

Agilent N5181A MXG and N5161A MXG ATE Analog Signal Generators





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Definitions

Specification (spec): Represents warranted performance of a calibrated instrument that has been stored for a minimum of 2 hours within the operating temperature range of 0 to 55 °C, unless otherwise stated, and after a 45 minute warm-up period. The specifications include measurement uncertainty. Data represented in this document are specifications unless otherwise noted.

Typical (typ): Represents characteristic performance, which 80% of the instruments manufactured will meet. This data is not warranted, does not include measurement uncertainty, and is valid only at room temperature (approximately 25 °C).

Nominal (nom): The expected mean or average performance, or an attribute whose performance is by design, such as the 50 Ω connector. This data is not warranted and is measured at room temperature (approximately 25 °C).

Measured (meas): An attribute measured during the design phase for purposes of communicating expected performance, such as amplitude drift vs. time. This data is not warranted and is measured at room temperature (approximately 25 °C).

Note: All graphs contain measured data from several units at room temperature unless otherwise noted.

Frequency

Range

 Option 501
 100 kHz to 1 GHz

 Option 503
 100 kHz to 3 GHz

 Option 506
 100 kHz to 6 GHz

Minimum frequency 100 kHz ¹

Resolution 0.01 Hz

Phase offset Adjustable in nominal 0.01° increments

Frequency bands ²

Band	Frequency range	Ν	
1	100 kHz to < 250 MHz	1	
2	250 to < 375 MHz	0.25	
3	375 to < 750 MHz	0.5	
4	750 to < 1500 MHz	1	
5	1500 to < 3000.001 MHz	2	
6	3000.001 to 6000 MHz	4	

Switching speed ^{3, 4}

Туре	Standard	Option UNZ ⁵	Option UNZ ⁵ (typical)
SCPI mode	\leq 5 ms (typ)	≤ 1.15 ms	≤ 950 µs
List/Step sweep mode	≤ 5 ms (typ)	≤ 900 µs	≤ 700 µs

Performance below 250 kHz is unspecified except as indicated, for units with serial numbers ending with 4742xxxx or greater. For units with lower serial numbers refer to the Archive Section at end of this document.

^{2.} N is a factor used to help define certain specifications within the document.

^{3.} Time from receipt of SCPI command or trigger signal to within 0.1 ppm of final frequency or within 100 Hz, whichever is greater, and amplitude settled to within 0.2 dB.

^{4.} Additional time may be required for the amplitude to settle within 0.2 dB when switching to or from frequencies < 500 kHz.

^{5.} Specifications apply when status register updates are off.

Accuracy ± aging rate

± temperature effects ± line voltage effects

Internal time base reference

oscillator aging rate $\leq \pm 5 \text{ ppm/10 yrs, } < \pm 1 \text{ ppm/yr (nom)}^{1}$

Temperature effects ± 1 ppm (0 to 55 °C) (nom)

Line voltage effects \pm 0.1 ppm (nom); 5% to -10% (nom)

Reference output

Frequency 10 MHz

Amplitude \geq +4 dBm (nom) into 50 Ω load

External reference input

Input frequency Standard Option 1ER

10 MHz 1 to 50 MHz (in multiples of 0.1 Hz)

Lock range ± 1 ppm

Amplitude > -3.5 to 20 dBm (nom)

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Impedance} & \quad 50 \; \Omega \; (\text{nom}) \\ \text{Waveform} & \quad \text{Sine or square} \end{array}$

Digital sweep modes

Operating modes Step sweep (equally or logarithmically spaced

frequency steps)

List sweep (arbitrary list of frequency steps) Can also simultaneously sweep amplitude.

See amplitude section

for more detail.

Sweep range Within instrument frequency range

Dwell time 100 µs to 100 s

Number of points 2 to 65535 (step sweep)

1 to 3201 (list sweep)

Step change Linear or logarithmic

Triggering Free run, trigger key, external, timer, bus (GPIB, LAN, USB)

^{1.} Aging rate is determined by design as a function of the TCXO and is not specified.

