

Analog Signal Generator

Model AP5031A and AP5032A

Single- and multi-channel high performance generators
1 kHz to 12.75, 20, 40, and 51 GHz



Definitions

The specifications in the following pages describe the warranted performance of the instrument for 25 ± 10 °C after a 30-minute warm-up period.

Typical: Expected mean values, not warranted performance.

Min and max: Parameter range that is guaranteed by product design, and/or production tested. Warranted performance specifications include guard-bands to account for the expected statistical performance distribution, measurement uncertainties, and changes in performance due to environmental conditions.

Introduction

The AP503xA Series of Analog Signal Generators are a series of phase-coherent, single or multi-channel, ultra-fast switching and ultra-low phase noise signal generators with a frequency range from 1 kHz to 12.75, 20, 40, and 51 GHz. It is ideally suited for a wide range of applications, where good signal quality, accurate and wide output power ranges, and very stable phase coherence among all channels are required. Outstanding phase noise is combined with good spurious, harmonic rejection and ultra-fast switching of < 10 us.

A high-stability OCXO reference provides excellent frequency accuracy and stability. The device accepts a wide range of external references including the commonly used 10 and 100 MHz, and variable references in the range of 1-250 MHz for those applications with system-specific reference frequencies. Moreover, the analog signal generators feature a pair of high-frequency Clock (CLK) ports (3 GHz, one input and one output) that enable excellent phase synchronization among the outputs of multiple analog signal generator instruments.

The AP5031A Analog Signal Generator comes in a desktop enclosure (single channel) and the AP5032A Analog Signal Generator comes in a 19-inch 2U (up to 4 channels) rack-mountable module form. It can be controlled intuitively by a PC-based Graphical User Interface (GUI). Moreover, the instrument offers various communication interfaces like USB, LAN, or GPIB. Each interface allows for easy communication using SCPI 1999 compatible commands from a user API or programming examples from many commercially available tools.

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Signal specifications

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Note
Channels	1		1	AP5031A
	1		4	AP5032A
Frequency ranges				
Option 512	1 kHz		12.75 GHz	Option 512
Option 520	1 kHz		20 GHz	Option 520
Option 540	1 kHz		40 GHz	Option 540
Option 551	1 kHz		51 GHz	Option 551
Resolution		0.001 Hz		
Phase adjustment range	0 deg		360 deg	Individually adjustable per channel
Phase resolution		0.1 deg		
Switching speed				Frequency >10 MHz
CW mode		1.5 ms		After SCPI command received
Sweep / List mode		500 μ s		
		3 μ s	10 μ s	Option UNZ
Thermal drift		0.015 dB/°C		

Frequency reference

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Note
Internal reference frequency		100 MHz		Option LN1
		10 MHz		Option LN2
Temperature stability 0 to 50 °C			$\pm$ 100 ppb	Option LN1
			$\pm$ 20 ppb	Option LN2
Aging 1st year			1000 ppb	Option LN1
			20 ppb	Option LN2
Aging per day			5 ppb	after 30 days operations
			< 0.5 ppb	Option LN1
				Option LN2
Warm-up time		5 min		
Internal reference output		10, 100 MHz		REF OUT, selectable
High frequency clock output		3 GHz		CLK OUT
Output power	+10 dBm		+13 dBm	3 GHz
	+5 dBm		+10 dBm	10/100 MHz
External reference frequency	1 MHz	10, 100 MHz		Options LN1 or LN2
		integer MHz		Option 1ER
		3 GHz	250 MHz	CLK IN, bypass internal reference
Reference input level	-10 dBm	0 dBm	+10 dBm	1-250 MHz
	+10 dBm		+13 dBm	3 GHz CLK IN
Lock Range			$\pm$ 0.3 ppm	LN2 or LN2 with 1ER
			$\pm$ 1.5 ppm	LN1 or LN1 with 1ER
			$\pm$ 100 ppm	CLK IN, bypass internal reference
Reference ports impedances		50 Ohms		

Absolute phase noise

Absolute SSB phase noise with LN1 option, dBc/Hz

Specified values in plain text, typical values in parentheses. CW, level = +10 dBm or maximum available output power, whichever is lower.

Carrier frequency	10 Hz	100 Hz	1 kHz	Offset 10 kHz	100 kHz	1 MHz	10 MHz
100 MHz	-100 (-105)	-130 (-135)	-154	-150	-156	-156	-156
1 GHz	-80 (-85)	-110 (-115)	-140 (-142)	-147 (-150)	-150 (-152)	-150 (-153)	-150 (-153)
4 GHz	-68 (-73)	-98 (-103)	-130 (-132)	-137 (-139)	-144 (-146)	-145 (-148)	-145 (-148)
6 GHz	-64 (-69)	-95 (-100)	-127 (-130)	-136 (-139)	-143 (-141)	-147 (-149)	-147 (-150)
10 GHz	-60 (-65)	-90 (-95)	-123 (-125)	-133 (-135)	-138 (-140)	-144 (-145)	-144 (-145)
20 GHz	-54 (-59)	-84 (-89)	-117 (-119)	-127 (-129)	-133 (-134)	-138 (-139)	-138 (-139)
40 GHz	-48 (-53)	-78 (-83)	-111 (-113)	-121 (-123)	-127 (-128)	-132 (-133)	-132 (-133)
50 GHz	-46 (-51)	-76 (-81)	-109 (-111)	-119 (-121)	-125 (-126)	-130 (-131)	-130 (-131)

Absolute SSB phase noise with LN2 option, dBc/Hz

Specified values in plain text, typical values in parentheses. CW, level = +10 dBm or maximum available output power, whichever is lower.

