



Agilent E5100A Network Analyzer

Data Sheet

These specifications are the performance standards or limits against which the instrument is tested. When shipped from the factory, the E5100A meets the specifications listed in this section.

Values followed by (SPC) are supplemental performance characteristics.

Source

Frequency characteristics

Range 10 kHz to 300 MHz

Accuracy (at 23 ±5 °C) ±20 ppm

With Option E5100A-1D5 (at 0 to 55 °C, 20 minutes after power on) . ±1 ppm

Stability (at 23 ±5 °C) ±5 x 10⁻⁶/day (SPC)

With Option E5100A-1D5 (48 hours after power on) ±2.5 x 10⁻⁹/8 hours (SPC)

Resolution 1 mHz

Output power characteristics

(measured at RF OUT 1, RF OUT 2 is terminated with 50 Ω termination)

Range (nominal)

With Option E5100A-001 -9 dBm to +11 dBm

With Option E5100A-002 -15 dBm to +5 dBm

With Option E5100A-003 -12 dBm to +8 dBm

With Option E5100A-801 -48 dBm to +22 dBm

With Option E5100A-802 -54 dBm to +16 dBm

With Option E5100A-803 -51 dBm to +19 dBm

With Option E5100A-600 (at RF OUT 1) -52 dBm to +18 dBm

With Option E5100A-600 (at RF OUT 2) -65 dBm to +5 dBm

Resolution 0.1 dB

Level accuracy (at 23 ±5 °C, 0 dBm output level, 50 MHz) ±1 dB

Flatness (at 23 ±5 °C, relative to 0 dBm output level at 50 MHz) .. +2 dB, -4 dB

With Option E5100A-803 +2.5 dB, -4.5 dB



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With Option E5100A-801 or E5100A-802

10 kHz ≤ frequency < 50 kHz +1.5 dB, -6 dB (SPC)
50 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 100 MHz +2.5 dB, -4.5 dB
100 MHz < frequency ≤ 300 MHz +3 dB, -5 dB

With Option E5100A-600

10 kHz ≤ frequency < 50 kHz +1.5 dB, -7 dB (SPC)
50 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 100 MHz +2.5 dB, -4.5 dB
100 MHz < frequency ≤ 300 MHz +3 dB, -5 dB

Linearity (at 23 ±5 °C, relative to 0 dBm output level at 50 MHz) ±1 dB

With Option E5100A-801/802/803

Maximum power level -70 dB ≤ power level
< maximum power level -60 dB ±1.5 dB
Maximum power level -60 dB ≤ power level
≤ maximum power level ±1 dB

Power splitter

(When the analyzer is equipped with Option E5100A-001 or E5100A-003,
delete this section.)

Insertion loss (When the analyzer is equipped with Option E5100A-600,
delete this item.) 6 dB (nominal)

Output tracking

Without Option E5100A-600

10 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 100 MHz 0.1 dB (SPC)
100 MHz < frequency ≤ 300 MHz 0.2 dB (SPC)

With Option E5100A-600

10 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 100 MHz 13 dB ±0.3 dB (SPC)
100 MHz < frequency ≤ 300 MHz 13 dB ±0.5 dB (SPC)

Equivalent output SWR

Without Option E5100A-600

10 kHz ≤ frequency < 100 MHz ≤ 1.2 (SPC)
100 MHz ≤ frequency ≤ 300 MHz ≤ 1.4 (SPC)

With Option E5100A-600

10 kHz ≤ frequency < 50 kHz ≤ 2.5 (SPC)
50 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 100 MHz ≤ 1.2 (SPC)
100 MHz < frequency ≤ 300 MHz ≤ 1.4 (SPC)

Spectral purity characteristics

Non-harmonic spurious signals (at < 300 MHz)

With Option E5100A-001 (at -4 dBm output level) < -45 dBc
With Option E5100A-002 (at -10 dBm output level) < -45 dBc
With Option E5100A-003 (at -7 dBm output level) < -45 dBc

