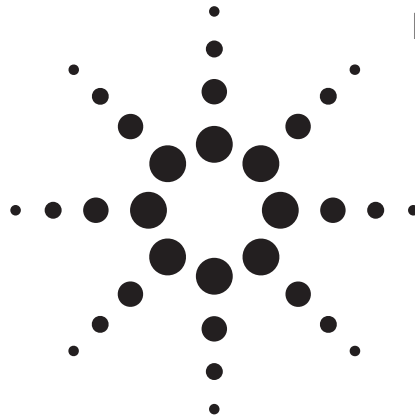


Agilent 34970A Data Acquisition/Switch Unit

Product Overview



**Agilent performance
at a fraction of the cost
of other standalone
data acquisition systems**



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Price and performance beyond compare

Go ahead and compare the Agilent Technologies 34970A Data Acquisition/Switch Unit with other data acquisition systems currently available. You'll find it hard to come up with a system that offers the powerful measurement performance, flexibility, and ease of use of the 34970A—even in systems costing three to five times as much.

How did we manage to pack so much performance into such a low-cost instrument? We borrowed technology developed for our top-of-the-line products and put it into a package that cuts assembly time, incorporates custom ICs to reduce parts count, and simplifies production testing. That means it costs us less to make. The results? You spend less without sacrificing quality or performance.

What can you expect from a data acquisition system that's this affordable?

Measurements you-can trust

We took the measurement engine from our best-selling benchtop DMM and embedded it inside a 3-slot cardcage. You get the benefit of proven Agilent measurement performance, universal inputs with built-in signal conditioning, and modular flexibility, all in a low-cost, compact data acquisition package. The 34970A features 6½ digits (22 bits) of resolution, 0.004% basic dcV accuracy, and ultra-low reading noise. Combine that with scan rates of up to 250 channels/sec, and you've got the speed and accuracy you need to get the job done right the first time.

Powerful flexibility-to get-your job done

Whether you need to measure temperature, ac/dc volts, resistance, frequency, or current, the 34970A can handle it. The internal autoranging DMM directly measures 11 different functions, eliminating the need for expensive external signal conditioning. And our unique design allows complete per-channel configurability for maximum flexibility and quick, easy set up. It's-like having an independent, high-performance DMM behind each channel.

Custom configurations that-grow with you

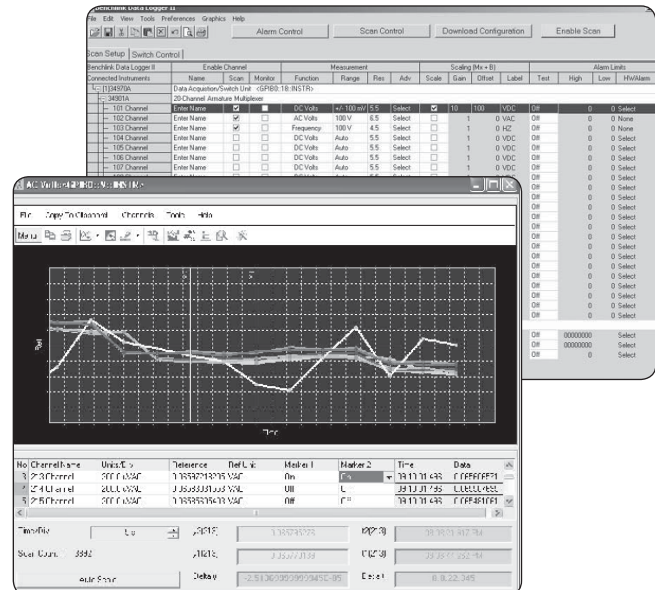
Three module slots and eight switch/control modules allow you to customize the 34970A to meet your unique requirements. Buy only what you need—and add more modules later as your application grows.

Unequaled ease of use

From the simplified configuration procedures, to the self-guiding front panel interface, we put in extra time and energy to save yours. Simple things like on-module screw-terminal connectors, built-in thermocouple reference junctions, well-organized user documentation full of examples and hints, and a standard Getting Started kit that will have you making measurements 15 minutes out of the box all add up to increased productivity, whether you use the instrument every day or only now and then.

Free software to-save you time-and money

Now you don't have to spend your valuable time writing or configuring software. Agilent BenchLink Data Logger 3 software gives you a familiar Microsoft Windows® interface for test configuration and real-time data display and analysis. Even better, the data logging application is included with every standard Agilent 34970A.



**More power and flexibility
than you ever imagined you could afford**

Intuitive front panel: task-oriented,
self-guiding menus

6½-digit (22-bit) internal
DMM measures 11 functions without
external signal conditioning

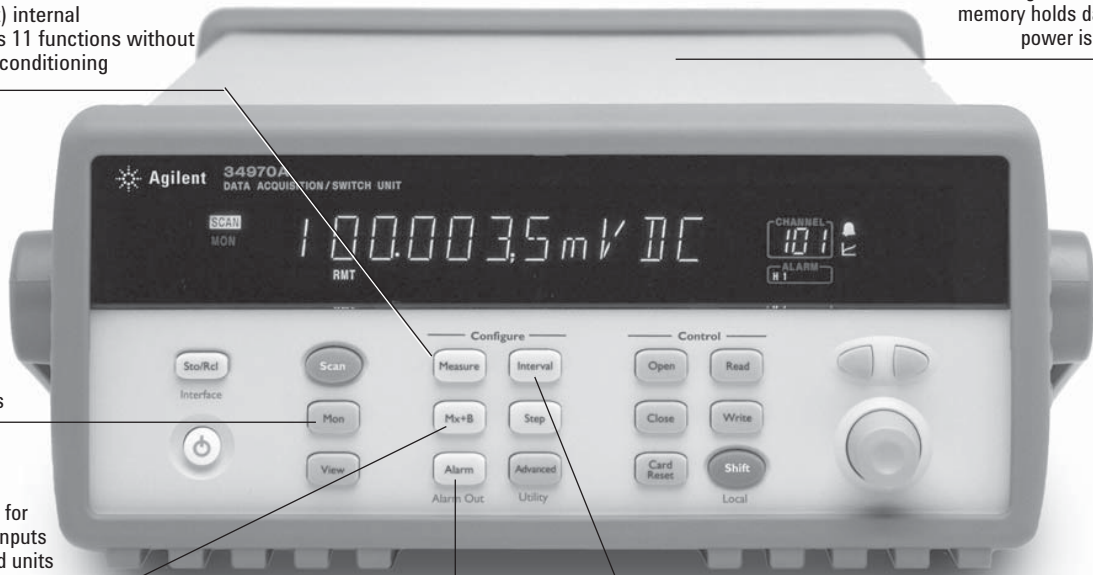
50k readings of non-volatile
memory holds data when
power is removed

Monitor display
mode lets you
keep an eye on
tests in progress

Scaling function for
converting raw inputs
into user-defined units

HI/LO alarm limits on each input
channel, plus 4 TTL alarm outputs

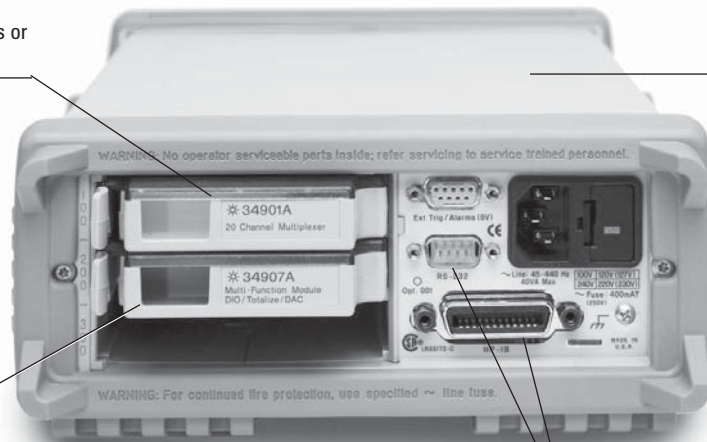
Battery-backed real-time clock-for pacing
scans and timestamping readings



3-slot mainframe
offers up to 96 matrix crosspoints or
120 single-ended channels

*Agilent BenchLink Data Logger 3
software included;
drivers available for Agilent VEE and
National Instruments LabVIEW*

8 switch and control
plug-in modules to
choose from



Built-in GPIB and RS-232 interfaces

An easy-to-use data logger for-monitoring and characterization applications

Data loggers are used to monitor multiple signals (temperature, voltage, etc.) over extended periods of time to identify irregularities. Example applications include environmental chamber monitoring, component inspection, benchtop testing, process troubleshooting, and temperature profiling.

The Agilent 34970A is easy to use for a-multitude of data logging and monitoring applications, either stand-alone or with a computer. Its-flexible, modular design makes it-scalable from 20 to 120 channels, and lets you add actuator, digital I/O, and analog output channels for simple control. Its small size and ruggedized features make it perfect for portable applications, and its small footprint makes it ideal for cramped benchtop testing. Standard GPIB (IEEE 488) and RS-232 interfaces let you program the instrument if you wish to automate tests.

Better measurements with-fewer hassles

Tired of putting up with the mediocre measurement performance you get with most data loggers or plug-in data acquisition boards? The 34970A offers 6½ digits of resolution and 0.004% basic 1-year dcV accuracy.

Simplify your data gathering-with Agilent-BenchLink Data-Logger 3 software

Do you want PC-based data logging capability, but don't want to spend hours programming? The BenchLink Data Logger 3 software is the answer. This Windows-based application is designed to make it a snap to use your PC for gathering and analyzing measurements. Use it to set up your test, acquire and archive measurement data, and perform real-time display and analysis of the incoming measurements.

