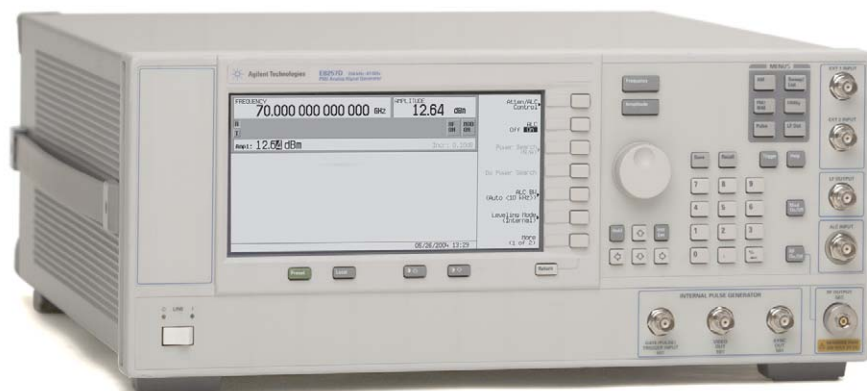




Agilent E8257D PSG Analog Signal Generator

Data Sheet



The Agilent E8257D is a fully synthesized signal generator with high output power, low phase noise, and optional ramp sweep capability.

Specifications apply over a 0 to 55 °C range, unless otherwise stated, and apply after a 45 minute warm-up time. Supplemental characteristics, denoted as typical, nominal, or measured, provide additional (non-warranted) information at 25 °C, which may be useful in the application of the product.

Definitions

Specifications (spec): Represents warranted performance for instruments with a current calibration.

Typical (typ): Represents characteristic performance which is non-warranted. Describes performance that will be met by a minimum of 80% of all products.

Nominal (nom): Represents characteristic performance which is non-warranted. Represents the value of a parameter that is most likely to occur; the mean and/or mode of all measurements of a parameter.

Measured: Represents characteristic performance which is non-warranted. Represents the value of a parameter measured on an instrument during design verification.



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Specifications

Frequency

| | | |
|---|---|--|
| Range ¹ | | |
| Option 520 | 250 kHz to 20 GHz | |
| Option 532 | 250 kHz to 31.8 GHz | |
| Option 540 | 250 kHz to 40 GHz | |
| Option 550 | 250 kHz to 50 GHz | |
| Option 567 | 250 kHz to 67 GHz (operational up to 70 GHz) | |
| Resolution | | |
| CW | 0.001 Hz | |
| All sweep modes | 0.01 Hz ² | |
| CW switching speed ^{3,4} | | |
| | < 11 ms (typ) | |
| | 7 ms (nom) | |
| Phase offset | | |
| | Adjustable in nominal 0.1 ° increments | |
| Frequency bands | | |
| Band | Frequency range | N ⁵ |
| 1 | 250 kHz to 250 MHz | 1/8 |
| 2 | > 250 to 500 MHz | 1/16 |
| 3 | > 500 MHz to 1 GHz | 1/8 |
| 4 | > 1 to 2 GHz | 1/4 |
| 5 | > 2 to 3.2 GHz | 1/2 |
| 6 | > 3.2 to 10 GHz | 1 |
| 7 | > 10 to 20 GHz | 2 |
| 8 | > 20 to 40 GHz | 4 |
| 9 | > 40 GHz | 8 |
| Accuracy | | |
| | ± aging rate ± temperature effects | |
| | ± line voltage effects (nom) ± calibration accuracy | |
| Internal timebase reference oscillator | | |
| Aging rate | Standard ⁷ < ±3 × 10 ⁻⁸ /year or < ±2.5 × 10 ⁻¹⁰ /day after 30 days | Option UNR/UNX < ±3 × 10 ⁻⁸ /year or < ±2.5 × 10 ⁻¹⁰ /day after 30 days |
| Temperature effects (typ) | < ±4.5 × 10 ⁻⁹ 0 to 55 °C | |
| Line voltage effects (typ) | < ±2 × 10 ⁻¹⁰ for ±10% change | |
| External reference frequency | | |
| Lock range | 10 MHz only ±1.0 ppm | 10 MHz only ±1.0 ppm |
| Reference output | | |
| Frequency | 10 MHz | |
| Amplitude | > +4 dBm into 50 Ω load (typ) | |
| External reference input | | |
| Amplitude | 5 dBm ±5 dB | |
| Option UNR/UNX | 5 dBm ±5 dB ⁶ | |
| Input impedance | 50 Ω (nom) | |

1. Operational, but unspecified, down to 100 kHz.

2. In ramp sweep mode (Option 007), resolution is limited with narrow spans and slow sweep speeds. Refer to ramp sweep specifications for more information.

3. Time from GPIB trigger to frequency within 0.1 ppm of final frequency above 250 MHz or within 100 Hz below 250 MHz.

4. Add 12 ms (typical) when switching from greater than 3.2 GHz to less than 3.2 GHz.

5. N is a factor used to help define certain specifications within the document.

6. To optimize phase noise use 5 dBm ± 2 dB.

7. Standard performance applies to units with serial numbers ending with 45080000 or greater. For units with lower serial numbers, refer to the data sheet shipped with the unit or the version of this document dated November 5, 2007.

Step (digital) sweep

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Operating modes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step sweep of frequency or amplitude or both (start to stop) • List sweep of frequency or amplitude or both (arbitrary list) |
| Sweep range | |
| Frequency sweep | Within instrument frequency range |
| Amplitude sweep | Within attenuator hold range (see "Output" section) |
| Dwell time | 1 ms to 60 s |
| Number of points | 2 to 65535 (step sweep) 2 to 1601 per table (list sweep) |
| Triggering | Auto, external, single, or GPIB |
| Settling time | |
| Frequency | < 8 ms (typ) ¹ |
| Amplitude | < 5 ms (typ) |

Ramp (analog) sweep (Option 007)²

| | | | |
|--|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Operating modes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesized frequency sweep (start/stop), (center/span), (swept CW) • Power (amplitude) sweep (start/stop) • Manual sweep RPG control between start and stop frequencies • Alternate sweep Alternates successive sweeps between current and stored states | | |
| Sweep span range | Settable from minimum ³ to full range | | |
| Maximum sweep rate | Start frequency | Maximum sweep rate | Max span for 100 ms sweep |
| | 250 kHz to < 0.5 GHz | 25 MHz/ms | 2.5 GHz |
| | 0.5 to < 1 GHz | 50 MHz/ms | 5 GHz |
| | 1 to < 2 GHz | 100 MHz/ms | 10 GHz |
| | 2 to < 3.2 GHz | 200 MHz/ms | 20 GHz |
| | ≥ 3.2 GHz | 400 MHz/ms | 40 GHz |
| Frequency accuracy | ± 0.05% of span ± timebase (at 100 ms sweep time, for sweep spans less than maximum values given above) Accuracy improves proportionally as sweep time increases ⁴ | | |
| Sweep time intervals) | | | |
| Manual mode settable | 10 ms to 200 seconds | | |
| Resolution | 1 ms | | |
| Auto mode | Set to minimum value determined by maximum sweep rate and 8757D setting | | |
| Triggering | Auto, external, single, or GPIB | | |
| Markers | | | |
| Display | 10 independent continuously variable frequency markers | | |
| Functions | Z-axis intensity or RF amplitude pulse M1 to center, M1/M2 to start/stop, marker delta | | |
| Two-tone (master/slave) measurements⁵ | Two PSG's can synchronously track each other, with independent control of start/stop frequencies | | |
| Network analyzer compatibility | | | |
| Fully compatible with Agilent 8757D scalar network analyzer ⁶ Also useable with Agilent 8757A/C/E scalar network analyzers for making basic swept measurements. ⁷ | | | |

1. 19 ms (typ) when stepping from greater than 3.2 GHz to less than 3.2 GHz.

2. During ramp sweep operation, AM, FM, phase modulation, and pulse modulation are useable but performance is not guaranteed.

3. Minimum settable sweep span is proportional to carrier frequency and sweep time. Actual sweep span may be slightly different than desired setting for spans less than $[0.00004\% \text{ of carrier frequency or } 140 \text{ Hz}] \times [\text{sweep time in seconds}]$. Actual span will always be displayed correctly.

