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## Power Sensors R&S®NRV-Z

For RF and microwave power measurements

- ◆ Thermal sensors and diode sensors for high-precision power measurements
- ◆ Compatible with R&S®NRVS, R&S®NRVD, R&S®URV 35 and R&S®URV55 base units
- ◆ Frequency range DC to 40 GHz
- ◆ Power range 100 pW to 30 W
- ◆ Standards: GSM900/1800/1900, DECT, cdmaOne, CDMA2000®, WCDMA, NADC, PDC, DAB, DVB, etc
- ◆ Absolute calibration, simply plug in and measure
- ◆ Calibration data memory for sensor-specific parameters
- ◆ High long-term stability
- ◆ Excellent temperature response



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With its large variety of power sensors, Rohde&Schwarz is able to provide the right tool for power measurements with R&S®NRVS, R&S®NRVD, R&S®URV35 and R&S®URV55 base units.

15 different types of power sensors in all cover the frequency range from DC to 40 GHz and the power range from 100 pW (–70 dBm) to 30 W (+45 dBm). In addition to thermal sensors, which are ideal as a high-precision reference for any waveform, diode sensors with a dynamic range of more than 80 dB are available.

The peak power sensors of the R&S®NRV-Z31/-Z32/-Z33 series allow power measurements on TDMA mobile phones to different digital standards as well as measurement of the peak power of pulsed or modulated signals.

## Plug in and measure

With the individually calibrated sensors of the R&S®NRV-Z series plugged into the base unit, a fully calibrated power meter is immediately ready for measurements – without need for entering calibration factors and without adjustment to a 50 MHz reference: this means a great benefit in the routine research and development work and an error source less when changing the sensor. These assets are brought about by the calibration data memory first introduced by Rohde&Schwarz which contains all the relevant physical parameters of the sensors, and the excellent long-term stability of the Rohde&Schwarz power sensors. Rohde&Schwarz is the world's only manufacturer to provide absolute calibration for its power sensors.

## The right sensor for every application

Terminating power sensors are used for power measurements on a large variety of sources. The requirements placed on the sensor regarding frequency and power range, measurement accuracy and speed may therefore differ a great deal. Four classes of power sensors allow optimum adaptation to the specific measurement task:

- ◆ Thermal power sensors  
R&S®NRV-Z51/-Z52/-Z53/-Z54/-Z55
- ◆ High-sensitivity diode sensors  
R&S®NRV-Z1/-Z3/-Z4/-Z6/-Z15
- ◆ Medium-sensitivity diode sensors  
R&S®NRV-Z2/-Z5
- ◆ Peak power sensors  
R&S®NRV-Z31/-Z32/-Z33

### Thermal power sensors

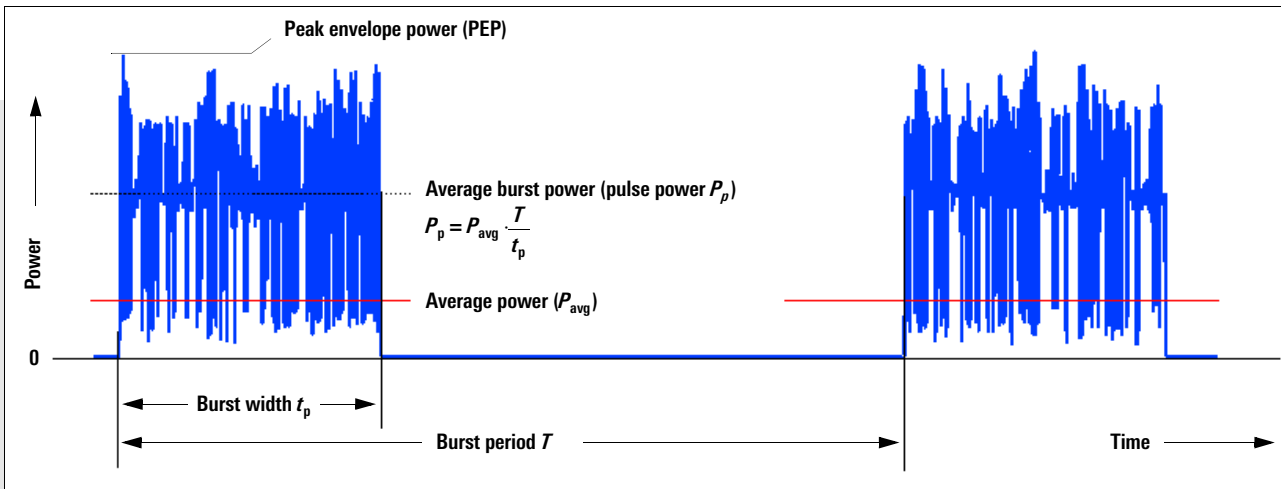
The thermal power sensors of the R&S®NRV-Z51 to R&S®NRV-Z55 series satisfy the most stringent demands placed on measurement accuracy and matching. They cover the power range from 1 μW (–30 dBm) to 30 W (+45 dBm) and the frequency range from DC to 40 GHz.

These sensors are capable of measuring – without any degradation of the measurement accuracy – the power of CW signals as well as the average power of modulated or distorted signals by RMS weighting of all spectral components within the specified frequency range. Therefore, thermal sensors are the first choice for power measurements at the output of power amplifiers and on carrier signals with modulated envelope. Needless to say that the linearity of the sensor is independent of frequency, ambient temperature and waveform, and with 0.5% or 0.02 dB its contribution to the measurement uncertainty of the R&S®NRV-Z51/-Z52/-Z55 sensors is negligible.

### High-sensitivity diode sensors

The R&S®NRV-Z1/-Z3/-Z4/-Z6/-Z15 high-sensitivity power sensors based on zero-bias Schottky diodes open up the power range below 1 μW down to the physical limit of 100 pW (–70 dBm). In this range, from –70 dBm to –20 dBm, their behaviour is much the same as that of thermal sensors, i.e. precise measurement of the average power of modulated signals, RMS weighting of harmonics and linearity independent of temperature and frequency.





Definition of the main power parameters using the transmitter signal of an NADC mobile station as an example; the average burst power can be displayed on the R&S®NRVS, R&S®NRVD and R&S®URV55 base units after entering the duty cycle  $t_p/T$ ; required is a sensor that is able to precisely measure the average power  $P_{avg}$ , i.e. a thermal sensor or a diode sensor operated in the square-law region

All high-sensitivity sensors from Rohde&Schwarz are calibrated to allow precise power measurements also outside the square-law region up to a power of 20 mW (+13 dBm). The high signal-to-noise ratio of the sensor output signal in this region makes for very short measurement times. It should however be noted that the response of high-sensitivity sensors outside the square-law region differs from that of thermal sensors so that only spectrally pure signals with unmodulated envelope (CW, FM, φM, FSK, GMSK) can be measured. Regarding the display lin-

earity, greater measurement uncertainties than with thermal sensors are to be expected in this region due to frequency and temperature effects.

#### Medium-sensitivity diode sensors

The R&S®NRV-Z2 and R&S®NRV-Z5 medium-sensitivity sensors based on diode sensors with 20 dB attenuator pad close the gap between the thermal and the high-sensitivity sensors in applications where in the power range between -20 dBm and 0 dBm both high measurement speed and the thermal sensor characteristics are required at a time.

Given a continuous load capability of 2 W, this type of sensor is extremely robust.

#### Peak power sensors

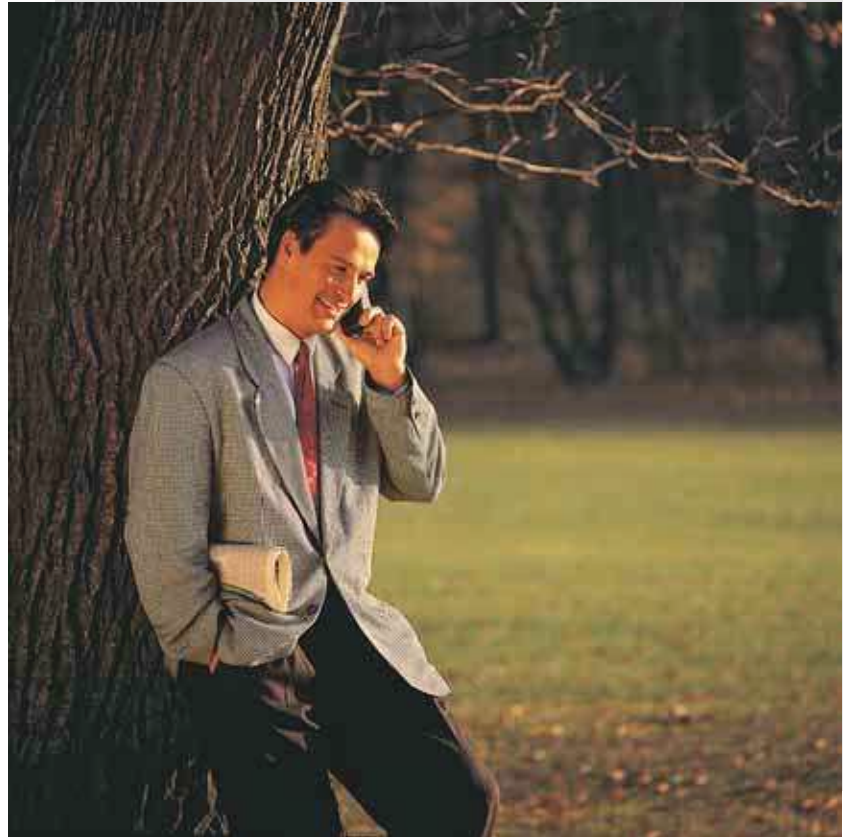
The R&S®NRV-Z31/R&S®NRV-Z32/R&S®NRV-Z33 peak power sensors take a special place among diode sensors. They enable measurement of the peak envelope power (PEP) of modulated signals during signal peaks of 2 μs to 100 ms duration. They thus open up a large variety of applications, from the measurement of pulsed transmit power of TDMA mobile phones through special measurement tasks in applied physics to the measurement of sync pulse power of terrestrial TV transmitters. Peak power sensors from Rohde&Schwarz are available for the frequency range 30 MHz to 6 GHz in the power classes 20 mW (R&S®NRV-Z31), 2 W (R&S®NRV-Z32) and 20 W (R&S®NRV-Z33), the latter for direct power measurement at output stages.