A familiar spreadsheet environment makes it easy to configure and control your tests. And a rich set of colorful graphics provides many options for analyzing and displaying your data—all with point-and-click ease. Set up multiple graphics using strip charts, histograms, bar and scatter charts, individual channel results, and more. And of course you can use BenchLink Data Logger 3 to easily move data to other applications for further analysis, or for inclusion in your presentations and reports.

| Channel | Unit Name | State | Scan | Monitor | Function | Range | Res | Auto | Scale | Unit | Label | Test | High | Low | Units |
|-------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------|-----|----------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|------|-----|-------|
| 101 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | 100.0 | 0.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 102 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Frequency | 100.0 | 4.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Hz | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 103 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 104 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 105 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 106 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 107 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 108 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 109 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 110 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 111 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 112 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 113 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 114 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 115 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 116 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 117 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 118 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 119 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Volts | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | Volts | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 120 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Current | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | mA | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 121 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Current | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | mA | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |
| 122 Channel | Enter Name | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | DC Current | Auto | 5.5 | Selected | 1 | 0.000 | mA | <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0.000 |



And the 34970A measures and converts 11 different input signals:

- temperature with thermocouples, RTDs, and thermistors
- dc and ac volts
- 2- and 4-wire resistance
- frequency and period
- dc and ac current

What's more, each channel is independently configurable. This means you can configure channel 1 for dcV, channel 2 for a K-type thermocouple, and channels 3 and 13 for a 4-wire RTD measurement— all on the same module, all in a single scan. For custom linear conversions, use the Mx+B scaling function on any channel. You can even display a custom 3-character engineering label like RPM or PSI to identify your measurement units.

Versatile alarms

Alarms are available on a per-channel basis as well. Enter a high limit, a low limit, or both. The 34970A compares each reading to its limits and flags any out-of-range measurements. You can assign one of four TTL alarm outputs to any input channel to trigger external alarm lights, sirens, or send a TTL pulse to your control system, all without a PC connected.

Scanning made-simple

The 34970A automatically builds-a scan list that includes all configured inputs (even digital inputs from the Agilent 34907A multifunction module) in ascending order by channel number. You can pace scans by setting the 34970A's internal timer for automatic scanning at a specific interval, by manually pressing a front-panel button, or by sending a software command or external TTL trigger pulse.

Monitor any input

A special display mode monitors a-selected input channel, continuously updating the display with new readings—even during a-scan. It's great for keeping an eye-on a key input, or for troubleshooting your system before-a test.

Nonvolatile memory adds convenience, portability

All readings are automatically time-stamped and stored in a nonvolatile 50,000-reading memory—enough memory to hold more than a week's worth of data (20 channels scanned every five minutes). The-nonvolatile memory holds your data even after power is removed, so you can use the 34970A to collect data at a remote location for later uploading to a PC. And because the nonvolatile memory also holds your system configuration, if you lose power in the middle of a test, the 34970A resumes scanning when power is returned.

Data Logging Feature Checklist

- From 1 to 120 channels of analog input
- Measurements include dc volts, ac volts, thermocouple, thermistor and RTD temperature measurements, 2- and 4-wire Ohms, dc current, ac current, frequency, and period
- 6½ digits (22 bits) of resolution with 0.004% basic 1-year dcV accuracy
- 50k reading nonvolatile memory including timestamp
- Scaling and alarms available on each channel
- Full-featured front panel for stand-alone configuration, troubleshooting, and data viewing
- BenchLink Data Logger 3 software for configuration and data analysis
- Nonvolatile storage for five complete instrument states

A powerful, flexible data acquisition system for automated-test

The 34970A gives you the resolution, accuracy, repeatability, and speed you've come to expect from an Agilent data acquisition system. It provides the measurement muscle you need, along with signal routing and control capability, in a flexible, modular format that can grow and change to match your varied applications.

Powerful measurements

The internal 6½-digit DMM brings the power and performance of a world-class stand-alone DMM to the 34970A, but at a fraction of the cost and in a fraction of the space. It's as accurate as the best bench DMM available: 0.004% basic 1-year dcV accuracy, 0.06% basic 1-year acV accuracy, and 0.01% basic 1-year resistance accuracy. Our patented Multi-slope III A-D technology offers incredible linearity (2 ppm of reading +1 ppm of range) along with 22 bits of real resolution. And since it is an integrating A/D, it provides excellent noise rejection as well—a nice change from noisy PC plug-ins and sampling A/Ds. No more averaging lots of samples just to see the real data you wanted. And if you need high scan rates, the 34970A is capable of delivering fully converted measurements at speeds up to 250-ch/s.

The input section of the DMM is optically isolated and shielded from the 34970A's earth-referenced circuitry and computer interface, offering up to 300 V of input isolation. This is important for reducing ground loop and common mode voltage errors associated with long wiring runs and floating measurement sources.

Flexible functionality

The DMM is installed inside the chassis rather than in one of the slots, leaving all three mainframe slots free for switch and control modules. You can choose from eight different modules (see page 11) to get the precise functionality you need now—while giving you flexibility for future expansion.

The internal DMM gives you the flexibility to measure 11 types of inputs easily and inexpensively. The built-in signal conditioning and conversion routines turn raw inputs directly into real information. Each measurement channel is independently configurable, so you can set different measurement functions, scale factors and alarm limits, even on adjacent channels. Advanced measurement features such as offset compensation, variable integration time, and delay are also selectable on a per-channel basis.

Get better measurements with built-in signal conditioning

The Agilent 34970A architecture offers advantages over other data acquisition solutions which rely on external or plug-in signal conditioning modules for handling functions other than dcV:

- Minimizes external wiring and the resultant potential for noise and errors to enter your system
- Reduces hidden costs and overall system cost by avoiding unnecessary cables, breakout boxes and signal conditioning elements
- Simplifies your configuration—for faster, easier setup—with fewer connections and components
- Takes the guesswork out of error analysis. Measurement accuracies are specified to include all system-related errors
- Improves reliability, with fewer interconnects and fewer parts that can fail

Software drivers

Your months of test system software development time need not go to waste. Software drivers that support Agilent VEE and National Instruments LabView® are available for the 34970A to make integration into your test system easy. Standard RS-232 and GPIB interfaces and SCPI programming language make integration even easier.

ATE Feature Checklist

- 3-slot cardcage with 6½ digit (22 bit) internal DMM
- 0.004% basic 1-year dcV accuracy; 0.06% acV accuracy
- Up to 120 single-ended measurements or 96 matrix crosspoints in a 3½" high, half-rack instrument
- Eight switch and control modules include low-frequency and RF-multiplexers, matrix and actuation switches, digital input and output, analog output, and event recording
- Scan rates up to 250 ch/s
- GPIB and 115 kbaud RS-232 interfaces standard
- Software drivers available to support Agilent VEE and National-Instruments LabView
- Relay maintenance feature for system maintenance



Compact 60-channel data acquisition system

Low-cost, high-quality switching for automated test

If you don't need the built-in measurement capability of the 34970A, save money by ordering it without the DMM. What you end up with is the lowest-cost switch unit on the market. It's an ideal solution for routing test signals to and from your DUT and assorted instruments, including external DMMs, scopes, counters, and power supplies. Plus, you can add the DMM later if your needs change.

The functionality you need

We put a lot of thought into defining and designing the modules for the 34970A in order to cover a broad spectrum of switching and signal routing requirements with fewer modules. The result? Simplified ordering and easier configuration.

And while we were at it, we improved performance and density. The-34970A modules can switch from microvolts to 300-volts, dc to 2-GHz, and with densities as high as 120 single-ended channels or 96 matrix crosspoints per frame. Plus, simple control capabilities like analog outputs, open collector digital outputs, and isolated Form-C-relays for controlling higher-powered devices are available.

Easy scanning

The 34970A can easily scan with external instruments. It builds a scan list that includes all enabled low-frequency multiplexer inputs. Scans are controlled with the external "channel advance" input, or with the front panel "Step" key.



Low-cost switching system for automated testing

Customize your Agilent 34970A with-plug-in modules

A complete selection of plug-in modules gives you high-quality measurement, switching, and control capabilities to choose from. Modules include both low-frequency and RF multiplexers, a matrix switch, a general-purpose switch, and a multifunction module that includes digital input/output, analog output, and totalizer capabilities. You can mix and match modules to get just the functionality you need right now—then change or add more channels later as your application grows.

Modules for the 34970A are designed to make your testing easier, faster, and more reliable. Here's how:

Higher throughput

Our unique architecture incorporates a high-performance microprocessor on each module, off-loading the mainframe processor and minimizing backplane communications for faster throughput.

More channels in less space

Surface mount construction and a highly integrated design minimize the space required for relay drive and interface circuitry. High density on-module connectors save both board and connector space normally required by a terminal block. We use the latest technology to squeeze the most out of the remaining board space, giving you up to 40 single-ended channels in roughly the same space used by many data acquisition system terminal blocks.

Convenient connections

On-module screw-terminal connectors make wiring more convenient. Built-in strain-relief cable routing and cable tie points keep your wiring secure and safe from accidental tugs and pulls. An internal analog bus routes signals from any of the low-frequency multiplexers directly to the internal DMM, without the need for external connections.

Use the chart below to help you pinpoint the modules that meet your needs.

