

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TEST EQUIPMENT

Selective Level Meter and Synthesizer Models 3586A/B & 3336A/B



HP 3586A Selective Level Meter (CCITT)



General

The HP 3586A/B Selective Level Meters and HP 3336A/B Tracking Synthesizers offer the high performance necessary to meet the demanding requirements in the design, manufacture, commissioning and maintenance of Frequency Division Multiplex (FDM) systems. The HP 3586 and HP 3336 "A" models meet CCITT requirements, and the "B" models meet North American (Bell) standards. Both are fully programmable over the HP Interface Bus. The HP 3586A & B Selective Level Meter provides a unique combination of features, including wideband power and optional telephone impairment measurement of impulse noise, phase jitter, noise with tone, and signal-to-noise with tone ratio. The HP 3586A & B's wide frequency coverage to 32.5 MHz allows measurements to be made at both voice channel and carrier frequencies. Microprocessor control adds many ease-of-use features such as amplitude offset measurements of tone and noise level in units of dBmO, dBrnCO, or dBpWO. Convenience features include simultaneous analog and digital level displays, precise frequency setting with HP's fractional N synthesized local oscillator, accurate frequency counter and tone measurements with automatic channel alignment for 800 Hz (CCITT) or 1004 Hz (Bell) test tone or carrier frequency reference.

The HP 3336 A/B Synthesizer/Level Generator is an excellent precision tracking signal source for the HP 3586A and B Selective Level Meter. When the Selective Level Meter and Synthesizer are in the tracking mode, the frequency of the synthesizer is automatically set to the frequency of the SLM. Frequency overage is 10 Hz to 20.9 MHz, making the HP 3336 A and B useful for telephone circuit loop testing on most FDM systems, transfer function and distortion measurements in telecommunications manufacturing.

Carrier Frequency and Voice Channel

The HP 3586A & B can make both carrier frequency measurements to 32.5 MHz and voice channel measurements from 50 Hz to 100 kHz.

You can measure tone levels, idle channel noise or weighted noise at voice channel, then compare at carrier frequency.

Transmission Impairments

The Transmission Impairments capability permits phase jitter, weighted noise, noise-with-tone, signal-to-noise-with-tone ratio, and single level impulse noise measurements. The HP 3586A & B capability to make these transmission impairment measurements at both FDM voice channel and carrier frequencies is unique.

Frequency and Amplitude Precision

The HP 3336 A/B provides frequency resolution of one microhertz (.000001 Hz) up to 100 kHz and one millihertz (.001 Hz) to 20.9 MHz. Level accuracy is $\pm .15$ dB at full output over the full frequency range with $\pm .12$ dB optional. Harmonic levels are more than 60 dB down up to 1 MHz and more than 50 dB down up to 20.9 MHz, performance not previously available in a synthesizer.



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FDM Testing

The flexible output section allows different connectors to be provided either by option or special request. Frequency entry is accomplished by keyboard or analog control for manual tuning or frequency stepping of any digit.

The Amplitude Blanking feature allows testing of operational FDM systems without disturbing adjacent channels while the frequency is changed. The output is blanked to less than -85 dBm until the next desired frequency is reached.

General Purpose Features

The HP 3336 A/B Synthesizer provides wide band sweep capability—sweep the full frequency range (or as little as two microhertz), log or linear, single or continuous. Single phase lock loop design means the sweep is phase continuous and you can modulate with AM to 50 kHz or PM to 5 kHz. Ten storage registers can be used to keep different test settings available for repetitive test. All necessary functions on the HP 3336 A/B can be remotely programmed by HP-IB control for automatic testing.

Designed-In Serviceability

The HP 3586 A/B Selective Level Meter and the HP 3336 A/B Synthesizer/Level Generator have been designed for reliable operation and excellent accessibility with many useful service features.

North American (Bell) and CCITT Requirements

The HP 3586A & B Selective Level Meter and HP 3336 A & B Synthesizer/Level Generator are designed to meet most world-wide connector and impedance requirements for both carrier and voice channel measurements. Special or regional connectors can be provided by option or special request.

Input Configuration

CCITT Requirements

HP 3586A SLM	75 Ω/10 kΩ Unbalanced 150 Ω, 600 Ω/10 kΩ Balanced
HP 3336A Synthesizer	75 Ω Unbalanced 150 Ω, 600 Ω Balanced

North American (Bell) Requirements

HP 3586B SLM	75 Ω/10 kΩ Unbalanced 124 Ω, 135 Ω, 600 Ω/10 kΩ Balanced
HP 3336B Synthesizer	75 Ω Unbalanced 124 Ω, 135 Ω, 600 Ω Balanced

Fully Programmable

HP-IB control is standard, allowing automatic operation to be controlled by a desktop calculator such as the HP 9816A, Series 200, or 300, or by a mainframe computer, such as the HP 1000. FDM tests such as surveillance can be made from a remote location to reduce maintenance costs and increase troubleshooting efficiency.

High Impedance Accessory Probes

Models HP 15580A and HP 15581B unbalanced high impedance probes are available for use with the HP 3586A/B to facilitate bridging measurements.

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Signal Input	HP 3586A	HP 3586B
75 Ω Unbalanced	50 Hz to 3	32.5 MHz
124 Ω Balanced		4 kHz to 10 MHz
135 Ω Balanced		4 kHz to 1 MHz
150 Ω Balanced	4 kHz to 1 MHz	
600 Ω Balanced	100 Hz to	108 kHz

The 124 $\Omega,~135~\Omega,~150~\Omega$ and 600 Ω inputs are usable over wider frequency ranges, but are not specified in under and overrange operation.

Frequency resolution: 0.1 Hz.