# DC to 40 GHz/100 pW to 30 W – GSM900/1800/1900, DECT,

Various models within a power class allow the handling of versatile waveforms:

- ◆ **Model .02** (of the R&S®NRV-Z31) and **model .05** (of the R&S®NRV-Z32) are designed for general-purpose applications and are suitable for measuring the power of RF bursts from 2  $\mu$ s width and at repetition rates from 10/s (R&S®NRV-Z31/model 02) and 25/s (R&S®NRV-Z32/model 05).
- ◆ **Model .03** (high-speed model of the R&S®NRV-Z31/R&S®NRV-Z33) can be used at repetition rates from 100/s. Due to its higher measurement speed it is ideal for system applications and measurement of the sync pulse power of negatively modulated TV signals in line with the relevant standards for terrestrial television (NTSC, ITU-R, British and OIRT). The picture content has no effect on the measurement result, while the effect of the sound carrier can be compensated using tabulated correction factors.
- ◆ **Models .04** of all peak power sensors



are tailored to the requirements of TDMA radio networks and enable measurement of the transmit power of

TDMA mobile stations to GSM and DECT standards.

The following table serves as a guide in choosing the suitable sensor for digital modulation:

| Modulation   | Time structure                                    | Application   | Suitable sensor                             | Measured parameter        | Dynamic range  |
|--|---|---|---|---------------------------|----------------|
| GMSK, GFSK, 4FSK<br>(unmodulated envelope)                   | continuous  | GSM, DECT base stations;<br>same power in all timeslots             | all sensors,<br>without any restrictions    | $P_{avg}$                 | 50 dB to 80 dB |
|  | one timeslot active,<br>frame length <10 ms       | GSM, DECT mobile stations   | R&S®NRV-Z31/-Z32/-Z33<br>model .04          | $P_p$ (PEP) <sup>1)</sup> | 43 dB          |
| QPSK, OQPSK  | continuous  | cdmaOne, CDMA2000®, WCDMA base<br>stations                          | R&S®NRV-Z51 to -Z55                         | $P_{avg}$                 | 50 dB          |
| OFDM   | continuous  | DVB-T/DAB transmitters  | R&S®NRV-Z51 to -Z55                         | $P_{avg}$                 | 50 dB          |
| $\pi/4$ DQPSK, 8PSK,<br>16QAM, 64QAM<br>symbol rate: any     | continuous  | NADC, PDC, PHS, TETRA base stations;<br>same power in all timeslots | R&S®NRV-Z51 to -Z55                         | $P_{avg}$                 | 50 dB          |
| $\pi/4$ DQPSK, 8PSK,<br>16QAM, 64QAM<br>symbol rate <25 kbps | continuous  | NADC, PDC, TETRA base stations;<br>same power in all timeslots      | R&S®NRV-Z31/-Z32/-Z33<br>models .02/.03/.05 | PEP                       | 43 dB          |
|  | one timeslot active,<br>frame length $\leq$ 40 ms | NADC, PDC mobile stations   | R&S®NRV-Z32, model .05                      | PEP                       | 43 dB          |
|  |   |   | R&S®NRV-Z51                                 | $P_p$                     | 40 dB          |

For footnotes see end of data sheet.

# cdmaOne, CDMA2000<sup>®</sup>, CDMA, WCDMA, NADC, PDC, DAB, DVB...

## The right sensor for digital modulation

There are two main features of digitally modulated signals that have to be considered in power measurements:

- ◆ The pulsed envelope power to CDMA, DAB and DVB standards and all standards prescribing the modulation modes PSK, QAM and  $\pi/4$ DQPSK (e.g. NADC, PDC, PHS and TFTS) requires a differentiation between average power and peak power.

All thermal power sensors can be used without any restrictions for average power measurements. Diode sensors may be used, provided they are operated inside the square-law region. The peak power sensors of the R&S<sup>®</sup>NRV-Z31/R&S<sup>®</sup>NRV-Z32/R&S<sup>®</sup>NRV-Z33 series (models .02, .03 and .05) are suitable for measuring the peak value at symbol rates of up to 25 kbps.

- ◆ In the case of transmission standards using TDMA structure, such as GSM, DECT, NADC, PDC or PHS, the data stream for a channel is compressed to fit into one of several timeslots, so that the power measurement has to be carried out in a certain time interval. In the case of one active timeslot in the transmit signal (mobile station), the peak power sensors of the R&S<sup>®</sup>NRV-Z31/R&S<sup>®</sup>NRV-Z32/R&S<sup>®</sup>NRV-Z33 series can be used, with models .02, .03 and .05 being suitable for measuring the peak power and model .04 for measuring the average transmit power (GSM and DECT only).

## Precision calibration

A power sensor can only be as precise as the measuring instruments used for its calibration. Therefore, the calibration standards used by Rohde&Schwarz are directly traceable to the standards of the German Standards Laboratory.

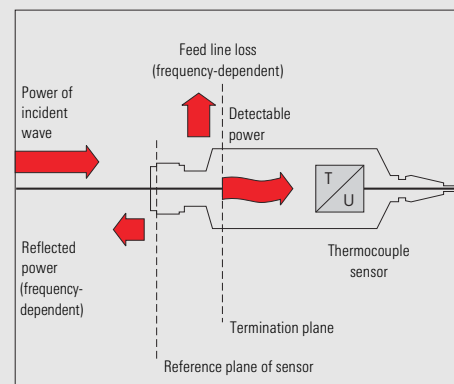
All data gained in calibration as well as the essential physical characteristics of the sensor, e.g. temperature effect, are stored in a data memory integrated in the sensor and can be read by the base unit and considered in the measurements.

Since all Rohde&Schwarz power sensors feature absolute calibration, measurements can be started immediately after plugging the sensor into the base unit without prior calibration to a 1 mW reference source. To activate the frequency-dependent calibration factors all the user needs to do is to enter the test frequency on the base unit.



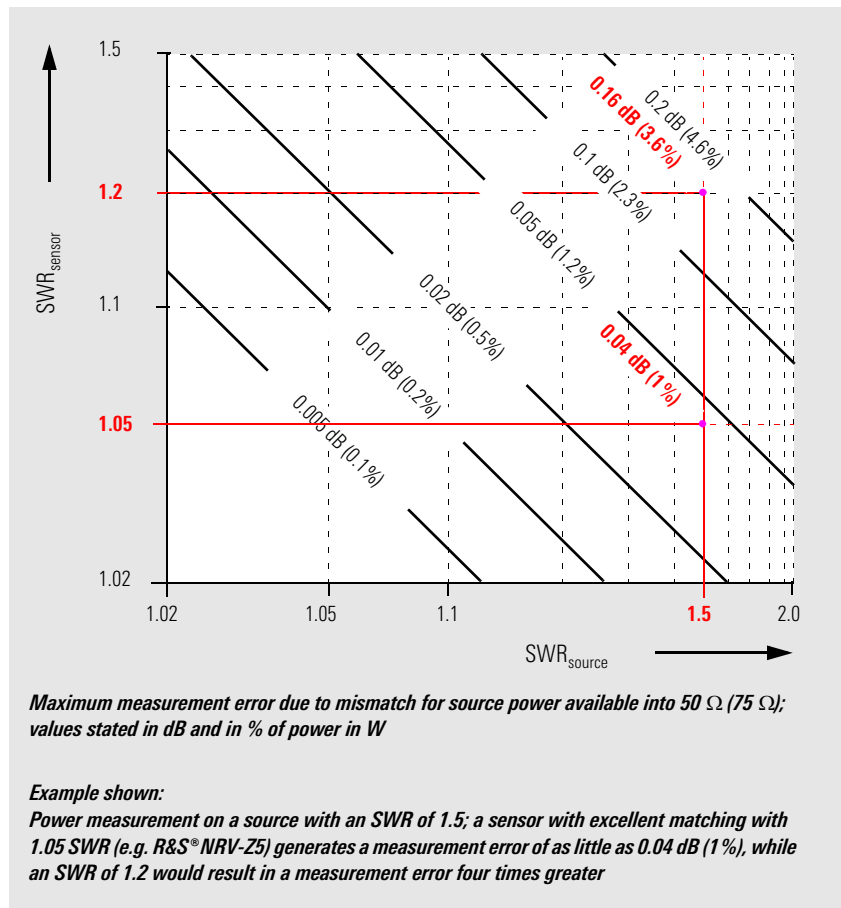
**Calibration of the R&S<sup>®</sup>NRV-Z sensors is directly traceable to the standards of the German Standards Laboratory**

**Power sensors are calibrated to the power of the incident wave; this ensures that with a matched source the available source power into 50  $\Omega$  (or 75  $\Omega$ ) is measured; with a mismatched source, the power of the incident wave will differ from the available power according to the mismatch uncertainty**



## Measurement accuracy and matching

The accuracy of power measurements is determined by diverse parameters, such as the measurement uncertainty in calibration, linearity or ambient temperature: parameters whose effect can directly be specified. In contrast, the effect of a mismatched power sensor can only be estimated if the source matching is known. Mismatch of source and sensor causes the device under test – the source – to supply a somewhat higher or lower power than for an exactly matched output. As shown in the graph on the right, the resulting measurement error can be several times greater than the measurement errors caused by all other parameters. Power sensors from Rohde&Schwarz therefore feature excellent matching to ensure optimum measurement accuracy even under conditions of strong reflections.



## The base units

All power sensors can be used with the following base units:

### R&S®NRVD

- ◆ Modern dual-channel power meter
- ◆ Menu-guided operation
- ◆ IEC/IEEE-bus interface (SCPI)

- ◆ Ideal for relative measurements in two test channels (attenuation, reflection)
- ◆ Large variety of measurement functions
- ◆ Result readout in all standard units
- ◆ Many extras like 1 mW test generator, indication of measurement uncertainty, etc

### R&S®NRVS

- ◆ Cost-effective, single-channel power meter
- ◆ Manual operation like R&S®NRVD
- ◆ Many measurement functions
- ◆ Result readout in all standard units
- ◆ Analog output fitted as standard
- ◆ IEC/IEEE-bus interface (syntax-compatible with R&S®NRV/R&S®URV5)



R&S®NRVD



R&S®NRVS

### R&S® URV35

- ◆ Compact voltmeter and power meter for use in service, test shop and lab
- ◆ Unique combination of analog and digital display in form of moving-coil meter plus LCD with backlighting

- ◆ Many measurement functions
- ◆ Result readout in all standard units
- ◆ Choice of battery or AC supply operation
- ◆ RS-232-C interface

### R&S® URV 55

Cost-effective single-channel voltmeter; similar to R&S® NRVS



R&S® URV 35



R&S® URV 55

### Sensors for voltage and level measurements

Probes and insertion units (data sheet PD 756.9816) open up further applications of the power meters:

#### RF Probe R&S® URV5-Z7

- ◆ For practically no-load measurements in non-coaxial RF circuits; frequency range 20 kHz to 1 GHz
- ◆ Comprehensive accessories, including adapters for 50  $\Omega$  and 75  $\Omega$  connectors

#### Insertion Units R&S® URV5-Z2/ R&S® URV5-Z4

- ◆ For level measurement between source and load in coaxial 50  $\Omega$  and 75  $\Omega$  systems. With an optimally matched load, power measurements from -60 dB to +53 dBm are possible even without directional coupler
- ◆ Frequency range 9 kHz to 3 GHz

#### DC Probe R&S® URV5-Z1

For low-load DC measurements in RF circuits from 1 mV to 400 V



R&S® URV5-Z2/R&S® URV5-Z4

## Calibration Kit R&S®NRVC

The Calibration Kit R&S®NRVC is used for fast, program-controlled calibration of the Power Sensor R&S®NRV-Z up to 18 GHz as well as of the Voltage Sensor R&S®URV5-Z. It is a valuable tool for calibration labs and all those who use a great number of these sensors and wish to perform on-site calibration. The measurement uncertainties are in line with data sheet specifications and comparable to those of a factory calibration.

