Keysight Technologies B2980A Series Femto/Picoammeter and Electrometer/High Resistance Meter

Data Sheet

The world's only graphical Picoammeter/Electrometer that can confidently measure down to 0.01 fA and up to 10 $P\Omega$





Product Overview

Unique capabilities and features maximize confidence for sensitive measurements

Keysight B2980A Series of Femto/Picoammeters and Electrometers/High Resistance Meters not only offer best-in-class measurement performance, but also provide unprecedented features to maximize your measurement confidence. The Femto/Picoammeters and Electrometers both offer 0.01 fA (10^{-17} A) minimum current resolution, which meets virtually all existing and future low-level current measurement needs. The electrometers feature a 1,000 V voltage sourcing capability that supports up to 10 P Ω ($10^{16} \Omega$) resistance measurements. The electrometers also work with Keysight's well-proven high resistance meter accessories. Both the Femto/Picoammeter and Electrometer have battery powered versions to eliminate AC power line noise. This available capability provides an unmatched level of noise reduction, enabling low-level measurements that were previously impossible.

Unlike conventional picoammeters and electrometers, the B2980A series possesses a 4.3" color LCD-based graphical user interface (GUI) that provides multiple options for viewing data. In addition to numeric format, data can also be viewed as a graph, as a histogram and as a trend chart. These unique front-panel capabilities facilitate the capture of transient behavior and provide the ability to make quick statistical analyses without the need for a PC. The B2980A series also has features to help you maintain measurement integrity on the external cabling and fixturing. The available Setup Integrity Checker software permits the comparison of noise levels for different cabling and fixturing arrangements, allowing you to identify and isolate the noise-sensitive areas in your measurement system. In addition to these impressive measurement capabilities, the B2980A series has easy-to-use and convenient measurement assist functions that permit users with limited or no electrical engineering training to perform complicated electrical characterization operations with ease.

To provide flexibility and enable you to purchase an instrument with the exact amount of testing capability for your needs, the Keysight B2980A series offers four product versions.





Key specifications

Model	Femto/Picoammeter		Electrometer/High Re	sistance Meter
	B2981A	B2983A	B2985A	B2987A
Measurement resolution	6½ digits	6½ digits	6½ digits	6½ digits
Current measurement	0.01 fA - 20 mA	0.01 fA - 20 mA	0.01 fA - 20 mA	0.01 fA - 20 mA
Minimum range	2 pA	2 pA	2 pA	2 pA
Resistance measurement			Up to 10 PΩ	Up to 10 PΩ
Voltage measurement			1 μV - 20 V	1 μV - 20 V
Input resistance			> 200 TΩ	> 200 TΩ
Charge measurement			1 fC - 2 μC	1 fC - 2 μC
Temperature measurement				
Humidity measurement			\checkmark	
Voltage source			Up to ±1,000 V	Up to ±1,000 V
Minimum resolution			700 μV	700 μV
Maximum reading rate	20,000 rdg/s	20,000 rdg/s	20,000 rdg/s	20,000 rdg/s
Battery operation				
Other key features	Graphical capability (N buffer, Interface (USE	/eter View, Graph View, Histo 8, LAN, GPIB, LXI Core), Free F	gram View, Roll View), Auto na PC control software, etc.	avigation, 100,000 points sample

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0.01 fA digit +0.0000<mark>8</mark>7 pA Batter Best-in-class 2 pA to 20 mA current measurement ranges +0.000087 pA Battery operation eliminates and internal 1,000 V sourcing AC power line noise from capability ensure accurate measurements 0.01 fA and 10 PΩ measurements Time domain view (roll view) Test Setup Integrity Checking enables capture of transient Real-time histogram provides function and dedicated signal effects and selection of quick statistical analysis of accessories ensure maximum desired measurement data

B2980A Series Key Features

- 0.01 fA (10⁻¹⁷ A) minimum measurement resolution and 2 pA to 20 mA current

measurement data

- measurement ranges with 6.5 digits resolution
- $\,<$ 20 μV burden voltage in its lowest current range
- High speed reading rate up to 20,000 rdg/s
- Battery operation models for line noise free measurements¹
- Built-in ± 1,000 V voltage source²
- Measurement resistances up to 10 P Ω (10 16 $\Omega)^2$
- > 200 T Ω input impedance for up to 20 V voltage measurement²
- Independent current and voltage measurement²
- Charge measurement down to 2 nC range with 6.5 digits resolution²
- Temperature and humidity measurements²
- Graphical viewing modes (Meter, Graph, Histogram and Roll View)
- Easy-to-use auto navigation to select optimal range and aperture
- Optional Test Setup Integrity Checker function for noise source isolation
- Versatile interface (USB 2.0: LAN, GPIB, LXI Core)
- USB (front): store data, save/recall setup information
- Free PC control software
- 1. B2983A and B2987A
- 2. B2985A and B2987A

