

# Test Equipment Solutions Datasheet

Test Equipment Solutions Ltd specialise in the second user sale, rental and distribution of quality test & measurement (T&M) equipment. We stock all major equipment types such as spectrum analyzers, signal generators, oscilloscopes, power meters, logic analysers etc from all the major suppliers such as Agilent, Tektronix, Anritsu and Rohde & Schwarz.

We are focused at the professional end of the marketplace, primarily working with customers for whom high performance, quality and service are key, whilst realising the cost savings that second user equipment offers. As such, we fully test & refurbish equipment in our in-house, traceable Lab. Items are supplied with manuals, accessories and typically a full no-quibble 2 year warranty. Our staff have extensive backgrounds in T&M, totalling over 150 years of combined experience, which enables us to deliver industry-leading service and support. We endeavour to be customer focused in every way right down to the detail, such as offering free delivery on sales, covering the cost of warranty returns BOTH ways (plus supplying a loan unit, if available) and supplying a free business tool with every order.

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- Manuals and accessories required for normal operation.
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HP 8495D



HP 8495K

### Programmable and Manual Step Attenuators DC–1000 MHz

#### Manual

**HP 355C** (0–12 dB, 1 dB steps)  
**HP 355D** (0–120 dB, 10 dB steps)

#### Programmable

**HP 355E** (0–12 dB, 1 dB steps)  
**HP 355F** (0–120 dB, 10 dB steps)

The manual and programmable HP 355 C/D/E/F attenuators offer exceptional attenuation accuracy to 1 GHz; +0.1 dB to 1 kHz, 0.25 dB to 500 MHz, 0.35 to 1 GHz. They feature BNC (f) RF connectors, with optional type-N (Option 001) and TNC (Option 005) also available. To achieve 1 dB steps to 132 dB range, serially connect two attenuators using a standard UG-491A/U BNC (m)-to-BNC (m) adapter. Programmable HP 355 E/F models feature a 7-pin connector (supplied). To protect your transistor driver against transients during the switching cycle, order Option 007 to install a protective diode between each solenoid and driver.

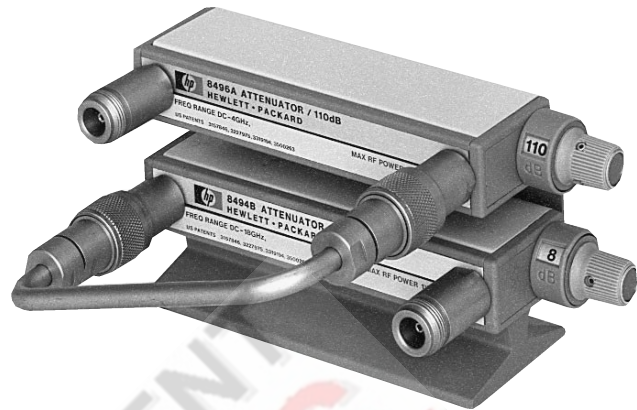
### Programmable and Manual Step Attenuators DC–26.5 GHz

**HP 8494A/B/G/H** (0–11 dB, 1 dB steps)  
**HP 8495A/B/D/G/H/K** (0–70 dB, 10 dB steps)  
**HP 8496A/B/G/H** (0–110 dB, 10 dB steps)  
**HP 8497K** (0–90 dB, 10 dB steps)

The HP 8494/95/96/97 family of step attenuators offer fast, precise signal level control in three frequency ranges, dc to 4 GHz, dc to 18 GHz and dc to 26.5 GHz. They feature exceptional repeatability and reliability in a wide range of frequency, attenuation and connector options.

Attenuation repeatability is specified to be less than 0.03 dB (0.05 dB, 18–26.5 GHz) for 5 million cycles per section. This assures low measurement uncertainty and high user confidence when designed into automatic test systems. Electromechanical step attenuators offer low SWR, low insertion loss and high accuracy required by high-performance test and measurement equipment.

Precision plated leaf-spring contacts remove attenuator sections (miniature tantalum nitride thin-film T-pads on sapphire and alumina substrates) from the signal path. Unique process controls and material selection ensure unmatched life and contact repeatability.