Carrier frequency	10 Hz	100 Hz	1 kHz	Offset 10 kHz	100 kHz	1 MHz	10 MHz
100 MHz	-120 (-123)	-130 (-135)	-154	-150	-156	-156	-156
1 GHz	-100 (-103)	-110 (-115)	-140 (-142)	-147 (-150)	-150 (-152)	-150 (-153)	-150 (-153)
4 GHz	-88 (-91)	-98 (-103)	-130 (-132)	-137 (-139)	-144 (-146)	-145 (-148)	-145 (-148)
6 GHz	-84 (-87)	-95 (-100)	-127 (-130)	-136 (-139)	-143 (-141)	-147 (-149)	-147 (-150)
10 GHz	-80 (-83)	-90 (-95)	-123 (-125)	-133 (-135)	-138 (-140)	-144 (-145)	-144 (-145)
20 GHz	-74 (-77)	-84 (-89)	-117 (-119)	-127 (-129)	-133 (-134)	-138 (-139)	-138 (-139)
40 GHz	-68 (-71)	-78 (-83)	-111 (-113)	-121 (-123)	-127 (-128)	-132 (-133)	-132 (-133)
50 GHz	-66 (-69)	-76 (-81)	-109 (-111)	-119 (-121)	-125 (-126)	-130 (-131)	-130 (-131)

Jitter specifications

Carrier frequency	Min	Typical	Max	Note
155 MHz		30 fs	45 fs	BW 100 Hz to 1.5 MHz, 10 dBm
622 MHz		15 fs	20 fs	BW 1 kHz to 5 MHz, 10 dBm
1 GHz		15fs	20 fs	BW 10 Hz to 10 MHz, 10 dBm
2.488 GHz		9.5 fs	15 fs	BW 5 kHz to 20 MHz, 10 dBm
9.952 GHz		10 fs	15 fs	BW 10 kHz to 80 MHz, 10 dBm

