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Agilent E4428C ESG Analog Signal Generator

Data sheet



All specifications apply over a 0 to 55 °C range (unless otherwise stated) and apply after a 45 minute warm-up time. Supplemental characteristics, denoted as typical, nominal, or measured, provide additional (non-warranted) information at 25 °C, which may be useful in the application of the product.

Definitions

Specifications: Represents warranted performance.

Typical: Represents characteristic performance which is non-warranted. Describes performance that will be met by a minimum of 80% of all products. All typical values are indicated by parenthesis.

Nominal: Represents characteristic performance which is non-warranted. Represents the value of a parameter that is most likely to occur; the expected mean or average.

Measured: Represents characteristic performance which is non-warranted. Represents the value of a parameter measured on an instrument during design stage.



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Key Features

Key standard features

- · Industry-leading spectral purity
- · Superior level accuracy
- · High output power
- · High-stability timebase
- Wideband FM and ΦM
- · Excellent modulation accuracy and stability
- · Step and list sweep, both frequency and power
- · Built-in function generator
- · Lightweight, rack-mountable
- · 2-year calibration cycle

Optional performance

- Option 503, frequency range from 250 kHz to 3 GHz (electronic attenuator standard)
- Option 506, frequency range from 250 kHz to 6 GHz (mechanical attenuator only)
- Option UNB, higher output with mechanical attenuator
 Note: Option 506 is standard with the high power mechanical attenuator used in Option UNB, and therefore, both options cannot be ordered together.
- · Option 1EM, move all front panel connectors to rear panel

Frequency

Frequency range

Option

503 250 kHz to 3 GHz [electronic attenuator standard] 506 250 kHz to 6 GHz [mechanical attenuator only]

Frequency minimum 100 kHz¹
Frequency resolution 0.01 Hz

Frequency switching speed

	0pt	ion 503	Optio	on 506	
	Freq. ²	Freq./Amp.3	Freq.2	Freq./Amp.3	
	(< 9 ms)	(< 9 ms)	(< 16 ms)	(< 17 ms)	
[For hops	< 5 MHz within a ba	nd]			
	(< 9 ms)	(< 9 ms)	(< 12 ms)	(< 14 ms)	

Phase offset Phase is adjustable remotely [LAN, GPIB, RS-232] or via front panel in nominal 0.1 ° increments

Sweep modes

Operating modes	Operating modes Frequency step, amplitude step and arbitrary list				
Dwell time	1 ms to 60 s				
Number of points	2 to 65,535 (Step) 2 to 1601 (List)				

Internal reference oscillator

Stability

Aging rate $< \pm 0.1 \text{ ppm/yr or}$

 $< \pm 0.0005$ ppm/day after 45 days

Temp [0 to 55 °C] $(< \pm 0.05 \text{ ppm})$ Line voltage $(< \pm 0.002 \text{ ppm})$ Line voltage range (+5% to -10%)

RF reference input requirements

Frequency 1, 2, 5, 10 MHz ±0.2 ppm

RF reference output

Frequency 10 MHz Amplitude 4 dBm ±2 dB

^{1.} Performance below 250 kHz not guaranteed.

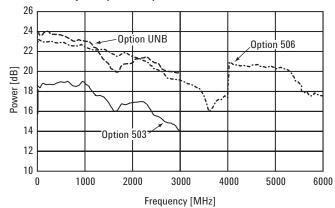
^{2.} To within 0.1 ppm of final frequency above 250 MHz or within 100 Hz below 250 MHz.

^{3.} Frequency switching time with the amplitude settled within ± 0.1 dB.

Output power

Power		Option UNB	
	Option 503	Option 503	Option 506
250 kHz to 250 MHz	+11 to -136 dBm	+15 to -136 dBm	+12 to -136 dBm
> 250 MHz to 1 GHz	+13 to -136 dBm	+17 to -136 dBm	+14 to -136 dBm
> 1 to 3 GHz	+10 to -136 dBm	+16 to -136 dBm	+13 to -136 dBm
> 3 to 6 GHz	N/A	N/A	+10 to -136 dBm

Maximum available power (measured)



Level resolution	0.02 dB		
Level range with Attenu	ator Hold active		
		Option UNB	
	Option 503	Option 503	Option 506
250 kHz to 1 GHz	23 dB	27 dB	24 dB
> 1 to 3 GHz	20 dB	26 dB	23 dB
> 3 to 6 GHz	N/A	N/A	20 dB