4. Typical accuracy for sweep times > 100 ms can be calculated from the equation: $[(0.005\% \text{ of span}) / (\text{sweep time in seconds})] \pm \text{timebase}$. Accuracy is not specified for sweep times < 100 ms.

5. For master/slave operation use Agilent part #8120-8806 master/slave interface cable.

6. When measuring low-pass devices in AC mode, dynamic range may be reduced up to 10 dB below 3.2 GHz. An external highpass filter may be required to remove 27 kHz pulse source feed-through (For instruments operating from 10 MHz to 20 GHz with 3.5 mm connectors, use Bias Tee part number 5086-7322. For instruments operating from 10 MHz to 50 GHz with 2.4 mm connectors, use Bias Tee part number 5086-7484.)

7. GPIB system interface is not supported with 8757A/C/E, only with 8757D. As a result, some features of 8757A/C/E, such as frequency display, pass-through mode, and alternate sweep, do not function with PSG signal generators.

Output

| Power ¹ (dBm) | | |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Frequency range | Standard | Option 1EA spec. (typ) |
| Option 520: | | |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz | -20 to +15 ⁵ | -20 to +16 (+19) |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Option UNW | -20 to +11 | -20 to +11 (+14) |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Option 1EH | -20 to +13 ² | -20 to +13 (+16) ² |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Options UNW and 1EH | -20 to +10 ² | -20 to +10 (+13) ² |
| > 3.2 GHz to 5.2 GHz | -20 to +15 ⁵ | -20 to +22 (+23) ⁴ |
| > 5.2 GHz to 12 GHz | -20 to +15 ⁵ | -20 to +23 (+24) ⁴ |
| > 12 GHz to 20 GHz | -20 to +15 ⁵ | -20 to +21 (+23) ⁴ |
| Options 532 and 540: | | |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz | -20 to +11 ⁵ | -20 to +15 (+18) |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Option UNW | -20 to +9 | -20 to +10 (+13) |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Option 1EH | -20 to +9 | -20 to +12 (+15) ² |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Options UNW and 1EH | -20 to +9 ² | -20 to +9 (+12) ² |
| > 3.2 to 17 GHz | -20 to +11 ⁵ | -20 to +19 (+21) ⁴ |
| > 17 to 37 GHz | -20 to +11 ⁵ | -20 to +16 (+19) ⁴ |
| > 37 to 40 GHz | -20 to +11 ⁵ | -20 to +14 (+17) |
| Options 550 and 567: | | |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz | -20 to +5 | -20 to +14 (+17) |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Option UNW | -20 to +5 | -20 to +9 (+12) |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Option 1EH | -20 to +5 | -20 to +11 (+14) ² |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Options UNW and 1EH | -20 to +5 | -20 to +8 (+11) ² |
| > 3.2 to 10 GHz | -20 to +5 | -20 to +14 (+21) |
| > 10 to 20 GHz | -20 to +5 | -20 to +14 (+17) |
| > 20 to 30 GHz | -20 to +5 | -20 to +11 (+17) |
| > 30 to 65 GHz | -20 to +5 | -20 to +11 (+14) |
| > 65 to 67 GHz | -20 to +5 | -20 to +10 (+14) |
| > 67 to 70 GHz | -20 to +5 (typ) | -20 to +8 (typ) |
| Option 520 with step attenuator (Option 1E1): | | |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz | -135 to +13 ⁵ | -135 to +15 (+18) |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Option UNW | -135 to +10 | -135 to +10 (+13) |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Option 1EH | -135 to +11 ³ | -135 to +12 (+15) ² |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Options UNW and 1EH | -135 to +9 ² | -135 to +9 (+12) ² |
| > 3.2 GHz to 10 GHz | -135 to +13 ⁵ | -135 to +21 (+22) ⁴ |
| > 10 GHz to 20 GHz | -135 to +13 ⁵ | -135 to +19 (+20) ⁴ |
| Options 532 and 540 with step attenuator (Option 1E1): | | |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz | -135 to +9 ⁵ | -135 to +14 (+17) |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Option UNW | -135 to +7 | -135 to +9 (+12) |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Option 1EH | -135 to +7 | -135 to +11 (+14) ² |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Options UNW and 1EH | -135 to +7 ³ | -135 to +8 (+11) ² |
| > 3.2 to 17 GHz | -135 to +9 ⁵ | -135 to +17 (+20) ⁴ |
| > 17 to 37 GHz | -135 to +9 ⁵ | -135 to +14 (+17) ⁴ |
| > 37 to 40 GHz | -135 to +9 ⁵ | -135 to +12 (+16) |
| Options 550 and 567 with step attenuator (Option 1E1): | | |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz | -110 to +3 | -110 to +13 (+16) |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Option UNW | -110 to +3 | -110 to +8 (+11) |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Option 1EH | -110 to +3 | -110 to +10 (+13) ² |
| 250 kHz to 3.2 GHz with Options UNW and 1EH | -110 to +3 | -110 to +7 (+10) ² |
| > 3.2 to 10 GHz | -110 to +3 | -110 to +13 (+20) |
| > 10 to 20 GHz | -110 to +3 | -110 to +13 (+16) |
| > 20 to 30 GHz | -110 to +3 | -110 to +9 (+16) |
| > 30 to 65 GHz | -110 to +3 | -110 to +9 (+12) |
| > 65 to 67 GHz | -110 to +3 | -110 to +8 (+12) |
| > 67 to 70 GHz | -110 to +3 (typ) | -110 to +6 (typ) |

1. Maximum power specifications are warranted from 15 to 35 °C, and is typical from 0 to 15 °C. Maximum power over the 35 to 55 °C range typically degrades less than 2 dB.
2. With harmonic filters switched off. With filters on, maximum output power is reduced 3 dB for frequencies below 2 GHz.
3. With harmonic filters switched off. With filters on, maximum output power is reduced 2 dB for frequencies below 2 GHz.
4. Specification applies to units with serial numbers ending with 45470000 or greater. For units with lower serial numbers, refer to the data sheet shipped with the unit or the version of this document dated December 16, 2004.
5. Standard performance applies to units with serial numbers ending with 45080000 or greater. For units with lower serial numbers, refer to the data sheet shipped with the unit or the version of this document dated November 5, 2007.

Step attenuator¹ (Option 1E1)

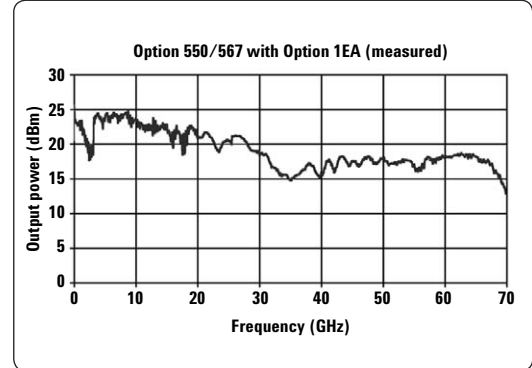
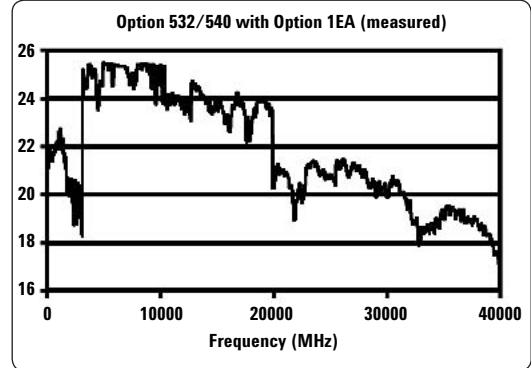
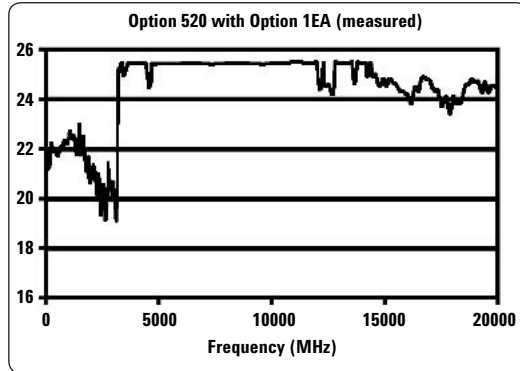
Options 520, 532, and 540

