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1 Overview

What You Will Find in This Chapter

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Keysight MXA Signal Analyzer Overview

The Keysight MXA signal analyzer measures and monitors complex RF and microwave signals. The analyzer integrates traditional spectrum measurements with advanced vector signal analysis to optimize speed, accuracy, and dynamic range. You will be able to manipulate various file types on your analyzer just like your personal computer. Having a Windows based instrument provides many benefits such as easier file management, built-in Windows based programs such as Internet Explorer, and much more.

The Keysight MXA signal analyzer is readily adaptable to meet changing measurement needs. Optional features, whether hardware or measurement application software, will enable the analyzer to be configured as a comprehensive analytical tool to test communications systems and components.

If customer requirements should change or expand, post sale upgrades can be purchased at any time. Most measurement application upgrades require a license key, which is obtained using the Keysight Software Licensing service. If the email delivery option is ordered, the entitlement certificate will be emailed to the customer the same day and the license key can be generated and installed in the signal analyzer within minutes (the instrument software may require updating). Once the license key is entered into the analyzer, the new option is enabled and fully functional.

The service strategy for the MXA is assembly level repair, not component level.

Hardware upgrades may require installation of optional hardware, and often require readjustment and verification of the hardware option.

Virus Information

Keysight Technologies does not load anti-virus software into the signal analyzer. It is the customer's responsibility to install anti-virus software.

Instrument Option Descriptions

The MXA signal analyzer has a variety of hardware and measurement application options. Several of these options are “standard” so they are automatically installed on all MXA analyzers. All options require license files to be present in instrument memory before the option can be used, or viewed on the Show System screen.

From the front panel, press **System**, **Show System** to view a list of all installed options.

A current list of all instrument options and retrofit requirements is available on the Keysight web site for the MXA signal analyzer.

Option	Description	Notes
508	10 Hz to 8.4 GHz frequency range	
513	10 Hz to 13.6 GHz frequency range	
526	10 Hz to 26.5 GHz frequency range	
532	10 Hz to 32 GHz frequency range	
544	10 Hz to 44 GHz frequency range	
550	10 Hz to 50 GHz frequency range	
B25	25 MHz information bandwidth	
B40	40 MHz information bandwidth in addition to 25 MHz BW	
B2X	255 MHz information bandwidth	
B5X	510 MHz information bandwidth	
CRP	Arbitrary IF Output (10 MHz to 75 MHz programmable, Aux IF connector on rear panel)	
CR3	2nd IF Out (Aux IF connector on rear panel)	
C35	APC 3.5 mm Connector	With Option 526 only
EA3	Electronic Attenuator	
EDP	Enhanced Display Package	Spectrogram, Trace Zoom
EMC	Software only. Provides EMI detectors and BWs.	
EP1	Enhanced Phase Noise Performance	
EXM	External Mixing	
FSA	Fine Step Attenuator	Included on all units
FS1	Fast Sweep	Improves sweep speed in swept-tuned mode
MPB	Preselector Bypass (bypasses the Preselector filter used above 3.6 GHz)	
NF2	Noise Floor Extension	
PFR	Precision Frequency Reference	Included on all units
P08	PPreamplifier,, 8.4 GHz	
P13	Preamplifier, 13.6 GHz	
P26	Preamplifier, 26.5 GHz	
P32	Preamp, 32 GHz	
P44	Preamplifier, 44 GHz	With Option 544 only
P50	Preamplifier, 50 GHz	With Option 550 only
RT1 or **RT2**	Real Time Analysis	Requires Option B2X or B5X
YAS	Screen Video (rear panel Analog Out connector)	

Signal Analyzer Accessories

A number of accessories are available from Keysight Technologies to help you configure your analyzer for your specific applications. They can be ordered through your local Keysight Sales and Service Office and are listed below.

Manuals Available Online

The documentation set provides extensive information for the signal analyzer. Documentation is updated periodically. The latest updates can be accessed via the web at:

https://www.keysight.com/find/n9021b

Each manual is described below:

- Getting Started and Troubleshooting Guide: Describes analyzer features in detail. In addition, this manual covers unpacking and setting up the analyzer, analyzer features, and information on options and accessories, and what to do if you have a problem.
- Specifications Guide: Documents specifications, safety, and regulatory information.
- Instrument Messages: Includes instrument messages (and suggestions for troubleshooting them).
- User's/Programmer's References: Multiple manuals which include programming information and SCPI command descriptions for basic spectrum analyzers and for applications such as IQ analyzer, WCDMA, and 5G-NR.
- Measurement Guides and Programming Examples: Multiple manuals which provide details on how to how to use catalogs and files, and how to measure various signals for basic spectrum analyzers and for applications such as IQ analyzer, WCDMA, and LTE.

50 Ohm Load

The Keysight 909 series loads come in several models and options providing a variety of frequency ranges and VSWRs. Also, they are available in either 50 ohm or 75 Ohm. Some examples include the:

909A: DC to 18 GHz
909C: DC to 2 GHz
909D: DC to 26.5 GHz

50 Ohm/75 Ohm Minimum Loss Pad

The Keysight 11852B is a low VSWR minimum loss pad that allows you to make measurements on 75 Ohm devices using an analyzer with a 50 Ohm input. It is effective over a frequency range of dc to 2 GHz.

75 Ohm Matching Transformer

The Keysight 11694A allows you to make measurements in 75 Ohm systems using an analyzer with a 50 Ohm input. It is effective over a frequency range of 3 to 500 MHz.

AC Probe

The Keysight 85024A high frequency probe performs in-circuit measurements without adversely loading the circuit under test. The probe has an input capacitance of 0.7 pF shunted by 1 MΩ of resistance and operates over a frequency range of 300 kHz to 3 GHz. High probe sensitivity and low distortion levels allow measurements to be made while taking advantage of the full dynamic range of the spectrum analyzer.

AC Probe (Low Frequency)

The Keysight 41800A low frequency probe has a low input capacitance and a frequency range of 5 Hz to 500 MHz.

Broadband Preamplifiers and Power Amplifiers

Preamplifiers and power amplifiers can be used with your spectrum analyzer to enhance measurements of very low-level signals.

- The Keysight 8447D preamplifier provides a minimum of 25 dB gain from 100 kHz to 1.3 GHz.
- The Keysight 87405B preamplifier provides a minimum of 22 dB gain from 10 MHz to 4 GHz. (Power is supplied by the probe power output of the analyzer.)
- The Keysight 83006A preamplifier provides a minimum of 26 dB gain from 10 MHz to 26.5 GHz.
- The 11909A low noise preamplifier provides a minimum of 32 dB gain from 9 kHz to 1 GHz and a typical noise figure of 1.8 dB.

RF and Transient Limiters

The Keysight 11867A and N9355C RF Limiters protect the analyzer input circuits from damage due to high power levels. The 11867A operates over a frequency range of dc to 1800 MHz and begins reflecting signal levels over 1 mW up to 10 W average power and 100 watts peak power. The N9355C microwave limiter (0.01 to 26.5 GHz) guards against input signals over 10 milliwatts up to 1 watt average power.

The Keysight 11947A Transient Limiter protects the analyzer input circuits from damage due to signal transients. It specifically is needed for use with a line impedance stabilization network (LISN). It operates over a frequency range of 9 kHz to 200 MHz, with 10 dB of insertion loss.

Power Splitters

The Keysight 11667A/B/C power splitters are two-resistor type splitters that provide excellent output SWR, at 50 Ω impedance. The tracking between the two output arms, over a broad frequency range, allows wideband measurements to be made with a minimum of uncertainty.

11667A: DC to 18 GHz
11667B: DC to 26.5 GHz
11667C: DC to 50 GHz

Static Safe Accessories

9300-1367	Wrist-strap, color black, stainless steel. Four adjustable links and a 7 mm post-type connection.
9300-0980	Wrist-strap cord 1.5 m (5 ft.)
9300-0797	2 ft by 4 ft conductive mat with 15 ft grounding wire

Before You Start Troubleshooting

Before troubleshooting, complete the following tasks:

- Familiarize yourself with the safety symbols marked on the instrument and read the general safety considerations in the front of this guide.
- Read the ESD information below.
- Familiarize yourself with the troubleshooting information in Chapter 2, "Boot Up and Initialization Troubleshooting," and how it relates to information on troubleshooting the other assemblies.

WARNING These servicing instructions are for use by qualified personnel only. To avoid electrical shock, do not perform any servicing unless you are qualified to do so.

WARNING The opening of covers or removal of parts is likely to expose dangerous voltages. Disconnect the product from all voltage sources while it is being opened.

WARNING The power cord is connected to internal capacitors that may remain live for 5 seconds after disconnecting the plug from it's power supply.

WARNING The detachable power cord is the instrument disconnecting device. It disconnects the mains circuits from the mains supply before other parts of the instrument. The front panel switch is only a standby switch and is not a LINE switch (disconnecting device).

CAUTION Always position the instrument for easy access to the disconnecting device (detachable power cord).

WARNING To prevent electrical shock, disconnect the analyzer from mains before cleaning. Use a dry cloth or one slightly dampened with water to clean the external case parts. Do not attempt to clean internally.

WARNING This is a Safety Class 1 Product (provided with a protective earthing ground incorporated in the power cord). The mains plug shall only be inserted in a socket outlet provided with a protective earth contact. Any interruption of the protective conductor inside or outside of the product is likely to make the product dangerous. Intentional interruption is prohibited.

CAUTION Always use the three-prong ac power cord supplied with this product. Failure to ensure adequate earth grounding by not using this cord may cause product damage.

CAUTION This instrument has an autoranging line voltage input; be sure the supply voltage is within the specified range.

ESD Information

Protection from Electrostatic Discharge

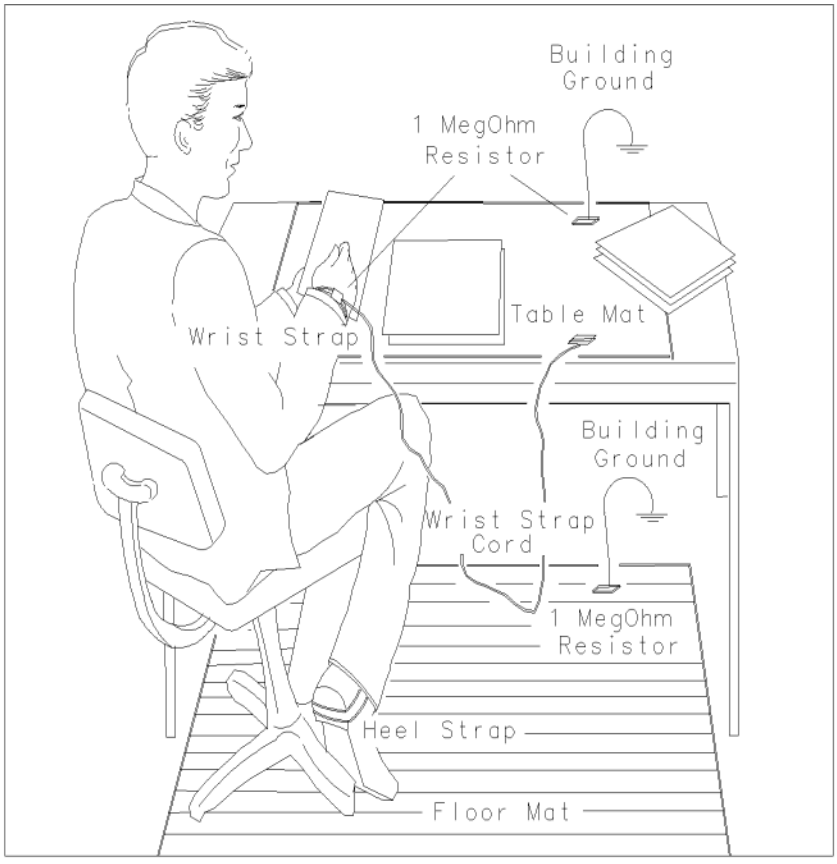
Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage or destroy electronic components. All work on electronic assemblies should be performed at a static-safe workstation. Figure 1-1 shows an example of a static-safe workstation using two types of ESD protection:

- Conductive table-mat and wrist-strap combination.
- Conductive floor-mat and heel-strap combination.

Both types, when used together, provide a significant level of ESD protection. Of the two, only the table-mat and wrist-strap combination provides adequate ESD protection when used alone. To ensure user safety, the static-safe accessories must provide at least 1 megohm of isolation from ground.

WARNING These techniques for a static-safe workstation should not be used when working on circuitry with a voltage potential greater than 500 volts.

Figure 1-1 Example of a Static-Safe Workstation



Handling of Electronic Components and ESD

The possibility of unseen damage caused by ESD is present whenever components are transported, stored, or used. The risk of ESD damage can be greatly reduced by paying close attention to how all components are handled.

- Perform work on all components at a static-safe workstation.
- Keep static-generating materials at least one meter away from all components.
- Store or transport components in static-shielding containers.

CAUTION Always handle printed circuit board assemblies by the edges. This will reduce the possibility of ESD damage to components and prevent contamination of exposed plating.

Test Equipment Usage and ESD

- Before connecting any coaxial cable to an analyzer connector, momentarily short the center and outer conductors of the cable together.
- Personnel should be grounded with a 1 megohm resistor-isolated wrist-strap before touching the center pin of any connector and before removing any assembly from the analyzer.
- Be sure that all analyzers are properly earth-grounded to prevent build-up of static charge.

For Additional Information about ESD

For more information about preventing ESD damage, contact the Electrical Over Stress/Electrostatic Discharge (EOS/ESD) Association, Inc. The ESD standards developed by this agency are sanctioned by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

Instrument Maintenance

Cleaning the Instrument

WARNING

To prevent electrical shock, disconnect the signal analyzer from mains before cleaning. Use a dry cloth or one slightly dampened with water to clean the external case parts. Do not attempt to clean internally.

Cleaning Connectors

Cleaning connectors with alcohol shall only be done with the instrument power cord removed, and in a well-ventilated area. Allow all residual alcohol moisture to evaporate, and the fumes to dissipate prior to energizing the instrument.

WARNING

Keep isopropyl alcohol away from heat, sparks, and flame. Store in a tightly closed container. It is extremely flammable. In case of fire, use alcohol foam, dry chemical, or carbon dioxide; water may be ineffective.

Use isopropyl alcohol with adequate ventilation and avoid contact with eyes, skin, and clothing. It causes skin irritation, may cause eye damage, and is harmful if swallowed or inhaled. It may be harmful if absorbed through the skin. Wash thoroughly after handling.

In case of spill, soak up with sand or earth. Flush spill area with water.

Dispose of isopropyl alcohol in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental regulations.

Battery Information

The X-Series Signal Analyzer uses an internal 3.0 VDC battery that contains Lithium/Manganese Dioxide (Li/MnO2). The battery is located on the A4 CPU assembly to power the instrument clock and back up data in SRAM. When the battery is exhausted and ready for disposal, dispose of it according to your country's requirements. The Keysight part number is 1420-0356. The manufacturer's part number is CR2032. You can return the battery to your nearest Keysight Technologies Sales and Service office for disposal, if required. Refer to "Contacting Keysight Technologies" on page 41 for a list of Keysight Technologies Sales and Service offices.



DO NOT THROW BATTERIES AWAY BUT COLLECT AS SMALL CHEMICAL WASTE.

WARNING

Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended. Discard used batteries according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Do not throw batteries away but collect as small chemical waste.

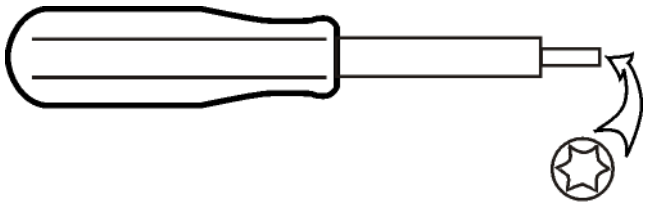
Service Equipment You Will Need

There are certain things that will be required to troubleshoot, adjust, and test the MXA Signal Analyzer. They include the following:

- Calibration Application Software
- Front End Controller Troubleshooting Kit
- USB Keyboard and Mouse
- USB Storage Device
- Test Equipment

Tools you will need

Figure 1-2 TORX Tool



Description	Keysight Part Number
TORX Hand Driver - Size T-8	8710-1614
TORX Hand Driver - Size T-10	8710-1623
TORX Hand Driver - Size T-20	8710-1615
9/16 inch nut driver	8720-0008
1/4 inch nut driver	source locally
5/16 inch open-end wrench	source locally
1/4 inch open-end wrench	source locally
1/4 inch socket on 4 lb torque wrench	source locally

Calibration Application Software

Information regarding the Keysight X-Series Signal Analyzer Calibration Application Software can be found at the following web site:

www.keysight.com/find/calibrationsoftware

Front End Controller Troubleshooting Kit

The Front End Troubleshooting kit contains a PC board, required cables, and installation instructions to verify the switch control logic from the A15 Front End Control board to the lower level front end components is correct. Oftentimes when troubleshooting an RF front end problem, the logic needs to be verified before one of the front end components is changed. This troubleshooting kit will help identify the defective area in a timely manner. In order to effectively isolate A15 Front End Control board problems from front end component problems, it is highly recommended that the N9020-60005 Front End Troubleshooting kit is purchased.

The Front End Troubleshooting kit lower level items can be purchased individually or as a complete kit with instructions. The complete listing of kit components, descriptions, and part numbers can be found below.

Keysight Part	**Keysight Part Number**	**Notes**
Front End Troubleshooting kit	N9020-60005	
Front End Troubleshooting board	E4410-60115	Part of N9020-60005 Troubleshooting kit
Cable, Low Band switch	E4410-60160	Part of N9020-60005 Troubleshooting kit
Cable, RF Downconverter	E4410-60156	Part of N9020-60005 Troubleshooting kit
Cable, YTF Preselector	E4410-60158	Part of N9020-60005 Troubleshooting kit
Cable, Input Attenuators	E4410-60157	Part of N9020-60005 Troubleshooting kit
Cable, Troubleshooting	8121-1400	Right-angle sma (m) to right-angle mmcx (m) (must be ordered separately)
Connector, MMCX (f) to SMA (f)	n/a	www.hubersuhner.com item number: 31_MMCX-SMZ-50-1/111_OE (must be ordered separately)

USB Keyboard and Mouse

A USB keyboard and mouse will be needed to accomplish many of the different troubleshooting tasks, as well as updating the instrument software. Any standard USB keyboard and mouse should work.

USB Storage Device

The main reason why a USB storage device will be needed is to download instrument software and backup calibration data when the hard drive in an instrument needs to be replaced. The instrument software is about 3 GB. The calibration files are around 7 megabytes.

Required Test Equipment List

The following table identifies the equipment recommended for troubleshooting, adjusting, and verifying the performance of the instrument. Only the recommended and alternate equipment is compatible with the performance verification testing. Some tests can use various models of a particular equipment type. The “Recommended Keysight Model” is the preferred equipment. However, the “Alternative Keysight Model” is an acceptable substitute.

Table 1-1 Required Test Equipment

Instrument	Critical Specifications	Recommended Keysight Model Number[a] or Vendor Model Number	Alternative Keysight Model Number[a]	Use[b]
Signal Sources				
Microwave Signal Generator #1	Frequency: 10 MHz to 50 GHz Frequency Resolution: 1 Hz Harmonic level: < –30 dBc Amplitude range: -40 dBm to +13 dBm Amplitude resolution: 0.02 VSWR: < 20 GHz: 1.6:1 ≤ 31 GHz: 1.8:1	E8257D (Option 567, 1EA/1EU, 1E1) (Option 007, Analog Ramp Sweep, required for Frequency Response Adjustments)	For Adjustments: 83630A/B/L (Option 001, 008), 83640A/B/L (Option 001, 008), 83650A/B/L (Option 001, 008), PSG[c] For Performance Tests: 83630A/B (Option 001, 008), 83640A/B (Option 001, 008), 83650A/B (Option 001, 008) PSG[c]	A, P, T

Table 1-1 Required Test Equipment

Instrument	Critical Specifications	Recommended Keysight Model Number[a] or Vendor Model Number	Alternative Keysight Model Number[a]	Use[b]
Microwave Signal Generator #2 (only required for Third Order Intermodulation and Gain Compression)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 26.5 GHz Frequency Resolution: 1 Hz Harmonic level: < –30 dBc Amplitude range: -20 dBm to +13 Amplitude resolution: 0.02 VSWR: < 20 GHz: 1.6:1 ≤ 31 GHz: 1.8:1	E8257D (Option 1EA/1EU)	83630A/B (Option 008), 83640A/B (Option 008), 83650A/B (Option 008) PSG[c]	P
Low Noise Signal Generator (one PSG may be used for multiple sources. See footnote [c])	Frequency: 50 MHz to 1.0 GHz Harmonics: < -30 dBc ≤ +13 dBm Spectral Purity SSB Phase Noise @ 1 GHz: –112 dBc at 100 Hz offset –121 dBc at 1 kHz offset –131 dBc at 10 kHz offset VSWR: < 1.5:1	E8257D (Options UNR, UNX, or UNY)	8663A PSG[c] (Options UNR, UNX, or UNY)	A, P, T
RF Signal Generator (one PSG may be used for multiple sources. See footnote [c])	Frequency: 300 kHz to 3.6 GHz Frequency Resolution: 1 Hz Harmonic level: < –40 dBc Amplitude range: -20 dBm to +13 dBm Amplitude resolution: 0.02 Harmonic level: < 2 GHz, < -30 dBc ≥ 2 GHz & < 26.5 GHz, < -50 dBc VSWR: < 20 GHz: 1.6:1 ≤ 31 GHz: 1.8:1 For Option UNR or UNX: Harmonics: < -30 dBc ≤ +13 dBm Spectral Purity SSB Phase Noise @ 1 GHz: –112 dBc at 100 Hz offset –121 dBc at 1 kHz offset –131 dBc at 10 kHz offset VSWR: < 1.5:1	E8257D (Options UNR, UNX, or UNY)	8665A/B (for Frequency Response below 3.6 GHz test and Phase Noise > 30 kHz test only) PSG[c] (Options UNR, UNX, or UNY)	A, P
Ultra Low Noise Reference Frequency Source (required for testing MXA Phase Noise)	Phase Noise (dbc/Hz) for 1 GHz tone and these offsets: 100 Hz: –104 dBc/Hz 1 kHz: –132 dBc/Hz 10 kHz: –144 dBc/Hz 30 kHz: –146 dBc/Hz 100 kHz: –148 dBc/Hz 1 MHz: –157 dBc/Hz 10 MHz: –164 dBc/Hz	Wenzel Associates Inc[d] Ultra Low Noise Reference Frequency Source Model 500-13438 Rev D		P

Table 1-1 Required Test Equipment

Instrument	Critical Specifications	Recommended Keysight Model Number[a] or Vendor Model Number	Alternative Keysight Model Number[a]	Use[b]
Function Generator	Frequency: 3 Hz to 300 kHz Amplitude Resolution: 0.1 mv Harmonic Distortion: -35 dBc	33250A (required for Channel Match (Option BBA) test)	33120A (Option 001) (cannot be used for CXA frequency response adjustment)	A, P
Counters				
Universal Counter	Frequency: 10 MHz Gate time: 10 to 100 seconds Must be capable of measuring signal at +7 dBm (0.5 Vrms)	53132A	53131A	A, P, T
Meters				
Digital Multimeter	Frequency: 3 Hz to 300 kHz AC Accuracy: ± 0.31% of reading	3458A		A, P, T
Power Meter	Dual Channel Instrumentation Accuracy: ± 0.5% Power Reference Accuracy: ± 0.6% Compatible with 8480 series power sensors dB relative mode	N1914A	E4419A/B N1912A	A, P
RF Power Sensor (2 required)	Frequency Range: 100 kHz to 3.6 GHz Amplitude Range: –30 to +20 dBm Zero Set: ± 50 mW Zero Drift: < ± 10 nW Measurement Noise: < 110 nW VSWR 100 kHz to 1 MHz: ≤ 1.20:1 1 MHz to 2 GHz: ≤ 1.10:1 2 GHz to 3 GHz: ≤ 1.30:1 Cal Factor Uncertainty (std): < 1.6% Option H84 Cal Factor: Characterized by standards lab to: ± 0.6%[e] Input Connector: Type-N (m)	8482A (Option H84)	N8482A[f] N8482A CFT[f] 8482A[f] (Non H84 sensors will increase measurement uncertainty)	A, P

Table 1-1 Required Test Equipment

Instrument	Critical Specifications	Recommended Keysight Model Number[a] or Vendor Model Number	Alternative Keysight Model Number[a]	Use[b]
Microwave Power Sensor (2 required)	Frequency Range: 50 MHz to 26.5 GHz Amplitude Range: -30 to +20 dB Zero Set: ± 50 nW Zero Drift: < ± 10 nW Measurement Noise: < 110 nW Cal Factor Uncertainty: < 3.0% VSWR: 50 MHz to 100 MHz: 1.15:1 100 MHz to 2 GHz: 1.10:1 2 GHz to 12.4 GHz: 1.15:1 12.4 GHz to 18 GHz: 1.20:1 18 GHz to 26.5 GHz: 1.25:1 Input Connector: 3.5 mm (m)	N8485A[f]	N8485A CFT[f] 8485A[f]	A, P
Millimeter Power Sensor (for Options > 526)	Frequency Range: 50 MHz to 50 GHz Amplitude Range: –30 to +20 dBm Zero Set: ± 50 nW Zero Drift: < ± 10 nW Measurement Noise: < 100 nW Cal Factor Uncertainty: < 4.5% VSWR: 50 MHz to 100 MHz: 1.15:1 100 MHz to 2 GHz: 1.10:1 2 GHz to 12.4 GHz: 1.15:1 12.4 GHz to 18 GHz: 1.20:1 18 GHz to 26.5 GHz: 1.25:1 26.5 GHz to 40 GHz: 1.30:1 40 GHz to 50 GHz: 1.50:1 Input Connector: 2.4 mm coaxial (m)	N8487A	8487A	A, P
High Sensitivity Millimeter Power Sensor (for Options > 526)	Frequency Range: 50 MHz to 50 GHz Amplitude Range: –70 to –20 dBm Zero Set: ± 20 pW Zero Drift: < ± 4 pW Measurement Noise: < 4 pW Cal Factor Uncertainty (std): < 4.5% VSWR: 50 MHz to 100 MHz: 1.19:1 100 MHz to 4 GHz: 1.15:1 4 GHz to 12.4 GHz: 1.20:11 2.4 GHz to 18 GHz: 1.29:1 18 GHz to 34 GHz: 1.37:1 34 GHz to 40 GHz: 1.61:1 40 GHz to 50 GHz: 1.89:1 Input Connector: 2.4 mm (m)	8487D		A, P

Table 1-1 Required Test Equipment

Instrument	Critical Specifications	Recommended Keysight Model Number[a] or Vendor Model Number	Alternative Keysight Model Number[a]	Use[b]
Low Power Microwave Power Sensor (2 required) (for Option P08, P13, or P26 only)	Frequency Range: 50 MHz to 26.5 GHz Amplitude Range: –70 to +20 dBm Zero Set: ± 50 pW Zero Drift: < ± 4 pW Measurement Noise: < 4 pW Cal Factor Uncertainty: < 3.0% VSWR: 50 MHz to 100 MHz: 1.15:1 100 MHz to 2 GHz: 1.10:1 2 GHz to 12.4 GHz: 1.15:1 12.4 GHz to 18 GHz: 1.20:1 18 GHz to 26.5 GHz: 1.25:1 Input Connector: 3.5 mm (m)	8485D[g]		A, P
Power Sensor Cable (2 required)		11730A		A, P, T
Standards				
Frequency Standard	Frequency: 10 MHz Accuracy: < ±1 e10[f]	Symmetricom 5071A	Keysight 5061B, 5071A	A, P
50 MHz, –25 dBm Calibrator	Frequency Drift: < 2.5 kHz Typical VSWR: 1.06:1 Output Power Variation: ±.004 dB Total Harmonic Content: –45 dBc	Z5602A or B Opt H51 for Type-N models Opt H35 for 3.5 mm models Opt H24 for 2.4 models		A
Attenuators				
10 dB Step Attenuator	Range: 0 to 80 dB Accuracy: Characterized by standards lab[h] VSWR: at 50 MHz: ≤ 1.05:1	8496G (Option 001, H50)	8496H (Option 001, H50)	P
1 dB Step Attenuator	Range: 0 to 9 dB Accuracy: Characterized by standards lab[h] VSWR: at 50 MHz: ≤ 1.05:1	8494G (Option 001, H50)	8494H (Option 001, H50)	P
Attenuator Interconnect Kit	Type N connector kit to connect 8496G to 8494G	11716A		P
Attenuator Driver	Compatible with the 8496G and 8494G step attenuators.	11713B	11713A	P

Table 1-1 Required Test Equipment

Instrument	Critical Specifications	Recommended Keysight Model Number[a] or Vendor Model Number	Alternative Keysight Model Number[a]	Use[b]
3 dB Fixed Attenuator	Frequency: 50 MHz Loss: 3 dB (nominal) VSWR: at 50 MHz: ≤ 1.2:1 Connector: Type-N (m, f)	8491A (Option 003)	8491B (Option 003)	P
6 dB Fixed Attenuator	Frequency: 50 MHz Loss: 6 dB (nominal) VSWR: at 50 MHz: ≤ 1.05:1 Connector: Type-N (m, f)	8491A (Option 006, H33[i])	8491B (Option 006, H33[i])	P
6 dB Fixed Attenuator (2 required)	Frequency: 50 MHz to 3.6 GHz Loss: 6 dB (nominal) VSWR: at 50 MHz: ≤ 1.10:1 Connector: 3.5 mm (m, f)	8493C (Option 006)		A
10 dB Fixed Attenuator	Frequency: 50 MHz Loss: 10 dB (nominal) VSWR: at 50 MHz: ≤ 1.05:1 Connector: Type-N (m, f)	8491A (Option 010, H33[i])	8491B (Option 010, H33[i])	P
10 dB Fixed Attenuator	Frequency: 50 MHz to 19.5 GHz Loss: 10 dB (nominal) VSWR: at 321.4 MHz to 8 GHz: ≤ 1.1:1 8 GHz to 12.4 GHz: < 1.15:1 12.4 GHz to 19.5 GHz: < 1.25:1 Connector: 3.5 mm (m, f)	8493C (Option 010)		A, P
20 dB Fixed Attenuator	Frequency: 10 MHz Loss: 20 dB (nominal) VSWR: 10 MHz: ≤ 1.20:1 Connector: Type-N (m, f)	8491A (Option 020)	8491B (Option 020)	A, P
30 dB Fixed Attenuator	Frequency: 50 MHz Loss: 30 dB ±.0.05 dB VSWR: at 50 MHz: ≤ 1.05:1 (For use with Low Power Sensors)	11708A		A, P
Terminations				
Type-N (m) (for Option 503, 508, 513)	Frequency: 10 kHz to 18 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.05:1	909A (Option 012)		P, T
2.4 mm (f) (for Options > 526)	50 W Frequency: 10 kHz to 50 GHz	85138B		P
3.5 mm (f) (for Option 526)	50 W Frequency: 10 kHz to 50 GHz	909D (Option 526)		

Table 1-1 Required Test Equipment

Instrument	Critical Specifications	Recommended Keysight Model Number[a] or Vendor Model Number	Alternative Keysight Model Number[a]	Use[b]
Miscellaneous Devices				
RF Power Splitter	Frequency: 9 kHz to 3.6 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.10:1 Tracking Error: < ± 0.15 dB Connector: Type-N (f)	11667A		A, P
Microwave Power Splitter	Frequency: 50 MHz to 26.5 GHz VSWR: 50 MHz to 3 GHz: < 1.22:1 3 GHz to 26.5 GHz: < 1.22:1 Tracking Error: < ± 0.40 dB Connector: 3.5 mm (f)	11667B		A, P
Millimeter Power Splitter (for Options > 526)	Frequency: 50 MHz to 50 GHz VSWR: ≤ 50 MHz to 18 GHz: < 1.29:1 18 GHz to 26.5 GHz: <1.20:1 26.5 GHz to 40 GHz: < 1.50:1 40 GHz to 50 GHz: < 1.65:1 Tracking Error: < ± 0.40 dB Connector: 2.4 mm (f)	11667C		P
Directional Bridge	Frequency Range: 50 MHz to 3 GHz Directivity: 50 MHz to 2 GHz:40 dB 2 GHz to 3 GHz: 30 dB VSWR: ≤ 2 GHz: ≤ 1.15:1 ≤ 3 GHz: ≤ 1.22:1 Insertion Loss: ≤ 1.5, +0.1 dB/GHz (nominal) Coupling (nominal): 16 dB Connector: Type N (f)	86205A		P
Directional Coupler	Frequency: 2 GHz to 20 GHz Directivity > 16 dB Transmission arm loss: < 1.5 dB (nominal) Coupled Arm Loss: ~10 dB (nominal) VSWR: ≤ 1.35:1 Connector: SMA (f)	87300B		P, T
Microwave Power Divider	Frequency: DC to 500 MHz VSWR: < 1.10:1 Tracking Error: <± 0.25 dB Connector: 3.5 mm (f)	11636B		A, P
Hybrid Power Divider	Frequency: 500 MHz to 3.6 GHz Isolation: 19 dB Insertion Loss: 4.5 dB (nominal) VSWR: < 1.45:1	87302C		A

Table 1-1 Required Test Equipment

Instrument	Critical Specifications	Recommended Keysight Model Number[a] or Vendor Model Number	Alternative Keysight Model Number[a]	Use[b]
Cables				
3.5 mm (m) to 3.5 mm (m) (2 required)	Frequency: DC to 26.5 GHz Length: ≤ 92 cm (36 in) Insertion Loss: ~2 dB VSWR: DC to 18 GHz: ≤ 1.25:1 18 GHz to 26.5 GHz: ≤ 1.35:1	11500E	8120-4921	A, P
2.4 mm (f) to 2.4 mm (m) (for Options > 526)	Frequency: DC to 50 GHz Length: ≤ 24.9 mm (9.8 in) Insertion Loss: ≤ 26 GHz, ~4 dB ≤ 40 GHz, ~5 dB ≤ 50 GHz, ~6 dB VSWR: ≤ 26.5 GHz: ≤ 1.30:1 ≤ 40 GHz: ≤ 1.40:1 ≤ 50 GHz: ≤1.55:1	8120-6164		A, P
Type-N (2 required)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 8 GHz Precision Type-N (m), both ends 62 cm (24 in.) VSWR: ≤ 18 GHz: 1.4:1 Insertion Loss: 1.5 dB	11500C		A, P, T
BNC (3 required)	Frequency: DC to 10 MHz 50 Ω Coax BNC (m), both ends 120 cm (48 in.)	10503A		A, P, T
Filters				
50 MHz Low Pass	Cutoff Frequency: 50 MHz Rejection at 65 MHz: > 40 dB Rejection at 75 MHz: > 60 dB Insertion Loss: ~1 dB VSWR: ≤ 1.5:1 BNC (m) to BNC (f)	Telonic Berkeley TLA 50-5AB2	0955-0306	P,T
300 MHz Low Pass (2 Required)	Cutoff Frequency: 300 MHz Rejection at > 435 MHz: > 45 dB VSWR: ≤ 1.5:1 BNC (m, f)	Telonic Berkeley TLP 300-4AB4	0955-0455	P
1.8 GHz Low Pass (2 Required)	Cutoff frequency: 1.8 GHz Rejection at 2.1 GHz to 6 GHz: > 45 dB Insertion Loss at 1.8 GHz: < 1 dB VSWR: ≤ 1.50:1, DC to 1.8 GHz Connector: SMA (f) to SMA (f)	RLC L-1636	0955-0491	P

Table 1-1 Required Test Equipment

Instrument	Critical Specifications	Recommended Keysight Model Number[a] or Vendor Model Number	Alternative Keysight Model Number[a]	Use[b]
4.4 GHz Low Pass (2 Required) (for Normal Variant only)	Cutoff frequency: 4.4 GHz Rejection at > 5.5 GHz:> 42 dB Insertion Loss at 1.8 GHz: < 1 dB VSWR: ≤1.50:1, DC to 1.8 GHz Connector: SMA (f) to SMA (f)	K + L ML253-4499/XU-N/NP	9135-0005 360D	P
5.0 GHz Low Pass	3 dB frequency: 5.25 GHz 60 dB Rejection: > 6.7 GHz VSWR: 1.35:1	RLC F-30-5000-RF		P
8.0 GHz Low Pass	3 dB frequency: 8.4 GHz 60 dB Rejection: > 10.8 GHz VSWR: 1.35:1	RLC F-30-8000-RF		P
12.4 GHz Low Pass	3 dB frequency: 13 GHz 60 dB Rejection: > 16.74 GHz VSWR: 1.35:1	RLC F-30-12.4-RF		P
Adapters				
Type-N (f) to Type-N (f)	Frequency: DC to 18 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.13:1	1250-1472		P
Type-N (m) to Type-N (m)	Frequency: DC to 18 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.13:1	1250-1475		P
Type-N (f) to BNC (m)	Frequency: DC to 1.3 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.13:1	1250-1477		P, T
Type-N (m) to BNC (m)	Frequency: DC to 1.3 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.13:1	1250-1473		P, T
Type-N (m) to BNC (f)	Frequency: DC to 1.3 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.13:1	1250-1476		P
Type-N (m) to 3.5 mm (m)	Frequency: DC to 18 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.08:1	1250-1743		
Type-N (m) to 3.5 mm (f) (2 Required)	Frequency: DC to 18 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.08:1	1250-1744		
Type-N (f) to 3.5 mm (f) (for 3.5 mm source)	Frequency: DC to 18 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.08:1	1250-1745		
Type-N (f) to 3.5 mm (m)	Frequency: DC to 18 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.14:1	1250-1750		
3.5 mm (f) to 3.5 mm (f) (for 3.5 mm source)	Frequency: DC to 26.5 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.05:1	83059B	1250-1749	P

Table 1-1 Required Test Equipment

Instrument	Critical Specifications	Recommended Keysight Model Number[a] or Vendor Model Number	Alternative Keysight Model Number[a]	Use[b]
3.5 mm (m) to 3.5 mm (m) (2 Required)	Frequency: DC to 26.5 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.12:1	83059A	1250-1748	P
3.5 mm (f) to 2.4 mm (f) (for 2.4 mm source)	Frequency: DC to 26.5 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.05:1	11901B		
2.4 mm (f) to 3.5 mm (m)	Frequency: DC to 26.5 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.05:1	11901D		A, P
Type-N (f) to 2.4 mm (f) (for 2.4 mm source)	Frequency: DC to 18 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.08:1	11903B		A, P
Type-N (f) to 2.4 mm (f) (for 2.4 mm source)	Frequency: DC to 18 GHz VSWR: 1.08:1	11903D		P
BNC (m) to SMA(f)	Frequency: DC to 1.3 GHz VSWR: ≤ 1.13:1	1250-1700		P
BNC Tee (BNC f,m,f)		1250-0781		A, P
BNC (f) to SMA (m)	Frequency: DC to 1.3 GHz	1250-1200		A, P
BNC (f) to Dual Banana		1251-2277		A, P
3.5 mm (f) to Type-N (m)	Shipped with the 8485A for adapting to the Power Reference. Only to be used for power sensor calibration.	08485-60005		A, P
2.4 mm (f) to Type-N (m)	Shipped with the 8487A for adapting to the Power Reference. Only to be used for power sensor calibration.	08487-60001		A, P
Type-N Tee		1250-0559		P

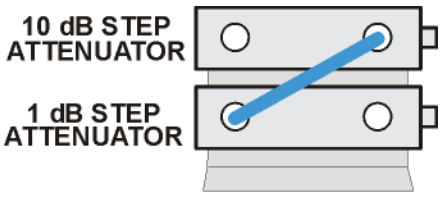
a. Keysight or Hewlett-Packard model numbers unless otherwise noted.
b. A = Adjustments, P = Performance Testing, T = Troubleshooting
c. Supported PSG models:

E8244A
E8247A
E8254A
E8257C
E8257D
E8267C
E8267D

Note: One PSG with Option 567, 1EA/1EU, 1E1, 007, and UNX or UNR can be used as the Microwave Signal Generator #1, Low Noise Signal Generator, and the RF Signal Generator.

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e. The 8482A power sensor uses cal factors to compensate the power sensor for frequency response errors. Cal factors are stated in percentages. The 8482A factory cal factor uncertainty ranges from 2.2% to 3.1%. The cal factor uncertainty can be reduced to < 2.0% by using metrology grade calibration techniques. The power sensor cal factor uncertainty becomes one component of the Verification Test uncertainty analysis. Lower cal factor uncertainties will translate to wider test margins.
f. When ordering a new STD or CFT Power Sensor from Keysight to be used with the N7800A series applications, order with Option 1A7. The 1A7 option provides an ISO17025 calibration and includes calibration data. When re-calibrating your STD or CFT Power Sensor for use with the N7800A series applications, we recommend the Keysight ISO17025 calibration.
g. When ordering a new STD or CFT Power Sensor from Keysight to be used with the N7800A series applications, order with Option 1A7. The 1A7 option provides an ISO17025 calibration and includes calibration data. When re-calibrating your STD or CFT Power Sensor for use with the N7800A series applications, we recommend the Keysight ISO17025 calibration.
h. The step attenuators should be permanently joined via the 11716A Interconnect Kit as shown in the diagram.



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i. 8491A Option H33 is a fixed attenuator which has been characterized to have a VSWR ≤ 1.05:1 at 50 MHz. A VSWR of 1.05:1 is critical to test Input Attenuator Switching Uncertainty, Display Scale Fidelity, and Absolute Amplitude Accuracy performance tests. Any 8491A/B attenuator can be mapped into this device if the VSWR at 50 MHz has been characterized to be ≤ 1.05:1. When mapping the attenuator, to indicate that is meets the required specification, the Option H33 checkbox will need to be checked in the configure test station Administration screen.

Step Attenuator Loss Characterization

The step attenuator combination should have each attenuator setting characterized by a metrology lab at 50 MHz. This characterization can be ordered through Keysight Technologies as an Option H50 Calibration.

The following tables show which sections of the 10 dB and 1 dB step attenuators are utilized for each attenuator setting. The tables also list the Recommended Uncertainty for each attenuator setting. A larger number will result in larger overall test uncertainties which could affect the test pass/fail rate.

The interconnect cable should NEVER be disconnected once the loss characterization is performed.

Table 1-2 1 dB Step Attenuator

Nominal Attenuation (dB)	Attenuator Section				Recommended Uncertainty (dB)
	#1 (1 dB)	#2 (2 dB)	#3 (4 dB)	#4 (4 dB)	
0	Off	Off	Off	Off	0 (Reference)
1	On	Off	Off	Off	< 0.005
2	Off	On	Off	Off	< 0.005
3	On	On	Off	Off	< 0.005
4	Off	Off	On[a]	Off	< 0.005
5	On	Off	On	Off	< 0.005
6	Off	On	On	Off	< 0.005
7	On	On	On	Off	< 0.005
8	Off	Off	On	On	< 0.005
9	On	Off	On	On	< 0.005

a. TME requires that Section 3 be characterized.

Table 1-3 10 dB Step Attenuator

Nominal Attenuation (dB)	Attenuator Section				Recommended Uncertainty (dB)
	#1 (10 dB)	#2 (20 dB)	#3 (40 dB)	#4 (40 dB)	
0	Off	Off	Off	Off	0 (Reference)
10	On	Off	Off	Off	< 0.010
20	Off	On	Off	Off	< 0.015
30	On	On	Off	Off	< 0.020
40	Off	Off	On[a]	Off	< 0.025
50	On	Off	On	Off	< 0.030
60	Off	On	On	Off	< 0.035
70	On	On	On	Off	< 0.040

a. TME requires that Section 3 be characterized.

After an Instrument Repair

If any instrument assemblies have been repaired or replaced, perform the related adjustments and performance verification tests. These tests are done using the N7814A Keysight X-Series Signal Analyzer Calibration Application Software. Refer to Chapter 17, "Post-Repair Procedures," for a list of post-repair adjustments and performance tests based on which hardware has been changed.

Information regarding the N7814A Keysight X-Series Signal Analyzer Calibration Application Software can be found at

http://www.keysight.com/find/calibrationsoftware

Contacting Keysight Technologies

If you have a problem with your instrument, see Chapter 2, "Boot Up and Initialization Troubleshooting." This section contains a checklist that will help identify some of the most common problems.

There is also support on the world-wide web. The address is:

https://www.keysight.com/find/n9021b

FAQs, instrument software updates, documentation, and other support information can be accessed from this site.

To obtain servicing information or to order replacement parts, contact the nearest Keysight office listed in Table 1-4. In any correspondence or telephone conversations, refer to the instrument by its model number (N9021B) and full serial number (ex. MY60080887). With this information, the Keysight representative can quickly determine whether your unit is still within its warranty period.

By internet, phone, or fax, get assistance with all your test and measurement needs.

Table 1-4 Contacting Keysight

Online assistance: www.keysight.com/find/contactus

Americas	
Country	**Phone Number**
Canada	(877) 894 4414
Brazil	55 11 3351 7010
Mexico	001 800 254 2440
United States	1 800 829-4444

Asia Pacific	
Country	**Phone Number**
Australia	1 800 629 485
China	800 810 0189
Hong Kong	800 938 693
India	1 800 112 929
Japan	0120 (421) 345
Korea	080 769 0800
Malaysia	1 800 888 848
Singapore	1 800 375 8100
Taiwan	0800 047 866
Other AP Countries	(65) 6375 8100

Europe and Middle	
Country	**Phone Number**
Austria	0800 001122
Belgium	0800 58580
Finland	0800 523252
France	0805 980333
Germany	0800 6270999
Ireland	1800 832700
Israel	1 809 343051

Europe and Middle	
Country	**Phone Number**
Italy	800 599100
Luxembourg	+32 800 58580
Netherlands	0800 0233200
Russia	8800 5009286
Spain	0800 000154
Sweden	0200 882255
Switzerland	0800 805353 Opt. 1 (DE) Opt. 2 (FR) Opt. 3 (IT)
United Kingdom	0800 0260637

For other unlisted countries:
www.keysight.com/find/contactus

Instrument Serial Numbers

Keysight makes frequent improvements to its products enhancing performance, usability, or reliability. Keysight service personnel have access to complete records of design changes to each type of instrument, based on the instrument's serial number and option designation.

Whenever you contact Keysight about your instrument, have the complete serial number available. This will ensure that you obtain accurate service information.

A serial number label is attached to the rear of the instrument. This label has two instrument identification entries: the first provides the identification number for each option built into the instrument and the second provides the instrument's serial number.

The serial number has two parts: the prefix (two letters and the first four numbers), and the suffix (the last four numbers). Refer to the following figure.

Figure 1-3 Example Serial Number



The first two letters of the prefix identify the country in which the unit was manufactured. The remaining four numbers of the prefix identify the date of the last major design change incorporated in your instrument. The four digit suffix is a sequential number and, coupled with the prefix, provides a unique identification for each unit produced. Whenever you list the serial number or refer to it in obtaining information about your instrument, be sure to use the complete number, including the full prefix and the suffix.

The serial number is located on the rear panel serial sticker or when the analyzer is powered up, press **System**, **Show System**. The system information can be very useful for updates and post-sale upgrades.

How to Return Your Instrument for Service

Service Order Number

If an instrument is being returned to Keysight for servicing, the phone numbers are mentioned in Table 1-4, “Contacting Keysight,” on page 42. In order for Keysight to expedite the repair please be as specific as possible about the nature of the failure.

Helpful failure descriptions:

- Signal level measures 10 dB too low at 1 GHz
- LO Unlock error message appears on screen in spans < 10 MHz
- Analyzer will not complete boot up sequence to signal analyzer mode

Failure descriptions that will most likely increase repair time:

- Analyzer broken
- Analyzer will not make accurate measurements
- Signal drifts

If you have recorded any error messages that appeared on the analyzer display, or have completed a Functional Test or Performance Verification Test, or have any other specific data on the performance of the instrument, please send a copy of this information with the instrument.

Original Packaging

Before shipping, pack the unit in the original factory packaging materials if they are available. If the original materials were not retained, see “Other Packaging” on page 46.

Other Packaging

CAUTION

Instrument damage can result from using packaging materials other than those specified. Never use styrene pellets in any shape as packaging materials. They do not adequately cushion the equipment or prevent it from shifting in the carton. They cause equipment damage by generating static electricity and by lodging in the instrument louvers, blocking airflow.

You can repackage the instrument with commercially available materials, as follows:

1. Protect the control panel with cardboard.
2. Wrap the instrument in antistatic plastic to reduce the possibility of damage caused by electrostatic discharge.
3. Use a strong shipping container. A double-walled, corrugated cardboard carton with 159 kg (350 lb) bursting strength is adequate. The carton must be both large enough and strong enough to accommodate the instrument. Allow at least 3 to 4 inches on all sides of the instrument for packing material.
4. Surround the equipment with three to four inches of packing material and prevent the equipment from moving in the carton. If packing foam is not available, the best alternative is S.D.-240
   Air Cap™ from Sealed Air Corporation, Hayward, California, 94545.

   Air Cap looks like a plastic sheet filled with 1-1/4 inch air bubbles. Use the pink-colored Air Cap to reduce static electricity. Wrapping the equipment several times in this material should both protect the equipment and prevent it from moving in the carton.
5. Seal the shipping container securely with strong nylon adhesive tape.
6. Mark the shipping container “FRAGILE, HANDLE WITH CARE” to assure careful handling.
7. Retain copies of all shipping papers.

2 Boot Up and Initialization Troubleshooting

What You Will Find in This Chapter

This chapter provides information that is useful when starting to troubleshoot a spectrum analyzer. It includes procedures for troubleshooting common failures and provides information on isolating problems in the analyzer.

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Check the Basics

Before calling Keysight Technologies or returning the instrument for service, please make the following checks:

1. Is there power at the power outlet? At the power receptacle on the instrument?
2. Is the instrument turned on? Check to see if the front panel LED is green, which indicates the power supply is on.
3. If other equipment, cables, and connectors are being used with the instrument, make sure they are connected properly.
4. Review the procedure for the measurement being performed when the problem appeared. Are all the settings correct?
5. If the instrument is not functioning as expected, return the unit to a known state by pressing the **Mode Preset** key.
6. Is the measurement being performed, and the results that are expected, within the specifications and capabilities of the instrument? Refer to the Specifications Guide for specifications.
7. In order to meet specifications, the instrument must be aligned. Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Align Now**, **All**. The diagnostic tests should all pass. If the instrument displays a failure during these tests, refer to "Fails an Initial Alignment" on page 69.
8. Check to see if the instrument has the latest firmware before starting the troubleshooting procedure. Press **System**, **Show System**. The firmware revision is listed under **Firmware Revision**. For more information, refer to Chapter 19, "Instrument Software."
9. Is the instrument displaying an error message? If so, refer to Chapter 3, "Instrument Messages," for more information.
10. If the necessary test equipment is available, perform the functional checks in Chapter 18, "Functional Tests", on page 477.

MXA Instrument Boot Up Process

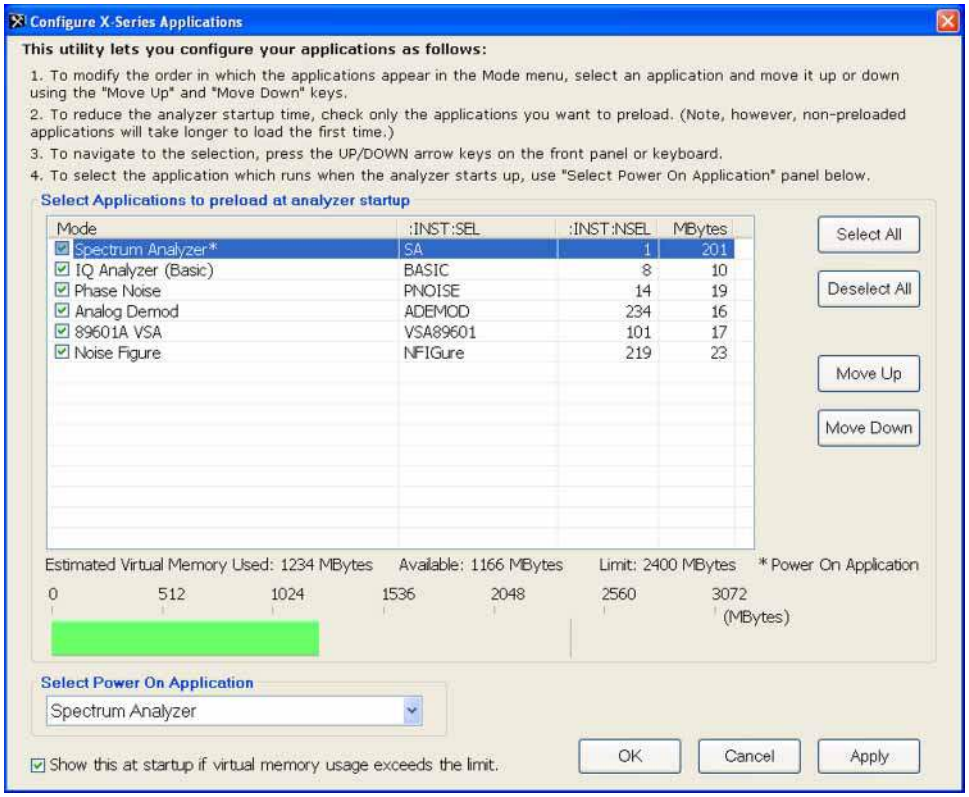
This section describes the N9021B Signal Analyzer boot up process from initial AC power to a normal analyzer sweep. The boot process time from start to finish will take 6 to 8 minutes. This boot time will vary slightly depending on the analyzer hardware configuration, installed options and the number of measurement applications.

By default, the measurement applications will preload before the spectrum analyzer application is fully booted. The analyzer boot time can be shortened if needed by turning off the preload process for applications that are not going to be used. If this is done, the preload process will be bypassed during the application boot up. If a certain measurement mode is selected that did not preload during the original boot, that measurement application will preload at that time. When this occurs the mode switching time will take longer. Once the application is loaded all subsequent mode switches will be much faster.

If the user does not want the measurement applications to preload during the application boot process, select the Configure Applications icon on the desktop on analyzers with instrument software versions prior to A.37.00. This will bring up a window as shown in Figure 2-1 that shows the various applications and what is selected to preload. By default all applications are checked and therefore, will preload when the MXA application is launched. Uncheck any applications to bypass the preloading process, select Apply, and then OK to close the Configure Applications window when finished.

For analyzers with instrument software version >= A.37.00, the functionality of the Configure Applications program is part of the XSA application. Press **System**, **Preload / Unload Modes**. The Configure Applications program still exists with versions >= A.37.00, but only allows setting the Power On Application.

Figure 2-1 Configure Application



Typical instrument boot-up process flow

1. Plug in the AC power cord from a known good AC power source into the rear panel of the analyzer.
2. The yellow standby LED illuminates on the analyzer front panel to the left-hand side of the On/Off button. If the yellow Standby LED is not illuminating refer to the "Yellow Standby LED Does Not Illuminate" section in this chapter.
3. To turn the analyzer on, press the On/Off button. The yellow Standby LED should turn off and the green Power On LED should illuminate. A green Power On LED indicates that the power supply has received an "On" command from the A4 CPU assembly. If the green Power On LED is not illuminating refer to the "Green Power On LED Does Not Illuminate" section in this chapter.

NOTE

If the analyzer AC power source was removed by the operator by pulling the power cord or by turning off the analyzer via a power main switch on a test rack, the analyzer will automatically power on without having to press the On/Off button on the front panel.

4. The instrument fans should start running. The fans are mounted on the left-hand side of the analyzer and draw air into the instrument to cool the internal circuitry. If a fan is not running refer to the "Fan(s) Are Not Operating" section in this chapter.
5. The Keysight Technologies splash screen is displayed in white font on a dark background for ~5-10 seconds after the analyzer is turned on. If the Keysight Technologies logo is not displayed refer to the "No Keysight Splash Screen Displayed" section in this chapter. If the instrument hangs at the Keysight Technologies splash screen refer to the "Instrument Hangs at the Keysight Splash Screen" section in this chapter.
6. Verify text is displayed on screen where the user has the option of booting Windows 10 or running the Instrument Recovery System. The default selection is to boot Windows 10. If a recovery is required, press the Down Arrow key on the front panel of the analyzer within 5 seconds to highlight "Keysight Recovery System" and press the Enter key on the analyzer, otherwise Windows 10 will begin to boot. If the Windows 10 boot screen is not displayed within a few seconds refer to the "Instrument Cannot Completely Load or Run the Operating System" section in this chapter.
7. If the recovery system is not selected the Windows 10 operating system will begin to boot up. This will take ~20-30 seconds.

NOTE

If a recovery was selected follow the on-screen instructions and perform a system recovery. Additional information about performing a system recovery can be found in Chapter 9, "CPU/Disk Drive Troubleshooting", on page 211 in this manual.

8. The Keysight Technologies logo is displayed in white font on a blue background while Windows finishes loading user preferences. This can take up to 4 minutes. If this does not occur refer to the "Instrument Cannot Completely Load or Run the Operating System" section in this chapter.
9. By default, the initialization process of the MXA Spectrum Analyzer application begins loading. The N9021B MXA Signal Analyzer screen appears. This screen remains for slightly over 1 minute. If any of the initializing processes do not complete, refer to the "Initializations Did Not Complete" section in this chapter.
10. While the application software is loading the instrument will perform a number of internal alignments before the analyzer begins to sweep. A screen with a black background appears and the alignment progress is shown in a yellow box. The number of alignments is dependent on which hardware options are present. If an alignment fails, refer to the "Fails an Initial Alignment" section in this chapter.

11. If any of the initial alignments fail, check the alignment history for troubleshooting hints.

    The instrument alignment history can be found at:

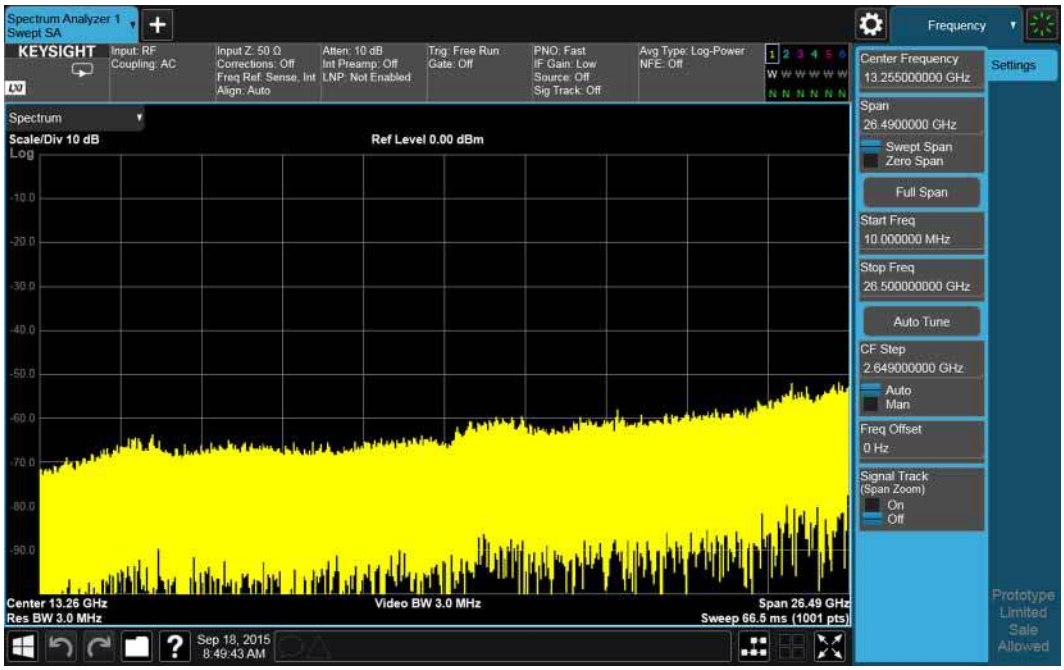
    E:\AlignDataStorage\AlignmentHistory.txt

    Look for any failed status for the various internal hardware items listed in this file.

Once the MXA application is fully initialized and aligned, the sweep should resemble Figure 2-2 when delivered from the factory. This completes the boot process from initial AC power to the spectrum analyzer application.

IMPORTANT If the power up state has been changed from the factory power on state by the user, the analyzer will boot to that state.

Figure 2-2 Typical Instrument Sweep at Power-up



Potential Problems During Boot Process

This section describes potential problems that may occur if there is an internal hardware issue that prohibits the instrument from completing a full boot up to the spectrum analyzer application.

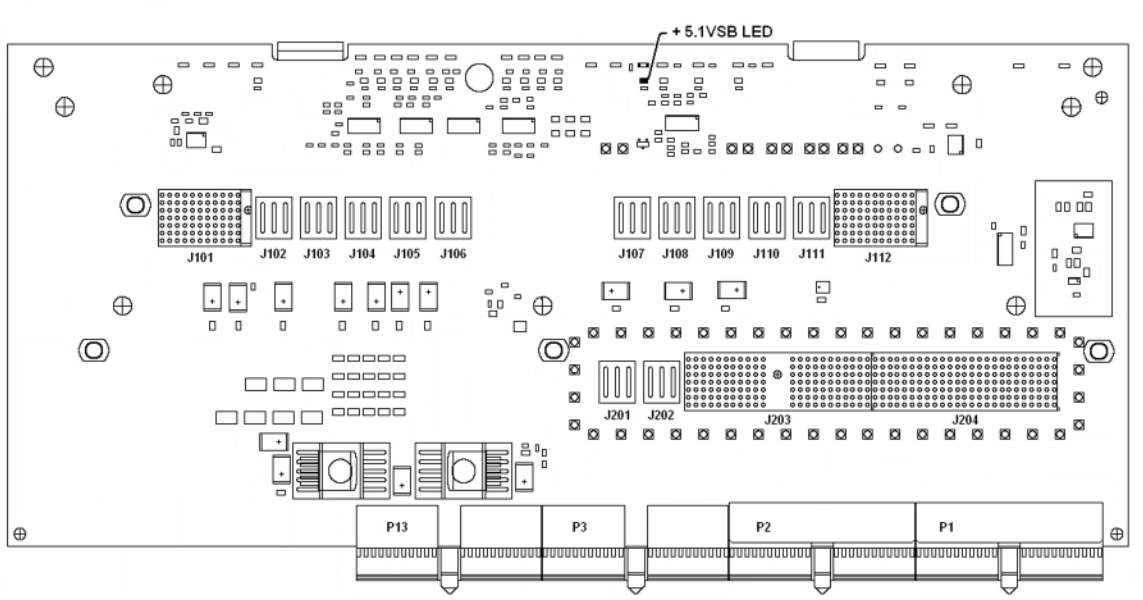
Yellow Standby LED Does Not Illuminate

Control of the yellow front panel Standby LED comes from the A4 Processor board assembly. This signal is routed through the A7 Midplane board and is then buffered on the A8 Motherboard before being sent to the A1A2 Front Panel Interface board through W1. Of course, the power for this all originates with the A6 Power Supply Assembly. When the Standby LED does not come on it could be due to any one of these assemblies. This procedure will help to determine which one is the cause.

If the instrument turns on and operates properly but the yellow Standby LED does not work then all that will need to be done is to trace where the control signal for the LED is being lost using the routing information in the preceding paragraph.

1. The Standby LED will only turn on when the instrument is connected to an AC power source that has a voltage level and frequency of that specified for the instrument. Before proceeding verify that these requirements are being met. Refer to the instrument rear panel for these requirements.
2. Remove the AC power cord and then remove the instrument cover. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures,” in this manual.
3. Referring to Figure 2-3, verify the +5.1VSB LED on the A7 Midplane board is on (green).

Figure 2-3 A7 Midplane Board +5.1VSB LED



NOTE Most DC power supplies come from the A6 Power Supply assembly. However, the most convenient measurement location for all the DC supplies is the A7 Midplane. All power supply LED's are accessible once the instrument cover has been removed.

Is the +5.1VSB LED on the A7 Midplane board on?

If yes:

After verifying that the connections from the yellow front panel Standby LED back to the A4 Processor board are not at fault, replace the A4 Processor board.

If not:

Replace the A6 Power Supply assembly.

NOTE Before replacing the power supply, verify the midplane and motherboard interconnects are mechanically secure.

Green Power On LED Does Not Illuminate

Control of the green front panel Power On LED comes from the A4 Processor board assembly. This signal is routed through the A7 Midplane board and is then buffered on the A8 Motherboard before being sent to the A1A2 Front Panel Interface board through W1. Of course, the power for this all originates with the A6 Power Supply Assembly. When the Power On LED does not come on it could be due to any one of these assemblies. This procedure will help to determine which one is the cause.

This procedure assumes that the yellow Standby LED does turn on when the AC power is connected to the rear panel of the instrument. If it doesn't, refer to the "Yellow Standby LED Does Not Illuminate" section before proceeding.

If the instrument turns on and operates properly but the green Power On LED does not work then all that will need to be done is to trace where the control signal for the LED is being lost using the routing information in the preceding paragraph.

1. The Power On LED will only turn on when the instrument is connected to an AC power source that has a voltage level and frequency of that specified for the instrument and the front panel On/Off button has been pressed. Before proceeding verify that these requirements are being met. Refer to the instrument rear panel for these requirements.
2. Remove the AC power cord and then remove the instrument cover. Refer to Chapter 16, "Assembly Replacement Procedures," in this manual.
3. Remove the Top Brace. Refer to Chapter 16, "Assembly Replacement Procedures," in this manual.
4. With AC power connected to the rear of the instrument but without turning it on, leaving it in standby mode, measure the voltage at Test Point 518 (POWER_ON_L) of the A7 Midplane board assembly. See Figure 2-4 for Test Point 518 location.

Does the voltage at Test Point 518 measure 5 VDC?

If yes:

Proceed to step 5.

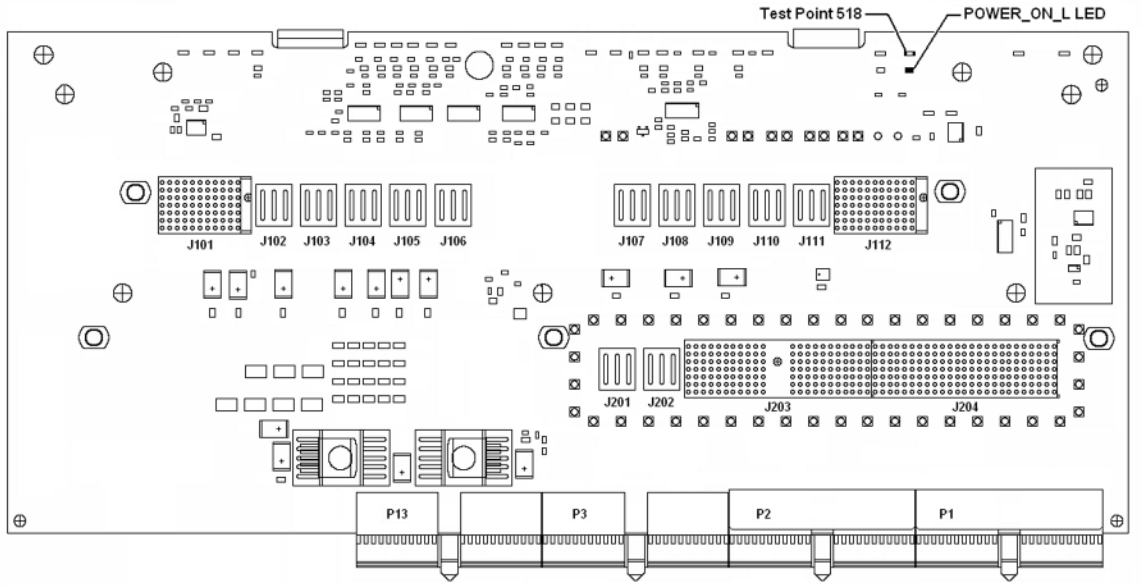
If not:

Replace the A6 Power Supply assembly.

NOTE

Before replacing the power supply, verify the midplane and motherboard interconnects are mechanically secure.

Figure 2-4 A7 Midplane Board - Test Point 518/POWER_ON_L LED



5. Turn the instrument power on from the front panel On/Off button and view the status of the POWER_ON_L LED, as shown in Figure 2-4.

   Does the POWER_ON_L LED come on? (Test Point 518 should also go to 0 VDC)

If yes:

Proceed to step 6.

If not:

Verify the connection between the front panel On/Off switch and the A4 Processor assembly by checking the status of the POWER_SW_L control line when the front panel On/Off button is both pressed and released. This can be monitored by measuring the voltage at Test Point 520, as shown in Figure 2-5.

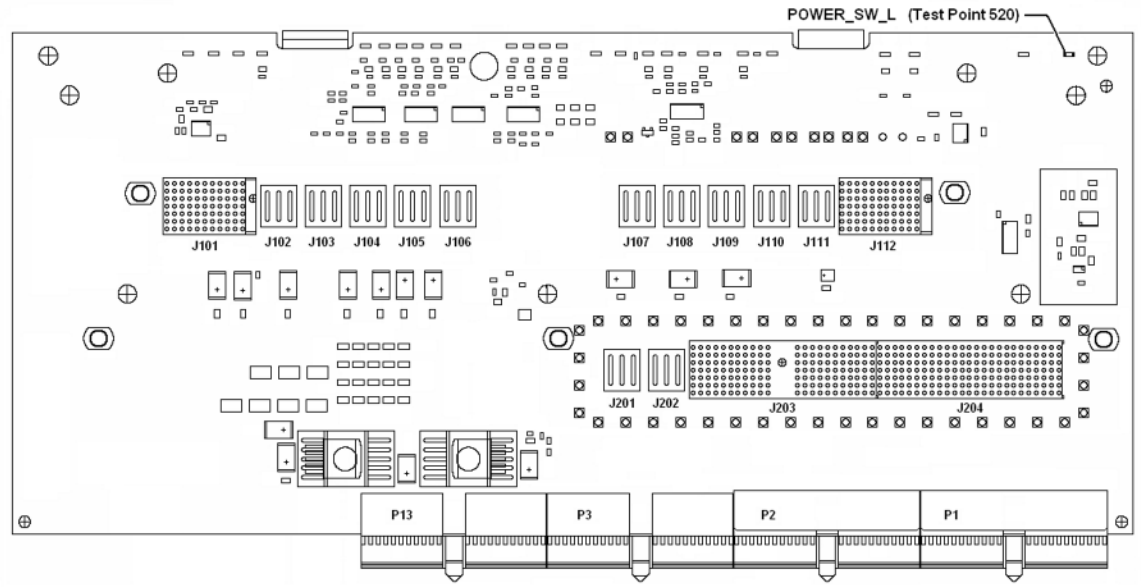
With the On/Off button released this should measure a TTL high level, and with the button pressed it should measure a TTL low level. The A4 Processor board assembly provides the voltage and the switch on the front panel pulls it low when it is pressed.

