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SIGNAL ANALYZERS

Modulation Analyzer, 150 kHz to 1300 MHz, AM/FM Test Source HP 8901A, 8901B, 11715A

- · Measures AM and FM to 1% accuracy
- · Measures RF frequency
- · Measures RF power



HP 8901A



HP 8901A and HP 8901B Modulation Analyzers

The HP 8901A and HP 8901B modulation analyzers combine the capabilities of several RF instruments to give complete, accurate characterization of modulated signals in the 150 kHz to 1300 MHz frequency range. Both instruments very accurately measure modulation and recover the modulation signal. They determine RF frequency and measure RF power. The major additional capabilities of the HP 8901B are its improved power-meter accuracy, its ability to use external power sensors, its ability to make adjacent-channel power measurements or carrier-noise measurements (with Options 030 through 037), and its ability to count audio frequencies and measure distortion on 400 Hz and 1 kHz signals. Both instruments are fully automatic and make all major measurements at the press of a key or under HP-IB control.

Transmitter Testing
The HP 8901A/B have the features required to perform standard transmitter measurements. They measure transmitter power, count frequency, and measure the signal modulation very accurately. The HP 8901B also characterizes the demodulated audio signal's frequency, level, and distortion. With Option 030 the HP 8901B can quickly and accurately make adjacent-channel power measurements to CEPT standards.

RF Signal Characterization

The HP 8901A/B are excellent lab & production tools for accurately characterizing RF signals.

Use the HP 8901A/B to make accurate AM/ΦM and FM/AM conversion measurements of phase- and amplitude-sensitive devices such as bandpass filters and multiple-channel receivers. Excellent isolation between AM and FM make it simple to separate the AM and ΦM of AM stereo, the incidental AM of FM transmitters, and the AM, FM, and ΦM components of complex signals.

Automatic Test Systems

The HP 8901A/B are important components of automatic RF test systems. All functions are fully automatic and easily programmed. With these measurements combined into one instrument, interfacing requirements, hardware costs, and software-development time are reduced.

HP 8901A and HP 8901B Specifications

RF Input

Frequency range: 150 kHz to 1300 MHz Operating level: 12 mV rms to 7 V rms Input impedance: 50 Ω nominal

Tuning: Manual frequency entry, automatic, or track Acquisition time (automatic operation): ~1.5 s

Maximum safe input level (typical): 35 V rms (25 W for source SWR

<4), ac; 40 V, dc

Frequency Modulation Rates: 20 Hz to 200 kHz Deviations: To 400 kHz

- · Low internal noise
- · Completely automatic



HP 8901B



 $\pm\,2\%$ of reading ±1 digit, 20 Hz to 10 kHz rates, 250 kHz to 10 MHz; $\pm\,1\%$ of reading ±1 digit, 50 Hz to 100 kHz rates, 10 to 1300 MHz

Demodulated output distortion: < 0.1% THD

AM rejection (for 50% AM at 400 Hz and 1 kHz rates): <20 Hz peak deviation measured in a 50 Hz to 3 kHz BW

Residual FM (50 Hz to 3 kHz BW): <8 Hz rms @ 1300 MHz, decreasing linearly with frequency to <1 Hz rms for 100 MHz and

Maximum deviation resolution: 1 Hz

Stereo separation (50 Hz to 15 kHz): > 47 dB typical

Phase Modulation

Carrier frequency: 10 to 1300 MHz

Rates: 200 Hz to 20 kHz; typically usable from 20 Hz to 100 kHz with

degraded performance Deviation: To 400 radians

Maximum deviation resolution: 0.001 radian

Accuracy: ±3% of reading ±1 digit

Demodulated output distortion: <0.1% THD

AM rejection (for 50% AM at 1 kHz rate): <0.03 radian peak

deviation (50 Hz to 3 kHz BW)

Amplitude Modulation

Rates: 20 Hz to 100 kHz Depth: To 99%

Accuracy:

±2% of reading ±1 digit, 50 Hz to 10 kHz rates, 150 kHz to 10 MHz; ±1% of reading ±1 digit, 50 Hz to 50 kHz rates, 10 to 1300 MHz Flatness (variation in indicated AM depth for constant depth on

input signal): $\pm 0.3\%$ of reading ± 1 digit Demodulated output distortion: < 0.3% THD

FM rejection (at 400 Hz and 1 kHz rates, 50 Hz to 3 kHz BW):

Residual AM (50 Hz to 3 kHz BW): <0.01% rms

Maximum depth resolution: 0.01%

Frequency Counter Range: 150 kHz to 1300 MHz

Accuracy: ±3 counts of least significant digit ± reference accuracy

Internal reference Frequency: 10 MHz

Aging rate: $<1 \times 10^{-6}/\text{month}$ (optional: $1 \times 10^{-9}/\text{day}$)

Maximum resolution

HP 8901A: 10 Hz for frequencies <1 GHz; 100 Hz for frequencies

≥1 GHz

HP 8901B: 1 Hz

HP 8901A RF Level (Peak Voltage Responding, RMS Sine Wave Power Calibrated)

Range: 1 mW to 1 W

Instrumentation accuracy: ±1.5 dB

SWR: $\leq 1.3, 150 \text{ kHz to } 650 \text{ MHz}; \leq 1.5, 650 \text{ to } 1300 \text{ MHz}$ Maximum resolution: 0.001 mW for levels < 0.01 W

+\$370

+\$155

+\$335

+700

HP 8901B RF Level (True RMS) Frequency range with HP 11722A: $100~\rm kHz$ to $2.6~\rm GHz$ Power range: $-20~\rm to$ $+30~\rm dBm$

RF range-to-range change error:

±0.02 dB/RF range change from reference range Input SWR: <1.15, using HP 11722A sensor module