HP 11716A

### Programmable Models

Miniature drive solenoids in the programmable models keep switching time, including settling, down to less than 20 milliseconds. Once switched, strong permanent magnets hold the solenoids (and attenuation value) in place. Current interrupts automatically disconnect solenoid current, simplifying driver circuit design and minimizing heat dissipation. Programming is done through a 12-pin Viking socket or optional ribbon cables with DIP plugs.

To simplify connecting programmable attenuators to the drive circuit, each unit is supplied with a 5-ft. cable assembly. With an HP 11713A attenuator driver, 87130A attenuator driver, or an HP 70611A driver for MMS-based systems, automatic drive control is easy using the Hewlett-Packard Interface Bus (HP-IB) automated system.

### HP 11716A/B/C Attenuator Interconnect Kits

Quickly and conveniently connect 1 dB step and 10 dB step attenuators together to achieve greater dynamic range with 1 dB steps. The 11716A/B/C interconnect kits contain a rigid RF cable, mounting bracket, and necessary hardware to connect any pair of HP 8494/95/96/97 attenuators in series (see photo above). Attenuators must be ordered separately.

### Key Literature

New *RF & Microwave Test Accessories Catalog*, p/n 5964-9527E

### Ordering Information

**HP 11716A** Interconnect Kit (Type-N)  
**HP 11716B** Interconnect Kit (APC-7)  
**HP 11716C** Interconnect Kit (SMA)  
**HP 11717A** Attenuator/Switch Rackmount Support Kit

HP 355  
Series  
HP 8494  
HP 8495  
HP 8496  
HP 8497  
Series  
HP 11716  
Series

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## Coaxial Step Attenuators (cont'd)

