

# **Instrument Messages and Functional Tests**

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These messages appear at the bottom of the screen and indicate that the instrument has detected an error: within the GPIB system, within the instrument firmware, within instrument hardware, during the transfer of block data, or during calibration.

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## Status Annunciators (Front Panel)

The display annunciators show the status of some of the transmitter tester functions and indicate error conditions of the instrument. Error annunciators are shown in red text on the instrument display. Where applicable, some states will appear in green, indicating that the feature is active and performing correctly. The state will change to red if the feature fails. The following annunciators are available:

**Unlock** - This annunciator indicates that one or more of the internal phase-locked loops are unable to maintain a phase-locked state.

**Corr Off** (corrections off) - This annunciator appears when the **Corrections** softkey is set to off.

**Err** (error) - This annunciator appears when an error message is placed in the history error queue. It will persist until you use the **Clear Error Queue(s)** key to clear the history error queue.

**Ext Ref** (external reference) - The green **Ext Ref** annunciator indicates that the external reference has been selected and the instrument is locked to it. The red **Ext Ref** annunciator indicates that the external reference has been selected, but the instrument is not locked to that reference. Note that the external reference on this instrument can be set at any frequency between 1 and 30 MHz; if the entered value does not correspond to the external reference that is in use, a red **Ext Ref** annunciator will appear. Also, be aware that the value entered for the external reference frequency will persist, even after the instrument has been powered off. The user must manually enter a new value for the external reference if a different value is required, even if it corresponds with the default value. An **Ext Ref** annunciator will appear only if the external reference has been activated by the user.

**ESec** (even second clock) - The green **ESec** annunciator indicates that the external even second clock has been selected as the sync type and a sync signal is present at the even second input (rear panel **Trigger In**), and the measurement is using it as the demodulation sync type. The red **ESec** annunciator indicates that an external even second clock has been selected as the sync type but a sync signal is not present at the even second input (rear panel **Trigger In**). In this case, the error message **Even Second Clock Missing** will appear in the Status/Info bar at the bottom of the display. The even second clock detection is updated every 2 seconds.

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## Informational Messages, Not Numbered

Unnumbered messages are for operator information only. They do not appear in any error queue and do not require any action.

### Description

Acquiring Data...

Displayed when the data acquisition time is long enough to be noticeable.

AFUN not implemented

Awaiting Trigger, no AUTO Trig

Auto Trig is off and a trigger has not been detected for more than 4 seconds.

Break freq > FFT filter edge - clipping to %f kHz

Correction off

Data Acquisition FIFO\_OVERFLOW, use AUTO  
DataPacking..."

Data acquisition malfunction; need to use auto data packing to resolve.

GSM Hopping enabled, waiting for valid burst

When GSM hopping is enabled, this indicates that a valid GSM burst has not yet been found.

IF synthesizer unlocked

LAN external loopback test failed

This message will appear during boot-up if the instrument is not connected to a LAN cable. You can ignore the message if you are not using the LAN.

Please wait - Printing

Waiting for the print job to complete.

Settling Hardware...

A warning used when the hardware settling time is long enough to be noticeable.

Sync is RF ampl (not Training Seq). Bits not accurate.

## Negative Error Message Numbers: General Usage Error Messages

“Generic” SCPI error numbers report common usage errors. Many of these errors are triggered in response to problems controlling the instrument programmatically. They are not sent when the instrument is controlled from the front panel.

### –499 to –400: Query Errors

An error number in the range [–499 to –400] indicates the instrument has found a problem when trying to respond to a SCPI query. The occurrence of any error in this class will cause the error query bit (bit 2) to be set in the event status register. If a query error occurs one of the following is true:

- An attempt is being made to read data from the output queue when no output is either present or pending.
- Data in the output queue has been lost.

-440	Query UNTERMINATED after indefinite response
	Indicates that a query was received in the same program message after a query requesting an indefinite response was executed (see IEEE 488.2, 6.3.7.5).
-430	Query DEADLOCKED
	Indicates that a condition causing a DEADLOCKED query error occurred (see IEEE 488.2, 6.3.1.7) (for example, both the input buffer and the output buffer are full and the device cannot continue).
-420	Query UNTERMINATED
	Indicates that a condition causing an UNTERMINATED query error occurred (see IEEE 488.2, 6.3.2.2) (for example, the device was addressed to talk and an incomplete program message was received).
-410	Query INTERRUPTED
	Indicates that a condition causing an INTERRUPTED query error occurred (see IEEE 488.2, 6.3.2.7) (for example, a query was followed by DAB or GET before a response was completely sent).
-400	Query Error
	This is a generic query error for devices that cannot detect more specific errors. The code indicates only that a query error as defined in IEEE 488.2, 11.5.1.1.7 and 6.3 has occurred.



## **–399 to –300: Device-Specific Errors**

An error number in the range [–399 to –300] indicates that the instrument has detected an error where some device operations did not properly complete, possibly due to an abnormal hardware or firmware condition. This is not a error in response to a SCPI query or command, or command execution. These errors are also used for self-test response errors. The occurrence of any error in this class will cause the device-specific error bit (bit 3) in the event status register to be set.

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|------|----------------------------------|--|
| -362 | Framing error in program message | Indicates that a stop bit was not detected when data was received (for example, a baud rate mismatch).   |
| -361 | Parity error in program message  | Indicates that the parity bit was not correct when data was received (for example, an incorrect parity bit on a serial port).  |
| -360 | Communication error              | This is the generic communication error for devices that cannot detect more specific errors.   |
| -350 | Queue overflow                   | This is a specific code entered into the queue in lieu of the code that caused the error. This message indicates that there is no more room in the queue and an error occurred but was not recorded. |
| -340 | Calibration failed               | Indicates that the device has detected a failure during its calibration procedure.   |
| -330 | Self-test failed                 | Indicates that the device has detected a failure during its self-test procedure.   |

- 321            Out of memory
- Indicates that an internal operation needed more memory than was available.
- If this occurs during a memory catalog display, it means the system did not have enough free RAM to prepare the catalog.
- 320            Storage fault
- Indicates that the firmware detected a fault when using data storage. This error is not an indication of physical damage or failure of any mass storage element.
- 315            Configuration memory lost
- Indicates that non-volatile configuration data saved by the device has been lost. The meaning of this error is device-dependent.
- 314            Save/recall memory loss
- Indicates that the non-volatile data saved by the \*SAV? command has been lost.
- 313            Calibration memory lost
- Indicates that non-volatile calibration data has been lost.
- 312            PUD memory lost
- Indicates that the protected user data saved by the \*PUD command has been lost.
- 311            Memory error
- Indicates that an error was detected in the device's memory.
- 310            System error
- Indicates that an error, termed "system error" by the device, has occurred.
- 300            Device-specific error
- This is a generic device-dependent error for devices that cannot detect more specific errors. The code indicates only that a device-dependent error as defined in IEEE 488.2, 11.5.1.1.6 has occurred.

### **–299 to –200: Execution Errors**

An error number in the range [–299 to –200] indicates that an error has been detected during instrument execution. The occurrence of any error in this class will cause the execution error bit (bit 4) in the event status

register to be set. If this bit is set, one of the following events has occurred:

- A <program data> element following a header was evaluated by the device as outside of its legal input range or as otherwise inconsistent with the device capabilities.
- A valid program command could not be properly executed due to some device condition.

Execution errors will be reported by the device after rounding and expression evaluation operations have been completed. Rounding a numeric data element, for example, will not be reported as an execution error.

-294	Incompatible type	Indicates that the type or structure of a memory item is inadequate.
-293	Referenced name already exists	A downloaded program attempted to define an element (a variable, constant, filename, etc.) that had already been defined.
-292	Referenced name does not exist	A downloaded program attempted to access an undefined element (a variable, constant, filename, etc.)
-291	Out of memory	A downloaded program required more memory than was available in the instrument.
-286	Program runtime error	Indicates that a runtime error was detected in a downloaded program.
-285	Program syntax error	Indicates that a syntax error appears within a downloaded program. The syntax used when parsing a downloaded program is device-specific.
-284	Program currently running	Indicates that certain operation related to programs may be illegal while the program is running (for example, deleting a running program may be illegal).
-283	Illegal variable name	Indicates that an attempt was made to reference a nonexistent variable.
-282	Illegal program name	

- Indicates that the name used to reference a program was invalid (for example, redefining an existing program, deleting a nonexistent program, or in general, referencing a nonexistent program).
- 281      Cannot create program
- Indicates that an attempt to create a program was unsuccessful. This may be due to insufficient memory.
- 280      Program error
- Indicates that a downloaded program-related execution error occurred. This error message is used when the device cannot detect more specific errors. The syntax used in a program and the mechanism for downloading a program is device-specific.
- 278      Macro header not found
- Indicates that a syntactically legal macro label in the \*GMC? query could not be executed because the header was not previously defined.
- 277      Macro redefinition not allowed
- Indicates that the macro label defined in the \*DMC command could not be executed because the macro label was already defined (see IEEE 488.2, 10.7.6.4).
- 276      Macro recursion error
- Indicates that a syntactically legal macro program data sequence could not be executed because the device found it to be recursive (see IEEE 488.2, 10.7.6.4).
- 275      Macro definition too long
- Indicates that a syntactically legal macro program data sequence could not be executed because the string or block contents were too long for the device to handle (see IEEE 488.2, 10.7.6.1).