Level accuracy [dB]

Option 5031

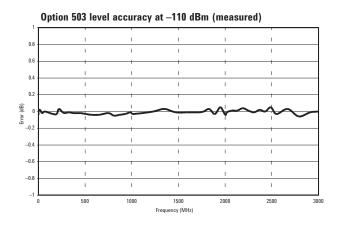
_		Power level			
	+7 to	-50 to	-110 to	< -127 dBm	
	-50 dBm	-110 dBm	-127 dBm		
250 kHz to 2.0 GHz	±0.5	±0.5	±0.7	(±1.5)	
2.0 to 3 GHz	±0.6	±0.6	±0.8	(±2.5)	

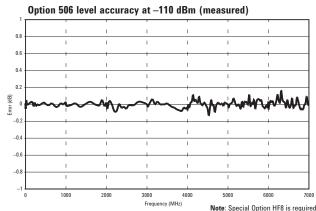
Option UNB²

_		Power level			
	+10 to	-50 to	-110 to	< -127 dBm	
	-50 dBm	-110 dBm	-127 dBm		
250 kHz to 2.0 GHz	±0.5	±0.7	±0.8	(±1.5)	
2.0 to 3 GHz	±0.6	±0.8	±1.0	(±2.5)	

Option 5063

_		Power level				
	+7 to	–50 to	-110 to	< -127 dBm		
	-50 dBm	-110 dBm	-127 dBm			
250 kHz to 2.0 GHz	±0.6	±0.8	±0.8	(±1.5)		
2.0 to 3 GHz	±0.6	±0.8	±1.0	(±2.5)		
3 to 4 GHz	±0.8	±0.9	±1.5	(±2.5)		
4 to 6 GHz	±0.8	±0.9	(±1.5)			





Note: Special Option HF8 is required for frequency capability up to 7 GHz

(< 119 ms)

,	(±0.15 dB) [relative to ALC on] After power search is executed.			
Level switching speed		Option UNB		
	Option 503	Option 503	Option 506	
Normal operation [ALC on]	(< 15 ms)	(< 21 ms)	(< 21 ms)	
When using power search ma	anual (< 83 ms)	(< 95 ms)	(< 95 ms)	

(< 103 ms)

(< 119 ms)

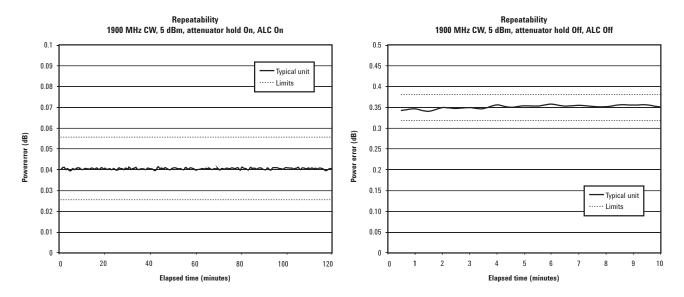
When using power search auto

^{1.} Quoted specifications for 23 °C ±5 °C. Accuracy degrades by less than 0.03 dB/°C over full temperature range. Accuracy degrades by 0.3 dB above +7 dBm, and by 0.8 dB above +10 dBm.

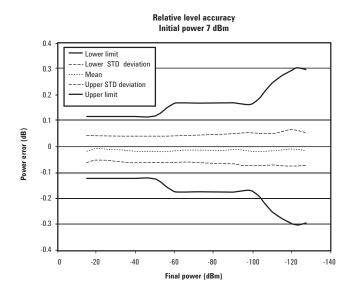
^{2.} Quoted specifications for 23 °C ±5 °C. Accuracy degrades by less than 0.03 dB/°C over full temperature range. Accuracy degrades by 0.2 dB above +10 dBm, and by 0.8 dB above +13 dBm.

^{3.} Quoted specifications for 23 °C ±5 °C. Accuracy degrades by less than 0.02 dB/°C over full temperature range. Accuracy degrades by 0.2 dB above +7 dBm.