## Main features

- ◆ Traceable power calibration from DC to 18 GHz
- ◆ Measurement level from  $-30$  dBm ( $1 \mu\text{W}$ ) to  $+20$  dBm ( $100 \text{ mW}$ ), depending on sensor
- ◆ High long-term stability of thermal power standard through DC voltage reference
- ◆ Traceable linearity calibration from  $-30$  dBm to  $+33$  dBm at 50 MHz
- ◆ Complete calibration of a sensor in approx. 15 minutes
- ◆ Easy operation due to Windows™ user interface
- ◆ Programming of data memories of R&S®NRV sensors using computed correction data
- ◆ Standard-conforming documentation of measurement results



*Calibration Kit R&S®NRVC*



## Specifications

| Model connector, impedance   | Frequency range               | Power measurement range, max. power  | Max. SWR (reflection coefficient)   | Zero offset <sup>2)</sup>  | Display noise <sup>3)</sup>  | Linearity uncertainty               | Power coefficient    |
|--|-------------------------------|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>High-sensitivity diode sensors</b> (RMS weighting up to 10 $\mu$ W; R&S®NRV-Z3 up to 6 $\mu$ W) |                               |  |   |  |  |                                     |                      |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z4</b><br>N connector,<br>50 $\Omega$   | 100 kHz to 6 GHz              | 100 pW to 20 mW<br>100 mW (AVG)<br>100 mW (PK)   | 0.1 MHz to 100 MHz 1.05 (0.024)<br>>0.1 GHz to 2 GHz 1.10 (0.048)<br>>2 GHz to 4 GHz 1.20 (0.09)<br>>4 GHz to 6 GHz 1.35 (0.15)                                     | $\pm$ 50 pW  | 20 pW  | 0.03 dB (0.7%) <sup>4)</sup>        | 0                    |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z1</b><br>N connector,<br>50 $\Omega$   | 10 MHz to 18 GHz              | 200 pW to 20 mW<br>100 mW (AVG)<br>100 mW (PK)   | 0.01 GHz to 1 GHz 1.06 (0.03)<br>>1 GHz to 2 GHz 1.13 (0.06)<br>>2 GHz to 4 GHz 1.27 (0.12)<br>>4 GHz to 18 GHz 1.41 (0.17)   | $\pm$ 100 pW   | 40 pW  | 0.03 dB (0.7%) <sup>4)</sup>        | 0                    |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z6</b><br>PC-3.5 connector,<br>50 $\Omega$  | 50 MHz to 26.5 GHz            | 400 pW to 20 mW<br>100 mW (AVG)<br>100 mW (PK)   | 0.05 GHz to 4 GHz 1.15 (0.070)<br>>4 GHz to 26.5 GHz 1.37 (0.157)   | $\pm$ 200 pW   | 80 pW  | 0.04 dB (1%) <sup>4)</sup>          | 0                    |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z15</b><br>K connector <sup>5)</sup><br>(2.92 mm), 50 $\Omega$                      | 50 MHz to 40 GHz              | 400 pW to 20 mW<br>100 mW (AVG)<br>100 mW (PK)   | 0.05 GHz to 4 GHz 1.15 (0.070)<br>>4 GHz to 40 GHz 1.37 (0.157)   | $\pm$ 200 pW   | 80 pW  | 0.04 dB (1%) <sup>4)</sup>          | 0                    |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z3</b><br>N connector,<br>75 $\Omega$   | 1 MHz to 2.5 GHz              | 100 pW to 13 mW<br>70 mW (AVG)<br>70 mW (PK)   | 1 MHz to 1 GHz 1.11 (0.05)<br>>1 GHz to 2.5 GHz 1.20 (0.09)   | $\pm$ 40 pW  | 16 pW  | 0.03 dB (0.7%) <sup>4)</sup>        | 0                    |
| <b>Medium-sensitivity diode sensors</b> (RMS weighting up to 1 mW)                                 |                               |  |   |  |  |                                     |                      |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z5</b><br>N connector,<br>50 $\Omega$   | 100 kHz to 6 GHz              | 10 nW to 500 mW<br>2 W (AVG)<br>10 W (PK)  | 100 kHz to 4 GHz 1.05 (0.024)<br>>4 GHz to 6 GHz 1.10 (0.048)   | $\pm$ 5 nW   | 2 nW   | 0.03 dB (0.7%) <sup>4)</sup>        | 0                    |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z2</b><br>N connector,<br>50 $\Omega$   | 10 MHz to 18 GHz              | 20 nW to 500 mW<br>2 W (AVG)<br>10 W (PK)  | 0.01 GHz to 4 GHz 1.05 (0.024)<br>>4 GHz to 8 GHz 1.10 (0.048)<br>>8 GHz to 12.4 GHz 1.15 (0.07)<br>>12.4 GHz to 18 GHz 1.20 (0.09)                                 | $\pm$ 10 nW  | 4 nW   | 0.03 dB (0.7%) <sup>4)</sup>        | 0                    |
| <b>Thermal power sensors</b> (RMS weighting in complete power measurement range)                   |                               |  |   |  |  |                                     |                      |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z51</b><br>N connector,<br>50 $\Omega$  | DC to 18 GHz                  | 1 $\mu$ W to 100 mW<br>300 mW (AVG)<br>10 W (PK, 1 $\mu$ s)  | DC to 2 GHz 1.10 (0.048)<br>>2 GHz to 12.4 GHz 1.15 (0.07)<br>>12.4 GHz to 18 GHz 1.20 (0.09)   | $\pm$ 60 nW  | 22 nW  | 0.02 dB (0.5%)                      | 0                    |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z52</b><br>PC-3.5 connector,<br>50 $\Omega$   | DC to 26.5 GHz                | 1 $\mu$ W to 100 mW<br>300 mW (AVG)<br>10 W (PK, 1 $\mu$ s)  | DC to 2 GHz 1.10 (0.048)<br>>2 GHz to 12.4 GHz 1.15 (0.07)<br>>12.4 GHz to 18 GHz 1.20 (0.09)<br>>18 GHz to 26.5 GHz 1.25 (0.11)                                    | $\pm$ 60 nW  | 22 nW  | 0.02 dB (0.5%)                      | 0                    |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z55</b><br>K connector <sup>5)</sup><br>(2.92 mm), 50 $\Omega$                      | DC to 40 GHz                  | 1 $\mu$ W to 100 mW<br>300 mW (AVG)<br>10 W (PK, 1 $\mu$ s)  | DC to 2 GHz 1.10 (0.048)<br>>2 GHz to 12.4 GHz 1.15 (0.07)<br>>12.4 GHz to 18 GHz 1.20 (0.09)<br>>18 GHz to 26.5 GHz 1.25 (0.11)<br>>26.5 GHz to 40 GHz 1.30 (0.13) | $\pm$ 60 nW  | 22 nW  | 0.02 dB (0.5%)                      | 0                    |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z53</b><br>N connector,<br>50 $\Omega$  | DC to 18 GHz                  | 100 $\mu$ W to 10 W<br>18 W (AVG)<br>1 kW (PK, 1 $\mu$ s)<br>(see diagram page 10)   | DC to 2 GHz 1.11 (0.052)<br>>2 GHz to 8 GHz 1.22 (0.099)<br>>8 GHz to 12.4 GHz 1.27 (0.119)<br>>12.4 GHz to 18 GHz 1.37 (0.157)                                     | $\pm$ 6 $\mu$ W  | 2.2 $\mu$ W  | 0.03 dB (0.7%)                      | 0.011 dB/W (0.25%/W) |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z54</b><br>N connector,<br>50 $\Omega$  | DC to 18 GHz                  | 300 $\mu$ W to 30 W <sup>6)</sup><br>36 W (AVG)<br>1 kW (PK, 3 $\mu$ s)<br>(see diagram page 10)   | DC to 2 GHz 1.11 (0.052)<br>>2 GHz to 8 GHz 1.22 (0.099)<br>>8 GHz to 12.4 GHz 1.27 (0.119)<br>>12.4 GHz to 18 GHz 1.37 (0.157)                                     | $\pm$ 20 $\mu$ W   | 7 $\mu$ W  | 0.03 dB (0.7%)                      | 0.007 dB/W (0.15%/W) |
| <b>Peak power sensors</b>  |                               |  |   |  |  |                                     |                      |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z31</b><br>N connector,<br>50 $\Omega$  | 30 MHz to 6 GHz <sup>7)</sup> | 1 $\mu$ W to 20 mW<br>100 mW (AVG)<br>100 mW (PK)  | 0.03 GHz to 0.1 GHz 1.05 (0.024)<br>>0.1 GHz to 2 GHz 1.10 (0.048)<br>>2 GHz to 4 GHz 1.20 (0.09)<br>>4 GHz to 6 GHz 1.35 (0.15)                                    | $\pm$ 30 nW  | 3 nW   | included in calibration uncertainty | 0                    |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z32</b><br>N connector,<br>50 $\Omega$  | 30 MHz to 6 GHz <sup>7)</sup> | 100 $\mu$ W to 2 W ( <b>model .04</b> ),<br>100 $\mu$ W to 4 W <sup>8)</sup> ( <b>model .05</b> );<br>1 W (AVG)<br>4 W (PK, 10 ms), 8 W (PK, 1 ms) | 0.03 GHz to 4 GHz 1.11 (0.052)<br>>4 GHz to 6 GHz 1.22 (0.099)  | $\pm$ 3 $\mu$ W ( <b>model .04</b> )<br>$\pm$ 4 $\mu$ W ( <b>model .05</b> ) | 0.3 $\mu$ W ( <b>model .04</b> )<br>0.4 $\mu$ W ( <b>model .05</b> ) | included in calibration uncertainty | 0.044 dB/W (1.0%/W)  |
| <b>R&amp;S®NRV-Z33</b><br>N connector,<br>50 $\Omega$  | 30 MHz to 6 GHz <sup>7)</sup> | 1 mW to 20 W<br>18 W (AVG)<br>80 W (PK)<br>(see diagram page 10)   | 0.03 GHz to 2.4 GHz 1.11 (0.052)<br>>2.4 GHz to 6 GHz 1.22 (0.099)  | $\pm$ 30 $\mu$ W   | 3 $\mu$ W  | included in calibration uncertainty | 0.015 dB/W (0.35%/W) |

For footnotes, see end of data sheet.