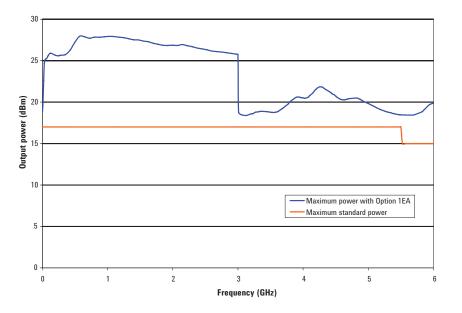
Amplitude

Output power ¹

Minimum output power −110 dBm with Option 1EQ ² −127 dBm

Maximum output power

Range	Standard ³	Option 1EA	
100 kHz to 250 kHz	+13 dBm	+15 dBm	
> 250 kHz to 50 MHz	+13 dBm	+15 dBm	
> 50 MHz to 3.0 GHz	+13 dBm	+23 dBm	
> 3.0 GHz to 5.0 GHz	+13 dBm	+17 dBm	
> 5.0 GHz	+11 dBm	+16 dBm	



Resolution 0.01 dB (nom)

Step attenuator 0 to 130 dB in 5 dB steps, electronic type

Connector 50 Ω (nom)

SWR⁴

≤ 1.7 GHz	1.4:1 (typ)
> 1.7 to 3 GHz	1.55:1 (typ)
> 3 to 4 GHz	1.7:1 (typ)
> 4 to 6 GHz	1.6:1 (typ)

Maximum reverse power

Max DC voltage 50 VDC (nom) 100 kHz to 6 GHz 2 W (nom)

Quoted specifications between 20 and 30 °C. Maximum output power typically decreases by 0.04 dB/ °C for temperatures outside this range.

^{2.} Settable to -144 dBm with option 1EQ, but unspecified below -127 dBm.

Specifications apply to units with serial numbers ending with 4818xxxx or greater. For units with lower serial numbers refer to the Archive Section at end of this document.

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Switching speed 1, 2

Туре	Standard	Option UNZ	Option UNZ (typical)	
SCPI mode	≤ 5 ms (typ)	≤ 750 µs	≤ 650 µs	
List/Step sweep mode	\leq 5 ms (typ)	≤ 500 µs	≤ 400 µs	

Absolute level accuracy ³ [ALC on]

_	Standard		Option 1EQ
	+23 ⁴ to -60 dBm	< -60 to -110 dBm	< -110 to -127 dBm
100 kHz to 250 kHz ⁵	±0.6 dB	±1.0 dB	_
> 250 kHz to 1 MHz	±0.6 dB	±0.7 dB	±1.7 dB
> 1 MHz to 1 GHz	±0.6 dB	±0.7 dB	±1.0 dB
> 1 to 3 GHz	±0.6 dB	±0.8 dB	±1.1 dB
> 3 to 4 GHz	±0.7 dB	±0.8 dB	±1.1 dB
> 4 to 6 GHz	±0.8 dB	±1.1 dB	±1.3 dB

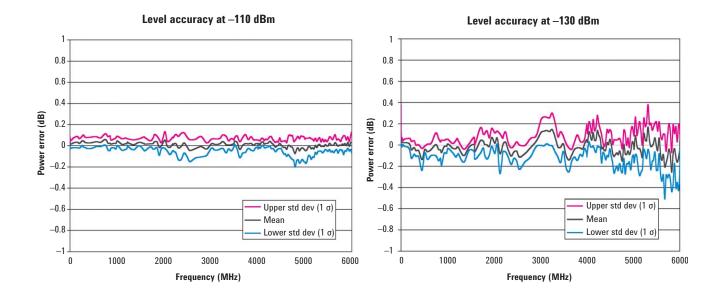
Time from receipt of SCPI command or trigger signal to amplitude settled within 0.2 dB. For
units with serial numbers ending in 4742xxxx or less, switching speed is specified for power
levels < +5 dBm

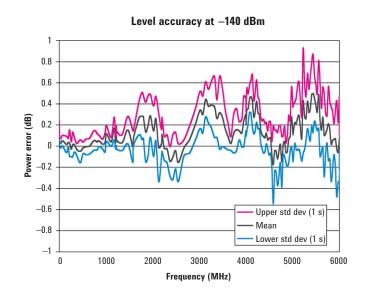
^{2.} Switching speed specifications apply when status register updates are off.

Quoted specifications between 20 °C and 30 °C. For temperatures outside this range, absolute level accuracy degrades by 0.005 dB/°C for frequencies ≤ 4.5 GHz and 0.01 dB/°C for frequencies > 4.5 GHz. Output power may drift up to .003 dB per g/Kg change in specific humidity (nom).

