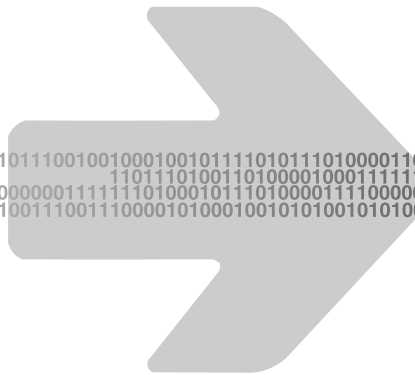


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Semiconductor Test Systems



Electronic Measuring Instruments

Research and Development

Advantest's Mission

Advantest's mission is to support leading-edge technologies for telephony and semiconductors — the technologies upon which our rapidly evolving information society is based. By providing test and measurement tools for research and development and assurance of product quality, Advantest plays an essential role in transforming high-tech innovations into practical, commercial applications.

At Advantest our motto is to get to the heart of the matter. This practice is particularly vital during turbulent economic times, when it is often easy to lose sight of issues critical to future success. Our ability to clearly perceive the true nature of a problem is the secret behind our success, because it enables us to determine the future direction of emerging trends and shows us where we need to be focusing our resources.

As a conscientious member of the communities in which we serve and operate, Advantest will actively seek to make a positive difference in people's lives, both by helping to provide them with new technologies that unleash their productivity and by conducting our business in a moral and environmentally-sustainable fashion.

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