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RF & Microwave Attenuators

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Keysight Technologies, Inc. coaxial fixed and step attenuators are designed for use in a wide variety of signal conditioning and level control applications. Attenuators are generally used to reduce signal levels, improve matching impedances of sources and loads, and measure the gain or loss of two-port devices.

Key Features

- High reliability and exceptional repeatability reduce downtime
- Excellent RF specifications optimize test system measurement capability
- Broad portfolio of attenuation and connector options provide configuration flexibility

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Applications

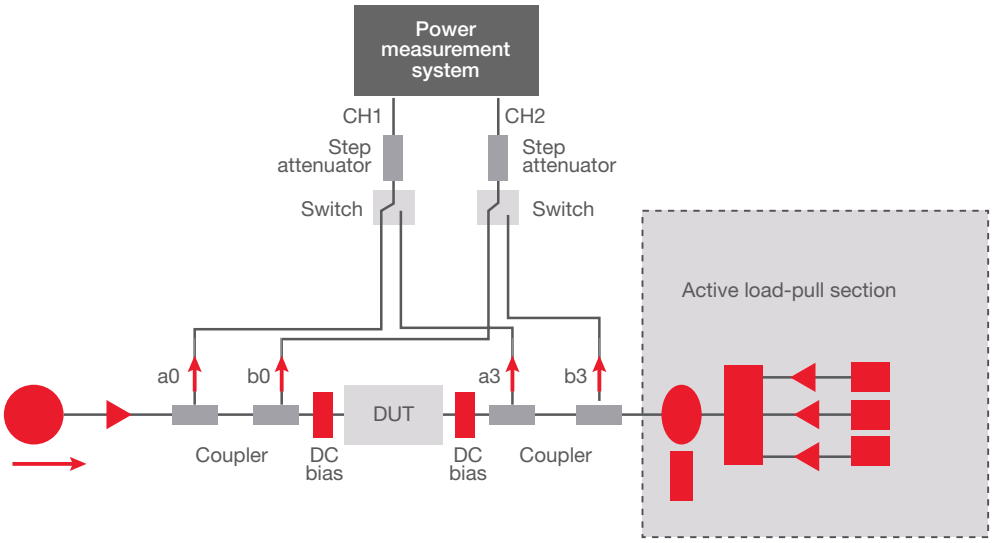


Figure 1. Typical layout including attenuators.

Coaxial Fixed Attenuators

Figure 2. Coaxial fixed attenuators.

Keysight coaxial fixed attenuators provide precise attenuation, flat frequency response and low SWR over broad frequency range. These attenuators are available in nominal attenuations of 3, 6, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 dB to cater to various applications and setups.

		Attenuation selection								Max. SWR	Max. input average power (W)	Max. input peak power (W)[1]	RF connectors
Model number	Frequency	3 dB	6 dB	10 dB	20 dB	30 dB	40 dB	50 dB	60 dB				
8491A	DC to 12.4 GHz	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	1.30	2	100	N (m,f)
8493A	DC to 12.4 GHz	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	1.30	2	100	SMA (m,f)
8491B	DC to 18 GHz	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	1.50	2	100	N (m,f)
8493B	DC to 18 GHz	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	-	1.50	2	100	SMA (m,f)
8498A	DC to 18 GHz	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	-	1.30	25	125	N (m,f)
8493C	DC to 26.5 GHz	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	1.25	2	100	3.5 mm (m,f)
8490D	DC to 50 GHz	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	1.45	1	100	2.4 mm (m,f)
8490G	DC to 67 GHz	x	x	x	x	x	x	-	-	1.45	1	100	1.95 mm (m,f)

Manual Step Attenuators

Figure 3. Manual step attenuators.

Keysight manual step attenuators offer fast, precise signal-level control up to 26.5 GHz. Unmatched attenuation repeatability of less than 0.03 dB up to 5 million cycles per section ensures low measurement uncertainty. Attenuation range of 121 dB in 1 dB step can be achieved by cascading 2 attenuators in series.

