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## Fuel Cell Impedance Measurement System KFM2150 system

Capable of measuring impedance in the frequency range from 10 mHz to 20 kHz (KFM2150). Capable of IR measurement with the current interrupt method (KFM2150).

For a load unit, enables selection and use of a Kikusui electronic load unit suitable to the power capacity of the fuel cells (KFM2150).

Provides 32-channel inputs (KFM2151). By connecting multiple KFM2151 in parallel, up to 160 channels can be supported.

Capable of not only current monitoring but also impedance measurement (KFM2151).



# Supports cell types ranging from single cells of several hundreds of amperes to stack fuel cells of several kilowatts.



The FC impedance meter KFM2150 cannot be used alone. It needs to be combined with a Kikusui PLZ-4W series electronic load unit, and be calibrated. KFM2150 SYSTEM 1000-01 bench top type Upper unit: KFM2150 Lower unit: PLZ1004W

## Fuel cell impedance measurement system



The fuel cell impedance measurement system is configured with an FC impedance meter KFM2150 and a Kikusui PLZ-4W series electronic load unit. Thus, the impedance measurement system can be configured to meet the output capacity of the fuel cells. Also, the system can support single fuel cells when configured with an electronic load unit supporting 0-V input. The system is capable of both impedance measurement with the AC impedance method and IR measurement with the current interrupt method, and is capable of acquiring the following types of data using the supplied application software: I-V characteristics and constant current characteristics; Cole-Cole plot data with the AC impedance method; and data with the current interrupt method. Also, the system provides a sequence function to execute tests for acquiring these types of data in the order they are specified.

## **Features**

- Capable of measuring impedance in the frequency range from 10 mHz to 20 kHz.
- Operating voltages: 1.5 V to 150 V, 0 V to 150 V\*
- Enables selection of current and power capacities by operating multiple units of the same model of the PLZ-4W series in parallel.
- Enables setting of a measurement AC current in the range of 0.1% to 10% (in 0.1% steps) of the DC load current.
- Enables changing of the DC load current while maintaining the setting (%) of the measurement AC current.
- Capable of IR measurement with the current interrupt method.
- Low voltage protection equipped as standard
- External interface equipped as standard (RS-232C, GPIB, and USB)

## System lineup and main specifications

Specifications		Units configuring the system	Rating			
Madal	Impedance meter	Electronic load unit	Chrusture	Operating voltage	Current	Power
Model	impedance meter	voltage (CV)	Structure	V	A	W
KFM2150 SYSTEM 165-01A	KFM2150	PLZ164WA (1 unit)	Bench top type	0 to 150	33	165
KFM2150 SYSTEM 660-01A	KFM2150	PLZ664WA (1 unit)	Bench top type	0 to 150	132	660
KFM2150 SYSTEM 1320-02A	KFM2150	PLZ664WA (2 units)	Bench top type	0 to 150	264	1320
KFM2150 SYSTEM 1980-03A	KFM2150	PLZ664WA (3 units)	Rack mount type	0 to 150	396	1980
KFM2150 SYSTEM 2640-04A	KFM2150	PLZ664WA (4 units)	Rack mount type	0 to 150	528	2640
KFM2150 SYSTEM 3300-05A	KFM2150	PLZ664WA (5 units)	Rack mount type	0 to 150	660	3300
KFM2150 SYSTEM 1000-01	KFM2150	PLZ1004W (1 unit)	Bench top type	1.5 to 150	200	1000
KFM2150 SYSTEM 3000-02	KFM2150	PLZ1004W (1 unit) + PLZ2004WB (1 unit)	Bench top type	1.5 to 150	600	3000
KFM2150 SYSTEM 5000-03	KFM2150	PLZ1004W (1 unit) + PLZ2004WB (2 units)	Rack mount type	1.5 to 150	1000	5000
KFM2150 SYSTEM 7000-04	KFM2150	PLZ1004W (1 unit) + PLZ2004WB (3 units)	Rack mount type	1.5 to 150	1400	7000
KFM2150 SYSTEM 9000-05	KFM2150	PLZ1004W (1 unit) + PLZ2004WB (4 units)	Rack mount type	1.5 to 150	1800	9000