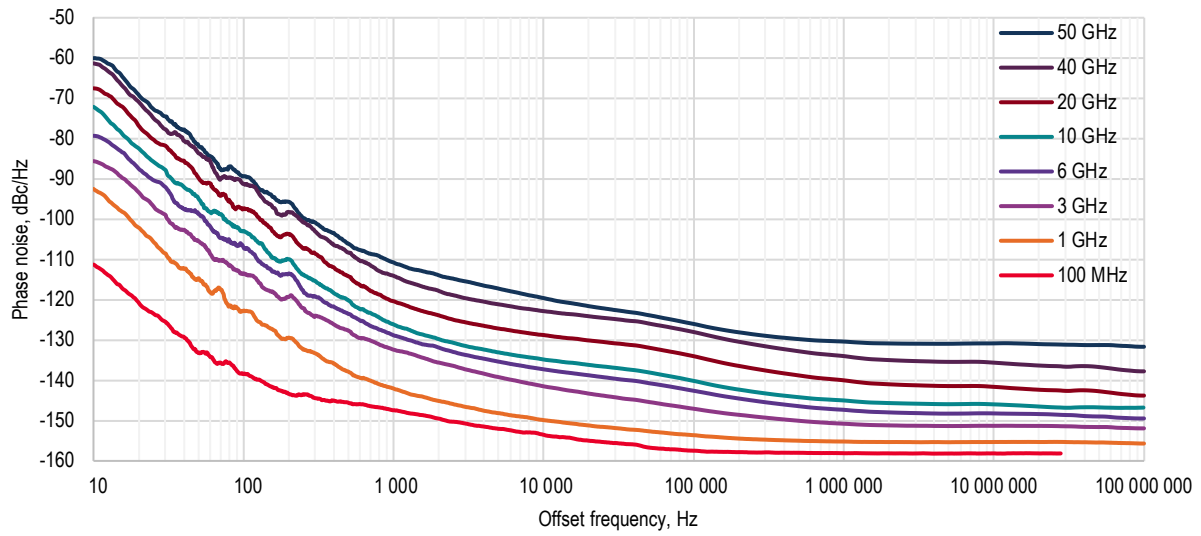


Figure 1. Phase noise at different frequencies. Option LN1, +10 dBm

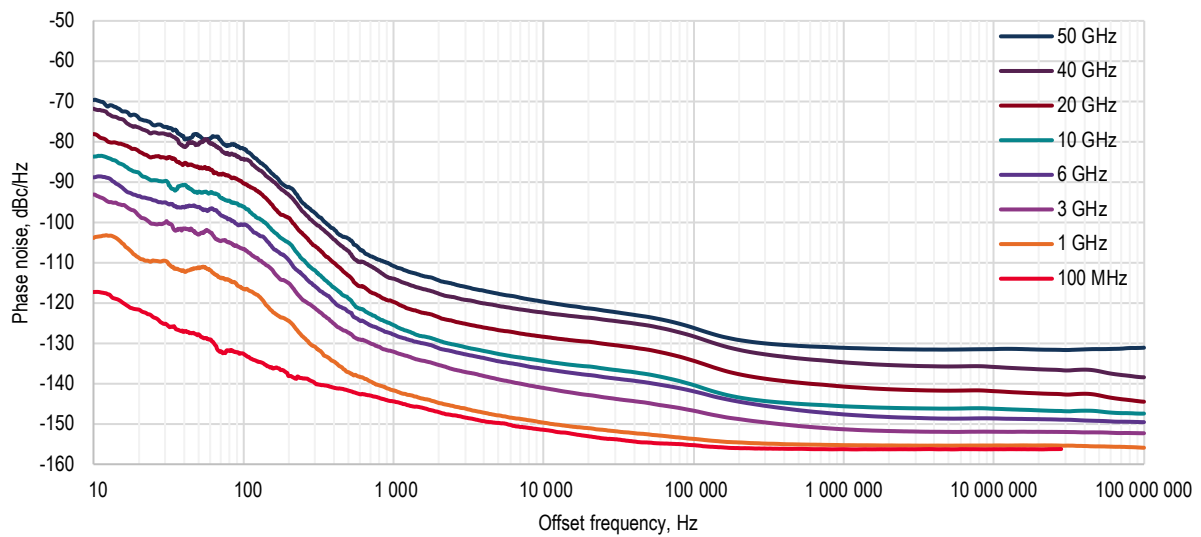


Figure 2. Phase noise at different frequencies. Option LN2, +10 dBm

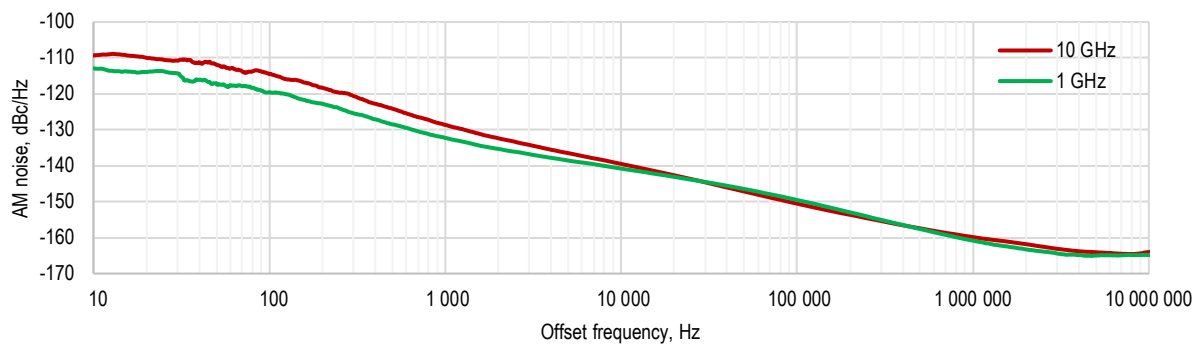


Figure 3. Amplitude noise at different frequencies. Power level +10 dBm

Spectral purity

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Note
Harmonics				at +10 dBm output power
1 kHz to <350 MHz		-35 dBc	-30 dBc	
350 MHz to <8 GHz		-60 dBc	-50 dBc	
8 GHz to <22 GHz		-65 dBc	-50 dBc	
22 GHz to <30 GHz		-25 dBc	-20 dBc	
30 GHz to <51 GHz		-60 dBc	-50 dBc	
Sub-harmonics				at +10 dBm output power
1 kHz to <350 MHz		-80 dBc		
350 MHz to <12.84 GHz		-75 dBc	-55 dBc	Incl. high-order subharmonics
12.84 GHz to <51 GHz		-70 dBc	-50 dBc	
Non-harmonic spurious				at +10 dBm, 10 kHz to 0.35 GHz offset from carrier
1 kHz to <350 MHz		-70 dBc	-60 dBc	
350 MHz to <6.42 GHz		-85 dBc	-75 dBc	
6.42 GHz to <12.84 GHz		-80 dBc	-70 dBc	
12.84 GHz to <22 GHz		-75 dBc	-65 dBc	
22 GHz to <51 GHz		-70 dBc	-55 dBc	

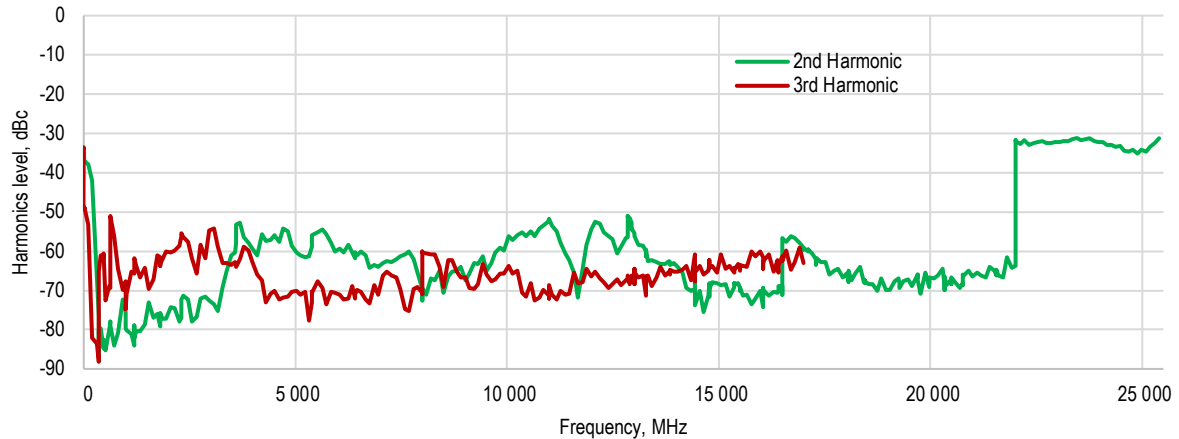


Figure 4. Harmonics at 10 dBm

Channel to channel performance

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Note
Relative Phase Stability				See figure 5
Between channels			2 deg p-p	Measured 0.36 deg RMS over 10 hours
Between synchronized devices			2 deg p-p	Measured 0.36 deg RMS over 10 hours
Channel-to-channel isolation	100 dB	110 dB		9 kHz to 50 GHz, 10 dBm, outputs are terminated with 50 Ohm

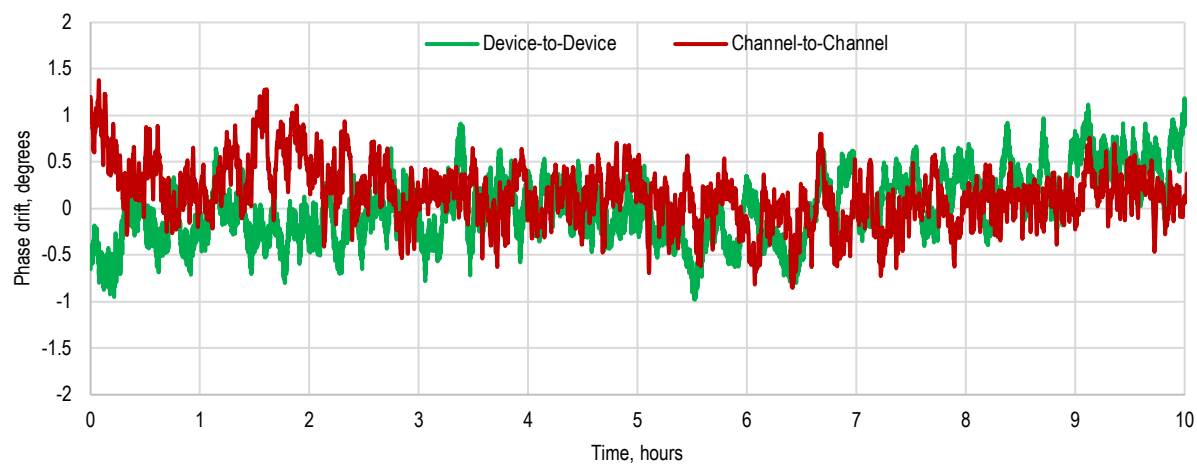


Figure 5. Relative phase drift for 50 GHz, 0 dBm output in temperature-controlled environment over 10 hours

