

BK PRECISION[®]

Model: PR-55

High Voltage Oscilloscope Probe 10 kV, 40 MHz

USER MANUAL



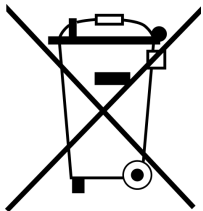
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Safety Summary

WARNING CAUTION

To avoid personal injury and/or product damage, review and comply with the following safety precautions. These precautions apply to both operating and maintenance personnel and must be followed during all phases of operation, service, and repair of this instrument.

Only qualified personnel should use this probe. This high voltage probe is designed to be used by personnel who are trained, experienced, or otherwise qualified to recognize hazardous situations and who are trained in the safety precautions necessary to avoid possible injury when using such a device.

This instrument is intended for usage within Measurement Category I (CAT I) only.

Do not exceed 60 seconds of contact with high voltage. When making contact between this probe and any circuit with voltages ≥ 8 kV DC, ≥ 5 kVrms AC, or ≥ 15 kVpk-pk AC, wait for 5 minutes between such measurements.

Do not work alone when working with high voltages.

Do not apply to the input any potential that exceeds the maximum rating of the probe.

For your own safety, inspect the probes for cracks and frayed or broken leads before each use. If defects are noted, DO NOT USE the probe.

Hands, shoes, floor and work bench must be dry.

Avoid making measurements under humidity, dampness or other environmental conditions that might affect safety.

Turn the high voltage source off before connecting or disconnecting the probe whenever possible.

The probe body should be kept clean and free of any conductive contamination.

Do not remove the probe casing. Removal of the probe's casing may expose you to electric shock.

Keep fingers behind the probe's finger guard during use.

Always properly ground the probe with the lead before contacting high voltage circuits with the probe tip. Always disconnect the probe tip from high voltage circuits before disconnecting the ground lead. Do not connect the probe ground lead to any point which is at a potential other than earth ground.

Use only on test instruments where the chassis or return lead is properly grounded.

Use only in office-type indoor setting

The instrument is designed to be used in office-type indoor environments. Do not operate the instrument:

- In the presence of noxious, corrosive, or flammable fumes, gases, vapors, chemicals, or finely-divided particulates.
- In environments where there is a danger of any liquid being spilled on the instrument.
- In air temperatures exceeding the specified operating temperatures.

- In atmospheric pressures outside the specified altitude limits or where the surrounding gas is not air.

Use in an indoor Pollution Degree 2 environment.

Measurements made by this instrument may be outside specifications if the instrument is used in non-office-type environments. Such environments may include rapid temperature or humidity changes, sunlight, vibration and/or mechanical shocks, acoustic noise, electrical noise, strong electric fields, or strong magnetic fields.

Not for critical applications. This instrument is not authorized for use in contact with the human body or for use as a component in a life-support device or system.

Hazardous voltages may be present in unexpected locations in circuitry being tested when a fault condition in the circuit exists.

Do not substitute parts that are not approved by B&K Precision or modify this instrument. Return the instrument to B&K Precision for service and repair to ensure that safety and performance features are maintained.

A **WARNING** statement calls attention to an operating procedure, practice, or condition, which, if not followed correctly, could result in injury or death to personnel.

A **CAUTION** statement calls attention to an operating procedure, practice, or condition, which, if not followed correctly, could result in damage to or destruction of parts or the entire product.

1 General Information

1.1 Product Overview

The B&K Precision PR-55 is a 10 kV High Voltage divider probe for use with both digital and analog oscilloscopes.

1.2 Features

- Measure up to: 10 kV (DC + AC_{pk}) or 7 kV_{rms} AC
- 40 MHz bandwidth
- Voltage dividing of 1000:1
- Frequency compensation

2 Using the Probe

1. Connect the probe to the BNC input of the oscilloscope.
2. Select the desired volts/division range on your oscilloscope.
3. If possible, always turn the high voltage source off before connecting or disconnecting the probe.
4. Connect the divider probe ground lead (alligator clip) to a good earth ground or reliable chassis ground.
5. Before turning on the high voltage source, be certain the operator is not touching any part of the device under test.
6. Turn on the high voltage source.

7. You will now be able to analyze the voltage waveform on your oscilloscope.
8. Turn off the high voltage source.
9. Disconnect the High Voltage Probe from the high voltage source BEFORE disconnecting the ground clip lead.

WARNING

Do not exceed 60 seconds of contact between this probe and any circuit with voltages ≥ 8 kV DC, ≥ 5 kV_{rms} AC, or ≥ 15 kV_{pk-pk} AC. Wait for 5 minutes between such measurements.

3 Frequency Compensation

Proper compensation of the probe is required to assure amplitude accuracy of the waveform being measured by matching the probe to the oscilloscope's input capacitance. Compensation should be adjusted whenever the probe is connected to, or transferred between, oscilloscopes. The procedure is the same as for a x10 passive probe.