Application Examples

- Material science (Biomaterials, ceramics, elastomers, films, dielectric materials, electrochemical, ferroelectric materials, graphene, metals, organic materials, nanomaterials, polymers, semiconductors, etc.)
- Devices & electronic components (capacitors, resistors, diodes, sensors, transistors including TFT and CNT, optoelectronics, solar cells, etc.)
- Electronic/non-electronic systems (ion beam, electron beam, sensing systems, particle measurements, embedded precision instruments, etc.)

Why is 0.01 fA resolution important?

measurement accuracy

Many materials science and device characterization applications require the ability to measure very small currents that conventional DMMs (digital multi-meters) cannot handle. Since the B2980A series provides a best-in-class 0.01 fA current measurement resolution in both its Femto/Picoammeter and Electro-meter versions, it can perform precise and detailed measurements that were previously impossible using conventional picoammeters and electrometers. Therefore, you are assured that your current measurement requirements will be met well into the future.



The B2980A series' unmatched 0.01 fA resolution combines with other unique features to solve previously intractable measurement challenges

Challenge 1: Instruments that only have numeric displays do not give you any control over when to take data during a transient response.



Solution 1. The B2980A series' time domain view (Roll View) lets you visually choose when to capture data.

The B2980A series' GUI provides a Roll View that can graphically display data as it is taken and that also can store up to 100,000 of these data points for later retrieval. With a sampling rate of up to 100 kHz, the Roll View can reveal real-time measurement trends and provide valuable insights into the dynamics of your DUT's behavior. To facilitate this data analysis, the B2980A series provides flexible graphing capabilities. In Graph View the electrometers can plot I-V curves on their displays using values from either the internal voltage source or voltage measurement data. In addition, it is easy to generate a variety of other X-Y plots such as I-t, V-t, R-t, Q-t, I-R, etc. (specific graphical display capabilities depend on product model). These powerful and versatile graphical capabilities allow you to gain valuable insights when making sensitive measurements.



Time domain view (Roll View)



Data recorded up to 100,000 points

Challenge 2: Instruments with only numeric displays often exhibit instability in their least significant digits and offer no information about the measurement's mean and standard deviation.



How does the measurement result distribute?

Solution 2. You can instantly view and evaluate data distributions using the real-time histogram feature

All low-level measurements carry with them a degree of statistical uncertainty due to inherent fluctuations in the measurement environment. The conventional method to deal with this issue involves post-measurement evaluation of the data (usually on a PC) using a histogram. However, this process can become tedious if you need to perform several measurement and test setup debug cycles.

How fast can the B2980A series capture data?

Measurement speed is usually determined by the aperture time of the integration setting, which is typically proportional to some number of power line cycles (PLCs). Smaller aperture times are obviously more desirable as long as they provide sufficient averaging to prevent power line noise from affecting the measurement.

However, conventional instruments often cannot capture fast transients due to their relatively slow reading rates that require long overhead after the aperture closes. In contrast, the B2980A series' fast reading rate (20,000 rdg/s) and streamlined system architecture greatly reduce overhead time. As a result the B2980A series does not lose data sampling capability even in its minimum PLC setting, allowing it to capture more detailed DUT responses. The example below compares the data sampling capability of a conventional instrument with that of the B2980A series. As this example shows, the B2980A series can capture data with x4 better timing resolution due to its low measurement overhead.



In contrast the B2980A's real-time and auto-scalable histogram display capability continuously updates the mean and sigma, enabling you to debug your measurement setup instantly without the need for any post-measurement data crunching. The histogram can be displayed in the Meter View, allowing you to compare accumulated data on the histogram with real-time numeric data. Note: The maximum number of data points supported by the histogram is 100,000.



Available BINS: 10, 20, 40 and 100

Challenge 3: Eliminating noise from low-level measurements is difficult and often requires extensive measurement expertise.



