

MEASURE IMPEDANCES DIRECTLY (ohms) WITH THE 8753 VNA

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Set-up:

MEAS

- Select: **S11** or **S21**. In the S21 mode the component under test is connected in series - between port 1 and 2, at the end of the coax cables.

CAL

- Calibrate S11 One port or S21 Response Thru

MEAS CONVERSION Select:

S11 : Z:Refl

S21 : Z:Trans (Transmission).

Connect the component.

FORMAT LIN MAG (To display Z magnitude).

One can also select display of: **RE(Z)** or **IM(Z)**.

SCALE REF

Auto Scale

REF VALUE: 0 > X1 (Sets the scale reference value to 0 ohms)

Displayed graphs have "Units" = ohms

The result file should have the following heading to be compatible with the Touchstone format: (example):

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# HZ Z RI R 1.0
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1.000000000E+06 0.666406000000000E+01 1.670781000000000E+02
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1.245000000E+06 0.903125000000000E+01 2.074922000000000E+02
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etc...

The data transfer is in S11 ou S21 mode.

Fréquency (Hz) RE(Z) IM(Z)

Notes:

1- The factor 1.0 in the heading is a multiplication factor for impedance values.

It is possible to calibrate with a transformer giving an impedance ratio of 4:1 (for instance). In this case the calibration will be done with a short, open and a 200 ohm load. The impedance multiplication factor will be 4.0.

2- In the S11 mode, measurements are centered on 50 ohms. The accuracy of the impedance measurements decreases when the impedance under test is far away from 50 ohms. It is possible to measure between 5 and 1000 ohms with reasonable accuracy.

3- In the S21 mode, the component must be floating. Values between 10 et 100,000 ohms may be measured.