### HP 355 Series, 8494/5/6/7 Series Specifications

| HP Model<br>(Switching<br>Mode) | Frequency<br>Range<br>(GHz) | Attenuation<br>Range<br>(dB) | Maximum<br>SWR                                                          | Insertion<br>Loss<br>@ 0 dB | Attenuation<br>Accuracy                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Power<br>Rating,<br>Minimum<br>Life                                        | Solenoid<br>Voltage<br>Speed<br>Power | Size,<br>Shipping Weight                                                    | Connector<br>Options            |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>355C</b><br>(Manual)         | dc to 1                     | 0 to 12<br>1 dB steps        | 1.2 to 250 MHz<br>1.3 to 500 MHz<br>1.5 to 1 GHz                        | 0.11 dB +<br>1.39 dB/GHz    | ±0.1 dB @ 1000 Hz<br>±0.25 dB: dc to 0.5 GHz<br>±0.35 dB: dc to 1.0 GHz                                                                                                                                                                            | 0.5 W avg.<br>350 W peak<br>0.5 million<br>cycles per<br>section           | —<br>15 to 18 V<br><65 ms<br>3.0 W    | 70 mm W x 67 mm H x 152 mm D<br>(2.75 in x 2.6 in x 6 in)<br>1.4 kg (3 lb)  | BNC (f)<br>See Note 1           |
| <b>355E</b><br>(Programmable)   |                             |                              |                                                                         |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                       |                                                                             |                                 |
| <b>355D</b><br>(Manual)         | dc to 1                     | 0 to 120<br>10 dB steps      | 1.2 to 0.25 GHz<br>1.3 to 0.5 GHz<br>1.5 to 1 GHz                       | 0.11 dB +<br>1.39 dB/GHz    | ±0.3 dB @ 1000 Hz<br>±1.5 dB to 90 dB, and<br>±3 dB to 120 dB @ 1 GHz                                                                                                                                                                              | 0.5 W avg.<br>350 W peak<br>0.5 million<br>cycles per<br>section           | —<br>15 to 18 V<br><65 ms<br>3.0 W    | 70 mm W x 67 mm H x 152 mm D<br>(2.75 in x 2.6 in x 6 in)<br>1.4 kg (3 lb)  | BNC (f)<br>See Note 1           |
| <b>355F</b><br>(Programmable)   |                             |                              |                                                                         |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                       |                                                                             |                                 |
| <b>8494A</b><br>(Manual)        | dc to 4                     | 0 to 11<br>1 dB steps        | 1.5                                                                     | 0.6 dB +<br>0.09 dB/GHz     | ±0.2 dB: 1 to 2 dB<br>±0.3 dB: 3 to 6 dB<br>±0.4 dB: 7 to 10 dB<br>±0.5 dB: 11 dB                                                                                                                                                                  | 1 W avg.<br>100 W peak<br>10 µs max.<br>5 million<br>cycles per<br>section | —<br>20 to 30 V<br><20 ms<br>2.7 W    | 73 mm W x 43 mm H x 159 mm D<br>(2.9 in x 1.7 in x 6.2 in)<br>0.9 kg (2 lb) | 001<br>002<br>003<br>See Note 2 |
| <b>8494G</b><br>(Programmable)  |                             |                              |                                                                         |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                       |                                                                             |                                 |
| <b>8494B</b><br>(Manual)        | dc to 18                    | 0 to 11<br>1 dB steps        | 1.5 to 8 GHz<br>1.6 to 12.4 GHz<br>1.9 to 18 GHz                        | 0.6 dB +<br>0.09 dB/GHz     | <b>dc to 12.4 GHz</b><br>±0.3 dB: 1 to 2 dB<br>±0.3 dB: 3 to 6 dB<br>±0.4 dB: 7 to 10 dB<br>±0.5 dB: 5 to 6 dB<br>±0.6 dB: 7 to 10 dB<br>±0.7 dB: 11 dB<br><b>dc to 18 GHz</b><br>±0.7 dB: 1 to 5 dB<br>±0.8 dB: 6 to 9 dB<br>±0.9 dB: 10 to 11 dB | 1 W avg.<br>100 W peak<br>10 µs max.<br>5 million<br>cycles per<br>section | —<br>20 to 30 V<br><20 ms<br>2.7 W    | 73 mm W x 43 mm H x 159 mm D<br>(2.9 in x 1.7 in x 6.2 in)<br>0.9 kg (2 lb) | 001<br>002<br>003<br>See Note 2 |
| <b>8494H</b><br>(Programmable)  |                             |                              |                                                                         |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                       |                                                                             |                                 |
| <b>8495A</b><br>(Manual)        | dc to 4                     | 0 to 70<br>10 dB steps       | 1.35                                                                    | 0.4 dB +<br>0.07 dB/GHz     | ±1.7% of setting or 0.4 dB,<br>whichever is greater                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 W avg.<br>100 W peak<br>10 µs max.<br>5 million<br>cycles per<br>section | —<br>20 to 30 V<br><20 ms<br>2.7 W    | 73 mm W x 43 mm H x 130 mm D<br>(2.9 in x 1.7 in x 5.1 in)<br>0.9 kg (2 lb) | 001<br>002<br>003<br>See Note 2 |
| <b>8495G</b><br>(Programmable)  |                             |                              |                                                                         |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                       |                                                                             |                                 |
| <b>8495B</b><br>(Manual)        | dc to 18                    | 0 to 70<br>10 dB steps       | 1.35 to 8 GHz<br>1.5 to 12.4 GHz<br>1.7 to 18 GHz                       | 0.4 dB +<br>0.07 dB/GHz     | ±3%: dc to 12.4 GHz<br>±4%: dc to 18 GHz<br>% in dB from atten.<br>setting                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 W avg.<br>100 W peak<br>10 µs max.<br>5 million<br>cycles per<br>section | —<br>20 to 30 V<br><20 ms<br>2.7 W    | 73 mm W x 43 mm H x 130 mm D<br>(2.9 in x 1.7 in x 5.1 in)<br>0.9 kg (2 lb) | 001<br>002<br>003<br>See Note 2 |
| <b>8495H</b><br>(Programmable)  |                             |                              |                                                                         |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                       |                                                                             |                                 |
| <b>8495D</b><br>(Manual)        | dc to 26.5                  | 0 to 70<br>10 dB steps       | 1.25 to 6 GHz<br>1.45 to 12.4 GHz<br>1.6 to 18.0 GHz<br>1.8 to 26.5 GHz | 0.5 dB +<br>0.13 dB/GHz     | ±0.3 dB at 6 GHz 10 dB<br>attenuation to<br>±2.8 dB at 26.5 GHz<br>90 dB attenuation                                                                                                                                                               | 1 W avg.<br>100 W peak<br>10 µs max.<br>5 million<br>cycles per<br>section | —<br>20 to 30 V<br><20 ms<br>2.7 W    | 52 mm W x 43 mm H x 159 mm D<br>(2.1 in x 1.7 in x 6.2 in)<br>0.9 kg (2 lb) | 004<br>3.5 mm<br>See Note 2     |
| <b>8495K</b><br>(Programmable)  |                             |                              |                                                                         |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                       |                                                                             |                                 |
| <b>8496A</b><br>(Manual)        | dc to 4                     | 0 to 110<br>10 dB steps      | 1.5                                                                     | 0.6 dB +<br>0.09 dB/GHz     | ±1.7% of setting or 0.4 dB,<br>whichever is greater                                                                                                                                                                                                | 1 W avg.<br>100 W peak<br>10 µs max.<br>5 million<br>cycles per<br>section | —<br>20 to 30 V<br><20 ms<br>2.7 W    | 73 mm W x 43 mm H x 159 mm D<br>(2.9 in x 1.7 in x 6.2 in)<br>0.9 kg (2 lb) | 001<br>002<br>003<br>See Note 2 |
| <b>8496G</b><br>(Programmable)  |                             |                              |                                                                         |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                       |                                                                             |                                 |
| <b>8496B</b><br>(Manual)        | dc to 18                    | 0 to 110<br>10 dB steps      | 1.5 to 8 GHz<br>1.6 to 12.4 GHz<br>1.9 to 18 GHz                        | 0.6 dB +<br>0.09 dB/GHz     | ±3%: dc to 12.4 GHz<br>±4%: dc to 18 GHz<br>% in dB from atten.<br>setting                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 W avg.<br>100 W peak<br>10 µs max.<br>5 million<br>cycles per<br>section | —<br>20 to 30 V<br><20 ms<br>2.7 W    | 73 mm W x 43 mm H x 159 mm D<br>(2.9 in x 1.7 in x 6.2 in)<br>0.9 kg (2 lb) | 001<br>002<br>003<br>See Note 2 |
| <b>8496H</b><br>(Programmable)  |                             |                              |                                                                         |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                            |                                       |                                                                             |                                 |
| <b>8497K</b><br>(Programmable)  | dc to 26.5                  | 0 to 90<br>10 dB steps       | 1.25 to 6 GHz<br>1.45 to 12.4 GHz<br>1.6 to 18.0 GHz<br>1.8 to 26.5 GHz | 0.4 dB +<br>0.09 dB/GHz     | ±0.3 dB at 6 GHz 10 dB<br>attenuation to<br>±2.8 dB at 26.5 GHz<br>90 dB attenuation                                                                                                                                                               | 1 W avg.<br>100 W peak<br>10 µs max.<br>5 million<br>cycles per<br>section | 5 V or 24 V                           | 52 mm W x 43 mm H x 143 mm D<br>(2.1 in x 1.7 in x 5.6 in)<br>0.9 kg (2 lb) | 004<br>3.5 mm<br>See Note 2     |

