

HP 8901A Modulation Analyzer

150 kHz to 1300 MHz

Technical Specifications

Outstanding signal
characterization

All parameters describe performance in automatic operation or properly set manual conditions. Specifications describe the instrument's warranted performance. Supplemental characteristics (shown in italics) are intended to provide information useful in applying the instrument by giving typical, but non-warranted, performance parameters.

RF Input

Frequency Range: 150 kHz to 1300 MHz.

Operating Level:

150 kHz to 650 MHz: $12 \text{ mV}_{\text{rms}}$ (-25 dBm) to 7 V_{rms}
($1 \text{ W}_{\text{peak}}$).

650 MHz to 1300 MHz: $22 \text{ mV}_{\text{rms}}$ (-20 dBm) to 7 V_{rms}
($1 \text{ W}_{\text{peak}}$).

Supplemental Characteristics

*Tuning: Automatic, track (frequencies >10 MHz),
manual frequency entry.*

*Acquisition Time (automatic operation): ~1.5
second.*

Input Impedance: 50 Ω nominal.

Maximum Safe Input Level:

AC: $35 \text{ V}_{\text{rms}}$ (25 W for source SWR <4)

DC: 40 V

Frequency Modulation

Rates:

150 kHz to 10 MHz: 20 Hz to 10 kHz.

10 MHz to 1300 MHz: 20 Hz to 200 kHz¹.

Deviations:

150 kHz to 10 MHz: 40 kHz peak maximum.

10 MHz to 1300 MHz: 400 kHz peak maximum¹.

Accuracy:²

250 kHz to 10 MHz: $\pm 2\%$ of reading ± 1 digit, 20 Hz
to 10 kHz rates.

10 MHz to 1300 MHz: $\pm 1\%$ of reading ± 1 digit, 50 Hz
to 100 kHz rates.

$\pm 5\%$ of reading ± 1 digit, 20 Hz to 200 kHz rates.

Demodulated Output Distortion:³

400 kHz to 10 MHz: <0.1% THD, deviations <10 kHz.

10 MHz to 1300 MHz: <0.1% THD, rates and
deviations <100 kHz.

**AM Rejection (for 50% AM at 400 Hz and
1 kHz rates):**² <20 Hz peak deviation measured
in a 50 Hz to 3 kHz BW.

Residual FM (50 Hz to 3 kHz BW): <8 Hz_{rms} at
1300 MHz, decreasing linearly with frequency
to <1 Hz_{rms} for 100 MHz and below.

Supplemental Characteristics

Maximum Deviation Resolution:

1 Hz, <4 kHz deviation.

10 Hz, 4 kHz to 40 kHz deviation.

100 Hz, 40 kHz to 400 kHz deviation.

*Resolution: Is increased one digit with 750 μs
de-emphasis and pre-display on.*

*Demodulated Output Distortion: 150 to 400 kHz;
<0.3% THD, deviations <10 kHz.*

*Detectors: + peak, - peak, and average (rms sine
wave calibrated).*

*Demodulated Output Across an Open Circuit
(600 Ω output impedance):*⁴

1 mV/Hz when resolution is 1 Hz.

0.1 mV/Hz when resolution is 10 Hz.

0.01 mV/Hz when resolution is 100 Hz.

Stereo Separation (50 Hz to 15 kHz): >47 dB.

Phase Modulation

Carrier Frequency: 10 MHz to 1300 MHz.

Rates: 200 Hz to 20 kHz.

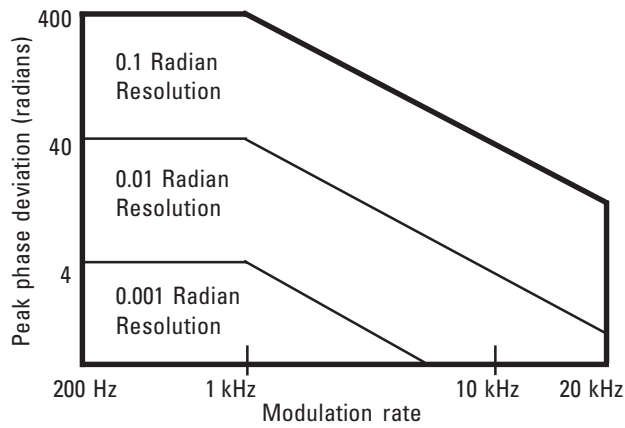
1 Maximum rate 20 kHz and peak deviation 40 kHz with 750 μs de-emphasis filter.

2 Peak residuals must be accounted for in peak readings.

3 With 750 μs de-emphasis and pre-display "off," distortion is not specified for modulation autopilots >4 V peak. This can occur near maximum deviation for a measurement range at rates <2 kHz.

4 For optimum flatness, cables should be terminated with their characteristic impedance.

Deviation and Maximum Resolution:



Accuracy: ² ±3% of reading ±1 digit.