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- 274 Macro parameter error  
Indicates that the macro definition improperly used a macro parameter place holder (see IEEE 488.2, 10.7.3).
- 273 Illegal macro label  
Indicates that the macro label defined in the \*DMC command was a legal string syntax, but could not be accepted by the device (see IEEE 488.2, 10.7.3 and 10.7.6.2) (for example, the label was too long, the same as a common command header, or contained invalid header syntax).
- 272 Macro execution error  
Indicates that a syntactically legal macro program data sequence could not be executed due to an error within the macro definition (see IEEE 488.2, 10.7.6.3).
- 261 Math error in expression  
Indicates that a syntactically legal expression program data element could not be executed due to a math error (for example, a divide-by-zero was attempted). The definition of a math error is device-specific.
- 260 Expression error  
Indicates that an expression data element related error occurred. This error message is used when the device cannot detect more specific errors.
- 258 Media protected  
Indicates that the device or user has attempted to write to a read-only memory subsystem (msus). The definition of a protected media is device-specific.
- 257 File name error  
Indicates that a legal program command or query could not be executed because a file name on the device media was in error (for example, an attempt was made to copy to a duplicate filename). The definition of what constitutes a file name error is device-specific.
- 256 File name not found  
Indicates that a legal program command or query could not be executed because the file name on the device media could not be found (for example, an attempt was made to read or copy a nonexistent file). The definition of what constitutes a file not being found is device-specific.
- 255 Directory full

		Indicates that a legal program command or query could not be executed because the media directory was full. The definition of what constitutes a full media directory is device-specific.
-254	Media full	
		Indicates that a legal program command or query could not be executed because the media was full (for example, there was no space left on the disk). The definition of what constitutes full media is device-specific.
-253	Corrupt media	
		Indicates that a legal program command or query could not be executed because of corrupt media, for instance a bad disk or incorrect disk format. The definition of what constitutes corrupt media is device-specific.
-252	Missing media	
		Indicates that a legal program command or query could not be executed because of missing media, for instance no disk in the disk drive. The definition of what constitutes missing media is device-specific.
		If this occurs during a memory catalog display, it means the default memory system could not be located. The instrument is likely not functioning properly. Report this error to the nearest Agilent Technologies Sales and Service office. Refer to the Sales and Service Office table in the user's guide for your instrument.
-250	Mass storage error	
		Indicates that a mass storage error has occurred. This message is used when a device cannot detect more specific errors.
-241	Hardware missing	
		Indicates that a legal program command or query could not be executed because of missing device hardware (for example, an option was not installed).
-240	Hardware error	
		Indicates that a legal program command or query could not be executed because of a hardware problem in the device. The definition of what constitutes a hardware problem is completely device-specific. This error is used when the device cannot detect more specific errors.
-233	Invalid version	
		Indicates that a legal program data element was parsed

but could not be executed because the version of the data is incorrect to the device. This particular error is used when file or block data elements are recognized by the instrument, but cannot be executed for reasons of version incompatibility (for example, a non-supported file version or a non-supported instrument version).

- 232 Invalid format
- Indicates that a legal program data element was parsed but could not be executed because the data format or structure is inappropriate (for example, when loading memory tables or when sending a `SYSTEM:SET` parameter for an unknown instrument).
- 231 Data questionable
- Indicates that the measurement accuracy is questionable.
- 230 Data corrupt or stale
- Possibly invalid data. A new reading was started but not completed since last access.
- 226 Lists not same length
- Attempted to use LIST structure having individual LISTS of unequal length.
- 225 Out of memory
- The device has insufficient memory to perform the requested operation.
- 224 Illegal parameter value
- Used where exact value, from a list of possibilities, was expected.
- 223 Too much data
- Indicates that a legal program data element of block, expression or string type was received that contained more data than the device could handle due to memory or related device-specific requirements.
- 222 Data out of range
- Indicates that a legal program data element was parsed but could not be executed because the interpreted value was outside the legal range defined by the device (see IEEE 488.2 11.5.1.1.5).
- 221 Settings conflict
- Indicates that a legal program data element was parsed but could not be executed due to the current device

- state (see IEEE 488.2 11.5.1.1.5).
- 220 Parameter error
- Indicates that a program data element related error has occurred. This particular error message is used if the device cannot detect more specific errors.
- 215 Arm deadlock
- Indicates that the arm source for the initiation of a measurement is set to GET and a subsequent measurement query is received. The measurement cannot begin until a GET is received, but the GET would cause an INTERRUPTED error.
- 214 Trigger deadlock
- Indicates that a trigger source for the initiation of a measurement is set to GET and a subsequent measurement query is received. The measurement cannot begin until a GET is received, but the GET would cause an INTERRUPTED error.
- 213 Init ignored
- Indicates that a request for a measurement initiation was ignored as another measurement was already in progress.
- 212 Arm ignored
- Indicates that an arming signal was received and recognized by the device, but was ignored.
- 211 Trigger ignored
- Indicates that a GET, \*TRG, or triggering signal was received and recognized by the device, but was ignored because of device timing considerations (for example, the device was not ready to respond).
- 210 Trigger error
- Indicates that a GET, \*TRG, or a triggering signal could not be executed due to an error.
- 202 Settings lost due to rtl
- Indicates that a setting associated with a hard local control (see IEEE 488.2, 5.6.15) was lost when the device changed to LOCS from REMS or to LWLS from RWLS.
- 201 Invalid while in local
- Indicates that a command is not executable while the device is in local mode due to a hard local control (see



IEEE 488.2, 5.6.1.5) (for example, a device with a rotary switch receives a message which would change the switch's state, but the device is in local, so the message cannot be executed).

- 200            Execution Error
- This is a generic syntax error for devices that cannot detect more specific errors. The code indicates only that an execution error as defined in IEEE 488.2, 11.5.1.1.5 has occurred.

### **–199 to –100: Command Errors**

An error number in the range [–199 to –100] indicates that an IEEE 488.2 syntax error has been detected by the instrument's parser. The occurrence of any error in this class will cause the command error bit (bit 5) in the event status register to be set. If this bit is set, one of the following events has occurred:

- An IEEE 488.2 syntax error has been detected by the parser. That is, a control-to-device message was received which is in violation of the IEEE 488.2 standard. Possible violations include a data element which violates device listening formats or whose type is unacceptable to the device.
- An unrecognized header was received. Unrecognized headers include incorrect device-specific headers and incorrect or unimplemented IEEE 488.2 common commands.

- 184            Macro parameter error
- Indicates that a command inside the macro definition had the wrong number or type of parameters.
- 183            Invalid inside macro definition
- Indicates that the program message unit sequence, sent with a \*DDT or a \*DMC command, is syntactically invalid (see IEEE 488.2, 10.7.6.3).
- 181            Invalid outside macro definition
- Indicates that a macro parameter place holder (\$<number>) was encountered outside of a macro definition.
- 180            Macro error
- This error is generated when using a macro or executing a macro. This error message is used if the device cannot detect a more specific error.
- 178            Expression data not allowed
- A legal expression data was encountered, but was not allowed by the device at this point in parsing.

- 171 Invalid expression
- The expression data element was invalid (see IEEE 488.2, 7.7.7.2) (for example, unmatched parentheses or an illegal character).
- This error also occurs if a command is executed that is not valid for the current selected instrument mode. Use INSTRUMENT:SElect to change the mode.
- 170 Expression data error
- This error is generated when parsing an expression data element. This particular error message is used if the device cannot detect a more specific error.
- 168 Block data not allowed
- A legal block data element was encountered, but not allowed by the device at this point in the parsing.
- 161 Invalid block data
- A block data element was expected, but was invalid (see IEEE 488.2, 7.7.6.2) (for example, an END message was received before the end length was satisfied).
- 160 Block data error
- This error is generated when parsing a block data element. This particular error message is used if the device cannot detect a more specific error.
- 158 String data not allowed
- A string data element was encountered, but not allowed by the device at this point in the parsing.
- 151 Invalid string data
- A string data element was expected, but was invalid (see IEEE 488.2, 7.7.5.2) (for example, an END message was received before the terminal quote character).
- 150 String data error
- This error is generated when parsing a string data element. This particular error message is used if the device cannot detect a more specific error.
- 148 Character data not allowed
- A legal character data element was encountered where prohibited by the device.
- 144 Character data too long
- The character data element contains more than twelve characters (see IEEE 488.2, 7.7.1.4).

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- 141 Invalid character data  
Either the character data element contains an invalid character or the particular element received is not valid for the header.
- 140 Character data error  
This error is generated when parsing a character data element. This particular error message is used if the device cannot detect a more specific error.
- 138 Suffix not allowed  
A suffix was encountered after a numeric element which does not allow suffixes.
- 134 Suffix too long  
The suffix contained more than twelve characters (see IEEE 488.2, 7.7.3.4).
- 131 Invalid suffix  
The suffix does not follow the syntax described in IEEE 488.2, 7.7.3.2, or the suffix is inappropriate for this device.
- 130 Suffix error  
This error is generated when parsing a suffix. This particular error message is used if the device cannot detect a more specific error.
- 128 Numeric data not allowed  
A legal numeric data element was received, but the device does not accept one in this position for the header.
- 124 Too many digits  
The mantissa of a decimal-numeric data element contained more than 255 digits excluding leading zeros (see IEEE 488.2, 7.7.2.4.1).
- 123 Exponent too large  
The magnitude of an exponent was greater than 32000 (see IEEE 488.2, 7.7.2.4.1).
- 121 Invalid character in number  
An invalid character for the data type being parsed was encountered (for example, an alpha in a decimal numeric or a “9” in octal data).
- 120 Numeric data error  
This error is generated when parsing a data element

- which appears to be numeric, including non-decimal numeric types. This particular error message is used if the device cannot detect a more specific error.
- 114 Header suffix out of range
- The value of a header suffix attached to a program mnemonic makes the header invalid.
- 113 Undefined header
- The header is syntactically correct, but it is undefined for this specific device (for example, \*XYZ is not defined for any device).
- The command (header) may not be valid for the current instrument mode. Use INST:SElect to change the mode.
- The command may not be valid for the current (specified) measurement. (e.g. CALC:WAV:MARK:MAX is not valid because the waveform measurement does not use the marker maximum command.)
- 112 Program mnemonic too long
- The header contains more than twelve characters (see IEEE 488.2, 7.6.1.4.1).
- 111 Header separator error
- A character which is not a legal header separator was encountered while parsing the header.
- 110 Command header error
- An error was detected in the header. This message is used when the device cannot detect more specific errors.
- 109 Missing parameter
- Fewer parameters were received than required for the header (for example, the \*ESE common command requires one parameter, so receiving \*ESE is not allowed).
- 108 Parameter not allowed
- More parameters were received than expected for the header (for example, the \*ESE common command only accepts one parameter, so receiving \*ESE 0, 1 is not allowed).
- 105 GET not allowed
- A Group Execute Trigger was received within a program message (see IEEE 488.2, 7.7). Correct the

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GPIB controller program so that the GET does not occur within a line of GPIB program code.

