



User Manual

BNC Coaxial Calibration Kit

DC to 10 GHz

Models: PE5CK1024



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General Information

Calibration Kit Description

These Pasternack BNC coaxial calibration kits are designed to provide accurate calibrations of network analyzers in the DC to 10 GHz range. These kits include all the necessary calibration standards and associated hardware needed for the accurate calibration of most network analyzers. This manual applies to the following model numbers: PE5CK1024 6-piece SOL (Short, Open, Load) calibration kit.

Refer to the [Calibration Kit Contents](#) section for information on included components and available kit options.

NOTE: This document, along with the kit data file and datasheet, can be downloaded from pasternack.com.

Maintenance

This calibration kit is relatively maintenance-free, if the components are handled with the same care that is appropriate to all precision equipment. As with any precision component, proper care should be taken to ensure clean mating surfaces, correct alignment when mating, and proper torqueing of connectors. To help maintain the integrity of the components in the kit, routine visual inspection and cleaning of mating surfaces is recommended. Failure to do so may result in degraded repeatability and accuracy, as well as damage to any mated devices.

Calibration

To maintain and certify the calibration kit's ongoing performance to specification, we recommend that all kits be periodically returned to Pasternack for calibration. The typical calibration cycle is one year, although actual needs may vary depending on usage.

Supporting Test Port Adapters

When configuring a test setup, ensure that damaging stresses are not applied to the connectors on the test set. This is particularly critical when the attached components are heavy or long. Always properly support the test port adapters being used.

Electrostatic Discharge Precautions

Protection against electrostatic discharge (ESD) is essential while inspecting, cleaning, or making connections to connectors attached to a static-sensitive circuit, such as those found inside test sets.

When handling the connectors on the test set, be aware that you are coming into contact with exposed center conductors that are connected directly to the static-sensitive internal circuits of the network analyzer. Ensure that you and your equipment are well-grounded before inspecting, cleaning, or making connections to test set ports. Standard ESD precautions, such as the use of grounded wrist straps and grounded antistatic mats, are recommended.

Connector Description

Precision BNC connectors are instrument-grade connectors that operate mode-free up to 10 GHz. They feature extremely low VSWR and insertion loss and are designed to non-destructively mate with standard BNC connectors.

Connector Care

Precision connectors must be handled carefully if accurate calibrations and measurements are to be obtained. All connectors should be inspected prior to each use. For optimal measurement results, all interfaces should be visually inspected under magnification and cleaned on a regular basis. Proper connector contact pin depths should also be verified through regular inspections using a connector gage kit to ensure that connectors on both calibration devices and devices under test (DUTs) have contact pin depths within recommended tolerances.

Care should be used whenever aligning connectors. Tighten connector coupling nuts using an appropriate torque wrench while holding the opposing connector with an open-end wrench.

When disconnecting devices, take care not to rock or bend any of the connections. Disconnect devices by disengaging the coupling nuts and gently pulling the connectors apart in a straight line.

Always use protective covers on all connectors when devices are not in use.

Should a connector become damaged, it should be repaired before it is used again or replaced immediately. A damaged connector can damage other mated connectors.

Connector Tightening

Damage to a calibration standard or attaching connector can occur if the device is turned instead of the connector's coupling nut. ALWAYS turn the coupling nut when making connections. Never turn or spin the connectors.

Always use a torque wrench to final-tighten all connections. This will ensure calibration accuracy and measurement repeatability.

When making connections, an open-end wrench is recommended to hold the body of one device stationary while torquing the nut on the other device or cable. This open-end wrench is supplied with the calibration kit for this purpose.

Using the torque wrench:

Hand-tighten the connection being torqued by holding the calibration device steady and turning only the coupling nut.

- Hold the torque wrench with your thumb and index finger, behind the groove in the handle (See *Figure 1.*).
- Tighten the connection until the ball in the handle crests on the cam (as the handle begins to break over). Do not "fully break" the handle of the torque wrench to reach the specified torque.
- Reverse the previous procedure to disconnect.

