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PSG Analog Sweep Generator E8257N

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Data Sheet





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Definitions and Conditions

The Keysight E8257N is a fully-synthesized signal generator with high output power, low phase noise, and optional ramp sweep capability.

Specifications apply over a 0 to 50 $^{\circ}$ C range, unless otherwise stated, and apply after a 45 minute warm-up time. Supplemental characteristics, denoted as typical, nominal, or measured, provide additional (non-warranted) information at 25 $^{\circ}$ C, which may be useful in the application of the product.

Unless otherwise noted, this data sheet applies to units with serial numbers ending with 55060000 or greater.

Specifications (spec): Represents warranted performance for instruments with a current calibration.

Typical (typ): Represents characteristic performance which is non-warranted; describes performance that will be met by a minimum of 80% of all products.

Nominal (nom): Represents characteristic performance which is non-warranted. Represents the value of a parameter that is most likely to occur; the expected mean or mode of all instruments at room temperature (approximately 25 °C).

Measured: Represents characteristic performance which is non-warranted. Represents the value of a parameter measured on an instrument during design verification.

Frequency and Time Specifications

Frequency		
range 1		
Standard	10 MHz to 40 GHz	
Option 340	250 kHz to 40 GHz	
Option 550	250 kHz to 50 GHz	
Resolution		
CW	0.001 Hz	
All sweep modes ²	0.01 Hz	
CW switching speed 3,4,5		
	< 11 ms (typ)	
	7 ms (nom)	
Phase offset	Adjustable in nominal 0.1° increments	
Frequency bands	Frequency range	N ⁶
1 (Option 340 or 550)	250 kHz to 10 MHz	1/8
1	10 MHz to 250 MHz	1/8
2	> 250 to 500 MHz	1/16
3	> 500 MHz to 1 GHz	1/8
4	> 1 to 2 GHz	1/4
5	> 2 to 3.2 GHz	1/2
6	> 3.2 to 10 GHz	1
7	> 10 to 20 GHz	2
8	> 20 to 40 GHz	4
9 (Option 550)	> 40 to 50 GHz	8
Accuracy	± [(time since last adjustment x aging ra effects + calibration accuracy]	ate) + temperature effects + line voltage
Internal timebase reference oscillator (OCXO)	Standard	Option UNX
Aging rate	$<\pm$ 1 x 10 ⁻⁹ /hr @ 25 °C \pm 5 °C after 1 hr	$<\pm3$ x 10^{-8} /yr or $<\pm2.5$ x 10^{-10} /day
	warm up	after 30 days
Temperature effects	$<\pm~2.0~x~10^{-6}$ from 0 to 50 °C	$<\pm4.5$ x 10^{-9} from 0 to 55 °C (typ)
Line voltage effects (typ)	$< \pm 2.0 \times 10^{-10} $ for $\pm 10\%$ change	$< \pm 2.0 \times 10^{-10} $ for $\pm 10\%$ change
External reference		
Frequency	10 MHz only	
Lock range	± 1.0 ppm	
Reference output		
Frequency	10 MHz	
Amplitude	> +4 dBm into 50 Ω load (typ)	
External reference input		
Amplitude	$5 \mathrm{dBm} \pm 5 \mathrm{dB}^{ 7}$	
Input impedance	50 Ω (nom)	

^{1.} Operational, but unspecified, down to 100 kHz except where noted.

^{2.} In ramp sweep mode, resolution is limited with narrow spans and slow sweep speeds. Refer to ramp sweep specifications for more information.

Time from GPIB trigger to frequency within 0.1 ppm of final frequency above 250 MHz or within 100 Hz below 250 MHz.

^{4.} Add 12 ms (typical) when switching from greater than 3.2 GHz to less than 3.2 GHz.
5. With Option 1EH low band harmonic filters off. With the 1EH filters turned on, add 4 ms.

N is a factor used to help define certain specifications within the document.

To optimize phase noise use 5 dBm ± 2 dB.

Step (digital) sweep		
Operating modes		
Standard and Option 340	Step sweep of frequency o	or amplitude or both (start to stop)
Option 340 only	List sweep of frequency or	amplitude or both (arbitrary list)
Sweep range		
Frequency sweep	Within instrument frequen	cy range
Amplitude sweep	Within attenuator hold ran	ge (see "Output" section)
Dwell time	1 ms to 60 s	
Number of points	Standard	Option 340
Step sweep	2 to 65535	2 to 65535
List sweep		2 to 1601 per table
Triggering	Auto, external, single, or	GPIB
Settling time		
Frequency	$<$ 9 ms (typ) 1	
Amplitude	< 5 ms (typ)	

^{1. 19} ms (typ) when stepping from greater than 3.2 GHz to less than 3.2 GHz.

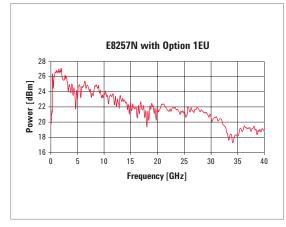
Ramp (analog) sweep ¹			
Operating modes			
	Power (amplitude)Manual sweepRPG control betweenAlternate sweep	ency sweep (start/stop), (center sweep (start/stop) en start and stop frequencies ive sweeps between current an	
Sweep span range	Settable from minimu	m ² to full range	
Maximum sweep rate	Start frequency	Maximum sweep rate	Max span for 100 ms sweep
Option 340 only	250 kHz to < 0.5 GHz	25 MHz/ms	2.5 GHz
Standard and Option 340	10 MHz to < 0.5 GHz	25 MHz/ms	2.5 GHz
	0.5 to < 1 GHz	50 MHz/ms	5 GHz
	1 to < 2 GHz	100 MHz/ms	10 GHz
	2 to < 3.2 GHz	200 MHz/ms	20 GHz
	≥ 3.2 GHz	400 MHz/ms	40 GHz
Frequency accuracy			
(Option 340 only)	± 0.05% of span ± timebase (at 100 ms sweep time, for sweep spans less than maximum values given above). Accuracy improves proportionally as sweep time increases ³		
Frequency resolution			
For sweep width < 20 GHz	< 0.1%		
For sweep width ≥ 20 GHz	< 0.2%		
Sweep time (forward sweep, not including	band switch and retrace	intervals)	
Manual mode	Settable 10 ms to 200 s	econds	
Resolution	1 ms		
Auto mode	Set to minimum value d	etermined by maximum sweep r	ate and 8757D setting
Triggering	Auto, external, single,	or GPIB	
Markers	10 independent contin	uously variable frequency ma	rkers
Display	Z-axis intensity or RF ar	nplitude pulse	
Functions	M1 to center, M1/M2 to start/stop, marker delta		
Two-tone (master/slave) measurements ⁴ (Option 340)	Two PSGs can synchronously track each other, with independent control of start/stop frequencies		
Network analyzer compatibility			
Option 340		network analyzer. Also useable laking basic swept measuremer	with Keysight 8757A/C/E scalar ats. ⁵