Measure the voltage at Test Point 520 and compare the results to that in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1 Test Point 520 Verification

Front Panel Switch		Most Probably Cause
Released	Pressed	
High	Low	A4 Processor
High	High	Front Panel Switch
Low	Low	A4 Processor

Figure 2-5 A7 Midplane Board - Test Point 520/POWER_SW_L



6. Do all of the red power supply LEDs along the top of the A7 Midplane board go off when the power is turned on?

If yes:

Replace the A4 Processor board.

If not:

Proceed to step 7.

7. To verify that the A6 Power Supply is not in an over current condition, check the status of the FAULT_L status line by measuring the voltage level at Test Point 508 or viewing the FAULT_L LED, as shown in Figure 2-6.

It should be noted that the FAULT_L status line can also be triggered by an over voltage or an over temperature condition in the A6 Power Supply assembly.

Is the FAULT_L LED on? (Test Point 508 at a TTL low level)

If not:

Replace the A6 Power Supply assembly.

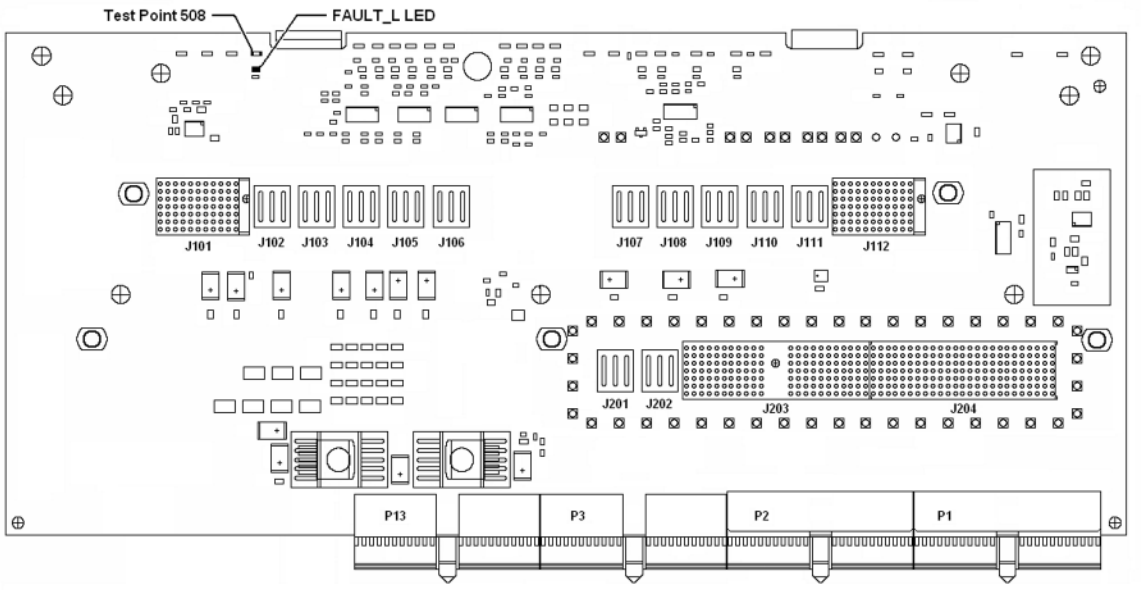
If yes:

Remove different assemblies from the instrument one at a time to see if one of them can be identified as overloading the A6 Power Supply assembly.

If, when a particular assembly is removed, the power supplies will now come on, replace that assembly.

If no assembly can be found that is causing the overcurrent condition, replace the A6 Power Supply assembly.

Figure 2-6 A7 Midplane Board - Test Point 508/FAULT_L LED



NOTE Before replacing the power supply, verify the midplane and motherboard interconnects are mechanically secure.

Fan(s) Are Not Operating

Control of the instrument fans comes from the A6 Power Supply assembly. This signal is routed from the A6 Power Supply through the A7 Midplane board, where there is a test point and LED to monitor the level, and is then routed to the A8 Motherboard where it is filtered before being sent to the Fans. When the Fans do not come on it could be due to any one of these assemblies. This procedure will help to determine which one is the cause.

This procedure assumes that the green Power On LED on the front panel does turn on when the instrument is turned on. If it doesn't, refer to the "Green Power On LED Does Not Illuminate" section before proceeding.

1. The instrument fans will only turn on when the instrument is connected to an AC power source that has a voltage level and frequency of that specified for the instrument and the front panel On/Off button has been pressed. Before proceeding verify that these requirements are being met. Refer to the instrument rear panel for these requirements.
2. Remove the AC power cord and then remove the instrument cover. Refer to Chapter 16, "Assembly Replacement Procedures," in this manual.
3. Are all three fans not spinning?

If yes:

Proceed to step 4.

If not:

Proceed to step 6.

4. Remove the Top Brace. Refer to Chapter 16, "Assembly Replacement Procedures", on page 341 in this manual.

5. Referring to Figure 2-7, verify that the Fan_P Failure LED on the A7 Midplane board is off.

   Is the Fan_P LED off?

If yes:

Measure the voltage level at Test Point 522 on the A7 Midplane board.

Is the Test Point 522 voltage between +7 and +15 VDC?

If yes:

Proceed to step 6.

If not:

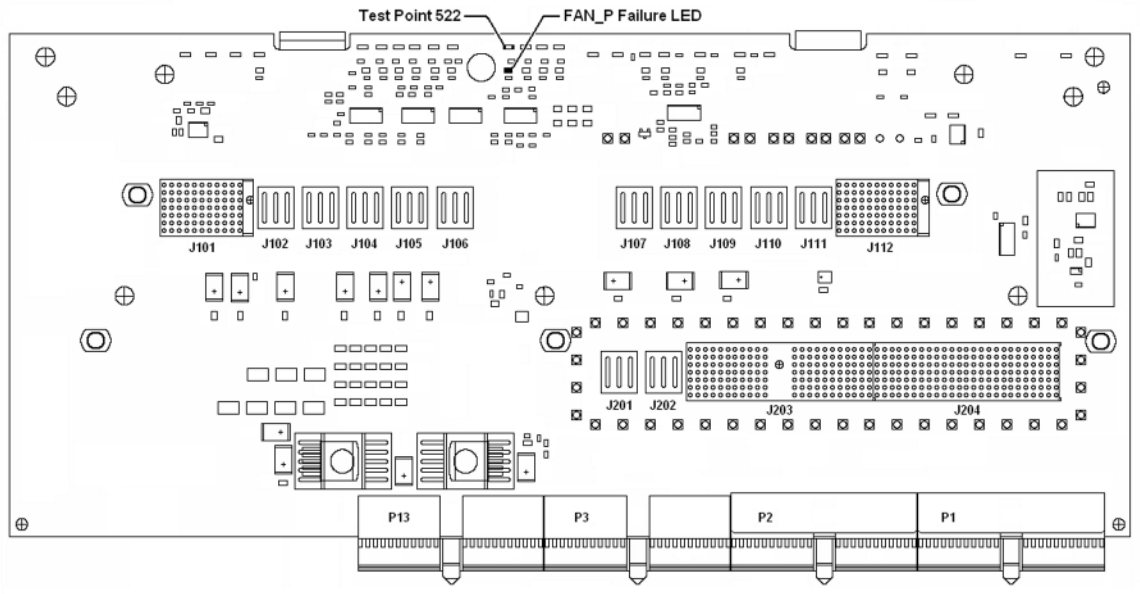
Replace the A6 Power Supply assembly.

If not:

Replace the A6 Power Supply assembly.

NOTE Before replacing the power supply, verify the midplane and motherboard interconnects are mechanically secure.

Figure 2-7 A7 Midplane Board - Fan_P Failure LED / Test Point 522



6. With the instrument turned off, and the AC power cord removed, remove the Fan Assembly including unplugging all fans from the A8 Motherboard. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures,” in this manual.
7. Turn the instrument power back on and measure the fan voltage at all three of the fan connectors (J6, J7, & J8) on the A8 Motherboard.

   Each connector has three pins. The outer conductors on all connectors are the FAN_P supply and the center conductors are FAN_N. The voltage between FAN_P and chassis ground should be between +7 and +15 VDC on all three connectors.

   Does the A8 Motherboard fan connector for the fan(s) that do not work have the required voltage level?

If yes:

Replace the fan(s) that is not working

If not:

After verifying that the connections between the A7 Midplane board and the A8 Motherboard are mechanically and electrically secure replace the A8 Motherboard.

No Keysight Splash Screen Displayed

(Black background with white “Keysight Technologies” text)

A problem of not displaying the Keysight splash screen could be caused by many different things. It could be due to a down power supply, a processor hardware problem, an instrument boot-up process error, a display section failure, etc.

This procedure assumes that the green Power On LED on the front panel does turn on when the instrument is turned on. If it doesn't, refer to the “Green Power On LED Does Not Illuminate” section before proceeding.

1. Remove the AC power cord and then remove the instrument cover. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures,” in this manual.
2. Remove the Top Brace. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures,” in this manual.
3. With the AC power applied and the On/Off button turned on, verify that all of the power supply voltages are at their proper level. This can easily be done by viewing the power supply LEDs on the back side of the A7 Midplane board. Refer to the “A7 Midplane Board Assembly Troubleshooting”.

Are all of the power supply voltages at the proper level?

If yes:

Proceed to step 4.

If not:

After verifying that the connections between the A6 Power Supply, the A7 Midplane board, and the A8 Motherboard are all mechanically and electrically secure, replace the A6 Power Supply assembly.

4. Connect an external monitor (VGA or MiniDisplay Port for PC6, PC6S, or PC8 CPUs or Display Port for PCA CPUs) to the rear panel display output.

   Does the external monitor display the correct information?

If yes:

Proceed to the "Troubleshooting a Blank Display" section in this chapter.

If not:

Replace the A4 Processor Board assembly.

Instrument Hangs at the Keysight Splash Screen

A problem of the instrument hanging at the Keysight splash screen could be caused by many different things. It could be due to a down power supply, a processor hardware problem, an instrument boot-up process error, etc.

1. Remove the AC power cord and then remove the instrument cover. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures”, on page 341 in this manual.
2. Remove the Top Brace. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures”, on page 341 in this manual.
3. With the AC power applied and the On/Off button turned on, verify that all of the power supply voltages are at their proper level. This can easily be done by viewing the power supply LEDs on the back side of the A7 Midplane board. See the "A7 Midplane Board Assembly Troubleshooting" on page 240.

   Are all of the power supply voltages at the proper level?

If yes:

After verifying that the connections from the A7 Midplane board to the A4 Processor board are not at fault, replace the A4 Processor board.

If not:

After verifying that the connections between the A6 Power Supply, the A7 Midplane board, and the A8 Motherboard are all mechanically and electrically secure, replace the A6 Power Supply assembly.

Instrument Cannot Completely Load or Run the Operating System

A problem of the instrument not loading the operating system can be caused by a few different things. It could be due to a down power supply, a processor hardware problem, an instrument boot-up process error, corrupt disk drive, etc.

This procedure assumes that the instrument can get past the Keysight splash screen at power on. If it doesn't, refer to the "Instrument Hangs at the Keysight Splash Screen" section before proceeding.

1. Verify that there are no external USB storage devices connected to the instrument.
2. Does the instrument get far enough along in the boot process to run the "Keysight Recovery System"?

If yes:

Run the Instrument Recovery System by referring to the "Disk Drive Recovery Process" on page 223. If this does not correct the problem replace the A5 Disk Drive.

If not:

Replace the A5 Disk Drive.

Troubleshooting a Blank Display

This section is intended to troubleshoot a display system problem that would cause the internal LCD to be blank. It is assumed that the rest of the instrument is booting up and functioning properly. To determine if the problem is an internal display issue only, connect an external monitor (VGA or Mini Display Port for PC6S and PC8 CPUs; Display Port for PCA CPUs) to the rear panel display output. If the rear panel display output is also not working go to the "No Keysight Splash Screen Displayed" section in this chapter.

Once it has been determined that the rest of the instrument appears to be functioning properly there are a few possible problems that could be causing the display to be blank. They are:

- An LCD Backlight inverter problem
- A video signal path integrity problem
- A video controller / LCD problem

Verify LCD Backlight Functionality

There are two backlights within the LCD assembly, one across the top and one across the bottom. If only one of the backlights has burnt out, the other will still function. Considering this fact, as well as the fact that the expected life span of the backlights is much longer than the LCD itself, it is not very likely that the backlights themselves would cause a completely blank display.

To determine if a blank display problem is backlight related:

1. Remove the AC power cord and then remove the instrument cover. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures”, on page 341 in this manual.
2. Remove the Top Brace. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures”, on page 341 in this manual.
3. Turn the instrument on and allow enough time for it to completely boot-up.
4. Shine a bright light at the display and look closely for the expected information (a large flashlight should work). Since most of the display section of the screen has a black background you will need to look at either the area along the right side of the display where the menus are, or the area across the top of the screen, since these sections will have the largest areas of lighter information in them.
5. Can the expected display information now be seen?

If yes:

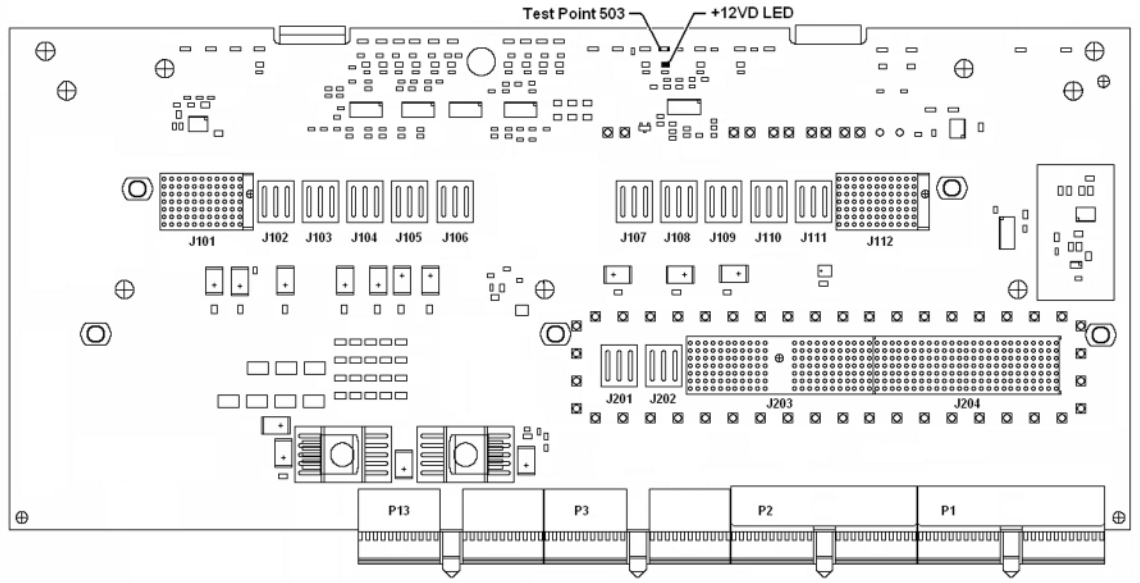
The problem is backlight related. Proceed to step 6.

If not:

The problem is not backlight related. Skip to “Verify Video Signal Path Integrity”.

6. Referring to Figure 2-8, verify that the red +12VD LED is off.

Figure 2-8 A7 Midplane Board +12VD LED/Test Point 503



Is the red +12VD backlight supply voltage fault LED off?

If yes:

Proceed to step 7.

If not:

Replace the A6 Power Supply assembly.

7. With the instrument turned off remove the screws that attach the front panel assembly to the instrument chassis.
8. Without disconnecting any of the cables carefully lay the front panel assembly face down on the work surface.
9. Referring to Figure 2-9, verify the 3 voltage levels listed in Table 2-2 are correct.

NOTE

The instrument does have a screen saver which can disable the display backlight after a predefined period of time. If there is any question as to whether or not this has been set by the user prior to the current failure, and the “Inverter Enable” voltage measures too low, press a front panel key and see if the voltage level increases to the expected level.

Figure 2-9 A1A2 Front Panel Interface Board LCD Backlight Inverter Control Voltages

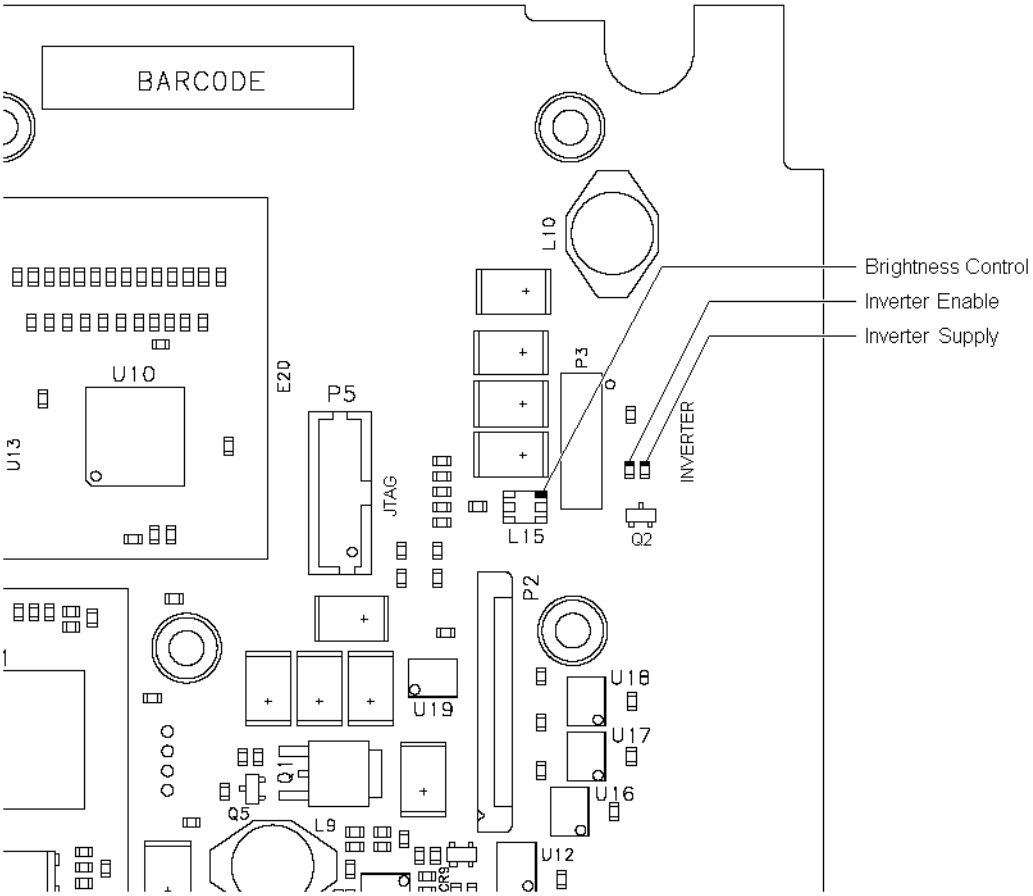


Table 2-2 Expected Backlight Inverter Control Voltage Levels

Signal	Expected Voltage
Brightness Control	0 to 3 VDC
Inverter Enable	>6 VDC
Inverter Supply	+12 VDC

10. Are all of the 3 voltage levels within their expected ranges?

If yes:

Replace the A1A4 LCD Inverter board.

If not:

Replace the A1A2 Front Panel Interface board.

Verify Video Signal Path Integrity

The video controller is located on the A4 Processor assembly and is routed to the front panel LCD through a few interconnections. These interconnections are:

- A4 Processor assembly to A7 Midplane Board
- A7 Midplane Board to A8 Motherboard assembly
- A8 Motherboard assembly to A1A2 Front Panel Interface assembly via W1 ribbon cable
- A1A2 Front Panel Interface to A1A3 LCD via A1W1 flex-circuit

If all of these connections are properly made and none of the cables are damaged proceed to "Video Controller / LCD Troubleshooting".

Video Controller / LCD Troubleshooting

The video controller is located on the A4 Processor assembly. The video signals that the controller outputs are LVDS. As described above, these signals are routed to the LCD via the A7 Midplane Board, A8 Motherboard, and A1A2 Front Panel Interface board.

On the A1A2 Front Panel Interface board the LVDS signals are buffered and then sent to the LCD via the A1W1 Flex circuit.

The most likely cause for a video problem is the A4 Processor assembly; however it could be the result of a defective LCD.

Initializations Did Not Complete

During the initialization of the MXA Signal Analyzer Application the following messages will be displayed on the application splash screen:

- Checking for required services (1 of 7)
- Initializing License Services (2 of 7)
- Initializing Hardware (3 of 7)
- Initializing Data Services (4 of 7)
- Initializing SCPI Services (5 of 7)
- Initializing Message Services (6 of 7)
- Initializing Front Panel EEPROM Services (7 of 7)

If there is a problem with any of these initializations not completing or causing an error message to be displayed refer to the instrument Event Log. This can be accessed by using an external USB keyboard and mouse and selecting Start, Run, enter Eventvwr.exe, and select OK.

Once the Event Viewer comes up, look under SA for the latest error entries. Double-click on the entries to view further details, which should give you some idea of what the problem is.

Fails an Initial Alignment

Troubleshooting Alignment Failures Using the Alignment History Screen

At instrument power on, an initial alignment is automatically performed. It is also possible to manually trigger an alignment by pressing **System**, **Alignments**, **Align Now**, **All**. The power on alignment performs a few more alignments than the manual Align Now All routine.

The number of alignments depends on the hardware options present in the signal analyzer.

Using an external USB keyboard and mouse, access the alignment history, which can be found in a text file at:

E:AlignDataStorage\AlignmentHistory.txt

You will find the most current alignment information at the bottom of this file. Look for the failed alignments. From the windows task bar you can click Edit, Find and type in FAILED and search for a failure.

Note that the information in the history file usually shows that multiple measurements are made for a given alignment routine, and measured values with upper and lower limits are given. For example, the Mechanical Attenuator Algorithm measures and displays all of the attenuator step values. In this case, you can view which steps fail, and by how much. Then based on the input attenuator drawing on the MXA RF Block Diagram, you can determine which attenuator steps are available on each of the two input attenuators. Then you can view the troubleshooting information for the Front End Controller or deduce from the attenuator steps that fail, which attenuator is faulty.

WARNING

Assure there is no 50 MHz signal above 0 dBm, or 1.1 GHz to 1.3 GHz signal above -13 dBm applied to the signal analyzer input when the alignment routine is performed. This can cause errors.

The description of the alignment and the alignment hardware dependencies are listed in Table 2-3.

Table 2-3 Initial Alignments

Alignment Description	Most Probable Hardware Failure	Related Hardware
Main Loop YTO Pretune DAC	A14 Synthesizer	A16 Reference board is not providing correct 100 MHz or 4.8 GHz signals. A20 YTO output power low.
Offset Loop VCO Pretune Alignment	A14 Synthesizer	A16 Reference board is not providing correct 100 MHz or 4.8 GHz signals
VCXO Loop Bandwidth Adjusts gain of the PLL loop amplifier. Uses the 10 MHz internal reference	A16 Reference	
Ext Mix LO Alignment Algorithm	A13 Front End Assy	A15 Front End Controller
Aif255AdcDspAlignmentAlgorithm	A25 Wide Band Analog IF or A26 Wideband Digital IF.	
Dither Level Algorithm	A3 Digital IF	
AIF LC Wide Prefilter Passband Tuning Algorithm Adjusts the LC prefilter centering with the prefilter BW set to about 1.12 MHz. Uses 322.5 MHz Comb Calibrator on the A-IF.	A2 Analog IF	
AIF LC Wide Prefilter Passband Fine Tuning Algorithm	A2 Analog IF	
AIF LC Narrow Prefilter Passband Tuning Algorithm Adjusts the LC prefilter centering with the prefilter BW set to about 413 kHz. Uses 322.5 MHz Comb Calibrator on the A-IF.	A2 Analog IF	
AIF LC Narrow Prefilter Passband Fine Tuning Algorithm	A2 Analog IF	
AIF Xtal Wide Prefilter Passband Tuning Algorithm Adjusts Centering, symmetry and dip of the crystal prefilter BW set to about 80 kHz Uses 322.5 MHz Comb Calibrator on the A-IF	A2 Analog IF	A3 Digital IF or A16 Reference
AIF Xtal Narrow Prefilter Passband Tuning Algorithm Adjusts Centering, symmetry and dip of the crystal prefilter BW set to about 13 kHz Uses 322.5 MHz Comb Calibrator on the A-IF	A2 Analog IF	

Table 2-3 Initial Alignments

Alignment Description	Most Probable Hardware Failure	Related Hardware
AIF Variable Gain Algorithm The Gain of the Analog IF System is measured and compared with the ideal gain value. Several conditions are tested, Dither on/ dither off, A-IF prefilter in and bypassed, alias filter set wide and narrow. Uses 322.5 MHz Comb Calibrator on the A-IF	A2 Analog IF	
AIF Step Gain Algorithm Measures the relative gain of the IF for high gain (10 dB) verses the low gain (0 dB) paths. In normal instrument operation these two states can be controlled by the user interface key called “Swept IF Gain”. Uses the Comb calibrator on the A-IF	A2 Analog IF	
ChirpRbwAlignment Measures the deviation of the Swept SA's resolution bandwidths from the ideal Gaussian shape and creates an equalizing input filter	A2 Analog IF	A2 Analog IF A16 Reference A13 Front End
LO Power Alignment Algorithm Measure max LO power then backs off for each band	A13 Front End Assembly or A15 Front End Controller	
AIF Variable Attenuator Algorithm Measures the gain in all settings of the A-IF 1 dB step attenuator. A reference power is measured with atten 4 dB The Comb calibrator on A-IF is used to provide a CW signal.	A2 Analog IF	
Mechanical Attenuator Algorithm Measures the attenuation of all DC coupled, and one AC coupled (10 dB) settings of the RF input attenuators. Reference atten setting is 10 dB	A9 and A10 RF Input Attenuators	50 MHz calibrator on A16 Reference
Electrical Attenuator Algorithm Each setting from 0 to 24 dB in steps of 1 dB is measured. The reference condition is electrical attenuator set to 0 dB and RF input attenuators set to 10 dB. (Option EA3)	A13 Front End	50 MHz calibrator on A16 Reference. Control signals from A15 Front End Controller
Electrical Attenuator Tail Algorithm Attenuation set to 0 dB (Option EA3)	A13 Front End	

Table 2-3 Initial Alignments

Alignment Description	Most Probable Hardware Failure	Related Hardware
Narrowband Step Cal Adjustment Alignment Algorithm	Alignment signal originates on A3 D-IF, then goes through A16 Reference through the input attenuators, through A13 Front End, through A2 Analog IF, and back to A3 Digital IF. If Option B1X present, A25 WB A-IF switches calibrator signal to A16 Reference.	
Narrowband Step Cal Alignment Algorithm	A16 Reference A9/A10 Attenuators	
DIF 40 Step Cal Adjustment Alignment Algorithm	Since this is wide band alignment done for 40 MHz BW signal path, A2 Analog IF is not included in the signal path.	A3 Digital IF
DIF 40 Step Cal Alignment Algorithm	See the DIF 40 Step Cal Adjustment Alignment	
DIF 40 Variable Attenuator Algorithm Ref power at atten 21 dB	A3 Digital IF	
AIF 255 Variable Attenuator Alignment Algorithm	A25 Wideband Analog IF	Uses 50 MHz calibrator
AIF 510 Variable Attenuator Alignment Algorithm	A25 Wideband Analog IF	Uses 50 MHz calibrator
AIF 255 RF Band 0 Chirp Cal Adjustment Algorithm	Could be interfering external signal or residual. Assure there is no signal at the RF input A25 Wideband Analog IF	Low band path < 3.6 GHz uses internal 1.2 GHz calibrator.
AIF 255 RF Band 0 Chirp Cal Alignment Algorithm	Could be interfering external signal or residual. Assure there is no signal at the RF input A25 Wideband Analog IF	Low band path < 3.6 GHz uses internal 1.2 GHz calibrator.
AIF 500 RF Band 0 Chirp Cal Adjustment Algorithm	Could be interfering external signal or residual. Assure there is no signal at the RF input A25 Wideband Analog IF	

Table 2-3 Initial Alignments

Alignment Description	Most Probable Hardware Failure	Related Hardware
AIF 500 RF Band 0 Chirp Cal Alignment Algorithm	Could be interfering external signal or residual. Assure there is no signal at the RF input A25 Wideband Analog IF	
AIF 500 Phase Alignment Algorithm		
AIF 255 UW Band 1 Chirp Cal Adjustment Algorithm		High band path uses 4.8 GHz calibrator signal.
AIF 255 UW Band 1 Chirp Cal Alignment Algorithm		
AIF 500 UW Band 1 Chirp Cal Adjustment Algorithm		High band path uses 4.8 GHz calibrator signal.
AIF 500 UW Band 1 Chirp Cal Alignment Algorithm		
E Cal Path System Gain Algorithm Measures the amplitude error of the low band signal path by injecting the 50 MHz E-Cal signal into the A13 Front End assembly. The E-Cal signal originates on the A16 Reference assembly.	Signal path from A13 Front End to A3 Digital IF	A16 Reference may not be providing 50 MHz E-Cal
Low Band Nominal Path System Gain Algorithm Aligns low band (3 Hz to 3.6 GHz path) with preamp and electronic attenuator OFF. Dependent on successful E-Cal alignment. Input attenuators set to 10 dB and DC coupled.	A13 Front End	50 MHz calibrator on A16 Reference. A9 and A10 Input attenuators
Low Band Preamp Path System Gain Algorithm Aligns low band (3 Hz to 3.6 GHz path) with preamp ON. Input attenuator set to 20 dB. (Options P08, P13, P26, P32, P44, P50)	A13 Front End	50 MHz calibrator on A16 Reference. A9 and A10 Input attenuators
Low Band Elec Atten Path System Gain Algorithm Aligns low band with electronic attenuator in the signal path and set to 0 dB. (Option EA3)	A13 Front End	50 MHz calibrator on A16 Reference. A9 and A10 Input attenuators
Preselector Two Point Tuning Algorithm Aligns the YTF preselector centering near the maximum and minimum frequency points of the YTF. Uses the high band preamp noise as stimulus signal.	A12 YTF Preselector or A15 Front End Controller or All Low Band	A13 Front End

Table 2-3 Initial Alignments

Alignment Description	Most Probable Hardware Failure	Related Hardware
High Band Nominal Path System Gain Algorithm	Anything in Band 1 signal path	4800 MHz calibrator on A16 Reference
High Band Preamp Path System Gain Algorithm Measures change in signal level with high band preamp turned ON and OFF. Input attenuator set to 30 dB. (Options P08, P13, P26, P43, P44, P50)	A11 Low Band Switch	4800 MHz calibrator on A16 Reference A9 and A10 Input attenuators A15 Front End Controller
High Band Preselector Bypass Path System Gain Algorithm A12 YTF Preselector is bypassed and amplitude of 4800 MHz calibrator measured. System gain is then computed. (Option MPB)	SW 1 and SW 2, coax switches and cabling	A15 Front End Controller 4800 MHz calibrator on A16 Reference A9 and A10 Input attenuators
High Band Preselector Bypass Preamp Path System Gain Algorithm (Option MPB)	A11 Low Band Switch Preselector Bypass Switch(s)	
Burst Carrier Trigger Curve Fit Alignment Algorithm Detects the level of the signal envelope before filtering at the 22.5 MHz IF, and compares that detected level against the trigger threshold DC level.	A2 Analog IF	
DIF 25 Pulse Stretcher Alignment Algorithm	A3 Digital IF	
DIF 40 Pulse Stretcher Alignment Algorithm Adjusts time between trigger and clock signal.	A3 Digital IF	
WBDIF Pulse Stretcher Alignment Algorithm	A26 WBDIF	
Notes: NarrowBandIF is the standard 10 MHz IF or the 25 MHz path (B25) MediumBandIF is the 40 MHz IF path (B40) WideBandIF is the 255 MHz IF path (B2X) DualWideBandIF is the 510 MHz IF path (B5X)		

Using an external USB keyboard and mouse you can also access the alignment history, which can be found in a text file at:

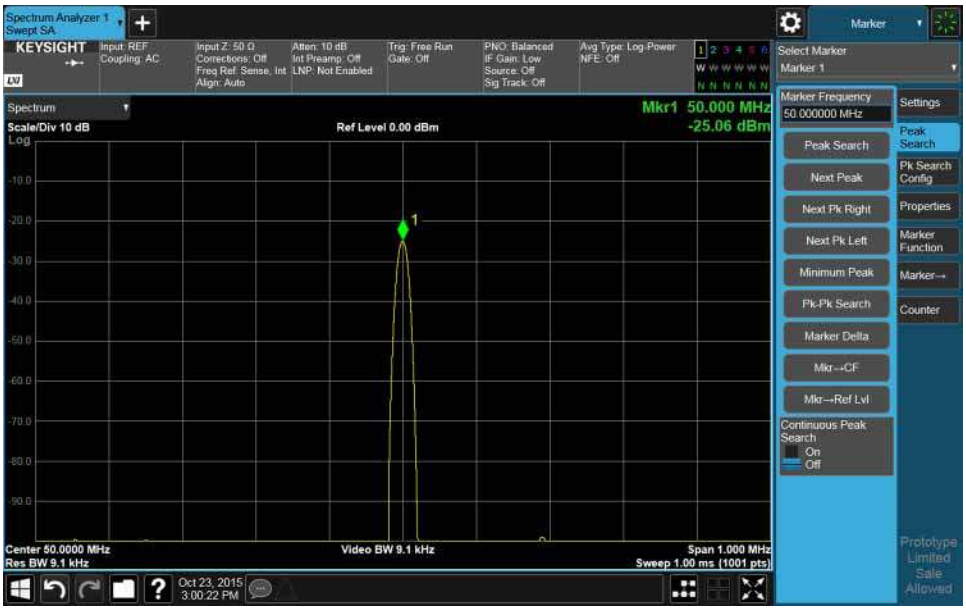
E:\AlignDataStorage\AlignmentHistory.txt

You will find the most current alignment information at the bottom of this file. Look for the failed alignments and troubleshoot the Related Hardware based on the information provided in Table 2-3.

Signal Level Verification

Signal Level Problem with Input Frequencies < 3.6 GHz

Measure the 50 MHz RF calibrator signal level by pressing **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz**. Now press **Freq**, **50 MHz**, **SPAN**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search**. If the analyzer is functioning correctly in low band, the 50 MHz calibrator level should be –25 dBm ± 2 dB. See the figure below.



Is the signal level correct?

If yes:

The analyzer low band path is functioning properly at least at 50 MHz.

If no:

Refer to Chapter 5, “RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)” in this manual.

NOTE

It is possible that other input frequencies < 3.6 GHz could have an amplitude problem even though the 50 MHz calibrator is within tolerance. Using the internal RF calibrator provides a quick check of the low band path.

Signal Level Problem with Input Frequencies > 3.6 GHz

Measure the 4.8 GHz RF calibrator signal level by pressing **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **4.8 GHz**. Now press **Freq**, **4.8 GHz**, **SPAN**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search**. If the analyzer is functioning correctly in high band, the 4.8 GHz calibrator level should be –28 dBm ± 2 dB. See the figure below.



Is the signal level correct?

If yes:

The analyzer high band path is functioning properly at least at 4.8 GHz.

If no:

Press **Amplitude**, **Y-Scale**, **Preselector Center** to manually center the preselector. Refer to Chapter 5, “RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)” in this manual.

NOTE

It is possible that other input frequencies > 3.6 GHz could have an amplitude problem even though the 4.8 GHz calibrator is within tolerance. Using the internal RF calibrator provides a quick check of the high band path.

3 Instrument Messages

Introduction

For the most current and comprehensive list of instrument messages refer to the following help file located on Keysight.com:

X-Series Multi-touch Signal Analyzers Instrument Messages Guide

The Error and Status messaging system of the Keysight Signal Analyzer reports events and conditions in a consistent fashion, as well as logging and reporting event history.

Event vs. Condition Messages

An Event is simply a message indicating that something has happened. Events are sub-divided according to their severity, into Error, Warning or Advisory categories. The sub-divisions are described in more detail in the section "Event and Condition Categories".

Event messages appear in the Message Line at the bottom left of the analyzer's display window.

A Condition is a state of the Analyzer, which is characterized by a Detection event and a Clearing event. Conditions may be Errors or Warnings.

Condition messages appear in the Status Panel at the bottom right of the analyzer's display screen.



Event and Condition Categories

The three categories of severity are described below, for both Events and Conditions.

Errors

Error messages appear when a requested operation has failed. (For example, “Detector not available”, “File not saved”.) Error messages are often generated during remote operation when an invalid programming command has been entered. (For example, “Undefined header”.)



Some errors are conditions rather than single events. They exist for a period of time, so they have associated “Detected” and “Cleared” events. (For example, “LO Unlocked” or “External reference out of range”)

Error messages appear in the Status Panel at the bottom of the display. A message remains until you press a key, or another message is displayed in its place.

Error messages are logged in the error queues. If the error is a condition, both the Detected and Cleared events are logged.

Warnings

Warning messages appear when a requested operation has completed successfully, but there are modifications and/or side effects. (For example, if you requested too high a stop frequency, then “Data out of range” is displayed and the analyzer sets itself to the highest available stop frequency.)



Some warnings are conditions rather than single events. They exist for a period of time, so they have a “Detected” event and a “Cleared” event. (For example, if you set the sweep time too fast for a measurement to meet the instrument specifications then the “Meas Uncal” message is displayed until you slow down the sweep time.)

Warning messages appear in the Status Panel at the bottom of the display. The message remains until you press a key, or another message is displayed in its place.

Warnings are logged in the error queues. If the warning is a condition, both the Detected and Cleared event messages are logged.

Advisories

Advisory messages tell the front panel user some useful information. (For example, “File saved successfully” or “Measuring the fundamental”.)



Advisory messages appear in the Status Panel at the bottom of the display. The message remains until you press a key, or another message is displayed in its place.

Advisory messages are not logged in the error queues.

Grayout messages are a special type of Advisory, which appear when you attempt to access a function that is not available. This could be a grayed out front panel key, or an inappropriate SCPI command. There are two types of grayout messages: Benign and Forced.

1. **Benign**: the requested function is not available because it does not make sense with the current instrument settings. Changing it does not affect the current measurement. (For example, setting the number of FFTs/Span when you are not in the FFT mode.)

   A benign grayout gives an Advisory type of message only when the front panel key is pressed.

   The requested function cannot be changed from the front panel, but it can be changed remotely.

2. **Forced**: the requested function is not available either because changing it would cause an invalid measurement, or because of hardware limitations, or because the selection conflicts with other settings. (For example, selecting the electrical attenuator when the frequency span includes frequencies above 3.6 GHz.)

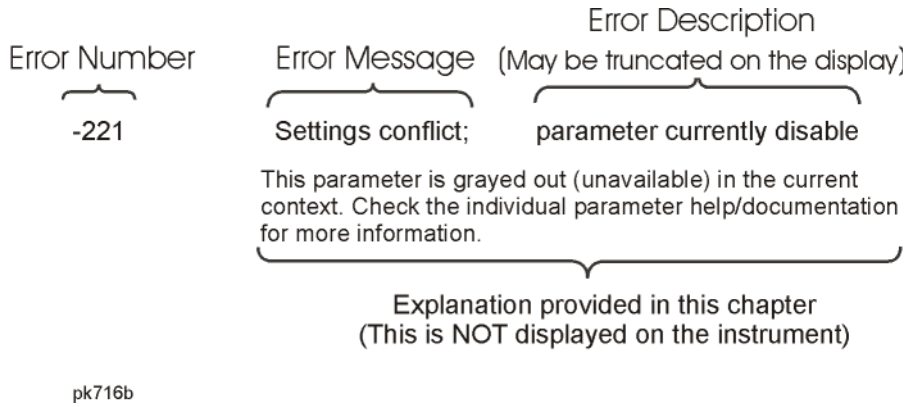
   A forced grayout function cannot be changed either from the front panel or remotely. It generates a special type of Advisory message. It also only appears on the front panel when the key is pressed. Remotely, the message will appear in the event queue as a warning “-221, Settings conflict; <conflict description>”.

Event Message Format

The event messages are listed in numerical order according to their message number. Advisory messages do not have numbers, and are listed in alphabetical order.

An explanation is included with each error to further clarify its meaning. Some errors are specified in industry standards and there are references to the IEEE Standard 488.2-1992, *IEEE Standard Codes, Formats, Protocols and Common Commands for Use with ANSI/IEEE Std 488.1-1987*. New York, NY, 1992.

Figure 3-1 Error Message Example



Event Queues

There are several different event queues that are viewed/queried and managed separately. Note that Conditions are logged in the queues as pairs of events: a "Detected" event and a corresponding "Cleared" event.

Front Panel Status

Error messages can be viewed by pressing, **System**, **Show Errors, Status**. The Status screen shows error conditions that currently exist. When an error event is caused by a command sent over a remote interface, the resulting messages are logged in the queue for that interface. For convenience, they are also logged in the front panel queue.

Front Panel History

Error messages can be viewed by pressing, **System**, **Show Errors, History**. The History screen shows all the error events that have occurred since the instrument was turned on, with a maximum of 100 messages. When an error situation is caused by a command sent over a remote interface, the resulting messages are logged in the queue for that interface. For convenience, they are also logged in the front panel queue.

Remote interfaces (GPIB/LAN)

When an error event is caused by a command sent over a remote interface, the resulting messages are output to the queue for that interface. To return an error, you must query the queue for that interface. An error event that is caused by a front panel action is not reported to any remote interface queue. However, a status condition is usually caused by an internal event that is not related to a particular interface, so the Detected/Cleared events for status conditions are reported to all the error queues.

Table 3-1 Characteristics of the Event Queues

Characteristic	Front-Panel Status	Front-Panel History	Remote Interfaces (GPIB/LAN)
Capacity (maximum number of messages)	100	100	100
Overflow Handling	Circular (rotating). Drops oldest error as new error comes in.	Circular (rotating). Drops oldest error as new error comes in.	Linear, first-in/first-out. Replaces newest error with: `–350, Queue overflow`
Viewing Entries	Press: **System**, **Show Errors**, **Status**	Press: **System**, **Show Errors**, **History**	Send SCPI query to the desired interface. `SYSTem:ERRor?`
Clearing the Queue	Press: **System**, **Show Errors**, **Clear Error Queue** Clears the errors in all the queues.	Press: **System**, **Show Errors**, **Clear Error Queue** Clears the errors in all the queues.	Send `*CLS` command to the desired interface. Clears errors in the queue for this particular interface only.

Table 3-2 Summary of Event Reporting Modes

Event Type	SCPI Error Queues	Front Panel History Queue	Status Panel Display
Error Event	Logged	Logged	Displayed in Message Line
Warning Event	Logged	Logged	Displayed in Message Line
Advisory Event	Logged	Logged	Displayed in Message Line
Error Condition Detected	Logged	Logged	Displayed in Status Line
Error Condition Cleared	Logged		
Warning Condition Detected	Logged	Logged	Displayed in Status Line
Warning Condition Cleared	Logged		
Grayout Advisory (Benign)	Not logged	Logged	Displayed in Message Line
Grayout Advisory (Forced)	See note[a]	Logged	Displayed in Message Line

a. Not logged, unless the cause of the Advisory was remotely generated, in which case a Warning message, type –221, is logged.

4 RF Section Troubleshooting (Microwave Analyzers)

What You Will Find in This Chapter

The following information is found in this chapter:

1. Theory of operation of the RF section.
2. Isolating the cause of an hardware problem by verifying the functionality of assemblies in the RF section signal path.

NOTE Each section describes how the assembly works and gives information to help you troubleshoot the assembly. Each description covers the purpose of the assembly, describes the main components, and lists external connections to the assembly.

The following sections are found in this chapter:

RF Section Description on page 84

Quick Check to Verify the Low Band Signal Path on page 91

Troubleshooting a Low Band Problem on page 94

Quick Check to Verify High Band RF Path on page 99

Troubleshooting a High Band Problem on page 103

RF Section Description

This section covers only those optional frequency ranges listed below for the N9021B Signal Analyzer.

- Option 508, 8.4 GHz Frequency Range
- Option 513, 13.6 GHz Frequency Range
- Option 526, 26.5 GHz Frequency Range

The RF input signal can be routed through three different front end signal paths. These various paths are switched in and out based on where the signal analyzer center frequency is tuned.

1. Low band RF path is used when the input frequency is ≤ 3600 MHz
2. High band RF path #1 is used when the input frequency is > 3.6 GHz to 13.6 GHz
3. High band RF path #2 is used when the input frequency is > 13.6 GHz to 26.5 GHz

The RF section is designed to convert RF input signals to an intermediate frequency that is present at the RF output of the A13 Front End assembly. This intermediate frequency (IF) depends on installed options and the IF path selected. This chapter will assume the default operation in Spectrum Analyzer mode. Therefore the IF frequency will be 322.5 MHz.

Table 4-1

IF Path	IF	Mode
10 MHz (standard)	322.5 MHz	Spectrum Analyzer or IQ Analyzer
25 MHz (Option B25)	322.5 MHz	IQ Analyzer
40 MHz (Option B40)	250 MHz	IQ Analyzer
255 MHz (Option B2X)	750 MHz	IQ Analyzer
510 MHz (Option B5X)	877.148 MHz	IQ Analyzer

The RF section is comprised of the following major assemblies:

- A9 Input Attenuator A
- A10 Input Attenuator B
- A11 Low Band Switch Assembly
- A12 YTF Preselector
- A20 Yig Tuned Oscillator
- A13 RF Front End Assembly - shown on the block diagram as A13A1 and A13A2, however the entire A13 assembly must be replaced.
- A15 Front End Control Assembly
- Option MPB - Microwave Preselector Bypass

1. **RF input frequencies < 3600 MHz** route through the low band path. Refer to the RF Lowband Path Block Diagram in Chapter 13, "Block Diagrams," for details.

   The RF input signal level can be optimized by Input Attenuator A and/or Input Attenuator B. The low band switch assembly contains a limiter that offers added protection for the mixer, and routes the input signal to the low band input of the A13 RF Front End assembly. There are (3) different signal paths on the input of the RF Front End assembly that the signal can be routed through depending on installed options and front panel settings.

   - Electronic Attenuator path, 0-24 dB (Option EA3)
   - Low Band Preamplifier path, 20 dB nominal gain (Option P03)
   - Direct to Mixer #1

NOTE The RF input signal can route through the Electronic Attenuator section or the Preamplifier, but not both. All RF input frequencies < 3600 MHz go to Mixer #1.

The RF input signal is then mixed with the 1st LO from the A20 YTO assembly to a 1st intermediate frequency of 5122.5 MHz. Since the RF input signal is <3600 MHz for low band, this RF input signal is upconverted in Mixer #1 to the 1st IF. This 1st IF signal is then downconverted in Mixer #2 using the 4800 MHz 2nd LO generated on the A16 Reference assembly to a 2nd intermediate frequency of 322.5 MHz (5122.5 MHz (1st IF) – 4800 MHz (2nd LO)). The 2nd IF output is at A13A1J7. This signal path is used for all frequency range options when the RF input frequencies are < 3600 MHz. The control voltages and biasing for these assemblies come from the A15 Front End Control assembly.

2. **RF input frequencies from 3.6 GHz to 13.6 GHz** go through the high band path. Refer to the RF Highband Path #1 Block Diagram in Chapter 13, "Block Diagrams," for details.

   The input signal level can be optimized by Input Attenuator A and/or Input Attenuator B. The Low Band Switch assembly routes the signal through the A12 YTF Preselector. If one of the optional high band preamps is licensed, the signal can be routed through the preamp. The A15 Front End Controller provides switching signals.

   The Low Band Switch assembly performs the following tasks:

   - Provides a limiter that offers added protection for the mixer and optional preamp.
   - Contains the high band preamp.
   - Routes the input signal to the A12 YTF Preselector. If Option MPB is installed, the signal is routed through switches.

   The high band input switch in the Front End Assembly routes the RF input signal to Mixer #2, where it mixes with the LO and provides a 1st intermediate frequency of 322.5 MHz. The 322.5 MHz IF output is at A13A1J7. This is the signal path for Option 508, 8.4 GHz Frequency Range, Option 513, 13.6 GHz Frequency Range, and Option 526, 26.5 GHz Frequency Range (up to 13.6 GHz). The control voltages and biasing are provided by the A15 Front End Control Assembly.

3. **RF input frequencies from 13.6 GHz to 26.5 GHz** go through the high band path. Refer to the RF Highband Path #2 Block Diagram in Chapter 13, "Block Diagrams," for details.

   The signal path for 13.6 GHz to 26.5 Ghz operation is almost the same as the 3.6 GHz to 13.6 GHz path. The only difference is that Mixer #3 is used in this path. The LO is doubled at tuned frequencies above 17 GHz.

A9 Input Attenuator A

This assembly has two 2 dB attenuator sections, a DC block and a cal signal input port. With the DC block switched in (AC coupled mode), the low end minimum frequency range increases from 10 Hz to 10 MHz due to capacitive effects.

A10 Input Attenuator B

This assembly has a total of 66 dB of attenuation to control the signal level into the Low Band Switch assembly. There is a 6 dB, 10 dB, 20 dB, and 30 dB section in the A10 assembly. Total input attenuation with the A9 and the A10 combined is 70 dB in 2 dB steps.

A11 Low Band Switch

This assembly operates across the entire frequency range of the analyzer. The switch has 3 main functions:

- Switch RF input frequencies from 10 Hz to 3.59 GHz RF Output to A13 RF Front End Assembly.
- Switch input frequencies from 3.6 GHz to 26.5 GHz Microwave RF Output to A12, YTF Preselector.
- Contains optional high band preamplifier, which has a typical gain of 30 dB and a noise figure from 9 to 12 dB up to 18 GHz.

A12 YTF Preselector

The YTF Preselector is used for input frequencies greater than 3.6 GHz (greater than 3.4 GHz if the IF Path is set to 255 MHz or 510 MHz). Signals less than 3.6 GHz bypass the YTF assembly and are routed to the low band input of the A13 RF Front End Assembly. The YTF Preselector is a YIG tunable bandpass filter whose main purpose is to track the input signal and to filter out unwanted spurious or image response signals. The YTF Preselector has a 3 dB bandwidth greater than 40 MHz and an insertion loss of ~ 6.5 dB.

The preselector requires centering for optimum amplitude accuracy. The Auto Align routine will perform a rough centering during the preselector two point tuning algorithm. However, when troubleshooting, press **Amplitude**, **Preselector Center** to manually center the preselector.

A20 YTO Assembly

Provides the 1st LO signal that is required for the A13 RF Front End Assembly. The 1st LO has a frequency range from 3.80 to 8.73 GHz. The output power is +13 to +18 dBm. In order to maximize the conversion efficiency and avoid LO unlock, sufficient LO power must be supplied.

A13 RF Front End Assembly

This assembly consists of two circuit boards. A13A1 contains the major front end conversion components. A13A2 contains the switched filters and LO and IM nulling circuits. A13A1 and A13A2 are not separately replaceable. The entire A13 assembly must be replaced. See Figure 4-1.

Figure 4-1 A13 RF Front End Assembly View from Front Panel (serial prefix < MY/SG6416)

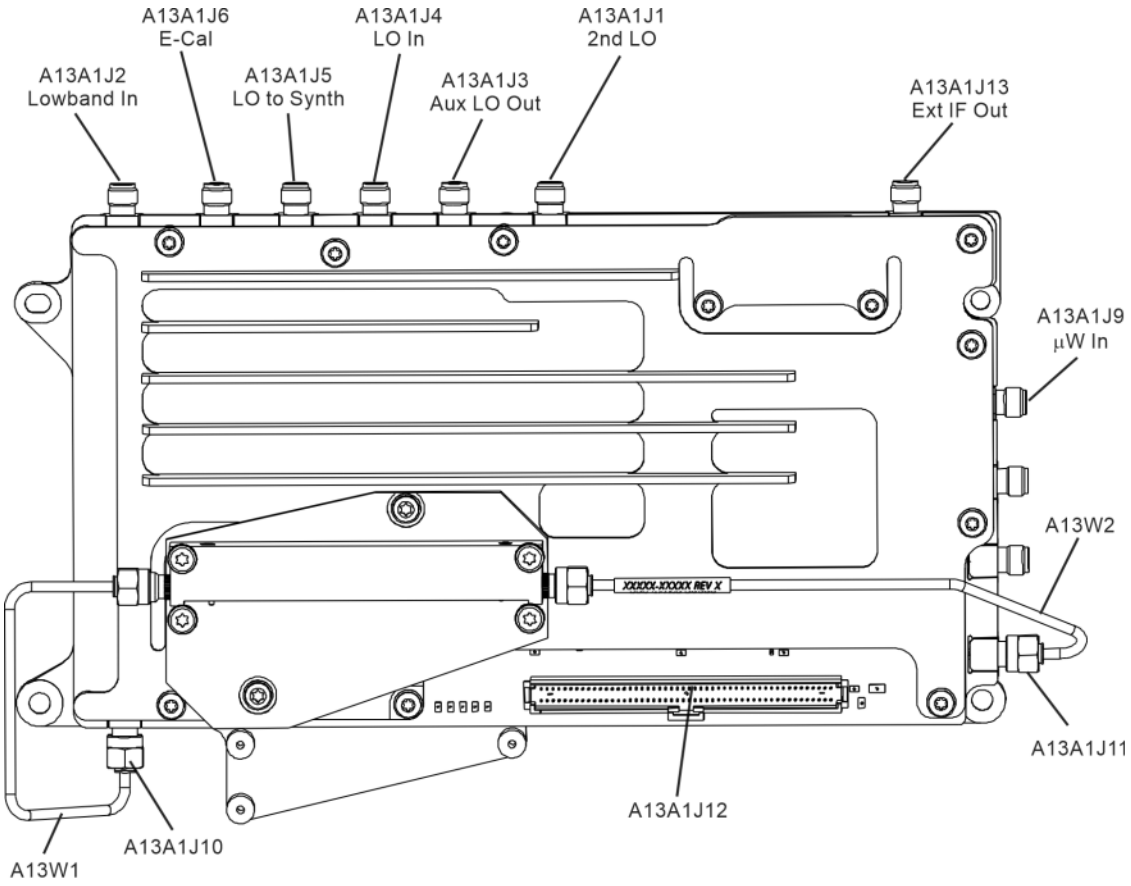
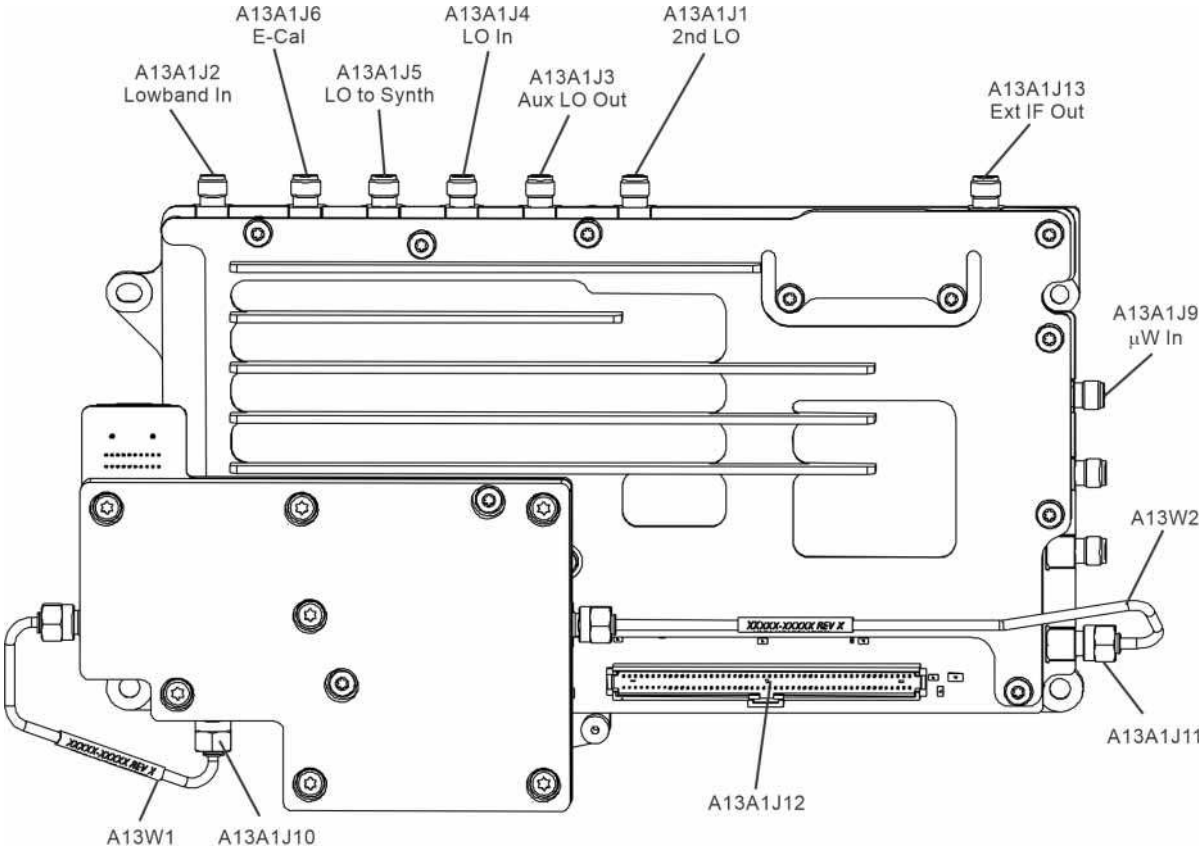


Figure 4-2 A13 RF Front End Assembly View from Front Panel (serial prefix >= MY/SG6416)



This assembly contains the following circuits:

- Input Low-pass filter (RF input signals < 3.6 GHz)
- Optional Low Band Electronic Attenuator (0-24 dB attenuation control)
- Optional Low Band Preamplifier and Limiter
- RF Mixer #1 (RF input signals < 3.6 GHz)
- 1st LO Sub-system (3.8 GHz to 8.7 GHz)
- 1st IF Amplifier (5122.5 MHz)
- Fixed IF Filter (A13FL1) provides wide BW band pass filter (low band) on earlier instruments.
- Switched Filters (A13A2) provides wide BW band pass filter (low band) on later instruments.
- Mixer #2 (RF input signals 3.6 GHz to 13.599 GHz)
- Microwave Input Amplifier
- Mixer #3 (RF input signals 13.6 GHz to 26.5 GHz)
- LO Doubler
- External Mixing Diplexer

A15 Front End Control Assembly

Provides the correct biasing and switch control logic to the following RF assemblies:

- Input Attenuator A
- Input Attenuator B
- Low Band Switch
- YTF Preselector (Input signals > 3.6 GHz)
- (Option MPB) Microwave Preselector Bypass
- Front End Assembly including switched filter
- (Optional) High Band Preamplifier
- (Optional) Low Band Preamplifier
- (Option EA3) Electronic Attenuator (0-24 dB)

NOTE

Refer to Chapter 6, "Front End Control Troubleshooting." for detailed descriptions & troubleshooting procedures.

Troubleshooting

Quick Check to Verify the Low Band Signal Path

The analyzer has an internal 50 MHz amplitude reference signal that is used to verify the low band path. This 50 MHz calibrator is used when the analyzer performs many of the internal alignment routines. Therefore, the functionality of the 50 MHz calibrator and low band path are critical to passing Align All Now. Refer to the RF Lowband Path Block Diagram (Options 508, 513, and 526) in Chapter 13, "Block Diagrams," for details. Reference the instrument settings box on the block diagram.

Equipment needed:

- Spectrum Analyzer with frequency range to 8 GHz
- Signal source with output power 0 dBm and frequency range to at least 3.6 GHz
- Power splitter, 11667B
- 2 each, quality SMA or 3.5 mm cables
- 90° SMA (m) to SMA (f) adapter
- MMCX (f) to SMA (f) cable
- SMA (f) to SMA (f) adapter
- SMA (m) to SMA (m) adapter

NOTE To perform the following checks, it will be necessary to remove the outer cover and the top brace. See Chapter 16, "Assembly Replacement Procedures." for removal procedures.

Turn the instrument on and allow it to complete its full boot up process to Spectrum Analyzer mode. Use the internal 50 MHz, –25 dBm calibrator signal as a reference for troubleshooting by pressing **Mode Preset**, **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz** on the analyzer. Now press **FREQ**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search**. The 50 MHz reference signal should measure 50 MHz @ –25 dBm ± 2 dB on the analyzer display. If the power level is within tolerance, the low band path is functioning correctly at 50 MHz. If the power level is incorrect, select the 4.8 GHz RF Calibrator and set the analyzer center frequency to 4.8 GHz. Since several of the same signal path components are shared between low band and high band, determining if the problem appears in both paths is helpful.

To verify the high band path go to "Quick Check to Verify High Band RF Path" on page 99.

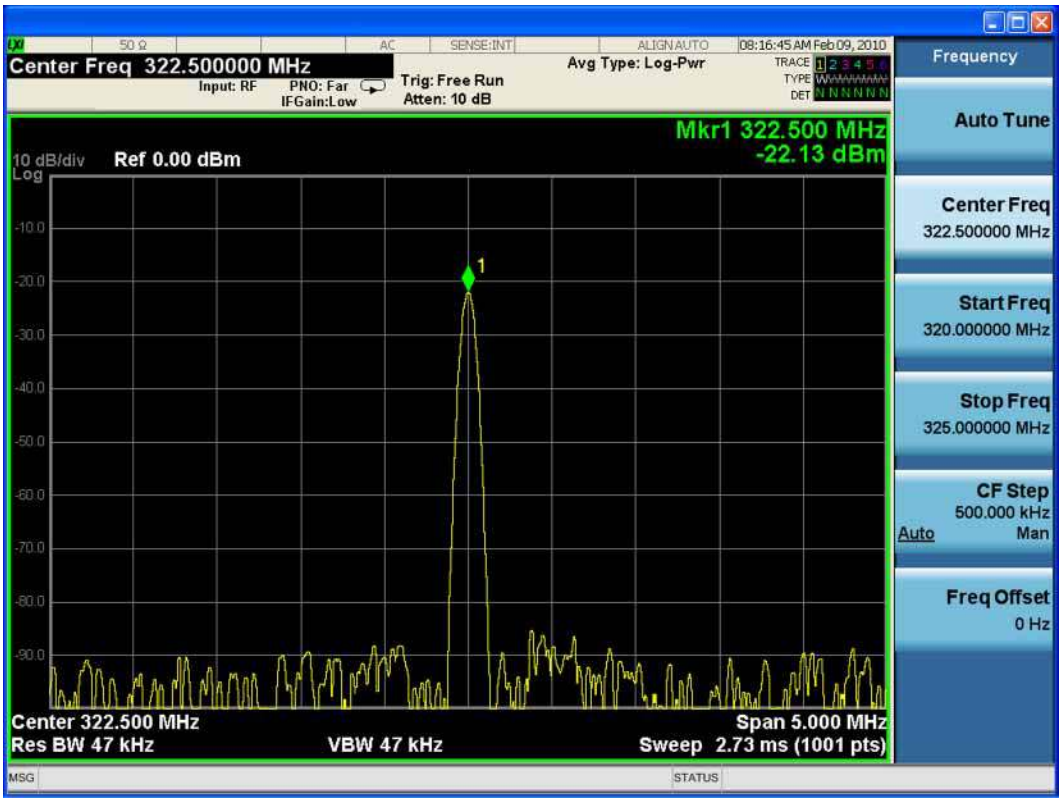
If the power level is not within tolerance, press **FREQ, Span**, **Zero Span**, **AMPTD**, **Attenuation**, **10 dB**.

IMPORTANT Turn off auto align by pressing **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off**.

Disconnect the W16 cable from A13A1J7 on the Front End Assembly IF Out.See Figure 4-1.

Connect A13A1J7 output to a functioning spectrum analyzer and verify the 322.5 MHz intermediate frequency is measuring –22 dBm ± 3 dB using the same analyzer settings as in Figure 4-3.

Figure 4-3 322.5 MHz Intermediate Frequency



If this power level is correct the signal path from the A9 50 MHz Reference signal input port to A13A1J7, IF Output is operating correctly using a 50 MHz input calibrator signal. Reconnect the W16 cable to A13A1J7.

NOTE Flatness issues or power level problems at other input frequencies below 3600 MHz may exist. This type of problem can be diagnosed using an external source to verify performance.

If this power level is incorrect, the following assemblies need to be verified using the 50 MHz internal calibrator signal. Be sure the 50 MHz calibrator is turned on. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz** when verifying the performance.

1. A11 Low Band Switch
2. A10 Input Attenuator B
3. A9 Input Attenuator A
4. A16 Reference Assembly (50 MHz calibrator, 2nd LO)
5. A20 YTO
6. A13 RF Front End Assembly

NOTE

In order to gain access to the front end components, remove the front frame assembly, but leave the ribbon cable connected so you can still control the instrument. Remove the right side chassis. Refer to the removal procedures in Chapter 16, "Assembly Replacement Procedures.".

Troubleshooting a Low Band Problem

Refer to the RF Lowband Path Block Diagram in Chapter 13 and follow the instructions in the settings box. To enable the internal 50 MHz, –25 dBm calibrator signal press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz**.

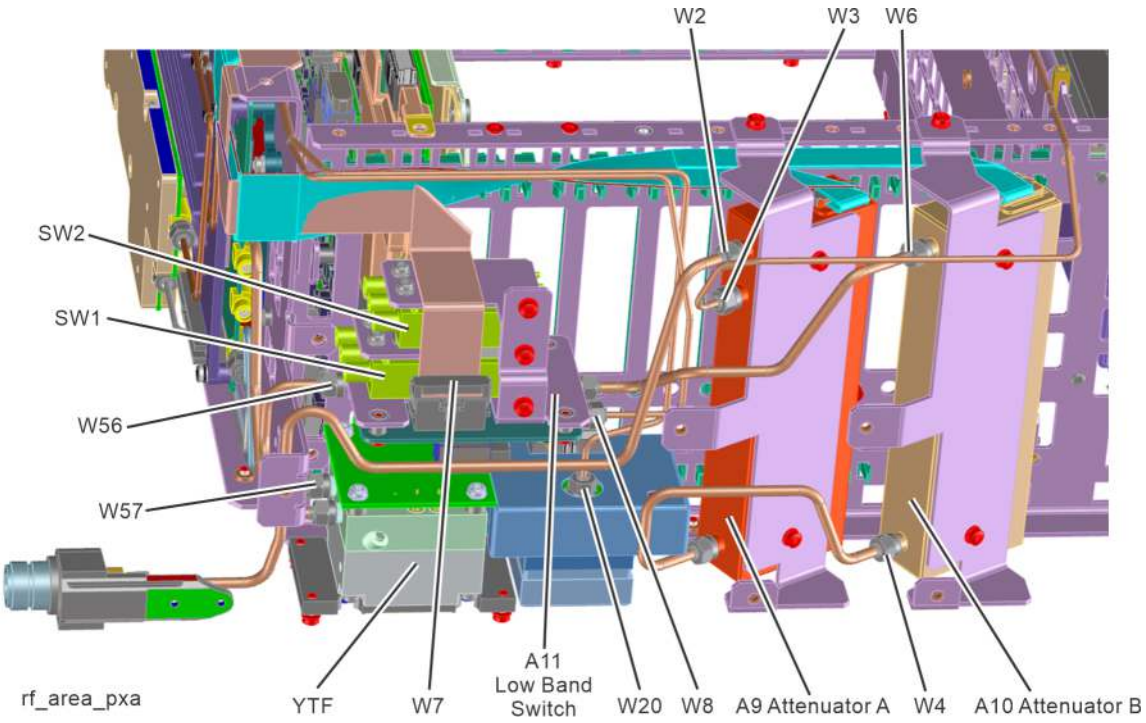
The Low Band signal path (sometimes referred to as Band 0) is used for all signals less than 3.6 GHz when the analyzer is used in normal operation. If the stop frequency is set to 3.6 GHz, the analyzer displays only the Low Band signal path. If the analyzer stop frequency is set above 3.6 GHz and the start frequency is set below 3.6 GHz, the analyzer will sweep up to 3.6 GHz in low band and then automatically switch to the high band path above 3.6 GHz.

A11 Low Band Switch Verification

Disconnect W8 from A13A1J2. See Figure 4-4 for location of connector. Attach a right angle sma adapter to W8 and measure the output of the Low Band Switch with a spectrum analyzer. Expected signal is 50 MHz at –35.3 dBm since the Low Band Switch has a few tenths of a dB loss.

If the signal level is incorrect, remove A10 Input Attenuator B output cable and measure the output power. Expected signal is 50 MHz at –35 dBm. See Figure 4-4 for location of attenuator. If the attenuator output signal is correct but the Low Band output at W8 is incorrect, suspect the A11 Low Band Switch, the interconnect cables, or the control signals. The control signals are explained in Chapter 6, “Front End Control Troubleshooting”, on page 205.

