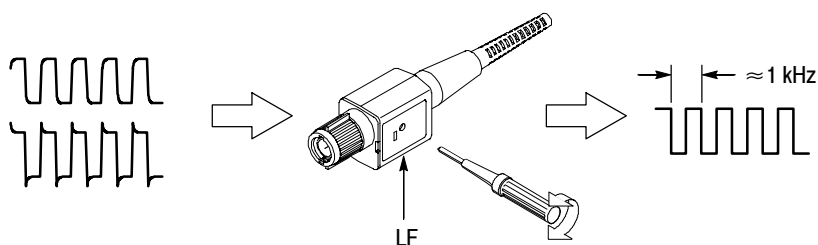


Figure 4: LF compensation adjustment

HF Compensation

To compensate the probe for high frequencies, you will need a properly terminated signal source that has the characteristics given in Figure 5. Refer to Table 1 on page 15 for a complete list of required test equipment.

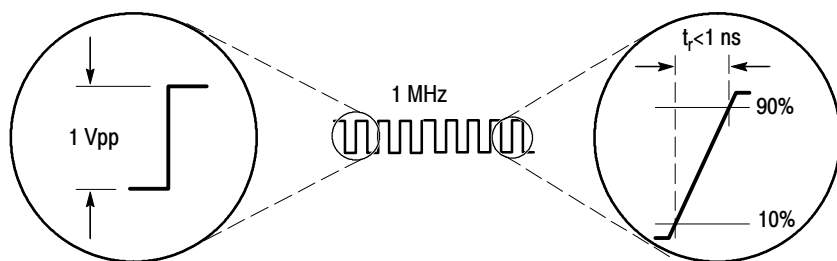


Figure 5: Signal source characteristics for HF compensation

To access the HF adjustments of the probe, you must open the cover of the compensation box using the procedure that follows.

Opening the Compensation Box

NOTE. *This procedure should be performed by qualified service personnel only.*

To open the cover, obtain two small screwdrivers and use them to unlatch the tab as shown in Figure 6.



WARNING. *Avoid damaging the tab. A damaged tab will allow the cover to easily separate and expose the user to the electrical potential of the reference connection.*

To avoid damaging the tab, do not attempt to press on the tab through the hole in the cover where it latches. In the event of a damaged tab, replace the probe.

Perform the following procedure to open the compensation box.

1. Insert the flat blade of small screwdriver (A) into the location shown in Figure 6. Insert the blade until it stops against the back of the tab.

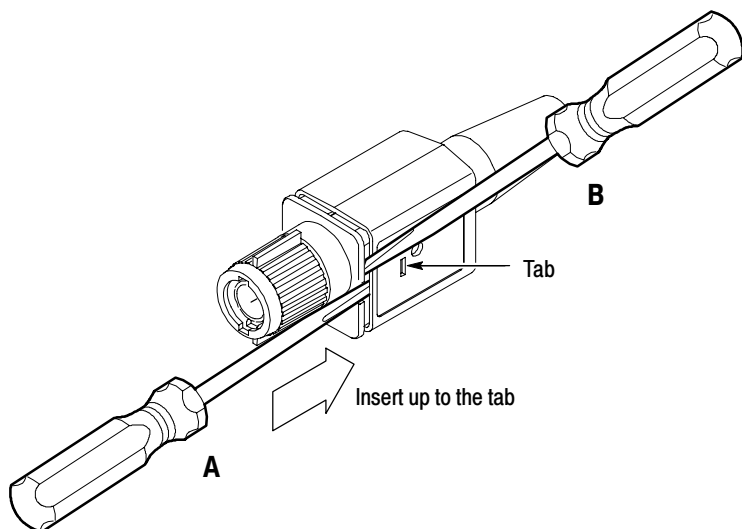


Figure 6: Opening the compensation box

2. While holding screwdriver (A) in place, insert small screwdriver (B) between the ridge on the front of the compensation box and the edge of the cover.
3. Gently twist the blade of screwdriver (B) to separate the cover and unlatch the tab.
4. After unlatching the tab, slide the cover back to expose the internal adjustments.

HF Compensation Procedure

After opening the compensation box, perform the following procedure to compensate the probe for high frequencies.

1. Connect a 50 Ω feedthrough termination to the positive-going **FAST RISE** output of the calibration generator. See Figure 7.