Level performance

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Note
Output power level				Options 512, 520, 540, 551
1 kHz to <1 MHz	-20 dBm		+10 dBm	
1 MHz to <10 MHz	-20 dBm		+12 dBm	
10 MHz to <2.5 GHz	-20 dBm		+18 dBm	
2.5 GHz to <40 GHz	-20 dBm		+18 dBm	
40 GHz to <51 GHz	-20 dBm		+15 dBm	
Output power level				Options 512, 520, 540 and 1E1
1 kHz to <1 MHz	-120 dBm		+10 dBm	
1 MHz to <10 MHz	-120 dBm		+12 dBm	
10 MHz to <2.5 GHz	-120 dBm		+16 dBm	
2.5 GHz to <40 GHz	-120 dBm		+16 dBm	
Output power level				Options 551 and 2E1
1 kHz to <1 MHz	-110 dBm		+10 dBm	
1 MHz to <10 MHz	-110 dBm		+12 dBm	
10 MHz to <2.5 GHz	-110 dBm		+16 dBm	
2.5 GHz to <40 GHz	-110 dBm		+16 dBm	
40 GHz to <51 GHz	-110 dBm		+12 dBm	
Power resolution		0.01 dB		
Reverse power protection				
DC Voltage			0 V	
RF Power			26 dBm	
Output impedance		50 Ohms		
VSWR ≥-20 dBm		1.3 1.3 1.4	1.7 1.8 1.7	< 15 GHz 15 to 48 GHz > 48 GHz
VSWR <-20 dBm		1.1 1.5 1.6	1.3 1.7 1.8	< 15 GHz 15 to 48 GHz > 48 GHz

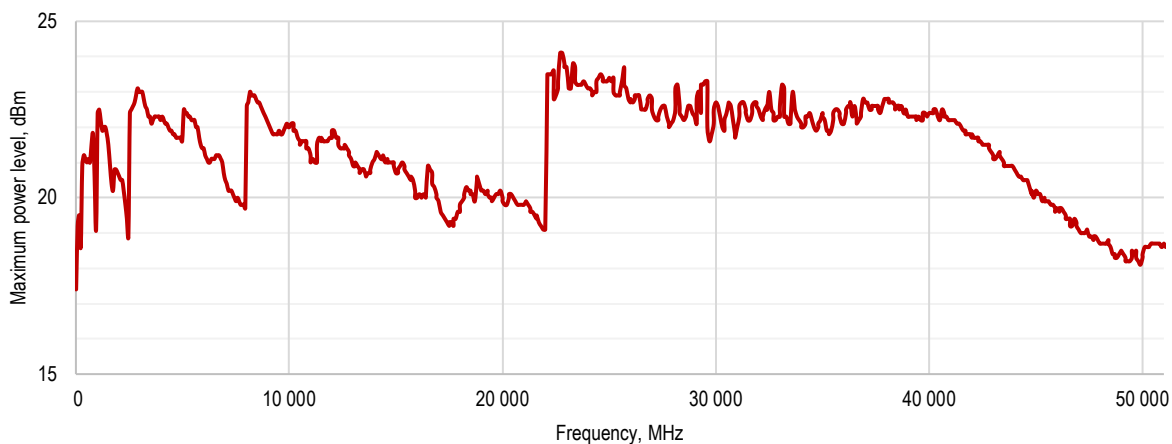


Figure 6. Max power 10 MHz to 51 GHz

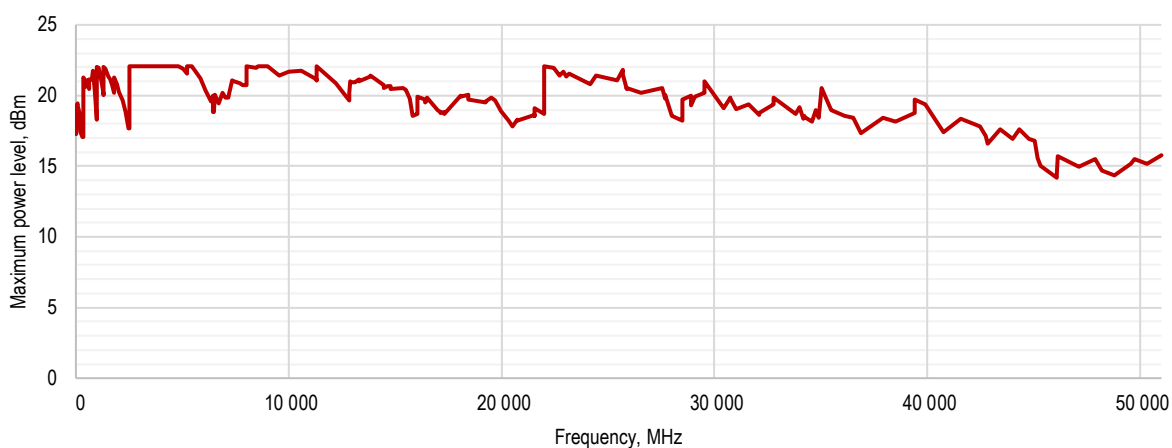


Figure 7. Max power 10 MHz to 51 GHz (Option 2E1)

Power level error

Absolute power level error. Specified values in plain text, typical values in parentheses

Frequency range	-110 to <-50 dBm Option 1E1 or 2E1	-50 to <-20 dBm Option 1E1 or 2E1	-20 to <+15 dBm	+15 dBm to max power
1 kHz to <10 MHz	(±2.2 dB)	±1 dB (±0.5 dB)	±0.8 dB (±0.15 dB)	±1.5 dB (±0.3 dB)
10 MHz to <1 GHz	(±2.2 dB)	±1 dB (±0.5 dB)	±0.8 dB (±0.15 dB)	±1.5 dB (±0.3 dB)
1 to <22 GHz	(±2.2 dB)	±1 dB (±0.6 dB)	±0.5 dB (±0.2 dB)	±1.5 dB (±0.3 dB)
22 to <40 GHz	(±2.5 dB)	±2 dB (±1.2 dB)	±1.2 dB (±0.4 dB)	±1.5 dB (±0.4 dB)
40 to 51 GHz	(±2.5 dB)	(±2 dB)	±1.3 dB (±0.4 dB)	±1.5 dB (±0.5 dB)

Relative power level error. Step of 0.1 dB. Specified values in plain text, typical values in parentheses

Frequency range	-110 to <-90 dBm Option 1E1 or 2E1	-90 to <-20 dBm Option 1E1 or 2E1	-20 to <+15 dBm	+15 dBm to max power
1 kHz to <10 MHz	(< 0.1 dB)	0.5 dB (< 0.1 dB)	0.5 dB (< 0.1 dB)	(< 0.1 dB)
10 MHz to <1 GHz	(< 0.1 dB)	(< 0.1 dB)	(< 0.1 dB)	(< 0.1 dB)
1 GHz to 51 GHz	(< 0.1 dB)	(< 0.1 dB)	(< 0.1 dB)	(< 0.1 dB)

