

**RF Power Meter** 

4540 Series



Taking performance to a new peak

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The new Boonton 4540 Series RF Power Meter is the instrument of choice for capturing, displaying and analyzing RF signals. Applications include pulsed RF signals such as RADAR or GSM based technologies, as well as pseudorandom, noise-like signals such as CDMA, EVDO, WLAN, WIMAX, UMTS, HSPA, LTE, OFDM OF HDTV. The 4540 Series offers Pulse, Modulated/CW, and Statistical operating modes, making it well suited for all requirements of R&D, manufacturing and control operations. Single channel versions (4541) and dual channel versions (4542) are available.



Trig'd Peak -10.00 Width 64	)1 dBm .3 ns	Peak Width	Trigger 18.004 dBm 62.8 ns	Trig Mode Auto PK-PK
Rise 5 10 dB/Div: -20 dBm cent	.3 ns	Rise	25.2 ns 10 dB/Div -10 dBm cent	Trig Source CH 1
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				Trig Slope +
-90.0 ns	20 n:	s/Div	110.0 ns	Holdoff 0.00 us
				REM

Both 4541 and 4542 power meters command powerful pulse recognition and analysis systems. Parameters like pulse-width, rise time, fall time, power distribution and many others are automatically detected, measured and presented.

### **Features**

- 200 ps time resolution
- 7 ns rise time
- Video bandwidth 70 MHz
- 17 default pre-sets plus storage for 25 user defined pre-sets
- Fast statistical analysis including CCDF
- Text view of up to 14 out of 28 parameters per channel simultaneously (power / voltage, time, statistics, channel math)
- Bright, crisp clear 4" color LCD display
- GPIB, LAN, USB device (B-type connector) interfaces
- High bandwidth, wide dynamic range sensors available





### **Modulated Mode**

Modulated Mode measurements are possible with cost efficient CW sensors, or with fast Peak Power sensors. Using Peak Power sensors, the 4540 Series can measure true average power of modulated waveforms, while providing important information about the instantaneous peak power value. Large digits allow comfortable measurement reading.

#### **Pulsed Mode**

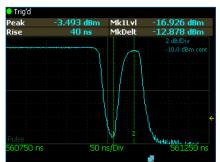
Analysis of fast single pulses or pulses with high pulse repetition interval (PRI) requires an instrument with sophisticated trigger and data acquisition capability. This provides accuracy and high definition trace detail of the measured signal. Boonton's new 4540 Series delivers. With a vast variety of trigger settings, including pre and post trigger capabilities, and in combination with a high sampling rate, the 4540 Series will capture any pulse. High level of signal detail is essential when short pulses, signal edges, signal overshoots, filters, high gain amplifiers, delay lines and such have to be analyzed.

#### **Statistical Mode**

Non-periodic signals, such as HDTV, EVDO, UMTS OF LTE are usually noise-like and consist of many brief peaks that vary widely in magnitude and are randomly distributed over the channel bandwidth. Due to randomness, these provide no event that can serve as a trigger for measurements. For amplifier design however, it is necessary to indicate how well amplifiers cope with peaks. Signal clippings and compression due to overload, must be minimized. Boonton's 4540 Series offers high-speed statistical measurements, providing detailed information on signal behavior. Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) displays probabilities of peak-to-average ratio (PAR). The highest PAR has the lowest probability. Lower PAR values occur with a higher probability. The 4540 Series shows the distribution of all PAR samples that happen during a certain time. Up to 4 GSamples of data can be collected, compiled and analyzed by the 4540 Series.



Large numeric displays allow comfortable measurement control.



The falling signal edge shows an unwanted anomaly. The signal bounces back, after an initial decline, and then it settles to the actual off level.



Noise-like signals are analyzed statistically. The average power in this CCDF representation serves as a reference, while the graph shows the distribution of lower power levels.

### **Effective Random Sampling**

Boonton's 4540 Series RF Power Meter offers an impressingly detailed representation of measured signals. As a result, signals can be analyzed thoroughly and anomalies can be detected immediately. Such a high signal definition is achieved through two powerful features: a time resolution of 200ps, unprecedented in a power meter of this class, and a technique called Repetitive Random Sampling. For repetitive signals, the 4540 Series offers an effective sampling rate of up to 5 GSamples / second. Signal analysis set to a new level.

#### Autoset

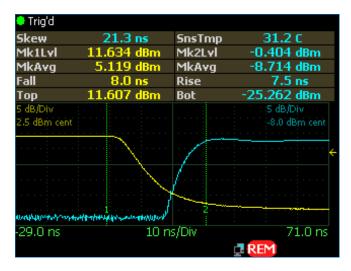
For accurate, repeatable measurements, power meters require diligently chosen trigger and timing settings. Finding the correct trigger settings is often more difficult than performing the actual measurement—not so with the 4540 Series. Our instruments are equipped with an "AutoSet" feature. This feature analyzes incoming signals and presets the instrument's timing and trigger settings in a way that allows for immediate measurements.

