



# **Operator's Manual** HVD3000 Series High-Voltage

**Differential Probes** 



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## Introduction

The HVD series high-voltage active differential probes are safe, easy-to-use, and ideally suited for power electronics applications where the reference potential is elevated from ground. The probes feature:

- Differential voltage measurement capability in high common-mode environments (up to 6kVrms)
- Exceptional common-mode rejection ratio (CMRR) across a broad frequency range
- Wide differential voltage range
- · High offset voltage capability
- Guaranteed 1% DC and low frequency gain accuracy (up to 0.35% accuracy on some models)
- AC or DC coupling (model dependent)
- ProBus interface with automatic scaling
- Auto Zero capabilities

The CMRR for the probes is exceptional out to very high frequencies. This greatly assists in measuring signals in the noisy, high common-mode environments of power electronics. High CMRR combined with low probe noise and high offset capability makes the probes capable of measuring very small control signals floating on high common-mode voltages.

The maximum rated differential voltage specifications are provided for using each probe within a wide differential voltage range. The probes will even display signals above the maximum rated differential voltage, up to the maximum measurable differential voltage before saturation limit, although the specifications cannot be guaranteed. Within this range, the probe is operating below the saturation point of the amplifier, and very reasonable results can be expected.

**Note:** HVD probes are fitted with detection circuits that will indicate when the differential or common mode voltages are beyond the operating ranges of the probe. A warning will be displayed in the oscilloscope message bar.

The probes are calibrated for high-precision measurements to within 1% at DC to low frequency (~10 kHz). This provides for high accuracy of top and base voltage levels of pulse-width modulated signals. The Auto Zero capability permits further measurement precision by allowing small offset drifts to be calibrated out of the measurement.

#### HVD3000 Series High-Voltage Differential Probes

The ProBus interface makes the probe an integral part of the oscilloscope. Power is provided to the probe through the interface, so there is no need for a separate power supply or batteries. Attenuation may be either manually selected (HVD3220 only) or automatically selected based on the oscilloscope gain range (V/div) setting, with the offset adjust unified with that of the oscilloscope or locked to the maximum attenuation setting.

Maximum offset depends on the V/div setting and the oscilloscope model. In general, Teledyne LeCroy 12-bit High Resolution Oscilloscopes (HRO) and HD4096 High Definition Oscilloscopes (HDO) provide the most offset capability over the widest range of V/div settings.

## Compatibility

HVD3xxxA and HVD3220 probes are compatible with most Teledyne LeCroy oscilloscopes equipped with the ProBus interface. For all compatible oscilloscope models, see:

teledynelecroy.com/probes/high-voltage-differential-probes

## **Required Firmware**

Proper functioning of the HVD probes requires a minimum version of the MAUI™ firmware to be installed on the oscilloscope:

- All HVD3xxxA probes require firmware version 8.5.1.0 or greater.
- HVD3220 probes require firmware version 9.4.x.x or greater.

## Safety

To maintain the probe in a correct and safe condition, observe generally accepted safety procedures in addition to the precautions specified in this section. The overall safety of any system incorporating this product is the responsibility of the assembler of the system.

## **Symbols**

These symbols appear on the probe and accessories or in this manual to alert you to important safety considerations.



WARNING, HIGH VOLTAGE. Risk of electric shock or burn.



**CAUTION** of damage to probe or instrument, or **WARNING** of hazard to health. Attend to the accompanying information to protect against personal injury or damage. Do not proceed until conditions are fully understood and met.



**ESD CAUTION.** Risk of Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) that can damage the probe or instrument if anti-static measures are not taken.

### **Precautions**



**WARNING.** To avoid personal injury or damage due to electric shock orfire:

Do not overload; observe all terminal ratings. Do not apply any potential that exceeds the maximum rating of the probe and/or the probe accessory, whichever is less.

Comply with the Voltage vs. Frequency Derating curve when measuring higher frequency signals.

Connect and disconnect properly. Always connect the probe input lead to the probe accessories before connecting to a voltage source. Ensure the connections are secure before applying voltage. Do not disconnect leads or accessories from a live circuit.

Keep the probe body and output cable away from the circuits being measured. Only accessory tips are intended for contact with electrical sources.

Use only accessories compatible with the probe. Use only accessories that are rated for the application. Substituting other accessories than those specified in this manual may create a shock /burn hazard.

Keep fingers behind the finger guard of the probe accessories.

Do not remove the probe's casing. Touching exposed connections may result in electric shock or burn.



**CAUTION.** To prevent damage to the equipment:

Use only as specified. The probe is intended to be used only with compatible Teledyne LeCroy instruments. Use of the probe and/or the equipment it is connected to in a manner other than specified may impair the protection mechanisms.

Do not bend cables excessively.

Use only within the operational environment listed. Do not use in wet or explosive atmospheres.

Keep product surfaces clean and dry.

Do not operate with suspected failures. Before each use, inspect the probe and accessories for any damage such as tears or other defects in the probe body, cable jacket, accessories, etc. If any part is damaged, cease operation immediately and sequester the probe from inadvertent use.

## **Operating Environment**

**Temperature, Operating** 0 C to 50 C

**Temperature, Non-operating** -40 C to 70 C

**Relative Humidity, Operating** 5% to 80% RH (Non-Condensing)

45% RH above 30 C

Relative Humidity, Non-operating 5% to 95% RH (Non-Condensing)

75% RH above 30 C 45% RH above 40 C

Altitude 3000 m (9842 ft.) maximum

Derated to 2000 m (6561 ft.) when used with clip accessories

Usage Indoors

## Voltage vs. Frequency Derating and Burn Limit

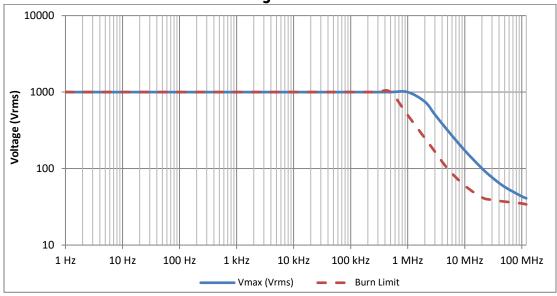
The Maximum Input Voltage curve (solid line) shows the maximum voltage that can be applied to the probe inputs without risking damage to the probe.

The lower Burn Limit curve (dashed line) shows the maximum voltage that can be applied to the probe inputs while the operator is handling the inputs. Handling the inputs while connected to active signals above this burn limit could result in injury to the operator.

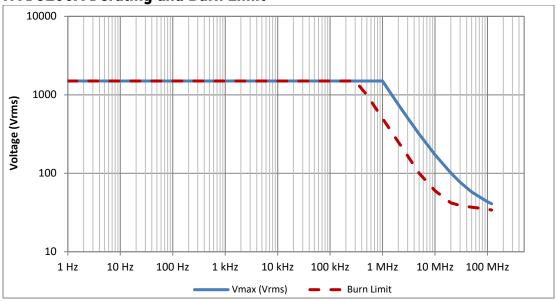


**WARNING.** To avoid risk of electric shock or fire, comply with the burn limit when measuring high-frequency signals with hand-held accessories. Do not exceed the voltage or category rating of the probe or accessories (whichever is less). Keep your fingers behind the finger guard of the probe. Keep the probe body and output cable away from the circuits being measured. Use only the specified accessories.

