

Data Sheet

Handheld Spectrum Analyzers, 3.3 GHz & 8.5 GHz Models 2650A, 2652A, 2658A



Truly portable solution for quick and precise spectrum analysis

B&K Precision's 2650A series handheld spectrum analyzers are compact, light weight, and cost-effective spectrum analyzers for quick and precise signal investigations, especially away from the bench. At a weight of only 1.8 kg (4 pounds), the 2650A series are by far the lightest full-featured spectrum analyzer available, yet they deliver performance and features comparable to full-size bench spectrum analyzers and can operate up to 4 hours on a single battery.

With their ease of use, measurement flexibility, and unmatched portability, the 2650A series analyzers are indispensable tools for engineers and technicians who conduct field measurements in the 50 kHz to 8.5 GHz range.

Model	Frequency Range
2650A	50 kHz – 3.3 GHz
2652A	50 kHz – 3.3 GHz with Tracking Generator
2658A	50 kHz – 8.5 GHz

Applications

- Installation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of wireless communication systems such as W-CDMA/CDMA, GSM, WLAN, WiMAX and Bluetooth
- Frequency response measurements of passive components such as RF cables, filters, and attenuators (model 2652A)
- Detection of signal interference and undesired emissions
- TV and broadcasting
- Antenna alignment
- Electric field strength measurement with dipole antennas optimized for typical frequencies used in wireless systems (order M401-M406)
- Magnetic field strength measurement with magnetic field probe (PR 26m)

Superb performance improves your productivity

Advanced synthesizer-based design enables the 2650A series to provide you with an accurate and detailed picture of the spectrum you are investigating.

- Fast sweep speed, minimum 10 ms, to help locate and identify elusive, transient interference signals
- DANL (displayed average noise level) of -127 dBm
- Single sideband phase noise – 90 dBc @ 100 kHz offset