Specifications	Constant current mode (CC)		Ammeter display		Constant voltage mode (CV)		Voltmeter display				
Madal	Allowable ranges (A)/Resolution (mA)		Accuracy		Allowable ranges (V)/Resolution (mV)		Accuracy <sup>2</sup>				
Model	H range	M range	L range	H range (A)	M range (A)	L range (A)	15-V range	150-V range	10-V range (V)	100-V range (V)	150-V range (V)
KFM2150 SYSTEM 165-01A	0 to 33/1	0 to 3.3/0.1	0 to 0.33/0.01	0.0000 to 33.000	0.0000 to 3.3000	0.0000 to 0.3300	0 to 15.75/1		0.0000 to 9.9999	10.000 to 99.999	100.00 to 150.00
KFM2150 SYSTEM 660-01A	0 to 132/10	0 to 13.2/1	0 to 1.32/0.1	0.0000 to 132.00	0.0000 to 13.200	0.0000 to 1.3200					
KFM2150 SYSTEM 1320-02A	0 to 264/20	0 to 26.4/2	0 to 2.64/0.2	0.0000 to 264.00	0.0000 to 26.400	0.0000 to 2.6400		'5/1 0 to 157.5/10			
KFM2150 SYSTEM 1980-03A	0 to 396/30	0 to 39.6/3	0 to 3.96/0.3	0.0000 to 396.00	0.0000 to 39.600	0.0000 to 3.9600					
KFM2150 SYSTEM 2640-04A	0 to 528/40	0 to 52.8/4	0 to 5.28/0.4	0.0000 to 528.00	0.0000 to 52.800	0.0000 to 5.2800					
KFM2150 SYSTEM 3300-05A	0 to 660/50	0 to 66/5	0 to 6.6/0.5	0.0000 to 660.00	0.0000 to 66.000	0.0000 to 6.6000					
KFM2150 SYSTEM 1000-01	0 to 200/10	0 to 20.0/1	0 to 2.00/0.1	0.0000 to 200.00	0.0000 to 20.000	0.0000 to 2.0000					
KFM2150 SYSTEM 3000-02	0 to 600/30	0 to 60.0/3	0 to 6.00/0.3	0.0000 to 600.00	0.0000 to 60.000	0.0000 to 6.0000					
KFM2150 SYSTEM 5000-03	0 to 1000/50	0 to 100.0/5	0 to 10.00/0.5	0.0000 to 1000.0	0.0000 to 100.00	0.0000 to 10.000	0 to 15.75/1	0 to 15.75/1 0 to 157.5/10	0 0.0000 to 9.9999 10.000 to 99.	10.000 to 99.999	99 100.00 to 150.00
KFM2150 SYSTEM 7000-04	0 to 1400/70	0 to 140.0/7	0 to 14.00/0.7	0.0000 to 1400.0	0.0000 to 140.00	0.0000 to 14.000					
KFM2150 SYSTEM 9000-05	0 to 1800/90	0 to 180.0/9	0 to 18.00/0.9	0.0000 to 1800.0	0.0000 to 180.00	0.0000 to 18.000					

#### [Accessories]

Instruction manual  $\times$  1, power cord  $\times$  1, sensing wires  $\times$  1 set, flat cable  $\times$  1 set, application software (CD)  $\times$  1, RS-232C cable  $\times$  1 set, 1 set of two parallel load cables (for the KFM2150 SYSTEM 1320-02A and the KFM2150 SYSTEM 3000-02 only)

\*1: H and M ranges:  $\pm(0.3\%$  of rdng + 0.3% of f.s), f.s: full scale of the H range

L range: ±(0.3% of rdng + 0.3% of f.s), f.s: full scale of the L range \*2: All range: ±(0.1% of rdng + 0.1% of rdng) [Note] rdng: Stands for reading. rng: Stands for range value. f.s: Stands for full scale.

#### System structure examples



KFM2150 SYSTEM 9000-05

\* The blank panel may be different from that shown in the photo.