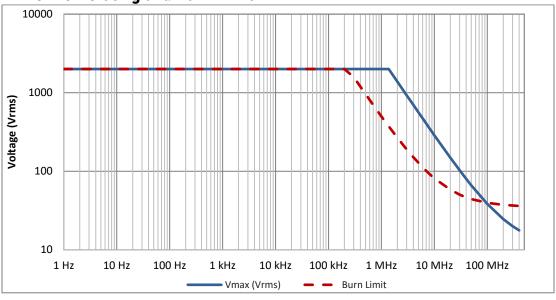
**HVD3102A and HVD3106A Derating and Burn Limit** 



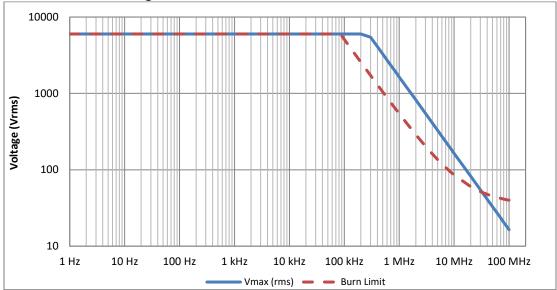
## **HVD3206A Derating and Burn Limit**



## **HVD3220 Derating and Burn Limit**







## **Voltage Derating for Accessories**

Accessory	Derated Max. Input Voltage for Combined Probe & Accessory (either input to ground)*
Spade Terminals	1000 V CAT III
Safety Alligator Clips	1000 V CAT III
Plunger Alligator Clips	1000 V CAT III
Plunger Pincer Clips	1000 V CAT II
Plunger Hook Clips	1000 V CAT II
6 kV Alligator Clips	6000 V CAT I ** 1000 Vrms CAT III 1500 Vdc CAT III
2 kV Plunger Alligator Clips	2000 V (DC + Peak AC) CAT I ** 1000 Vrms CAT III 1500 Vdc CAT III
4 mm Probe Tip Adapters	1000 V CAT III
0.6 mm Fine Spring Tips	30 V AC / 60 V DC

<sup>\*</sup> See "IEC/EN 61010-031 Definitions" on p.40.

<sup>\*\*</sup> CAT | per | IEC/EN 61010-031/A1:2008. No Rated Measurement Category per | IEC/EN 61010-031:2015.



**CAUTION.** The operating altitude of the probe is derated to 2000 m (6560 ft) when used with the above accessories.



**WARNING.** Each accessory has a different measurement (overvoltage) category (CAT) rating. The voltage and CAT rating of the probe are derated to the values in the table above when used with the corresponding accessory.



**WARNING.** While all probes may be used with the HVD310xA accessories (spade terminals, plunger clips, etc.), the voltage and CAT ratings of the probe are derated to the values in the table above when used with the corresponding accessory.



**WARNING.** To avoid risk of electric shock or fire, do not exceed either the voltage rating or category rating. Keep your fingers behind the finger guard of the probe. Keep the probe body and output cable away from the circuits being measured. Use only the specified accessories.

## **HVD310xA Probes**



HVD3102A/HVD3106A Probe Kit

The probes are delivered with the following:

Item	Description	Safety Rating*	QTY
Spade Terminals	Designed to connect to terminal strips, posts and screws, the overall length is 63 mm (2.48 inches). 4 mm Banana (female) connector. 1 ea. red/black.	Insulated 1000 V CAT III	2
Safety Alligator Clips	Designed to reliably grip large components, such as bus bars and large bolts, the overall length is 92.8 mm (3.65 inches) and the jaw opens to 32 mm (1.26 inch). Only the lower jaw is conducive; the top jaw is insulating plastic. 4 mm Banana (female) connector.1 ea. red/black.	Insulated 1000 V CAT III	2
Plunger Alligator Clips	The clip is designed to securely grasp thick wires, cables, ground leads, rails, and screw heads. The overall length is 153 mm (6.02 inches); the jaw opens to 23 mm (0.905 inch) max. 4 mm Banana (female) connector. 1 ea. red/black.	Insulated 1000 V CAT III	2

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Item	Description	Safety Rating*	QTY
Plunger Pincer Clips	Designed with a long, thin, flexible stem for attaching to hard-to-reach test points, the entire body is fully insulated. The overall length is 161.6 mm (6.36 inch). The pincers can grab leads, pins and wires up to 4 mm (0.157 inch) in diameter. 4 mm Banana (female) connector. 1 ea. red/black.	Insulated 1000 V CAT II	2
Plunger Hook Clips	Designed with a flexible stem to access deep targets in dense environments and a 4.5 mm (0.177 inch) hook to attach to wire leaded parts. The overall length is 157.6 mm (6.20 inches). 4 mm Banana (female) connector. 1 ea. red/black.	Insulated 1000 V CAT II	2
Case	Soft storage case.		1
Foam	Custom foam insert for storage case.		1
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<sup>\*</sup> See "IEC/EN 61010-031 Definitions" on p.40.

Note: The \*-NOACC options offer the probe without the accessories.



**WARNING.** To avoid injury or death due to electric shock, do not handle probe input leads connected to the Spade Terminals while they are connected to a live voltage source. Do not use Spade Terminals as hand-held accessories; they are meant to be used as a permanent installation in a test set up.

<sup>‡</sup> See page 39 for information about ordering replacement accessories.

### **HVD310xA Specifications**

For the current specifications, see the product datasheet at teledynelecroy.com. Specifications are subject to change without notice.

#### GUARANTEED SPECIFICATIONS

	HVD3102A	HVD3106A	HVD3106A-6M
Bandwidth (probe only)	25 MHz	120 MHz	80 MHz
Risetime 10-90 %	14 ns	2.9 ns	4.4 ns
CMRR Test Limits, 23 C	80 dB @ 50 Hz 60 dB @ 1 MHz	80 dB @ 50 Hz 60 dB @ 1 MHz	80 dB @ 50 Hz 60 dB @ 1 MHz

#### **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Differential Voltage Range	1500 V (DC +
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(High Attenuation) from 7 to 500 V/div, up to 1500 V offset

Differential Voltage Range

27.6 V (DC + Peak AC) (Low Attenuation)

from 100 mV/div to 6.9 V/div, up to 150 V offset

Peak AC)

Common Mode Voltage Range ± 1500 V (DC + Peak AC)

Max. Input Voltage to Earth ± 1500 Vpk (nominal, either input to ground)

Max. Safe Input Voltage\* (per IEC 61010-031)

1000 Vrms CAT III

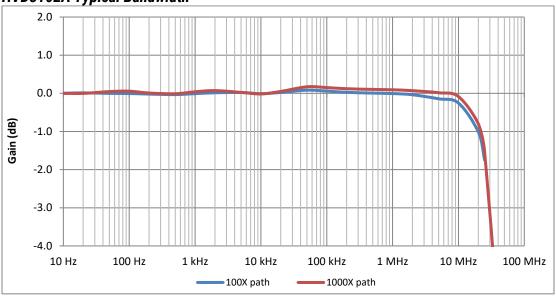
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### **VERTICAL SENSITIVITY (ALL PROBES)**