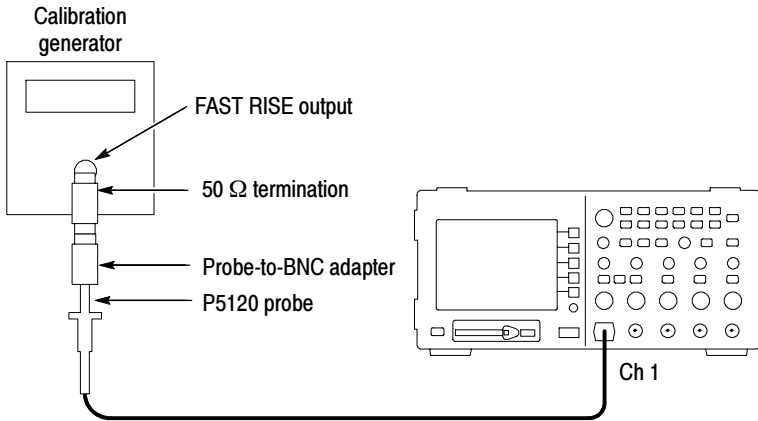


Figure 7: HF compensation setup

2. Refer to page 4 and use the optional probe-to-BNC adapter to connect the probe to the termination.
3. Set the Calibration Generator to 1 MHz.
4. Set the **PULSE AMPLITUDE** to 1.0 V_{P-P}.

NOTE. If you have changed the default setting for the probe type, access the vertical menu of the oscilloscope and return the setting to 20X.

5. Set the oscilloscope to 100 mV/division.
6. Set the oscilloscope averaging to 4.
7. Set the oscilloscope to 5.0 ns/div Adjust the oscilloscope as necessary to view the leading edge of the waveform.
8. Locate the **HF1**, **HF2**, and **HF3** adjustments. See Figure 8.

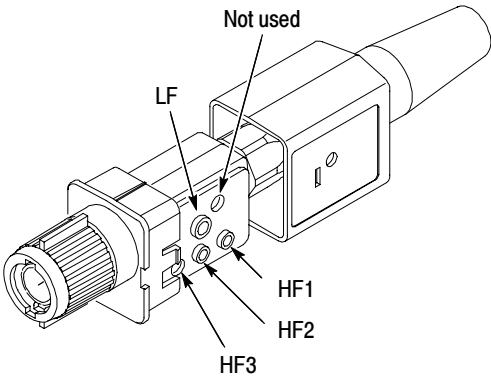


Figure 8: HF compensation adjustments

- 9. The probe should be preset to the correct nominal position.
- 10. Adjust **HF1** for flatness and adjust **HF3** for the best front corner. See Figure 9. Because all adjustments interact, readjust **HF1**, **HF2**, and **HF3** as necessary to achieve the best compromise between the fastest rise time and minimum aberrations.

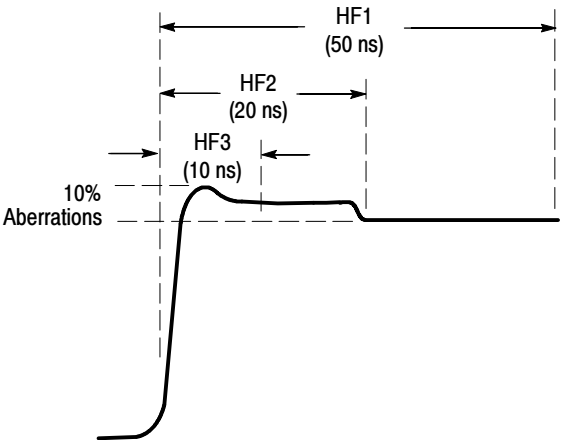


Figure 9: HF compensation regions of fast rise signal

- 11.** After compensating the HF, carefully slide the cover back until the tab latches securely into place.

Performance Verification

Use the procedure in this section to verify that the P5120 probe meets the warranted bandwidth specification highlighted with boldface type in the *Specifications* section on page 19. The steps of this procedure must be performed in the order given using a TPS2000 series instrument and other equipment that meets the minimum requirements listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Required test equipment

Description	Minimum Requirements	Example
Oscilloscope	Use a TPS2000 series oscilloscope only. The probe is optimized to match the input characteristics and bandwidth of the TPS2000 series	TPS2024
Calibration generator (for HF adjustment only)	≤1 ns rise time square wave	Fluke 9100 Universal Calibration System with Oscilloscope Calibration Module (Option 250)
Leveled signal generator	50 kHz to 250 MHz	
Termination, 50 Ω feedthrough	50 Ω male to female BNC	Tektronix part number 011-0049-02
Adapter, probe tip to BNC	Probe tip to male BNC	Tektronix part number 013-0291-00

NOTE. *Compensate the probe for LF before performing this procedure. The LF compensation procedure begins on page 7.*

If the probe does not meet the bandwidth requirement of this procedure, perform the adjustments beginning on page 7 and retest.

