

Spectrum Analyzers

3250 Series 1 kHz to 26.5 GHz Spectrum Analyzers

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A passion for performance.



The NEW 3250 Series compact, digital spectrum analyzers...

Performance and Accuracy

- Powerful RF performance, phase noise -115 dBc/Hz, DANL -145 dBm/Hz
- Vector analyzer with 30 MHz I/Q demodulation bandwidth
- Measurement personality options including GSM/EDGE, UMTS, CDMA2000/1xEVDO, WLAN and WiMAX
- Remote control via LAN, GPIB, RS-232C
- S/W extension based on Windows® XP
- 7" wide touch panel display
- Standard removable hard disk
- Optional 3 GHz and 8 GHz tracking generator
- Optional EMI receiver and preselectors
- Portability based on light and compact design

The 3250 Series has been developed to provide market leading performance at a low cost. The innovative compact design of the 3250 spectrum analyzer employs the latest digital processing and RF technology, providing accomplished accuracy, stability and measurement speed.

To support the constantly evolving wireless communication market, the 3250 incorporates a standard 30 MHz bandwidth digitizer and digital modulation analysis S/W. The instrument has been optimized for various mobile and wireless communication measurements such as GSM/EDGE, UMTS, WiMAX and WiBro.

With its powerful RF performance and advanced applications the 3250 Series is ideally suited for RF development, design analysis and testing. All models have a Windows® XP operating system, remote control capabilities via LAN, GPIB and RS-232C as well as a 7" touch panel screen, ensuring ease of operation and exceptional connectivity. The internal web server allows remote control from a web browser or tablet PC.

Optional measurement personality libraries for leading wireless communication technologies provide the 3250 Series exceptional measurement and demodulation capability for development and manufacturing engineers to optimize designs, improve throughput or examine signals.

Optional EMI Receiver and preselectors add comprehensive pre-compliance testing capability. Compatible with ETS-Lindgren TILE!™ and Satimo INSITE Free.

Optional Tracking Generators

Tracking generator options are available for all frequency models. The tracking generator has a specified frequency range of 9 kHz to 3 GHz or 8 GHz and a level range from 0 dBm down to -30 dB. The tracking generator can be used to make high dynamic range measurements on components and devices, particularly filters. A normalize function is available to allow the markers to display relative flatness/frequency response.