Demodulated Output Distortion: <0.1% THD.

AM Rejection (for 50% AM at 1 kHz rates): ² <0.03 radians, peak deviation.

Supplemental Characteristics

Modulation Rates: Usable from 20 Hz to 100 kHz with degraded performance.

Detectors: + peak, -peak, average (rms sine wave calibrated).

*Demodulated Output across an Open Circuit (600 Ω output impedance):*⁴

1 V/rad when resolution is 0.001 radian.

0.1 V/rad when resolution is 0.01 radian.

0.01 V/rad when resolution is 0.1 radian.

Amplitude Modulation

Rates:

150 kHz to 10 MHz: 20 Hz to 10 kHz.

10 MHz to 1300 MHz: 20 Hz to 100 kHz.

Depth: to 99%.

Accuracy: ^{2, 5}

150 kHz to 10 MHz: ±2% of reading ±1 digit, 50 Hz to 10 kHz rates, >5% depth. ±3% of reading ±1 digit, 20 Hz to 10 kHz rates.

10 MHz to 1300 MHz: ±1% of reading ±1 digit, 50 Hz to 50 kHz rates, >5% depth. ±3% of reading ±1 digit, 20 Hz to 100 kHz rates.

Flatness (variation in indicated AM depth for constant depth on input signal):

10 MHz to 1300 MHz: ±0.3% of reading ±1 digit, 90 Hz to 10 kHz rates, 20 to 80% depth.

Demodulated Output Distortion: <0.3% THD for ≤50% depth, <0.6% THD for ≤95% depth.

FM Rejection (at 400 Hz and 1 kHz rates, 50 Hz to 3 kHz BW): ²

250 kHz to 10 MHz: <0.2% AM for <5 kHz_{peak} deviation.

10 MHz to 1300 MHz: <0.2% AM for <50 kHz_{peak} deviation.

Residual AM (50 Hz to 3 kHz BW): <0.01%_{rms}.

Supplemental Characteristics

Maximum Depth Resolution:

0.01% for depths ≤39.99%.

0.1% for depths ≥40%.

Detectors: peak [+ peak], trough [-peak], average (rms sine wave calibrated).

*Demodulated Output Across an Open Circuit (600 Ω output impedance):*⁴

0.1 V/percent when resolution is 0.01%.

0.01 V/percent when resolution is 0.1%.

Frequency Counter

Range: 150 kHz to 1300 MHz.

Sensitivity:

150 kHz to 650 MHz: 12 mV_{rms} (-25 dBm).

650 MHz to 1300 MHz: 22 mV_{rms} (-20 dBm).

Accuracy: Reference accuracy ±3 counts of least significant digit.

Internal Reference:

Frequency: 10 MHz.

Aging Rate: <1x10⁻⁶/month.

(Optional: <1x10⁻⁹/day)⁶.

Supplemental Characteristics

Modes: Frequency, and frequency error (displays the difference between the frequency entered via the keyboard and the actual RF input frequency).

Sensitivity in Manual Tuning Mode: Approximate frequency must be entered from keyboard.

0.22 mV_{rms} (-60 dBm).

Maximum Resolution:

10 Hz for frequencies <1 GHz.

100 Hz for frequencies ≥1 GHz.

Internal Reference Accuracy: Overall accuracy is a function of time base calibration ± aging rate ± temperature effects ± line voltage effects ± short term stability.

2 Peak residuals must be accounted for in peak readings.
 4 For optimum flatness, cables should be terminated with their characteristic impedance.
 5 For peak measurements only, AM accuracy may be affected by distortion generated by the modulation analyzer. In the worst case this can decrease accuracy by 0.1% of reading for each 0.1% of distortion
 6 After 30-day warm-up

	Standard	Option 002
Aging Rate	<1 x 10 ⁻⁶ /mo.	<1 x 10 ⁻⁹ /day
Temperature Effects	<2 x 10 ⁻⁷ /°C	<2 x 10 ⁻¹⁰ /°C
Line Voltage Effects (+5%, -10% line voltage change)	<1 x 10 ⁻⁶	<6 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
Short term stability	—	<1 x 10 ⁻⁹ for 1s average

RF Level

(Peak voltage responding, rms sine wave power calibrated).

Range: 1 mW to 1 W.

Accuracy: ± 2 dB, 150 kHz to 650 MHz.
 ± 3 dB, 650 MHz to 1300 MHz.

SWR: < 1.5 in a 50Ω system.

Supplemental Characteristics

Typical Accuracy:

150 kHz to 650 MHz: ± 1.0 dB.

650 MHz to 1300 MHz: ± 1.5 dB.

Resolution:

0.1 mW for levels 0.1 to 1 W.

0.01 mW for levels 0.01 to 0.1 W.

0.001 mW for levels < 0.01 W.

Audio Filters

High Pass (3 dB cutoff frequency): 50 Hz and 300 Hz.

