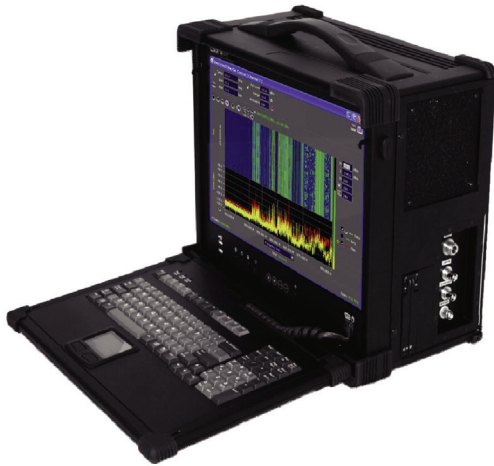


Broadband

Scout CS1104 Broadband Signal Analyzer

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A passion for performance.



Other analyzers tell you what happened. The BSA shows you why.

The portable Scout CS1104 Broadband Signal Analyzer (BSA) instrument is designed to find and to solve the toughest RF issues. It combines live and off-line signal analysis capabilities to address multiple test applications, including:

- Communications
- Radar
- Satellite
- Electronic Warfare (EW)
- Electromagnetic Environment (EME)
- Drive (mobile collections)

The Aeroflex BSA is used to record, process and analyze RF signals.



The system consists of:

Tunable RF downconverter:

Convert RF signals from RF to baseband IF

A/D converter:

Digitize baseband signal

Digital tuner:

Focus on signal of interest and reduce unnecessary data

Processing:

Process raw digitized samples with various algorithms such as advanced triggering, filtering, scaling, statistics

Signal storage:

Store digitized signal for analysis or archiving

Controller:

Computer used to control the system, perform analysis, display results and write data from RAM to archival storage (disk, RAID, USB device)

The CS1104 BSA supports collecting contiguous recordings up to a 40 MHz instantaneous bandwidth (IBW). It also supports scanning across wider bandwidths using sequential recordings. As it is capable of simultaneously processing and coherently displaying time, spectral, and modulation domain data, the CS1104 BSA is ideal for R&D, Validation & Verification (V&V), and general RF testing. The rich set of analysis tools and features below are included with the CS1104.

- Tunable frequency coverage from 30 MHz to 6 GHz
- Live signal monitoring (display and processing)
- Contiguous signal recording and archiving into 32 GB RAM (160 sec @ 40 MHz BW)
- Scanned sequential mode for monitoring ranges wider than the IBW
- Digital tuners from 40 MHz to 41 kHz bandwidth
- Interactive spectrum/spectrogram/time plots
- Results strip charting
- Signal notepad for recording plots and data
- Channel Power and Adjacent Channel Power Ratio (ACPR) analysis functions
- Modulation domain analysis function with simple modulation classification (AM, FM, CW, pulse, other)

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Optional features* available for the CS1104 include:

- GPS
- Additional input or output channel
- Scanned sequential mode for recording and archiving
- Spectrum Allocation Table (SAT)
- AM/FM/PM analysis functions
- ASK/FSK/PSK/QAM analysis functions
- ASK Burst/FSK Burst/PSK Burst analysis functions
- Pulse/Radar analysis function
- Environmental Signal Parameterization identifies and measures parameters for signals in the environment
- Remote control
- Sequenced recording control (FACS and SW Sequencer)

* All features subject to export restriction

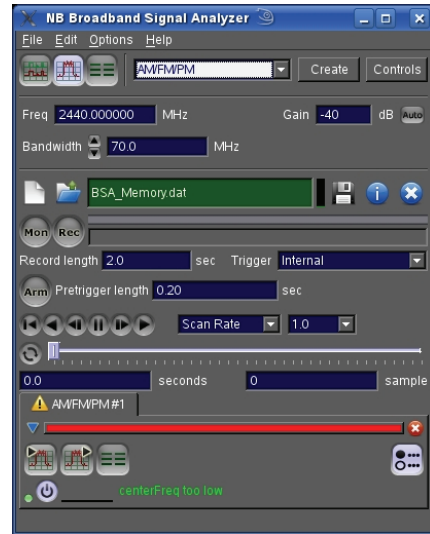
Contact Aeroflex to investigate additional custom capabilities. All Aeroflex products come with the support of highly-experienced and solution-oriented technical staff.