3251 1 kHz to 3 GHz

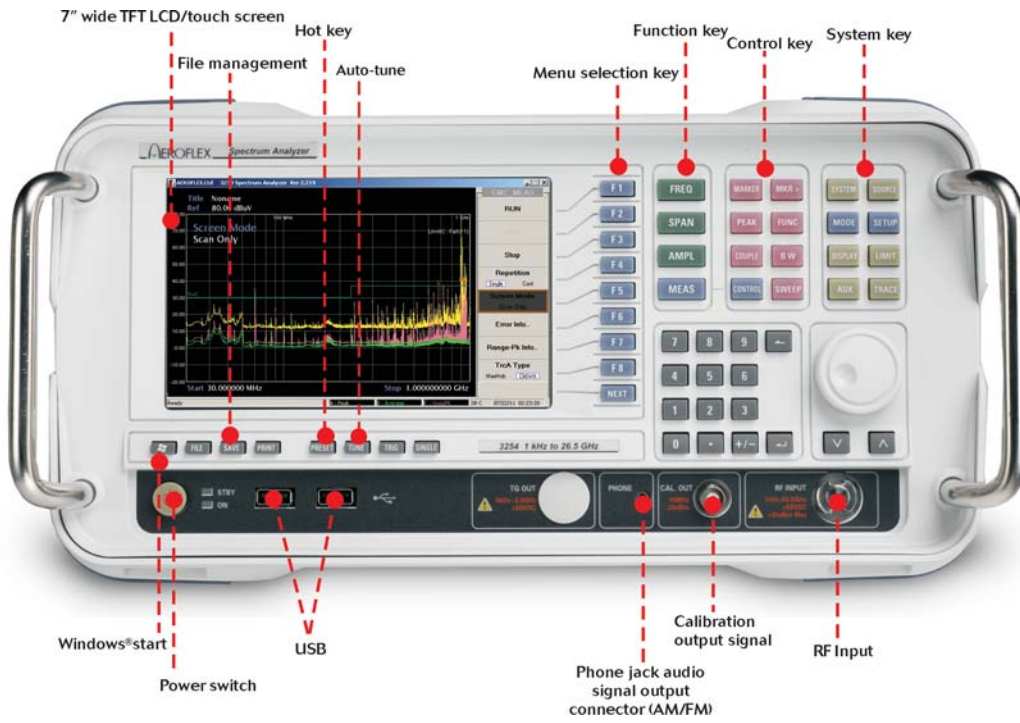
3252 1 kHz to 8 GHz

3253 1 kHz to 13.2 GHz

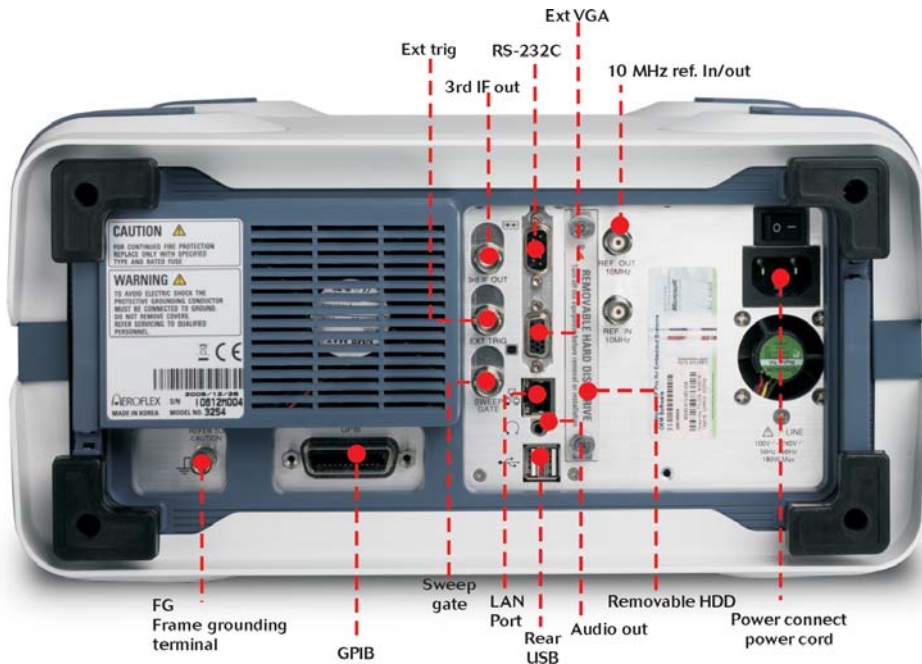
3254 1 kHz to 26.5 GHz

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Compact Ergonomic Design



Front of 3250 Series



Back of 3250 Series

SPECIFICATION

FREQUENCY

FREQUENCY RANGE

1 kHz ~ 3 GHz/ 8 GHz/13.2 GHz/ 26.5 GHz

Resolution

1 Hz

FREQUENCY REFERENCE PPM

Temperature Drift $\pm 1/ \pm 0.01$ (option)

Aging per year* $\pm 1/ \pm 0.01$ (option)

* Horizontal resolution is span/(sweep points-1)

FREQUENCY READOUT

Marker resolution depending on span (1 Hz minimum)

Accuracy \pm (marker frequency x reference error+ 3% span + 5% RBW)

FREQUENCY COUNTER

Resolution 1 Hz/10 Hz/100 Hz /1 kHz

Accuracy \pm (reference frequency accuracy x marker frequency) \pm (counter resolution +1 LSB)