Low Pass (3 dB cutoff frequency except > 20 kHz filter): 3 kHz, 15 kHz, > 20 kHz.

De-emphasis Filters: 25 μ s, 50 μ s, 75 μ s, and 750 μ s.
De-emphasis filters are single pole low pass filters whose 3 dB frequencies are 6366 Hz for 25 μ s, 3183 Hz for 50 μ s, 2122 Hz for 75 μ s, and 212 Hz for 750 μ s.

Flatness:

50 Hz High Pass: $< 1\%$ at rates ≥ 200 Hz.

300 Hz High Pass: $< 1\%$ at rates ≥ 1 kHz.

3 kHz Low Pass: $< 1\%$ at rates ≤ 1 kHz.

15 kHz Low Pass: $< 1\%$ at rates ≤ 10 kHz.

> 20 kHz Low Pass: $< 1\%$ at rates ≤ 10 kHz.

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50 Hz and 300 Hz High Pass: Two pole.

3 kHz and 15 kHz Low Pass: Five pole.

> 20 kHz Low Pass: Nine pole Bessel (typically 3 dB at 100 kHz).

High and Low Pass 3 dB Frequency Accuracy: $\pm 3\%$.

De-emphasis Filter Time Constant Accuracy: $\pm 3\%$.

Overshoot on Square Wave Modulation (> 20 kHz low pass filter⁷): $< 1\%$.

Rear Panel Inputs/Outputs

Supplemental Characteristics

FM Output: $10 k\Omega$ impedance, -9 V to 6 V into an open circuit: ~ 6 V/MHz, dc coupled, 16 kHz bandwidth (one pole).

AM Output: $10 k\Omega$ impedance, -4 V to 0 V into an open circuit, ~ 8 mV/%, dc coupled, 16 kHz bandwidth (one pole).

Recorder Output: DC voltage proportional to peak voltage of the modulation output, $1 k\Omega$ impedance, 0 V to 4 V for each resolution range into an open circuit.

IF Output: 50Ω impedance, 150 kHz to 2.5 MHz, -27 dBm to -3 dBm.

10 MHz Reference Output: 50Ω impedance, TTL levels (0 V to > 2.2 V into an open circuit), available only with Option 002 1×10^{-9} /day internal reference, outputs internal reference only.

10 MHz Reference Input:⁸ $> 500 \Omega$ impedance, 0.5 V_{peak-to-peak} minimum input level.

LO Input (Option 003): 50Ω impedance, ~ 1.27 MHz to 1301.5 MHz, 0 dBm.

Calibrators (Option 010)

AM Calibrator Depth and Accuracy: 33.33% depth nominal, internally calibrated to an accuracy of $\pm 0.1\%$.

FM Calibration Deviation and Accuracy: 34 kHz_{peak} deviation nominal, internally calibrated to an accuracy of $\pm 0.1\%$.

Supplemental Characteristics

Carrier Frequency: 10.1 MHz.

Modulation Rate: 10 kHz.

Output Level: -25 dBm.

General

Temperature:

Operating 0° to 55° C.

Storage: -55° C to 75° C.

Remote Operation: HP-IB; all functions except the line switch are remotely controllable.

HP-IB compatibility; as defined in IEEE 488-1978 is: SH1, AH1, T5, TE0, L3, LEO, SR1, RL1, PP0, DC1, DT1, C0.

EMI: Conducted and radiated interference is within the requirements of methods CE03 and RE02 of MIL STD 461A (for inputs < 10 mW), VDE 0871 (Level B), and CISPR publication 11.

⁷ The > 20 kHz low pass filter is intended for minimum overshoot with square wave modulation.

⁸ External reference accuracy affects accuracy of all measurements.

Conducted and Radiated Susceptibility: Meets requirements of methods CS01, CS02, and RS03 (1 volt/meter) of MIL STD 461A, 1968.
Power: 100, 120, 220, or 240 V (+5, -10%); 48 to 66 Hz; 200 VA max.
Weight: Net 20 kg. (44 lb.); shipping 25 kg. (55 lb.).
Dimensions: 190 mm H x 425 mm W x 468 mm D (7.5 in. x 16.8 in. x 18.4 in.).

Options

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- Option 001:** Rear panel instead of front panel connections for input, modulation output, calibrators.
- Option 002:** 1×10^{-9} /day internal reference oscillator.
- Option 003:** Rear panel connections which allow use with an external local oscillator.
- Option 004:** Operation from 48 to 440 Hz power line.
- Option 010:** AM and FM calibrators.
- Option 907:** Front panel handle kit.
- Option 908:** Rack mounting flange kit.
- Option 909:** Front panel handle plus rack mounting flange kit.
- Option 910:** Extra manual.
- Option 915:** Service manual.

Related Literature:

Product Overview 5968-1287E
Price List 5968-1285EUS

Warranty Information

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