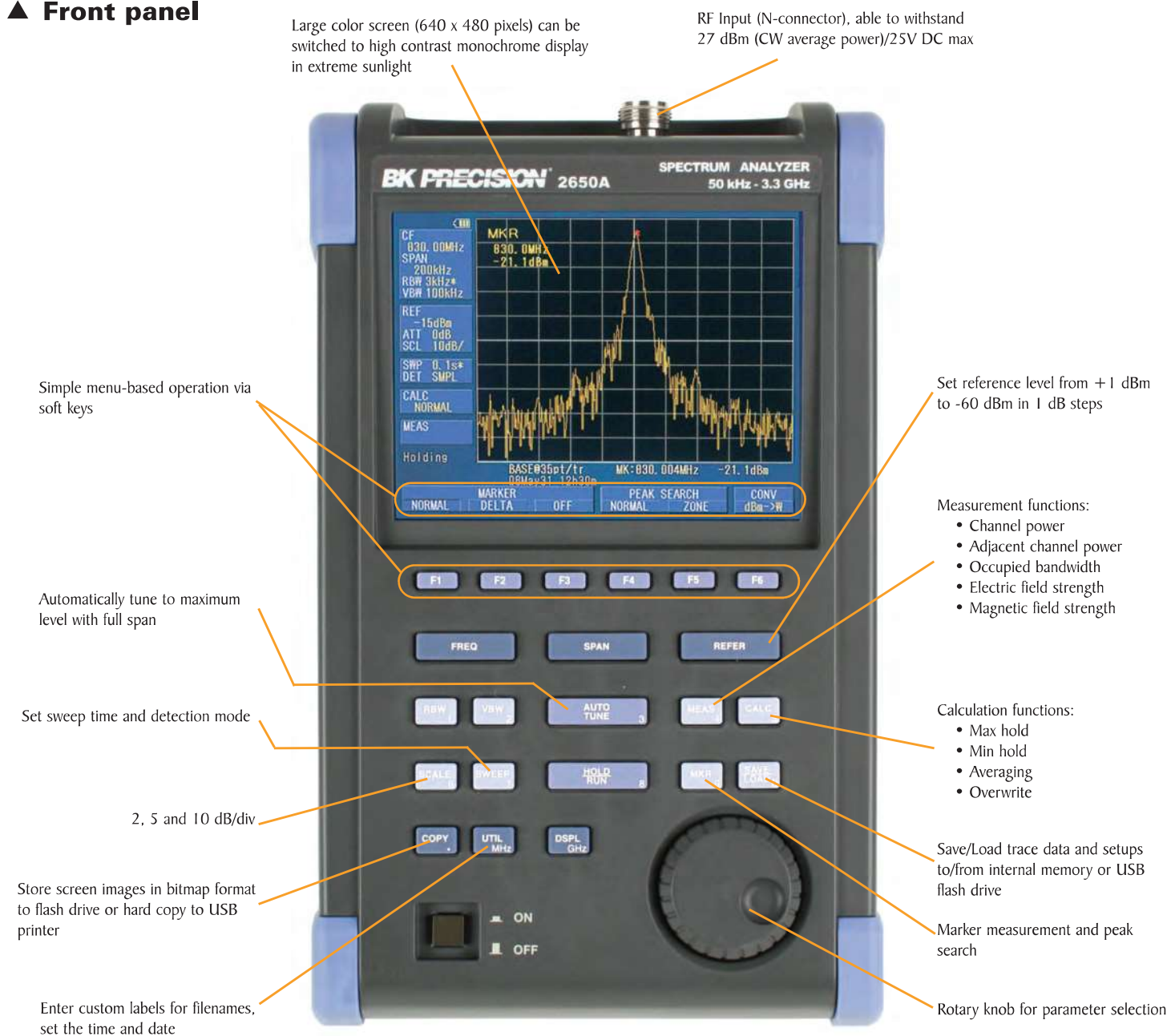
Key features and benefits

- Frequency range from 50 kHz – 3.3 GHz or 8.5 GHz
- A truly portable spectrum analyzer weighing only 1.8 kg including the battery
- Impressive 4 hour battery life; easy-to-replace rechargeable Lithium-Ion battery
- Built-in tracking generator to rapidly determine transmission characteristics of 2 port devices (model 2652A)
- USB interface for PC connectivity
- Intuitive PC Software for remote control and documentation of measurement results
- Conveniently store measurement results and screen shots in bitmap format to USB flash drive (USB host interface)
- Large easy-to-read color display (TFT LCD), 640 x 480 resolution
- Measurement functions: channel/adjacent channel power, occupied bandwidth, electric and magnetic field strength
- Convenient Auto Tune function automatically sets center frequency to the maximum signal within full span and optimum settings for RBW, VVB and sweep time
- External trigger for zero span measurements
- SCPI-like remote control commands



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▲ Front panel



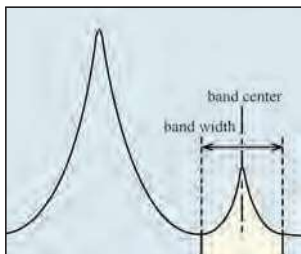
▲ Interface



▲ Versatile measurement functions

Channel power measurement

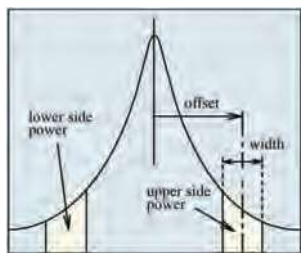
Allows you to measure the total power or noise power in a user-specified bandwidth.



Adjacent channel power

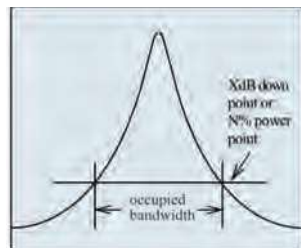
Measure the ratio of power leakage (from the wanted signal) into adjacent channels. Center frequency, adjacent channel bandwidth, and offset between main carrier and adjacent channels can be set.

Users can select from any of the following three measurement methods based on the reference carrier definition: total power (of displayed spectrum), peak power (reference level) and in-band power (user-specified band width).



Occupied Bandwidth

This measurement calculates the bandwidth containing the total integrated power occupied in a given signal bandwidth. Two measurement methods are available: The user can specify N% of total power or the X dB down point relative to the carrier peak level.

