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Introduction

The 1147B is a wide-band, DC to 50 MHz, active current probe. The probe features low noise and low circuit insertion loss. The intelligent interface makes the probe ideal for use with the InfiniiVision and Infiniium products using the AutoProbe interface. This unique probe interface makes current measurements as simple as those made with the active voltage probes.

The 1147B has two operating regions that provide a wide, flat frequency response. In the DC to low frequency AC region, the probe operation is based on the negative feedback of the amplifier system that includes the thin film Hall element as a detector. In the high frequency region, the probe operates as a current transformer.

The 1147B is ideal for acquiring high transient time signals such as those found in motor controllers, in switching power supplies, and in current amplifiers driving inductive loads.

In order to use this product effectively and to ensure a long operational life, read this user's guide carefully and retain it for future reference.

Features

- Highly accurate current detection
- Split-core construction allows easy circuit connection
- Broadband frequency characteristics DC to 50 MHz
- Connects directly to InfiniiVision and Infiniium scope with 1 M Ω AutoProbe interface
- Easy to degauss and offset zero calibration
- Easy protect function at excessive input
- Carrying case

Inspection

When the unit is delivered, check and make sure that it has not been damaged in transit. If the unit is damaged, or fails to operate according to the specifications, contact your dealer or Agilent representative.

Safety

This manual provides information and warnings essential for operating this equipment in a safe manner and for maintaining it in safe operating condition. Before using this equipment, be sure to carefully read the following warnings, cautions, and notes.

NOTE

This equipment is designed according to IEC 61010-1 Safety Standards, and has been tested for safety prior to shipment. Incorrect measurement procedures could result in injury or death, as well as damage to the equipment. Please read this manual carefully and be sure that you understand its contents before using the equipment. The manufacturer disclaims all responsibility for any accident or injury except that resulting due to defect in its product.

WARNING

Only trained service personnel who are aware of the hazard involved (for example, fire and electric shock) should perform maintenance on the instrument. When maintenance can be performed without power applied, the power cord must be disconnected from the instrument.

WARNING

To avoid short circuits and accidents that could result in injury or death, use the 1147B only with power lines carrying 300V or less.

WARNING

When conductors being measured carry in excess of the safe voltage level (SELV-E) and not more than 300V, to prevent short circuits and electric shock while the core section is open, make sure that conductors to be measured are insulated with material conforming to (1) Overvoltage Category I, (2) Basic Insulation Requirements for Working Voltages of 300 V, and (3) Pollution Degree 2. Never use this sensor on bare conductors, the core and shield case are not insulated. If a bare conductor is inevitable to be measured, make sure that the power to the wire must be turned off, when opening the jaws of the probe to insert or remove the bare wire so that 300V CAT I is always satisfied.

WARNING

Avoid damaging the cable insulation surfaces while taking measurements.

WARNING

This instrument is only made for use with the Infiniium. Do not plug the probe into any interface other than the AutoProbe interface, of which Infiniium has a protective earthing with double-insulation construction.

WARNING

Take the following precautions to ensure that the Infiniium does not form a bridge between the probe and any hazardous live part:

- Isolate the AutoProbe interface to which the probe is connected from other AutoProbe interfaces using basic insulation conforming to the overvoltage category, working voltage, and pollution degree requirements of the circuit being tested.
- If basic insulation requirements cannot be met between the AutoProbe interface to which this unit is connected and other AutoProbe interfaces of the measuring instrument, make sure that the voltage input to the AutoProbe interfaces does not exceed the safe voltage level (SELV-E).
- Read and observe all warnings and precautions relating to electrical safety for the Infiniium.

WARNING

Refer to the following standards regarding the meanings of underlined terms: IEC61010-1, IEC61010-2-031, and IEC61010-2-032.

WARNING

To prevent electric shock, do not allow the unit to become wet and do not use the unit when your hands are wet.

WARNING

The maximum continuous input range is based on heat that is internally generated during measurement. Never input current in excess of this level. Exceeding the rated level may result in damage to the probe.

