

Making Resistance Measurement Using B2901A/02A/11A/12A B2900A Series Precision Source/Measure Unit

Procedure Overview

1. Make a resistance measurement
2. Make an accurate low resistance measurement

Objective

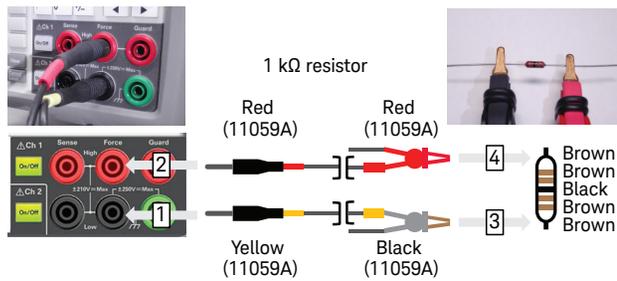
This demo shows how easily a resistance measurement can be made with the B2900A Series via easy-to-use Graphical User Interface.

Required instrument and accessory



Setup-1

1. Connect the yellow banana plug to Ch 1 Low Force terminal.
2. Connect the red banana plug to Ch 1 High Force terminal.
3. Clip the one lead of 1 kΩ Resistor with the black gold-plated tweezers.
4. Clip the other lead of 1 kΩ Resistor with the red gold-plated tweezers.



1. Make a resistance measurement

1-1. Change View mode to Single View

- a. Press **View** repeatedly until Single View for Channel 1 is shown in the display.

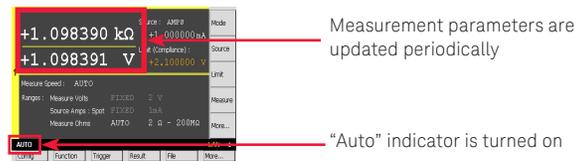


1-2. Use AUTO measurement operation

- a. Rotate **Mode** to select Resistance measurement operation, and then press **Mode** to edit it. Then select **AUTO** to set Resistance measurement operation to AUTO.



- b. Press Ch1 **On/Off** to turn on Channel 1 Output relay.
 - c. Press **Trigger** to perform a single point measurement.
- Measurement parameters are updated whenever Trigger Button is pressed
- +1.098384 kΩ**
+1.098384 V
- d. Press **Auto** to repeat single point measurements periodically.



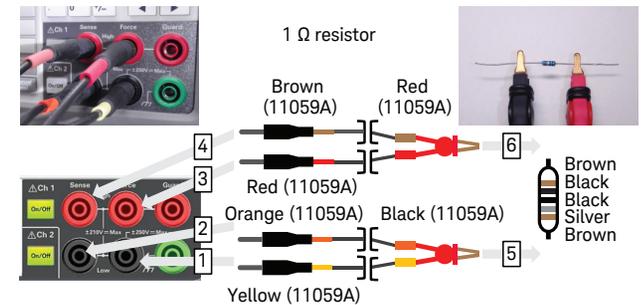
- e. Press **Auto** to stop making measurements periodically.
- "Auto" indicator is turned off
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1-3. Turn off the channel output

- a. Press Ch1 **On/Off** to turn off Channel 1 Output relay.

Setup-2

1. Connect the yellow banana plug to Ch 1 Low Force terminal.
2. Connect the orange banana plug to Ch 1 Low Sense terminal.
3. Connect the red banana plug to Ch 1 High Force terminal.
4. Connect the brown banana plug to Ch 1 High Sense terminal.
5. Clip the one lead of 1 Ω Resistor with red gold-plated flat tweezers.
6. Clip the other lead of 1 Ω Resistor with black gold-plated tweezers.

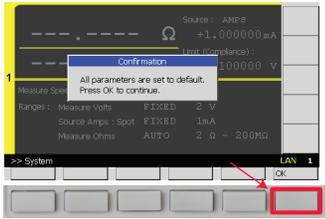


2. Make an accurate low resistance measurement

2-1. Reset the instrument

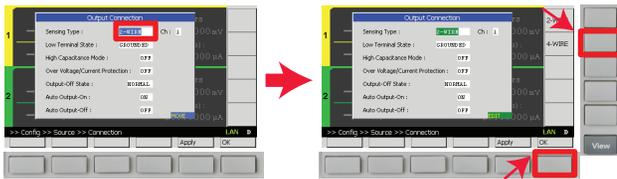
- a. Press **More...**, **System** and then press **Reset** to display Confirmation dialogue.
- (1) Press **More...**
 - (2) Press **System**
 - (3) Press **Reset**

b. Press **OK** to reset the instrument.