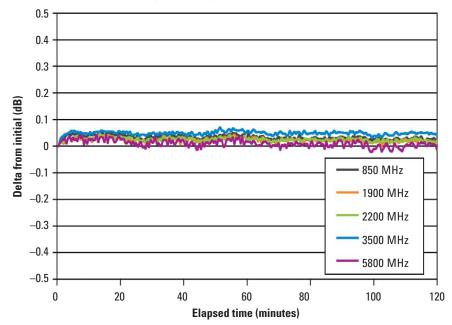
^{4.} Or maximum specified output power, whichever is lower.

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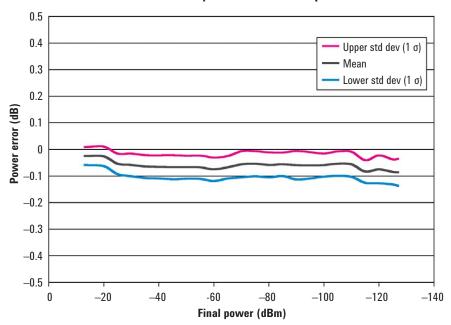




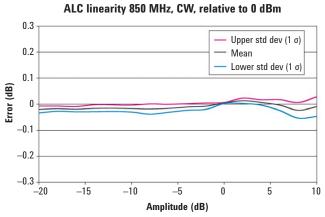


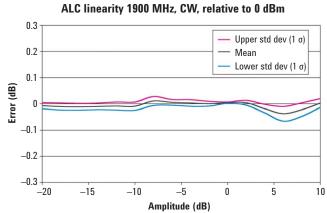
Repeatability measures the ability of the instrument to return to a given power setting after a random excursion to any other frequency and power setting. It should not be confused with absolute level accuracy.

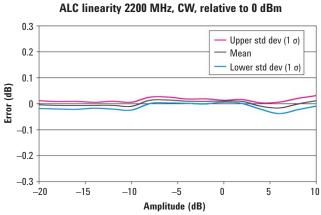
Relative level accuracy at 850 MHz initial power +10 dBm

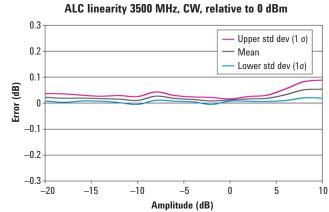


Relative level accuracy measures the accuracy of a step change from any power level to any other power level. This is useful for large changes (i.e. 5 dB steps).

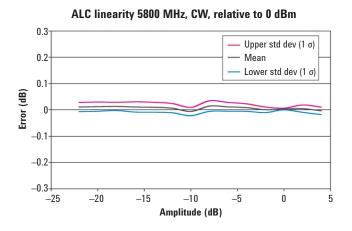








Linearity measures the accuracy of small changes while the attenuator is held in a steady state. This is useful for fine resolution changes.



User flatness correction

Number of points 3201

10000 maximum

Entry modes USB/LAN direct power meter control, LAN to GPIB and USB

to GPIB, remote bus and manual USB/GPIB power meter

control

Digital sweep modes

Operating modes Step sweep (evenly spaced amplitude steps)

List sweep (arbitrary list of amplitude steps) Can also simultaneously sweep frequency. See frequency section for more detail.

Sweep range Within instrument amplitude range

Dwell time 100 µs to 100 s

Number of points 2 to 65535 (step sweep) 1 to 3201 (list sweep)

Step change Linear

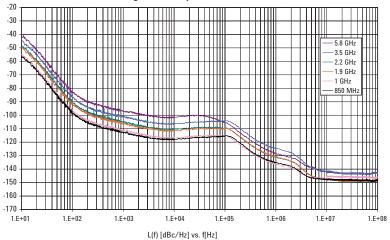
Triggering Free run, trigger key, external, timer, bus (GPIB, LAN, USB)

Spectral Purity

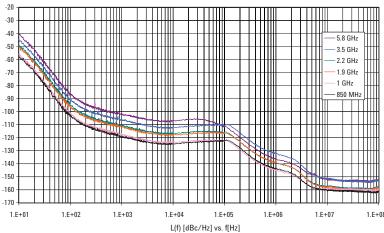
Single sideband phase noise [at 20 kHz offset]

500 MHz	\leq -126 dBc/Hz (typ)	3 GHz	\leq -110 dBc/Hz (typ)
1 GHz	\leq -121 dBc/Hz (typ)	4 GHz	\leq -109 dBc/Hz (typ)
2 GHz	$\leq -115 \text{ dBc/Hz (tvp)}$	6 GHz	$\leq -104 \text{ dBc/Hz (typ)}$

Single sideband phase noise in CW mode



Single sideband phase noise optimized signal-to-noise floor mode¹



Signal-to-noise optimized mode will improve broadband noise floor. In this mode, other specifications
may not apply. Applies to instrument serial number prefix 4818xxxx or above.