Agilent Modules-at-a-Glance Selection Guide

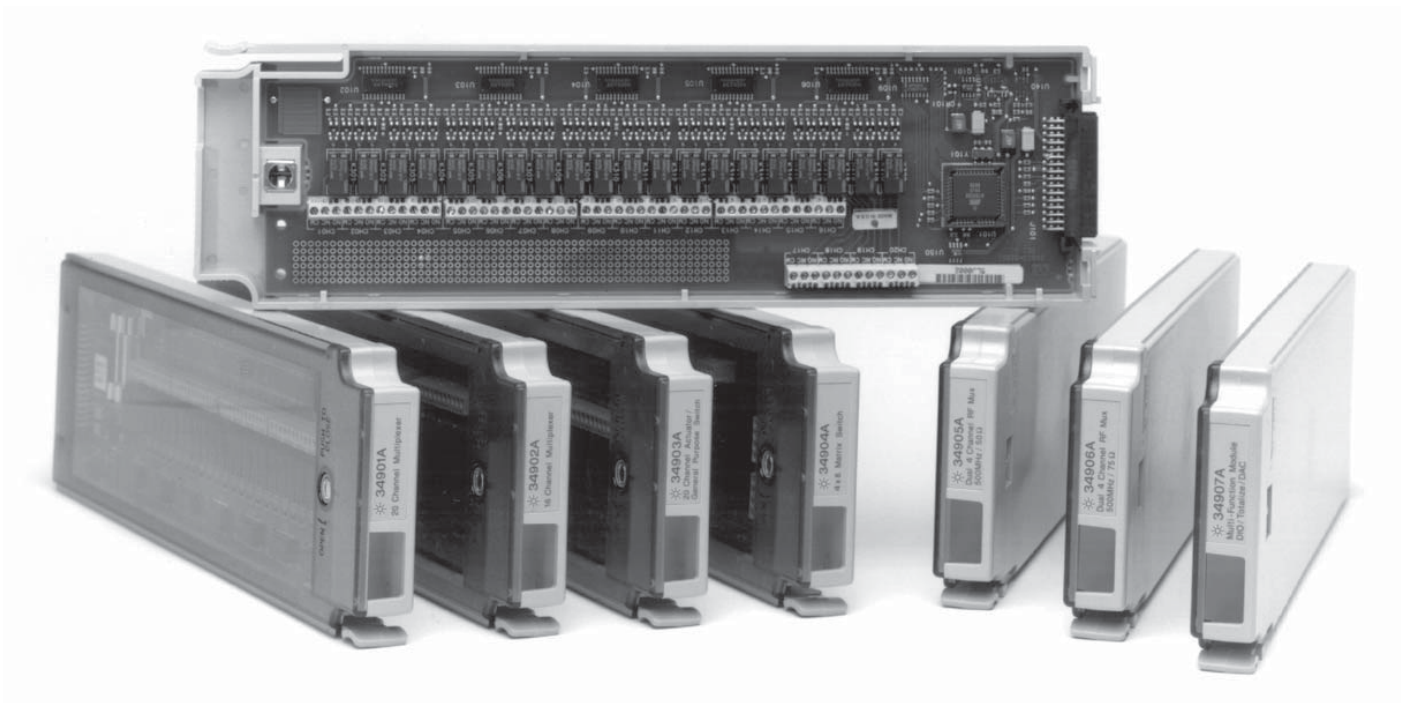
| Model Description | Type | Speed (ch/sec) | Max Volts | Max Amps | Bandwidth | Thermal Offset | Comments | Page |
|---|--|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|--|------|
| 34901A 20 ch Multiplexer | 2-wire armature (4-wire selectable) | 60 | 300 V | 1A | 10 MHz | < 3 μ V | Built-in cold junction reference 2 additional current channels (22 total) | 18 |
| 34902A 16 ch Multiplexer | 2-wire reed (4-wire selectable) | 250 | 300 V | 50 mA | 10 MHz | < 6 μ V | Built-in cold junction reference | 19 |
| 34903A 20 ch Actuator/GP Switch | SPDT/form C | 120 | 300 V | 1A | 10 MHz | < 3 μ V | | 20 |
| 34904A 4 x 8 Matrix | 2-wire armature | 120 | 300 V | 1A | 10 MHz | < 3 μ V | | 20 |
| 34905A Dual 4 ch RF Mux 50 Ω | Common Low (unterminated) | 60 | 42 V | 0.7 A | 2 GHz | < 6 μ V | 1 GHz bandwidth through BNC-to-SMB adapter cable | 21 |
| 34906A Dual 4 ch RF Mux 75 Ω | Common Low (unterminated) | 60 | 42 V | 0.7 A | 2 GHz | < 6 μ V | 1 GHz bandwidth through BNC-to-SMB adapter cable | 21 |
| 34907A Multifunction Module | Two 8-bit digital I/O ports 26-bit Event Counter Two 16-bit Analog outputs | | 42 V 42 V \pm 12 V | 400 mA 10 mA | 100 KHz dc | | Open drain Selectable input threshold Max 40 mA total output per frame | 22 |
| 34908A 40 ch Single-Ended Mux | 1-wire armature (common low) | 60 | 300 V | 1A | 10 MHz | < 3 μ V | Built-in cold junction reference No four-wire measurements | 19 |

Agilent Quality

We know you can't afford instrument downtime due to hardware failures and unscheduled maintenance. That's why our engineers designed reliability into the 34970A: A rugged enclosure, state-of-the-art surface mount construction throughout, reduced parts counts, and rigorous and thorough testing on all aspects of the product.

Take the guesswork out of relay maintenance

The 34970A uses our proprietary relay maintenance system to help you to predict relay end-of-life and avoid costly production-line downtime. It automatically counts every individual switch closure and stores it in nonvolatile memory on each module. You can query the total number of cycles on any individual channel so you can schedule maintenance and avoid erratic end-of-life failures.



Spec Interpretation Guide

The following pages list the technical specifications for the Agilent-34970A Data Acquisition/Switch Unit and its modules. The explanations and examples below are helpful in understanding how to interpret these specifications:

- Measurement accuracy is specified as percent of reading plus percent of range, where reading is the actual measured value and range is the name of the scale (1V, 10V, etc.)—not the full scale value (1.2V, 12V, etc.).
- DMM measurement accuracies include all switching errors. Switching errors are also listed separately in the module specifications section. Temperature measurement accuracies include ITS-90 conversion errors. The thermocouple accuracies include the reference junction error as well.
- Accuracies are listed as either 24-hour, 90-day, or 1-year specifications. This refers to the length of time since the instrument's last calibration. Use the specification that matches your calibration cycle. The 24-hour specifications are useful for determining short-term relative performance.

EXAMPLE 1: Basic dcV accuracy

Calculate the accuracy of the following measurement:

9 V dc input
10 V dc range
1-year accuracy specifications
Normal operating temperature (18°C–28°C)

From the following page, the 1-year accuracy is:
0.0035% of reading + 0.0005% of range

Which translates into:
 $(0.0035/100 \times 9 \text{ V}) +$
 $(0.0005/100 \times 10 \text{ V}) = 365 \mu\text{V}$

For a total accuracy of:
 $365 \mu\text{V} / 9 \text{ V} = 0.0041\%$

EXAMPLE 2: Extreme operating temperature

When the 34970A is used outside of its 18°C–28°C temperature range, there are additional temperature drift errors to consider. Assume the same conditions in example 1, but at a 35°C operating temperature.

The basic accuracy is again:
0.0035% of reading + 0.0005% of range = 365 μV .

Now, multiply the 10 V temperature coefficient from the following page by the number of degrees outside of operating range for additional error:

$$(0.0005\% \text{ reading} + 0.0001\% \text{ range}) \\ /^\circ\text{C} \times (35^\circ\text{C} - 28^\circ\text{C}) = \\ (0.0005\% \text{ reading} + 0.0001\% \text{ range}) \\ /^\circ\text{C} \times 7^\circ\text{C} = \\ 0.0035\% \text{ reading} + 0.0007\% \text{ range} = 385 \mu\text{V}$$

Total error is then:
 $365 \mu\text{V} + 385 \mu\text{V} = 750 \mu\text{V}$ or 0.008%

EXAMPLE 3: Thermocouple measurement accuracy

Calculating the total thermocouple reading error is easy with the 34970A—just add the listed measurement accuracy to the accuracy of your transducer. Switching, conversion, and reference junction errors are already included in the measurement specification.

For this example, assume a J-type thermocouple input reading 150°C.

From the following page, total error is:
Thermocouple probe accuracy + 1.0°C
The probe vendor specifies accuracy of 1.1°C
or 0.4%, whichever is greater.

Total error is then:
 $1.0^\circ\text{C} + 1.1^\circ\text{C} = 2.1^\circ\text{C}$ total, or-1.4%

EXAMPLE 4: acV Accuracy

The acV function measures the true RMS value of the input waveform, regardless of waveshape. Listed accuracies assume a sinewave input. To adjust accuracies for non-sinusoids, use the listed crest factor adder.

For this example, assume a ± 1 V square wave input with 50% duty cycle and a 1 kHz frequency.