Sensitivity -45 dBm @ 13.2 GHz > f > 2 MHz, span < 3 MHz
-40 dBm @ 26.5 GHz > f > 13.2 GHz, span < 3 MHz

FREQUENCY SPAN

Range 0 Hz, 10 Hz~3 GHz /8 GHz/13.2 GHz/26.5 GHz

Resolution 1 Hz

Accuracy $\pm 1\%$

SWEEP

Zero Span 1 us to 2000 sec, $\pm 0.5\%$

Span ≥ 10 Hz 10 ms to 2000 sec, $\pm 0.5\%$ nominal

Sweep Points 3 to 8192 (span=0 Hz)
101 to 8192 (span ≥ 10 Hz)

TRIGGER

Source External, video, free run, burst

Offset Span ≥ 10 Hz 1 μ s to 500 ms

Span = 0 Hz -150 ms to +500 ms

SPECTRAL PURITY

Phase Noise [dBc/Hz] @ F=1 GHz

1 kHz offset -92 (-95 typical)

10 kHz offset -112 (-118 typical)

100 kHz offset -112 (-115 typical)

1 MHz offset (-134 typical)

10 MHz offset (-138 typical)

RESIDUAL FM

<100 x N Hzp-p in 1 sec N : LO Harmonic order

Frequency	Band	N
0 Hz ~ 3 GHz	0	1
2.9 GHz ~ 6.4 GHz	1	1
6.3 GHz ~ 13.2 GHz	2	2
13.1 GHz ~ 26.5 GHz	3	4

RESOLUTION BANDWIDTHS

3 dB bandwidths 1 Hz to 5 MHz (1-2-3-5 Sequence)

Bandwidth Accuracy

20-30°C 0-55°C

500 Hz~500 kHz Filter $\pm 3\%$ $\pm 5\%$

1 MHz~5 MHz Filter $\pm 10\%$ $\pm 12\%$

Shape Factor -60 dB: -3 dB

<5 (@ 500 Hz~5 MHz)

Bandwidth Switching Uncertainty

± 0.05 dB nominal @ 5 kHz RBW reference, CF=100 MHz

VBW

3 dB Bandwidths

1 Hz to 3 MHz, none (1-2-3-5 sequence)

FFT FILTERS

3 dB Bandwidths 1 Hz to 300 Hz (1-2-3-5 sequence)

Bandwidth Accuracy <1%, Nominal

Shape Factor (-60 dB: -3 dB) <4.5, Nominal

AMPLITUDE

DISPLAY RANGE

DANL to + 30 dBm

MAXIMUM INPUT LEVEL

DC (AC coupled) ± 50 VDC

CW RF Power +30 dBm

Peak Power +50 dBm, 5 μ s pulse width; 0.5% duty cycle

Preamp on +20 dBm

RF Input Attenuator

Range 0 to 55 dB

Steps 5 dB

Switching Accuracy ± 0.5 dB @ 100 MHz
 ± 0.5 dB @ <13.2 GHz
 ± 0.8 dB @ 13.2 GHz ~ 26.5 GHz

1 dB CP [dBm]

0 dB RF attenuation -10 dBm @ 10 MHz to 3 GHz
0 dBm @ 3 GHz to 26.5 GHz

Preamp on -32 dBm @ 1 GHz

THIRD-ORDER INTERMODULATION DISTORTION (TOI) [dBm]

Two -30 dBm tones at input mixer with tone separation >100 kHz
+8 dBm @ 10 MHz to 200 MHz

+12 dBm (15 typical) @ 200 MHz to 26.5 GHz

SECOND HARMONIC INTERCEPT (SHI)

+40 dBm typical @ ~ 1.5 GHz, -30 dBm input
+80 dBm @ 1.5 GHz to 26.5 GHz, -30 dBm input

DISPLAYED AVERAGE NOISE LEVEL (DANL) [dBm/Hz]