Figure 4-4 RF Section



A9 Input Attenuator and A10 Input Attenuator Verification

Calibrator Switch Test

On the A16 Reference assembly, disconnect semi rigid cable W3 from A16J701 and measure A16J701 with a spectrum analyzer. Expected signal is 50 MHz at –25 dBm ± 0.5 dB. If signal level is incorrect, suspect A16 Reference assembly is faulty, or the 50 MHz calibrator amplitude requires adjustment using the field calibration software.

To verify calibrator switch operation, connect external signal source set to 50 MHz and –25 dBm to the RF input connector of analyzer under test. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **Off**. If the signal level at the attenuator output is now correct, suspect the A9 Attenuator cal switch or a faulty control signal from the A15 Front End Controller assembly.

Attenuator Check

Set the signal source connected to the analyzer input port to 0 dBm. On the analyzer, press **Amplitude**, **Attenuation**, and change input attenuation to 0 dB. The measuring spectrum analyzer connected to A10 Attenuator output port should indicate a 0 dBm level.

Change the input attenuation on the analyzer under test to 2 dB. See the chart below for expected measurement values at the A10 Attenuator output port.

Analyzer Under Test Attenuator Setting (dB)	**Power at A10 Output Port**	**Input Attenuator Being Tested**
0	0 dBm (reference)	Both set to through path
2	–2	A9
4	–4	A9
6	–6	A10
8	–8	A9 set to 2 dB, A10 set to 6 dB
10	–10	A10
20	–20	A10
30	–30	A10
40	–40	A10
50	–50	A10
60	–60	A10
70	–70	A9 set to 4 dB, A10 set to 66 dB

Second LO Level Verification

The second LO signal comes from the A16 Reference Assembly and is only used in Low Band. The second LO signal can be measured on the Front End Assembly at A13A1J1 or the A16 Reference Assembly at A16J702. Expected signal is 4800 MHz at +10 dBm when a low loss test cable is used and with the measuring spectrum analyzer input attenuator set to at least 20 dB to prevent overload.

First LO Level Verification

The first LO is the A20 YTO assembly. The first LO is phased locked by the A14 Synthesizer assembly and controlled by tuning signals from the A15 Front End Controller.

To assure the first LO is tuned to the correct frequency and power, measure the A13 Front End assembly at A13A1J3 when the analyzer center frequency is 50 MHz. This test port is chosen because doing so will not cause the analyzer LO phase lock loop to unlock, which would affect the LO frequency measurement.

The LO signal should measure 5172.5 MHz at +10 dBm ± 3 dB.

If the signal level is incorrect, measure the signal coming from the A20 YTO at A13A1J4. In order to measure this signal and avoid an LO Unlock, you will need to install a power splitter at A13A1J4. Connect one output arm of the splitter to A13A1J4 using a sma (m) to sma (m) adapter. Connect the input of the splitter to W20 using the sma 90 degree adapter and short sma cable. Connect the measuring spectrum analyzer to the other output arm of the splitter. Add the loss through the splitter arm which is 6 dB for the Keysight 11667B splitter.

The signal should be 5172.5 MHz at +10 dBm ± 3 dB

When measuring A13A1J5, Synth Out, the splitter must also be used. The expected signal level is 5172.5 MHz at +10 dBm ± 3 dB

A13 Front End Assembly Verification

NOTE

The A13 Front End assembly is shown as either A13A1 and A13FL1 (older instruments), or A13A1 and A13A2 (newer instruments), for troubleshooting clarification. However, A13A1 and A13A2 are not separately replaceable, but A13FL1 is separately replaceable. If either A13A1 or A13A2 requires replacement, the entire A13 assembly must be replaced.

Many portions of the Front End Assembly have been verified earlier in the Low Band troubleshooting process outlined above.

The input signal level was measured on W8 as part of the A11 Low Band Switch verification.

The output signal level was measured at A13A1J7 during the quick check to verify the Low Band Signal Path.

The Second LO input was tested during the Second LO Verification.

The LO input at W20, and the LO outputs were tested when performing the First LO Verification.

It is possible to measure the A13W1 input cable to the Switched Filter or Fixed Filter where it connects to the filter and the output of the filter at A13W2 where it connects to A13A1J11. The A13A2 Switched Filter is not separately replaceable, but being able to determine where the signal level is faulty, can aid in verifying the faulty assembly. See the block diagram for signal levels

CAUTION

When measuring A13W1, the analyzer must be powered down and ribbon cable W28 on the Switched Filter removed to gain access to W48. Once the measuring spectrum analyzer is connected to A13W1, the W28 ribbon cable must be reinstalled, and only then can the analyzer be powered back up. The ribbon cable is fragile so it cannot be bent out of the way to access the cable, and should not be removed and installed with power applied.

Electronic Attenuator Test (Option EA3)

The electronic attenuator is aligned as part of the System Gain internal alignment process. See the description of the initial alignments and the location of the alignment history file in the Boot Up and Initialization Troubleshooting chapter. Viewing the Alignment History file will tell you if other alignment tests failed, and reveal which electronic attenuator steps failed.

To verify the electronic attenuator operation on instruments with Option EA3, set up the analyzer to view the 50 MHz calibrator signal on screen. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz**, **FREQ, Center Frequency**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **500 kHz**

Press **Peak Search** to place a marker on the calibrator signal, then press **Marker Delta**

Activate the electronic attenuator. Press **AMPTD**, **Attenuation**, **Enable Elec Atten**. Then press **Elec Atten**.

Press the up arrow key to step through all attenuator steps while monitoring the marker delta readout. The signal level should not change more than 0.4 dB as indicated by the marker delta readout.

If the attenuator switches slowly, or the signal is not present when the electronic attenuator is switched into the signal path or the signal appears only when the attenuator is switched on, suspect the control signals from the A15 Front End Controller are faulty or the A13 Front End assembly is faulty. If the attenuator switches, but the switching error between attenuator settings is greater than ± 0.4 dB, assure that any other internal alignment failures are resolved since the System Gain alignment must run before optimum performance is possible. Assure you have evaluated all causes before you replace the Front End assembly.

If you determine the problem is at a frequency other than 50 MHz, perform the low band flatness adjustment before replacing the Front End assembly.

Low Band Preamp (Option P08, P13, P26)

The Preamp is aligned as part of the System Gain internal alignment process. See the description of the initial alignments and the location of the alignment history file in Chapter 2, "Boot Up and Initialization Troubleshooting", on page 51. Viewing the Alignment History file will tell you if other alignment tests failed, and reveal pass or fail information for the preamp.

If any of the preamp options are installed, the Low Band preamp can be verified as follows:

Set up the analyzer to view the 50 MHz calibrator signal on screen

Press **AMPTD**, **Attenuation**, and verify that the Enable Elec Atten key is set to Off. It is not possible to turn on both the electronic attenuator and preamp at the same time.

Press **AMPTD**, **Signal Path**, **Internal Preamp**, **Low Band** to activate the preamp.

The expected operation is the signal level will not change more than ± 0.5 dB and the noise floor will increase due to the fact the input attenuator is automatically increased. If the amplitude error when switching the preamp on and off is greater than 0.5 dB, assure that any other internal alignment failures are resolved since the System Gain alignment must run before optimum performance is possible. Assure you have evaluated all causes including A15 Front End Controller switching problems, before you replace the Front End assembly.

If you determine the problem is at a frequency other than 50 MHz, perform the low band flatness adjustment before replacing the Front End assembly.

Low Band Mixing Equations

Low Band first mixer:

RF = LO – IF
IF = LO – RF
LO = IF + RF
where RF is the input signal at the signal analyzer

Low Band second mixer:

RF = LO + IF
IF = RF – LO
LO = RF – IF
where RF in this case is the first IF signal (signal at A13A1J11)

Quick Check to Verify High Band RF Path

Refer to the RF Highband Path #1 Block Diagram in Chapter 13.

The High Band signal path (sometimes referred to as Band 1-Band 4) is used for all signals 3.6 GHz and above. If the start frequency is set to 3.6 GHz and above, the analyzer displays only the High Band signal path. If the analyzer start frequency is below 3.6 GHz and the Stop frequency is set above 3.6 GHz, the analyzer will start sweeping in Low Band up to 3.6 GHz, and then automatically switch to the high band path above 3.6 GHz.

Equipment needed:

Spectrum Analyzer with frequency range to 14 GHz

Signal source with output power 0 dBm and frequency range to at least 26 GHz

Power splitter, 11667B

2 each, quality SMA or 3.5 mm cables

90° SMA (m) to SMA (f) adapter

MMCX (f) to SMA (f) cable

SMA (f) to SMA (f) adapter

SMA (m) to SMA (m) adapter

NOTE

To perform the following checks, it will be necessary to remove the outer cover and the top brace. See Chapter 16, "Assembly Replacement Procedures." for removal procedures.

Turn the instrument on and allow it to complete its full boot up process to Signal Analyzer mode. Use the internal 4.8 GHz, –28 dBm calibrator signal as a reference for troubleshooting by pressing **Mode Preset**, **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **4.8 GHz** on the analyzer. Now press **FREQ**, **4.8 GHz**, **Span**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search**.

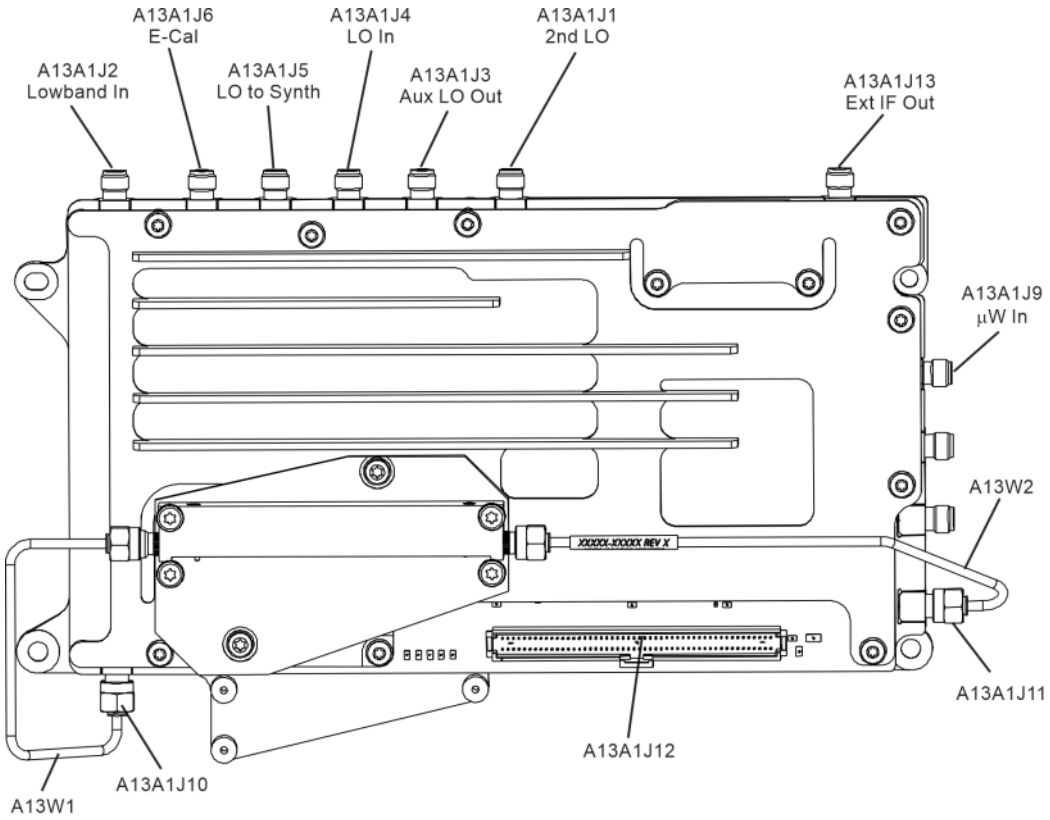
The 4.8 GHz reference signal should measure –28 dBm ± 2 dB on the analyzer display. If the power level is within tolerance, the 3.6 GHz to 13.6 GHz path is functioning correctly at 4.8 GHz.

If the power level is incorrect, select the 50 MHz RF calibrator and set the analyzer center frequency to 50 MHz. Since several of the same signal path components are shared between high band and low band, determining if the problem appears in both paths is helpful

IMPORTANT Turn off auto align by pressing **System, Alignments, Auto Align, Off.**

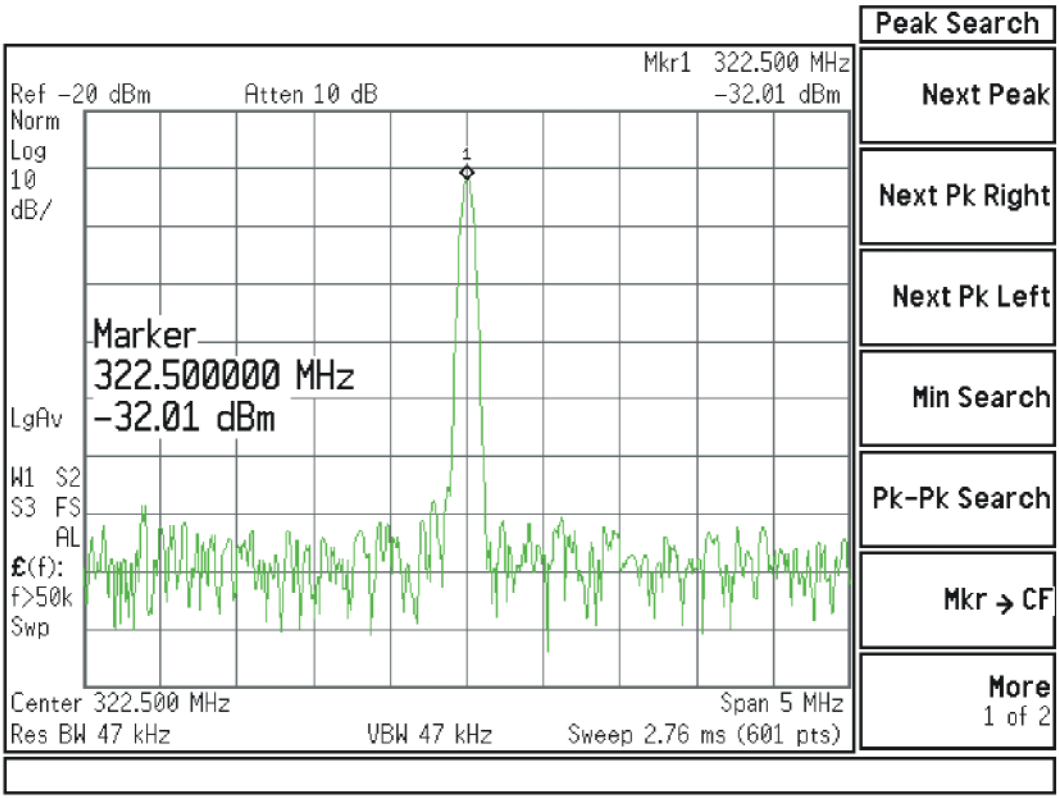
Disconnect cable W16 at A13A1J7, 322.5 MHz output on the Front End Assembly. See Figure 4-5. Select Span, 0 Hz.

Figure 4-5 A13A1J7 Location (Options 508, 513, and 526)



Connect A13J7 output to a functioning spectrum analyzer and verify the 322.5 MHz intermediate frequency is measuring –31 ± 4 dB as shown in Figure 4-6.

Figure 4-6 322.5 MHz Intermediate Frequency



If this power level is correct the Front End assembly is operating correctly in high band. If this power level is incorrect verify the following assemblies using the 4.8 GHz internal calibrator signal.

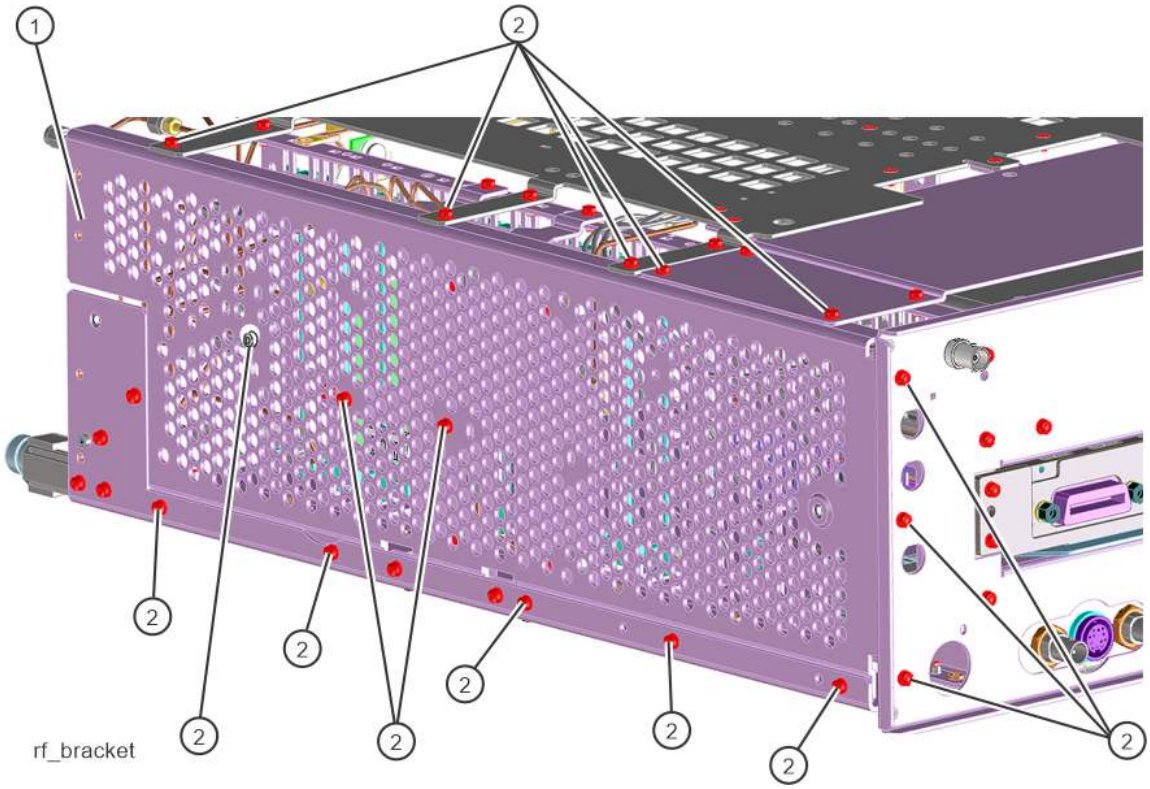
1. A11 Low Band Switch
2. A10 Input Attenuator B
3. A9 Input Attenuator A
4. A16 Reference Assembly (4.8 GHz calibrator)
5. A20 YTO
6. A12 YTF Preselector
7. A13 Front End Assembly

NOTE

High Band #2 signal path utilizes a high band mixer internal to the A13 Front End Assembly for input frequencies from 13.6 GHz to 26.5 GHz. Failures from 13.6 GHz – 26.5 GHz will most likely be caused by the A13 RF Front End Assembly. If the failure is amplitude related, proper adjustments such as frequency response and the YTF Preselector adjust should be performed first before changing the A13 RF Front End Assembly.

In order to gain access to the front end components, remove the side chassis **(1)** by removing the 16 screws **(2)**. See Figure 4-7.

Figure 4-7 Remove the Side Chassis



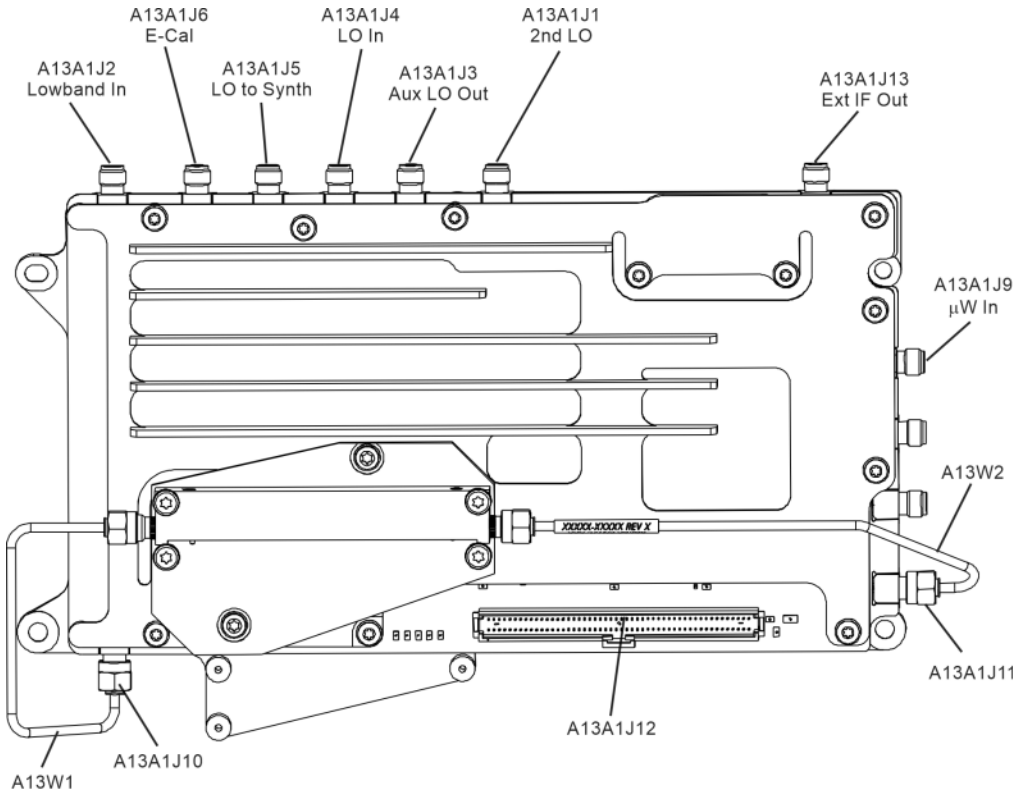
Troubleshooting a High Band Problem

Refer to the RF Highband Path #1 Block Diagram in Chapter 13 and follow the instructions in the settings box. To enable the internal 4.8 GHz, –28 dBm calibrator signal press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **4.8 GHz**.

A13 Front End Input Verification

Disconnect W15 from A13A1J9 See Figure 4-8 for location of connector. Loosen the other end of W15 if possible to avoid damaging the cable. Attach a right angle sma adapter to W15 and measure the input to the A13 Front End with a spectrum analyzer.

Figure 4-8 A13A1J9 Location



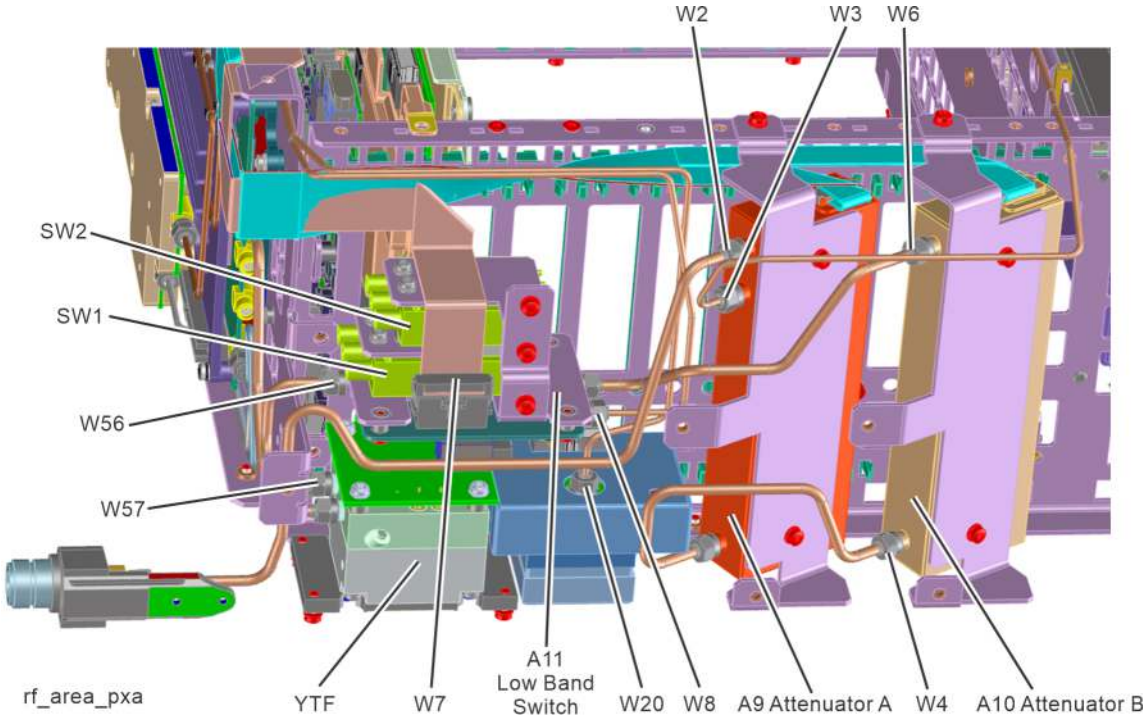
Expected signal is 4.8 GHz at –51 dBm ± 4 dB. The tolerance is large because the A12 YTF (microwave preselector) loss varies between devices, and the YTF may not be perfectly aligned, or the frequency response adjustment may be required.

If the signal level is incorrect, and Option MPB (Microwave Preselector Bypass) is installed, press **Amplitude**, **Signal Path**, **uWPath Control**, **uW Preselector Bypass**. If the signal level is now –51 dBm, suspect the A12 YTF is out of adjustment or faulty.

To perform the YTF alignment, reconnect W15 cable, and press **System**, **Alignments**, **Advanced**, **Characterize Preselector**. The routine may take several minutes to align the YTF. Display the 4.8 GHz calibrator signal on screen as explained in the quick check section. If the signal level is still incorrect, suspect all assemblies, cables, switches and the A16 Reference calibrator signal between the W15 cable and the input to the A9 Attenuator.

If Option MPB is not present, remove A10 Input Attenuator B output cable and measure the output power. Expected signal is 4.8 GHz –38 dBm. See Figure 4-9 for location of attenuator. If the attenuator output signal is correct suspect the A11 Low Band Switch, and if Option MPB is installed, suspect switches 1 and 2. Also suspect the switching signals from the A15 Front End controller. The control signals are explained in the Front End Control Troubleshooting section.

Figure 4-9 RF Section



A9 Input Attenuator A and A10 Input Attenuator B Verification

Calibrator Switch Test

On the A16 Reference assembly, disconnect semi rigid cable W3 from A16J701 and measure A16J701 with a spectrum analyzer. Expected signal is 4.8 GHz at –28 dBm ± 0.5 dB. If signal level is incorrect, suspect A16 Reference Assembly.

To verify calibrator switch operation, connect external signal source set to 4.8 GHz and –25 dBm to the RF input connector of analyzer under test. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **Off**. If the signal level at the attenuator output is now correct, suspect the A9 Attenuator cal switch or a faulty control signal from the A15 Front End Controller assembly.

Attenuation Check

Set the signal source connected to the analyzer input port to 0 dBm. On the analyzer, press **Amplitude**, **Attenuation**, and change input attenuation to 0 dB. The measuring spectrum analyzer connected to A10 Attenuator output port should indicate a 0 dBm level. Change the input attenuation on the analyzer under test to 2 dB.

See the chart below for expected measurement values at the A10 Attenuator output port.

Analyzer Under Test Attenuator Setting (dB)	Power at A10 Output Port	Input Attenuator Being Tested
0	0 dBm (reference)	Both set to through path
2	–2	A9
4	–4	A9
6	–6	A10
8	–8	A9 set to 2 dB, A10 set to 6 dB
10	–10	A10
20	–20	A10
30	–30	A10
40	–40	A10
50	–50	A10
60	–60	A10
70	–70	A9 set to 4 dB, A10 set to 66 dB

First LO Level Verification

The first LO is the A20 YTO assembly. The first LO is phased locked by the by the A14 Synthesizer assembly and controlled by tuning signals from the A15 Front End Controller.

To assure the first LO is tuned to the correct frequency and power, measure the A13 Front End assembly at A13A1J3 when the analyzer center frequency is 4.8 GHz. This test port is chosen because it will not cause the analyzer LO phase lock loop to unlock, which would affect the LO frequency measurement. The LO signal should measure 5122.5 MHz at +10 dBm ± 3 dB.

If the signal level is incorrect, measure the signal coming from the A20 YTO at A13A1J4. In order to measure this signal and avoid an LO Unlock, you will need to install a power splitter at A13A1J4. Connect one output arm of the splitter to A13A1J4 using a sma (m) to sma (m) adapter. Connect the input of the splitter to W20 using the sma 90 degree adapter and short sma cable. Connect the measuring spectrum analyzer to the other output arm of the splitter. Add the loss through the splitter arm which is 6 dB for the Keysight 11667B splitter. The signal should be 5122.5 MHz at +10 dBm ± 3 dB.

When measuring A13A1J5, Synth Out, the splitter must also be used. The expected signal level is 5122.5 MHz at +10 dBm ± 3 dB.

A13 Front End Assembly Verification

NOTE

The A13 Front End Assembly is shown as either the A13A1 and A13FL1 (older instruments) or A13A1 and A13A2 (newer instruments), for troubleshooting clarification. However, the A13A1 and A13A2 are not separately replaceable. The A13FL1 is separately replaceable. The entire A13 assembly includes both A13A1 and either A13A2 or A13FL1.

Many portions of the Front End Assembly have been verified earlier in the High Band troubleshooting process outlined above.

The input signal level was measured on W34 as part of the A13 Front End Input Verification.

The output signal level was measured at A13A1J7 during the quick check to verify the High Band signal path.

The LO input at W20, and the LO outputs were tested when performing the First LO Verification.

High Band Preamp (Option P08, P13, P26)

If a preamp option listed above is installed, the High Band preamp can be verified as follows:

View the 4.8 GHz calibrator signal on screen. Press **AMPTD**, **Signal Path**, **Internal Preamp**, **Full Range** to activate the preamp.The expected operation is the signal level will not change more than +/- 0.5 dB and the noise floor will increase due to the fact the input attenuation was automatically increased.

If the amplitude error when switching the preamp on and off is greater than 0.5 dB, assure that any other internal alignment failures are resolved since the System Gain alignment must run before optimum performance is possible. The amplitude error could be caused by poor frequency response, and performing the high band frequency response adjustment (using the calibration software) will adjust the preamp on, high band path. Assure you have evaluated all causes including A15 Front End Controller switching problems, before you replace the Front End assembly.

High Band Mixing Equations

For input signal frequencies from 3.6 GHz to 8.4 GHz and 13.6 GHz to 17 GHz:

RF = LO x N – IF
IF = LO x N – RF
LO x N = IF + RF
where RF is the input signal at the signal analyzer
where N is the harmonic mixing mode:
N = 1 for 3.5 GHz to 8.4 GHz
N = 2 for 13.5 GHz to 17 GHz

For input signal frequencies above 8.4 GHz to 13.6 GHz and 17 GHz to 26.5 GHz:

RF = LO x 2 x N – IF
IF = LO x 2 x N – RF
LO x 2 x N = RF + IF
where RF is the input signal at the signal analyzer
where N is the harmonic mixing mode:
N = 1 for 8.4 GHz to 13.6 GHz
N = 2 for 17 GHz to 26.5 GHz

Microwave Preselector Bypass (Option MPB)

Allows the YTF to be bypassed improving amplitude accuracy.

Assure start frequency is 3.6 GHz or greater. Press **AMPTD**, **Signal Path**, **uW Path Control**, **uW Preselector Bypass**.

When the bypass switches Switch 1 and Switch 2 change state you will hear a click. Depending on the signal source connected, you may see many “signals” appear on screen because without preselection, the analyzer will display image and multiple responses. The real input signal should not change amplitude when you switch the uW Preselector Bypass on and off.

5 RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)

What You Will Find in This Chapter

The following information is found in this chapter:

1. Theory of operation of the RF section.
2. Isolating the cause of an hardware problem by verifying the functionality of assemblies in the RF section signal path.

NOTE Each section describes how the assembly works and gives information to help you troubleshoot the assembly. Each description covers the purpose of the assembly, describes the main components, and lists external connections to the assembly.

The following sections are found in this chapter:

RF Section Description on page 110

Quick Check to Verify the Low Band Signal Path on page 117

Troubleshooting a Low Band Problem on page 120

Quick Check to Verify High Band RF Path on page 125

Troubleshooting a High Band Problem on page 129

RF Section Description

This section covers only those optional frequency ranges listed below for the N9021B Signal Analyzer.

- Option 532, 32 GHz Frequency Range
- Option 544, 44 GHz Frequency Range
- Option 550, 50 GHz Frequency Range

The RF input signal can be routed through four different front end signal paths. These various paths are switched in and out based on where the signal analyzer center frequency is tuned.

1. Low band RF path is used when the input frequency is ≤ 3600 MHz
2. High band RF path #1 is used when the input frequency is > 3.6 GHz to 17.1 GHz
3. High band RF path #2 is used when the input frequency is > 17 GHz to 34.5 GHz
4. High band RF Path #3 is used when the input frequency is > 34.4 GHz to 50 GHz

The RF section is designed to convert RF input signals to an intermediate frequency that is present at the RF output of the A13 Front End assembly. This intermediate frequency (IF) depends on installed options and the IF path selected. This chapter will assume the default operation in Spectrum Analyzer mode. Therefore the IF frequency will be 322.5 MHz.

IF Path	IF	Mode
10 MHz	322.5 MHz	Spectrum Analyzer or IQ Analyzer
25 MHz	322.5 MHz	IQ Analyzer
40 MHz	250 MHz	IQ Analyzer
255 MHz (Option B2X)	750 MHz	IQ Analyzer
510 MHz (Option B5X)	877.148 MHz	IQ Analyzer

The RF section is comprised of the following major assemblies:

- A9 Input Attenuator A
- A10 Input Attenuator B
- A11 Low Band Switch Assembly
- A12 YTF Preselector
- A20 YIG Tuned Oscillator
- A13 RF Front End Assembly - shown on the block diagram as A13A1 and A13FL1 (older instruments), or A13A1 and A13A2 (newer instruments). However, the replacement A13 assembly includes both A13A1 and either A13FL1 or A13A2, as appropriate.
- A15 Front End Control Assembly
- Option MPB - Microwave Preselector Bypass

1. **RF input frequencies < 3600 MHz** route through the low band path. Refer to the Lowband Path of the MXA RF Block Diagram (Options 532, 544, 550) in Chapter 13 for details.

   The RF input signal level can be optimized by Input Attenuator A and/or Input Attenuator B. The low band switch assembly contains a limiter that offers added protection for the mixer, and routes the input signal to the low band input of the A13 RF Front End assembly. There are (3) different signal paths on the input of the RF Front End assembly that the signal can be routed through depending on installed options and front panel settings.

   - Electronic Attenuator path, 0-24 dB (Option EA3)
   - Low Band Preamplifier path, 20 dB nominal gain (Any preamp option)
   - Direct to Mixer #1

NOTE The RF input signal can route through the Electronic Attenuator section or the Preamplifier, but not both. All RF input frequencies < 3600 MHz go to Mixer #1.

The RF input signal is then mixed with the 1st LO from the A20 YTO assembly to a 1st intermediate frequency of 5122.5 MHz. Since the RF input signal is <3600 MHz for low band, this RF input signal is upconverted in Mixer #1 to the 1st IF. This 1st IF signal is then downconverted in Mixer #2 using the 4800 MHz 2nd LO generated on the A16 Reference assembly to a 2nd intermediate frequency of 322.5 MHz (5122.5 MHz (1st IF) – 4800 MHz (2nd LO)). The 2nd IF output is at A13A1J7. This signal path is used for all frequency range options when the RF input frequencies are < 3600 MHz. The control voltages and biasing for these assemblies come from the A15 Front End Control assembly.

2. **RF input frequencies from 3.6 GHz to 17.1 GHz** go through the high band path. Refer to the Highband Path #1 of the MXA RF Block Diagram (Options 532, 544, 550) in Chapter 13 for details.

   The input signal level can be optimized by Input Attenuator A and/or Input Attenuator B. The Low Band Switch assembly routes the signal through the A12 YTF Preselector. If one of the optional high band preamps is licensed, the signal can be routed through the preamp. The A15 Front End Controller provides switching signals.

   The Low Band Switch assembly performs the following tasks:

   - Provides a limiter that offers added protection for the mixer and optional preamp.
   - Contains the high band preamp.
   - Routes the input signal to either the low band input of the A13 Front End assembly or to the A12 YTF Preselector. If Option MPB is installed, the signal is routed through switches.

   The high band input switch in the Front End Assembly routes the RF input signal to Mixer #2, where it mixes with the LO and provides a 1st intermediate frequency of 322.5 MHz. The 322.5 MHz IF output is at A13A1J7. The control voltages and biasing are provided by the A15 Front End Control Assembly. The LO is doubled for tuned frequencies > 8.4 GHz in this path.

3. **RF input frequencies from 17.1 GHz to 34.5 GHz** go through the high band path. Refer to the Highband Path #2 of the MXA RF Block Diagram (Options 532, 544, 550) in Chapter 13 for details.

   The signal path for 17.1 GHz to 34.5 GHz operation is almost the same as the 3.6 GHz to 17.1 GHz path. The only difference is that Mixer #3 is used in this path. The LO is doubled for all tuned frequencies in this path.

4. **RF input frequencies from 34.5 GHz to 50 GHz** go through the high band path. Refer to the Highband Path #3 of the MXA RF Block Diagram (Options 532, 544, 550) in Chapter 13 for details.

   The signal path for 34.5 GHz to 50 GHz operation is almost the same as the 3.6 GHz to 17.1 GHz path. The only difference is that Mixer #4 is used in this path. The LO is doubled for all tuned frequencies in this path.

A9 Input Attenuator A

This assembly has two 2 dB attenuator sections, a 6 dB attenuator section, and a cal signal input port.

A10 Input Attenuator B

This assembly has a total of 60 dB of attenuation to control the signal level into the Low Band Switch assembly. There is a 10 dB, 20 dB, and 30 dB section in the A10 assembly. Total input attenuation with the A9 and the A10 combined is 70 dB in 2 dB steps.

A11 Low Band Switch

This assembly operates across the entire frequency range of the analyzer. The switch has 3 main functions:

- Switch RF input frequencies from 20 Hz to 3.59 GHz RF Output to A13 RF Front End Assembly.
- Switch input frequencies from 3.6 GHz to 50 GHz Millimeter-Wave RF Output to A12, YTF Preselector.
- Contains optional high band preamplifier, which has a typical gain of 35 dB to 40 dB and a noise figure from 9 to 23 dB up to 50 GHz.

A12 YTF Preselector

The YTF Preselector is used for input frequencies greater than 3.6 GHz (greater than 3.4 GHz if the IF Path is set to 255 MHz or 510 MHz). Signals less than 3.6 GHz bypass the YTF assembly and are routed to the low band input of the A13 RF Front End Assembly. The YTF Preselector is a YIG tunable bandpass filter whose main purpose is to track the input signal and to filter out unwanted spurious or image response signals. The YTF Preselector has a 3 dB bandwidth greater than 40 MHz and an insertion loss of ~ 6.5 dB.

The preselector requires centering for optimum amplitude accuracy. The Auto Align routine will perform a rough centering during the preselector two point tuning algorithm. However, when troubleshooting, press **Amplitude**, **Preselector Center** to manually center the preselector.

A20 YTO Assembly

Provides the 1st LO signal that is required for the A13 RF Front End Assembly. The 1st LO has a frequency range from 3.80 to 8.73 GHz. The output power is +13 to +18 dBm. In order to maximize the conversion efficiency and avoid LO unlock, sufficient LO power must be supplied.

A13 RF Front End Assembly (Options 532, 544, 550)

The assembly consists of the A13A1 Front End and either the A13FL1 Bandpass Filter (older instruments) or the A13A2 Switched Filter (newer instruments). The A13FL1 can be separately replaced, but the replacement A13 includes either A13FL1 or A13A2, as appropriate. See Figure 5-1.

Figure 5-1 A13 RF Front End Assembly View from Front Panel (serial prefix < MY/SG6334)

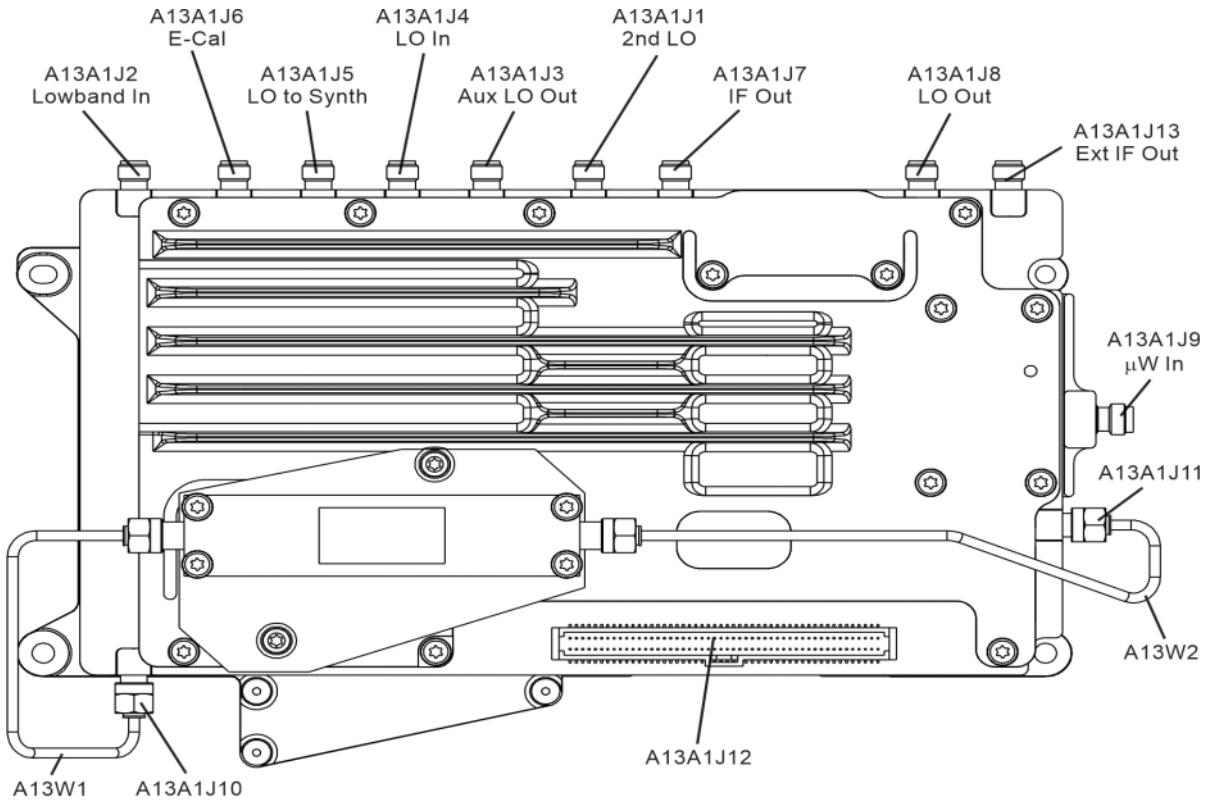
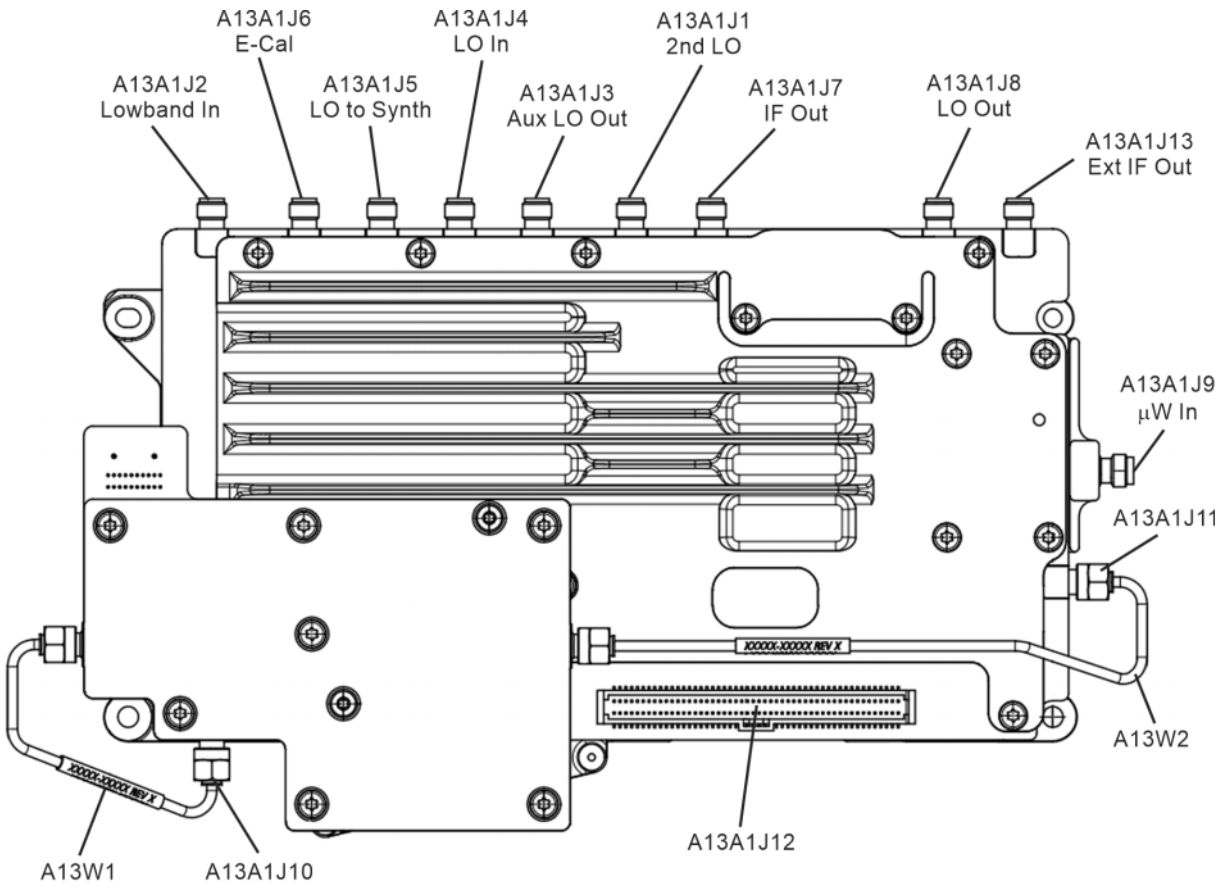


Figure 5-2 A13 RF Front End Assembly View from Front Panel (serial prefix >= MY/SG6334)



This assembly contains the following circuits:

- Input Low-pass filter (RF input signals < 3.6 GHz)
- Optional Low Band Electronic Attenuator (0-24 dB attenuation control)
- Optional Low Band Preamplifier and Limiter
- RF Mixer #1 (RF input signals < 3.6 GHz)
- 1st LO Sub-system (3.8 GHz to 8.7 GHz)
- 1st IF Amplifier (5122.5 MHz)
- 1st IF Bandpass Filter (A13FL1) (older instruments) or Switched IF Filter (A13A2) (newer instruments)
- Mixer #2 (RF input signals 3.6 GHz to 17.1 GHz)
- Microwave Input Amplifier
- Mixer #3 (RF input signals 17 GHz to 34.5 GHz)
- Mixer #4 (RF input signals 34.4 GHz to 50 GHz)
- LO Doubler
- External Mixing Diplexer

A15 Front End Control Assembly

Provides the correct biasing and switch control logic to the following RF assemblies:

- Input Attenuator A
- Input Attenuator B
- Low Band Switch
- YTF Preselector (Input signals > 3.6 GHz)
- (Option MPB) Microwave Preselector Bypass
- Front End Assembly including switched filter
- (Optional) High Band Preamplifier
- (Optional) Low Band Preamplifier
- (Option EA3) Electronic Attenuator (0-24 dB)

NOTE

Refer to Chapter 6, "Front End Control Troubleshooting." for detailed descriptions & troubleshooting procedures

Troubleshooting

Quick Check to Verify the Low Band Signal Path

The analyzer has an internal 50 MHz amplitude reference signal that is used to verify the low band path. This 50 MHz calibrator is used when the analyzer performs many of the internal alignment routines. Therefore, the functionality of the 50 MHz calibrator and low band path are critical to passing Align All Now. Refer to the Lowband Path of the MXA RF Block Diagram (Options 532, 544, 550) in Chapter 13 for details. Reference the instrument settings box on the block diagram.

Equipment needed:

Spectrum Analyzer with frequency range to 8 GHz

Signal source with output power 0 dBm and frequency range to at least 3.6 GHz

Power splitter, 11667C

2 each, quality 2.4 mm cables

90° SMA (m) to SMA (f) adapter

MMCX (f) to SMA (f) cable

SMA (f) to SMA (f) adapter

SMA (m) to SMA (m) adapter

3.5mm (f) to 2.4mm (m) adapters (2 required)

NOTE

To perform the following checks, it will be necessary to remove the outer cover and the top brace. See Chapter 16, "Assembly Replacement Procedures." for removal procedures.

Turn the instrument on and allow it to complete its full boot up process to Spectrum Analyzer mode. Use the internal 50 MHz, –25 dBm calibrator signal as a reference for troubleshooting by pressing **Mode Preset**, **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz** on the analyzer. Now press **Frequency**, **Center Frequency**, **50 MHz**, **SPAN**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search**. The 50 MHz reference signal should measure 50 MHz @ –25 dBm ± 2 dB on the analyzer display. If the power level is within tolerance, the low band path is functioning correctly at 50 MHz. If the power level is incorrect, select the 4.8 GHz RF Calibrator and set the analyzer center frequency to 4.8 GHz. Since several of the same signal path components are shared between low band and high band, determining if the problem appears in both paths is helpful.

To verify the high band path go to "Quick Check to Verify High Band RF Path" on page 125.

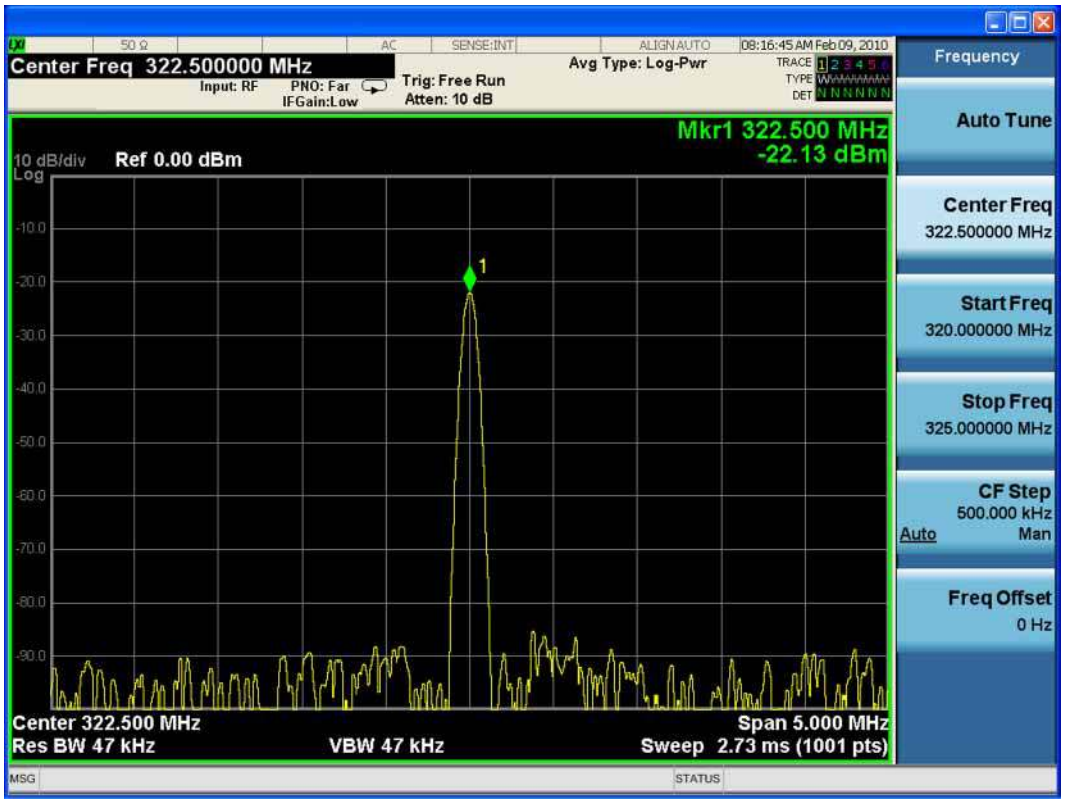
If the power level is not within tolerance, press **Frequency**, **Zero Span**, **Amplitude**, **Attenuation**, **10 dB**.

IMPORTANT Turn off auto align by pressing **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off**.

Disconnect the W16 cable from A13A1J7 on the Front End Assembly IF Out. See Figure 5-1.

Connect A13A1J7 output to a functioning spectrum analyzer and verify the 322.5 MHz intermediate frequency is measuring –22 dBm ± 3 dB using the same analyzer settings as in Figure 5-3.

Figure 5-3 322.5 MHz Intermediate Frequency



If this power level is correct the signal path from the A9 50 MHz Reference signal input port to A13A1J7, IF Output is operating correctly using a 50 MHz input calibrator signal. Reconnect the W16 cable to A13A1J7.

NOTE Flatness issues or power level problems at other input frequencies below 3600 MHz may exist. This type of problem can be diagnosed using an external source to verify performance.

If this power level is incorrect, the following assemblies need to be verified using the 50 MHz internal calibrator signal. Be sure the 50 MHz calibrator is turned on. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz** when verifying the performance.

1. A11 Low Band Switch
2. A10 Input Attenuator B
3. A9 Input Attenuator A
4. A16 Reference Assembly (50 MHz calibrator, 2nd LO)
5. A20 YTO
6. A13 RF Front End Assembly

NOTE

In order to gain access to the front end components, remove the front frame assembly, but leave the ribbon cable connected so you can still control the instrument. Remove the right side chassis. Refer to the removal procedures in Chapter 16, "Assembly Replacement Procedures.".

Troubleshooting a Low Band Problem

Refer to the Lowband Path of the MXA RF Block Diagram (Options 532, 544, 550) in Chapter 13 and follow the instructions in the settings box. To enable the internal 50 MHz, –25 dBm calibrator signal press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz**.

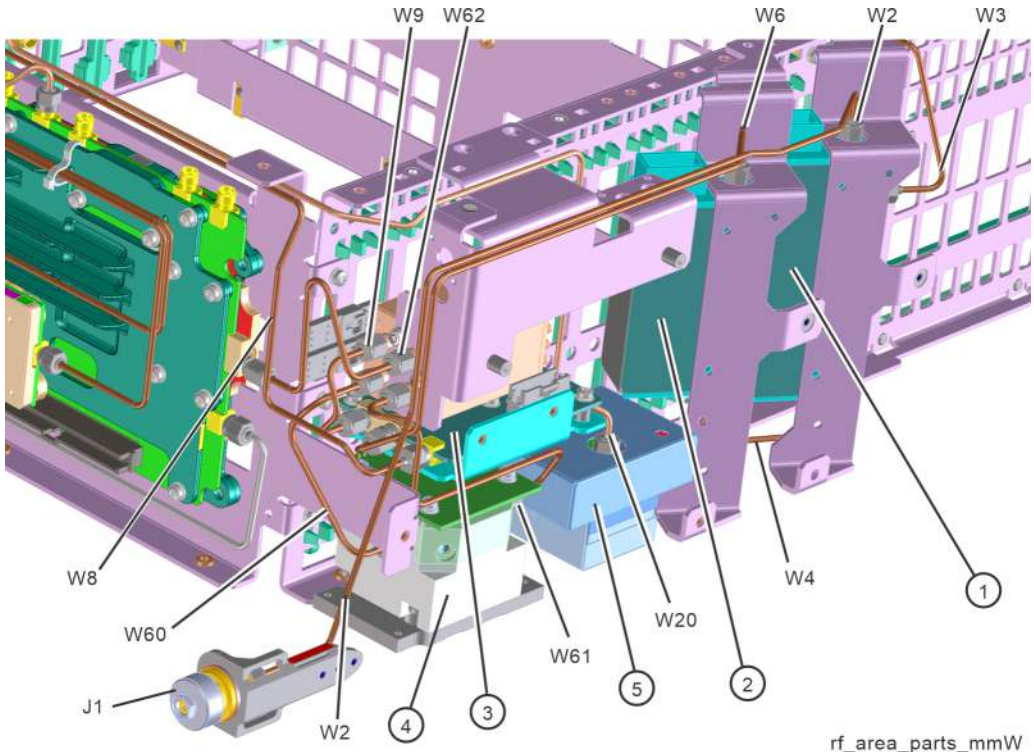
The Low Band signal path (sometimes referred to as Band 0) is used for all signals less than 3.6 GHz when the analyzer is used in normal operation. If the stop frequency is set to 3.6 GHz, the analyzer displays only the Low Band signal path. If the analyzer stop frequency is set above 3.6 GHz and the start frequency is set below 3.6 GHz, the analyzer will sweep up to 3.6 GHz in low band and then automatically switch to the high band path above 3.6 GHz.

A11 Low Band Switch Verification

Disconnect W8 from A13A1J2. See Figure 5-4 for location of connector. Attach a right angle SMA adapter to W8 and measure the output of the Low Band Switch with a spectrum analyzer. Expected signal is 50 MHz at –35.3 dBm since the Low Band Switch has a few tenths of a dB loss.

If the signal level is incorrect, remove A10 Input Attenuator B output cable and measure the output power. Expected signal is 50 MHz at –35 dBm. See Figure 5-4 for location of attenuator. If the attenuator output signal is correct but the Low Band output at W8 is incorrect, suspect the A11 Low Band Switch, the interconnect cables, or the control signals. The control signals are explained in Chapter 6, “Front End Control Troubleshooting”, on page 135.

Figure 5-4 RF Section (Options 532, 544, and 550)



A9 Input Attenuator and A10 Input Attenuator Verification

Calibrator Switch Test

On the A16 Reference assembly, disconnect semi-rigid cable W3 from A16J701 and measure A16J701 with a spectrum analyzer. Expected signal is 50 MHz at –25 dBm ± 0.5 dB. If signal level is incorrect, suspect A16 Reference assembly is faulty, or the 50 MHz calibrator amplitude requires adjustment using the field calibration software.

To verify calibrator switch operation, connect external signal source set to 50 MHz and –25 dBm to the RF input connector of analyzer under test. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **Off**. If the signal level at the attenuator output is now correct, suspect the A9 Attenuator cal switch or a faulty control signal from the A15 Front End Controller assembly.

Attenuator Check

Set the signal source connected to the analyzer input port to 0 dBm. On the analyzer, press **Amplitude**, **Attenuation**, and change input attenuation to 0 dB. The measuring spectrum analyzer connected to A10 Attenuator output port should indicate a 0 dBm level.

Change the input attenuation on the analyzer under test to 2 dB. See the chart below for expected measurement values at the A10 Attenuator output port.

Analyzer Under Test Attenuator Setting (dB)	Power at A10 Output Port (dBm)	Input Attenuator Being Tested
0	0 dBm (reference)	Both set to through path
2	–2	A9
4	–4	A9
6	–6	A9
8	–8	A9
10	–10	A10
20	–20	A10
30	–30	A10
40	–40	A10
50	–50	A10
60	–60	A10
70	–70	A9 set to 10 dB, A10 set to 60 dB

Second LO Level Verification

The second LO signal comes from the A16 Reference Assembly and is only used in Low Band. Set the N9021B to 50 MHz center frequency and 10 MHz span to ensure the second LO signal is on. The second LO signal can be measured on the Front End Assembly at A13A1J1 or the A16 Reference Assembly at A16J702. Expected signal is 4800 MHz at +10 dBm when a low loss test cable is used and with the measuring spectrum analyzer input attenuator set to at least 20 dB to prevent overload.

First LO Level Verification

The first LO is the A20 YTO assembly. The first LO is phased locked by the A14 Synthesizer assembly and controlled by tuning signals from the A15 Front End Controller.

To assure the first LO is tuned to the correct frequency and power, measure the A13 Front End assembly at A13A1J3 when the analyzer center frequency is 50 MHz and the span is set to zero span. This test port is chosen because removing cable W20 would cause the analyzer LO phase lock loop to unlock, which would affect the LO frequency measurement.

The LO signal should measure 5172.5 MHz at +10 dBm ± 3 dB.

If the signal level is incorrect, measure the signal coming from the A20 YTO at A13A1J4. In order to measure this signal and avoid an LO Unlock, you will need to install a power splitter at A13A1J4. Connect one arm of the splitter to A13A1J4 using a SMA (m) to SMA (m) adapter. Connect the input of the splitter to W20 using the SMA 90 degree adapter and short SMA cable. Connect the measuring spectrum analyzer to the other arm of the splitter. Add the loss through the splitter arm which is 6 dB for the Keysight 11667B splitter.

The signal should be 5172.5 MHz at +10 dBm ± 3 dB

When measuring A13A1J5, Synth Out, the splitter must also be used. The expected signal level is 5172.5 MHz at +10 dBm ± 3 dB.

A13 Front End Assembly Verification

NOTE

The A13 Front End assembly is shown as either A13A1 and A13FL1 (older instruments), or A13A1 and A13A2 (newer instruments), for troubleshooting clarification. However, A13A1 and A13A2 are not separately replaceable, but A13FL1 is separately replaceable. If either A13A1 or A13A2 requires replacement, the entire A13 assembly must be replaced.

Many portions of the Front End Assembly have been verified earlier in the Low Band troubleshooting process outlined above.

The input signal level was measured on W8 as part of the A11 Low Band Switch verification.

The output signal level was measured at A13A1J7 during the quick check to verify the Low Band Signal Path.

The Second LO input was tested during the Second LO Verification.

The LO input at W20, and the LO outputs were tested when performing the First LO Verification.

Electronic Attenuator Test (Option EA3)

The electronic attenuator is aligned as part of the System Gain internal alignment process. See the description of the initial alignments and the location of the alignment history file in the Boot Up and Initialization Troubleshooting chapter. Viewing the Alignment History file will tell you if other alignment tests failed, and reveal which electronic attenuator steps failed.

To verify the electronic attenuator operation on instruments with Option EA3, set up the analyzer to view the 50 MHz calibrator signal on screen. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz**, **Center Frequency**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **500 kHz**

Press **Peak Search** to place a marker on the calibrator signal, then press **Marker Delta**

Activate the electronic attenuator. Press **AMPTD**, **Attenuation**, **Enable Elec Atten**. Then press **Elec Atten**.

Press the up arrow key to step through all attenuator steps while monitoring the marker delta readout. The signal level should not change more than 0.4 dB as indicated by the marker delta readout.

If the attenuator switches slowly, or the signal is not present when the electronic attenuator is switched into the signal path or the signal appears only when the attenuator is switched on, suspect the control signals from the A15 Front End Controller are faulty or the A13 Front End assembly is faulty. If the attenuator switches, but the switching error between attenuator settings is greater than ± 0.4 dB, assure that any other internal alignment failures are resolved since the System Gain alignment must run before optimum performance is possible. Assure you have evaluated all causes before you replace the Front End assembly.

If you determine the problem is at a frequency other than 50 MHz, perform the low band flatness adjustment before replacing the Front End assembly.

Low Band Preamp (Option P32, P44, P50)

The Preamp is aligned as part of the System Gain internal alignment process. See the description of the initial alignments and the location of the alignment history file in Chapter 2, “Boot Up and Initialization Troubleshooting”, on page 47. Viewing the Alignment History file will tell you if other alignment tests failed, and reveal pass or fail information for the preamp.

If any of the preamp options are installed, the Low Band preamp can be verified as follows:

Set up the analyzer to view the 50 MHz calibrator signal on screen

Press **AMPTD**, **Attenuation**, and verify that the Enable Elec Atten key is set to Off. It is not possible to turn on both the electronic attenuator and preamp at the same time.

Press **AMPTD**, **More**, **Internal Preamp**, **Low Band** to activate the preamp.

The expected operation is the signal level will not change more than ± 0.5 dB and the noise floor will increase due to the fact the input attenuator is automatically increased. If the amplitude error when switching the preamp on and off is greater than 0.5 dB, assure that any other internal alignment failures are resolved since the System Gain alignment must run before optimum performance is possible. Assure you have evaluated all causes including A15 Front End Controller switching problems, before you replace the Front End assembly.

If you determine the problem is at a frequency other than 50 MHz, perform the low band flatness adjustment before replacing the Front End assembly.

Low Band Mixing Equations

Low Band first mixer:

RF = LO – IF
IF = LO – RF
LO = IF + RF
where RF is the input signal at the signal analyzer

Low Band second mixer:

RF = LO + IF
IF = RF – LO
LO = RF – IF
where RF in this case is the first IF signal (signal at A13A1J11)

Quick Check to Verify High Band RF Path

Refer to the Highband Path #1 of MXA RF Block Diagram (Options 532, 544, 550) in Chapter 13.

The High Band signal path (sometimes referred to as Band 1-Band 6) is used for all signals 3.6 GHz and above. If the start frequency is set to 3.6 GHz and above, the analyzer displays only the High Band signal path. If the analyzer start frequency is below 3.6 GHz and the Stop frequency is set above 3.6 GHz, the analyzer will start sweeping in Low Band up to 3.6 GHz, and then automatically switch to the high band path above 3.6 GHz.

Equipment needed:

Spectrum Analyzer with frequency range to 14 GHz

Signal source with output power 0 dBm and frequency range to at least the maximum frequency of the MXA

Power splitter, 11667C

2 each, quality 2.4 mm cables

90° SMA (m) to SMA (f) adapter

MMCX (f) to SMA (f) cable

SMA (f) to SMA (f) adapter

SMA (m) to SMA (m) adapter

3.5mm (f) to 2.4 mm (m) adapters (2 required)

3.5 mm (m) to 2.4 mm (f) adapter

NOTE

To perform the following checks, it will be necessary to remove the outer cover and the top brace. See Chapter 16, "Assembly Replacement Procedures." for removal procedures.

Turn the instrument on and allow it to complete its full boot up process to Signal Analyzer mode. Use the internal 4.8 GHz, –28 dBm calibrator signal as a reference for troubleshooting by pressing **Mode Preset**, **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **4.8 GHz** on the analyzer. Now press **Frequency**, **Center Frequency**, **4.8 GHz**, **Span**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search).**

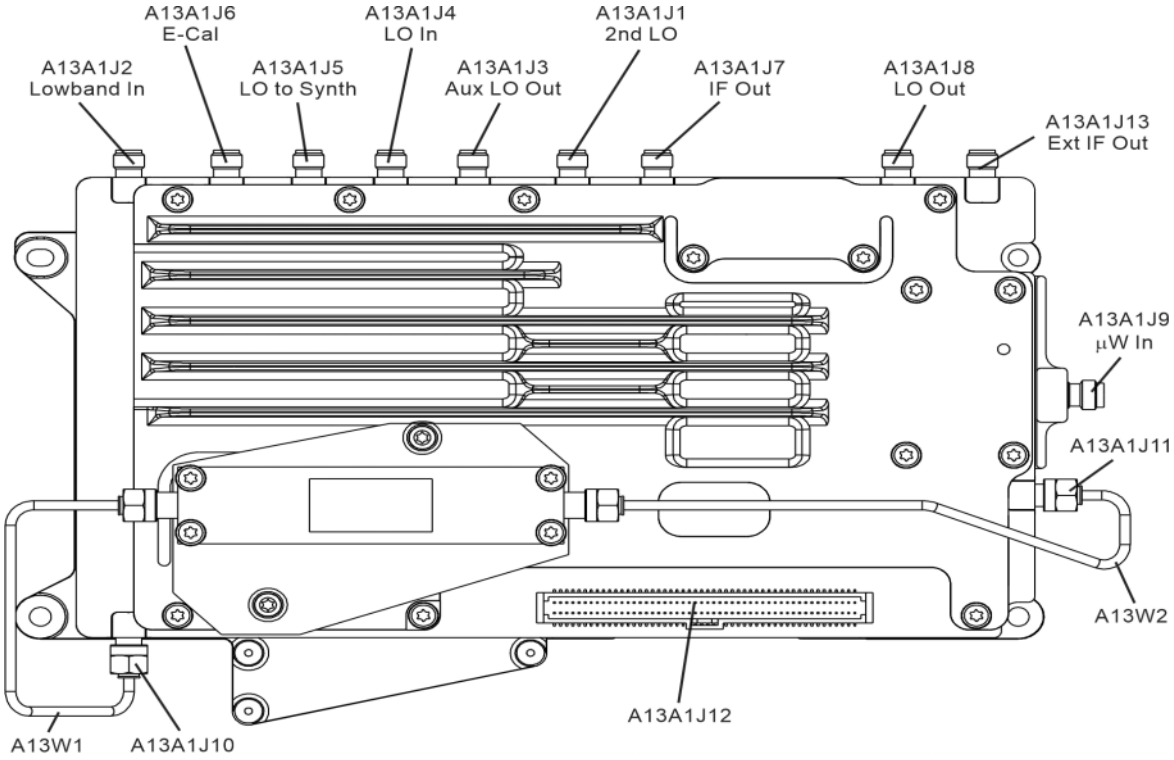
The 4.8 GHz reference signal should measure –28 dBm ± 2 dB on the analyzer display. If the power level is within tolerance, the 3.6 GHz to 17.1 GHz path is functioning correctly at 4.8 GHz.

If the power level is incorrect, select the 50 MHz RF calibrator and set the analyzer center frequency to 50 MHz. Since several of the same signal path components are shared between high band and low band, determining if the problem appears in both paths is helpful.

IMPORTANT Turn off auto align by pressing **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off**.

