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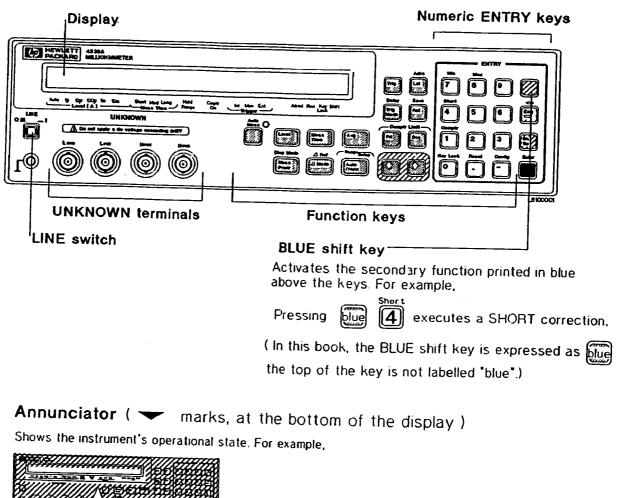
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HP 4338A Milliohmmeter at a Glance

Auto to to to to the test level is 10 µA Indicates the medium measurement time mode is selected.

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	Function Keys		L8100002
	ON/OFF indicator Sets the Auto measurement function to ON. (<i>page 2-2</i>)	Triggers a measurement in the Manual trigger mode. (<i>page 2-11</i>)	Win Retrieves the minimum value. (<i>See Operation</i> <i>Manual</i>)
	Selects the test signal level. (page 2-4)	Selects the trigger mode. (page 2-6)	Max Retrieves the maximum Value. (See Operation Manual)
	Disp Node Meas parameter (page 2-5) Disp Node Disp Node Selects the display mode (page 2-9)	Adrs Returns the HP 4338A to the local mode. (See Operation Manual) Adrs Sets the HP-IB address. (page 2-10 or See Operation Manual)	Short Executes a SHORT correction. (page 2-3)
0	Selects the measurement Time mode. (page 2-5)	Save Recalls the instrument settings from internal memory. (See Operation Manual) Save Saves the instrument settings to internal memory. (See Operation Manual)	Comptr Toggles the comparator function between ON and OFF. (page 2-8)
	$\begin{array}{c} \Delta \operatorname{Ref} \\ \hline \square \operatorname{Mode} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} Selects the deviation \\ measurement mode. \\ (page 2-7) \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \hline \square \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \Delta \operatorname{Ref} \\ \hline \square \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} Sets the reference \\ value for deviation \\ measurement. \\ (page 2-7) \end{array} \\ \end{array}$	Pri), Sed Sets the comparator limit value of the primary and secondary parameters. (<i>page 2-8</i>)	KeyLock Locks out any key input except this key. (See Operation Manual)
	Avg Sets the averaging rate. (page 2-5)	Increases or decreases the setting value. (<i>See Operation Manual</i>)	Reset Resets the HP 4338A to the default settings (page 2-2)
0	Auto Auto		Config Sets the beeper mode and power LINE frequency, and executes the self test. (<i>page 1-2, 2-9</i>)

Documentation Map

■ HP 4338A User's Guide (HP part number 04338-90001) ⇐ This Book

Is a handy reference to help you to get started using your HP 4338A, basic measurements and commonly used features are explained.

• HP 4338A Operation Manual (HP part number 04338-90000, furnished with the HP 4338A)

Provides information on initial inspection, how to operate the HP 4338A, in-depth reference information, general information, specifications, and maintenance information.

 HP 16338A Operation and Service Manual (HP part number 16338-90000, furnished with the HP 4338A)

Provides information on initial inspection, how to operate the HP 16338A Test Lead Set, in-depth reference information, general information, specifications, and service information.

■ HP 4338A Service Manual (HP part number 04338-90031, Option 0B3 only)

Explains how to adjust, troubleshoot, and repair the HP 4338A.

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Chapter 1, Preparation for Use

For initial turn ON of the HP 4338A

Chapter 2, Operating the HP 4338A

Basic measurement operation

Getting acquainted with the HP 4338A—for beginners Handy reference for common measurement tasks—for all users

Chapter 3, Measurement Example

Measurement Examples for typical HP 4338A applications

Measuring Contact Resistance of a Switch Measuring Internal Resistance of a Battery

In the User's Guide, information on the following subjects is not discussed:

- Initial Inspection
- Maintenance
- HP-IB remote controlUsing with Handler

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Specifications
Error Messages

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Preparation for Use

In This Chapter

Before turning the HP 4338A ON, you must first set the HP 4338A to match the available power LINE voltage.

If the HP 4338A's power LINE voltage and frequency are properly set and ready to use, you can skip this chapter.



Power Requirements

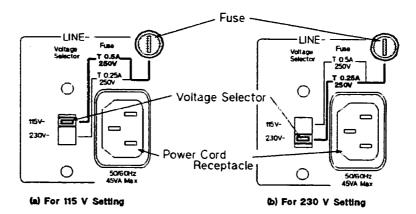
The HP 4338A's power source requirements are as follows:

LINE Voltage : 100 / 120 / 220 / 240 V ac (±10%) LINE Frequency : 47 to 66 Hz Power Consumption : 45 VA maximum

To Set Power LINE Voltage

- 1. Confirm that the power cable is disconnected.
- 2. Slide the LINE Voltage selector on the rear panel to match the power LINE voltage which will be used (see Table 1-1).

