

Concentric Ring Probe Installation, Operation and Maintenance



Figure 1. Vermason [222002](#) Concentric Ring Probe



Figure 2. Vermason [222003](#) Concentric Ring Probe Kit

Description

The Vermason Concentric Ring Probe is an instrument to be used in conjunction with a resistance megohmmeter, such as the Vermason [222643](#) Digital Surface Resistance Meter, to measure surface resistance per IEC 61340-2-3, the test method listed in Packaging Table 4 in EN 61340-5-1.

The Concentric Ring Probe can measure the volume resistance of planar materials using a flat conductive metal plate (not included).

The Concentric Ring Probe may be used for the resistance measurements of ESD packaging including static shielding and other bags.

The Vermason Concentric Ring Probe is compatible with the following Vermason Surface Resistance Meters:

Item	Description
222642	Digital Surface Resistance Meter Kit
222643	Digital Surface Resistance Meter
222635	Analogue Surface Resistance Meter Kit
222637	Analogue Surface Resistance Meter
225718	Surface Resistance Checker Kit
225717	Surface Resistance Checker

Resistivity and Resistance

When it is appropriate to convert a resistance obtained by this test method to an equivalent resistivity in ohms per square, multiply the resistance measurements obtained by this method by ten. The conversion factor of ten is derived from the geometry of the electrode assembly. NOTE: Conversions to resistivity may not be valid for materials that are laminated, plated or metallized with conductive materials. This fact should be understood when users of this test procedure are required to satisfy specifications given in "ohms/square."

Per User guide EN 61340-5-2:1999 Clause 4.1.1

"Point-to-point resistance has been discussed, rather than the surface and volume resistivity which was found in previous standards and reports. This change has been made to cater for non-homogenous materials, which are becoming increasingly common in these applications, as well as ease of measurement."

Repeatability

Per IEC 61340-2-3 clause 10 "Repeatability and reproducibility, the repeatability of these test methods can be assumed to be in the range of approximately one half order of magnitude. If the average value for a series of laboratory tests is 5×10^{10} ohms, the spread of values can be expected from 2.5×10^{10} ohms to 7.5×10^{10} ohms."

Packaging

[222002](#) Concentric Ring Probe

- 1 Concentric Ring Probe
- 1 BNC / Banana Jack Adapter
- 1 Certificate of Calibration

[222003](#) Concentric Ring Probe Kit

- 1 Concentric Ring Probe
- 1 Carrying Case
- 1 BNC / Banana Jack Adapter
- 2 Banana Plug Test Leads
- 1 Certificate of Calibration

Operation

1. Connect the Concentric Ring Probe to a resistance meter using the included BNC / banana jack adapter and the meter's test leads.
2. Place the material to be tested on an insulative surface.
3. Place the Concentric Ring Probe on top of the material to be tested.
4. Take a resistance measurement using the resistance meter.



Figure 3. Using the Concentric Ring Probe with the Vermason Digital Surface Resistance Meter



Figure 4. Using the Concentric Ring Probe with the Vermason Analogue Surface Resistance Meter



Figure 5. Using the Concentric Ring Probe with the Vermason Surface Resistance Checker

Specifications

Weight	2.6 kg
Dimensions	7 cm diameter x 17 cm height (with BNC / banana jack adapter)
Outer Probe Diameter	6 cm
Inner Probe Diameter	3 cm
Insulation Resistance Between Probes	$>1 \times 10^{12}$ ohms @ 500V
Probe Resistance of Carbon Pads	<100 ohms at low test voltage

Limited Warranty

Vermason expressly warrants that for a period of one (1) year from the date of purchase, Vermason Concentric Ring Probes will be free of defects in material (parts) and workmanship (labour). Within the warranty period, a unit will be tested, repaired or replaced at Vermason's option, free of charge. Call Customer Service at 0044 (0) 1462 672005 for a Return Material Authorisation (RMA) and for proper shipping instructions and address. Any unit under warranty should be shipped prepaid to the Vermason factory. You should include a copy of your original packing slip, invoice, or other proof of purchase date. Warranty repairs will take approximately two weeks.

If your unit is out of warranty, Vermason will quote repair charges necessary to bring your unit to factory standards. Call Customer Service at 0044 (0) 1462 672005 for a Return Material Authorisation (RMA) and proper shipping instructions and address.

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