Solution 3. The B2980A series' battery operated models eliminate power line noise and enhance low noise measurement performance.

AC power line noise strongly impacts sensitive measurements. While integrating over one or more PLCs can minimize AC power line noise effects, even the B2980A's excellent noise performance cannot eliminate 100% of this noise unless the instrument is completely isolated. Therefore, both the Femto/Picoammeter and Electrometer have available battery operated versions that enable you to make power-line-noise-free measurements. The two battery models can function for 7 hours (B2983A) or 5 hours (B2987A) under normal operating conditions, and they also automatically save your measured data and measurement setup information if the battery level goes below 5%. Of course, besides eliminating noise the battery models provide the added benefit of portability allowing you to use them anywhere you want.



How much lower is the B2980A series' noise floor?

Even when operating in AC mode with 0.1 PLC integration time, the B2980A series' advanced design provides current measurement performance that is much better than conventional picoammeters and electrometers. The graph shown below compares current measurement noise levels under identical measurement conditions. As can be seen the B2980A series can make both lower noise and faster measurements, which reduces the trade-offs that normally need to be made between these two goals.

Normalized 2 nA range RMS noise 0.1 PLC. 3 m triaxial cable



What makes Keysight triaxial cables superior?

Triaxial cables, which are available from a variety of sources, are required for low-current measurement applications. Keysight triaxial cables employ a semiconductor layer between the insulator and inner jacket, which minimizes the triboelectricity generated by friction at these boundaries. The net result is that Keysight triaxial cables are largely unaffected by cable vibration, which enables more accurate and stable measurements. All B2980A products come with a 1.5 meter version of this triaxial cable.



Challenge 4: Verifying the integrity of measurement cabling is essential for accurate measurements, but conventional instruments do not offer any means to validate cable performance.



Solution 4. Optional software and dedicated accessories help mitigate cabling complexities

When performing sensitive measurements making appropriate cabling connections is often one of the more difficult challenges. Many factors can contribute to measurement noise or instability, including incorrect cabling, poor cable quality and improper guarding; however, determining the root cause of a measurement fixturing issue from among all of these factors is not easy. Conventional instruments do not provide any help to solve these types of issues and they typically only offer written guidance on best practices. In contrast, the B2980A series has an available Setup Integrity Checker function that can identify noise caused by external elements (cables, adapters, shields, chambers, etc.) and display the information in tabular format on the front-panel GUI. As shown below, the setup integrity checker function allows you to compare the noise level of the instrument with no cables connected against the noise level with different setup elements side by side, you can easily determine the quality of cables and other setup elements necessary for your measurements.

The B2980A series also has specialized accessories available to facilitate certain types of measurements. For example, the N1413A High Resistance Meter Fixture Adapter allows you to use the B2980A series with Keysight's accessories for high resistance measurement (such as the 16008B Resistivity Cell). A High Resistance Measurement Universal Adapter (N1414A) is also available to simplify the cabling for high resistance measurements.



Noise source finally isolated

How much faster is the B2980A series' settling time?

When comparing instrument settling times, you need to understand how each instrument defines this specification. Most conventional instruments define settling time as the time it takes to reach 10% of the final value, whereas the B2980A series uses a value of 0.1%. By reducing dielectric absorption (DA), the B2980A achieves a faster settling time using the 0.1% limit even in its lower measurement ranges as shown below.



Innovative measurement functions enable both novice and experienced users to utilize all of the B2980A series' powerful measurement capabilities

Measurement assist functions reduce low-level measurement challenges

Selecting the appropriate range and aperture time for low-level measurements is not always straightforward, since these settings are affected by both target device or sample characteristics and measurement conditions (noise, temperature, humidity, etc.). For these reasons, selecting the optimal test settings can be challenging for even experienced users. However, the B2980A series has a variety of assist functions to improve your measurement productivity.

The navigation keys enable you to easily find the optimal measurement range and aperture time (speed) parameters. The column at the right shows how the navigation keys work.