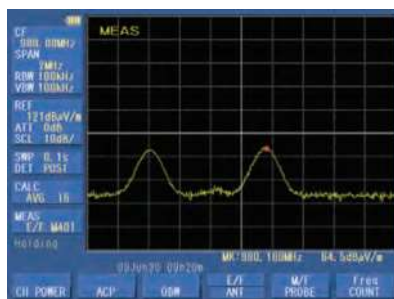


Electric field strength measurement

A dipole antenna (options M401 – M406) connected to the RF input enables the measurement of electric field strength. Users can choose from 6 antennas based on the frequency range under investigation. Each antenna's resonance point is optimized for the frequency spectrum of a specific wireless standard:

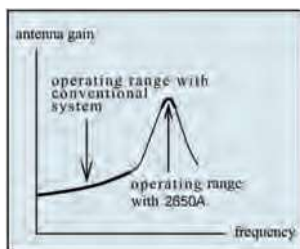
- M401 is suitable for GSM 850/900
- M403 for W-CDMA and GSM 1800/1900
- M404 for 2.4 GHz wireless LAN and Bluetooth
- M406 for 5 GHz wireless LAN

Combined with the MAX HOLD function and a 10 ms sweep time, the M404 dipole antenna is capable of measuring the electric field strength of



Bluetooth systems and systems using direct sequence spread spectrum/frequency hopping modulation techniques.

Using multiple dedicated dipole antennas leads to better measurement results compared to the conventional method of using only a single wide band antenna in which case the frequency range under investigation is typically located far away from the antenna's resonance point, resulting in poor dynamic range. Measuring at or near the resonance point where the antenna gain is at a maximum translates into high dynamic measurement range.



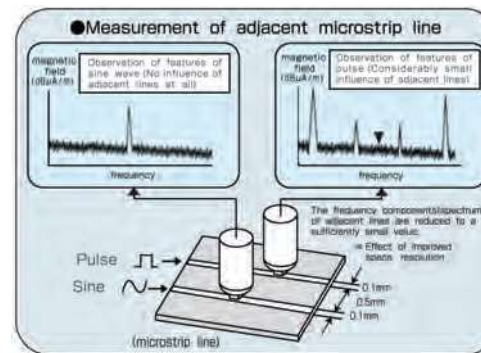
Since the antenna gain factor compensation data is preloaded into the analyzer, the field strength is displayed directly in dBuV/m. The analyzers also support downloading of user-defined gain factor tables for custom antennas.

Magnetic field strength measurement

Using a magnetic field probe (option PR 26M), the 2650A series is capable of accurately measuring the magnetic field distribution on a PCB (printed circuit board) or IC (integrated circuit). The magnetic field strength detector inside the probe consists of a shielded loop structure using a glass ceramic multi-layer board technology with high frequency characteristics. This enables the detection of magnetic field components only. The probe can measure over a wide frequency range of 10 MHz to 3 GHz. Since the probe's compensation data is already preloaded into the analyzer, the magnetic field strength is displayed directly in dBuA/m.



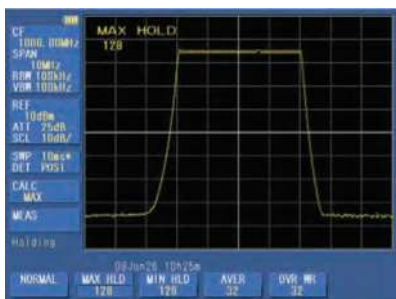
Typical applications of this magnetic field probe are evaluation of the effectiveness of a bypass capacitor located near the power supply terminal of an IC or evaluation of the microstrip layout on a PCB. Due to the probe's high spatial resolution (approximately 0.25 mm), it is not affected by adjacent patterns.



▲ Calculation and Marker functions

Max and Min Hold

Max Hold: At each displayed frequency, the currently-measured value is compared to the previously-measured value and the larger one is retained and displayed. This feature is useful for observing a bursted or intermittent signal or for measuring the electric field strength of systems using direct sequence spread spectrum/frequency hopping modulation techniques.

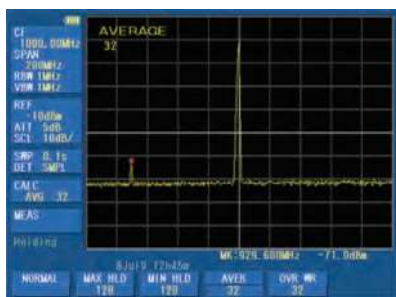


Min hold: At each displayed frequency, the currently-measured value is compared to the previously-measured value and the smaller one is retained and displayed.