#### **RF-Voltage Measurements**

In some cases it is necessary to measure RF voltage without terminating or significantly loading the source. The 4540 Series supports voltage measurements with different Boonton voltage probes (also known as voltage sensors). Boonton's high impedance voltage probes are available for frequencies from 10 Hz to 1.2 GHz. Voltage probes are designed to measure CW voltage, but they can also be used to measure the root mean square (RMS) value of a fluctuating or modulated signal up to 20 mV (2 V with 1:100 divider). Linearity correction factors are stored in the sensor adapter, so voltage measurements can be taken immediately.

#### **Firmware Updates**

Boonton strives to always offer the best products to our customers, hence the 4540 Series can be easily field-updated with new firmware. New firmware versions are released periodically and available at the Boonton website. The download package comes with a loader that handles the proper update of the 4540 Series via a PC. Advantages of firmware updates are obvious: features added–for free.



The Graphic Header feature of the 4541 / 4542 RF power meters allows displaying up to 10 user selectable parameters. Colors refer to the specific channel: yellow – ch1, blue ch-2.

#### **Virtual Front Panel Software**

The 4540 Virtual Front Panel software (VFP) can be downloaded from the Boonton web site. It provides three powerful features:

- 4540 Series Remote Key Simulation
- Screenshots
- Full Screen Display

Remote Key Simulation allows simulating all the keys of the 4540 Series that is connected to the PC via LAN (or USB). If more than one 4540 Series is present at the LAN node, VFP software will detect all instruments and show their IP addresses and serial numbers. The operator can now select which instrument he wants to control. VFP does not switch the power meters into remote state; while controlled by VFP they still allow operation via the actual front panel keys.

Screenshots of traces are often required as records or when signals need to be analyzed at a later point in time. The 4540 VFP software takes a screenshot with one push of a button and stores the images as bitmap files.

The 4540 Series has a 4" display providing high resolution and therefore great detail of the signal trace. Also menu buttons can be hidden to increase the usable screen area even more. If an even larger screen display is required, the Viewer function of the VFP transfers the 4540 Series screen live to a PC to utilize the full monitor resolution.

# **4540 Series Specifications**

## Acquisition and Measurement System

Measurement Technique

Random repetitive sampling system providing pre and post-trigger data and statistical histogram accumulation

Sampling Rate	50 MSa / second on each channel
	simultaneously
Effective Sampling Rate	5 GSa /second on each channel
	simultaneously
Memory depth	262,144 samples at max
	sampling rate
Vertical Resolution	0.008%, 14-bit A/D Converter
DSP	32 bit floating point
Time resolution	200 ps

### **Sensor Inputs**

RF Channels	1 or 2 (4541 / 4542)
RF Frequency Range	10 kHz to 110 GHz*
Pulse Meas. Range	-50 to +20 dBm*
Modulated Meas. Range	-55 to +20 dBm*
CW Pwr Range	-70 to +44 dBm*
Relative Offset Range	±200.00 dB
Video BW	70 MHz*
Risetime	< 7 ns*
Single Shot Bandwidth	5 MHz
	(based on 10 samples/pulse)

\* Sensor Dependent, Calibrator Dependent

### **Vertical Scale**

Logarithmic	
0.1 to 50 dBm/div	in 1-2-5 sequence
0.1 to 50 dBV/div	in 1-2-5 sequence
0.1 to 50 dBmV/div	in 1-2-5 sequence
0.1 to 50 dBuV/div	in 1-2-5 sequence
Linear	
1 nW/div to 50 MW/div	in 1-2-5 sequence
1 nV/div to 50 MV/div	in 1-2-5 sequence

## Trigger Mode

Source

Normal, Auto, Auto Pk-to-Pk, Free Run Channel 1 (internal) Channel 2 (internal) External

# Trigger (continued)

Internal Level Range	-40 to +20 dBm
	(sensor dependent)
External Level Range	$\pm 5$ volts ( $\pm 50$ volts with 10:1
	divider probe)
External Input Impedance	1 MOhm (13pF DC Coupled)
Slope	+ or –
Hold-off	0.0 – 1.0 sec (10 ns resolution)
Min Trigger Pulse Width	15 ns
Max Trigger Rate	30 MHz