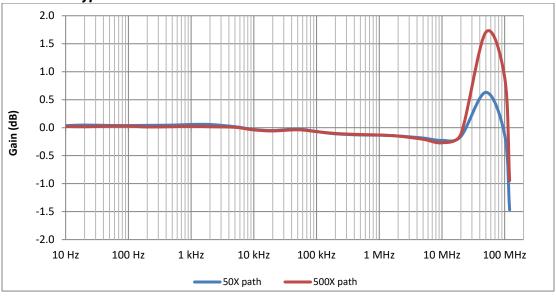
100 mV/Div to 500 V/Div

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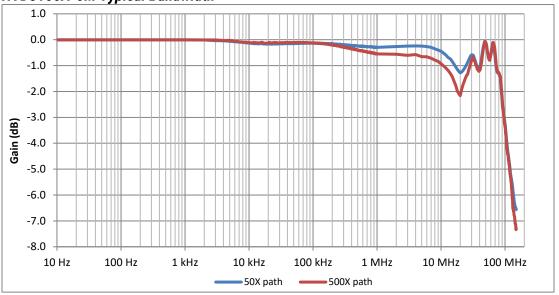
**HVD3102A Typical Bandwidth** 



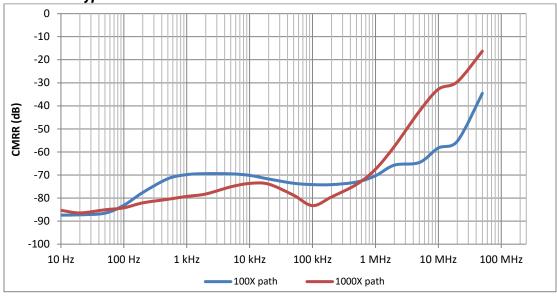
## **HVD3106A Typical Bandwidth**



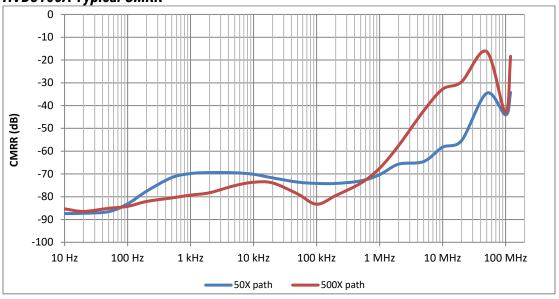




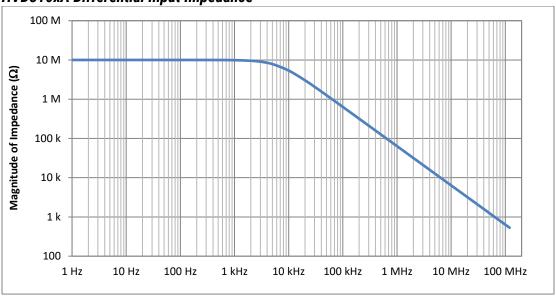
## **HVD3102A Typical CMRR**



**HVD3106A Typical CMRR** 



**HVD310xA Differential Input Impedance** 



## **HVD3206A Probes**



HVD3206A Probe Kit

The probes are delivered with the following:

Item	Description	Safety Rating*	QTY
2 kV Rated Plunger Alligator Clips	The clip is designed to securely grasp thick wires, cables, ground leads, rails, and screw heads. The overall length is 130 mm (5.1 inches); the jaw opens to 20 mm (0.79 inch) maximum. 4 mm Banana (female) connector. 1 ea. red/black.	2000 V (DC+Peak AC) CAT I** 1000 Vrms CAT III 1500 Vdc CAT III	2
Case	Soft storage case		1
Foam	Custom foam insert for storage case		1
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<sup>\*</sup> See "IEC/EN 61010-031 Definitions" on page 40.

<sup>\*\*</sup> CAT I per IEC/EN 61010-031/A1:2008. No Rated Measurement Category per IEC/EN 61010-031:2015.

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{\ddagger}$  See page 39 for information about ordering replacement accessories.

#### **HVD3206A Specifications**

For the current specifications, see the product datasheet at teledynelecroy.com. Specifications are subject to change without notice.

#### **GUARANTEED SPECIFICATIONS**

	HVD3206A	HVD3206A-6M
Bandwidth (probe only)	120 MHz	80 MHz
Risetime 10-90%	2.9 ns	4.4 ns
CMRR Test Limits, 23 C	80 dB @ 50 Hz 60 dB @ 1 MHz	80 dB @ 50 Hz 60 dB @ 1 MHz

#### **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

<b>Differential Voltage Range</b> (High Attenuation)	2000 V (DC + Peak AC) from 7 to 500 V/div, up to 1500 V offset
Differential Voltage Range	2000 V (DC + Peak AC)
(Low Attenuation)	from 100 mV/div to 6.9 V/div, up to 150 V offset

Common Mode Voltage Range ± 2000 V (DC + Peak AC)

Max. Input Voltage to Earth $\pm 2000 \text{ Vp}$	Vpk (nominal, either input to groun	d)
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Max. Safe Input Voltage* (per IEC 61010-031)	± 2000 Vpk 2000 V (DC + peak AC) CAT I ** 1500 Vdc CAT III
	1000 Vrms CAT III

Pollution Degree\* 2

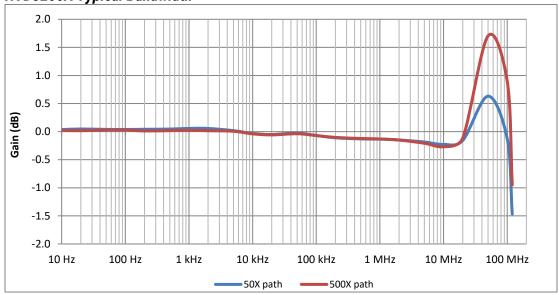
#### **VERTICAL SENSITIVITY**

100 mV/Div to 500 V/Div

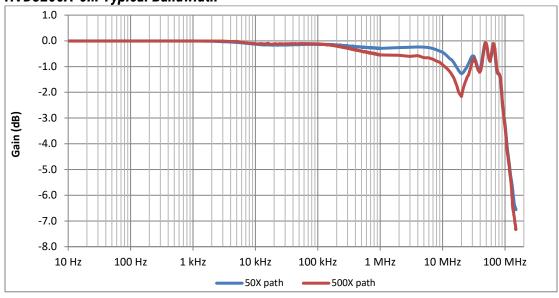
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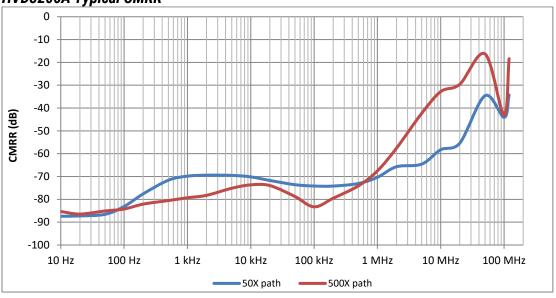
## **HVD3206A Typical Bandwidth**



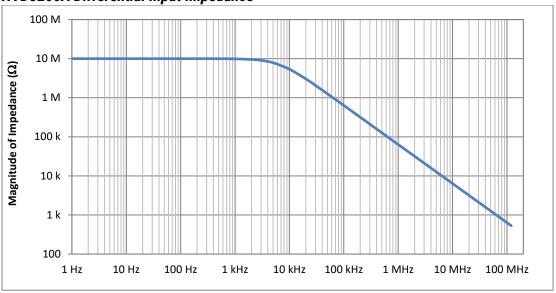
## HVD3206A-6M Typical Bandwidth



**HVD3206A Typical CMRR** 



## **HVD3206A Differential Input Impedance**



## **HVD3220 Probes**



HVD3220 Probe Kit

The probes are delivered with the following:

Item	Description	Safety Rating*	QTY
2 kV Rated Plunger Alligator Clips	The clip is designed to securely grasp thick wires, cables, ground leads, rails, and screw heads. The overall length is 130 mm (5.1 inches); the jaw opens to 20 mm (0.79 inch) maximum. 4 mm Banana (female) connector. 1 ea. red/black.	2000 V (DC+Peak AC) CAT I** 1000 Vrms CAT III 1500 Vdc CAT III	2
High-bandwidth 4 mm Probe Tip Adapters	4 mm female-male banana plug adapters hold 0.6 mm spring-loaded tips*** for probing fine-pitch surfaces. 2 black, with 2 tips (in vial).	1000 V CAT III*** 400 MHz	2
Case	Soft storage case		1
Foam	Custom foam insert for storage case.		1
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<sup>\*</sup> See "IEC/EN 61010-031 Definitions" on p.40.