Voltage Selector	Line Voltage	Required Fuse
(a) 115 V	100 / 120 V	T 0.5 A 250 V (HP part number 2110-0202)
(b) 230 V	220 / 240 V	T 0.25 A 250 V (HP part number 2110-0201)



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To Set Power LINE Frequency

- 1. Connect the power cable to the power cord receptacle on the rear panel.
- 2. Push the LINE switch in and the HP 4338A will emit a beep when it turns ON. All digits are displayed while the self test is in progress. (If any message is displayed, see "Error Messages" back of HP 4338A Operation Manual.) The HP 4338A will be ready for operation after a message like the following is displayed.

HP 4338A REV0 100
3. Press E . The following message is displayed.
BEEP LINE SVE TEST EXIT
4. Press 🔊 until "LINE" blinks, then press 🛅 .
LINE FRED: 50HZ 60HZ
A blinking item means that it is currently selected.
5. If the setting does not match the power LINE frequency, press of to toggle the setting
between "50HZ" and "60HZ".
6. Press Enter twice to exit this menu.
NoteThe power line frequency setting is stored and is not changed after reset or power-off. Once you set it, you do not need to set the line frequency again a long as the same power line frequency is being used.

1-2 Preparation for Use



Operating the HP 4338A

In This Chapter

Basic measurement operations of the HP 4338A and references are explained.

For measurement, we use the HP 16338A Test Lead Set with the HP 4338A.

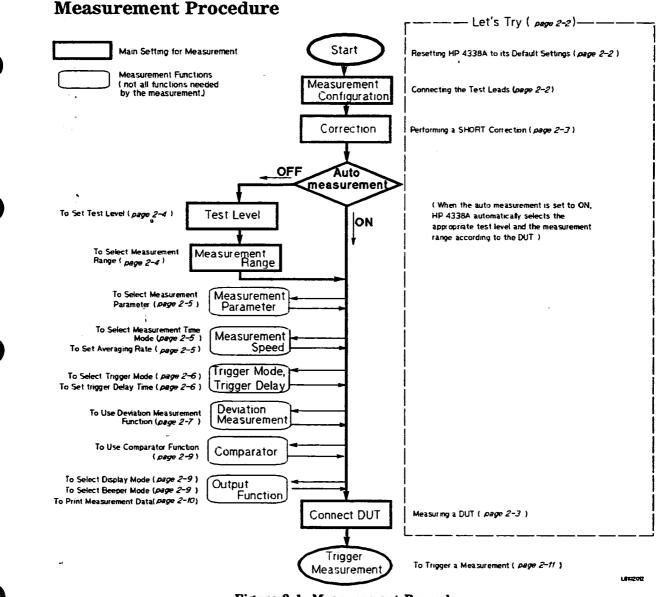


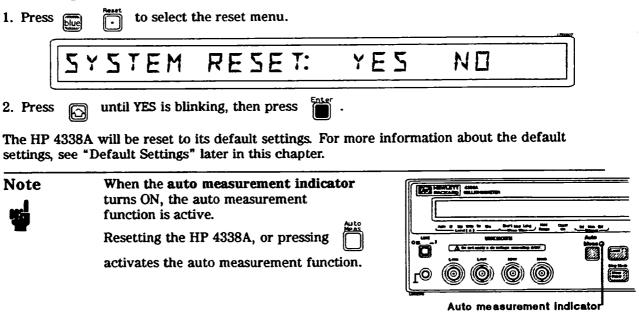
Figure 2-1. Measurement Procedure

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Let's Try-Fully Automatic Measurement

The HP 4338A's auto measurement function automatically selects the appropriate test signal level and measurement range. You can measure the DUT with very simple procedure, only connecting test leads, performing a SHORT correction, and connecting the DUT.

Resetting HP 4338A to its Default Settings



Connecting the Test Leads

Connect the test leads to the UNKNOWN terminals as follows:

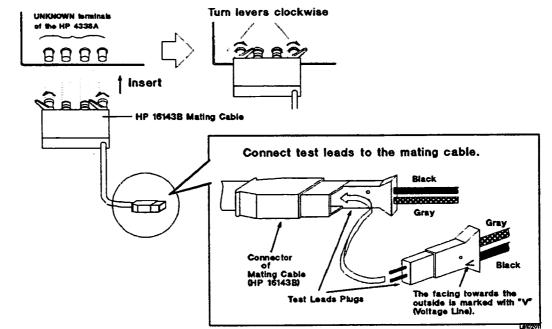


Figure 2-2. Connecting HP 16338A Test Lead Set

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2. Press

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Performing a SHORT Correction —Canceling the residual impedance in series with the DUT

. The following message is displayed.

- 1. Configure the test electrodes in a SHORT configuration by connecting the High and Low electrodes to each other. (For information on the SHORT configuration, see "SHORT Configuration" on page 2-13.)
 - SHORT CORRECTION

After a while, the HP 4338A will display the SHORT correction finished message,

EORR: EOMPLETE

and return to the measurement mode.