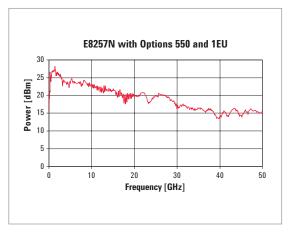
- During ramp sweep operation, AM, FM, phase modulation, and pulse modulation are useable but performance is not guaranteed.
- Minimum settable sweep span is proportional to carrier frequency and sweep time. Actual sweep span may be slightly different than desired setting for spans less than [0.00004% of carrier frequency or 140 Hz] x [sweep time in seconds]. Actual span will always be displayed
- Typical accuracy for sweep times > 100 ms can be calculated from the equation: [(0.005% of span)/(sweep time in seconds)] ± timebase. Accuracy is not specified for sweep times < 100 ms.
- For master/slave operation use Keysight part number 8120–8806 master/slave interface cable.

 GPIB system interface is not supported with 8757A/C/E, only with 8757D. As a result, some features of the 8757A/C/E, such as frequency display, pass-through mode, and alternate sweep, do not function with the PSG signal generators.

Output			
Minimum settable output power	Standard	Option 340	Option 550
250 kHz to < 10 MHz		–135 dBm	–110 dBm
10 MHz to 40 GHz	–105 dBm	–135 dBm	–110 dBm
> 40 to 50 GHz			–110 dBm

		-110 dbiii
Spec	(Typ)	
Standard	Option 1EU	
+10	+11 (+14)	
+10	+13 (+15)	
+10	+11 (+14)	
+10	+13 (+16)	
+10	+18 (+19)	
+10	+20 (+22)	
+10	+17 (+20)	
+10	+14 (+17)	
+7	+14 (+17)	
+7	+12 (+16)	
Standard	Option 1EU	
+5	+10 (+13)	
+5	+12 (+14)	
+5	+10 (+13)	
+5	+12 (+15)	
+5	+17 (+18)	
+5	+19 (+22)	
+4	+13 (+20)	
+4	+13 (+16)	
+3	+9 (+16)	
+3	+9 (+12)	
	Standard +10 +10 +10 +10 +10 +10 +10 +1	+10 +11 (+14) +10 +13 (+15) +10 +11 (+14) +10 +13 (+16) +10 +13 (+16) +10 +18 (+19) +10 +20 (+22) +10 +17 (+20) +10 +14 (+17) +7 +14 (+17) +7 +12 (+16) Standard Option 1EU +5 +10 (+13) +5 +10 (+13) +5 +10 (+13) +5 +17 (+18) +5 +17 (+18) +5 +19 (+22) +4 +13 (+20) +4 +13 (+20) +4 +13 (+16)



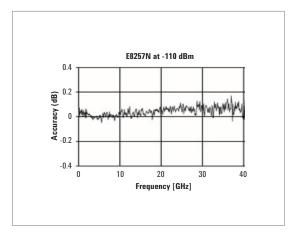


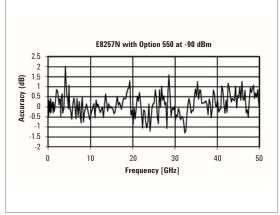
Maximum output power (measured)

Maximum power specifications are warranted from 15 to 35 °C, and are typical from 0 to 15 °C. Maximum power over the 35 to 55 °C range typically degrades less than 2 dB.

With Option 1EH low-pass filters below 2 GHz switched off, unless otherwise specified.
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Step attenuator ¹					
Standard	0 dB and 5 dB to 115 d	0 dB and 5 dB to 115 dB in 10 dB steps			
With Optimize S/N On ² (Opt 1EU)	0 dB to 115 dB in 5 dB	steps			
Option 550	0 dB to 90 dB in 10 dB	steps			
Attenuator hold range minimum	From -20 dBm to max tion; can be offset us		wer with step attenuator in 0 dB posi-		
Amplitude switching speed					
ALC On	< 6 ms (typ) ³				
ALC Off	< 10 ms (typ) (not inclu	ding power search) ⁴			
Level accuracy 5 (dB)	Standard	Option 1EU			
Standard	+10 to -90 dBm	+20 to -90 dBm	< -90 to -105 dBm		
250 kHz to 10 MHz ² (Option 340)	± 1.5 dB	± 1.5 dB	Additional 0.2 dB/10 dB step		
> 10 MHz to 20 GHz	± 1.5 dB	± 1.5 dB	Additional 0.2 dB/10 dB step		
> 20 to 40 GHz	± 2.0 dB	± 2.0 dB	Additional 0.2 dB/10 dB step		
Option 550	+5 to -90 dBm	+19 to -90 dBm	< -90 to -105 dBm		
250 kHz to 2 GHz ⁶	± 1.5 dB	± 1.5 dB	Additional 0.2 dB/10 dB step		
> 2 GHz to 20 GHz	± 1.5 dB	± 1.5 dB	Additional 0.2 dB/10 dB step		
> 20 GHz to 40 GHz	± 2.0 dB	± 2.0 dB	Additional 0.2 dB/10 dB step		
> 40 GHz to 50 GHz	± 2.5 dB	± 2.5 dB			
Flatness	± 1.5 dB measured at	0 dBm			





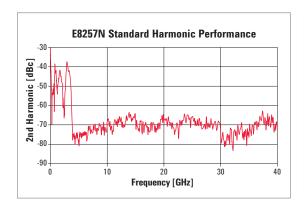
Level accuracy (measured)