0 dB and 5 dB to 115 dB in 10 dB steps

Options 550 and 567

0 dB to 90 dB in 10 dB steps

Maximum available power (measured)



Attenuator hold range**Minimum**From -20 dBm to maximum specified output power with step attenuator in 0 dB position. Can be offset using Option 1E1 attenuator.**Amplitude switching speed²**

ALC on or off

< 3 ms (typ)

(without power search)

Level accuracy³ (dB)

| Frequency | > +10 dBm | +10 to 0 dBm | 0 to -10 dBm | -10 to -20 dBm |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 250 kHz to 2 GHz | ± 0.6 | ± 0.6 | ± 0.6 | ± 1.4 |
| > 2 GHz to 20 GHz | ± 0.8 | ± 0.8 | ± 0.8 | ± 1.2 |
| > 20 to 40 GHz | ± 1.0 | ± 0.9 | ± 0.9 | ± 1.3 |
| > 40 to 50 GHz | --- | ± 1.3 | ± 0.9 | ± 1.2 |
| > 50 to 67 GHz | --- | ± 1.5 | ± 1.0 | ± 1.2 (typ) |

1. The step attenuator provides coarse power attenuation to achieve low power levels. Fine power level adjustment is provided by the ALC (Automatic Level Control) within the attenuator hold range.

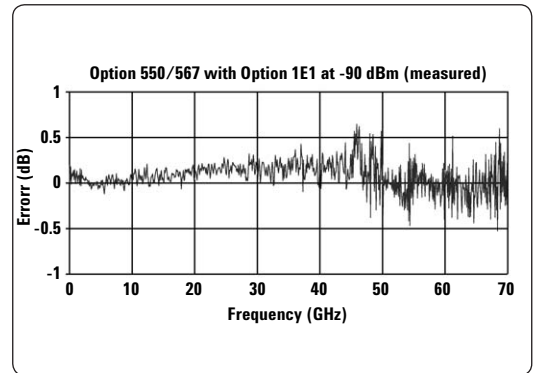
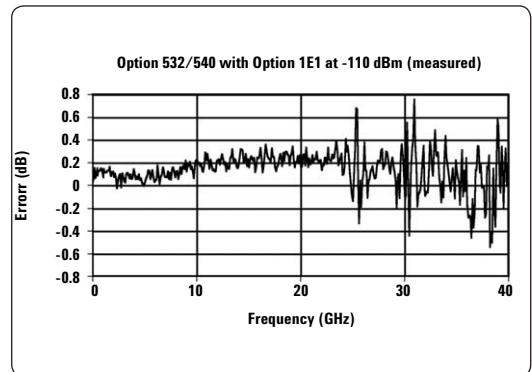
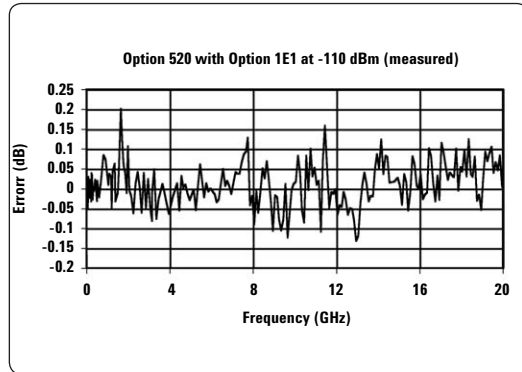
2. To within 0.1 dB of final amplitude within one attenuator range. Add 10 to 50 ms when using power search.

3. Specifications apply in CW and list/step sweep modes over the 15 to 35 °C temperature range with the ALC on. Degradation outside this range, for power levels > -10 dBm, is typically < 0.3 dB. In ramp sweep mode (with Option 007), specifications are typical. For instruments with Type-N connectors (Option 1ED), specifications are degraded typically 0.2 dB above 18 GHz. Specifications do not apply above the maximum specified power.

Level accuracy with step attenuator (Option 1E1)¹ (dB)

| Frequency | > +10 dBm | +10 to 0 dBm | 0 to -10 dBm | -10 to -70 dBm | -70 to -90 dBm |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| 250 kHz to 2 GHz | ±0.6 | ±0.6 | ±0.6 | ±0.7 | ±0.8 |
| > 2 to 20 GHz | ±0.8 | ±0.8 | ±0.8 | ±0.9 | ±1.0 |
| > 20 to 40 GHz | ±1.0 | ±0.9 | ±0.9 | ±1.0 | ±2.0 |
| > 40 to 50 GHz | --- | ±1.3 | ±0.9 | ±1.5 | ±2.5 |
| > 50 to 67 GHz | --- | ±1.5 | ±1.0 | ±1.5 (typ) | ±2.5 (typ) |

Level accuracy (measured)



| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Resolution | 0.01 dB |
| Temperature stability | 0.01 dB/°C (typ) ² |
| User flatness correction | |
| Number of points | 2 to 1601 points/table |
| Number of tables | Up to 10,000, memory limited |
| Path loss | Arbitrary, within attenuator range |
| Entry modes | Remote power meter ³ , remote bus, manual (user edit/view) |

1. Specifications apply in CW and list/step sweep modes over the 15 to 35 °C temperature range, with attenuator hold off (normal operating mode). Degradation outside this range, for ALC power levels > -10 dBm, is typically < 0.3 dB. In ramp sweep mode (with Option 007), specifications are typical. For instruments with type-N connectors (Option 1ED), specifications are degraded typically 0.2 dB above 18 GHz. Specifications do not apply above the maximum specified power.

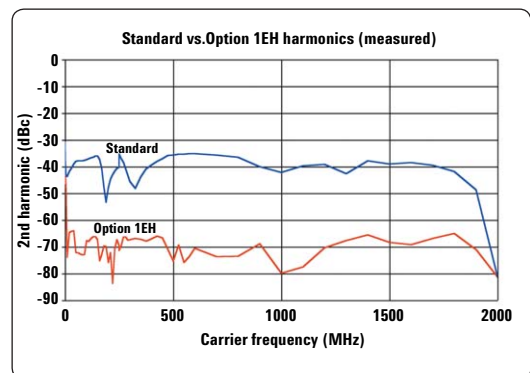
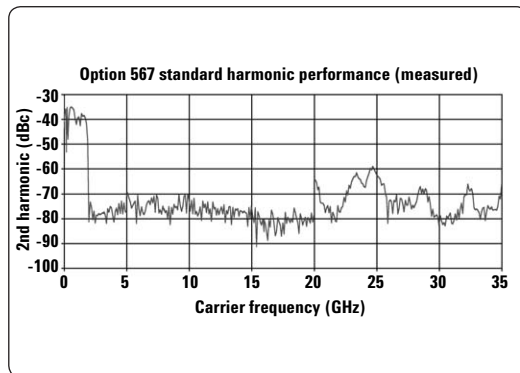
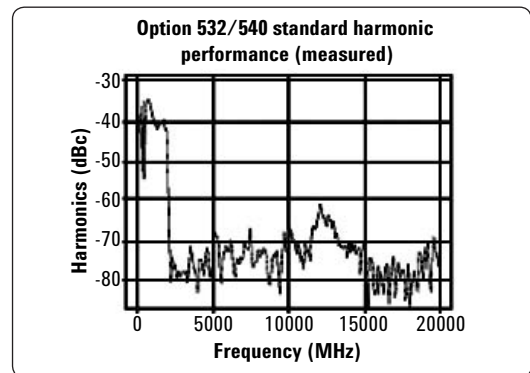
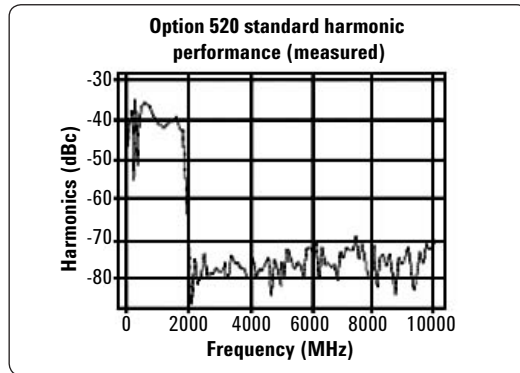
2. Options 550 and 567: 0.03dB/°C (typ) above 2 GHz.