If "OUT OF LIMIT" is displayed

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The SHORT impedance is so high that it would be unsuitable for SHORT correction data.

Check that the test leads are properly connected to the UNKNOWN terminals.

□ Check that the test clips are properly shorted.

And then perform the SHORT correction again.

Measuring a DUT

Connect the DUT to the test clips and the measurement result will be displayed.

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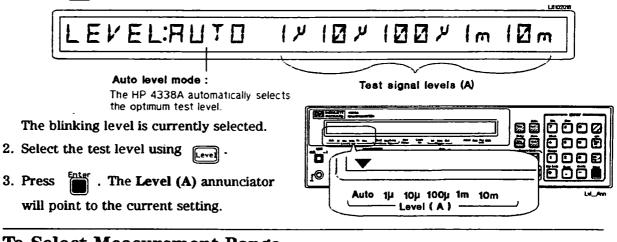
Test Voltage Limit

The peak voltage across the DUT does not exceed 20 mV. (When the test voltage exceeding 20 mV, the HP 4338A disables the test voltage output and displays "0VV0L" (Over Voltage).) It prevents the test voltage from destroying the oxidation film, formed between the contacts. So, even when an unknown DUT is measured without special preparation, the contact resistance is still accurately measured without disturbing the state of the oxidation film.

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To Set Test Level

1. Press [Level]. The level menu will be displayed.

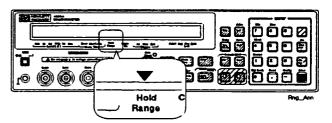


To Select Measurement Range

Auto Range mode

-Automatically selecting the optimum measurement range

Press weight. The Hold Range annunciator turns OFF.



Hold Range mode—Holding the measurement range of your choice

To select the measurement range,

1. Press file file. The measurement range setup menu is displayed.

RANGE:	(00	ОНМ
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2. Press or until the desired range is displayed. Or, input the impedance value to

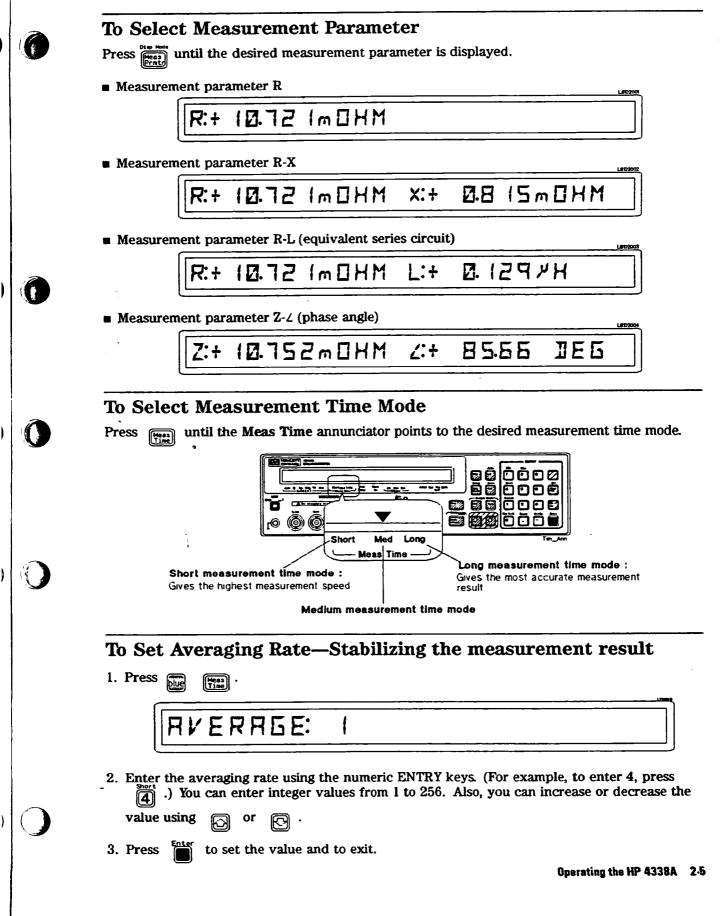
be measured using the numeric ENTRY keys, and the HP 4338A will select the optimum measurement range setting.

3. Press in . The Hold Range annunciator turns ON.

Note	Only pressing or increases or decreases the measurement range
1	setting while a measurement is in progress.

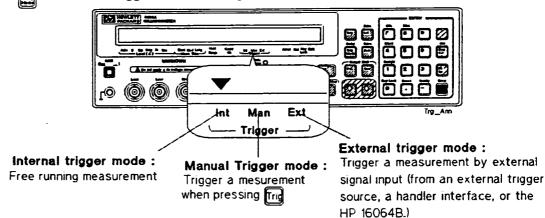
To determine which measurement range you should select, see "Measurement Range Setting" later in this chapter.

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To Select Trigger Mode

Press in until the **Trigger** annunciator points to the desired trigger mode.