<sup>\*\*</sup> CAT I per IEC/EN 61010-031/A1:2008. No Rated Measurement Category per IEC/EN 61010-031:2015.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Safety rating for spring-loaded tips is 30 V AC / 60 V DC

<sup>‡</sup> See page 39 for information about ordering replacement accessories.

### **HVD3220 Specifications**

For the current specifications, see the product datasheet at teledynelecroy.com. Specifications are subject to change without notice.

	HVD3220

Bandwidth (probe only) 400 MHz

**Risetime 10-90%** 875 ps

**CMRR Test Limits, 23 C** 80 dB @ DC 60 dB @ 1 MHz

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS** 

Differential Voltage Range 2000 V (DC + Peak AC)

(500X Attenuation) from 35 V/div to 500 V/div, up to 1500 V offset

Differential Voltage Range 1000 V (DC + Peak AC)

(250X Attenuation) from 14 V/div to 34.5 V/div, up to 750 V offset

Differential Voltage Range 400 V (DC + Peak AC)

(100X Attenuation) from 7 V/div to 13.8 V/div, up to 300 V offset

Differential Voltage Range 200 V (DC + Peak AC) (50X Attenuation)

from 500 mV/div to 6.9 V/div, up to 150 V offset

Common Mode Voltage ± 2000 V (DC + Peak AC) (either input to ground)

Max. Input Voltage to Earth (either input to ground) ± 2000 Vpk (nominal, either input to ground)

Max. Safe Input Voltage\* ± 2000 Vpk 2000 V (DC + peak AC) CAT I \*\*

1500 Vdc CAT III 1000 Vrms CAT III

Pollution Degree\* 2

#### **VERTICAL SENSITIVITY**

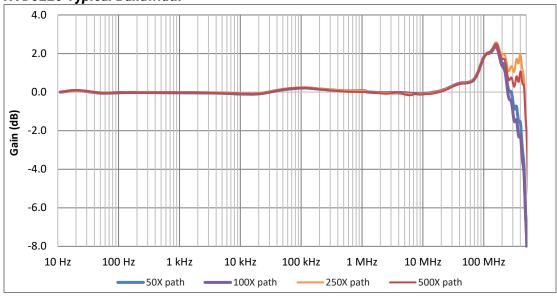
(per IEC 61010-031)

500 mV/Div to 500 V/Div

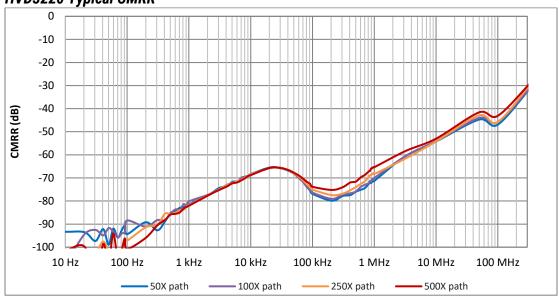
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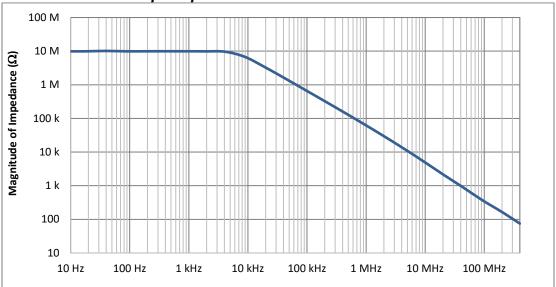
## **HVD3220 Typical Bandwidth**



## **HVD3220 Typical CMRR**



## **HVD3220 Differential Input Impedance**



## **HVD3605A Probes**



HVD3605A Probe Kit

The probes are delivered with the following:

Item	Description	Safety Rating*	QTY
6 kV Rated Alligator Clips	Designed to reliably grip large components, such as bus bars and large bolts, the overall length is 116 mm (4.57 inches) and the jaw opens to 22 mm (0.87 inch). 1 ea. red/black.	1000 V CAT I** 1000 Vrms CAT III 1500 Vdc CAT III	2
Case	Soft storage case		1
Foam	Custom foam insert for storage case.		1
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<sup>\*</sup> See "IEC/EN 61010-031 Definitions" on p.40.

<sup>\*\*</sup> CAT I per IEC/EN 61010-031/A1:2008. No Rated Measurement Category per IEC/EN 61010-031:2015.

<sup>‡</sup> See page 39 for information about ordering replacement accessories.

### **HVD3605A Specifications**

For the current specifications, see the product datasheet at teledynelecroy.com. Specifications are subject to change without notice.

#### **GUARANTEED SPECIFICATIONS**

ΗV	D3	60	5A
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Bandwidth (probe only) 100 MHz

**Risetime 10-90%** 4.3 ns

CMRR Test Limits, 23 C 80 dB @ 50 Hz 60 dB @ 10 KHz

60 dB @ 1 MHz (200x) 46 dB @ 1 MHz (2000x)

#### **ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Differential Voltage Range

(High Attenuation)

7000 V (DC + Peak AC)

from 28 V/div to 2000 V/div, up to 6000 V offset

(7600 V max. measurable diff. voltage before saturation)

Differential Voltage Range

(Low Attenuation)

700 V (DC + Peak AC)

from 300 mV/div to 27.5 V/div, up to 600 V offset

Common Mode Voltage (either input to ground)

± 7600 V (DC + Peak AC)

6000 Vrms

Max. Input Voltage to Earth (either input to ground)

± 7600 Vpk (nominal, either input to ground)

Max. Safe Input Voltage\*

(per IEC 61010-031)