Residual FM [CW mode, 300 Hz to 3 kHz BW, CCITT, rµs] < N x 2 Hz (typ)

Harmonics ¹ [CW mode, output level]

Range	(< +4 dBm)	1EA (< +12 dBm)
250 kHz to 3 GHz	< -35 dBc	< -30 dBc
> 3 to 4 GHz	< -41 dBc (typ)	< -30 dBc (typ)
> 4 to 6 GHz	<-53 dBc (typ)	< -40 dBc (typ)

Nonharmonics ¹ [CW mode]

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\begin{array}{lll} > 10 \ kHz \ offset \\ 250 \ kHz \ to \ 250 \ MHz & < -62 \ dBc, < -70 \ dBc \ (typ) \\ > 250 \ to \ 375 \ MHz & < -68 \ dBc, < -81 \ dBc \ (typ) \\ > 375 \ to \ 750 \ MHz & < -57 \ dBc, < -73 \ dBc \ (typ) \\ > 750 \ MHz \ to \ 3 \ GHz & < -54 \ dBc, < -62 \ dBc \ (typ) \\ > 3 \ to \ 6 \ GHz & < -47 \ dBc, < -56 \ dBc \ (typ) \\ \end{array}
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Subharmonics ¹ [CW mode]

250 kHz to 3.0 GHz < -73 dBc > 3.0 to 4.5 GHz < -68 dBc > 4.5 to 5.5 GHz < -56 dBc > 5.5 to 6 GHz < -52 dBc

Jitter ²

Carrier	SONET/SDH			
Frequency	Data rate	rms jitter BW	μUI rms	Femtoseconds
155 MHz	155 MB/s	100 Hz to 1.5 MHz	84	537
622 MHz	622 MB/s	1 kHz to 5 MHz	47	75
2.488 GHz	2488 MB/s	5 kHz to 20 MHz	178	72

Harmonics, subharmonics, and non-harmonics apply to instruments with serial numbers greater than 4818xxxx and are typical outside the frequency range of the instrument. Refer to the Archive Section at end of this document for specifications for units with lower serial numbers.

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

Analog Modulation

Frequency modulation ¹

(Option UNT)

Max deviation N x 10 MHz (nom)

Resolution 0.1% of deviation or 1 Hz, which ever is greater (nom)

Deviation accuracy [1 kHz rate, deviation

is N x 50 kHz] $< \pm 2\% + 20 \text{ Hz}$

Modulation frequency response [at 100 kHz deviation]

		i dB bandwidth	3 dB bandwidth
	DC coupled	DC to 3 MHz (nom)	DC to 7 MHz (nom)
	AC coupled	5 Hz to 3 MHz (nom)	5 Hz to 7 MHz (nom)
Са	rrier frequency accuracy	$<\pm0.2\%$ of set deviation	
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 $+ (N \times 1 Hz)^{2}$ relative to CW in DCFM

> $< \pm 0.06\%$ of set deviation $+ (N \times 1 \text{ Hz}) (typ)^3$

deviation (nom)

Distortion [1 kHz rate, deviation is N x 50 kHz] < 0.4%

+1V peak for indicated Sensitivity when using external input deviation (nom)

Phase modulation ¹

(Option UNT)

Modulation deviation and frequency response:

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	Max dev	3 dB bandwidth
Normal BW	N x 5 radians (nom)	DC to 1 MHz (nom)
High BW mode	N x 10 radians (nom)	DC to 4 MHz (nom)
Resolution	0.1% of deviation (nom)	
Deviation accuracy [1 kHz	rate, normal BW mode]	< +0.5% + 0.01 rad (typ)
Distortion [1 kHz rate, dev	iation	
normal BW mode]		< 0.2% (typ)
Sensitivity when using ext	ernal input	+1V peak for indicated

Amplitude modulation ⁴

(Option UNT)

AM depth type Linear or exponential

Depth

100% Maximum

Resolution 0.1% of depth (nom) Depth accuracy [1 kHz rate] $< \pm 4\%$ of setting +1% (typ)

Modulation rate [3 dB BW]

DC coupled 0 to 10 kHz (typ) AC coupled 5 Hz to 10 kHz (typ)

Distortion [1 kHz rate] < 2% (typ)

Sensitivity when using external input +1V peak for indicated depth (nom)

N is a factor used to define certain specifications in the document. Refer to page 4 for N values.