		Current	Voltage	Resistance	Charge
		measurement	measurement	measurement	measurement
	+	20 mA	20 V	1 ΡΩ	2 µC
	\wedge	2 mA	2 V	100 ΤΩ	200 nC
	1	200 µA		10 TΩ	20 nC
		20 µA		1 TΩ	2 nC
ine		2 μΑ		100 GΩ	
les		200 nA		10 GΩ	
		20 nA		10 GΩ	
	4 5	2 nA		100 MΩ	
	\sim	200 pA		10 MΩ	
	_	20 pA		1 ΜΩ	
		2 pA			
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Pressing the Home key automatically sets the most appropriate range and speed at any time







The "Real-time Noise Monitor" helps you to select the appropriate measurement settings by showing you the level of noise in your measurement. With this information you immediately know whether or not your measurement result is above or below the noise level. In addition, you can use this feature to select the appropriate aperture time (integration time) for your measurement environment.



How does the Navigation feature work?

The B2980A series possesses an innovative measurement navigation capability that helps users optimize both aperture time and measurement range. As shown below, it has three pre-programmed range vs. aperture curves that cover most logical combinations. By default measurements start using the "Normal" curve and an appropriate measurement range. However, if the measured data seems noisy then pressing the "Fine Res" key switches the settings over to the "Stable" curve. This will automatically adjust the settings to a longer aperture time and reduce the noise. In addition, if you need to make a rough measurement quickly then switching over to the "Quick" curve will save measurement time.

The Navigation feature's pre-defined curves enable even novice engineers and researchers to make low-level measurements guickly without any need to struggle over selecting the appropriate aperture time and range settings. Of course, experienced users can override these curves and use the instrument in purely manual mode if a particular measurement requires customized settings.



Free PC-based software and multiple interface options provide flexible remote control choices

Keysight provides two PC-based software control options for the B2980A series: B2900A Quick I/V Measurement Software and a B2900A Graphical Web Interface. Quick I/V software can communicate with the B2980A series via several popular interfaces: LAN, GPIB (up to four B2980A series units) and USB (one B2980A series unit). It provides almost the same functionalities of your B2980A series' front panel. In addition, it supports a function that can automatically export measurement data into Microsoft Excel on your PC for further analysis. The Web Interface is embedded in each instrument and is only accessible via the LAN interface using a PC.

The Quick I/V Measurement Software also supports other B2900A precision instrument products (B2900A series of Source / Measure Units and B2960A series of Low Noise Power Sources).



What are the B2980A series' temperature and humidity measurement capabilities?

Temperature and humidity are critical parameters for high resistance measurements. The B2985A and B2987A electrometers contain both temperature and humidity sensor interfaces, and a dedicated thermocouple (N1423A) is furnished with these models. The EE07 Digital Humidity/Temperature Probe from E+E Electronik can be used for humidity and temperature sensing, which provides more accurate temperature data than a thermocouple

For more information

Please visit the product web pages containing demo videos, application information, sample programs, etc. from: www.keysight.com/find/b2980a



Ready-to-use instrument drivers simplify programming

For users that want to create their own customized software, IVI-C and IVI-COM drivers for the B2980A series are available. In addition, National Instrument's LabVIEW drivers are also available at NI.COM.

Keysight B2900A family

The B2980A series is a member of B2900 Precision Instrument Family, which provide a variety of precision measurement solutions with both sourcing and measurement capabilities. The B2900A series of Source Measure Units (SMUs) have 6.5-digit resolution, enabling 100 nV/10 fA sourcing and measurement. The B2960A series of Low Noise Power Sources have up to 6.5-digit voltage/current sourcing resolution and a 10 μ Vrms noise floor. Both the B2900A series SMUs and B2960A series Power Sources have an output range of \pm 210 V and \pm 3 A (DC) or \pm 10.5 A (pulsed), and they both utilize the same color LCD-based GUI. Further information on the B2900 Precision Instrument Family is available at http://www.keysight.com/find/b2900a.







B2960A Low Noise Power Source

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B2981A, B2983A Femto/Picoammeter

B2985A, B2987A Electrometer/High Resistance Meter

Compatibility table for optional high performance accessories and productivity tools

Product	Femto/Picoammeter		Electrometer/High Resistance Meter	
	B2981A	B2983A	B2985A	B2987A
16494A Triaxial cable			\checkmark	\checkmark
(0.4 m, 0.8 m, 1.5 m, 3 m, 4 m)	(1.5 m furnished)	(1.5 m furnished)	(1.5 m furnished)	(1.5 m furnished)
N1413A High resistance meter fixture adapter				
N1414A High resistance measurement universal adapter				
16008B Resistivity cell			\checkmark	
N1418A Lithium-ion battery pack				\checkmark
		(furnished)		(furnished)
N1420A Setup integrity checker for B2980 series (software license)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