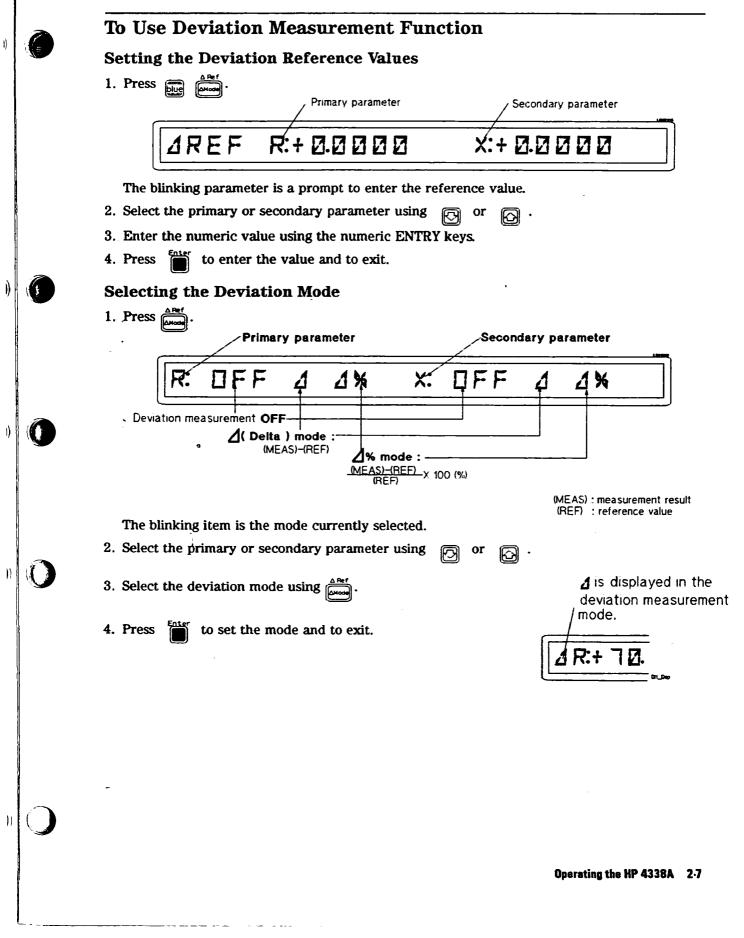


To trigger a measurement in each mode, see "To Trigger a Measurement" later in this chapter.

To Set Trigger Delay Time 1. Press Due (mil) SRE: 0.0005EC 0.000SERIG: Source delay time Trigger delay time start measurement end measurement measurement triggered Test Current Signal source delay trigger delay mea suring ítime time 2. A blinking TRIG: shows that you can enter the trigger delay time. Enter the desired trigger delay time using the numeric ENTRY keys. (For example, to (5) .) You can set the trigger delay time from 0 sec to set 0.5 sec, press 0 9.999 sec. 3. Press to set the value. 4. A blinking SRC: shows that you can enter the source delay time. Enter the desired source delay time using the numeric ENTRY keys. (For example, to set 0.5 sec, press .) You can set the source delay time from 0 sec to O 5 9.999 sec. 5. Press to set the value and to exit.

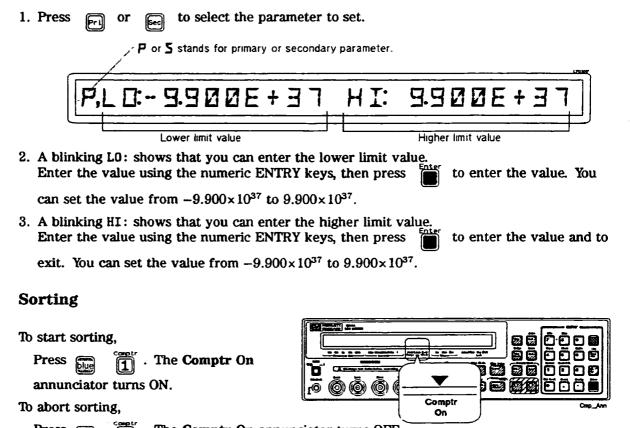
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To Use Comparator Function

Setting the Limit Values



Press ne 'T' . The Comptr On annunciator turns OFF.

The sorting results are HIGH, IN, and LOW.