### Calibration uncertainties in dB (bold type) and in % of power reading

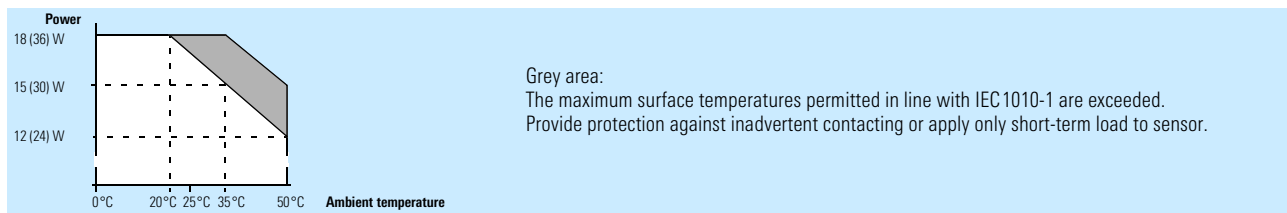
The calibration uncertainties in dB were calculated from the values in percent and rounded to two decimal places so that different values in percent may give one and the same value in dB.

| Frequency in GHz | up to 0.03              | >0.03 to 0.1 | >0.1 to 1   | >1 to 2     | >2 to 4     | >4 to 6                  | >6 to 8         | >8 to 10    | >10 to 12.4 | >12.4 to 15 | >15 to 16   | >16 to 18   | >18 to 20   | >20 to 24   | >24 to 26.5 | >26.5 to 30 | >30 to 35   | >35 to 40   |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| R&S®NRV-Z1       | 0.07<br>1.5             | 0.07<br>1.6  | 0.07<br>1.6 | 0.07<br>1.6 | 0.08<br>1.7 | 0.08<br>1.8              | 0.09<br>1.9     | 0.10<br>2.2 | 0.10<br>2.3 | 0.11<br>2.5 | 0.14<br>3.0 | 0.15<br>3.3 |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| R&S®NRV-Z2       | 0.07<br>1.4             | 0.07<br>1.5  | 0.07<br>1.5 | 0.07<br>1.5 | 0.07<br>1.6 | 0.07<br>1.6              | 0.07<br>1.6     | 0.08<br>1.8 | 0.08<br>1.8 | 0.09<br>2.1 | 0.11<br>2.4 | 0.13<br>2.8 |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| R&S®NRV-Z3       | 0.06<br>1.4             | 0.06<br>1.4  | 0.07<br>1.4 | 0.07<br>1.5 | 0.07<br>1.6 | calibrated up to 2.5 GHz |                 |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| R&S®NRV-Z4       | 0.05<br>1.2             | 0.06<br>1.3  | 0.06<br>1.3 | 0.06<br>1.3 | 0.06<br>1.4 | 0.07<br>1.5              |                 |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| R&S®NRV-Z5       | 0.05<br>1.1             | 0.05<br>1.2  | 0.05<br>1.2 | 0.05<br>1.2 | 0.06<br>1.3 | 0.06<br>1.3              |                 |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| R&S®NRV-Z6       |                         | 0.05<br>1.1  | 0.05<br>1.2 | 0.05<br>1.2 | 0.06<br>1.3 | 0.07<br>1.6              | 0.09<br>2.0     | 0.10<br>2.2 | 0.10<br>2.3 | 0.12<br>2.7 | 0.14<br>3.1 | 0.15<br>3.4 | 0.08<br>1.8 | 0.09<br>2.0 | 0.09<br>2.0 |             |             |             |
| R&S®NRV-Z15      |                         | 0.05<br>1.1  | 0.05<br>1.2 | 0.05<br>1.2 | 0.06<br>1.3 | 0.07<br>1.6              | 0.09<br>2.0     | 0.10<br>2.2 | 0.10<br>2.3 | 0.12<br>2.7 | 0.14<br>3.1 | 0.15<br>3.4 | 0.08<br>1.8 | 0.09<br>2.0 | 0.09<br>2.0 | 0.10<br>2.2 | 0.11<br>2.4 | 0.10<br>2.2 |
| R&S®NRV-Z31      | 0.05<br>1.2             | 0.06<br>1.2  | 0.07<br>1.6 | 0.07<br>1.6 | 0.11<br>2.4 | 0.11<br>2.5              | 0 mW to 10 mW   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|                  | 0.05<br>1.2             | 0.06<br>1.2  | 0.07<br>1.6 | 0.07<br>1.6 | 0.15<br>3.4 | 0.16<br>3.5              | >10 mW to 20 mW |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| R&S®NRV-Z32 (04) | 0.08<br>1.7             | 0.08<br>1.7  | 0.09<br>2.0 | 0.09<br>2.0 | 0.13<br>2.9 | 0.17<br>3.8              | 0 W to 1 W      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|                  | 0.08<br>1.7             | 0.08<br>1.7  | 0.09<br>2.0 | 0.09<br>2.0 | 0.17<br>3.7 | 0.20<br>4.5              | >1 W to 2 W     |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| R&S®NRV-Z32 (05) | 0.08<br>1.7             | 0.08<br>1.7  | 0.09<br>2.0 | 0.09<br>2.0 | 0.13<br>2.9 | 0.17<br>3.8              | 0 W to 1 W      |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|                  | 0.09<br>1.9             | 0.09<br>1.9  | 0.10<br>2.2 | 0.10<br>2.2 | 0.25<br>5.6 | 0.28<br>6.1              | >1 W to 4 W     |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| R&S®NRV-Z33      | 0.08<br>1.7             | 0.08<br>1.7  | 0.09<br>2.0 | 0.09<br>2.0 | 0.14<br>3.2 | 0.17<br>3.8              | 0 W to 10 W     |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|                  | 0.08<br>1.7             | 0.08<br>1.7  | 0.09<br>2.0 | 0.09<br>2.0 | 0.18<br>3.9 | 0.20<br>4.5              | >10 W to 20 W   |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| R&S®NRV-Z51      | 9)<br>1.0 <sup>9)</sup> | 0.05<br>1.0  | 0.05<br>1.1 | 0.05<br>1.2 | 0.05<br>1.2 | 0.06<br>1.4              | 0.06<br>1.4     | 0.07<br>1.6 | 0.07<br>1.6 | 0.09<br>1.9 | 0.10<br>2.3 | 0.12<br>2.7 |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| R&S®NRV-Z52      | 9)<br>1.1 <sup>9)</sup> | 0.05<br>1.2  | 0.06<br>1.2 | 0.06<br>1.3 | 0.06<br>1.3 | 0.06<br>1.4              | 0.07<br>1.5     | 0.08<br>1.7 | 0.08<br>1.8 | 0.10<br>2.1 | 0.11<br>2.5 | 0.13<br>2.9 | 0.08<br>1.8 | 0.09<br>1.9 | 0.09<br>1.9 |             |             |             |
| R&S®NRV-Z53      | 9)<br>1.6 <sup>9)</sup> | 0.07<br>1.6  | 0.07<br>1.6 | 0.10<br>2.2 | 0.10<br>2.2 | 0.10<br>2.3              | 0.12<br>2.7     | 0.13<br>2.8 | 0.16<br>3.6 | 0.17<br>3.8 | 0.18<br>4.1 |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| R&S®NRV-Z54      | 9)<br>1.7 <sup>9)</sup> | 0.08<br>1.7  | 0.08<br>1.7 | 0.10<br>2.2 | 0.10<br>2.3 | 0.11<br>2.3              | 0.12<br>2.8     | 0.13<br>2.8 | 0.16<br>3.6 | 0.17<br>3.8 | 0.18<br>4.1 |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| R&S®NRV-Z55      | 9)<br>1.1 <sup>9)</sup> | 0.05<br>1.2  | 0.05<br>1.2 | 0.05<br>1.3 | 0.06<br>1.4 | 0.06<br>1.5              | 0.07<br>1.7     | 0.08<br>1.8 | 0.08<br>1.8 | 0.10<br>2.1 | 0.11<br>2.5 | 0.13<br>2.9 | 0.08<br>1.7 | 0.09<br>1.9 | 0.09<br>1.9 | 0.10<br>2.2 | 0.11<br>2.4 | 0.10<br>2.1 |

### Temperature effect (relative measurement error in dB (bold type) and in % of power reading)

| T <sub>amb</sub>        | 22°C to 24°C                        | 18°C to 28°C |           | 10°C to 40°C |          | 0°C to 50°C |          |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|----------|-------------|----------|
|                         |                                     | max.         | typ.      | max.         | typ.     | max.        | typ.     |
| R&S®NRV-Z1 to -Z5, -Z31 | included in calibration uncertainty | 0.05/1.0     | 0.015/0.3 | 0.14/3.0     | 0.05/1.0 | 0.32/7.0    | 0.09/2.0 |
| R&S®NRV-Z6/-Z15         |                                     | 0.03/0.6     | 0.005/0.1 | 0.09/2.0     | 0.02/0.5 | 0.18/4.0    | 0.05/1.0 |
| R&S®NRV-Z32             |                                     | 0.06/1.3     | 0.02/0.4  | 0.16/3.6     | 0.06/1.2 | 0.37/8.1    | 0.10/2.3 |
| R&S®NRV-Z33             |                                     | 0.06/1.4     | 0.02/0.4  | 0.19/4.2     | 0.06/1.3 | 0.41/9.0    | 0.11/2.5 |
| R&S®NRV-Z51/-Z52/-Z55   |                                     | 0.02/0.4     | 0.005/0.1 | 0.06/1.3     | 0.02/0.4 | 0.09/2.0    | 0.02/0.5 |
| R&S®NRV-Z53/-Z54        |                                     | 0.04/0.8     | 0.01/0.2  | 0.11/2.5     | 0.03/0.7 | 0.18/4.0    | 0.05/1.0 |

Max. power as a function of ambient temperature for the R&S®NRV-Z33, R&S®NRV-Z53 and R&S®NRV-Z54 sensors. Values for R&S®NRV-Z54 in ( )



# Supplementary data for the Peak Power Sensors R&S®NRV-Z31/-Z32/-Z33

## Waveform

| Model                                     | .02                                   | .03                 | .04                                   | .05                                   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Min. burst width                          | 2 μs                                  | 2 μs                | 200 μs                                | 2 μs                                  |
| Min. burst repetition rate <sup>10)</sup> | 10 Hz                                 | 100 Hz              | 100 Hz                                | 25 Hz                                 |
| Min. duty cycle <sup>11)</sup>            | $5 \times 10^{-4} (2 \times 10^{-3})$ | $10^{-3} (10^{-2})$ | $2 \times 10^{-2} (2 \times 10^{-2})$ | $5 \times 10^{-4} (2 \times 10^{-3})$ |

## Peak weighting error

### R&S®NRV-Z32 (model .05)

Max. peak weighting errors in % of power reading for burst signals of TDMA mobile stations in line with GSM 900/1800/1900, PDC and NADC specifications:

| Average burst power | GSM 900/1800/1900 | NADC / PDC       |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 10 mW to 2 W        | <b>1.5</b> [1.5]  | <b>5.5</b> [5.5] |
| 1 mW to 10 mW       | <b>1.5</b> [2.0]  | <b>5.5</b> [6.5] |
| 0.3 mW to 1 mW      | <b>3.5</b> [4.5]  | <b>6.5</b> [8]   |
| 0.1 mW to 0.3 mW    | <b>8.0</b> [11]   | <b>15</b> [20]   |

Values without brackets (bold type)  $T_{amb} = 18^\circ\text{C}$  to  $28^\circ\text{C}$   
 Values in [ ]  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $50^\circ\text{C}$

For conversion into dB see table on the right.