1. Connect the test setup as shown in Figure 10.

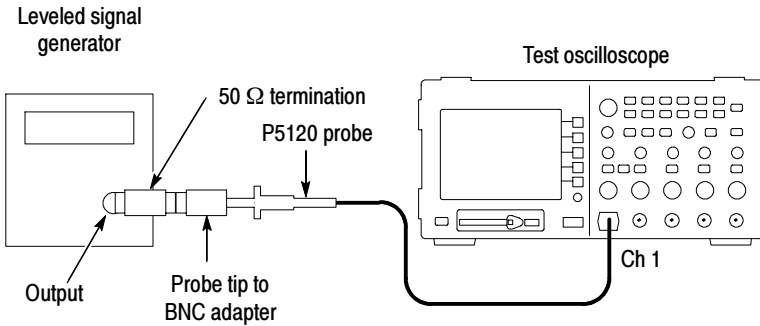


Figure 10: Bandwidth test setup

2. Set the leveled signal generator output frequency to 1 MHz.

NOTE. If you have changed the default setting for the probe type, access the vertical menu of the oscilloscope and return the setting to 20X.

3. Set the oscilloscope to 10 mV/division. (The effective setting with the 20X attenuation of the probe is 200 mV/division.)
4. Adjust the leveled signal generator for a display of exactly 6 divisions peak-to-peak.
5. Increase the leveled signal generator frequency until the display decreases to 4.2 divisions peak-to-peak. (This represents the .707 point or half-power amplitude.)
6. Note that the frequency is greater than 200 MHz for the TPS2024 and 100 MHz for the TPS2012 and 2014. If not, repeat the HF compensation to achieve a faster risetime.



Maintenance

This section contains information necessary for the maintenance and repair of the P5120 probe.

NOTE. *The P5120 probe has no replaceable components. Accessory parts may be ordered as indicated in the replaceable parts list.*

Cleaning Instructions

Clean the probe using a soft cloth dampened with a mild detergent and water solution. Do not use any other chemicals or abrasives.

Customer Support

Who to call	When to call	Where to call
Operational Support	Call if you need help using your probe or to order accessories	1-800-TEK-WIDE (1-800-835-9433) If outside the United States or Canada, contact your nearest Tektronix Field Office
Service Support	Call if your probe needs repair	Call your nearest Tektronix Service Center

Preparation for Shipment

If you need to ship your probe, pack it carefully to prevent damage while in transit. If the original packaging is unfit for use or not available, use the following packaging guidelines:

1. Use a corrugated cardboard shipping carton having inside dimensions at least one inch greater than the probe dimensions. The box should have a carton test strength of at least 200 pounds.
2. Put the probe into a plastic bag or wrap to protect it from dampness in transit.
3. Place the probe into the box and stabilize it with light packing material.
4. Seal the carton with shipping tape.