B2980A accessories for high measurement performance and convenience









Technical Specifications and Characteristics

Specification conditions					
Temperature: 23 °C ± 5 °C					
Humidity: 30% to 80% RH					
After 1 hour warm-up					
Ambient temperature change	: less than ± 3 °C after s	self-calibration			
Calibration period: 1 year					
Current measurement					
Measurement range	Display resolution	Accuracy ± (% + offset)	Input burden voltage at SelfCal ± 3 °C ¹	Measurement settling time ^{1, 2}	
2 pA	1 aA	1 + 3 fA	20 μV	16 s	
20 pA	10 aA	0.5 + 3 fA	20 μV	1.4 s	
200 pA	100 aA	0.5 + 5 fA	20 μV	1.4 s	
2 nA	1 fA	0.2 + 300 fA	20 μV	13 ms	
20 nA	10 fA	0.2 + 500 fA	20 μV	13 ms	
200 nA	100 fA	0.2 + 5 pA	20 µV	1.2 ms	
2 μΑ	1 pA	0.1 + 50 pA	20 μV	550 µs	
20 μΑ	10 pA	0.05 + 500 pA	20 μV	600 µs	
200 μΑ	100 pA	0.05 + 5 nA	100 μV	600 µs	
2 mA	1 nA	0.05 + 50 nA	1 mV	100 µs	
20 mA	10 nA	0.05 + 500 nA	6 mV	100 µs	
Temperature coefficient 0 to 7	18 °C and 28 to 45 °C	± (0.05 x Accuracy)/°C			
Supplemental characteristics					
Temperature coefficient of input voltage burden		< 10 μ V/°C on pA, nA and μ A ranges			
RMS noise		140 aA for 2 pA range, 10 s duration, no cable, open cap			
NMRR ³		> 60 dB			
Maximum input capacitance		10 nF on less than 20 μ A ranges, 1 μ F on other ranges			
Notes					

Conditions: properly zeroed, 6½-digit, 1 PLC, median filter on, moving average 10 points

1. Supplemental characteristics

2. 0.1% of final value, step size 0% to 100% of range

3. Normal mode rejection ratio, integration time = 1, 2, ..., 100 PLC; power line frequency ± 0.1%

Resistance measurement

Measurement range	Display resolution	Accuracy ± (% + offset) ^{1, 2}	Auto voltage source	Current measure range	
1 ΜΩ	1Ω	0.135 + 1 Ω	20 V	200 μΑ	
10 ΜΩ	10 Ω	0.135 + 10 Ω	20 V	20 μΑ	
100 ΜΩ	100 Ω	0.185 + 100 Ω	20 V	2 μΑ	
1 GΩ	1 kΩ	0.285 + 1 kΩ	20 V	200 nA	
10 GΩ	10 kΩ	0.285 + 10 kΩ	20 V	20 nA	
100 GΩ	100 kΩ	0.41 + 100 kΩ	20 V	2 nA	
1 ΤΩ	1 ΜΩ	0.45 + 1 MΩ	200 V	2 nA	
10 ΤΩ	10 MΩ	0.625 + 10 MΩ	200 V	200 pA	
100 ΤΩ	100 ΜΩ	0.75 + 100 MΩ	200 V	20 pA	
1 ΡΩ	1 GΩ	2.6 + 1 GΩ	200 V	2 pA	
Temperature coefficient 0	to 18 °C and 28 to 45 °C	± (0.1 x Accuracy)/°C			

Notes

Conditions: Auto V-source ohms, properly zeroed, 6½-Digit, 1 PLC, median filter on, digital filter = 10 readings.

 In the manual mode resistance can be calculated from specific source voltage and measured current. The measurement accuracy in the manual mode is determined by voltage source accuracy and ammeter accuracy as follows: Measurement Error = R reading x (Voltage % error + Voltage offset error/ Voltage + Current measurement % error + 10 x Current measurement offset error / Current measurement range)

2. Current measurement range for both Auto and Manual modes: 10% of current range ≤ measured current ≤ 100% of current range