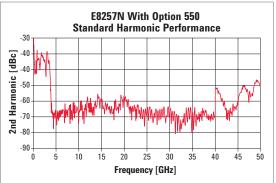
- 1. The step attenuator provides coarse power attenuation to achieve low power levels. Fine power level adjustment is provided by the ALC (automatic level control) within the attenuator hold range.
- 2. With attenuator in auto mode. Optimize S/N mode provides improved signal/noise performance and is included with Option 1EU models. Specs in the following sections (such as level accuracy, spectral purity, modulation, etc.) are only tested with optimize S/N mode turned off.
- 3. To within 0.1 dB of final amplitude within one attenuator range.
- 4. To within 0.5 dB of final amplitude within one attenuator range. Add up to 50 ms when using power search.
- 5. Specifications apply in CW and list/step sweep modes over the 15 to 35 °C temperature range with the ALC on. Degradation outside this range, for power levels > -10 dBm, is typically < 0.3 dB. In ramp sweep mode, specifications are typical. For instruments with Type-N connectors, specifications are degraded typically 0.2 dB above 18 GHz. Specifications do not apply above the maximum specified power.
- 6. When Option UNX low phase noise mode is on, specifications below 250 MHz apply only when Option 1EH low-pass filters below 2 GHz are on. With Option 1EH low-pass filters below 2 GHz off, accuracy is typically ± 2 dB.

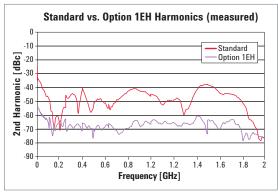
Resolution	0.01 dB	
Temperature stability	0.02 dB/°C (typ) 1	
User flatness correction		
Number of points	2 to 1601 points/table	
Number of tables	Up to 10,000, memory limited	d
Path loss	Arbitrary, within attenuator ra	ange
Entry modes	Remote power meter ² , remot	te bus, manual (user edit/view)
Output impedance	50 Ω (nom)	
SWR (internally leveled)	Standard	Option 340
250 kHz to 10 MHz		< 2.0:1 (typ)
10 MHz to 40 GHz	< 2.0:1 ³	< 2.0:1 ³
> 40 to 50 GHz (Opt 550 only)		< 2.0:1(typ)
Leveling modes		
Standard	Internal leveling, external det	ector leveling, ALC off
Options 340 or 550	Keysight 8355xA millimeter s	ource module
External detector leveling		
Range	-0.2 mV to -0.5 V (nom) (-36	dBm to +4 dBm using Keysight 33330D/E detector)
Bandwidth	Selectable 0.1 to 100 kHz (no	m) (Note: not intended for pulsed operation)
Maximum reverse power	1/2 Watt, 0 V _{DC}	
Adjustable RF output limit (Option 1EU onl	у)	
Function	Protects external devices by (internal, external, source mo	limiting maximum RF output. Operates in all leveling modes idule)
Range	User-adjustable from +15 dBr	m to maximum output power
Accuracy	+15 to +20 dBm: ± 1 dB (typ)	
Resolution	1 dB	
Response time	30 μsec (measured)	
Adjustment	Can be locked to prevent acci	idental change

Option 550: 0.03 dB/°C (typ) above 2 GHz.
 Compatible with Keysight EPM/EPM-P Series power meters.
 SWR specification applies at -20 dBm output power

Spectral purity			
Harmonics 1 (dBc at +10 dBm or max	imum specified output power, whichev	er is lower)	
Frequency	Standard	Option 340	
250 kHz to 1 MHz		-25 dBc (typ)	
> 1 to 10 MHz		-25 dBc	
> 10 MHz to 2 GHz	-30 dBc	-30 dBc	
> 10 MHz to 50 MHz (w/Option 1EH filt	ers on)	-45 dBc ²	
> 50 MHz to 2 GHz (w/Option 1EH filte	rs on)	-55 dBc ²	
> 2 to 20 GHz	-50 dBc	-55 dBc	
> 20 to 50 GHz (Option 550 only)		-50 dBc (typ)	







Harmonics (measured)

Specifications are typical for harmonics beyond specified frequency range. Specifications are with Option 1EH low-pass filters below 2 GHz off and Option UNX low phase noise mode off, unless noted.

Below 250 MHz in ramp sweep mode, Option 1EH filters are always off. Refer to harmonic specification with filters off.

Sub-harmonics 1 (dBc at +10 dBn	n or maximum specified outp		er)	
Frequency	Standard	Option 340		
250 kHz to 10 MHz		None		
10 MHz to 2 GHz	-30 dBc	None		
> 2 GHz to 10 GHz	-50 dBc	None		
> 10 GHz to 20 GHz	-50 dBc	-60 dBc		
> 20 GHz	-40 dBc	-50 dBc		
Non-harmonics 2 (dBc at +10 dBn 340; > 300 Hz with Option UNX])		ut power, whichever is low	er, for offsets > 10 kHz	[> 3 kHz with Option
Frequency	Standard	Option 340 Spec/(Typ)		
10 MHz to 2 GHz	-40 dBc			
> 2 GHz to 20 GHz	-55 dBc			
> 20 to 40 GHz	-45 dBc			
250 kHz to 250 MHz		-65 dBc (-72) ⁴		
1 to 250 MHz (Option UNX low pha	se noise mode)	-80 dBc (-88)		
> 250 MHz to 1 GHz		-80 dBc (-88)		
> 1 to 2 GHz		-74 dBc (-82)		
> 2 to 3.2 GHz		-68 dBc (-76)		
> 3.2 to 10 GHz		-62 dBc (-70)		
> 10 to 20 GHz		-56 dBc (-64)		
> 20 to 40 GHz		-50 dBc (-58)		
> 40 GHz (Option 550 only)		-44 dBc (-52)		
Residual FM (RMS, 50 Hz to 15 k	Hz bandwidth)			
Mode	Standard	Option 340		
CW	< 500 Hz	< N x 6 Hz (typ)		
CW (with Option UNX)		< N x 4 Hz (typ)		
Ramp sweep		< N x 1 kHz (typ)		
Residual AM	< 1.0% peak	< 1.0% peak		
Broadband noise (CW mode at +1	0 dBm or maximum specifie	d output power, whichever i	is lower, for offsets > 1	0 MHz)
Frequency	Standard	Option 340		
10 MHz to 20 GHz		< -148 dBc/Hz (typ)		
> 20 to 40 GHz		< -141 dBc/Hz (typ)		
> 40 GHz (Option 550 only)		< -135 dBc/Hz (typ)		
Measured RMS jitter 5 (Option 34	0 only)			
Standard carrier frequency	SONET/SDH data rates	RMS jitter bandwidth	Unit intervals (μUI)	Time (fs)
155 MHz	155 MB/s	100 Hz to 1.5 MHz	30	190
622 MHz	622 MB/s	1 kHz to 5 MHz	27	43
2.488 GHz	2488 MB/s	5 kHz to 20 MHz	84	34
9.953 GHz	9953 MB/s	10 kHz to 80 MHz	222	22
39.812 GHz	39812 MB/s	40 kHz to 320 MHz	804	21
Option UNX carrier frequency	SONET/SDH data rates	RMS jitter bandwidth	Unit intervals (μUI)	Time (fs)
155 MHz	155 MB/s	100 Hz to 1.5 MHz	7	47
622 MHz	622 MB/s	1 kHz to 5 MHz	27	43
2.488 GHz	2488 MB/s	5 kHz to 20 MHz	86	35
9.953 GHz	9953 MB/s	10 kHz to 80 MHz	197	20
39.812 GHz	39812 MB/s	40 kHz to 320 MHz	817	21