Accuracy for 1 V, 1 kHz sinusoid is:
0.06% reading + 0.04% range
A 50% duty cycle squarewave has a crest factor of
Peak Value / RMS value = 1 V / 0.707 V = 1.414

From Crest Factor table, add:
0.05% of reading

The total accuracy is:
0.11% of reading + 0.04% of range = 1.5 mV or 0.15%

Accuracy Specifications \pm (% of reading + % of range)^[1]

Includes measurement error, switching error, and transducer conversion error

| | Range ^[3] | Frequency, etc. | 24 Hour ^[2] 23°C \pm 1°C | 90 Day 23°C \pm 5°C | 1 Year 23°C \pm 5°C | Temperature Coefficient 0°C–18°C, 28°C–55°C |
|---|--|---|--|--------------------------|---|---|
| DC Voltage | | | | | | |
| | 100.0000 mV | | 0.0030 + 0.0035 | 0.0040 + 0.0040 | 0.0050 + 0.0040 | 0.0005 + 0.0005 |
| | 1.000000 V | | 0.0020 + 0.0006 | 0.0030 + 0.0007 | 0.0040 + 0.0007 | 0.0005 + 0.0001 |
| | 10.00000 V | | 0.0015 + 0.0004 | 0.0020 + 0.0005 | 0.0035 + 0.0005 | 0.0005 + 0.0001 |
| | 100.0000 V | | 0.0020 + 0.0006 | 0.0035 + 0.0006 | 0.0045 + 0.0006 | 0.0005 + 0.0001 |
| | 300.0000 V | | 0.0020 + 0.0020 | 0.0035 + 0.0030 | 0.0045 + 0.0030 | 0.0005 + 0.0003 |
| True RMS AC Voltage^[4] | | | | | | |
| | 100.0000 mV to 100.0000V | 3 Hz–5 Hz | 1.00 + 0.03 | 1.00 + 0.04 | 1.00 + 0.04 | 0.100 + 0.004 |
| | | 5 Hz–10 Hz | 0.35 + 0.03 | 0.35 + 0.04 | 0.35 + 0.04 | 0.035 + 0.004 |
| | | 10 Hz–20 kHz | 0.04 + 0.03 | 0.05 + 0.04 | 0.06 + 0.04 | 0.005 + 0.004 |
| | | 20 kHz–50 kHz | 0.10 + 0.05 | 0.11 + 0.05 | 0.12 + 0.05 | 0.011 + 0.005 |
| | | 50 kHz–100 kHz | 0.55 + 0.08 | 0.60 + 0.08 | 0.60 + 0.08 | 0.060 + 0.008 |
| | | 100 kHz–300 kHz ^[5] | 4.00 + 0.50 | 4.00 + 0.50 | 4.00 + 0.50 | 0.20 + 0.02 |
| | 300.0000V | 3 Hz–5 Hz | 1.00 + 0.05 | 1.00 + 0.08 | 1.00 + 0.08 | 0.100 + 0.008 |
| | | 5 Hz–10 Hz | 0.35 + 0.05 | 0.35 + 0.08 | 0.35 + 0.08 | 0.035 + 0.008 |
| | | 10 Hz–20 kHz | 0.04 + 0.05 | 0.05 + 0.08 | 0.06 + 0.08 | 0.005 + 0.008 |
| | | 20 kHz–50 kHz | 0.10 + 0.10 | 0.11 + 0.12 | 0.12 + 0.12 | 0.011 + 0.012 |
| | | 50 kHz–100 kHz | 0.55 + 0.20 | 0.60 + 0.20 | 0.60 + 0.20 | 0.060 + 0.020 |
| | | 100 kHz–300 kHz ^[5] | 4.00 + 1.25 | 4.00 + 1.25 | 4.00 + 1.25 | 0.20 + 0.05 |
| Resistance^[6] | | | | | | |
| | 100.0000 | 1 mA current source | 0.0030 + 0.0035 | 0.008 + 0.004 | 0.010 + 0.004 | 0.0006 + 0.0005 |
| | 1.000000 k | 1 mA | 0.0020 + 0.0006 | 0.008 + 0.001 | 0.010 + 0.001 | 0.0006 + 0.0001 |
| | 10.00000 k | 100 μA | 0.0020 + 0.0005 | 0.008 + 0.001 | 0.010 + 0.001 | 0.0006 + 0.0001 |
| | 100.0000 k | 10 μ A | 0.0020 + 0.0005 | 0.008 + 0.001 | 0.010 + 0.001 | 0.0006 + 0.0001 |
| | 1.000000 M | 5.0 μ A | 0.002 + 0.001 | 0.008 + 0.001 | 0.010 + 0.001 | 0.0010 + 0.0002 |
| | 10.00000 M | 500 nA | 0.015 + 0.001 | 0.020 + 0.001 | 0.040 + 0.001 | 0.0030 + 0.0004 |
| | 100.0000 M | 500 nA/10 M | 0.300 + 0.010 | 0.800 + 0.010 | 0.800 + 0.010 | 0.1500 + 0.0002 |
| Frequency and Period^[7] | | | | | | |
| | 100 mV to 300 V | 3 Hz–5 Hz | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.005 |
| | | 5 Hz–10 Hz | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.005 |
| | | 10 Hz–40 Hz | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.001 |
| | | 40 Hz–300 kHz | 0.006 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.001 |
| DC Current (34901A only) | | | | | | |
| | 10.00000 mA | <0.1 V burden | 0.005 + 0.010 | 0.030 + 0.020 | 0.050 + 0.020 | 0.002 + 0.0020 |
| | 100.0000 mA | <0.6 V | 0.010 + 0.004 | 0.030 + 0.005 | 0.050 + 0.005 | 0.002 + 0.0005 |
| | 1.000000 A | <2 V | 0.050 + 0.006 | 0.080 + 0.010 | 0.100 + 0.010 | 0.005 + 0.0010 |
| True RMS AC Current (34901A only) | | | | | | |
| | 10.00000 mA and ^[4] 1.000000 A | 3 Hz–5 Hz | 1.00 + 0.04 | 1.00 + 0.04 | 1.00 + 0.04 | 0.100 + 0.006 |
| | | 5 Hz–10 Hz | 0.30 + 0.04 | 0.30 + 0.04 | 0.30 + 0.04 | 0.035 + 0.006 |
| | | 10 Hz–5 kHz | 0.10 + 0.04 | 0.10 + 0.04 | 0.10 + 0.04 | 0.015 + 0.006 |
| | 100.0000 mA ^[8] | 3 Hz–5 Hz | 1.00 + 0.5 | 1.00 + 0.5 | 1.00 + 0.5 | 0.100 + 0.06 |
| | | 5 Hz–10 Hz | 0.30 + 0.5 | 0.30 + 0.5 | 0.30 + 0.5 | 0.035 + 0.06 |
| | | 10 Hz–5 kHz | 0.10 + 0.5 | 0.10 + 0.5 | 0.10 + 0.5 | 0.015 + 0.06 |
| Temperature | | | | | | |
| | Thermocouple^[10] | Type | 1-Year Accuracy^[9] | | Extended Range 1-Year Accuracy^[9] | |
| | | B | 1100°C to 1820°C | 1.2°C | 400°C to 1100°C | 1.8°C |
| | | E | -150°C to 1000°C | 1.0°C | -200°C to -150°C | 1.5°C |
| | | J | -150°C to 1200°C | 1.0°C | -210°C to -150°C | 1.2°C |
| | | K | -100°C to 1200°C | 1.0°C | -200°C to -100°C | 1.5°C |
| | | N | -100°C to 1300°C | 1.0°C | -200°C to -100°C | 1.5°C |
| | | R | 300°C to 1760°C | 1.2°C | -50°C to 300°C | 1.8°C |
| | | S | 400°C to 1760°C | 1.2°C | -50°C to 400°C | 1.8°C |
| | | T | -100°C to 400°C | 1.0°C | -200°C to -100°C | 1.5°C |
| | RTD | R ₀ from 49 Ω to 2.1 k Ω | -200°C to 600°C | 0.06°C | | 0.003 °C |
| | Thermistor | 2.2 k, 5k, 10k | -80°C to 150°C | 0.08°C | | 0.002 °C |

[1] Specifications are for 1 hr warm-up and 6½ digits. Slow ac filter

[2] Relative to calibration standards

[3] 20% over range on all ranges except 300 Vdc and ac ranges and 1 Adc and ac current ranges

[4] For sinewave input > 5% of range. For inputs from 1% to 5% of range and < 50 kHz, add 0.1% of range additional error

[5] Typically 30% of reading error at 1 MHz, limited to 1 x 10⁸ V Hz

[6] Specifications are for 4-wire ohms function or 2-wire ohms using Scaling to remove the offset. Without scaling, add 4 Ω additional error in 2-wire Ohms function

[7] Input > 100 mV. For 10 mV to 100 mV inputs multiply % of reading error x 10

[8] Specified only for inputs > 10 mA

[9] For total measurement accuracy, add temperature probe error

[10] Thermocouple specifications not guaranteed when 34907A module is present

Measurement Characteristics^[8]

DC Voltage

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Measurement Method | Continuously Integrating Multi-slope III A-D Converter |
| A-D Linearity | 0.0002% of reading + 0.0001 % of range |
| Input Resistance | |
| 100 mV, 1 V, 10 V ranges | Selectable 10 M Ω or > 10,000 M Ω |
| 100 V, 300 V ranges | 10 M Ω \pm 1% |
| Input Bias Current | < 30 pA at 25°C |
| Input Protection | 300 V all ranges |

True RMS AC Voltage

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Measurement Method | AC coupled True RMS — measures the AC component of the input with up to 300 Vdc of bias on any range |
| Crest Factor | Maximum of 5:1 at Full Scale |
| Additional Crest Factor | |
| Errors (non-sinewave) | Crest Factor 1-2 0.05 % of reading Crest Factor 2-3 0.15 % of reading Crest Factor 3-4 0.30 % of reading Crest Factor 4-5 0.40 % of reading |
| Input Impedance | 1 M Ω \pm 2% in parallel with 150 pF |
| Input Protection | 300 Vrms all ranges |