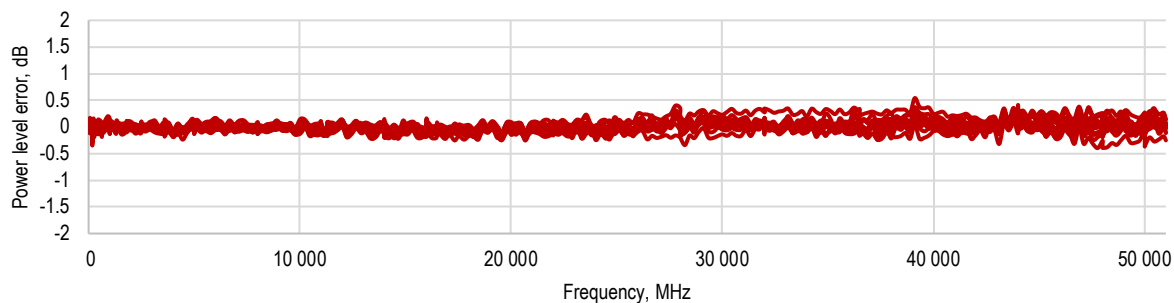


Figure 8. Absolute power level error between -20 and +15 dBm over frequency (Option 551)

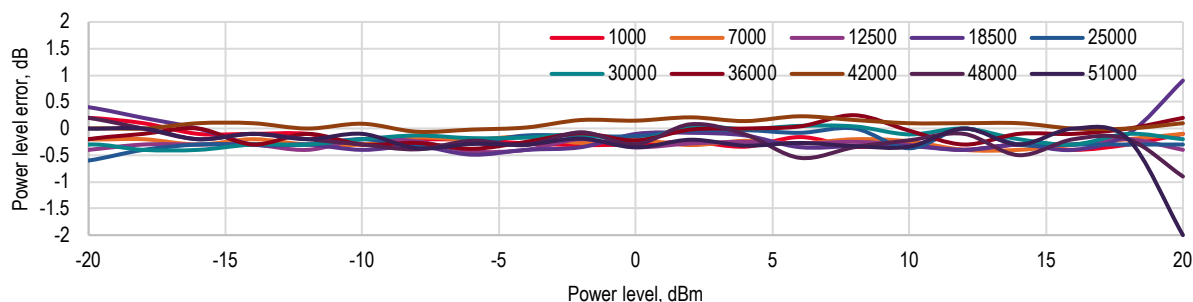


Figure 9. Absolute power level error at different frequencies (Option 551)

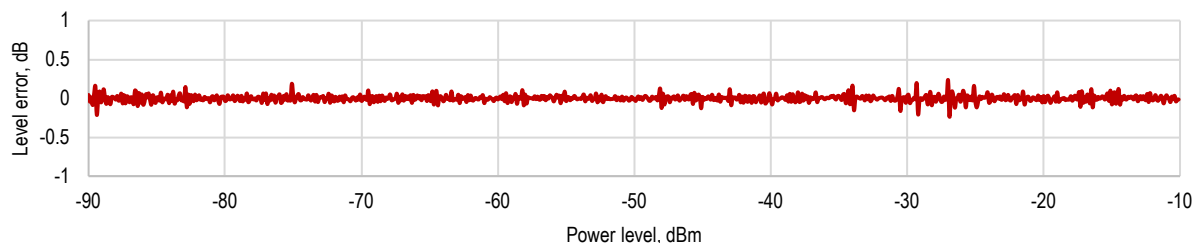


Figure 10. Relative power level error at 20 GHz (Options 520 and 1E1)

Modulation capabilities

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Note
Pulse modulation	Option PMR			
Modulation source	Internal/External			
External input amplitude	TTL			
Pulse rise/fall time		3 ns	5 ns	
On/off ratio (power >= +10 dBm)	80 dB	100 dB		
Pulse overshoot			10%	
Pulse delay		20 ns		
Pulse polarity	Normal, inverse			selectable
Internal pulse generator				
Repetition frequency (PRF)	0.1 Hz		50 MHz	= 1/T
Duty cycle	1 % to 99 % in 1% steps			within specified minimum pulse width
Pulse pattern modulation & staggered PRF	using internal pattern generator			
Pulse width	10 ns		20 s	
Programmable pattern length	2		65536	
Duty cycle	0.05%		99.95%	
Pulse width resolution		5 ns		
Pulse period (T) accuracy		$5 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot T + 3\text{ns}$		
Pulse width accuracy		$5 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot T + 5\text{ns}$		
Pulse jitter		2 ns	5 ns	
Polarity	selectable			