Sub-harmonics are defined as Carrier Freq/*(x/y), where x and y are integers, and x is not an integer multiple of y. Specifications are typical for sub-harmonics beyond specified frequency range. Specifications are typical for spurs beyond specified frequency range. Specifications apply for CW mode, without modulation. In ramp sweep mode, performance is typical for offsets > 1 MHz.

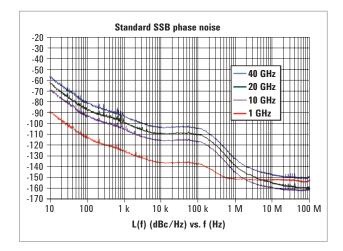
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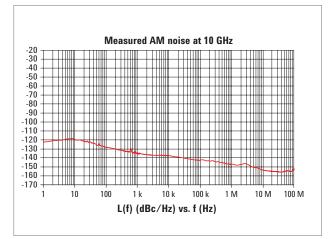
For > 10 kHz offsets.

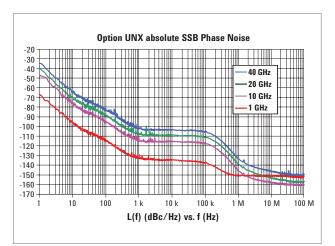
Calculated from phase noise performance in CW mode only at +10 dBm. For other frequencies, data rates, or bandwidths, please contact your sales representative.

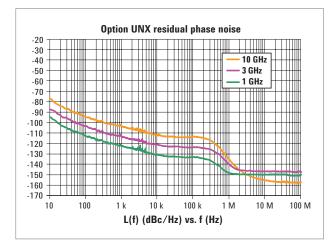
SSB phase noise (dBc/Hz) (CW) 1,2		Offset from car	rrier			
Frequency			ndard Iz spec		Option 340 20 kHz spec (typ	n)
10 MHz to 20 GHz		-1	100			
> 20 to 40 GHz		_	90			
250 kHz to 250 MHz					-130 (-134)	
> 250 MHz to 500 MHz					-134 (-138)	
> 500 MHz to 1 GHz					-130 (-134)	
> 1 to 2 GHz					-124 (-128)	
> 2 to 3.2 GHz					-120 (-124)	
> 3.2 to 10 GHz					-110 (-113)	
> 10 to 20 GHz					-104 (-108)	
> 20 to 40 GHz					-98 (-102)	
> 40 to 50 GHz (Option 550 only)					-92 (-96)	
Option UNX: absolute SSB phase r	noise (dBc/Hz) (CW) 1, 2	Offset from car	rier		
Frequency	1 Hz spec (typ)	10 Hz spec (typ)	100 Hz spec (typ)	1 kHz spec (typ)	10 kHz spec (typ)	100 kHz spec (typ)
250 kHz to 250 MHz	-58 (-66)	-87 (-94)	-104 (-120)	-121 (-128)	-128 (-132)	-130 (-133)
> 250 to 500 MHz	-61 (-72)	-88 (-98)	-108 (-118)	-125 (-132)	-132 (-136)	-136 (-141)
> 500 MHz to 1 GHz	-57 (-65)	-84 (-93)	-101 (-111)	-121 (-130)	-130 (-134)	-130 (-135)
> 1 to 2 GHz	-51 (-58)	-79 (-86)	-96 (-106)	-115 (-124)	-124 (-129)	-124 (-129)
> 2 to 3.2 GHz	-46 (-54)	-74 (-82)	-92 (-102)	-111 (-120)	-120 (-124)	-120 (-124)
> 3.2 to 10 GHz	-37 (-44)	-65 (-72)	-81 (-92)	-101 (-109)	-110 (-114)	-110 (-115)
> 10 to 20 GHz	-31 (-38)	-59 (-66)	-75 (-87)	-95 (-106)	-104 (-107)	-104 (-109)
> 20 to 40 GHz	-25 (-32)	-53 (-60)	-69 (-79)	-89 (-99)	-98 (-101)	-98 (-103)
> 40 to 50 GHz (Option 550 only)	-20 (-26)	-47 (-56)	-64 (-73)	-84 (-90)	-92 (-95)	-92 (-97)
Option UNX: residual SSB phase n	oise (dBc/Hz) (0	CW) 1, 2	Offset from car	rier		
Frequency	1 Hz	10 Hz	100 Hz	1 kHz	10 kHz	100 kHz spec
	spec (typ)	spec (typ)	spec (typ)	spec (typ)	spec (typ)	(typ)
250 kHz to 250 MHz	(-94)	-100 (-107)	–110 (–118)	-120 (-126)	-128 (-132)	-130 (-133)
> 250 to 500 MHz	(–101)	-105 (-112)	–115 (–122)	-124 (-131)	-132 (-136)	-136 (-141)
> 500 MHz to 1 GHz	(-94)	-100 (-107)	–110 (–118)	-120 (-126)	-130 (-134)	-130 (-134)
> 1 to 2 GHz	(-89)	-96 (-101)	-104 (-112)	-114 (-120)	-124 (-129)	-124 (-129)
> 2 to 3.2 GHz	(-85)	-92 (-97)	-100 (-108)	-110 (-116)	-120 (-124)	-120 (-124)
> 3.2 to 10 GHz	(-74)	(-87)	(-98)	(–106)	(–114)	(–115)
Option UNX low phase noise mode absolute SSB phase noise (dBc/Hz			Offset from car	rier		
Frequency	1 Hz	10 Hz	100 Hz	1 kHz	10 kHz	100 kHz spec
	spec (typ)	spec (typ)	spec (typ)	spec (typ)	spec (typ)	(typ)
1 MHz	(-109)	(–120)	(-130)	(-143)	(–150)	(–150)
10 MHz	-90 (-95)	-125 (-130)	-130 (-135)	-143 (-148)	-155 (-158)	-155 (-158)
100 MHz	-70 (-75)	-97 (-102)	-119 (-124)	-130 (-135)	-140 (-145)	-140 (-145)
250 MHz	(-76)	(-104)	(–121)	(-138)	(-142)	(-142)