Calibration Kit Contents

Standard Components SOL – PE5CK1024

1 ea	Short, female	PE5SC3019
1 ea	Short, male	PE5SC3020
1 ea	Open, female	PE5SC3034
1 ea	Open, male	PE5SC3035
1 ea	Load, female	PE5TR1015
1 ea	Load, male	PE5TR1016

Standard Definitions

Vector Network Analyzer hardware and test cables have a set of well understood systematic errors that affect the unprocessed measurements made by the instrument. The calibration standards in this kit have precisely-known electrical behavior, and during calibration the VNA software uses the raw measurement data and the known behavior of the standards to calculate the phase and magnitude of up to 12 complex error terms at each frequency point of the calibration. Once calibrated, the instrument applies Vector Error Correction to each data point measured.

Pasternack PE5CK1024 BNC Calibration Kits Standards' Definitions				
Short (Male) PE5SC3020				
	Rohde & Schwarz Units		Keysight & Anritsu Units	
Minimum Frequency	0	Hz		
Maximum Frequency	10	GHz		
Length	25.27	mm		
Delay			84.291	ps
Loss	0.021964	dB/\sqrt{GHz}	1.5	GΩ/s
Short (Female) PE5SC3019				
Minimum Frequency	0	Hz		
Maximum Frequency	10	GHz		
Length	18.05	mm		
Delay			60.208	ps
Loss	0.015689	dB/\sqrt{GHz}	1.5	GΩ/s
Open (Male) PE5SC3035				
Minimum Frequency	0	Hz		
Maximum Frequency	10	GHz		
Length	24.031	mm		
Delay			80.159	ps
Loss	0.020888	dB/\sqrt{GHz}	1.5	GΩ/s
C0	62	fF	62E-15	F
C1	0.45	fF/GHz	450E-27	F/Hz
C2	0.235	fF/GHz^2	235E-36	F/Hz ²
C3	-0.01	fF/GHz^3	-10E-45	F/Hz ³
Open (Female) PE5SC3034				
Minimum Frequency	0	Hz		
Maximum Frequency	10	GHz		
Length	16.86	mm		
Delay			56.239	ps
Loss	0.0146546	dB/\sqrt{GHz}	1.5	GΩ/s
C0	57	fF	57E-15	F
C1	1.35	fF/GHz	1350E-27	F/Hz
C2	0.275	fF/GHz^2	275E-36	F/Hz ²
C3	-0.035	fF/GHz^3	-35E-45	F/Hz ³

Through (Male/Female) Insertable Device, No Adapter		
Minimum Frequency	0	Hz
Maximum Frequency	10	GHz
Length	0	mm
Delay	0	ps
Loss	0	dB/\sqrt{GHz}
Match (Male) PE5TR1016		
Minimum Frequency	0	Hz
Maximum Frequency	10	GHz
Match (Female) PE5TR1015		
Minimum Frequency	0	Hz
Maximum Frequency	10	GHz

Resources

Datasheets:

BNC Calibration Kits:

<https://www.pasternack.com/images/ProductPDF/PE5CK1024.pdf>

Website:

Pasternack Calibration Kits:

https://www.pasternack.com/nsearch.aspx?Category=Calibration+Kits+Portable^Calibration+Kits^Calibration+Kits+Components&keywords=calibration+ports+vna&sort=y&searchtype=1&view_type=grid

Pasternack Test and Measurement Products:

https://www.pasternack.com/nsearch.aspx?Category=Calibration+Kits+Portable^Calibration+Kits^Calibration+Kits+Components^Adapters^Data+Cable+assemblies^Cable+assemblies^Connectors^VNA+Test+Cables&keywords=Banana+Alligator+Spade+Breakout+calibration+ports+vna+armored+test&searchtype=1&no_metaphones=0:1&sort=y&view_type=grid

Pasternack Test and Measurement Product Selection Guide:

https://www.pasternack.com/pages/PSG/Test-and-Measurement-Product-Selection-Guide_output/web/Test-and-Measurement-Product-Selection-Guide.html

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