Resistance

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Measurement Method | Selectable 4-wire or 2-wire Ohms |
| | Current source referenced to LO input |
| Offset Compensation | Selectable on 100 Ω , 1k Ω , 10k Ω ranges |
| Maximum Lead Resistance | 10% of range per lead for 100 Ω and 1 k Ω ranges. 1 k Ω on all other ranges |
| Input Protection | 300 V on all ranges |

Frequency and Period

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Measurement Method | Reciprocal counting technique |
| Voltage Ranges | Same as AC Voltage function |
| Gate Time | 1s, 100 ms, or 10 ms |
| Measurement Timeout | Selectable 3 Hz, 20 Hz, 200 Hz LF limit |

DC Current

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Shunt Resistance | 5 Ω for 10 mA, 100 mA; 0.1 Ω for 1 A |
| Input Protection | 1A 250 V fuse on 34901A module |

True RMS AC Current

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Measurement Method | Direct coupled to the fuse and shunt. AC coupled True RMS measurement (measures the ac component only) |
| Shunt Resistance | 5 Ω for 10 mA; 0.1 Ω for 100 mA, 1 A |
| Input Protection | 1A 250 V fuse on 34901A module |

Thermocouple

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Conversion | ITS-90 software compensation |
| Reference Junction Type | Internal, Fixed, or External |
| Open thermocouple Check | Selectable per channel. Open >5k Ω |

Thermistor

44004, 44007, 44006 series

RTD

$\alpha = 0.00385$ (DIN) and $\alpha = 0.00391$

Measurement Noise Rejection 60 (50) Hz^[1]

| | |
|---------|--------|
| dc CMRR | 140 dB |
| ac CMRR | 70 dB |

Integration Time

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 200 plc/3.33s (4s) | 110 dB ^[3] |
| 100 plc/1.67s (2s) | 105 dB ^[3] |
| 20 plc/333 ms (400 ms) | 100 dB ^[3] |
| 10 plc/167 ms (200 ms) | 95 dB ^[3] |
| 2 plc/33.3 ms (40 ms) | 90 dB |
| 1 plc/16.7 ms (20 ms) | 60 dB |
| < 1 plc | 0 dB |

Normal Mode Rejection^[2]

Operating Characteristics^[4]

Single Channel Measurement Rates ^[5]

| Function | Resolution ^[9] | reading/s |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| dcV, 2-wire Resistance | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ digits (10 plc) | 6 (5) |
| | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ digits (1 plc) | 57 (47) |
| | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ digits (0.02 plc) | 490 |
| Thermocouple | 0.1°C (1 plc) | 49 (47) |
| | (0.02 plc) | 280 |
| RTD, Thermistor | 0.01°C (10 plc) | 6 (5) |
| | 0.1°C (1 plc) | 47 (47) |
| | 1°C (0.02 plc) | 280 |
| acV | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Slow (3 Hz) | 0.14 |
| | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Med (20 Hz) | 1 |
| | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Fast (200 Hz) | 8 |
| | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^[6] | 100 |
| Frequency, Period | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ digits (1s gate) | 1 |
| | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ digits (100 ms) | 9 |
| | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ digits (10 ms) | 70 |

System Speeds ^[7]

| INTO Memory | ch/s |
|---|------|
| single channel dcV | 490 |
| 34902A scanning dcV | 250 |
| 34907A scanning digital in | 250 |
| 34902A scanning dcV with scaling & 1 alarm fail | 220 |
| 34907A scanning totalize | 170 |
| 34902A scanning temperature | 160 |
| 34902A scanning acV ^[6] | 100 |
| 34902A scanning dcV/Ohms on alternate channels | 90 |
| 34901A/34908A scanning dcV | 60 |
| INTO and OUT of memory to GPIB or RS-232 (init, fetch) | |
| 34902A scanning dcV | 180 |
| 34902A scanning dcV with timestamp | 150 |
| OUT of memory to GPIB^[10] | |
| Readings | 800 |
| Readings with timestamp | 450 |
| Readings with all format options ON | 310 |
| OUT of memory to RS-232 | |
| Readings | 600 |
| Readings with timestamp | 320 |
| Readings with all format options ON | 230 |
| DIRECT to GPIB or RS-232 | |
| single channel dcV | 440 |
| 34902A scanning dcV | 200 |
| single channel MEAS DCV 10 / MEAS DCV 1 | 25 |
| single channel MEAS DCV/ MEAS OHMS | 12 |

[1] For 1 K Ω unbalance in LO lead

[2] For power line frequency \pm 0.1%

[3] For power line frequency \pm 1% use 80 dB or \pm 3% use 60 dB

[4] Reading speeds for 60 Hz and (50 Hz) operation

[5] For fixed function and range, readings to memory, scaling and alarms off, AZERO OFF

[6] Maximum limit with default settling delays defeated

[7] Speeds are for 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ digits, delay 0, display off, autozero off.

Using 115 kbaud RS-232 setting

[8] Isolation voltage (ch - ch, ch - earth) 300 Vdc, ac rms

[9] 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ digits = 22 bits, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ digits = 18 bits, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ digits = 15 bits

[10] Assumes relative time format (time since start of scan)

System Specifications

Scanning Inputs

| | |
|-----------|---|
| Analog | 34901A, 34902A, and 34908A multiplexer channels |
| Digital | 34907A digital in and totalize |
| Scan list | Scans channels in ascending order |

Scan Triggering

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Source | Interval, external, button press, software, or on monitor channel alarm |
| Scan count | 1 to 50,000 or continuous |
| Scan interval | 0 to 99 hours; 1ms step size |
| Channel delay | 0 to 60 seconds per channel; 1 ms step size |
| External trig delay | <300 μ s. With monitor on <200 ms |
| External trig jitter | <2 ms |

Alarms

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| Analog inputs | Hi, Lo, or Hi + Lo evaluated each scan |
| Digital inputs | 34907A digital in maskable pattern match or state change 34907A totalize: Hi limit only |
| Monitor channel | Alarm evaluated each reading |
| Alarm Outputs | 4 TTL compatible Selectable TTL logic Hi or Lo on fail |
| Latency | 5 ms (typical) |

Memory

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Readings | Battery backed, 4 year typical life ^[1] 50,000 with timestamp Readable during scan |
| States | 5 instrument states with user label |
| Alarm Queue | Up to 20 events with channel number, reading, and timestamp |

System Features

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Per-channel Math | Individual Mx + B scaling and Min/Max/Average calculated real time |
| Power Fail Recovery | Resumes scanning automatically |
| Relay maintenance | Counts each relay closure and stores on module User resettable |
| Real-time clock | Battery-backed, 4-year typical life ^[1] |

General Specifications

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Power Supply | 100V/120V/220V/240V \pm 10% |
| Power Line Frequency | 45 Hz to 66 Hz automatically sensed |
| Power Consumption | 12 W (25 VA peak) |
| Operating Environment | Full accuracy for 0°C to 55°C Full accuracy to 80% R.H. at 40°C -40°C to 70°C ^[1] |
| Storage Environment | Net: 3.6 kg (8.0 lbs) |
| Weight | |
| Safety | Conforms to CSA, UL-1244, IEC 1010 Cat I |
| RFI and ESD | CISPR 11, IEC 801/2/3/4 |

Software

Agilent BenchLink Data Logger 3

(not included with Option 001)

System Requirements^[2]

| | |
|--|---|
| Operating System | Windows 98SE, NT [®] 4.0 SP6a, 2000 SP4, XP SP2, Adobe [®] Acrobat [®] Reader V5.0 or higher (to view documentation) Microsoft [®] Internet Explorer V6.0 or higher (required when using Windows NT) |
| Controller | Recommend Pentium [®] 4, 800 MHz or greater, Min: Pentium III, 500 MHz |
| RAM | Recommend 256MB or greater, Min 128MB |
| Disk Space | Recommend 200MB, Min 100MB |
| Display | Recommend 800x600 resolution, 256 colors |
| Computer Interfaces^[3] | |
| GPIB | Agilent and National Instruments PCI-GPIB |
| LAN-to-GPIB | E5810A |
| USB-to-GPIB | 82357A |
| | RS-232 (Serial Port) PC COM 1-4 |

Agilent BenchLink Features

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Configuration | Spreadsheet-like channel configurations page. Upload and Download instrument configurations. Computed channels using + - * /, dB, dBm, dBV, x^2 , \sqrt{x} and full, $1/2$, or $1/4$ bridge strain Real-time and historical data displays Add, delete, size, and configure real time Strip chart with markers and alarm indication, bar and scatter charts, Histogram with statistics, Bar meter, and Data table |
| Graphical Displays | Sliders, switches, buttons, and LED lights Start/Stop scanning on alarm condition Control 34903A relay state or 34907A digital output on alarm |
| Graphical Controls | Real time streamed (saved) to disk Automatically export data and configurations Copy data or graphics to windows clipboard Export your selected data to .CVS, .XML, or .TXT formats |
| Alarm / Limit testing | Automatic entry of alarms and errors |
| Data | |
| Event logging | |

Instrument Driver Support for Programming Languages

| | |
|--|--|
| Universal Instrument Driver ^[5] | Compatible with Windows 95 and NT Agilent VEE 3.2 or greater Visual Basic 4.0, LabWindows CVI 4.0, LabVIEW 7.0 |
| Labview Driver (VI) | LabVIEW 7.0 |

- [1] Storage at temperatures above 40°C will decrease battery life
 [2] Software provided on CD-ROM and includes utility to create floppy disks for installation
 [3] Interface and driver must be purchased and installed separately
 [4] 90 MHz Pentium, 20 MB RAM
 [5] Requires VISA command library for IEEE-488

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Modules Specifications

The Agilent-34970A accuracy specifications already include the switching offset and reference junction errors shown below. These errors are listed separately for determining system error with external measurement devices.