± 8485 V (DC + peak AC) CAT I \*\*

6000 Vrms CAT I\*\* 1500 Vdc CAT III 1000 Vrms CAT III

Pollution Degree\*

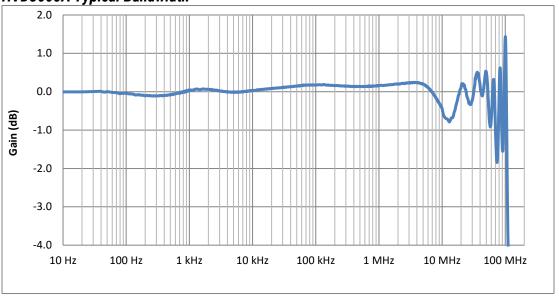
#### **VERTICAL SENSITIVITY**

300 mV/Div to 2000 V/Div

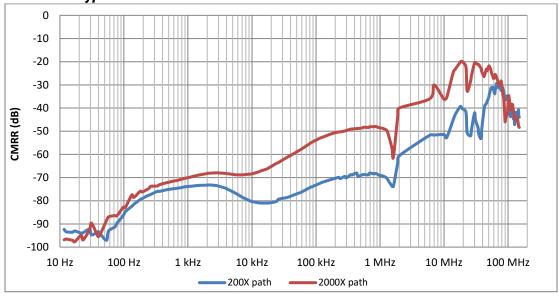
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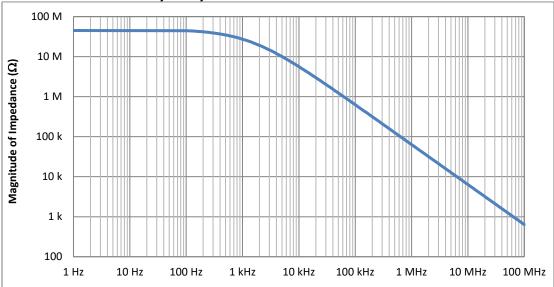




## **HVD3605A Typical CMRR**







## **Functional Test Procedure**

Perform this procedure to confirm the basic operation of an HVD3000 series probe or to aid in determining the source of a problem, rather than to verify the accuracy of the probe. You can perform the Functional Test without removing the probe covers.

Other than a Teledyne LeCroy oscilloscope, no special test equipment is required for the functional test.

- 1. Connect the probe to any oscilloscope vertical channel and open the Cn dialog.
- 2. Touch AUTO ZERO on the probe dialog (behind the Cn dialog).
- 3. If necessary, adjust the **OFFSET** to 0.000 V.
- 4. Using accessory clips, attach the red clip to the + CAL out and the black clip to the ground post of the CAL out signal. For oscilloscopes with the CAL signal on a BNC connector, a BNC-to-Banana adapter (e.g., Pomona model 1296) may be used.
- 5. Press **AUTOSETUP**.
- 6. Set the sensitivity of the probe to 1 V/Div.
- 7. Set the CAL output to 1 Vp-p square wave.
- 8. Verify that the displayed square wave is 1 Vp-p centered at +0.5 V.
- 9. Reverse the accessory leads on CAL out and verify that the displayed square wave is still 1 V, but is now centered at -0.5 V.
- 10. Change the **COUPLING** on the channel setup dialog to **Grounded** to verify that the signal disappears and that the trace is still centered on the screen.
- 11. Verify that the probe attenuation shows the following:
  - x100 for HVD3102A
  - x50 for HVD3106A and HVD3206A
  - x50 for HVD3220
  - x200 for HVD3605A
- 12. Set the VOLTS/DIV to 100 V.
- 13. Verify that the probe attenuation now shows:
  - x1000 for HVD3102A
  - x500 for HVD3106A and HVD3206A
  - x500 for HVD3220
  - x2000 for HVD3605A

## **Performance Verification Procedure**

This procedure can be used to verify the warranted characteristics of an HVD series probe. If the product does not meet specifications, it should be returned to a Teledyne LeCroy service center. As there are no user accessible adjustments, there is no adjustment procedure.

## **Required Equipment**

The following table lists the test equipment and accessories (or their equivalents) that are required for performance verification of the probe. This procedure is designed to minimize the number of calibrated test instruments required. Because the input and output connector types may vary on different brands and models of test instruments, additional adapters or cables may be required. Only the parameters listed in boldface in the "Minimum requirements" column must be calibrated to the accuracy indicated.

Description	Requirements	Example Equipment
Digital Multimeter	DC: 0.1% accuracy AC: 0.2% accuracy to measure 7 mVrms to 37 Vrms at 70 Hz	Agilent 34401 A Fluke 8842A-09 Keithley 2001
Function Generator	Output sine wave: 20 Vpp HVD310x and HVD3206 20 Vpp HVD3220 37 Vrms HVD3605*	Agilent 33120A Stanford Research DS34 Leader LAG-120B
	* May require an amplifier to obtain required voltage, such as Tegam 2340.	
BNC Coaxial Cable	Male-to-Male 50 Ω Cable	Pomona 5697-36
Calibration Fixture	ProBus Extender Cable	Teledyne LeCroy PROBUS-CF01
Banana Plug Adapter	Female BNC-to-Dual Banana Plug	Pomona 1269 Mueller BU-00260
Insulated Banana Plug Insulated Banana Couplers (2)	Insulated BNC-to-Shrouded Banana Plug	Mueller BU-5671-B-12-0 Mueller BU-32601-2 (R) Mueller BU-32601-6 (B)
Precision 50 $\Omega$ Feedthrough Terminator	Resistance: 50 Ω Tolerance: ± 0.05% Wattage: ≥ 0.5 W	

## **Preliminary Procedure**

- 1. Connect the probe under test to the female end of the ProBus Extension Cable. Connect the male end of the ProBus Extension Cable to channel 1 (C1) of the oscilloscope.
- 2. Turn on the oscilloscope and allow at least 30 minutes warm-up time before performing the Certification Procedure.
- 3. Turn on the other test equipment and allow these to warm up for the time recommended by the manufacturer.
- 4. While the instruments are reaching operating temperature, make a photocopy of the Performance Verification Test Record (following this topic), and fill in the necessary data.

### **Certification Procedure**

- 1. Set the function generator to sine wave, 70 Hz, and an output voltage of approximately:
  - 7 Vrms (into a high impedance output) for HVD310xA, HVD3206A, HVD3220
  - 37 Vrms for HVD3605A
- 2. Set the DMM to measure ACVolts.
- 3. Connect the function generator output to the DMM, using a BNC cable and a female BNC to dual banana plug adapter.
- 4. Adjust the function generator output voltage until the DMM reads:
  - 7 V ±0.01 V for HVD310xA, HVD3206A, HVD3220
  - 37 V ±0.01 V for HVD3605A
- 5. Record the DMM reading to 1 mV resolution in the Test Record.
- 6. Disconnect the BNC cable from the function generator and from the BNC-to-banana plug adapter on the DMM. (Leave the banana plug adapter connected to the DMM).
- 7. **For HVD3220 probes:** Insert 50  $\Omega$  precision feedthrough termination between the BNC connector from the probe extender and the DMM.
  - If the 50  $\Omega$  terminator is bnc-to-banana, then the banana to the DMM can be removed and replaced with the 50  $\Omega$  precision feedthrough terminator.
  - For all other probes: Connect the BNC connector from the probe extender cable to the BNC-to-banana plug adapter on the DMM.

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- 8. Connect the insulated banana plug adapter to the function generator.
- 9. Using the insulated banana couplers, connect the positive lead (red) of the probe under test to the positive output of the BNC-to-banana plug adapter and the negative lead (black) to the negative or return output.
- 10. Set the oscilloscope scale factor to:
  - 20 V/Div for HVD310xA and HVD3206A
  - 50 V/Div for HVD3220 and HVD3605A
- 11. Record the DMM reading to 0.01 mV resolution in the Test Record.
- 12. Multiply the measured output voltage recorded in step 11 by the actual probe attenuation factor, then divide this number by the function generator output voltage (probe input voltage) recorded in step 5. Subtract 1 from this number and multiply the result by 100 to get the error in percent:

$$\%Error = \left(\frac{PrAttenuation \ x \ Measured Output Voltage}{Input Voltage} - 1\right) x \ 100$$

**Note:** The actual probe attenuation can be found by using the MAUI Automation Browser. Follow the procedure below.

- 13. Record the answer to two significant places (± x.xx%) on line 13 in the Test Record.
- 14. Verify that the error ≤ 1.00% (0.35% for HVD3220).
- 15. Decrease the oscilloscope scale factor to:
  - 5 V/Div for HVD310xA, HVD3206A and HVD3605A
  - 20 V/Div for HVD3220
- 16. Record the DMM reading to 0.01 mV resolution in the Test Record.
- 17. Multiply the measured output voltage recorded in step 16 by the actual probe attenuation factor, then divide this number by the function generator output voltage (probe input voltage) recorded in step 5. Subtract 1 from this number and multiply the result by 100 to get the error in percent.

