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The affordable EMC RF Signal Generator Flexible • Accurate • Extensible

An important part of an EMC immunity test system is the RF signal generator. It produces the modulated or un-modulated RF signal at a certain frequency and signal level. The latest expansion of the product range of D.A.R.E!! Instruments is the Radi*G*en[®] series of affordable EMC RF signal generators. These generators are designed for EMC test purposes in order to perform fast and accurate EMC tests without the need of external modulation sources.

Flexible

The Radi*G*en® EMC RF signal generator is available in three versions; the RGN0230A covers a frequency range from 9 kHz to 230 MHz, RGN6000A from 80 MHz to 6 GHz and RGN6000B from 9 kHz to 6 GHz. These versions offer a solution for all conducted and radiated immunity test applications. The generator provides CW, AM and Pulse modulated signals using an internal modulator. The Pulse on/off times can individually be set between 200 ns and 100 seconds. Pulse duration/repetition times can be configured separately offering very flexible Pulse modulation settings including Automotive Radar Gated Pulse tests (Ford, GM and PSA). The RGN0600B RF signal generator has 2x SMA connectors, 1x SMA for 9 kHz to 230 MHz (low band) and 1x SMA for 80 MHz to 6 GHz.

Accurate and pure signal

The Radi*G*en[®] is an accurate RF signal generator with a frequency error of less than 20 ppm and modulation accuracy better than 2 %. These figures make it the perfect device for EMC immunity testing. Problems with non monotone behaviour and glitches in the output level are often encountered with generators using fixed step attenuators. The Radi*G*en[®] generator makes use of a full range, analogue output attenuator. This results in a complete monotone increase of output level without any glitches. Due to this, problems with levelling algorithms in EMC test software can not occur with this generator. Apart from this, mechanical defects to the output attenuator can not occur, resulting in a better Mean Time Between Failures.

Extensible

The Radi*G*en[®] generator is delivered as a very compact, one slot, plug-in card designed to fit into the modular Radi*C*entre[®] system. The Radi*C*entre[®] is available as a one, two or seven slot system. Such a system can, for example, contain a RF signal generator (Radi*G*en[®]), one or more E-field probes (Radi*S*ense[®]), coax switch cards (Radi*S*witch[®]), RF power meters (Radi*P*ower[®]) and turntable/antenna tower controllers (Radi*C*ontrol[®]). Of course it is possible to build even larger systems by combining any number of Radi*C*entre[®] systems.

Easy to use

The RadiCentre® systems are "Plug and Play", which means that every plug-in card is automatically recognised and initialised by the RadiCentre® and immediately ready to use. The user can configure and control the system using external PC software or through the TFT touch screen (only on 2- and 7-slot RadiCentre®).

Software support

The Radi Gen° and Radi $Centre^{\circ}$ are software controllable with USB, RS-232 and IEEE-488* (*optional for 2- and 7-slot Radi $Centre^{\circ}$). Besides the Radi $Mation^{\circ}$ integral EMC measurement software the system can be controlled by other EMC measurement software packages using the Radi Gen° software command codes.

Technical Specifications

Radi Gen®				
Performance		RGN0230A	RGN6000A	RGN6000B
Frequency range	:	9 kHz – 230 MHz	80 MHz – 6 GHz	9 kHz – 6 GHz
Output connector	:	Output LF, SMA	Output HF, SMA	Output LF+HF, 2x SMA
Frequency resolution	:		1 Hz	
Frequency error (1)	:		+/- 20 ppm	
Minimum output level	:		-70 dBm	
Maximum output level	:	+10 0	dBm (+4 dBm when us	ing AM)
Amplitude resolution	:		0,1 dB	
Amplitude accuracy	:		+/- 1,5 dB	
Output level settling time	:		< 500 μs	
Harmonics	:		< -20 dBc	
Non harmonic spurious (2)	:		<-50 dBc	

Modulation		
Modulation types	:	CW, AM, Pulse and Gated Pulse
Modulation frequency range	• •	10 Hz – 100 kHz
AM modulation depth	• •	5 % - 95 % (usable from 0 % to 100 %)
AM accuracy, Output LF (2)	• •	$< \pm 3\%$ (5 % to 95 % modulation depth)
AM accuracy, Output HF (2)	• •	$< \pm 2\%$ (10 % to 90 % modulation depth)
	• •	$< \pm 3 \%$ (5 % to 10 % and 90 % to 95 % modulation depth)
Pulse on time- range	• •	200 ns – 100 s
Pulse off time- range	• •	200 ns – 100 s
Pulse modulation On/Off ratio, Output LF	• •	> 60 dB (9 kHz to 230 MHz)
Pulse modulation On/Off ratio, Output HF		> 90 dB (80 MHz to 1 GHz)
	:	> 70 dB (1 GHz to 3 GHz)
		> 60 dB (3 GHz to 6 GHz)

Dimensions		
Height x Depth	:	100 mm (3 U) x 220 mm
Width	:	Takes up one free slot in a RadiCentre®

Environmental conditions		
Temperature range	:	10° C – 40° C
Relative humidity	:	10% - 90% (non-condensing)

Power consumption		
Supply voltage	:	12 VDC
Power consumption	:	< 25 W

Warranty	:	2 years

¹ Measured 10 minutes after power on

More information

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² Measured at 0 dBm output level