Specification valid for temperature changes of less than \pm 5 °C since last DCFM calibration.

Typical performance immediately after a DCFM calibration.

AM is specified at carrier frequencies from 500 kHz to 3 GHz, power levels $\leq \pm 4$ dBm, and with ALC on and envelope peaks within ALC operating range (-20 dBm to maximum specified power, excluding step-attenuator setting).

Internal analog modulation source

(Single sine wave generator for use with AM, FM, phase modulation. Requires Option UNT)

Waveform Sine

Rate range 0.1 Hz to 2 MHz (tuneable to 3 MHz)

0.1 Hz Resolution

Frequency accuracy Same as RF reference source (nom)

Pulse modulation

(Option UNU) 1

On/Off ratio > 80 dB (typ) Rise time < 50 ns (typ) Fall time < 50 ns (typ)

Minimum width

ALC on $\geq 2 \mu s$ ALC off ≥ 500 ns Resolution 20 ns (nom)

Pulse repetition frequency

ALC on DC to 500 kHz ALC off DC to 2 MHz Level accuracy < 1 dB (typ)

(relative to CW, ALC on or off)

 $< 350 \text{ mV (typ)}^2$ Video feedthrough Pulse overshoot < 15% (typ) Pulse compression 5 ns (typ)

Pulse delay

RF delay (video to RF output) 10 ns (nom) Video delay (ext input to video) 30 ns (nom)

External input

Input impedance 50 ohm (nom)

Level +1 Vpeak = ON (nom)

Internal pulse generator

Modes Free-run, square, triggered, adjustable doublet,

trigger doublet, gated, and external pulse

Square wave rate 0.1 Hz to 10 MHz, 0.1 Hz resolution (nom)

Pulse period 500 ns to 42 seconds (nom)

Pulse width 500 ns to pulse period - 10 ns (nom)

Resolution 10 ns (nom)

Adjustable trigger delay: -pulse period + 10 ns to pulse period

to pulse width -10 ns

Settable delay

-3.99 to 3.97 µs Free run Triggered 0 to 40 s

Resolution

[delay, width, period] 10 ns (nom)

Pulse doublets

1st pulse delay

(relative to sync out) 0 to 42 s - pulse width - 10 ns 1st pulse width 500 ns to 42 s - delay - 10 ns

2nd pulse delay

(relative to pulse 1) 0 to 42 s - (delay1 + width2) - 10 ns20 ns to 42 s - (delay1 + delay2) - 10 ns 2nd pulse width

Pulse specifications apply to frequencies > 500 MHz. Operable down to 10 MHz.

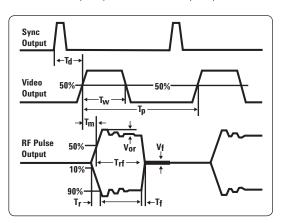
Specification applies for power levels < 10 dBm.

Narrow pulse modulation

(Option UNW) 1

	500 MHz to 3.0 GHz	Above 3.0 GHz
On/Off ratio	> 80 dB (typ)	> 80 dB (typ)
Rise/Fall times (Tr, Tf)	< 10 ns; 7 ns (typ)	< 10 ns; 7 ns (typ)
Minimum pulse width		
Internally leveled	≥ 2 µs	≥ 2 µs
ALC off ²	≥ 20 ns	≥ 20 ns
Repetition frequency		
Internally leveled	10 Hz to 500 kHz	10 Hz to 500 kHz
ALC off ²	dc to 5 MHz	dc to 10 MHz
Level accuracy (relative to CW)		
Internally leveled	< ±1.0 dB	$< \pm 1.0 \text{ dB}$
ALC off ²	$< \pm 1.0$ dB (typ)	$< \pm 1.0$ dB (typ)
Width compression	< 5 ns (typ)	< 5 ns (typ)
(RF width relative to video out)		
Video feed-through ³	< 50 mv (typ)	< 5 mv (typ)
Video delay (ext input to video)	20 ns (nom)	20 ns (nom)
RF delay (video to RF output)	10 ns (nom)	10 ns (nom)
Pulse overshoot	< 15% (typ)	< 15% (typ)
Input level	+1 Vpeak = RF On	+1 Vpeak = RF On
Input impedance	50 Ω (nom)	50 Ω (nom)