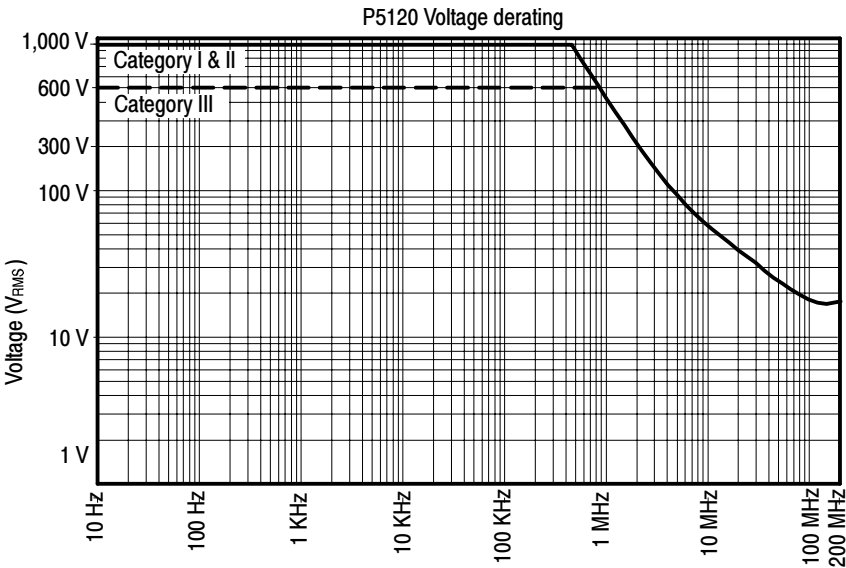
Specifications

The warranted specifications of Table 2 that appear in boldface type are specifications checked in the *Performance Verification* section. Specifications that are not warranted are typical (Tables 3 and 4) and are provided as general information for your convenience.

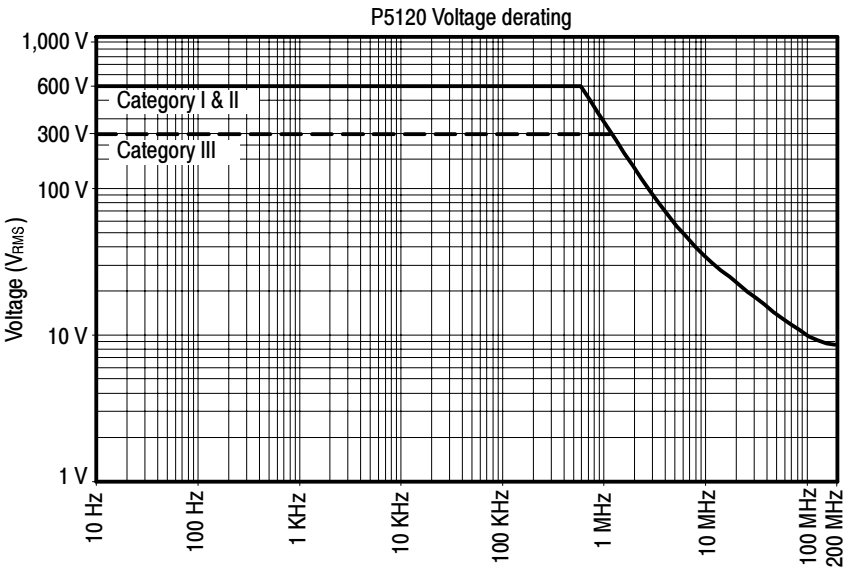
The specifications apply to a P5120 probe installed on a Tektronix TPS2000 series oscilloscope. The instrument must have a warm-up period of at least 20 minutes and be in an environment that does not exceed the limits described in Table 5.

Table 2: Warranted electrical specifications

Attenuation (DC coupled system)	20X, $\pm 2\%$	
Bandwidth (-3 dB, DC coupled system)	DC to 200 MHz (TPS2024) DC to 100 MHz (TPS2012, TPS2014)	
Maximum Rated Input Voltage	IEC 1010-1 Installation Category	
	II	III
Between probe tip and probe reference or between probe tip and earth ground (Refer to Figure 11 a.)	1000	600
Between probe reference and earth ground (Refer to Figure 11 b.)	600	300
Safety	UL 61010B-2-031; 2003 CSA 22.2 No. 1010.2-031, 1994 EN 61010-031 2002	
IEC Installation Category	Category II	
IEC Pollution Degree	Degree 2	



a. Probe tip to reference or earth ground Frequency (Hz)



b. Probe reference to earth ground Frequency (Hz)

Figure 11: Maximum voltage derating curves (V_{RMS} , DC coupled)

Table 3: Typical electrical characteristics

Rise Time (System)	< 3.6 ns (TPS2012, 2014)
Checked using optional BNC adapter	< 2.2 ns (TPS2024)
	Typical
Input Resistance (System)	5 MΩ
See Figure 12	
Input Phase (System)	(See Figure 13)
Compensation Range	15 pF to 25 pF
Input Capacitance (System)	11.2 pF
Probe connected to instrument and properly compensated. Checked at 1 MHz	