- 104 Data type error  
The parser recognized a data element that is not allowed (for example, numeric or string data was expected, but block data was encountered).
- 103 Invalid separator  
The parser was expecting a separator and encountered an illegal character (for example, the semicolon was omitted after a program message unit).
- 102 Syntax error  
An unrecognized command or data type was encountered (for example, a string was received when the device does not accept strings).
- 101 Invalid character  
A syntactic command contains a character which is invalid for that type (for example, a header containing an ampersand, SETUP&).
- 100 Command error  
This is a generic syntax error for devices that cannot detect more specific errors. The code indicates only that a command error as defined in IEEE 488.2, 11.5.1.1.4 has occurred.

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## Positive Error Message Numbers: Instrument-Specific Error Messages

A positive error number indicates that the instrument has detected an error: within the GPIB system, within the instrument firmware, within instrument hardware, during the transfer of block data, or during calibration.

An error number in the positive range indicates that the instrument has detected an error relating to the core operation [1 to 99], or to a personality loaded into the instrument (e.g. GSM [100 to 199] or CDMA [200 to 299]).

### 1 to 99: Core Error Messages

An error number in the range [1 to 99] indicates the instrument has detected an error relating to the core functionality of the instrument.

- 1                    Synthesizer unlocked  
  
                      The A19 synthesizer assembly has lost phase lock. Suspect a problem with the A19 hardware or absence of 10 MHz from the A18 reference assembly.
- 2                    Frequency reference unlocked  
  
                      The 100 MHz VCXO on the A18 reference assembly is no longer phase locked. Possible causes are; a faulty internal OCXO, the external reference bad or missing, or faulty phase lock circuitry on the A18 reference assembly.
- 3                    Third LO unlocked  
  
                      The third LO on the A12 analog IF assembly has lost phase lock. Possible causes are; a faulty A12 analog IF assembly, or a missing 10 MHz from the A18 reference assembly.
- 4                    Cal oscillator unlocked  
  
                      The 42.8 MHz calibrator oscillator on the A12 analog IF assembly is unlocked.

**Positive Error Message Numbers: Instrument-Specific Error Messages**

- 5 Analog IF sample rate osc unlocked  
The 30 MHz sample rate oscillator on the A12 analog IF assembly is unlocked.
- 6 Even second clock failing  
The even second clock is unlocked.
- 7 No application file
- 8 Catalog incomplete
- 9 Application not licensed  
License key “word” is not entered into instrument memory.
- 10 Application not installed  
Measurement application could not be found.
- 11 Invalid application file  
Caused by an invalid personality file.
- 12 Application load failed  
Measurement application could not load.
- 13 Invalid trace number  
Caused by an invalid trace number. Some measurements only have 1 or 2 valid traces, rather than the indicated 4.
- 14 Trace data not ready  
This may be caused by sending a command that asks for trace data from a measurement that has not finished calculating, or from a measurement that is not currently active (running).
- 15 Measurement data not available  
This may be caused by sending a command that asks for data from a measurement that is not currently active (running).

- 16            Input Overload Decrease max total power in input.  
Excessive input power has been detected which will cause the ADC to clip the signal. Reduce the signal level, change the attenuator/max total power setting (under **Input** menu), or press **Restart** if the **RF Input Range** is **Auto**.
- 17            Data Acquisition forcing SHORT packing  
The data acquisition rate is too high to use longer word packing.
- 18            Command not implemented  
The requested command is not implemented.
- 19            Function not implemented  
The requested function is not implemented.
- 20            Signal exceeds maximum allowable power - Reduce input power  
Excessive input power has been detected which will cause the ADC to clip the signal.
- 21            Memory Allocation FAILURE
- 22            Memory limit caused Data Acquisition to be truncated  
Caused by a Memory Allocation failure. The measurement limited the acquisition time in order to complete the measurement.
- 23            Setup INVALID  
The parameters chosen create a measurement request that is impossible to complete, often due to memory limitations.
- 24            External reference missing  
The external frequency reference signal either is missing, has too low an amplitude, or does not match the frequency value previously entered into the instrument memory by the operator.
- 25            Even Second Clock missing  
The even second clock signal supplied from the base station is missing. Check the external trigger input connection where the even second clock signal is fed into the instrument.



**Positive Error Message Numbers: Instrument-Specific Error Messages**

- 26           Oven temp low  
The oven-controlled crystal oscillator is not at the desired operating temperature.
- 27           Alignment Needed  
The Auto Align routine needs to be run. At least 24 hours has passed since the last full alignment, or the temperature has changed 6° C.
- 28           Printer failure  
Check for proper printer operation.
- 29           Printer not available  
The requested printer is not available. Check for proper printer hookup.
- 30           Printer out of paper  
Put paper in the printer.
- 31           Data Acquisition TIMEOUT, repairs underway..."  
Hardware malfunction, data acquisition subsystem.
- 32           ADC Alignment Failure  
One or more built-in alignment tests have failed.
- 33           IF Alignment Failure  
One or more built-in alignment tests have failed.
- 34           RF Alignment Failure  
One or more built-in alignment tests have failed.
- 35           System Alignment Failure  
One or more built-in alignment tests have failed.
- 51           Synthesizer cal coefficients missing - using defaults (1)  
The synthesizer calibration data is missing from flash memory. This could be because new flash memory module was installed without transferring calibration data, or there was an incomplete update of the analyzer firmware. You can restore the calibration data from the Recovery Diskette from doing the firmware upgrade process. Otherwise, you should send the analyzer to a service center for calibration.

**100 to 199: GSM and EDGE Error Messages**

An error number in this range indicates the instrument has detected an error relating to the GSM personality.

100	<p>Not enough data to fit into GSM mask</p> <p>An attempt to position a GSM trace into the mask, when not enough data was present. Try using the <b>Restart</b> key to clear the problem. This can be caused by a bad GSM burst, or the RF Sync Delay set too far.</p>
101	<p>GSM burst out of limits</p> <p>The GSM signal did not fit into the mask in the Power vs. Time measurement.</p>
102	<p>Insufficient pre-Trig for demod - decrease Trig Delay</p>
103	<p>Incorrect RBW for demod - change RBW</p>
104	<p>Invalid GSM burst timing</p> <p>A GSM-like burst was acquired, but its timing is not valid. Ensure the correct <b>Burst Type</b> has been selected.</p>
105	<p>Valid GSM burst not found</p> <p>In a GSM measurement, data was acquired but a GSM burst was not found, with the timeslot mode disabled.</p>
106	<p>Cannot synchronize frame trigger</p> <p>Cannot synchronize the frame trigger to the even second clock.</p>
107	<p>Dynamic range not optimum</p>
108	<p>Cannot synchronize to RF amplitude (burst error)</p>
109	<p>GSM RF sync delay is out of range</p> <p>Change RF Sync Delay.</p>
110	<p>Sync word not found</p> <p>In a GSM measurement using demodulation, the training sequence code (sync word) could not be found.</p>
111	<p>Signal too noisy</p> <p>In a GSM measurement, indicates that a burst could not be found in a signal that appears noisy.</p>
112	<p>Incorrect trigger holdoff</p>
113	<p>SCPI marker query not available in GSM Rise&amp;Fall</p>
114	<p>GSM Pwr Meas requires trig delay &lt; -50us. Delay set to -50us</p>
115	<p>Carrier frequency outside device's transmit band</p>

## Positive Error Message Numbers: Instrument-Specific Error Messages

- The entered channel/carrier frequency is not within the range of your current mode setup selection of standard and device.
- 116 ADC overload -- Carrier not at expected frequency
- The carrier frequency of the signal may not match the instruments channel frequency setting.
- 117 Requested timeslot number not present
- The selected timeslot is not on. (Timeslot is referenced to the trigger point.)
- 118 Tx Band Spur measurement not defined for mobiles
- Only base station testing is available.
- 119 Carrier power too low for optimum dynamic range
- For better dynamic range, transmit band spur measurements require >10 dBm signal power at the RF input port.
- 120 Unexpected carrier frequency (BMT only)
- The transmit band spur measurement only allows bottom (B), middle (M), and top (T) channel frequencies for each supported frequency band. The carrier frequency must be set to the bottom, middle or top frequency of the current frequency band.
- 121 EVM Measurement only supports EDGE TCH burst type
- 122 Unable to demodulate signal
- 123 Input overload
- Excessive input power has been detected which will cause the ADC to clip the signal. Reduce the signal level, change the attenuator setting (under **Input** menu), or press **Restart** if the **RF Input Range** is **Auto**.
- 124 Tx Band Spur measurement does not support this frequency band
- The transmit band spur measurement does not support all of the commercially available frequency bands. You need to change your selection under **Mode Setup, Radio, Band** to one of the supported bands.
- 125 Sync not found on AM path
- The instrument failed to find the training sequence on

	the AM path.
126	Sync not found on PM path The instrument failed to find the training sequence on the PM path.
127	Sync not found on AM and PM path The instrument failed to find the training sequence on both the AM and the PM paths.
128	Inconsistent sync word The instrument detected the training sequence, but the training sequence number is inconsistent between the AM path and the PM path.

### 200 to 299: cdmaOne Error Messages

An error number in this range indicates the instrument has detected an error relating to the cdmaOne personality.