0 dB RF attenuation, 50 Ω termination

RBW 1 Hz, VBW 1 Hz, preamp OFF

	20-30°C	0-55°C
100 kHz to 10 MHz	-135	-132
10 MHz to 2 GHz	-143, -145 typical	-140, -142 typical
2 GHz to 2.9 GHz	-141, -145 typical	-138, -142 typical
2.9 GHz to 3 GHz	-139, -141 typical	-136, -140 typical
3 GHz to 13.2 GHz	-141, -145 typical	-138, -142 typical
13.2 GHz to 18 GHz	-138, -142 typical	-135, -139 typical
18 GHz to 26.5 GHz	-133, -138 typical	-130, -135 typical

IMMUNITY TO INTERFERENCE

Residual Responses -90 dBm (0 dB RF attenuation, 50 Ω termination)

-85 dBm above 23 GHz (3254 only)

Other Input Related Spurious [dBc] -55 @ -30 dBm input

DISPLAY RANGE

Log Scale 0.1 to 1 dB / div in 0.1 dB steps
1 to 20 dB / div in 1 dB steps

Linear Scale 10 Divisions

Units of Level Axis dBm, dBmV, dB μ V, V, W (log level display) mV, μ V, dBmV (linear level display)

REFERENCE LEVEL

Logarithmic Range -170 dBm to +30 dBm, 0.1 dB steps

Linear Range 7.07 nV to 7.07 V in 1% steps

Accuracy 0 dB

TRACES

Number 3 traces

Trace Detectors Normal, peak, sample, negative peak, log power average, RMS average, and voltage average

Trace Functions Clear/write, max hold, min hold, view, blank, average

FREQUENCY RESPONSE

10 dB input attenuation, preselector centering applied

	20-30°C	0-55°C
1 MHz to 3.0 GHz	± 0.5 dB	± 1.0 dB
3.0 GHz to 8 GHz	± 1.0 dB	± 3.0 dB
8 GHz to 13.2 GHz	± 1.5 dB	± 4.0 dB
13.2 GHz to 22 GHz	± 2.0 dB	± 5.0 dB
22 GHz to 26.5 GHz	± 2.5 dB	± 5.0 dB

1 MHz to 3.0 GHz Preamp ON ± 1.0 dB

DISPLAY LINEARITY [dB]

Linear and Log Switching Error 0

Log Scale Switching Error 0

Linearity ± 0.1 total @ input mixer level ≤ -20 dBm
 ± 0.13 total @ -20 dBm < mixer level ≤ -10 dBm

VECTOR ANALYSIS

Maximum Digitizer Analysis Bandwidth	30 MHz
Digitizer ADC Resolution	14 bits
Dynamic Range	85 dB
Residual FM	<1% (nominal)
Capture Memory	128 Mbytes (32 Msamples)
Modulation Formats	PSK 8, 16, 32, 64 BPSK, QPSK, OQPSK Differential, shifted
	QAM 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256
Maximum Symbol Rate	13 MHz
Filters	Raised cos Root raised cos

AM/FM DEMODULATION

Input Power Range	-60 dBm to +30 dBm, preamp OFF -80 dBm to +30 dBm, preamp ON
Modulation Rate Range	1 Hz to 10 kHz @ RBW 10 kHz to 100 kHz 1 Hz to 30 kHz @ RBW 200 kHz to 500 kHz
Peak FM Deviation	200 Hz - 500 kHz
FM Deviation Accuracy	$\pm 5\%$
AM Depth Range	5% - 99%
AM Depth Accuracy	$\pm 5\%$
Audio Output Port	Loudspeaker, phone jack

INPUTS AND OUTPUTS

RF INPUT

Type Front APC 2.92 mm, 50 Ω (26.5 GHz)

VSWR > 10 dB input attenuation
< 1.5 nominal @ 10 MHz to 3 GHz
< 1.8 nominal @ 3 GHz to 13.2 GHz
< 2.0 nominal @ 13.2 GHz to 26.5 GHz

3RD IF OUTPUT

Type	Rear	BNC female, 50 W
Frequency		21.4 MHz
Bandwidth		16 MHz Max, different as prefilter
Level		+2 dBm nominal, at top of screen