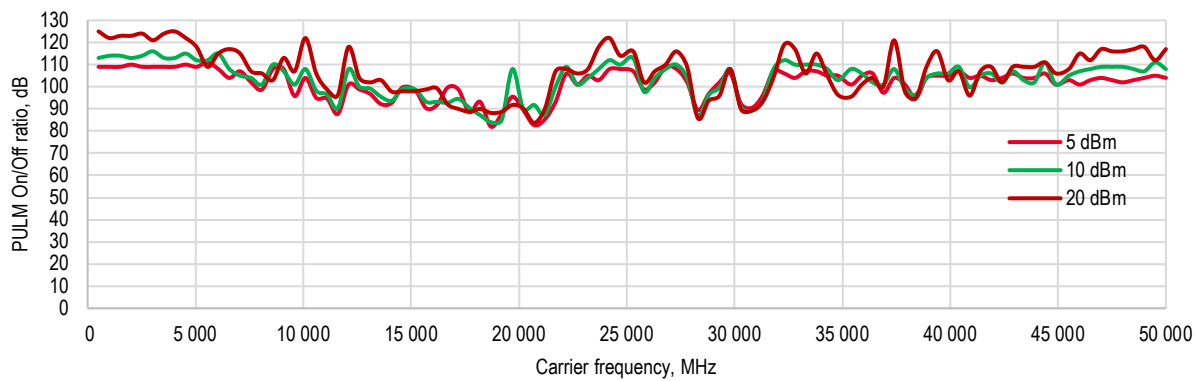


Figure 11. Pulse on/off ratio

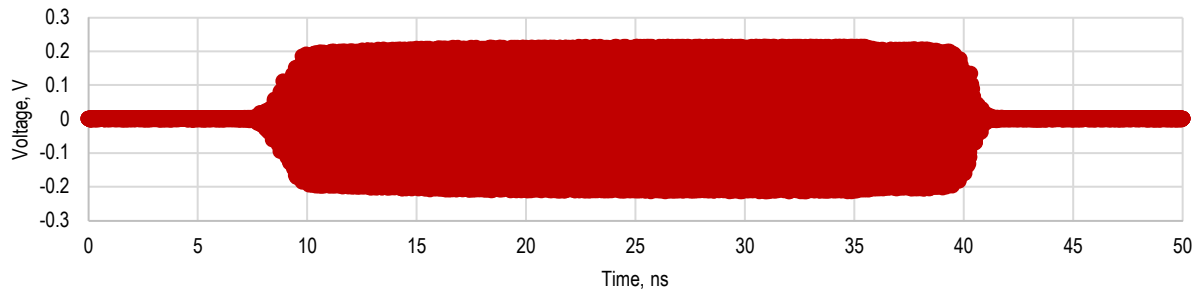


Figure 12. 10 GHz pulse-modulated

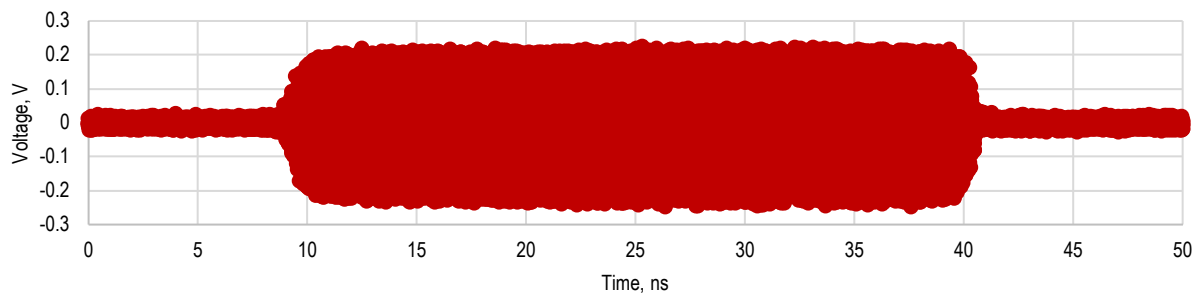


Figure 13. 50 GHz pulse-modulated

Modulation capabilities (continued)

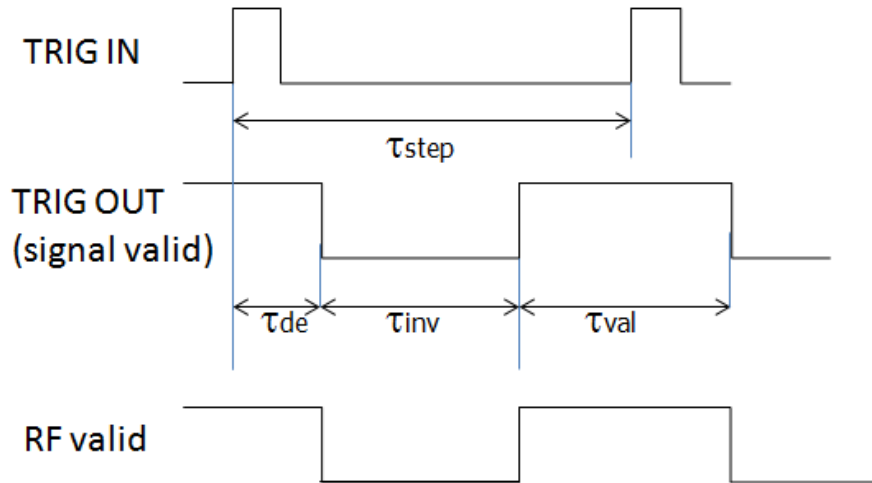
Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Note
Amplitude modulation	Option UNT			
Modulation source	Internal			
Modulation depth	0%		100%	
Depth accuracy			$0.05 \cdot \text{DEPTH} + 2\%$	1 kHz rate, 30% depth >10 MHz and -10 to +10 dBm or <-20 dBm with options xE1
Depth resolution		1%		
Distortion (THD)			3%	1 kHz rate, 30% depth
Modulation rate	0.1 Hz		30 kHz	
Modulation waveforms	Sine			
Frequency modulation	Option UNT			
Modulation source	Internal			
Frequency deviation (peak)			N·5 MHz	Or 10% of carrier whichever is lower. For N values see below
Deviation accuracy			$0.01 \cdot \text{DEVIATIO} + 2 \text{ Hz}$	
Distortion (THD)			3%	1 kHz rate, 10 kHz deviation
Modulation rate	0.1 Hz		30 kHz	
Modulation waveforms	Sine			
Phase modulation	Option UNT			
Modulation Source	Internal			
Phase deviation (peak)			N·100 rad	For N values see below
Deviation accuracy			$0.01 \cdot \text{DEVIATIO} + 10^{-3}$	
Modulation rate	0.1 Hz		30 kHz	
Distortion (THD)			3%	1 kHz rate, 10·N rad deviation
Modulation waveforms	Sine			

Note:

N=1 for frequencies 1 kHz to <350 MHz
 N=1/32 for frequencies 350 to <401.25 MHz
 N=1/16 for frequencies 401.25 to <802.5 MHz
 N=1/8 for frequencies 802.5 to <1705 MHz
 N=1/4 for frequencies 1.605 to <3.21 GHz
 N=1/2 for frequencies 3.21 to <6.42 GHz
 N=1 for frequencies 6.42 to <12.75 GHz
 N=2 for frequencies 12.75 to <25.5 GHz
 N=4 for frequencies 25.5 to 51 GHz

Sweeping capability

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Note
Sweep parameters	Frequency, power, phase, list			
Sweep types	Linear, logarithmic, random			
Step time ($t_{\text{step}} = t_{\text{dwell}} + t_{\text{off}}$)	500 μs 10 μs		19998 s 19998 s	Option UNZ
Dwell time (t_{dwell})	0 μs		9999 s	
Off time (t_{off})	0 μs		9999 s	
Time resolution		5 ns		
Timing delay (τ_{de})		50 ns		
Transient time (τ_{inv})		3 μs	10 μs	
Timing accuracy per point		5 ns		
Number of points	2		10000	Per channel