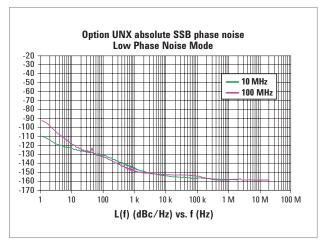
Phase noise specifications are warranted from 15 to 35 °C, excluding external mechanical vibration.
 Measurement at +10 dBm or maximum specified power, whichever is less.
 Measurement at +16 dBm or maximum specified power, whichever is less.

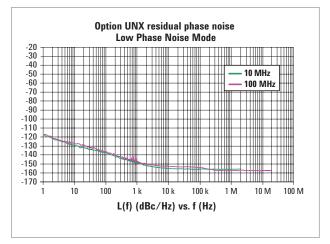












Measured phase noise (data collected with the E5500 and plotted without spurs)

Manimum daviation 1			
Maximum deviation 1	Francis	Chandard	Ontion 2/0
Default RF path	Frequency 250 kHz to < 10 MHz	Standard	Option 340
		0.1411	2 MHz
	10 MHz to 250 MHz	2 MHz	2 MHz
	> 250 to 500 MHz	1 MHz	1 MHz
	> 500 MHz to 1 GHz	2 MHz	2 MHz
	> 1 GHz to 2 GHz	4 MHz	4 MHz
	> 2 GHz to 3.2 GHz	8 MHz	8 MHz
	> 3.2 GHz to 10 GHz	8 MHz	16 MHz
	> 10 GHz to 20 GHz	8 MHz	32 MHz
	> 20 GHz to 40 GHz	8 MHz	64 MHz
	> 40 GHz to 50 GHz (Option 550)		128 MHz
Option UNX	Frequency	Max deviation	
ow phase noise mode	0.00 to 1.050 MHz	0.000111-	
	0.98 to 1.953 MHz	3.906 kHz	
	> 1.953 to 3.906 MHz	7.8125 kHz	
	> 3.906 to 7.813 MHz	15.625 kHz	
	> 7.813 to 15.63 MHz	31.25 kHz	
	> 15.63 to 31.25 MHz	62.5 kHz	
	> 31.25 to 62.5 MHz	125 kHz	
	> 62.5 to 125 MHz	250 kHz	
	> 125 to 250 MHz	500 kHz	
Resolution	0.1% of deviation or 1 Hz, whicheve		
Deviation accuracy	< ± (3.5% of FM deviation + 20 Hz) (1 kHz rate, deviations < N x 800	kHz)
ncidental AM	< 0.3% (for 50 Hz to 15 kHz BW)		
Residual FM	< 3000 Hz rms (for 50 Hz to 15 kHz		
Modulation frequency response		Standard	Option 340
Path [coupling]	1 dB bandwidth (typ)	3 dB BW	3 dB BW (typ)
M path 1 [DC]	DC to 100 kHz	DC to 5 MHz	DC to 10 MHz
-M path 2 [DC]	DC to 100 kHz	DC to 1 MHz	DC to 1 MHz
-M path 1 [AC]	20 Hz to 100 kHz	10 Hz to 5 MHz	5 Hz to 10 MHz
FM path 2 [AC]	20 Hz to 100 kHz	10 Hz to 1 MHz	5 Hz to 1 MHz
DC FM ³ carrier offset	Standard	Option 340	
		\pm 0.1% of set deviation + (N x 8 H	Hz)
Distortion	< 1% (1 kHz rate, deviations < N x 8	00 kHz)	
Sensitivity	± 1 V _{peak} for indicated deviation		
Paths	FM1 and FM2 are summed internall any one of the modulation sources: maximum rate of 1 MHz; The FM2 p tion and clipping, signals applied w	Ext1, Ext2, internal1, internal2; ath must be set to a deviation le	The FM2 path is limited to a ss than FM1. To avoid distor

Through any combination of path1, path2, or path1 + path2.

Specifications apply in CW and list/step sweep modes. During ramp sweep operation, 3 dB bandwidth is typically 50 kHz to 10 MHz (FM1 path) and 50 kHz to 1 MHz (FM2 path).

At the calibrated deviation and carrier frequency, within 5 °C of ambient temperature at time of user calibration.