WARNING

The maximum continuous input range varies according to the frequency of the current being measured. See [Figure 8 on page 20](#) in “Characteristics and Specifications”.

WARNING

If excess current is input, generated heat activates a built-in safety function that blocks normal output. If this happens, remove the input immediately (unclamp the sensor from the conductor being measured or reduce the input current to zero). Wait until the sensor has had sufficient time to cool before resuming operation.

WARNING

Even if the input current does not exceed the rated continuous maximum, continuous input for an extended period of time may result in activation of the safety circuit to prevent damage resulting from heating of the sensor.

WARNING

At high ambient temperatures, the built-in safety circuit may activate at current input levels below the rated continuous maximum.

WARNING

Continuous input of current exceeding the rated maximum or repeated activation of the safety function may result in damage to the unit.

WARNING

Do NOT measure current such that the total probe current consumption exceeds the allowable AutoProbe interface current consumption. The excess current consumption causes a temporary shutdown of the Infiniium power supply for safety. Quit the measurement and cycle the power of the Infiniium, if the shutdown occurs. The typical probe current consumption from the AutoProbe interface is shown in [Figure 1 on page 7](#).

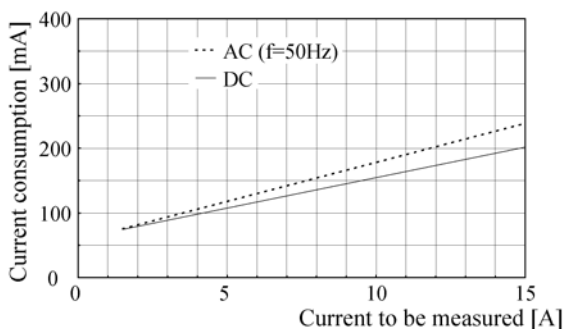


Figure 1. Typical Probe Consumption

CAUTION

Do not subject the unit to vibrations or shocks during transport or handling. Be especially careful to avoid dropping the unit.

CAUTION

Do not store the unit where it will be exposed to direct sunlight, high temperature, high humidity, or condensation. If exposed to such conditions, the unit may be damaged, the insulation may deteriorate, and the unit may no longer satisfy its specifications.

CAUTION

Before using the unit, inspect it and check the operation to make sure that the unit was not damaged due to poor storage or transport conditions. If damage is found, contact your dealer or Agilent representative.

CAUTION

This unit is not constructed to be waterproof or dustproof, so do not use it in a very dusty environment or in one where it will get wet.

Safety

CAUTION

The sensor head is a precision assembly including a molded component, a ferrite core, and a Hall effect element. It may be damaged if subjected to sudden changes in ambient temperature, or mechanical strain or shock, and therefore great care should be exercised in handling it.

CAUTION

The matching surfaces of the sensor head are precision ground, and should be treated with care. If these surfaces are scratched, performance may be impaired.

CAUTION

Do not bend or pull the sensor cable and power supply cable in order to avoid damaging the sensor cables.

CAUTION

Gently wipe dirt from the surface of the unit with a soft cloth moistened with a small amount of water or mild detergent. Do not try to clean the unit using cleaners containing organic solvents such as benzene, alcohol, acetone, ether, ketones, thinners, or gasoline. They may cause discoloration or damage.

CAUTION

To avoid scratching the surfaces of the Hall effect elements, keep the core section of the sensor closed, except when clamping it around the conductor to be measured.

NOTE

Accurate measurement may be impossible in locations subject to strong external magnetic fields, such as transformers and high-current conductors, or in locations subject to strong external electric fields, such as radio transmission equipment.