201	Signal exceeds maximum allowable power
202	Input overload Excessive input power has been detected which will cause the ADC to clip the signal. Reduce the signal level, change the attenuator/max total power setting (under <b>Input</b> menu), or press <b>Restart</b> if the <b>RF Input Range</b> is <b>Auto</b> .
203	Channel center frequency outside device's transmit band
205	No power at carrier frequency No power was detected as a CW or a modulated signal.
206	Cannot correlate to input signal A correlation failure with the pilot CDMA channel occurred during synchronous demodulation.

### 300 to 399: NADC Error Messages

An error number in this range indicates the instrument has detected an error relating to the NADC personality.

300	Sync word not found In an EVM measurement, the sync word is not found and the synchronization cannot be established when
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**Sync Word** is selected in the **Burst Sync** menu.

- 301 Valid NADC burst not found  
A valid NADC burst is not found when the **Device** is MS.
- 302 Signal too noisy  
The valid EVM measurement cannot be performed, because the input signal is too noisy.
- 303 Burst Delay out of limit for EVM (2 ms)  
In an EVM measurement, the **Burst Delay** value must be less than 2 ms.

### 400 to 499: PDC Error Messages

An error number in this range indicates the instrument has detected an error relating to the PDC personality.

- 400 Sync word not found  
In an EVM measurement, the sync word is not found and the synchronization cannot be established when **Sync Word** is selected in the **Burst Sync** menu.
- 401 Valid PDC burst not found  
A valid PDC burst is not found when the **Device** is MS.
- 402 Signal too noisy  
The valid EVM measurement cannot be performed, because the input signal is too noisy.
- 412 Burst Delay out of limit for EVM (2 ms)  
In an EVM measurement, the **Burst Delay** value must be less than 2 ms.

### 500 to 599: W-CDMA Error Messages

An error number in the range [500 to 599] indicates the instrument has detected an error relating to the W-CDMA personality.

- 501 Signal too noisy
- 502 Input power too low  
The instrument only identifies a channel as active if it meets the default threshold criteria that it is within

	20 dB of the highest power code channel. The threshold can be changed using the Active Set Threshold function in the Meas Setup menu.
503	<p>Cannot correlate to input signal</p> <p>Cannot correlate to the input signal and no active channel is found. (from the composite EVM measurement) An active channel must meet the default threshold criteria that it is within 20 dB of the highest power code channel. The threshold can be changed using the active set threshold function in the Meas Setup menu.</p>
505	<p>Cannot sync DPCCH pilot</p> <p>Cannot synchronize measurement with DPCCH pilot for Power Control measurement, because the pilot signal cannot be found. Make sure DPCCH is present in the W-CDMA uplink signal, and scramble code is set correctly.</p>
506	<p>Valid PRACH burst not found</p> <p>Cannot synchronize measurement with PRACH channel for Power Control measurement, because the signal cannot be found. Make sure PRACH is present in the W-CDMA uplink signal, and scramble code is set correctly.</p>
507	<p>Critical memory shortage occurred.</p> <p>This error message appears when a critical memory shortage occurs, and the current measurement is aborted. To continue, restart the measurement by pressing the <b>Restart</b> key, or by exiting and then re-entering the current mode or the current measurement.</p>
511	<p>Stored data length too short</p> <p>Stored acquisition data length is too short. You need to perform one or more of the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the same <b>Sync Type</b> setting that was used when the data was aquired.</li> <li>• Use the same <b>Start Sync Slot</b> setting that was used when the data was aquired.</li> <li>• Reduce the <b>Capture Interval</b> setting.</li> </ul>
512	<p>Slot format auto-detection not supported by slot power meas</p> <p>The slot format auto-detection (AUTO selected) is not supported by <b>Slot Power</b> measurement type. It is supported only by <b>Slot Phase</b> measurement type.</p>

**Positive Error Message Numbers: Instrument-Specific Error Messages**

- 513            Not enough memory. Decrease Capture Interval.  
 Not enough memory left and the measurement cannot continue. You need to reduce the **Capture Interval** setting and then restart the measurement to recover from this situation.

**600 to 699: cdma2000 Error Messages**

An error number in this range indicates the instrument has detected an error relating to the cdma2000 personality.

- 601            Signal too noisy
- 602            Input power too low
- The instrument only identifies a channel as active if it meets the default threshold criteria that it is within 20 dB of the highest power code channel. The threshold can be changed using the Active Set Threshold function in the Meas Setup menu.
- 603            Can not get long code phase (RS-232)
- For MS (mobile station) measurements, the long code phase information could not be obtained from the signal at the RS-232 port.(from code domain power measurement or composite EVM measurement)
- 604            Cannot correlate to input signal
- Cannot correlate to the input signal and no active channel is found. (from composite EVM measurement)  
 An active channel must meet the default threshold criteria that it is within 20 dB of the highest power code channel. The threshold can be changed using the active set threshold function in the Meas Setup menu.

**700 to 799: 1xEV-DO Error Messages**

An error number in this range indicates the instrument has detected an error relating to the 1xEV personality.

- 701            Signal too noisy
- 702            Input power too low
- The instrument only identifies a channel as active if it meets the default threshold criteria that it is within 20 dB of the highest power code channel. The threshold can be changed using the Active Set Threshold function in the Meas Setup menu.
- 704            Cannot correlate to input signal

	Cannot correlate to the input signal and no active channel is found. (from composite EVM measurement) An active channel must meet the default threshold criteria that it is within 20 dB of the highest power code channel. The threshold can be changed using the active set threshold function in the Meas Setup menu.
705	Valid 1xEV burst not found  In a 1xEV measurement, data was acquired but a 1xEV burst was not found, with the timeslot mode disabled.
706	Critical memory shortage occurred  This error message appears when a critical memory shortage occurs, and the current measurement is aborted. To continue, restart the measurement by pressing the <b>Preset</b> key, or by exiting and then re-entering the current mode or current measurement, or cycle the power.
707	No Active slot is found  Occurs when <b>Meas Slot Type</b> is <b>Active</b> and the Active slot is not found during the capture interval. Synchronization occurs and the pilot is found but no results are included in peak/average calculation.
708	No Idle slot is found  Occurs when <b>Meas Slot Type</b> is <b>Idol</b> and the Idol slot is not found during the capture interval. Synchronization occurs and the pilot is found but no results are included in peak/average calculation.
710	Memory shortage occurred; consider decreasing Capture Intvl  This error message appears when memory shortage, related to long capture interval, occurs. The current measurement is aborted and all the results returned are invalid values. Decrease <b>Capture Intvl</b> and restart the measurement.

## Informational Messages

These messages simply provide information; you may or may not be required to do anything.

Informational messages appear at the bottom of the screen in the status line.

Informational Turn on Multi Channel Estimator to measure



**Positive Error Message Numbers: Instrument-Specific Error Messages**

Timing and Phase.

This functionality is only needed for the Mod Accuracy measurement in 1xEV-DO measurement mode. In the Code Domain Power view of Mod Accuracy, timing and phase for each active channel are shown. To calculate these results, the **Multi Channel Estimator** must be set to **On** or the results will be invalid.

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## Error Message Queues

If an error condition occurs in the instrument, it may be reported by:

- front panel display (See “Error Queue (Front Panel)” on page 36.)
- remote programming (See “Remote Error Queue” on page 37.)

These two queues are viewed and managed separately. Some programming errors are not applicable to front panel operation, so they are only reported through the remote interface error queue.

Error messages will appear as they occur in the Status/Info bar that is at the bottom of the display. To view error messages fully use the keys in the **System, Show Errors** menu.

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### NOTE

If there are any messages in the history error queue, the Err annunciator will be present on the instrument display.

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## Clearing the Error Queue

The error queue will only be cleared upon:

- power up
- receipt of a \*CLS programming command
- reading the last error from the queue

## No Errors Over the Remote Interface

When all the errors have been read from the queue, further remote error queries will return the zero (0) error message. This indicates that the error queue contains no errors.

(Number)	Description
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(0)	No error
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The queue is empty. Every error in the queue has been read or the queue was purposely cleared by power-on or \*CLS.

## Error Message Format

Error messages will appear (in the format described below) in the Status/Info bar that appears at the bottom of the display. Generally the most recent message will appear, however there are occasions when an error message that has a higher priority will appear instead of the most recent one.

Error messages appear in the following format:

<error number><error message><context-specific information><occurrences>

<error number> - unique numeric identifier  
(refer to the Error Message Descriptions section)

<error message> - generic description

<context-specific information> - (optional) additional information  
about this particular occurrence of the error

<occurrences> - Many repetitive type errors are counted rather than  
being individually logged. Occurrences (enclosed in  
parentheses) show the number of times the error has  
occurred since the queue was last cleared.

## Error Queue (Front Panel)

This history error queue is designed in a circular (rotating) fashion. It can hold up to 250 error messages. If the queue is full, and additional error messages arrive, the oldest errors are lost. The previously read messages are not cleared from the queue; they remain in the queue until they are overwritten by a new error message.

The history error queue information can be accessed by pressing **System, Show Errors**. From this menu you can choose **Top Page**, **Last Page**, **Next Page**, or **Prev Page**, to switch between pages (if there are more than 17 error messages). To empty the queue, press **Clear Error Queue(s)**.

You can exit the error queue display by pressing either **ESC** or **Return**. Selecting a measurement under the **Measure** key will also exit the error queue display.

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## Error Queue (Programming Interface)

### Remote Error Queue

This queue is constructed in a linear first-in/first-out fashion. It can hold up to 30 error messages. As errors and events are detected, they are placed in the queue. Unlike the history error queue, errors in this queue are not overwritten by the latest incoming error messages. If the queue overflows, the last error in the queue is replaced with the error:

```
(-350) Queue overflow
```

When the queue overflows, the early errors remain in the queue, and the most recent error is discarded. Reading an error from the beginning of the queue removes that error from the queue, and opens a position at the end of the queue for a new error, if one is subsequently detected.