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



External modulation inputs

(Requires Option UNT)

Modulation types FM, AM, phase mod, pulse mod

Input impedance 50 Ω (nom)

Simultaneous modulation ⁴

All modulation types (FM, AM, φ M and pulse modulation) may be simultaneously enabled except: FM and phase modulation can not be combined; two modulation types can not be simultaneously generated using the same modulation source. For example, AM and FM can run concurrently and will modulate the output RF. This is useful for simulating signal impairments.

^{1.} Pulse specifications apply to frequencies > 500 MHz. Operable down to 10 MHz.

^{2.} With power search on.

^{3.} Video feed through applies to power levels < +10 dBm.

^{4.} If AM or pulse modulation are on then phase and FM specifications do not apply.

General Characteristics

Remote programming

Interfaces GPIB IEEE-488.2, 1987 with listen and talk

LAN 100BaseT LAN interface,

LXI class C compliant

USB Version 2.0

Control languages SCPI Version 1997.0

Compatibility languages supporting 100% of commonly used commands ¹

Agilent Technologies E4438C, E4428C, E442xB, E443xB, E8241A,

E8244A, E8251A, E8254A, E8247C, E8257C/D, E8267C/D, 8648 series, 8656B, E8663B, 8657A/B

Aeroflex Incorporated 3410 series

Rohde & Schwarz SMU200A, SMJ100A, SMATE200A, SMIQ,

SML, SMV

0 to 55 °C

Power requirements 100 to 120 VAC, 50 to 60 Hz, 400 Hz

220 to 240 VAC, 50 to 60 Hz, 400 Hz

250 W maximum

Operating temperature range Storage temperature range Operating and storage altitude

-40 to 70 °C up to 15,000 feet

Operating and storage altitude up to 15,000 feet **Environmental stress** Samples of this product have been type 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.

Safety/EMC Complies with applicable Safety and EMC

regulations and directives.

Memory Memory is shared by instrument states, sweep

list files, and other files. There are 4 GB of flash memory available in the N5181A MXG. Depending on how the memory is utilized, a maximum of 1000 instrument states can be saved.

Security (Option 006) Memory sanitizing, memory sanitizing on power

on, and display blanking

Self test Internal diagnostic routines test most modules in

a preset condition. For each module, if its node voltages are within acceptable limits, the

module "passes" the test.

Weight ≤ 12.5 kg (27.5 lb.) net, ≤ 27.2 kg (60 lb.) shipping

103 mm H x 426 mm W x 432 mm L

[3.5 in H x 16.8 in W x 17 in L]

Recommended

Dimensions

calibration cycle 24 months

ISO compliant The Agilent N5181A MXG is manufactured in an

ISO-9001 registered facility in concurrence with Agilent Technologies' commitment to quality.

^{1.} Firmware version A.01.10 and later.

Front panel connectors ¹

RF output ² USB 2.0

Outputs the RF signal via a precision N type female connector. Used with a memory stick for transferring instrument states, licenses and other files into or out of the instrument. Also used with U2000 Series USB average power sensors. For a current list of supported memory sticks, visit www.agilent.com/find/MXG, click on Technical Support, and refer to FAQs: Waveform Downloads and Storage.

Rear panel connectors ¹

RF output

(Option 1EM or N5161A) Sweep out Generates output voltage, 0 to +10 V when the signal generator is sweeping. This output can also be programmed to indicate when the source is settled or output pulse video and is TTL and CMOS compatible in this mode. Output impedance < 1 Ω , can drive 2 k Ω . Damage levels

Outputs the RF signal via a precision N type female connector.

are ±15 V.

AM External AM input. Nominal input impedance is 50 Ω .

Damage levels are ± 5 V.

FM External FM input. Nominal input impedance is 50 Ω .

Damage levels are ± 5 V.

Pulse External pulse modulation input. This input is TTL and

CMOS compatible. Low logic levels are 0 V and high logic levels are +1 V. Nominal input impedance is 50 Ω . Input

damage levels are $\leq -0.3 \text{ V}$ and $\geq +5.3 \text{ V}$.