- Connect the probe to the oscilloscope.
- Connect probe tip to square-wave generator.
- Adjust the square wave generator for 10 V amplitude.

- Adjust the oscilloscope for a time base of $500 \mu\text{s}/\text{div}$.
- Turn trimmer (Figure 1) to adjust the compensation on the probe making a flat pulse top.

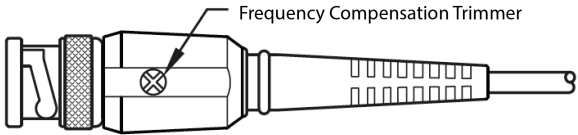


Figure 1: Trimmer on BNC

Figure 2 shows how over- and under-compensated pulse responses will look.

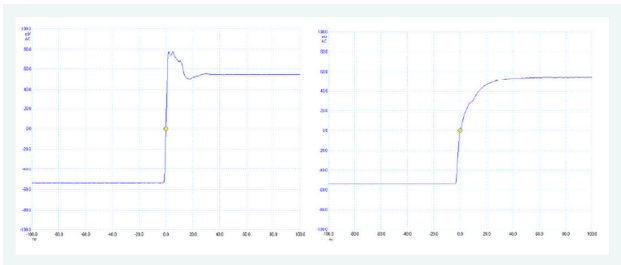


Figure 2: Over/Under Compensation

Figure 3 shows a perfectly compensated probe.

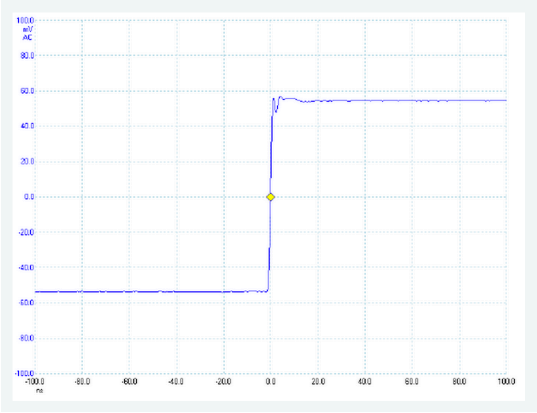


Figure 3: Good Compensation

4 Specifications

All specifications apply to the unit after a temperature stabilization time of 15 minutes over an ambient temperature range of $25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

PR-55 10 kV High Voltage Probe	
Operating Parameters	
Maximum Input Voltage (CAT I)	10 kV (DC + AC _{pk}) 7 kV _{rms} AC
Division Ratio	1000:1
Bandwidth	40 MHz (-3 dB)
Compensation Range	5 pF to 50 pF
Temperature Coefficient	≤200 ppm/°C
Input Resistance	100 MΩ ± 5%
Rise Time	≤8.8 ns
Accuracy	
DC Volts	±3% (below 10 kV)
AC Volts	±3% at 1 kHz ±3 dB 0 to 40 MHz
General	
Cable Length	6.6 ft (2 m)
Designed for Use in	Pollution Degree 2
Operating Environment	32°F to 122°F (0°C to 50°C)
Storage Temperature	-4°F to 158°F (-20°C to 70°C)
Humidity	≤80% relative humidity at 104°F (40°C)
Dimensions	13 in (34 cm)
Weight	0.55 lbs (250 g)

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5 Voltage Derating Curve

WARNING

When measuring higher frequency signals, be sure to comply with the Voltage vs Frequency Derating Curve.

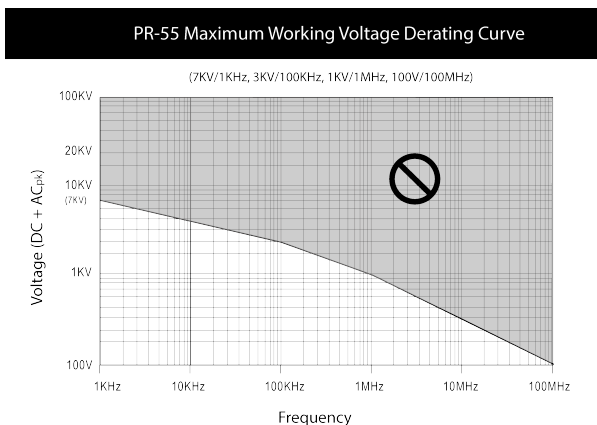


Figure 4: Voltage Derating Curve

6 Cleaning

Clean only the exterior probe body and cables. Use a soft cotton cloth lightly moistened with a mild solution of detergent and water. Do not allow any portion of the probe to be submerged at any time.

WARNING

Dry the probe thoroughly before attempting to make voltage measurements.

CAUTION Do not subject the probe to solvents or solvent fumes as these can cause deterioration of the probe body and cables.

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