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MODEL	CALIBRATION
HP / Agilent 8970A	Available on request
CONDITION	STATUS
Used	In stock
RFQ / SKU	LISTING
8970A	https://aumictechlabs.com/products/8970a-2/

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This unit

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Features & description

From manufacturer datasheet

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Applications

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Full OEM specifications

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