

Calibration Substrates

The GGB Industries, Inc., line of calibration substrates allows the user to calibrate any GGB Industries, Inc., microwave Picoprobe directly at the probe tip. The underlying principal of the calibration of a measurement system is to provide accurate, known standards to which the measurement system can be connected. The GGB Industries, Inc., line of calibration substrates is such a standard. Each calibration substrate contains highly precise elements for calibrating out the unavoidable errors and losses in a microwave network analyzer, its associated cabling, and the microwave probe to ensure accurate on-wafer testing.

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Supports precise SOLT, TRL & TRM calibrations

Convenient alignment structures

Wide pitch range--30 to 2,540 microns

Suitable for all Picoprobes from DC to 220 GHz

Available for GS, SG, or GSG Footprints

Individually tested & trimmed to exacting standards

Note: The above specifications may vary. See Calibration Substrate Selection Guide for details. Our accurate, easy to use calibration substrates, calibration coefficients, and detailed instructions allow you to correct the measurement system (network analyzer + cabling + probe) whenever it produces a reading different than the standard.

The typical elements for calibrating a microwave measurement system consists of opens, shorts, matched loads, and throughs. These four elements have electrical characteristics that are very different from one another so that each element contributes an important part to the overall calibration process. In principle any set of standards could be employed, however, the more identical the standards are, the less accurate the calibration process becomes, which in turn results in inaccurate the on-wafer testing. Our precision crafted calibration substrates, when properly used, assure you of accurate on-wafer test results from the creator of the original Picoprobe.

How to select the correct calibration substrate for your probing application(s):

1) Identify your Picoprobe's footprint and pitch (tip spacing);

2) Determine which calibration type is appropriate for your application (SOLT,

TRL/LRL, or TRM/LRM)*;

3) Using the Calibration Substrate Selection Guide below, choose the calibration substrate which matches your Picoprobe's footprints recommended pitch range, and your preferred calibration type.

Calibration Subtrate Selection Guide

Calibration Substrate	Pad Size (microns)	Calibration Types Supported	Footprint	Pitch Range Recommended (microns)	Pitch Range Acceptable (microns)	
CS-5	50 X 50	SOLT, TRL, TRM	GSG	75 - 250	75 - 250	
CS-9	100 X 100	SOLT, TRL, TRM	GSG	250 - 600	150 - 600	
CS-10	150 X 150	SOLT, TRM	GSG	600 - 1250	225 - 1250	
CS-18	300 X 300	SOLT, TRM	GSG	1250 - 2540	500 - 2540	
CS-8	50 X 50 100 X 100 150 X 150	SOLT, TRM	GS, SG	50 - 250	50 - 300	
CS-14	100 X 100	SOLT, TRM	GS, SG	250 - 600	150 - 600	
CS-11	150 X 150	SOLT, TRM	GS, SG	600 - 1250	175 - 1250	

Special Calibration Substrate Designed For Use Above 110GHz

Calibration Substrate	Pad Size (microns)	Calibration Types Supported	Footprint	Pitch Range Recommended (microns)	Pitch Range Acceptable (microns)	
CS-15	25 X 25	SOLT, TRL, TRM	GSG	40 - 150 (SOLT) 30 - 150 (TRL)	40 - 150	

* SOLT = Short-Open-Load-Through

TRL = Through-Reflect-Line (Which is equivalent to LRL = Line-Reflect-Line) TRM = Through-Reflect-Match (Which is equivalent to LRM = Line-Reflect-Match)

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