#### Rack mount type

#### Bench top type



KFM2150 SYSTEM 1000-01

#### **Dimensions/weights**

 Bench top type (only weights mentioned) KFM2150 SYSTEM 165-01A: Approx. 13.5kg KFM2150 SYSTEM 660-01A: Approx. 22kg KFM2150 SYSTEM 1320-02A: Approx. 38kg KFM2150 SYSTEM 1000-01: Approx. 21kg KFM2150 SYSTEM 3000-02: Approx. 45kg

#### Rack mount type

KFM2150 SYSTEM 1980-03A: 570W × 1430H × 875D mm/Approx. 170kg KFM2150 SYSTEM 2640-04A: 570W  $\times$  1430H  $\times$  875D mm/Approx. 185kg KFM2150 SYSTEM 3300-05A: 570W × 1430H × 875D mm/Approx. 200kg KFM2150 SYSTEM 5000-03: 570W  $\times$  1430H  $\times$  1025D mm/Approx. 190kg KFM2150 SYSTEM 7000-04: 570W × 1430H × 1025D mm/Approx. 215kg KFM2150 SYSTEM 9000-05: 570W  $\times$  1430H  $\times$  1025D mm/Approx. 240kg

## FC Tester (supplied application software)

FC Tester enables control of the KFM system from a PC, conducting tests for acquiring the characteristics of fuel cells, such as I-V characteristics, and Cole-Cole plot and other data with the current interrupt method and the AC impedance method. It also enables tests to be conducted in the order they are specified. When combined with the FC scanner KFM2151, it can support measurement of the impedance of each cell while switching from one cell to another in sequence.

#### Features

- Provides startup and shutdown sequences friendly to fuel cells.
- Provides test modes for I-V characteristics, constant current characteristics, and Cole-Cole plot data with the AC impedance method.
- Enables fuel cell cycle tests by combining sequence functions.
- Provides 2D/3D real-time graph functions.
- Enables output of test results data as CSV files (text format).
- Enables observation of voltage and current waveforms during the current interrupt method.
- Provides panel control functions that enable a PC to be used to perform operations equivalent to KFM2150 panel operations.
- Enables measurement of the impedance of each cell when combined with the FC scanner (KFM2151).
  - FC Tester consists of three programs, Configuration Tool, Condition Editor, and Executive.

### Configuration Tool

This program configures the fuel cell impedance measurement system. It is used to configure the system for the first time or to change the system configuration.

## Condition Editor

This program creates and edits test conditions. It enables setting of test mode conditions on 15 sheets in total, one sheet for one test mode. It also enables setting of the repeat count of each sheet and the repeat count (cycle) for all sheets.

#### 📚 Untitled - FCTester Condition Editor Yew Tools He Conditions Set the test cycle. Normally, a commo Fuel Cell Information current range is in a test cycle even am ong different s However, you can set different current ranges for each seg at the start of a sequence, switch the current range, and tu Cyde Startup Shutdown Sequence 1 Sequence 2 Sequence 3 5et the current/voltage range for each seg Current Bange 200.0 ¥ [A] Yokage Range 150.0 ~ (V) Sequence 1 times xe 11 Sequence Z times Sequence 7 Sequence 12 times times times Sequence 13 Sequence 3 Sequence 8 times times Sequence 2 nce 14 Sequence § times times Sequence 1 Sequence 5 times Sequence 10 nce 15 times times Sequence 11 Sequence 12 times Sequence 13 nce 14 Like the startup sequence Use the shytdown sequence Turn the load off when the load current is set to 0 A.

Fold-back

Rest time

Final current

Rest time

Current



▲ Cycle window

Start current

Step time

▲ I-V measurement

Start free

Stop or

ncv-to-ston frequency

Time [S

Durrent [A]

Current [A]

## [Conceptual diagrams of test mode operation]

▲ Sequence window

Fold-back



▲ I-V + Cole-Cole plot measurement







Time [s]

Constant current test



▲ AC impedance measurement

Step time

Start current

Step time

▲ I-V + AC impedance measurement

Time [S]



## Executive

This program executes characteristic tests in accordance with the test condition file created with Condition Editor. It monitors each measurement at the start and stop of a test and during the test. It can graphically represent voltage, current, and impedance trends in real time.