For other waveforms the diagrams shown for R&S®NRV-Z31 model .02 apply approximately, with burst repetition rates of 10 Hz and 50 Hz corresponding to burst repetition rates of 25 Hz and 125 Hz of R&S®NRV-Z32.

### R&S®NRV-Z31/-Z32 (model .04)/R&S®NRV-Z33

The maximum measurement errors specified in the following diagrams for burst signals with corresponding width and repetition rate compared to a CW signal of same power hold true for all peak power sensors (except R&S®NRV-Z32 model .05 – see above).

Numeric values: maximum error in % of power reading.

– without brackets (bold type):  $T_{amb} = 18^\circ\text{C}$  to  $28^\circ\text{C}$

– in ( ):  $10^\circ\text{C}$  to  $40^\circ\text{C}$

– in [ ]:  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $50^\circ\text{C}$

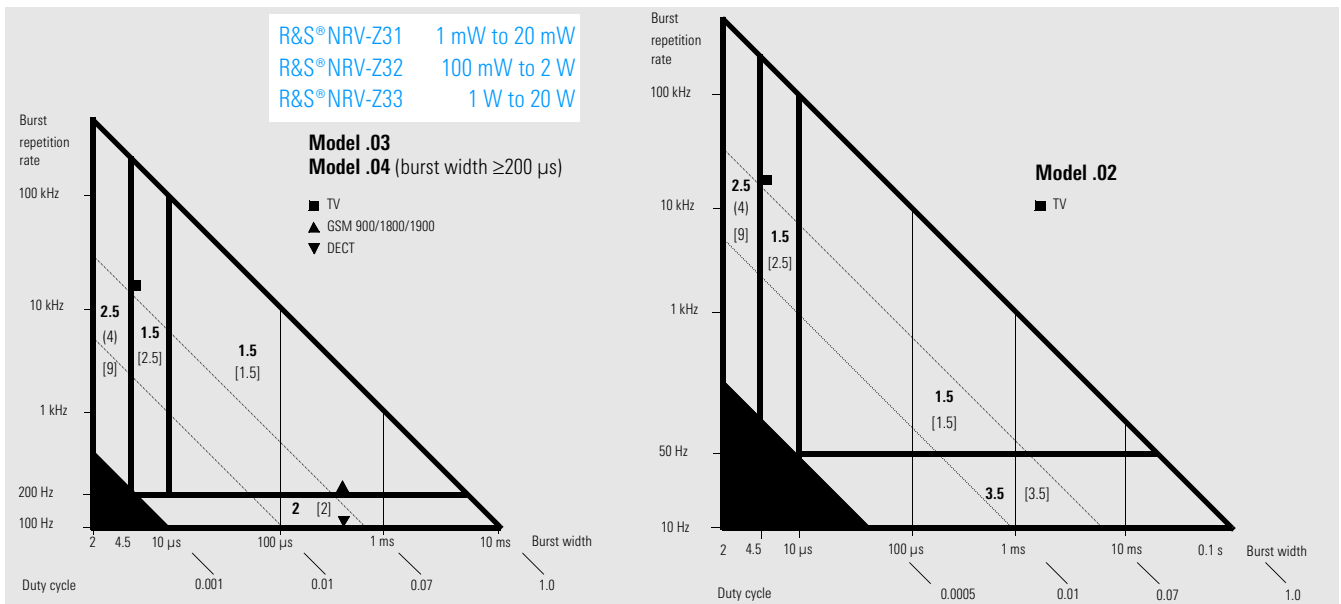
– black areas: not specified

For conversion into dB see table on the right.

Where no value is specified for the temperature range  $10^\circ\text{C}$  to  $40^\circ\text{C}$ , the correct value is obtained by forming the average from the values specified for  $18^\circ\text{C}$  to  $28^\circ\text{C}$  and  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $50^\circ\text{C}$ .

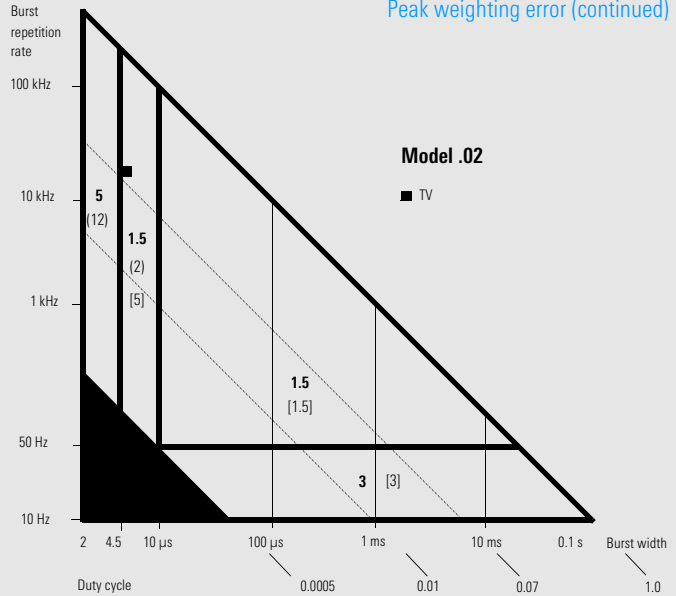
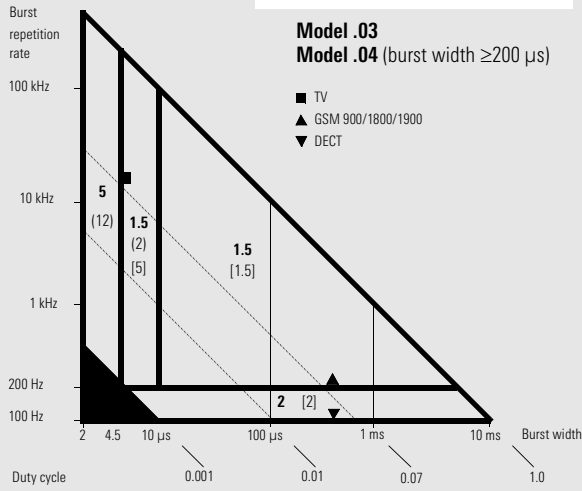
## Conversion of measurement error in % of power reading into dB:

| %    | dB            |
|------|---------------|
| ±1.5 | -0.066/+0.065 |
| ±2   | -0.088/+0.086 |
| ±2.5 | -0.110/+0.107 |
| ±3   | -0.132/+0.128 |
| ±3.5 | -0.155/+0.149 |
| ±4   | -0.177/+0.170 |
| ±5   | -0.223/+0.212 |
| ±6   | -0.269/+0.253 |
| ±7   | -0.315/+0.294 |
| ±8   | -0.362/+0.334 |
| ±9   | -0.410/+0.374 |
| ±10  | -0.458/+0.414 |
| ±11  | -0.506/+0.453 |
| ±12  | -0.555/+0.492 |
| ±13  | -0.605/+0.531 |
| ±14  | -0.655/+0.569 |
| ±15  | -0.706/+0.607 |
| ±16  | -0.757/+0.645 |
| ±18  | -0.862/+0.719 |
| ±20  | -0.969/+0.792 |

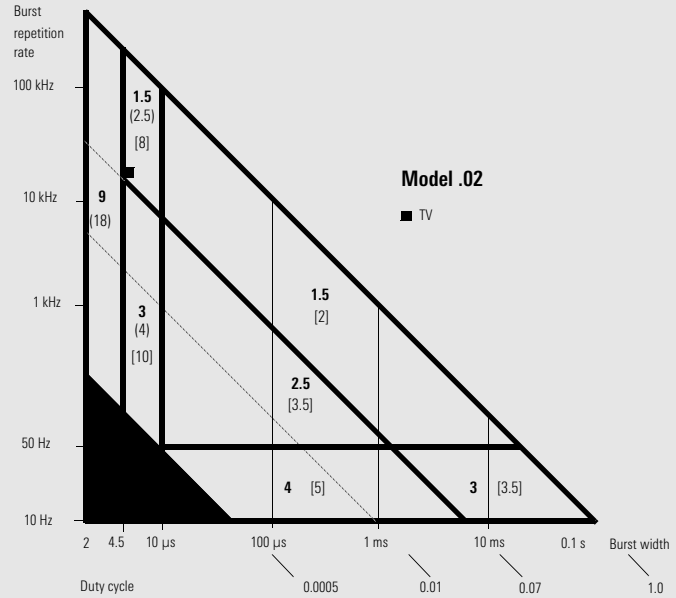
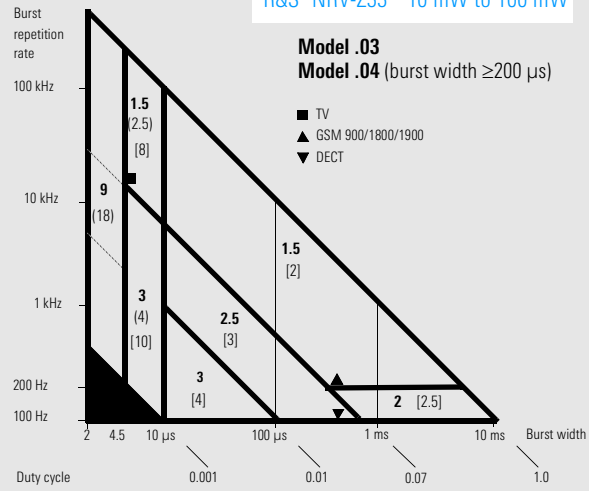