In both cases, the number of sweeps can be set to 2^N , where N is from 1 to 10 or infinite.

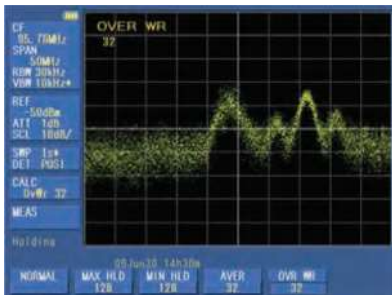
Averaging

The analyzer continuously sweeps, then calculates and displays the average value over the total number of sweeps. The number of sweeps can be set to 2^N , where N is from 1 to 10. Averaging is useful for detecting signals buried in the noise floor because random noise is averaged out.



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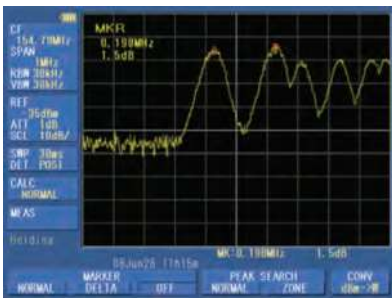
The results of each consecutive sweep are displayed and the screen is not cleared after each sweep. This lets you observe the long term variations of a signal.



Marker Function

Two different modes are available for marker measurements:

- Normal marker mode measures the frequency and level of the marked point
- Delta marker mode measures the frequency and level differences between the two markers (see image)

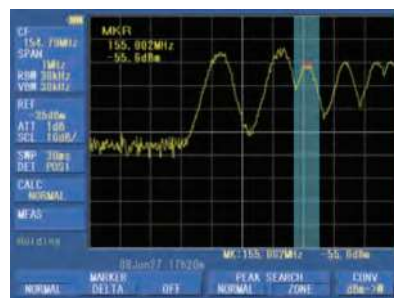


Delta marker measurement

Peak Function

Two different modes are available for peak search:

- Normal peak search mode searches for the highest level on the screen. In this mode, you can also use the NEXT button to locate the marker on the next smaller peak.
- In-zone peak search mode searches for the peak level in the range specified by the center value and width.

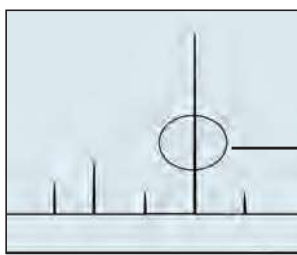


The picture shown demonstrates in-zone peak search.

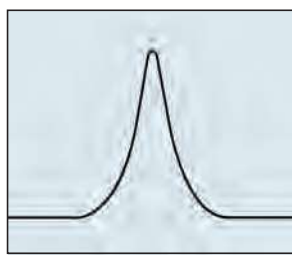
▲ Easy operation

The 2650A series handheld spectrum analyzers are straightforward to operate and provide many functions to facilitate quick and easy measurements:

- Smart one button "Auto Tune" function which automatically scans the full frequency range, detects and centers the maximum signal, and configures optimum values for RBW, VBW, sweep time and reference level
- Input attenuator and internal preamp are set automatically to optimal values based on the reference level
- Easy configuration of frequency, span, and amplitude
- Marker and peak search functions enabling rapid measurements
- 200 setups and reference spectrum measurements can be stored and recalled from either internal memory or USB flash drive
- Filenames can be customized and include a date and time stamp.
- Large easy-to-read display. The backlight is adjustable and monochrome mode can be used for extreme lighting conditions



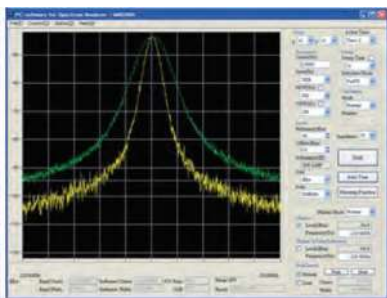
Detect the maximum level within full span.



Center the maximum signal, configure optimum parameters

▲ Simple and flexible documentation of your measurements

PC software



The 2650A series includes easy-to-use software for documentation and further analysis of your measurements. Connect the analyzer via USB cable to your PC, configure the analyzer remotely, then download measurement data and instrument settings for storage and further analysis.

- Continuously sweep and transfer trace data to the PC.