▲ Cole-Cole plot window (3D graphic display)



#### [Recommended operating environment]

The following are the hardware and software requirements for using the supplied application software.

- IBM-PC/AT or compatible, with a 600-MHz Pentium III microprocessor or equivalent or higher (Pentium 4 or equivalent or higher recommended)
- Microsoft Windows 2000 (Windows 2000 SP4 or later required), Microsoft Windows XP (Windows XP SP2 or later required)
- 256 MB memory or greater (512 MB or greater recommended). When using FC scanner (KFM2151), 512 MB or greater (1 GB or greater recommended)
   SVGA resolution or higher (800 x 600 dots or greater)
- SVGA resolution or higher (800 x 600 dots or greater)
- 20 MB free hard disk space or greater (another free space required for data storage)
- CD-ROM drive
- Mouse or other pointing device
- Interface (RS-232C, GPIB, or USB)
- GPIB board (only if used with GPIB)
- manufactured by one of National Instruments, Agilent, Contec Co., Ltd., and Interface Corporation.
- VISA
- VISA library
- One of NI-VISA3.0 or later, Agilent I/O Library M01.00 or later, and KI-VISA 2.5 or later
- \* The Virtual Instrument Software Architecture (VISA) is a standard specification for software for connecting measuring instruments that was established by VXI plug&play Systems Alliance.
- \* KI-VISA is an Kikusui Electronics Corporation's original I/O library conforming to the VXI plug&play VISA specification 3.0.
- \* The latest KI-VISA is downloadable at our web site.

## KFM2151

#### FC scanner



The FC scanner KFM2151 is a 32-channel scanner that meets the essential request to monitor each cell in the evaluation of stack fuel cells. To support stacks of various sizes, it is possible to support up to 160 channels by connecting multiple KFM2151 in parallel. As a mean to eliminate the cumbersome work of wiring, the KFM2151 provides a function whereby once it is connected to cells, the terminals allocated to channels can be changed so that the voltage and impedance of any cell can be measured without rewiring. For a voltage monitor function, it offers a scan speed of 32 channels per second, which is sufficient from the practical viewpoint.

#### Dimensions (maximum)/weight

430 (435) W × 44 (60) H × 270 (285) D mm/about 3.5 kg

#### Features

Capable of impedance measurement at an input voltage up to 150 V when connected to the KFM2150 with a dedicated cable.

32-channel voltage scanner that supports stack fuel cells.

Capable of impedance measurement when combined

- One unit supports 32-channel inputs, and up to 160 channels can be supported by connecting multiple units in parallel.
- With its channel-allocated terminal changing function, enables measurement of the voltage and impedance of any cell once it is connected to cells.
- Enables setting of OVP and UVP for each channel.

with the KFM2150.

- Capable of monitoring voltage at a scan speed of 32 channels per second.
- Can be operated alone as a voltage monitor.