Phase modulation		
Maximum deviation ¹		
Standard	Normal BW mode (rad)	High BW mode (rad)
10 MHz to 250 MHz	10	1
250 MHz to 500 MHz	10	1
> 500 MHz to 1 GHz	20	2
> 1 GHz to 2 GHz	40	4
> 2 GHz to 3.2 GHz	50	5
> 3.2 GHz to 10 GHz	50	5
> 10 GHz to 20 GHz	50	5
> 20 GHz to 40 GHz	50	5
Option 340	Normal BW mode (rad)	High BW mode (rad)
250 kHz to 10 MHz	20	2
10 MHz to 250 MHz	20	2
250 MHz to 500 MHz	10	1
> 500 MHz to 1 GHz	20	2
> 1 GHz to 2 GHz	40	4
> 2 GHz to 3.2 GHz	80	8
> 3.2 GHz to 10 GHz	160	16
> 10 GHz to 20 GHz	320	32
> 20 GHz to 40 GHz	640	64
Option 550 only	Normal BW mode (rad)	High BW mode (rad)
> 40 GHz to 50 GHz	1280	128
Option UNX low phase noise mode	Normal BW mode (rad)	High BW mode (rad)
> 0.98 to 1.953 MHz	0.03906	0.003906
> 1.953 to 3.906 MHz	0.078125	0.0078125
> 3.906 to 7.813 MHz	0.15625	0.015625
> 7.813 to 15.63 MHz	0.3125	0.03125
> 15.63 to 31.25 MHz	0.625	0.0625
> 31.25 to 62.5 MHz	1.25	0.125
> 62.5 to 125 MHz	2.5	0.25
> 125 to 250 MHz	5	0.5

^{1.} Through any combination of path1, path2, or path1 + path2.

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Resolution	0.1% of set deviation	
Deviation accuracy	< ± 5% of deviation + 0.01 radians (1 kHz rate, normal BW mode)	
Modulation frequency response 1	Normal BW mode	High BW mode
Rates (3 dB BW)	DC to 100 kHz	DC to 1 MHz (typ) ²
Distortion	< 1% (1 kHz rate, total harmonic distortion (THD), deviation < N x 80 rad, normal BW mode)
Sensitivity	± 1 V _{peak} for indicated deviation	
Paths	Φ M1 and Φ M2 are summed internally for composite modulation. Either path may be switched to any one of the modulation sources: Ext1, Ext2, internal1, internal2. The Φ M2 path is limited to a maximum rate of 1 MHz. The Φ M2 path must be set to a deviation less than Φ M1. To avoid distortion and clipping, signals applied with any combination of Φ M1, Φ M2, or Φ M1 + Φ M2 should not exceed 1 V_{peak} .	
Amplitude modulation 3, 4, 5		
Depth	Standard and Option 340 Linear mode	Option 340 only Exponential (log) mode (typ) (downward modulation only)
ALC On	> 90%	> 20 dB
ALC Off with Power Search ⁶ or ALC On with Deep AM ⁷	> 90%	> 50 dB ⁸
Settable	0 to 100%	0 to 40 dB
Sensitivity	0 to 100%/V	0 to 40 dB/V
Resolution	0.1%	0.01 dB
Depth accuracy		
ALC On, 1 kHz rate	± (6% of setting + 1%)	± (2% of setting + 0.2 dB)
External input (selectable polarit	y)	
Sensitivity for indicated depth	1 V peak	–1 V or +1 V
Maximum allowable	± 1 volt	± 3.5 volts ⁹
Rates (3 dB bandwidth, 30% dep	th)	
DC coupled	0 to 100 kHz	
AC coupled	10 Hz to 100 kHz (useable to 1 MHz) $^{\rm 10}$	
Distortion (1 kHz rate, ALC on, lin	ear mode, total harmonic distortion)	
Depth	Standard	Option 340
30% AM		< 1.5% (typ)
50% AM	< 5%	< 5%
60% AM		< 2% (typ)
Paths	AM1 and AM2 are summed internally for composite modulation. Either path may be switched to any one of the modulation sources: Ext1, Ext2, internal1, internal2	

- 1. Specifications apply in CW and list/step sweep modes. During ramp sweep operation, 3 dB bandwidth is typically 50 kHz to 1 MHz (high BW mode)
- 2. Path 1 is useable to 4 MHz for external inputs less than 0.3 V peak, useable to 8 MHz for external inputs less than 0.1 V peak.
- 3. For carrier frequencies below 2 MHz, AM is useable but not specified. Unless otherwise stated, specifications apply with ALC on and envelope peaks within ALC operating range (-20 dBm to maximum specified power, excluding step-attenuator setting).
- 4. With Option UNX low phase noise mode on, AM is useable but not recommended or specified below 250 MHz.
- 5. AM specifications apply for frequencies ≥ 10 MHz.
- 6. ALC off is used for narrow pulse modulation and/or high AM depths, with envelope peaks below ALC operating range. Carrier power level will be accurate after a Power Search is executed.
- 7. ALC on with deep AM provides high AM depths together with closed-loop internal leveling. This mode must be used with a repetitive AM waveform (frequency > 10 Hz) with peaks > -5 dBm (nominal, excluding step-attenuator setting).
- 8. Modulation depths greater than 40 dB require an external input greater than ±1 volt, and are not available with the internal modulation source.
- 9. If a 600 Ω input impedance is selected, maximum input voltage is \pm 6 volts.
- 10. For Option 550, maximum rate is 80 kHz from 20 GHz to 40 GHz.

External modulation inputs (Ext1 & Ex	rt2)	
Modulation types	AM, FM, and ΦM	
Input impedance	50 or 600 Ω (nom) switched	
High/low indicator	100 Hz to 10 MHz BW, act	ivated when input level error exceeds 3% (nom), ac coupled inputs only
Internal modulation source		
Waveforms	Standard	Option 340
	Sine	Sine, square, positive ramp, negative ramp, triangle, Gaussian noise, uniform noise, swept sine, dual sine ¹
Rate range		
Sine	0.5 Hz to 100 kHz	0.5 Hz to 1 MHz
Square, ramp, triangle		0.5 Hz to 100 kHz
Resolution	0.5 Hz	0.5 Hz
Accuracy	Same as timebase	Same as timebase
LF out (Option 340 only)		
Output		Internal 1 or internal 2; also provides monitoring of internal 1 or internal 2 when used for AM, FM, or Φ M.
Amplitude		0 to 3 V_{peak} , (nom) into 50 Ω
Output impedance		$50\Omega(\text{nom})$
Swept sine mode (Option 340 only)		(frequency, phase continuous)
Operating modes		Triggered or continuous sweeps
Frequency range		1 Hz to 1 MHz
Sweep rate		0.5 to 100,000 sweeps/s, equivalent to sweep times 10 μs to 2 s
Resolution		0.5 Hz (0.5 sweep/s)

^{1.} Internal2 is not available when using swept sine or dual sine modes.