With Option E5100A-600 (at 0 dBm output level) < -45 dBc
 With Option E5100A-801 (at +6 dBm output level) < -45 dBc
 With Option E5100A-802 (at 0 dBm output level) < -45 dBc
 With Option E5100A-803 (at +3 dBm output level) < -45 dBc

Phase noise (at 10 kHz offset from 0 dBm fundamental) < -90 dBc/Hz

Other source information

Reverse power protection 20 dBm, 25 Vdc (SPC)
Output connector BNC female
Output impedance 50 Ω (nominal)

Receiver

Input characteristics

Frequency range 10 kHz to 300 MHz
 1 MΩ input for Options E5100A-703/704/707/708 10 kHz to 5 MHz
IF bandwidth (IF BW) 10 Hz to 30 kHz, 1, 1.5, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 step (nominal)
Impedance 50 Ω (nominal)
 1 MΩ input for Option E5100A-703/704/707/708 1 MΩ // 30 pF (nominal)
Return loss (at 50 Ω input)
 10 kHz ≤ frequency < 100 MHz 20 dB (SPC)
 100 MHz ≤ frequency ≤ 300 MHz 15 dB (SPC)

Maximum input level

50 Ω input

Frequency	RF attenuator	Maximum input level
10 kHz ≤ frequency < 200 kHz	25 dB	0 dBm
10 kHz ≤ frequency < 200 kHz	0 dB	-25 dBm
200 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 300 MHz	25 dB	+5 dBm
200 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 300 MHz	0 dB	-20 dBm

1 MΩ Input for Options E5100A-705/706/707/708

Frequency ¹	RF attenuator	Maximum input level
10 kHz ≤ frequency < 200 kHz	25 dB	0.22 Vrms
10 kHz ≤ frequency < 200 kHz	0 dB	0.013 Vrms
200 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 300 MHz	25 dB	0.40 Vrms
200 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 300 MHz	0 dB	0.022 Vrms

1. Measurement frequency ≤ 5 MHz

Damage level

DC	25 Vdc
AC	20 dBm

Averaging noise level (at magnitude measurement, 23 ±5 °C, RF attenuator: 0 dB, 50 Ω input)¹

IF BW 30 kHz (at > 1 MHz)	-100 dBm
IF BW 10 kHz (at > 300 kHz)	-105 dBm
IF BW 3 kHz (at > 100 kHz)	-110 dBm
IF BW 1 kHz	
30 kHz ≤ frequency < 100 kHz	-95 dBm
100 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 300 MHz	-115 dBm
IF BW 300 Hz	
10 kHz ≤ frequency < 100 kHz	-100 dBm
100 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 300 MHz	-120 dBm
IF BW 100 Hz	
10 kHz ≤ frequency < 100 kHz	-105 dBm
100 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 300 MHz	-125 dBm

Input crosstalk (When the analyzer is equipped with Option E5100A-100, delete this section.) Reference input (0 dBm input level at 10 kHz to 200 kHz and +5 dBm input level at 200 kHz to 300 MHz, RF attenuator: 25 dB, 50 Ω input)

Test input (RF attenuator: 0 dB, terminated with 50 Ω termination)

10 kHz ≤ frequency < 100 kHz	< -110 dB
100 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 300 MHz	< -120 dB

Source crosstalk

(all RF OUT and input connectors are terminated with 50 Ω terminations)

Without Option E5100A-801/802/803 (at +5 dBm output level, RF attenuator: 0 dB, 50 Ω input)

10 kHz ≤ frequency < 100 kHz	< -110 dB (SPC)
100 kHz ≤ frequency < 250 MHz	< -125 dB (SPC)
250 MHz ≤ frequency ≤ 300 MHz	< -120 dB (SPC)

With Option E5100A-801/802/803 (at +16 dBm output level, RF attenuator: 0 dB, 50 Ω input)

10 kHz ≤ frequency < 100 kHz	< -120 dB (SPC)
100 kHz ≤ frequency < 250 MHz	< -135 dB (SPC)
250 MHz ≤ frequency ≤ 300 MHz	< -130 dB (SPC)

1. When the analyzer frequency is identical to the transmitted interference signal frequency, refer to "EMC" in "general characteristics."

