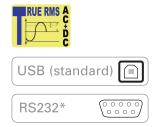
#### **Data Sheet**

# True RMS Bench Multimeters 2831E and 5491B





# True RMS Bench Multimeters with Dual Display

The B&K Precision models 2831E and 5491B are versatile and dependable bench multimeters suitable for applications in education, service and repair, and manufacturing requiring basic and reliable measurements. Additionally, these instruments enhance your productivity with built-in math functions and USB connectivity, features not found in other bench meters in this price category. Math operations Rel, Max/Min, dBm, dB, %, and Hold provide educators with a convenient tool to teach basic math concepts.

	Resolution				
Model	Count	Digits			
2831E	20,000	4 1/2			
5491B	50,000	4 3/4			

The 2831E and 5491B take typical multimeter measurements such as volts, ohms, and amps with great accuracy, stability, and basic VDC accuracy of 0.02% on the 5491B and 0.03% on the 2831E. The meters are also capable of measuring frequency, period, continuity, and performing diode tests. Readings can be taken at a maximum rate of 25 readings/sec with measurement rates selectable between slow, medium, and fast.

Thes multimeters were designed for cost-conscious users requiring a basic and dependable meter with a broad range of features offered at a value price.

#### Features & benefits

- Up to 50,000 count display resolution
- Basic VDC accuracy of up to 0.02%
- Dual display to indicate two measurements simultaneously
- ■AC + DC True RMS
- Up to 25 readings per second measurement
- AC volt and amp measurement over wide frequency range (ACV 100 kHz/ACI 20 kHz)
- Limit mode for Pass/Fail testing
- Built-in math functions: Rel, Max/Min, dBm, dB, %, Hold, Compare
- CATI (1000 V)/CATII (300 V) Protection
- USB (Virtual Com) and RS232\* interface
- SCPI compatible

\*5491B only



#### **▲ Versatile tools**

#### **Dual Display**



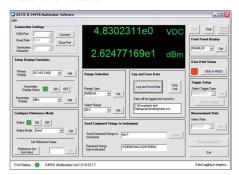
These meters offer a dual display allowing multiple measurements to be conveniently displayed at once. The display values could be two different measurements or one measurement expressed in different units. For example, you can simultaneously read an AC voltage and a frequency value or a DC voltage value expressed in volts and in dB.

#### **Limit Operation**

The limit operation lets you set and control the values that determine a HI / IN / LO status of subsequent measurements. The meter can be configured to emit an audible alarm when readings are outside of the configured limit.

# Increase Productivity with PC Connectivity

The 2831E and 5491B are programmable via USB and RS232 (5491B only) interface using industry standard SCPI commands. Users can control and configure the instrument from a remote PC and retrieve measurement results for further analysis. The meters can also be remotely controlled using application software (downloadable from the B&K website), which supports front panel emulation and data logging of measurement results.



Application software screenshot

### ▲ Easy operation



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# **Specifications**

# **DC Voltage**

	Rate	Range	Resolution	Full Scale Reading	Accuracy (1 year)	Typical Input Impedance							
		200.00 mV	10 μV	210.00	0.03%+0.08% (1)	>10 MΩ							
ш		2.0000 V	100 μV	2.1000	0.03%+0.05% (1)	>11.1 MΩ							
2831	Slow	20.000 V	I mV	21.000	0.03%+0.06%	>10.1 MΩ							
7		200.00 V	10 mV	210.00	0.03%+0.06%	10 MΩ							
		1000.0 V	100 mV	1010.0 (2)	0.03%+0.06%	10 ΜΩ							
		500.00 mV	10 μV	510.00	0.02%+0.016% (1)	>10 MΩ							
18		5.0000 V	100 μV	5.1000	0.02%+0.008% (1)	>11.1 MΩ							
5491	Slow	50.000 V	I mV	51.000	0.02%+0.008%	>10.1 MΩ							
24		500.00 V	10 mV	510.00	0.02%+0.008%	10 MΩ							
		1000.0 V	100 mV	1010.0 (2)	0.02%+0.008%	10 MΩ							
	(1) under REL status												
	(2) 1% over-range (10	10 V) is readable at 10	00 V range		(2) 1% over-range (1010 V) is readable at 1000 V range								