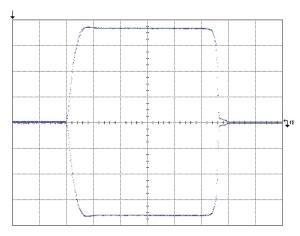
S5 MHz to 400 MHz	Pulse modulation ¹		
Rise/fall times (Tr, Tf) 10 to < 50 MHz	On/off ratio		•
10 to < 50 MHz 10 to <50 MHz 10 to < 50 MHz 10 to <50 MHz 10		80 dB	80 dB
So MHz to 400 MHz	Rise/fall times (Tr, Tf)		
Al Co M Al	10 to < 50 MHz	20 ns	20 ns
Minimum pulse width ALC on 1 μs 1 μs 1 μs ALC off with power search 2 To to < 50 MHz to 400 MHz 100 ns 30 n	50 MHz to 400 MHz	20 ns	15 ns (10 ns typ)
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10 to < 50 MHz to 400 MHz	ALC on	1 μs	1 μs
50 MHz to 400 MHz 100 ns 30 ns 20 ns 20 ns 20 ns 3.2 GHz 25 ns 20	ALC off with power search ²		
> 400 MHz to 3.2 GHz	10 to < 50 MHz	100 ns	40 ns
> 3.2 GHz	50 MHz to 400 MHz	100 ns	30 ns
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> 0.4 to 3.2 GHz	50 MHz to 250 MHz		< 3% (typ)
> 3.2 GHz	> 250 to 400 MHz		< 11% (typ)
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> 25 ns (nom) > 3.2 GHz	RF delay (video to RF output)		
> 3.2 GHz 30 ns (nom) Pulse overshoot < 15% (typ) < 10% (typ) Input level +1 V _{peak} = RF on +1 V _{peak} = RF on	50 MHz to 250 MHz		35 ns (nom)
Pulse overshoot< 15% (typ)< 10% (typ)Input level+1 V_{peak} = RF on+1 V_{peak} = RF on	> 250 MHz to 3.2 GHz		25 ns (nom)
Input level $+1 V_{peak} = RF \text{ on}$ $+1 V_{peak} = RF \text{ on}$	> 3.2 GHz		30 ns (nom)
Input level +1 V_{peak} = RF on +1 V_{peak} = RF on	Pulse overshoot	< 15% (typ)	< 10% (typ)
	Input level	+1 V _{neak} = RF on	+1 V _{neak} = RF on
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^{1.} With ALC off, specs apply after the execution of power search. Specifications apply with Atten Hold Off, or ALC level between -5 and +10 dBm or maximum specified power, whichever is lower.

2. ± 0.7 dB for pulse width < 2us

^{3.} Power search is a calibration routine that improves level accuracy with ALC off. The instrument microprocessor momentarily closes the ALC loop to find the modulator drive setting necessary to make the quiescent RF level equal to an entered value, then opens the ALC loop while maintaining that modulator drive setting. When executing power search, RF power will be present for typically 10 to 50 ms; the step attenuator can be set to automatically switch to maximum attenuation to protect sensitive devices. Power search can be configured to operate either automatically or manually at the carrier frequency, or over a user definable frequency range.

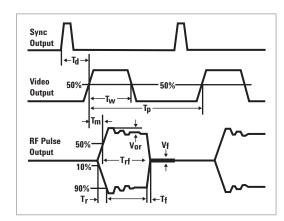
^{4.} With step attenuator in 0 dB position. Above 3.2 GHz, video feed-through decreases with step attenuator setting. Below 3.2 GHz, video feed-through is expressed as a percentage of RF output level.



Measured pulse modulation envelope Frequency = 9 GHz, amplitude = 10 dBm, ALC = off, 10 ns/div

Internal pulse generator	
Modes	Free-run, triggered, triggered with delay, doublet, and gated; triggered with delay, doublet, and gated require external trigger source
Period (PRI) (Tp)	70 ns to 42 s (repetition frequency: 0.024 Hz to 14.28 MHz)
Pulse width (Tw)	10 ns to 42 s
Delay (Td)	
Free-run mode	0 to ± 42 s
Triggered with delay and doublet modes	5 ns to 42 s with ± 10 ns jitter
Delay accuracy	10 ns or 10% of setting
Resolution	10 ns (width, delay, and PRI)
Sync pulse output rise time	< 50 ns

- Td video delay (variable)
- Tw video pulse width (variable)
- Tp pulse period (variable)
- Tm RF delay
- Trf RF pulse width
- Tf RF pulse fall time
- Tr RF pulse rise time
- Vor pulse overshoot
- Vf video feedthrough



Simultaneous modulation

All modulation types (FM, AM, Φ M, and pulse modulation) may be simultaneously enabled except: FM with Φ M, and linear AM with exponential AM. AM, FM, and Φ M can sum simultaneous inputs from any two sources (Ext1, Ext2, internal1, or internal2). Any given source (Ext1, Ext2, internal1, or internal2) may be routed to only one activated modulation type.

Remote programming		
	Standard	Option 340
Interfaces	GPIB (IEEE-488.2, 1987)	GPIB (IEEE-488.2, 1987) RS-232 10BaseT LAN interface
Control languages	SCPI version 1997.0	SCPI version 1997.0. Completely code compatible with previous PSG signal generator models: E8241A E8244A E8251A E8254A E8257C The E8257C The E8257N Option 340 will emulate the applicable commands for the following signal generators, providing general compatibility with ATE systems: 8340 Series (8340/41B) 8360 Series (836xxB/L) 83700 Series (837xxB) 8662A/63A 8664A/8665B
		8643A/44B Aeroflex 2040 Series
IEEE-488 functions	SH1, AH1, T6, TE0, L4, LE0, SR1	, RL1, PPO, DC1, DT0, C0, E2

^{1.} During storage below -20 °C, instrument states may be lost.

