

RF CURRENT MONITORING PROBE

1 Introduction

The TBCP3-1000 is a fixed aperture RF current monitoring probe, expanding the Tekbox product range of affordable EMC pre-compliance test equipment.

The probe has a very flat response with a 3dB bandwidth of 1 GHz and is characterized and usable over the frequency range from 30kHz to 1 GHz.



Picture 1: TBCP3-1000 RF current monitoring probe

The aperture of the RF current monitoring probe is 17 mm. Its transfer impedance is close to 20 dB Ohm in the range from 3 MHz to 1 GHz.

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2 Specification

Characterized frequency range: 30 kHz to 1 GHz
Aperture diameter: 17 mm
Outside diameter: 52 mm
Height: 14 mm
Weight: 55 g
Connector type: SMA female
Transfer impedance: 20 dBΩ
Max. primary current (DC - 400 Hz): 30 A
Max. primary current (RF): 4 A
Max. core temperature: 125 °C

3 Transfer impedance

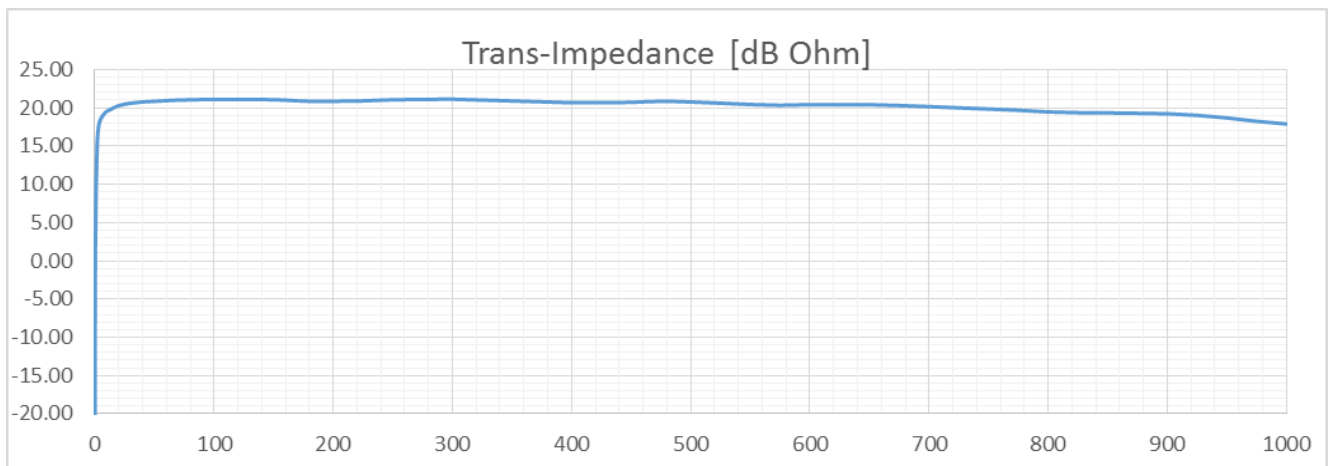


Figure 1: typical transfer impedance: 10 kHz to 1000 MHz, linear

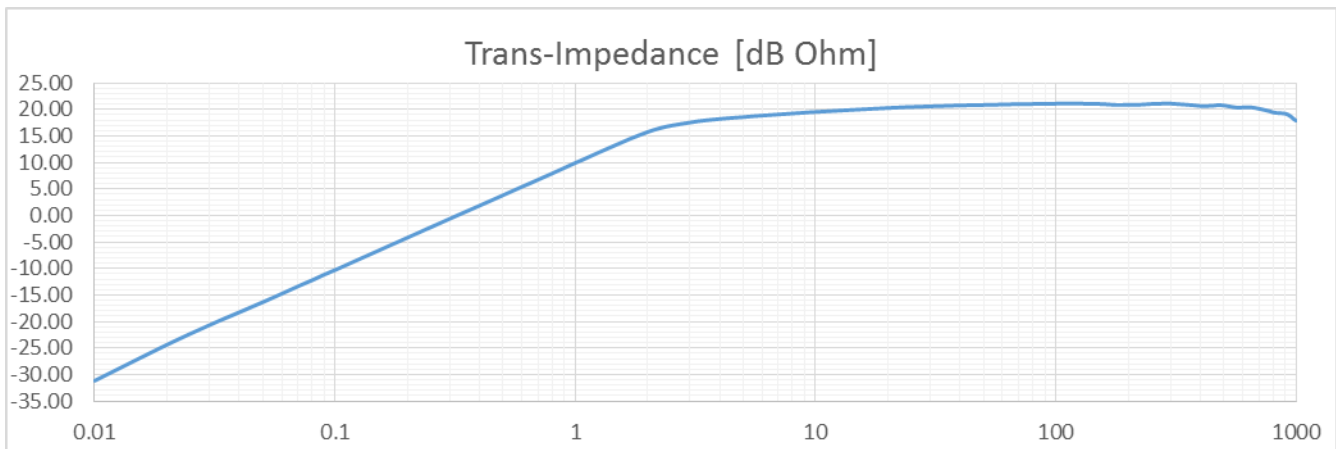


Figure 2: typical transfer impedance: 10 kHz to 1000 MHz, logarithmic

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4 Typical transfer impedance table

The table below shows typical transfer impedance data of a TBCP3-1000 current probe. Each current probe is delivered with its corresponding measurement protocol. This data can be used for the creation of a correction file for EMCview or similar EMC measurement software. The transfer impedance in dBΩ subtracted from the analyzer reading in dBμV gives the corrected reading in dBμA.