Audio Output

Type Front Phone jack

Ext Trigger Input

Type Rear BNC female, 10 k Ω nominal
Trigger level TTL nominal

Sweep Gate Output

Type Rear BNC female
Trigger level TTL nominal

Reference Frequency Output

Type Rear BNC female, the same as reference input port

Frequency	10 MHz
Level	+5 dBm, nominal

Reference Frequency Input

Type	Rear	BNC female, the same as reference output port
Frequency		10 MHz
Required level		-5 to +15 dBm nominal

GPIOB

Type	Rear	IEEE 488.2, 24 - pin female
Command set		SCPI 1997.0
Interface functions		SH1, AH1, T6, L4, SR1, RL1, PPO, DC1, E2, LEO, TEO

Serial Interface

Rear	RS - 232 - C (COM), 9 - pin D - SUB female
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LAN Interface

Rear	10 / 100 / 1000 Base T, Connector RJ 45
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USB

Front/Rear USB 2.0, Front: 2 EA, Rear: 2 EA
Supports mouse, keyboard and printer.

Monitor Output (VGA)

Rear	15-pin mini D-SUB
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Cal. Out

Frequency	Front	40 MHz
Level		-20 dBm + 1.0

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

DISPLAY

Size

7" Wide color TFT LCD (Touch-Screen)

Resolution

800 x 480 pixels

MASS MEMORY

Hard Disk, Removable, 80 GB

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

MIL - PRF - 28800 F, Class 3

Temperature

Operating	0°C to + 50°C
Permissible	0°C to + 55°C
Storage	-20°C to + 71°C

Permissible temperature has slightly wider range as compared to the normal operating temperature. We guarantee the specification of the equipment when operating within the Operating Temperature range. We guarantee that the equipment is functional when operating within the Permissible Temperature.

Humidity

5% to 95% (5 ~ 75% above 30°C, 5 ~ 45% above 40°C)

Altitude

up to 4600 metres

MECHANICAL RESISTANCE

MIL-PRF-28800F, Class 3

Vibration, Random

5 Hz to 500 Hz

Vibration, Sinusoidal

5 Hz to 55 Hz

Shock

30 G, Half-sine shock

EMC

EN 61326-1
EN 55022
EN 55024
EN 61000 - 3 - 2
EN 61000 - 3 - 3

SAFETY

EN 61010 - 1 (2nd Edition)

AC POWER SUPPLY

100 V AC to 240 V AC

(Limit 90 V AC to 264 V AC)

50 Hz to 60 Hz

Power Consumption

140 Watt max

DIMENSIONS

(WxHxD) [mm]

373 (W) x 194 (H) x 401 (D) without handles and feet down
384 (W) x 203 (H) x 437 (D) with handles and feet down

(WxHxD) [inches]

14.7 (W) x 7.6 (H) x 15.8 (D) without handles and feet down
15.1 (W) x 8 (H) x 17.2 (D) with handles and feet down

WEIGHT

Model

	3251	3252	3253	3254
[kg]	11.0	12.8	13.0	13.4

RECOMMENDED CALIBRATION INTERVAL

1 - year

STANDARD WARRANTY

2 - year

3 GHz TRACKING GENERATOR- 325X/1

Frequency Range

9 kHz to 3 GHz

Output Level

-30 dBm to 0 dBm

Output Level Resolution

0.1 dB

Absolute Level Accuracy

±2.0 dB

Flatness [dB] at -10 dBm

9 kHz to 100 kHz, ±4.0, Before Normalization

100 kHz to 3 GHz ±2.5 Before Normalization

9 kHz to 3 GHz ±1.0 After Normalization

Spurious

Harmonics, <-15 dBc from 5 MHz to 3 GHz

Non harmonics, <-30 dBc

Leakage

-90 dBm

VSWR

<1.5 @ 0 dBm Output Level

Connector

N female, 50 Ω

8 GHz TRACKING GENERATOR- 325X/2

Frequency Range

100 kHz to 8 GHz

Output Level

0 dBm to -20 dBm (in 0.5 dB steps)