The queue overflow message remains in the queue until it is read. If errors continue to occur as the queue is read, the Queue Overflow message will be followed by as many of the new messages as will fit in the remaining queue space. If the queue fills again and another error occurs, another Queue Overflow message will be placed in the queue.

### Querying the Error Queue

The `SYSTEM:ERROR[:NEXT]? query` is a request for the next entry from the instrument's error queue. The instrument responds to the query with the next error number in the queue and its description in the format:

```
<error number><error message><context-specific information>
```

The `<error number>` is a unique error identifier in the range from -32768 to 32767. A negative error value indicates a general SCPI programming error, while a positive error is more instrument specific. An error value of zero indicates that no error or event has occurred. Short descriptions of the standard error numbers are described in this section. The `<context-specific information>` section of the error message may contain information which allows you to determine the exact error and context. For example:

```
Invalid suffix; FREQuency:CENt 2.0E+5 dBmV
```

The maximum string length of the `<error message>` including the `<context-specific information>` is 255 characters. The `<error message>` will be sent exactly as indicated in this document, including case. In this example, the context-specific information was the `FREQ:CENt` command.

If there has been more than one error, the instrument will respond with the first one in the queue. Subsequent responses to `SYSTEM:ERROR?` will return errors until the queue is empty.

Instrument Messages  
**Error Queue (Programming Interface)**

These tests check various instrument parameters to offer a high degree of confidence that the instrument is operating correctly. They are recommended as a check of instrument operation for incoming inspection or after a repair. These tests are designed to quickly test an instrument (operating within the temperature range defined by the instrument specifications) using a minimum set of test equipment

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**NOTE**

The instrument is checked against limits that are wider than the published specifications. If a functional test does not pass, performance verification tests must be run to confirm that a problem exists. Full instrument calibration can only be done using the performance verification and adjustment software.

Measurement uncertainty analysis is *not* available for functional tests.

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This chapter includes the following:

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- “Required Equipment” on page 43
- “Functional Tests” on page 42:
  - “Frequency Response (Flatness)” on page 43
  - “Amplitude Accuracy at 50 MHz” on page 48
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  - “Displayed Average Noise Level (DANL)” on page 56
  - “Phase Noise” on page 59
  - “Residual Responses” on page 65

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## Getting Started

### Before You Start

You must do the following *before* starting functional tests:

1. Ensure you have the proper test equipment, refer to “[Required Test Equipment](#)” on page 41.
2. Switch on the unit under test (UUT) and let it warm up in accordance with warm-up requirements in the instrument specifications.
3. Ensure that the frequency reference is set to internal. To check this, press **System** and **Reference**. The **Ref Oscillator** softkey should have Int underlined. If not, press **Ref Oscillator** until Int is underlined.

### Test Equipment

“[Required Test Equipment](#)” on page 41 summarizes the equipment you need to run the Functional tests. Some tests, like Flatness, can use various model numbers of a particular equipment type. The “Recommended HP/Agilent Model” will provide the best results. However, the “Alternative HP/Agilent Model” is an acceptable substitute. If neither the recommended nor the alternative test equipment are available, you may use substitute equipment that meets or exceeds the critical specifications listed in the table.

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**NOTE**

The validity of functional test measurements depends, in part, on the measurement accuracy of the required test equipment used. Verify the proper calibration of all test equipment before running these tests.

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### Test Equipment Warmup

Allow sufficient warm-up time for test equipment. Refer to their individual operating or service manuals for warm-up specifications.

### Equipment Connections

Test setups for each test are included with the test. These are in the section titled “[Functional Tests](#)” on page 42.



## Required Test Equipment

Instrument	Critical Specifications	Recommended HP/Agilent Model Number	Alternative HP/Agilent Model Number
<b>Signal Source</b>			
Synthesized Signal Generator	Frequency: 7 MHz to 2.5 GHz Spectral purity: 5 to 1321 MHz SSB Phase Noise: ≤-110 dBc/Hz at 10 kHz offset and ≤-120 dBc/Hz at 30 kHz offset.	8663A	8662A 8664A 8665A 8643A 8644A w/ Option 002
Synthesized Swept Signal Generator	Frequency: 10 MHz to 4.0 GHz Harmonic level: <-40 dBc Amplitude range: +15 to -20 dBm	83620B	8360 series
<b>Meters</b>			
Power Meter	Must be compatible with the power sensor.	EPM- 441A (E4418A)	EMP-442A (E4419A) 437A 438A
Power Sensor	Frequency Range: 7 MHz to 4 GHz. Power Range: -25 dBm to 10 dBm SWR: ≤1.3 Type N (m)	8482A	8481A E4412A 8482A w/Option H84
<b>Terminations</b>			
Termination 50 Ω	Type N (m) Connector Frequency: 7 MHz to 4 GHz	909A option 012	
<b>Miscellaneous Devices</b>			
Power Splitter	Frequency: 1 MHz to 4.3 GHz	11667A	11667B
<b>Cables</b>			
Type N 2 required	Precision Type N 62 cm (24in) (m)	11500C	8120-4781
<b>Adapters</b>			
Type N (f) to N (f)	50 Ω	1250-1472	1250-0777
3.5 mm (f) to N (f)	50 Ω	1250-1745	

## **Functional Tests**

The tests included in this section are:

“Frequency Response (Flatness)” on page 43

“Amplitude Accuracy at 50 MHz” on page 48

“Input Attenuator Accuracy at 50 MHz” on page 53

“Displayed Average Noise Level (DANL)” on page 56

“Phase Noise” on page 59

“Residual Responses” on page 65

## Frequency Response (Flatness)

### Test Limits

Signal amplitude should remain within  $\pm 2$  dB (4 dB peak-to-peak) from 10 MHz to 4 GHz.

### Test Description

The frequency response test measures amplitude error as a function of the tuned center frequency. Measurements are made at various points from 10 MHz to 4 GHz. The signal source amplitude is measured with a power meter to eliminate errors due to source flatness. The power meter is zeroed and calibrated before starting the measurement.

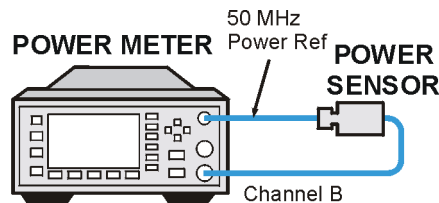
### Required Equipment

(include cables and connectors)

Instrument	Recommended HP/Agilent Model Number	Alternative HP/Agilent Model Number
Synthesized Swept Signal Generator	83620B	8360 series
Power Meter	EPM- 441A (E4418A)	EMP-442A (E4419A), 437A, or 438A
Power Sensor	8482A	8481A, E4412A, or 8482A w/Option H84
Power Splitter	11667A	11667A
Cable: Type N, (2 required)	11500C	
Adapter: 3.5 mm (f) to N (f)	1250-1745	

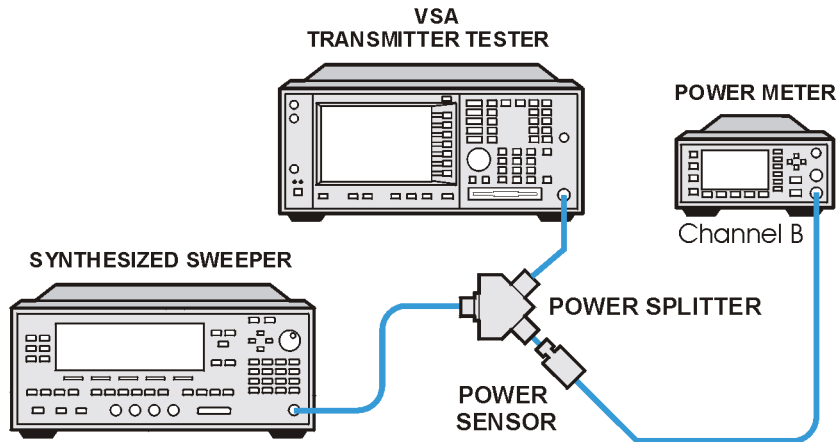
Figure 2-1

### Power Meter Zero and Calibration Setup



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**Figure 2-2** Frequency Response Test Setup



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## Procedure

1. Configure the power meter and power sensor as shown in [Figure 2-1](#).
2. Zero and calibrate the power meter.
3. Preset the UUT by pressing **Preset**.
4. If the auto alignment for the UUT has not been run within the last hour, run it by pressing **System**, **Alignment**, and **Align All Now**.
5. Initialize the parameters for the instrument, as listed in [Table 1](#), “**UUT Initialization**,” by performing the following steps:
  - a. Press **MODE**, **Basic**.
  - b. To expand the Spectrum window to full screen, ensure that the Spectrum window is highlighted and press **Zoom**.  
 If the Spectrum window is not highlighted, press **Next Window** until the Spectrum window is highlighted and then press **Zoom**.
  - c. Press **FREQUENCY**, **Center Freq**, 10, and **MHz**.
  - d. Press **Input**, **Input Atten**, 10, and **dB**.
  - e. Press **Meas Setup**, **Average**, **Avg Number**, 10, and **Enter**.
  - f. Press **View/Trace**, **Trace Display**, and **Average**.
  - g. Press **Marker**, **Trace**, and **Spectrum Avg**.

**Table 1** UUT Initialization

Parameter	Setting
Mode	Basic

**Table 1 UUT Initialization (Continued)**

Parameter		Setting
Measure		Spectrum
Frequency	Center	10 MHz
Input Attenuation		10 dB
Average	On/Off	On
	Mode	Exp
	Type	Log-Pwr Avg
	Number	10
Trace Display		Average
Marker		Spectrum Avg

6. Preset the signal source and initialize the test equipment parameters as listed in [Table 2, “Signal Source Initialization.”](#)

**Table 2 Signal Source Initialization**

Parameter	Setting
Frequency	10 MHz
Amplitude	-4 dBm
RF output	On

7. Configure equipment as shown in [Figure 2-2, “Frequency Response Test Setup”](#).
8. Adjust the synthesized sweeper amplitude for a power meter display of -10.00 dBm, ±0.1 dB.