Voltage measurement					
Measurement range	Display resolution	Accuracy ± (% + offset)			
2 V	1 μV	0.025 + 40 μV			
20 V	10 μV	0.025 + 400 μV			
Temperature coefficient 0 to 18 °C a	and 28 to 45 °C	± (0.05 x Accuracy)/°C			
Supplemental characteristics					
Input bias current	< 20 fA				
Input impedance	> 200 TΩ, parallel with < 20 pF (no	on-guarded) or < 2 pF (guarded)			
RMS noise	1.4 μV for 2 V range, 10 s duration,	shorted input			
NMRR ¹	> 60 dB				
CMRR ²	> 140 dB at DC; > 70 dB at 50 Hz o	r 60 Hz			

Notes

Conditions: properly zeroed, 6½-digit, 1 PLC

1. Normal mode rejection ratio, integration time = 1, 2, ..., 100 PLC; power line frequency \pm 0.1 %

2. Common mode rejection ratio: $1 \ k\Omega$ LO lead unbalance. Add the NMRR for PLC integration time.

Charge measurement					
Measurement range	Display resolution	Accuracy ¹ ± (% + offset)			
2 nC	1 fC	0.4 + 50 fC			
20 nC	10 fC	0.4 + 500 fC			
200 nC	0.1 pC	0.4 + 5 pC			
2 μC	1 pC	0.4 + 50 pC			
Temperature coefficient 0 to 7	18 °C and 28 to 45 °C	± (0.1 x Accuracy)/°C			

Notes

Conditions: Properly zeroed, 6½-digit, 1 ms aperture, specifications apply at 1 to 10 ms after charge acquisition. 1. Add 6 fC/s to the accuracy specification for the time span between NULL and measurement

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Sourcing range	Display resolution	Accuracy ± (% + offset)	Output current ¹	Output noise ²	Settling time to rated accuracy ^{1,3}
20 V	700 μV	0.05 + 2 mV	± 20 mA	55 μVp-p (0.1 Hz to 10 Hz) 1.6 mVrms (10 Hz to 20 MHz)	200 µs
1000 V	35 mV	0.05 + 100 mV	±1mA	2.6 mVp-p (0.1 Hz to 10 Hz) 3.0 mVrms (10 Hz to 20 MHz)	5 ms
Temperature coefficient	0 to 18 °C and 28 to 45 °C	± (0.05 x Accuracy)/°C			
Source function		DC, sweep (linear single, linear double, list), ARB (square)			

Notes

1. Supplemental characteristics

2. 10 Hz to 20 MHz: Supplemental characteristics

3. Open load

Temperature measurement (Thermocouple)							
Temperature sensor	Range	Accuracy ± (% + offset) ¹	Unit				
Type-K thermocouple	–25 °C to 150 °C	0.2% + 2 °C	°C, °F and K				
Temperature probe in humidity sensor ²	–40 °C to 80 °C	0.5 °C	°C, °F and K				

Notes

Thermocouple accuracy excluded for thermocouple, temperature probe accuracy included for humidity sensor 1.

2. Supported humidity sensor: EE07 Digital Humidity / Temperature Probe from E+E Electronik

Humidity measurement	
Range	Accuracy ¹
0 % to 100 %	2 % RH (0 % to 90 % RH)
	3 % RH (90 % to 100 % RH)
Connector	2.5 mm pluggable terminal block, 5 pins (mating with Phoenix Contact 1881354)
Supported sensor	EE07 Digital Humidity / Temperature Probe from E+E Electronik

Notes

1. Sensor accuracy included

Measurement buffer and speed

Reading buffer	100,000				
Supplemental charact	eristics				
Measurement	Reading rates			Additional noise error	
speed and	Integration time ¹	To buffer	To GPIB	Current measurement	Voltage measurement
performance					
	100 PLC / 2 s	0.5 Readings/s	0.5 Readings/s	0% of range	0% of range
	10 PLC / 200 ms	5 Readings/s	5 Readings/s	0% of range	0% of range
	1 PLC / 20 ms	49 Readings/s	49 Readings/s	0.01% of range	0% of range
	0.1 PLC / 2 ms	500 Readings/s	490 Readings/s	0.03% of range	0.0005% of range
	0.01 PLC / 200 μs	4,500 Readings/s	3,950 Readings/s	0.06% of range	0.001% of range
	0.001 PLC / 20 μs	20,000 Readings/s	12,500 Readings/s	0.1% of range	0.004% of range