3. Compatible with Agilent EPM Series (E4418B and E4419B) power meters.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Output impedance | 50 Ω (nom) |
| SWR (internally leveled) | |
| 250 kHz to 2 GHz | < 1.4:1 (typ) |
| > 2 GHz to 20 GHz | < 1.6:1 (typ) |
| > 20 GHz to 40 GHz | < 1.8:1 (typ) |
| > 40 GHz to 67 GHz | < 2.0:1 (typ) |
| Leveling modes | Internal leveling, external detector leveling, millimeter source module, ALC off |
| External detector leveling | |
| Range | -0.2 mV to -0.5 V (nom) (-36 dBm to +4 dBm using Agilent 33330D/E detector) |
| Bandwidth | Selectable 0.1 to 100 kHz (nom) (Note: not intended for pulsed operation) |
| Maximum reverse power | 1/2 Watt, 0 V _{DC} |

Spectral purity

| | |
|---|--|
| Harmonics¹ | (dBc at +10 dBm or maximum specified output power, whichever is lower) |
| < 10 MHz | -28 dBc (typical below 1 MHz) |
| 10 MHz to 2 GHz | -30 dBc ^{2,3} |
| 10 MHz to 2 GHz (with Option 1EH filters on) | -55 dBc ⁴ |
| > 2 GHz to 20 GHz | -55 dBc |
| > 20 GHz to 67 GHz (Option 532, 540, 550 & 567) | -50 dBc (typical) |
| Harmonics (measured) | |



1. Specifications are typical for harmonics beyond specified frequency range (beyond 50 GHz for Option 567).
2. Specification applies to units with serial numbers ending with 45130000 or greater. For units with lower serial numbers, the specification is -28 dBc.
3. Typical below 250 MHz if Option 1EH is installed and the filters are off.
4. In ramp sweep mode (Option 007), harmonics are -30 dBc below 250 MHz.

| | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sub-harmonics¹ | | (dBc at +10 dBm or maximum specified output power, whichever is lower) | | |
| 250 kHz to 10 GHz | | None | | |
| > 10 GHz to 20 GHz | | < -60 dBc | | |
| > 20 GHz | | < -50 dBc | | |
| Non-harmonics² | | (dBc at +10 dBm or maximum specified output power, whichever is lower, for offsets > 3 kHz [> 300 Hz with Option UNX or UNR]) | | |
| Frequency | Spec | Typical | | |
| 250 kHz to 250 MHz | -65 | -72 for > 10 kHz offsets | | |
| > 250 MHz to 1 GHz | -80 | -88 | | |
| > 1 to 2 GHz | -74 | -82 | | |
| > 2 to 3.2 GHz | -68 | -76 | | |
| > 3.2 to 10 GHz | -62 | -70 | | |
| > 10 to 20 GHz | -56 | -64 | | |
| > 20 to 40 GHz | -50 | -58 | | |
| > 40 GHz | -44 | -52 | | |
| SSB phase noise (CW)³ | | Offset from carrier (dBc/Hz) | | |
| Frequency | 20 kHz | 20 kHz (typical) | | |
| 250 kHz to 250 MHz ⁴ | -130 | -134 | | |
| > 250 to 500 MHz ⁴ | -134 | -138 | | |
| > 500 MHz to 1 GHz ⁴ | -130 | -134 | | |
| > 1 to 2 GHz ⁴ | -124 | -128 | | |
| > 2 to 3.2 GHz | -120 | -124 | | |
| > 3.2 to 10 GHz | -110 | -113 | | |
| > 10 to 20 GHz | -104 | -108 | | |
| > 20 to 40 GHz | -98 | -102 | | |
| > 40 to 67 GHz | -92 | -96 | | |
| Option UNR: Enhanced SSB phase noise (CW)³ | | Offset from carrier (dBc/Hz) | | |
| Frequency | 100 Hz spec (typ) | 1 kHz spec (typ) | 10 kHz spec (typ) | 100 kHz spec (typ) |
| 250 kHz to 250 MHz ⁴ | -94 (-115) | -110 (-123) | -128 (-132) | -130 (-133) |
| > 250 to 500 MHz ⁴ | -100 (-110) | -124 (-130) | -132 (-136) | -136 (-141) |
| > 500 MHz to 1 GHz ⁴ | -94 (-104) | -118 (-126) | -130 (-135) | -130 (-135) |
| > 1 to 2 GHz ⁴ | -88 (-98) | -112 (-120) | -124 (-129) | -124 (-129) |
| > 2 to 3.2 GHz | -84 (-94) | -108 (-116) | -120 (-125) | -120 (-125) |
| > 3.2 to 10 GHz | -74 (-84) | -98 (-106) | -110 (-115) | -110 (-115) |
| > 10 to 20 GHz | -68 (-78) | -92 (-100) | -104 (-107) | -104 (-109) |
| > 20 to 40 GHz | -62 (-72) | -86 (-94) | -98 (-101) | -98 (-103) |
| > 40 to 67 GHz | -56 (-66) | -80 (-88) | -92 (-95) | -92 (-97) |

1. Sub-harmonics are defined as Carrier Freq / N). Specifications are typical for sub-harmonics beyond specified frequency range (beyond 50 GHz for Option 567).
2. Specifications are typical for spurs beyond specified frequency range (beyond 50 GHz for Option 567). Specifications apply for CW mode, without modulation. In ramp sweep mode (Option 007), performance is typical for offsets > 1 MHz.
3. Phase noise specifications are warranted from 15 to 35 °C.
4. Measurement at +10 dBm or maximum specified output power, whichever is less.

Option UNX: Absolute SSB phase noise (dBc/Hz) (CW)¹

| Frequency | Offset from carrier | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 1 Hz | 10 Hz | 100 Hz | 1 kHz | 10 kHz | 100 kHz |
| | Spec (typ) | Spec (typ) | Spec (typ) | Spec (typ) | Spec (typ) | Spec (typ) |
| 250 kHz to 250 MHz ² | -58 (-66) | -87 (-94) | -104 (-120) | -121 (-128) | -128 (-132) | -130 (-133) |
| > 250 to 500 MHz ² | -61 (-72) | -88 (-98) | -108 (-118) | -126 (-132) | -132 (-136) | -136 (-141) |
| > 500 MHz to 1 GHz ² | -57 (-65) | -84 (-93) | -101 (-111) | -121 (-130) | -130 (-134) | -130 (-135) |
| > 1 to 2 GHz ² | -51 (-58) | -79 (-86) | -96 (-106) | -115 (-124) | -124 (-129) | -124 (-129) |
| > 2 to 3.2 GHz | -46 (-54) | -74 (-82) | -92 (-102) | -111 (-120) | -120 (-124) | -120 (-124) |
| > 3.2 to 10 GHz | -37 (-44) | -65 (-72) | -81 (-92) | -101 (-109) | -110 (-114) | -110 (-115) |
| > 10 to 20 GHz | -31 (-38) | -59 (-66) | -75 (-87) | -95 (-106) | -104 (-107) | -104 (-109) |
| > 20 to 40 GHz | -25 (-32) | -53 (-60) | -69 (-79) | -89 (-99) | -98 (-101) | -98 (-103) |
| > 40 to 67 GHz | -20 (-26) | -47 (-56) | -64 (-73) | -84 (-90) | -92 (-95) | -92 (-97) |

