

# **BLRT**

# AUTOMATIC BOND, LOOP & JOINT RESISTANCE TEST SYSTEM



200Hz model - approved by The Boeing Company as an alternative to the LRT Loop Resistance Tester

# WHAT IS ELECTRICAL BOND TESTING?

The electrical bonding on an aircraft protects the aircraft and passengers by limiting the effects of lightning strikes, stray currents, HIRF and EMC. The integrity of bonding circuits is critical to ensure they perform reliably to ensure normal and safe operation of the aircraft control and communication systems.

## **BOND TEST**

Measures the electrical resistance between two metallic elements, typically between a bracket and structure. The BLRT uses the 4-wire (Kelvin) resistance measurement to ensure micro-ohm accuracy.

# **LOOP TEST**

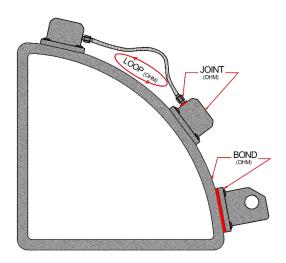
Here, several metallic elements and equipment are connected to create a loop of parallel resistance. The loop is typically made up of cable shields and bonding straps. The loop test makes use of specially designed test method, using a pair of clamps to inject and detect current flowing through the loop. The BLRT controls the flowing current and frequency, combines this with the known voltage fed back from the internal power source, and automatically carries out a phase correction to accurately report the loop resistance.





# **JOINT TEST**

The ground loop is made up of several elements such as shield, backshell, connector, equipment and structure. The joint resistance between these elements is critical in determining the total loop resistance. If a loop resistance is high, it is likely due to a single joint being loose or damaged, hence showing high resistance. While the BLRT loop clamps are injecting a known current through the ground loop, joint probes are used to measure the volt drop across specific joints; the volt drop is then phase corrected, and the joint resistance reported.



# THE BLRT PERFORMS SIMPLE, RAPID & AUTOMATIC TEST AND MEASUREMENT OF:

- ✓ Bond resistance between structural elements
- ✓ Loop resistance and integrity of cable shields
- ✓ Loop resistance and integrity of bonding straps
- ✓ Joint resistance diagnostics



# BLRT FEATURES & BENEFITS

# **LIGHTWEIGHT AND ROBUST**

- ✓ Single operator use
- ✓ Battery powered and truly portable
- ✓ Weight <7kg
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- ✓ Size 35cm × 30cm × 15cm

# **AUTOMATIC**

- ✓ Integrated computer complete with MK BLRT software
- ✓ Automated test process, saving time and gaining efficiency
- ✓ Paperless process
- ✓ On screen graphical operator guidance
- ✓ Simple touchscreen control
- ✓ User login and access control
- ✓ Automatic pass and fail of measured value
- ✓ Automatic logging and upload of test results
- ✓ Guarantees traceability by user, UUT, measured result

## **ACTIVE PROBES AND CLAMPS**

- ✓ Push button control enables full test control from the probes and loop clamps
- ✓ LED pass fail indication on probes and loop clamps improves test efficiency
- ✓ Integrated lights on probes for testing in dark areas
- ✓ Various probe and clamp formats and sizes available

# **RELIABLE AND ACCURATE**

- ✓ Integrated self test and validation toolset
- ✓ Automatically validates system performance during test and after clamp or probe change

FEATURES	BLRT	LRT
Operators	✓ Single	× 2 operators required
Calibration	✓ Can be carried out by user in typically 30 minutes	× Return to base – typical turnaround is 2 months
Weight	✓ 7kg / 15.5lbs	× 17kg / 37.5lbs
Batteries	✓ Hot swap batteries – batteries can be replaced whilst unit is in use	× Low battery power affects accuracy of results. Tool can't be used whilst battery is charging
Typical leadtime	✓ Available from stock	× 16-20 weeks

### **MAIN FEATURES**

- Tough polypropylene enclosure
- Flip-off protective lid, with self-test fixture
- LCD 10.4" touchscreen integrated monitor
- Smart Li-lon "hot-swap" batteries