Notes

1. 50 Hz, fixed range

Timer and trigger functions

Timer	Time stamp	TIMER value automatically saved when each measurement is triggered	
	Resolution	10 μs, 100 μs, 1 ms, 10 ms, 100 ms	
	Min. Measurement Interval	10 μs, independent from Source	
	Min. Source Interval	100 μs, independent from Measure	
	Accuracy	± 50 ppm	
	Arm/trigger delay	0 µs to 100,000 s	
	Arm/trigger interval	10 µs (Measure), 100 µs (Source) to 100,000 s	
	Arm/trigger count	1 to 100,000 counts or infinity	
Triggering ¹	Trigger in to trigger out	≤ 5 µs	
	Trigger in to source change	≤ 200 μs	
	Trigger in to measure	≤ ± 20 μs	
	Internal event to external LXI trigger	Minimum 100 μs, Typical 200 μs, Maximum unknown	
	LXI event send/receive latency	Unknown	

Notes

1. Supplemental characteristics

Battery operation (B2983A, B2987A)

Technology	Li-ion battery with integrated smart battery monitor and charger
Capacity	14.40 V / 6,600 mAh / 95.0 Wh
Battery exchange	Customer exchangeable
Supplemental characteristics	
Typical operating time ¹	7 hours (B2983A), 5 hours (B2987A), 5 % to shutdown, auto data save
Recharging time	7 hours to 100 % capacity (AC in, Power On), 3.5 hours to 100 % capacity (AC in, power Off)
Battery life	> 300 cycles with minimum 75 % of initial capacity @25 °C

Notes

1. Standalone, LCD on, input on, output off, auto triggered 2 μA fixed range

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Measurement control/navigation	
Ranging	Automatic or manual
Aperture time (integration time)	10 μs to 100 PLC
Offset cancelling	Null, Zero correct
Digital filter	Median filter (2R + 1, R = 1 to 15), moving average (1 to 100, step 1)
Math	Preset and user definable expressions
Statistics	Histogram View mode: mean, sigma, # of bins and # of samples
Line frequency detection	Auto detect: 50 Hz or 60 Hz
Measurement indicators	"" is displayed at no data captured, "OVERFLOW" is displayed over 105% of the range, "0 Ω " is displayed at
	current measurement overflow in Resistance measurement.
Front panel operation	
Front panel interface	4.3" TFT color display (16,000,000 colors, 480 x 272 pixels) with keypads and rotary knob
View mode	Meter view, Graph view, Histogram view and Roll view
Hardkeys	Single Trigger and Run/Stop control, measurement navigation keys (Null, Filter, Math, Save and Recall),
	Rotary Knob and Cursors, Ammeter Input and V Source Output control, Cancel/Local
Softkeys	Function, System and Input Assist Keys
Indicators	Channel (measurement) status, System status
LEDs	Power (color changes when charging), Input and Output (color changes when high voltage sourcing), Battery
	status (B2983A, B2987A)
Application softkey	Setup Integrity Checker (optional), Data logger, Demo Slide Show, About B2987A





Meter view



Graph view



Histogram view

Roll view

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r	Three lug triaxial for ammeter on rear panel (B2981A, B2983A)	
	Three lug triaxial for ammeter, and three lug triaxial for voltmeter on rear panel (B2985A, B2987A)	
	Switchable voltmeter guard available (B2985A, B2987A)	
	Ammeter: 30 mA, Voltmeter: 40 V	
ctor	Two banana jacks on rear panel	
ode voltage	Meter common: 500 V peak: V Source 1,000 V peak	
non to chassis)	> 10 GΩ, < 500 pF	
	2 V for full range input, non-inverting in voltage and current measurement modes, 1 k Ω output impedance	
	2.5 mm pluggable terminal block, 4 pin (mating with Phoenix Contact 1881341)	
Trigger input	BNC	
Logic	Programmable edge triggered	
Min pulse width	10 µs	
Trigger output	BNC	
Logic	Programmable edge triggered	
Min pulse width	10 µs	
	r ctor ode voltage non to chassis) Trigger input Logic Min pulse width Trigger output Logic Min pulse width	