- Capture 1001 trace data points (twice the number of display dots) and store the data in CSV (comma separated values) format for detailed analysis (e.g., import into a spreadsheet)
- Save the screen to a bitmap file or to the clipboard
- Control all instrument settings from the PC
- Download custom antenna gain factor compensation data to the instrument

Hardcopy to USB printer

Generate a hard copy of the display by directly connecting the optional USB printer model PT2650A to the 2650A series analyzer.



Conveniently save measurement data to USB flash drive

Easily save and recall measurement data and settings in CSV format directly to and from the USB flash drive. Filenames can be customized and have a time and date stamp. Users can choose to store measurement data and setups in separate files or combined in one file.

Using the Copy function, a screen image in bitmap format (BMP) can be directly stored to the USB drive. CSV data residing in internal memory can be stored to the USB drive in a lump sum.



Long battery life

The 2650A provides a battery operating time of up to 4 hours (approximately 3 1/2 hours with back light set to typical settings). Battery replacement is simple and doesn't require any hand tools. To fully charge the lithium-ion battery takes only approximately 4 hours (analyzer must be turned off). A two color LED indicates the charging status "charging", "charge completed", "no battery detected" and "charging error".

▲ Spectrum Analyzer with Tracking Generator, 50 kHz – 3.3 GHz Model 2652A

Built-in transmission measurement

The 2652A is a 2650A with a tracking generator added. The 2652A can be used to rapidly determine transmission characteristics of two-port RF devices.

Tracking generator specifications	
Frequency range	5 MHz to 3.3 GHz
Output Level	-10 dBm \pm 1 dB @ 1 GHz (output level is fixed)
Output flatness	\pm 1.5dB
Output impedance	50 Ω
Output connectors	N (f)

Input (spectrum analyzer)

Output (tracking generator)



Tracking generators are ideal for tuning filters, determining the usable frequency range of amplifiers and attenuators and aligning receiver IF stages.

The tracking generator's output frequency is the same as the frequency the spectrum analyzer is tuned to. This lets you see the amplitude

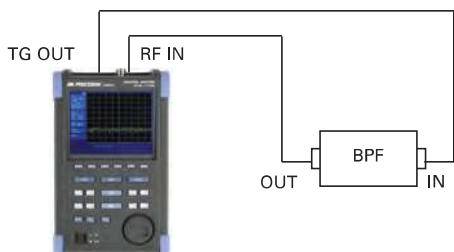
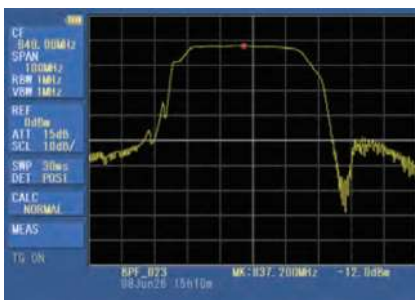
response of a circuit on the spectrum analyzer screen.

The analyzer's normalize function can be used to remove the effects of the cable(s) connecting the device. This allows you to differentially measure a device's response without worrying about cable effects.

APPLICATIONS

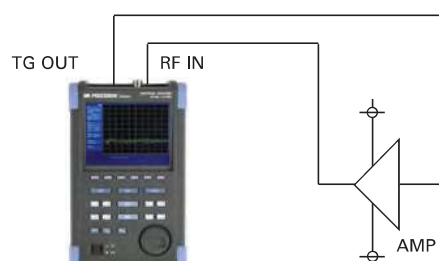
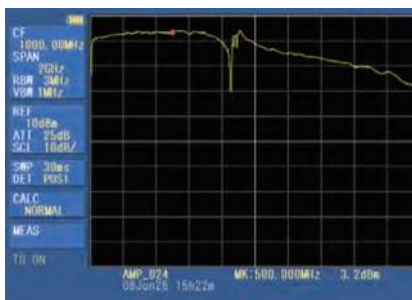
Characterize the frequency response of a filter

Measure the frequency response of a passive component, e.g a filter, over the 2652A's full range of 5 MHz to 3.3 GHz.