Option UNX: Residual SSB phase noise (dBc/Hz) (CW)¹

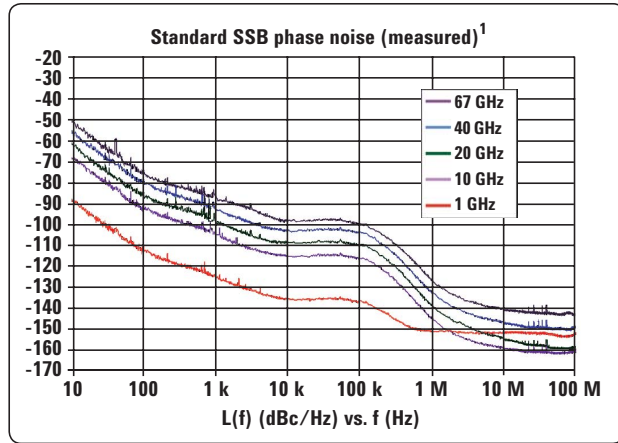
| Frequency | Offset from carrier | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 1 Hz | 10 Hz | 100 Hz | 1 kHz | 10 kHz | 100 kHz |
| | Spec (typ) | Spec (typ) | Spec (typ) | Spec (typ) | Spec (typ) | Spec (typ) |
| 250 kHz to 250 MHz ² | (-94) | -100 (-107) | -110 (-118) | -120 (-126) | -128 (-132) | -130 (-133) |
| > 250 to 500 MHz ² | (-101) | -105 (-112) | -115 (-122) | -124 (-131) | -132 (-136) | -136 (-141) |
| > 500 MHz to 1 GHz ² | (-94) | -100 (-107) | -110 (-118) | -120 (-126) | -130 (-134) | -130 (-134) |
| > 1 to 2 GHz ² | (-89) | -96 (-101) | -104 (-112) | -114 (-120) | -124 (-129) | -124 (-129) |
| > 2 to 3.2 GHz | (-85) | -92 (-97) | -100 (-108) | -110 (-116) | -120 (-124) | -120 (-124) |
| > 3.2 to 10 GHz | (-74) | (-87) | (-98) | (-106) | (-114) | (-115) |

1. Phase noise specifications are warranted from 15 to 35 °C.

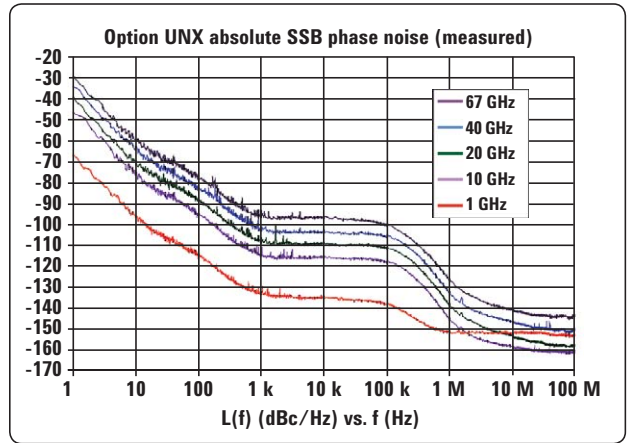
2. Measured at +10 dBm or maximum specified power, whichever is less.

Measured phase noise with E5500 and plotted without spurs

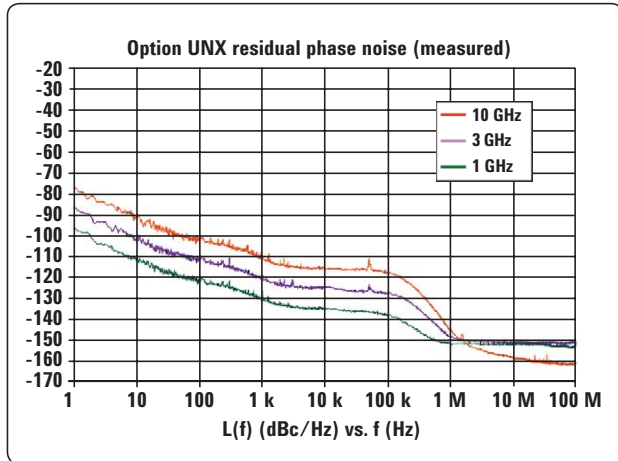
Standard phase noise



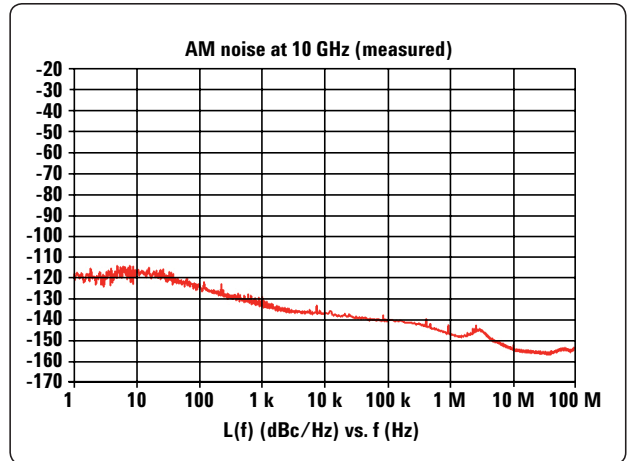
Option UNX phase noise



Residual phase noise



AM noise at 10 GHz



1. Measured standard performance applies to units with serial numbers ending with 48050000 or greater. For units with lower serial numbers, refer to the data sheet shipped with the unit or the version of this document dated November 5, 2007.

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| Residual FM | |
| (RMS, 50 Hz to 15 kHz bandwidth) | |
| CW mode | < N x 6 Hz (typ) |
| Option UNX/UNR | < N x 4 Hz (typ) |
| Ramp sweep mode | < N x 1 kHz (typ) |
| Broadband noise | |
| (CW mode at +10 dBm or maximum specified output power, whichever is lower, for offsets > 10 MHz) | |
| > 2.4 to 20 GHz | < -148 dBc/Hz (typ) |
| > 20 to 40 GHz | < -141 dBc/Hz (typ) |
| > 40 GHz | < -135 dBc/Hz (typ) |

Measured RMS jitter¹

Standard

| Carrier frequency | SONET/SDH data rates | RMS jitter bandwidth | Unit intervals (μUI) | Time (fs) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 155 MHz | 155 MB/s | 100 Hz to 1.5 MHz | 25 | 158 |
| 622 MHz | 622 MB/s | 1 kHz to 5 MHz | 21 | 34 |
| 2.488 GHz | 2488 MB/s | 5 kHz to 20 MHz | 57 | 23 |
| 9.953 GHz | 9953 MB/s | 10 kHz to 80 MHz | 152 | 15 |
| 39.812 GHz | 39812 MB/s | 40 kHz to 320 MHz | 627 | 16 |

Option UNX

| Carrier frequency | SONET/SDH data rates | RMS jitter bandwidth | Unit intervals (μUI) | Time (fs) |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 155 MHz | 155 MB/s | 100 Hz to 1.5 MHz | 23 | 151 |
| 622 MHz | 622 MB/s | 1 kHz to 5 MHz | 19 | 30 |
| 2.488 GHz | 2488 MB/s | 5 kHz to 20 MHz | 56 | 22 |
| 9.953 GHz | 9953 MB/s | 10 kHz to 80 MHz | 152 | 15 |
| 39.812 GHz | 39812 MB/s | 40 kHz to 320 MHz | 626 | 16 |

1. Calculated from phase noise performance in CW mode only at +10 dBm. For other frequencies, data rate, or bandwidths, please contact your sales representative.