Residual response

(RF attenuator: 0 dB, except for the following points) < -80 dBm
50 kHz, 100 kHz, 95.825 MHz, 95.875 MHz, 159.791667 MHz, 159.825 MHz,
159.841667 MHz, 159.875 MHz, 239.75 MHz, and 239.875 MHz

Input connector BNC female
With Option E5100A-705/706/707/708 BNC female,
Type-N female (for A, B inputs)

Measurement mode

With Option E5100A-100 A
With Option E5100A-200 or E5100A-600 A/R, R/A, R, A
With Option E5100A-300 A/R, B/R, R/A, B/A, R/B, A/B, R, A, B
With Option E5100A-400 A/R, B/R, C/R, R/A, B/A, C/A, R/B, A/B,
C/B, R/C, A/C, B/C, R, A, B, C

(When the measurement mode is either R/A, B/A, C/A, R/B, A/B, C/B,
R/C, or A/C, the specification is SPC.)

Magnitude characteristics

Absolute characteristics

Absolute amplitude accuracy

(at 23 ±5 °C, -30 dBm input level for RF attenuator: 0 dB or -5 dBm input
level for RF attenuator: 25 dB, 50 Ω input)
±1 dB

Ratio characteristics

Frequency response¹

(at 23 ±5 °C, -30 dBm input level for RF attenuator: 0 dB or -5 dBm input
level for RF attenuator: 25 dB, the same RF attenuator setting for both inputs)
50 Ω input

10 kHz ≤ frequency < 100 kHz ±1 dB
100 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 100 MHz ±0.5 dB
100 MHz < frequency ≤ 300 MHz ±1 dB
1 MΩ input for Option E5100A-703/704/707/708
(using 50 Ω feedthrough) ±3 dB

1. Frequency response can be improved by calibration.

Dynamic accuracy

(at 23 ±5 °C, 10 Hz IF BW, -10 dBm reference input level relative to maximum input level, -20 dBm test input level relative to maximum input level, except for ramp frequency sweep)

Test channel input level RF attenuator		Dynamic accuracy frequency	
25 dB	0 dB	Other	10 kHz to 50 kHz
+5 to -5 dBm ¹	-20 to -30 dBm ²	±0.4 dB	±0.4 dB (SPC)
-5 to -15 dBm	-30 to -40 dBm	±0.09 dB	±0.09 dB (SPC)
-15 to -45 dBm	-40 to -70 dBm	±0.05 dB	±0.05 dB (SPC)
-45 to -55 dBm	-70 to -80 dBm	±0.06 dB	±0.1 dB (SPC)
-55 to -65 dBm	-80 to -90 dBm	±0.1 dB	±0.3 dB (SPC)
-65 to -75 dBm	-90 to -100 dBm	±0.3 dB	±0.9 dB (SPC)
-75 to -85 dBm	-100 to -110 dBm	±0.9 dB	±3 dB (SPC)
-85 to -95 dBm	-110 to -120 dBm	±3 dB	N/A

With Option E5100A-100

(at 23 ±5 °C, 10 Hz IF BW, -20 dB input-A level relative to maximum input level, except for ramp frequency sweep, right after measuring reference)

Test channel input level RF attenuator		Dynamic accuracy frequency	
25 dB	0 dB	Other	10 kHz to 50 kHz
+5 to -5 dBm ¹	-20 to -30 dBm ²	±0.4 dB	±0.4 dB (SPC)
-5 to -45 dBm	-30 to -70 dBm	±0.1 dB	±0.1 dB (SPC)
-45 to -55 dBm	-70 to -80 dBm	±0.1 dB	±0.2 dB (SPC)
-55 to -65 dBm	-80 to -90 dBm	±0.2 dB	±0.6 dB (SPC)
-65 to -75 dBm	-90 to -100 dBm	±0.6 dB	±1.8 dB (SPC)

Trace noise

(at 1 kHz IF BW, frequency > 305 kHz, -5 dBm input level for RF attenuator: 25 dB or -30 dBm input level

for RF attenuator: 0 dB) < 10 dBm rms

Stability 0.02 dB/°C (SPC)

With Option E5100A-100

(at 23 ±5 °C) 0.05 dB/°C (SPC)

1. 0 to -5 dBm at 10 kHz to 200 kHz
 2. -25 to -30 dBm at 10 kHz to 200 kHz

Phase characteristics

(When the analyzer is equipped with Option E5100A-100, delete this section.)