Up to three modules, in any combination, can be inserted into a single mainframe. The 34970A's internal DMM connections are accessible only

through the 34901A, 34902A, and 34908A low-frequency multiplexers.

On-module screw terminals accept wire sizes from 16-gage to 22 gage. Twenty-gage wire is recommended for high channel count applications. The 34905A and 34906A RF Multiplexers use SMB connectors. A standard set of (10) BNC-to-SMB adapter cables is provided with each RF module for convenient BNC connections.

| | Multiplexer | | | Actuator | Matrix | RF Multiplexer | | Multifunction |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---|
| | 34901A | 34902A ^[1] | 34908A | 34903A | 34904A | 34905A | 34906A | 34907A |
| General | | | | | | | | |
| Number of Channels | 20 + 2 2/4 wire | 16 2/4 wire | 40 1 wire | 20 SPDT | 4 x 8 2 wire | Dual 1 x 4 50Ω 75Ω | | See page 22 for module specifications |
| Connects to Internal DMM | • | • | • | | | | | |
| Scanning Speed | 60 ch/s | 250 ch/s | 60 ch/s | | | | | |
| Open/Close Speed | 120/s | 120/s | 70/s | 120/s | 120/s | 60/s | | |
| Input | | | | | | | | |
| Voltage (dc , ac rms) ^[2] | 300 V | 300 V | 300 V | 300 V | 300 V | 42 V | | |
| Current (dc , ac rms) | 1A | 50mA | 1A | 1A | 1A | 0.7A | | |
| Power (W , VA) | 50 W | 2 W | 50 W | 50 W | 50 W | 20 W | | |
| DC Characteristics | | | | | | | | |
| Offset Voltage ^[3] | < 3uV | < 6uV | < 3uV | < 3uV | < 3uV | < 6uV | | |
| Initial Closed Channel R ^[3] | < 1Ω | < 1Ω | < 1Ω | < 0.2Ω | < 1Ω | < 0.5Ω | | |
| Isolation ch-ch, ch-earth | > 10 GΩ | > 10 GΩ | > 10 GΩ | > 10 GΩ | > 10 GΩ | > 1 GΩ | | |
| AC Characteristics | | | | | | | | |
| Bandwidth ^[4] | 10 MHz | 10 MHz | 10 MHz | 10 MHz | 10 MHz | 2 GHz ^[5] | 2 GHz ^[5] | |
| Insertion Loss (dB) | 10 MHz | — | — | — | — | -0.1 | -0.1 | |
| | 100 MHz | — | — | — | — | -0.4 | -0.4 | |
| | 500 MHz | — | — | — | — | -0.6 | -0.5 | |
| | 1 GHz | — | — | — | — | -1 | -1 | |
| | 1.5 GHz | — | — | — | — | -1.2 | -1.5 | |
| | 2 GHz | — | — | — | — | -3 | -2 | |
| SWR | 10 MHz | — | — | — | — | 1.02 | 1.02 | |
| | 100 MHz | — | — | — | — | 1.05 | 1.05 | |
| | 500 MHz | — | — | — | — | 1.20 | 1.25 | |
| | 1 GHz | — | — | — | — | 1.20 | 1.40 | |
| | 1.5 GHz | — | — | — | — | 1.30 | 1.40 | |
| | 2 GHz | — | — | — | — | 1.40 | 2.00 | |
| ch-ch Cross Talk (dB) ^[4] | 10 MHz | -45 | -45 | -18 ^[6] | -45 | -33 | -100 | -85 |
| | 100 MHz | — | — | — | — | — | -85 | -75 |
| | 500 MHz | — | — | — | — | — | -65 | -65 |
| | 1 GHz | — | — | — | — | — | -55 | -50 |
| | 1.5 GHz | — | — | — | — | — | -45 | -40 |
| | 2 GHz | — | — | — | — | — | -35 | -35 |
| Risetime | | | | | | | < 300 ps | |
| Signal Delay | | | | | | | < 3 ns | |
| Capacitance | HI - LO | < 50 pF | < 50 pF | < 50 pF | < 10 pF | < 50 pF | < 20 pF | |
| | LO - Earth | < 80 pF | < 80 pF | < 80 pF | < 80 pF | < 80 pF | — | |
| Volt-Hertz limit | | | | | | | 10 ¹⁰ | |
| Other | | | | | | | | |
| T/C Cold Junction Accuracy ^[3] | (typical) | | | | | | | |
| Switch Life | No Load (typical) | 0.8°C | 0.8°C | 0.8°C ^[8] | 100M | 100M | 5M | 5M |
| | Rated Load (typical) ^[7] | 100k | 100k | 100k | 100k | 100k | 100k | 100k |
| Temperature | Operating | | | all cards — 0°C to 55°C | | | | |
| Humidity | Storage | | | all cards — -20°C to 70°C | | | | |
| | (non-condensing) | | | all cards — 40°C/80% RH | | | | |

[1] Not recommended for connection to ac line without external transient suppression

[2] Channel-to-channel or channel-to-earth

[3] Errors included in DMM measurement accuracy specifications

[4] 50Ω source, 50Ω load

[5] Bandwidth direct to card SMB connectors

[6] Isolation within channel 1 to 20 or 21 to 40 banks is -40 dB

[7] Applies to resistive loads only

[8] Thermocouple measurements not recommended with 34908A module due to common lo configuration

Multiplexer Selection-Guide

Choose between the broad functionality of the 34901A, the-high speed scanning of the 34902A, or the single-ended density of the 34908A. These three modules are the only way to connect to the 34970A internal DMM. They can be used to scan with external instruments as well.

All multiplexer modules employ break-before-make scanning, ensuring only one closed channel (or channel pair) at a time. Multiple channel closures are allowed on the 34901A and 34902A modules when not configured for scanning.

The 34908A does not allow multiple channel closures at any time.

| | 34901A | 34902A | 34908A |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| Number of Channels | 20 + 2 | 16 | 40 |
| Max scan speed | 60 ch/s | 250 ch/s | 60 ch/s |
| Number of contacts | 2 or 4 | 2 or 4 | 1 |

| Temperature | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
| Thermocouple | • | • | • |
| 2-wire RTD | • | • | • |
| 4-wire RTD | • | • | • |
| Thermistor | • | • | • |
| dc Volts | • | • | • |
| ac Volts | • | • | • |
| 2-wire Ohms | • | • | • |
| 4-wire Ohms | • | • | • |
| Frequency | • | • | • |
| Period | • | • | • |
| dc current | • | | |
| ac current | • | | |

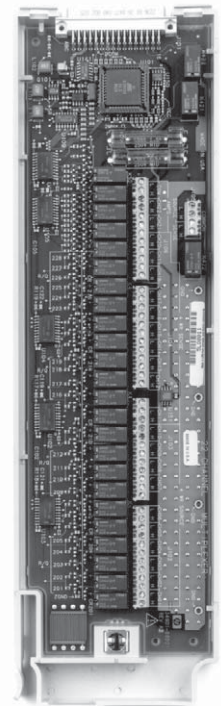
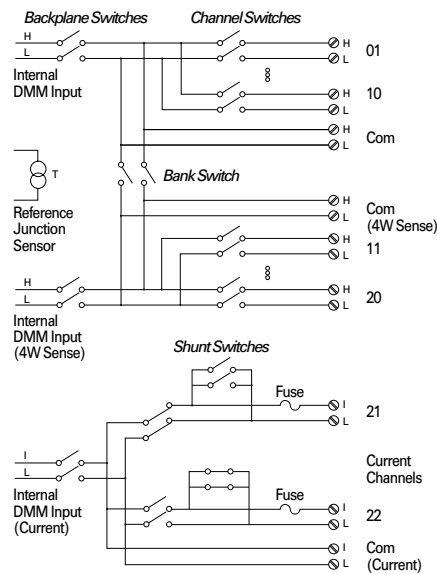
34901A

20-Channel General-Purpose Multiplexer

- 60 ch/s scanning
- Two- and four-wire scanning
- Built-in thermocouple reference junction
- 300 V switching

The Agilent 34901A is the most versatile multiplexer for general purpose scanning. It combines dense, multifunction switching with 60-channel/second scan rates to address a broad spectrum of data acquisition applications.

Two- and four-wire channels can be-mixed on the same module. Two-additional fused inputs (22-channels total) route up to 1A-of-current to the internal DMM, allowing ac and dc current measurements without the need for external shunt resistors.



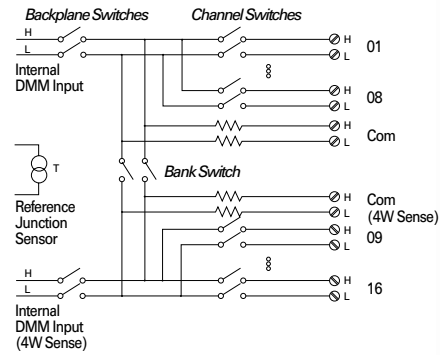
34902A

16-Channel High-Speed Multiplexer

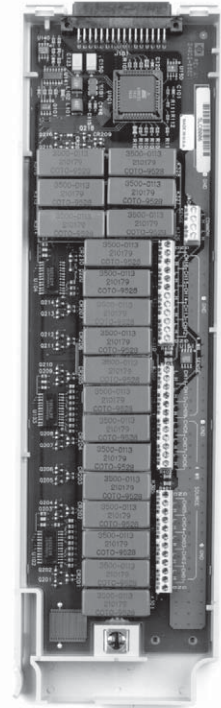
- 250 ch/s scanning
- Two- and four-wire scanning
- Built-in thermocouple reference junction

The Agilent 34902A employs reed relays-to achieve scan rates up to 250 channels per second. Use this module for high-throughput automated test applications as well-as high-speed data logging and monitoring tasks.