Frequency modulation¹ (Option UNT)

| | | |
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| Maximum deviation² | Frequency | Maximum deviation |
| | 250 kHz to 250 MHz | 2 MHz |
| | > 250 to 500 MHz | 1 MHz |
| | > 500 MHz to 1 GHz | 2 MHz |
| | > 1 GHz to 2 GHz | 4 MHz |
| | > 2 GHz to 3.2 GHz | 8 MHz |
| | > 3.2 GHz to 10 GHz | 16 MHz |
| | > 10 GHz to 20 GHz | 32 MHz |
| | > 20 GHz to 40 GHz | 64 MHz |
| > 40 GHz to 67 GHz | 128 MHz | |
| Resolution | 0.1% of deviation or 1 Hz, whichever is greater | |
| Deviation accuracy | < ± 3.5% of FM deviation + 20 Hz (1 kHz rate, deviations < N x 800 kHz) | |
| Modulation frequency response³ | (at 100 kHz deviation) | |
| Path [coupling] | 1 dB bandwidth | 3 dB bandwidth (typ) |
| FM path 1 [DC] | DC to 100 kHz | DC to 10 MHz |
| FM path 2 [DC] | DC to 100 kHz | DC to 1 MHz |
| FM path 1 [AC] | 20 Hz to 100 kHz | 5 Hz to 10 MHz |
| FM path 2 [AC] | 20 Hz to 100 kHz | 5 Hz to 1 MHz |
| DC FM⁴ carrier offset | ±0.1% of set deviation + (N x 8 Hz) | |
| Distortion | < 1% (1 kHz rate, deviations < N x 800 kHz) | |
| Sensitivity | ±1 V _{peak} for indicated deviation | |
| Paths | FM1 and FM2 are summed internally for composite modulation. Either path may be switched to any one of the modulation sources: Ext1, Ext2, internal1, internal2. The FM2 path is limited to a maximum rate of 1 MHz. The FM2 path must be set to a deviation less than FM1. | |

Phase modulation⁵ (Option UNT)

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| Maximum deviation⁶ | Frequency | Normal BW mode | High BW mode |
| | 250 kHz to 250 MHz | 20 rad | 2 rad |
| | > 250 to 500 MHz | 10 rad | 1 rad |
| | > 500 MHz to 1 GHz | 20 rad | 2 rad |
| | > 1 GHz to 2 GHz | 40 rad | 4 rad |
| | > 2 GHz to 3.2 GHz | 80 rad | 8 rad |
| | > 3.2 GHz to 10 GHz | 160 rad | 16 rad |
| | > 10 GHz to 20 GHz | 320 rad | 32 rad |
| | > 20 GHz to 40 GHz | 640 rad | 64 rad |
| > 40 GHz to 67 GHz | 1280 rad | 128 rad | |
| Resolution | 0.1% of set deviation | | |
| Deviation accuracy | < ±5% of deviation + 0.01 radians (1 kHz rate, normal BW mode) | | |
| Modulation frequency response⁷ | Normal BW mode | High BW mode | |
| Rates (3 dB BW) | DC to 100 kHz | DC to 1 MHz (typ) ⁸ | |
| Distortion | < 1 % (1 kHz rate, Total Harmonic Distortion (THD), dev < N x 80 rad, normal BW mode) | | |
| Sensitivity | ±1 V _{peak} for indicated deviation | | |
| Paths | ΦM1 and ΦM2 are summed internally for composite modulation. Either path may be switched to any one of the modulation sources: Ext1, Ext2, internal1, internal2. The ΦM2 path must be set to a deviation less than ΦM1. | | |

- Above 50 GHz, FM is useable; however performance is not warranted.
- Through any combination of path1, path2, or path1 + path2.
- Specifications apply in CW and list/step sweep modes. During ramp sweep operation (Option 007), 3 dB bandwidth is typically 50 kHz to 10 MHz (FM1 path), and 50 kHz to 1 MHz (FM2 path).
- At the calibrated deviation and carrier frequency, within 5 °C of ambient temperature at time of user calibration.
- Above 50 GHz, phase modulation is useable; however performance is not warranted.
- Through any combination of path1, path2, or path1 + path2.
- Specifications apply in CW and list/step sweep modes. During ramp sweep operation (Option 007), 3 dB bandwidth is typically 50 kHz to 1 MHz (high BW mode).
- Path 1 is useable to 4 MHz for external inputs less than 0.3 V peak.

Amplitude modulation¹
(part of Option UNT)
(typical)

| Depth | Linear mode | Exponential (log) mode (downward modulation only) |
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| Maximum: | ALC On: > 90% | > 20 dB |
| | ALC Off with Power Search ² or ALC On with Deep AM ³ : > 95 % | > 40 dB |
| Settable: | 0 to 100 % (0 to 100 %/volt sensitivity) | 0 to 40 dB (0 to 40 dB/volt sensitivity) |
| Resolution: | 0.1% | 0.01 dB |
| Accuracy (ALC On, 1kHz rate): < ± (2% of setting +0.2dB) | | < ±(6% of setting + 1%) |
| Ext sensitivity | ± 1 V _{peak} for indicated depth –1 V for indicated depth | |
| Rates (3 dB bandwidth, 30% depth) | | |
| DC Coupled | 0 to 100 kHz | |
| AC coupled | 10 Hz to 100 kHz (useable to 1 MHz) | |
| Distortion (1 kHz rate, ALC On, linear mode, Total Harmonic Distortion) | | |
| 30% AM | < 1.5% | |
| 60% AM | < 2% | |
| Paths | AM1 and AM2 are summed internally for composite modulation. Either path may be switched to any one of the modulation sources: Ext1, Ext2, Internal1, Internal2. | |

1. AM specifications are typical. For carrier frequencies below 2 MHz or above 50 GHz, AM is useable but not specified. Unless otherwise stated, specifications apply with ALC on and envelope peaks within ALC operating range (–20 dBm to maximum specified power, excluding step-attenuator setting).
2. ALC Off is used for narrow pulse modulation and/or high AM depths, with envelope peaks below ALC operating range. Carrier power level will be accurate after a Power Search is executed.
3. ALC On with Deep AM provides high AM depths together with closed-loop internal leveling. This mode can be used with a repetitive AM waveform (frequency > 10 Hz) with peaks > –5 dBm (nominal, excluding step-attenuator setting).

External modulation inputs
(Ext1 & Ext2)
(Option UNT)

| | |
|---|---|
| Modulation types | AM, FM, and Φ M |
| Input impedance | 50 or 600 (nom) switched |
| High/low indicator (100 Hz to 10 MHz BW, ac coupled inputs only) | Activated when input level error exceeds 3% (nom) |

Internal modulation source
(Option UNT)

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|---|---|
| Dual function generators provides two independent signals (internal1 and internal2) for use with AM, FM, Φ M, or LF Out. | |
| Waveforms | Sine, square, positive ramp, negative ramp, triangle, Gaussian noise, uniform noise, swept sine, dual sine ¹ |
| Rate range | |
| Sine | 0.5 Hz to 1 MHz |
| Square, ramp, triangle | 0.5 Hz to 100 kHz |
| Resolution | 0.5 Hz |
| Accuracy | Same as timebase |
| LF Out | |
| Output | Internal1 or internal2. Also provides monitoring of internal1 or internal2 when used for AM, FM, or Φ M. |
| Amplitude | 0 to 3 V _{peak} , (nom) into 50 Ω |
| Output impedance | 50 Ω (nom) |
| Swept sine mode: (frequency, phase continuous) | |
| Operating modes | Triggered or continuous sweeps |
| Frequency range | 1 Hz to 1 MHz |
| Sweep rate | 0.5 Hz to 100 kHz sweeps/s, equivalent to sweep times 10 μ s to 2 s |
| Resolution | 0.5 Hz (0.5 sweep/s) |

1. Internal2 is not available when using swept sine or dual sine modes.

Pulse modulation^{1, 2} (Option UNU)

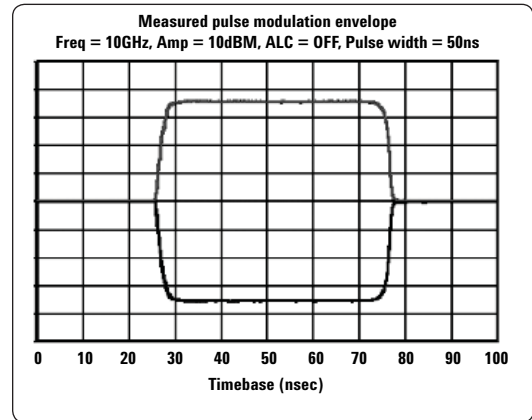
| | 500 MHz to 3.2 GHz | Above 3.2 GHz |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| On/Off ratio | 80 dB (typ) | 80 dB |
| Rise/Fall times (Tr, Tf) | 100 ns (typ) | 6 ns (typ) |
| Minimum pulse width | | |
| Internally leveled | 2 us | 1 us |
| Level hold (ALC off with power search) | 0.5 us | 0.15 us |
| Repetition frequency | | |
| Internally leveled | 10 Hz to 250 kHz | 10 Hz to 500 kHz |
| Level hold (ALC off with power search) | dc to 1 MHz | dc to 3 MHz |
| Level accuracy (relative to CW) | | |
| Internally leveled | ±0.5 dB | ±0.5 dB |
| Level hold (ALC off with power search) | ±0.5 dB (typ) | ±0.5 dB (typ) |
| Width compression (RF width relative to video out) | ±50 ns (typ) | ±5 ns (typ) |
| Video feed-through ³ | < 200 mv (typ) | < 2 mv (typ) |
| Video delay (ext input to video) | 50 ns (nom) | 50 ns (nom) |
| RF delay (video to RF output) | 270 ns (nom) | 35 ns (nom) |
| Pulse overshoot | < 10% (typ) | < 10% (typ) |
| Input level | +1 V _{peak} = RF On | +1 V _{peak} = RF On |
| Input impedance | 50 Ω (nom) | 50 Ω (nom) |