Trigger in Accepts TTL and CMOS level signals for triggering

point-to-point in sweep mode. Damage levels are $\leq -0.3 \text{ V}$

and \geq +5.3 V.

Trigger out Outputs a TTL and CMOS compatible level signal for use

with sweep mode. The signal is high at start of dwell, or when waiting for point trigger in manual sweep mode; low when dwell is over or point trigger is received. This output can also be programmed to indicate when the source is settled, pulse synchronization, or pulse video. Nominal output impedance 50 ohms. Input damage levels are

 \leq -0.3 V and \geq +5.3 V.

Reference input Accepts a 10 MHz reference signal used to frequency lock

the internal timebase. Option 1ER adds the capability to lock to a frequency from 1 MHz to 50 MHz. Nominal input level -3.5 to +20 dBm, impedance 50 Ω , sine or square

waveform.

10 MHz out Outputs the 10 MHz reference signal used by internal

timebase. Level nominally +3.9 dBm. Nominal output impedance 50 Ω . Input damage level is +16 dBm. The USB connector provides remote programming

USB 2.0 The USB connector provides remote programming

functions via SCPI.

^{1.} All connectors are BNC unless otherwise noted.

All N5161A MXG ATE connectors located on rear panel.

LAN (100 BaseT)

The LAN connector provides the same SCPI remote programming functionality as the GPIB connector. The LAN connector is also used to access the internal web server and FTP server. The LAN supports DHCP, sockets SCPI, VXI-11 SCPI, connection monitoring, dynamic hostname services, TCP keep alive. This interface is LXI class C and B compliant. Trigger response time for the immediate LAN trigger is 0.5 ms (minimum), 4 ms (maximum), 2 ms typical; delayed/alarm trigger is unknown. Trigger output response time is 0.5 ms (minimum), 4 ms (maximum), 2 ms typical.

GPIB

The GPIB connector provides remote programming functionality via SCPI.

Ordering Information

Frequency	501	Frequency range from 100 kHz to 1 GHz
	503	Frequency range from 100 kHz to 3 GHz

506 Frequency range from 100 kHz to 6 GHz

Performance enhancements

UNZ Fast switching 1EA High output power

1EQ Low power (< -110 dBm)

UNU Pulse modulation

UNW Narrow pulse modulation
UNT AM, FM, phase modulation

006 Instrument security

1ER Flexible reference input (1 to 50 MHz) 1EM Move RF output to rear panel ¹

UK6 Commercial calibration certificate with test data

099 Expanded license key upgradeability ²

Accessories

1CM Rackmount kit
1CN Front handle kit

1CP Rackmount and front handle kit

1CR Rack slide kit AXT Transit case

800 Customer service kit front panel connector

configuration

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configuration

[.] Not available on N5161A MXG ATE.

For more information on upgrades and Option 099 refer to Agilent MXG Signal Generator Configuration Guide, literature number 5989-5485EN.

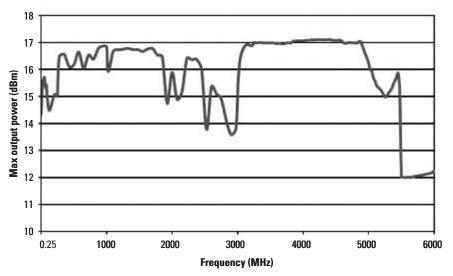
Archive Section

Frequency

Minimum frequency 100 kHz ¹

Output power	Range ²	Standard	Option 1EQ ³
(for serial number	100 kHz to 250 kHz	-110 to +4 dBm	-127 to +4 dBm
prefix 4742xxxx)	> 250 kHz to 2.5 GHz	-110 to +13 dBm	-127 to +13 dBm
	> 2.5 to 3.0 GHz	-110 to +10 dBm	-127 to +10 dBm
	> 3.0 to 4.5 GHz	-110 to +13 dBm	-127 to +13 dBm
	> 4.5 to 5.8 GHz	-110 to +10 dBm	-127 to +10 dBm
	> 5.8 to 6 GHz	-110 to +7 dBm	-127 to +7 dBm

