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RF Current Probe

Features

- Frequency Range: 9 kHz to 230 MHz
- Accommodates cable bundle diameters up to two inches (52 mm)
- Suitable for Compliance-Level Conducted Disturbance (Current) Measurements and as Current Monitor for BCIP Testing
- Individual Calibration Included
- Three-Year Warranty

Description

The **CLCE-252** RF Current Probe is part of Com-Power's extensive line of radio frequency conducted emission/ immunity test equipment and calibration accessories.

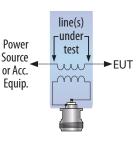
The **CLCE-252** was designed to accommodate thick cable bundles up to two inches in diameter. It incorporates a split-core ferrite into its rugged, circular



errite into its rugged, circular enclosure. The probe enclosure is hinged, allowing the probe to be opened on one side in order to easily place the wire, cable(s) or cable bundle(s) to be tested into the probe aperture. This makes the **CLCE-252** much more convenient to use than other non-split-core probes.

The current is measured inductively by clamping the probe around the line(s) to be tested.

Essentially, a current probe is a toroidal transformer, with the line(s) under test acting as the primary, and the probe itself acting as the secondary.



The probe's output voltage is measured across the 50Ω input impedance of the measuring instrument.

This voltage is then converted to a current quantity by applying the transfer impedance factor of the probe.





Application

In general, RF current probes are employed for the measurement of RF current flow on a wire, cable, or cable bundle.

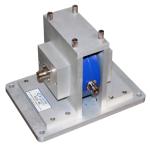
Applications include compliance measurements of disturbance currents per CISPR 15, CISPR 25 and CISPR 32, as well as RF current monitoring during conducted immunity/susceptibility tests per IEC 61000-4-6, MIL-STD-461 and RTCA DO-160, where Bulk Current Injection Probes (BCIP) are used.

The **CLCE-252** can also be extremely useful for engineering applications such as diagnostics and troubleshooting.

Calibration Fixture

Current probes are calibrated using a calibration fixture with a coaxial-type arrangement.

The **CLCE-252** is designed to be used with the Com-Power **FCLCE-452** Calibration Fixture (sold separately). The fixture is required for insertion loss/transfer impedance calibration, as well as CS114 test level calibration according to MIL-STD-461G.



Calibration

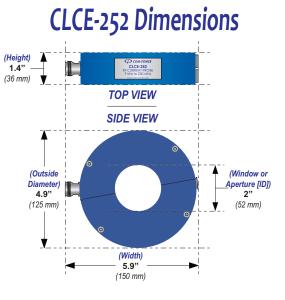
As is the case with nearly all Com-Power products, each unit receives individual NIST traceable calibration, and the data is provided along with a certificate of calibration. ISO 17025 accredited calibration is available for an additional charge.



Specifications

All values are typical, unless specified. All specifications are subject to change without notice.

Model	CLCE-252
Frequency Range	9 kHz to 230 MHz
Window or Aperture (ID)	2" (52 mm)
Outside Diameter	4.9" (125 mm)
Height	1.4" (36 mm)
Width	5.9" (150 mm)
Weight	1.5 lbs. (0.68 kg)
Connector Connector	Type-N (female)
Insertion Loss	46 dB (nominal, see graph below)
Transfer impedance	0.25 Ω (nominal, see graph below)
	-12 dB Ω (nominal, see graph below)
Insertion Impedance	<1 ohm
Maximum Primary Current	90 Amperes AC (50/60 Hz)
	72 Amperes AC (400 Hz)
	150 Amperes DC
	3 Amperes (RF)
	3500 Amperes (8/20 μs pulse)
Related Accessories Available from Com-Power	FCLCE-452 Calibration Fixture SPA-932TG Spectrum Analyzer



Typical Transfer Impedance/Insertion Loss Factors