Application Matrix

How BSA features and functions apply to typical BSA applications.

BSA Features and Functions

This section briefly presents some of the BSA features and functions.



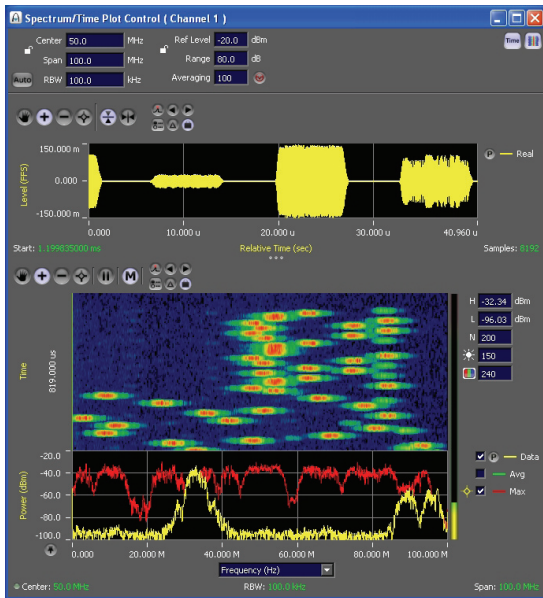
Standard BSA software allows the operator to record signals to RAM and then to archive them to internal and external disk drives. These recorded signals can be post-processed by the BSA software suite.

Applications and Descriptions	BSA Functions and Features									
	Spectrum/Spectrogram /time plot	Strip Chart	Signal Notepad	Channel Power & ACPR	Modulation Domain	Pulse Analysis	Digital Modulations (PSK/QAM/FSK/ASK)	Burst/Agile Signal Analysis (PSK/QAM)	Environment Signal Parameterization	Spectrum Allocation Table (SAT)
<u>Communications Test</u> This includes testing radios and radio subsystems. The BSA has had the most impact in engineering design, verification and test (DVT) in the lab and in the field. Both commercial and military radio manufacturers should be targeted along with organizations that specialize in testing radios. The BSA is an excellent fit to emerging standards or proprietary radio waveforms where there is no test equipment yet.	•	•	•	•	•		⊕	⊕		
<u>Radar Test</u> The BSA has been valuable in a number of radar applications, including DVT, field tests, ECM/ECCM tests, stability measurements and radar cross section measurements. Radar manufacturers, test labs and test ranges have been our best customer for these applications.	•	•	•	•	•	⊕				
<u>Satellite Test</u> The BSA has been used in a variety of satellite payload, ground station and operational monitoring. The system has been used to test communications satellites, XM and Sirius Radio satellites, radar satellites, photo satellites and others.	•	•	•	•	•	⊕	⊕			
<u>Electromagnetic Environment (EME) Test</u> BSAs have been used to characterize the EME in many places around the world for a wide variety of missions. We have additional software aimed at this application, please contact us for details.	•	•	•	•	•	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕
<u>EW Test</u> The BSA has been used for a number of EW tests, including radar, ECM/ECCM and CREW.	•	•	•	•	•	⊕		⊕	⊕	⊕
<u>Drive Test</u> BSAs have been used to measure signal characteristics (such as RF power) from a moving vehicle for both civilian and military applications.	•	•	•	•	•	⊕		⊕	⊕	⊕
<u>General test and debug</u>	•	•	•	•	•					

- Useful standard software for applications
- ⊕ Useful software option for applications

Spectrum/Spectrogram/Time Plot

Interactive display of the spectrum, spectrogram (waterfall plot) and the time domain waveform. This analysis tool provides a multi-dimensional tool for viewing data that is valuable for every BSA application.



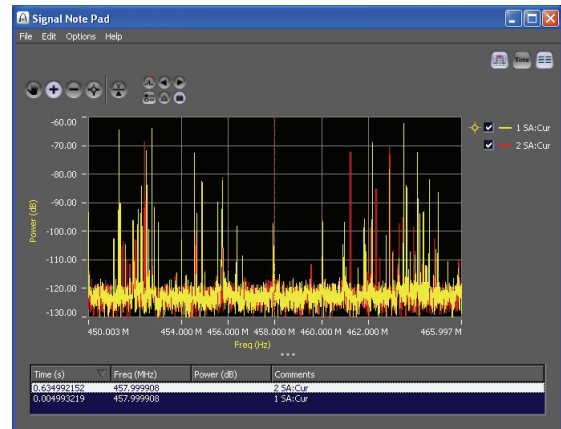
Strip Chart

Various analysis functions calculate numeric values (carrier frequency, power, etc.). Any value from any analysis function can be sent to the strip chart to display the value over time. This display tool provides a multi-dimensional view into data that is valuable for every BSA application.