Repeatability and linearity



Repeatability measures the ability of the instrument to return to a given power setting after a random excursion to any other frequency and power setting. It is a relative measurement that reflects the difference in dB between the maximum and minimum power readings for a given setting over a specific time interval. It should not be confused with absolute power accuracy, which is measured in dBm.¹



Relative level accuracy measures the accuracy of a step change from any power level to any other power level. This is useful for large changes (i.e. 5 dB steps).

^{1.} Repeatability and relative level accuracy are typical for all frequency ranges.

0.3

0.25

0.2

0.15

0.1

-0.3

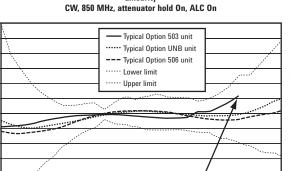
-0.35 -0.4

O.05

O -0.05

-0.15

-0.25



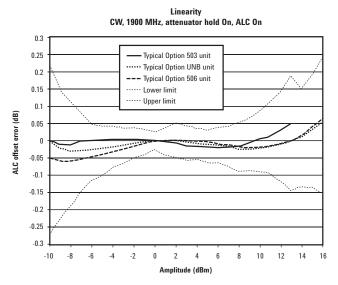
Amplitude (dBm)

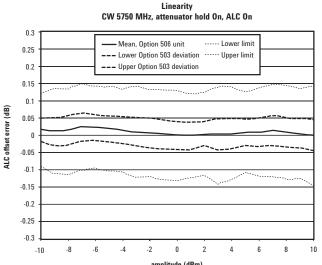
Limit is undefined above 13 dBm for Option 503 units. Limit line applies

only to UNB and 506 units.

Linearity

Linearity measures the accuracy of small changes while the attenuator is held in a steady state (to avoid power glitches). This is useful for fine resolution changes.'





^{1.} Repeatability and relative level accuracy are typical for all frequency ranges.

Spectral purity

SSB F	Phase noise [at 2	20 kHz offset]				
а	at 500 MHz	< –135 d	Bc/Hz. (< -	-138 dBc/F	lz)		
а	at 1 GHz			-134 dBc/F			
а	at 2 GHz	< -124 d	Bc/Hz, (< -	-128 dBc/H	lz)		
а	at 3 GHz	< -121 d	Bc/Hz, (< -	-125 dBc/F	lz)		
a	at 4 GHz	< -118 d	Bc/Hz, (< -	-122 dBc/F	lz)		
а	at 6 GHz	< –113 d	Bc/Hz, (< -	-117 dBc/F	lz)		
Resid	ual FM [CW m			_			
			< N x 1 Hz	(< N x 0.5	Hz)¹		
Harm	onics ² [output l					JNB,	
		+4.5 dBm 0			above 1 GHz,		
	(-	< -30 dBc 1	GHz and be	low)			
Nonha	armonics $^3 [\le + 7]$	7 dBm output	level decre	eases, ≤ +4	dBm Option	506]4	
-			> 3 kHz	> 10	kHz		
_		(offset	offse	et		
2	250 kHz to 250 N	ЛHz	< -65 dBc	(< -5	8 dBc)		
2	250 MHz to 500	MHz <	< -80 dBc	< -8	0 dBc		
5	500 MHz to 1 GH	lz ⋅	< -80 dBc	< -8	0 dBc		
-	l to 2 GHz	•	< -74 dBc	< -7	4 dBc		
2	2 to 4 GHz	•	< -68 dBc	< -6	8 dBc		
4	to 6 GHz	•	< -62 dBc	< -6	2 dBc		
Subha	armonics						
≤	≤ 1 GHz		None				
>	> 1 GHz		None				
Jitter	in μUI ^{5,6}						
_	Carrier	SONET/SD	Н	rms jitter			
_	frequency	data rates		bandwidtl			(μUI rms)
	I55 MHz	155 MB/s		Hz to 1.5			(78)
-	322 MHz	622 MB/s	-	kHz to 5 M			(46)
2	2.488 GHz	2488 MB/s	s 5	kHz to 15 N	/lHz		(74)
Jitter	in seconds						
	Carrier	SONET/SDI		rms jitter			
_	frequency	data rates		bandwidtl			10.5 :
	I55 MHz	155 MB/s		Hz to 1.5			(0.6 ps)
	322 MHz	622 MB/s		kHz to 5 M			(74 fs)
2	2.488 GHz	2488 MB/s	s 5	kHz to 15 N	/IH2		(30 fs)

^{1.} Refer to frequency bands on page 11 for N values.