Narrow pulse modulation^{1, 2} (Option UNW)

| | 10 MHz to 3.2 GHz | Above 3.2 GHz |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------|
| On/Off ratio | 80 dB | 80 dB |
| Rise/Fall times (Tr, Tf) | 10 ns (8 ns typical) | 10 ns (6 ns typical) |
| Minimum pulse width | | |
| Internally leveled | 1 us | 1 us |
| Level hold (ALC off with power search) | 20 ns | 20 ns |
| Repetition frequency | | |
| Internally leveled | 10 Hz to 500 kHz | 10 Hz to 500 kHz |
| Level hold (ALC off with power search) | dc to 5 MHz | dc to 10 MHz |
| Level accuracy (relative to CW) | | |
| Internally leveled | ±0.5 dB | ±0.5 dB (0.15 dB typical) |
| Level hold (ALC off with power search) | ±1.3 dB (typ) | ±0.5 dB (typ) |

1. With ALC off, specs apply after the execution of power search. Specifications apply with Atten Hold Off (default mode for instruments with attenuator), or ALC level between -5 and +10 dBm or maximum specific power, whichever is lower. Above 50 GHz, pulse modulation is useable; however performance is not warranted.
2. Power search is a calibration routine that improves level accuracy with ALC off. The instrument microprocessor momentarily closes the ALC loop to find the modulator drive setting necessary to make the quiescent RF level equal to an entered value, then opens the ALC loop while maintaining that modulator drive setting. When executing power search, RF power will be present for typically 10 to 50 ms; the step attenuator (Option 1E1) can be set to automatically switch to maximum attenuation to protect sensitive devices. Power search can be configured to operate either automatically or manually at the carrier frequency, or over a user-definable frequency range.
3. With attenuator in 0 dB position. Video feed-through decreases with attenuator setting.

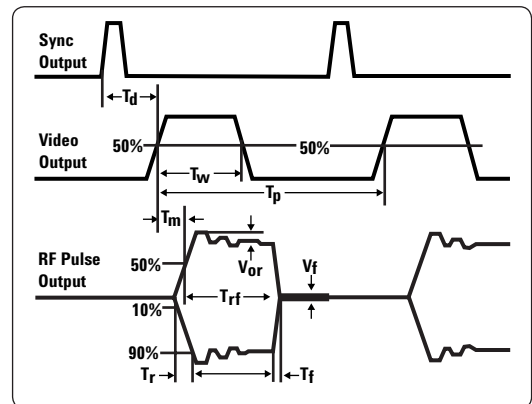
| | 10 MHz to 3.2 GHz | Above 3.2 GHz |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Width compression (RF width relative to video out) | ±5 ns (typ) | ±5 ns (typ) |
| Video feed-through¹ | < 125 mv (typ) | < 2 mv (typ) |
| Video delay (ext input to video) | 50 ns (nom) | 50 ns (nom) |
| RF delay (video to RF output) | 45 ns (nom) | 35 ns (nom) |
| Pulse overshoot | < 15% (typ) | < 10% (typ) |
| Input level | +1 V _{peak} = RF On | +1 V _{peak} = RF On |
| Input impedance | 50 Ω (nom) | 50 Ω (nom) |



Internal pulse generator (Option UNU or UNW)

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| Modes | Free-run, triggered, triggered with delay, doublet, and gated. Triggered with delay, doublet, and gated require external trigger source. |
| Period (PRI) (Tp) | 70 ns to 42 s (Repetition frequency: 0.024 Hz to 14.28 MHz) |
| Pulse width (Tw) | 10 ns to 42 s |
| Delay (Td) | Free-run mode: 0 to ±42 s Triggered with delay and doublet modes: 75 ns to 42s with ±10 ns jitter |
| Resolution | 10 ns (width, delay, and PRI) |

Td Video delay (variable)
Tw Video pulse width (variable)
Tp Pulse period (variable)
Tm RF delay
Trf RF pulse width
Tf RF pulse fall time
Tr RF pulse rise time
Vor Pulse overshoot
Vf Video feedthrough



Simultaneous modulation

All modulation types (FM, AM, Φ M, and pulse modulations) may be simultaneously enabled except: FM with Φ M, and linear AM with exponential AM. AM, FM, and Φ M can sum simultaneous inputs from any two sources (Ext1, Ext2, internal1, or internal2). Any given source (Ext1, Ext2, internal1, or internal2) may be routed to only one activated modulation type.

1. With attenuator in 0 dB position. Video feed-through decreases with attenuator setting.

Remote programming

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| Interfaces | GPIB (IEEE-488.2,1987) with listen and talk, RS-232, and 10BaseT LAN interface. |
| Control languages | SCPI version 1997.0. Completely code compatible with previous PSG signal generator models: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• E8241A• E8244A• E8251A• E8254A• E8247C• E8257C <p>The E8257D will emulate the applicable commands for the following Agilent signal generators, providing general compatibility with ATE systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8340-series (8340/41B)• 8360-series (836xxB/L)• 83700-series (837xxB)• 8662A/63A |
| IEEE-488 functions | SH1, AH1, T6, TE0, L4, LE0, SR1, RL1, PP0, DC1, DT0, C0, E2. |
| ISO compliant | This family of signal generators is manufactured in an ISO-9001 registered facility in concurrence with Agilent commitment to quality. |
| Agilent IO Libraries | Agilent's IO Library Suite ships with the E8257D to help you quickly establish an error-free connection between your PC and instruments – regardless of the vendor. It provides robust instrument control and works with the software development environment you choose. |

General specifications

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| Power requirements | 90 to 132 VAC 47 to 64 Hz or 365 to 435 Hz; or 195 to 267 VAC 47 to 64 Hz, (automatically selected); < 250 W typical, 300 W maximum. |
| Operating temperature range | 0 to 55 °C |
| Storage temperature range¹ | –40 to 70 °C |
| Altitude | < 4,572 m (15,000 ft.) |
| Environmental testing | Samples of this product have been tested in accordance with the Agilent Environmental Test Manual and verified to be robust against the environmental stresses of storage, transportation, and end-use; those stresses include but are not limited to temperature, humidity, shock, vibration, altitude, and power line conditions. Test methods are aligned with IEC 60068-2 and levels are similar to MIL-PRF-28800F Class 3. ² |
| EMC | Meets the conducted and radiated interference and immunity requirements of IEC/EN 61326-1. Meets radiated emission requirements of CISPR Pub 11/1997 Group 1 class A. |
| Storage registers | Memory is shared by instrument states and sweep list files. There is 14 MB of flash memory available in the E8257D PSG. Depending on how the memory is used, a maximum of 1000 instrument states can be saved. |
| Security | Display blanking Memory clearing functions (see Application Note <i>Security of Agilent Signal Generators Issues and Solutions</i> , literature number 5989-1091EN) |
| Compatibility | Agilent 83550 Series Millimeter Heads and OML millimeter source modules. Agilent 8757D scalar network analyzers. Agilent EPM Series power meters. |
| Self-test | Internal diagnostic routine tests most modules (including microcircuits) in a preset condition. For each module, if its node voltages are within acceptable limits, then the module “passes” the test. |
| Weight | < 22 kg (48 lb.) net, < 30 kg (68 lb.) shipping |
| Dimensions | 178 mm H x 426 mm W x 515 mm D (7” H x 16.8” W x 20.3” D in.) |
| Recommended calibration cycle | 24 months |

1. Storage below –20 °C instrument states may be lost.

2. As is the case with all signal generation equipment, phase noise specifications are not warranted in a vibrating environment.