Description of Parts

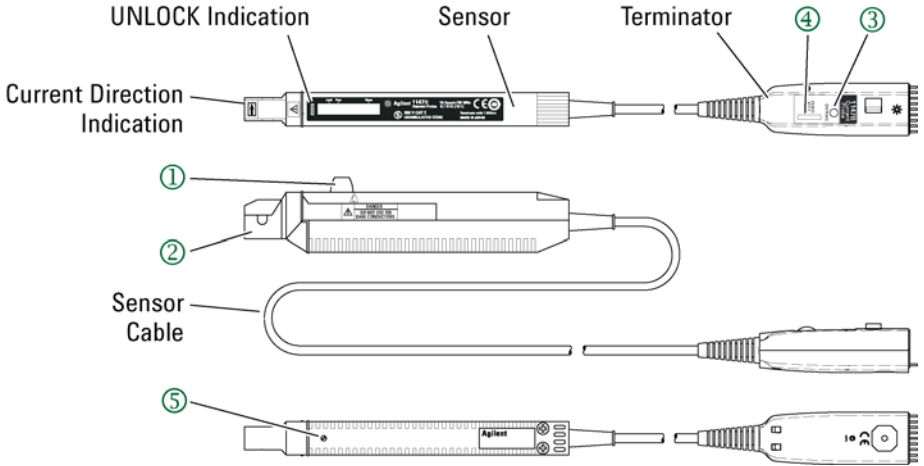


Figure 2. Probe Parts Identification

- ① **Opening Lever.** Operating lever for opening the sensor head. Always use this lever to open the sensor head.
- ② **Sensor Head.** This clamps the conductor being measured, and carries out the actual current measurement. It is a precision assembly including a molded component, a ferrite core, and a Hall effect element. It may be damaged if subjected to sudden changes in ambient temperature, or mechanical strain or shock. Care should be exercised when handling the sensor head.
- ③ **Demagnetizing Switch (DEMG).** This demagnetizes the core if it has been magnetized by switching the power on and off, or by an excessive input. Always carry out demagnetizing before measurement. The demagnetizing process takes about one second. During demagnetizing, a demagnetizing waveform is output. Refer to “Demagnetization and Zero Adjustment” on page 14.

Description of Parts

④ **Zero Adjustment Dial (ZERO ADJ).** Use the zero adjustment dial to correct for the effect of a voltage offset or temperature drift on the unit. The probe should be always be zeroed after demagnetization. Refer to “Demagnetization and Zero Adjustment” on page 14.

⑤ **Coarse Adjustment Trimmer.** This adjustment should only be carried out if the probe offset is outside the range of the zero adjustment dial.

NOTE

The output of this unit is terminated internally. The high-impedance such as $1\text{ M}\Omega$ input impedance will be automatically selected on the Infiniium, as the Terminator is plugged into the AutoProbe interface. With an input impedance of $50\ \Omega$ accurate measurement is not possible.

NOTE

The probe output sensitivity 0.1 V/A will be automatically selected, as the Terminator is plugged into the AutoProbe interface. With an different output sensitivity, accurate measurement is not possible.

Using the Probe

WARNING

Ensure all safety warnings and precautions are followed. Before using the probe, study the warning and precautions in [“Safety” on page 5](#).

NOTE

This probe is NOT compatible with 50 Ω only Infiniium oscilloscopes (for example, the DSO80000 or 90000 series oscilloscopes). The input coupling is automatically selected to DC, as the Terminator is plugged into the AutoProbe interface.

NOTE

Immediately after powering on, this probe may be subject to an appreciable offset drift due to the effect of self-heating. To counteract this, allow the probe to warm up for about 30 minutes before carrying out measurement.

Making Measurements

- 1 Power on the oscilloscope.
- 2 Connect the probe terminator to one of the scope channels.

