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## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

### TESTING FOR GUARANTEED PERFORMANCE

Components are 100% tested with 1000 pulses at their rated voltage and pulse width. The resistance of all ports is measured before and after HV testing. Each unit passes this test only if its resistance, after HV pulsing, increases less than 0.02%. Any higher increase indicates a breakdown, and that unit is rebuilt and retested. In addition to the DC resistance measurements, each unit is also tested for pulse response and reflection coefficient to be certain they meet our specifications. The pulse amplitude and width capability of a unit listed as 5kV/400ns means that it is guaranteed to withstand 5kV rectangular pulses that are 400ns long. **We recommend that DC resistance tests be performed regularly on all of your resistive attenuators, of any make, as an easy detection of resistor failure.** All of our products are guaranteed to perform to their specifications indefinitely when used within its specifications.

### MAXIMUM INPUT LIMITATION

The voltage specification of our products is sometimes limited by the breakdown characteristics of the connectors. The voltage limits we use for our specifications are 4kV for the "N" connector, 6kV for the GR 874 connector and 15kV for the "HN" connector. These limitations are for DC, and provide a safety factor for our pulse length ratings. The "N" connector, for instance, can pass 10kV at short (10ns) pulse widths.

The breakdown limitations of our film resistors are related to pulse energy. A unit that has been tested to withstand 5kV, 400ns FWHM rectangular pulses should be able to withstand 10kV, 75ns FWHM rectangular pulses. While this general "rule of thumb" has been found to be useful in practice, we cannot guarantee higher voltages or pulse widths unless we test the particular unit to your pulse specification.

Some units have been designed and rated to withstand exponentially decaying pulses and are listed with a  $1/\epsilon$  notation. An exponentially decaying pulse with a  $1/\epsilon$  time constant has half the energy of a rectangular pulse, with the same FWHM time. Therefore, our resistive units can withstand exponential pulses that have a time constant twice as long as a rectangular pulse.

Please call if your pulse measurement requirements cannot be met by the standard product specifications.

### VOLTAGE COEFFICIENT OF RESISTANCE

The voltage coefficient error of our resistive components is less than 1 % at their rated voltage. It is usually significantly lower than this but we cannot specify it any better because of present measurement limitations. **See our Application Note for further information regarding the importance of Voltage Coefficient in pulse voltage measurement.**

### PULSE RISETIME

The 10%-90% risetime through our attenuators is listed as  $\tau$  (tau). It is calculated by taking the square root of the difference between the observed risetime squared and the input risetime squared. This would be the risetime out of our attenuator with a perfect (zero risetime) input. Our risetime and reflection coefficient measurements are made with a 54120A HP digital sampling system that can be normalized to as fast as 10ps.