# Cascade QuadCard

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# Cost-effective, versatile probe card solution

# Overview

The QuadCard™ probe card is the industry's first configurable, multi-quadrant probe adapter that employs innovative fine minimanipulators - individual miniature positioners - to mount up to four FormFactor probes on a single probe card. It is designed to accommodate a combination of our probes such as Infinity Probes®, ACP probes, IZI Probes® and Multi-IZI Probes, which are aligned individually by the mini-manipulator. The QuadCard is compatible with all probe stations using standard rectangular and round probe card holders, or it can be customized to fit most probe card holders.

The QuadCard reduces overall cost-of-test by allowing quick and easy repairs by simply replacing individual probes. All QuadCard components, such as probes, board and minimanipulators, can be repurposed for future test applications,



reducing the long-term cost of ownership. The QuadCard also allows the use of the same probe technology from the lab to the production test floor, enabling fast characterization, design debug and pre-production qualification before sending devices to the full production test, minimizing the overall test cost and shortening the time to market.

Combined with a wide variety of high-performance probes from FormFactor, the versatile QuadCard enables testing of advanced devices which cannot be achieved by existing probe card solutions.

# > Features / Benefits

| Lower cost-of-test   | <ul> <li>Quick and easy repairs to be performed by simply replacing individual probes and using the<br/>mini-manipulators to realign the new or repaired probes</li> </ul>   |  |
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| Flexibility          | <ul> <li>Accommodates a combination of up to four FormFactor probes</li> <li>Configurable for mixed-signal RF/mmW testing</li> <li>Adaptable to new device layouts by exchanging individual probes</li> </ul>  |  |
| Measurement accuracy | <ul> <li>Accurate probe alignment with mini-manipulators for the best contact quality</li> <li>Superior performance of FormFactor probes</li> <li>Consistent data by using the same probe technologies from the lab through production test</li> </ul> |  |



# > Specifications

#### **Compatible Probes**

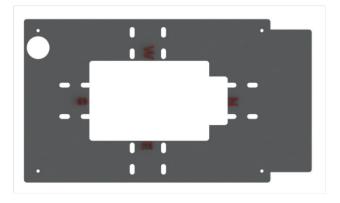
The QuadCard has the ability to hold a maximum of four mounted FormFactor probes listed below:

| Infinity Probe       | Single or dual coax configuration, 40/50/67/110/145 GHz              |  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| ACP Probe            | Single or dual coax configuration, 40/50/65/110 GHz                  |  |
| IZI Probe            | Single or dual configuration, 40/50/67 GHz                           |  |
| Multi IZI Probe      | Up to 35 mixed contacts (RF up to 20 GHz, DC, logic, signal, ground) |  |
| Unity Probe™         | Up to 12 contacts (DC, power, logic to 500 MHz, RF up to 20 GHz)     |  |
| ProbeWedge™ HF/ACP-Q | Mixed-RF and DC contacts   |  |
| ProbeWedgeDC/DCQ/WPH | Up to 12 contacts, DC needles only                                   |  |
| Eye-Pass® Probe      | Up to 12 DC contacts   |  |

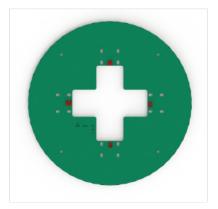
Recommended best practice: It is recommended to use the same probe type (family) for all positions if possible. Mixing probe types is possible, however it will cause differences in probe skate, mark, life and other characteristics that are probe type (family) dependent.

# Supported Probe Card Format\*

\* Custom probe card format available upon request.



4.5" rectangular probe card: standard probe card to be mounted on analytical probe stations. Probes mountable on N/W/S/E positions, coarse positioning.



9" round probe card: commonly used on production probe stations with circular probe card holders. Probes mountable on N/W/S/E positions, coarse positioning.

# > Probe Compatibility\*

# Compatibility with 9" round probe cards:

| All Positions (North / South / East / West) |
|---|
| Compact / Advanced                          |
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# Compatibility with 4.5" rectangular cards:

|                           | North and South    | East and West |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Infinity Probe            | Compact / Advanced | Not available |
| ACP Probe                 | Compact / Advanced | Not available |
| IZI Probe                 | Compact / Advanced | Compact       |
| Multi IZI Probe           | Compact / Advanced | Compact       |
| IZI Wedge                 | Compact / Advanced | Compact       |
| IZI Wedge HF              | Compact / Advanced | Compact       |
| Unity Probe               | Compact / Advanced | Not available |
| Eye-Pass Probe            | Compact / Advanced | Not available |
| ProbeWedge HF / ACP-Q     | Compact / Advanced | Not available |
| ProbeWedge DC / DCQ / WPH | Compact / Advanced | Not available |

Note: A fixed non-adjustable mouting block can be used in one position in some circomstances, however in general it is not recommended. Please consult with factory is this option is desired. This note applies to both 9" round and 4.5" rectangular cards.

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# Mini-Manipulator Options

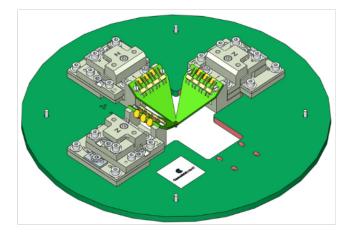
#### Compact (PN 140280)

Advanced (PN 140802)

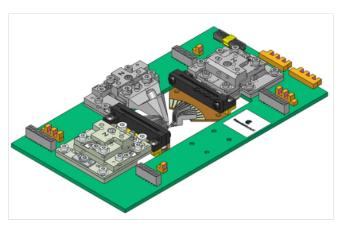
#### Fixed Adapter (Custom)

| Example: |
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|                          |   |  | * Maximum one per card                             |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| Adjustable axes          | X, Y, Z and planarity   | X, Y, Z and theta and planarity                        | NA   |
| X/Y                      | ± 0.775 mm  | ± 0.375 mm   | NA   |
| Z                        | ± 1.0 mm  | ± 1.0 mm   | NA   |
| Theta                    | N/A   | ± 0.775 mm   | NA   |
| Resolution               | 15 μm   | 15 μm  | NA   |
| Probe card compatibility | 4.5" rectangular card - all positions 9" round card - all positions | 4.5" rectangular card – North and South positions only | 4.5" rectangular card - all positions              |
|                          |   | 9" round card - all positions                          | 9" round card - all positions                      |
|                          |   |  | Consult factory for specific application usability |



 $9\ensuremath{\text{"}}$  round probe card with advanced mini-manipulators.



 $4.5\ensuremath{^{\circ}}$  rectangular probe card with both compact and advanced mini-manipulators.

 $Please\ contact\ Form Factor\ to\ configure\ your\ Quad Card.$ 

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