Measured maximum available output power



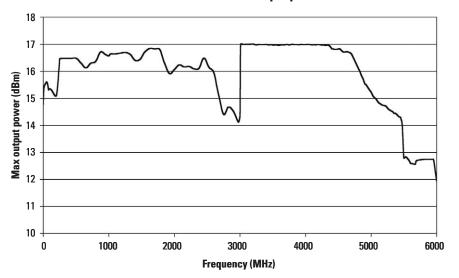
Output power	Range ²	Standard	Option 1EQ ³
(for serial number	250 kHz to 2.5 GHz	-110 to +13 dBm	-127 to +13 dBm
prefixes lower than	> 2.5 to 3.0 GHz	-110 to +10 dBm	-127 to +10 dBm
4742xxxx)	> 3.0 to 4.5 GHz	-110 to +13 dBm	-127 to +13 dBm
	> 4.5 to 5.8 GHz	-110 to +10 dBm	-127 to +10 dBm
	> 5.8 to 6 GHz	-110 to +7 dBm	-127 to +7 dBm

[.] Performance below 250 kHz is unspecified for units with serial numbers lower than 4742xxxx.

Quoted specifications between 20 and 30 °C. Maximum output power typically decreases by 0.2 dB/°C for temperatures outside of this range.

^{3.} Settable to -144 dBm with Option 1EQ, but unspecified below -127 dBm.

Maximum available output power



SWR	≤ 2.1 GHz	1.4:1 (typ)
(for serial number	> 2.1 GHz to 4 GHz	1.5:1 (typ)
prefix 4742xxxx)	> 4.0 GHz 5.6 GHz	1.7:1 (typ)
	> 5.6 GHz to 6 GHz	2 0·1 (tvn)

Maximum reverse power	Max DC voltage 250 kHz to 6 GHz	50 VDC (nom) 2 W (nom)
SWR (for serial number prefixes lower than 4742xxxx)	≤ 1.4 GHz > 1.4 GHz to 4 GHz > 4.0 GHz 5.0 GHz > 5.0 GHz to 6 GHz	1.7:1 (typ) 2.3:1 (typ) 2.4:1 (typ) 2.2:1 (typ)
Maximum reverse power	Max DC voltage 50 kHz to 6 GHz	50 VDC (nom) 2 W (nom)

Absolute level accuracy in CW mode ¹ [ALC on]

(for serial number prefix 4742xxxx)

	Standard		Option 1EQ
	+7 ² to -60 dBm	< -60 to -110 dBm	< -110 to -127 dBm
100 kHz to 250 kHz	±0.6 dB	±1.0 dB	
> 250 kHz to 1 MHz	±0.6 dB	±0.7 dB	±1.7 dB
> 1 MHz to 1 GHz	±0.6 dB	±0.7 dB	±1.0 dB
> 1 GHz to 3 GHz	±0.7 dB	±0.9 dB	±1.4 dB
> 3 GHz to 4 GHz	±0.8 dB	±0.9 dB	±1.0 dB
> 4 GHz to 6 GHz	±0.8 dB	±1.1 dB	±1.3 dB

Absolute level accuracy in CW mode ¹ [ALC on]

(for serial number prefixes lower than 4742xxxx)

	Standard		Option 1EQ
	+7 to -60 dBm	< -60 to -110 dBm	< -110 to -127 dBm
250 kHz to 1 MHz	±0.6 dB	±0.7 dB	±1.7 dB
> 1 MHz to 1 GHz	±0.6 dB	±0.7 dB	±1.0 dB
> 1 GHz to 3 GHz	±0.7 dB	±0.9 dB	±1.4 dB
> 3 GHz to 4 GHz	±0.8 dB	±0.9 dB	±1.0 dB
> 4 GHz to 6 GHz	±0.8 dB	±1.1 dB	±1.3 dB

Quoted specifications between 20 and 30 °C. For temperatures outside of this range, absolute level accuracy degrades by 0.01 dB/ °C for frequencies ≤ 4.5 GHz and 0.02 dB/ °C for frequencies > 4.5 GHz.

^{2.} Level accuracy specified to +7 dBm or maximum specified output power, whichever is lower.

Spectral Purity

(for serial numbers lower than 4818xxxx)

Harmonics ¹ [CW mode, output level < 4 dBm]

250 kHz to 3 GHz $$<$-30~\mbox{dBc}$$ > 3 GHz to 6 GHz $$<$-44~\mbox{dBc}$$ (typ)

Nonharmonics ¹ [CW mode], > 10 kHz offset

Subharmonics ¹ [CW mode]

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