1 The peak power maximum pulse width is 10 microseconds.

Manual Step Attenuators [1]				
Model number	**Frequency**	**Attenuation range (dB)**	**Attenuation step (dB)**	**Insertion loss (dB) at 0 dB**
8494A	DC to 4 GHz	0 to 11	1	0.96
8495A	DC to 4 GHz	0 to 70	10	0.68
8496A	DC to 4 GHz	0 to 110	10	0.96
8494B	DC to 18 GHz	0 to 11	1	2.22
8495B	DC to 18 GHz	0 to 70	10	1.66
8496B	DC to 18 GHz	0 to 110	10	2.22
8495D	DC to 26.5 GHz	0 to 70	10	3.95

Manual Step Attenuators [2]					
Model number	**Maximum SWR**	**Maximum input average power (W)**	**Maximum input peak power (W) [2]**	**Operating life (n million cycles/section)**	**Repeatability (dB)**
8494A	1.50	1	100	5	0.03
8495A	1.35	1	100	5	0.03
8496A	1.50	1	100	5	0.03
8494B	1.90	1	100	5	0.03
8495B	1.70	1	100	5	0.03
8496B	1.90	1	100	5	0.03
8495D	2.20	1	100	5	0.03 to 18 GHz 0.05 to 26.5 GHz

1 All product models listed above offer RF connector options for N(f) / SMA(f) / APC-7 except 8495D which only offer 3.5 mm (f) RF connectors.
2 The peak power maximum pulse width is 10 microseconds.

Programmable Step Attenuators

Figure 4. Programmable step attenuators.

Keysight programmable step attenuators offer fast, precise signal-level control up to 50 GHz, with switching time of less than 20 ms. Unmatched attenuation repeatability of less than 0.03 dB up to 5 million cycles per section ensures low measurement uncertainty and reduces calibration cycles when installed into test systems. Automatic GPIB/USB/LAN drive control is achieved with the 11713B/C attenuator/switch driver.

Programmable step attenuators				
Model number	Frequency	Attenuation range (dB)	Attenuation step (dB)	Insertion loss (dB) at 0 dB
8494G	DC to 4 GHz	0 to 11	1	0.96
8495G	DC to 4 GHz	0 to 70	10	0.68
8496G	DC to 4 GHz	0 to 110	10	0.96
8494H	DC to 18 GHz	0 to 11	1	2.22
8495H	DC to 18 GHz	0 to 70	10	1.66
8496H	DC to 18 GHz	0 to 110	10	2.22
8495K	DC to 26.5 GHz	0 to 70	10	3.95
8497K	DC to 26.5 GHz	0 to 90	10	2.79
84904K	DC to 26.5 GHz	0 to 11	1	1.86
84906K	DC to 26.5 GHz	0 to 90	10	1.86
84907K	DC to 26.5 GHz	0 to 70	10	1.40
84904L	DC to 40 GHz	0 to 11	1	2.40
84906L	DC to 40 GHz	0 to 90	10	2.40
84907L	DC to 40 GHz	0 to 70	10	1.80
84904M	DC to 50 GHz	0 to 11	1	3.00
84905M	DC to 50 GHz	0 to 60	10	2.60
84908M	DC to 50 GHz	0 to 65	5	3.00

Programmable step attenuators					
Model number	Max. SWR	Max. input average power (W)	Max. input peak power (W) [1]	Operating life (n million cycles/section)	Repeatability (dB)
8494G	1.50	1	100	5	0.03
8495G	1.35	1	100	5	0.03
8496G	1.50	1	100	5	0.03
8494H	1.90	1	100	5	0.03
8495H	1.70	1	100	5	0.03
8496H	1.90	1	100	5	0.03
8495K	2.20	1	100	5	0.03 to 18 GHz 0.05 to 26.5 GHz
8497K	1.80	1	100	5	0.03 to 18 GHz 0.05 to 26.5 GHz
84904K	2.00	1	50	5	0.03
84906K	2.00	1	50	5	0.03
84907K	1.90	1	50	5	0.03
84904L	2.00	1	50	5	0.03
84906L	2.00	1	50	5	0.03
84907L	1.90	1	50	5	0.03
84904M	3.00	1	50	5	0.03
84905M	2.60	1	50	5	0.03
84908M	3.00	1	50	5	0.03

