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MOHR[™] CT100B Series TDR Cable Analyzers CT100B/CT100HF High-Resolution Portable TDR with Frequency-Domain Analysis Tools Ideal for testing all types of metallic cables and connectors



MOHR CT100B TDR Cable Analyzers provide state-of-the-art TDR measurements in a rugged portable package. These instruments are ideal for precision testing of all types of coaxial, twisted-pair, and multiconductor cables in the field or the lab.

Features and Benefits

Industry's Best Cable Fault Sensitivity

- Detect subtle cable and connector faults with industry-leading vertical sampling resolution. • Measure cable length and localize faults with
- 25 micron (approximately 0.001 in.) precision.
- Resolve cable, interconnect, and PCB features located less than 1 cm apart.

Industry's Only Portable TDR with S-Parameters

• Measure S-parameters and estimate frequencyspecific return loss (S₁₁) and cable loss.[†]

• Measure return loss between cursors to isolate specific features (e.g., connector or cable fault).

 Visualize results using real-time frequency-domain plots, Smith charts, and normalized TDR traces with adjustable rise time.

High-Resolution Cable Waveforms and Scanning

- View or scan a cable at high resolution.
- Store cable records of up to 1.5 million points.

• Compare multiple traces on the device or using the provided CT Viewer[™] 2 software package.

Key Specifications and Features

- DC to 4 GHz for CT100B (DC to 7 GHz for CT100HF)
- Rugged portable TDR with S-parameter tools
- Captures transient and intermittent faults
- Resolves connector detail (< 1 cm separation)
- 0.76 ps cursor resolution (~ 25 µm or 0.001 in.)
- Measures up to 250,000 samples per second
- Stores thousands of TDR waveforms
- Built-in help library
- Sunlight-readable color display
- Internet streaming and remote control

Capture Transient and Intermittent Faults

- Collect up to 500 waveforms per second.
- Identify and localize intermittent faults that other instruments would miss.
- Capture faults using the CT100B Envelope Plot mode.
- Record waveform movies with CT Viewer[™] 2.

Versatile Connectivity Options

- USB and Ethernet connectivity
- Live network streaming and remote control

Measurement Features

- Digital filtering and exponential smoothing
- Dual cursors
- Pass/fail mask testing
- Cable systems with multiple Vps.
- Display-independent resolution

Ergonomics for Easy Use

- Rugged, portable, and compact (< 5 lbs. / 2.2 kg)
- Long battery life with built-in charger
- Bright daylight-readable color display

Applications

- Aerospace / Aviation
- Naval / Marine
- CATV, Power, Telephony
- Wireless Infrastructure
- PCB Impedance Measurements
- TDR Sensors (Soil Moisture, Geophysics)
- Tank Farms

[†] Availability of features and bandwidth may vary depending on application and on instrument configuration.

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TDR Analysis Features (1/2)

High-Resolution TDR Waveform Comparisons

 \bullet Industry-leading 16-bit vertical resolution and 0.76 ps cursor resolution lets you detect subtle soft faults of less than 0.1 $\Omega.$

• Use the high-resolution scan capability to track cable and connector performance and identify problems before they can seriously degrade system performance.

• Figure 1 compares scans of normal BNC and SMA connectors.

Rapid Digital Filtering and Smoothing

• In real time the CT100B takes up to 250,000 samples per second with waveforms of up to 1.5 million points in length, letting you store comprehensive high-resolution cable records for future comparison/analysis.

• Display-independent resolution ensures every fault is visible at every horizontal scale.

• Figure 2 shows effect of display-independent resolution in a 820 ft. (250 m) cable. The highlighted fault is from a 3 cm connector (0.01% of the cable length).

Dual Cursors Simplify Waveform Measurements

• Measure relative distance, time, impedance, reflection coefficient, VSWR, return loss, and insertion loss between cursors.

- Scale and position the waveform at either cursor. Shift the waveform horizontally to align with comparison waveforms.
- Figure 3 shows relative distance measurement between two soft faults (SMA connectors).

