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Data Sheet

Bench LCR Meter
Model 891



The 891 is a compact, precise, and versatile LCR meter capable of measuring inductors, capacitors, and resistors at DC or from 20 Hz to 300 kHz. The instrument’s 2U half-rack form factor is suitable for the bench or rack mount installation. A large color display with all important parameters and measurements visible on one screen makes this meter easy to operate.

The instrument’s convenient bin sorting function enables quick sorting of components in different bins defined by the user. A linear and logarithmic sweep function is also provided to characterize components over any range of frequencies from 20 Hz to 300 kHz.

Standard USB, GPIB, and LAN interfaces enhance your productivity by providing remote control capabilities to perform daily operations in production, quality control, and laboratory environments.

Features & Benefits

- Compact 2U half-rack form factor with 4.3” color display
- 0.05% best impedance accuracy
- Measurement parameters include: C/L/R/G/B/Y/D/Q/θ/DCR
- Fully adjustable test frequency from 20 Hz to 300 kHz with 4-digit resolution
- 0.5 Vrms and 1 Vrms selectable test levels
- 300-point frequency sweep function
- Bin sorting function - 9 primary bins with a secondary and out-of-spec bin
- Adjustable measurement speed for fast readout or better accuracy
- Standard USB, GPIB, and LAN interface for remote control
- Save/recall up to 100 setups including 1000 measurements and screenshots

Model	891
Best accuracy	0.05%
Test frequency	20 Hz - 300 kHz
Test levels	0.5 Vrms and 1 Vrms selectable
Measurement parameters	C/L/R/G/B/Y/D/Q/θ/DCR

Front panel

USB host port

Connect your USB flash drive to conveniently store and recall configurations, measurements, and sweep test results.

The front panel of the BK Precision 891 LCR Meter features a 4.3" color display showing capacitance (Cs) and inductance (D) measurements. To the right of the display is a keypad with softkeys, a local key, and a numeric keypad. Below the keypad are four measurement terminals: LCUR, LPOT, HPOT, and HCUR. The bottom of the panel includes a power switch and menu keys.

Labels on the front panel include: USB host port, 4.3" color display, Softkeys, Local key, Numeric keypad, Arrow keys, Save/Recall keys, Measurement terminal, Power switch, and Menu keys.

Flexible test accessories

Each unit comes standard with Kelvin clip test leads for 4-wire measurements. The optional test fixture allows users to conveniently measure axial and radial lead type components.

The image shows two accessories: a set of included Kelvin clips (TL 889A) and an optional test fixture (TL89F1). The test fixture is a small white device with four terminals labeled Lcur, Lpot, Hpota, and Hcura, and a warning to discharge the capacitor before measurement.

Included Kelvin clips (TL 889A) Optional Test Fixture (TL89F1)

Intuitive user interface

Easily change test parameters using the menu-driven front panel keypad and easy-to-read color LCD. Convenient function keys let users quickly save/recall up to 100 measurement setups.

Rear panel

SCPI-compliant programming

The LCR meter can be programmed remotely via the USB (virtual COM), GPIB, and LAN interface using SCPI commands.

The rear panel of the BK Precision 891 LCR Meter includes a LAN interface, GPIB interface, and USB interface. It also features an AC input section with a voltage selector switch, a fuse capsule, and a power input jack. A chassis ground point is also indicated.

Labels on the rear panel include: LAN interface, GPIB interface, Chassis ground, LAN, GPIB, USB interface, AC INPUT VOLTAGE, FUSE, AC line selection switch, and AC input.

Flexible operation

Bin comparator sorting function

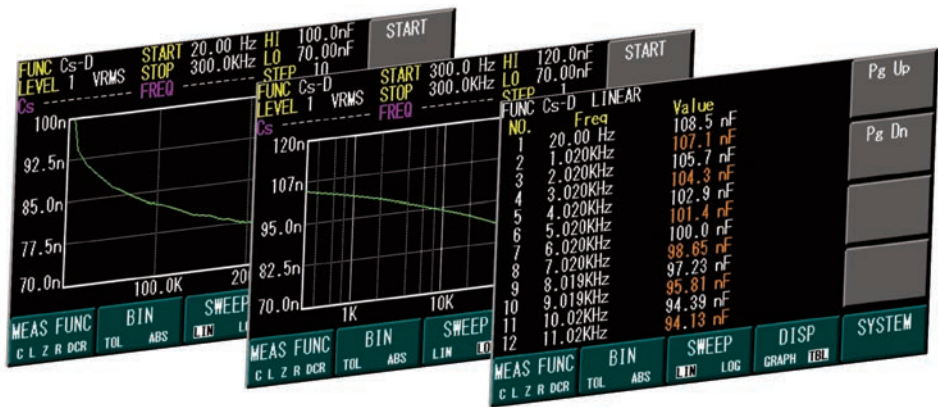
Quickly sort components with the instrument's 9 primary BINs, 1 secondary BIN, and 1 out-of-spec BIN. The results can be displayed on a table or histogram and saved to a USB flash drive. High and low limits for each bin can be set up in absolute or tolerance mode with Pass/Fail beep.