^{2.} Harmonic performance outside the operating range of the instrument is typical.

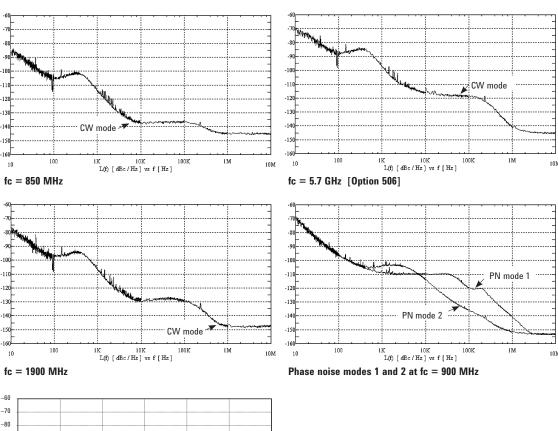
 $^{3. \;\;}$ Spurs outside the operating range of the instrument are not specified.

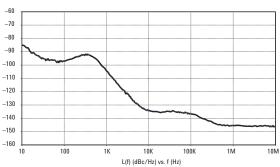
^{4.} Specifications apply for CW mode only.

^{5.} Calculated from phase noise performance in CW mode only at -2.5 dBm for Option 503 instruments, -0.5 dBm with Option 506, and +2.5 dBm with Option UNB.

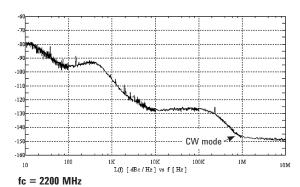
^{6.} For other frequencies, data rates, or bandwidths, wplease contact your sales representative.

Characteristic SSB phase noise (measured)









Frequency bands

Band	Frequency range	N number
1	250 kHz to ≤ 250 MHz	1
2	> 250 MHz to ≤ 500 MHz	0.5
3	$>$ 500 MHz to \leq 1GHz	1
4	> 1 to ≤ 2 GHz	2
5	> 2 to ≤ 4 GHz	4
6	> 4 to ≤ 6 GHz	8
	1 2 3 4 5	1 250 kHz to ≤ 250 MHz 2 > 250 MHz to ≤ 500 MHz 3 > 500 MHz to ≤ 1GHz 4 > 1 to ≤ 2 GHz 5 > 2 to ≤ 4 GHz

Frequency modulation¹

Maximum deviation ²			
	N x 1 MHz		
Resolution	0.1% of deviation or 1 whichever is greater	Hz,	
Modulation frequency	rate [deviation = 100 kH	z]	
Coupling	1 dB bandwidth	3 dB bandwidth	
FM path 1[DC]	DC to 100 kHz	(DC to 10 MHz)	
FM path 2 [DC]	DC to 100 kHz	(DC to 0.9 MHz)	
FM path 1 [AC]	20 Hz to 100 kHz	(5 Hz to 10 MHz)	
FM path 2 [AC]	20 Hz to 100 kHz	(5 Hz to 0.9 MHz)	
Deviation accuracy ² [1	kHz rate, deviation < N	x 100 kHz]	
	$< \pm 3.5\%$ of FM devia	tion + 20 Hz	
Carrier frequency acci	uracy relative to CW in	DCFM ^{2,3}	
	±0.1% of set deviation	1 + (N x 1 Hz)	
Distortion ² [1 kHz rate,	dev.= N x 100 kHz] < 1%		

FM using external inputs 1 or 2

Sensitivity $1 V_{\tiny peak}$ for indicated deviation

Input impedance 50 Ω , nominal

FM path 1 and FM path 2 are summed internally for composite modulation. The FM 2 path is limited to a maximum rate of 1 MHz. The FM 2 path must be set to a deviation less than FM 1 path.

^{1.} All analog performance above 3 GHz is typical.

^{2.} Refer to frequency bands on this page to compute specifications.

^{3.} At the calibrated deviation and carrier frequency, within 5 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ of ambient temperature at time of calibration.

