

DAK12-TL-P: 4 MHz – 3 GHz

Fast and Precise Dielectric Measurements of Thin Layers

Description



The DAK12-TL-P system was developed to measure the dielectric properties of thin material layers in the millimeter and sub-millimeter range and of liquids available in small quantities (0.5 – 50 ml). The frequency range is 10 MHz – 3 GHz. The system is fully automated and software controlled: the automated sample platform brings the material under test to the probe and measures the sample thickness with micrometer precision. The applied force can be precisely controlled to enable high measurement repeatability for soft samples such as leather or soft plastic.

Applications

- evaluation of raw printed circuit board materials
- characterization of microwave substrates, antenna materials and covers
- analysis of dielectric materials for electronic components, e.g., capacitors, coils, and resonators
- characterization of liquids available in only small quantities, e.g., precious pharmaceutical or biochemical samples
- evaluation of small biological samples, e.g., human skin or tumor tissue samples

Components

- 1 DAK-TL-P Base System
- 1 DAK12-TL Probe Beam (4 MHz – 3 GHz)
- 1 Set of Calibration Standards
- 1 Metal Petri-Dish for Liquids
- 1 High Precision 26 GHz Cable (PC3.5 F connectors, 1 m long)
- 1 VNA Platform
- 1 DAK-TL Measurement Software V2 incl. Manual

Accuracy

- typ. < 3%
- novel algorithms for finite sample thickness
- improved flange design to minimize resonances
- new short to ensure precise calibration
- high measurement repeatability (typ. within +/- 1%)

Base System



The DAK-TL-P Base System accommodates the automated sample platform with built-in thickness measurement, the force sensor, and the controlling electronics. The base system is connected to the PC via USB and is fully automated and software controlled. The sample is placed on the sample platform, which brings it to the probe for measurement of the sample thickness with micrometer precision. The base system is designed for use with all three DAK-TL Probes.

Thickness Measurement Range: 0.1 – 10 mm

Thickness Measurement Precision: <0.003 mm (preliminary specification)

Force Measurement Range: 0 – 1000 N

USB Connector: Type B

Weight: ~16 kg

Operating Temperature Range: 10 – 50 °C

DAK12-TL Probe Beam



Connector Type: 3.5 mm male

Outer Conductor Inside Diameter: 12 mm

Inner Conductor Diameter: 3.18 mm

Flange Diameter: 68 mm

Dielectric Bead Material: Stycast ($\epsilon_r = 2.54$)

Flange: Stainless steel

Beam Dimensions: 40 × 30 × 350 mm

Robustness: High resistance to corrosive materials

Calibration

Calibration is performed according to SPEAG's high-quality standards; ISO/IEC 17025 scope extension is in progress.

Software

The [software](#) is embedded in the same graphical user interface used for the DAK packages to deliver a similar user experience.

- modern intuitive graphical user interface
- streamlines the workflow for dielectric measurements
- fast and robust VNA control, data acquisition, and calculation of dielectric parameters
- includes averaging function and numerical noise filtering
- flexible scripting for measurement automation and hardware customization

VNA Compatibility

DAK-TL-P is compatible with the most popular vector network analyzers (VNA) on the market; please see the list of [currently supported VNAs](#). Attractive system packages configured with VNAs from Rohde & Schwarz are available upon request.

Upgrade Options

Extend the upper frequency to 20 MHz:

1 [DAK-3.5-TL](#) Probe Beam (200 MHz – 20 GHz)

Extend the upper frequency to 67 GHz:

1 [DAK-1.2E-TL](#) Probe Beam (5 – 67 GHz)

1 high-precision cable (PC2.4 or 1.85 F connectors, 0.5/0.4 m long)

Ordering

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