Refer to the application notes of EMCview on how to create a current probe correction file.

Frequency [MHz]	transfer impedance [dBΩ]	Frequency [MHz]	transfer impedance [dBΩ]
0.03	-20.67	150	21.07
0.04	-18.23	160	21.01
0.05	-16.34	170	20.93
0.06	-14.74	180	20.87
0.07	-13.36	190	20.87
0.08	-12.23	200	20.87
0.09	-11.15	225	20.92
0.1	-10.27	250	21.06
0.2	-4.16	275	21.11
0.3	-0.61	300	21.13
0.4	1.89	325	21.02
0.5	3.84	350	20.91
0.6	5.44	375	20.80
0.7	6.77	400	20.67
0.8	7.93	425	20.67
0.9	9.00	450	20.72
1	9.93	475	20.86
2	15.77	500	20.77
3	17.56	525	20.61
4	18.23	550	20.44
5	18.59	575	20.34
6	18.87	600	20.42
7	19.08	625	20.40
8	19.27	650	20.41
9	19.42	675	20.31
10	19.55	700	20.16
20	20.29	725	20.00
30	20.61	750	19.85
40	20.78	775	19.69
50	20.87	800	19.47
60	20.95	825	19.37
70	21.02	850	19.34
80	21.05	875	19.29
90	21.09	900	19.23
100	21.11	925	19.03
110	21.12	950	18.69
120	21.11	975	18.24
130	21.11	1000	17.90
140	21.09		

Table1: Transfer impedance, 30 kHz to 1000 MHz

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5 Accessory

Tekbox supplies a calibration fixture corresponding with the TBCP3 current monitoring probe:



Picture 2: TBCP3-CAL RF current probe calibration fixture

6 Ordering Information

Part Number	Description
TBCP3-1000	TBCP3 RF current monitoring probe, beech-wood box, calibration protocol
TBCP3-CAL	Calibration fixture for TBCP3 current probe series

7 History

Version	Date	Author	Changes
V 1.0	5.1.2021	Mayerhofer	Creation of the preliminary document
V 1.1	28.1.2021	Mayerhofer	Chapter 5 updated

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