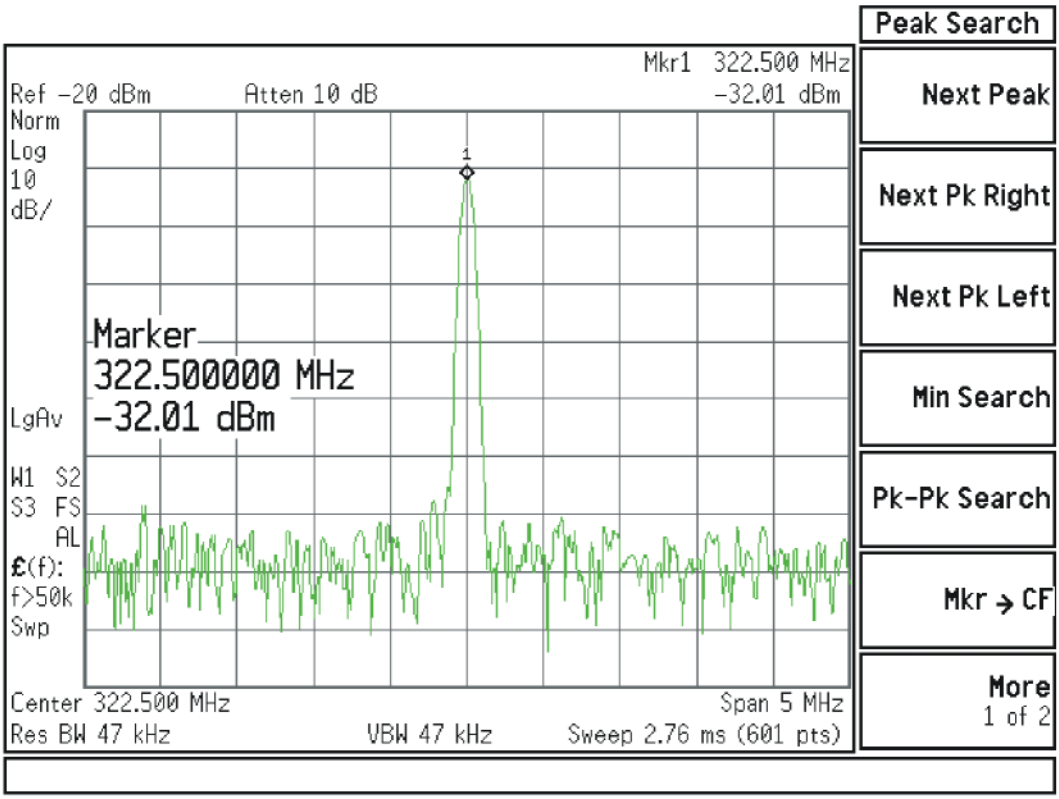
Disconnect cable W16 at A13A1J7, 322.5 MHz output on the Front End Assembly. See Figure 5-5. Select Span, 0 Hz.

Figure 5-5 A13A1J7 Location (Options 532, 544, and 550) (serial prefix < MY/SG6334)



Connect A13J7 output to a functioning spectrum analyzer and verify the 322.5 MHz intermediate frequency is measuring –31 ± 4 dB as shown in Figure 5-6.

Figure 5-6 322.5 MHz Intermediate Frequency



If this power level is correct the Front End assembly is operating correctly in high band. If this power level is incorrect verify the following assemblies using the 4.8 GHz internal calibrator signal.

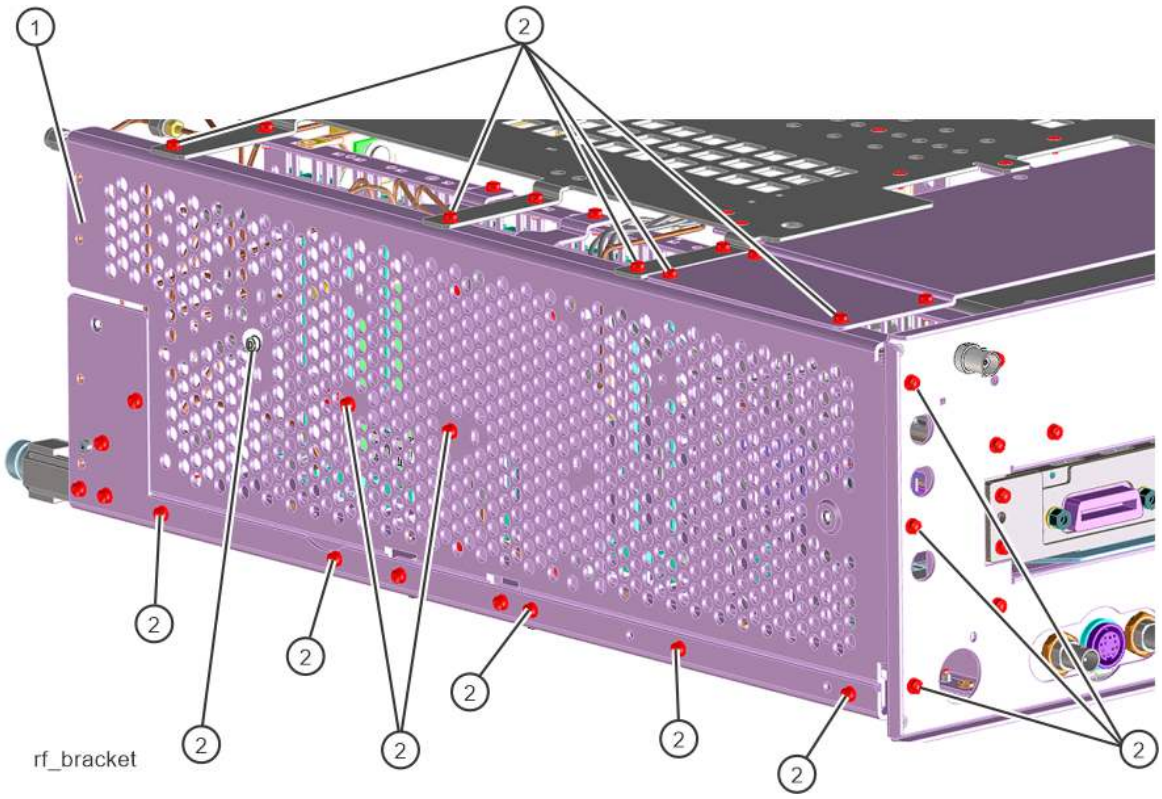
1. A11 Low Band Switch
2. A10 Input Attenuator B
3. A9 Input Attenuator A
4. A16 Reference Assembly (4.8 GHz calibrator)
5. A20 YTO
6. A12 YTF Preselector
7. A13 Front End Assembly

NOTE

High Band #2 signal path utilizes a high band mixer internal to the A13 Front End Assembly for input frequencies from 17.0 GHz to 34.5 GHz. High Band #3 signal path utilizes a high band mixer internal to the A13 Front End Assembly for input frequencies from 34.4 to 50 GHz. Failures from 3.6 GHz to 50 GHz will most likely be caused by the A13 RF Front End Assembly. If the failure is amplitude related, proper adjustments such as frequency response and the YTF Preselector adjust should be performed first before changing the A13 RF Front End Assembly.

In order to gain access to the front end components, remove the side chassis **(1)** by removing the 16 screws **(2)**. See Figure 5-7.

Figure 5-7 Remove the Side Chassis



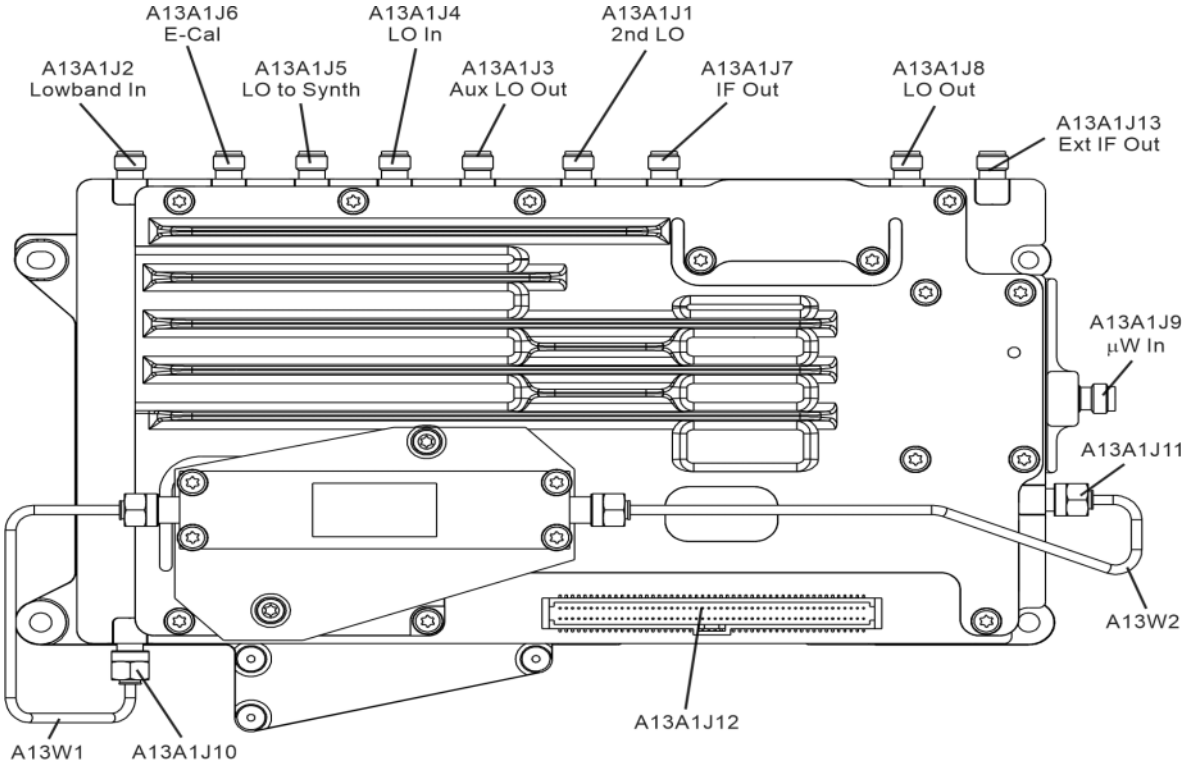
Troubleshooting a High Band Problem

Refer to the Highband Path #1 of MXA RF Block Diagram (Options 532, 544, 550) in Chapter 13 and follow the instructions in the settings box. To enable the internal 4.8 GHz, –28 dBm calibrator signal press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **4.8 GHz**.

A13 Front End Input Verification

Disconnect W62 from A13A1J9 See Figure 5-8 for location of connector. Loosen the other end of W62 if possible to avoid damaging the cable. Attach a right angle SMA adapter to W62 and measure the input to the A13 Front End with a spectrum analyzer.

Figure 5-8 A13A1J9 Location



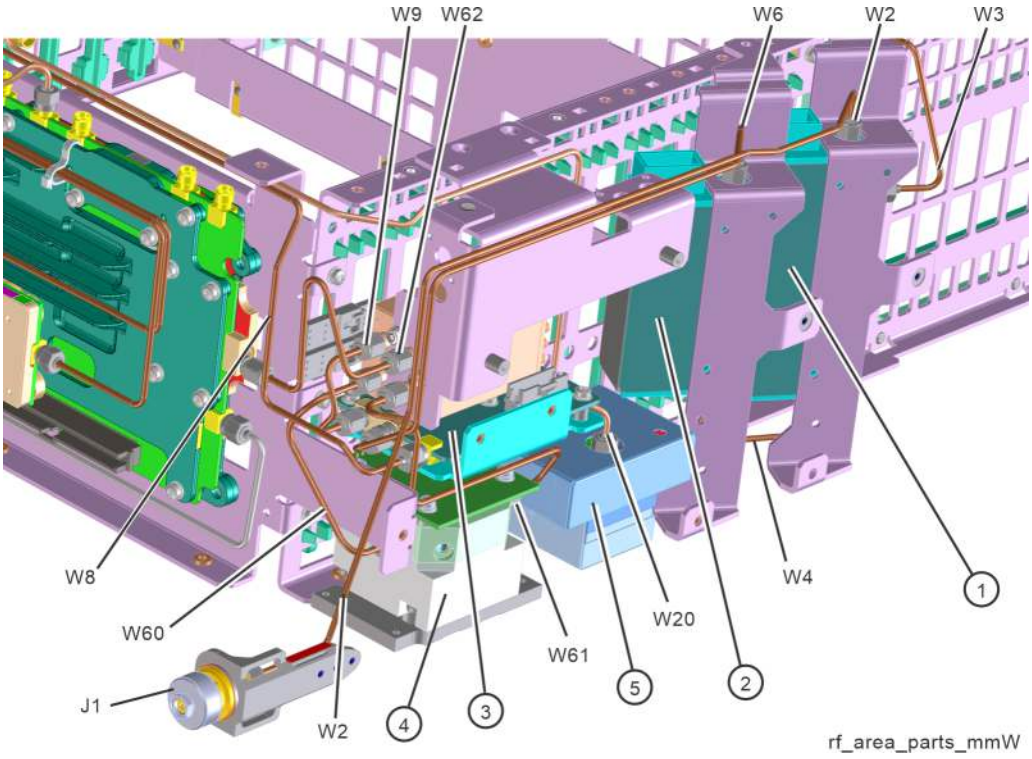
Expected signal is 4.8 GHz at –51 dBm ± 4 dB. The tolerance is large because the A12 YTF (microwave preselector) loss varies between devices, and the YTF might not be perfectly aligned, or the frequency response adjustment may be required.

If the signal level is incorrect, and Option MPB (Microwave Preselector Bypass) is installed, press **Amplitude**, **Signal Path**, **uWPath Control**, **uW Presel Bypass**. If the signal level is now –52 dBm, suspect the A12 YTF is out of adjustment or faulty.

To perform the YTF alignment, reconnect W62 cable, and press **System, Alignments, Advanced, Characterize Preselector**. The routine may take several minutes to align the YTF. Display the 4.8 GHz calibrator signal on screen as explained in the quick check section. If the signal level is still incorrect, suspect all assemblies, cables, switches and the A15 Reference calibrator signal between the W62 cable and the input to the A9 Attenuator.

If Option MPB is not present, remove A10 Input Attenuator B output cable and measure the output power. Expected signal is 4.8 GHz –38 dBm. See Figure 5-9 for location of attenuator. If the attenuator output signal is correct suspect the A11 Low Band Switch, and if Option MPB is installed, suspect switch 4. Also suspect the switching signals from the A15 Front End controller. The control signals are explained in the Front End Control Troubleshooting section.

Figure 5-9 RF Section



A9 Input Attenuator A and A10 Input Attenuator B Verification

Calibrator Switch Test

On the A16 Reference assembly, disconnect semi-rigid cable W3 from A16J701 and measure A16J701 with a spectrum analyzer. Expected signal is 4.8 GHz at –28 dBm ± 0.5 dB. If signal level is incorrect, suspect A16 Reference Assembly.

To verify calibrator switch operation, connect external signal source set to 4.8 GHz and –25 dBm to the RF input connector of analyzer under test. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **Off**. If the signal level at the attenuator output is now correct, suspect the A9 Attenuator cal switch or a faulty control signal from the A15 Front End Controller assembly.

Attenuation Check

Set the signal source connected to the analyzer input port to 0 dBm. On the analyzer, press **Amplitude**, **Attenuation**, and change input attenuation to 0 dB. The measuring spectrum analyzer connected to A10 Attenuator output port should indicate a 0 dBm level. Change the input attenuation on the analyzer under test to 2 dB.

See the chart below for expected measurement values at the A10 Attenuator output port.

Analyzer Under Test Attenuator Setting (dB)	Power at A10 Output Port (dBm)	Input Attenuator Being Tested
0	0 dBm (reference)	Both set to through path
2	–2	A9
4	–4	A9
6	–6	A9
8	–8	A9
10	–10	A10
20	–20	A10
30	–30	A10
40	–40	A10
50	–50	A10
60	–60	A10
70	–70	A9 set to 10 dB, A10 set to 60 dB

First LO Level Verification

The first LO is the A20 YTO assembly. The first LO is phased locked by the by the A14 Synthesizer assembly and controlled by tuning signals from the A15 Front End Controller.

To assure the first LO is tuned to the correct frequency and power, measure the A13 Front End assembly at A13A1J3 when the analyzer center frequency is 4.8 GHz and the span is set to zero span. The LO signal should measure 5122.5 MHz at +10 dBm ± 3 dB.

If the signal level is incorrect, measure the signal coming from the A20 YTO at A13A1J4. In order to measure this signal and avoid an LO Unlock, you will need to install a power splitter at A13A1J4. Connect one arm of the splitter to A13A1J4 using a SMA (m) to SMA (m) adapter. Connect the input of the splitter to W20 using the SMA 90 degree adapter and short SMA cable. Connect the measuring spectrum analyzer to the other arm of the splitter. Add the loss through the splitter arm which is 6 dB for the Keysight 11667B or 11667C splitter. The signal should be 5122.5 MHz at +10 dBm ± 3 dB.

A13 Front End Assembly Verification

NOTE

The A13 Front End assembly is shown as either A13A1 and A13FL1 (older instruments), or A13A1 and A13A2 (newer instruments), for troubleshooting clarification. However, A13A1 and A13A2 are not separately replaceable, but A13FL1 is separately replaceable. If either A13A1 or A13A2 requires replacement, the entire A13 assembly must be replaced.

Many portions of the Front End Assembly have been verified earlier in the High Band troubleshooting process outlined above.

The input signal level was measured on W15 as part of the A13 Front End Input Verification.

The output signal level was measured at A13A1J7 during the quick check to verify the High Band signal path.

The LO input at W20, and the LO outputs were tested when performing the First LO Verification.

High Band Preamp (Option P32, P44, P50)

If a preamp option listed above is installed, the High Band preamp can be verified as follows:

View the 4.8 GHz calibrator signal on screen. Press **AMPTD**, **Signal Path**, **Internal Preamp**, **Full Range** to activate the preamp.The expected operation is the signal level will not change more than +/- 0.5 dB and the noise floor will increase due to the fact the input attenuation was automatically increased.

If the amplitude error when switching the preamp on and off is greater than 0.5 dB, assure that any other internal alignment failures are resolved since the System Gain alignment must run before optimum performance is possible. The amplitude error could be caused by poor frequency response, and performing the high band frequency response adjustment (using the calibration software) will adjust the preamp on, high band path. Assure you have evaluated all causes including A15 Front End Controller switching problems, before you replace the Front End assembly.

High Band Mixing Equations

For input signal frequencies from 3.6 GHz to 8.4 GHz:

RF = LO x N – IF
IF = LO x N – RF
LO x N = IF + RF
where RF is the input signal at the signal analyzer
where N is the harmonic mixing mode:
N = 1 for 3.5 GHz to 8.4 GHz

For input signal frequencies above 8.4 GHz to 50 GHz:

RF = LO x 2 x N – IF
IF = LO x 2 x N – RF
LO x 2 x N = RF + IF
where RF is the input signal at the signal analyzer
where N is the harmonic mixing mode:
N = 1 for 8.4 GHz to 17.1 GHz
N = 2 for 17.1 GHz to 34.0 GHz
N = 4 for 34.0 GHz to 50 GHz

Microwave Preselector Bypass (Option MPB)

Allows the YTF to be bypassed improving amplitude accuracy.

Assure start frequency is 3.6 GHz or greater. Press **Amplitude**, **Signal Path**, **uW Path Control**, **uW Presel Bypass**. When the bypass switch, Switch 4, changes state you will hear a click. Depending on the signal source connected, you may see many “signals” appear on screen because without preselection, the analyzer will display images and multiples. The real input signal should not change amplitude when you switch the uW Preselector Bypass on and off.

6 Front End Control Troubleshooting

What You Will Find in This Chapter

The following information is presented in this chapter:

1. **Theory of operation of the Front End Control section.**
2. **Isolating the cause of a hardware problem by verifying the functionality of assemblies of the Front End Control.**

NOTE

Each of the following sections first describes how the assembly works, then gives information to help you troubleshoot the assembly. Each description explains the purpose of the assembly, describes the main components, and lists external connections to the assembly.

The following information is found in this chapter:

A15 Front End Control Description on page 136

A15 Front End Control Assembly Troubleshooting on page 140

A15 Front End Control Description

Purpose

The A15 Front End Controller board functionality can be broken down into (3) main categories:

1. Provides switch control logic and bias voltages to the major RF front end assemblies in the N9021B Signal Analyzer.
2. Contains on board circuitry providing various signal outputs to other locations within the analyzer.
3. Provides control logic for various instrument options within the analyzer.

These signals are routed to and from the A15 via ribbon cables, wiring harnesses and coaxial cables. The RF front end assemblies require the correct control logic and bias in order to function properly. If the voltages from the A15 are not correct, the RF input signals will most likely be displayed at an incorrect power level if they even get displayed at all.

Standard RF Assemblies Controlled by the A15:

- A9 Input Attenuator A (4 dB total for Opt 508, 513, 526; 10 dB total for Opt 532, 544, 550)
- A10 Input Attenuator B (66 dB total for Opt 508, 513, 526; 60 dB total for Opt 532, 544, 550)
- A11 Low Band Switch
- A12 YIG Tuned Filter
- A13 RF Front End Assembly

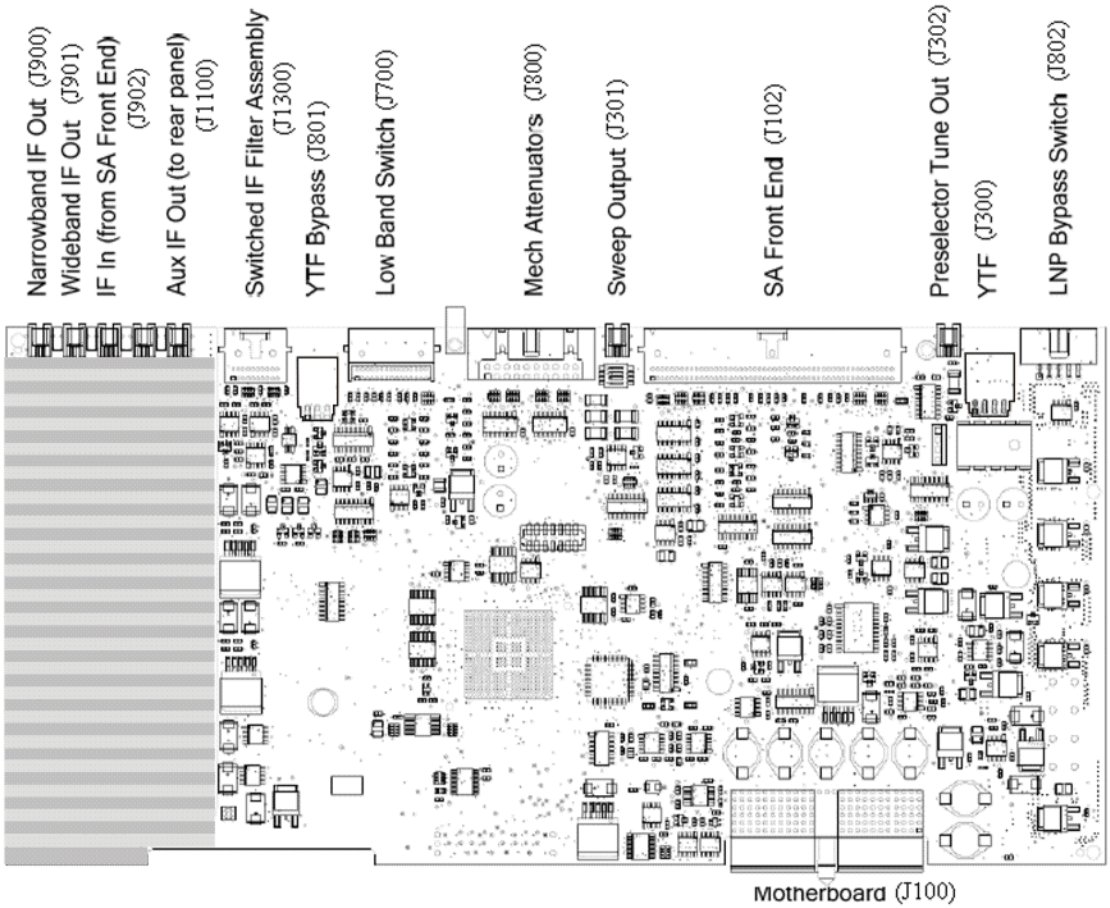
A15 On Board Circuits:

- RF Burst Trigger (When set to Relative Trigger or when start frequency is > 300 MHz.)
- Switched IF Filter Control
- 1st L.O. Optimization
- YTF Tune Ramp
- Preselector Tune Out (Provides output voltage, not specified, reserved for future use)
- Mixer Bias
- Amplifier Bias
- Switch Control
- Sweep Ramp (reserved for future use)

Table 6-1 A15 Option Related Control

Option	Description	Physical Location in the Analyzer
P08	100 kHz to 8.4 GHz Internal Preamplifier	A15 to A11 and A13
P13	100 kHz to 13.6 GHz Internal Preamplifier	A15 to A11 and A13
P26	100 kHz to 26.5 GHz Internal Preamplifier	A15 to A11 and A13
P32	100 kHz to 32 GHz Internal Preamplifier	A15 to A11 and A13
P44	100 kHz to 44 GHz Internal Preamplifier	A15 to A11 and A13
P50	100 kHz to 50 GHz Internal Preamplifier	A15 to A11 and A13
CRP	Arbitrary I.F. Out	A15 to Aux IF Output (rear panel)
CR3	2nd I.F. Out	A15 to Aux IF Output (rear panel)
MPB	Microwave Preselector Bypass	A15 to SW1 and SW2 (Opt 508, 513, or 526) A15 to SW4 (Opt 532, 544, or 550)
EA3	Electronic Attenuator	A15 to A13

Figure 6-1 A15 Front View, Physical Connectors



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The table below describes the connector location and the final destinations of the RF signal, switch control logic or bias voltage.

Table 6-2 A15 Connectors and Destinations

A15 Connector Designation	Description	Destination
J900	Narrowband I.F. Out	To A2
J901	Wideband I.F. Out	To A2 or A3 (Wide bandwidths)
J902	322.5 MHz I.F. In	From A13 to A15
J903	Ext IF In	From A13 to A15 (Option EXM)
J1100	Aux I.F. Out	To Rear Panel
J1300	Switched I.F. Filter Out	To A13A2 (not used in earlier instruments)

Table 6-2 A15 Connectors and Destinations

A15 Connector Designation	Description	Destination
J801	YTF Bypass Out	To SW1 & SW2 (Option MPB with Option 508, 513, or 526) To SW4 (Option MPB with Option 532, 544, or 550)
J700	Low Band Switch Logic Out	To A11
J800	Mechanical Attenuator Logic Out	To A9 & A10
J301	Sweep Out	Reserved for future use
J102	R.F. Front End Logic Out	To A13
J302	Preselector Tune Out	N/A (test point only)
J300	YTF Bias Control Out	To A12
J802	Low Noise Bypass Switch Logic Out	Reserved for future use
J100	Motherboard Connector	From A8

A15 Front End Control Assembly Troubleshooting

The N9020A, MXA Signal Analyzer utilizes an RF front end troubleshooting board that can be used to verify some, but not all of the control circuitry on the N9021B, MXA Signal Analyzer due to the additions of front end assemblies. The troubleshooting board kit part number is N9020-60005 and includes the troubleshooting board and required interconnect cables. If you have the interconnect cables, you can order the board by itself using part number E4410-60115. When using the troubleshooting board and cables on a MXA the control logic for Input Attenuator A, Input Attenuator B, Low Band Switch and some of the power supplies can be verified. The remaining control voltages and RF signals can be measured directly with a voltmeter, oscilloscope or functioning spectrum analyzer.

In order to verify the wide bandwidth I.F.'s and Aux I.F. output frequencies and power levels the following specialty cables and connector will be needed:

MMCX (m) to SMB (f) cable, p/n 8121-0655

MMCX (f) to MMCX (f) barrel. Huber & Suhner 31_mmcx-50-0-1/111_0E

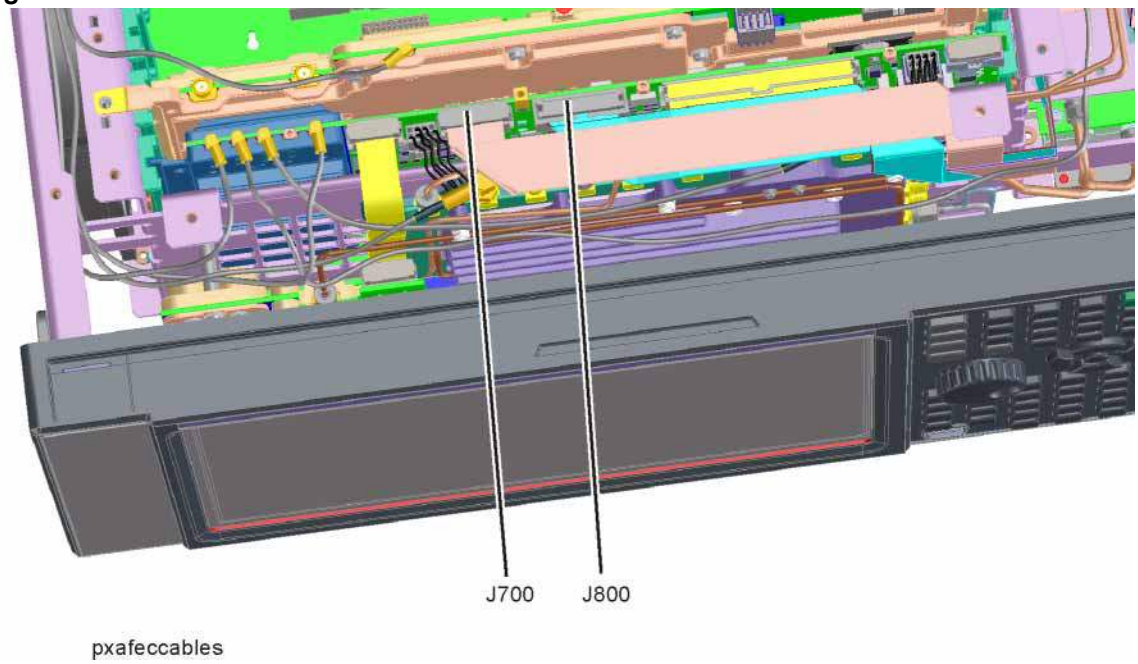
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Other standard cables and connectors need to be used to adapt to the voltmeter or the RF input of the functioning spectrum analyzer.

Verifying Input Attenuator A, Input Attenuator B, Low Band Switch Logic and Power Supplies

1. Turn off the instrument.
2. Disconnect ribbon cables from A15J700 and A15J800 as shown Figure 6-2.

Figure 6-2 Ribbon Cables at A15J700 and A15J800



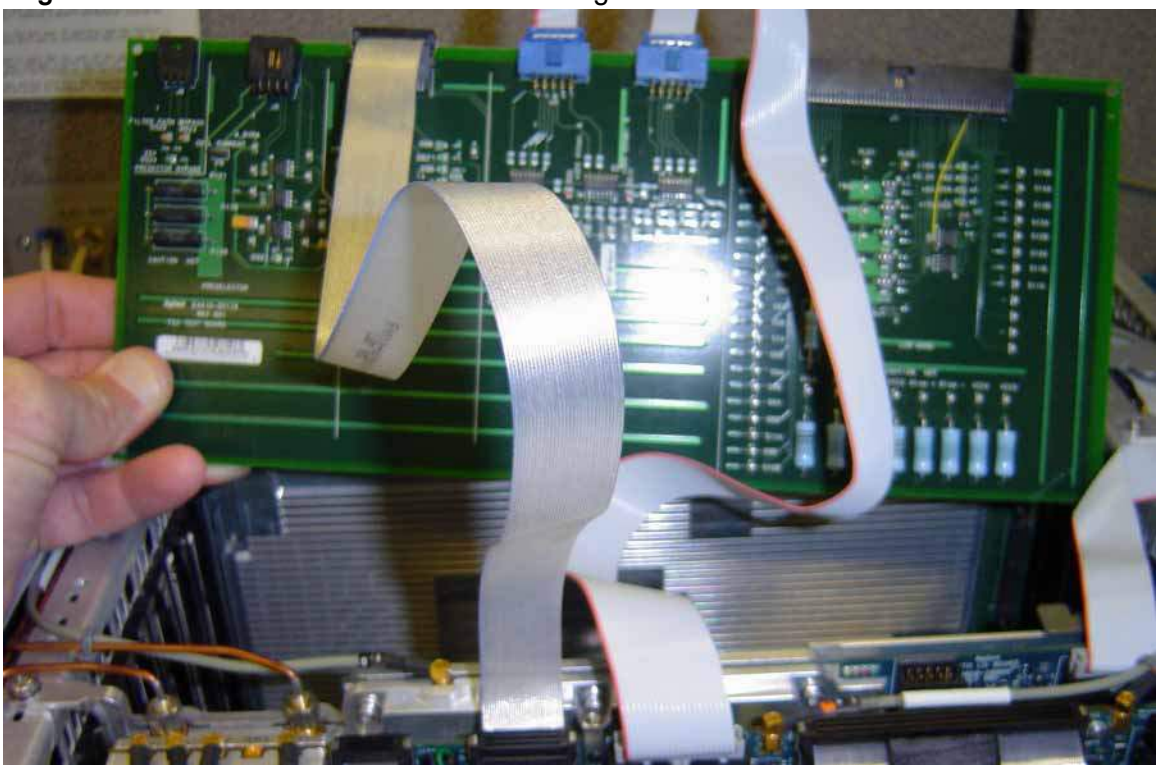
3. Connect the E4410-60115 RF Front End Troubleshooting board to the A15 Front End Control board using the E4410-60157 attenuator control cable. When connecting the attenuator control cable, E4410-60157, note that one end has two 10-pin connectors with one connector extending beyond the other. The shorter connector is marked with a red stripe. Connect the end with the 20-pin connector to A15J800. Connect the two 10-pin connectors to either J3 or J4 of the RF Front End Troubleshooting board based upon the MXA's frequency range as described below:

Table 6-3 MXA Frequency Range

Frequency Range Option	Shorter 10-pin connector (marked with red stripe)	Longer 10-pin connector
508, 513, or 526	J3	J4
532, 544, 550	J4	J3

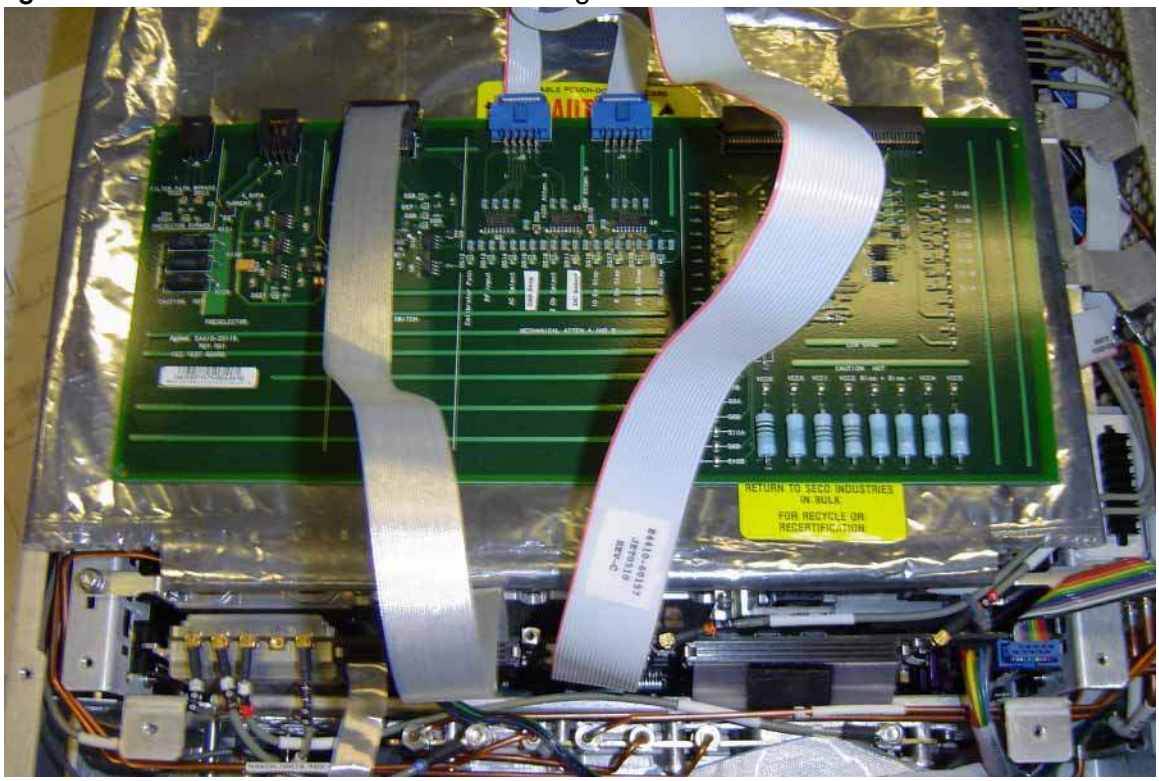
4. If the MXA has frequency range option 508, 513, or 526, also connect the Low Band Switch Control Cable, E4410-60160 between A15J700 and J2 of the RF Front End Troubleshooting board. Do not connect this cable if the frequency range option is 532, 544 or 550.

Figure 6-3 RF Front End Troubleshooting Board



5. Place the RF front end troubleshooting board on an ESD safe bag or foam to ensure nothing shorts out. See Figure 6-4.

Figure 6-4 RF Front End Troubleshooting Board Placement



6. Turn the instrument on and allow it to complete its full boot up process to the Spectrum Analyzer application.

NOTE You may notice an Align Now, All required message on the analyzer display. This can occur when the test board is connected.

7. Turn Auto Align off by pressing **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off** on the analyzer.

CAUTION Resistors on the test board can get very hot. Handle with care.

Power Supply Verification

Looking at the test board, verify power supply green LED's DS5, DS6, DS7 and DS8 located under the J2 connector are turned on. Additionally red LED's DS9 and DS10 should also be on. The power supply voltages are listed in the table below.

Table 6-4 Power Supply Voltages

LED	Power Supply
DS5	+15 VDC
DS6	+9.0 VDC
DS7	+5.2 VDC
DS8	-15 VDC
DS9	+25 VDC
DS10	+25 VDC

If any of the power supply LED's are not turned on, see Chapter 2, “Boot Up and Initialization Troubleshooting”.

Input Attenuator A Control Logic Verification (Option 508, 513, 526)

Press **AMPTD**, **Attenuation 0 dB** on the analyzer.

Attenuation LED's DS15-20 on the test board should be off.

When the input attenuation is changed from 0 dB to 2 dB, the 2 dB Step LED DS15 should illuminate. When the input attenuation is changed from 2 dB to 4 dB, DS15 and DS16 should be illuminated as per Table 6-5.

Table 6-5 Input Attenuator A LED’s

Attenuator Setting (dB)	DS15	DS16
0	OFF	OFF
2	ON	OFF
4	ON	ON

If this is incorrect, the most probable cause is the A15, Front End Control assembly.

The analyzer default setting for RF Coupling is AC mode. Verify the AC Select LED DS14 is illuminated at this time. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Input**, **RF Coupling**, **AC/DC** to DC on the analyzer. DS14 should turn off and DS11, DC Select LED should illuminate. Switch the RF Coupling back to AC. If the LED's do not illuminate correctly, the most probable cause is the A15 Front End Control Assembly.

Input Attenuator A Control Logic Verification (Option 532, 544, 550)

NOTE Ignore DS11 in this procedure.

Press **System, Show, Hardware**. Look for an entry for the Low Band Switch and verify that the HW ID is 45. If the HW ID is something other than 45 (for example, 10) or there is no entry for the Low Band Switch, the analyzer will control the attenuators as if they are 26.5 GHz attenuators, not the 50 GHz attenuators that are actually installed. If this occurs, skip this procedure and troubleshoot the Low Band Switch.

Press **AMPTD, Attenuation** 0 dB on the analyzer.

Attenuation LEDs DS14 through DS20 should be off.

When the input attenuation is changed from 0 to 8 dB in 2 dB steps, LEDs DS14 through DS16 should be illuminated as per Table 6-6. When the input attenuation is set to 70 dB, LEDs DS14 through DS16 should all be illuminated.

Table 6-6 Input Attenuator A LED's (Opt 532, 544, 550)

Attenuator Setting (dB)	DS14	DS15	DS16
0	OFF	OFF	OFF
2	OFF	ON	OFF
4	ON	ON	OFF
6	OFF	OFF	ON
8	OFF	ON	ON
70	ON	ON	ON

If this is incorrect, the most probable cause is the A15 Front End Control Assembly.

Input Attenuator B Control Logic Verification (Option 508, 513, 526)

Press **AMPTD**, **Attenuation 6 dB** on the analyzer and verify the 6 dB Step LED DS17 is illuminated. Change to the input attenuation settings found in Table 6-7 and verify the proper LED's illuminate on the Front End Troubleshooting board according to Table 6-7.

Table 6-7 Input Attenuator B LED's

Attenuator Setting (dB)	DS20 30 dB Step LED	DS19 20 dB Step LED	DS18 10 dB Step LED	DS17 6 dB Step LED
10	OFF	OFF	ON	OFF
16	OFF	OFF	ON	ON
20	OFF	ON	OFF	OFF
30	ON	OFF	OFF	OFF
40	ON	OFF	ON	OFF
50	ON	ON	OFF	OFF
60	ON	ON	ON	OFF
66	ON	ON	ON	ON

If the LED's illuminate correctly, the switch control logic for the input attenuators from the A15 Front End Control Assembly is correct. If the LED's are not illuminating as expected, the most probable cause is the A15 Front End Control Assembly.

Set the input attenuator back to 10 dB by pressing **AMPTD**, **Attenuation**, **10 dB** on the analyzer.

Input Attenuator B Control Logic Verification (Option 532, 544, 550)

Press **AMPTD**, **Attenuation 10 dB** on the analyzer and verify that the 10 dB Step LED DS18 is illuminated.

Table 6-8 Input Attenuator B LED's (Opt 532, 544, 550)

Attenuator Setting (dB)	DS17	DS18	DS19
10	OFF	ON	OFF
20	OFF	OFF	ON
30	ON	OFF	OFF
40	ON	ON	OFF
50	ON	OFF	ON
60	ON	ON	ON
70	ON	ON	ON

If the LEDs illuminate correctly, the switch control logic for the input attenuators from the A15 Front End Control assembly is correct. If the LEDs are not illuminating as expected, the most probable cause is the A15 Front End Control Assembly.

Set the input attenuator back to 10 dB by pressing **AMPTD**, **Attenuation**, **10 dB** on the analyzer.

Low Band Switch Control Logic Verification (Option 508, 513, 526 only)

NOTE

If your MXA has option 532, 544 or 550, skip to "Disconnect RF Front End Troubleshooting Board" on page 149.

Press **Mode Preset** on the analyzer. Press **FREQ**, **50 MHz**, **SPAN**, **2 MHz** on the analyzer. Make sure the auto alignments are turned off by pressing **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off**. Connect the voltmeter positive lead to test point listed in the table below and the negative lead to the instrument chassis. These test points are located under the J2 connector. Verify the voltages in Table 6-9.

Table 6-9

Test Board Test Point	Voltage (VDC)
In1A	–9.90
In2A	–9.90
In1B	+10.0
In2B	+10.0

Press **FREQ**, **5 GHz** on the analyzer. Verify the voltages in Table 6-10.

Table 6-10

Test Board Test Point	Voltage (VDC)
In1A	+10.0
In2A	–9.90
In1B	–10.0
In2B	+10.0

If the voltages are not correct, the most probable cause is the A15 Front End Control board.

NOTE

The procedure above will not work on analyzers with frequency range options 544, and 550.

Disconnect RF Front End Troubleshooting Board

You do not need the RF front end troubleshooting board to test out the remaining front end hardware components. At this point it is advisable to shutdown the analyzer and disconnect the test board and cables. Be sure to reconnect the MXA input attenuator ribbon cable that was originally plugged into the Front End Control board before testing the input attenuator logic.

Preselector Tune Output

The J302 connector is a test point used to verify the internal A12, YIG Tuned Filter drive voltage variations with center frequency. The YTF is used in the high band path (3.6 GHz to 26.5 GHz). Connect A15J302, Presel Tune to a voltmeter. Use the MMCX (m) to SMB (f) to connect to J302 on the A15 board and appropriate adaptors to connect to the voltmeter. Refer to Figure 6-1 for J302 location. You may also need a Banana plug to BNC (f) adapter, part number E9637A for the voltmeter. The preselector tune output voltage can be measured to verify this portion of the A15 is functioning.

Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off** on the analyzer once it has fully booted to the spectrum analyzer application. Press **Span**, **Zero Span** on the analyzer. The preselector tune output voltage in high band should change when the center frequency of the analyzer is changed.

NOTE Preselector tune output measurements are not valid for Option 503, 3 GHz frequency range.

Table 6-11 Preselector Tune Output Voltages (Option 508, 513, 526)

Center Frequency (GHz)	~ Tune Voltage (VDC)	Valid Frequency Range Option
5.0	1.8	508, 513, 526
10.0	3.5	513, 526
15.0	5.2	526
20.0	7.0	526
26.0	9.0	526

Table 6-12 Preselector Tune Output Voltages (Option 532, 544, 550)

Center Frequency (GHz)	~ Tune Voltage (VDC)	Valid Frequency Range Option
5.0	0.9	532, 544, 550
10.0	1.8	532, 544, 550
15.0	2.7	532, 544, 550
20.0	3.6	532, 544, 550
25.0	4.6	532, 544, 550
30.0	5.5	532, 544, 550
40.0	7.3	544, 550
42.5	7.75	544, 550
43.5	8.0	544, 550
45	8.25	550
50	9.2	550

Even if the voltages listed in the table are correct it does not guarantee the proper control current is getting to the YTF. There is not a convenient way to measure the control current, so if a high band issue is suspect it is recommended that the A15 is changed out first before changing the YTF since the A15 board has easy access.

Verifying Microwave Preselector Bypass Switch (Option MPB)

If the analyzer has frequency range option 508, 513, or 526, the switches which perform the microwave preselector bypass are SW1 and SW2, which operate in unison. If the frequency range option is 532, 544 or 550, SW4 performs this function.

SW1, SW2, and SW4 can be verified three different ways:

- "Click" Test
- Oscilloscope
- R.F. Signal Tracing

"Click" Test

This test changes between two different path modes. When this is done a distinct "click" noise from SW1 and SW2 or SW4 can be heard. In the case of SW1 and SW2, since both switches switch at the same time, it is difficult to decipher if one is switching and the other is not.

Press **Mode, Preset** on the analyzer. Press **FREQ, 5 GHz, Span, 1 MHz, AMPTD, Signal Path, uW Path Ctrl**. Standard Path is the default. Select uW Preselector Bypass and you should hear a distinct "click" noise if the control logic from the A15 Front End Control board is getting to the appropriate switch.

Oscilloscope Test

Measurements can be made to verify the current logic is getting to the appropriate switch from the A15. In order to perform this measurement, the outer cover and chassis RF bracket on the right hand side of the instrument must be removed. Refer to Chapter 16, "Assembly Replacement Procedures," for the removal procedures.

Figure 6-5, Figure 6-6, and Figure 6-7 illustrate the measurement location where the oscilloscope probe should be used to measure the logic. There are two connector bodies with three wires each. On one connector, the three wires are green, black and orange. On the other connector, the three wires are green, black, and yellow. On each connector, black is ground.

On analyzers with Option 508, 513, and 526, both connectors are used; one connects to SW1 and the other to SW2. It does not matter which connector connects to which switch. Both connectors are programmed to behave identically.

However, on analyzers with Option 532, 544 and 550, only the green, black, yellow connector is used to control SW4.

Figure 6-5 SW1 and SW2 Connector Location (Option 508, 513, and 526)

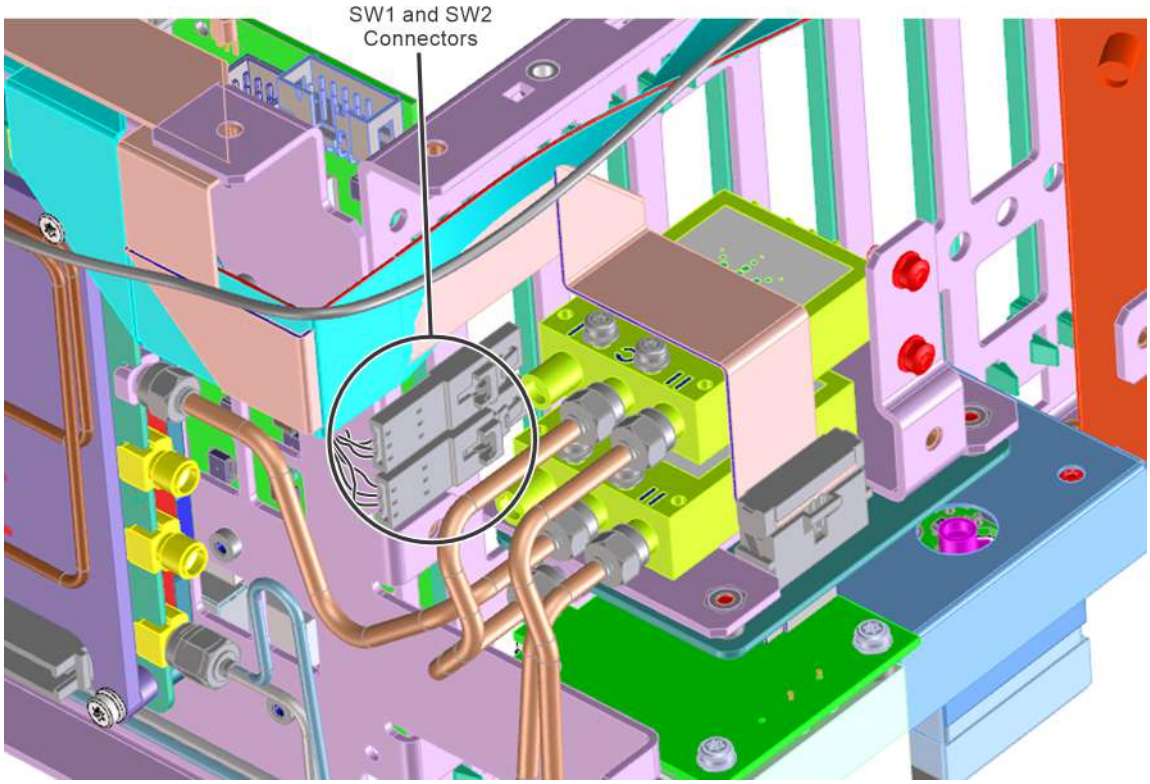


Figure 6-6 SW4 Connector Location (Option 532, 544, 550)

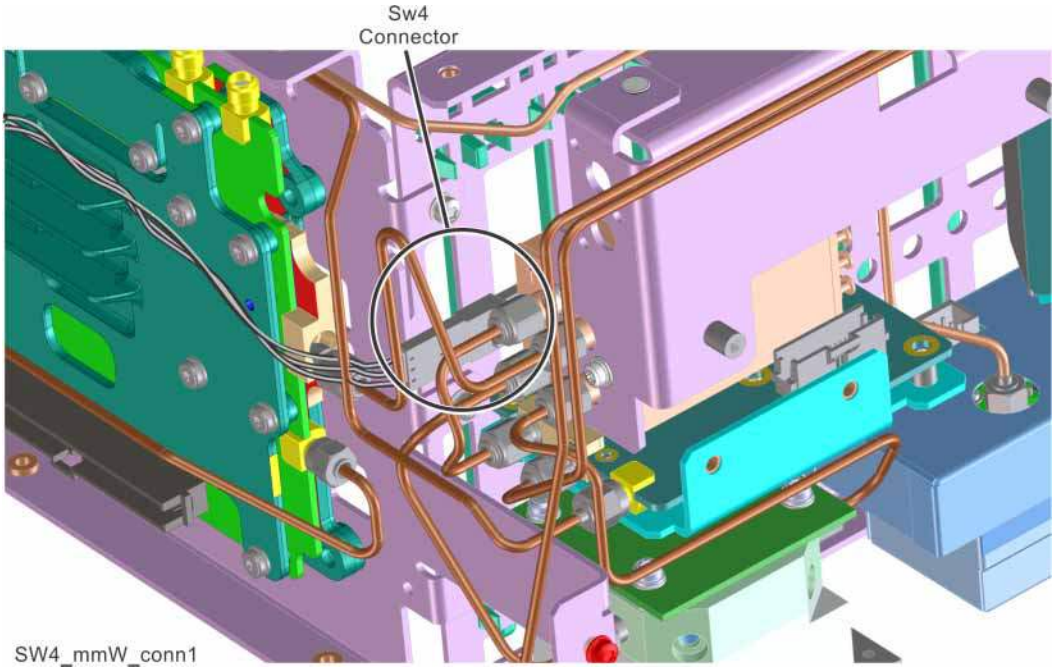
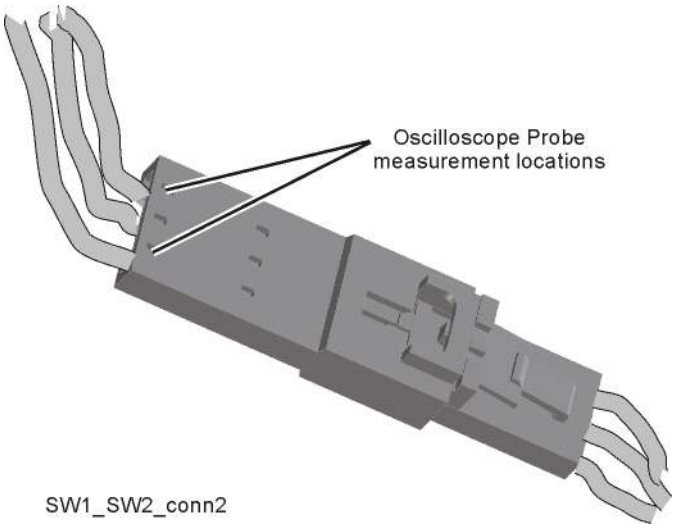
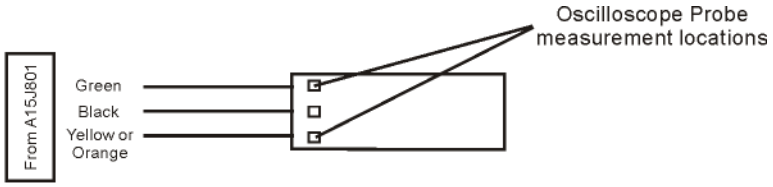


Figure 6-7 Connector Close-up



To verify the control logic, press **Mode Preset** on the analyzer. Press **FREQ**, **5 GHz**, **Span**, **1 MHz**, **AMPTD**, **Signal Path**, **uW Path Ctrl**. Standard Path is selected by default. Carefully place the scope probe tip on the conductive portion where the green wire goes into the connector, see Figure 6-8.

Figure 6-8 Connector Detail



SW1_SW2points

The voltage should be ~21.5 VDC steady state at this point. When you switch from Standard Path to uW Preselector Bypass, you should see a negative going pulse to 0 VDC on the oscilloscope for ~15 mS before the voltage returns to ~21.5 VDC steady state. The oscilloscope triggering may need to be adjusted to see the negative going pulse. This can be tested on both connectors that contain the green wire.

Monitor the yellow or orange wires on each connector, one at a time. The yellow or orange wire starts at ~21.5 VDC. When switching from uW Preselector Bypass to Standard Path, you should see a negative going pulse to 0 VDC on the oscilloscope for ~15 mS before the voltage returns to ~21.5 VDC steady state.

If both the green wires and the yellow or orange wires measure this pulse correctly, the control logic from the A15, Front End Controller board is operating correctly.

The black wire is ground.

RF Signal Tracing

Refer to Chapter 4, “RF Section Troubleshooting (Microwave Analyzers).” for this method of troubleshooting if you are unable to use an Oscilloscope

Verifying Narrowband IF Out (A15J900)

The outer cover and top shield need to be removed to verify A15J900 I.F. output to the A2 Analog IF assembly. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures.” for the removal procedure. Press **Mode**, **Spectrum Analyzer**, **Mode Preset** on the analyzer. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz**, **Freq**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **0 Hz**, **Amptd**, **Attenuation**, **10 dB**, **Amptd**, **Signal Path**, **Internal Preamp Off**, **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off**. Disconnect the cable marked J900 that plugs into the top of the A15, Front End Controller board and connect a functioning spectrum analyzer where the cable was plugged in. J900's output should be 322.5 MHz at ~-23 dBm on the

functioning spectrum analyzer if the Front End Controller board is switching this level correctly. If -23 dBm is not being measured correctly, remove the cable labeled J902 from the Front End Controller board and measure the output of that cable. This should also measure 322.5 MHz at ~-23 dBm. If the output of the J902 cable measures correctly and yet the output of J900 is incorrect, the most probable cause is the A15, Front End Controller board.

Reconnect all cables to their correct location when finished with the measurements.

IMPORTANT When plugging in an mmcx connector, a distinct “snap” should be heard when the cable is seated correctly.

Verifying Wideband IF Out (A15J901)

The outer cover and top shield need to be removed to verify A15J901 output. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures.” for the removal procedure. Press **Mode**, **IQ Analyzer (Basic)**, **Mode Preset** on the analyzer. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz**, **Freq**, **50 MHz**, **Amptd**, **Attenuation**, **10 dB**, **Amptd**, **Signal Path**, **Internal Preamp Off**, **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align, Off**. Disconnect the cable marked J901 that plugs into the Front End Controller board and connect a functioning spectrum analyzer where the cable was plugged in. J901's I.F. output will vary depending on the I.F. path that is chosen. Press **Mode Setup**, **IF Path** and select **40 MHz**. If the switch path is working correctly in the A15 Front End Controller board, the functioning spectrum analyzer should measure 250 MHz at ~-30 dBm.

If Option B2X is installed in the analyzer press **Mode Setup**, **IF Path** and select **255 MHz**. If the switch path is working correctly in the A15 Front End Controller board, the functioning spectrum analyzer should measure 750 MHz at ~-30 dBm.

If Option B5X is installed in the analyzer press **Meas Setup**, **IF Path** and select **510 MHz**. If the switch path is working correctly in the A15 Front End Controller board, the functioning spectrum analyzer should measure ~877 MHz at ~ -30 dBm.

In order for these I.F. levels to measure correctly, the I.F. input at A15J902 must be correct. Refer to Chapter 4, “RF Section Troubleshooting (Microwave Analyzers).” Reconnect all cables to their correct location when finished.

Verifying Aux IF Out, Rear Panel (Option CR3, CRP only)

The Aux I.F. output connector on the rear panel of the MXA is installed on each instrument; however the actual Aux I.F. output frequency will vary depending on the options installed. These options are all enabled with a license key. The first step in verifying the Aux I.F. output is the make sure the option is licensed by pressing **System**, **Show System** on the analyzer and make sure the option identifies itself in the table.

The I.F. switch path and frequency generation occurs on the A15, Front End Controller board. This troubleshooting procedure provides the instrument setups to verify options CR3 and CRP. Test the Aux I.F. output based on the options installed in the analyzer.

Standard MXA (no Option CR3 or CRP)

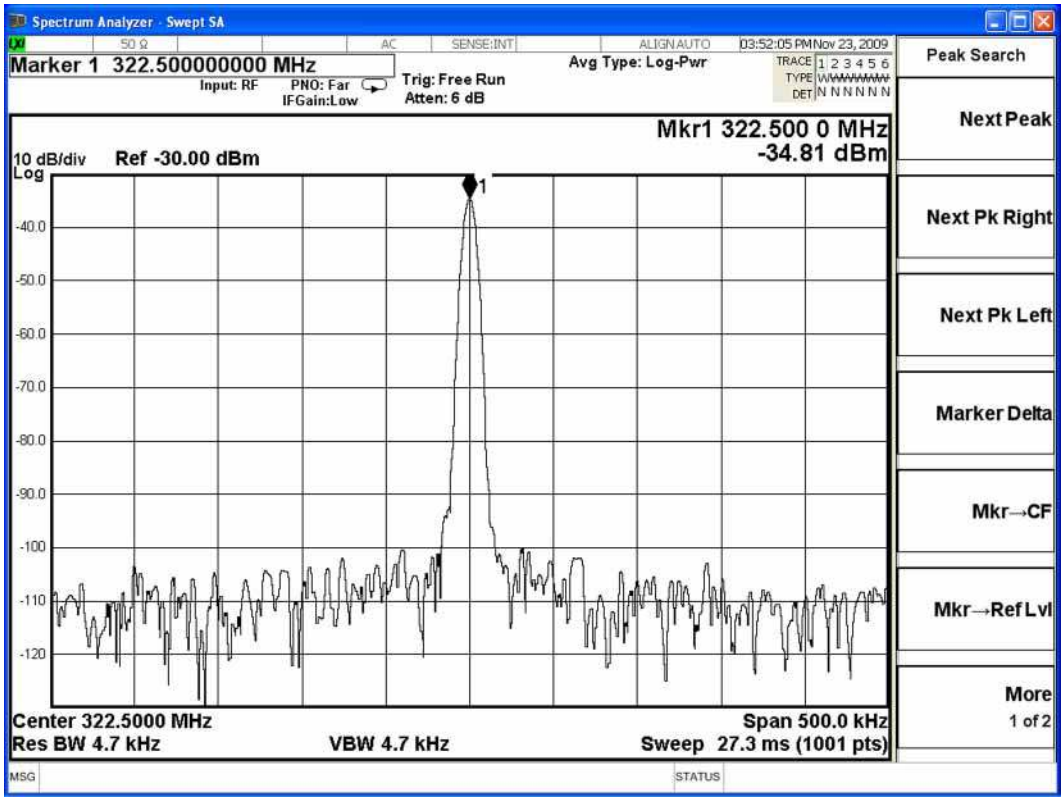
No test to perform.

Verifying Option CR3

Press the following keys on the analyzer:
Mode, **Spectrum Analyzer**, **Mode Preset, Input/Output, RF Calibrator, 50 MHz, Freq, 50 MHz, Span, 0 Hz, System, Alignments, Auto Align, Off, Input/Output, Output, Aux IF Out, Second IF**

Connect the Aux I.F. Output on the rear panel to the RF Input of a functioning spectrum analyzer. If the A15 Front End Controller is switching the I.F. correctly, you should measure 322.5 MHz at –35 dBm ±3 dB as per Figure 6-9.

Figure 6-9 322.5 MHz

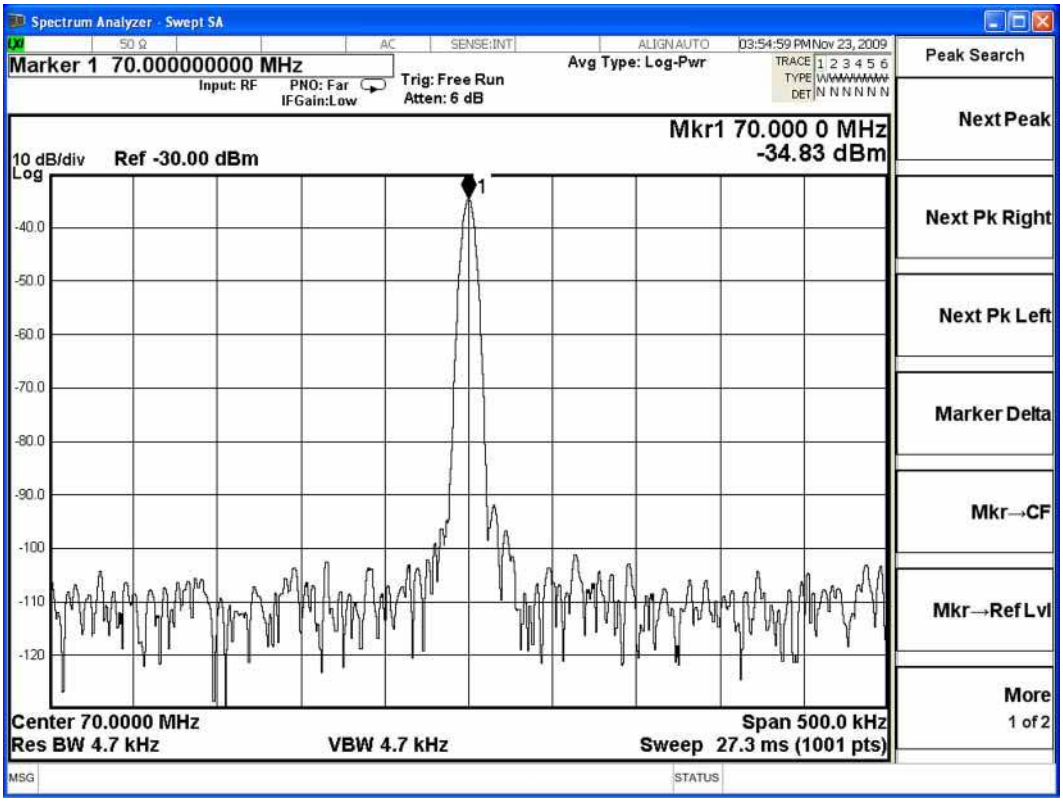


Verifying Option CRP

Press the following keys on the analyzer:
Mode, **Spectrum Analyzer**, **Mode Preset**, **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator, 50 MHz**, **Freq**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **0 Hz**, **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off**, **Input/Output**, **Output**, **Aux IF Out**, **Arbitrary IF**.

The default is 70 MHz, which can be measured on a functioning spectrum analyzer. The amplitude level should be –35 dBm ±3 dB as per Figure 6-10. With the Arbitrary IF as the active function, you can vary the I.F. from 10 MHz to 70 MHz in 500 kHz steps and measure the Aux IF output. The amplitude level should remain fairly flat across the entire arbitrary IF output range.

Figure 6-10 70 MHz



7 Analog/Digital IF Troubleshooting

What You Will Find in This Chapter

The following information is presented in this chapter:

1. Theory of operation of the IF section.
2. Isolating the cause of a hardware problem by verifying the functionality of assemblies in the IF section signal path.

NOTE Each of the following sections first describes how the assembly works, then gives information to help you troubleshoot the assembly. Each description explains the purpose of the assembly, describes the main components, and lists external connections to the assembly.

The following sections are found in this chapter:

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A3 Digital IF Assembly Description on page 171

A3 Digital IF Assembly Theory of Operation on page 172

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A2 Analog IF Assembly Description

When the 10 MHz or 25 MHz IF Path is selected, or when any swept measurement is made, the analyzer's RF input signal is down converted to a 322.5 MHz intermediate frequency in the A13 RF Front End Assembly. This 322.5 MHz signal is routed through the IF MUX on the A15 Front End Control Assembly and then input to the A2 Analog I.F. Assembly.

The Analog I.F. down converts the 322.5 MHz signal to a final 22.5 MHz intermediate frequency. In order to obtain optimal dynamic range and minimize unwanted spurious signals, this signal is filtered, amplified and attenuated throughout this assembly. The final 22.5 MHz signal goes through a series of variable band pass filters each having a specific bandwidth. Three things determine the signal path and which filters are chosen:

- Instrument resolution bandwidth (RBW) setting
- Application used
- Mode applied

This assembly contains one of the two burst carrier trigger (BCT) circuits for performing mobile communication measurements. The BCT on the A2 assembly is relatively narrowband. The other BCT circuit is part of the IF MUX on the A15 Front End Control Assembly and has a much wider bandwidth.

The output of the A2 assembly is a filtered 22.5 MHz signal that goes to one of the two ADCs on the A3 Digital I.F. Assembly.

Inputs to the A2

322.5 MHz signal (from A15 Front End Control Assembly)

LO Input (300 MHz signal from A16 Reference Assembly)

22.5 MHz Cal Comb Signal (from the A3 Digital IF Assembly)

Outputs from the A2

22.5 MHz signal (to A3 Digital IF Assembly)

RF Trigger Detector (to A3 Digital IF Assembly)

A2 Analog IF Assembly Theory of Operation

NOTE

Refer to Chapter 13, "Block Diagrams."

Input Switch and Filter

A 322.5 MHz input signal is received from the A15 Front End Control Assembly. The signal then goes through a band pass filter centered at 322.5 MHz with a 25 MHz bandwidth. A comb cal signal can be automatically switched in at the input of the assembly to calibrate the prefilters.

Step Attenuator and Amplifier

A 1 dB step attenuator follows to compensate for band gain differences. The signal then goes through a high-dynamic range amplifier.

Image Filters

One of three different filter paths will be selected automatically, depending on the analyzer mode.

- The through path is selected in IQ Analyzer Mode and wide-band demod.
- The 12 MHz ceramic bandpass filter is used for normal Signal Analyzer swept and FFT operation.
- The 300 kHz Surface Acoustic Wave (SAW) is used for ACP modes.

Mixer

There are two mixers that reside on this assembly. The first mixer is used to down convert the 322.5 MHz input to the final 22.5 MHz IF. The other mixer is described in the IF Comb Cal section.

3rd LO

The 300 MHz 3rd LO signal comes from the A16 Reference Assembly and conditions it for use as an LO in the two mixers that reside on this assembly. The third LO power is ~ +10 dBm to optimize the conversion efficiency of the first mixer.

IF Comb Cal

The 2nd mixer is used to mix the 300 MHz LO from the Reference Assembly with the 22.5 MHz cal comb signal from the A3 Digital IF to allow calibration of the prefilters and overall passband phase and amplitude. The signal is attenuated by 20 dB if necessary.

Post Down Conversion Amplification and Prefiltering

The 22.5 MHz IF goes through a fixed gain amplifier. Then prefilters are switched in and out. The signal then goes through a variable gain amplifier.

The prefilters provide four single-pole filters to limit the bandwidth of the signal reaching the ADC on the A3 Digital IF assembly. There are five different signal paths for the 22.5 MHz IF when using Signal Analyzer swept mode:

1. LC wide
2. LC narrow
3. Crystal wide
4. Crystal narrow
5. Through path

The LC wide signal path is used when the analyzer Res BW setting is 180 kHz to 390 kHz.