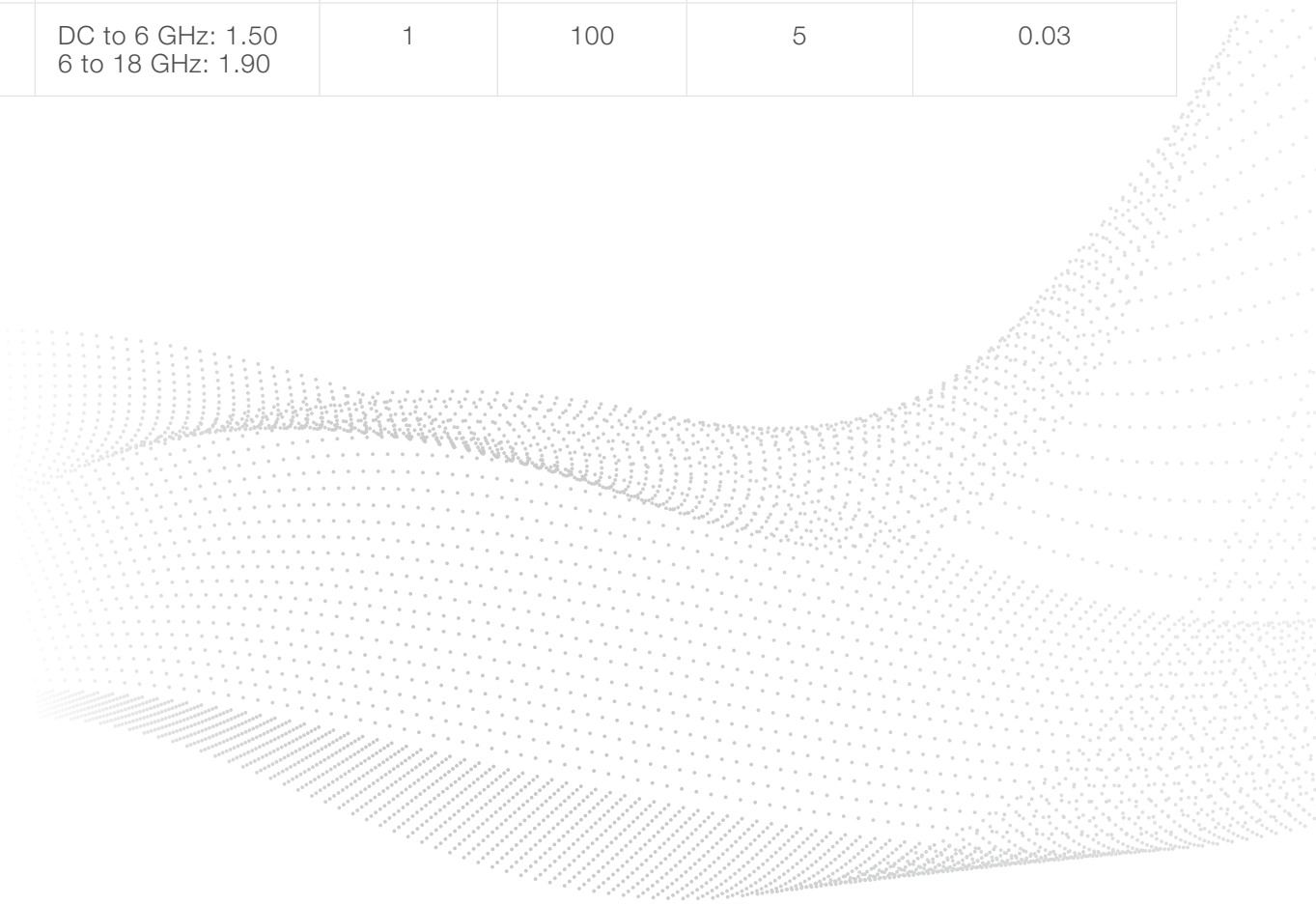
1 The peak power maximum pulse width is 10 microseconds.

Attenuation Control Units

Figure 5. Attenuator control unit.