Attenuator Steps

0.5 dB

Absolute Level Accuracy

100 kHz to 3 GHz ±3 dB

3 GHz to 8 GHz ±4.5 dB

Flatness [dB] @ -10 dBm

100 kHz to 3 GHz ±3 dB, before normalization

3 GHz to 8 GHz ±4.5 dB, before normalization

100 kHz to 8 GHz ±1.0 dB, after normalization

Spurious

Harmonics, <-15 dBc

Non-harmonics, <-20 dBc

Leakage at TG Output Level 0 dBm

100 kHz to 3 GHz -90 dBm

3 GHz to 8 GHz -80 dBm

VSWR

100 kHz to 3 GHz <1.5:1 @-10 dBm output level

3 GHz to 8 GHz <2:1 all output levels

Connector

N Female, 50 Ω

PRE-SELECTOR- OPTION 5

When selected, all specifications remain the same except for the following:

Frequency Range- AC Coupled

9 kHz to 30 MHz

Preselection

7 preselection filters

9 kHz to 150 kHz, fixed LPF

150 kHz to 600 kHz, fixed BPF

600 kHz to 1.2 MHz, fixed BPF

1.2 MHz to 2.5 MHz, fixed BPF

2.5 MHz to 5 MHz, fixed BPF

5 MHz to 10 MHz, fixed BPF

10 MHz to 30 MHz, fixed BPF

Third order intercept point (IP3) (dBm)

Two - 30 dBm tones at input mixer with tone separation >100 kHz

Preselector OFF, preamp OFF

+8 @ 10 MHz to 200 MHz

+12, +15 typical @ 200 MHz, to 8 GHz

Preselector ON, preamp OFF

+8 @ 10 MHz to 30 MHz

Preselector ON, preamp ON

-10 typical @ <100 MHz

-10, -8 typical @ 100 MHz to 1 GHz

-8, -5 typical @ 1 GHz to 3 GHz

Second order intercept point (IP2) (dBm) -30 dBm input

Preselector OFF, preamp OFF

+40 typical @ 10 MHz to 4 GHz

Preselector ON, preamp OFF

+40 typical @ 10 MHz to 4 GHz

Preselector ON, preamp ON

+25 typical @ 10 MHz to 1.5 GHz

Displayed Average Noise Level (DANL) (dBm)

0 dB RF attenuation, 50 termination, zero span, sweep time 100 msec, RBW 1 kHz, VBW 10 Hz, Average detector, trace average 10, normalize to RBW 1 Hz