**NOTE**

The power level remains unchanged for the duration of the test.

9. Press **Search** to position the marker on the peak of the signal.
10. Refer to [Table 3, “Frequency Responses Report”](#). Enter the amplitude of the signal as displayed on the instrument under the UUT Amplitude Meas<sub>Amp</sub> column of [Table 3](#).
11. Enter the power meter reading under the Power Meter Amplitude Power<sub>meter</sub> column of [Table 3](#).
12. Compute the flatness error using the following equation and record the results under the Flatness Error Flat<sub>error</sub> column:

$$\text{Flat}_{\text{error}} = \text{Meas}_{\text{amp}} - \text{Power}_{\text{meter}}$$

13. Perform the following steps for each frequency setting listed in

Table 3:

- a. Tune the source to the next frequency listed in the Center Frequency column.
- b. Set the UUT center frequency by pressing **Frequency, Center, “n”,** and **MHz**. Where “n” is the next frequency value in the Center Frequency column.
- c. Press **Search**.
- d. Enter the power meter reading under the Power Meter Amplitude  $Power_{meter}$  column.
- e. Enter the instrument reading under the UUT Amplitude  $Meas_{amp}$  column.
- f. Compute the flatness error using the following equation and record the results under the Flatness Error  $Flat_{error}$  column:

$$Flat_{error} = Meas_{amp} - Power_{meter}$$

The flatness error should be less than  $\pm 2\text{dB}$  (4 dB peak-to-peak) from 10 MHz to 4 GHz.

**Table 3      Frequency Responses Report**

<b>Center Frequency (MHz)</b>	<b>UUT Amplitude Meas<sub>amp</sub> (dBm)</b>	<b>Power Meter Amplitude Power<sub>meter</sub> (dBm)</b>	<b>Flatness Error Flat<sub>error</sub> (dB)</b>	<b>Test Limits (dBm) (dB)</b>
10				±2
400				±2
800				±2
1200				±2
1600				±2
2000				±2
2400				±2
2800				±2
3200				±2
3600				±2
4000				±2

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## Amplitude Accuracy at 50 MHz

### Test Limits

Amplitude Accuracy should remain within  $\pm 1$ dB of the measured source value across the range of source levels and input attenuator settings.

### Test Description

The amplitude accuracy test measures the absolute amplitude of the instrument at 50 MHz. A synthesized signal generator is used as the signal source for the test. A power meter is used to measure the signal source output-signal amplitude throughout the test. The value measured by the power meter is recorded as  $Input_i$ . The input attenuator of the UUT is set to various values and the source amplitude is varied using the signal generator amplitude control. The signal amplitude is measured by the power meter and the UUT at each setting and the values compared. The difference between each pair of measurements indicates the amplitude accuracy.

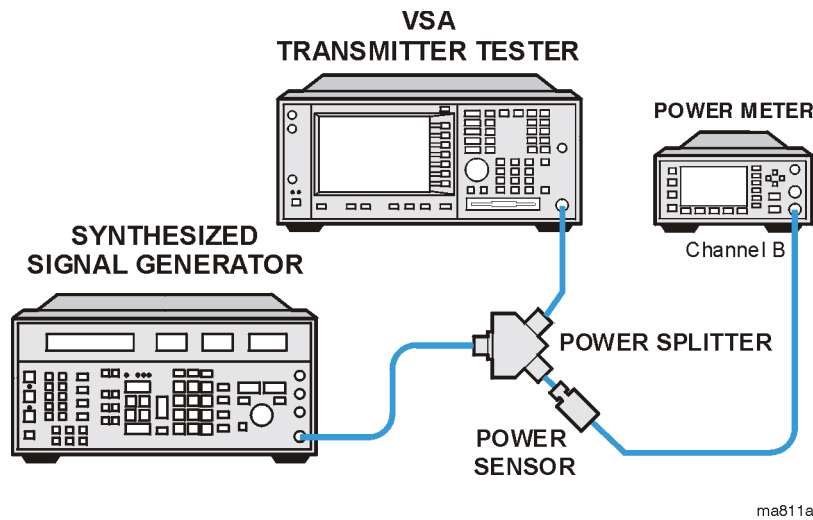
### Required Equipment

(include cables and connectors)

Instrument	Recommended HP/Agilent Model Number	Alternative HP/Agilent Model Number
Synthesized Signal Generator	8663A	8662A
Power Meter	EPM- 441A (E4418A)	EMP-442A (E4419A), 437A, or 438A
Power Sensor	8482A	8481A, E4412A, or 8482A w/Option H84
Power Splitter	11667A	11667A
Cable: Type N, (2 required)	11500C	



**Figure 2-3** Amplitude Accuracy Test Setup



## Procedure

1. Preset the UUT by pressing **Preset**.
2. If the auto alignment for the UUT has not been run within the last hour, run it by pressing **System, Alignment, and Align All Now**.
3. Initialize the parameters for the instrument, as listed in [Table 4, “UUT Initialization,”](#) by performing the following steps:

- a. Press **MODE, Basic**.
- b. To expand the Spectrum window to full screen, ensure that the Spectrum window is highlighted and press **Zoom**.

If the Spectrum window is not highlighted, press **Next Window** until the Spectrum window is highlighted and then press **Zoom**.

- c. Press **FREQUENCY, Center Freq, 50, and MHz**.
- d. Press **Meas Setup, Average, Avg Number, 10, and Enter**.
- e. Press **View/Trace, Trace Display, and Average**.
- f. Press **Marker, Trace, and Spectrum Avg**.

**Table 4** UUT Initialization

Parameter		Setting
Mode		Basic
Measure		Spectrum
Frequency	Center	50 MHz
	Span	1 MHz
Resolution Bandwidth		20 kHz

**Table 4 UUT Initialization (Continued)**

Parameter		Setting
Input Attenuation		0 dB
Average	On/Off	On
	Mode	Exp
	Type	Log-Pwr Avg
	Number	10
Trace Display		Average
Marker		Spectrum Avg

4. Preset the signal source and initialize the test equipment parameters as listed in [Table 5, “Signal Source Initialization.”](#)

**Table 5 Signal Source Initialization**

Parameter	Setting
Frequency	50 MHz
Level	5 dBm

5. Configure the equipment as shown in Figure 2-3, “Amplitude Accuracy Test Setup.”
6. Perform the following steps for each of the nominal measured values listed in Table 6, “Measurement Settings”:
  - a. Set the signal source amplitude to the value listed in the Nominal Source Amplitude column in [Table 6](#).
  - b. On the UUT, press **Restart** and **Search**.
  - c. Wait for the transmitter tester to finish averaging.
  - d. Adjust the source amplitude, as measured on the UUT, to  $\pm 0.5$  dBm of the value listed in the Nominal Measured Value column in [Table 6](#).
  - e. Record the signal amplitude, as measured by the power meter, in the Amplitude Input<sub>i</sub> column of [Table 7, “Amplitude Accuracy at 50 MHz Report.”](#)
  - f. Press **Restart**.
  - g. Wait for the transmitter tester to finish averaging, and read the marker value.
  - h. Record the signal amplitude, as measured by the UUT, in the

Measured Amplitude  $X_i$  column of [Table 7](#).

**Table 6** Measurement Settings

UUT Nominal Measured Values (dBm)	Nominal Source Amplitude (dBm)	UUT Input Attenuator (dB)
-2	5	0
-12	-5	0
-22	-15	0
2	9	4
-12	-5	4
-22	-15	4
3	10	5
-7	0	5
-17	-10	5
8	15	10
-12	-5	10
-2	5	21

- i. Calculate the amplitude accuracy using the following equation and record in the Error Amp\_Acc<sub>i</sub> column of [Table 7](#):

$$\text{Error Amp\_Acc}_i = \text{Input}_i - X_i$$

**Table 7 Amplitude Accuracy at 50 MHz Report**

UUT Nominal Measured Values (dBm)	Input Atten (dB)	Power Meter Amplitude Input <sub>i</sub> (dBm)	UUT Measured Amplitude X <sub>i</sub> (dBm)	Error Amp_Acc <sub>i</sub> (dB)	Test Limits (dB)
-2	0				±1.0
-12	0				±1.0
-22	0				±1.0
2	4				±1.0
-12	4				±1.0
-22	4				±1.0
3	5				±1.0
-7	5				±1.0
-17	5				±1.0
8	10				±1.0
-12	10				±1.0
-2	21				±1.0

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## Input Attenuator Accuracy at 50 MHz

### Test Limits

The internal input attenuator should reduce the input signal to a value within  $\pm 1.0$  dB of the nominal value at 50 MHz.

### Test Description

The input attenuator accuracy test checks the proper function of the internal attenuator. The attenuation is checked by using the internal 50 MHz calibration signal as a source. The input attenuator of the instrument is set to various values. The internal 50 MHz calibration signal source amplitude is constant. The signal amplitude is measured by the UUT at the 10 dB attenuator setting and recorded as the reference level. Then the signal amplitude is measured by the UUT at additional settings and the measured values compared to the reference level. Because the measured level of the input signal should not vary with changes in input attenuation, the difference between the reference value and the other measured values indicates the attenuator accuracy.

### Required Equipment

None

### Procedure

1. If the auto alignment for the UUT has not been run within the last hour, run it by pressing **System**, **Alignment**, and **Align All Now**
2. Preset the UUT by pressing **Preset**.
3. Initialize the parameters for the instrument, as listed in [Table 8](#), “**UUT Initialization**,” by performing the following steps:
  - a. Press **MODE** and **Basic**.
  - b. To expand the Spectrum window to full screen, ensure that the Spectrum window is highlighted and press **Zoom**.  
If the Spectrum window is not highlighted, press **Next Window** until the Spectrum window is highlighted and then press **Zoom**.
  - c. Press **FREQUENCY**, **Center Freq**, 50, and **MHz**.
  - d. Press **SPAN**, **Span**, 20, and **kHz**.
  - e. Press **Input**, **Input Atten**, 10, and **dB**.
  - f. Press **Input**, **Input Port**, and **50 MHz Ref**.
  - g. Press **View/Trace**, **Trace Display**, and **Average**.