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Input/output specif	fications	
Digital I/O	Connector type	DSUB female 9 pins
	Input/output pins	DIO 7 pins, +5V, GND
	Absolute max input voltage	5.25 V
	Absolute min input voltage	-0.25 V
	Max logic L input voltage	0.8 V, Pull-up to 5 V by 5 k Ω
	Min logic H input voltage	2.0 V, Pull-up to 5 V by 5 k Ω
	Max source current	1 mA @ Vo = 0 V
	Max sink current	50 mA @ Vo = 5 V
	5 V power supply pin	Limited to 500 mA, resettable fuse protected
Conputer interface	S	
LXI (Rev. 1.4)		10/100Base-T Ethernet (Sockets, VXI-11 protocol, HiSLIP, and Web user interface)
USB		USB 2.0 (USB-TMC488 and MTP)
		USB host controller on the front, USB device interface on the rear
		Easy File Access
GP-IB		IEEE-488.2
Program, software	and drivers	
Programming		SCPI
Program memory		100 kB (1000 lines with 100 characters/line)
LXI compliance		LXI Core 2011
Software available		Quick I/V Measurement Software, Graphical Web Interface
Drivers available		IVI-C, IVI-COM drivers, LabVIEW drivers
Environmental spec	cifications	
Environment		For use in indoor facilities without air conditioning
Operating		0 °C to 45 °C (0 °C to 35 °C when charging battery), 30 % to 80 % non-condensing
Storage		-20 °C to 60 °C, 10 % to 90 % non-condensing
Altitude		Operating: 0 m to 2000 m, Storage: 0 m to 4600 m
Power supply		90 V to 264 V, 47 Hz to 63 Hz, 80 VA maximum
EMC		IEC61326-1/EN61326-1, AS/NZS CISPR 11, KC: RRA Notification amending Radio Waves Act Article 58-2
Safety		IEC61010-1/EN61010-1, CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1-12, C/US
Certifications		CE, cCSAus, RCM, KC
Warm-up		1 hour
Dimensions	Case	88 mm (2U) x 213 mm (half width) x 348 mm
	Working	104 mm x 261 mm x 374 mm (with bumper)
Weight	Net	4.3 kg (B2981A), 4.9 kg (B2983A), 4.5 kg (B2985A), 5.1 kg (B2987A)
	Shipping	8.5 ka (B2981A), 9.0 ka (B2983A), 8.7 ka (B2985A), 9.2 ka (B2987A)







Furnished accessories	
	Power cable, USB cable, Triax cable (1.5m), Ground connection cable, Banana to screw-lug, Earthing wire(2m), Open cap for Triax. Connector, Quick Reference (English), CD-ROMs (including PDF manuals, Quick I/V Measurement Software and drivers, Keysight I/O Library Suite
	In addition to the above, B2985A/B2987A includes the followings: High voltage test leads, alligator clips, thermocouple, Interlock connector head, humidity probe connector head.

Ordering Information

Model number	Description
B2981A	Femto/Picoammeter. 0.01 fA
B2983A	Femto/Picoammeter. 0.01 fA, battery
B2985A	Electrometer/High Resistance Meter, 0.01 fA, 1000 V
B2987A	Electrometer/High Resistance Meter, 0.01 fA, 1000 V, battery
Options	
A6J	ANSI Z540-1-1994 Calibration
UK6	Commercial calibration certificate with test data
B2980A-1CM	Rack Mount Kit
Manuals	
N1403A-ABA	User Guide English for B2980 Series
N1403A-ABJ	User Guide Japanese for B2980 Series
Accessories	
N1411A/B	Interlock cable, 4 pin terminal plug to 6 pin circular plug, (1.5 m/3 m)
N1413A	High resistance meter fixture adapter
N1414A	High resistance measurement universal adapter
N1415A	Triax to alligator cable, 200 V, 1.5 m
N1416A/B	Triax bulkhead connector (200 V/500 V)
N1417A	Open cap for triaxial connector
N1418A	Lithium-ion battery pack for B2983/B2987
N1419A	Benchtop battery charger for N1418A
N1423A	Thermocouple for B2985/B2987
16494A-001/002/005	Low leakage triax cable (1.5 m/3 m/4 m)
N1412/A/B/C	Low leakage triax cable (500 V, 1.5 m/3 m/6 m)
N1254A-102	Triax (female) to BNC (male) adaptor: For current measurement, floating DUT/sample
N1254A-104	Triax (female) to BNC (male) adaptor: For current measurement, grounded DUT/sample
N1254A-105	Triax (female) to BNC (male) adaptor: For voltage measurement
16008B	Resistivity cell
Productivity tools	
N1410A	Starter kit for B2985/B2987
N1420A	Setup integrity checker for B2980 series, fixed perpetual license
N1422A	High value resistor box for N1299A-301 evaluation kit
N1299A-301	Evaluation kit for B2981/83/85/87A

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