### How to Order the HP 8494/5/6/7 Series Attenuators

Each order must include basic model number, suffix letter, and connector option.

**Ordering example:** HP 8494 A Option 001

| 4                          | A                                 | 001                  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 4 (1 dB step, 11 dB max)   | A (Manual, dc to 4 GHz)           | 001 (N female)       |
| 5 (10 dB step, 70 dB max)  | B (Manual, dc to 18 GHz)          | 002 (SMA female)     |
| 6 (10 dB step, 110 dB max) | D (Manual, dc to 26.5 GHz)*       | 003 (APC-7)          |
| 7 (10 dB step, 90 dB max)  | G (Programmable, dc to 4 GHz)     | 004 (3.5 mm female)* |
|                            | H (Programmable, dc to 18 GHz)    |                      |
|                            | K (Programmable, dc to 26.5 GHz)* |                      |

\*Option 004 is only available on D and K models.

**Note 1:** 355C/D/E/F connector options (BNC (f) standard):

- Option 001 N(f)
- Option 005 TNC(f)
- Option 007 Transistor protection (355E/F only)
- Option UKS Commercial Calibration Certificate

**Note 2:** 8494/5/6/7 orders must specify connector option. See ordering example.

- Option 001 N(f)
- Option 002 SMA(f)
- Option 003 APC-7
- Option 004 3.5 mm (HP 8495D/K, 8497K only)
- Option UK6 Commercial Calibration Test Data with Certificate
- Option UKS Commercial Calibration Certificate