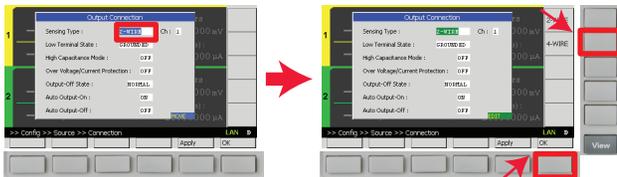


2-2. Perform the measurement via 4-wire connection

a. Press **Config**, **Source**, and then press **Connection** to display Output Connection dialogue.



b. Press **4-WIRE** and then press **OK** to configure to use 4-wire connection.



c. Press **Mode**, then press **AMPs (I)** to set Channel 1 V/I Source Function to I Source. (If **Mode** can't be found on the Assist keys, press **Mode** to change the keys.)

d. Press **Source** and set Channel 1 Source Value to 10 mA.

e. Press **Limit** and set Channel 1 Limit value to 1 V.

f. Rotate **V/I** to select Resistance measurement operation and press **V/I** to edit it. Then press **V/I** to set Resistance measurement operation to V/I.

g. Press Ch1 **On/Off** to turn on Channel 1 Output relay.

h. Press **Trigger** to perform a single point measurement.

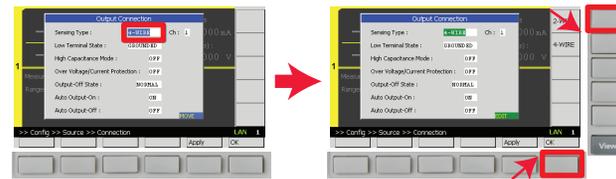


2-3. Perform the measurement via 2-wire connection

a. Press Ch1 **On/Off** to turn off Channel 1 Output relay.

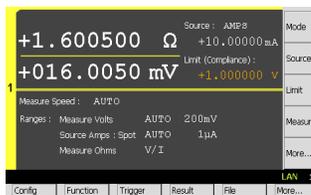
b. Press **Config**, **Source**, and then press **Connection** to display Output connection dialogue.

c. Press **2-WIRE**, and then press **OK** to configure to use 2-wire connection.



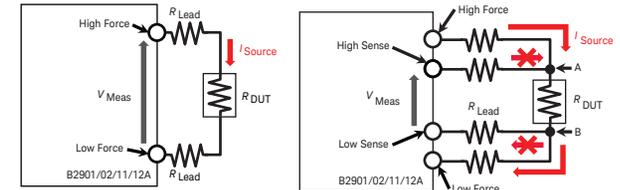
d. Press Ch1 **On/Off** to turn on Channel 1 Output relay.

e. Press **Trigger** to perform a single point measurement.



2-4. Compare two results

a. Compare two results to see the effect of 4-wire connection. The result with 4-wire connection is 1 Ohm, while the one with 2-wire connection is 1.6 Ohm. The difference, that is 0.6 Ohm, should be the residual lead resistance on the measurement cables.



a) Result with 2-wire connection

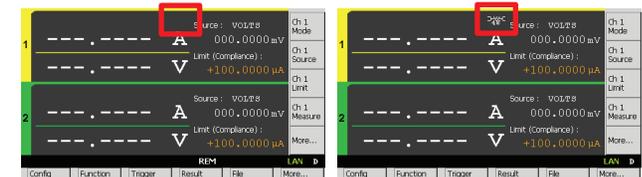


b) Result with 4-wire connection

The result with 2-wire connection includes the residual lead resistance R_{Lead}

Configure 4-wire connection

If the channel is configured to use 4-wire connection, you can see the status indicator on GUI as below, although no indicator can be seen on being configured to use 2-wire connection.



2-wire connection

4-wire connection

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