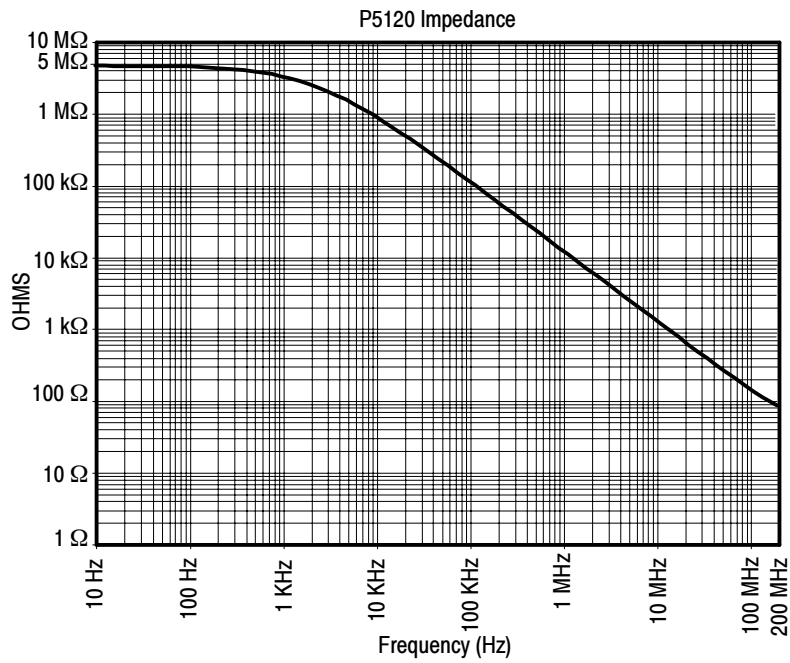


Figure 12: Typical input impedance

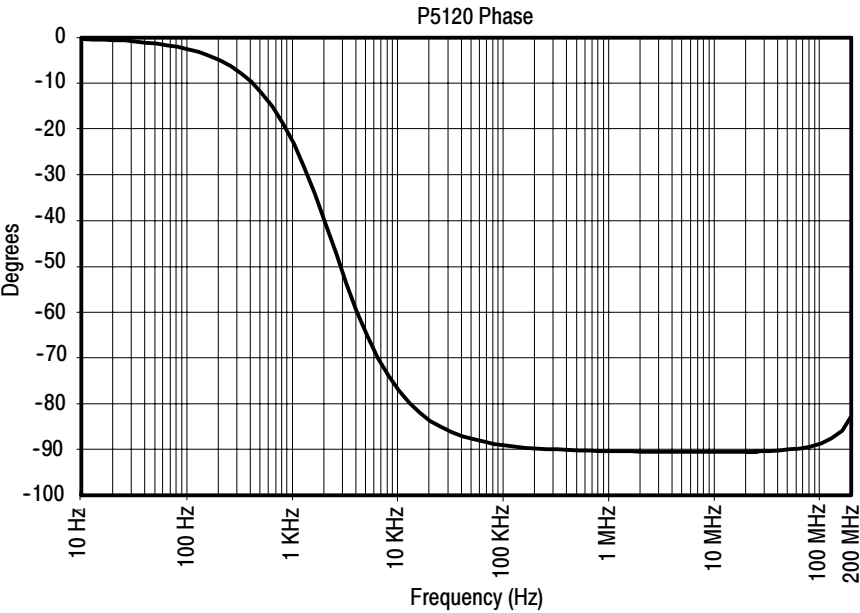


Figure 13: Typical input phase

Table 4: Typical mechanical characteristics

Net Weight (including accessories)	0.26 kg (0.57 lb)
Cable Length	3 m (+ - 3 cm) (9.84 ft)

Table 5: Environmental specifications

Temperature	Operating:	0 °C to +50 °C (+32 °F to +122 °F)
	Nonoperating:	-40 °C to +71 °C (-40 °F to +159 °F)
Humidity	Operating:	
	High:	50 °C (122 °F)/60% RH
	Low:	30 °C (86 °F)/60% RH
	Nonoperating:	
	High:	55 °C to 71 °C (131 °F to 160 °F), 60% RH
	Low:	0 °C to 30 °C (32 °F to 86 °F), ≤ 90% RH
Transportation	Tektronix Standard 062-0937-00 Revision C	
Altitude	Operating:	4,600 m (15,092 ft)
	Nonoperating:	12,192 m (40,000 ft)

