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Description

The Agilent R/Q/U/V 281 adapters have:

- Excellent repeatability
- Measurement versatility
- WR-28, WR-22, WR-19, WR-15 (R, Q, U, V band) waveguide
- Precision 1.85 mm and 2.4 mm coax connectors

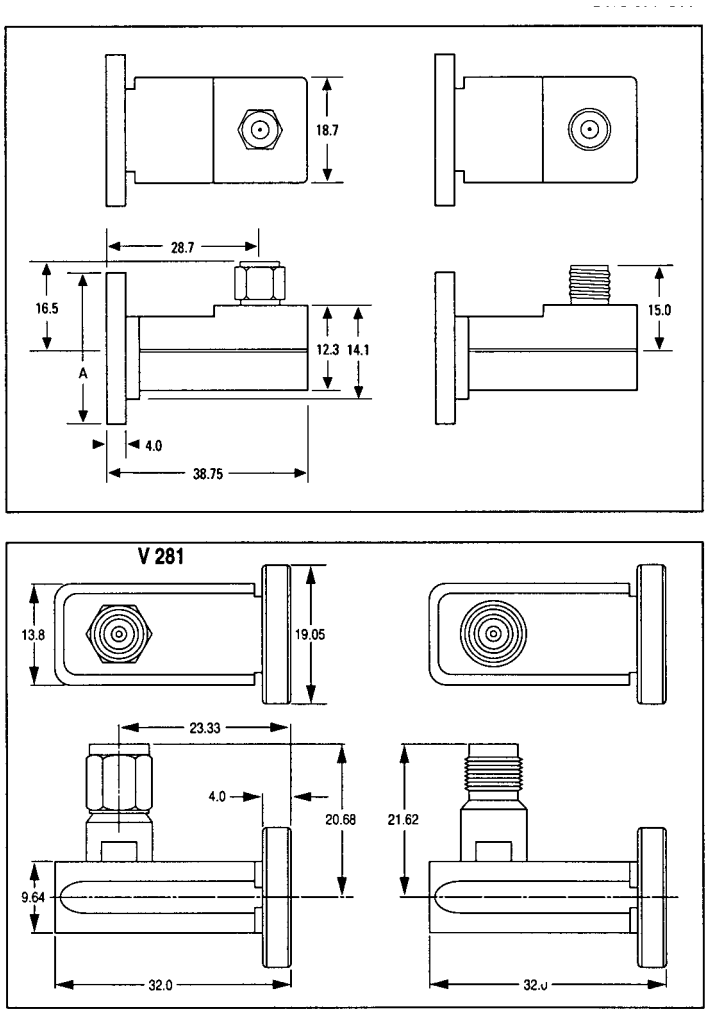
Increased Measurement Versatility

Coax measurements to 65 GHz. The Agilent 281 family of precision millimeter waveguide-to-coax adapters offers a simple, low SWR transition between transmission media. Take advantage of stable, low loss and low SWR waveguide when measuring coaxial devices at higher frequencies. Or keep the convenience of coax, even when testing waveguide components. Agilent R/Q/U/V 281 adapters increase the versatility of existing test sets to measure both coax and waveguide components.

Excellent Accuracy

Low SWR transitions reduce mismatch uncertainty and excellent repeatability ensures consistent measurements. Available with both male and female connectors, these adapters help microwave engineers combine the best test components from each transmission media. With the Agilent R/Q/C1/V 281 adapters, engineers can balance the merits of coax and waveguide to achieve the best combination of accuracy, cost and ease-of-use.

Dimensions



A=19.3 mm (R281)
A=28.7 mm (Q281)
A=28.7 mm (U281)

Figure 1 Dimensions in millimeters

Specifications

Specifications describe the instrument's warranted performance over the temperature range 0 to 55 °C (except where noted). The Supplemental Characteristics are typical but non-warranted performance parameters. They are denoted as "typical", "nominal", or "approximate".

Coax-to-Waveguide Adapters					Supplemental Characteristics	
Model	**Coax Connector Type**	**Waveguide Number**	**Frequency (GHz)**	**Return Loss[1]**	**Insertion Loss[2]**	**Repeatability [1,3] Typically Better Than:**
R281A	2.4 mm (female)	WR-28	26.5 to 40	≥24 dB	≤0.3 dB	≥ –50 dB
R281B	2.4 mm (male)	WR-28	26.5 to 40	≥24 dB	≤0.3 dB	≥ –50 dB
Q281A	2.4 mm (female)	WR-22	33 to 50	≥22 dB	≤0.3 dB	≥ –50 dB
Q281B	2.4 mm (male)	WR-22	33 to 50	≥22 dB	≤0.3 dB	≥ –50 dB
U281A	1.85 mm (female)	WR-19	40 to 60	≥22 dB[4]	≤0.5 dB	≥ –50 dB
U281B	1.85 mm (male)	WR-19	40 to 60	≥22 dB[4]	≤0.5 dB	≥ –50 dB
V281A	1.85 mm (female)	WR-15	50 to 67	≥20 dB	≤0.5 dB	≥ –50 dB
			67 to 70	≥20 dB (typical)	≤0.5 dB	≥ –50 dB
V281B	1.85 mm (male)	WR-15	50 to 67	≥20 dB	≤0.5 dB	≥ –50 dB
			67 to 70	≥20 dB (typical)	≤0.5 dB	≥ –50 dB

1. At the coaxial port only.
2. Typical maximum insertion loss for single adapter.
3. Repeatability = 20 Log $|\Delta\Gamma|$ where $|\Delta\Gamma| = |\Gamma m_1 - \Gamma m_2|$. This is the difference between two measurements Γm_1, and Γm_2 before and after one disconnect/connect cycle. Repeatability depend upon proper torque and pin-depth.
4. Typical for single adapter. Mated pair return loss warranted to ≥18 dB.

Environment

Non-operating environmental specifications apply to storage and shipment. Products should be stored in a clean, dry environment. Operating environmental specifications apply when the product is in use.

Characteristic	Non-Operating	Operating
Temperature	–55 to +75 °C	0 to +55 °C
Humidity	<95% relative at +40 °C	<95% relative at +40 °C
Altitude	≤15,300 m (50,000 ft)	<4,600 m (15,000 ft)

NOTE

Storage or operation within an environment other than that specified above may cause damage to the product and may void the warranty.

Care, Connection and Torque

Connector Torque and Pin Depth

Connector Type	Torque (±0.5 lb-in)	Torque Wrench Part Number	Connector Pin Depth (male or female)		Protection Gage Kit Part Number	End Cap Part Number
1.85 mm	8 lb-in (90 N-cm)	1250-1863	U281:	0 to 0.03 mm (0 to 0.0012 in)	85056-60018 (male) 85056-60017 (female)	1401-0202 (female) 1401-0095 (male)
			V281:	0 to 0.0152 mm (0 to 0.0006 in)		
2.4 mm	8 lb-in (90 N-cm)	1250-1863		0 to 0.038 mm (0 to 0.0015 in)	11752-60108 (male) 11752-60107 (female)	1401-0202 (female) 1401-0095 (male)

Mating 2.4 mm connectors with 1.85 mm connectors

The 1.85 mm coaxial end of the Agilent U/V281AB adapters can be mated with 2.4 mm connectors.