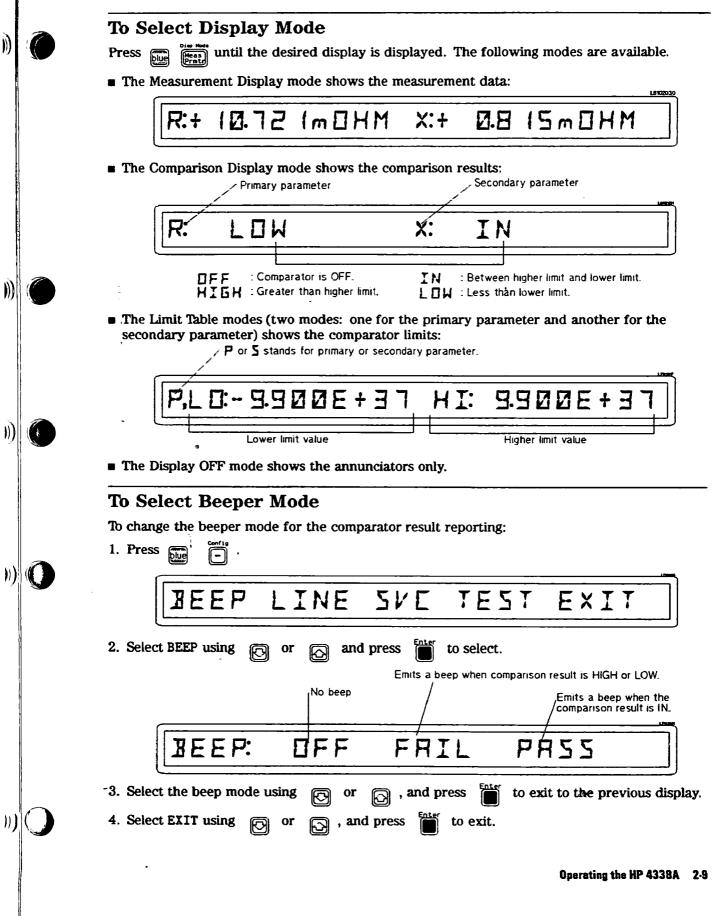
Where,

HIGH	greater than higher limit
IN	between higher limit and lower limit
LOW	less than lower limit

The HP 4338A shows the comparison results using the display, beeper, printer, and HP 16064B LED Display/Trigger Box. (To use the HP 16064B, see "Accessories Available" later in this chapter.)

- For result output to the display, see "To Select Display Mode" in the next page.
- For result output to the beeper, see "To Select Beeper Mode" later in the next page.
- For result output to the printer, see "To Print Measurement Data" later in this chapter.

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To Print Measurement Data

Setting the Printer

- 1. Use an HP-IB compatible printer, set to the listen-always mode.
- 2. Connect the printer to the HP 4338A's HP-IB port on the rear panel.
- 3. Turn the printer ON.

Printing

Set the HP 4338A to talk only mode (Set the HP 4338A's HP-IB address to 31).

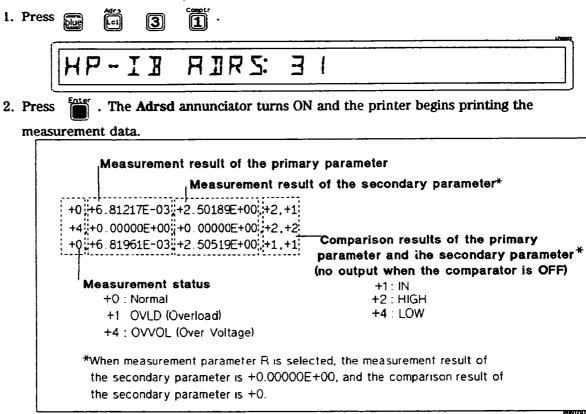


Figure 2-3. Printer Output

Disabling Printing

Change the HP-IB address to an address other than 31 (for example, 17, which is the default setting).



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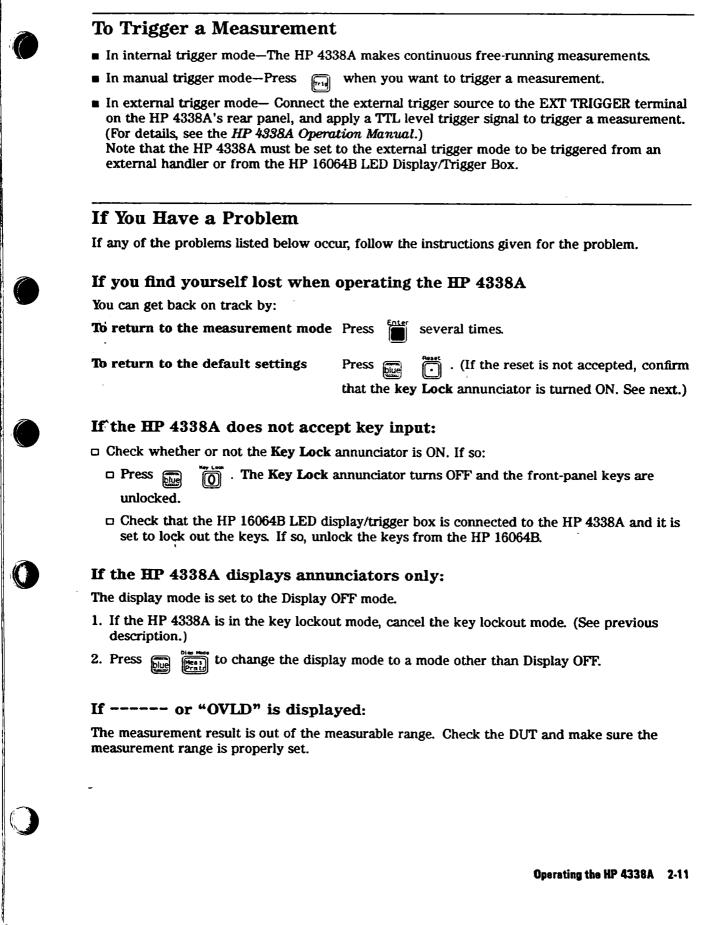
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Reference