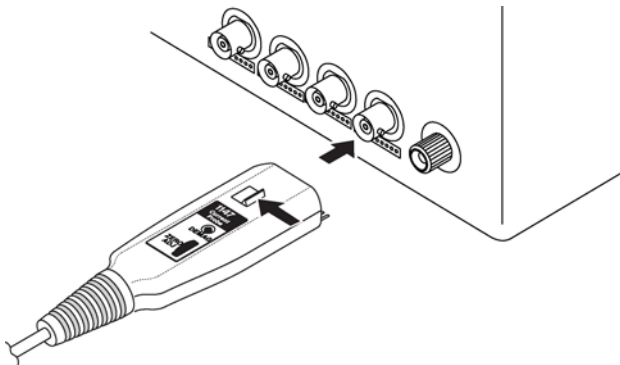


Figure 3. Connecting the Probe to the Oscilloscope

NOTE

When the probe is connected to a scope channel, the AutoProbe interface recognizes the probe as an 1147B and automatically sets the channel to 1 M Ω input resistance with DC input coupling.

- 3 Perform the steps in [“Demagnetization and Zero Adjustment” on page](#)

14.

- 4 Using the probe's opening lever, clamp the sensor head around the conductor to be measured as shown in [Figure 4 on page 12](#).

CAUTION

Always use the opening lever when opening the probe's sensor head. If an upper core is forced to open when the sensor head is locked, the open-close mechanism can be damaged.

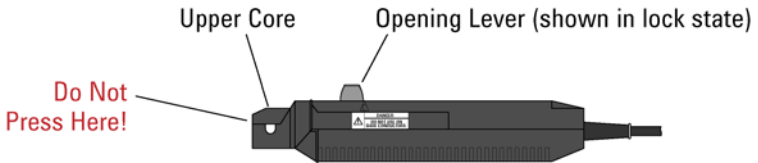


Figure 4. Use the Opening Lever

- 5 To obtain the best accuracy, ensure that:
 - The current direction indicator on the sensor aligns with actual current direction in the conductor.
 - The sensor opening lever is in the Locked position
 - The cable is centered in the sensor head.
- 6 At high frequencies, common mode noise may affect measurements taken on the high voltage side of circuits. If this occurs, reduce the frequency range of the measuring instrument or clamp onto the low-voltage side of the circuit (as shown in [Figure 5 on page 13](#)), as appropriate.

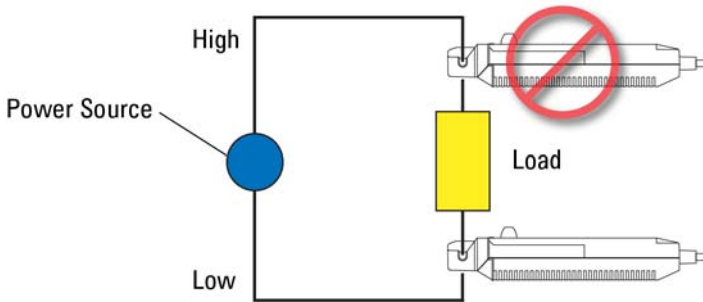


Figure 5. Clamp Onto the Low-Voltage Side of Circuit

NOTE

When performing continuous measurements, it is necessary to be aware that the zero offset voltage will drift if the ambient temperature changes.

NOTE

Under certain circumstances, oscillation may occur if the probe is connected to the Auto-Probe interface while the Infiniium is on. This does not indicate a malfunction. Oscillation can be stopped and operation restored to normal by opening and closing the sensor head.

NOTE

At some frequencies, some sound may be produced by resonance, this has no effect on measurements.

NOTE

Measurement accuracy is affected by the position of the conductor being measured within the clamp aperture. The conductor should be in the center of the clamp aperture.

NOTE

Before making a measurement, press the opening lever until the "UNLOCK" indication disappears and check that the sensor head is properly closed. If the sensor head is not properly closed, accurate measurement will not be possible.

NOTE

Accurate measurement may be impossible in locations subject to strong external magnetic fields, such as transformers and high-current conductors, or in locations subject to strong external electric fields, such as radio transmission equipment.