Sixteen two-wire inputs switch up to 300-V. Two- and four-wire channels may be mixed on the same module. User provided shunt resistors are required for current measurements.



Note: Not recommended for connection to ac-line without external transient suppression.



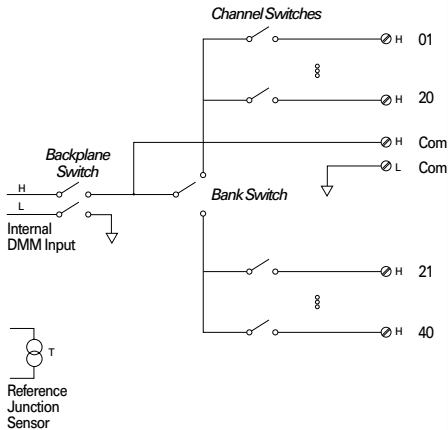
34908A

40-Channel Single-Ended Multiplexer

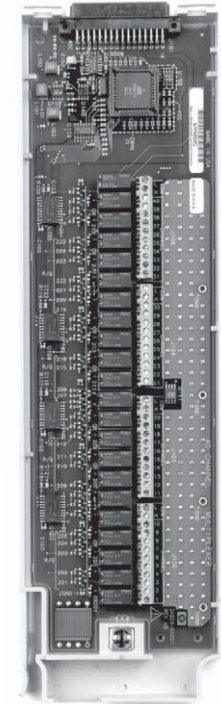
- 60 ch/s scanning
- Single-wire switching for common-low applications
- Built-in thermocouple reference-junction

Use the Agilent 34908A for the greatest density in common-low applications, such as battery test, component characterization, and benchtop testing.

Each module switches 40 one-wire inputs. All two-wire internal measurements except current are supported. The module low connection is isolated from earth and can float up to 300 V.



Note: Thermocouples must be electrically isolated from each other to avoid current loops and subsequent measurement errors.

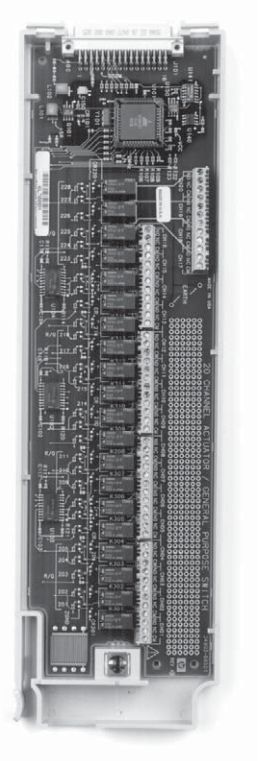
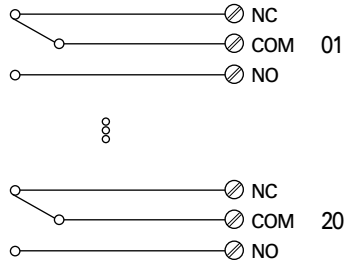


34903A

20-Channel Actuator/General Purpose Switch

- SPDT (Form C) latching relays
- 300 V, 1A actuation and control

This general-purpose switch module has 20 independent single-pole, double-throw (SPDT) relays. Use it to cycle power to products under test, control indicator and status lights, and to actuate external power relays and solenoids. Combine it with matrix and multiplexer modules to build custom switch systems. Its 300 V, 1A contacts can handle up to 50 W, enough for many power line switching applications.



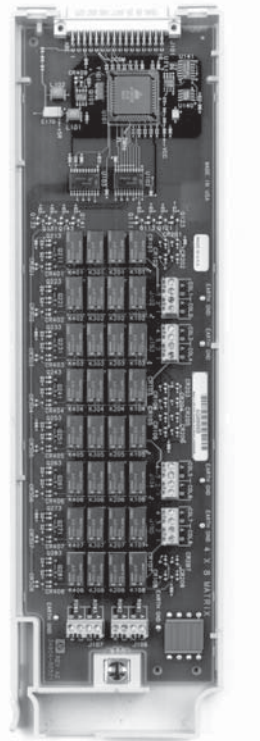
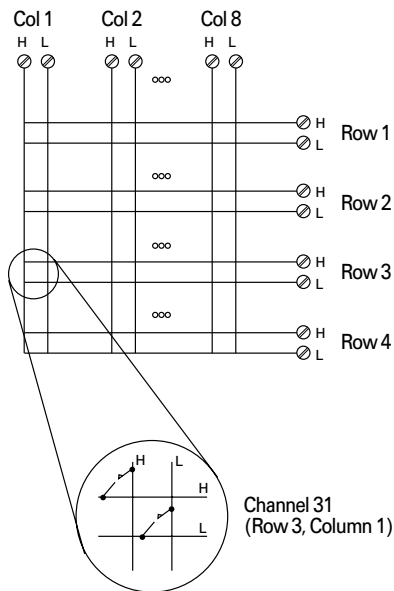
34904A

4x8 Two-wire Matrix Switch

- 32 two-wire crosspoints
- 300 V, 1A switching

The Agilent 34904A gives you the most flexible connection path between your device under test and your test equipment, allowing different instruments to be connected to multiple points on your DUT at the same time.

Rows or columns may be connected between multiple modules to build 8x8, 4x16 or larger matrices, with up to 96 crosspoints in a single frame.



34905A 50Ω

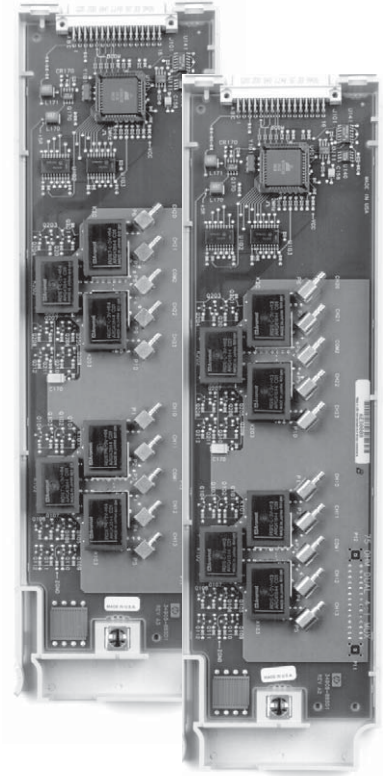
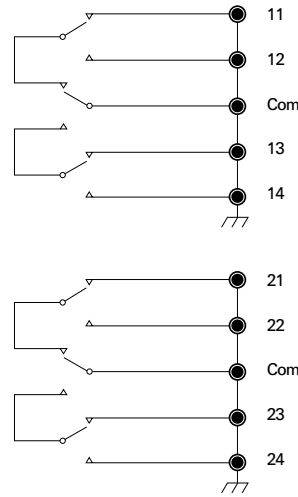
34906A 75Ω

Dual 4-channel RF Multiplexers

- 2 GHz bandwidth
- BNC to SMB adapter cables-included

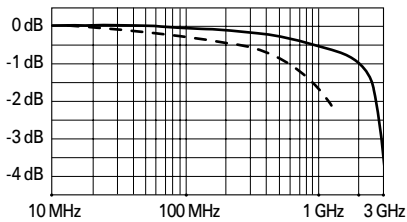
The Agilent 34905A and 34906A RF multiplexers offer broadband switching capabilities for high-frequency and pulsed signals. Use them to route test signals between your device under test and your signal generator, oscilloscope, spectrum analyzer, or other instrumentation.

The RF multiplexers are arranged as two independent 1x4 multiplexers, each with a common shield and a switched center conductor. Connections can be made directly to SMB inputs with 2-GHz usable bandwidth, or to the BNC-to-SMB adapters provided with 1 GHz bandwidth. Multiple banks may be cascaded together for applications requiring even larger topologies—create a stubless 16:1 multiplexer in a single frame.