Signal Notepad

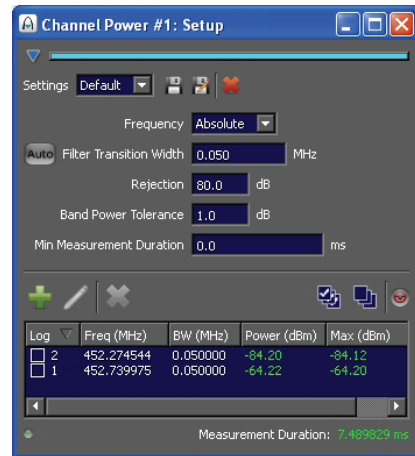
Any spectrum trace can be stored and viewed with the signal notepad. This allows different traces to be overlaid for easy comparison. The traces can be stored to disk in ASCII format.



Channel Power and ACPR

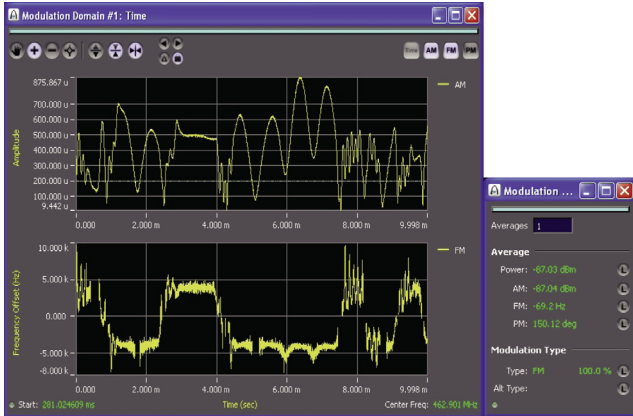
Channel Power measures the power in a user defined frequency band. This function is useful in many applications.

The Adjacent Channel Power Ratio (BSA-ACPR) analysis function measures the power and ratio of the powers in a main frequency band and bands on either side of this band. This can also be used to estimate the Signal-to-Noise-Ratio (SNR) of signals for many applications.



Modulation Domain

Plots and coherently measures parameters on the AM, FM and PM demodulated waveforms. Estimates the basic modulation type. This is one of the most used functions in BSA and is highly recommended for most applications.



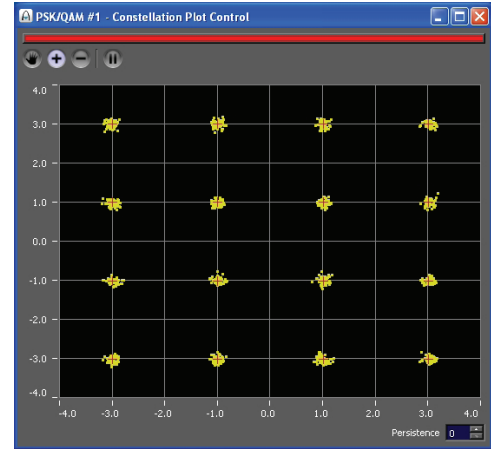
Pulse Analysis

Measures and plots pulse parameters, including carrier frequency, power, pulse width, PRI and modulation (chirp, Barker, etc.) characteristics. This is used for pulse tasks such as radar applications.

Digital Modulations

The Vector Signal Analyzer demodulates, plots and characterizes ASK, FSK, PSK and QAM signals. These analysis tools operate on continuous or burst signals.

The PSK/QAM plots eye diagram, constellation, spectrum, and timing offset data. One function will estimate the PSK/QAM signal type order and its fundamental parameters. These functions are useful for digital communications applications.