**Note:** Recheck the actual probe attenuation in the MAUI Automation Browser, as it will now be a different value than in step 12. Click the browser Refresh button if the previous session is still open.

- 18. Record the answer to two significant places (±x.xx%) on line 18 in the Test Record.
- 19. Verify that the error is  $\leq 1.00\%$  (0.35% for HVD3220).

20. **HVD3220 probes only:** Repeat steps 15 through 19 two more times, successively decreasing the oscilloscope vertical scale factor to 10 V/Div and 5 V/Div.

This completes the Performance Verification Procedure. Complete and file the Test Record as required to support your internal calibration procedure. If the criteria in steps 14, 19 or 20 are not met, contact your local Teledyne LeCroy service center.

## **Checking Probe Attenuation in MAUI Automation Browser**

Probe attenuation and other values can be found by using the MAUI Automation Browser application that is installed with the oscilloscope firmware.

- 1. Choose **File > Minimize** to show the oscilloscope desktop, then double-click the MAUI Automation Browser icon.
- 2. From the browser menu bar, choose File > Connect to Local Instrument.
- 3. Navigate to LeCroy.XStreamDSO > Acquisition > C1 > InputB > HVDxxxxx (where xxxxx is your probe model number). The value is shown next to PrAttenuation.
- 4. Close the browser and touch the oscilloscope icon (bottom right of desktop) to return to the oscilloscope software.

**Note:** These steps are tailored to the Performance Verification procedure. You can find any value at any time by changing the path to reflect the probe's actual input channel and row (Cn > Input A|B).

HVD Te	est Record
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Serial Number:
Asset / Tracking Number:
Date:
Technician:

Equipment	Model	Serial Number	Calibration Date
Oscilloscope			
Digital Multimeter			
Function Generator*			

<sup>\*</sup> In this Performance Verification Procedure, the function generator is used for making relative measurements. The output of the generator is measured with a DMM or oscilloscope. Thus, the generator is not required to be calibrated.

Step	Description	Intermediate Data	Test Result
5	Function Generator Output Voltage	V	
11	Probe Output Voltage	V	
13	Gain Error (test limit ± 1 %)		%
16	Probe Output Voltage	V	
18	Gain Error (test limit ± 1 or 0.35 %)		%
20a (HVD3220)	Gain Error (test limit ± 0.35%) @ 10 V/Div		%
20b (HVD3220)	Gain Error (test limit ± 0.35 %) @ 5 V/Div		%

Permission is granted to photocopy this page to record the results of the Performance Verification procedure. File the completed record as required by applicable internal quality procedures.

- Line numbers correspond to steps in the procedure that require the recording of data.
- Record the actual specification limit check under "Test Result". The test limits are included in all steps.
- Record other measurements and intermediate calculations that support the limit check under "Intermediate Results"

# **Operation**

## **Connecting to the Test Instrument**

HVD series probes have been designed for use with Teledyne LeCroy oscilloscopes equipped with the ProBus interface. When you attach the probe to the oscilloscope's input connector, the instrument will:

- Recognize the probe
- Set the oscilloscope input termination to 1  $M\Omega$
- Activate the probe control functions in the oscilloscope user interface

**Note:** For accurate measurements, connect the probe to the oscilloscope and allow it to warm up for at least 20 minutes.

## **Connecting to the Test Circuit**

Two inputs are available at the probe tip to connect the probe to a circuit under test. For accurate measurements, both the + and – inputs must be connected to the test circuit. Positive voltages applied to the + input (red) relative to the – input (black) will deflect the oscilloscope trace toward the top of the screen.

To maintain the probe's high performance, exercise care when connecting the probe. Increasing the parasitic capacitance or inductance in the input paths may introduce a "ring" or slow the rise time of fast signals. Input leads that form a large loop area will pick up any radiated electromagnetic field that passes through the loop and may induce noise into the probe inputs. Because this signal will appear as a differential mode signal, the probe's common mode rejection will not remove it. This effect can be reduced by twisting the input leads together to minimize the loop area.



WARNING. To avoid electric shock or fire, maintain the input leads in good condition. The leads have a jacket wear indicator that shows through when the jacket is excessively worn. If the white "WEAR" indicator on the input leads is visible, cease use and contact Teledyne LeCroy service for repair or replacement.

High common mode rejection requires precise matching of the relative gain or attenuation in the + and - input signal paths. Mismatches in additional parasitic capacitance, inductance, delay, and a source impedance difference between the + and - signals will lower the CMRR. Therefore, it is desirable to use the same length and type of wire and connectors for both input connections. When possible, try to connect the inputs to points in the circuit with approximately the same source impedance.

The probes may be stacked on one top of another during usage to conserve space. Since

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the probe body generates heat, and the stacking reduces cooling, it is recommended that ambient temperatures not exceed 30 degrees C while stacked probes are in operation. The exceptional CMRR performance should prevent interference between probes when they are stacked, but take care to separate the probe leads during operation.



**WARNING.** To avoid electric shock or fire, keep the probe body and output cable away from the circuits being measured, as they cannot provide adequate protection if they come into contact with electrical sources.

## **Operating with an Oscilloscope**

When the probe is connected to a Teledyne LeCroy oscilloscope, the displayed scale factor and measurement values will be adjusted to account for the effective gain of the probe. The probe's internal attenuation is shown on the Probe dialog, which is added to the oscilloscope's input channel dialogs when a probe is detected.



Channel setup dialog with Probe dialog behind it.



Probe dialog.

### Probe Volts/Div and Attenuation

The front panel Volts/Div knob controls the oscilloscope's scale factor and the probe's internal attenuation to give full available dynamic range. Some transition of the scale factor will result in a change of attenuation.

### Offset

Offset allows you to remove a DC bias voltage from the differential input signal while maintaining DC coupling. This ensures that the probe will never be overdriven while a signal is displayed on screen and prevents inaccurate measurements.