Default Settings

- Auto measurement : ON (Auto level, auto range mode)
- Measurement parameter : R
- Deviation measurement : OFF
- Measurement time : MEDium
- Averaging rate : 1
- Trigger mode : Internal

- Trigger delay time : 0 ms
- Source delay time : 0 ms

: OFF

: FAIL mode

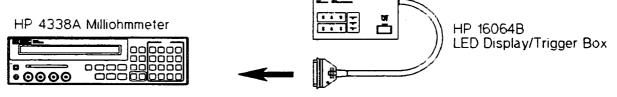
: Measurement mode

- Comparator
- Display mode
- Beep mode
- SHORT correction data is cleared

Accessories Available

HP 16064B LED Display/Trigger Box

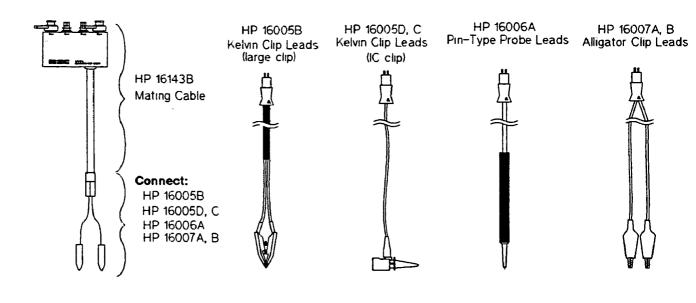
The HP 16064B LED Display/Trigger Box triggers a measurement when its trigger key is pressed, and displays the comparison results using LEDs. It allows you to manually operate the comparator function of the HP 4338A.



Connect to the Handler Interface connecter on the rear panel.

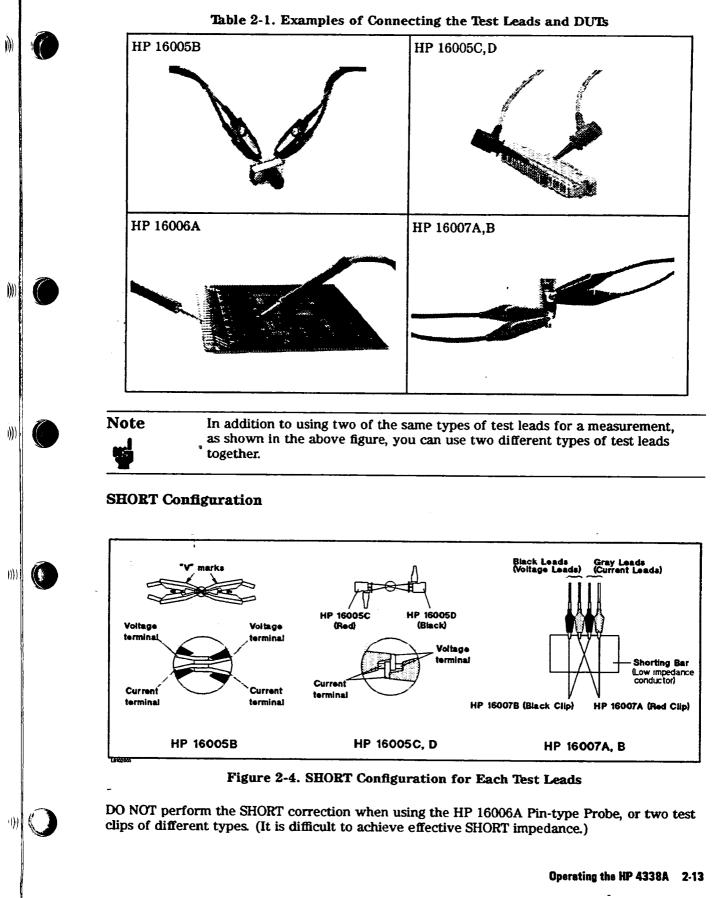
HP 16338A Test Lead Set

Four types of test leads are available for the HP 4338A for various forms of DUTs.



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Measurement Range Setting

The available measurement range settings are $1 \text{ m}\Omega$, $10 \text{ m}\Omega$, $100 \text{ m}\Omega$, 1Ω , 10Ω , 100Ω , $1 \text{ k}\Omega$, and $10 \text{ k}\Omega$, and the range settings are limited by test level setting. See Figure 2-5.

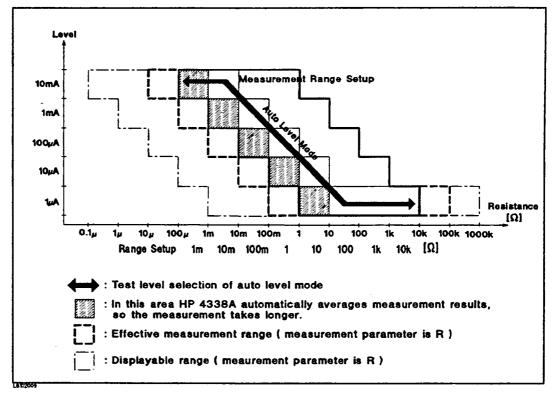


Figure 2-5. Measurement Range

Other Topics

For details on these functions, see the HP 4338A Operation Manual.