### Time Base

Time Base Resolution	200 ps
Time Base Range	10 ns/div to 1 hr/div
Time Base Accuracy	0.01%
Time Base Display	Sweeping or Roll Mode
Trigger Delay Range	
Timebases 10 ns to 500 ns:	-4 ms to +100 ms
Timebases 1 us to 10 ms:	±4000 divisions
Timebases 20 ms to 3600s:	-40s to +100 s
Trigger Delay Resolution	0.02 divisions

### **Pulse Mode Operation**

Automatic Measurements	
Pulse width	Pulse rise-time
Pulse fall-time	Pulse period
Pulse repetition frequency	Pulse duty cycle
Pulse off-time	Peak power
Pulse "on" power	Pulse overshoot (dB or %)
Waveform Average power	Top level power (IEEE spec.)
Bottom level power (IEEE spec)	Edge delay
Edge skew (2 channel instrument	ts only)
Marker Measurements	
Markers (vertical cursors)	Settable in time relative to the
	trigger position.
Markers independently	Average, minimum, peak power
	at a single time offset
Pair of Markers	Average, minimum, peak power
	over the interval between mark-
	ers, power ratio between markers
Acquisition Mode	Discontinuous triggered sample
	acquisition
Trace Display	Power versus time swept trace
	(rolled trace for slow time bases)
Trace Averaging	1 to 16384 samples per sweep
	data point, exponential

### **Modulated Mode Operation**

Automatic Measurements		
Average power	Peak power	Minimum power
Peak to Average ratio	Dynamic range	
Signal Filtering	"Sliding wir	dow" filter; 0.002 to
	16.0 secor	ds (fixed) or auto-filter
Acquisition Mode Continuous (un-triggered)		s (un-triggered)
	sample ac	quisition
Trace Display	Power vers	sus time rolled trace
Channel Math		

Ratio, sum (power sensors) or difference (voltage sensors) between channels or between a channel and a reference measurement

### **Statistical Mode Operation**

Continuous sample acquisition
Configuration dependent.
16,384
<0.02 dB
(statistical measurements)
Adjustable, 2 – 4096 MSamples
Stop, flush and or decimate
Normalized CCDF trace
(relative to maximum power)
0.1 to 5 dB/div
±50.00 dBr
0.0001 to 100% (Log, 6 decades)

Text Measurements

Average, Peak and Minimum absolute power, Peak-to-Average and Dynamic Range ratios

CCDF table (Peak/Average ratios at decade-spaced % CCDF intervals) Cursor Measurements

Peak-to-Average ratio at specified % CCDF

% CCDF at specified Peak-to-Average ratio

Status Display	Total acquisition time (MM:SS)
	Total acquired Samples

#### **Field Parameter**

Measurements, settings, parameters & channel math that can be displayed (User selectable)			
Chan Frequency	Vertical Scale	Vertical Center	dB Offset
Sensor Temp	Avg CW Power	Max Power	Min Power
Peak / Avg	Dynamic Range	Marker Avg	Marker Max
Marker Pk/Avg	Marker1 Level	Marker2 Level	Marker Delta
Marker Max Avg	Marker Min Avg	Marker1 Min	Marke1 Max
Marker2 Min	Marker2 Max	Marker Ratio	Mark Rev
Ratio	Mark Rev Delta	CH1-CH2	CH2-CH1
CH1+CH2	CH1/CH2	CH2/CH1	Reference 1
Reference 2	CH1/Ref1	CH1-Ref1	CH2+Ref1
CH2/Ref2	CH2-Ref2	CH2+Ref2	

### **Calibration Source**

Internal Calibrator	
Operating Modes	Off, On CW
Frequency	50 MHz ± 0.1%
Level Range	-60 to +20 dBm
Resolution	0.1 dB
RF Connector	Type N
Source VSWR	1.05
	(reflection coefficient = 0.024)
Accuracy, OC to 20C, NIST traceable	
0 dBm	±0.055 dB (1.27%)
+20 to -39 dBm	±0.075 dB (1.74%)
-40 to -60 dBm	±0.105 dB (2.45%)
Auto-calibration	Automatically generated linearity
	calibration data for peak power
	sensors

### Measurement Setup / Storage

25 complete user defined settings (save & recall)

Default	GSM	EDGE	NADC
Bluetooth	cdmaOne	W-CDMA	CDMA2000
iden	RADAR	MCPA	WiFi 802.11a
802.11b/g	1xEV-DO	1xEV-DV	TD-SCDMA
DVB	HiperLAN2		

### **External Interfaces**

Remot	te Cor	ntrol				
GPIB						
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Complies with IEEE-488.1 and SCPI version 1993. Implements AH1, SH1, T6, LE0, SR1, RL1, PP0, DC1, DT1, C0, and E1.