Demagnetization and Zero Adjustment

- 1 Allow both the Infiniium oscilloscope and the probe to warm up for at least 30 minutes before making these adjustments.
- 2 Ensure that the channel offset is set to 0V on the oscilloscope channel to which the probe is connected.
- 3 Ensure that the probe sensor is NOT clamped around any conductors.
- 4 Slide the probe sensor Opening Lever into the Locked position. Refer to [Figure 4 on page 12](#) for the location of the lever.
- 5 Press the **DEMAG** button on the terminator. A demagnetization waveform will be displayed for a short time on the channel to which the probe is connected. Wait until this waveform is no longer displayed.
- 6 When the demagnetization waveform is no longer displayed, adjust the **ZERO ADJ** control on the probe terminator to move the trace for the channel to which the probe is connected as close as possible to the 0V position. If the **ZERO ADJ** control cannot center the trace adequately, then do the following:
 - a Move the **ZERO ADJ** control to a midrange position.
 - b Carefully adjust the Coarse Adjustment Trimmer on the probe sensor to move the trace on the channel to which the probe is connected as close as possible to the 0V position.
 - c Adjust the **ZERO ADJ** control on the probe terminator to move the trace for the channel to which the probe is connected as close as possible to the 0V position.

Calibration Testing Procedure

Use the following procedure to test the warranted specifications for the 1147B Differential Probe. The recommended calibration test interval for the 1147B is once a year or as required. Use the equipment listed in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 Test Equipment Required

Description	Minimum Requirements	Recommended Test Equipment
Infiniium	Bandwidth ≥ 250 MHz Amplitude accuracy: ≤ 0.4 %	Any Infiniium oscilloscope with 1 M Ω input
Current loop wire	16 AWG, Convenient length	30 cm
AC current generator	AC 10 A _{rms} , 50 Hz, sine wave Amplitude accuracy: ≤ 0.3 %	Wavetek 9100
50 Ω current loop	—	N2774-23801

AC Accuracy

- 1 Turn on the Infiniium then connect the 1147B probe to the Infiniium.
- 2 Turn on the other equipment.
- 3 Wait 30 minutes to warm up the equipment.
- 4 Press the DEMAG button on the Terminator.
- 5 Connect the current loop wire to the current terminals of the AC current generator.
- 6 Clamp the wire with the 1147B and lock the sensor head.

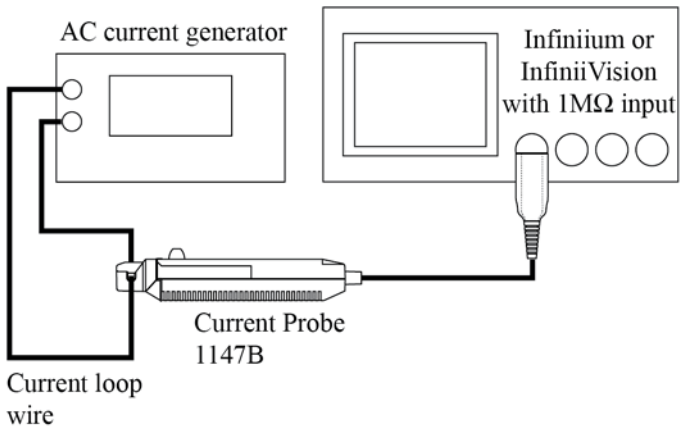


Figure 6. Sensor Head Clamped to Wire

7 Set the Infiniium setups as follows:

- Averaging: 16
- Time: 5 ms/div
- Vertical axis: 5 A/div
- Trigger level: 0 mV
- Trigger slope: Rise
- Measurement mode: Vrms (Voltage)
- Measurement Area: Entire Display
- RMS Type: AC
- Other setups: APPROPRIATE

8 Set the Generator setups to AC 10 A_{rms}, 50 Hz, and sine wave.

9 Generate the wave, measure the current and record it.

10 Remove the wire and the generator from the 1147B.

Calibration Test Record

Agilent Technologies 1147B DC to 50 MHz Current Probe Recommended Test Interval: 1 year Serial No.: _____ Certification Date: _____ Tested By: _____ Certification Temperature: _____ Recommended Date of Next Certification: _____			
Test	Limit Minimum	Results	Limit Maximum
AC Accuracy [Arms]	9.75		10.25

NOTE

The AC Accuracy range is based on the Infiniium oscilloscope's accuracy. Calculate the minimum and the maximum limits corresponding to the accuracy of your Infiniium oscilloscope.