Histogram display, Table display, and Bin display

Linear and logarithmic sweep function

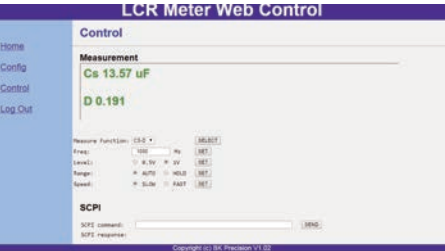
Characterize components up to 300 kHz using a 300-point linear or logarithmic sweep. Measured values for each frequency point can be read directly on the display. Sweep results can be displayed on a graph or table and then saved to a USB flash drive or read out through the remote interface.



Linear sweep function, Logarithmic sweep function, and Linear & Logarithmic sweep function table

Built-in web server and LAN interface

Configure and control basic instrument settings and take measurements from a remote computer using a web browser. The 891 can also be controlled with SCPI commands using a socket or Telnet connection via the LAN interface.



Built-in web server interface

Display options

Users have the option to display up to 4 digits resolution on primary and secondary measurements in decimal or scientific notation. Large display mode is also available for easy viewing from a distance.



Large display mode

Remote PC control

Integrate your LCR meter into an automated test system and control it from a PC using SCPI commands via the standard USB, GPIB, or LAN interface.



Communication setup

Specifications

Measurements	Series mode		Parallel mode	
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary
Capacitance	Cs	Q, D, Rs	Cp	Q, D, Rp, G
Inductance	Ls	Q, D, Rs	Lp	Q, D, Rp, G
Resistance	R	X	-	-
Conductance	-	-	G	B
Impedance	Z	θ	-	-
Admittance	-	-	Y	θ
DC Resistance	DCR	-	-	-

Enhanced Measurement Functions	
Bin Sorting Comparator	
Limit Setting Mode	Tolerance (TOL) value or absolute (ABS) value
Number of Bins	9 primary bins, 1 secondary bin, and 1 out-of-spec bin
Bin Counts	0 to 60000
Beep Warning	Off, pass with smart tone and fail
Measurement Trigger	Manual trigger
Display Format	Measurement, table, and histogram
Sweep	
Frequency Range	20 Hz to 300 kHz
Sweep Modes	Linear and logarithmic
Sweep Points	Up to 300 points
Sweep Step	1, 2, 5, and 10 points/step
Parameters	Primary and secondary
Display Format	Graph and table

Measurement Parameters	
Measurement Speed	
Slow	800 ms/measurement
Fast	200 ms/measurement
Measurement Range	
Range	Auto or Hold range

Specifications (cont.)

Test Signal	
AC	
Levels	0.5 Vrms and 1 Vrms selectable
Level Accuracy	5%
Output Impedance	100 Ω (nominal)
Frequency	20 Hz to 300 kHz
Resolution	0.01 Hz (20.00 Hz to 99.99 Hz) 0.1 Hz (100.0 Hz to 999.9 Hz) 1 Hz (1.000 kHz to 9.999 kHz) 100 Hz (100.0 kHz to 300.0 kHz)
Frequency Accuracy	$\pm 0.1\%$
DC	
Level Range	1 VDC
Level Accuracy	5%
Output Impedance	100 Ω (nominal)

Impedance Measurement (Z) Accuracy ⁽¹⁾					
Impedance	Frequency				
	DC, 20 Hz – 1 kHz	1 kHz – 10 kHz	10 kHz– 100 kHz	100 kHz – 200 kHz	200 kHz – 300 kHz
0.1 Ω – 1 Ω	1% \pm 1	1% \pm 1	2% \pm 1	5% \pm 1	10% \pm 1
1 Ω – 100 Ω	0.5% \pm 1	0.5% \pm 1	1% \pm 1	2% \pm 1	4% \pm 1
100 Ω – 1 k Ω	0.2% \pm 1	0.2% \pm 1	0.5% \pm 1	0.5% \pm 1	1% \pm 1
1 k Ω – 10 k Ω	0.05% \pm 1	0.2% \pm 1	0.5% \pm 1	1% \pm 1	2% \pm 1
10 k Ω – 100 k Ω	0.2% \pm 1	0.2% \pm 1	1% \pm 1	1% \pm 1	2% \pm 1
100 k Ω – 1 M Ω	0.5% \pm 1	0.5% \pm 1	2% \pm 1	3% \pm 1	4% \pm 1
1 M Ω – 10 M Ω	2% \pm 1	2% \pm 1	5% \pm 1	5% \pm 1	10% \pm 1
10 M Ω – 20 M Ω	4% \pm 1	5% \pm 1	NA	NA	NA

Save/Recall	
Instrument Settings	
Internal	10 locations
External	90 locations
Measurement Results and Screenshots	
External	1000 locations

General	
Remote Interface	USB (Virtual COM), GPIB, LAN
Display	4.3" 480 \times 272 color LCD display
AC Input	104 V - 126 V, 50/60 Hz 207 V - 253 V, 50/60 Hz
Power Consumption	20 VA max.
Operating Temperature	32 °F to 104 °F (0 °C to 40 °C)
Storage Temperature	14 °F to 158 °F (-10 °C to 70 °C)
Relative Humidity	up to 80%
Dimension (L \times W \times H)	10.1" x 4.4" x 15" (258 \times 113 \times 381 mm)
Weight	7.5 lbs (3.4 kg)
Three-Year Warranty	
Standard Accessories	User manual, power cord, Kelvin clips (TL 889A), certificate of calibration & test report
Optional Accessories	TL89F1 test fixture (axial and radial)

⁽¹⁾ Accuracy is based on test signal level at 1 Vrms with slow measurement speed.
At 0.5 Vrms test signal level, multiply Ae by 1.1.

Measurement Accuracy Chart