Phase modulation¹

Resolution	0.1% of set deviation		
Modulation frequency	response ²		
	Maximum	Allowable rat	es [3 dB BW]
Mode	deviation	ØM path 1	ØM path 2
Normal BW	N x 10 radians	DC to 100 kHz	DC to 100 kHz
High BW	N x 1 radians	(DC to 1 MHz)	(DC to 0.9 MHz)
Deviation accuracy [1	kHz rate, Normal BW	/ mode]	
	< ±5% of deviation	+ 0.01 radians	
Distortion ² [1 kHz rate,	deviation, < 10N rad < 1%	ians, Normal BW mode	e]
ØM using external inp	uts 1 or 2		
Sensitivity	$1 V_{\tiny peak}$ for indicated	deviation	
Input impedance	50 Ω , nominal		
Paths	ØM path 1 and ØM path 2 are summed internally for composite modulation. The ØM 2 path is limited to a maximum rate of 1 MHz. ØM path 2 must be set to a deviation less than the ØM path 1.		

^{1.} All analog performance above 3 GHz is typical.

Refer to frequency bands on page 11 for N.
 Bandwidth is automatically selected based on deviation.

Amplitude modulation^{1, 2}

[fc > 500 kHz]

Range	0 to 100%	
Resolution	0.1%	
Rates [3 dB bandwidth]]	
DC coupled	0 to 10 kHz	
AC coupled	10 Hz to 10 kH	Z
Accuracy ^{2,3}	1 kHz rate <	< ±(6% of setting +1%)
Distortion ^{2,3} [1 kHz rate,	THD]	
	Option 503	Option 506
30% AM	< 1.5%	< 1.5%
90% AM	(< 4%)	(< 5%)
AM using external input	uts 1 or 2	
Sensitivity	1 $V_{\mbox{\tiny peak}}$ to achieve indicated depth	
Input impedance	50 Ω , nominal	
Paths	AM path 1 and AM path 2 are summed internally for composite modulation.	

^{1.} All analog performance above 3 GHz is typical.

AM is typical above 3 GHz.
 Peak envelope power of AM must be 3 dB less than maximum output power below 250 MHz.

Pulse modulation

On/off ratio > 80 dB ≤ 4 GHz > 4 GHz (> 64 dB) Rise/fall times (150 ns) Minimum width ALC on (2 µs) ALC off $(0.4 \mu s)$ Pulse repetition frequency ALC on (10 Hz to 250 kHz) ALC off (DC to 1.0 MHz) Level accuracy¹ [relative to CW at \leq 4 dBm Option 503, \leq 7.5 dBm Option UNB, ≤ 4.5 dBm Option 506]

Pulse modulation using external inputs

Input voltage

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{RF on} & > +0.5 \text{ V, nominal} \\ \text{RF off} & < +0.5 \text{ V, nominal} \\ \text{Input impedance} & 50 \ \Omega, \text{ nominal} \end{array}$

 $(< \pm 1 dB)$

Internal pulse generator

Square wave rate 0.1 Hz to 20 kHz

Pulse

Period 8 µs to 30 seconds Width 4 µs to 30 seconds

Resolution 2 µs

^{1.} With ALC off, specifications apply after the execution of power search. With ALC on, specifications apply for pulse repetition rates \leq 10 kHz and pulse widths \geq 5 μ s.

Internal analog modulation source

[Provides FM, AM, pulse, and phase modulation signals and LF audio out]

Waveforms	sine, square, ramp, triangle, pulse, noise
Rate range	
Sine	0.1 Hz to 100 kHz
Square, ramp, triangle	0.1 Hz to 20 kHz
Resolution	0.1 Hz
Frequency accuracy	same as RF reference source
Swept sine mode [frequency, p	hase continuous]
Operating modes	Triggered or continuous sweeps
Frequency range	0.1 Hz to 100 kHz
Sweep time	1 ms to 65 sec
Resolution	1 ms
Dual sinewave mode	
Frequency range	0.1 Hz to 100 kHz
Amplitude ratio	0 to 100%
Amplitude ratio resolution	0.1%
LF audio out mode	
Amplitude	0 to 2.5 $V_{\mbox{\tiny peak}}$ into 50 Ω
Output impedance	50 Ω nominal
, ,	olitude generated as a peak-to-peak value ely 80% of displayed value)

External modulation inputs

Modulation types

Ext 1 FM, ØM, AM, pulse Ext 2 FM, ØM, AM, and pulse

High/Low Indicator [100 Hz to 10 MHz BW, AC coupled inputs only]. Activated when input level error exceeds 3% [nominal].