^{2.} As is the case with all signal generation equipment, phase noise specifications are not warranted in a vibrating environment.

Input/Output Descriptions

Front panel connectors (a	ll connectors are BNC female unless otherwise noted) ¹
RF output	Output impedance 50 Ω (nom)
Standard	2.9 mm (Type K) female modular connector; type N female modular connector
Option 550	2.4 mm male connector plus 2.4 mm (f) $-$ 2.4 mm (f) and 2.4 mm (f) $-$ 2.9 mm (f) adapters
ALC input	Used for negative external detector leveling; nominal input impedance 120 k Ω , damage level \pm 15 V
LF output	Outputs the internally generated LF source; nominal output impedance 50 Ω . (Option 340 required for LF output operation)
External input 1	Drives either AM, FM, or Φ M. Nominal input impedance 50 or 600 Ω , damage levels are 5 V_{rms} and 10 V_{peak}
External input 2	Drives either AM, FM, or Φ M. Nominal input impedance 50 or 600 Ω , damage levels are 5 V_{rms} and 10 V_{peak}
Pulse/trigger gate input	Accepts input signal for external fast pulse modulation; also accepts external trigger pulse input for internal pulse modulation. Nominal impedance 50 Ω ; damage levels are 5 V_{rms} and 10 V_{peak}
Pulse video out	Outputs a signal that follows the RF output in all pulse modes; TTL-level compatible, nominal source impedance 50 Ω
Pulse sync out	Outputs a synchronizing pulse, nominally 50 ns width, during internal and triggered pulse modulation; TTL-level compatible, nominal source impedance 50 Ω

^{1.} Digital inputs and outputs are 3.3 V CMOS unless indicated otherwise. Inputs will accept 5 V CMOS, 3 V CMOS, or TTL voltage levels.

Auxiliary interface (dual mode)	Used for RS-232 serial communication and for master/slave source synchronization; (9-pin subminiature female connector); (0ption 340 required for RS-232 operation)
GPIB	Allows communication with compatible devices
LAN	Allows 10BaseT LAN communication (Option 340 required for LAN operation)
10 MHz input	Accepts a 10 MHz external reference (timebase) input Nominal input impedance 50 Ω. Damage level > +10 dBm
10 MHz output	Outputs internal or external reference signal; nominal output impedance 50 Ω . Nominal output power +8 dBm
Sweep output (dual mode)	Supplies a voltage proportional to the RF power or frequency sweep ranging from 0 volts at the start of sweep to +10 volts (nom) at the end of sweep, regardless of sweep width.
	During CW operation, supplies a voltage proportional to the output frequency, +10 volts (nom) corresponding to the maximum specified frequency.
	When connected to an Keysight 8757D scalar network analyzer, generates a selectable number of equally spaced 1 μ s pulses (nom) across a ramp (analog) sweep; number of pulses can be set from 101 to 1601 by remote control from the 8757D; output impedance: < 1 Ω (nom), can drive 2 $k\Omega$
Stop sweep in/out	Open-collector, TTL-compatible input/output; in ramp sweep operation, provides low level (nominally OV) during sweep retrace and bandcross intervals, and high level during the forward portion of the sweep; sweep will stop when grounded externally, sweep will resume when allowed to go high
Trigger output (dual mode)	Outputs a TTL signal. High at start of dwell, or when waiting for point trigger; low when dwell is over or point trigger is received. In ramp sweep mode, provides 1601 equally-spaced 1 µs pulses (nom) across a ramp sweep. When using LF Out, provides 2 µs pulse at start of LF sweep
Trigger input	Accepts 3.3 V CMOS signal for triggering point-to-point in manual sweep mode, or to trigger start of L sweep. Damage levels $> +10$ V or < -4 V
Source module interface	Keysight 83550 Series mm source modules: Provides bias, flatness correction and leveling connections.
	OML SxxMS-AG mm source modules: Provides power to the module and returns frequency multiplication information from the module. (Option 340 required for source module interface operation)
Source settled	Provides an output trigger that indicates when the signal generator has settled to a new frequency or power level; high indicates source not settled, low indicates source settled
Z-axis blank/markers	During ramp sweep, supplies +5 V (nom) level during retrace and bandswitch intervals; supplies -5 V (nom) level when the RF frequency is at a marker frequency
10 MHz EFC	Accepts an external DC voltage, ranging from -5 V to $+5$ V, for electronic frequency control (EFC) of the internal 10 MHz reference oscillator. This voltage inversely tunes the oscillator about its center frequency approximately -0.07 ppm/V. The nominal input impedance is greater than 1 M Ω . (Option UNX required for 10 MHz EFC operation)
1 GHz out	Low noise 1 GHz reference output signal, approximately +5 dBm (nom). (Option UNX required for 1 GHz out operation)
Removable flash memory drive	Accepts 8 GB compact flash memory card for optional non-volatile memory. All user information (Save Recall settings, flatness files, presets, etc) is stored on removable memory card. (Options 340 and 008 required for removable flash memory drive operation)

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Options, Accessories, and Related Products

Model/option	Description
E8257N	Frequency range from 10 MHz to 40 GHz
E8257N-1CM	Rackmount flange kit
E8257N-1CP	Rackmount flange with front handle kit
E8257N-AXT	Hard transit case
E8257N-A6J	ANSI Z540-1-1994 compliant calibration
E8257N-340	Enhanced performance and functionality
E8257N-008 (requires Option 340)	8 GB removable flash memory
E8257N-UNX (requires Option 340)	Ultra low phase noise
E8257N-1EH (requires Option 340)	Improved harmonics below 2 GHz
E8257N-1EU (requires Option 340)	High output power
E8257N-550 (requires Options 340 and UNX)	Frequency range from 250 kHz to 50 GHz
1819-0427	8 GB compact flash memory card
1250-3699	Type-N (f) RF output adapter
1250-3700	Type-K (f) RF output adapter
8120-8806	Master/slave interface cable

Related Keysight Literature

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E8267D PSG Vector Signal Generator, Data Sheet, literature number 5989-0697EN

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Security Features of Keysight Technologies Signal Generators Part Number E4400-90621

Web Resources

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