

User Manual

7mm Coaxial Calibration Kit

DC to 18 GHz

Models: FMCK1023



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General Information

Calibration Kit Description

These Fairview Microwave 7mm coaxial calibration kits are designed to provide accurate calibrations of network analyzers in the DC to 18 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: FMCK1023 4-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 fairviewmicrowave.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 Fairview Microwave 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 7mm connectors are instrument-grade, air-dielectric connectors that operate mode-free up to 18 GHz. They feature extremely low VSWR and insertion loss and are designed to non-destructively mate with standard 7mm 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.

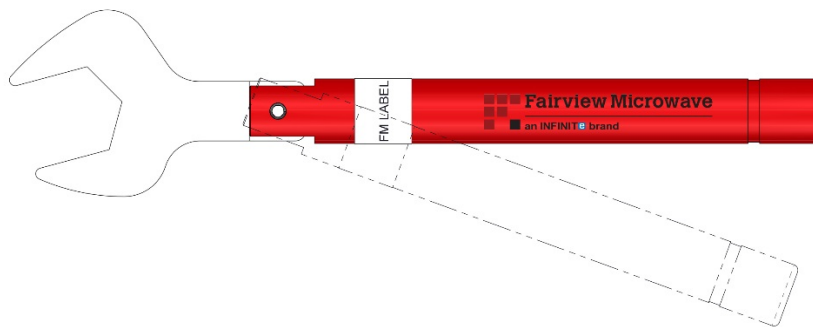
Always use a torque wrench (Fairview Microwave model ST-N-34-BO14) to final-tighten all connections. This will ensure calibration accuracy and measurement repeatability.

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.



Torque wrench handle will break over when preset torque is achieved.
Take note of the wrench bit orientation relative to the direction of motion/rotation.

Calibration Kit Contents

Standard Components SOL – FMCK1023

1 ea	Short	FMSC3018
1 ea	Open	FMSC3033
1 ea	Load	FMTR1063
1 ea	3/4" Torque Wrench	ST-N-34-BO14

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.

Fairview Microwave FMCK1023 7mm Calibration Kits Standards' Definitions				
Short FMSC3018				
	Rohde & Schwarz Units		Keysight & Anritsu Units	
Minimum Frequency	0	Hz		
Maximum Frequency	18	GHz		
Length	0	mm		
Delay			0	ps
Loss	0	dB/\sqrt{GHz}	0	GΩ/s
Open FMSC3033				
Minimum Frequency	0	Hz		
Maximum Frequency	18	GHz		
Length	0	mm		
Delay			0	ps
Loss	0	dB/\sqrt{GHz}	0	GΩ/s
C0	92.85	fF	92.85E-15	F
C1	0	fF/GHz	0E-27	F/Hz
C2	0.0072	fF/GHz^2	7.20E-36	F/Hz ²
C3	0.0043	fF/GHz^3	4.30E-45	F/Hz ³

Through Insertable Device, No Adapter		
Minimum Frequency	0	Hz
Maximum Frequency	18	GHz
Length	0	mm
Delay	0	ps
Loss	0	dB/\sqrt{GHz}
Match FMTR1063		
Minimum Frequency	0	Hz
Maximum Frequency	18	GHz

Resources

Datasheets:

7mm Calibration Kits:

<https://www.fairviewmicrowave.com/images/ProductPDF/FMCK1023.pdf>

Torque Wrenches:

<https://www.fairviewmicrowave.com/images/ProductPDF/st-n-34-bo14.pdf>

Website:

Fairview Microwave Calibration Kits:

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

Fairview Microwave Test and Measurement Products:

https://www.fairviewmicrowave.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

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