Characteristics and Specifications

Table 2 Measurement Characteristics

Item	Characteristic ^a
Probe Bandwidth	DC to 50 MHz (–3 dB)
Accuracy (Probe Only) ^b	±1% of reading ±1 mV (DC or 45 Hz to 66 Hz)
Risetime ^c	≤ 7 ns
Maximum current	With InfiniiVision Series: 15A peak(DC+AC peak), 15A _{DC} , 10A _{rms} continuous Max. peak: 30A peak non-continuous (when two probes are used) 30A peak(DC+AC peak), 30 A _{DC} , 24A _{rms} continuous Max. peak: 32A peak non-continuous (when one probe is used) With Infiniium Series: 15A peak, 15A _{DC} , 10A _{rms} continuous, 30A peak non-continuous (per each channel) (Refer to frequency derating curve, Figure 8 on page 20)
Maximum peak current	50A (for Pulse Widths ≤ 10µs)
Probe sensitivity	0.1V/A
Noise	≤ 2.5 mA _{rms} (with 20 MHz Bandwidth limiting)
Insertion impedance	Refer to Figure 9 on page 20 .
Temperature coefficient	≤ ±2% (0°C to 40°C)
Effect of external magnetic fields	Equivalent to ≤ 20 mA (for a 400 A/m magnetic field, DC to 60 Hz)
Maximum circuit voltage	300V Cat I (refer to safety considerations and product compliances)

a.Requires 1MΩ termination. Valid for 23°C ±3°C (73°F ±5°F), at least 30 minutes after power on.

b.This is a specification and is guaranteed at 23°C ±3°C (73°F ±5°F).

c.Rise time is calculated as: $T_r = 0.35/\text{Bandwidth}$.

Table 3 Power Supply Characteristics

Item	Characteristics
DC supply voltage requirements	$\pm 12\text{Vdc} \pm 1\text{V}$
Probe power consumption	Increases with measured current. 3 VA when measuring 15A

Table 4 Mechanical Characteristics

Item	Characteristics
Maximum cable diameter	5 mm (0.2 inch)
Sensor cable length	1.5 m (59 inches)
Power cable length	1 m (39 inches)
Dimensions (Sensor)	175 mm x 18 mm x 40 mm 6.89 in. x 0.71 in. x 1.6 in.
Dimensions (Terminator)	28 mm x 81 mm x 24 mm 1.1 in. x 3.2 in. x 0.94 in
Weight	210 g (7.4 oz.)
Accessories supplied	Storage case, calibration certificate

Table 5 Environmental Characteristics

Item	Characteristics
Use	Indoor
Operating temperature range	0°C to 40°C (32°F to 104°F)
Storage temperature range	-10°C to 50°C (14°F to 122°F)
Maximum relative humidity (operating or storage)	80% (no condensation)
Vibration (10 to 55 Hz)	30 min/axis 10 octave/min Amplitude 0.3 mm
Vibration (55 Hz)	30 min/axis Amplitude 0.3 mm Acceleration 17.91 m/s ²
Maximum Altitude	2000m

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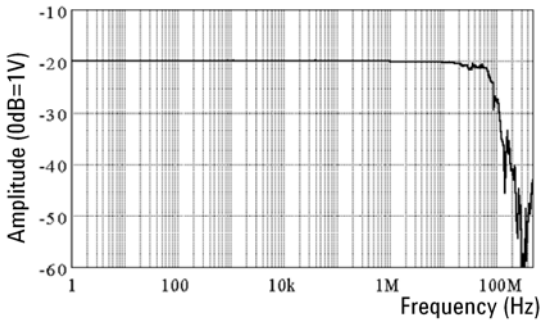


