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RF SURFACE CURRENT MONITORING PROBE

1 Introduction

The TBSCP1-10M500 is a RF surface current monitoring probe, expanding the Tekbox product range of affordable EMC pre-compliance test equipment.

The probe has a very flat response from 10MHz to 500 MHz and is characterized over the frequency range from 9 kHz to 600 MHz. The TBSCP1-10M500 is for RF current monitoring applications that need to measure RF currents flowing on surfaces such as PCB groundplanes or traces, metal planes or wires.



Picture 1: TBSP1-10M500 RF current monitoring probe

The footprint of the RF current monitoring probe measures 40 mm x 15 mm. The transfer impedance is -5 dB Ohm with a typical 3dB bandwidth from 10 MHz to 500 MHz.

2 Specification

Characterized frequency range: 30 kHz to 600 MHz Transfer impedance: -5 dB Ohm with a 3 dB bandwidth from 10 MHz to 500 MHz Suppression of orthogonal field: typ. > 15 dB avg. up to 100 MHz Footprint: 40 mm x 15 mm Height: 30 mm Weight: 25 g Connector type: SMA female Max. primary current (DC - 400 Hz): 150 A Max. primary current (RF): 12 A Max. core temperature: 125 °C



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3 Transfer impedance

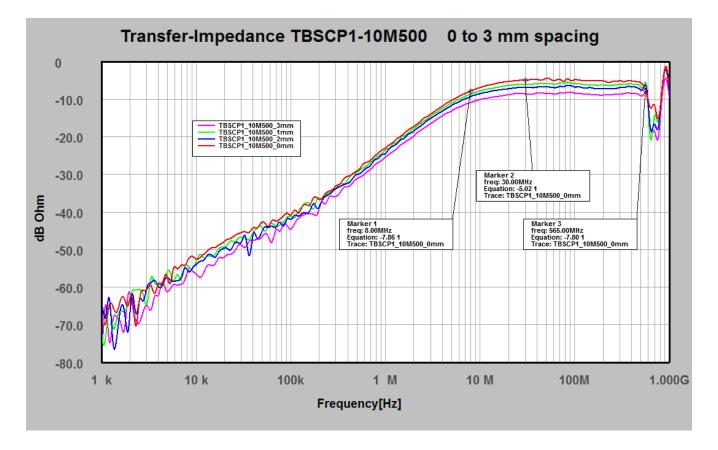


Figure 1: typical transfer impedance, curves for direct surface contact and 1 mm, 3 mm, 10mm spacing between probe and measured surface

4 Calibration

Place the probe on top of a 50 Ohm microstripline, terminated with 50 Ohm. Connect the microstripline to port 1 of a VNA and connect port 2 to the SMA connector of the probe. Measure S21 and add 34 dB to get the trans-impedance in dB Ohm.





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5 Typical transfer impedance table

The table below shows typical transfer impedance data of a TBSCP1-10M500 current probe. Each current probe is delivered with its corresponding measurement protocol. This data can be used for the creation of a correction file for EMCview or similar EMC measurement software. The transfer impedance in dB Ω subtracted from the analyzer reading in dB μ V gives the corrected reading in dB μ A.

Refer to the application notes of EMCview on how to create a current probe correction file.

Frequency [MHz]	transfer impedance [dB Ω]	Frequency [MHz]	transfer impedance [dB Ω]
0.03	-46.38	125	-5.11
0.05	-42.82	150	-5.16
0.075	-42.17	175	-5.19
0.1	-40.91	200	-5.22
0.25	-34.63	225	-5.63
0.5	-29.20	250	-5.33
0.75	-25.56	275	-5.31
1	-23.09	300	-5.17
2	-17.30	325	-5.38
3	-14.07	350	-5.30
4	-11.93	375	-5.15
5	-10.39	400	-5.24
6	-9.33	425	-5.34
7	-8.53	450	-5.40
8	-7.86	475	-5.50
9	-7.37	500	-5.77
10	-6.99	525	-6.25
25	-5.12	550	-7.05
50	-4.56	575	-8.46
75	5.34	600	-10.56
100	-4.89		

Transfer impedance: 30 kHz to 600 MHz, typical data





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6 Ordering Information

Part Number	Description
TBSCP1-10M500	RF surface current monitoring probe, beech-wood box, calibration protocol 30 kHz – 600 MHz

7 History

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V 1.0	13.7.2022	Mayerhofer	Creation of the preliminary document