## **KFM2150** specifications

## **KFM2151** specifications

Common specifications		● Inputs	
Impedance measurement	section	Number of inputs	32 terminal pairs
(AC impedance method)		Rated input	+150 V (+200 V max )
Frequency range	10 mHz to 20 kHz	Output terminals	
Frequency resolution	14 points of 1.00, 1.26, 1.58, 2.00, 2.51, 3.00, 3.16, 4.00	Number of outputs	1 channel (The input of the
	5.00, 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 8.00, and 9.00/decade		impedance measurement channel
	(decimal 7-digit range)		during setting or scanning is 1/10
Moasurement range	0.0001  mO to $0.0000  O$ indicated in five digits		before being output )
Measurement AC ourrent	0.1  to  10% of DC load surrant (acttable in 0.1% stops)		petion
Measurement AC current.	Note that the sum of the DC load current and the	Voltage measurement s	20ah An innut terminal can be act
	Note that the sum of the DC load current and the	Number of channels	for each channel
	measurement AC current must not exceed the rating of		ior each channel.
	the PLZ-4W series unit. The actual allowable current		(Up to 160 channels can be
	range varies depending on which PLZ-4W unit the		supported by connecting multiple
	KFM2150 is combined with. By setting the measurement	_	KFM2151 in parallel.)
	AC current to 0%, it is possible to set the measurement	Ranges	Auto ranges of 2 V, 20 V, and 200 V
	AC current to OFF.	Scan speed	
	The maximum measurement AC current is 80 Arms, 50	OVP	2 V to 200 V. Can be set for each
	Arms*		channel. Setting resolution: 0.01 V
	* Value assumed when the KFM2150 is combined with a	UVP	2 V to 200 V. Can be set for each
	0 V input type.		channel. Setting resolution: 0.01 V
Measurement items	R, Χ, IzI, θ	Voltmeter	Display of 19999, accuracy: ±
Measurement accuracy (e	xample of SYSTEM1000-01, 10 V range)		(0.1% of rdng + 0.1% of rng)
			rdng: reading, rng: range value
(Current interrupt method)		Impedance measureme	nt channel switching section
Measurement range	0.0001 m $\Omega$ to 9.9999 $\Omega$ , indicated in five digits.	Number of channels	
Measurement items	IR (internal resistance)		for each channel.
Interrupt pulse parameters			(Up to 160 channels can be
			supported by connecting multiple
	au current		KFM2151 in parallel.)
		Switching	Auto scan. manual selection
		Voltage at which impeda	ance measurement is possible
			Up to 150 V (when connected to
			the KEM2150)
Pulse depth PD	0 to 100% of DC load current (settable in 1% steps).	To remove the effect of	the impedance meter on measurement
·	Can be measured with consideration given to the effect	accuracy (when connec	ted to the KFM2150).
	on the fuel cells	Frequencies up to 3 kHz	z Add 2%
Pulse width PW	0.1 ms to 10 ms (settable in 0.1 ms steps) Can be	3 16 kHz to 9 kHz	Add 3%
	measured with consideration given to the effect on the	10 kHz to 20 kHz	Add 5%
	fuel cells and the DC load current	to the IZI percentage re-	ading
Pulse change time PT	$0.01 \text{ ms}^*$ to 10 ms (settable in 0.01 ms steps). Can be	Note: For the 10 mO r	and only add 3 mO to $\pm ( 7 )$ percentage
r disc change time r r	measured with consideration given to the effect of the	reading)	
	load wiring inductance	Communication IF	
	* The minimum is restricted by the slow rate of the PLZ	BS-232C interface for P	Connection
	AW series unit used and the PD setting	I/O interface for impode	
	4W series unit used and the PD setting.	Interface for parallel con	
	Maying average 1 to 050 times	Canaral anapifications	inection
Average setting			100 \/AQ to 040 \/ (00 \/AQ to 050
Protection function		input voltage range	
Low voltage protection (UV	P) Turns the load off at -2 v to 150 v (settable). Output an	1	v), single phase
	alarm signal.	Input frequency range	
Load protection	Iurns the load off upon receiving an alarm signal from	Power consumption	
	the PLZ-4W series unit. Output an alarm.	Insulation resistance	
		1400 C	between AC line and chassis
External control		Withstand voltage	Free trom detects when 1500 VAC
Interface			is applied for 1 min. between AC
			line and chassis.
<ul> <li>General specifications</li> </ul>			
Input voltage range	100 VAC to 240 V (90 VAC to 250 V), single phase		
Input frequency range			

Power consumption ...... 100 VA max.

#### System specifications \* This catalog contains the specifications of KFM2150 SYSTEM 1000-01 (KFM2150 + PLZ1004W) as a typical example. For the specifications of other systems, contact Kikusui.)

The specifications are specified by following setting and conditions, unless otherwise stated: • Warmup time: 30 min. (state with current being flowed) ● Temperature: 20°C to 30°C ● Relative humidity: 20%rh to 85%rh

■ Accuracy of impedance measurement with the AC impedance method (2-meter load cable used)

If the current range on the load unit is H or M, and the measurement AC current is 0.5 Arms or greater.