LAN	TCP/IP Ethernet Programmable
	interfaces
USB	"USB Device", Type-B connector
Multi I/O	BNC connector, user selectable:
	status, trigger, alarm or voltage
	output
Range	0 to 10 V (Analog unipolar), -10
	V to +10 V (Analog bipolar), 0 or
	5 V (Logic)
Accuracy	$\pm 200$ mV ( $\pm 100$ mV typical)
Linearity	0.1% typical

VGA Out / Ext Cal

HDB-15 connector. Video output (320x200) for VGA compatible analog RGB video monitor or external calibrator control interface for Model 2530 calibrator

## **Physical And Environmental Characteristics**

Case Dimensions	8.4 W x 3.5 H x 13.5 D inches
	(21.3 x 8.9 x 34.3 cm),
	Half-rack width, 2U height
Weight	7.7 lbs (3.5 kg)
Power Requirements	90 to 260 VAC, 47 to 63 Hz, 50W
	(70VA)
Operating Temperature	0 to 50 deg C (32 F to 122F)
Storage Temperature	-40 to +75 deg C (-40F to 167F)
Ventilation	Thermostatically controlled fan
Humidity	95% maximum, non-condensing
Altitude	Operation up to 15,000 feet
	(4575 m)
Shock	Withstands ±5 G, 11 ms impulse
	in X, Y, and Z axes, as per EN
	60068-2-27
Vibration	Withstands 2 G sine, 1.25 G ran-
	dom, as per EN 60068-2-6 and
	EN 60068-2-64

## **Other Characteristics**

Display	4.0" Diagonal TFT color LCD, 320
	x 240 pixels, CCFL Backlight.
Keyboard	27 Key conductive rubber
Main Computer	32-bit Floating Point embedded
	processor
DSP	32-bit Floating Point DSP
Battery	User-replaceable BR2325 Lithium
	coin cell (alkaline cells optional),
	typical life: >10 years (Lithium)

## **Regulatory Characteristics**

CE	Full compliance with the follow-
	ing European Union directives
	and standards.
Safety	Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/
	EC EN 60950-1:2002
EMC	Electromagnetic Compat-
	ibility Directive 2004/108/EC
	EN 61326:1997 + A1:1998 +
	A2:2001 + A3:2003
RoHS	RoHS Directive 2002/95/EC

Manufactured to the intent of MIL-T28800E, Type III, Class 5, Style E

# Sensors / Voltage Probes

### **Peak Power**

Model	Freq. Range	Dynamic Range	Rise Time (Bandwidth)
57318	0.5 to 18 GHz	-24 to +20 dBm	<15 ns (35 MHz)
57518	0.1 to 18 GHz	-40 to +20 dBm	<100 ns (6 MHz)
57340	0.5 to 40 GHz	-24 to + 20dBm	<15 ns (35MHz)
57540	0.1 to 40 GHz	-40 to + 20dBm	<100 ns (6 MHz)

### **CW Power**

Wide Dynamic Range		
Model	Freq. Range	Dynamic Range
51071A	10 MHz to 26.5 GHz	-70 to +20 dBm
51072A	30 MHz to 40 GHz	-70 to +20 dBm
51075A	500 kHz to 18 GHz	-70 to +20 dBm
51077A	500 kHz to 18 GHz	-60 to +30 dBm
51079A	500 kHz to 18 GHz	-50 to +40 dBm

## Thermocouple

Model	Freq. Range	Dynamic Range
51100 (9E)	10 MHz to 18 GHz	-20 to +20 dBm
51200	10 MHz to 18 GHz	0 to +37 dBm

### **Special Purpose**

Model	Freq. Range	Dynamic Range
51011 (EMC)	10kHz to 8GHz	-60 o +20 dBm (DC coupled)
51011 (4B)	100 kHz to 12.4 GHz	-60 to +20 dBm
51013 (4E)	100 kHz to 18 GHz	-60 to +20 dBm
51015 (5E)	100 kHz to 18 GHz	-50 to +30 dBm
51033 (6E)	100 kHz to 18 GHz	-40 to +33 dBm
51078	100 kHz to 18 GHz	-20 to +37 dBm

# Voltage Probes

Model	
95206302A	RF-Voltage Probe Kit 10 kHz –
	1.2 GHz
95206402A	Low Frequency Voltage Probe Kit
	10 Hz – 100 MHz





# **Ordering Information**

4541	RF Power Meter, single channel,
	front panel input
4542	RF Power Meter, dual channel,
	front panel inputs
-02	Rear sensor inputs
-03	Calibrator, rear panel output
-30	Warranty extended to 3 years

# Accessories

95403001A	19" Rack Mount Kit
95006001A	Transit case, holds the 4540
	Series and up to 4 sensors.

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