- h. Press **Amplitude**, **Ref Value**, **-23**, and **dBm**.
- i. Press **Marker**, **Trace**, and **Spectrum Avg**.

**Table 8 UUT Initialization**

Parameter		Setting
Mode		Basic
Measure		Spectrum
Reference Level		-23 dBm
Frequency	Center	50 MHz
	Span	20 kHz
Resolution Bandwidth		400 Hz
Input Port		50 MHz Ref
Input Attenuation		10 dB
Average	On/Off	On
	Mode	Exp
	Type	Log-Pwr Avg
	Number	25
Trace Display		Average
Marker		Spectrum Avg

- 4. Measure the reference value by performing the following steps:
  - a. Press **Search**.
  - b. Record the marker value as  $X_{ref}$  in the Measured Value  $X_i$  column of [Table 9](#), “**Measurement Settings**.”
- 5. Perform the following steps for each attenuator setting listed in [Table 9](#):
  - a. Press **Input**, **Input Atten**, “n”, and **dB**. Where “n” is the attenuation value in the Input Attenuator column of [Table 9](#).
  - b. Press **Restart**.
  - c. Press **Search**.
  - d. Read the marker value in dBm.
  - e. Record the measured value in the Measured Value  $X_i$  column of

Table 9

**Table 9 Measurement Settings**

Input Attenuator (dB)	Measured Value $X_i$ (dBm)
0	
1	
2	
4	
5	
10	$X_{ref} =$
20	
40	

6. Calculate attenuator accuracy for each attenuator setting using the following equation:

$$\text{Attenuator\_Error}_i = X_i - X_{ref}$$

7. Record the attenuator error in the Attenuator Error column of [Table 10, “Attenuator Check at 50 MHz.”](#)

**Table 10 Attenuator Check at 50 MHz**

Input Attenuator (dB)	Attenuator Error (dB)	Limit (dB)
0		$\pm 1.0$
1		$\pm 1.0$
2		$\pm 1.0$
5		$\pm 1.0$
10 <sup>a</sup>	0 <sup>a</sup>	$\pm 1.0$
20		$\pm 1.0$
40		$\pm 1.0$

a. The zero dB setting is the reference level.

## Displayed Average Noise Level (DANL)

### Test Limits

The DANL test results should be within the following limits in the four frequency ranges tested:

**Table 11**

Frequency	Limits (dBm)
7 MHz to 20 MHz	$\leq -90$
20 MHz to 2 GHz	$\leq -106$
2 GHz to 3 GHz	$\leq -103$
3 GHz to 4 GHz	$\leq -98$

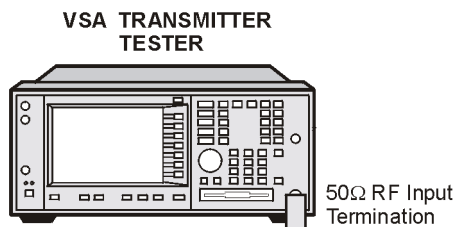
### Test Description

The DANL test is a measurement of the noise generated internally by the instrument. With the RF 50  $\Omega$  input terminated in a 50  $\Omega$  load, the DANL is measured at several frequencies. A visual check is made to ensure the measurement is not done in the presence of a spurious response.

### Required Equipment

Instrument	Recommended HP/Agilent Model Number	Alternative HP/Agilent Model Number
Termination 50 $\Omega$	909A option 012	

**Figure 2-4 DANL/Noise Figure Test Setup**



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## Procedure

1. If the auto alignment for the UUT has not been run within the last hour, run it by pressing **System, Alignment, and Align All Now**.
2. Preset the UUT by pressing **Preset**.
3. Initialize the parameters for the instrument, as listed in [Table 12, “UUT Initialization,”](#) by performing the following steps:
  - a. Press **MODE** and **Basic**.
  - b. To expand the Spectrum window to full screen, ensure that the Spectrum window is highlighted and press **Zoom**.  
If the Spectrum window is not highlighted, press **Next Window** until the Spectrum window is highlighted and then press **Zoom**.
  - c. Press **FREQUENCY, Center Freq, 19.995, and MHz**.
  - d. Press **SPAN, Span, 10, and kHz**.
  - e. Press **Meas Setup, Res BW, 1, and kHz**.
  - f. Press **Meas Setup, Average, Avg Number, 100, and Enter**.
  - g. Press **View/Trace, Trace Display, and Average**.
  - h. Press **AMPLITUDE, Ref Scale/Div, 5, and dB**.
  - i. Press **AMPLITUDE, Ref Value, -85, and dBm**.

**Table 12 UUT Initialization**

Parameter		Setting
Mode		Basic
Measure		Spectrum
Frequency	Center	19.995 MHz
	Span	10 kHz
Resolution Bandwidth		1 kHz
ADC Range	Auto/On/Off	Auto
Input Attenuation		0 dB
Average	On/Off	On
	Mode	Exp
	Type	Log-Pwr Avg
	Number	100
Y Scale	Ref Value	-85 dBm
	dB/Div	5 dB

**Table 12 UUT Initialization (Continued)**

Parameter	Setting
Trace Display	Average

4. Connect 50  $\Omega$  termination to RF input of the UUT.

**NOTE**

Ensure that you perform the measurement on the noise floor and not on a residual response within the displayed 10 kHz span. If a residual response appears, disregard the residual response when making the measurement.

5. Measure the average amplitude of the displayed noise level by performing the following steps:
  - a. Determine the average amplitude of the displayed noise floor by visual inspection.
  - b. Set the marker to a point on the trace that is representative of the average value of the display noise floor by pressing **Marker**, **Trace**, and **Spectrum Avg**. Then adjust the RPG knob until the marker is set on the average value point.
  - c. Read the marker value and then enter the average amplitude value into the Measured DANL column of [Table 13, “DANL Data Sheet.”](#)
6. Perform the following steps for each frequency setting listed in [Table 13](#):
  - a. Press **Frequency**, **Center**, “n”, and **MHz**. Where “n” is the next frequency value in the Center Frequency column.
  - b. Wait for the instrument to finish averaging.
  - c. Ensure that the marker is not on a residual responses peak, read the marker value (if necessary, adjust to a point representative of the average noise value), and enter this value into [Table 13](#).
7. Compare the measured DANL levels against the test limits listed in [Table 13](#).

**Table 13 DANL Data Sheet**

Center Frequency (MHz)	Measured DANL (dBm)	Test Limits (dBm)
19.995		$\leq -90$
1999.995		$\leq -106$
2999.995		$\leq -103$
3999.995		$\leq -98$

## Phase Noise

### Test Limits

Center Frequency (MHz)	Frequency Offset (kHz)	Limit (dBc/Hz)
600	10	≤ -85
600	30	≤ -90
900	10	≤ -80
900	30	≤ -90
1900	10	≤ -70
1900	30	≤ -90

### Test Description

The phase noise test verifies that phase noise is within acceptable limits. In this test, the source is connected to the RF Input. With the input attenuator set to 10 dB, the source output amplitude is adjusted to a 7 dBm. Input attenuation and source level remain unchanged throughout the test. The noise marker function is used to measure the phase noise at various offsets from the center frequency.

#### NOTE

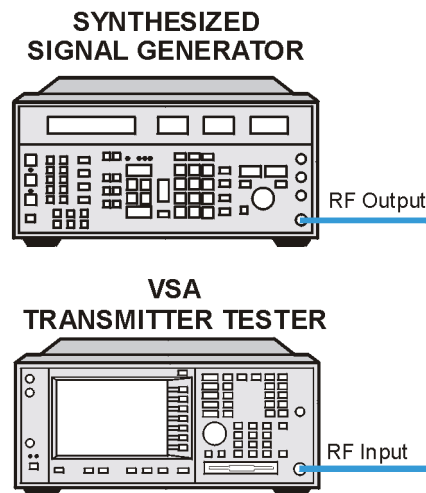
When phase noise is measured, the phase noise of the source and the UUT are combined. Phase noise components only add, and therefore the phase noise of the source is an important consideration. The limits and measurement points for this test have been established for a source with an absolute SSB Phase Noise of ≤ 110 dBc at 10 kHz offset and ≤ 120 dBc at 30 kHz offset. If you are using a source other than those recommended in [Table on page 40](#), ensure that it meets the critical specifications listed. However, if your source does not meet these specifications, you can complete the test by increasing the test limits. Alternatively, the spectral purity of most sources can be improved by connecting the source frequency reference to a house reference (usually 10 MHz).

## Required Equipment

(include cables and connectors)

Instrument	Recommended HP/Agilent Model Number	Alternative HP/Agilent Model Number
Synthesized Signal Generator	8663A	8662A, 8664A, 8665A, 8643A, or 8644A w/ Option 002
Cable: Type N, (2 required)	11500C	

**Figure 2-5** Phase Noise Test Setup



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## Procedure

1. If the auto alignment for the UUT has not been run within the last hour, run it by pressing **System**, **Alignment**, and **Align All Now**.
2. Preset the UUT by pressing **Preset**.
3. Initialize the parameters for the instrument, as listed in [Table 14, "UUT Initialization,"](#) by performing the following steps:

- a. Press **MODE**, and **Basic**.
- b. To expand the Spectrum window to full screen, ensure that the Spectrum window is highlighted and press **Zoom**.

If the Spectrum window is not highlighted, press **Next Window** until the Spectrum window is highlighted and then press **Zoom**.

- c. Press **Marker**, **Trace**, **Spectrum Avg**.