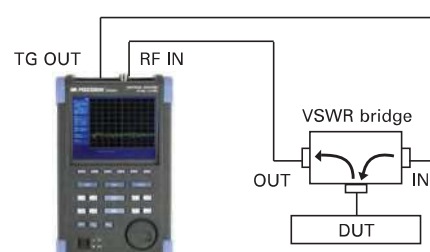
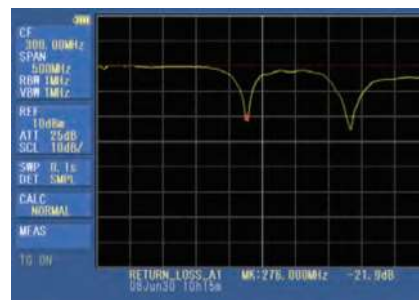
Determine the gain characteristics of an amplifier

Characterize the frequency response of an active circuit such as an amplifier.



Return loss measurement

Measure the return loss of an electric component or circuit with a VSWR bridge



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Specifications		2650A, 2652A	2658A
Frequency section			
Frequency range		50 kHz to 3.3 GHz	50 kHz to 8.5 GHz
Center frequency	Setting	20 kHz	
	resolution	Settable with rotary encoder, numeric or function key	
	Accuracy	within $\pm (30+20T)$ kHz ± 1 dot @frequency span: 200 kHz to 10 MHz, RBW 3 kHz, 23 ± 5 °C within $\pm (60+300T)$ kHz ± 1 dot @frequency span: 20 MHz to max. frequency (3.3 GHz or 8.5 GHz), RBW 100 kHz, 23 ± 5 °C	
	RBW frequency error	T: sweep time (s) within ± 4 kHz @ 3 kHz, 10 kHz, 30 kHz within 20% of RBW @ RBW: 100 kHz, 300 kHz within 10% of RBW @ RBW: 1 MHz, 3 MHz	
Frequency span	Range	0 Hz (zero span), 200 kHz to 2 GHz (1-2-5 step) and 3.3 GHz (full span)	0 Hz (zero span), 200 kHz to 5 GHz (1-2-5 step) and 8.5 GHz (Full span)
	Accuracy	within $\pm 3\% \pm 1$ dot @ sweep time of 0.3s, 23 ± 5 °C	
Display resolution # of points per trace		501 dots on LCD screen, 1001 dots readout via PC (501 dots are visible on the display, 1001 dots of trace data are captured internally and can be transferred to a PC via USB device interface.)	
Resolution	Bandwidth	3 dB bandwidth	
	Range	3 kHz to 3 MHz (1-3 sequence) and AUTO	
	Accuracy	$\pm 20\%$	
	Selectivity	1:12 (typical, 3 dB : 60 dB)	
Video bandwidth		100 Hz to 1 MHz (1-3 step) and AUTO	
SSB phase noise		-90 dBc/Hz (typical) @100 kHz offset, RBW : 3 kHz, VBW : 100 Hz, sweep time: 1 s	
Spurious response		less than -60 dBc	
Harmonics		less than -40 dBc @ ≥ 100 MHz	
Amplitude section			
Reference level	Range	+10 to -60 dBm (1dB step)	
	Accuracy	within ± 0.8 dB ± 1 dot @ center frequency : 100 MHz, RBW : 3 MHz, VBW : 1 MHz, REF : -15 dBm, 23 ± 5 °C	
	Unit	dBm, dBV, dBmV, dB V, dB V/m, dB A/m (dB V/m and dB A/m are used for measurement functions)	
Average noise level		-127 dBm (typical) @ CF : 1 GHz, RBW : 3 kHz, VBW : 100 Hz, Ref. level < -40 dBm (preamp automatically ON)	
Frequency response		within ± 2.0 dB ± 1 dot @50 kHz to 100 MHz within ± 1.0 dB ± 1 dot @100 MHz to max. frequency (3.3 GHz or 8.5 GHz)	
Input impedance		50 Ω	
Input VSWR		< 2.0	
Input attenuator	Operating range	0 to 25 dB (1 dB step), coupled with reference level	
	Switching error	± 0.6 dB @100 MHz	
RBW switching error		± 0.6 dB typical	
Display resolution (vertical)		381 dots/10 div	
Display scale	Scale	10 dB/div, 5 dB/div, 2 dB/div	
	Accuracy	$\pm (0.2 \text{ dB} + 1 \text{ dot})/2 \text{ dB}$ $\pm (0.4 \text{ dB} + 1 \text{ dot})/5 \text{ dB}$ $\pm (0.8 \text{ dB} + 1 \text{ dot})/10 \text{ dB}$ $\pm (1.8 \text{ dB} + 1 \text{ dot})/83 \text{ dB}$	
Input damage level		+27 dBm (CW average power), 25 VDC	
Sweep section			
Sweep time	Range (1-3 step)	10 ms to 30 s and AUTO @frequency span : 0 to 2 GHz 30 ms to 30 s and AUTO @frequency span : full span	10 ms to 30 s and AUTO @frequency span : 0 to 2 GHz 30 ms to 30 s and AUTO @frequency span : 5 GHz, full span
	Accuracy	Within $\pm 0.1\% \pm 1$ dot @frequency span: 0 to 2 GHz within $\pm 1.5\% \pm 1$ dot @ full span	Within $\pm 0.1\% \pm 1$ dot @frequency span: 0 to 5 GHz within $\pm 2.5\% \pm 1$ dot @ full span