- Initial Inspection Chapter 1 of the Operation Manual
- Key Lock Function Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 of the Operation Manual
- HP-IB Chapter 4 and Chapter 5 of the Operation Manual
- Handler Interface Chapter 3, Chapter 6, and Appendix B of the Operation Manual
- Save / Recall Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 of the Operation Manual
- Backup Function Chapter 3 of the Operation Manual
- Specification Chapter 8 of the Operation Manual
- Maintenance Chapter 9 of the Operation Manual
- Error Messages "Error Messages" in back of the Operation Manual

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Measurement Examples

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The HP 4338A's features and benefits are discussed, which you can investigate by trying the typical measurement examples described in this chapter.

HP 4338A Features and Benefits

HP 4338A Milliohmmeter is a precise, reliable, and high speed test tool for measuring low resistance.

High quality testing

- Remove parasitics with error correction
- Consistent results with 0.4 % basic accuracy
- Resolve data to five digits

Fast test system throughput

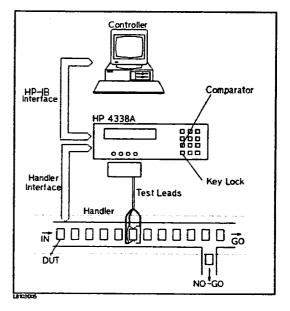
- High speed measurement: 34 ms
- Built-in comparator
- Built-in handler-interface
- HP-IB interface standard

Versatile measurement

- Five impedance parameters (R, X, L, Z, θ)
- 1 μA, 10 μA, 100 μA, 1 mA, and 10 mA test levels (1 kHz)
- Wide measurement range: $10 \ \mu\Omega$ to $100 \ k\Omega$
- Four types of test leads available
- Reduce test complexity with auto measurement function
- Voltage protection on UNKNOWN terminals : 42 Vmax
- Cable extension 2 meters maximum

Test System Configuration for a Production Line

The HP 4338A's handler interface outputs signals to indicate measurement completed, and PASS/FAIL judgments of the comparator function. The handler interface has an input for an external trigger signal and a keylock signal. Using these signals, the HP 4338A can easily be combined with a component handler and a system controller to fully automate component testing, sorting, and quality control data processing to increase production efficiency.



Measurement Examples 3-1

Testing Contact of Electromechanical Devices

Contact failure of electromechanical devices in low current circuits is a key issue in determining reliability of these components. The HP 4338A offers selectable low level ac test signals (1 μ A to 10 mA), so now low current conditions can be characterized. A high resolution of 5-digit measurement results allow you to determine the slightest differences in contact resistance of devices. The ac (1 kHz) test signal eliminates potential errors introduced by thermo-electric effects across the DUT contacts.

Auto Measurement Mode

When performing gross continuity testing where the test signal level is not a significant factor in the test, the auto measurement function allows the HP 4338A to select the appropriate test signal level and measurement range.

Test Voltage Limit

If the peak voltage across the DUT exceeds 20 mV, the HP 4338A disables the test voltage output. This function prevents the test signal voltage applied across the DUT from disturbing the state of the oxidation film formed between the contacts.

Measuring the Contact Resistance of a Switch

This example shows the procedure to measure contact resistance of switch. Using the auto measurement function reduces the test measurement complexity due to selecting the test level and measurement range according to the DUT.

DUT

Switch

Requirements

Test Fixture : HP 16143B Mating cable

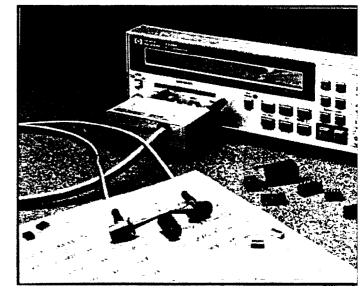
HP 16005C IC Clip Leads (red clip) HP 16005D IC Clip Leads (black clip)

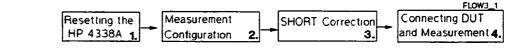
Measurement Setup

Measurement parameter : R

Use Auto Measurement Mode (Auto level, Auto measurement range)