Measurement modeNormal/Expanded

Frequency response¹

(at 23 ±5 °C, -30 dBm input level for RF attenuator:

0 dB or -5 dBm input level for RF attenuator: 25 dB,

the same RF attenuator setting for both inputs, 50 Ω input)

10 kHz ≤ frequency < 100 kHz ±5°

100 kHz ≤ frequency ≤ 100 MHz +2.5°

100 MHz < frequency ≤ 300 MHz ±5°

Dynamic accuracy

(at 23 ±5 °C, 10 Hz IF BW, -10 dBm reference input level relative to

maximum input level, -20 dBm test input level relative to maximum input .

level, except for ramp frequency sweep)

Test channel input level RF attenuator		Dynamic accuracy frequency	
25 dB	0 dB	Other	10 kHz to 50 kHz
+5 to -5 dBm ¹	-20 to -30 dBm ²	±3°	±3° (SPC)
-5 to -15 dBm	-30 to -40 dBm	±0.6°	±0.6° (SPC)
-15 to -45 dBm	-40 to -70 dBm	±0.3°	±0.3° (SPC)
-45 to -55 dBm	-70 to -80 dBm	±0.3°	±0.6° (SPC)
-55 to -65 dBm	-80 to -90 dBm	±0.6°	±1.8° (SPC)
-65 to -75 dBm	-90 to -100 dBm	±1.8°	±6° SPC)
-75 to -85 dBm	-100 to -110 dBm	±6°	±18° (SPC)
-85 to -95 dBm	-110 to -120 dBm	±18°	NIA

Trace noise

(at 1 kHz IF BW, frequency > 305 kHz, -5 dBm input level

for RF attenuator: 25 dB or -30 dBm input level for

RF attenuator: 0 dB) < 50 mdeg rms

Stability 0.15 deg/°C (SPC)

1. This frequency response is only for the deviation from linear phase.
Frequency response can be improved by calibration.
2. 0 to -5 dBm at 10 kHz to 200 kHz
3. -25 to -30 dBm at 10 kHz to 200 kHz

Delay characteristics

Aperture frequency $\frac{200}{N-1}$ % to 100% of span, where *N* is number of points

Accuracy (at 23 ±5 °C, SPC)

In general, the following formula can be used to determine the accuracy, in seconds, of a specific group delay measurement:

$$\frac{\text{Phase accuracy [deg]}}{360 \text{ [deg] x aperture [Hz]}} \text{ (sec)}$$

Depending on the aperture, input level, and device length, the phase accuracy used in either incremental phase accuracy or worst case phase accuracy.

General characteristics

Operating conditions

When disk drive is in operation

Temperature 10 to 40 °C

Humidity (at wet bulb ≤ 29 °C, without condensation) . . 15% ≤ RH ≤ 80%

When disk drive is not in operation

Temperature 5 to 40 °C

Humidity (at wet bulb ≤ 29 °C, without condensation) . . 15% ≤ RH ≤ 80%

Altitude 0 to 2,000 meters

Warm-up time 30 minutes

Non-operating conditions

Temperature - 20 to 60 °C

Humidity (at wet bulb ≤ 40 °C, without condensation) 15% ≤ RH ≤ 90%

Altitude 0 to 4,572 meters

SafetyCertified by CSA-C22.2 No.1010.1-92, Based on IEC 1010-1 (1990) including Amendment 1 (1992)

EMC¹Complies with CISPR 11(1990)/EN 55011(1991): Group 1, Class A

Complies with IEC 801-2 (1991)/EN 55082-1(1992): 4 kV CD, 8 kV AD

Complies with IEC 801-3 (1984)/EN 55082-1(1992): 3 V/m

Complies with IEC 801-4 (1988)/EN 55082-1(1992):1 kV power lines, 0.5 kV signal lines

Power requirement 90 to 132 V or 198 to 264 V, 47 to 63 Hz, 400 VA max

Weight (depending on option) 12 kg (SPC)

Cabinet dimensions 425(W) x 177(H) x 425(D) mm (SPC)

1. When tested at 3 V/m according to IEC 801-3/1984, the averaging noise level will be within specifications over the full immunity test frequency range of 26 to 1000 MHz except when the analyzer frequency is identical to the transmitted interference signal test frequency.