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Sweep section (cont.)			
Trigger	Trigger mode	AUTO (Available only for zero span)	
	Trigger source	Internal and External	
	External trigger	Input voltage range	1 to 10 Vp-p
		Frequency range	DC to 5 MHz
		Input coupling	DC coupling
		Trigger level	approx. 0.56 V(fix)
		Input RC	approx. 10 kΩ / less than 15 pF
		Input damage level	± 50 V(DC+AC peak)
Input connector	SMA(I)		
Detection mode		Positive peak, Negative peak, Sample	
Function			
Marker measurement		NORM displays frequency (8 digits max) and level (4 digits max) at marker point. DELTA displays frequency difference and level difference between two markers.	
Peak search		NORM: searches peak point within 10div (full freq. range). This mode also supports NEXT peak (up to 10). ZONE: searches peak point within a zone designated by center and width	
Calculations		NORM, MAX HOLD, MIN HOLD, AVERAGE, OVER WRITE MAX/MIN HOLD: 2 to 1024 AVERAGE: 2 to 256	
Measurements		Measure Channel power, Adjacent channel leakage power, Occupied frequency bandwidth, Electric field strength (requires antenna), Magnetic field strength (requires magnetic field probe).	
Auto tuning		Automatically scans the full bandwidth, sets center frequency to the maximum signal within full span and centers it onscreen. Automatically adjusts reference level, RBW, VBW and sweep time to optimum values	
Save/Load	Save	Saves 200 reference spectrum measurements and 200 setups	
	Load	Loads one reference spectrum measurement and one setup	
General			
RF Input connector		N(I) connector	
USB Communication	Protocol	USB version 1.1 (will also work with USB 2.0 devices)	
	Device Connector	B plug	
	Transfer rate	12 Mbps	
Hard copy		USB printer (option) connected to A plug (host) enables hard copy of screen.	
Host connector		A plug	
Display	Display	5.7 inch color TFT LCD	
	Backlight	LED backlight	
	Number of dots	640(H) x 480(V) dots	
Power supply	Dedicated	Input : 100 to 240 VAC	
	AC adaptor	Output : 9 VDC/2.6 A	
	Lithium-ion battery	7.4 V/5000 mAh Li-Ion battery (MB400)	
	Charge function	Capable of charging during power-off. Indicates 4 conditions with two color LED	
	Charge indicator	5 level indicator of remaining battery charge	
Environmental and Size			
Operating temperature		0 to 50° C (guaranteed at 23±10 °C, without soft carrying case)	
Operating humidity		less than 40 °C/80 %RH (guaranteed at less than 33 °C/70 %RH, without soft carrying case)	
Storage temperature		-20 to 60 °C, less than 60 °C/70 %RH	
Dimensions		6.38 (W) x 2.80 (H) x 10.43 (D) inch, 162(W) x 71(H) x 265(D) mm (excluding projections, protection bumper and stand)	
Weight		approx. 1.8 kg or 4 lbs (including battery)	
Three-Year Warranty			
Included Accessories		User manual, AC adaptor MA400, soft carrying case LC2650A, accessory pouch, PC software and USB cable, Lithium-Ion battery MB400, certificate of calibration.	
Optional Accessories		Dipole antennas M401 – M406, magnetic field probe PR 26M, printer PT2650A and extra roll paper PX2650A	