## **AC Voltage**

				Full Scale		Accuracy(1 year)(		
Rate	Rate	Range	Resolution	Reading	20~50 Hz	50~20 kHz	20~50 kHz	50~100 kHz
		200.00 mV	10 μV	210.00	1.0%+0.2%)	0.5%+0.15%	1.8% + 0.25%	3.0% + 0.75%
SI		2.0000 V	100 μV	2.1000	1.0%+0.2%)	0.4%+0.05%	1.5% + 0.1%	3.0% + 0.25%
	Slow	20.000 V	I mV	21.000	1.0%+0.2%	0.4%+0.05%	1.5% + 0.1%	3.0% + 0.25%
		200.00 V	10 mV	210.00		0.8%+0.075%	1.5% + 0.1%	3.0% + 0.25%
		750.0 V	100 mV	757.5(3)		0.8%+0.075%	1.5% + 0.1% (2)	3.0% + 0.25% (2)
		500.00 mV	10 μV	510.00	1.0%+0.08%)	0.5%+0.06%	1.5% + 0.1%	3.0% + 0.3%
		5.0000 V	100 μV	5.1000	1.0%+0.08%)	0.35%+0.02%	1% + 0.04%	3.0% + 0.1%
	Slow	50.000 V	I mV	51.000	1.0%+0.08%	0.35%+0.02%	1% + 0.04%	3.0% + 0.1%
		500.00 V	10 mV	510.00		0.5%+0.03%	1% + 0.04%	3.0% + 0.1%
		750.0 V	100 mV	757.5(3)		0.5%+0.03%	1% + 0.04% (2)	3.0% + 0.1% (2)

Max. crest factor: 3.0 at full scale

#### **DC Current**

	Resolution, Full Scale Reading and Accuracy ± (% of reading + % of range), 23 °C ± 5 °C									
	Rate	Range	Resolution	Full Scale Reading	Ассигасу (1 year)	Burden Voltage(1) & Shunt Resistor				
		2.0000 mA	0.1 μΑ	2.1000	0.08%+0.025% (2)	<0.3 V / 100 Ω				
ш		20.000 mA	Ι μΑ	21.000	0.08%+0.02% (2)	<0.04 V / I Ω				
_	Slow	200.00 mA	10 μA	210.00	0.08%+0.02%	<0.3 V / I Ω				
283		2.0000 A	100 μA	2.1000	0.3%+0.025%	<0.05 V / 10 mΩ				
		20.000 A	I mA	21.000 (3)	0.3%+0.025%	<0.6 V / 10 mΩ				
		5.0000 mA	0.1 μΑ	5.1000	0.05%+0.01% (2)	<0.6 V / 100 Ω				
В		50.000 mA	Ι μΑ	51.000	0.05%+0.008% (2)	<0.06 V / I Ω				
191	Slow	500.00 mA	10 μA	510.00	0.05%+0.008%	<0.6 V / 1 Ω				
549		5.0000 A	100 μA	5.1000	0.25%+0.01%	<0.1 V / 10 mΩ				
		20.000 A	I mA	21.000 (3)	0.25%+0.01%	<0.6 V / 10 mΩ				

<sup>(1)</sup> Typical voltage across the input terminals at full scale reading.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Specifications are for sine wave inputs >5% of range.

<sup>(2)</sup> Limit at 40 kHz or  $\leq 3 \times 107$  Volt-Hz for 750 V range

<sup>(3) 1%</sup> over-range (757.50V) is readable at 750V range

<sup>(2)</sup> Use REL function

<sup>(3)</sup> In 20 A range, >10~20 ADC is readable for 20 seconds maximum

# **Specifications (cont.)**

# **AC Current (True RMS, AC Coupling)**

F	Resolution, Full Scale Reading and Accuracy ± (% of reading + % of range), 23 °C ± 5 °C										
				Full Scale	Accuracy(1 year)(1) 23 °C $\pm$ 5 °C						
	Rate	Range	Resolution	Reading	20~50 Hz	50~2 kHz	2~20 kHz				
ſ		2.0000 mA	0.1 μΑ	2.1000	1.5%+0.5%	0.5%+0.3%	2%+0.5%				
203 IE		20.000 mA	10 μA	21.000	1.5%+0.5%	0.5%+0.3%	2%+0.38%				
	Slow	200.00 m A	100 μA	210.00	1.5%+0.5%	0.5%+0.3%	2%+0.38%				
		2.0000 A	I mA	2.1000	2.0%+0.5%	0.5%+0.3%					
		20.000 A	10 mA	21.000 (2)	2.0%+0.5%	0.5%+0.3%					
		5.0000 mA	0.1 μΑ	5.1000	1.5%+0.16%	0.5%+0.08%	2.5%+0.16%				
		50.000 mA	10 μA	51.000	1.5%+0.16%	0.5%+0.08%	2%+0.12%				
	Slow	500.00 m A	100 μA	510.00	1.5%+0.16%	0.5%+0.08%	2%+0.12%				
		5.0000 A	I mA	5.1000	2.0%+0.16%	0.5%+0.1%					
ļ		20.000 A	10 mA	21.000 (2)	2.0%+0.16%	0.5%+0.1%					

Max. crest factor: 3.0 at full scale

(1) Specifications are for sine wave inputs >5% of range.