Preselector OFF, preamp OFF

-130 @ 9 kHz to 1 MHz

-140, -150 typical @ 1 MHz to 10 MHz

-145, -149 typical @ 10 MHz to 1 GHz

-143, -147 typical @ 1 GHz to 1.5 GHz

-141, -145 typical @ 1.5 GHz to 2.5 GHz

-139, -142 typical @ 2.5 GHz to 3 GHz

-142, -147 typical @ 3 GHz to 6.4 GHz

-140, -145 typical @ 6.4 GHz to 8 GHz

Preselector ON, preamp OFF

-130 @ 9 kHz to 1 MHz

-142, -147 typical @ 1 MHz to 30 MHz

Preselector ON, preamp ON

-140 @ 9 kHz to 1 MHz

-158, -165 typical @ 1 MHz to 30 MHz

-162, -165 typical @ 30 MHz to 1 GHz

-160, -163 typical @ 1 GHz to 1.5 GHz

-157, -160 typical @ 1.5 GHz to 2.3 GHz

-155, -158 typical @ 2.3 GHz to 3 GHz

Frequency Response

10 dB input attenuation, preselector centering applied, reference to 100 MHz

Preselector OFF, preamp OFF

±0.5 dB @ 9 kHz to 3.0 GHz

±1.0 dB @ 3.0 GHz to 8 GHz

Preselector OFF, preamp ON

±0.7 dB @ 9 kHz to 3.0 GHz

Preselector ON, preamp ON

±1.0 dB @ 9 kHz to 1.0 GHz

±1.5 dB @ 1 GHz to 3.0 GHz

SOFTWARE OPTIONS

Measurement Function	2G Cellular		3G Cellular		Wireless Data	
	GSM/EDGE	UMTS (ULS) HSUPA	cdma2000r 1xEV-DO	WLAN (802.11a,b,g)	WIMAX (802.16e OFDMA)	
3250 option	8	9	10	11	12	
Power	4	4	4	4	4	
Power Template				4 (ramp time 802.11b)	4	
Occupied BW		4		4 (802.11a,g only)	4	
Code Domain Power		4	4			
Peak Code Domain Error		4	4 (RC3, 4)			
Magnitude Error		4	4			
Phase Error	4 (GSM)	4	4			
IQ Skew		4		4	4	
Gain Imbalance		4		4	4	
EVM	4 (EDGE)	4 (QPSK & composite)	4 (QPSK & composite)	4 single/all carriers- data or pilot	4 single/all carriers- data or pilot	
Constellation Error				4 (a only)	4	
Rho			4 (composite)			
Symbol/Chip Timing				4	4	
Carrier Suppression (Origin Offset)	4 (EDGE)		4 (QPSK)			
Frequency Error	4	4	4	4	4	
Spectral Emissions	4 (ORFS)		4 (Spectral Mask)	4 (Spectral Mask)	4 (Spectral mask)	
Spectral Flatness				4 (a, g only)	4	
Adjacent Channel Power		4 (ACLR)	4 (ACPR)	4 (ACP)		
CCDF		4	4	4	4	
BER	4 (GSM)	4				

VERSIONS, OPTIONS AND ACCESSORIES

When ordering please quote the full ordering number information.

Ordering

Numbers

Versions

Standard units

3251/0	Spectrum Analyzer (1 kHz ~ 3 GHz)
3251/1	Spectrum Analyzer (1 kHz ~ 3 GHz) incl. 3 GHz Tracking Gen
3252/0	Spectrum Analyzer (1 kHz ~ 8 GHz)
3252/1	Spectrum Analyzer (1 kHz ~ 8 GHz) incl. 3 GHz Tracking Gen
3252/2	Spectrum Analyzer (1 kHz ~ 8 GHz) incl. 8 GHz Tracking Gen
3253/0	Spectrum Analyzer (1 kHz ~ 13.2 GHz)
3253/1	Spectrum Analyzer (1 kHz ~ 13.2 GHz) incl. 3 GHz Tracking Gen
3253/2	Spectrum Analyzer (1 kHz ~ 13.2 GHz) incl. 8 GHz Tracking Gen
3254/0	Spectrum Analyzer (1 kHz ~ 26.5 GHz)
3254/1	Spectrum Analyzer (1 kHz ~ 26.5 GHz) incl. 3 GHz Tracking Gen
3254/2	Spectrum Analyzer (1 kHz ~ 26.5 GHz) incl. 8 GHz Tracking Gen

Hardware

Opt.03	High Stability Oscillator
Opt.05	Pre-Selector (A, B band)

Software

Opt.08	GSM/EDGE Measurement Suite
Opt.09	UMTS UL Measurement Suite
Opt.10	CDMA2000/1xEVDO Measurement Suite
Opt.11	WLAN Measurement Suite
Opt.12	WiMAX Measurement Suite
Opt.13	EMI Measurement Suite

Supplied Accessories

Operating Manual on CD-ROM	
Mains lead	
R5-232 lead	
N-type/PC 3.5 Adaptors (3254 only)	

Optional Accessories

80027	Soft Carrying Case
80039	Connector and Cable Assembly
80040	Hard Carrying Case
80041	Rack Mounting Kit
47090/006	Service Manual

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