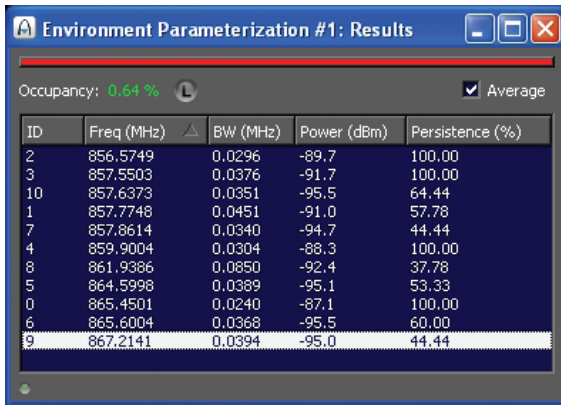
Burst/Agile Signal Analysis

The burst variants of the digital modulation analysis functions process frequency agile signals such as frequency hoppers. The software adds the pulse width, PRI and carrier frequency of every burst. This function is useful in many digital communications applications.



Environment Signal Parameters (ESP)

Environment Signal Parameterization detects all signals in a band and measures the signal frequency, power, bandwidth and on-time statistics. This function is used in spectrum monitoring and EME characterization applications.



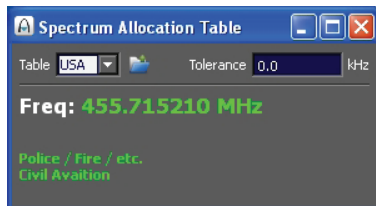
Environment Parameterization #1: Results

Occupancy: 0.64 % Average

ID	Freq (MHz)	BW (MHz)	Power (dBm)	Persistence (%)
2	856.5749	0.0296	-89.7	100.00
3	857.5503	0.0376	-91.7	100.00
10	857.6373	0.0351	-95.5	64.44
1	857.7748	0.0451	-91.0	57.78
7	857.8614	0.0340	-94.7	44.44
4	859.9004	0.0304	-88.3	100.00
8	861.9386	0.0850	-92.4	37.78
5	864.5998	0.0389	-95.1	53.33
0	865.4501	0.0240	-87.1	100.00
6	865.6004	0.0368	-95.5	60.00
9	867.2141	0.0394	-95.0	44.44

Spectrum Allocation Table (SAT)

The Spectrum Allocation Table (SAT) displays text associated with the spectrum marker frequency. This tool is useful for signal search applications such as spectrum management and EME analysis, but it could be creatively used by all applications.



Spectrum Allocation Table

Table: USA Tolerance: 0.0 kHz

Freq: 455.715210 MHz

Police / Fire / etc.
Civil Aviation

SPECIFICATION

FREQUENCY RANGE AND TUNING

FREQUENCY RANGE

30 MHz to 6 GHz
Tunable RF center frequency range

Tuning Resolution

1 kHz

Frequency Accuracy

Dependent on 10 MHz reference accuracy

BANDWIDTH

MAXIMUM INSTANTANEOUS BANDWIDTH

RF > 200 MHz

40 MHz typical

RF < 200 MHz

Bandwidth increases with increasing tuned center frequency, from approx. 6 MHz at 30 MHz center frequency, to 40 MHz at 200 MHz center frequency, typical.

BW can be decreased using digital tuners for increased recording times and lower effective sample rates.

Passband Amplitude Flatness

± 2.5 dB, typical

Across maximum passband bandwidth

Selectable Bandwidths

From maximum instantaneous bandwidth down to 41 kHz

Selection range corresponds to digital tuner decimation factors from 4 to 4096 in power-of-two steps, where $BW \approx 210.e6 * (0.8/DF)$, in Hz, where DF is the decimation factor.

INPUT

RF Input

50 ohms, ac coupled

INPUT RETURN LOSS

RF > 300 MHz

9.0 dB, (2.1:1) typical worst-case in passband

RF < 300 MHz

6.0 dB (3.0:1) typical worst-case at band center

Max RF Input Power, CW Damage Level

+15 dBm

Minimum CW Input Power for Full-Scale at ADC

≤ -35 dBm over full frequency range

Maximum gain at all tuned frequencies is at least +35 dB, where (analog-to-digital) gain is measured as:

(Power of signal in dB Full-Scale [dBFS] at ADC) minus
(Power of signal at RF Input [dBm]).

GAIN

Max. Gain

>35 dB, typical

At least 35 dB gain at band center for all tuned frequencies

Gain Range, min.

40 dB, min.

Gain controlled via programmable solid state attenuation

Gain Step

0.5 dB nominal

Gain Linearity

±1.0 dB (typical worst-case)

LINEARITY AND DISTORTION

Input IP3

+3 dBm, typical at +35 dB gain

+8 dBm, typical at +25 dB gain

Applies at any tuned frequency for two tones within the tuned passband.