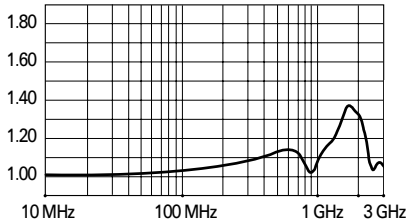


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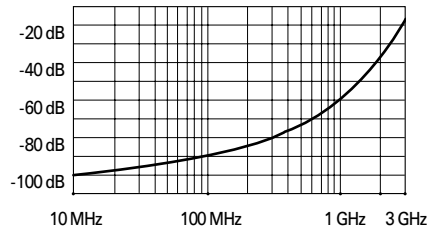
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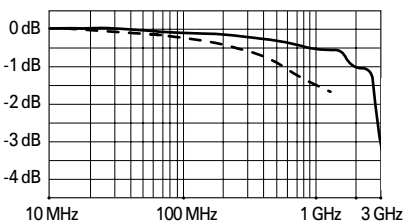


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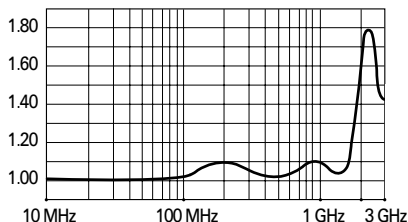


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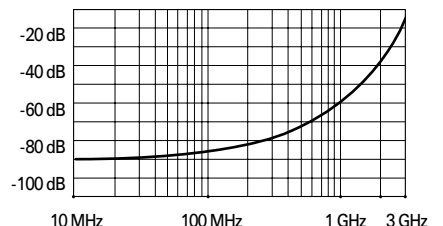
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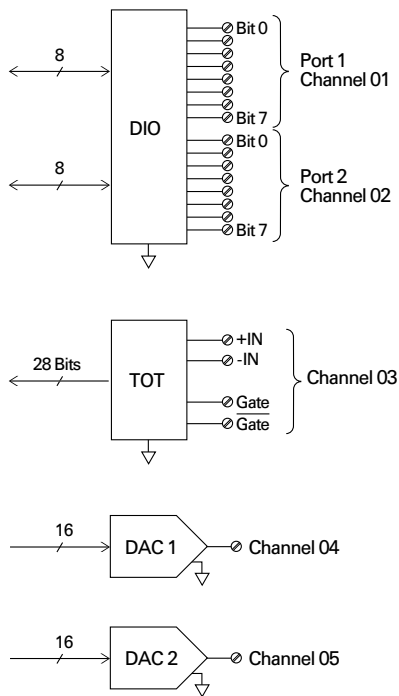
- direct to card
- using provided adapter cables

34907A

Multifunction Module

- 16 bits of digital input and output
- 100 kHz totalizer input
- Two $\pm 12V$ analog outputs

The Agilent 34907A allows great flexibility for a variety of sense and control applications. It combines two 8-bit ports of digital input and output, a 100 kHz gated totalizer, and two $\pm 12V$ analog outputs—all on a single earth-referenced module. The digital inputs and totalizer input may be included in a scan. Alarm limits for the digital and event counter inputs are evaluated continuously, capturing and logging alarm conditions even between scans.



Digital Input/Output

Use the digital outputs with an external power supply to control microwave switches and attenuators, solenoids, power relays, indicators, and more. Use the digital inputs to sense limit switch and digital bus status. There are no complex handshake modes; reads and writes are initiated either from the front panel or the bus.

Digital Input/Output

| | |
|------------------|--|
| Port 1, 2 | 8 bit, input or output, nonisolated |
| Vin(L) | < 0.8V (TTL) |
| Vin(H) | > 2.0V (TTL) |
| Vout(L) | < 0.8V @ Iout = -400 mA |
| Vout(H) | > 2.4V @ Iout = 1 mA |
| Vin(H) max | < 42V with external open drain pull-up |
| Alarming | Maskable pattern match or state change |
| Speed | 4 ms (max) alarm sampling |
| Latency | 5 ms (typical) to 34970A alarm output |
| Read/Write Speed | 95/s |

Totalize Input

Count events from devices like photo interrupters, limit-switches, and Hall-effect sensors.

It keeps an updated total which can be read via the front panel or programmatically at any time. With 26 bits of resolution, it can count events at full speed for nearly 11 minutes without an overflow.

Totalize Input

| | |
|----------------|--|
| Max Count | $2^{26} - 1$ |
| Totalize Input | 100 kHz (max) Rising or falling edge, programmable |
| Signal level | 1 Vp-p (min) 42 Vpk (max) |
| Threshold | 0V or TTL, jumper selectable |
| Gate Input | TTL-Hi, TTL-Lo, or none |
| Count Reset | Manual or Read + Reset |
| Read Speed | 85/s |

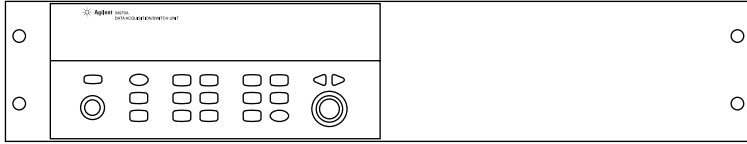
Analog Output

Use the two electronically calibrated analog outputs to source bias voltages to your device under test, to control your analog programmable power supplies, or use the outputs as setpoints for your control systems. The outputs are programmed directly in volts, either from the front panel or from the bus.

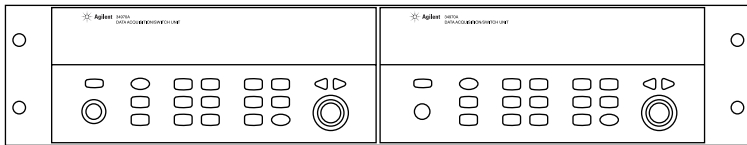
Analog Output

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| DAC 1, 2 | $\pm 12V$, nonisolated |
| Resolution | 1 mV |
| I _{OUT} | 10 mA max |
| Settling time | 1 ms to 0.01% of output |
| Accuracy | \pm (% of output + mV) |
| 1 year $\pm 5^{\circ}C$ | 0.25% + 20 mV |
| Temp. Coefficient | \pm (0.015% + 1 mV)/ $^{\circ}C$ |

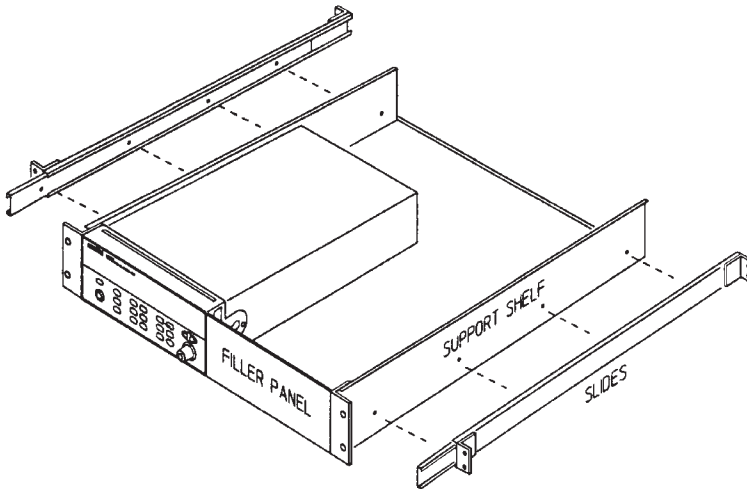
Rack Mounting and Dimensions



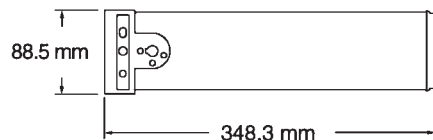
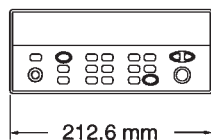
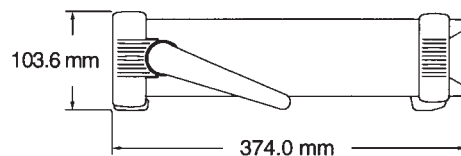
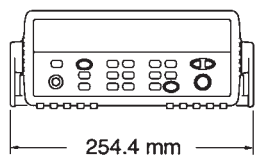
To rack mount a single instrument, order adapter kit 5063-9240 (Option 1CM).



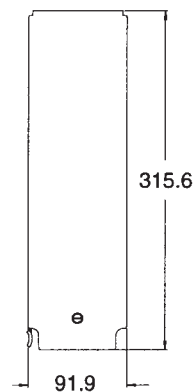
To rack mount two instruments side-by-side, order lock-link kit 5061-9694 and flange kit 5063-9212.



To install one or two instruments in a sliding support shelf, order shelf 5063-9255, and slide kit 1494-0015 (for single instrument, also order filler panel 5002-3999).



Module



Ordering Information

Mainframe

34970A Data Acquisition/Switch Unit

Includes internal 6½ digit DMM, Operating and Service Manuals, Test Report, power cord, and Quick Start package (includes Agilent Benchlink Data Logger II software, RS-232 cable, thermocouple, and screwdriver). Modules are purchased separately and are required to operate.

Option 001 Delete Internal DMM

Same as above but deletes DMM and Quick Start package.

Order 34970-80010 to retrofit DMM at a later time.

Option 1CM Rack mount kit

Option A6J ANSI Z540 compliant calibration

Option 0B0 Delete manual set

Option AB0 Taiwan: Chinese manual

Option AB1 Korea: Korean manual

Option AB2 China: Chinese manual

Option ABA English: English manual

Option ABD Germany: German manual

Option ABE Spain: Spanish manual

Option ABF France: French manual

Option ABJ Japan: Japanese manual

Option ABZ Italy: Italian manual

Modules

34901A 20-Channel armature multiplexer

34902A 16-Channel reed multiplexer

34903A 20-Channel actuator/general purpose switch

34904A 4 x 8 Two-wire matrix switch

34905A Dual 4-Channel RF multiplexer, 50 Ohms

34906A Dual 4-Channel RF multiplexer, 75 Ohms

34907A Multifunction module

34908A 40-Channel single-ended multiplexer

Accessories

34307A 10-pack of J-type thermocouples

34308A 5-pack of 10 kΩ thermistors

34161A Accessory pouch

34131A Hard carrying case (transit case)

E5810A LAN/GPIB gateway

82357A USB/GPIB

34970-80010 DMM field installation kit. Fully calibrated with test report and Quick Start kit

34905-60001 Kit of 10 SMB-to-BNC adapter cables, 50Ω

34906-60001 Kit of 10 SMB-to-BNC adapter cables, 75Ω

Related Literature

Pub. number

Accessories for the 34970A Data Acquisition/Switch Unit, data sheet 5966-4443EN

Practical Temperature Measurements, application note 5965-7822E

Agilent 34980A Multifunction Switch/Measure, data sheet 5989-1437EN

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