(2) In 20 A range, > 10~20 A AC is readable for 20 seconds maximum

#### Resistance

	Resolution, Full Scale Reading and Accuracy ± (% of reading + % of range), 23 °C ± 5 °C									
	Rate	Range (1)	Resolution	Full Scale Reading	Test current	Ассигасу (1 уеаг)				
		200.00 Ω	10 mΩ	210.00	0.5 mA	0.10%+0.05% (2)				
		2.0000 kΩ	100 mΩ	2.1000	0.45 mA	0.10%+0.025% (2)				
ᄪ	Slow	20.000 kΩ	ΙΩ	21.000	45 μA	0.10%+0.025% (2)				
2831	Slow	200.00 kΩ	10 Ω	210.00	4.5 μA	0.10%+0.025%				
•		2.0000 MΩ	100 Ω	2.1000	450 nA	0.15%+0.025%				
		20.000 MΩ	I kΩ	21.000	45 nA	0.3%+0.05%				
		500.00 Ω	10 mΩ	510.00	0.5 mA	0.10%+0.01% (2)				
		5.0000 kΩ	100 mΩ	5.1000	0.45 mA	0.10%+0.008% (2)				
18	Slow	50.000 kΩ	ΙΩ	51.000	45 μA	0.10%+0.008% (2)				
5491	Slow	500.00 kΩ	10 Ω	510.00	4.5 μA	0.10%+0.008%				
_,		5.0000 MΩ	100 Ω	5.1000	450 nA	0.15%+0.008%				
		50.000 MΩ	I kΩ	51.000	45 nA	0.3%+0.01%				

(1) In order to eliminate the noise interference, which might be induced to the test leads, it is recommended to use a shielded test cable for measuring resistance above  $100 \text{ k}\Omega$ .

(2) Using REL function

### **Continuity**

		Resolution, Full Scale Reading and Accuracy ± (% of reading + % of range), 23 °C ± 5 °C								
Range	Resolution	Full Scale Reading	Test current	Accuracy (1 year) 23 °C ± 5°C						
200 Ω	100 mΩ	999.9	0.5 mA	0.1%+0.1%						
500 Ω	100 mΩ	999.9	0.5 mA	0.1%+0.04%						
	200 Ω 500 Ω	200 Ω 100 mΩ  500 Ω 100 mΩ	Range         Resolution         Reading           200 Ω $100 \text{ m}\Omega$ 999.9           500 Ω $100 \text{ m}\Omega$ 999.9	Range     Resolution     Reading     Test current       200 Ω     100 mΩ     999.9     0.5 mA						

Open circuit voltage: <5.5 VDC Test current: around 0.5 mA DC

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# **Specifications (cont.)**

### **Diode**

Resolution, Full Scale Reading and Accuracy ± (% of reading + % of range), 23 °C ± 5 °C									
Rate Range		Resolution	Full Scale Reading	Test current					
Med	2.0000 V	100 μV	2.3000 V	0.5 mA (Approx.)					

# **Frequency**

Resolution, Full Scale Reading and Accuracy ± (% of reading + % of range), 23 °C ± 5 °C									
ACV Range	Frequency Range	Best Resolution	Full Scale Reading	Accuracy	Input Sensitivity (Sine Wave)				
	10 Hz	100 μHz	9.9999	0.05%+0.02%	200 mV rms				
200 mV	10~100 Hz	I mHz	99.999	0.01%+0.02%	300 mV rms				
(500 mV*) to 750V	100~100 kHz	10 mHz	999.99	0.01%+0.008%	300 mV rms				
	100k∼1 MHz	10 Hz	999.99	0.01%+0.008%	500 mV rms				
* Model 5491B	1			-	1				

#### **Period**

Resolution, Full Scale Reading and Accuracy ± (% of reading + % of range), 23 °C ± 5 °C									
ACV Range	Frequency Range	Best Resolution	Full Scale Reading	Ассигасу	Input Sensitivity (Sine Wave)				
	1~10 μs	0.1 ns	9.9999	0.01%+0.008%	500 mV rms				
200 mV	10 μs~10 ms	I ns	9.9999	0.01%+0.008%	300 mV rms				
(500 mV*) to 750V	10 ms~100 ms	Ιμs	99.999	0.01%+0.02%	300 mV rms				
	100 ms	10 μs	199.99	0.05%+0.02%	200 mV rms				
* Model 5491B	•	•	•	•	•				

#### **General**

AC Input	Power Consumption	Operating Environment	Storage Environment	Warm-up	Dimensions (W×H×D)	Net Weight			
110/220 V ± 10%, 50/60 Hz ± 5%	≤ 10VA	0 °C to 40 °C, ≤ 90 %RH	-40 °C to 70 °C	at least 30 minutes	225 mm×100 mm×355 mm 8.85" x 3.93 " x 13.97"	2.5 kg 5.51 lbs			
	One-Year Warranty (2831E), Three-Year Warranty (5491B)								
Included Accessories		Test leads, P	ower cord, Spare fuse,	Operation Manual, Calibra	tion certificate and test report				

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