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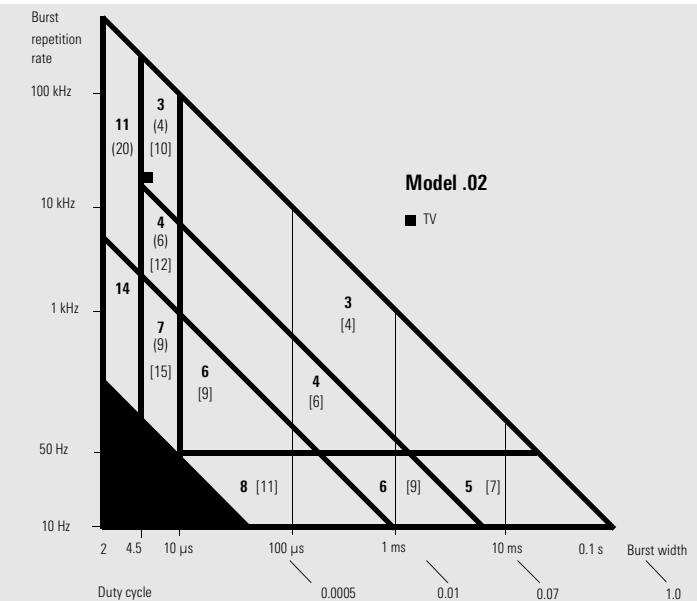
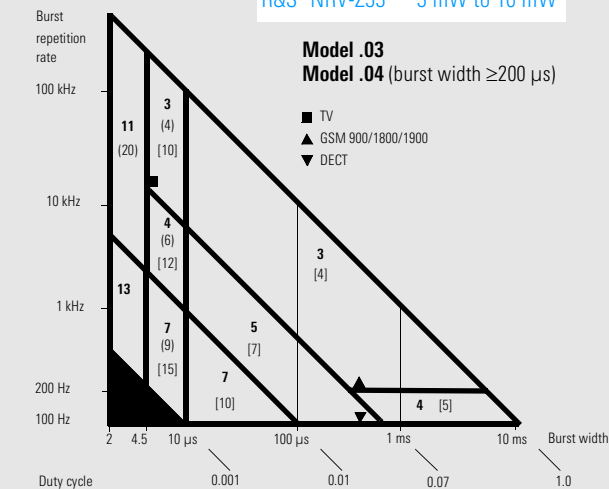
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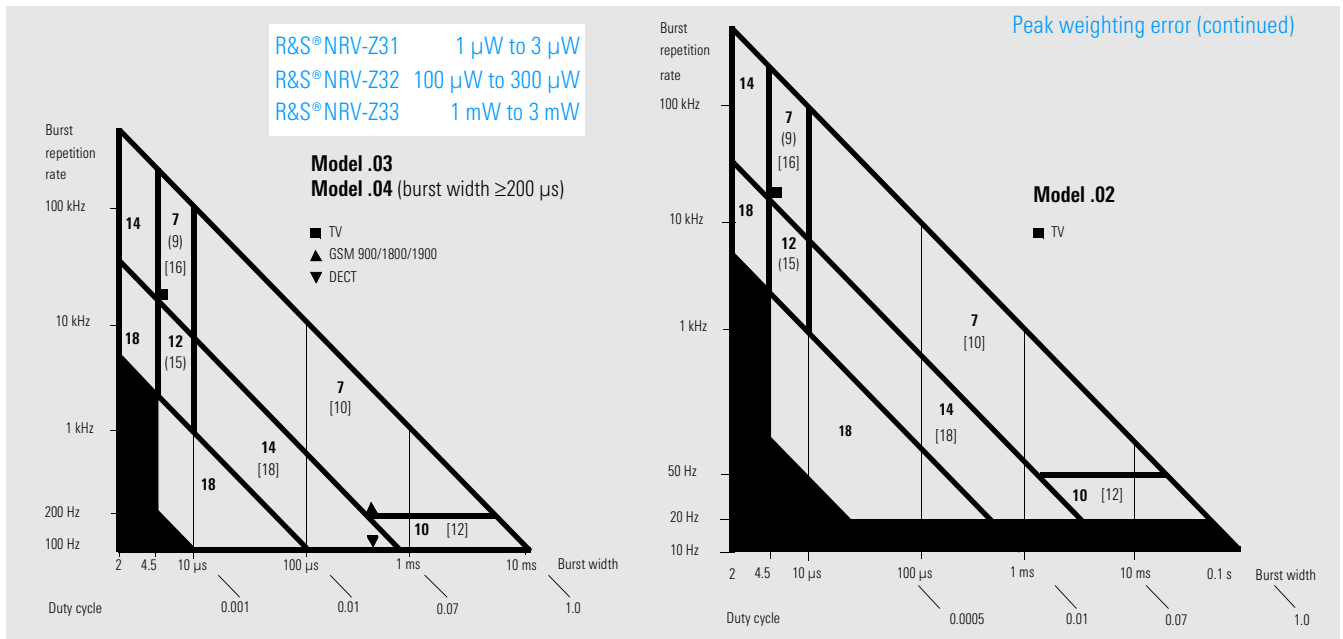


R&S®NRV-Z31 10 μW to 100 μW  
 R&S®NRV-Z32 1 mW to 10 mW  
 R&S®NRV-Z33 10 mW to 100 mW



R&S®NRV-Z31 3 μW to 10 μW  
 R&S®NRV-Z32 300 μW to 1 mW  
 R&S®NRV-Z33 3 mW to 10 mW





## General data

| Environmental conditions                         |  |
|--|--|
| Temperature ranges                               | meet DIN IEC68-2-1/68-2-2  |
| Operating  | 0 °C to +50 °C   |
| Storage  | -40 °C to +70 °C   |
| Permissible humidity                             | max. 80%, without condensation   |
| Vibration, sinusoidal                            | 5 Hz to 55 Hz, max. 2 g;<br>55 Hz to 150 Hz, 0.5 g const.<br>(meets DIN IEC68-2-6, IEC 1010-1 and MIL-T-28800 D class 5)   |
| Vibration, random                                | 10 Hz to 500 Hz, acceleration 1.9 g (rms)<br>(meets DIN IEC68-2-36)  |
| Shock  | 40 g shock spectrum<br>(meets MIL-STD-810 D, DIN IEC 68-2-27)  |
| EMC  | meets EN 50081-1 and 50082-1,<br>EMC directive of EU (89/336/EEC),<br>EMC law of the Federal Republic of Germany and<br>MIL-STD-461 C (RE 02, CE 03, RS 03, CS 02) |
| Safety   | meets EN 61010-1   |
| Dimensions and weight                            |  |
| R&S®NRV-Z1 to -Z15/-Z31<br>R&S®NRV-Z51/-Z52/-Z55 | 120 mm × 37 mm × 31 mm; 0.35 kg  |
| R&S®NRV-Z51, model .04                           | 156 mm × 37 mm × 31 mm; 0.35 kg  |
| R&S®NRV-Z32                                      | 190 mm × 37 mm × 31 mm; 0.42 kg  |
| R&S®NRV-Z33, R&S®NRV-Z53                         | 240 mm × 54 mm × 60 mm; 0.53 kg  |
| R&S®NRV-Z54                                      | 298 mm × 54 mm × 60 mm; 0.68 kg  |
| Length of connecting cable                       | 1.3 m/5 m (other lengths on request)   |

\*) For use at RF connectors with high temperature difference to the environment of the power sensor, e.g. at the output of power attenuators.

## Ordering information

| High-Sensitivity Diode Sensors                                    |             |  |              |
|---|-------------|--|--------------|
| 20 mW, 50 Ω, 18 GHz   | R&S®NRV-Z1  |  | 0828.3018.02 |
| with 5 m cable  | R&S®NRV-Z1  |  | 0828.3018.03 |
| 13 mW, 75 Ω, 2.5 GHz  | R&S®NRV-Z3  |  | 0828.3418.02 |
| with 5 m cable  | R&S®NRV-Z3  |  | 0828.3418.03 |
| 20 mW, 50 Ω, 6 GHz  | R&S®NRV-Z4  |  | 0828.3618.02 |
| with 5 m cable  | R&S®NRV-Z4  |  | 0828.3618.03 |
| 20 mW, 50 Ω, 26.5 GHz   | R&S®NRV-Z6  |  | 0828.5010.03 |
| 20 mW, 50 Ω, 40 GHz   | R&S®NRV-Z15 |  | 1081.2305.02 |
| Medium-Sensitivity Diode Sensors                                  |             |  |              |
| 500 mW, 50 Ω, 18 GHz  | R&S®NRV-Z2  |  | 0828.3218.02 |
| with 5 m cable  | R&S®NRV-Z2  |  | 0828.3218.03 |
| 500 mW, 50 Ω, 6 GHz   | R&S®NRV-Z5  |  | 0828.3818.02 |
| with 5 m cable  | R&S®NRV-Z5  |  | 0828.3818.03 |
| Thermal Power Sensors   |             |  |              |
| 100 mW, 50 Ω, 18 GHz  | R&S®NRV-Z51 |  | 0857.9004.02 |
| with 3 m cable,<br>thermally insulated*)                          | R&S®NRV-Z51 |  | 0857.9004.04 |
| 100 mW, 50 Ω, 26.5 GHz  | R&S®NRV-Z52 |  | 0857.9204.02 |
| 10 W, 50 Ω, 18 GHz  | R&S®NRV-Z53 |  | 0858.0500.02 |
| 30 W, 50 Ω, 18 GHz  | R&S®NRV-Z54 |  | 0858.0800.02 |
| 100 mW, 50 Ω, 40 GHz  | R&S®NRV-Z55 |  | 1081.2005.02 |
| Peak Power Sensors  |             |  |              |
| 20 mW, 50 Ω, 6 GHz  | R&S®NRV-Z31 |  |              |
| - Standard model  | - Model .02 |  | 0857.9604.02 |
| - High-speed model  | - Model .03 |  | 0857.9604.03 |
| - TDMA model  | - Model .04 |  | 0857.9604.04 |
| 2 W, 50 Ω, 6 GHz  | R&S®NRV-Z32 |  |              |
| - TDMA model  | - Model .04 |  | 1031.6807.04 |
| - Universal model   | - Model .05 |  | 1031.6807.05 |
| 20 W, 50 Ω, 6 GHz   | R&S®NRV-Z33 |  |              |
| - High-speed model  | - Model .03 |  | 1031.6507.03 |
| - TDMA model  | - Model .04 |  | 1031.6507.04 |
| Calibration Kit   |             |  |              |
| Calibration Kit for Power Sensors<br>1 μW to 100 mW; DC to 18 GHz | R&S®NRVC    |  | 1109.0500.02 |
| Verification Set for R&S®NRVC                                     | R&S®NRVC-B1 |  | 1109.1007.02 |
| Accessory Set for Linearity<br>Measurements                       | R&S®NRVC-B2 |  | 1109.1207.02 |

# Definitions

## Measurement uncertainty

Parameter, associated with the result of a measurement, that characterizes the dispersion of the values that could reasonably be attributed to the measurand. Regarding calibrations and data sheet specifications, Rohde&Schwarz conforms to the relevant international guidelines<sup>15)</sup> recommending the specification of an expanded uncertainty with a coverage factor  $k=2$ . With normally distributed measurement errors it can be assumed that the limits thus defined will be adhered to in 95% of all cases.

