



The modern signal generator has evolved into a complex, expensive instrument. To provide an alternative for many test scenarios in which only a high-quality CW source is required, dBm introduces the SSG synthesized CW signal generator. This instrument focuses on the basics: simplicity, connectivity, and excellent RF performance in a small and low cost solution.

Sharing resources within a lab or facility often means carrying test equipment around a crowded lab. The SSG is so small and light it can be held with one hand, yet it has enough mass to stay planted on the workbench with heavy coax cables attached to it.

The SSG gives up little or nothing in terms of performance to other generators which can be more than twice the price. Phase noise performance is excellent, and switching speed is much faster than YIG based signal generators.

Front panel control of the frequency and amplitude is achieved with a combination of buttons and a rotary knob. Step size is determined by positioning the cursor at the desired digit and turning the knob, or an arbitrary step size can be set independently for the frequency and amplitude.

The SSG can function within an automated test system, since it can be remotely controlled via IEEE-488.2, RS-232, and 10/100BaseT Ethernet. This combined with its fast settling time makes it a good choice for high-volume production environments.

Applications

- A laboratory workhorse
- Programmable LO for frequency converters
- Frequency hopping source
- RF device characterization
- Tracking generator source

Features

- Low noise (-103 dBc/Hz 1 kHz offset @ 1GHz)
- Fast switching (<2msec typ.)
- Small and lightweight (10" x 10" x 3")
- Non-volatile memory for storage/recall of instrument settings
- IEEE-488.2, LAN, and RS-232 interfaces standard

Options

- Fast switching speed (200 usec)
- File driven hopping/swept frequency mode

Specifications

Frequency Range	10 MHz to 4000 MHz		Environmen	Environmental	
Frequency Resolution	10 Hz up to 1999.99999 MHz		Operating Temperature		0° C to $+35^{\circ}$ C
	20 Hz for 2000 - 4000 MHz		Shock and Vibration		MIL-PRF 28800F
Frequency Accuracy	+/- 2 PPM internal reference				Type III Class 4
	or per external reference		EMI		MIL-STD 461B RE02
Frequency update rate	2 ms via LAN or GPIB	and the second sec			Part 2 and CISPR II
Settling time					
Standard	2 msec typical		Control and interface		
	<12 msec at band crossings (1 GH	Hz, 2 GHz)	GHz) Local interface		Front panel keypad & display
Opt HS	200 usec for steps less than 10 M	IHz	Remote interface		IEEE-488.2, LAN, RS-232
Spectral Purity					
Phase Noise	at 1 GHz		Primary power		
	- 55 dBc @ 10 Hz		Voltage		90-264 VAC autoranging
	-81 dBc @ 100 Hz		Frequency		48-66 Hz
	-103 dBc @ 1 kHz		Consumption	1	40 VA, maximum
	-107 dBc @ 10 kHz		Fuse		1A, slow-blow
	-108 dBc @ 100 kHz				
	-128 dBc @ 1 MHz		Physical		
Opt HS	Degrade 10 dB at offsets		Ambient operating temp		10° to 35° C
	less than 100 kHz		Dimensions		10" W x 2.75" H x 10" D
Spurious	<-50 dBc			1.1.2	
Output noise floo	Output noise floor <-145 dBm/Hz		Ordering Information		
2nd Harmonic	<-20 dBc	Mo	del No.	Descrip	tion
3rd Harmonic	<-30 dBc	IVIO		Descrip	
Output Power		SSC	G - 10/4000	10MHz	to 4000MHz
Power Range	+10 dBm to -30 dBm				
Power Resolution	0.1 dB	Opt	tions	Descript	tion
Power Accuracy	+/- 0.5 dB -20 to +10 dBm	SSC	GoptHS	200 usec switching speed	
Power Accuracy	+/- 0.75 dB -< -20 dbm	550	5 optilis		
Impedance	50 ohms	SSC	G opt DYN	Dynamic	c hopping mode
VSWR	2:1 maximum into 50 ohms		Distributor		
External Reference	10 MHz sine, 0 dBm +/- 3 dB	г			

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