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LeCroy PP008
Passive Probe

Instruction Manual

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Safety Information

This symbol appears on the product: 

It refers you to additional information contained in this manual. The corresponding information in the manual is similarly denoted.

To avoid personal injury and to prevent fire or damage to the probe or any products connected to it, review and comply with the following safety precautions.

Connect to properly grounded instruments. This probe is to be used only with test instruments having input connectors with the BNC shield (ring) connected to earth ground.

Connect the probe properly:

Connect the probe to the measurement instrument before connecting the probe to test circuit. Do not disconnect the probe from the test instrument while the input is connected to the test circuit.

Do not connect the probe ground terminal to any point in the test circuit which is at a potential other than earth ground.

Do not apply any potential to the input which exceeds the maximum ratings of the probe.

Comply with the voltage derating curve. When measuring high frequency signals, be sure to comply with the Voltage vs. Frequency derating curve found on page 5.

Do not use in wet or explosive atmospheres.

For indoor use only. This probe is intended for indoor use and should be operated in a clean, dry environment.

Do not use the probe if any part is damaged. All maintenance should be referred to qualified service personnel.

 **Avoid physical injury.** The probe tip is extremely sharp. Use care when handling to prevent injury, including accidental skin puncture.

Use of the probe and/or the test instrument it is connected to in a manner not specified by the manufacturer may impair the protection mechanisms.

Introduction

The PP008 is a miniature high impedance passive probe. Its high input resistance and low capacitance make it ideal for general purpose probing of signals with frequency content from DC through several hundred MHz. The PP008 has a large selection of connection accessories, supplied standard with the probe and available from LeCroy as optional accessories.

The PP008 is designed for use with 600 MHz and lower LeCroy WaveRunner Xi series oscilloscopes.

Specifications

Electrical Characteristics

Attenuation	10:1 ±1%
Input Resistance	10 MΩ ±1%
Input Capacitance	9.5 pF
Input Impedance	(see plot on page 5.)
Compensation Range	10 – 20 pF
Bandwidth	500 MHz (-3 dB)

Electrical Ratings

 Maximum Input Voltage	Measurement category I: 400 V_{rms}, 1250 V transient overvoltage (see voltage derating curve on page 5) Measurement category II: 300 V_{rms} CAT II
Pollution Degree	2

Measurement category I is for measurement performed on circuits not directly connected to a mains supply.

Measurement category II (CAT II) is for measurement performed on circuits directly connected to a low voltage installation. This refers to local distribution level, applicable to equipment connected to the mains (AC power source) through a power cable.

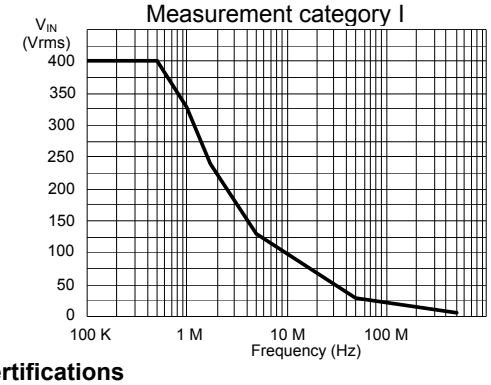
Pollution Degree 2 refers to an operating environment where normally only dry non-conductive pollution occurs. Occasionally a temporary conductivity caused by condensation must be expected.

Specifications (continued)

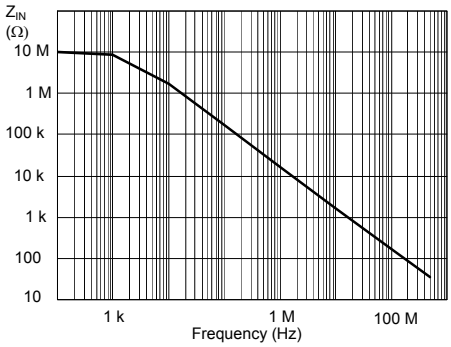
General Characteristics

Operating Temperature	0 to +50 °C
Storage Temperature	-40 to +71 °C
Altitude, Operating	up to 2000 m (6562 ft)
Cable Length	1.3 m (4.3 ft)
Weight (probe only)	46 g

Max. V_{IN} vs. Frequency,
Measurement category I



Typical Input Impedance



Certifications

This probe conforms to 73/23/EEC + amendment 93/68/EEC Low Voltage Directive (LVD) per the following standards:

CEI/IEC 61010-031:2002-01 Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement control and laboratory use:
Part 031 – Safety requirements for hand-held probe assemblies for electrical measurement and test.