The LC narrow signal path is used when the analyzer Res BW setting is 30 kHz to 160 kHz.

The Crystal wide signal path is used when the analyzer Res BW setting is 4.3 kHz to 27 kHz.

The Crystal narrow signal path is used when the analyzer Res BW setting is < 3.9 kHz.

The through path is used when the analyzer Res BW setting is 430 kHz and greater in analyzer swept mode.

NOTE In IQ Analyzer mode or in Spectrum Analyzer mode with Sweep Type of FFT, the analyzer span setting determines the pre-filter settings.

Anti-Alias Filter and Final Amplifier

The anti-alias filters attenuate unwanted out-of-band noise and distortion products. The first anti-alias filter is centered at 22.5 MHz and is 25 MHz wide.

The signal can bypass the second anti-alias filter when the analyzer utilizes either the IQ Analyzer swept, or wide-band demod.

The through path is selected when the image filter is in the 25 MHz mode (for IQ Analyzer swept and wide-band demod)

In all other cases the signal will pass through the second 12 MHz anti-alias filter.

The step gain block provides an additional switchable 10 dB gain to overcome the ADC noise floor and provide an additional 2 dB of analyzer sensitivity.

Burst Carrier Trigger

The Burst Carrier Trigger detector provides a binary signal to be used as a trigger based on the presence of an RF input signal or not. The variable gain amplifiers drive a detector and its output drives a comparator which generates the trigger signal.

A2 Analog IF Troubleshooting

There are three steps to verify the A2 Analog IF Assembly.

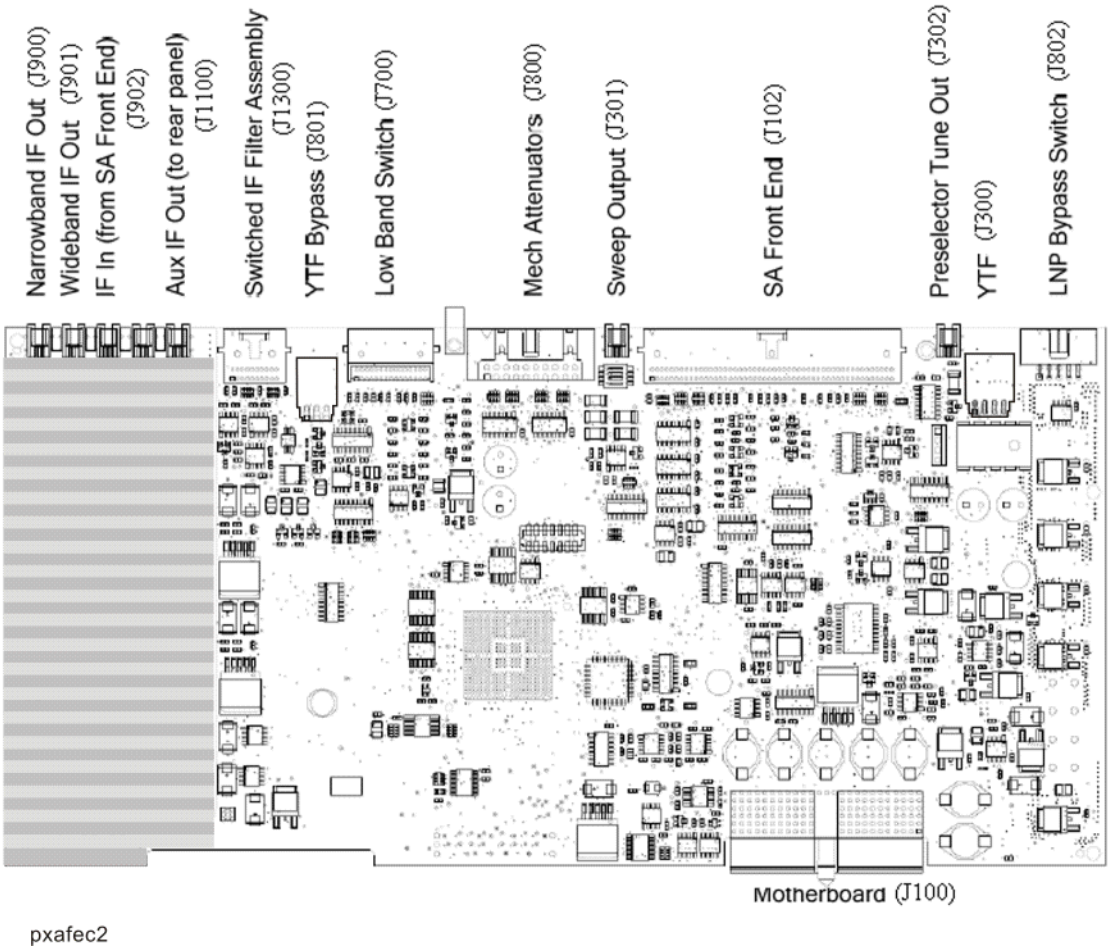
- Measure the input power and frequency accuracy of the 322.5 MHz signal (from the A15 Front End Controller assembly)
- Measure the output power and frequency accuracy of the 22.5 MHz signal (to the A3 Digital IF Assembly)
- Measure the 300 MHz input LO signal (from the A16 Reference Assembly)

Verifying the 322.5 MHz Input Power

1. Turn the instrument off.
2. Remove instrument cover. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures” in this service guide.
3. Turn on the MXA Signal Analyzer and wait for the instrument to complete the boot up process.
4. Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off**.
5. Press **Input/Output**, **RF calibrator**, **50 MHz**.
6. Verify the 50 MHz signal is at –25 dBm on the analyzer display by pressing **Frequency**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search** on the MXA. The marker readout should be 50 MHz at –25 dBm ± 3 dB. If this reference signal is measuring incorrectly, see Chapter 5, “RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)” in this service guide.
7. To continue verifying press **FREQ, Span**, **Zero Span**. Verify the input attenuator on the MXA is set to 10 dB. Look near the top of the display near the center and verify that **Atten: 10 dB** is visible. If needed change the input attenuator by pressing **AMPTD**, **Attenuation**, **10 dB** on the analyzer.

8. Carefully disconnect W25 cable at A15J900 as shown in Figure 7-1.

Figure 7-1 A15 RF Front End Control Assembly

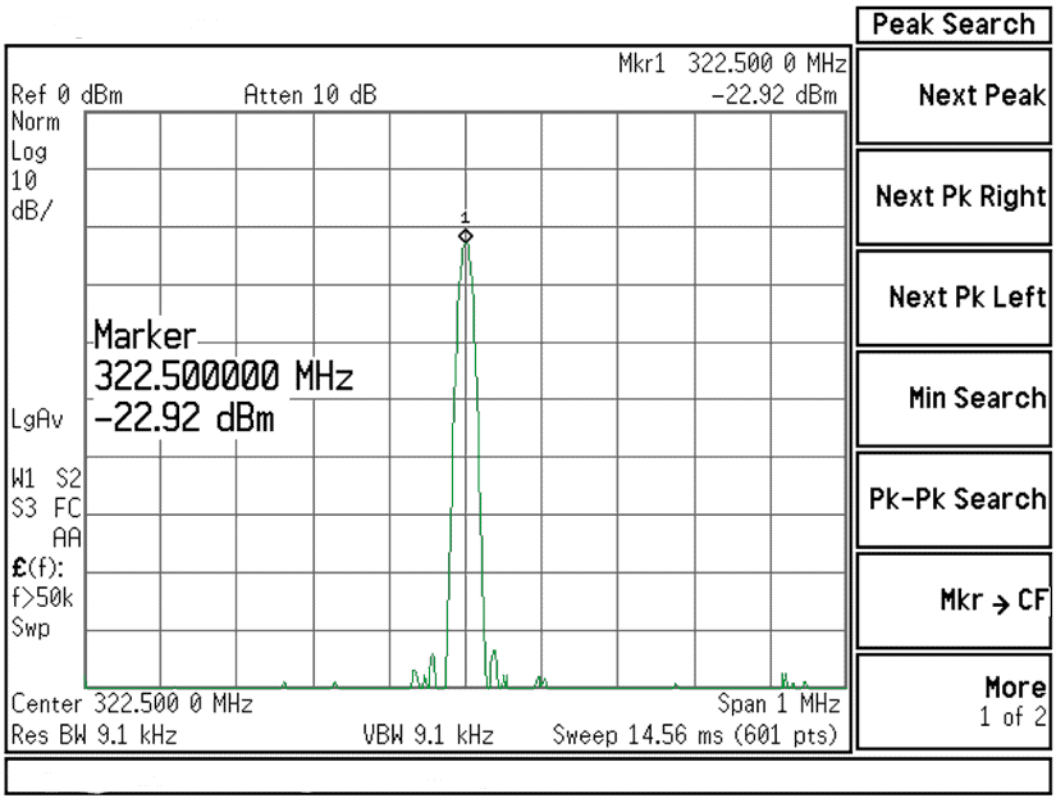


9. Connect A15J900 to a functioning spectrum analyzer using the appropriate MMCX connectors and cables.

10. Press **Freq**, **322.5 MHz**, **Span, 1 MHz**, **Peak Search** on the functioning spectrum analyzer.

11. The analyzer should read 322.5 MHz at –23 dBm ± 3 dB as shown in Figure 7-2.

Figure 7-2 A15 322.5 MHz Output



NOTE If the 322.5 MHz signal is not measuring the correct power level, refer to Chapter 5, "RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)." in this service guide.

Reconnect W25 to A15J900.

IMPORTANT Measuring at this location is for convenience. The 322.5 MHz signal is an output at A15J900. Since the W25 cable connects from this output to the input of the Analog I.F. assembly at A2J100, the small coaxial cable has not been tested at the A2J100 end.

Verifying the 22.5 MHz Output Power

1. Perform an instrument shutdown.
2. Turn the instrument over so the bottom side of the analyzer is facing up.
3. Turn on the MXA Signal Analyzer and wait for the instrument to complete the boot up process.
4. Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off**.
5. Press **Input/Output**, **RF calibrator**, **50 MHz**.
6. Verify the 50 MHz signal is at –25 dBm by pressing **FREQ**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search** on the analyzer. The marker readout should be 50 MHz at –25 dBm ± 3 dB. If this reference signal is measuring incorrectly, see Chapter 5, "RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)" in this service guide.
7. To continue verifying press **FREQ**, **Span**, **Zero Span**. Verify the input attenuator on the MXA is set to 10 dB. Look near the top of the display near the center and verify that **Atten: 10 dB** is visible. If needed change the input attenuator by pressing **AMPTD**, **Attenuation**, **10 dB** on the analyzer.
8. Referring to Figure 7-3, carefully disconnect the W42 cable at A3J19.

Figure 7-3 A3 Digital IF Cables

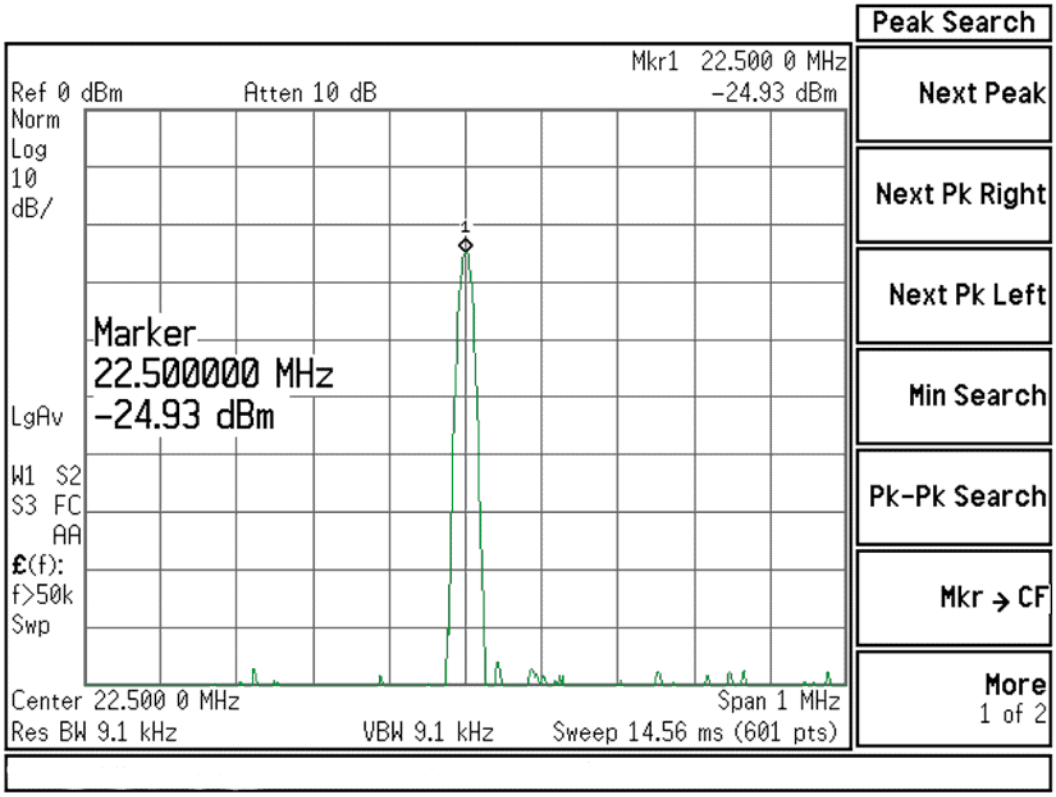


9. Connect the W42 cable to the MMCX female to SMA female connector. Use an appropriate cable to go from the SMA connector to the RF input of a functioning spectrum analyzer to verify the 22.5 MHz I.F. and amplitude is correct.

10. Press **Freq**, **22.5 MHz**, **Span**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search** on the functioning spectrum analyzer.

11. The analyzer marker should read 22.5 MHz at –25 dBm ± 4 dB as shown in Figure 7-4.

Figure 7-4 A2 Analog IF Output



12. If the 22.5 MHz signal is not measuring the correct power level, do not assume the Analog IF is the most probable cause until the 3rd LO frequency and power level have been verified below.

13. If the 22.5 MHz signal is within tolerance, carefully reconnect the W42 cable to A3J19.

NOTE You should hear a distinct snap when reconnecting the W42 cable. If this cable is not installed properly, intermittent signal fluctuations may occur on the analyzer display.

Verifying the 300 MHz LO Input Power from the A16 Reference Assembly

1. Referring to Figure 7-5, carefully disconnect the W36 at A2J300.

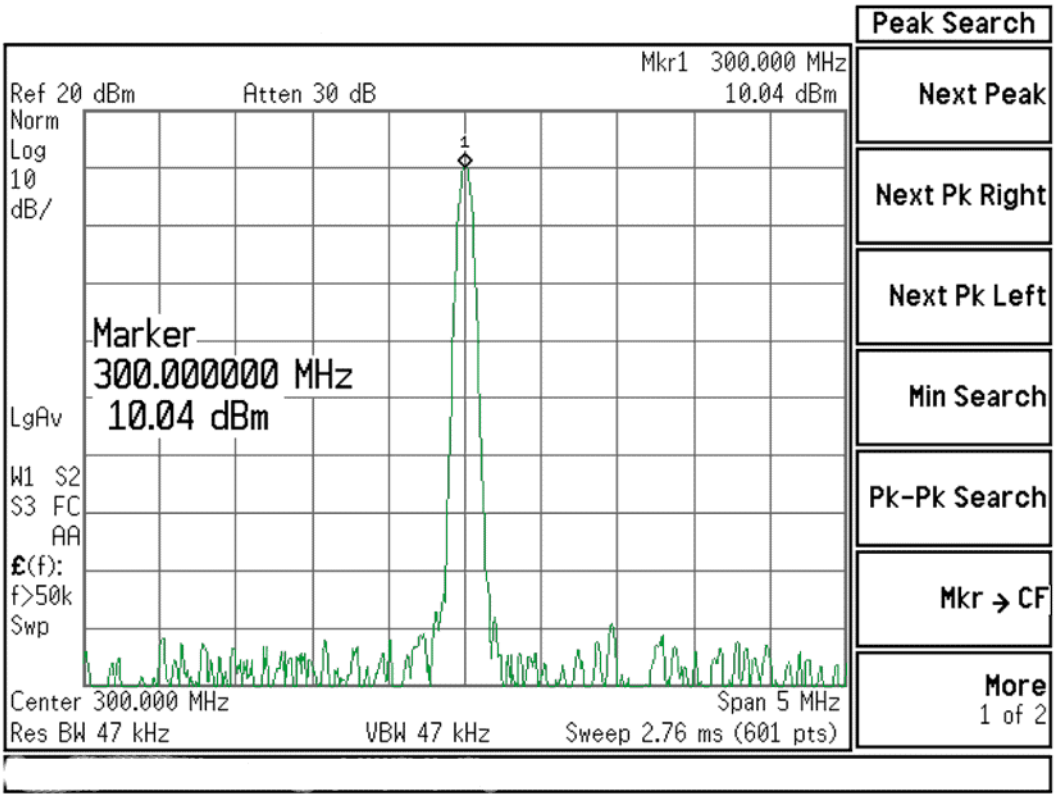
Figure 7-5 A2 Analog IF Cables



2. Connect the W36 cable to the MMCX female to SMA female adapter. Use an appropriate cable to go from the SMA adapter to the RF input of a functioning spectrum analyzer.
3. Press **Freq**, **300 MHz**, **Span**, **1 MHz**, **Amplitude**, **10 dBm**, **Peak Search** on the functioning spectrum analyzer.

4. The analyzer marker should read 300 MHz at 10 dBm ± 3 dB as shown in Figure 7-6.

Figure 7-6 300 MHz LO



5. If the 300 MHz signal is not measuring the correct power level, see the A16 Reference Assembly troubleshooting section in this service guide.
6. If the 300 MHz LO is measuring the correct power level and frequency and the 22.5 MHz signal is low, the most probable cause is the A2 Analog IF assembly.

A3 Digital IF Assembly Description

The A3 Digital I.F. has circuitry that is needed to analyze complex communication signals that can occupy up to 40 MHz of information bandwidth. This assembly has two inputs:

1. **The final 22.5 MHz I.F. from the A2 Analog I.F. for IF bandwidth paths up to 25 MHz wide. This input is used for swept and FFT spectrum analysis.**
2. **The 250 MHz IF from the A15 Front End Control Assembly (via the A25 Wideband IF assembly on analyzers with Opt B2X or B5X) for IF bandwidth of 40 MHz.**

Each input has a separate ADC that processes the time domain continuous data into I/Q (in-phase and quadrature) signals before sending the data to the A4 CPU assembly for further processing and front panel display.

The Digital I.F. has the following main functions:

- Digitizes the 22.5 MHz and the 250 MHz IF signals
  - 16 bit ADC with a 100 MHz sample rate to digitize the 22.5 MHz IF
  - 12 bit ADC with a 200 MHz sample rate to digitize the 250 MHz IF
- DSP for standard spectrum analysis
- Capture memory for complex signals
- Noise Source Control
- Dither for final I.F
- Provides the alignment sequence generator for wide band alignments
- Provides wide band Comb Calibration Signal
- Trigger interpolation and associated alignment

A3 Digital IF Assembly Theory of Operation

NOTE

Refer to Chapter 13, "Block Diagrams."

Data Acquisition

The 22.5 MHz IF comes from the A2 Analog IF assembly. The input level to the A3 Digital IF assembly is –25 dBm when observing the 50 MHz calibrator signal. The IF input has a 25 MHz bandwidth centered at 22.5 MHz. The analog circuitry leading to the ADC converts the singled ended signal from the Analog IF to differential required by the ADC. In addition, it is part of a filter, part of which is on the AIF, which improves distortion. Finally, it couples in the dither signal. The ADC is a 16 bit device sampling continuously at 100 Ms/second.

The 250 MHz IF comes from the A15 Front End Control assembly and routed through the A25 Wideband IF Assembly on analyzers with Opt B2X or B5X. The input level is approximately -25 dBm when observing the 50 MHz calibrator signal. The IF input has a 40 MHz bandwidth centered at 250 MHz. The analog circuitry leading to the ADC converts the single-ended signal from the Front End Control to differential required by the ADC. Finally, it couples in the dither signal. The ADC is a 12-bit device sampling continuously at 200 Ms/second.

Rear Panel Triggers

The board has two trigger inputs and two trigger outputs all used via BNC connectors on the rear panel. The trigger inputs are used when an external device has a trigger signal and the user wants to use that external trigger to trigger the signal analyzer. The trigger outputs are used to synchronize other pieces of test equipment to the MXA. These outputs are configurable through the Input/Output menu via the front panel of the instrument.

The trigger inputs each allow trigger levels to be set from –5 to +5 volts using the control DAC. The circuits have relatively high input impedance. The trigger outputs have 50 Ω source impedance with TTL drive levels into no load.

Control DAC

The control DAC is used to set trigger levels and the gain of the reconstruction system. All three outputs can be adjusted from –2.5 to +2.5 volts.

Sample Rate Generator

The 10 MHz reference signal comes from the A16 Reference Assembly. This signal is fairly high power at +10 dBm. The signal goes through a 10 MHz to 30 MHz tripler. A 0 to 5V, 10 MHz square wave is generated. Capacitors form a single-pole band pass filter to select the 3rd harmonic, 30 MHz.

The signal then passes through a 30 MHz to 90 MHz tripler. A 0 to 5V, 30 MHz square wave is generated. Capacitors form a single-pole band pass filter to select the 3rd harmonic, 90 MHz.

Noise Source Voltage Regulator

Various external noise sources can be connected to the rear panel of the MXA Signal Analyzer. These noise sources require a very accurate 28 volt DC power supply.

The 28 volt BNC output connector is used with the 346 series noise sources.

The Smart Noise Source (SNS) interface includes power switching for the 28 volt and 15 volt power supply. In addition, it has buffers to interface to the SNS I2C bus for control and read back of ENR data automatically. The SNS connector is used with the SNS series noise sources.

DSP

The signal from the ADC is sent to the Digital Signal Processor.

Digital Bus Common Mode Filtering

The Digital Bus is a real time digital interface. It is sometimes referred to as Messenger or LVDS. The implementation on the Digital IF is unidirectional, meaning it can only source data, not receive it. Common mode filtering is required to translate the digital ground referenced signals to analog ground at the rear panel.

A3 Digital IF Troubleshooting

Verifying the 22.5 MHz Input Power

1. Perform an instrument shutdown.
2. Remove the cover of the MXA Signal Analyzer. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures”, on page 341 in this service guide.
3. Turn the instrument over so that the bottom side of the analyzer is facing up.
4. Turn on the MXA Signal Analyzer and wait for the instrument to complete the boot up process.
5. Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off**
6. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz**
7. Verify the 50 MHz signal is at –25 dBm by pressing **FREQ**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search** on the analyzer. The marker readout should be 50 MHz at –25 dBm ± 3 dB. If this reference signal is measuring incorrectly, see Chapter 5, “RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)” in this service guide.
8. To continue verifying press **FREQ**, **Span**, **Zero Span**. Verify the input attenuator on the MXA is set to 10 dB. Look near the top of the display near the center and verify **Atten: 10 dB** is visible. If needed change the input attenuator by pressing **Amplitude**, **Attenuation**, **10 dB** on the analyzer.

9. Referring to Figure 7-7, carefully disconnect W42 cable at A3J19.

Figure 7-7 A3 Digital IF Cables

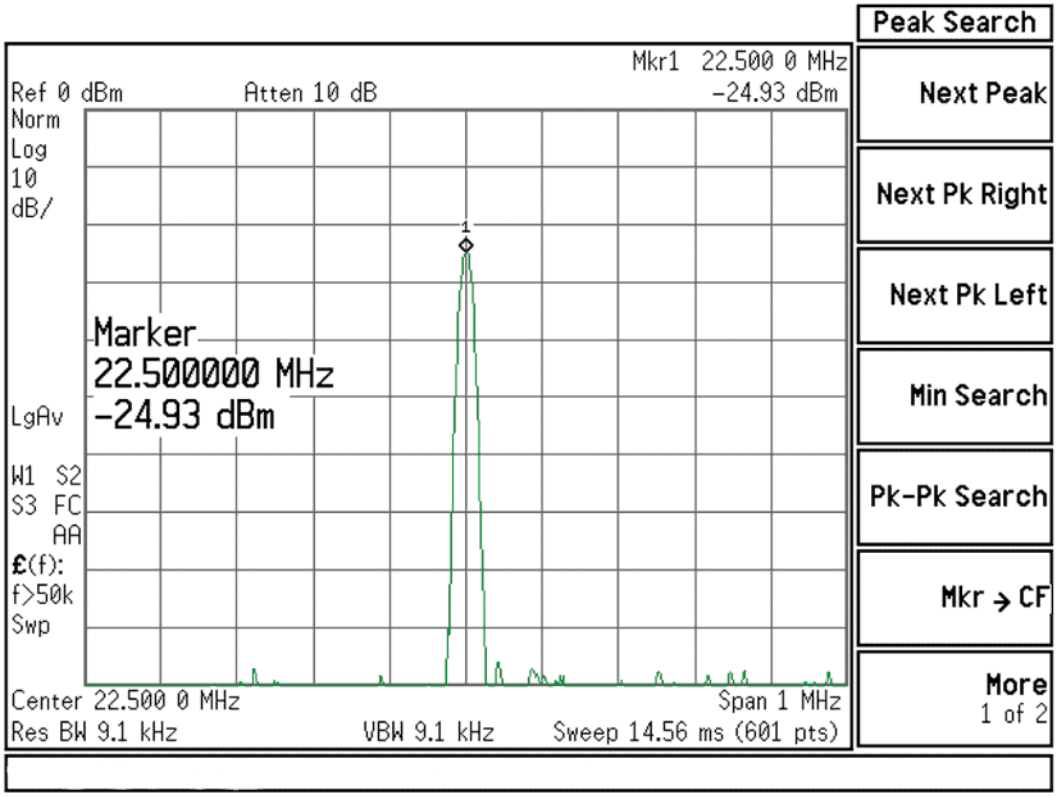


10. Connect the W42 cable to the MMCX female to SMA female connector. Use an appropriate cable to go from the SMA connector to the RF input of a functioning spectrum analyzer to verify the 22.5 MHz I.F. signal frequency and amplitude is correct.

11. Press **Freq**, **22.5 MHz Span**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search** on the functioning spectrum analyzer.

12. The analyzer should read 22.5 MHz at –25 dBm ± 4 dB as shown in Figure 7-8.

Figure 7-8 22.5 MHz IF Input



13. If the 22.5 MHz signal is not measuring the correct power level, see "A2 Analog IF Troubleshooting" on page 164 in this service guide.

14. If the 22.5 MHz signal is within tolerance, carefully reconnect the W42 cable to A3J19.

Verifying the 250 MHz IF Input Power

1. Perform an instrument shutdown.
2. Remove the cover of the MXA Signal Analyzer. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures”, on page 341 in this service guide.
3. Turn the instrument over so that the bottom side of the analyzer is facing up.
4. Turn on the MXA Signal Analyzer and wait for the instrument to complete the boot up process.
5. Press **MODE/MEAS**, **IQ Analyzer (Basic)**, **Meas Setup**, **IF Path**, **40 MHz**.
6. Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off**.
7. Press **Input/Output**, **RF calibrator**, **50 MHz**.
8. Verify the 50 MHz signal is at –25 dBm by pressing **FREQ**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search** on the analyzer. The maker readout should be 50 MHz at –25 dBm ± 3 dB. If this reference signal is measuring incorrectly, see Chapter 5, “RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)” in this service guide.
9. To continue verifying press **MODE/MEAS**, **IQ Waveform**. Verify the input attenuator on the MXA is set to 10 dB. Look near the top of the display near the center and verify **Atten: 10 dB** is visible. If needed change the input attenuator by pressing **Amplitude**, **Attenuation**, **10 dB** on the analyzer
10. Referring to Figure 7-11, carefully disconnect W40 from A3J15.

Figure 7-9 A3 Digital IF Cables

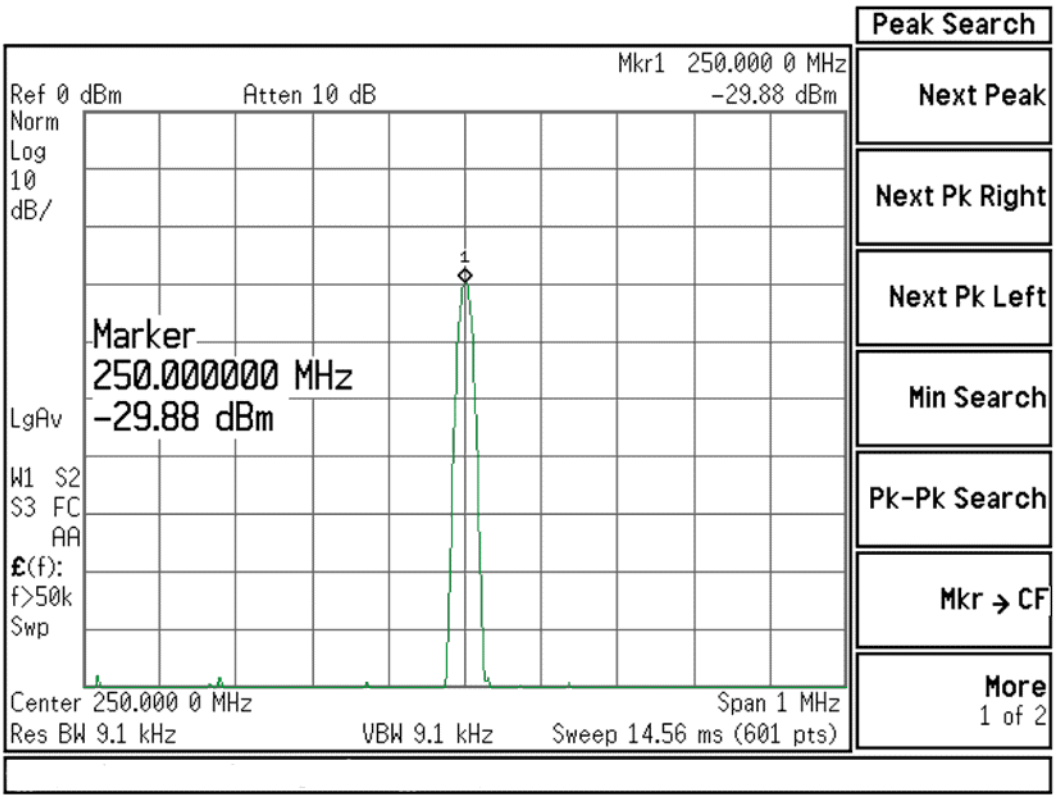


11. Connect the W40 cable to the MMCX female to SMA female connector. Use an appropriate cable to go from the SMA connector to the RF input of a functioning spectrum analyzer to verify the 250 MHz I.F. signal frequency and amplitude is correct.

12. Press **Freq**, **250 MHz**, **Span**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search** on the functioning spectrum analyzer.

13. The analyzer marker should read 250 MHz at –30 dBm ± 4 dB as shown in Figure 7-12.

Figure 7-10 250 MHz IF Input



14. If the 250 MHz signal is not measuring the correct power level, see "A15 Front End Control Assembly Troubleshooting" on page 140 in this service guide.

15. If the 250 MHz signal is within tolerance, carefully reconnect the W26 or W40 cable to A3J15.

NOTE You should hear a distinct snap when reconnecting the cable. If this cable is not installed properly, intermittent signal fluctuations may occur on the analyzer display.

Verifying the 100 MHz Reference Input

1. Perform an instrument shutdown.
2. Remove the cover of the MXA Signal Analyzer. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures”, on page 341 in this service guide.
3. Turn the instrument over so that the bottom side of the analyzer is facing up.
4. Turn on the MXA Signal Analyzer and wait for the instrument to complete the boot up process.
5. Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off**.
6. Press **Input/Output**, **RF calibrator**, **50 MHz**.
7. Referring to Figure 7-11, carefully disconnect W39 cable at A3J14.

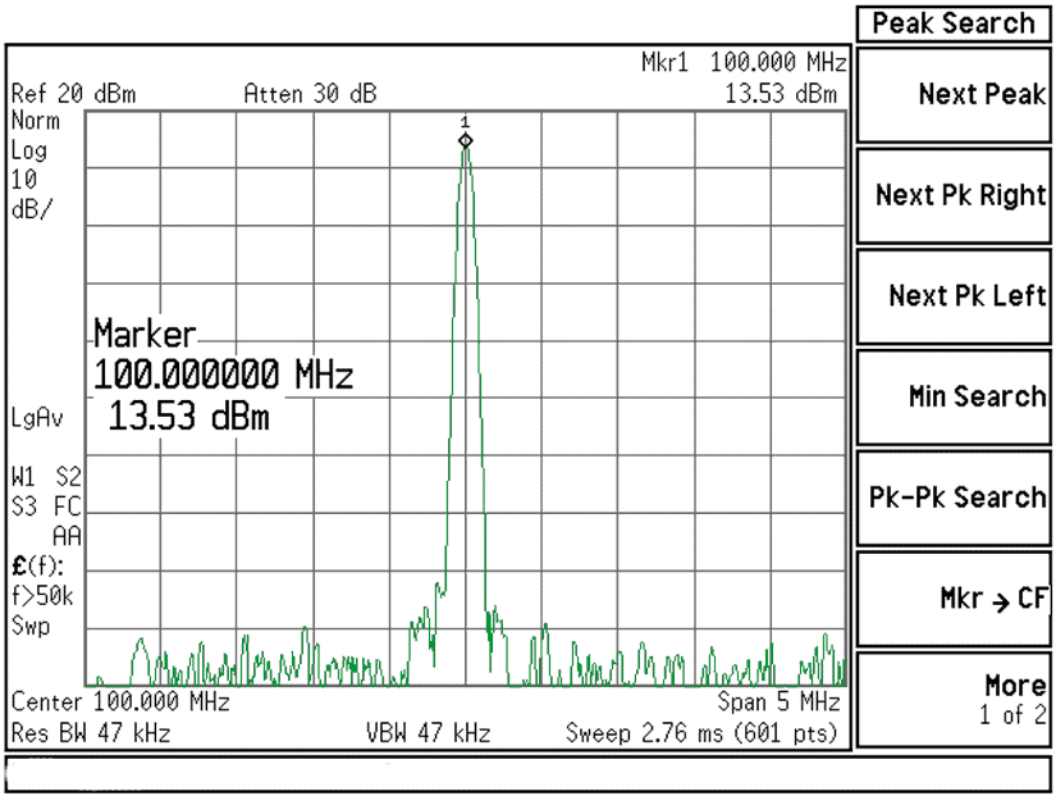
Figure 7-11 A3 Digital IF Cables



8. Connect the W39 cable to the MMCX female to SMA female connector. Use an appropriate cable to go from the SMA connector to the RF input of a functioning spectrum analyzer to verify the 100 MHz reference frequency and amplitude is correct.
9. Press **AMPTD**, **Ref Level**, **20 dBm**, **Freq**, **100 MHz**, **Span**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search** on the functioning spectrum analyzer.

10. The analyzer marker should read 100 MHz at +10 dBm ± 4 dB as shown in Figure 7-12.

Figure 7-12 100 MHz Reference Input



11. If the 100 MHz signal is measuring incorrectly, see See “A16 Reference Troubleshooting” on page 202. in this service guide.

12. If the 22.5 MHz IF, 250 MHz IF (if appropriate) and 100 MHz reference signals measure the correct frequency and amplitude and yet the display is not processing the signal properly, the most probable causes are the A3 Digital IF or the A4 CPU. It is difficult to separate these two assemblies given the architecture of the analyzer. Each assembly will have to be tried to see which one is causing the failure.

8 LO Synthesizer/Reference Troubleshooting

What You Will Find in This Chapter

The following information is presented in this chapter:

1. Theory of operation of the LO Synthesizer/Reference section.
2. Isolating the cause of a hardware problem by verifying the functionality of assemblies in the LO Synthesizer and Reference sections.

NOTE Each of the following sections first describes how the assembly works, then gives information to help you troubleshoot the assembly. Each description explains the purpose of the assembly, describes the main components, and lists external connections to the assembly.

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A14 LO Synthesizer

A14 LO Synthesizer Description

Purpose

The L.O. Synthesizer assembly provides the power and drive to the A20 YTO (YIG Tuned Oscillator). The A20 YTO is used as the 1st Local Oscillator (1st LO) in the A13A1 Front End Assembly for RF conversion. The A13A1 Front End distributes the 1st LO to the various mixers and to the A14 LO Synthesizer for purposes of phase locking the 1st LO. The frequency range of the 1st LO is 3.8 to 8.73 GHz.

The RF input signal mixes with the 1st L.O. in one of four possible mixers (three on analyzers with Option 508, 513, or 526) on the A13A1 Front End Assembly. For more detailed description on the Front End Assembly, see Chapter 4, “RF Section Troubleshooting (Microwave Analyzers),” or Chapter 5, “RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers),” as appropriate, in this service guide.

The A14 LO Synthesizer has the following inputs and outputs:

- Power Supply inputs
- Serial Bus input for LO Control
- Sweep input for LO Control
- 4800 MHz input signal from A16 Reference Assembly
- 100 MHz input signal from A16 Reference Assembly
- 1st LO output signal from A13 RF Front End Assembly
- Power and drive signals to the A20 YTO

The input signals to the LO Synthesizer Assembly are the 4800 MHz and 100 MHz reference signals from the A16 Reference Assembly. These signals are used to phase lock the offset loop on the A14 and the 1st LO. On the A16 Reference Assembly, both the 4800 MHz and 100 MHz reference signals are phase locked back to the 10 MHz reference, which is also located on A16.

The quality of the phase lock design that locks the 1st LO has a direct relationship on the overall stability of the analyzer. Users can also provide their own external reference. The frequency accuracy of the user's frequency reference is directly related to the overall frequency accuracy of the signal analyzer.

A14 LO Synthesizer Theory of Operation

NOTE Refer to Chapter 13, "Block Diagrams."

The LO Synthesizer can be operated in either dual-loop or single-loop modes. The dual-loop mode provides lower phase noise but slower tuning speed. The single-loop mode provides for fast tuning. The dual-loop mode is used for narrower spans, where phase noise impacts are the greatest, while single-loop mode is used in the wider spans, where tuning speed is most important.

The analyzer automatically chooses dual-loop mode for spans less than or equal to 10 MHz. This is the "customer span", that is, the span annotated on the screen and visible to the customer. The LO span, which is the span to which the LO hardware is actually set, will be the customer span divided by N, the harmonic mixing number. The single-loop mode is automatically selected for customer spans wider than 10 MHz.

Single Loop Operation

In single-loop mode, the 100 MHz LO Synth reference signal from A16 is divided by two and the resulting 50 MHz signal is used as the reference input to the main loop phase/frequency detector. The 1st LO from A13A1J5, Synth Out, comes into A14J20 and its power is split two ways; one of the splitter outputs is used for dual-loop mode and the other output is used for single-loop mode.

In single-loop mode, the 1st LO signal is divided by two, yielding a range of 1.9 to 4.36 GHz and this divided signal is then fed to the fractional-N divider. The output of the fractional-N divider feeds the other input to the main loop phase/frequency detector. The output of the phase/frequency detector feeds the loop integrator which then drives the YTO Main and FM Coil Drivers.

There are also two types of single-loop modes; single-loop narrowband and single-loop wideband. The single-loop narrowband mode provides lower phase noise at offsets less than approximately 20 kHz.

Dual Loop Operation

In dual-loop mode, both the 100 MHz LO Synth and 4800 MHz 1st LO Reference signals are used. The 4800 MHz reference goes into a power splitter and one splitter output drives the fractional-N divider. The other output is used to drive a mixer in the Offset Loop synthesizer. The 100 MHz reference is split and one output used to drive a sampler in the Offset Loop synthesizer and the other output is divided by either 3 or 6 to yield a 16.6 or 33.3 MHz reference for the offset loop synthesizer.

The offset loop synthesizer is used to create a signal that is typically 33 to 55 MHz offset from the desired 1st LO frequency. To avoid generating synthesis related spurs, sometimes the offset is from 78 to 88 MHz. The offset loop synthesizer output drives the LO port of a mixer. The 1st LO from the A13A1

Front End drives the RF port of the mixer. The signal at the IF port, which should be between 33 and 55 MHz (or between 78 and 88 MHz), drives the phase/frequency detector.

The fractional-N divider drives the other input of the phase/frequency detector which then feeds the loop integrator which then drives the YTO Main and FM Coil Drivers.

Similar to the single-loop mode, there are two types of dual-loop modes; dual-loop narrowband and dual-loop wideband. The dual-loop narrowband mode provides lower phase noise at offsets greater than approximately 160 kHz.

To maintain the best span accuracy, dual loop spans between 2.5 MHz and 10 MHz are actually comprised of two to four individual spans that are then “cut-and-pasted” together to yield the desired span.

Manual Selection of Single versus Dual Loop Operation

The table below shows how the selections of Phase Noise Optimization, sweep type, and span affects the selection of single-loop versus dual-loop operation. Note that this table assumes the RBW is auto coupled. If the span is <= 10 MHz (or zero span) and the RBW is manually set to >1.9 MHz, the synthesizer will be set to single-loop operation.

Table 8-1

<table>
<tr><th rowspan="2">Sweep Type</th><th rowspan="2">Span
(with autocoupled RBW)</th><th colspan="3">Phase Noise Optimization Setting</th></tr>
<tr><th>Best Close-In Phase Noise
(offset < 140 kHz)</th><th>Best Wide-Offset Phase Noise
(offset > 160 kHz)</th><th>Fast Tuning</th></tr>
<tr><td>FFT</td><td>All</td><td rowspan="2">Dual-Loop, Wideband[a]</td><td rowspan="3">Dual-Loop, Narrowband[a]</td><td rowspan="4">Single-Loop, Wideband</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">Swept</td><td>0 Hz</td></tr>
<tr><td>≤ 10 MHz</td></tr>
<tr><td>>10 to ≤ 100 MHz</td><td colspan="2">Single-Loop, Narrowband</td></tr>
<tr><td>> 100 MHz</td><td colspan="3">Single-Loop, Wideband</td></tr>
</table>

a. Single-Loop, Narrowband if RBW is manually set to > 1.9 MHz

Refer to the Phase Noise Optimization topic in the Spectrum Analyzer Mode User's and Programmer's Reference for details on the autocoupled selections.

Brief Description of the Major Blocks:

- The Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) L.O. Controller has the capability to pretune the A20 YTO, detect unlocks, and control the fractional-N divider, main loop, and offset loop.
- The Main Loop contains the fractional-N divider, phase/frequency detector, loop integrator, YTO Main and FM Coil drivers, the main loop mixer, and switches for selecting either single-loop or dual-loop operation. The input to the fractional-N divider is either the 4800 MHz reference (dual-loop) or the 1st LO signal divided by 2 (single-loop). The input to the phase frequency detector is either the 100 MHz reference divided by 2 (single-loop) or the IF of the main loop mixer (dual-loop).
- The Offset Loop is a very-low phase noise phase locked loop with coarse frequency settability. It is only used in dual-loop operation. Its output frequency is set to be typically 30 to 53 MHz above the desired 1st LO frequency, but the difference will sometimes be 78 to 88 MHz to avoid causing spurs The output of the offset loop is applied to the LO input of the main loop mixer, where it is mixed with the output of the A20 YTO.
- The reference frequency distribution consists of power splitters for each of the two reference signals (4800 MHz and 100 MHz) and a programmable divider for one splitter output of the 100 MHz reference signal. The programmable divider can be set to 2 to generate a 50 MHz reference for use in single-loop operation or to 3 or 6 to generate a 16.6 or 33.3 MHz reference for dual-loop operation.

A14 LO Synthesizer and A20 YTO Troubleshooting

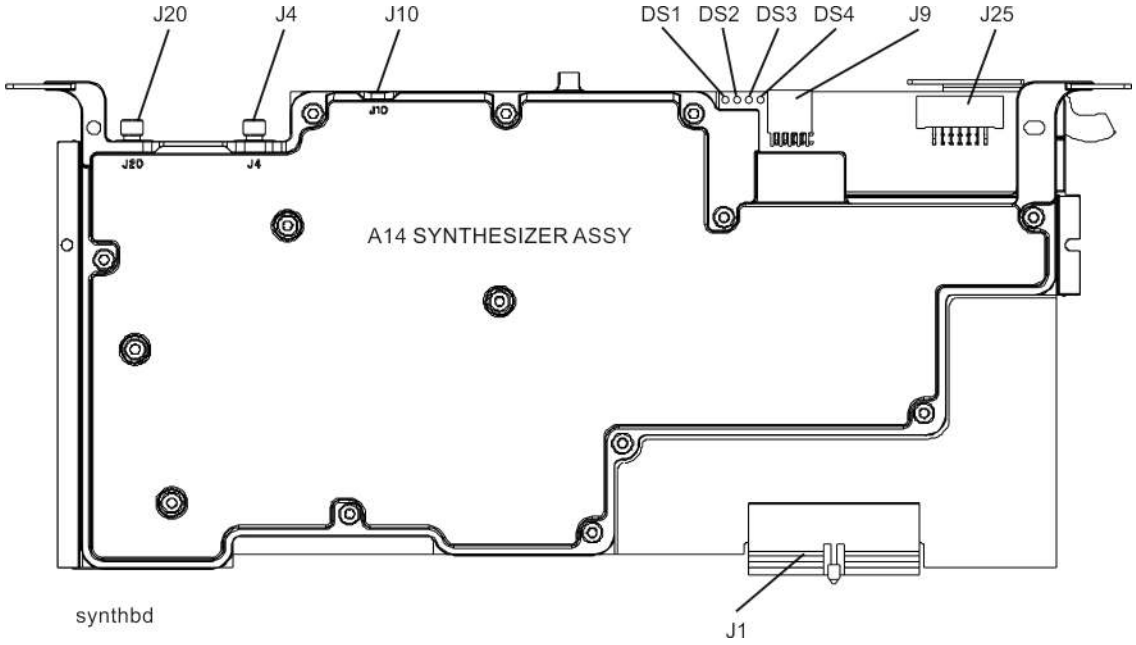
Turn on the N9021B Signal Analyzer and wait for the instrument to complete the boot up process. There are 8 processes to perform, which will verify the L.O. Synthesizer and YTO assemblies are functioning properly:

- Press **FREQ**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **Zero Span**. LED's DS1 (yellow), DS2 (orange), and DS3 (red) located near the top of the board next to J9 should all be off. DS4 (green) should be on. See LED location in Figure 8-1 below. The definition of each LED is as follows:
  - DS1 (yellow) When lit, indicates the analyzer is sweeping.
  - DS2 (orange) When lit, indicates that the Offset Loop integrator exceeds its nominal range and is thus unlocked (applicable only in dual-loop mode).
  - DS3 (red) When lit, means the Main Loop Cycle Slipped Detector has detected a cycle slipped condition and the main loop is thus unlocked.

    It is normal for DS3 to flash between sweeps when the Main Loop is relocking. This can also occur during multiband sweeps. For example:
    - sweeps which cross from one harmonic band to another such as from 2 GHz to 8 GHz.
    - dual-loop spans between 2.5 MHz and 10 MHz.
  - DS4 (green) When lit, indicates that the FPGA has been configured.
- Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Align Now, All**. If the alignment functions correctly with no error messages on the analyzer display, most of the synthesizer section is working properly.
- Measure 4800 MHz 1st LO Reference frequency (from A16 Reference Assembly)
- Measure 4800 MHz 1st LO Reference power (from A16 Reference Assembly)
- Measure 100 MHz LO Synth reference frequency (from A16 Reference Assembly)
- Measure 100 MHz LO Synth reference power (from A16 Reference Assembly)
- Measure 1st LO output frequency (from A20 YTO)
- Measure 1st LO output power (from A20 YTO)

These items can be checked with a functioning spectrum analyzer using cables and connectors that function well up to 10 GHz. A directional coupler, such as the 87300B, is also required for measuring the 1st LO output frequency and power.

Figure 8-1 A14 LO Synthesizer Assembly

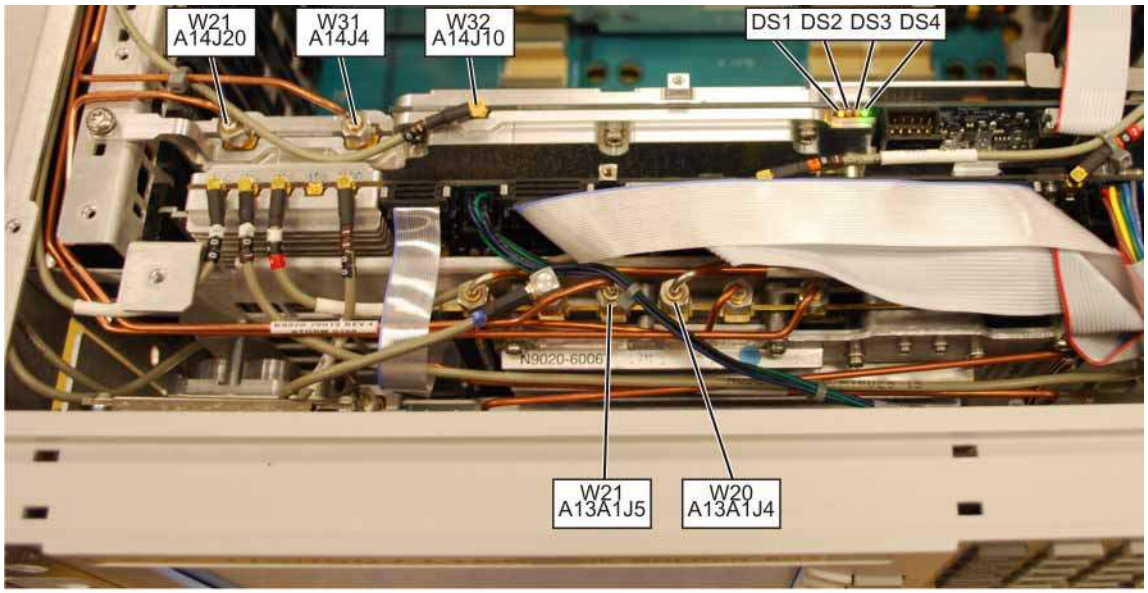


Verifying the 4800 MHz 1st LO Reference Power and Frequency Stability:

1. Turn on the N9021B Signal Analyzer and wait for the instrument to complete the boot up process.
2. Press **FREQ**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **Zero Span**, **Meas Setup**, **Advanced**, **Phase Noise Optimization**, **Best Close-In Ph Noise**. If Phase Noise Optimization is not set to either Best Close in PNoise or Best Wide Offset PNoise, the 4800 MHz 1st LO Reference signal will be approximately 20 dB lower than required for proper dual-loop operation.
3. Disconnect W31 from A14J4 (see Figure 8-2).

NOTE DS3 (red LED) will blink between sweeps when cable W31 is removed. This is normal

Figure 8-2 Cable and LED Locations

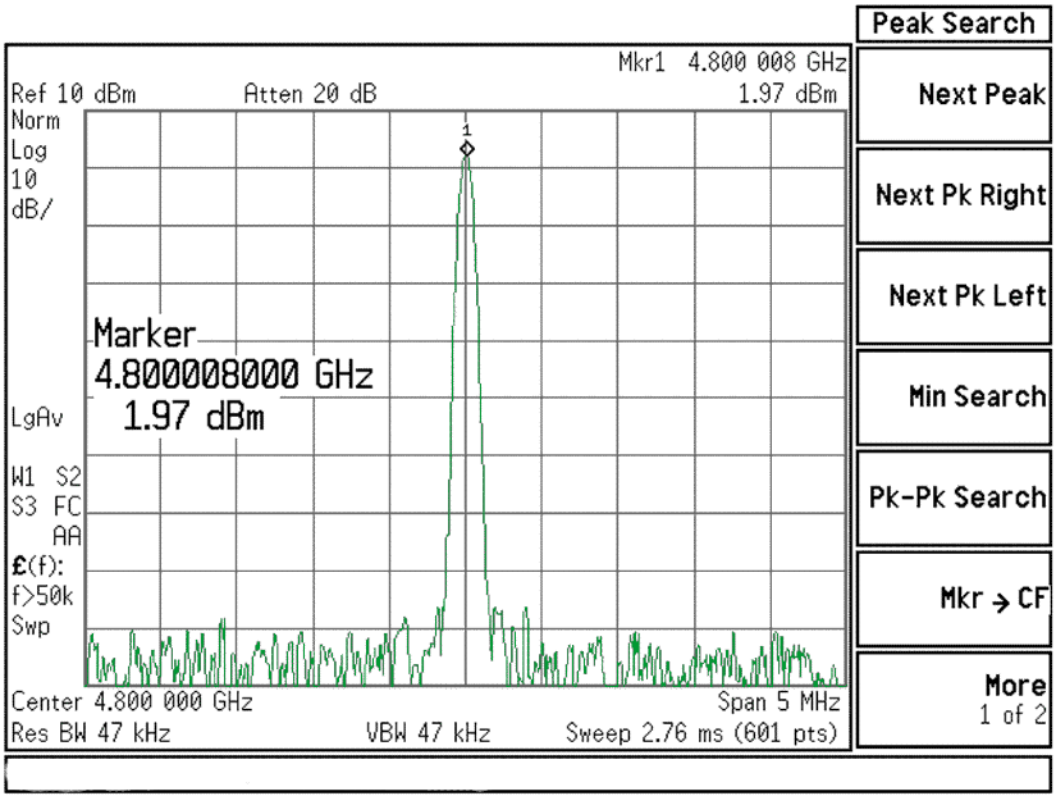


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4. Connect the end of W31 to the RF input of the functioning spectrum analyzer.
5. Set the functioning spectrum analyzer to a center frequency of 4800 MHz and a span of 5 MHz. Set the reference level to +10 dBm.

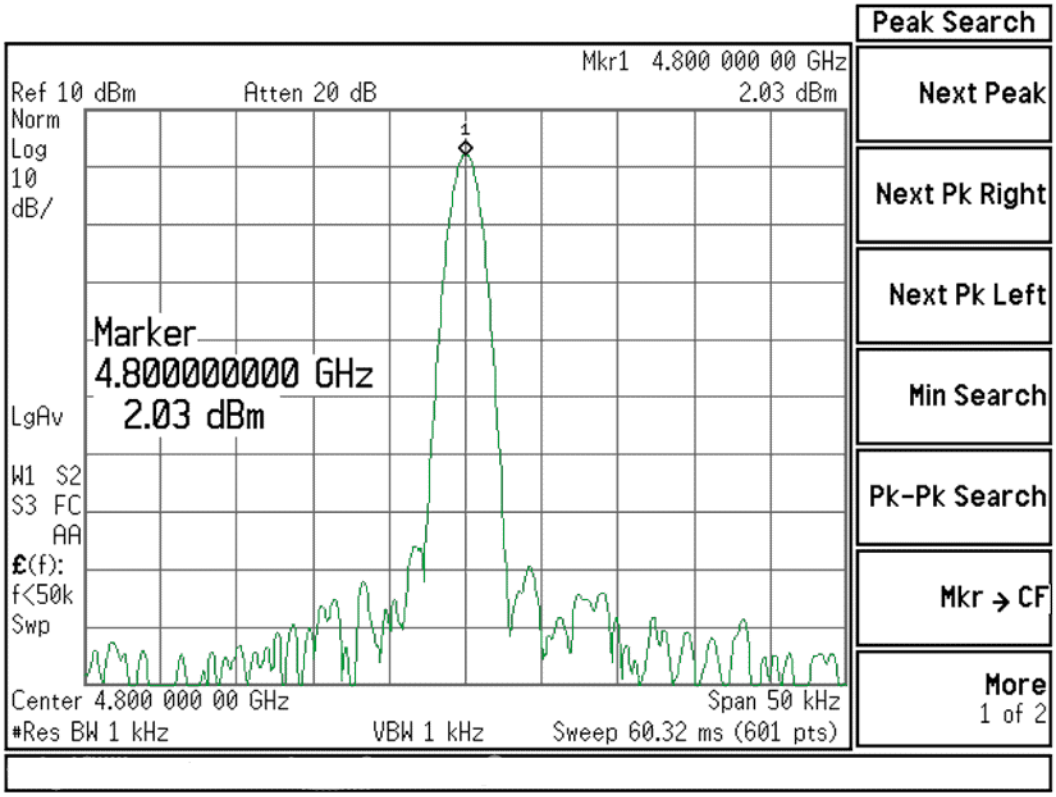
6. Press **Peak Search** on the functioning spectrum analyzer. The analyzer marker should read 4800 MHz at +3 dBm ± 3 dB as shown in Figure 8-3.

Figure 8-3 4800 MHz Wide Span



7. Verify the 4800 MHz signal from the A16 Reference Assembly is stable by pressing **SPAN**, **50 kHz**, **BW**, **1 kHz** on the functioning spectrum analyzer. The signal on the functioning spectrum analyzer should be very stable both in frequency and power as shown in Figure 8-4.
8. Reconnect W31 A14J4.

Figure 8-4 4800 MHz Narrow Span



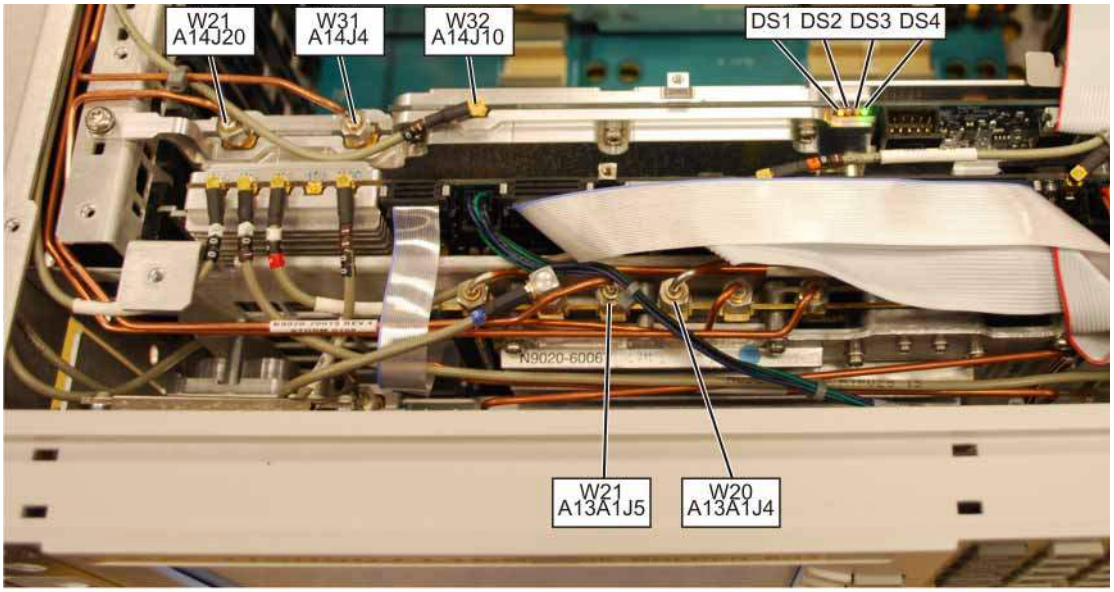
NOTE If the 4800 MHz signal is not measuring the correct power level, see the "A16 Reference Troubleshooting" section later in this chapter.

Verifying the 100 MHz LO Synth Reference Power and Frequency Stability:

1. Turn on the N9021B Signal Analyzer and wait for the instrument to complete the boot up process.
2. Press **FREQ**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **Zero Span**.
3. Disconnect W32 from A14J10 (see Figure 8-5).

NOTE DS3 (red LED) will illuminate when cable W32 is removed. This is normal.

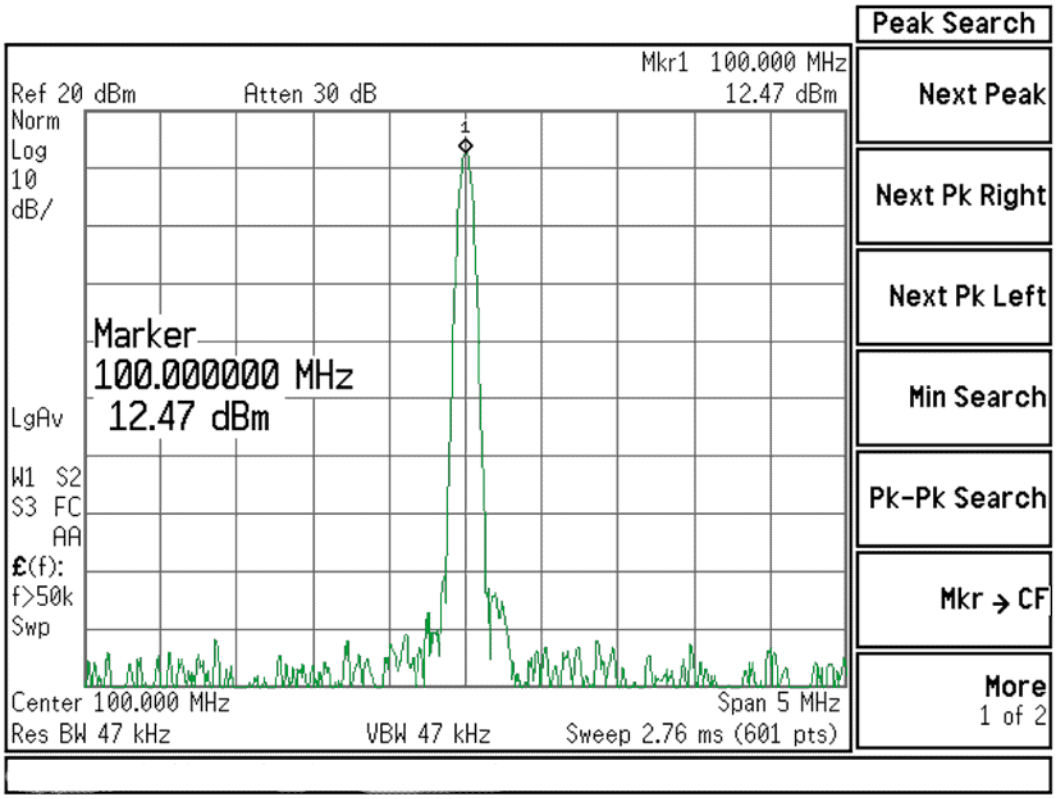
Figure 8-5 W32 Location



4. Connect the end of W32 to the RF input of the functioning spectrum analyzer.
5. Set the functioning spectrum analyzer to a center frequency of 100 MHz and a span of 5 MHz. Set the reference level to +20 dBm.

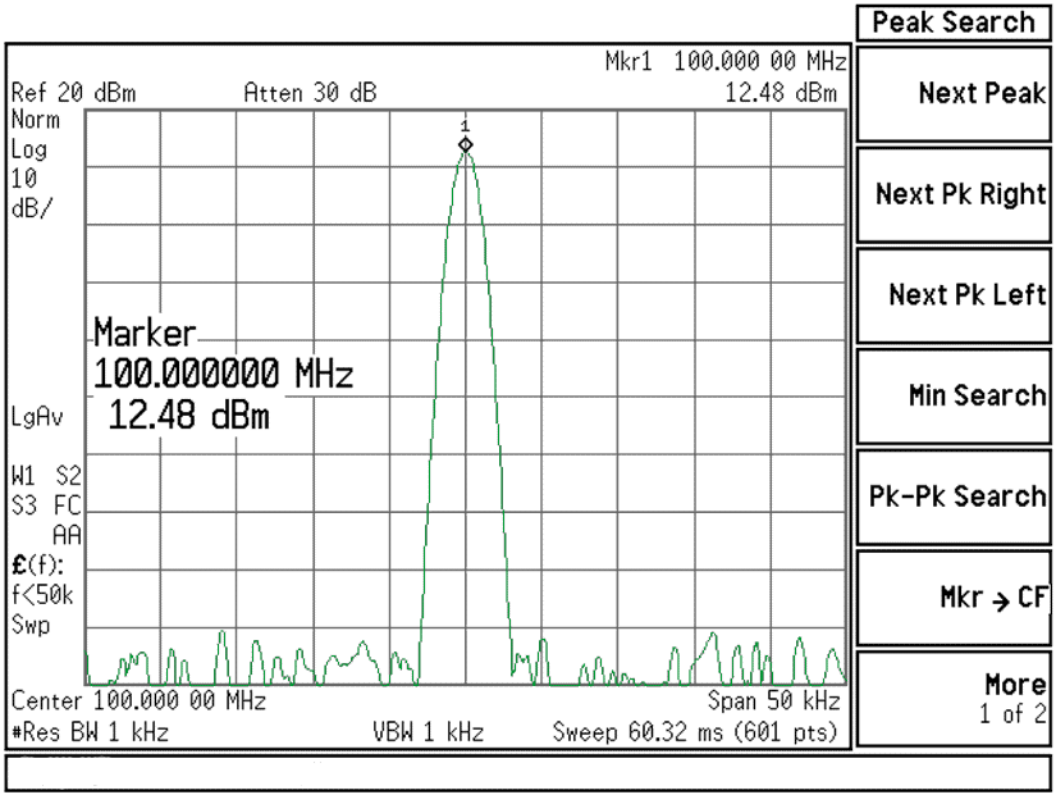
6. Press **Peak Search** on the functioning spectrum analyzer. The analyzer marker should read 100 MHz at +13 dBm ±3 dB as shown in Figure 8-6.

Figure 8-6 100 MHz Wide Span



7. Verify the 100 MHz signal from the A16 Reference Assembly is stable by pressing **SPAN**, **50 kHz**, **BW**, **1 kHz** on the functioning spectrum analyzer. The signal on the functioning spectrum analyzer should be very stable both in frequency and power as shown in Figure 8-4.
8. Reconnect W32 A14J10.

Figure 8-7 100 MHz Narrow Span

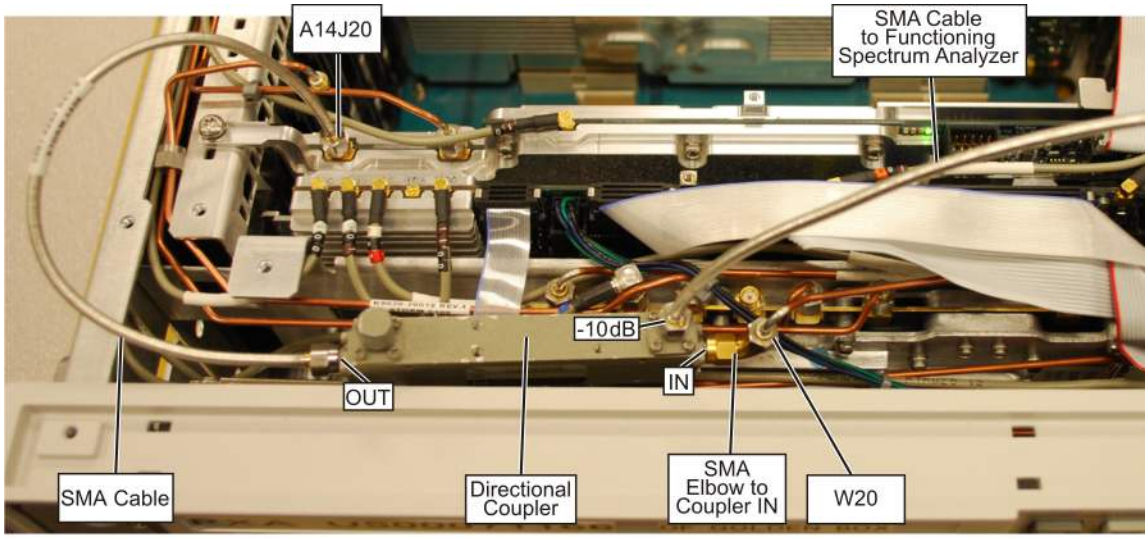


NOTE If the 100 MHz signal is not measuring the correct power level, see the "A16 Reference Troubleshooting" section later in this chapter.

Verifying the 1st LO Power and Frequency:

1. Turn on the N9021B Signal Analyzer and wait for the instrument to complete the boot up process.
2. Press **FREQ**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **Zero Span**.
3. Refer to Figure 8-5. Remove W21 from both A13A1J5 and A14J20.
4. Disconnect W20 from A13A1J4.
5. Refer to Figure 8-5. Connect the input of an 87300B directional coupler to the end of W20 that was disconnected from A13A1J4, using a SMA (m-f) elbow. Connect a short SMA cable from one output of the directional coupler to A14J20. Connect another cable from the coupled output of the directional coupler to the input of the functioning spectrum analyzer. These connections bypass the LO distribution amplifiers on the A13A1 RF Front End Assembly.