Composite modulation

AM, FM, and ØM each consist of two modulation paths which are summed internally for composite modulation. The modulation sources may be any two of the following: Internal, External 1, External 2.

Simultaneous modulation

Multiple modulation types may be simultaneously enabled. For example, AM, and FM can run concurrently and all will affect the output RF. This is useful for simulating signal impairments. There are some exceptions: FM and ØM cannot be combined. Two modulation types cannot be generated simultaneously by the same modulation source.

General Characteristics

Operating characteristics

Power requirements	90 to 254 V; 50 or 60 Hz; 300 W maximum, power factor corrected. Not for 400 Hz use.			
Operating temperature range ²	0 to 55 °C			
Storage temperature range	-40 to 70 °C			
Shock and vibration	Meets MIL-STD-2	28800E Type III, Cla	iss 3.	
Leakage	Conducted and ra to CISPR 11.	Conducted and radiated emissions conform to CISPR 11.		
	2-turn loop] at ≤ resonant dipole a	illy < 1 μV [nomina 1000 MHz, measur antenna, one inch fi < 0 dBm [all input ed].	ed with a rom any surface	
Storage registers	Memory is shared by instrument states, user data files, sweep list files and waveform sequences. Depending on the number and size of these files, up to 100 storage registers and 1000 register sequences [10 per register] are available.			
	< 16 kg [35 lb.] n	et, < 23 kg [50 lb.]	shipping	
Dimensions	133 mm H x 426 [5.25 in H x 16.8	mm W x 432 mm D in W x 17 in D])	
Remote programming Interface	GPIB [IEEE-488.2 LAN [10BaseT].	-1987] with listen a	and talk, RS-232,	
Control languages ³		6.0, also compatible d 8657A/B/C/D/J		
Functions controlled	All front panel fu	nctions except pov	ver switch and knob.	
ISO compliant	registered facility	is manufactured in in concurrence wi gies commitment t	th	
Reverse power protection	0 500	0 .: 500		
250 kHz to 2 GHz	<i>Option 503</i> 47 dBm	<i>Option 506</i> 30 dBm		
> 2 to 4 GHz	44 dBm	30 dBm		
> 4 to 6 GHz	N/A	30 dBm		
Max DC voltage	40 V			
SWR				
2E0 kH= 4= 2 2 CH=	Option 503	Option UNB	Option 506	
250 kHz to 2.2 GHz > 2.2 GHz to 3 GHz	(< 1.5:1) (< 1.4:1)	(< 1.5:1) (< 1.5:1)	(< 1.6:1) (< 1.4:1)	
> 3 GHz to 4 GHz	(< 1.5:1)	(< 1.7:1) (< 1.7:1)	(< 1.7:1)	
> 4 GHz to 6 GHz	N/A	N/A	(< 1.8:1)	
Output impedance	50 Ω nominal			

^{1.} For 400 Hz systems, order transformer 70001-60066.

Save and recall of user files and instrument states from non-volatile storage is guaranteed only over the range 0 to 40 °C.
 ESG series does not implement 8657A/B "Standby" or "On" [R0 or R1, respectively] mnemonics.