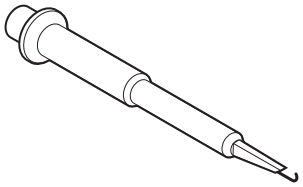
Connectivity Accessories

LeCroy provides over 30 individual accessories for the PP008 probe, which enable reliable connections to any physical configuration. In addition to those provided with the standard probe, several optional varieties are available either individually, or grouped in sets related to specific application needs.

The PK007 series of connectivity accessories is compatible with any LeCroy 2.5 mm PP008 series probe.

Accessories are shown with the LeCroy part number followed by the description.

Standard Accessories



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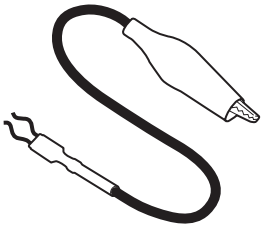
Sprung Hook



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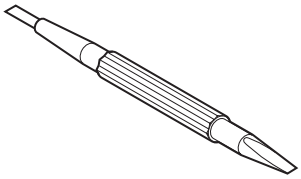
Standard Ground Lead



3
PK007-003
Adjustment Tool



4 5
PK007-004 Rigid Tip, 0.5 mm
PK007-005 Spring Tip, 0.5 mm



6
PK007-007
Insulating Cap



7, 8, 9, 10, 11
PK007-008 IC Cap, 0.5 mm pitch, (green)
PK007-009 IC Cap, 0.65 mm pitch, (blue)
PK007-010 IC Cap, 0.8 mm pitch, (gray)
PK007-011 IC Cap, 1.0 mm pitch, (brown)
PK007-012 IC Cap, 1.27 mm pitch, (black)

Standard Accessories (continued)



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PK007-006
Color Coding Rings (set)



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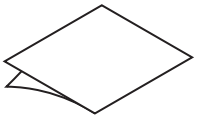
PK007-013
Ground Blade



14
PK007-016
Ground Spring



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PK007-014
Copper Pad



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PK007-015
PCB Adapter

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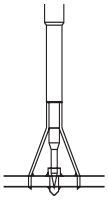
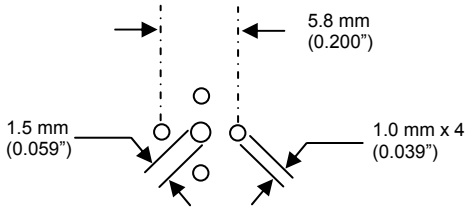
Use of PCB Adapter

The PCB adapter (LeCroy P/N PK007-015) is to be designed into, and permanently installed in, circuit boards to provide a reliable, high frequency test point that eliminates the need to hold the probe by hand.



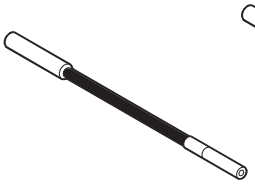
Probe connected using PCB Adapter



PC Board hole size and pattern

Optional Accessories

Input Adapters and Clips



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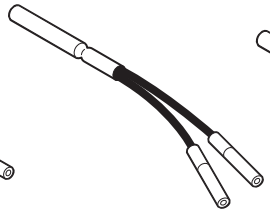
Single Lead Adapter



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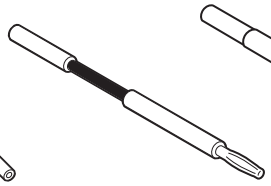
Dual Lead Adapter



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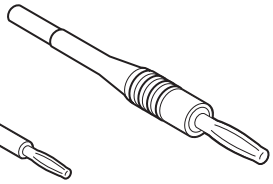
Adapter, 2 mm plug



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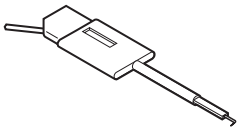
Adapter, 4 mm plug



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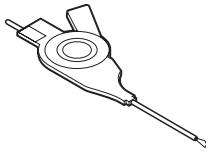
Pico Hook™



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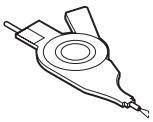
Micro Clip, Long



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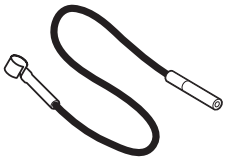
PK007-021
Micro Clip, Short



