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1.0 SCOPE

1.1. Measurement technique for determining attenuation of coaxial cable at various selected frequencies.

2.0 EQUIPMENT

2.1. Network Analyzer: Agilent 8753 or equivalent 75-ohm network analyzer. Minimum loss matching pads may be used if necessary.

2.2. Network analyzer calibration kit, appropriate for the connector type being used. Standard Agilent calibration kits (85039B F-Type and 85036B N-Type) are specified to 3 GHz.

2.3. Environmental chamber or room capable of maintaining 68°F (20°C) and large enough to accommodate cable sample to be tested.

2.4. Thermometer consisting of a digital multimeter and thermal probe or any device capable of accurately measuring the temperature inside the environmental chamber.

2.5. Cable preparation and connector installation tools as required.

2.6. Drop Cable Test

Proper “F” connector for size drop cable or the appropriate size laboratory connector.

2.7. Hardline Cable Test

Push-on type test connectors cable to “N” for the proper size of Hardline cable or the appropriate size field connector.