Input/Output Descriptions

Front panel connectors

(All connectors are BNC female unless otherwise noted.)¹

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|---------------------------------|---|
| RF output | Output impedance 50 Ω (nom) |
| Option 520 | Precision APC-3.5 male, or Type-N with Option 1ED |
| Options 532, 540 and 550 | Precision 2.4 mm male; plus 2.4 – 2.4 mm and 2.4 – 2.9 mm female adapters |
| Option 567 | Precision 1.85 mm male; plus 1.85 – 1.85 mm and 2.4 – 2.9 mm female adapters |
| ALC input | Used for negative external detector leveling. Nominal input impedance 120 kΩ, damage level ±15 V. |
| LF output | Outputs the internally generated LF source. Nominal output impedance 50 Ω. |
| External input 1 | Drives either AM, FM, or ΦM. Nominal input impedance 50 or 600 Ω, damage levels are 5 V _{rms} and 10 V _{peak} . |
| External input 2 | Drives either AM, FM, or ΦM. Nominal input impedance 50 or 600 Ω, damage levels are 5 V _{rms} and 10 V _{peak} . |
| Pulse/trigger gate input | Accepts input signal for external fast pulse modulation. Also accepts external trigger pulse input for internal pulse modulation. Nominal impedance 50 Ω. Damage levels are 5 V _{rms} and 10 V _{peak} . |
| Pulse video out | Outputs a signal that follows the RF output in all pulse modes. TTL-level compatible, nominal source impedance 50 Ω. |
| Pulse sync out | Outputs a synchronizing pulse, nominally 50 ns width, during internal and triggered pulse modulation. TTL-level compatible, nominal source impedance 50 Ω. |

Rear panel connectors

(all connectors are BNC female unless otherwise noted.)¹

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| Auxiliary interface (dual mode) | Used for RS-232 serial communication and for master/slave source synchronization. (9-pin subminiature female connector). |
| GPIO | Allows communication with compatible devices |
| LAN | Allows 10BaseT LAN communication |
| 10 MHz input | Accepts an external reference (timebase) input (at 1, 2, 2.5, 5, 10 MHz for standard and 10 MHz only for Option UNX and UNR) Nominal input impedance 50 Ω Damage levels > +10 dBm |
| 10 MHz output | Outputs internal or external reference signal. Nominal output impedance 50 Ω. Nominal output power +8 dBm. |
| Sweep output (dual mode) | Supplies a voltage proportional to the RF power or frequency sweep ranging from 0 volts at the start of sweep to +10 volts (nom) at the end of sweep, regardless of sweep width. During CW operation, supplies a voltage proportional to the output frequency, +10 volts (nom) corresponding to the maximum specified frequency. When connected to an Agilent 8757D scalar network analyzer (Option 007), generates a selectable number of equally spaced 1 us pulses (nom) across a ramp (analog) sweep. Number of pulses can be set from 101 to 1601 by remote control from the 8757D. Output impedance: < 1 Ω (nom), can drive 2000 Ω. |

1. Digital inputs and output are 3.3 V CMOS unless indicated otherwise. Inputs will accept 5 V CMOS, 3 V CMOS, or TTL voltage levels.

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| Stop sweep In/Out ramp | Open-collector, TTL-compatible input/output. In sweep operation, provides low level (nominally 0 V) during sweep retrace and bandcross intervals, and high level during the forward portion of the sweep. Sweep will stop when grounded externally, sweep will resume when allowed to go high. |
| Trigger output (dual mode) vides | Outputs a TTL signal. High at start of dwell, or when waiting for point trigger; low when dwell is over or point trigger is received. In ramp sweep mode, provides 1601 equally-spaced 1us pulses (nom) across a ramp sweep. When using LF Out, provides 2 us pulse at start of LF sweep. |
| Trigger input | Accepts 3.3V CMOS signal for triggering point-to-point in manual sweep mode, or to trigger start of LF sweep. Damage levels $\geq +10$ V or ≤ -4 V. |
| Source module interface | Provides power and leveling connections to the millimeter source modules. |
| Source settled | Provides an output trigger that indicates when the signal generator has settled to a new frequency or power level. High indicates source not settled, Low indicates source settled. |
| Z-axis Blank/Markers | During ramp sweep, supplies +5 V (nom) level during retrace and bandswitch intervals. Supplies -5 V (nom) level when the RF frequency is at a marker frequency. |
| 10 MHz EFC | (Option UNR/UNX only) Accepts an external DC voltage, ranging from -5 V to +5 V, for electronic frequency control (EFC) of the internal 10 MHz reference oscillator. This voltage inversely tunes the oscillator about its center frequency approximately -0.07 ppm/V. The nominal input impedance is greater than 1 M Ω . |
| 1 GHz Out | (Option UNX only) Low noise 1 GHz reference output signal, approximately +5 dBm (nom). |

Options, Accessories, and Related Products

| Model/option | Description |
|-------------------------------|--|
| E8257D-520 | Frequency range from 250 kHz to 20 GHz |
| E8257D-532 | Frequency range from 250 kHz to 31.8 GHz |
| E8257D-540 | Frequency range from 250 kHz to 40 GHz |
| E8257D-550 | Frequency range from 250 kHz to 50 GHz |
| E8257D-567 | Frequency range from 250 kHz to 67 GHz |
| E8257D-007 | Analog ramp sweep |
| E8257D-UNX | Ultra low phase noise |
| E8257D-UNT | AM, FM, phase modulation, and LF output |
| E8257D-UNU | Pulse modulation |
| E8257D-UNW¹ | Narrow pulse modulation |
| E8257D-1EA | High output power |
| E8257D-1E1 | Step attenuator |
| E8257D-1ED | Type-N (f) RF output connector (Option 520 only) |
| E8257D-1EH | Improved harmonics below 2 GHz |
| E8257D-1EM | Moves all front panel connectors to the rear panel |
| E8257D-1CN | Front handle kit |
| E8257D-1CM | Rackmount flange kit |
| E8257D-1CP | Rackmount flange and front handle kit |
| E8257D-C09 | Move all front panel connectors to the rear panel except for the RF output connector |
| E8257D-HSM² | Scan modulation (20 GHz model only) |
| E8257D-HAR⁴ | Optimize phase noise < 500 MHz carrier |
| E8257D-H1S | 1 GHz external frequency reference input and output |
| E8257D-HCC | Connections for phase coherency > 250 MHz |
| E8257D-H30¹ | Internal mixer for up conversion capability in the 20, 31.8, and 40 GHz models |
| E8257D-H60¹ | Internal mixer for up conversion capability in the 50 and 67 GHz models |
| E8257D-UK6 | Commercial calibration certificate and test data |
| E8257D-CD1 | CD-ROM containing the English documentation set |
| E8257D-ABA | Printed copy of the English documentation set |
| E8257D-0BW | Printed copy of the assembly-level service guide |
| 8120-8806 | Master/slave interface cable |
| 9211-2656 | Transit case |
| 9211-7481 | Transit case with wheels |
| E8257DS15³ | OML Inc. Millimeter source module, 50 GHz to 75 GHz at +8 dBm |
| E8257DS12³ | OML Inc. Millimeter source module, 60 GHz to 90 GHz at +6 dBm |
| E8257DS10³ | OML Inc. Millimeter source module, 75 GHz to 110 GHz at +5 dBm |
| E8257DS08³ | OML Inc. Millimeter source module, 90 GHz to 140 GHz at –2 dBm |
| E8257DS06³ | OML Inc. Millimeter source module, 110 GHz to 170 GHz at –6 dBm |
| E8257DS05³ | OML Inc. Millimeter source module, 140 GHz to 220 GHz at –12 dBm |
| E8257DS03³ | OML Inc. Millimeter source module, 220 GHz to 325 GHz at –25 dBm |

1. Must be ordered with Option 1E1.

2. Must be ordered with Option UNT and not available with Option UNU.

3. Millimeter source module a product of Oleson Microwave Labs, Inc. and must be ordered with Option 1EA.

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