24
PK007-031
BNC Adapter
(For low voltage use only $\leq 42\ V_{pk}$ AC + DC)

Ground Leads



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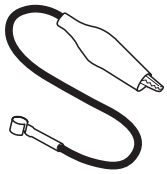
Probe Tip Ground Lead with 0.8 mm Socket



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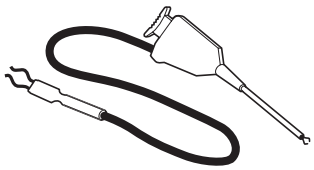
Probe Tip Ground Lead with Alligator Clip



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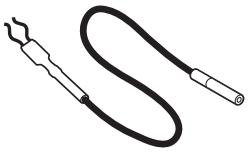
Ground Lead with mini clip



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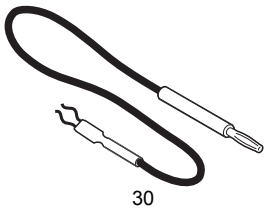
Ground Lead with 8 mm socket



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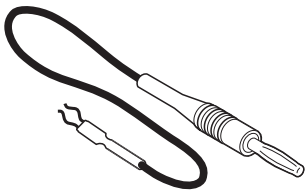
Ground Lead with 2 mm plug



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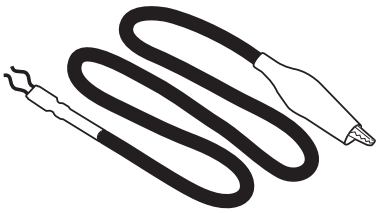
Ground lead with 4 mm plug



32*
PK007-030
High Frequency Compensated Ground Lead

*Allows operation with long ground lead, producing minimum signal distortion.

Probe Connectivity Kits

The following kits containing an assortment of probe connection accessories can be ordered directly from LeCroy. Refer to the illustrations on pages 6-9 for identification.

PK701 Basic Adapter Kit replaces the common standard accessories, with 2 each of designators 1, 2, 4, 5, 14; plus one adjustment tool (designator 3).

PK702 Advanced Adapter Kit contains a large assortment of accessories: 1 each of designators 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 21, 25, 29, 32; 2 each of designators 4,12, 22, 23, 24; and 5 each of PCB adapter 16.

PK703 SMD Adapter Kit contains an assortment useful for attaching to surface mounted ICs and components: 1 each of designators 14, 17, 18, 22, 23, 25, 28, 29, 32; and 2 each of designators 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15.

PK704 Micro Clip Kit adapts the probe for use with 0.5 mm IC lead clips. It contains 1 each of designators 16,17, 18; and two of each micro clip, designators 22 and 23.

Use and Maintenance

This probe is a high quality, precision instrument. To maintain accuracy and signal fidelity, mechanical shock should be avoided, as well as damage to the cable through excessive bending.

To achieve the small 2.5 mm tip size, the input tip diameter is narrower than those in larger probes. Avoid placing excessive force sideways on the tip.

Should the tip become damaged, it may be replaced by the user using the procedure listed on page 12.

Other maintenance and component replacement should be referred to qualified personnel.

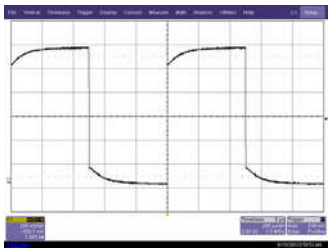
Cleaning

The outside of the probe should be cleaned with a soft cloth dampened with either deionized/distilled water or isopropyl alcohol. Allow the surface to dry completely before returning the probe to service. Never immerse the probe in any liquid.

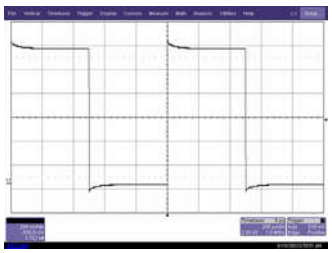
Probe Compensation

Proper compensation of the probe is required to ensure good amplitude accuracy in the dynamic portions of the waveform being measured. LF compensation matches the probe to differences in oscilloscope input capacitance. The LF compensation should always be checked and adjusted as needed when first connecting a passive probe to the oscilloscope input. HF compensation matches time constants within the probe to compensate for normal component tolerances. It is typically not necessary to adjust HF compensation unless the probe is being used with an oscilloscope with large differences in input characteristics than the oscilloscope model it was designed for.

