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Interpretation and Application of Test Contactor Specification

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Overview

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 - Electrical
 - SPICE Models, Inductance and Capacitance
 - Crosstalk and Impedance
 - Eye Diagrams / Patterns
 - Insertion Loss and Return Loss
 - Spring Force and Probe Resistance
 - Current Carrying Testing
 - Contactor Inspection Report
- Conclusion

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- 1. Most contactor suppliers have equivalent circuit SPICE (Simulation Program with Integrated Circuit Emphasis) compatible models.
- 2. Inductance should be specified as loop inductance:
 - a) Loop inductance relates to the actual performance at all frequencies and all probe spacing pitches
 - b) Self inductance is close to impossible to measure, and most often determined using approximations



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- Loop inductance is measured
- Self inductance is calculated, not measured
- Shunt capacitance is measured



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- Near-End Crosstalk is the crosstalk measured from the input of one signal pin to the input of the adjacent signal pin. It is determined from S2,1 and S4,3 as shown on this slide
- Far-End Crosstalk is the crosstalk measured from the input of one signal pin to the output of the adjacent signal pin. It is determined from S4,1 and S3,2 as shown on this slide
- · Crosstalk results shown are determined through 3D Electromagnetic simulation



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Impedance

Impedance matching is the practice of designing the path to match the impedance of the signal source and destination. This maximizes power transfer and minimizes reflections



Impedance Controlled Interconnect: Coaxial Solution

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Circuit Impedance Z

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- 1. Zero Level: The measure of the mean value of the logical 0 of an eye diagram. Voltage amplitude variations
- 2. One Level: The measure of the mean value of the logical 1 of an eye diagram. *Voltage amplitude variations*
- 3. Rise Time: The measure of the transition time of the data from the 10% level to the 90% level on the upward slope of an eye diagram
- 4. Fall Time: The measure of the transition time of the data from the 90% level to the 10% level on the downward slope of an eye diagram.
- 5. Eye Height: The measure of the vertical opening of an eye diagram.





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Insertion Loss (dB)	Power Ratio	Single Ended G-S	Single Ended G-S-G	Differential G-S-S-G
-1 dB	0.794	28.6 GHz	42 GHz	19.4 GHz
-3 dB	0.501≅ 1/2	54.5 GHz	64 GHz	49 GHz

Insertion loss is the:

- Ratio of Power Out to Power In
- P_{out}/P_{in =} Power Ratio
- IL= $\log_{10} (P_{out}/P_{in})$ = xdB



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Force Plot (FReD)

Development of the FReD plot includes the random selection of a number of probes that are mounted in a fixture and then compressed to test height. The result is a systematic measure of the probes performance in the force domain. The sample size is determined to statistically represent a population



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Spring Force and Probe Resistance





- 1. Probe Resistance at First Point of Contact
- 2. Probe Resistance at Test Height
- 3. Distribution of Probe Resistance

The FReD setup allows for measurement of probe resistance during probe compression. This process emulates the resistance of the probe as it contacts a Device-Under-Test.

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Current Carrying Testing

DC Specification				
Pin Type	Atlas 080			
20° T-Rise Current	2.81 Amps			
40° T-Rise Current	3.84 Amps			
60° T-Rise Current	4.55 Amps			
20° T-Rise Current @1% Duty Cycle	21.56 Amps			

Pulsed Current Testing

Ten probes are tested under pulsed current in onehalf amp increments. The tests are run with the following duty cycles: 1%, 5%, 10%, 25%, and 50%, using a one-second period. For example, the 50% duty cycle is produced by repeatedly turning the current on for 500ms and off for 500ms.





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- The graphs show the contactor probe head full probe count population measures
 - Resistance and Force
- The full population is the way to show meaningful pattern in the data and the application of the probe
- The tight distribution show low variability (variability is the opposition to great results)

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Conclusion

- Not all specification are created equal
- Make sure you understand how the contactor is being specified.
- Don't be afraid to say "Show me the Data"