Measurement Procedure



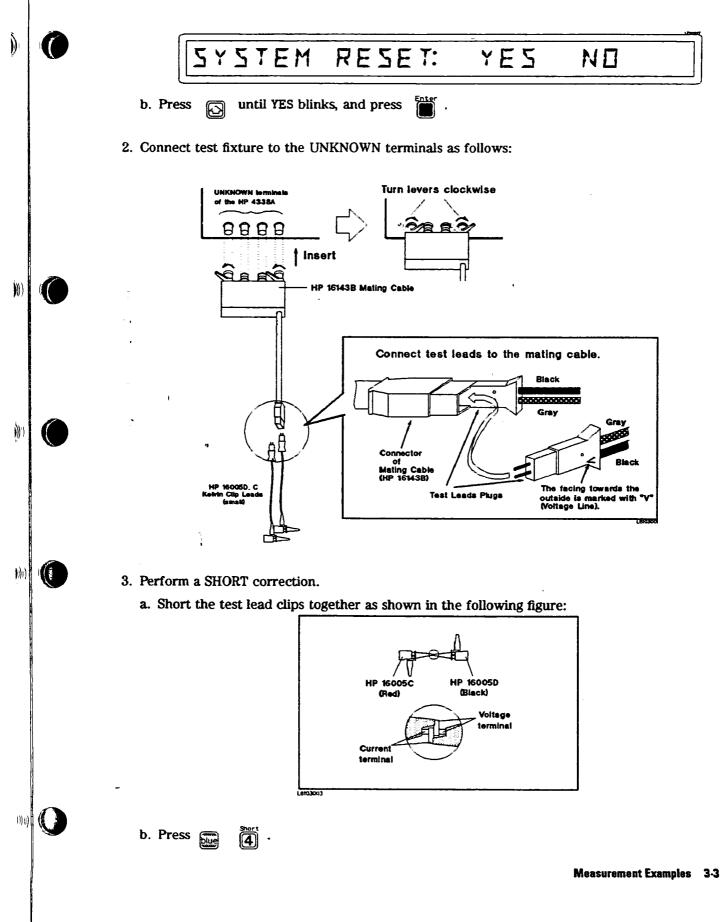


1. Reset the HP 4338A.





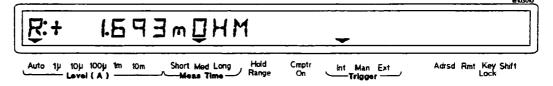
HP 4338A



SHORT CORRECTION

After a while, "CORR: COMPLETE" will be displayed, then the SHORT correction is completed. (If "OUT OF LIMIT" is displayed, see "Performing a SHORT Correction —Canceling the residual impedance in series with the DUT" in Chapter 2.)

4. Connect the DUT to the test fixture and the measurement result will be displayed. The following figure shows the typical measurement result display.



For More Information

- To print out the measurement result See "To Print Measurement Data" in Chapter 2
- To select other measurement parameters See "To Select Measurement Parameter" in Chapter 2
- To select measurement level See "To Set Test Level" in Chapter 2

3-4 Measurement Examples

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Evaluating Battery Internal Resistance

The HP 4338A's voltage protection on the UNKNOWN terminals allows you to evaluate internal resistance of a battery (42 V maximum).

The 1 kHz ac test signal is the best solution for evaluating the internal resistance of batteries because it avoids dc energy consumption.

Measuring a Battery Internal Resistance

DUT

Battery (≤ 42 V)

Requirements

Test Fixture : HP 16143B Mating cable

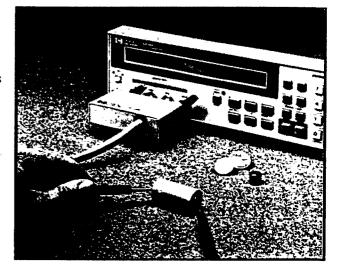
HP 16006A Pin-type Probe Leads (use two leads)

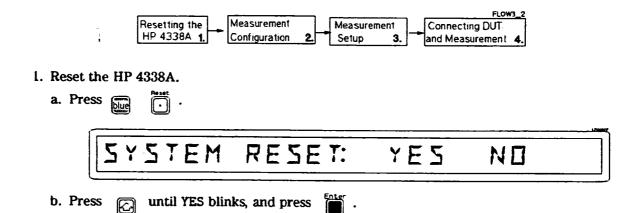
Measurement Setup

Measurement parameter	: R
Measurement Range	: Auto range mode
Test level	: 1 mA ¹

 $^{\circ}$ 1 If the internal resistance of the battery is higher than 10 Q, set the test level to 100 μA , so as not to be OVLD (overload). $^{\circ}$

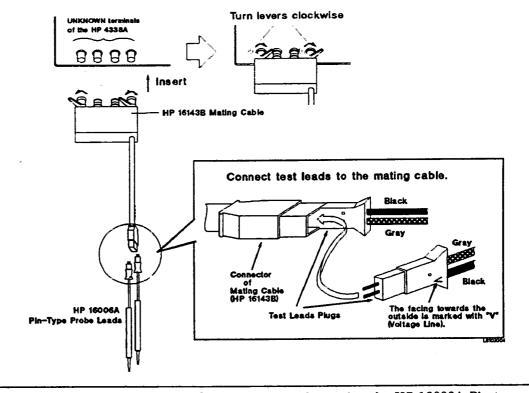
Measurement Procedure





2. Connect the test fixture to the UNKNOWN terminals.

Measurement Examples 3-5



DO NOT perform a SHORT correction when using the HP 16006A Pin-type Probe.

- 3. Set the test level to 1 mA (or 100 μ A if R_{DUT}>10 Ω).
 - a. Press .

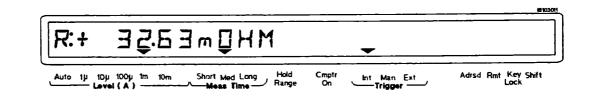
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The blinking level is the level currently selected.

- b. Press until "1m"(or "100 μ " if $R_{DUT} > 10 \Omega$) is selected and press
- 4. Connect the DUT and the measurement result is displayed. The following figure shows the typical measurement result display.



3-6 Measurement Examples

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For More Information

- To print out the measurement result See "To Print Measurement Data" in Chapter 2
 To select other measurement parameters See "To Select Measurement Parameter" in Chapter 2



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