Figure 7. Frequency Characteristic

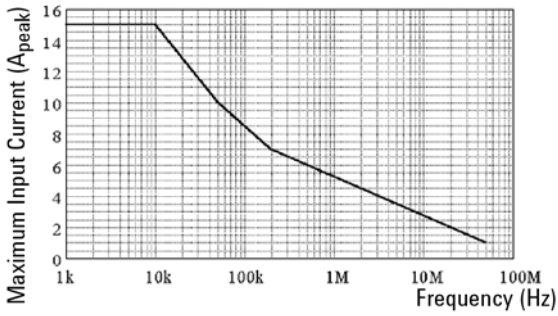


Figure 8. Derating According to Frequency

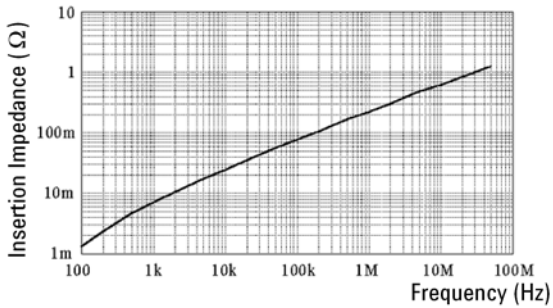








Figure 9. Insertion Impedance

Product Markings and Labels

Table 6 Instrument Markings

Marking	Description
 300 V CAT I UNINSULATED CORE	Indicates the maximum circuit voltage and product compliance.
	This symbol indicates the Environmental Protection Use Period (EPUP) for the product's toxic substances for the China RoHS requirements.
	The CE symbol indicates the European Community.
	CAUTION. Risk of Danger. Refer to this manual for more information.
 N10149	This mark indicates the Australian Spectrum Management Agency.
	WEEE Directive notice. This marking is on a notice sticker and is not actually fixed to the product.

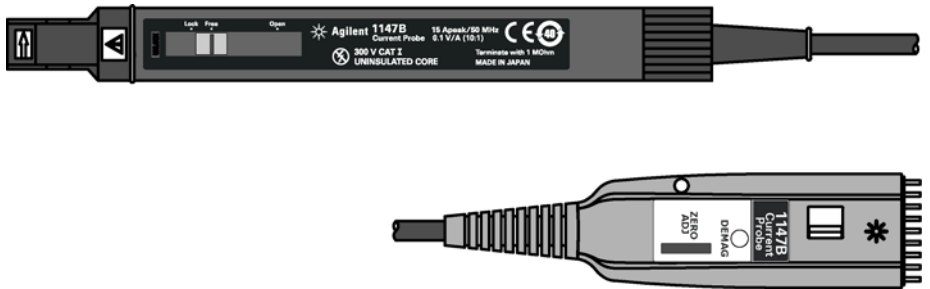


Figure 10. Product Labels

Service Strategy

For repair and calibration testing, return the 1147B probe to an Agilent Service Center. If the probe is under warranty, normal warranty services apply. If the probe is not under warranty, repair costs will be applied.

To return the Probe to Agilent Technologies for Service

Call (800) 829-4444 for further details and the location of your nearest Agilent Technologies Service Office or go to www.agilent.com/find/assist for contact information.

- 1 Write the following information on a tag and attach it to the probe.
 - Name and address of the owner
 - Probe model number
 - Description of service required or failure indications
- 2 Retain all accessories.
- 3 Return the probe in its case or pack the probe in foam or other shock-absorbing material and place it in a strong shipping container. You can use the original shipping materials or order materials from an Agilent Technologies Sales Office. If neither are available, place 3 to 4 inches of shock-absorbing material around the instrument and place it in a box that does not allow movement during shipping.
- 4 Seal the shipping container securely.
- 5 Mark the shipping container as FRAGILE. In all correspondence, refer to the instrument by model number and full serial number.

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