General Characteristics

Accessories	Transit case	Part number 9211-1296
Inputs and outputs All front panel connectors can be moved to rear with Option 1EM.	10 MHz input	Accepts a 1, 2, 5, or 10 MHz ± 0.2 ppm. Nominal input level -3.5 to $+20$ dBm, impedance 50 ohms. [BNC, rear panel]
	10 MHz output	Outputs the 10 MHz reference signal. Level nominally +3.9 dBm ±2 dB. Nominal output impedance 50 ohms. [BNC, rear panel]
	External 1 input	This BNC input connector accepts a $\pm 1~V_{\mbox{\tiny peak}}$ signal for AM, FM, pulse, and phase modulation. For all these modulations, $\pm 1~V_{\mbox{\tiny peak}}$ produces the indicated deviation or depth. When ac-coupled inputs are selected for AM, FM, or phase modulation and the peak input voltage differs from 1 $V_{\mbox{\tiny peak}}$ by more than 3%, the hi/lo annunciator light on the display. The input impedance is 50 ohms and the damage levels are 5 $V_{\mbox{\tiny rms}}$ and 10 $V_{\mbox{\tiny peak}}$. If you configure your signal generator with Option 1EM, this input is relocated to a female BNC connector on the rear panel.
	External 2 input	This BNC input connector accepts a $\pm 1~V_{peak}$ signal for AM, FM, phase modulation, and pulse modulation. With AM, FM, or phase modulation, $\pm 1~V_{peak}$ produces the indicated deviation or depth. With pulse modulation, $\pm 1~V$ is on and 0 V is off. When ac-coupled inputs are selected for AM, FM, or phase modulation, and the peak voltage differs from 1 V_{peak} by more than 3%, the hi/lo annunciator light on the display. The input impedance is 50 ohms and the damage levels are 5 V_{ms} and 10 V_{peak} If you configure your signal generator with Option 1EM, this input is relocated to a female BNC connector on the rear panel.
	GPIB	Allows communication with compatible devices. [rear panel]
	LF output	Outputs the internally-generated LF source. Outputs 0 to 2.5 $V_{\mbox{\tiny peak}}$ into 50 ohms, or 0 to 5 $V_{\mbox{\tiny peak}}$ into high impedance. [BNC, front panel]
	RF output	Nominal output impedance 50 ohms. [type-N female, front panel]
	Sweep output	Generates output voltage, 0 to +10 V when signal generator is sweeping. Output impedance < 1 ohm, can drive 2000 ohms. [BNC, rear panel]
	Trigger input	Accepts CMOS ¹ signal for triggering point-to-point in manual sweep mode, or to trigger start of LF sweep. The damage levels are –0.5 to +5.5 V. [BNC, rear panel]
	Trigger output	Outputs a TTL signal: high at start of dwell, or when waiting for point trigger in manual sweep mode; low when dwell is over or point trigger is received, high or low 2 µs pulse at start of LF sweep. [BNC, rear panel]

^{1.} Rear panel inputs and outputs are 3.3 V CMOS, unless indicated otherwise. CMOS inputs will accept 5 V CMOS, 3 V CMOS, or TTL voltage levels.

General Characteristics

LAN connector

LAN communication is supported by the signal generator via the LAN connector. It is functionally equivalent to the GPIB connector. The LAN connector enables the signal generator to be remotely programmed by a LAN-connected computer. The distance between a computer and the signal generator is limited to 100 meters [10BaseT]. For more information about the LAN, refer to the *Getting Started* chapter in the *Programming Guide*.

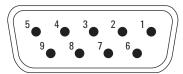
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LAN [FTP]	file transfer to volatile memory	(700 KB/sec)
	to hard drive	(500 KB/sec)
LAN [SCPI]	command transfer to volatile memory	(146 KB/sec)
	to hard drive	(128 KB/sec)
Internal file transfer from hard drive to volatile memory		(1280 KB/sec)

RS-232 connector

This male DB-9 connector is an RS-232 serial port that can be used for controlling the signal generator remotely. It is functionally equivalent to the GPIB connector. The following table shows the description of the pinouts. The pin configuration is shown below.

Pin number	Signal description	Signal name
1	No connection	
2	Receive data	RECV
3	Transmit data	XMIT
4	+5 V	
5	Ground, 0 V	
6	No connection	
7	Request to send	RTS
8	Clear to send	CTS
9	No connection	



View looking into rear panel connector

Ordering Information¹

Frequency options	• E4428C-503 • E4428C-506	250 kHz to 3 GHz frequency range [electronic attenuator standard] 250 kHz to 6 GHz frequency range [mechanical attenuator only]
Performance enhancement options	•	High output power with mechanical attenuator is standard with the high power mechanical attenuator used in therefore, both options cannot be ordered together. Moves all front panel connectors to rear
Manual and accessories	• E4428C-1CM • E4428C-1CP • E4428C-1CN • E4428C-CD1 • E4428C-ABA • E4428C-0BW • E4428C-UK6	Rack mount kit without handles Rack mount kit with handles Front handle kit CD-ROM of English user guide and assembly level service manual (standard with instrument) Printed English documentation set Service documentation, assembly level Commercial calibrations certificate with test data

Warranty and calibration plans

For more information, please visit: www.agilent.com/find/removealldoubt.

- Extended return-to-Agilent warranty and service
- Agilent calibration upfront plan
- Agilent calibration plus upfront plan
- Z540 calibration upfront plan

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Related Literature

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