Attenuation control units					
Model Number	**Number of channels**	**Frequency**	**Attenuation range (dB)**	**Attenuation step (dB)**	**Max insertion loss (dB) at 0 dB**
J7211A	1	DC to 6 GHz	121	1, 5 and 10	2.5
J7211B	1	DC to 18 GHz	121	1, 5 and 10	DC to 6 GHz: 2.5 6 to 18 GHz: 5.0
J7211C	1	DC to 26.5 GHz	101	1, 5 and 10	DC to 6 GHz: 2.5 6 to 18 GHz: 4.0 18 to 26.5 GHz: 5.0
J7204A	4	DC to 6 GHz	121	1	2.5
J7204B	4	DC to 18 GHz	121	1	DC to 6 GHz: 2.5 6 to 18 GHz: 5.0
J7205A	5	DC to 6 GHz	121	1	2.5
J7205B	5	DC to 18 GHz	121	1	DC to 6 GHz: 2.5 6 to 18 GHz: 5.0

Attenuation control units					
Model Number	**Max. SWR**	**Max. input average power (W)**	**Max. input peak power (W)[1]**	**Operating life (n million cycles/ section)**	**Repeatability (dB)**
J7211A	1.5	1	100	5	0.03
J7211B	DC to 6 GHz: 1.50 6 to 18 GHz: 1.90	1	100	5	0.03
J7211C	DC to 6 GHz: 1.35 6 to 18 GHz: 1.78 18 to 26.5 GHz: 2.61	1	50	5	0.03 to 18 GHz 0.05 to 26.5 GHz
J7204A	1.5	1	100	5	0.03
J7204B	DC to 6 GHz: 1.50 6 to 18 GHz: 1.90	1	100	5	0.03
J7205A	1.5	1	100	5	0.03
J7205B	DC to 6 GHz: 1.50 6 to 18 GHz: 1.90	1	100	5	0.03



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Interconnect Kits

- 11716A Type-N interconnect kit
- 11716C SMA interconnect kit
- 11716D 2.9 mm interconnect kit
- 11716E 3.5 mm interconnect kit
- 11716F 2.4 mm interconnect kit

11716A/C/D/E/F interconnect kits can be used to connect any two of the Keysight 8494/95/96, 84904/8M, 84904/6L, or 84904/6K attenuators in series to achieve broader attenuation ranges with 1 dB attenuation step.

Attenuator	Interconnection Kit
8494x, 8495x, 8496x	11716A/C
84904L, 84906L, Option 006, 106	11716D
84904L, 84906L, Option 101, 100	11716F
84904K, 84906K	11716E

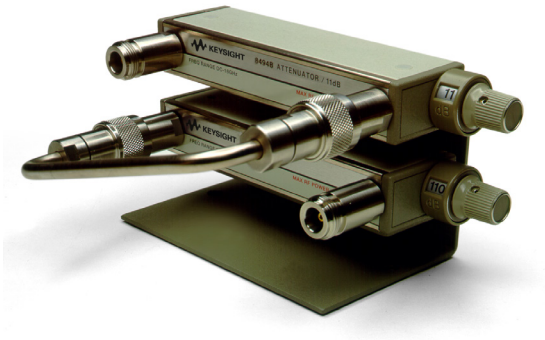

Figure 6. Two attenuators (not included) connected with an interconnect kit.

Attenuator type	Frequency range	Attenuator 1	Attenuator 2	Attentuation range	Attenuation step
Manual	DC to 4 GHz	8494A	8495A	81	1
Manual	DC to 4 GHz	8494A	8496A	121	1
Manual	DC to 18 GHz	8494B	8495B	84	1
Manual	DC to 18 GHz	8494B	8496B	121	1
Programmable	DC to 4 GHz	8494G	8495G	81	1
Programmable	DC to 4 GHz	8494G	8496G	121	1
Programmable	DC to 18 GHz	8494H	8495H	81	1

Attenuator Sets

Sets of four coaxial fixed attenuators with attenuations of 3, 6, 10 and 20 dB are provided in a walnut accessory case. These sets are ideal for calibration labs or where precise knowledge of attenuation and SWR is desired.

Attenuator sets	Coaxial fixed attenuator model number	Attenuation
11581A	8491A	3, 6, 10 and 20 dB
11582A	8491B	3, 6, 10 and 20 dB
11853C	8493C	3, 6, 10 and 20 dB

Figure 7. Coaxial fixed attenuator set.