The total usable offset of the oscilloscope and probe system is a function of the oscilloscope V/div setting and offset at that V/div setting, and the probe attenuation and offset at that attenuation setting. Total maximum offset may be calculated as:

Oscilloscope Front End V/Div = (Probe and Oscilloscope) V/Div ÷ Probe\_Attenuation

Once the oscilloscope front end V/div value is known, it is possible to know the maximum oscilloscope offset available at this V/div setting either by referencing the oscilloscope specifications or setting the maximum offset value on the oscilloscope for that V/div setting. Maximum offset for the probe and oscilloscope combination can then be calculated as:

#### Max Positive Offset Available

Max Positive Offset (Probe and Oscilloscope together) =
Oscilloscope Positive Offset (at Oscilloscope Front End V/div) \* Probe Attenuation–10V

#### Max Negative Offset Available

Max Negative Offset (Probe and Oscilloscope together) =
Oscilloscope Negative Offset (at Oscilloscope Front End V/div) \* Probe Attenuation + 10V

In both cases, the maximum offset available cannot exceed the following:

	X50	X100	X200	X250	X500	X1000	X2000
3102A	NA	±150 V	NA	NA	NA	±1500 V	NA
3106A	±150 V	NA	NA	NA	±1500 V	NA	NA
3206A	±150 V	NA	NA	NA	±1500 V	NA	NA
3220	±150 V	±300 V	NA	±750 V	±1500 V	NA	NA
3605A	NA	NA	±600 V	NA	NA	NA	±6000 V

**Note:** The offset reported on channel descriptor boxes may deviate slightly from expected values per the formulas above. Reported probe attenuation is a "nominal" value and can deviate slightly from the actual calibrated value stored with the probe. The actual offset value uses the actual "as measured" probe attenuation value. This provides for higher DC and low frequency gain accuracy than would otherwise be possible.

### AC Coupling

In general, using offset to adjust a differential DC voltage on the screen is the preferred method to measure transient signals in the presence of a larger DC voltage. The offset has limits that will cause a signal that is beyond the linear operating range of the probe to go

off the screen, preventing measurement errors.

There are times, however, when it is convenient to use AC coupling to remove the DC component of the measured signal from the measurement. Selecting AC10M $\Omega$  uses the scope AC coupling at the probe output to remove any steady state value from the displayed voltage. The maximum linear input voltage is as follows:

	X50 <7 V/div	X100 <7 V/div	X200 <28 V/div	X500 >7 V/div	X1000 >7 V/div	X2000 >28 V/div
3102A	NA	200 Vpk	NA	NA	1750 Vpk	NA
3106A	200 Vpk	NA	NA	2000 Vpk	NA	NA
3206A	200 Vpk	NA	NA	2000 Vpk	NA	NA
3220	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
3605A	NA	NA	760 Vpk	NA	NA	7600 Vpk

**Note:** Because AC coupling is on the probe output, DC voltages beyond the probe's linear range will cause the amplifier to saturate and inaccurately render the displayed waveform. Do not exceed the maximum linear input value when using AC coupling.

### **Bandwidth Limiting**

To comply with various test standards used for quantifying output noise of power supplies, the probe is capable of switching the bandwidth limit from Off (maximum bandwidth) to 20 MHz in the channel Vertical Adjust dialog.

### Voltage Range

On oscilloscopes running MAUI (XstreamDSO) v.8.5.x.x and higher, there are options as to how the probe will set attenuation relative to the oscilloscope's V/div setting:

**Auto** will automatically raise or lower the attenuation when the V/div setting is greater or lesser than a setpoint (varies by probe model). As a result, the probe can automatically adjust attenuation to properly view the input waveform.

**Lock to High** locks the attenuation setting to the highest attenuation, regardless of the V/div setting. Maintaining a high attenuation will allow small signals on a larger voltage waveform to be accurately measured.

Manual (HVD3220 only) allows users to lock the attenuation setting to selected attenuation, regardless of the V/div setting. This allows choice of either better noise or accurate measurement of small signals on later waveforms.

#### Overload Indicator

An indication will appear in the oscilloscope message bar when the differential or common mode voltages are beyond the operating ranges of the probe. Note that the warning message below may trigger before any saturation occurs. It is designed to guarantee that the system will not fail to indicate an overload.

## A Probus Overload Detected

#### Overload Indicator Thresholds

3102A	X1000 Attenuation	X100 Attenuation
	Differential Mode: ± 1.78 kV Common Mode: ± 1.78 kV	Differential Mode: ± 158 V Common Mode: ± 1.8k V
3206A	X500 Attenuation	X50 Attenuation
	Differential Mode: ± 2.1 kV Common Mode: ± 2.1 kV	Differential Mode: ± 180 V Common Mode: ± 2.1 kV
3220	Any Attenuation	
	Differential Mode: ± 2.1 kV Common Mode: ± 2.1 kV	
3605A	X2000 Attenuation	X200 Attenuation
	Differential Mode: ± 7.7 kV Common Mode: ± 7.7 kV	Differential Mode: ± 760 V Common Mode: ± 7.7 kV

#### Auto Zero

Auto Zero corrects for DC offset drifts that naturally occur from thermal effects in the differential amplifier. For example, the DC offset drift of the HVD310xA probes is  $70~\mu\text{V/°C}$  (worst case) referred to the output. If the probe is set to 50x attenuation and the ambient temperature changes by 10~°C, the DC offset drift could be as high as  $(70~\mu\text{V/°C})(50)(10~\text{°C}) = 35~\text{mV}$  referred to the probe tip. If the signal was 1400~Vp-p in 500x attenuation mode, the DC offset drift at same ambient temperature could be as high as  $(70~\mu\text{V/°C})(500)(10~\text{°C}) = 350~\text{mV}$  due to the probe tip (although any offset accuracy error from the oscilloscope itself would likely dominate the measurement).

Auto Zero is disabled when AC coupling is selected.

Auto Zero is invoked manually from the Probe dialog that appears behind the Cn setup dialog when the probe is connected to the oscilloscope.

**Note:** HVD3xxxA probes may remain connected during Auto Zero. HVD3220 probes should be disconnected.

Always perform Auto Zero after the probe has warmed up at least 20 min. If the probe is disconnected then re-connected, repeat Auto Zero. Depending on the accuracy desired and/or changes in the ambient temperature, it may be necessary to Auto Zero more often.

## **Maintenance**

## Cleaning

Clean only the exterior surfaces of the device using a soft cloth or swab dampened with water or 75% isopropyl alcohol solution. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleansers. Dry the probe and accessories thoroughly before making any voltage measurements.



**CAUTION.** The probes are not waterproof. Under no circumstances submerge the probe in liquid or allow moisture to penetrate it.

### **Calibration Interval**

This probe has no adjustments. The recommended calibration interval is one year. A Performance Verification Procedure is included in this manual.

## **Service Strategy**

HVD series probes utilize fine-pitch surface mount devices. It is, therefore, impractical to attempt repair in the field. Defective probes must be returned to a Teledyne LeCroy service facility for diagnosis and exchange.



**CAUTION.** Do not remove the covers. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel. A defective probe under warranty will be replaced with a factory refurbished probe.

A probe that is not under warranty can be exchanged for a factory refurbished probe for a modest fee. Replacement probes are factory repaired, inspected, and calibrated to the same standards as a new product. You must return the defective probe in order to receive credit for the probe core.

## **Returning a Product for Service**

Contact your regional Teledyne LeCroy service center for calibration or other service. If the product cannot be serviced on location, the service center will give you a **Return Material Authorization (RMA) code** and instruct you where to ship the product. All products returned to the factory must have an RMA.

**Return shipments must be prepaid.** Teledyne LeCroy cannot accept COD or Collect shipments. We recommend air-freighting. Insure the item you're returning for at least the replacement cost.

- 1. Remove all accessories from the probe.
- 2. Pack the probe in its case. If possible, include all tips. Do not include the manual.

- 3. Pack the case in its original shipping box, or an equivalent carton with adequate padding to avoid damage in transit.
- 4. Mark the outside of the box with the shipping address given to you by Teledyne LeCroy; be sure to add the following:
  - ATTN: <RMA code assigned by Teledyne LeCroy>
  - FRAGILE
- 5. If returning a product to a different country: contact Teledyne LeCroy Service for instructions on completing your import/export documents.