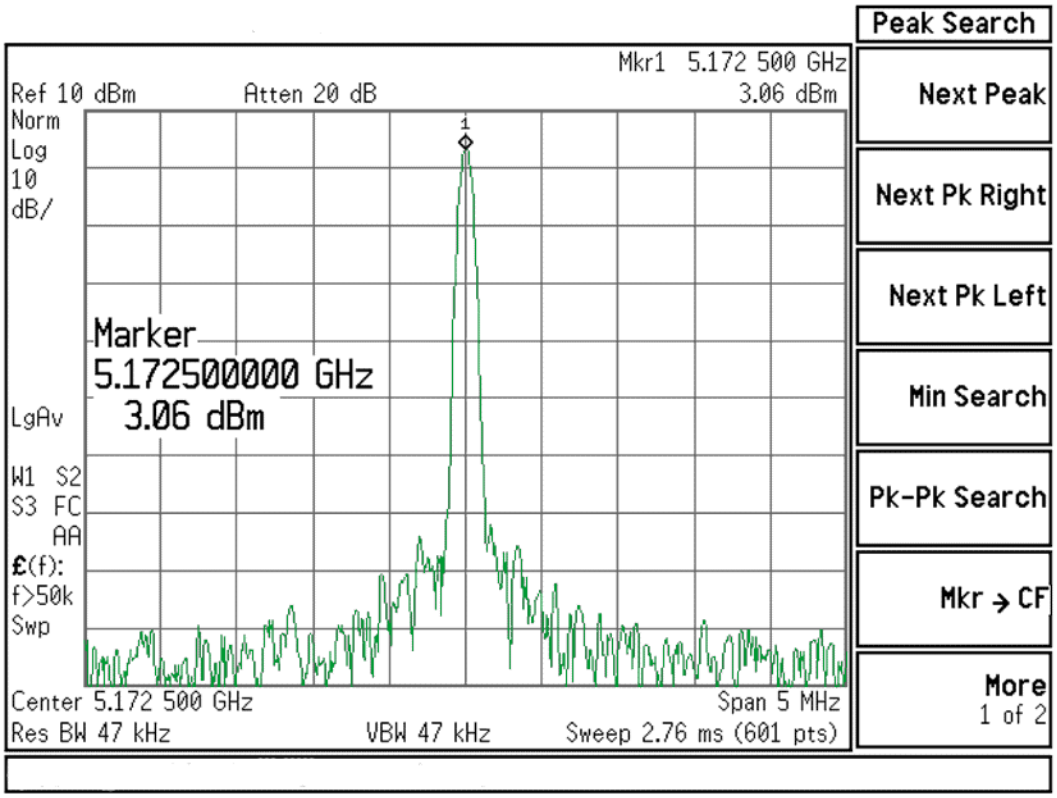
Figure 8-8 Directional Coupler Connection



6. Set the functioning spectrum analyzer to a center frequency of 5172.5 MHz and a span of 5 MHz. Set the reference level to +10 dBm.
7. Press **Peak Search** on the functioning spectrum analyzer. If the functioning spectrum analyzer has a preselector peak or preselector centering function, perform that operation to guarantee that the preselector is optimized for the measurement.

8. The analyzer marker should read 5172.5 MHz at 0 dBm ± 4 dB as shown in Figure 8-9.

Figure 8-9 5.1725 GHz 1st LO Measurement



NOTE Due to the nominal 10 dB coupling factor of the directional coupler, the actual power at the YTO output will be approximately 10 dB higher than the power level measured by the functioning spectrum analyzer.

NOTE If the 5172.5 MHz signal is not measuring the correct power level but the frequency is correct, the A20 YTO is the most probable cause. If the power level is correct, but the frequency is not correct, the A14 LO Synthesizer is the most probable cause.

9. Continue changing the center frequency of the MXA as per Table 8-2 and measure the LO output expected frequency and power using the functioning spectrum analyzer.

10. If measurements made with the connections above do not indicate a failure, but failures (i.e. 1st LO unlocks) do occur when the cables are connected normally (i.e. with the A20 YTO output feeding the A13A1 RF Front End Assembly and A13A1 feeding the A14 LO Synthesizer), the most probable cause is the LO distribution section on A13A1.

Table 8-2 1st LO Frequency and Power Level Measurements

MXA Signal Analyzer Center Frequency (GHz)	Expected LO Frequency (GHz) at Directional Coupler Output	Expected LO Power at Directional Coupler Output	Equivalent LO Power at YTO Output
0.050	5.1725	0 dBm ± 4 dB	+10 dBm ± 4 dB
1.8	6.9225	0 dBm ± 4 dB	+10 dBm ± 4 dB
3.5	8.6225	0 dBm ± 4 dB	+10 dBm ± 4 dB
3.7	4.0225	0 dBm ± 4 dB	+10 dBm ± 4 dB
4.3	4.6225	0 dBm ± 4 dB	+10 dBm ± 4 dB
5.5	5.8225	0 dBm ± 4 dB	+10 dBm ± 4 dB
7.0	7.3225	0 dBm ± 4 dB	+10 dBm ± 4 dB
8.3	8.6225	0 dBm ± 4 dB	+10 dBm ± 4 dB

Figure 8-10 5.1725 GHz 1st LO Measurement

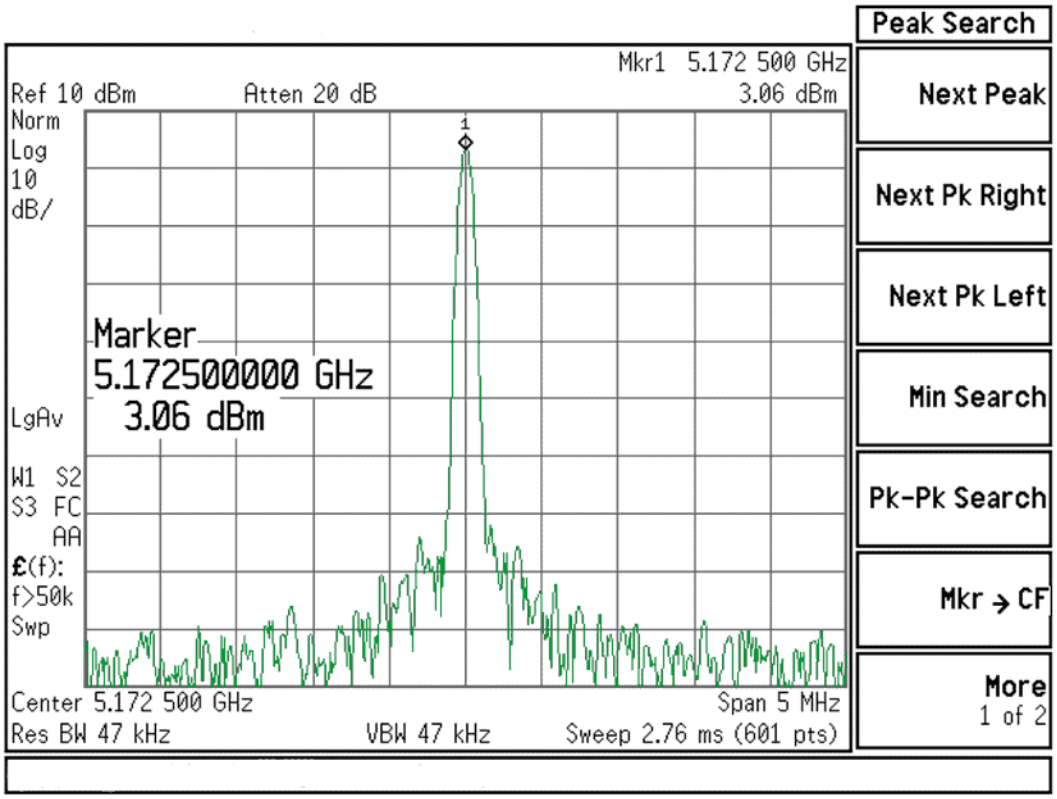


Figure 8-11 4.6225 GHz 1st LO Measurement

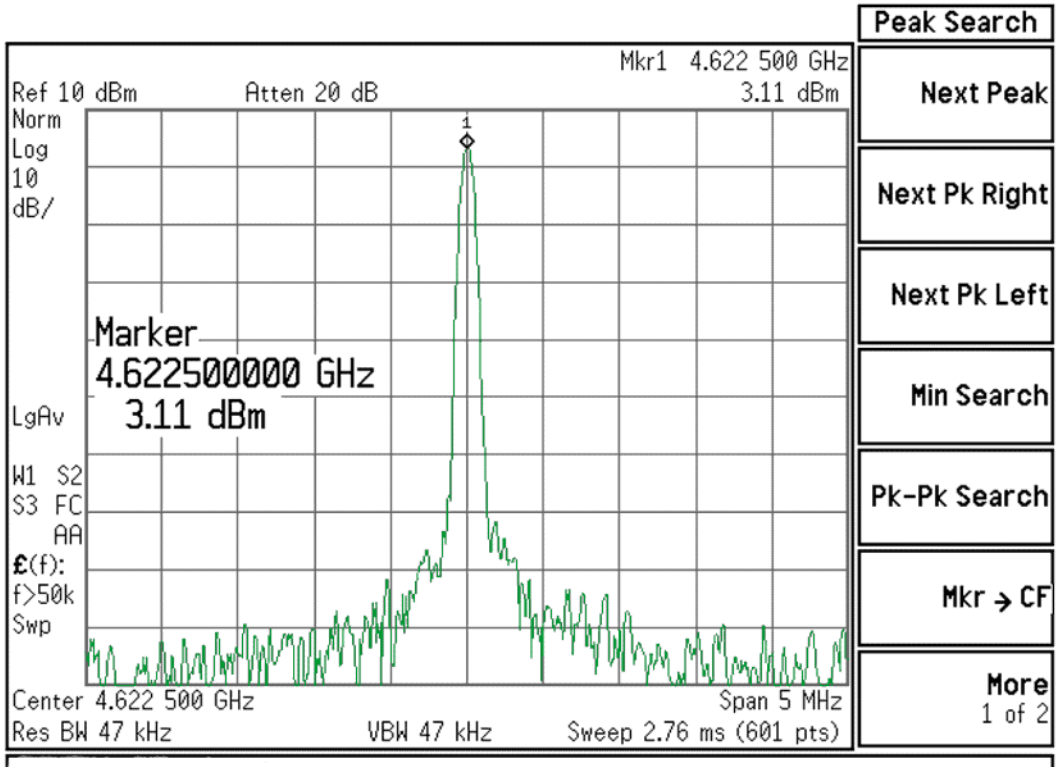
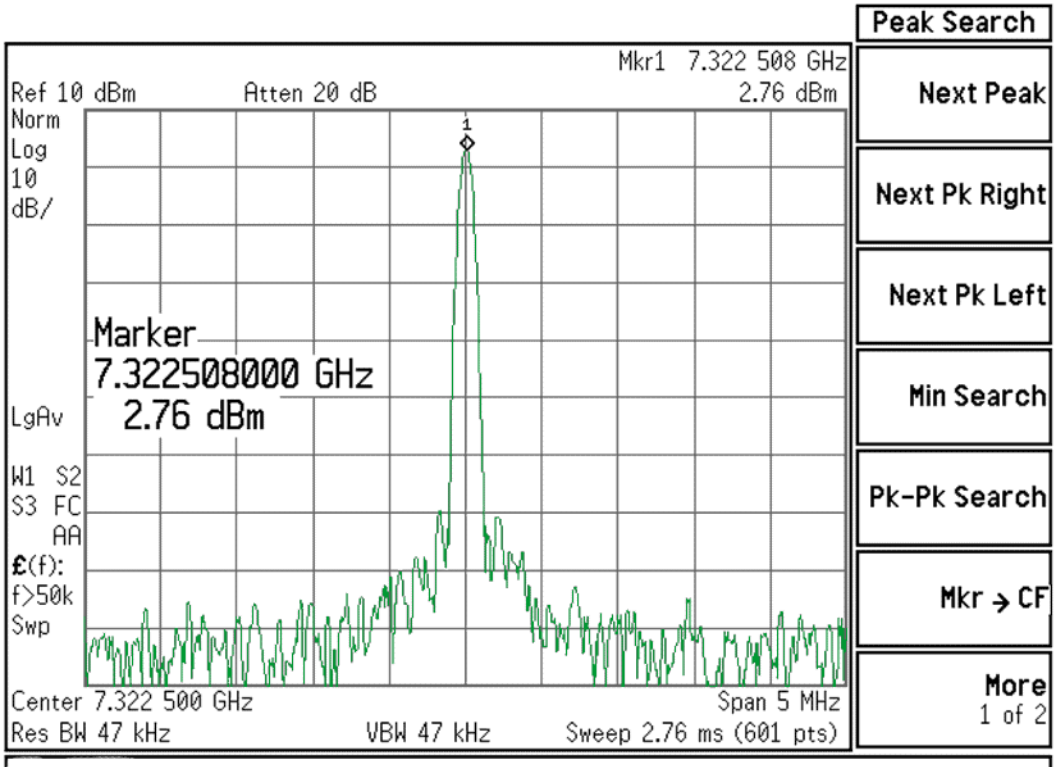


Figure 8-12 7.3225 GHz 1st LO Measurement



A16 Reference Assembly Description

Purpose

The A16 Reference assembly provides the fundamental reference signals from which all instrument local oscillator and synchronous timing signals are derived. The reference board also uses these same signals to generate CW and modulated RF calibration signals and a 10 MHz time base signal for the instrument.

The Reference assembly must be replaced as a single assembly, although it is constructed of two boards, the A16 Reference Main board and A16A1 Reference Daughter board. These boards are listed individually in the Show Hardware screen, allowing identification of the individual board part numbers comprising the complete assembly.

The reference signals and local oscillators are phase locked to a timebase in one of two ways:

1. The internal 10 MHz reference located on the A16 Main board.
2. An externally provided reference such as a house standard or the reference from another instrument or a base transceiver system. The external reference can be any RF signal in the range of 1 MHz to 50 MHz, -5 dBm to +10 dBm.

If an external reference signal is within 200 Hz of the specified external reference frequency and **Freq Ref In** is set to **Sense**, the analyzer will automatically switch from SENSE:INT to SENSE:EXT.

The phase noise performance of the reference signals establishes the limit on attainable phase noise performance of the LO signals derived from them. Therefore, excellent reference signals phase noise is required to achieve excellent LO signal phase noise.

Status monitoring is comprehensive. Every PLL is monitored for phase lock and every ALC is monitored for correct leveling. A set of LED's which indicate whether the 100 MHz VCXO PLL and the 2400 MHz CRO PLL is phase locked or unlocked. Each oscillator (10 MHz, 100 MHz, 2400 MHz) is monitored for the presence of RF power (dead/alive status).

Table 8-3 lists all the reference signals provided by the A16 Reference Assembly.

Table 8-3 A16 Reference Assembly Signals

Signal Description	From Location	Originates From	To Location	Purpose
External Reference Input (1 to 50 MHz, -5 dBm to +10 dBm)	Input from User	n/a	A16704	Phase Lock analyzer with user-provided reference.
10 MHz Out DIF	A16J710	10 MHz Reference	Not used	Reserved for future use
50 MHz Align Signal	A16J701	100 MHz VCXO/2	A9	50 MHz Low band alignment signal
4800 MHz Align Signal	A16J701	2.4 GHz VCXO x 2	A9	4.8 GHz High band alignment signal
50 MHz Ecal/300 MHz Comb Output	A16J705	100 MHz VCXO/2, 100 MHz VCXO x 3	A13J6	50 MHz Cal Signal or 300 MHz Comb for wideband IF phase linearity
100 MHz LO Synth	A16J706	100 MHz VCXO	A14J10	100 MHz reference for both single-loop and dual-loop operation
100 MHz Ref A	A16J707	100 MHz VCXO	Not used	Reserved for future use
100 MHz Ref B	A16J716	100 MHz VCXO	A3J14	Frequency reference for A3 Digital IF (DIF) assembly. Divided by 10 on DIF to provide 10 MHz OUT on rear panel.
100 MHz Ref C	A16J717	100 MHz VCXO	Not used	Reserved for future use
300 MHz LO AIF	A16J711	100 MHz VCXO x 3	A2J300	Used as 3rd LO on A2 Analog IF (AIF) assembly
2.4 GHz Ref	A16J718	2.4 GHz VCXO	A25J301	Reference for A25 Wideband Digital IF (WBDIF)
4.8 GHz 2nd LO	A16J702	2.4 GHz VCXO x 2	A13J1	2nd LO for A13 Front End assembly, downconvert low band 1st IF to 322.5 MHz 2nd IF
4.8 GHz 1st LO Ref	A16J703	2.4 GHz VCXO x 2	A14J4	4.8 GHz reference for Offset Loop, only used in Dual-Loop operation

A16 Reference Troubleshooting

If the A16 Reference assembly is suspect, verify the reference signals, local oscillator output frequencies, and power levels as per Table 8-4 using a functioning spectrum analyzer. In order to measure the signals, you will need to remove the top brace. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" removal procedure on page 348 for details.

The board layout in Figure 8-13 and Figure 8-14 below identifies the input and output connectors and LEDs on the A16 Reference Assembly.

If the outputs measure correctly, the A16 Reference Assembly is functioning correctly. If not, the Reference Assembly is the most probable cause provided the power supply is operating correctly. Refer to "A7 Midplane Board Assembly Troubleshooting" on page 240 if the power supplies are suspect.

Table 8-4 A16 Reference Assembly Signal Measurement Details

Figure 8-13 A16 Reference Assembly

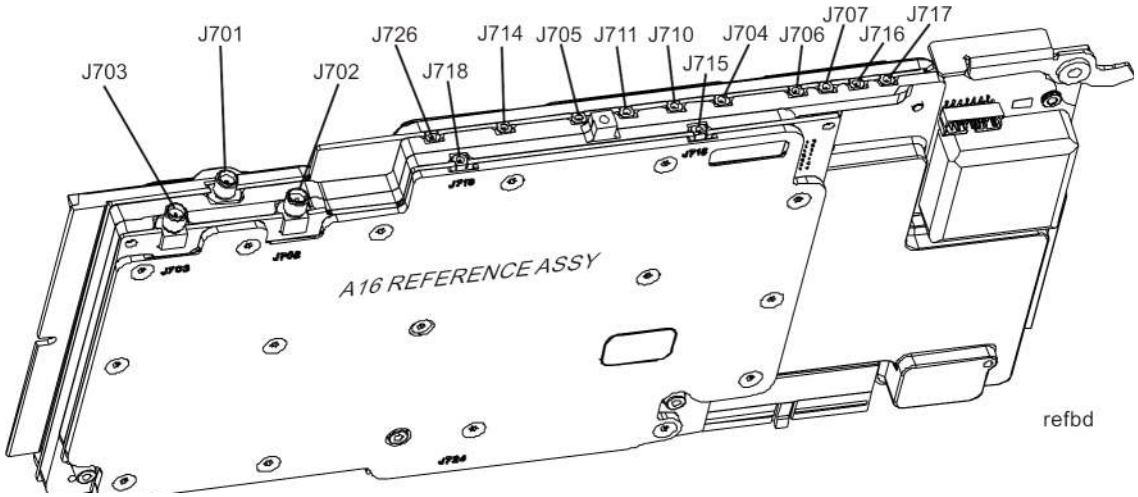


Figure 8-14 A16 Reference LEDs

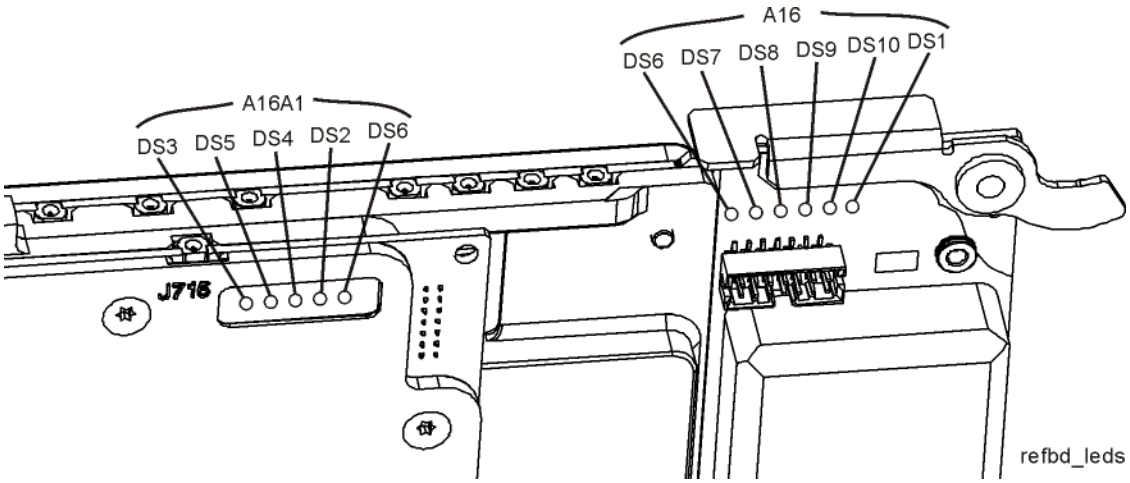


Table 8-4 A16 Reference Assembly Signal Measurement Details

Signal Description	Signal Location	Expected Frequency (MHz)	Expected Power Level (dBm)	Special Instrument Conditions	Figure
50 MHz Ecal Out	A16J705	50 MHz	–26 to –29 dBm typical	While monitoring A16J705 output, place functioning spectrum analyzer in Max Hold. Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Align Now**, **All** on MXA.	Figure 8-15
4.8 GHz 2nd LO Out	A16J702	4800 MHz	+11 dBm	Press **Frequency**, **1 GHz**, **Span**, **Zero Span** on MXA	Figure 8-16
4.8 MHz 1st LO Ref Out	A16J703	4800 MHz	+3 dBm	Press **Frequency**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **Zero Span**, **Meas Setup**, **Advanced**, **Phase Noise Optimization**, **Best Close-In Ph Noise** on MXA	Figure 8-17
50 MHz Ref Out	A16J701	50 MHz	–25 dBm	Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz** on MXA	Figure 8-18
4.8 GHz Ref Out	A16J701	4800 MHz	–28 dBm	Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **4.8 GHz** on MXA	Figure 8-19
2.4 GHz Ref Out	A16J718	2400 MHz	+10 dBm		Figure 8-20
300 MHz LO AIF	A16J711	300 MHz	+10 dBm		Figure 8-21
100 MHz Ref Output	A16J706	100 MHz	+13 dBm		Figure 8-22
100 MHz Ref B Out	A16J716	100 MHz	+13 dBm		Figure 8-23

Figure 8-15 50 MHz Ecal Out

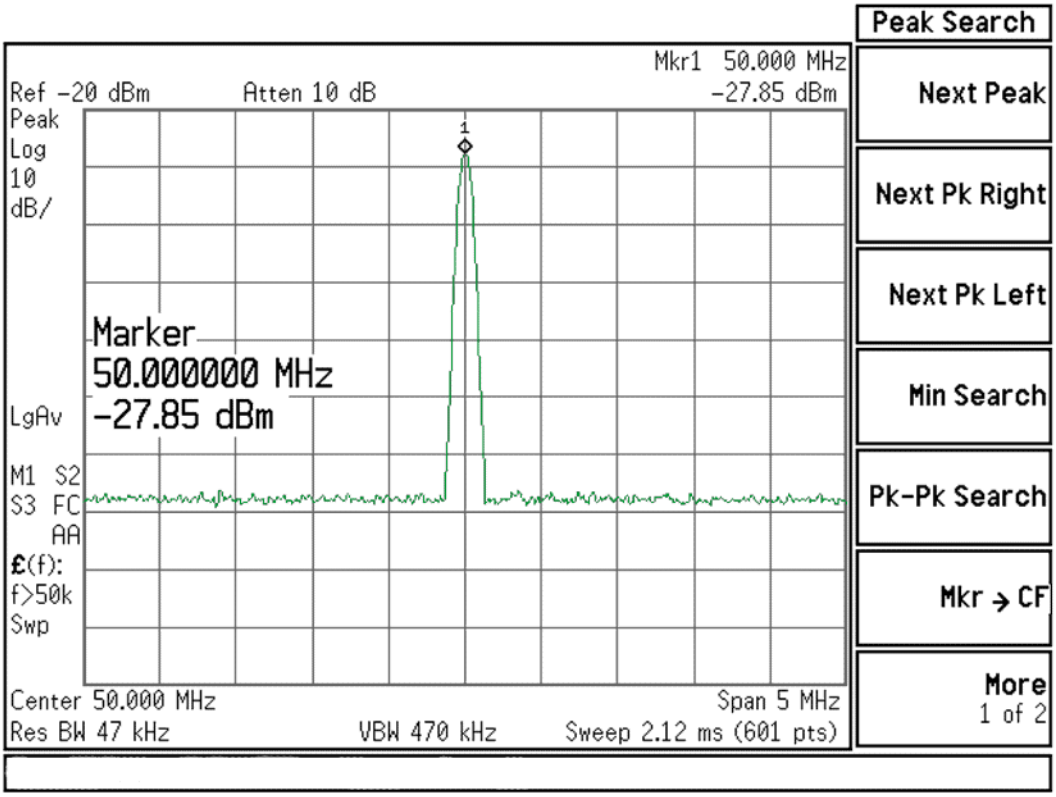


Figure 8-16 4.8 GHz 2nd LO Out

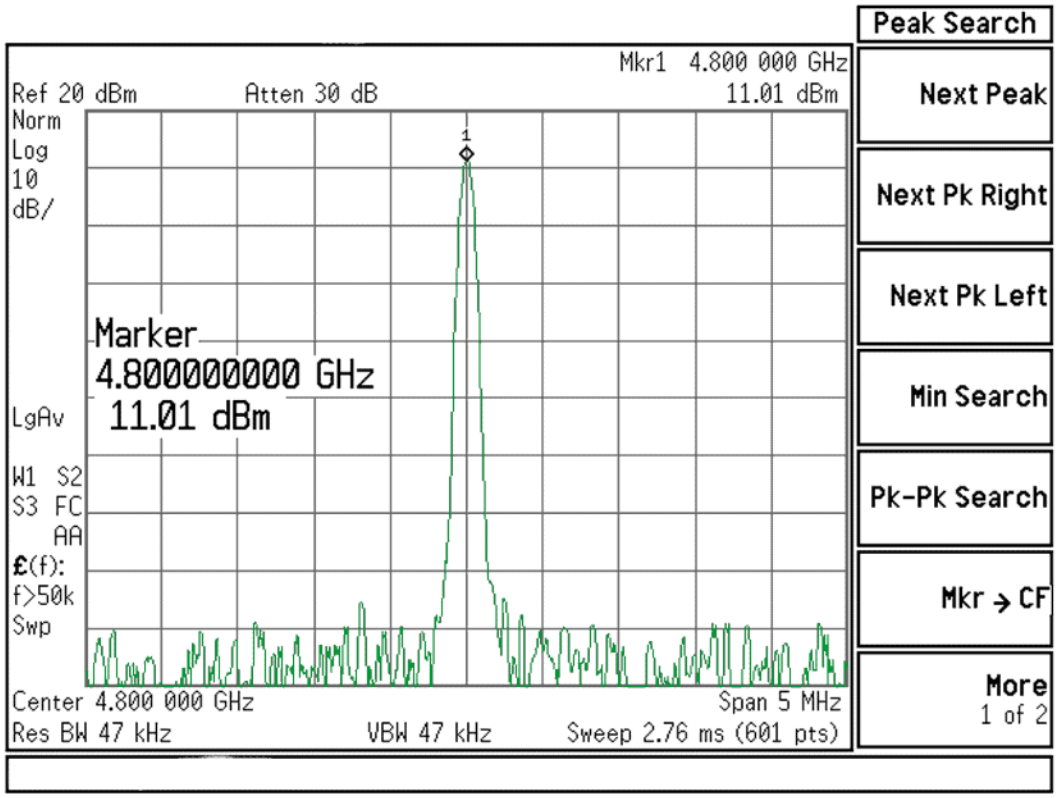


Figure 8-17 4.8 GHz 1st LO Ref Out

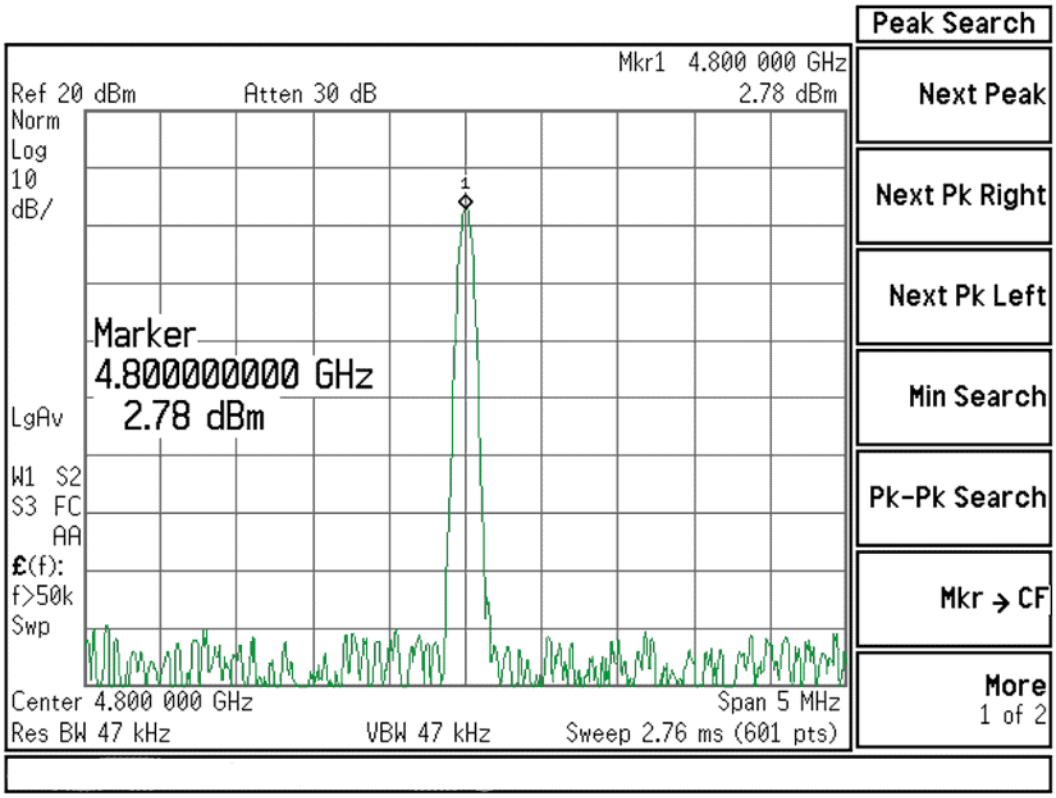


Figure 8-18 50 MHz Ref Out

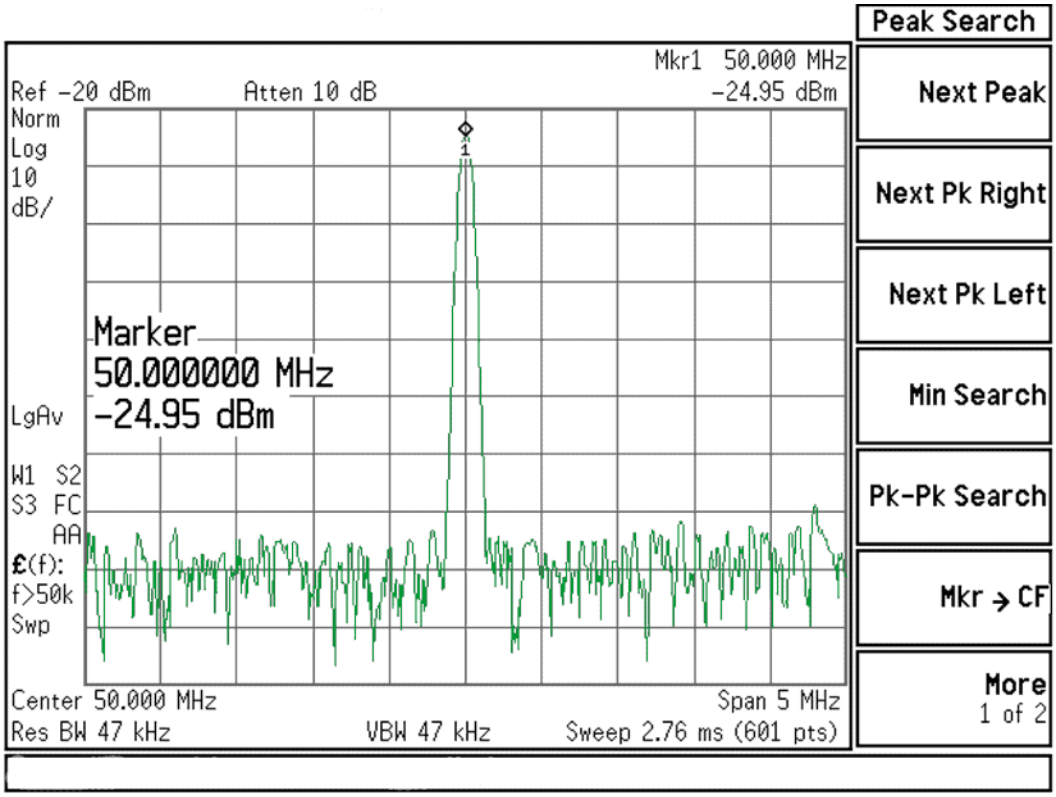


Figure 8-19 4.8 GHz Ref Out

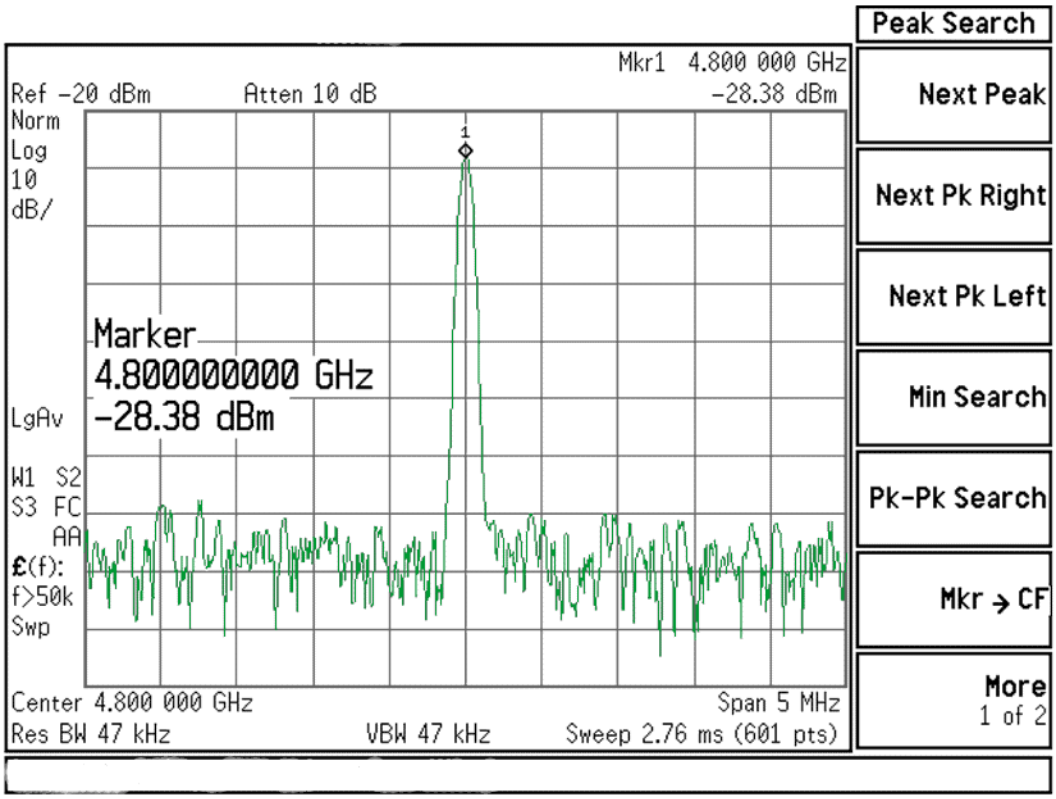


Figure 8-20 2.4 GHz Ref Output

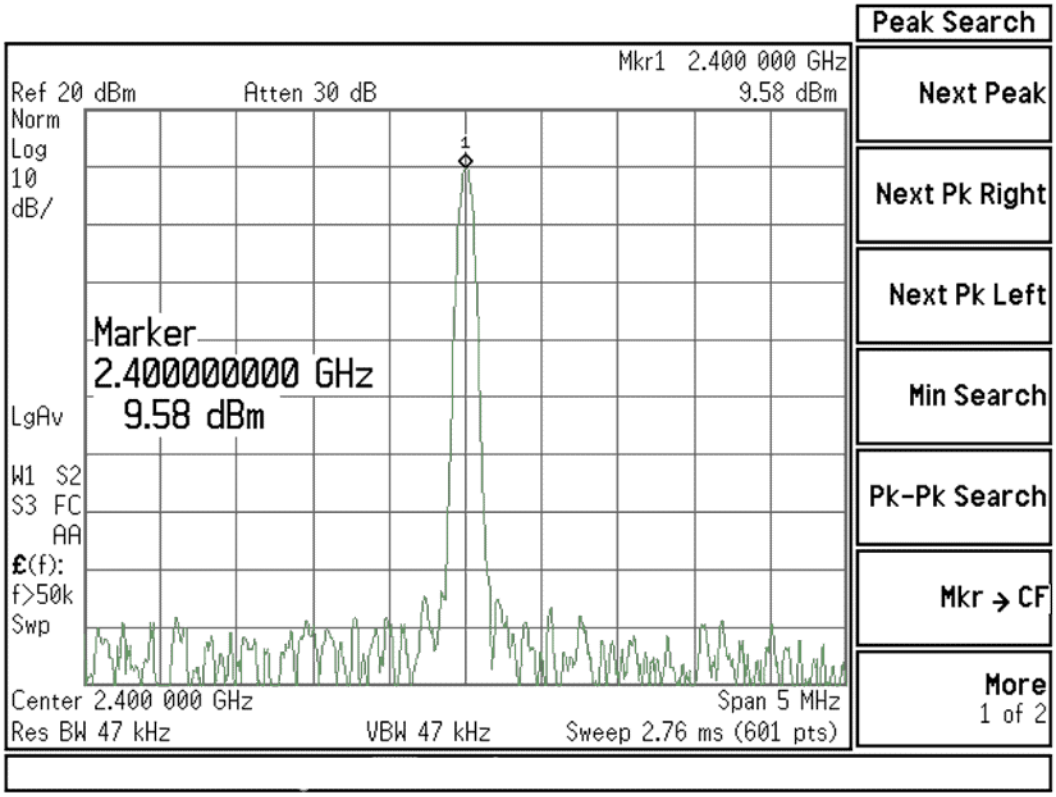


Figure 8-21 300 MHz LO AIF

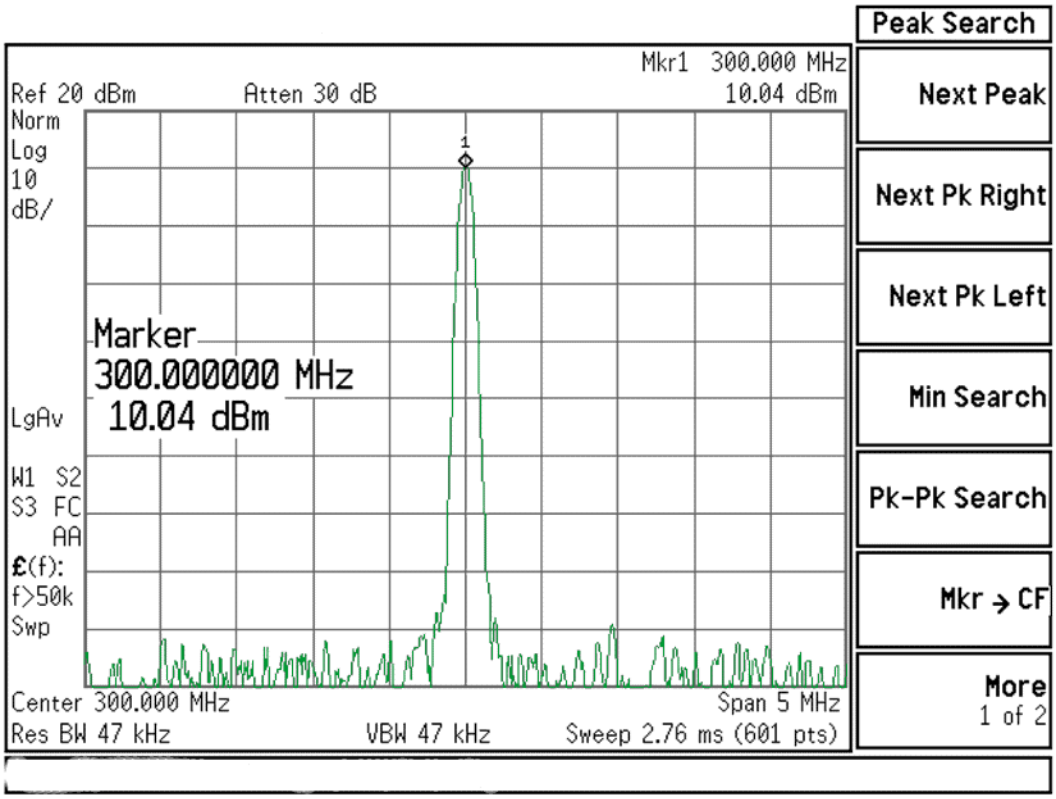


Figure 8-22 100 MHz Ref Out

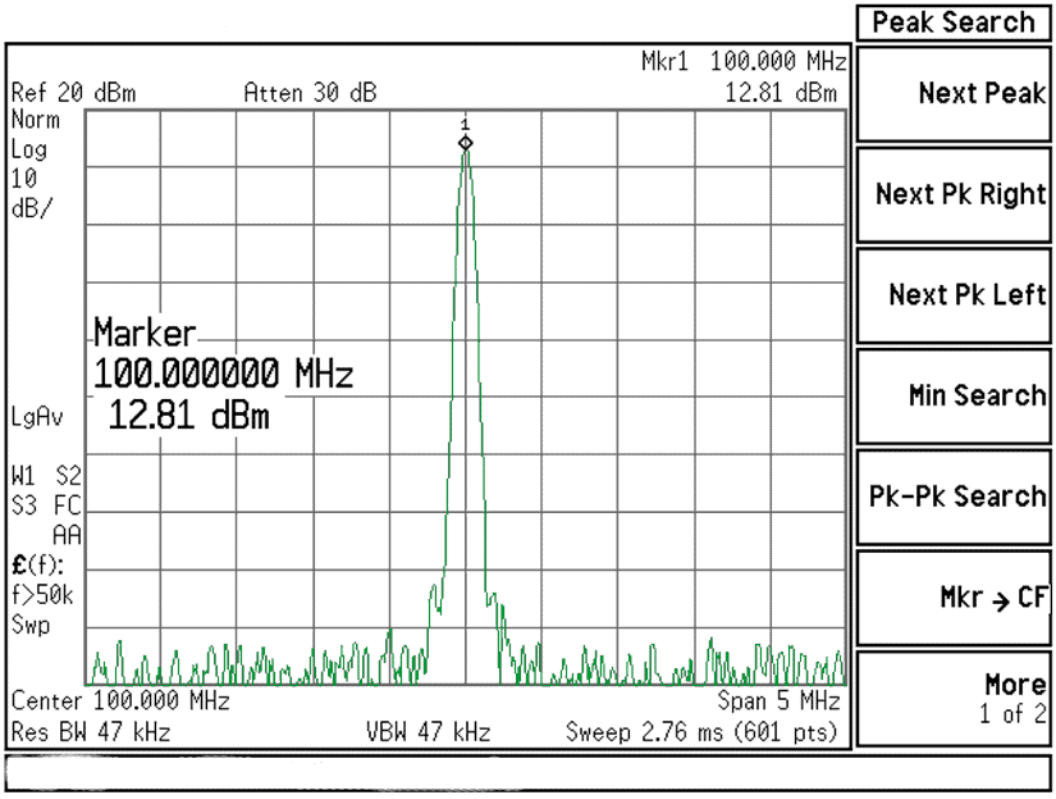
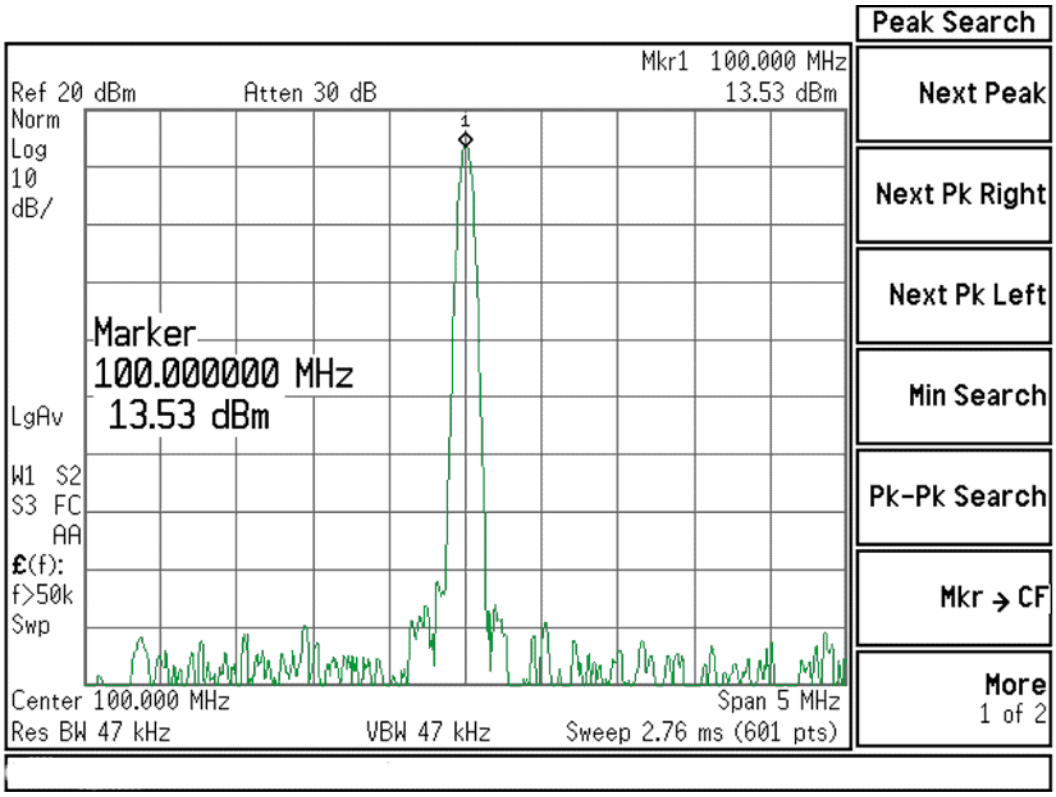


Figure 8-23 100 MHz Ref B Out



A 16 Reference Diagnostic LEDs

There are two sets of diagnostics LEDs on the A16 Reference Assembly. Six LEDs are on the right side of the A16 Reference Main board and five LEDs are on the A16A1 Reference Daughter board. Refer to Figure 8-14. Table 8-5 lists the diagnostic LEDs and what their status indicates.

A blinking red LED typically indicates that an unleveled condition exists. The number of blinks indicates what circuitry is unleveled, as indicated in Table 8-5.

Table 8-5 A16 Reference Assembly Diagnostic LEDs

LED Number	Color	Description	Status
A16DS1	Yellow	When Program Code is loading	On=Loading code from EEPROM Off=Ready
A16DS6	Red	100 MHz Unlocked	On=100 MHz VCXO is unlocked 1 Blink = 4.8 GHz calibrator unleveled 2 Blinks = 50 MHz calibrator unleveled 3 Blinks = 300 MHz LO_AIF unleveled Off=Normal (locked)
A16DS7	Green	Is the 100 MHz PLL Unlocked?	On=Normal (locked) Off=Fault (unlocked)
A16DS8	Green	Is the 100 MHz VCXO working?	On=Yes (alive) Off=Fault (not alive)
A16DS9	Green	Is Internal 10 MHz Reference On?	On=Yes (enabled) Off=No (disabled; Ext Ref Mode)
A16DS10	Green	Is the +15V Standby supply working?	On=Yes (+15 Standby supply is on) Off=No
A16A1DS2	Red	When 2.4 or 4.8 GHz frequency is low	On=Fault (output frequency is low) 2 Blinks = 2.4 GHz Ref ALC unleveled 3 Blinks = 300 MHz Ref ALC unleveled Off=Normal
A16A1DS3	Red	When 2.4 or 4.8 GHz frequency is high	On=Fault (output frequency is high) 2 Blinks = 4.8 GHz LO ALC unleveled 3 Blinks = 2.4 GHz LO ALC unleveled Off=Normal
A16A1DS4	Green	Is the 2.4 GHz reference PLL locked?	On=Normal (locked) Off=Fault (unlocked)
A16A1DS5	Green	Is the 2.4 GHz VCXO working?	On=Yes (alive) Off=Fault (not alive)
A16A1DS6	Yellow	When Program Code is loading	On=Loading code from EEPROM Off=Ready

9 CPU/Disk Drive Troubleshooting

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Overview

The system processor and disk drive used in these instruments has changed over time and will continue to do so as the PC industry continues to evolve.

Figure 9-1 A4 System Processor and A5 Disk Drive Assembly



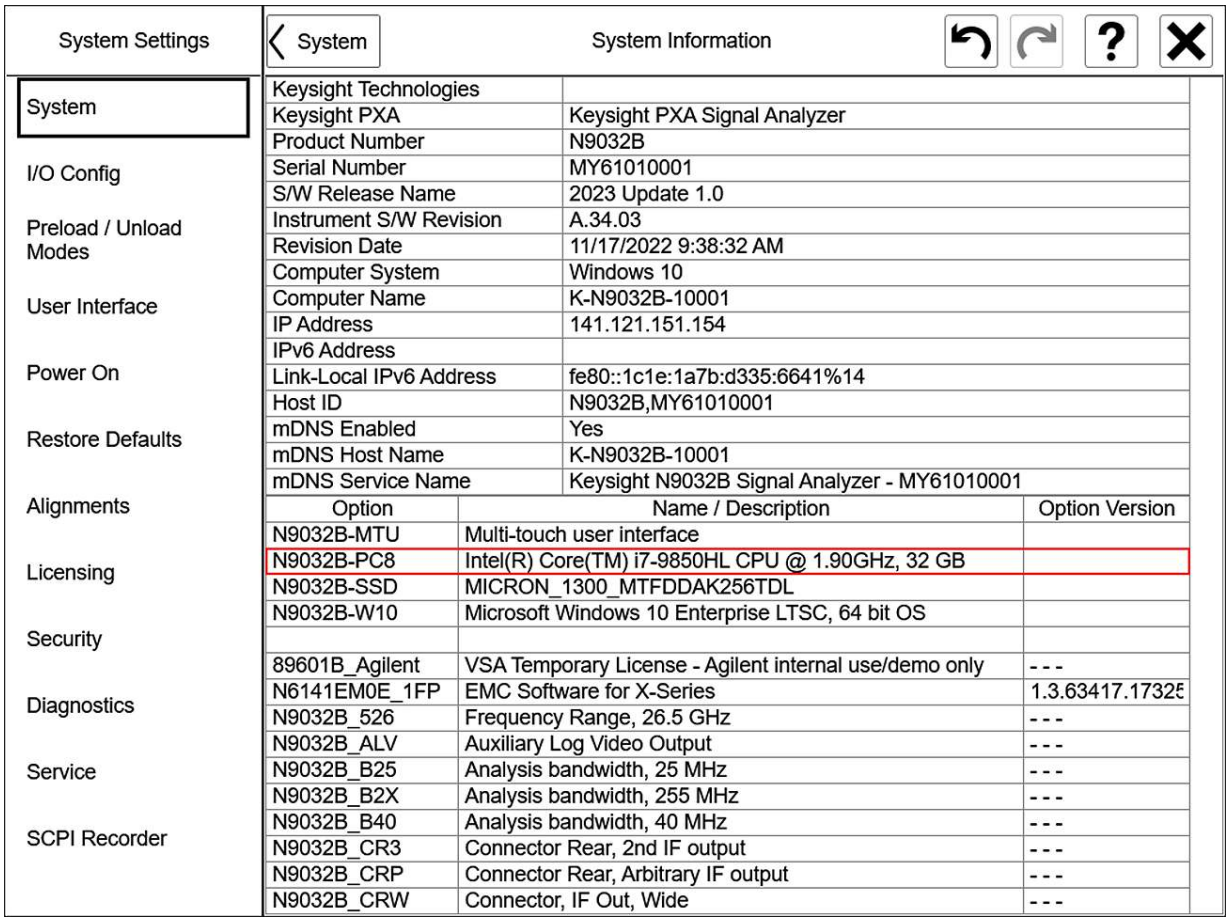
NOTE The removal of the instrument outer cover along with various inner sheet metal parts will be required to access the internal test ports and cables referenced in the functional verification procedures. If instructions are needed for any of this, see Chapter 16, "Assembly Replacement Procedures."

A4 System Processor Assembly

Overview

There have been a couple of different A4 System Processor assemblies used in these instruments over the years, and they will continue to change as the PC industry continues to evolve. The information in this chapter is for the option PC6, PC6S, PC8, and PCA system processors. The installed version of the A4 System Processor can be seen on the System Information screen by pressing **System**, **Show System** as seen in Figure 9-2. An example of the rear panel of these
A4 System Processor version can be seen in Figure 9-3 and Figure 9-4.

Figure 9-2 A4 System Processor Identification – System Information



Keysight Technologies	
Keysight PXA	Keysight PXA Signal Analyzer
Product Number	N9032B
Serial Number	MY61010001
S/W Release Name	2023 Update 1.0
Instrument S/W Revision	A.34.03
Revision Date	11/17/2022 9:38:32 AM
Computer System	Windows 10
Computer Name	K-N9032B-10001
IP Address	141.121.151.154
IPv6 Address	
Link-Local IPv6 Address	fe80::1c1e:1a7b:d335:6641%14
Host ID	N9032B,MY61010001
mDNS Enabled	Yes
mDNS Host Name	K-N9032B-10001
mDNS Service Name	Keysight N9032B Signal Analyzer - MY61010001

Option	Name / Description	Option Version
N9032B-MTU	Multi-touch user interface	
N9032B-PC8	Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-9850HL CPU @ 1.90GHz, 32 GB	
N9032B-SSD	MICRON_1300_MTFDDAK256TDL	
N9032B-W10	Microsoft Windows 10 Enterprise LTSC, 64 bit OS	
89601B_Agilent	VSA Temporary License - Agilent internal use/demo only	- - -
N6141EM0E_1FP	EMC Software for X-Series	1.3.63417.17325
N9032B_526	Frequency Range, 26.5 GHz	- - -
N9032B_ALV	Auxiliary Log Video Output	- - -
N9032B_B25	Analysis bandwidth, 25 MHz	- - -
N9032B_B2X	Analysis bandwidth, 255 MHz	- - -
N9032B_B40	Analysis bandwidth, 40 MHz	- - -
N9032B_CR3	Connector Rear, 2nd IF output	- - -
N9032B_CRP	Connector Rear, Arbitrary IF output	- - -
N9032B_CRW	Connector, IF Out, Wide	- - -

Figure 9-3 A4 System Processor Rear Panel - PC6, PC6S, PC8



Figure 9-4 A4 System Processor Rear Panel - PCA



If the A4 System Processor assembly is suspect in an instrument failure, see the Instrument "MXA Instrument Boot Up Process" section in Chapter 2, "Boot Up and Initialization Troubleshooting," to determine if the A4 System Processor is the cause.

Disk Drive

The A5 Disk Drive can easily be removed from the A4 System Processor assembly without removing any of the instrument covers. The disk drive is attached to a tray that is accessed on the rear panel by loosening one screw and pulling the drive out of the processor assembly.

If the A4 System Processor assembly is replaced, it should be replaced with the same version if possible, otherwise the A5 disk drive will also need to be replaced, as only the drives for the PC6 and PC6S are compatible; the PC8 and PCA CPUs each require a different drive.

Front Panel Interface

The instrument USB bus is the electrical interface to the instrument front panel. One of the USB ports on the host controller located on the A4 System Processor assembly is routed to the A1A2 Front Panel Controller board for this use. This port is a High Speed USB 2.0 compliant port.

Graphics Controller

The entire graphics subsystem is contained within the instrument system processor chipset. There are multiple outputs of the graphics controller that are used by the instrument. One provides the LVDS video control to drive the internal instrument LCD display, one supplies the analog signals to the rear panel VGA output (PC6, PC6S, and PC8 only), and one provides the display data to the rear panel DisplayPort connector, which can be used to drive multiple external display types.

Power Supply Control

The power control line from the front panel momentary power switch connects to the A4 System Processor assembly. When the front panel power switch is pressed the A4 System Processor assembly tells the A6 Power Supply assembly to turn on. Once the +12 VD, +5.1 VD, and +3.35 VD supplies are all on and within specification the A6 Power Supply assembly notifies the A4 System Processor assembly, which then comes out of reset and boots-up. Outputs from the A4 System Processor assembly also drive the two front panel power state LEDs.

Provisions have also been made to allow the processor board to remember which power state it was in when a power failure occurs. The instrument will return to the same power state after a power failure.

Rear Panel Connectivity

The rear panel connections provided on the A4 System Processor assembly vary depending on the version of the assembly.

PC6, PC6S, and PC8 Rear Panel Connections:

- GPIB Interface
- PCIe x4 Interface
- 2 x Super Speed USB 3.0 Type-A Host Ports
- 1 x Super Speed USB 3.0 Type-B Device Port
- 1 x High Speed USB 2.0 Type-A Host Port
- LAN (RJ45) 10/100/1000 based-T Ethernet port
- Mini DisplayPort Video Output
- VGA Video Output
- SD Memory Card Slot (Accessible only when A5 disk drive is removed)

PCA Rear Panel Connections:

- GPIB Interface
- 4 x Super Speed USB 3.0 Type-A Host Ports
- DisplayPort Video Output
- Super Speed USB 3.0 Type-B Device Port
- 2 x Thunderbolt 3 Ports
- LAN (RJ45) 10/100/1000 based-T Ethernet port
- LAN (RJ45) 10 GB Ethernet port

System Memory

The type and amount of system SDRAM in the instrument may vary depending on the age and processor option installed in an instrument. Current instruments have 32 GB of DDR4 SDRAM in two 260-pin SODIMM memory modules.

The system SDRAM memory is not field replaceable.

System Processor

The processor used in the instrument may vary depending on the age and options installed in an instrument. Current instruments have a Hexa Core Intel i7 processor chipset.

The system processor chipset is not field replaceable.

Dedicated Calibration Data Backup Memory (except PC6)

There is dedicated non-volatile memory on the A4 System Processor that can only be used for backing up and restoring the instrument calibration file. This memory location cannot be seen or cataloged by the operating system user interface. When an instrument is shipped from the factory, or if adjustments are run at a Keysight service center, the latest calibration data is backed up in this location. For information on how to backup and restore calibration data to the dedicated calibration data backup memory (“Internal Flash”), refer to the “Calibration Data Backup and Restore” section in Chapter 17, “Post-Repair Procedures”.

SD Memory Card Slot

The main purpose for the SD memory card is for instrument calibration database backup. While the SD memory card slot is available on the PC6, PC6S, and PC8 version of the assembly, it is no longer being used on PCA and newer assemblies.

The SD memory card that was shipped with PC6, PC6S, and PC8 instruments is a 16 GB SDHC card. It is shipped with a backup of the instrument's factory calibration database. The field adjustment software will also automatically create a backup of the instrument calibration database on the SD memory card each time an adjustment is performed.

The SD memory card can be removed if need for security or other reasons and the instrument will function as normal. The SD card can also be manually switched to the Lock (read only) position and the instrument will function normally as well.

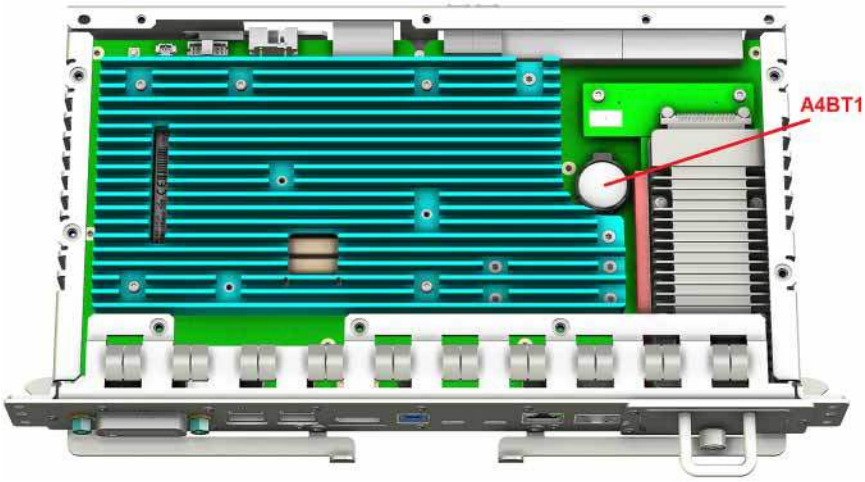
While the instrument working calibration database is contained on the E: drive, if when the instrument first boots up and finds a newer database on the SD memory card it will prompt the user to select which database to use. This is intended for use when the A5 disk drive assembly has been changed and the calibration database needs to be transferred to it.

Processor Battery

The A4BT1 Processor battery used is a lithium manganese dioxide coin battery. It powers the instrument clock and maintains the settings for the CMOS BIOS configuration. The A4BT1 Processor battery is field replaceable.

The typical location for the A4BT1 Processor Battery can be seen in Figure 9-5.

Figure 9-5 A4BT1 Processor Battery Typical Location



Boot-Up or Initialization Problems

Typical failures of the A4 System Processor assembly will cause the instrument to not boot-up or initialize properly. Of course, these types of failures can also be caused by a variety of other assemblies as well. In order to determine whether a problem such as this is being caused by a defective A4 System Processor assembly, first see the "MXA Instrument Boot Up Process" section in Chapter 2, "Boot Up and Initialization Troubleshooting," to eliminate other possibilities.

BIOS Settings

As with other types of PC processor assemblies the A4 System Processor assembly has a number of settings particular to its hardware. These settings are saved in a separate memory location on the assembly and accessed by the BIOS (Basic Input Output System) Setup Utility. If these settings are changed from those that the instrument was initially shipped with this could cause a problem with the booting and/or functionality of the instrument.

If the instrument is having a problem booting up, but is functional enough to enter the BIOS Setup Utility you will want to verify that the BIOS settings have not been changed.

Accessing BIOS Setup Utility

To easily navigate the BIOS Setup Utility you will want to have an external USB keyboard connected to the instrument. Then, when the initial Keysight Technologies splash screen is displayed at power-up, press the key on the keyboard specified on the initial boot screen (typically the DEL key). Once this is pressed you will see the main BIOS Setup Utility screen.

Load Defaults

Load the BIOS default values by navigating to the Exit screen and select Restore Defaults or Load Setup Defaults, whichever is present. Once the defaults have been loaded select Save Changes and Exit.

A5 Disk Drive

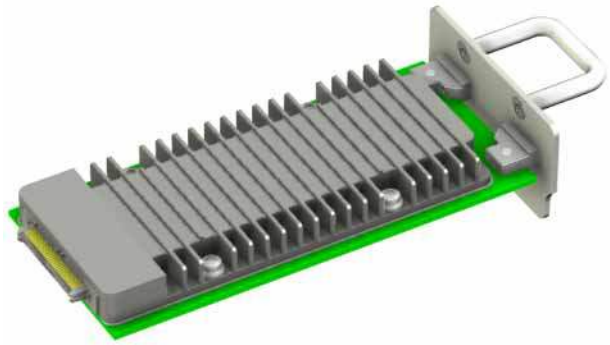
Overview

The A5 Disk Drive is a solid state drive. There are different drive capacities and types that have been used, and due to continual changes being made by the drive manufacturers these will continue to change from time to time. While the PC6, PC6S, and PC8 system processors have a 2.5 inch solid state disk drive, as seen in Figure 9-6, the PCA system processors have an M.2 solid state drive, as seen in Figure 9-7.

Figure 9-6 PC6, PC6S, and PC8 A4 Disk Drive – 2.5 Inch



Figure 9-7 PCA A4 Disk Drive - M.2



Failures of the disk drive can be either hardware or software related. The first step in troubleshooting is to determine if the failure is software related. If software is found not to be the issue, the disk drive should be replaced.

NOTE

Before replacing the A5 disk drive it is highly recommended that the factory calibration data be backed up if at all possible. If this data is not backed up prior to replacing the disk drive all instrument adjustments and performance verification tests will need to be run after the drive is replaced. For information on how to backup this data see the section titled "Calibration Data Backup and Restore" in Chapter 17, "Post-Repair Procedures."

Partitioning

The A5 Disk Drive assembly has been divided up into four different partitions. They are:

C.

This partition contains the operating system and software installed by Keysight. This is an open system which means you can install additional software, which should be installed on the C: drive. However, only a limited set of software applications are tested for use with the instrument software. The installation and/or use of other software is not warranted, and could interfere with the operation of the instrument software. If the recovery process is ever run, the original version of the C: drive, as shipped from the factory, will be restored. The user will need to reload any other software that was previously installed into the instrument. Do not save any user data to the C: drive partition, as any data saved in this partition will be lost if the recovery process is run.

D.

This partition is reserved for data storage. The User Accounts that are preconfigured by Keysight and their My Documents folder are mapped to the D: drive. This is for the convenience of backing-up the user data. The user is responsible for backing-up the data on the D: drive. This allows them to restore the data if the A5 Disk Drive assembly ever needs to be replaced. Data saved in this partition will not be lost if the recovery process is run.

E.

This partition is reserved for Keysight use. The primary use of the E: drive is for storing of the instrument calibration and alignment data. Do not change or overwrite the files on this drive. This could cause the instrument to not meet specifications, or even to stop functioning correctly. While data saved in this partition will not be lost if the recovery process is run, do not use this drive for data storage.

R.

This is a hidden partition which contains an image of the C: drive as it was when the instrument was shipped from the factory. To restore the C: drive using the image stored in this recovery partition see the "Instrument Image Recovery System" section later in this chapter.

Troubleshooting Software Related Issues

The C: drive contains the instrument operating system software and the instrument application software. Boot problems can be caused by either a failure of the operating system or the instrument application software. The failure could have occurred due to a failed installation procedure, instrument application software update failure, or a virus.

To correct these issues there are two procedures that can be initiated to resolve a software related issue.

- Reload the instrument application software.
- Use the "Instrument Image Recovery System" to reinstall the operating system and instrument application software as it was when it left the factory.

For information on reloading the instrument software, see Chapter 19, "Instrument Software".

Disk Drive Recovery Process

The Keysight Recovery System can be used to repair errors on the instrument's C: drive partition or to restore the original factory configuration of the system software. The Keysight Recovery System is stored in a separate hidden hard disk drive partition.

Repairing errors on the hard disk drive may result in loss of data or files. If you need more information about the Windows “chkdsk” error repair process, see the chkdsk documentation in the Microsoft Windows Help and Support Center.

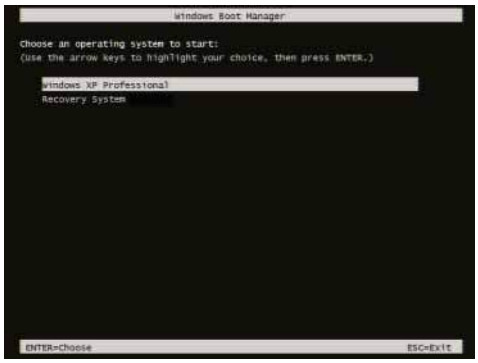
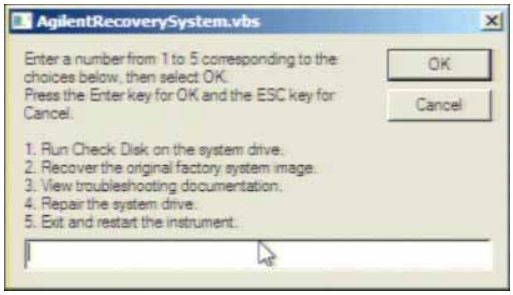
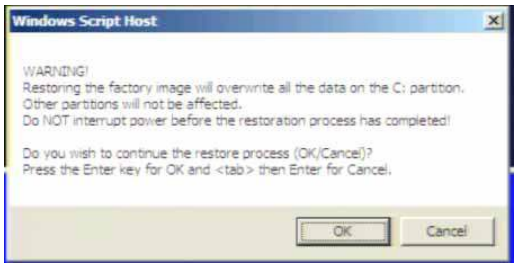
Restoring the original factory system software does not restore any of the following items:

- Windows system configurations that were made after the instrument was shipped from the factory. For example, Windows and Service Pack updates, user accounts, and windows configuration settings. After a Keysight Recovery, these configurations need to be redone.
- Additional software that was installed after the instrument was shipped from the factory. After a Keysight Recovery, that software needs to be re-installed.
- Any data or programs saved on the D: or E: drives.
- Any upgrades that were made to the Keysight measurement application software.

Restoring the original factory system software will not synchronize the code in the Field Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGAs) on the various hardware assemblies. As a result, you may see an error dialog box appear during the final boot-up at the end of the recovery process. This typically occurs when there are significant differences between the software version installed prior to performing the recovery and the version restored by the recovery. In these situations, upgrade the software to the latest version.

Calibration data is not lost during this process because it resides on the E drive partition.

Table 9-1 Using the instrument recovery system

Step	Notes
1. Make sure the instrument is turned off.	
2. Turn on the instrument. – Press the down arrow key to move the highlight to **Keysight Recovery System**, then press **Enter**.	After the Keysight Technologies screen is displayed, this screen is displayed for five seconds. 
3. When the Keysight Recovery System has booted, follow the on-screen instructions to recover the image of the C: drive. – Press **2**, then press **Enter** to select the recovery.	
4. A warning message appears. – Press **Enter** to start the recovery, which may take up to 25 minutes to complete.	
After exiting the Keysight Recovery System, the instrument reboots. Update the X-Series software to the latest version by downloading it from the following URL: www.keysight.com/find/xseries_software	

Replacing the instrument disk drive

If the above two procedures did not resolve the booting issue. The disk drive should be replaced. Please refer to the "A5 Disk Drive" replacement section on.

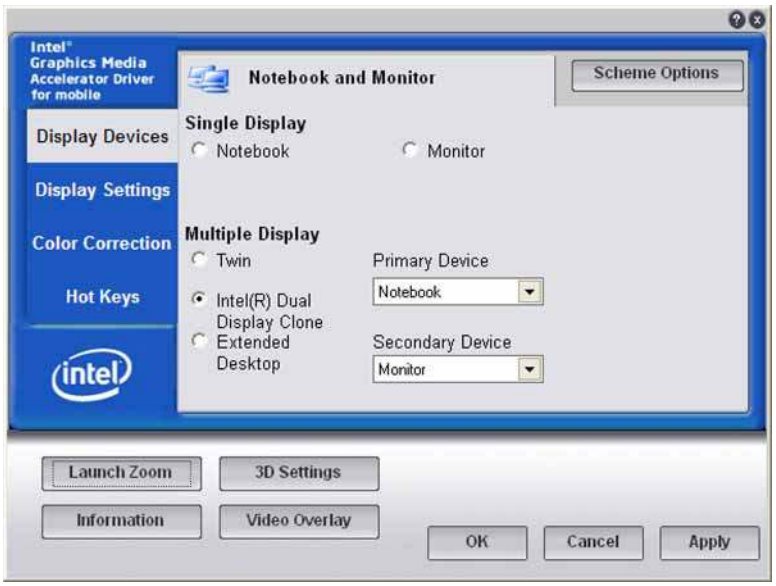
Remote Monitor Troubleshooting

When an external monitor is connected to the analyzer, the remote monitor should automatically begin working.