• When the sensing end input voltage is 0 V to 10 V (10 V range)

± (% of the IzI reading)		Frequency				
		to 126Hz	158Hz to 3kHz	3.16k to 9kHz	10k to 20kHz	
Accuracy R, X (of reading)	$10 \text{ m}\Omega$ range	3%	2%	3%	4%	
	100 m $\Omega$ range	3%	2%	3%	5%	
	1000 m $\Omega$ range	4%	3%	6%		
	10 Ω range	4%	8% (to 1kHz)			

For the 10 m $\Omega$  range only, add 0.3 m $\Omega$  to ± (% of |z| reading). The hatched portion is not specified

When the sensing end input voltage is 10 V to 100 V (100 V range)

± (% of the IzI reading)		Frequency				
		to 126Hz	158Hz to 3kHz	3.16k to 9kHz	10k to 20kHz	
Accuracy R, X (of reading)	10 mΩ range	5%	3%	5%	6%	
	100 mΩ range	5%	3%	5%	8%	
	1000 m $\Omega$ range	6%	5%	8%		
	10 Q range	6%	9% (to 1kHz)			

For the 10 m $\Omega$  range only, add 0.3 m $\Omega$  to ±(% of |z| reading). The hatched portion is not specified.

#### • When the sensing end input voltage is 100 V to 150 V (100 V range)

± (% of the  z  reading)		Frequency				
		to 126Hz	158Hz to 3kHz	3.16k to 9kHz	10k to 20kHz	
Accuracy R, X (of reading)	$10 \text{ m}\Omega$ range					
	$100 \text{ m}\Omega$ range	9%	6%	9%		
	1000 m $\Omega$ range	12%	9%			
	10 Ω range	12%				

The hatched portion is not specified

## [Effect of the load cable on measurement]

■ Accuracy of IR measurement with the current interrupt method......±3%

If, however, measurement is conducted under the conditions below, with 10  $m\Omega$  resistance connected to the power supply in series.

<ul> <li>Input terminal voltage</li> </ul>	. 5 V
Load current	. 20 A

- Pulse depth...... 50% (10 A)
- Pulse width ..... 10 ms

#### General specifications

Input voltage range	. 90 VAC to 250 V, 47 Hz to 63
	Hz, single phase
Power consumption	. 260 VA max.
Installation altitude	. 2000 meters or less
Specifications-assured temperature range	. 20°C to 30°C
Specifications-assured humidity range	. 20%rh to 85%rh (no condensation)
Operating temperature range	. 0°C to 40°C
Operating humidity range	. 20%rh to 85%rh (no condensation)
Weight	. Approx. 21 kg

In the measurement of the impedance of fuel cells, an important point is the load cable to use. In particular, if fuel cells with large current capacities are to be measured, measurement results are affected by the material, thickness, length, and other factors of the load cable. Bear this in mind before measurement.

#### <Points to consider>

#### • Use a sufficiently thick cable to measure fuel cells with large current capacities.

If a thin load cable is used, this will cause a large voltage drop, generating heat due to power loss, which is very dangerous. If the voltage drop is large, the voltage may drop below the operating voltage of the electronic load unit, making it impossible to flow current.

#### Use a thick and short one for AC impedance measurement.

In AC impedance measurement, the larger the measurement AC current and the higher the measurement frequency, the thicker and shorter the load cable must be used.

#### <Reference>

The photos show a load cable (example) that Kikusui use to test rack amount type systems with load currents of about 1000 A.



Cable with coating

\*Note: In actual measurement, be sure to use it with its coating intact.

Load cable example (1000 A class)

- Mounting hole diameter: 14 mm
- Mounting pitch: 40 mm
- Nominal cross sectional area: 600 mm<sup>2</sup> · Length: about 2 meters
- Weight: Approx. 13 kg

© Kikusui accept orders to manufacture load cables (custom made cables). Feel free to consult us when asking for an estimate of your system.

Cable with its coating removed





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