Extended warranty, calibration and upgrade plans are available for purchase. Contact your Teledyne LeCroy sales representative to purchase a service plan.

## **Replacement Probe Accessory Kit**

Replacement probe accessories can be ordered through your local sales office. High-voltage Replacement Accessories Kit PK-HV-001 includes 2 each of the following (1 Black, 1 Red):

1 kV Rated Safety Alligator Clips

Plunger Pincer Clips

Plunger Hook Clips

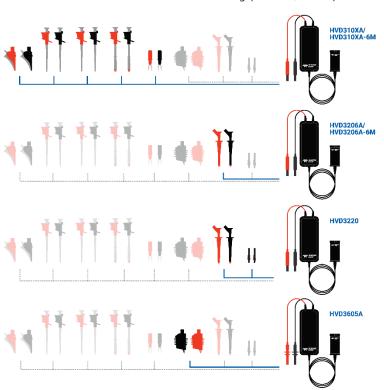
Plunger Alligator Clips

Spade Terminals

2 kV Rated Alligator Clips

High-bandwidth 4 mm Probe Adapters (2 black) with Spring-loaded Tips (2)

6 kV Rated Alligator Clips



## Reference

## **Technical Support**

Registered users can contact their local Teledyne LeCroy service center at the number listed on our website.

For a complete list of offices by country, including our sales & distribution partners, visit: teledynelecroy.com/support/contact

You can also submit Technical Support requests via the website at:

teledynelecroy.com/support/techhelp

## **IEC/EN 61010-031:2015 Definitions**

Measurement Category III (CAT III) applies to test and measuring circuits connected to the distribution part of the building's low-voltage mains installation.

Measurement Category II (CAT II) applies to test and measuring circuits connected directly to utilization points (socket outlets and similar points) of the low-voltage mains installation.

No Rated Measurement Category applies to other circuits that are not directly connected to the mains supply.

Pollution Degree 2 refers to an operating environment where normally only dry non-conductive pollution occurs. Conductivity caused by temporary condensation should be expected.

**Note:** The 2015 version of the standard eliminates the Measurement Category I (CAT I) rating for test and measuring circuits that are not intended to be directly connected to the mains supply. However, this change in rating designation does not reduce the measurement capability or the level of protection offered by the new probe design when compared to the probes that were originally certified per the 2008 version of the standard.

### **Certifications**

Teledyne LeCroy certifies compliance to the following standards as of the time of publication. Please see the EC Declaration of Conformity certificate shipped with your product for current certifications.

### **EMC Compliance**

#### **EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY - EMC**

The probe meets the intent of EC Directive 2014/30/EU for Electromagnetic Compatibility. Compliance was demonstrated to the following specifications as listed in the Official Journal of the European Communities:

EN 61326-1:2013, EMC requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use. 1, 2, 3

- 1. This product is intended for use in nonresidential areas only. Use in residential areas may cause EM interference.
- 2. Emissions exceeding the levels required by this standard may occur when product is connected to a test object.
- 3. To ensure compliance with the applicable EMC standards, use high quality shielded interface cables.

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#### AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY—EMC

The probe complies with the EMC provision of the Radio Communications Act per the following standards, in accordance with requirements imposed by Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA):

AS/NZS CISPR 11:2011 Radiated and Conducted Emissions, Group 1, Class A.

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### Safety Compliance

#### **EC DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY - LOW VOLTAGE**

The probe meets the intent of EC Directive 2014/35/EU for Product Safety. Compliance was demonstrated to the following specifications as listed in the Official Journal of the European Communities:

IEC/EN 61010-031:2015 Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use – Part 031: Safety requirements for hand-held probe assemblies for electrical measurement and test.

#### U.S. NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AGENCY CERTIFICATION

The probe has been certified by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) to conform to the following safety standard and bears UL Listing Mark:

UL 61010-031-2015 (Second Edition) - Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use - Part 031: Safety Requirements for Hand-Held Probe Assemblies for Electrical Measurement and Test.

#### **CANADIAN CERTIFICATION**

The probe has been certified by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) to conform to the following safety standard and bears cUL Listing Mark:

CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-031-15 - Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use - Part 031: Safety Requirements for Hand-Held Probe Assemblies for Electrical Measurement and Test.

**Note:** The HVD3220 probe does not have UL or cUL certification.

# Environmental Compliance

#### **END-OF-LIFE HANDLING**

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The product is marked with this symbol to indicate that it complies with the applicable European Union requirements to Directives 2012/19/EU on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE).

The product is subject to disposal and recycling regulations that vary by country and region. Many countries prohibit the disposal of waste electronic equipment in standard waste receptacles. For more information about proper disposal and recycling of your Teledyne LeCroy product, please visit teledynelecroy.com/recycle.

### **RESTRICTION OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES (ROHS)**

The product and its accessories conform to the 2011/65/EU RoHS2 Directive, inclusive of any further modifications to said Directive.

## **Common Mode Rejection Ratio**

The ideal differential probe/amplifier would sense and amplify only the differential mode voltage component and reject the entire common mode voltage component. Real differential amplifiers are not perfect, and a small portion of the common mode voltage component appears at the output.

Common Mode Rejection Ratio (CMRR) is the measure of how much the amplifier rejects the common mode voltage component. CMRR is equal to the differential mode gain (or normal gain) divided by the common mode gain. Common mode gain is equal to the output voltage divided by the input voltage when both inputs are driven by only the common mode signal. CMRR can be expressed as a ratio (e.g., 10,000:1) or implicitly in dB (e.g., 80 dB). Higher numbers indicate greater rejection (better performance).

The first order term determining the CMRR is the relative gain matching between the + and – input paths. Obtain high CMRR values by precisely matching the input attenuators in a differential amplifier. The matching includes the DC attenuation and the capacitance which determines the AC attenuation. As the frequency of the common mode component increases, the effects of stray parasitic capacitance and inductance in determining the AC component become more pronounced. The CMRR becomes smaller as the frequency increases. Therefore, the CMRR is usually specified in a graph of CMRR versus common mode frequency.

The common mode frequency in these graphs is assumed to be sinusoidal. In real life applications, the common mode signal is seldom a pure sine wave. Signals with pulse wave shapes contain frequency components much higher than the repetition rate may suggest. This makes it very difficult to predict actual performance in the application for CMRR-versus-frequency graphs. The practical application of these graphs is to compare the relative common mode rejection performance between different probes and amplifiers.

### **Differential Mode and Common Mode**

Differential probes sense the voltage difference that appears between the + and - inputs. This is referred to as the Differential or Normal Mode voltage. The voltage component that is referenced to earth and is identical on both inputs is rejected by the amplifier. This is referred to as the Common Mode voltage and can be expressed as:

$$V_{CM} = \frac{V_{+input} + V_{-input}}{2}$$

## Differential Mode Range and Common Mode Range

Differential Mode range is the maximum signal that can be applied between the + and - inputs without overloading the amplifier, which otherwise would result in clipping or distorting of the waveform measured by the oscilloscope.

The Common Mode Range is the maximum voltage with respect to earth ground that can be applied to either input. Exceeding the common mode range can result in unpredictable measurements. Because the Common Mode signal is normally rejected, and not displayed on the oscilloscope, be careful to avoid accidentally exceeding the common mode range.





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