E.g. Two input tones separated by 1 MHz at -32 dBm each (peak power = -26 dBm) and gain = 25 dB, so that combined peak is approx. -1 dBFS. Third order intermodos will typically be less than $-32 - 2 \times (8 - (-32)) = -112$ dBm, or <-80 dBc relative to each tone.

3rd order intermod levels vary with gain setting

In-band Spurious Free Dynamic Range

60 dB, typical in-band spurious;

55 dB, worst-case

Typical represents a common worst-case in-band spurious from any in-band tone at -1 dBFS, when varying the input tone frequency across the full passband (measured with Gain = +35 dB, CW Input power = -36 dBm)

SPECTRAL PURITY

Phase Noise

Typicals

Offset (Hz)	Phase Noise (dBc/Hz)
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100	-60
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1 K	-75
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10 K	-80
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100 K	-100
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1 M	-122
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Typical worst-case, at RF center frequency of 6 GHz.

LO Spurious

Typical peak spurious levels

-60 dBc for offset >25 kHz

-75 dBc for offset >200 kHz

Frequency Reference

Internal

10 MHz high stability TCXO

5 min. warmup

Stability 1.e-9/day, 1.e-7/year

External 10 MHz Ref. Input

0 to +14 dBm, 50 ohm BNC rear panel input

External GPS Input

Rear panel BNC connector for GPS antenna input, with +5 Vdc bias for active antenna

System will automatically lock to either an applied GPS signal via the GPS antenna port, or to an externally applied 10 MHz reference input. If neither are applied, it will run from its internal 10 MHz TCXO.

Ref. Output

Rear panel BNC output;

+6 dBm sine wave

Extra output of 10 MHz; can be used to lock external equipment to the same reference used by the system.

RESIDUAL AND NOISE

RESIDUAL SPURIOUS

-98 dBm, typical worst-case in passband

This is the typical maximum level of non-signal-related spurious, usually related to leakages and/or mixing products of LOs and/or internal spurious products.

Referenced to RF Input, Gain = +35 dB

Displayed Average Noise Level

-158 dBm/Hz, typical

Referenced to RF Input, at maximum gain setting.

Typical worst-case noise figure = 15 dB

Reverse Leakage

-80 dBm, maximum, all tuned RF frequencies

Worst-case leakage out of the RF input, at any gain setting, tuned to any RF frequency.

FILTERING

Pre-Selection

Voltage-tuned and sub-octave pre-select filtering covers full RF range

Image Rejection

80 dB, typical (60 dB minimum)

IF Rejection

80 dB, typical (65 dB minimum)

OOB Rejection

50 dB, typical worst-case across full RF range, at gain = +35 dB

Other sub-harmonic and non-harmonic related out-of-band signals, at full-scale level, that create in-band spurious products.

Note: To achieve high levels of near-band and out-of-band rejection, system includes RF pre-select and IF bandpass filters.

DIGITAL SAMPLING

ADC Resolution

12 bits (ADC)

RF signal is digitized at 12 bits per real sample; then converted through the internal digital downconverter to I/Q samples at 16 bits per sample, with decimation rates from 4 through 4096.

ADC Sample Rate

210 MSamples/sec

Signals are sampled at 210 MSamples/sec. Effective sample rate of 16-bit I/Q samples out is $210.e6/DecimationFactor$, where DecimationFactor can be any power-of-2 from 4 through 4096, for an output complex sample rate of 52.5 MSamples/sec down to 51.3 kSamples/sec, for both I and Q output.

Sample Memory

32 GBytes

8 GSamples of 16-bit Complex samples

Continuous Record Time

>162 seconds at full 40 MHz instantaneous bandwidth;

>46.5 hours of recording at minimum signal bandwidth of 41 kHz

Output complex sample rates from the digital tuner range from 52.5 MS/sec (at full dec-by-2 bandwidth) to 51.27 kS/sec (at minimum dec-by-4096 bandwidth)

TRIGGERING

Sources

Internal (software or user-generated) and external (trigger input on side panel)

Type

Rising edge, falling edge

Functions

Pre-trigger, snapshot

Uncertainty

± 1 sample from digital tuner (e.g ± 19 nS at 40 MHz bandwidth)

GPS

Receiver Functions

Time, position and frequency reference

In addition to time and position information, the internal 10 MHz reference can also lock to an input L1 C/A signal from an external GPS antenna.