Accurate Distance-to-Fault with Multi-Cable Systems

• Designate regions of a compound cable assembly having segments of cable with different velocities of propagation (VoP, Vp).

• Directly measure distance-to-fault (DTF) at cursor and between cursors using the multisegment cable feature.

• Figure 4 shows distance-at-cursor measurement through multiple cable segments with different velocities of propagation.



Figure 1: Comparison of normal BNC (black) vs SMA (red) connectors.



Figure 2: Small fault easily identified on a long cable.

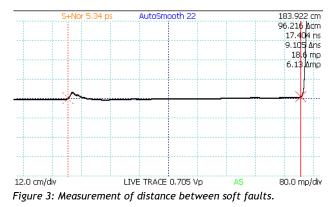




Figure 4: In this multi-cable system, the first cable has a Vp of 0.749. The other cables in this system have different Vp values. All of these values are used to produce an accurate distance-at-cursor measurement.

TDR Analysis Features (2/2)

Capture Rapid Intermittent and Transient Faults

Use the CT100B's Envelope Plot mode display to capture transient faults down to 2 milliseconds duration.
Use CT Viewer 2's waveform capture mode to record real time waveform movies with step-by-step playback of the impedance profile of the cable under test.

• Figure 5 shows intermittent fault detection of a loosened connector using the probability density plot mode.

Pass/Fail Mask Testing

- Create TDR test limits and apply them to an active waveform.
- Masks can rapidly be created, live, on the CT100B or built from vector matrices.
- Thousands of masks can be stored on the CT100B or exported, archived, and transferred between systems.
- Combining user configurations with mask tests allows inexperienced users to quickly analyze installed systems.
- Figure 6 shows a failed mask test due to a loose connector (red background). The inset shows an acceptable connector (green background).

Use S-Parameter Frequency-Domain Measurements

- Measure 1-port S-parameters.
- \bullet Estimate frequency-specific return loss (S11) and cable loss to 7 GHz. †
- Use the CT100B as an all-in-one cable analyzer for a wide range of applications. Visualize results using frequency-domain plots, Smith charts, and normalized TDR traces with adjustable rise time.

• Figure 7 shows TDR and return loss plots of a typical 2.4 GHz WiFi patch antenna.

S₁₁ Return Loss Between Cursors

• Isolate S_{11} return loss for faults or connectors within a cable assembly.

• Compare with historical data to track changes in connector performance.

• Figure 8 shows return loss between cursors with timewindowing of an SMA connector between two cable segments.

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Figure 5: Intermittent fault detection with probability density plot.

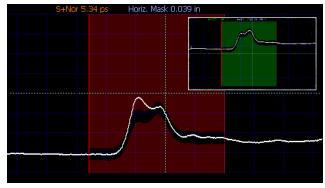


Figure 6: The red background indicates a trace that fails the mask test. The inset shows a passing trace.

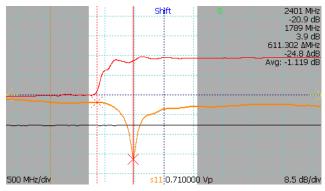


Figure 7: Smith chart plot of 200 Ω terminator.

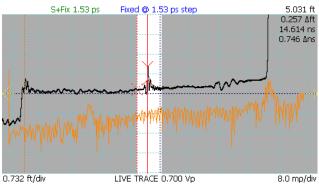


Figure 8: S_{11} return loss between cursors for an SMA connector.