Trigger input

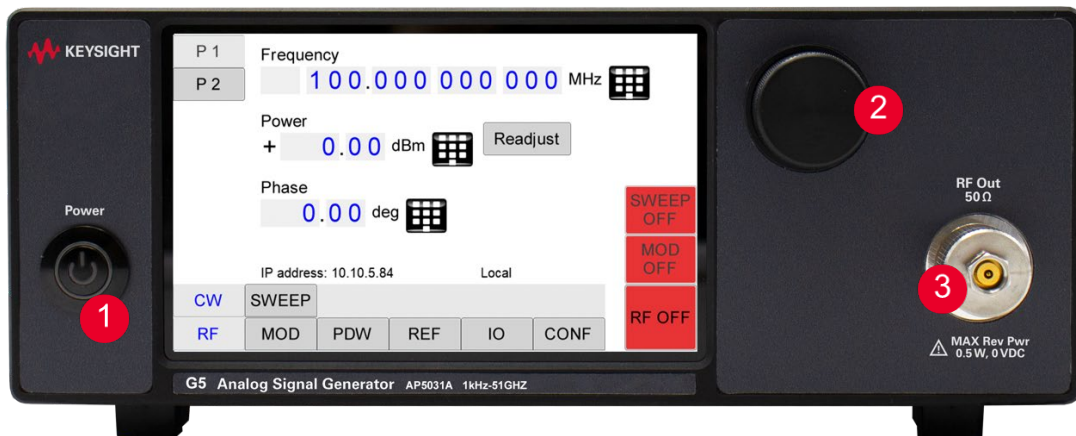
Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Note
Trigger types	Continuous Single (point) Gated Gated direction			
Trigger source	External Bus (LAN, USB)			
Trigger modes	Continuous free run Trigger and run Reset and run			
Trigger latency		5 ns		
Trigger uncertainty		10 ns		
External trigger delay	50 ns		40 s	settable
External delay resolution		5 ns		
Trigger modulo	1		255	execute only on Nth trigger event
Trigger polarity	Rising, Falling			
External trigger input threshold	0.85 V	0.9 V	0.95 V	TTL compatible
External trigger input voltage range	-0.5 V		+5.5 V	TTL compatible
External trigger input hysteresis		60 mV		

Multi-purpose output

Parameter	Min	Typical	Max	Note
Video output (of internal pulse modulator)				
Output	CMOS			
Period	30 ns		50 s	
Pulse width	15 ns		50 s	
RF delay		10 ns		
Trigger output. Synchronization mode for multiple sources				
Modes	Trigger on sweep start Trigger on each point Signal valid			

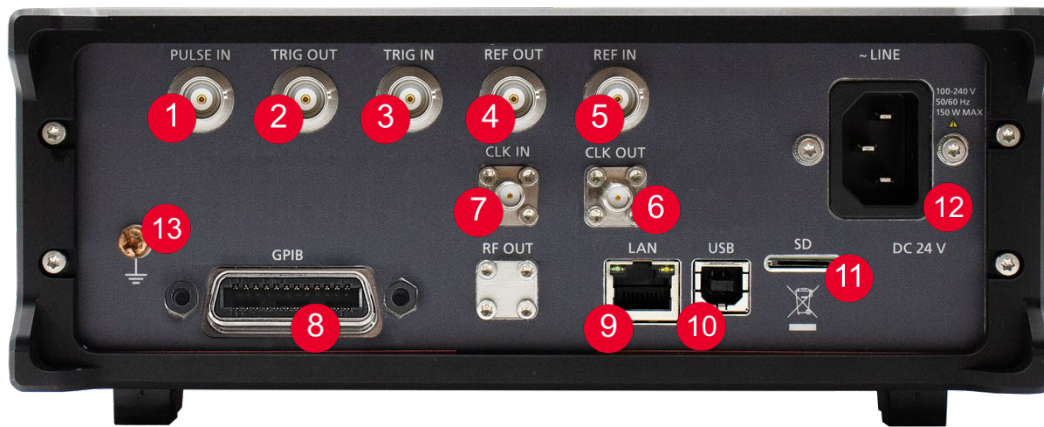
Connectors

Single-channel AP5031A front panel (desktop enclosure)



1. Power switch
2. Rotary knob
3. RF Outputs:
 - AP5031A-512: N female
 - AP5031A-520 or AP5031A-540: 2.92 mm male hand-tight
 - AP5031A-551: 1.85 mm male hand-tight

Single-channel AP5031A rear panel (desktop enclosure)



1. PULSE IN: Pulse modulation input: BNC female
2. Trigger output (TRIG OUT): BNC female
3. Trigger input (TRIG IN): BNC female
4. Reference output (REF OUT): BNC female
5. Reference input (REF IN): BNC female
6. High stability reference output (CLK OUT, 3 GHz): SMA female
7. High stability reference input (CLK IN, 3 GHz): SMA female
8. GPIB: IEEE-488.2, 1987 with listen and talk (option GPB)
9. LAN connection: RJ-45
10. USB 2.0
11. Card slot (SD) (Future Option 006)
12. 100-240V AC power plug
13. Ground reference screw (earth) M4

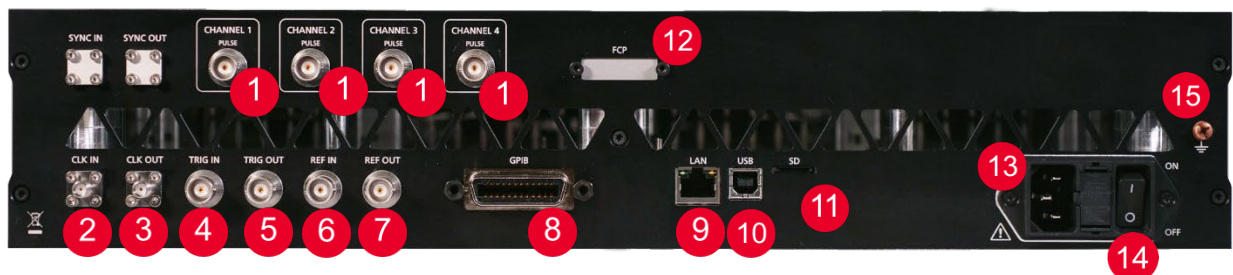
Multi-channel AP5032A front panel (19" 2 HU)



RF outputs:

- AP5032A-512 or AP5032A-520: SMA female
- AP5032A-540: 2.92 mm female
- AP5032A-551: 1.85 mm female

Multi-channel AP5032A rear panel (19" 2 HU)