Supplemental characteristics

Measurement function

Number of measurement channels	1 to 4
Display format	Cartesian
Sweep parameter	frequency, power
Sweep type	
E5100A	linear (step, ramp), list
Measurement point per sweep	
E5100A	2 to 1,601

Others

Measurement calibration	Response, response and isolation, 1-port 3-term
Display	6.5 inch color LCD, 640 x 480 dots
Flexible disk drive	720 Kbytes/1.2 Mbytes/1.44 Mbytes, DOS format, binary or ASCII format
Flash disk	256 Kbytes
Ram disk	256 Kbytes
Programming	Instrument BASIC
 GPIB	ANSI/IEEE 488.2 compatible
Parallel I/O port	16 bit output, 8 bit input/output, TTL level
Option E5100A-005	8 bit output, 4 bit input, TTL level
Option E5100A-006	16 bit output, 8 bit input/output, TTL level
Option E5100A-007	16 bit output, 8 bit input, open collector, opto-isolated
Printer	Parallel I/F (Centronics compatible), HP PCL
Keyboard	mini-DIN (IBM PC compatible)
External video monitor output	VGA

Connectors

Probe power	+15 V (300 mA max.), -12.6 V (160 mA max.), GND nominal (the maximum current values are total values of each probe connector)
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EXT REF INPUT 10 MHz

Frequency 10 MHz ± 5 ppm
 Amplitude 0 ± 5 dBm (SPC)
 Nominal impedance 50 Ω

REF OVEN (OPTION E5100A-1D5)

Frequency (at 0 to 55 °C, 20 minutes after power ON) ... 10 MHz ± 1.0 ppm
 Amplitude 2 ± 5 dBm (SPC)
 Nominal impedance 50 Ω

INT REF OUTPUT

Frequency (at 23 ± 5 °C) 10 MHz ± 20 ppm
 Amplitude 0 ± 5 dBm (SPC)
 Nominal impedance 50 Ω

EXT TRIGGER and EXT PROG RUN/CONT

(Positive edge trigger)

V_{ih} +2 V to +5 V (SPC)
 V_{il} 0 V to +0.5 V (SPC)
 Sink current (I_s) $I_s \leq 0.4$ mA (SPC)
 Pulse width (T_p) $T_p \geq 20$ μ sec (SPC)

Furnished accessories

Accessories	Qty.	Agilent part number
Power cable	1	–
Sample program disk	1	E5100-180X0 ¹
CD-ROM (manuals)	1	E5100-905XX ²
Option E5100A-ABA add manuals		
Function Reference	1	E5100-900X0 ²
Programming Manual	1	E5100-900X7 ²
User's Guide	1	E5100-900X1 ²
Instrument BASIC Users Handbook	1	04155-90150
Instrument BASIC Users Handbook Supplement	1	E5100-900X5 ²
Option E5100A-0BW add Service Manual		
Service Manual	1	E5100-901X0 ²
Option E5100A-1CM rack mount kit		
Front handle kit	1	5062-3978
Option E5100A-1CP front handle kit		
Rack and handle kit	1	5062-3990
Option E5100A-1CP rack and handle kit		
Rack and handle kit	1	5062-3984
Option E5100A-1D5 high stability frequency		
BNC adapter	1	1250-1859
Option E5100A-1F0 external keyboard		
Keyboard	1	–

1. Furnished with special sample program disk (E5100-180X1) as well as the original one if Option E5100A-022/023 is designated. The number indicated by "X" in the part number of the sample program disk, is allocated for numbers increased by one each time a revision is made. The latest edition comes with the product.
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