LF compensation is performed by connecting the input of the probe to a low frequency square wave, such as the oscilloscope calibrator signal set to 1 kHz. The compensation is adjusted by rotating the adjustment screw, accessible through the small hole in the center of the housing near the BNC connector. Use the tool supplied with the probe for this adjustment.



Undershoot



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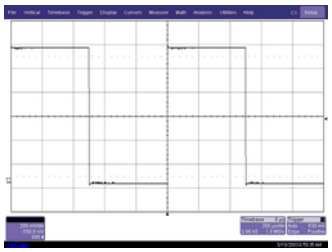
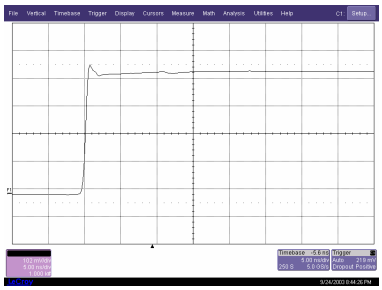


Correct adjustment

Should HF compensation be required, access the adjustments by sliding the black plastic cover off the compensation housing near the BNC connector. A pulse generator with low overshoot and a 300 ps risetime is the required signal source, along with a set of attenuators. The probe must be connected to a terminated probe tip to BNC adapter.

Some overshoot and ring will be present at some settings of V/Div. Adjust both trimmers for the best overall response at all ranges.

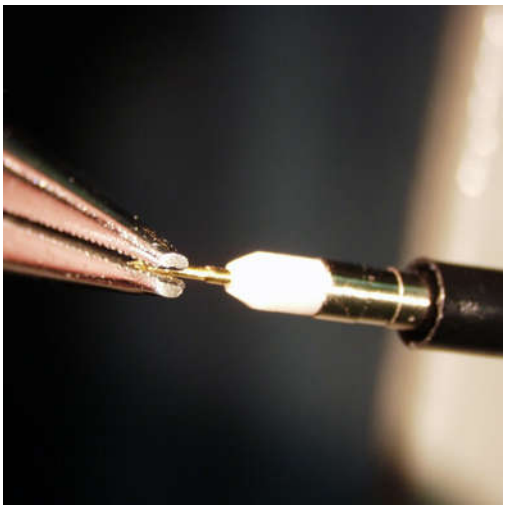


Typical optimum HF adjustment

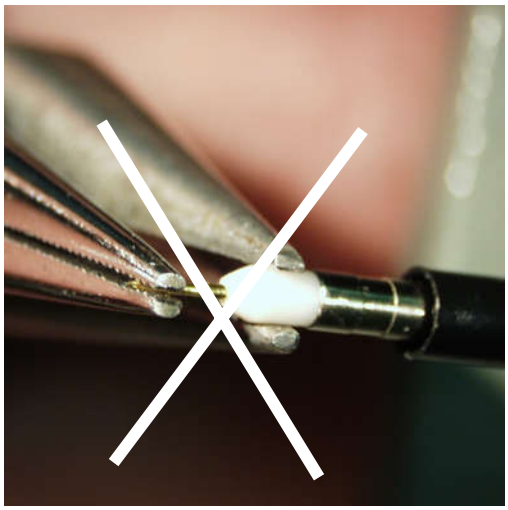
Tip Selection and Replacement

The PP008 probe is supplied with two tip styles. The spring tip, which is installed when the probe is shipped, has a sharp point and an on-axis requirement. It provides reliable connection under a wide range of physical interconnect situtations. A rigid tip is also supplied. Lacking the on-axis requirement of the spring tip, the rigid tip has a larger diameter and is more robust when exposed to physical stress at the tip. Select the proper tip for your application needs.

To replace the tip, carefully grip the outermost portion of tip and pull straight out along the axis of the probe, using needle nose pliers. Do not grip the plastic insulator with pliers; this will squeeze the tip, making it difficult or impossible to remove. Do not grip the outer gold plated tube that the tip slides into. With the tip removed, align the replacement tip with the hole and begin the insertion with the pliers. The tip can be fully seated by placing the tip against a hard surface and gently applying downward pressure.



To remove tip, grip the spring-loaded portion of the tip beyond the outer sleeve, and pull straight out.



Do not apply pliers to the plastic insulator.

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