Specifications

TDR System Characteristics

Front Panel Connector (CT100B): self-shorting BNC Front Panel Connector (CT100HF): SMA Excitation Signal: Step-rise, 300 mV into 50 Ω load System Risetime (20-80%, typ.): 80 ps, 100 ps (CT100HF, CT100B) Timebase Resolution: 0.76 ps Timebase Random Jitter (typ.): < 1 ps rms Timebase Non-Linearity (typ.): < 0.1% Sample Resolution: 16 bits Sequential Sample Rate: 2 kHz - 250 kHz TDR Framerate: up to 500 waveforms/second

Velocity of Propagation (Vp)

Vp Range: 0.250000 to 1.000000 Vp Resolution: 0.000001

Horizontal Measurements

Range: 0 - 48,000 ft. (0 - 14.6 km) at Vp of 0.66 No dead zone. No soft zone. Scales: 0 - 3800 ft./div (0 - 1158 m/div) Cursor Resolution: ~ 0.001 in. (25 µm) at Vp of 0.66 Accuracy (max, $0-50^{\circ}$ C): < 1% of measured distance. typ. < 1 mm

Vertical Measurements

Range: < 0.1 Ω to > 1500.0 Ω Available Units: mRho, VSWR Resolution: \leq 0.1 Ω , depending on scale Accuracy (0-50°C): ±3% full scale, short to open

Measurements and Transforms

Measurements: time-to-fault, distance-to-fault, ohmsat-cursor, reflection coefficient, return loss, Δ time, Δ distance, Δ ohms, Δ reflection coefficient, relative return loss

Waveform Processing: smoothing, subtraction, 1st derivative, FFT, S₁₁ parameter, S₂₁ estimation, impedance, layer-peeling

Special Features

Functions: AutoFit[™], Envelope Plot mode, Masks Documentation: Built-in help library, on-device manual

Libraries: Waveform library, cable-type library, configuration library, masks library

Data Storage

4+ GB flash memory, stores thousands of highresolution cable scans and thousands of custom cable types

Connectivity

USB host (front panel) USB client (rear panel) 10/100 Mb Ethernet Live streaming and remote control of any CT100 Series **TDR over Ethernet** Python-based remote control library

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Display

Sunlight-readable 4.3 in. color display **Power System** Power: 90-264 VAC, 50-60 Hz using supplied AC adapter Battery Power: Internal 2700 mAh 14.4 VDC NiMH battery Battery Life: > 6h (typical use) Battery Charging: < 4 hours (2.5 hours typ.)

Environmental and Mechanical

Operating Temp.: 0°C to +50°C Storage Temp.: -20°C to +60°C Dimensions: 4.3 x 11.5 x 6.9 in. (10.9 x 29.2 x 17.5 cm) Weight: 4.7 lbs. (2.2 kg), 5.1 lbs. (2.3 kg) with cover

Regulatory



Complies with all applicable EU directives, as specified by the instrument's Declaration of Conformity.

Complies with Canadian ICES-003

EMC: MIL-PRF-28800F. MIL-STD-461F RE102, CE102. IEC 61000

Shock/Vibration: MIL-PRF-28800F (Class 3) Temperature/Humidity: MIL-PRF-28800F (Class 3) Explosive Atmosphere: MIL-STD-810G 511.5 Procedure 1 (+55°C, 0-4600 m)

Ordering Information

Models CT100B CT100HF

Options

CT100-OP-SMA – CT100B SMA test port option Region-specific power supplies

Standard Accessories (Included)

One (1) License CT Viewer™2 Software Standard Adapters Operator's Manuals Rugged Soft-Sided Carrying Case External AC Power Adapter / Charger Cable USB / Ethernet Cables NIST-Traceable Calibration Certificate 12-Month Standard Limited Warranty

Optional Accessories

General

Small Form-Factor Keyboard (CT100-AC-KBD) Hard Carrying Case (CT100-AC-CH)

Adapter Kits

Adapter Kits SMA Adapter Kit (CT100-AK-SMA) BNC Adapter Kit (CT100-AK-BNC) Impedance Matching Kit (CT100-IK-BNC) MIL-STD-1553B Data Bus Adapter Kit (CT100-AK-TRB) Ethernet Adapter Kit (CT100-AK-ETH) Pin and Socket Probe Kit (CT100-AK-PSP) IEEE-1394b Firewire Automated Test Set (CT100-DA-1394) Differential Test Set Adapter—TDal BNC (CT100-DA-DBNC) Differential Test Set Adapter—TDB (CT100-DA-TBB) Differential Test Set Adapter-TRB (CT100-DA-TRB)