## Calibration uncertainty

Expanded ( $k=2$ ) uncertainty attributed to the calibration factors in the data memory of a sensor and hence smallest measurement uncertainty that can be attained for absolute power measurements under reference conditions<sup>16)</sup>. The data sheet specifications for the R&S®NRV sensors<sup>17)</sup> are based on the measurement uncertainty in calibration plus an additional uncertainty for aging and wear and tear.

## Mismatch uncertainty

Measurement uncertainty contribution that has additionally to be taken into account with a mismatched source, if the value measured by the power meter is to be used to determine the source power available with a matched load.

## Linearity

Measure of a power meter's capability to express an increase/reduction of the measured power in a corresponding change of the reading. Linearity is affected by negative influences in the calibration of the sensor (linearity uncertainty), zero offset, display noise and influence of the base unit (upon change of the measurement range). With diode sensors operated outside the square-law region the following parameters may additionally influence the linearity: frequency-dependent linearity errors, temperature effect, harmonics.

## Linearity uncertainty

Smallest expanded ( $k=2$ ) uncertainty that can be attained for relative power measurements under reference conditions<sup>18)</sup> relative to the sensor-specific reference power. The magnitude of the linearity uncertainty is mainly determined by the calibration method.

## Frequency-dependent linearity error

Linearity errors outside the square-law region caused by the voltage-dependent junction capacitance of a diode detector and noticeable from about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the upper frequency limit. Rohde&Schwarz specifies the error relative to the sensor-specific reference power.

## Power coefficient

Measure of the sensitivity of a high-power sensor to the self-heating of the attenuator pad at the input. Multiplication by the average power of the test signal yields the maximum variation of the attenuation value that causes a variation of the reading by the same amount. As a function of the variation speed of the measured quantity, this behaviour may cause linearity errors. The thermal time constants of the attenuator pads used lie in the range of seconds.

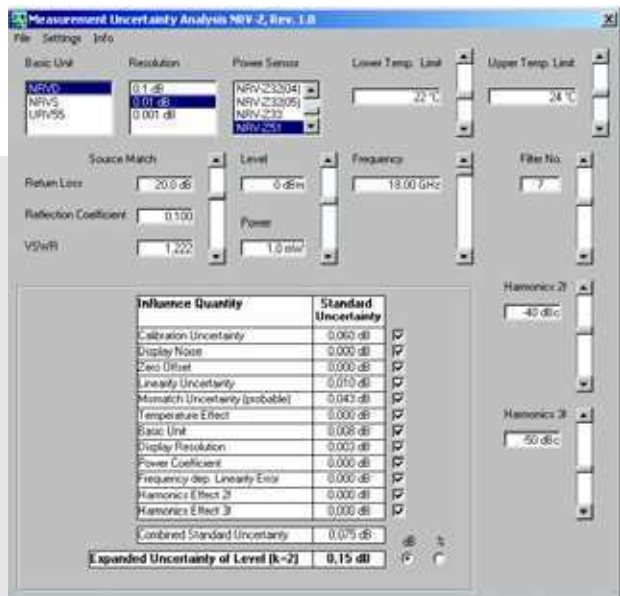
## Zero offset

Error in the measurement result caused by the power meter in the form of a systematic, absolute measurement error independent of the magnitude of the measured power. Zero offsets can very easily be recognized if the reading is other than zero with no power applied. The relative measurement uncertainty caused by zero offsets is inversely proportional to the measured power.

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# Definitions (continued)

User interface of measurement uncertainty analysis program.



it can be assumed that the harmonics effect for power ratings below 1  $\mu$ W (–30 dBm) with high-sensitivity sensors and 100  $\mu$ W (–10 dBm) with medium-sensitivity sensors is negligible. Harmonics below –60 dBc can be considered to be noncritical irrespective of the power measured.

## Temperature effect

Effect of the ambient temperature on the accuracy of the sensor. Rohde&Schwarz specifies the residual relative measurement error after internal correction of the temperature response of the sensor, i.e. the maximum value and a typical value corresponding approximately to one standard deviation. The specifications apply without any restrictions to thermal sensors and to diode sensors operated inside the square-law region, whereas for diode sensors outside the square-law region they refer exclusively to CW signals.

## Influence of base unit

Rohde&Schwarz specifies the maximum measurement error caused by the base unit in absolute power measurements at different ambient temperatures.

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## Display noise

Statistical component superimposed on the reading whose absolute magnitude is independent of the measured power. Therefore the relative measurement uncertainty caused by display noise is inversely proportional to the measured power.

## Peak weighting error

Measurement error of a peak power sensor in case of a pulsed but otherwise unmodulated RF signal with squarewave envelope (burst) compared to a CW signal of same power.

## Harmonics effect

Harmonics may adversely affect the measurement accuracy of diode sensors, and compared to a thermal sensor the reading is increased or decreased depending on the phase position relative to the fundamental. Thermal sensors always measure the power of the total signal and therefore exclusively provide RMS weighting of the harmonics – provided these are within the specified frequency range. For details on the behaviour of diode sensors please refer to the Rohde&Schwarz brochure on Voltage and Power Measurements (PD 0757.0835). As a rule of thumb

# Definitions (continued)

## Calculation of total measurement uncertainty

The calculation or at least estimation of the measurement uncertainty should be part of every power measurement. Therefore, Rohde&Schwarz offers the R&S® NRV-Z measurement uncertainty analysis program\*), a tool that allows fast calculation of the measurement uncertainty without any basic knowledge being required. For manual calculation, the individual influencing parameters should also be combined statistically, as described on page 14, for example. The influencing parameters to be taken into account are listed in the table below.

| Type of sensor ⇨                    | Thermal sensor or diode sensor inside square-law region |                  | Diode sensor outside square-law region + CW signal |                  | Peak power sensor       |                  |                         |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------|--|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
|                                     | Type of measurement ⇨                                   | absolute         | relative <sup>20)</sup>                            | absolute         | relative <sup>20)</sup> | absolute         | relative <sup>20)</sup> |
| <b>Influencing parameter</b>        |   |                  |  |                  |                         |                  |                         |
| Mismatch uncertainty                | ●   | ○ <sup>19)</sup> | ●  | ○ <sup>19)</sup> | ●                       | ○ <sup>19)</sup> |                         |
| Calibration uncertainty             | ●   |                  | ●  |                  | ●                       | ●                |                         |
| Linearity uncertainty               | ●   | ●                | ●  | ●                |                         |                  |                         |
| Frequency-dependent linearity error |   |                  | ●  | ●                |                         |                  |                         |
| Power coefficient                   | ○ <sup>12)</sup>  | ○ <sup>12)</sup> |  |                  | ○ <sup>12)</sup>        | ○ <sup>12)</sup> |                         |
| Harmonics effect                    | ○ <sup>13)</sup>  | ○ <sup>13)</sup> | ●  | ●                | ●                       | ●                |                         |
| Temperature effect                  | ●   |                  | ●  | ●                | ●                       | ●                |                         |
| Zero offset                         | ●   | ●                |  |                  | ●                       | ●                |                         |
| Display noise                       | ●   | ●                |  |                  | ●                       | ●                |                         |
| Base unit                           | ●   | ○ <sup>14)</sup> | ●  | ○ <sup>14)</sup> | ●                       | ○ <sup>14)</sup> |                         |
| Peak weighting error                |   |                  |  |                  | ●                       | ●                |                         |

The table below shows an example of the measurement uncertainty being manually calculated for an absolute power measurement with the Thermal Power Sensor R&S® NRV-Z51 at 1.9 GHz/−10 dBm:

| Influencing parameter                              | Specification |                         | Standard uncertainty |
|--|---------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
|  | Value         | Weighting /distribution | $u_i$                |
| Mismatch uncertainty (SWR <sub>source</sub> = 1.2) | 0.038 dB      | 1.4 $\sigma/u$          | 0.027 dB             |
| Calibration uncertainty                            | 0.050 dB      | 2 $\sigma$ /normal      | 0.025 dB             |
| Linearity uncertainty                              | 0.020 dB      | 2 $\sigma$ /normal      | 0.010 dB             |
| Temperature effect (18°C to 28°C)                  | 0.005 dB      | 1 $\sigma$              | 0.005 dB             |
| Zero offset  | 60 nW         | 2 $\sigma$ /normal      | 0.001 dB             |
| Display noise (filter 7)                           | 4 × 22 nW     | 2 $\sigma$ /normal      | 0.002 dB             |
| R&S®NRVS base unit                                 | 0.017 dB      | 1.7 $\sigma$ /square    | 0.010 dB             |
| <b>Expanded uncertainty</b>                        |               |                         |                      |
| ( $2 \times \sqrt{\sum u_i^2}$ ) = 0.080 dB (1.8%) |               |                         |                      |

\*) Application Note 1GP43, can be downloaded from the Rohde&Schwarz homepage, under Products & More, Application Notes.