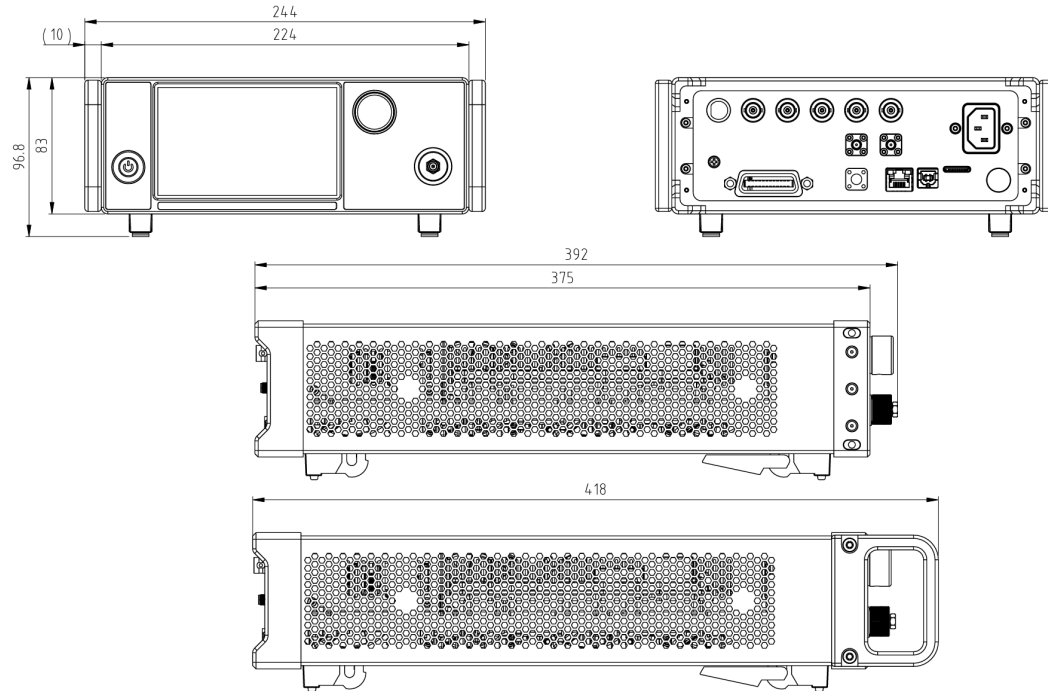
1. Channel 1, 2, 3, 4 PULM input: BNC female
2. High stability reference input (CLK IN, 3 GHz): SMA female
3. High stability reference output (CLK OUT, 3 GHz): SMA female
4. Trigger input (TRIG IN): BNC female
5. Trigger output (TRIG OUT): BNC female
6. Reference input (REF IN): BNC female
7. Reference output (REF OUT): BNC female
8. GPIB: IEEE-488.2, 1987 with listen and talk (option GPB)
9. LAN connection: RJ-45
10. USB 2.0
11. Card slot (SD) (Future Option 006)
12. FUSE (3.15 A)
13. 100-240V AC power plug
14. Power switch
15. Ground reference screw (earth) M4

Mechanical Specifications

AP5031A Desktop enclosure: Dimensions and weight

Including connectors

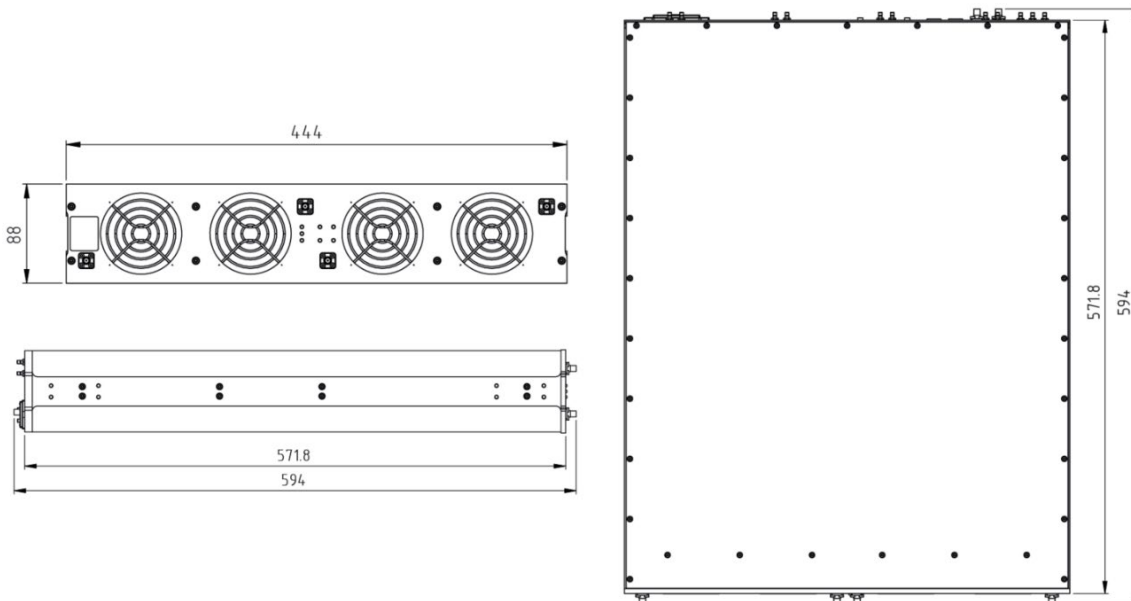
W x L x H = 232 x 393 x 96.75 mm [9.1 x 15.5 x 3.8 in], ≤10 kg [22 lbs]



AP5032A 19" 2 HU: Dimensions and weight

Including connectors

W x L x H = 444 x 594 x 88 mm [17.5 x 23.4 x 3.5 in], 18 kg [39.7 lbs]



General Characteristics

Remote programming interfaces:

- 10/100/1000 Mbit/s Ethernet interface
- USB 2.0
- GPIB (IEEE-488.2, 1987) with listen and talk (Option GPB)
- Control Language SCPI Version 1999.0

Power requirements: 100 - 240 VAC, 50 or 60 Hz, AP5031A 100 W max, AP5032A 200 W max (80 W + 30 W per channel)

Environmental: Levels similar to MIL-PRF-28800F Class 3/4

Operating ambient temperature range: 0 to +45 °C

Storage ambient temperature range: -40 to +70 °C

Relative humidity range: 20 to 85% (desktop models), 20 to 90% (rack-mount models)

Operating and storage altitude: up to 15,000 feet / 4600 m

Recommended calibration cycle: 24 months