Zero set (digital settability of zero):

 $\pm 0.5\% \pm 1$ digit of full scale on lowest range (decrease by a factor of 10 for each high range)

RF power resolution:

0.1% of full scale in watts or volts mode 0.001 in dBm or dB relative mode

HP 8901B Selective Power Measurements (Options 030 Through 037)

Frequency range: 10 MHz to 1.3 GHz

Carrier power range: +30 to -20 dBm, 12.5, 25 and 30 kHz filters;

+30 to -10 dBm, carrier noise filter

Dynamic range: 115 dB

Carrier rejection (temp. ≤35° C): >90 dB for offsets ≥1 channel

spacing or 5 kHz, whichever is larger

Relative accuracy: ± 0.5 dB, levels ≥ -95 dBc or levels ≥ -129 dBc/Hz

Power Reference

Power output: 1.00 mW, factory set to $\pm 0.7\%$, traceable to the U.S.

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Accuracy: $\pm 1.2\%$ worst case ($\pm 0.9\%$ rss) for one year (0° to 55° C)

Audio Filters

High-pass (3 dB cutoff frequency): 50 Hz and 300 Hz

Low-pass (3 dB cutoff frequency except > 20 kHz filter): 3 kHz,

15 kHz, > 20 kHz

De-emphasis filters: $25 \mu s$, $50 \mu s$, $75 \mu s$, and $750 \mu s$

Calibrators (Standard HP 8901B, Option 010 HP 8901A) AM calibrator depth and accuracy: 33.33% depth, nominal; internally calibrated to an accuracy of $\pm 0.1\%$

FM calibrator deviation and accuracy: 34 kHz peak deviation, nominal; internally calibrated to an accuracy of $\pm 0.1\%$

General Characteristics

Opt 037 Carrier Noise Filter

HP-IB cables not included. For description and prices, see page 615.

Operating temperature range: 0° to 55° C Power requirements: 100, 120, 220, or 240V (+5%, -10%);

48 to 66 Hz; 200 VA max

Weight: HP 8901A: Net, 20 kg (44 lb); shipping, 25 kg (55 lb) HP 8901B: Net, 23 kg (52 lb); shipping, 31 kg (69 lb) Size: HP 8901A: 190 mm H × 425 mm W × 468 mm D (7.5 in × $16.8 \text{ in} \times 18.4 \text{ in}$). HP 8901B: 190 mm H \times 425 mm W \times 551 mm D (7.5 in \times 16.8 in \times 21.7 in)

Price	
\$11,045	
+\$260	
+\$880	
+\$490	
+\$330	
+\$730	
\$67	
\$36	
\$93	
+ \$255	6
+ \$103	6
+ \$235	
+\$475	
\$15,475	
+\$2,480	
+\$2,860	
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Opt 910 2 sets of Operation/Calibration (08901-90113) and Service Manuals (08901-90114)

Opt 915 Service Manual (08901-90114)

Opt W30 Extended Repair Service (see page 671)

Opt W32 Calibration service (see page 671)



HP 11715A

HP 11715A AM/FM Test Source

The HP 11715A AM/FM test source provides very flat, wide-bandwidth, and low-distortion amplitude- or frequency-modulated RF signals. Designed primarily for performance tests and adjustments of the HP 8901A/B modulation analyzer and HP 8902A measuring receiver, it will also serve as a high-quality modulated test oscillator

where its frequency ranges apply.

The major components of the HP 11715A are a low-noise voltagecontrolled oscillator (VCO), 2 digital dividers, and a double-balanced mixer. The VCO is the primary signal source, with a typical frequency range of 330 to 470 MHz at the FM output. FM is produced by directly coupling the external modulation source to the VCO's tune input, providing very wide bandwidth modulation with low phase shift. This design also ensures very little incidental AM.

The HP 11715A can also be used in conjunction with an HP 8901A/B and an HP 8902A as a calibrated signal source for special applications. In particular, the U.S. commercial FM broadcast band of 88 to 108 MHz is covered by the FM ÷ 4 output of the HP 11715A.

HP 11715A Specifications

FM Outputs

Frequency range: 11 to 13.5 MHz, AM FM ÷ 32 output 88 to 108 MHz, FM ÷ 4 output 352 to 432 MHz, FM output

Peak deviation:

>12.5 kHz, 11 to 13.15 MHz carrier

>100 kHz, 88 to 108 MHz carrier

> 400 kHz, 352 to 432 MHz carrier

Distortion: < 0.025% THD (< -72 dB) for

Carrier Frequency	Peak Deviation	Modulation Rate
12.5 MHz	12.5 kHz	<10 kHz
100 MHz	100 kHz	<100 kHz
400 MHz	400 kHz	<100 kHz

Flatness:

 $\pm 0.1\%$, dc to 100 kHz rates $\pm 0.25\%$, dc to 200 kHz rates

Stereo separation (88 to 108 MHz carrier, 75 kHz peak deviation, 1 kHz rate): > 60 dB typical

AM Output

Frequency range (AM/FM ÷ 32 output): 11 to 13.5 MHz

Depth: To 99%

Distortion:

\$0

<0.05% THD (< -66 dB), 50% AM, 20 Hz to 100 kHz rates < 0.1% THD (< -60 dB), 95% AM, 20 Hz to 100 kHz rates

Flatness: $\pm 0.1\%$, 50 Hz to 50 kHz rates;

 $\pm 0.25\%$, 20 Hz to 100 kHz rates

Linearity: $\pm 0.1\%$, <95% AM; $\pm 0.2\%$, <99%

Ordering Information	Price
HP 11715A AM/FM Test Source	\$2,910
Opt 910 a total of 2 sets of Operating and Service	+\$25
Manuals (11715-90004)	

To For off-the-shelf shipment, call 800-452-4844.