# Footnotes

- <sup>1)</sup> With GSM and DECT the envelope is unmodulated so that the determination of the average burst power can be reduced to a measurement of the peak power (PEP).
- <sup>2)</sup> Within 1 h after zero adjustment with a probability of 95%, permissible temperature variation 1 °C, after 2 h warm-up of base unit with sensor.  
R&S®NRV-Z53 and R&S®NRV-Z54: after measurement of high-power signals, larger zero offsets may temporarily occur (up to 0.5 mW for R&S®NRV-Z53, 2 mW for R&S®NRV-Z54 after application of rated power).
- <sup>3)</sup> Noise specifications (two standard deviations) refer to filter 11, temperature 18 °C to 28 °C. With the most sensitive measurement range selected on R&S®NRVS, R&S®NRVD and R&S®URV55, filter 11 is set automatically (autofilter mode, resolution HIGH). Noise values for other filter settings are obtained by multiplication with the factors specified in the table below. The specified measurement times are typical values in remote-control mode:

| Filter No. (R&S®NRVS, R&S®NRVD, R&S®URV55) | 0     | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9   | 10  | 11   | 12   |
|--|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| Noise multiplier                           | 51    | 32   | 23   | 16   | 11.3 | 8    | 5.6  | 4    | 2.8  | 2   | 1.4 | 1.0  | 0.7  |
| Meas. time (s) R&S®NRV-Z1 to -Z6/-Z15      | 0.045 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.27 | 0.49 | 0.95 | 1.85 | 3.6 | 7.2 | 14.5 | 28.5 |
| R&S®NRV-Z31, model .02                     | 1.04  | 1.04 | 1.05 | 1.07 | 1.13 | 1.24 | 1.44 | 1.84 | 2.7  | 4.3 | 7.5 | 14   | 27   |
| R&S®NRV-Z31, models .03/04                 | 0.135 | 0.14 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.23 | 0.34 | 0.54 | 0.94 | 1.77 | 3.4 | 6.6 | 13   | 26   |
| R&S®NRV-Z32, model .04                     | 0.135 | 0.14 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.23 | 0.34 | 0.54 | 0.94 | 1.77 | 3.4 | 6.6 | 13   | 26   |
| R&S®NRV-Z32, model .05                     | 0.435 | 0.44 | 0.45 | 0.47 | 0.53 | 0.64 | 0.84 | 1.24 | 2.07 | 3.7 | 6.9 | 14   | 27   |
| R&S®NRV-Z33                                | 0.135 | 0.14 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.23 | 0.34 | 0.54 | 0.94 | 1.77 | 3.4 | 6.6 | 13   | 26   |
| R&S®NRV-Z51 to -Z55                        | 0.115 | 0.12 | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.21 | 0.32 | 0.52 | 0.92 | 1.75 | 3.4 | 6.6 | 13   | 26   |

In autofilter mode the following settings are made as a function of measurement range and resolution:

|             |                             |          | Filter No. |        |        |        |        |         |        |
|-------------|-----------------------------|----------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| Resolution  | HIGH                        | 0.001 dB | 11         | 9      | 7      | 7      | 7      | 7       | 7      |
|             | MEDIUM                      | 0.01 dB  | 9          | 7      | 3      | 3      | 3      | 3       | 3      |
|             | LOW                         | 0.1 dB   | 7          | 3      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0       | 0      |
| Meas. range | R&S®NRV-Z1/-Z3/-Z4/-Z6/-Z15 |          | 10 nW      | 100 nW | 1 µW   | 10 µW  | 100 µW | 1 mW    | 20 mW  |
|             | R&S®NRV-Z2/-Z5              |          | 1 µW       | 10 µW  | 100 µW | 1 mW   | 10 mW  | 100 mW  | 500 mW |
|             | R&S®NRV-Z31                 |          | –          | 1 µW   | 10 µW  | 100 µW | 1 mW   | 20 mW   | –      |
|             | R&S®NRV-Z32                 |          | –          | 100 µW | 1 mW   | 10 mW  | 100 mW | 2 (4) W | –      |
|             | R&S®NRV-Z33                 |          | –          | 1 mW   | 10 mW  | 100 mW | 1 W    | 20 W    | –      |
|             | R&S®NRV-Z51/-Z52/-Z55       |          | 10 µW      | 100 µW | 1 mW   | 10 mW  | 100 mW | –       | –      |
|             | R&S®NRV-Z53                 |          | 1 mW       | 10 mW  | 100 mW | 1 W    | 10 W   | –       | –      |
|             | R&S®NRV-Z54                 |          | 10 mW      | 100 mW | 1 W    | 10 W   | 30 W   | –       | –      |

# Footnotes (continued)

<sup>4)</sup> Further causes of linearity errors are described in the section "Definitions" under the keyword "Linearity".  
The linearity errors specified in the table below are referenced to the sensor-specific reference power. Since the errors are proportional to frequency and power, the specified maximum values can be expected to occur at the individual interval limits only.

## Frequency-dependent linearity errors for diode sensors

|                           |  | Frequency                              |                                 |                                |                                |
|---------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                           |  | 10 MHz to 4 GHz                        | 4 GHz to 8 GHz                  | >8 GHz to 13 GHz               | >13 GHz to 18 GHz              |
| R&S®NRV-Z1                | -17 dBm to +3 dBm<br>20 µW to 2 mW       | 0                                      | 0 dB to +0.09 dB<br>0% to +2%   | 0 dB to +0.21 dB<br>0% to +5%  | 0 dB to +0.25 dB<br>0% to +6%  |
|                           | >+3 dBm to +13 dBm<br>>2 mW to 20 mW     | 0                                      | 0 dB to +0.17 dB<br>0% to +4%   | 0 dB to +0.41 dB<br>0% to +10% | 0 dB to +0.49 dB<br>0% to +12% |
| R&S®NRV-Z2                | +3 dBm to +23 dBm<br>2 mW to 200 mW      | 0                                      | 0 dB to +0.09 dB<br>0% to +2%   | 0 dB to +0.21 dB<br>0% to +5%  | 0 dB to +0.25 dB<br>0% to +6%  |
|                           | >+23 dBm to +27 dBm<br>>200 mW to 500 mW | 0                                      | 0 dB to +0.15 dB<br>0% to +3.5% | 0 dB to +0.33 dB<br>0% to +8%  | 0 dB to +0.41 dB<br>0% to +10% |
|                           |  | 100 kHz to 1.5 GHz                     | >1.5 GHz to 3 GHz               | >3 GHz to 6 GHz                |                                |
| R&S®NRV-Z4                | -17 dBm to +3 dBm<br>20 µW to 2 mW       | 0                                      | 0 dB to +0.09 dB<br>0% to +2%   | 0 dB to +0.25 dB<br>0% to +6%  |                                |
|                           | >+3 dBm to +13 dBm<br>>2 mW to 20 mW     | 0                                      | 0 dB to +0.17 dB<br>0% to +4%   | 0 dB to +0.41 dB<br>0% to +10% |                                |
| R&S®NRV-Z5                | +3 dBm to +23 dBm<br>2 mW to 200 mW      | 0                                      | 0 dB to +0.09 dB<br>0% to +2%   | 0 dB to +0.25 dB<br>0% to +6%  |                                |
|                           | >+23 dBm to +27 dBm<br>>200 mW to 500 mW | 0                                      | 0 dB to +0.15 dB<br>0% to +3.5% | 0 dB to +0.33 dB<br>0% to +8%  |                                |
|                           |  | 0.05 GHz to 0.2 GHz                    | >0.2 GHz to 4 GHz               | >4 GHz to 12.4 GHz             | >12.4 GHz to 26.5 GHz          |
| R&S®NRV-Z6<br>(model .03) | -17 dBm to +3 dBm<br>20 µW to 2 mW       | ±0.01 dB<br>±0.2%                      | 0                               | 0 dB to +0.04 dB<br>0% to +1%  | 0 dB to +0.09 dB<br>0% to +2%  |
|                           | >+3 dBm to +13 dBm<br>>2 mW to 20 mW     | -0.02 dB to +0.01 dB<br>-0.5% to +0.2% | 0                               | 0 dB to +0.09 dB<br>0% to +2%  | 0 dB to +0.33 dB<br>0% to +8%  |
|                           |  | 0.05 GHz to 0.2 GHz                    | >0.2 GHz to 4 GHz               | >4 GHz to 12.4 GHz             | >12.4 GHz to 40 GHz            |
| R&S®NRV-Z15               | -17 dBm to +3 dBm<br>20 µW to 2 mW       | ±0.01 dB<br>±0.2%                      | 0                               | 0 dB to +0.04 dB<br>0% to +1%  | 0 dB to +0.09 dB<br>0% to +2%  |
|                           | >+3 dBm to +13 dBm<br>>2 mW to 20 mW     | -0.02 dB to +0.01 dB<br>-0.5% to +0.2% | 0                               | 0 dB to +0.09 dB<br>0% to +2%  | 0 dB to +0.33 dB<br>0% to +8%  |

<sup>5)</sup> K connector is a trademark of Anritsu Corp.

<sup>6)</sup> In the temperature range 35 °C to 50 °C only short-term or reduced load (see diagram page 10) permitted if there is no protection against inadvertent contacting.

<sup>7)</sup> The lower frequency limit is 10 MHz for ambient temperatures up to 28 °C.

<sup>8)</sup> 4 W peak power corresponds to an average power of approx. 2.1 W of a mobile to NADC or PDC standard.

<sup>9)</sup> For frequencies below 50 MHz, no calibration factors are stored in the EPROM of the sensor.  
Therefore, frequency-response correction should not be used in this range and a calibration uncertainty of 2% be assumed.

<sup>10)</sup> The burst repetition rate is the reciprocal value of the burst period T.

<sup>11)</sup> The values in parentheses should not be exceeded in remote-controlled operation. Otherwise it is not ensured that the first value measured after triggering is a settled reading. Repeat triggering until steady results are output or provide for an appropriate delay before triggering after power to be measured has been applied.

<sup>12)</sup> Sensors with attenuator pad only.

<sup>13)</sup> At upper limit of square-law region.

<sup>14)</sup> To be considered when measuring in different ranges.

<sup>15)</sup> ISO Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement. International Organization for Standardization, Geneva, Switzerland, ISBN: 92-67-10188-9, 1995.  
Radio Equipment and Systems (RES); Uncertainties in the measurement of mobile radio equipment characteristics. ETSI Technical Report ETR 028, June 1997, 3rd Edition, European Telecommunications Standards Institute. Valbonne, France.

# Footnotes (continued)

<sup>16)</sup> Sensor temperature 22 °C to 24 °C, matched source, CW signal with sensor-specific reference power, >50 dB harmonic suppression for diode sensors. Influence of base unit neglected (e.g. after calibration).

The sensor-specific reference power is

1 µW to 10 µW for high-sensitivity diode sensors,

0.1 mW to 1 mW for medium-sensitivity diode sensors,

1 mW for R&S®NRV-Z51/-Z52/-Z55,

10 mW to 100 mW for R&S®NRV-Z53 and

10 mW to 300 mW for R&S®NRV-Z54.

For the R&S®NRV-Z31/R&S®NRV-Z32/R&S®NRV-Z33 peak power sensors the specified calibration uncertainties are valid in the total power range, however with a harmonic suppression of 60 dB or more.

<sup>17)</sup> Calculated for an average sensor of the relevant type. The uncertainties stated in the calibration report may slightly differ since they are determined taking into account the individual characteristics of the sensor and of the calibration system used. Usually the values are better than the data sheet specs; they may occasionally be somewhat poorer at specific frequency values.

<sup>18)</sup> Thermal sensors and diode sensors operated inside the square-law region:

No restrictions on part of the sensor, only the influence of the base unit and zero offset should be negligible (sufficient measurement power, base unit calibrated, ambient temperature 15 °C to 35 °C).

Diode sensors operated outside the square-law region:

Sensor temperature 22 °C to 24 °C, CW signal with harmonics suppression >60 dB, frequency within the range without frequency-dependent linearity uncertainties, influence of base unit and zero offset negligible (sufficient measurement power, base unit calibrated).

<sup>19)</sup> For power-dependent source matching.

<sup>20)</sup> At constant test frequency.

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