Signal I/F

L1 C/A 1575.42 MHz

Acquisition Level

-142 dBm

Tracking Level

-158 dBm

Start Times

Cold: <45 seconds

Warm: 1 second

Hot: 1 second

SPECTRUM ANALYZER FUNCTION

Frequency Span

Defaults to current selected bandwidth (40 MHz to 41 kHz), can be set from 4 Hz to Nyquist (52.5 MHz)

Resolution Bandwidth

0.4 Hz to 10.0 MHz

Plots

Power vs frequency spectrum, time vs frequency spectrogram, amplitude vs time, interactive signal notepad

Spectral Plot Controls

Center frequency, span, ref level, res BW, gain, power range, # of averages, absolute or relative frequency display

Traces

Live data with selectable persistence, max hold, average N, reference trace

Markers

Current cursor position, delta cursor positions, >20 auxiliary markers, channel markers, event trigger threshold and mask

Marker Functions

Peak search, next peak left/right, cursor readout, nudge left/right, lock

GUI Control

Mouse-enabled multi-level zoom out, pan, markers, custom color controls

SCANNING SPECTRUM ANALYZER (SSA) FUNCTION

Frequency Range

Variable from 40 MHz to 6 GHz. Save/recall band limits

Resolution Bandwidth

Auto or manual

Gain Control

AGC and manual

Plots

Power vs frequency spectrum

Traces

Live data

Max hold

Average N

Min hold

Trace save

SYSTEM HARDWARE

COMPONENTS

Single system chassis containing CPUs, 8 GB RAM standard (OS & signal memory), system drive, system I/O, 30 MHz to 6 GHz RF down-converter, video monitor, keyboard and trackpad, USB, video, ethernet connectors, GPS receiver

Monitor

17" included

Peripherals

Fold-down keyboard, trackpad included

System Drives

1 TB removable (standard) or 120 GB removable SSD

Used for both Data and OS

RAM

8 GB system, 32 GB signal memory

RF Downconverter

30 MHz to 6 GHz, 40 MHz bandwidth, low power, fast tuning, miniature receiver

GPS Receiver

For time, position and frequency reference

CONNECTORS

USB

USB 2.0 (x2) front panel, USB 2.0 (x4) side panel, USB 3.0 (eSATA) (x2) side panel

Video

VGA/DVI/HDMI

Ethernet

1 GBit (x2)

RF In

Side panel precision type-N

Ext Reference In

Side panel BNC, 50 ohm, -2 to +14 dBm

Locks internal 10 MHz to this external 10 MHz input

External GPS Input

Rear panel BNC connector for GPS antenna input, with +5 Vdc output bias for active antenna

GPS L1 used to discipline internal 10 MHz reference, and for GPS time, location data.

Additional Reference Out

Rear panel BNC, 50 ohm, +6 ±3 dBm

Can be used to lock additional chassis or external equipment to the same reference used by the system.

Trigger In

Rear panel BNC, LVCMOS, >100 nS pulse width

Start Record Sync Out

Rear panel BNC, 50 ohm, LVCMOS

PHYSICAL

Power Consumption

160 VA @ 110 VAC or 220 VAC

1.35 A rms at 110 Vac measured while operating

Dimensions

13.60" H x 17.01" W x 9.57" D (345 x 432 x 243 mm)

Weight

40 lbs (18 kg)

ENVIRONMENTAL

Operating Temperature

-10 to +55°C

Operating Humidity

10% to 90%, non-condensing

Storage Temperature

-40 to +65°C

Storage Humidity

5% to 95%, non-condensing

SOFTWARE

Included Functions

Spectrum

Spectrogram

Time waveform plot

Analysis

Scanning spectrum analyzer

Strip chart plot and analysis

Signal notepad

Channel power

ACPR

Modulation domain plot and analysis

Optional Functions

Spectrum allocation table

Digital modulations (PSK/QAM/ASK/FSK)

Demodulation and analysis

Environment signal parameterization

Burst/agile signal analysis (ASK/FSK/PSK)

High resolution spectrum plot and analysis

Pulse parameterization and analysis

RECOMMENDED CALIBRATION CYCLE

24 months

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