- d. Press **FREQUENCY**, **Center Freq**, 600, and **MHz**.
- e. Press **SPAN**, **Span**, 800, and **Hz**.
- f. Press **Input**, **Input Atten**, 10, and **dB**.
- g. Press **Meas Setup**, **More** until (2 of 2) is displayed, **Advanced**, **More** until (2 of 2) is displayed, and **ADC Dither** until On is underlined.
- h. Press **Meas Setup**, **More** until (2 of 2) is displayed, **Advanced**, **ADC Range**, **Manual**, and **-6 dB**.
- i. Press **Meas Setup**, **More** until (2 of 2) is displayed, **Advanced**, and **Pre-ADC BPF**, until Off is underlined.
- j. Press **Meas Setup**, **Average**, **Avg Number**, 5, and **Enter**.
- k. Press **Meas Setup**, **Average**, **Avg Type**, and **Pwr Avg (RMS)**.
- l. Press **View/Trace**, **Trace Display**, and **Average**.

**Table 14 UUT Initialization**

Parameter		Setting
Mode		Service
Measure		Spectrum
Frequency	Center	600 MHz
	Span	800 Hz
Resolution Bandwidth		Auto
Attenuation		10 dB
Average	On/Off	On
	Mode	Exp
	Type	RMS
	Number	5
ADC Range	Manual	-6
ADC Dither	On/Off	On
Pre ADC BPF	On/Off	Off
Trace Display		Average
Marker 1		Spectrum Avg

4. Preset the signal source and initialize the parameters as shown in

Table 15, “Synthesizer Signal Generator Initialization.”

**Table 15 Synthesizer Signal Generator Initialization**

Parameter	Setting
Frequency	600 MHz
Function	Sine Wave
Amplitude	7 dBm

5. Configure the test equipment as shown in Figure 2-5, “Phase Noise Test Setup.”
6. Perform the following steps to establish the source reference amplitude:
  - a. Set the signal source frequency to 600 MHz.
  - b. If the trace is not on the display, adjust the amplitude reference value by pressing **Amplitude** and **Ref Value**. Then use the RGB knob to adjust the reference value to bring the trace onto the display.
  - c. Press **Search**.
  - d. Adjust the source amplitude until the UUT measures 7 dBm  $\pm$  0.5.
  - e. Press **Restart**.
  - f. Wait for the transmitter tester to finish averaging.
  - g. Read the marker value in dBm.
  - h. Record the measured value as  $Y_{i \text{ ref}}$ .

$$Y_{i \text{ ref}} = \text{_____ dBm}$$

7. Reset the UUT parameters to measure the phase noise by performing the following steps:
  - a. Press **Meas Setup, Res BW, 5, Hz**.
  - b. Press **Meas Setup, More** until (2 of 2) is displayed, **Advanced, ADC Range**, and **Auto**.
  - c. Press **Meas Setup, More** until (2 of 2) is displayed, **Advanced**, and **Pre-ADC BPF**, until On is underlined.
  - d. Press **Marker, Function**, and **Noise**.

**Table 16 UUT Initialization**

Parameter		Setting
Frequency	Center	Center Frequency
Resolution Bandwidth		5 Hz
Pre ADC BPF	On/Off	On
ADC Range	Auto/On/Off	Auto
Marker	Frequency	Noise Marker Frequency

8. If the trace is not on the display, adjust the amplitude reference value by pressing **Amplitude** and **Ref Value**. Then use the RGB knob to adjust the reference value to bring the trace onto the display.
9. Perform the following steps for each frequency setting listed in Table 17, “Measurement Settings”:
  - a. Set the signal source frequency to the value listed in the Source Frequency column of [Table 17](#).
  - b. Set the center frequency on the UUT by pressing **FREQUENCY, Center Freq, “n”, and MHz**. Where “n” is the frequency value in the Center Frequency column.  
For example:  
Press **FREQUENCY, Center Freq, 600.010000, and MHz**.
  - c. Set the noise marker frequency by pressing **Marker, “n”, and MHz**. Where “n” is the frequency value in the Noise Marker Frequency column.  
For example:  
Press **Marker, 600.010000, and MHz**.

**Table 17 Measurement Settings**

Source Frequency (MHz)	Center Frequency (MHz)	Noise Marker Frequency (MHz)
600	600.010000	600.010000
600	600.030000	600.030000
900	900.010000	900.010000
900	900.030000	900.030000
1900	1900.010000	1900.010000
1900	1900.030000	1900.030000

- d. Press **Restart**.
- e. Wait for the instrument to finish averaging.
- f. Read the noise marker value in dBm.
- g. Record the measured value in the Measured  $Y_i$  dBm/Hz column in [Table 18, “Phase Noise Report.”](#)
- h. Calculate the phase noise in dBc/Hz using the following equation and record in the Calculated  $Y_i$  dBc/Hz column of [Table 18](#).

$$Y_i \text{ dBc/Hz} = Y_i \text{ dBm/Hz} - Y_{i \text{ ref}}$$

**Table 18 Phase Noise Report**

Carrier Frequency (MHz)	Frequency Offset (kHz)	Measured $Y_i$ dBm/Hz (dBm/Hz)	Calculated $Y_i$ dBc/Hz (dBc/Hz)	Test Limit (dBc/Hz)
600	10			$\leq -85$
600	30			$\leq -90$
900	10			$\leq -80$
900	30			$\leq -90$
1900	10			$\leq -70$
1900	30			$\leq -90$



## Residual Responses

### Test Limits

Frequency Range	Limit
20 MHz to 2 GHz	≤ -85
2 GHz to 4 GHz	≤ -80

### Test Description

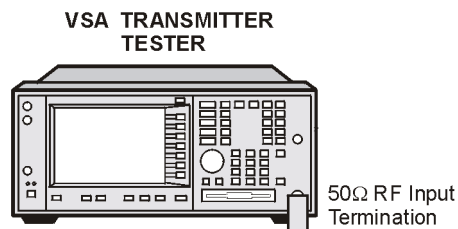
The residual response test measures the instrument residual responses. With the RF 50 Ω input terminated in a 50 Ω load, internal residual responses are measured at various frequencies between 50 MHz and 4 GHz. There are multiple residual responses across the frequency spectrum of the instrument. The residual responses are measured at only a few representative frequency points.

### Required Equipment

Instrument	Recommended HP/Agilent Model Number	Alternative HP/Agilent Model Number
Termination 50 Ω	909A option 012	

Figure 2-6

### Residual Responses Test Setup



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### Procedure

1. If the auto alignment for the UUT has not been run within the last hour, run it by pressing **System**, **Alignment**, and **Align All Now**
2. Preset the UUT by pressing **Preset**.
3. Initialize the parameters for the instrument, as listed in [Table 19](#), “**UUT Initialization**,” by performing the following steps:
  - a. Press **MODE** and **Basic**.

- b. To expand the Spectrum window to full screen, ensure that the Spectrum window is highlighted and press **Zoom**.

If the Spectrum window is not highlighted, press **Next Window** until the Spectrum window is highlighted and then press **Zoom**.

- c. Press **Marker, Trace, and Spectrum Avg**.
- d. Press **FREQUENCY, Center Freq, 50, and MHz**.
- e. Press **SPAN, Span, 5, and MHz**.
- f. Press **Meas Setup, More** until (2 of 2) is displayed, **Advanced, More** until (2 of 2) is displayed, and **ADC Dither** until Off is underlined.
- g. Press **Meas Setup, More** until (2 of 2) is displayed, **Advanced, ADC Range, and Auto**.
- h. Press **View/Trace, Trace Display, and Average**.
- i. Press **Amplitude, Ref Value, 20, and dB**.

**Table 19 UUT Initialization**

Parameter		Setting
Mode		Basic
Measure		Spectrum
Frequency	Center	50 MHz
	Span	5 MHz
Resolution Bandwidth		10 kHz
Attenuation		0 dB
Average	On/Off	On
	Mode	Exp
	Type	Log-Pwr Avg
	Number	25
ADC Rang	Auto/On/Off	Auto
ADC Dither	On/Off	Off
Pre ADC BPF	On/Off	On
Trace Display		Average
Marker 1		Spectrum Avg

- 4. Configure the test equipment as shown in Figure 2-6, “Residual Responses Test Setup.”
- 5. Perform the following steps for each frequency setting listed in Table 20, “Measurement Settings”:

- a. Set the center frequency by pressing **FREQUENCY, Center Freq, “n”, and MHz**. Where “n” is the frequency value in the Center Frequency column.  
For example:  
Press **FREQUENCY, Center Freq, 50, and MHz**.
- b. Set the frequency span by pressing **SPAN, Span, “n”, and MHz**. Where “n” is the frequency value in the Span Frequency column.  
For example:  
Press **SPAN, Span, 5, and MHz**.
- c. Set the resolution bandwidth by pressing **Meas Setup, Res BW, “n”, and kHz**. Where “n” is the frequency value in the Res BW column.  
For example:  
Press **Meas Setup, Res BW, 10, and kHz**.

**Table 20 Measurement Settings**

Center Frequency (MHz)	Span Frequency (MHz)	Res BW (kHz)
50.00	5	10
740.00	2	7
1804.00	2	7
1917.90	2	7
1990.80	2	7
1992.90	2	7
3768.30	2	5
3899.50	2	5
3900.00	2	5

- d. Press **Search**.
- e. Wait for the instrument to finish averaging.
- f. Read the marker value in dBm.
- g. Record the measured value as  $X_i$  in the Measured  $X_i$  column of [Table 21, “Residual Response Report.”](#)

**Table 21 Residual Response Report**

Carrier Frequency (MHz)	Measured $X_i$ (dBm)	Test Limit (dBm)
50.00		$\leq -85$

**Table 21 Residual Response Report (Continued)**

<b>Carrier Frequency (MHz)</b>	<b>Measured <math>X_i</math> (dBm)</b>	<b>Test Limit (dBm)</b>
740.00		$\leq -85$
1804.00		$\leq -85$
1917.90		$\leq -85$
1990.80		$\leq -85$
1992.90		$\leq -85$
3768.30		$\leq -80$
3899.50		$\leq -80$
3900.00		$\leq -80$

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