Center frequency accuracy: ±1 x 10⁻⁵/year (±2 x 10⁻⁷/year with

option 004).

Counter accuracy: ±1.0 Hz in addition to center frequency accuracy for signals within the 60 dB bandwidth of the IF filter chosen or greater than -100 dBm (largest signal measured). Frequency display: 9 digit LED.

Selectivity

3 dB Bandwidth, ±10%

HP 3586 (CCITT)	HP 3586B (N. American)
20 Hz	20 Hz
400 Hz	400 Hz
3100 Hz	3100 Hz
Psophometric	C-Message
Noise Weighting	Noise Weighting

Adjacent channel rejection: 75 dB minimum at ±2850 Hz, 3100 Hz BW

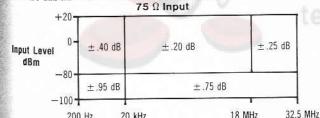
Passband flatness: ±0.3 dB.

Amplitude

Measurement range: +20 to -130 dBm.

Amplitude resolution: .01 dB.

Level accuracy: 10 dB autorange, low distortion mode, after calibration. 20 Hz and 400 Hz BW below -80 dBm.



200 Hz 20 kHz 124ΩInput (HP 3586B): ±0.6 dB, 4 kHz to 10 kHz; ±.35 dB, 50 kHz to 5 MHz; ±.50 dB, 10 kHz to 50

kHz, and 5 MHz to 10 MHz for \pm 20 to \pm 80 dBm. 135 Ω 150 Ω 1 input (HP 3586A or B): \pm 0.6 dB, 4kHz to 10 kHz; \pm .35 dB, 50 kHz to 1 MHz; \pm .50 dB

10 kHz to 50 kHz for +20 to -80 dBm. 60 0 input (3586 A/B): ±.35 dB 100 Hz to 108 kHz for +20 to -80 dBm. Level accuracy: 100 dB range (after calibration): Add correction to 10 dB auto-range accuracy for dB below full scale. (Not required when in 10 dB autorange).

dB Below Full Scale	Accuracy Correction	
0 to -20 dB	±.25 dB	
-20 to -40 dB	±.50 dB	
-40 to -80 dB	±2.00 dB	

Dynamic Range

Spurious Responses

Image rejection (100-132 MHz): -80 dBc.

IF rejection: 15625 Hz, -80 dBc; 50 MHz, -60 dBc.

Non-harmonic spurious signals: >1600 Hz offset, -80 dBc; 300 Hz to 1600 Hz offset, -75 dBc.

Distortion

Harmonic distortion: -70 dB below full scale (>4 kHz on 75 Ω and 600Ω inputs), low distortion mode.

Intermodulation distortion: Two-tone second and third order, separation 7 kHz to 1 MHz, 75 dB below full scale. Either tone \geq 10 MHz,

Wideband power accuracy: After calibration, 100 dB range, averaging on, -45 to +20 dBm.

ſ	± 2.0 dB		±1.0 dB	±	2.0 dB
200	Hz	20 kHz	10	MHz	32 MHz

Noise Floor (full scale setting -35 to -120 dBm)

Frequency	Bandwidth	Noise Level
100 kHz to 32.5 MHz	3100, 1740, 2000 Hz	-116 dBm
	20 Hz, 400 Hz	-120 dBm
10 kHz to 100 kHz	All	-105 dBm

The noise floor for full scale settings of -30 to +25 dBm will be 80 dB below full scale for >100 kHz, or 60 dB below full scale for 2 kHz-100 kHz.

Signal Inputs

HP Model	Impedance	Frequency	Mating Connector
3586A	75 ohms unbalanced	50 Hz to 32.5 MHz	BNC
	150 ohms balanced	4 kHz to 1 MHz	Siemens 3-prong
	600 ohms balanced	100 Hz to 108 kHz	9 Rel 6 AC
3586B	75 ohms unbalanced	50 Hz to 32.5 MHz	WECO 439/440A
	124 ohms balanced	4 kHz to 10 MHz	WECO 443A
	135 ohms balanced	4 kHz to 1 MHz	WECO 241A
	600 ohms balanced	100 Hz to 108 kHz	WECO 310

Connector Options

Opt 001 (HP 3586A): 75 ohms mates with Siemens 1.6/5.6 mm coaxial.

Opt 001 (HP 3586B): 75 ohms mates with WECO 358A. 124 ohms mates with WECO 372A.

(Contact local sales office for other special connectors.) **Return loss:** $-30 \text{ dB } (50/75 \Omega); -25 \text{ dB } (600 \Omega).$

Balance

Input	Frequency	Balance
124 Ω	10 kHz to 10 MHz	-36 dB
135 Ω or 150 Ω	10 kHz to 1 MHz	-36 dB
600 Ω	50 Hz to 108 kHz	-40 dB

Demodulated Audio Output

Output Level: 0 dBm into a 600Ω load, adjustable. Output Connector: Mates with WECO 347A.

Additional Options

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Opt 001: 75 Ω input connector option. Siemens 1.6/5.6 mm coaxial connector replaces BNC.

Opt 004: High Stability Frequency reference 10 MHz oven stabilized reference oscillator improves frequency stability to $\pm 2 \text{ x}$ 10⁻⁷/year.

HP 3586B (N. American)

Opt 001: 75 Ω and 124 Ω input connector option. Changes 75 Ω input connector to mate with WECO 358A and 124 Ω input to mate with WECO 372A.

Opt 004: High Stability Frequency reference. Same as Opt 004-HP 3586A.

Auxiliary Signal Inputs/Outputs

Tracking Generator: 0 dBm rear panel tracking output. External Reference Input: $10 \text{ MHz} \div n$, where $n = 1,2,3 \dots 10$. Reference Output: 10 MHz, +8 dBm output.