- Carrying handle and optional harness
- Soft-start current source prevents arcing
- On-screen instructions
- Auto and manual modes
- Wireless data upload & download
- USB port (when data adapter fitted)
- Network port (when data adapter fitted)
- Active probes & clamps
- Pass fail status indication on probes & clamps
- Wide range of custom probes available

#### BOND TEST MEASUREMENT (DC) - OPTIONAL - ONLY APPLIES WHEN FITTED

up to 10A (10% accuracy) 0.1m $\Omega$  to 2m $\Omega$ Current (DC) Resistance resolution 0.1mO  $\pm$ (1% of reading  $\pm$ 0.1m $\Omega$ ) @ 10A Resistance range Resistance accuracy

### LOOP TEST MEASUREMENT - MK52 Clamps

	Range 1
Mode	1 Arms (constant current)
Frequency	200Hz
Resistance range	0.5mΩ to 4mΩ
Resistance resolution	0.01mΩ
Resistance accuracy	±(2% of reading + 0.4mΩ)

 $\pm$ (2% of reading + 0.4m $\Omega$ )

Range 2 0.004 Vrms (constant voltage)

200Hz  $>4m\Omega$  to  $40m\Omega$ 

 $0.01 m\Omega$  $\pm (2\% \text{ of reading} + 0.4 \text{m}\Omega)$  Range 3

0.004 Vrms (constant voltage) 200Hz

>40mΩ to 4000mΩ  $0.01 m\Omega$ 

 $\pm (5\% \text{ of reading} + 0.4 \text{m}\Omega)$ 

#### LOOP TEST MEASUREMENT - MK32 Clamps (i400 derivative)

Range 1
1 Arms (constant current)
200Hz
$0.5 m\Omega$ to $4 m\Omega$
0.01mΩ
$\pm (2\% \text{ of reading} + 0.4\text{m}\Omega)$

Range 2 0.004 Vrms (constant voltage) 200Hz  $>4m\Omega$  to  $40m\Omega$  $0.01 m\Omega$ 

 $\pm (2\% \text{ of reading} + 0.4 \text{m}\Omega)$ 

Range 3 0.004 Vrms (constant voltage) 200Hz  $>40 m\Omega$  to  $400 m\Omega$  $0.01 m\Omega$ 

 $\pm (5\% \text{ of reading} + 0.4 \text{m}\Omega)$ 

#### JOINT TEST MEASUREMENT

Mode	
Frequen	су
Applied	loop resistance range
Joint res	istance range

Joint low calculation

Resistance resolution Resistance accuracy

Range 1 1 Arms (constant current) 200Hz 0.5mO to 4mO

 $0.05 m\Omega$  to  $4 m\Omega$ 

 $0.05 m\Omega$  $0.01 m\Omega$  $\pm (5\% \text{ of joint } \pm 0.025\text{mO} \pm 0.25\% \text{ of Joop})$  Range 2

0.004 Vrms (constant voltage) 200Hz

 $>4m\Omega$  to  $40m\Omega$  $0.05 m\Omega^*$  (@0.5m $\Omega$  loop) to  $40 m\Omega$ 

1.25% of loop  $0.01 m\Omega$  $\pm (5\% \text{ of joint} + 0.025 \text{m}\Omega + 0.25\% \text{ of loop})$  Range 3

0.004 Vrms (constant voltage) 200Hz  $>40m\Omega$  to  $4000m\Omega$ 

 $0.5 m\Omega^*$  (@40m $\Omega$  loop) to 4000m $\Omega$  (to

400mΩ with MK32 clamp) 1.25% of loop

 $0.01 m\Omega$ 

 $\pm (5\% \text{ of joint} + 0.025 \text{m}\Omega + 0.25\% \text{ of loop})$ \*To determine lowest measureable joint resistance for a given loop use: Jont (low) = Loop resistance x percentage shown

#### LOW IOINT INDICATION

Mode
Frequency
Applied loop resistance range

Autoranging (max 1Arms) 200Hz  $0.5 m\Omega$  to  $40 m\Omega$ 

loint resistance range Resistance resolution Resistance accuracy

Up to 0.05mQ

System reports "<0.05mΩ" for measurable

joints below 0.05mΩ

## Support and further information

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