High Accuracy All-Purpose Decade Inductor

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The 1491 Decade Inductor is an assembly of several decade inductor units in a single metal cabinet. The units have no electrical connection to the panel, but a separate ground terminal is provided, which can be connected to the adjacent low terminal, leading to the smallest decade.

Features:

- Shielded toroidal cores for low mutual inductance and minimal effect from external field
- Sealed against moisture for long-term stability
- Excellent as a moderately accurate inductance standard
- High Q, 200 and higher



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SPECIFICATIONS

Accuracy

Inductance per step	Accuracy	Test frequency	Test voltage	
100 μΗ	±2%	1000 Hz	10 mV	
1 mH	±2%	1000 Hz	10 mV	
10 mH	±1.6%	500 Hz	20 mV	
100 mH	±0.8%	200 Hz	20 mV	
1 H	±0.8%	100 Hz	40 mV	

Zero inductance

Approximately 1 µH

Maximum voltage

500 Vrms

1491 switches safely break the circuit at 500 V if turned rapidly, but voltages above 150 V may cause destructive arcing with the switch between detent positions.

dc Resistance

Approximately 45 Ω per henry

Connection terminals

Two, 5-way, gold-plated, tellurium-copper binding posts with low thermal emf and low resistance, plus separate binding post for ground.

Temperature coefficient

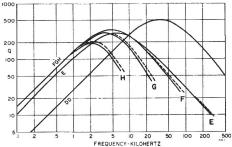
Approximately -25 ppm/°C between 16° and 32°C

Mechanical

Dimensions: 43.2 cm W x 22.3 cm W x

16.6 cm D (17" x 8.75 " x 6.5") **Weight:** 10.5 kg (23 lb)

Quality factor Q



Variation of Q for maximum inductance at low excitation levels. Dashed lines correspond to use with chassis floating.

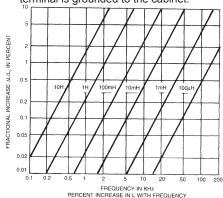
DD - 1 mH Steps E - 0.01 H Steps F - 0.1 H Steps G - 1 H Steps H - 10 H Steps

Change of inductance with current

To minimize the change in inductance, keep current low as shown. Contact IET for more details.

Frequency characteristics

Percentage increase in effective series inductance (above the zero-frequency value, L₀) may be obtained from the figure below. Results apply to when the LOW terminal is grounded to the cabinet.



Variation of inductance with frequency for the 1491 decade Inductors

Inductance	Increase in	Switch setting			Max
per step	inductance	1	2, 3, 4	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	current
100 μΗ	0.10%	141 mA	100 mA	63 mA	4000 mA
1 mH	0.25%	17 mA	12 mA	8 mA	1500 mA
10 mH	0.25%	5.4 mA	3.8 mA	2.4 mA	500 mA
100 mH	0.25%	1.7 mA	1.2 mA	0.8 mA	150 mA
1 H	0.25%	0.54 mA	0.38 mA	0.24 mA	50 mA

Note: At currents higher than those listed, the inductors begin to saturate and accuracy degrades further. For best accuracy, use at low current.

ORDERING INFORMATION

1491-D Decade inductor, 4 decades, 11.11 H total inductance, 1 mH per step
1491-G Decade inductor, 5 decades, 11.111 H total inductance, 100 μH per step