Replaceable Parts

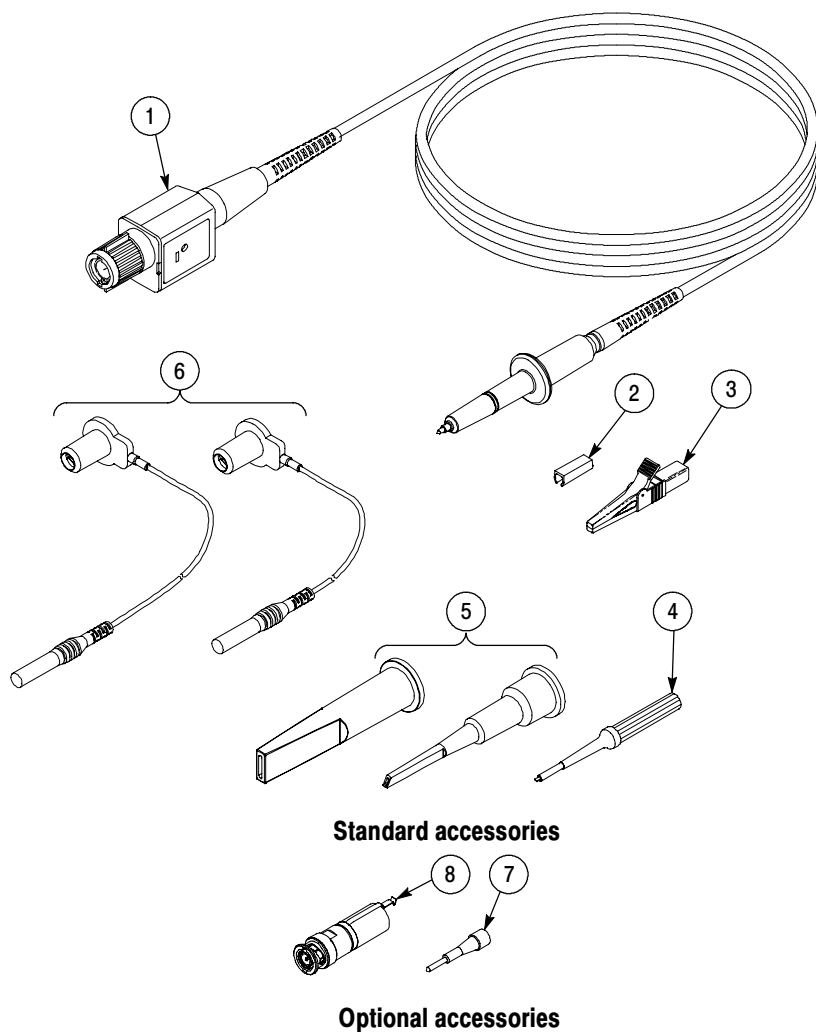


Figure 14: P5120 replaceable parts

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	Tektronix part no.	Serial no. Effective	Qty	Name & description	Mfr. code	Mfr. part no.
14-1	-----		1	PROBE, HI VOLTAGE: FLOATING, 10X, 200 MHZ, P5120		
-2	016-1886-00		1	STANDARD ACCESSORIES		
-3	344-0461-00		1	MARKER BAND SET	80009	016188600
-4	003-1433-02		1	CLIPLEC: CROCODILE, 82MM L, 4MM	TK2483	XK-081
-5	013-0290-01		1	SCREWDRIVER: ADJUSTMENT TOOL	80009	003143302
-6	196-3424-00		1	HOOKTIP, SET: HOOKTIP ASSY, LARGE AND SMALL	TK2469	013029001
			1	LEAD SET ASSY: COMMON, P5120, 1) 18.0 L 1) 6.0 L		
	071-1463-XX		1	MANUAL, TECH: INSTRUCTIONS, P5120	80009	0711463XX
				OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES		
-7	206-0060-00		1	TIP, PROBE	80009	206006000
-8	013-0291-00		1	ADAPTER, PROBE: PROBE TO BNC	80009	013029100

CROSS INDEX - MFR. CODE NUMBER TO MANUFACTURER

Mfr. code	Manufacturer	Address	City, state, zip code
QJR05	TRIQUEST CORP		
TK2483	HEINRICH C KOSMEIER GMBH-ESSEN	MESSTECHNISCHE WERKE CATHOSTRASSA 7	D-4300 ESSEN 11 (W GERMANY)
TK2469	UNITREK CORPORATION	3000 LEWIS & CLARK HWY	VANCOUVER WA 98661
80009	TEKTRONIX INC	14150 SW KARL BRAUN DR PO BOX 500	BEAVERTON OR 97077-0001