If the remote monitor does not function, perform the following:

1. Turn off the analyzer.
2. Assure the external monitor has power and that the cable is connected properly to both the monitor and the analyzer.
3. Turn on the analyzer and wait for it to fully boot-up.
4. Connect a mouse to the analyzer, and either click on the desktop, or on the blue display icon on the task bar. Choose **Graphics Properties**.
5. Compare the settings on your analyzer to the settings shown below:

Figure 9-8 Monitor Set-Up



Instrument Image Recovery System

The Instrument Image Recovery System can be used to repair software errors on the instrument's disk drive, or to restore the original factory configuration of the system software. The Instrument Image Recovery System is stored in a separate hidden disk drive partition. Repairing errors on the disk drive may result in loss of data or files. Restoring the original factory system software does not restore any of the following items:

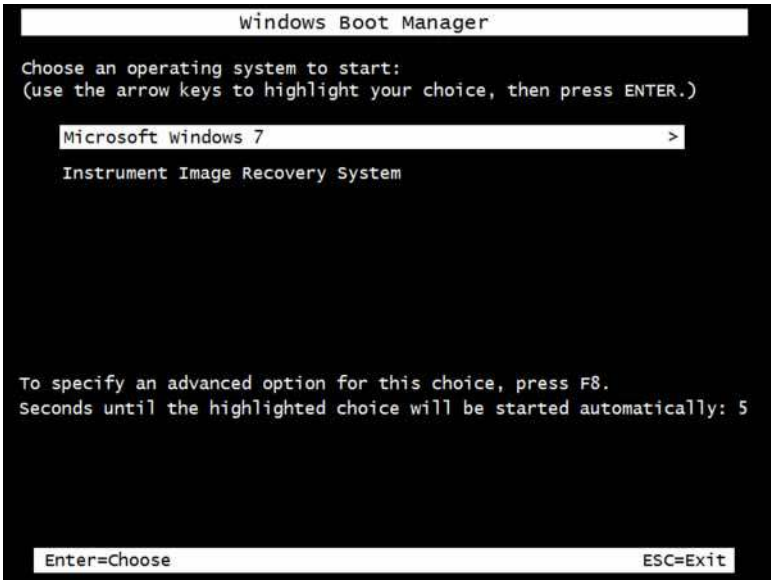
- Operating system configurations that were changed after the instrument was shipped from the factory. For example, service pack updates, user accounts, and windows configuration settings. After a recovery, these configurations will have to be redone by the end user.
- Additional software that was installed after the instrument was shipped from the factory. After a recovery, that software will need to be re-installed by the end user.
- Any data or programs saved on the D: or E: drives. This data will be retained on the drive and not altered by the recovery process.
- Any updates that were made to the Keysight measurement application software.

Calibration data is not lost during this process because it resides on the E drive partition.

Using the Instrument Recovery System

1. Make sure the instrument is turned off.
2. Turn on the instrument.
3. After the Keysight Technologies screen is displayed, the windows boot manager screen as seen in Figure 9-9 will be displayed for 5 seconds.

Figure 9-9 Windows Boot Manager



4. Press the down arrow key to move the highlight to **Instrument Image Recovery System**, then press the **Enter** key.
5. When the Instrument Image Recovery System has booted, follow the on-screen instructions to recover the image of the C: drive.
6. After exiting the Instrument Image Recovery System, the instrument will reboot a few times.
7. Update the instrument application software to the latest version by downloading it from the following location.

   https://www.keysight.com/find/n9021b_software

10 Power Supply/Midplane Troubleshooting

What You Will Find in This Chapter

The following information is presented in this chapter:

1. Theory of operation of the Power Supply/Midplane section.
2. Isolating the cause of a hardware problem by verifying the functionality of assemblies in the Power Supply and Midplane sections.

NOTE Each of the following sections first describes how the assembly works, then gives information to help you troubleshoot the assembly. Each description explains the purpose of the assembly, describes the main components, and lists external connections to the assembly.

This following descriptions are found in this chapter:

A6 Power Supply Description on page 230

A6 Power Supply Assembly Troubleshooting on page 234

A7 Midplane Board Assembly Description on page 237

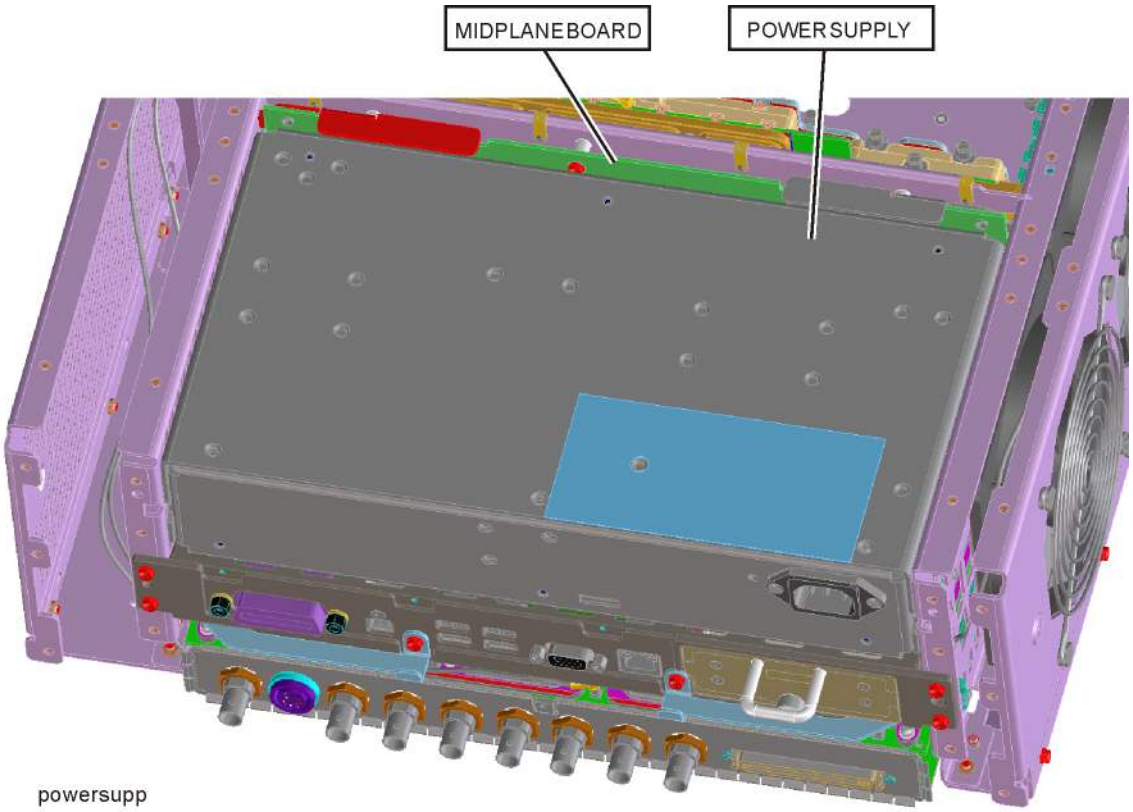
A7 Midplane Board Assembly Troubleshooting on page 240

A6 Power Supply Description

Purpose

The A6 Power Supply assembly provides most all the necessary DC voltages for the entire MXA signal analyzer to operate correctly. If any of the power supplies are not within their operating voltages, the analyzer will not function properly. The power supply outputs provide power to all the printed circuit boards, microcircuit assemblies, front panel display and fans, any of which can cause an over current condition if not operating correctly. The power supply will remain on in an over current state for a minimum of 1 second. The power supply will turn off no later than 5 seconds after the beginning of the over current state. Any one output over current condition will latch the supply off until the line voltage is removed from the rear panel AC power input connector and then reconnected. The power supply assembly plugs into the A7 Midplane Assembly from the rear of the instrument. (see Figure 10-1.)

Figure 10-1 Power Supply and Midplane



Power Supply Theory of Operation

The A6 Power Supply assembly is serviced as an assembly only; no component level repair is supported.

The A6 Power Supply assembly provides most all of the necessary DC voltages for the MXA. If any of the power supplies are not within their operating voltages, the instrument will not function properly.

The A6 Power Supply assembly is a switching supply that operates at a frequency of ~130 kHz.

The A6 Power Supply assembly is an auto ranging supply, requiring no user selection of the input voltage. The input AC voltage and frequency requirements for the A6 Power Supply assembly are printed on the rear panel of the instruments as well as on the power supply itself.

While there are no test points or status LEDs accessible for troubleshooting on the A6 Power Supply assembly, there are both test points and status LEDs for all of the different power supply voltages, as well as other power supply status lines, on the A7 Midplane Board assembly. See the "A7 Midplane Board Assembly Description" on page 237 for detailed information on the location of each

Supply Voltages

The following voltage levels are produced by the A6 Power Supply assembly:

Table 10-1

Supply Name	Description	Referenced To
+32VA	+32 Volt Analog Supply	ACOM
+15VA	+15 Volt Analog Supply	ACOM
+15VSB	+15 Volt Standby Supply	ACOM
+9VA	+9 Volt Analog Supply	ACOM
+5.1VA	+5.1 Volt Analog Supply	ACOM
-7VA	-7 Volt Analog Supply	ACOM
-15VA	-15 Volt Analog Supply	ACOM
+12VD	+12 Volt Digital Supply	DCOM
+5.1VD	+5.1 Volt Digital Supply	DCOM
+5.1VSB	+5.1 Volt Standby Supply	DCOM
+3.35VD	+3.35 Volt Digital Supply	DCOM

Table 10-1

Supply Name	Description	Referenced To
FAN_P	Fan Positive Supply	FAN_N
FAN_N	Fan Negative Supply	FAN_P

Control Inputs

There are a number of control inputs for the A6 Power Supply assembly. The ones that you will want to be familiar with are:

POWER_ON_L

is a signal that when pulled low tells the A6 Power Supply assembly to turn on all of its outputs. This signal comes from the A4 CPU board assembly and is initiated by pressing the front panel power button.

DITHER

is an AC coupled analog signal going to the supply that is used to frequency modulate the power supply switching frequency for the purpose of lowering any power supply related interference. The DITHER signal is generated on the A7 Midplane board assembly.

Control/Status Outputs

There are a number of control and status outputs for the A6 Power Supply assembly. The ones that you will want to be familiar with are:

POWER_OK

is used to verify that the +12VD, +5.1VD, and +3.35VD are all on and within specification. A TTL high level on this output brings the CPU out of reset and initiates the instrument boot up process.

LINE_TRIGGER

is a TTL level signal that is synchronous to the AC line input. This signal is typically used in spectrum analyzers to trigger an instrument sweep synchronous to the AC power line.

FAULT_L

will be a TTL low level signal to indicate that the supply is experiencing an over voltage, over current, or over temperature condition.

Fuse

The A6 Power Supply has no user replaceable fuse. While there is a fuse internal to the supply this is not meant for field replacement. If the internal fuse is blown, the power supply has experienced a major failure and should be replaced.

Standby Supplies

The A6 Power Supply assembly has two standby supplies that should always be on if the AC input voltage requirements are met. These are the +15VSB and the +5.1VSB supplies. These supplies are used by the instrument to keep certain circuits alive even when the power is turned off.

Over Current Protection

The A6 Power Supply assembly has built in over current protection that will shut down the supply if current draw from the instrument is too great. The power supply will remain on in over current state for a minimum of 1 second. The power supply shall turn off no later than 5 seconds after the beginning of the over current state. The power supply shall remain off until the line voltage is removed and then reconnected or the front panel power switch is cycled. Over current shut down does not apply to the standby supplies, the fan voltage, and the +32VA supply.

Thermal Protection

The A6 Power Supply assembly will protect itself by shutting down if it overheats. It will also reset itself with no user interaction after the temperature is reduced by approximately 10 degrees C.

A6 Power Supply Assembly Troubleshooting

The A6 Power Supply assembly is serviced as an assembly only; no component level repair is supported.

NOTE

The A6 Power Supply has no user replaceable fuse. While there is a fuse internal to the supply this is not meant for field replacement. If the internal fuse is blown, the power supply has experienced a major failure and should be replaced.

If the instrument will not boot up properly, or the display is not turning on, refer to the MXA Instrument Boot Up Process on page 49 before further A6 Power Supply troubleshooting to rule out any other assembly as the cause of the failure.

Supply Voltages

While there are no test points or status LEDs accessible for troubleshooting on the A6 Power Supply assembly, there are both test points and status LEDs for all of the different power supply voltages, as well as other power supply status lines, on the A7 Midplane Board assembly. See the A7 Midplane Board Assembly section in this chapter for detailed information on the location of each.

Control Inputs

POWER_ON

POWER_ON is a signal that when pulled low tells the A6 Power Supply assembly to turn on all of its outputs. This signal comes from the A4 Processor board assembly and is initiated by pressing the front panel power button.

If the instrument will not turn on be sure that this line is being pulled low by either measuring the voltage level at Test Point 518 on the A7 Midplane board assembly or by viewing the status of the POWER_ON_L LED. See the "A7 Midplane Board Assembly Troubleshooting" on page 240 for detailed information on the location of this test point and LED as well as the expected status for both when the instrument is operating properly.

Status Outputs

POWER_OK

The POWER_OK status output is an indication of whether or not all of the digital power supply voltages are up to their specified voltage levels or not. If all of these supplies are working properly this output line will be at a TTL high level. If this output is not at a TTL High level the instrument CPU will not come out of its reset state and will not boot-up. Once this output goes to a TTL high level the instrument CPU will start its boot-up process and the POWER_ON_L line coming from the A4 Processor assembly will go to a TTL low level which will tell the A6 Power Supply assembly to turn on the rest of it output voltages.

If the A6 Power Supply assembly is suspected of causing the instrument to not power on properly the status of this output can be verified by either measuring the voltage level at Test Point 506 on the A7 Midplane board assembly or by viewing the status of the POWER_OK LED. See the A7 Midplane Board Assembly Troubleshooting section in this chapter for detailed information on the location of this test point and LED as well as the expected status for both when the instrument is operating properly.

FAULT_L

The FAULT_L status output is an indication of whether or not there is a fault detected by the A6 Power Supply that is keeping it from powering on properly. If all of the required conditions to turn the A6 Power Supply assembly on properly are being met this status output line will be at a TTL high level. The conditions that could cause this status output line to be at a TTL low level include that of an over current condition, an over voltage condition, and an over

temperature condition. However, there is no way to know at the A6 Power Supply assembly level which one of these conditions may be the cause of a TTL low level to be on the FAULT_L status output.

While any over voltage or over temperature conditions will most likely be caused by an A6 Power Supply assembly failure, an over current condition will most likely be caused by another assembly in the instrument demanding too much current.

If this output is not at a TTL high level the A6 Power Supply assembly will not turn its non-standby power supplies on, no matter what the A4 Processor assembly tells it to do.

If the A6 Power Supply assembly is suspected of causing the instrument to not power on properly the status of this output line can be verified by either measuring the voltage level at Test Point 508 on the A7 Midplane board assembly or by viewing the status of the FAULT_L LED. See the A7 Midplane Board AssemblyTroubleshooting section in this chapter for detailed information on the location of this test point and LED as well as the expected status for both when the instrument is operating properly.

A7 Midplane Board Assembly Description

The A7 Midplane board assembly is used to connect the A4 Processor board assembly and the A6 Power Supply assembly to the A8 Motherboard, and thus the rest of the instrument electrical assemblies.

In addition, the A7 Midplane board also provides the following functions:

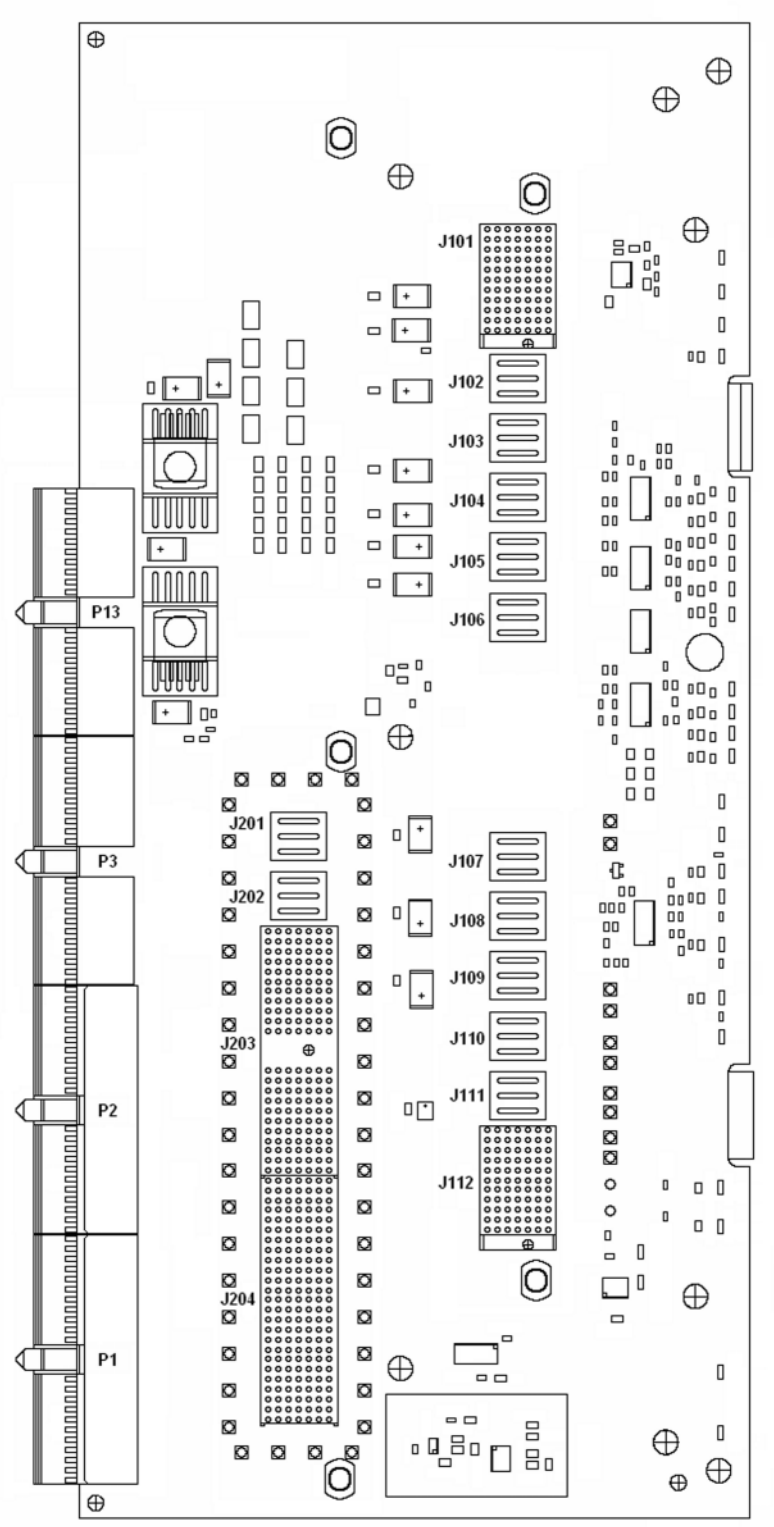
- Instrument power supply voltage test points and status LEDs
- +3.3V analog linear power supply regulation (+3.3VA)
- -5.2V analog linear power supply regulation (-5.2VA)
- Non-volatile memory for storage of the instrument model number, serial number, and software license keys (Secure Storage).
- Power supply dithering. A triangle wave of approximately 100 Hz is generated and goes directly to the A6 Power Supply assembly. This is used to frequency modulate the power supply switching frequency for the purpose of lowering any power supply related interference.
- Circuitry to phase lock the A4 Processor assembly CPU clock to the instrument reference frequency.

Midplane Board Connections

Table 10-2

Connector	Connects To	Connector	Connects To
J101	A6 Power Supply Assembly	J111	A6 Power Supply Assembly
J102	A6 Power Supply Assembly	J112	A6 Power Supply Assembly
J103	A6 Power Supply Assembly	J201	A4 Processor Assembly
J104	A6 Power Supply Assembly	J202	A4 Processor Assembly
J105	A6 Power Supply Assembly	J203	A4 Processor Assembly
J106	A6 Power Supply Assembly	J204	A4 Processor Assembly
J107	A6 Power Supply Assembly	P1	A8 Motherboard Assembly
J108	A6 Power Supply Assembly	P2	A8 Motherboard Assembly
J109	A6 Power Supply Assembly	P3	A8 Motherboard Assembly
J110	A6 Power Supply Assembly	P13	A8 Motherboard Assembly

Figure 10-2 A7 Midplane Board Assembly Connections



A7 Midplane Board Assembly Troubleshooting

The A7 Midplane board assembly is serviced as an assembly only; no component level repair is supported.

Instrument Power Supply LEDs and Test Points

While the A6 Power Supply assembly has no user accessible LEDs or test points the A7 Midplane board assembly does provide these for all of the different instrument power supplies as well as many of the power supply status lines. A complete list of these can be found in Table 10-3 and the location of each can be seen in Figure 10-3.

Additional Power Supply Regulation

There are two analog power supply regulators on the A7 Midplane board assembly. They are the +3.3VA and -5.2VA supplies.

The +3.3VA supply is regulated down from the instrument +5.1VA supply while the -5.2VA supply is regulated down from the -7VA instrument supply.

Both of these supply voltages have test points and LEDs on the A7 Midplane board assembly as seen in Figure 10-3.

Instrument Secure Storage

This is Non-volatile storage of instrument model number, serial number, and software license keys. While the license keys are also contained on the C: drive of the instrument, the model and serial numbers are only saved in this secure memory. There is no way for the user to access this memory in any way. This is reserved for the factory and field software when needed for instrument initialization, as well as the instrument software when installing an option license key. If for some reason any of these cannot be remembered by the instrument there could be a problem with this memory and the A7 Midplane board assembly would need to be replaced.

Power Supply Dithering

A triangle wave of approximately 100 Hz is generated and goes directly to the A6 Power Supply assembly. This is used to frequency modulate the power supply switching frequency for the purpose of lowering any power supply related interference.

If for some reason the level of the power supply related interference is higher than normal this circuitry, or the A6 Power Supply assembly, could be suspect.

Table 10-3 A7 Midplane Board LEDs and Test Points

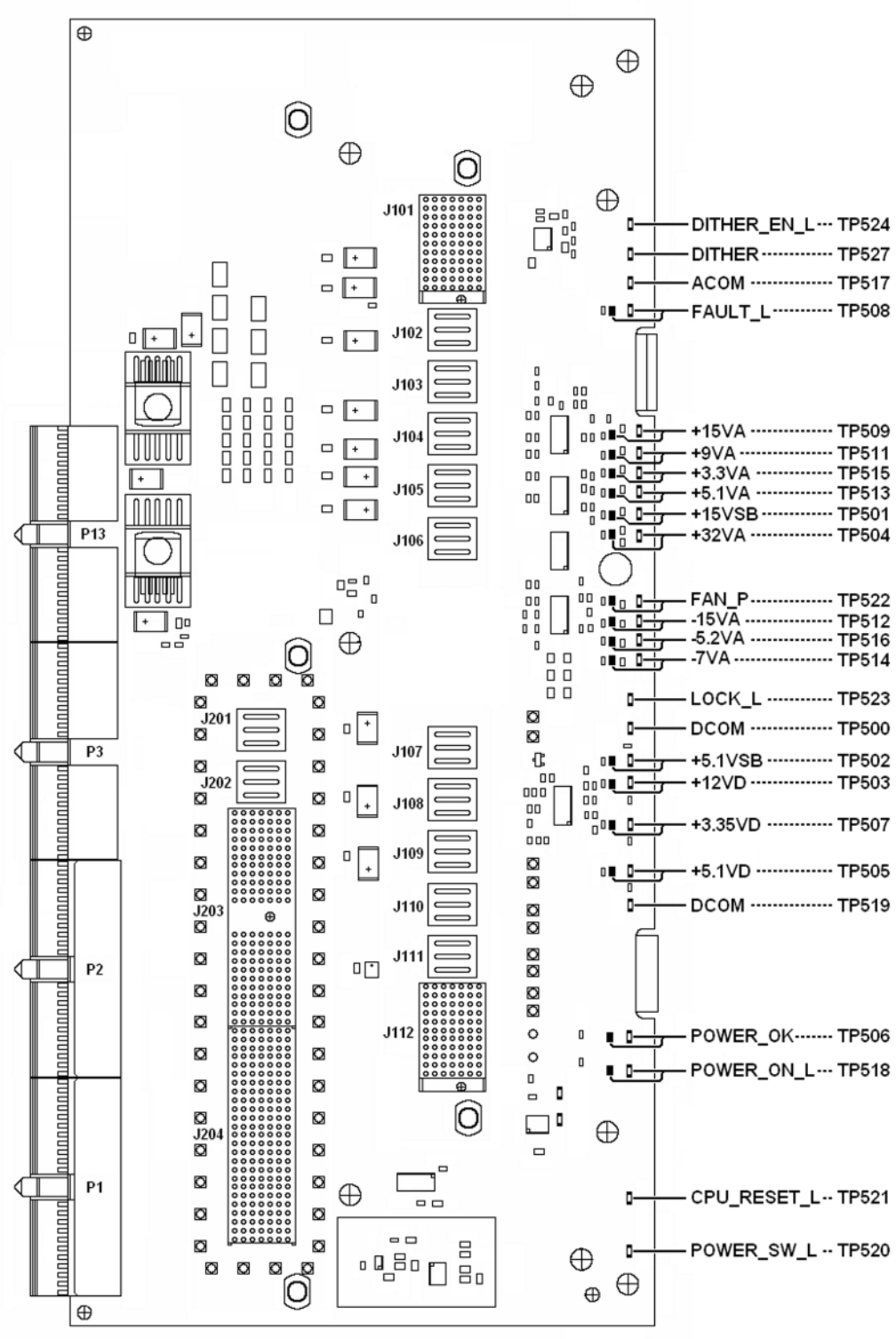
Supply/ Signal	Description	Referenced To	Generated On	Expected Status			
				Power Off[a]		Power On	
				LED	Test Point (VDC)	LED	Test Point (VDC)
+32VA	+32 Volt Analog Supply	ACOM	A6	Red	0	Off	+32 ± 2.0
+15VA	+15 Volt Analog Supply	ACOM	A6	Red	0	Off	+15 ± 1.0
+15VSB	+15 Volt Standby Supply	ACOM	A6	Green	+15 ± 1.0	Green	+15 ± 1.0
+9VA	+9 Volt Analog Supply	ACOM	A6	Red	0	Off	+9 ± 1.0
+5.1VA	+5.1 Volt Analog Supply	ACOM	A6	Red	0	Off	+5.1 ± 0.75
-7VA	-7 Volt Analog Supply	ACOM	A6	Red	0	Off	-7 ± 1.0
-15VA	-15 Volt Analog Supply	ACOM	A6	Red	0	Off	-15 ± 1.0
+12VD	+12 Volt Digital Supply	DCOM	A6	Red	0	Off	+12 ± 1.0
+5.1VD	+5.1 Volt Digital Supply	DCOM	A6	Red	0	Off	+5.1 ± 0.75
+5.1VSB	+5.1 Volt Standby Supply	DCOM	A6	Green	+5.1 ± 0.75	Green	+5.1 ± 0.75
+3.35VD	+3.35 Volt Digital Supply	DCOM	A6	Red	0	Off	+3.35 ± 0.75
FAN_P	Fan Positive Voltage	ACOM	A6	Red	0	Off	9.2 - 14.5
+3.3VA	+3.3 Volt Analog Supply	ACOM	A7	Red	0	Off	+3.35 ± 0.75
-5.2VA	-5.2 Volt Analog Supply	ACOM	A7	Red	0	Off	-5.2 ± 0.75
FAULT_L	Power Supply Fault	ACOM	A6	Off	TTL High	Off	TTL High

Table 10-3 A7 Midplane Board LEDs and Test Points

Supply/ Signal	Description	Referenced To	Generated On	Expected Status			
				Power Off[a]		Power On	
				LED	Test Point (VDC)	LED	Test Point (VDC)
POWER_OK	Digital Supplies OK	DCOM	A6	Red	TTL Low	Off	TTL High
POWER_ON_L	Power Supply Enable	DCOM	A4	Off	TTL High	Green	TTL Low
POWER_SW_L	Power Switch Pressed	ACOM	A4	n/a	TTL High	Green	TTL High[b]

a. With AC mains connected to the instrument
b. POWER_SW_L should only be at a TTL Low state when the front panel power switch is being pressed

Figure 10-3 A7 Midplane Board Assembly LEDs and Test Points



11 Front Panel/Motherboard Troubleshooting

What You Will Find in This Chapter

The following information is found in this chapter:

1. Theory of operation of the Motherboard Assembly.
2. Theory of operation of the Front Panel Assembly.
3. Isolating the cause of an hardware problem by verifying the functionality of assemblies.

This following descriptions are found in this chapter:

A8 Motherboard Description page 246

A1 Front Panel Assembly page 249

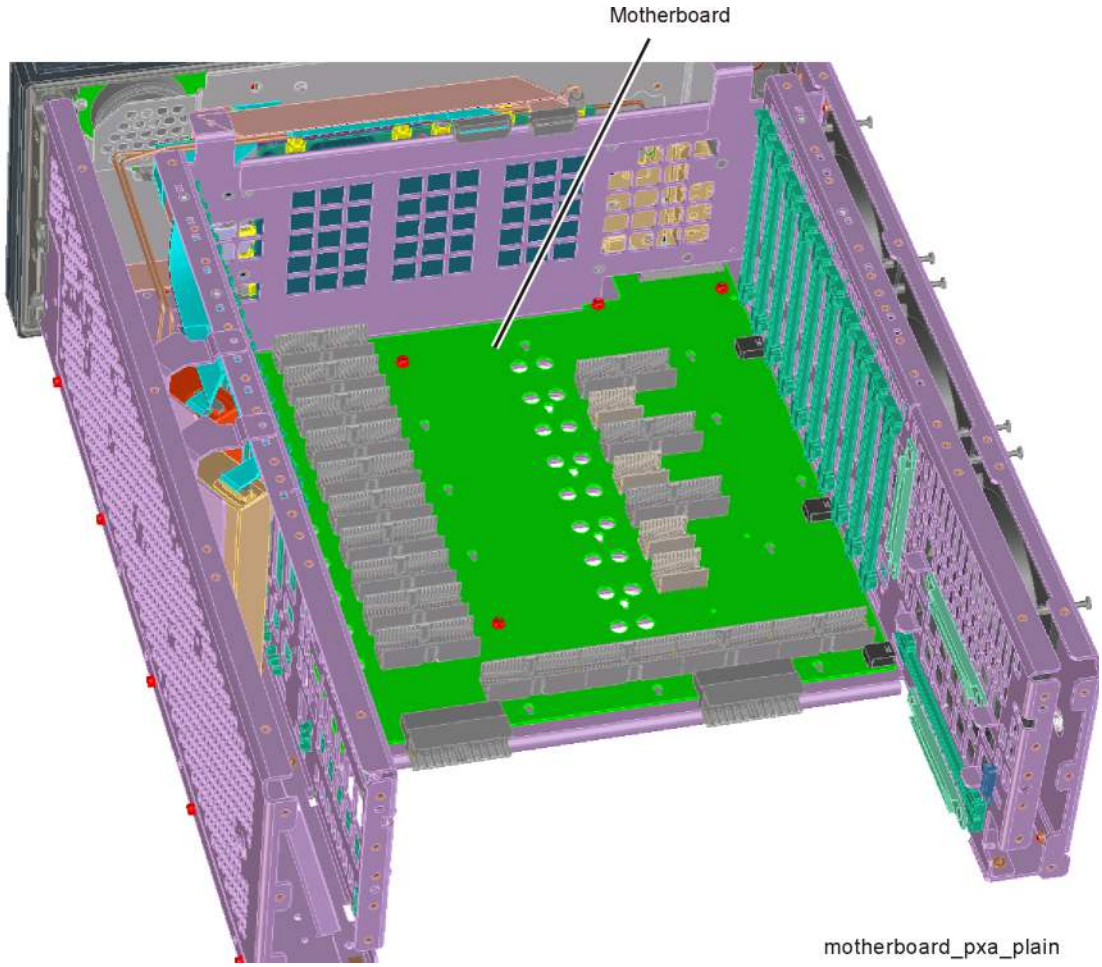
A8 Motherboard Description

Purpose

The Motherboard is an electrical link between many of the electrical assemblies in the instrument. The main functions of this PC board include:

- Distribute power
- Control and common signals between all the measurement PC boards including the A7 Midplane and the Front Panel Assembly
- Circuitry for fan speed control
- 10 MHz Reference distribution

Figure 11-1 Motherboard



The Motherboard is horizontally mounted, located near the bottom of the analyzer.

Figure 11-2 Motherboard Connectors

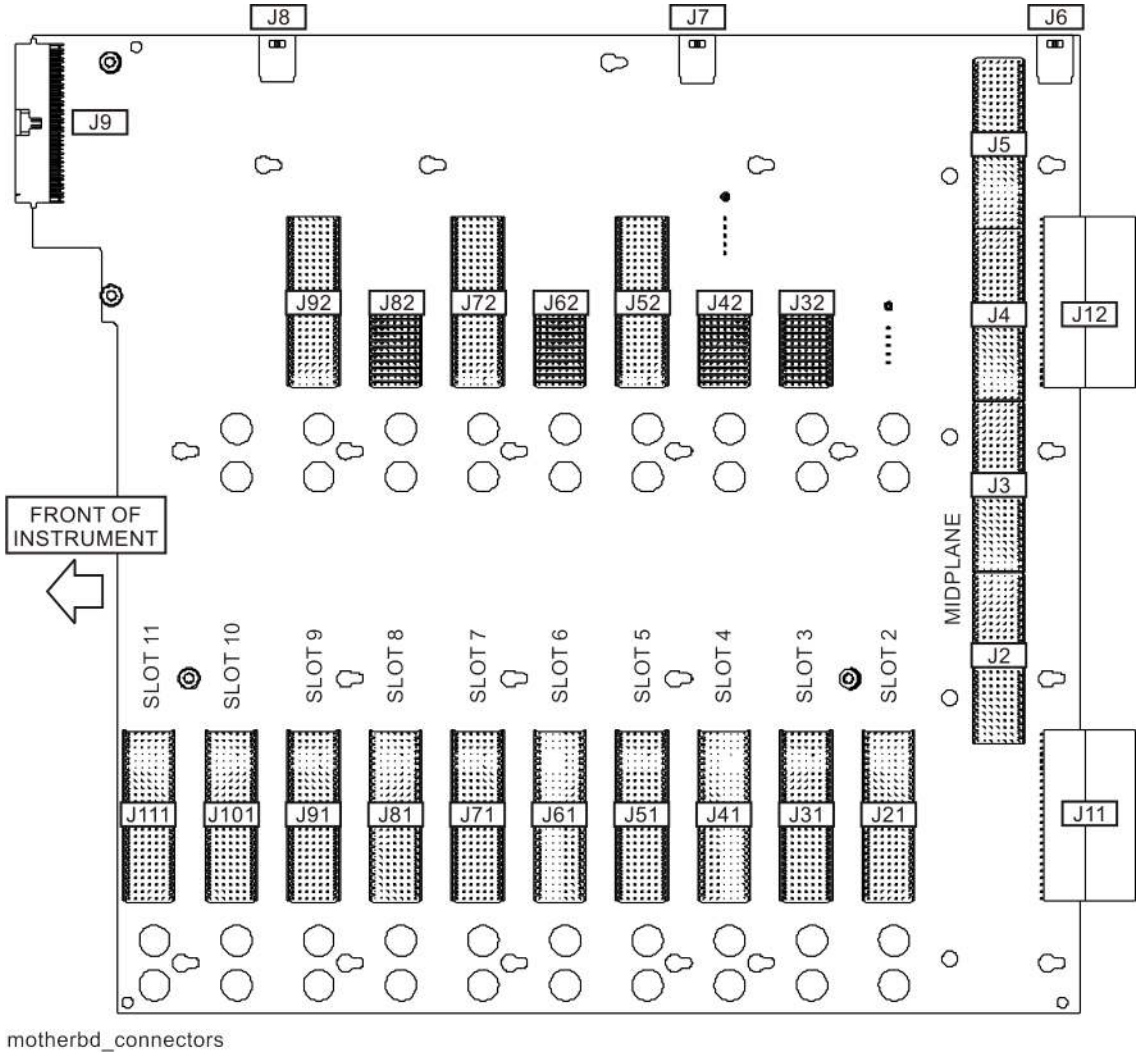


Table 11-1

Motherboard Connector	What Plugs In?	Motherboard Connector	What Plugs In?
J2	A7, Midplane	J21	A16, Reference
J3	A7, Midplane	J31/J32	Option Slots
J4	A7, Midplane	J41/J42	Option Slots
J5	A7, Midplane	J51/J52	Option Slots
J6	B3, Fan	J61/J62	Option Slots
J7	B2, Fan	J71/J72	Option Slots
J8	B1, Fan	J81/J82	Option Slots
J9	Front Panel	J91/J92	Option Slots
J11	A3, Digital I.F, analog signals	J101	A14, LO Synthesizer
J12	A3, Digital I.F, analog signals	J111	A15, Front End Control

A8 Motherboard Troubleshooting

There are no troubleshooting procedures for this assembly. If the Motherboard is suspect, it must be replaced.

A1 Front Panel Assembly

The major components of the A1 Front Frame Assembly are the A1A2 Front Panel Interface Board, A1A3 LCD, A1A4 DC-DC Converter, and the A1A5 Front Panel USB Interface Board, all of which are serviceable as individual components.

The A1 assembly is used to display the measurement results, accept user input via the keyboard, and connect USB peripheral devices.

A1A2 Front Panel Interface Board

The A1A2 Front Panel Interface board is serviced as an assembly only; no component level repair is supported.

The Front Panel Interface Board contains LCD control, DC-DC Converter drive, audio amplifiers, internal speaker, a 4 port USB hub, and a USB keyboard microcontroller.

The two different front panel rubber keypads attach to the back side of the board, which has the keyboard contacts printed on the reverse side.

The 4 ports from the USB hub contained on this board go to the 3 front panel USB connectors and the keyboard microcontroller.

A1A3 LCD

The LCD used is a 10.6 inch capacitive multi-touch display which has a resolution of 1200 x 800. The LED backlights are not replaceable.

A1A4 DC-DC Converter

The DC-DC converter provides power to the LED backlights.

A1A5 Front Panel USB Interface Board

The Front Panel USB Interface Board provides the front panel USB connections.

12 Hardware Options

What You Will Find in This Chapter

The following information is found in this chapter.

A25 Wideband Analog IF Troubleshooting - Option B2X and B5X on page 253

A26 Wideband Digital IF Troubleshooting - Option B2X and B5X on page 260

The MXA signal analyzer has a variety of hardware options that can be purchased and installed at the time of new instrument sale, or as a post-sale upgrade. Some of these hardware options require the installation of additional hardware, and others require licensing hardware already present in the standard instrument hardware configuration.

A current list of all instrument options and retrofit requirements is available on the Keysight web site for the N9021B MXA signal analyzer at:

http://www.keysight.com/find/n9021b

Table 12-1 Hardware Options

Option	Description	Additional Hardware or License Only	Service Guide Section
B25	25 MHz Analysis Bandwidth path	License Only	Chapter 7, "Analog/Digital IF Troubleshooting."
B40	40 MHz Analysis Bandwidth path in addition to 25 MHz BW	License Only	Chapter 7, "Analog/Digital IF Troubleshooting."
B2X	255 MHz Analysis Bandwidth path	Additional hardware	This chapter
B5X	510 MHz Analysis Bandwidth path	Additional hardware	This chapter
CRP	Arbitrary IF Output (10 MHz to 75 MHz programmable, Aux IF connector on rear panel).	License Only	Chapter 6, "Front End Control Troubleshooting."

Table 12-1 Hardware Options

Option	Description	Additional Hardware or License Only	Service Guide Section
CR3	2nd IF Out (Aux IF connector on rear panel)	License Only	Chapter 6, "Front End Control Troubleshooting."
EA3	Electronic Attenuator	License Only	Chapter 5, "RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)."
EXM	External Mixing	Additional Hardware	Chapter 5, "RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)."
MPB	Preselector Bypass (Bypasses the A12 Preselector filter used above 3.6 GHz)	Additional hardware or license only depending on current instrument configuration. Both LNP and MPB hardware installed at same time. However, there may be cases where only one option is licensed	Chapter 5, "RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)." Chapter 16, "Option MPB" on page 393
P08	Preamp, 100 kHz to 8.4 GHz	License Only	Chapter 4, "RF Section Troubleshooting (Microwave Analyzers)."
P13	Preamp, 100 kHz to 13.6 GHz	License Only	Chapter 4, "RF Section Troubleshooting (Microwave Analyzers)."
P26	Preamp, 100 kHz to 26.5 GHz	License Only	Chapter 4, "RF Section Troubleshooting (Microwave Analyzers)."
P32	Preamp, 100 kHz to 32 GHz	License Only	Chapter 5, "RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)."
P44	Preamp, 100 kHz to 44 GHz	License Only	Chapter 5, "RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)."
P50	Preamp, 100 kHz to 50 GHz	License Only	Chapter 5, "RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)."
RTL	Data Link that enables rear panel Digital Bus connector.	License Only	
YAS	Screen Video Output (at rear panel Analog Out connector)	License Only	Chapter 7, "Analog/Digital IF Troubleshooting."

NOTE See Chapter 13, "Block Diagrams." for information on how these hardware options are installed in the signal path.

A25 Wideband Analog IF Troubleshooting - Option B2X and B5X

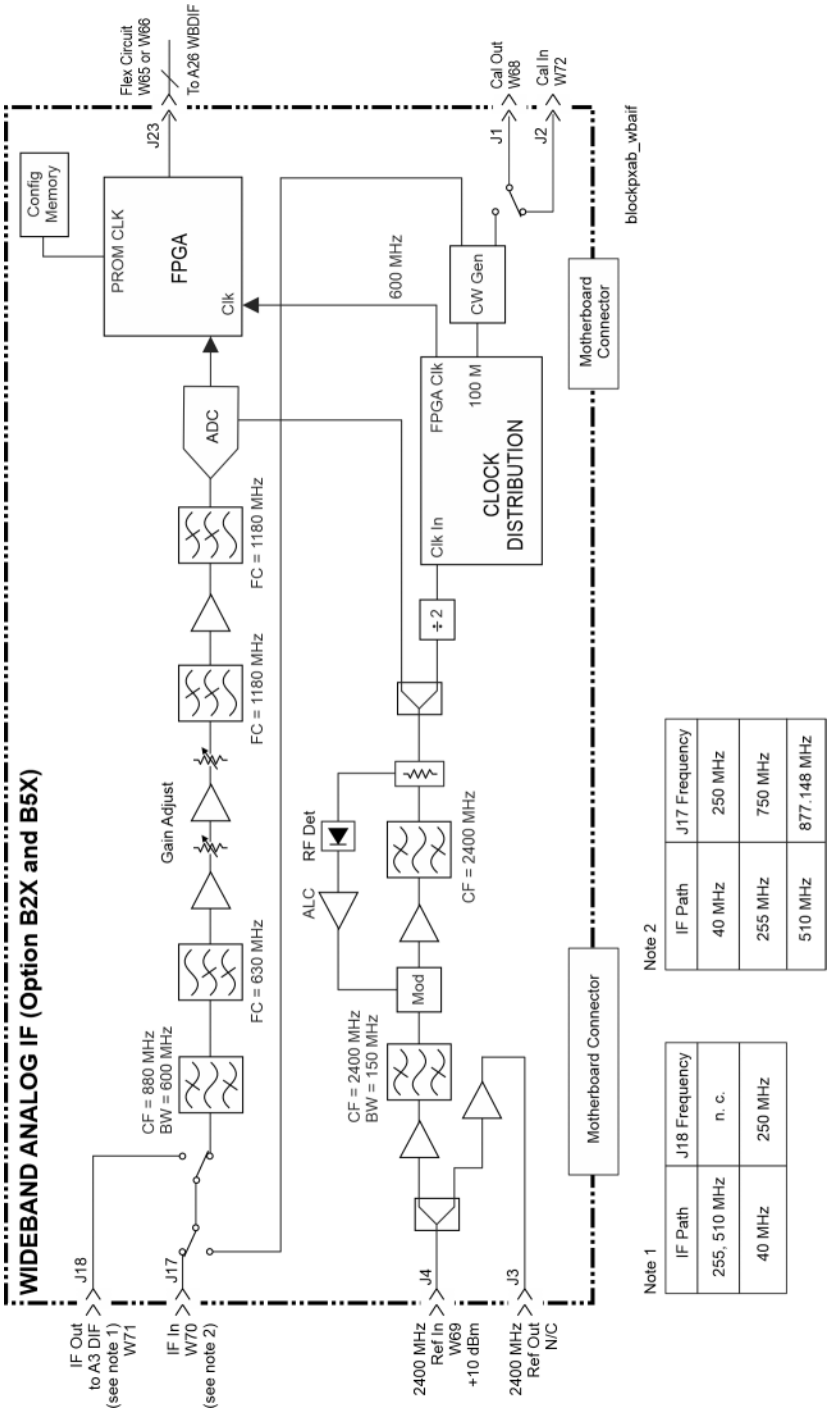
A25 Wideband Analog IF Assembly Description - Option B2X and B5X

The analyzer's RF input signal is down converted to a 250 MHz, 750 MHz, or 877.148 MHz intermediate frequency by the A13 Front End assembly and routed through the A15 Front End controller to A15J901. Cable W70 connects to A25J17 Wideband Analog IF Input. The signal is filtered, attenuation and gain applied based upon the instrument settings. This signal is then sampled by the ADC and the resultant data is the sent to the A26 Wideband Digital IF (Option B2X) for processing via the flex circuit cable. If the instrument has Option B5X, 510 MHz Analysis BW, the resultant data is sent to the A26 and A27 Wideband Digital IF boards.The A26 and A27 Wideband Digital IF have no service accessible locations and should be troubleshot from the front panel controls.

If the analyzer is using the 40 MHz IF Path, the signal at 250 MHz IF frequency is switched to J18 and this 250 MHz IF is routed through W71 to the A3 Digital IF assembly.

If the analyzer is using the Option B2X, 255 MHz IF Path, the signal at J17 will be at 750 MHz. If the analyzer is using the Option B5X, 510 MHz Path, the signal at J17 will be 877.148 MHz. Both of these IF signal frequencies are processed through the A25 Wideband Analog IF assembly.

Figure 12-1 Analog IF Block Diagram - Option B2X and B5X



Inputs to the A25 Assembly

A25J17 250 MHz or 750 MHz or 877.148 MHz IF signal (from A15J901 Front End Controller)

A25J4 2400 MHz reference from A16 Reference Assembly via W69 cable

A25J2 Calibrator signal from A3J17 40 MHz Digital IF via W72 cable

Outputs from the A25 Assembly

A25J3 2400 MHz Reference Out

A25J18 250 MHz IF Out to A3J15 of the 40 MHz Digital IF

A25J1 Calibrator Out to A16 Reference assembly A16J726 via W68 cable

A25 Wideband Analog IF Assembly Theory of Operation - Option B2X and B5X

The A25 Wideband Analog IF assembly primary role is to properly filter and apply attenuation or gain to optimize the level going to the ADC and provide sufficient pre-filtering to reject images that would otherwise interfere with the signal of interest. Precision alignments are used to calibrate the filters, attenuators and gain of this assembly. It is not uncommon that the reported failure will come from failures reported when an alignment fails for this assembly. The alignment history file is a good indicator of a failure for this assembly. This file is a text file that can be viewed using a text editor. The file is located in the following location:

E:\AlignDataStorage\AlignmentHistory.txt

This file will list all alignments that have passed or failed. Alignments reporting a failure of the WBAIF assembly can in many cases be attributed to failure of this assembly. If however these errors follow errors in the RF section of the instrument, it is possible that additional WBAIF error will appear due to missing RF Calibration signals and not related to the A25 Wideband IF assembly.

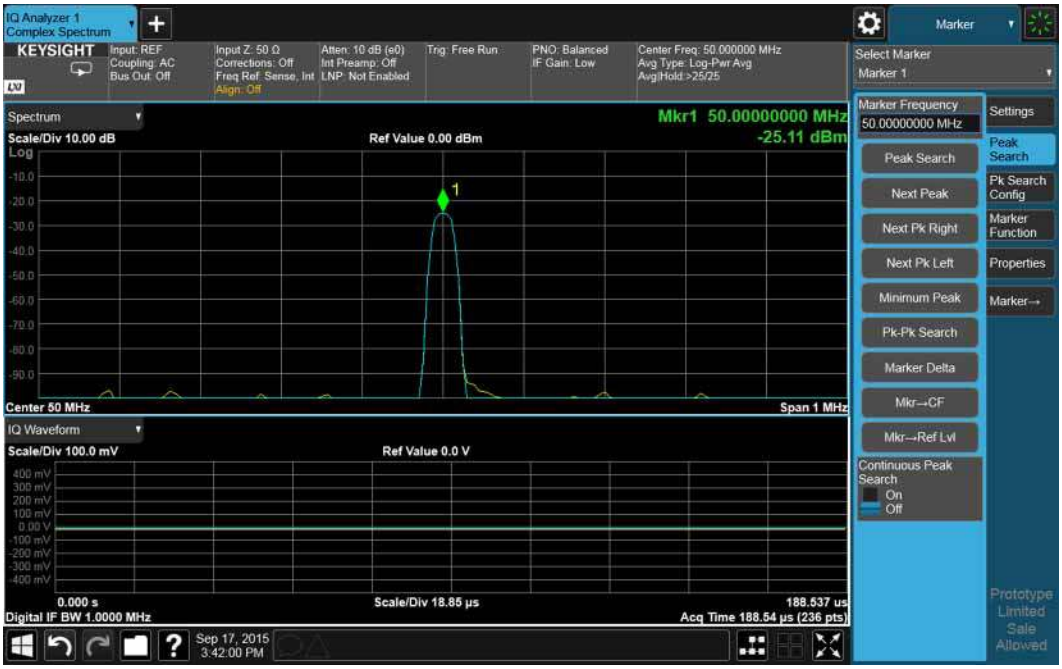
Manually troubleshoot the assembly is basically verifying the proper IF signal at J17 is present and at the proper level. In addition you will want to verify input and output levels of the various calibration and reference signals.

A25 Wideband Analog IF Assembly Troubleshooting - Option B2X and B5X

Verify the J17 IF Input level

1. Turn the instrument off.
2. Remove the instrument enclosure and top brace covers. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures” in this service guide.
3. Turn on the signal analyzer and wait for the instrument to complete the boot up process.
4. Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off**.
5. Press **Mode/Meas**, **IQ Analyzer (Basic)**, **Complex Spectrum**, **OK**
6. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz**
7. Press **FREQ** hard key and set the center frequency to 50 MHz.
8. Press **Meas Setup**, **IF Path**. Tap **IF Path** and choose **255 MHz** or **510 MHz** from the drop down menu. If Option B5X, 510 MHz, is installed, there is no 255 IF Path selection. Choose **510 MHz** in this case.
9. Verify the 50 MHz signal is at –25 dBm on the analyzer display by pressing **Peak Search** on the analyzer. The marker readout should be 50 MHz at –25 dBm ±3 dB. See Figure 12-2. If this reference signal is measuring incorrectly, see Chapter 5, “RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)” in this service guide.

Figure 12-2 50 MHz Signal



Verify the J18 Output

The J18 output is active only when the 40 MHz IF path is selected.

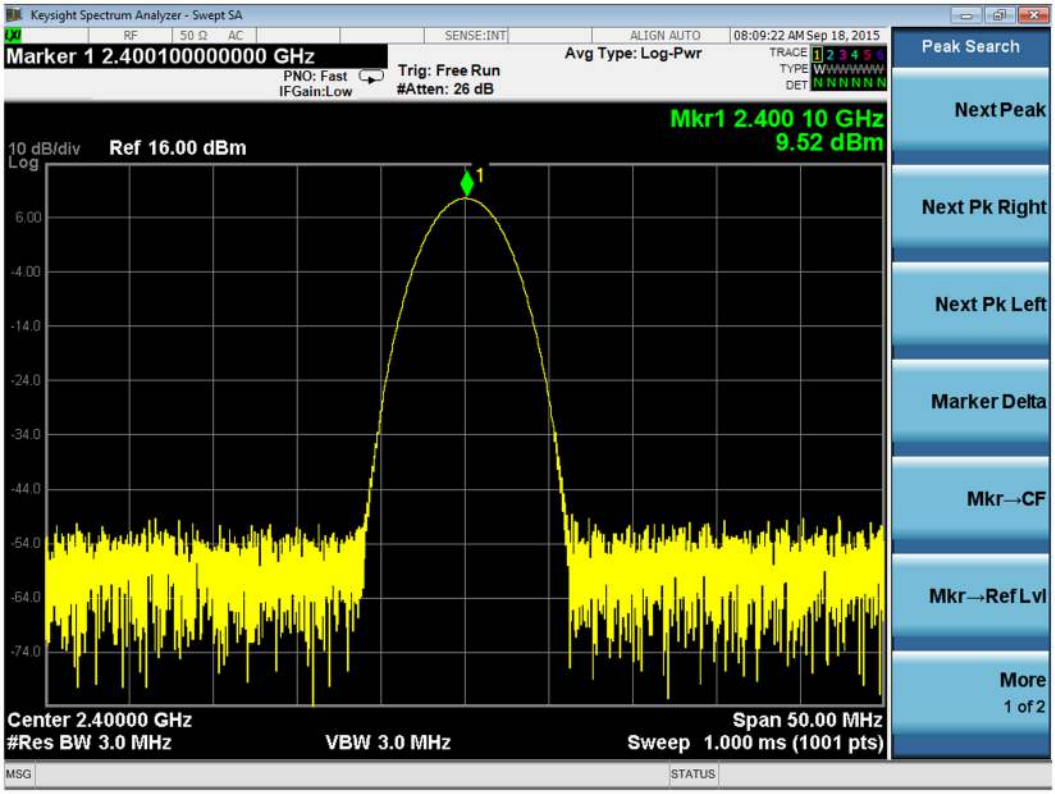
The following test can be used to assure the W41 cable and the switch on the A25 Wideband AIF are good.

1. To select the 40 MHz IF path, press **Meas Setup**, **IF Path**. Tap **IF Path** and choose **40 MHz** from the drop down menu.
2. Turn on the 50 MHz calibrator as explained in the last section. Set the center frequency to 50 MHz. Set the span to 0 Hz.
3. Connect A25J18 to a known good spectrum analyzer. Tune the spectrum analyzer to 250 MHz. This port switches the 250 MHz IF that is input to the A25 Wideband Analog IF to be routed to the A3J15 40 MHz Digital IF. If this –23 dBm ±3 dB signal is present, you have verified the 250 MHz IF from the A15J901 Front End Controller. If this signal is not present, verify the signal is present on A15J901 of the A15 Front End Controller.

Verify the 2400 MHz Frequency Reference

1. Turn the instrument off.
2. Remove the instrument cover. Refer to Chapter 16, “Assembly Replacement Procedures” in this service guide.
3. Turn on the signal analyzer and wait for the instrument to complete the boot up process.
4. Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off**.
5. Press **Mode/Meas**, **IQ Analyzer**, **Complex Spectrum**, **OK**.
6. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz**
7. Press **Meas Setup**, **IF Path**. Tap **IF Path** and choose **255 MHz** or **510 MHz** from the drop down menu.
8. Verify the 50 MHz signal is at –25 dBm on the analyzer display by pressing **FREQ**, **50 MHz**, **Span**, **1 MHz**, **Peak Search** on the analyzer. The marker readout should be 50 MHz at –25 dBm ±3 dB. If this reference signal is measuring incorrectly, see Chapter 5, “RF Section Troubleshooting (Millimeter-Wave Analyzers)” in this service guide.
9. Connect a known good spectrum analyzer to A25J3. Verify reference signal at 2400 MHz at a level of + 9 dBm.

Figure 12-3 2400 MHz Signal



A26 Wideband Digital IF Troubleshooting - Option B2X and B5X

Verify the Wideband Signal Path

Normally failure of this assembly will occur during extensive alignments. Verify if there are alignment error related to the WBDIF located in the E:\AlignDataStore\AlignmentHistrory.txt files.

If errors are found related to WBDIF replace the A26 Wideband Digital IF assembly. To troubleshoot this module set the instrument up as below:

1. Turn on the analyzer and wait for the instrument to complete the boot up process.
2. Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Auto Align**, **Off**.
3. Press **Mode/Meas**, **IQ Analyzer**, **Complex Spectrum**, **OK**.
4. Press **Input/Output**, **RF Calibrator**, **50 MHz**
5. Press **FREQ**, **Span**, **10 MHz**
6. Press **Meas Setup**, **IF Path**, **255 MHz** or **510 MHz**
7. Verify the 50 MHz signal is at –25 dBm on the analyzer display by pressing **Peak Search** on the analyzer. The marker readout should be 50 MHz at –25 dBm ±3 dB.
8. If this signal is not present, determine if the issue is only present with the wideband path. Press **Mode Setup**, **IF Path**, **40 MHz**. If the signal is now present, there is a likely failure of the A26/A27 Wideband Digital IF or the A25 Wideband Analog IF.

13 Block Diagrams

What You Will Find in This Chapter

The following sections are found in this chapter:

Microwave Lowband Path Block Diagram (Options 508, 513, 526)

Microwave Highband Path #1 Block Diagram (Options 508, 513, 526)

Microwave Highband Path #2 Block Daigram (Option 526)

mmW Lowband Path Block Diagram (Options 532, 544, 550)

mmW Highband Path #1 Block Diagram (Options 532, 544, 550)

mmW Highband Path #2 Block Diagram (Options 532, 544, 550)

mmW Highband Path #3 Block Diagram (Options 532, 544, 550)

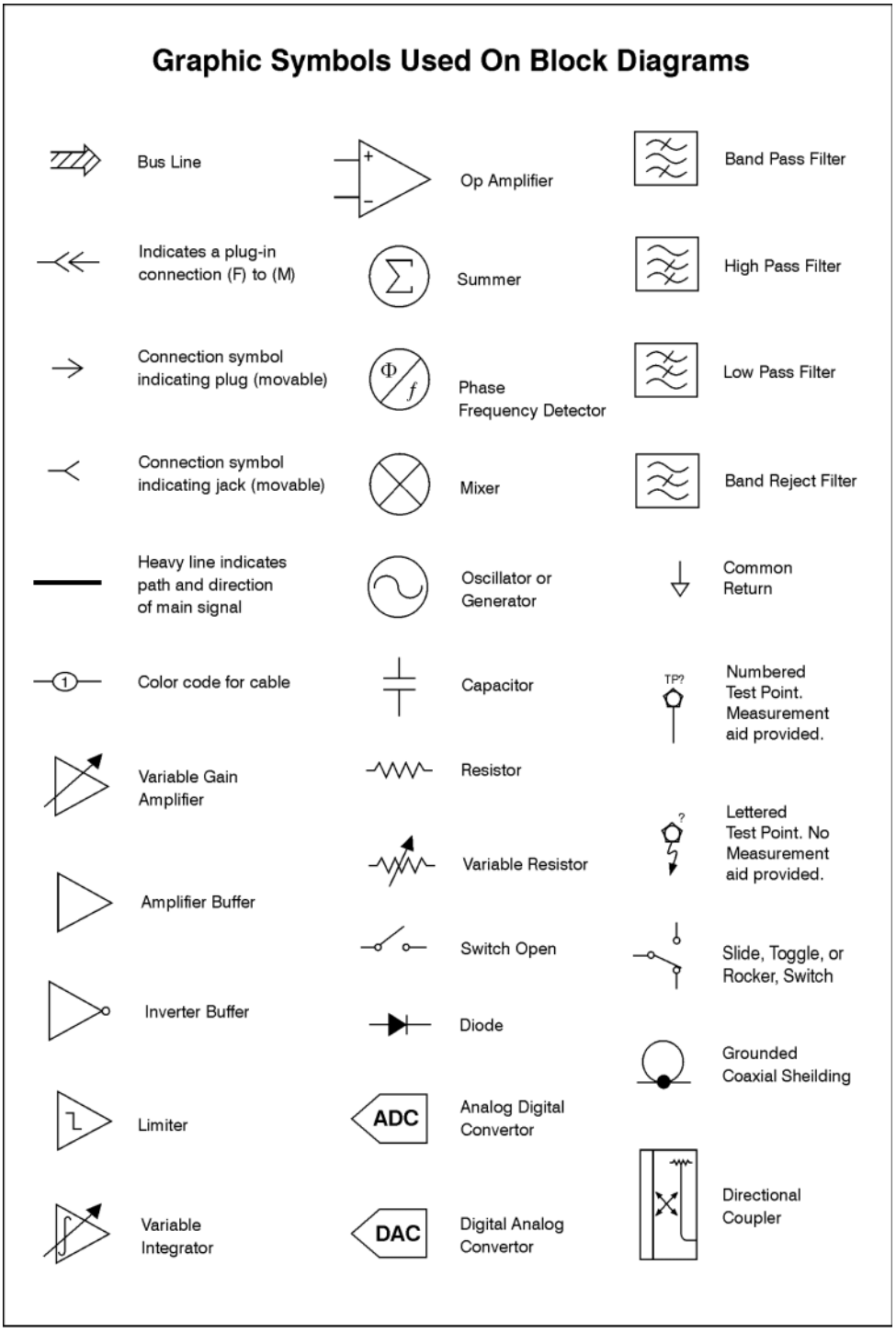
Reference and Synthesizer Block Diagram

Analog IF Block Diagram

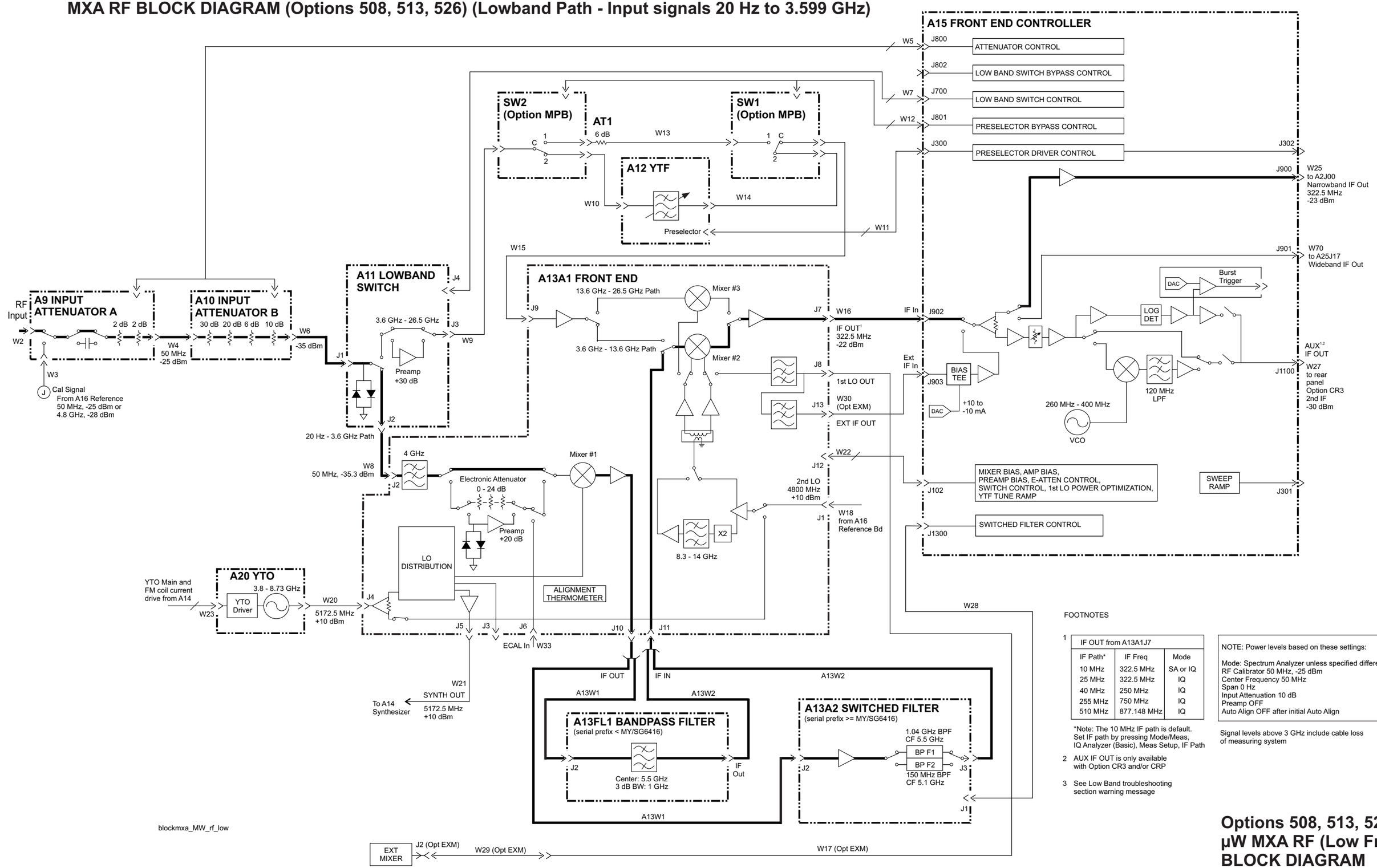
Digital IF Block Diagram

MXA Computer Block Diagram

Block Diagrams



MXA RF BLOCK DIAGRAM (Options 508, 513, 526) (Lowband Path - Input signals 20 Hz to 3.599 GHz)



blockmxa_MW_rf_low

FOOTNOTES

1 IF OUT from A13A1J7

IF Path*	IF Freq	Mode
10 MHz	322.5 MHz	SA or IQ
25 MHz	322.5 MHz	IQ
40 MHz	250 MHz	IQ
255 MHz	750 MHz	IQ
510 MHz	877.148 MHz	IQ

*Note: The 10 MHz IF path is default. Set IF path by pressing Mode/Meas, IQ Analyzer (Basic), Meas Setup, IF Path

2 AUX IF OUT is only available with Option CR3 and/or CRP

3 See Low Band troubleshooting section warning message

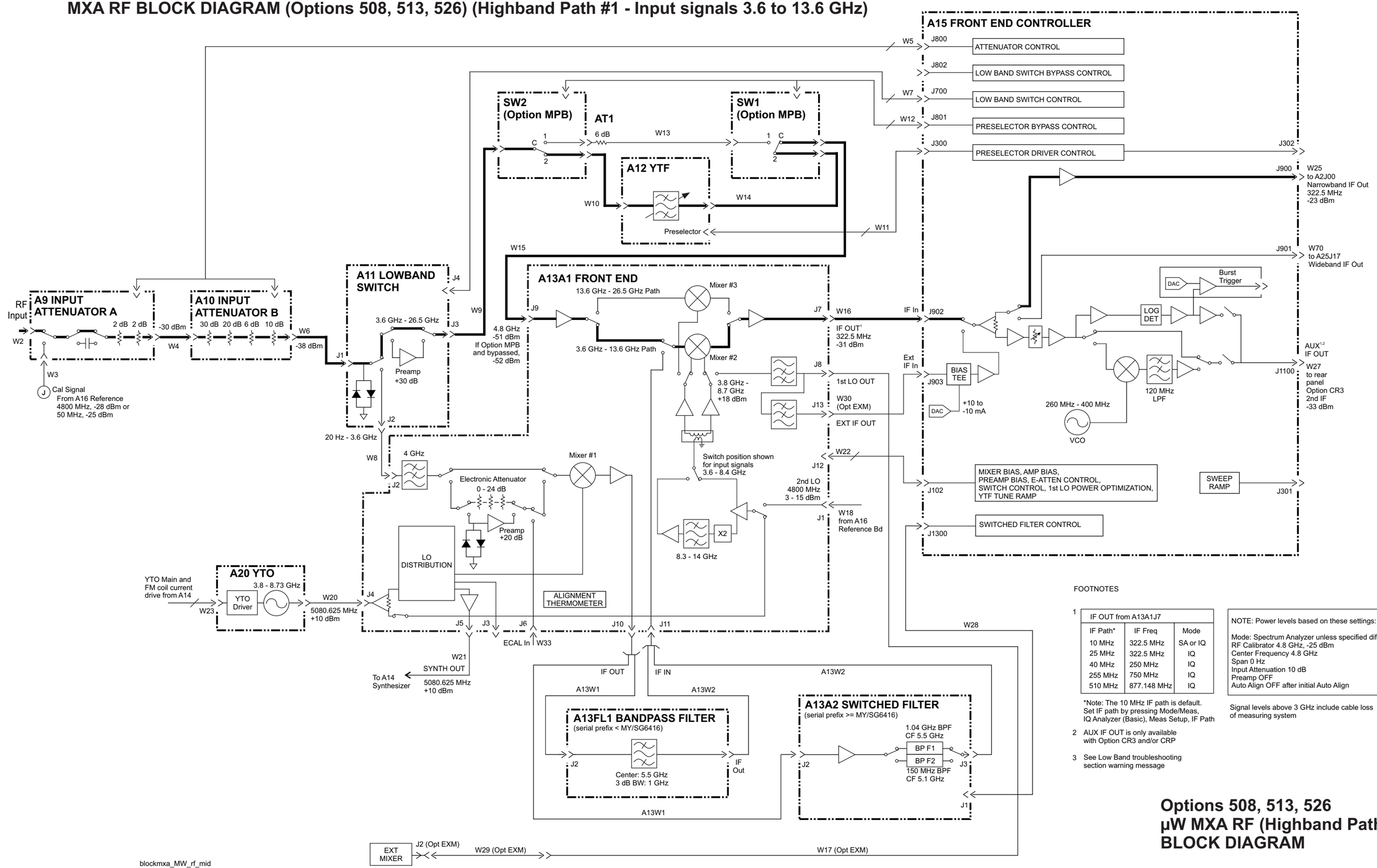
NOTE: Power levels based on these settings:

Mode: Spectrum Analyzer unless specified differently
RF Calibrator 50 MHz, -25 dBm
Center Frequency 50 MHz
Span 0 Hz
Input Attenuation 10 dB
Preamp OFF
Auto Align OFF after initial Auto Align

Signal levels above 3 GHz include cable loss of measuring system

Options 508, 513, 526 µW MXA RF (Low Freq) BLOCK DIAGRAM

MXA RF BLOCK DIAGRAM (Options 508, 513, 526) (Highband Path #1 - Input signals 3.6 to 13.6 GHz)



FOOTNOTES

1

IF OUT from A13A1J7		
IF Path*	IF Freq	Mode
10 MHz	322.5 MHz	SA or IQ
25 MHz	322.5 MHz	IQ
40 MHz	250 MHz	IQ
255 MHz	750 MHz	IQ
510 MHz	877.148 MHz	IQ

*Note: The 10 MHz IF path is default. Set IF path by pressing Mode/Meas, IQ Analyzer (Basic), Meas Setup, IF Path

2 AUX IF OUT is only available with Option CR3 and/or CRP

3 See Low Band troubleshooting section warning message

NOTE: Power levels based on these settings:

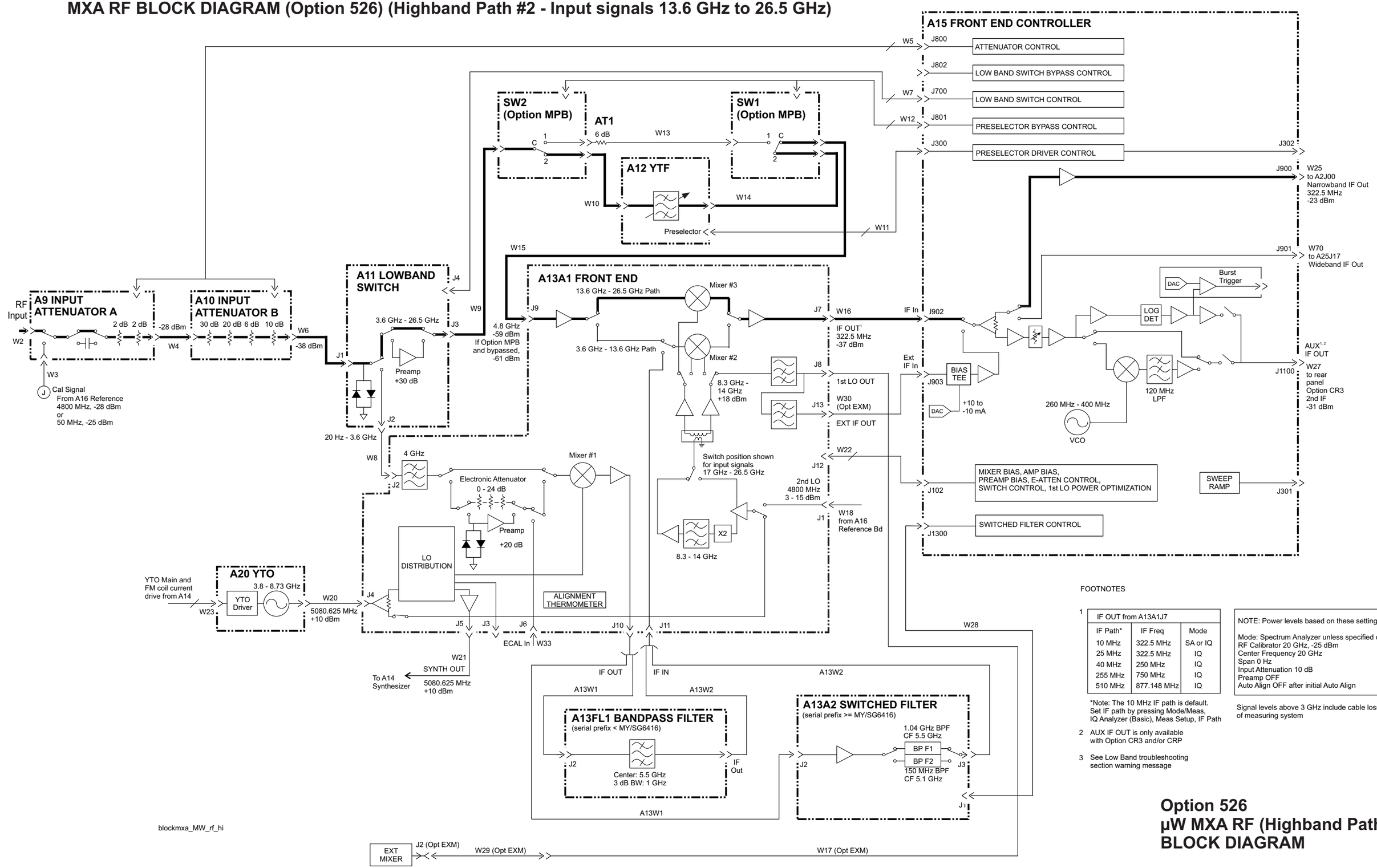
Mode: Spectrum Analyzer unless specified differently
RF Calibrator 4.8 GHz, -25 dBm
Center Frequency 4.8 GHz
Span 0 Hz
Input Attenuation 10 dB
Preamp OFF
Auto Align OFF after initial Auto Align

Signal levels above 3 GHz include cable loss of measuring system

Options 508, 513, 526
µW MXA RF (Highband Path #1) BLOCK DIAGRAM

blockmxa_MW_rf_mid

MXA RF BLOCK DIAGRAM (Option 526) (Highband Path #2 - Input signals 13.6 GHz to 26.5 GHz)



blockmxa_MW_rf_hi

FOOTNOTES

1

IF OUT from A13A1J7		
IF Path*	IF Freq	Mode
10 MHz	322.5 MHz	SA or IQ
25 MHz	322.5 MHz	IQ
40 MHz	250 MHz	IQ
255 MHz	750 MHz	IQ
510 MHz	877.148 MHz	IQ

*Note: The 10 MHz IF path is default. Set IF path by pressing Mode/Meas, IQ Analyzer (Basic), Meas Setup, IF Path

2 AUX IF OUT is only available with Option CR3 and/or CRP

3 See Low Band troubleshooting section warning message

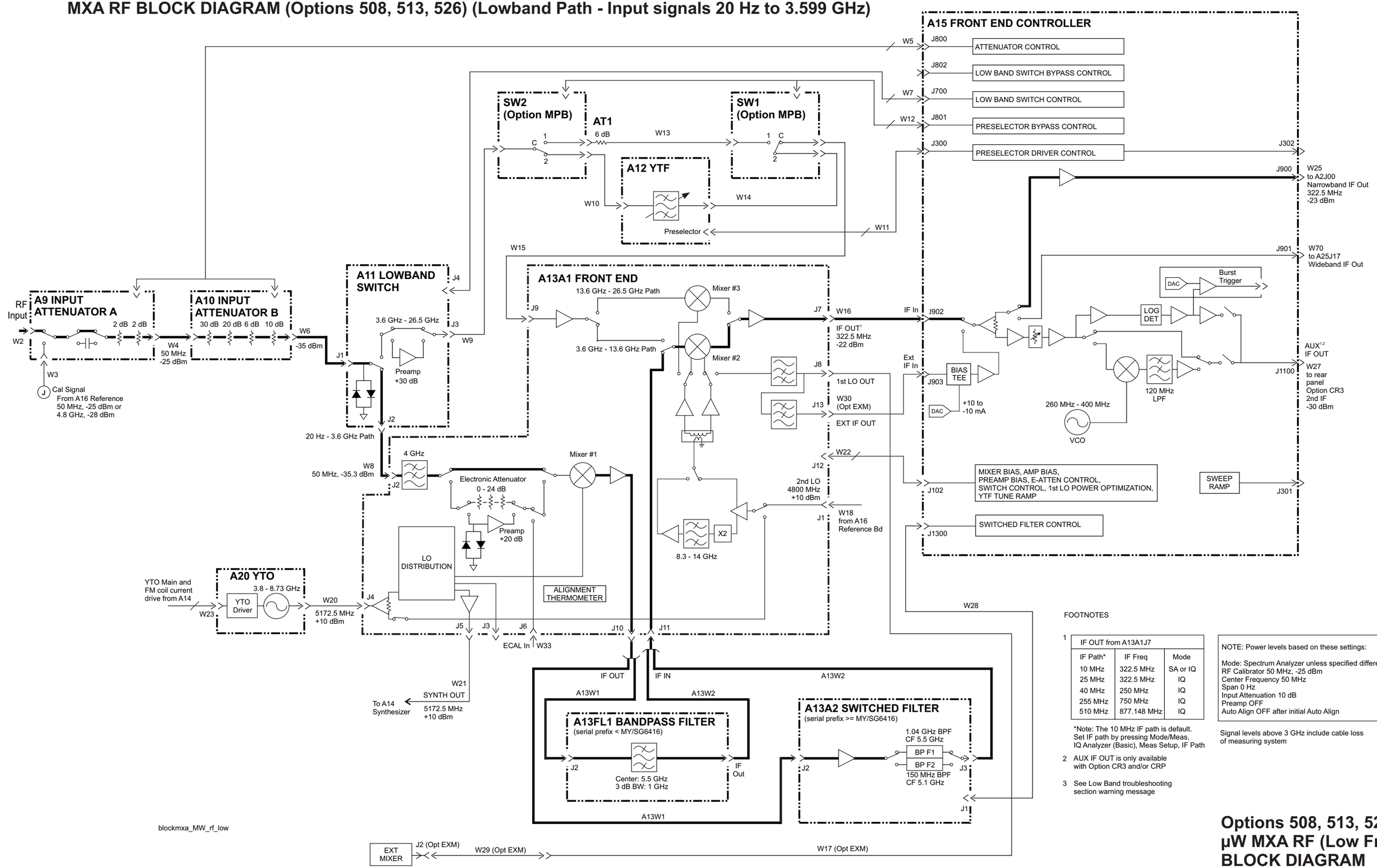
NOTE: Power levels based on these settings:

Mode: Spectrum Analyzer unless specified differently
RF Calibrator 20 GHz, -25 dBm
Center Frequency 20 GHz
Span 0 Hz
Input Attenuation 10 dB
Preamp OFF
Auto Align OFF after initial Auto Align

Signal levels above 3 GHz include cable loss of measuring system

Option 526
µW MXA RF (Highband Path #2) BLOCK DIAGRAM

MXA RF BLOCK DIAGRAM (Options 508, 513, 526) (Lowband Path - Input signals 20 Hz to 3.599 GHz)



blockmxa_MW_rf_low

FOOTNOTES

1 IF OUT from A13A1J7

IF Path*	IF Freq	Mode
10 MHz	322.5 MHz	SA or IQ
25 MHz	322.5 MHz	IQ
40 MHz	250 MHz	IQ
255 MHz	750 MHz	IQ
510 MHz	877.148 MHz	IQ

*Note: The 10 MHz IF path is default. Set IF path by pressing Mode/Meas, IQ Analyzer (Basic), Meas Setup, IF Path

2 AUX IF OUT is only available with Option CR3 and/or CRP

3 See Low Band troubleshooting section warning message

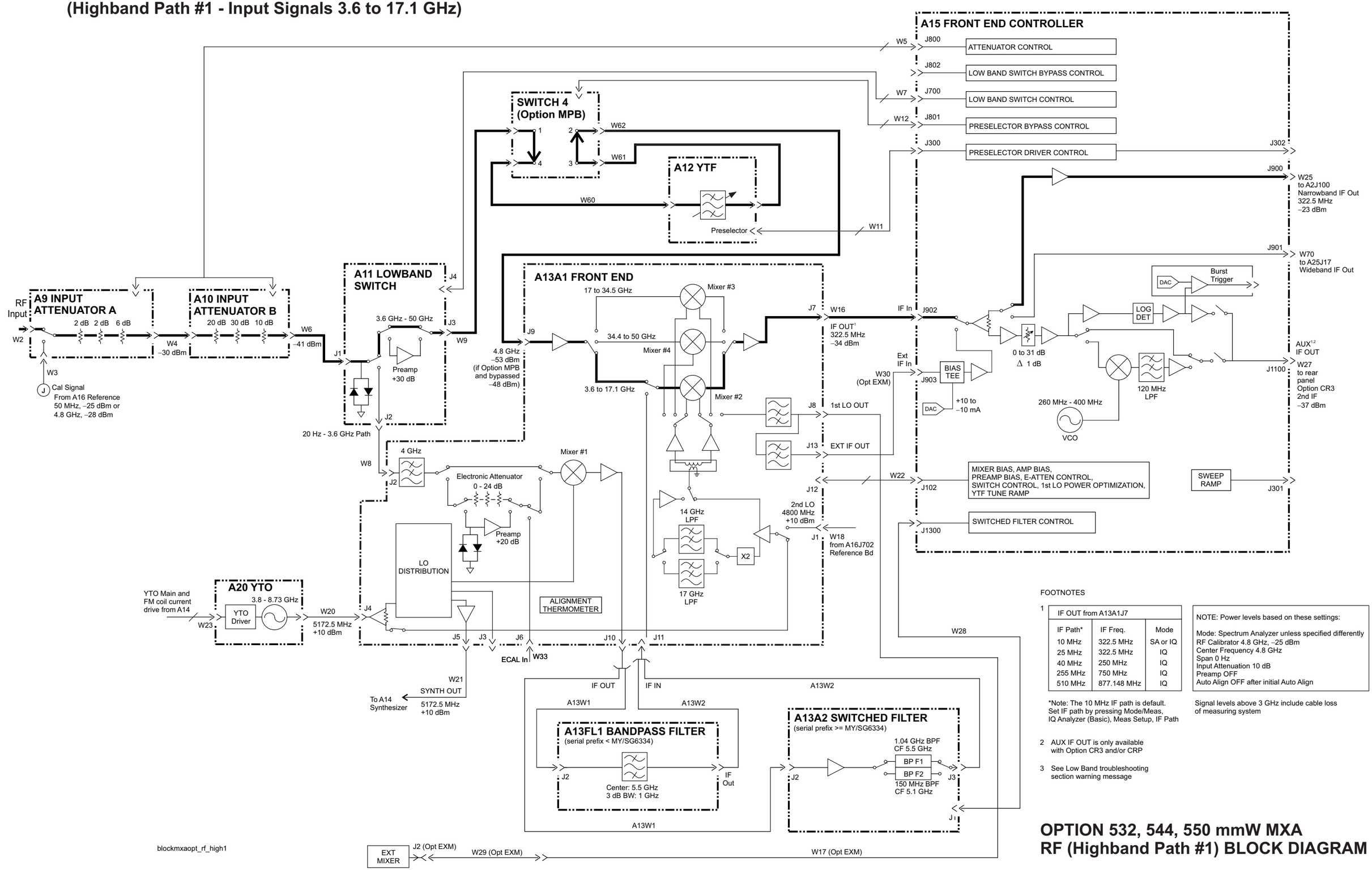
NOTE: Power levels based on these settings:

Mode: Spectrum Analyzer unless specified differently
RF Calibrator 50 MHz, -25 dBm
Center Frequency 50 MHz
Span 0 Hz
Input Attenuation 10 dB
Preamp OFF
Auto Align OFF after initial Auto Align

Signal levels above 3 GHz include cable loss of measuring system

Options 508, 513, 526 µW MXA RF (Low Freq) BLOCK DIAGRAM

MXA RF BLOCK DIAGRAM (Options 532, 544, 550)
(Highband Path #1 - Input Signals 3.6 to 17.1 GHz)



FOOTNOTES

1

IF OUT from A13A1J7		
IF Path*	IF Freq.	Mode
10 MHz	322.5 MHz	SA or IQ
25 MHz	322.5 MHz	IQ
40 MHz	250 MHz	IQ
255 MHz	750 MHz	IQ
510 MHz	877.148 MHz	IQ

*Note: The 10 MHz IF path is default. Set IF path by pressing Mode/Meas, IQ Analyzer (Basic), Meas Setup, IF Path

2 AUX IF OUT is only available with Option CR3 and/or CRP

3 See Low Band troubleshooting section warning message

NOTE: Power levels based on these settings:

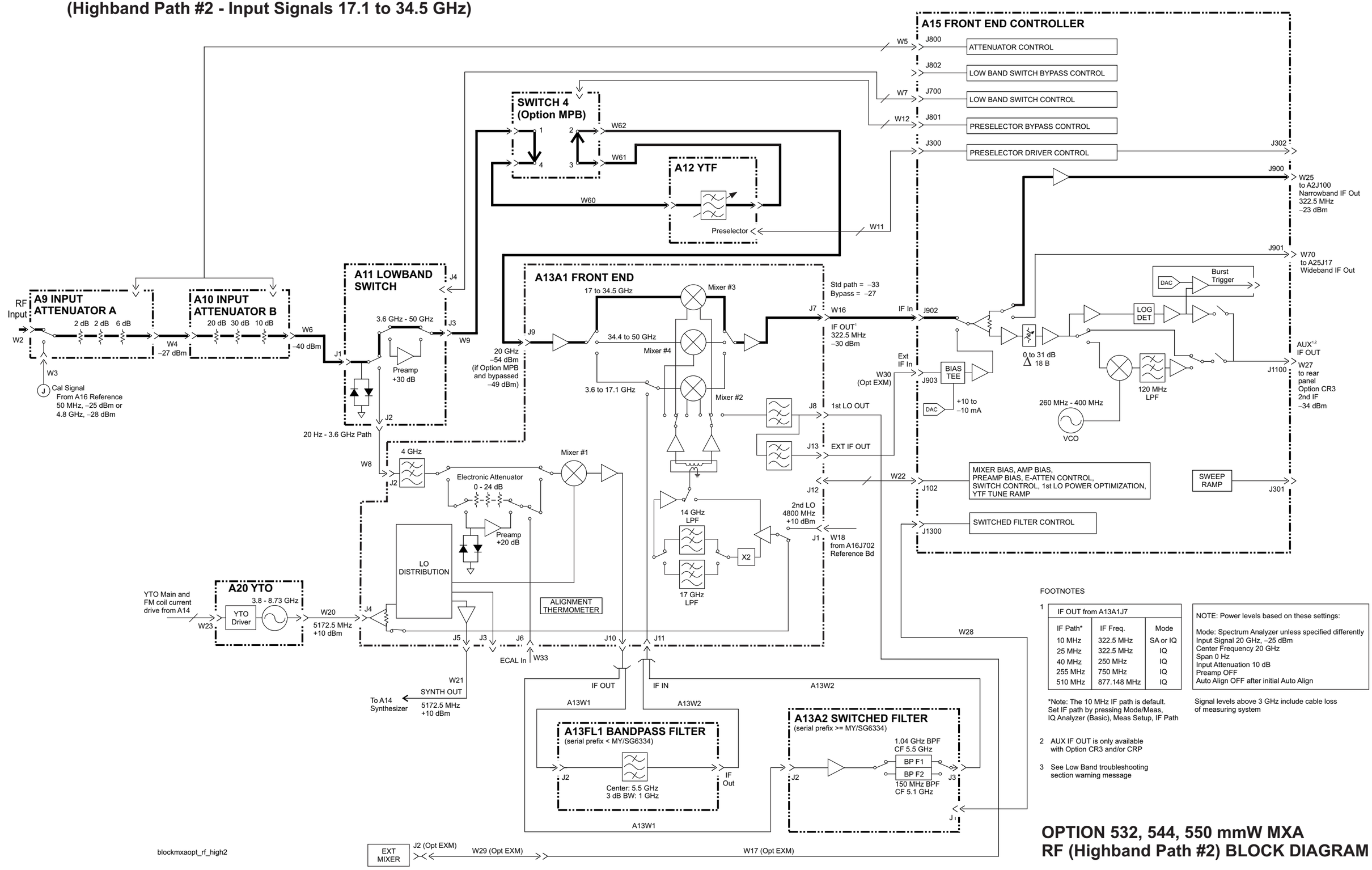
Mode: Spectrum Analyzer unless specified differently
RF Calibrator 4.8 GHz, –25 dBm
Center Frequency 4.8 GHz
Span 0 Hz
Input Attenuation 10 dB
Preamp OFF
Auto Align OFF after initial Auto Align

Signal levels above 3 GHz include cable loss of measuring system

blockmxaopt_rf_high1

OPTION 532, 544, 550 mmW MXA
RF (Highband Path #1) BLOCK DIAGRAM

MXA RF BLOCK DIAGRAM (Options 532, 544, 550)
(Highband Path #2 - Input Signals 17.1 to 34.5 GHz)



FOOTNOTES

1

IF OUT from A13A1J7

IF Path*	IF Freq.	Mode
10 MHz	322.5 MHz	SA or IQ
25 MHz	322.5 MHz	IQ
40 MHz	250 MHz	IQ
255 MHz	750 MHz	IQ
510 MHz	877.148 MHz	IQ

*Note: The 10 MHz IF path is default. Set IF path by pressing Mode/Meas, IQ Analyzer (Basic), Meas Setup, IF Path

2 AUX IF OUT is only available with Option CR3 and/or CRP

3 See Low Band troubleshooting section warning message

NOTE: Power levels based on these settings:

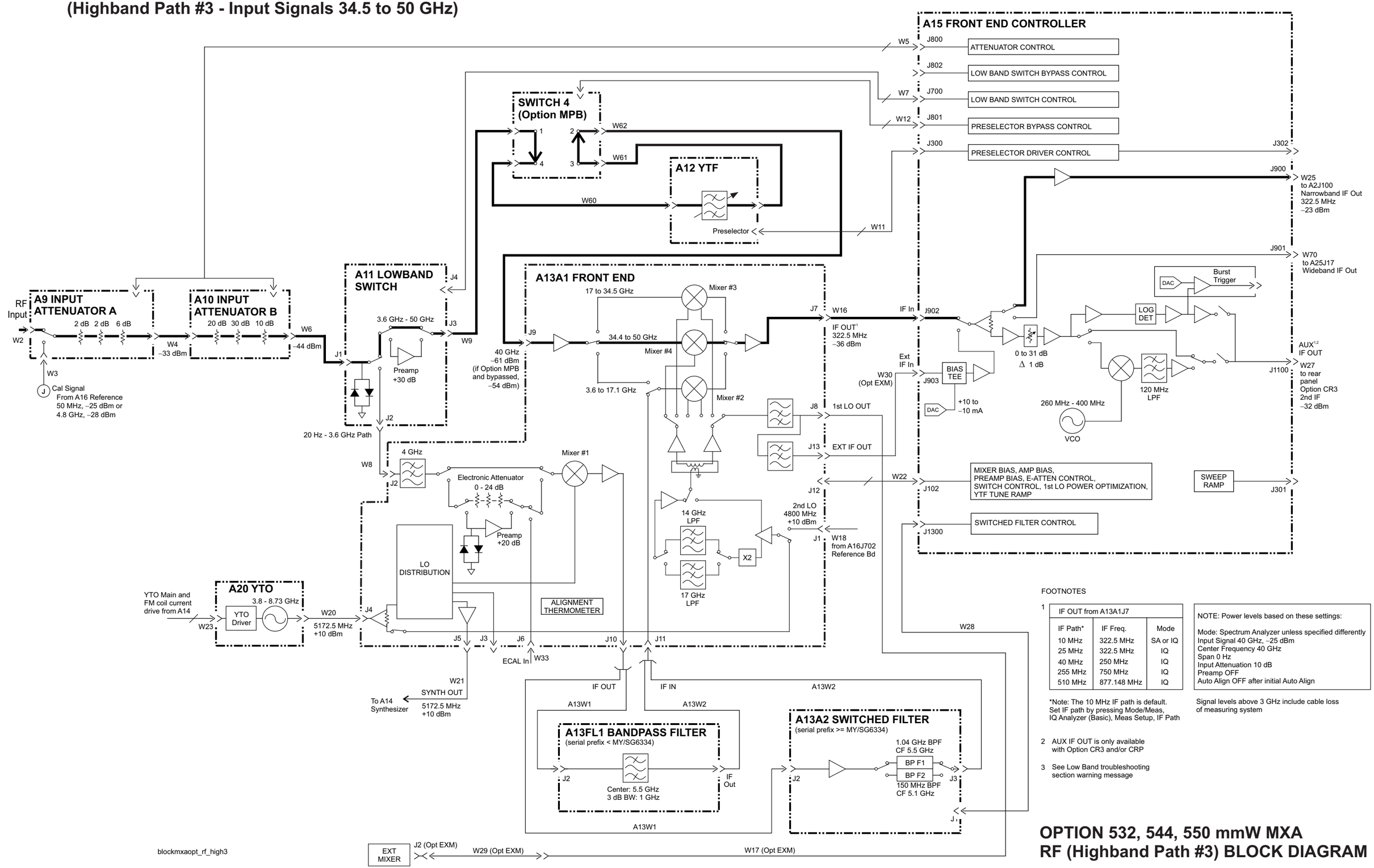
Mode: Spectrum Analyzer unless specified differently
Input Signal 20 GHz, –25 dBm
Center Frequency 20 GHz
Span 0 Hz
Input Attenuation 10 dB
Preamp OFF
Auto Align OFF after initial Auto Align

Signal levels above 3 GHz include cable loss of measuring system

blockmxaopt_rf_high2

OPTION 532, 544, 550 mmW MXA
RF (Highband Path #2) BLOCK DIAGRAM

MXA RF BLOCK DIAGRAM (Options 532, 544, 550)
(Highband Path #3 - Input Signals 34.5 to 50 GHz)



FOOTNOTES

1

IF OUT from A13A1J7		
IF Path*	IF Freq.	Mode
10 MHz	322.5 MHz	SA or IQ
25 MHz	322.5 MHz	IQ
40 MHz	250 MHz	IQ
255 MHz	750 MHz	IQ
510 MHz	877.148 MHz	IQ

*Note: The 10 MHz IF path is default. Set IF path by pressing Mode/Meas, IQ Analyzer (Basic), Meas Setup, IF Path

2 AUX IF OUT is only available with Option CR3 and/or CRP

3 See Low Band troubleshooting section warning message

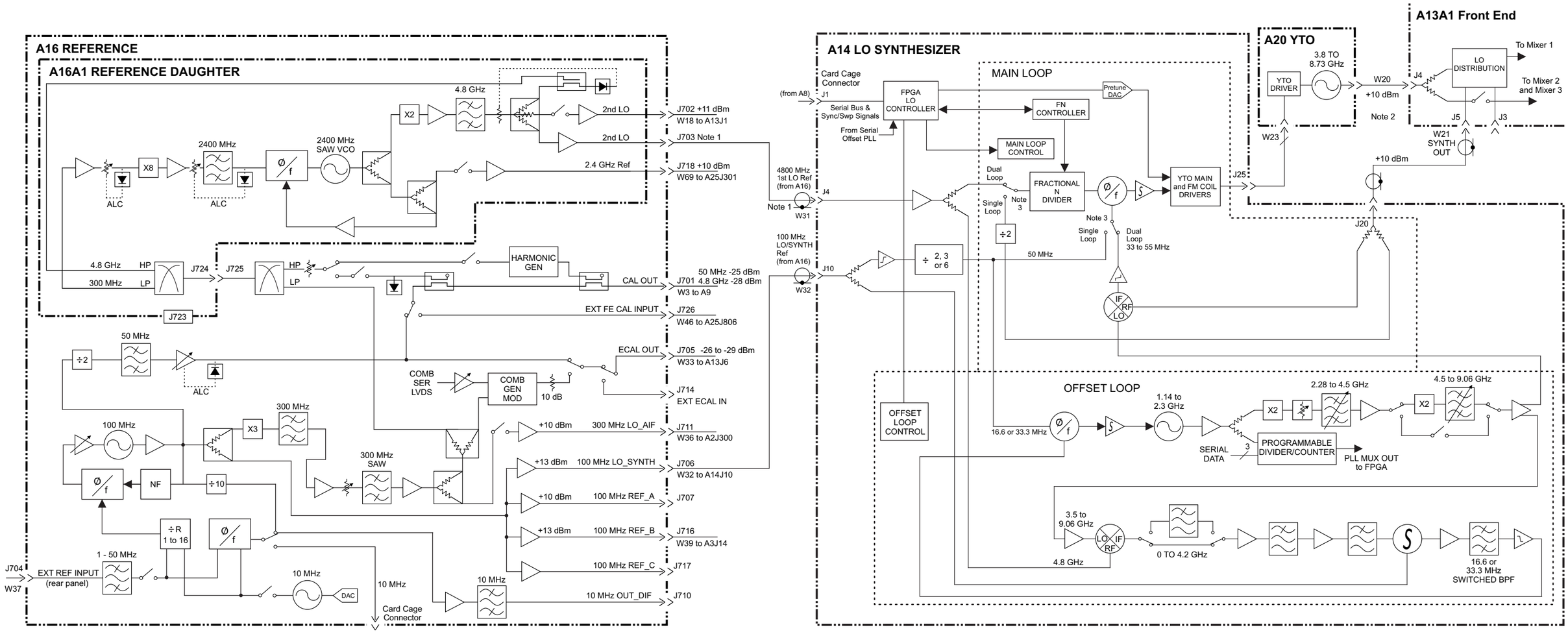
NOTE: Power levels based on these settings:

Mode: Spectrum Analyzer unless specified differently
Input Signal 40 GHz, –25 dBm
Center Frequency 40 GHz
Span 0 Hz
Input Attenuation 10 dB
Preamp OFF
Auto Align OFF after initial Auto Align

Signal levels above 3 GHz include cable loss of measuring system

blockmxaopt_rf_high3

OPTION 532, 544, 550 mmW MXA
RF (Highband Path #3) BLOCK DIAGRAM



NOTES

1 Power Level is ~ +3 dBm in Dual-Loop mode and ~ -20 dBm in Single-Loop mode.

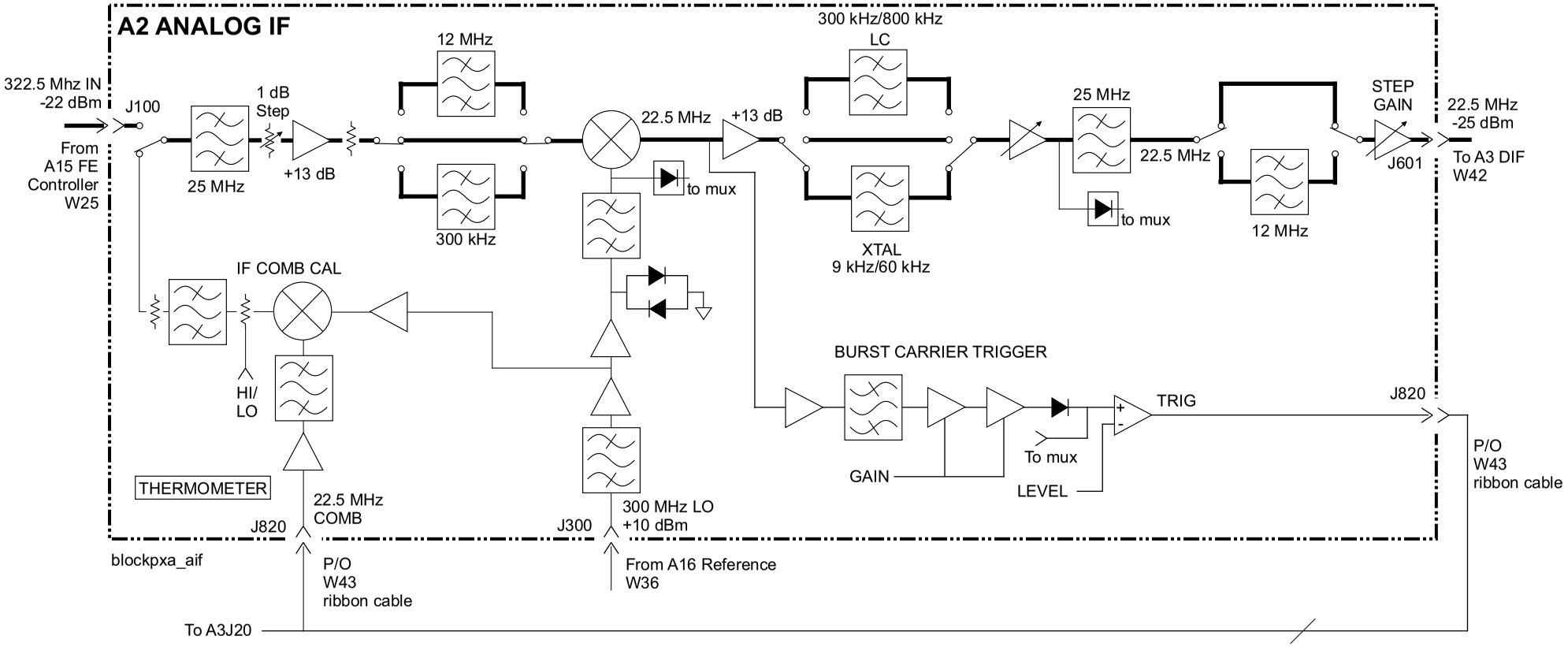
2 The Tuning Equation below shows the relationship between the YTO frequency (1st LO) and the Tuned Frequency.

Band	Tuning Equation
0 - 3.6 GHz	YTO = Tuned Freq + 5.1225 GHz
3.6 - 8.4 GHz	YTO = Tuned Freq + 322.5 GHz
8.4 - 13.6 GHz	YTO = (Tuned Freq + 322.5 MHz) / 2
13.6 - 17.1 GHz	YTO = (Tuned Freq + 322.5 MHz) / 2
17.1 - 26.5 GHz	YTO = (Tuned Freq + 322.5 MHz) / 4
26.4 - 34 GHz	YTO = (Tuned Freq + 322.5 MHz) / 4
34 - 50 GHz	YTO = (Tuned Freq + 322.5 MHz) / 8

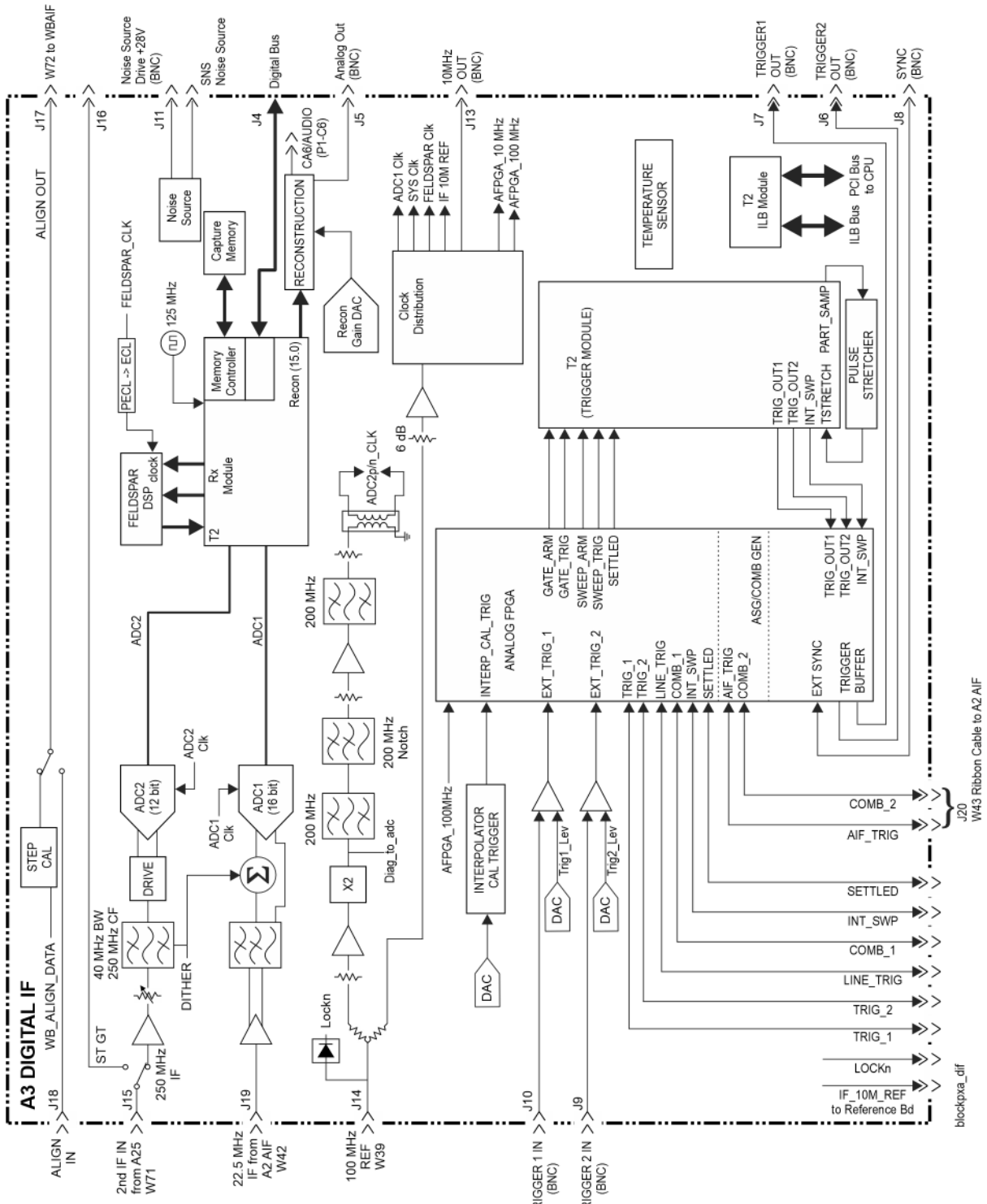
3 When autocoupled, spans > 10 MHz are Single-Loop spans and ≤ 10 MHz are Dual-Loop spans.

MXA REFERENCE and SYNTHESIZER BLOCK DIAGRAM

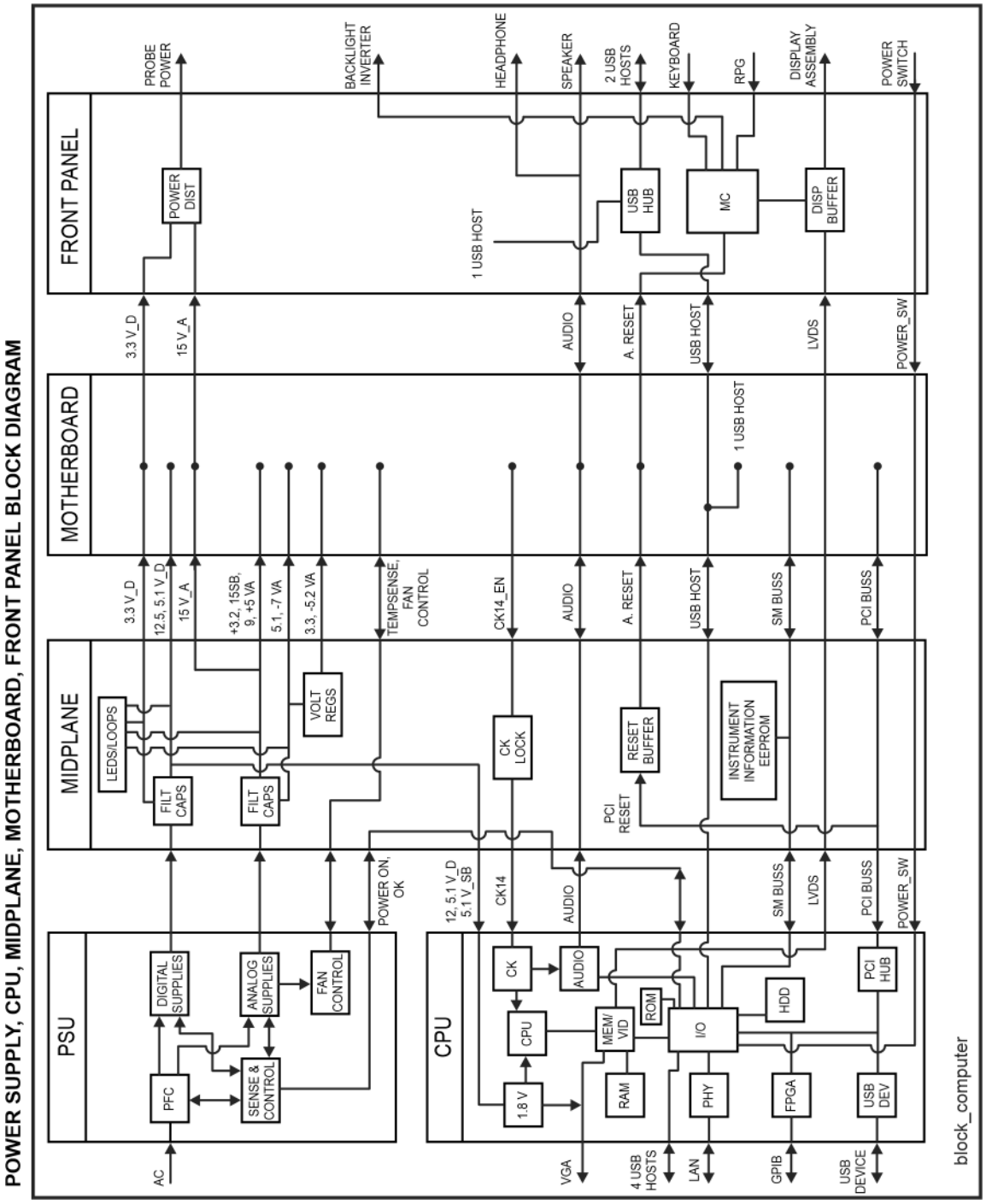
blockmxa_ref_synth


A2 ANALOG IF
322.5 Mhz IN
-22 dBm
J100
From
A15 FE
Controller
W25
1 dB
Step
25 MHz
+13 dB
12 MHz
300 kHz
22.5 MHz
to mux
+13 dB
300 kHz/800 kHz
LC
XTAL
9 kHz/60 kHz
25 MHz
22.5 MHz
to mux
12 MHz
STEP
GAIN
J601
22.5 MHz
-25 dBm
To A3 DIF
W42
IF COMB CAL
HI/
LO
THERMOMETER
BURST CARRIER TRIGGER
GAIN
To mux
LEVEL
TRIG
J820
P/O
W43
ribbon cable
22.5 MHz
COMB
J820
300 MHz LO
+10 dBm
J300
blockpxa_aif
P/O
W43
ribbon cable
From A16 Reference
W36
To A3J20

Digital IF Block Diagram



MXA Computer Block Diagram



14 Service and Diagnostics Menus

Overview

The Service capabilities described below are accessed via the Service menus in the System Settings Diagnostic menu and Spectrum Analyzer mode Measure Setup menu. The Service capabilities are intended for field service technicians. These technicians may be at a Keysight Service Center or at a self-maintaining customer site.

There are two types of Service capabilities:

1. Diagnostics - These are available to any user and will assist in initial troubleshooting of instrument malfunctions. Examples are the ability to read the mechanical relay cycles.
2. Service Functions - These are for use by the factory or field repair technicians, access is controlled. Examples are the ability to band lock the analyzer and control the DAC which sets the 10 MHz Reference frequency.

Controlling Access

There are two levels of service and diagnostics capabilities:

1. "Regular access" to diagnostic capabilities that everyone is allowed access. Care may be required to use a feature appropriately. This is the "Diagnostic" type of Service capability defined above.
2. "Secure service access" to the Service menu. This prevents the casual user from accessing and using these features. It is intended to provide this access to Keysight Service Centers or any customer who purchases the Service Guide. The "Service Functions" type of Service capability is defined above.

To access secured service capabilities the technician is required to enter a specific numeric Service Code that is controlled by the instrument software. The Service Code is defined to be easily entered via the front panel; an external keyboard or mouse will not be required. Once access has been gained, it persists within the execution of the instrument application. If the user exits the instrument application, they must re-enter the Service Code to gain access.

NOTE

The Service Diagnostic menus are split into two separate locations for the Multi-touch user interface. They are available through the System -> Service menu and under the SA mode Measure Setup menu. Both menus require that you first login via the System -> Service menu.

Secure service access

To access the secure service capabilities press **System, Service** with the instrument application running. At this point you will see the window shown in Figure 14-1. Enter the Service Code and press **Login**.

The Service Code is: -2061

Figure 14-1 Service Code Entry

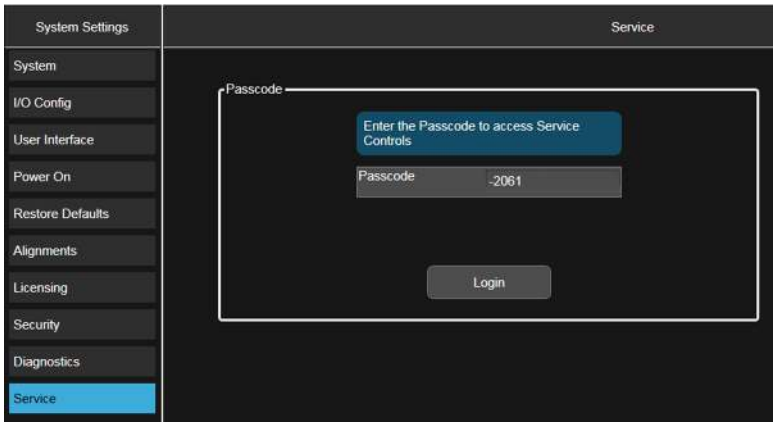


Figure 14-2 Secure Service Menus (Accessed via System->Service)

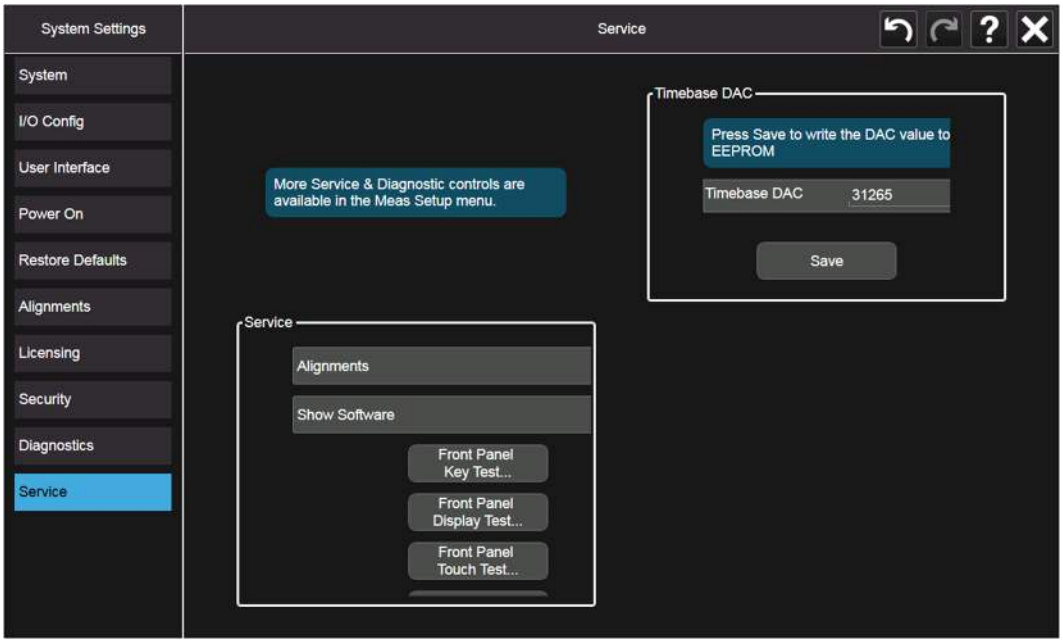


Figure 14-3 Lock and LO
(Accessed via Spectrum Analyzer Mode -> Meas Setup -> Lock and LO)

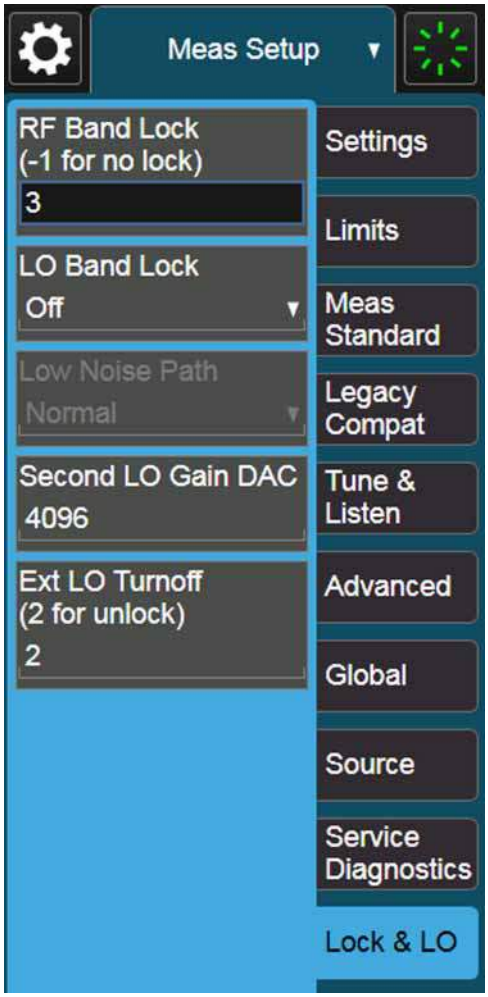
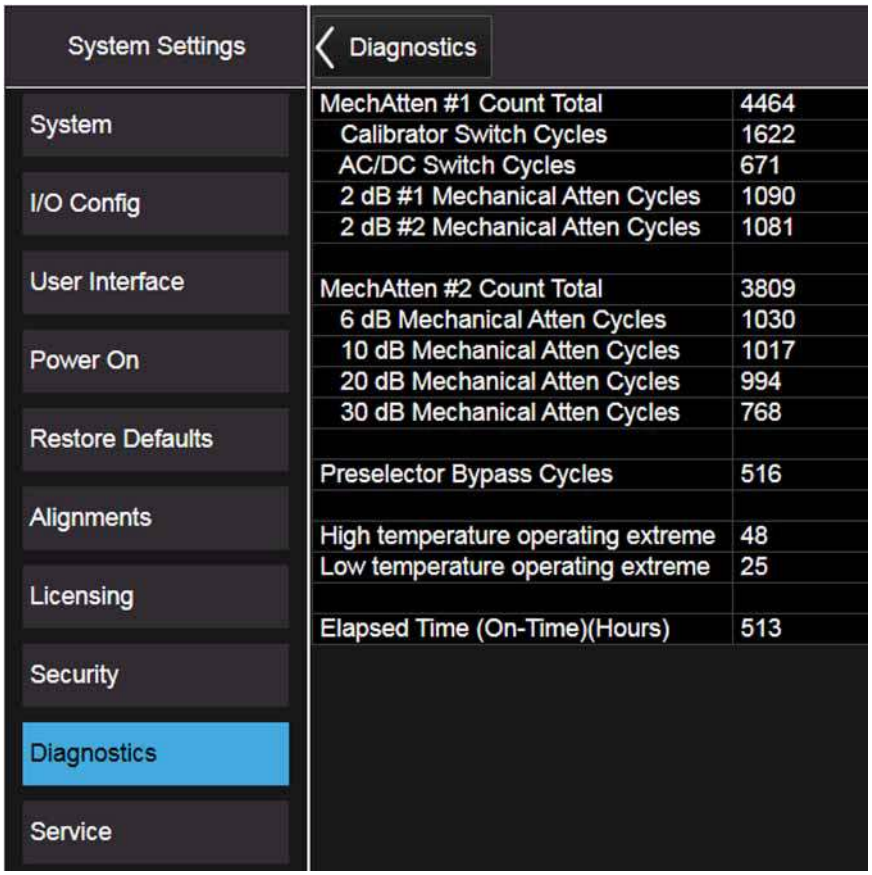
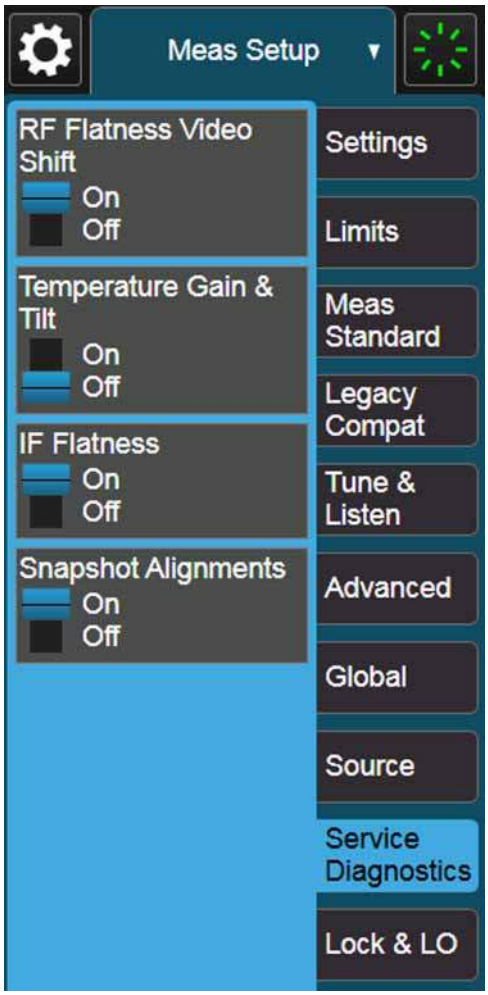


Figure 14-4 Diagnostics (Hardware Statistics)
(Accessed via System -> Diagnostics)



NOTE The example in Figure 13-4 is for a microwave N9021B (Option 508, 513, or 526). For a millimeterwave N9021B (Option 532, 544, or 550), MechAtten #1 will not have the AC/DC Switch Cycles but will have the 6 dB Mechanical Atten Cycles.

Figure 14-5 Service Diagnostics (Corrections Menu)
(Accessed via Spectrum Analyzer Mode -> Meas Setup -> Service Diagnostics)



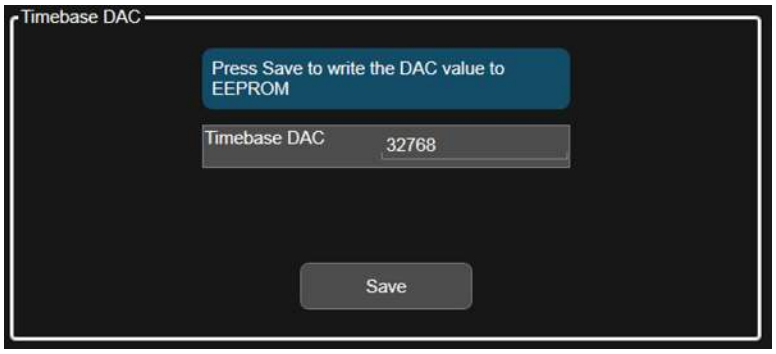
Service Key Descriptions

Timebase

Allows the technician to adjust the 10 MHz reference (“timebase”) manually.

Timebase DAC

Allows the technician the ability to adjust the 10 MHz reference (“timebase”). The adjustment is performed by changing the DAC setting controlling the reference. Once the reference is adjusted to the proper frequency, the DAC value can be saved in non-volatile memory by pressing the Save menu key.



Alignments

The Alignments Menu allows accessing Diagnostic capabilities of Alignment, and invoking alignments for individual subsystems.

Diagnostics

The Diagnostics menu contains items for controlling the operating behavior of Alignment and the Alignment reporting capabilities.

Visible Align

Controls the state of Visible Align. Visible Align replaces the “Aligning 1 or X” messages with descriptive messages describing the alignment piece begin executed.

Immediate Actions

The Immediate Actions menu allows invoking individual components of the internal alignments.

ADC

Immediately executes an alignment of the ADC subsystem. The instrument will stop any measurement currently underway, perform the alignment, then restart the measurement from the beginning.

A failure of ADC will set the Error Condition “Align ADC failed”. A failure will not employ new ADC alignment data.

Successful completion of ADC will clear the Error Condition “Align ADC failed”.

The Advisory Event “Alignment complete” is displayed when the alignment is complete.

Align ADC can be interrupted by pressing the Cancel (ESC) front-panel key. When this occurs, no new ADC alignment data will be employed.

LO

Immediately executes an alignment of the LO subsystem. The instrument will stop any measurement currently underway, perform the alignment, then restart the measurement from the beginning.

A failure of LO will set the Error Condition “Align LO failed”. A failure will not employ new LO alignment data.

Successful completion of LO will clear the Error Condition “Align LO failed”.

The Advisory Event “Alignment complete” is displayed when the alignment is complete.

Align LO can be interrupted by pressing the Cancel (ESC) front-panel key. When this occurs, no new LO alignment data will be employed.

IF

Immediately executes an alignment of the IF subsystem. The instrument will stop any measurement currently underway, perform the alignment, then restart the measurement from the beginning.

A failure of IF will set the Error Condition “Align IF failed”. A failure will not employ new IF alignment data.

Successful completion of IF will clear the Error Condition “Align IF failed” and clear bit 6 in the Status.

The Advisory Event “Alignment complete” is displayed when the alignment is complete.

Align IF can be interrupted by pressing the Cancel (ESC) front-panel key. When this occurs, no new IF alignment data will be employed.

IF Flatness

Immediately executes an alignment of the Current IF Flatness, for the purpose of improving the absolute amplitude accuracy within FFT Sweeps and improving the group delay in some digital demodulation measurements. The instrument will stop any measurement currently underway, perform the alignment, then restart the measurement from the beginning.

The Advisory Event “Alignment complete” is displayed when the alignment is complete.

Align Current IF Flatness can be interrupted by pressing the **Cancel (ESC)** front-panel key. When this occurs, no new Current IF Flatness alignment data will be employed.

Current System Gain

Immediately executes an alignment of the Current System Gain, for the purpose of improving small amplitude variations that occur as resolution bandwidth is switched. This alignment is done by measuring the response of the current system state configuration to the 50 MHz amplitude reference signal. All subsequent measurements are then compensated appropriately for absolute amplitude accuracy. The instrument will stop any measurement currently underway, perform the alignment, then restart the measurement from the beginning.

The Advisory Event “Alignment complete” is displayed when the alignment is complete.

Align Current System Gain can be interrupted by pressing the Cancel (ESC) front-panel key. When this occurs, no new Current System Gain alignment data will be employed.

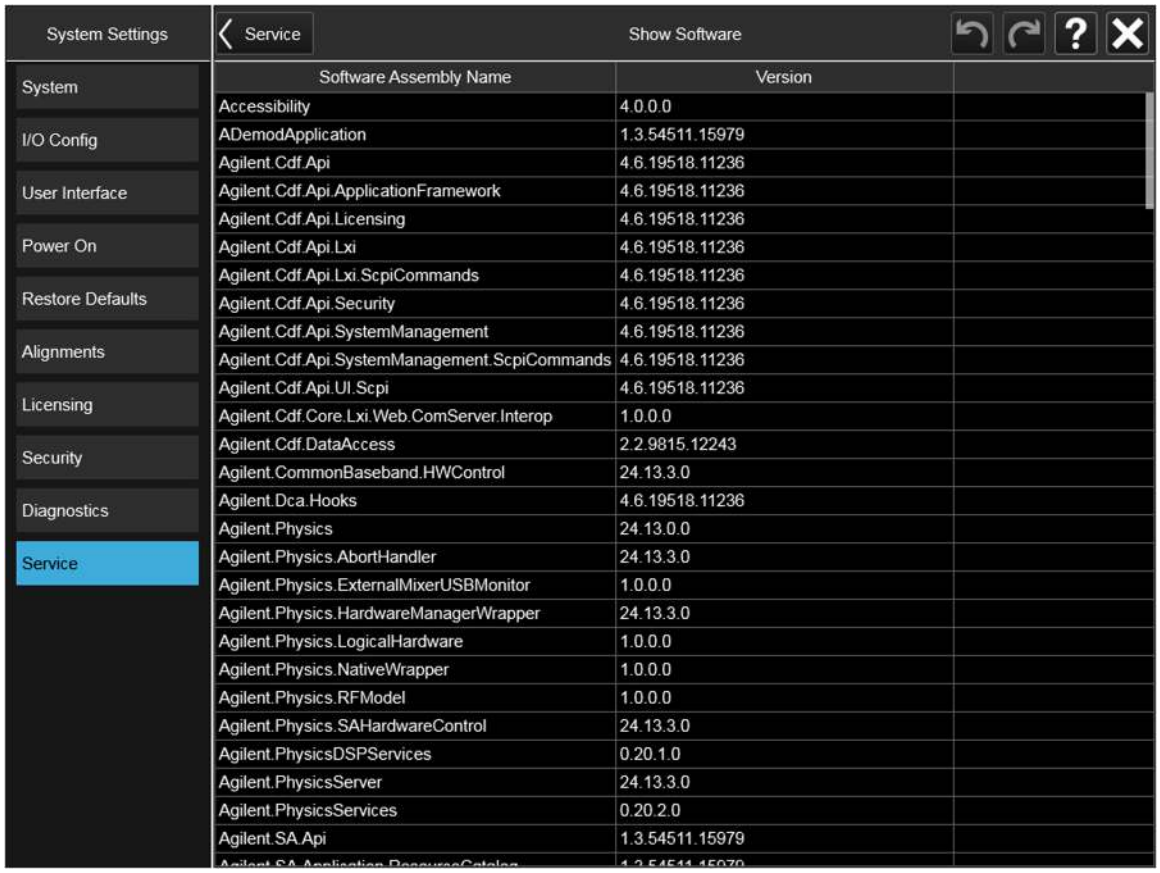
LO Phase Noise

Immediately executes an optimization for LO Phase Noise. When the optimization is finished the value is stored in non-volatile memory. The instrument will stop any measurement currently underway, perform the alignment, and then restart the measurement from the beginning (similar to pressing the **Restart** key).

Show Software

The Show Software screen displays revision information for Keysight internal software that comprises the embedded application and programmable hardware devices (FPGAs and PLDs).

Figure 14-6 Show Software Screen



Corrections

The Corrections menu for the multi-touch display in MXA is labeled the Service Diagnostics menu under the Spectrum Analyzer Mode, Measure Setup menu. It allows the technician to activate and deactivate specific amplitude correction sets. With this capability, the technician can determine if an anomaly is a result of raw hardware performance or incorrect correction data. It also allows the technician the ability to measure the raw hardware performance when all corrections are set to Off.

RF Flatness Video Shift On/Off

The Flatness Video Shift turns off the corrections for gain vs. frequency. It does not turn off the corrections for changes in the analog IF gain that accompany flatness changes. This function turns both the gain and video shift on or off, but does not affect the temperature corrections. When set to off, it is possible to measure the raw flatness of the spectrum analyzer while maintaining the temperature corrections.

When **Flatness Video Shift** is **Off**, the Advisory Event “Flatness Video Shift OFF” will be displayed.

When **Flatness Video Shift** is **ON**, the Advisory Event “Flatness Video Shift OFF” will be cleared.

The example spectrum below shows the effect of turning off RF Flatness Video. The yellow trace shows RF Flatness Video shift on, and the Blue trace shows RF Flatness Video shift off.



Temperature Gain & Tilt

This function controls both temperature adjustment mechanisms: overall gain vs. temperature, and the temperature-proportional tilt of the gain vs. frequency.

When **Temperature Gain & Tilt** is **OFF**, the Advisory Event “Flatness Temperature Gain & Tilt OFF” will be displayed.

When **Temperature Gain & Tilt** is **ON**, the Advisory Event “Flatness Temperature Gain & Tilt OFF” will be cleared.

IF Flatness

This function turns the corrections related to IF flatness On or Off.

When **IF Flatness** is **OFF**, the Advisory Event “IF Flatness corrections OFF” will be displayed.

When **IF Flatness** is **ON**, the Advisory Event “IF Flatness corrections OFF” will be cleared.

Snapshot Alignments On/Off

During normal auto alignment operation, the firmware will perform an RBW and IQ alignment when the analyzer RBW state is changed, and every 10 minutes thereafter. These alignments can hinder troubleshooting the analyzer since they can change correction factors when the state is changed. Turning snapshot alignments off disables the RBW portion of these alignments for more accurate troubleshooting. (Use **IF Flatness ON/OFF** to control the IQ alignment.)

When **Snapshot Alignments** are **OFF**, the Advisory Event “Snapshot OFF” will be displayed.

When **Snapshot Alignments** are **ON**, the Advisory Event “Snapshot OFF” will be cleared.

Band Lock

Provides the ability to tune the analyzer over as large a range as can be accommodated by the specified harmonic number and 1st LO frequency range. As a result, this feature can be used to check performance in the frequency band overlap regions. By definition, multi-band sweeps are not allowed.

When band lock is in effect the Advisory Event “Band Locked: Band <x>” where “x” is a value between 0 and 6.

When band lock is not in affect the Advisory Event “Band Locked: Band <x>” is cleared.

Dependencies/Couplings:

1. Band Lock is only available on analyzers with frequency range options beyond 3.6 GHz
2. The individual bands available for selection also depends upon the particular frequency range option. Enter one of the following values:

-1

Turns Band Lock to Off. Analyzer will tune from band to band normally.

0

Locks the analyzer to Band 0.

1

Locks the analyzer to Band 1.

2

Locks the analyzer to Band 2.

3

Locks the analyzer to Band 3.

4

Locks the analyzer to Band 4.

5

Locks the analyzer to Band 5. The Band 5 key label can be different depending on which option is installed.

6

Locks the analyzer to Band 6. The Band 6 key label can be different depending on which option is installed.

LO Band Lock

Provides the ability to tune the analyzer over as large a range as can be accommodated by the specified LO Band. As a result, this feature can be used to check performance in the LO band overlap regions. By definition, multi-band sweeps are not allowed.

When band lock is in effect the Advisory Event “LO Band Locked: Band <x>” where “x” is a value between 0 and 6.

When band lock is not in affect the Advisory Event “LO Band Locked: Band <x>” is cleared.

Dependencies/Couplings:

LO Bandlock will be grayed-out if Bandlock is OFF. If Harmonic Bandlock is any setting other than OFF, LO Bandlock menu key is enabled. If LO Bandlock is other than OFF, and the Harmonic Bandlock is transitioned to OFF, the LO Bandlock is set to OFF.

Off

Turns LO Band Lock to Off. Analyzer will tune from LO band to LO band normally.

Band 0

Locks the analyzer to LO Band 0.

Band 1

Locks the analyzer to LO Band 1.

Band 2

Locks the analyzer to LO Band 2.

Band 3

Locks the analyzer to LO Band 3.

LO Control

Provides keys that allow you to control the LO. This is only present on analyzers equipped with Opt EXM, External Mixing.

2nd LO Gain DAC

This parameter provides the ability to adjust the output gain of the 2nd LO DAC. The range is from 0 to 4095 where 0 is the minimum gain and 4095 is the maximum gain. Setting a value of 4096 or greater returns control to the instrument. In External Mixing, this DAC controls the level of the 1st LO signal at the front panel EXT MIXER connector.

External LO Turnoff

Disconnects the 1st LO path which will minimize the effect of the 1st LO signal at the front panel EXT MIXER connector.

Front Panel Key Test

Allows you to test the front panel keys of the instrument.

Front Panel Display Test

The display test will show 5 screens with colors: white, black, red, green, and blue. This allows you to test for bad pixels in the display. After the last color, the test will exit and results will be stored to the following log file: C:\Temp\DisplayTestResults.txt

Multi-Touch Test

This test includes a series of simple tests to test the basic functionality of the multi-touch screen. The test results will be stored to the following file: C:\Temp\MultitouchTestResults.txt

Rotate Test

A Picture will appear in the center of the screen. Use two fingers to rotate the image 45 degrees clockwise. Once this is completed, rotate the image 45 degrees counter-clockwise.

Zoom Test

A small picture will appear in the center of the screen. Use two fingers and spread them apart to scale the box until it fills the dotted rectangle around it. The dotted rectangle will resize. Pinch your fingers together to contract the box until it fits inside the now smaller dotted rectangle.

Drag Test

A blue circle will appear in the center of the screen. Drag the circle into each square of the gray grid on the screen to pass the test. Each square will be colored green when it has been dragged over.

Accuracy Test

The screen will display a series of lines. For each blue line, trace along the line with your finger to draw a matching line. Lines that deviate significantly from the blue trace line (i.e beyond the gray lines) will be marked in red.

15 Replaceable Parts

What You Will Find in This Chapter

The following information is found in this chapter:

1. Part number tables for assemblies, mechanical parts, cables, front panel connectors, and labels.
2. Part location diagrams for the following:

Figure 15-1, “Major Assemblies” page 312
Figure 15-2, “External Hardware” page 313
Figure 15-3, “CPU Assembly (Options PC6, PC6S, and PC8)” page 314
Figure 15-4, “CPU Assembly (Option PCA)” page 315
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How to Order Parts

To order an assembly or mechanical part listed in this chapter, go to:

http://www.keysight.com/find/parts

If you do not have web access, or the parts you are interested in cannot be found in the parts list provided, contact your local Keysight Technologies sales and service office with the following information:

- Product model number
- Product serial number
- Description of where the part is located, what it looks like, and its function (if known)
- Quantity required

For a list of Keysight Technologies sales and service office locations, refer to "Contacting Keysight Technologies" on page 41.

Replaceable Parts

Some of the assemblies listed in the following table are related to options that are available with the MXA Signal Analyzer. These options are described below.

Table 15-1 All Replaceable Parts

Reference Designator	Description	Part Number
A1A1	Front Frame Assembly Replacement Kit[a] Includes:	N9020-60299
	Front Frame (with the following pre installed)	N9020-20352
	USB Ground Spring	N9020-20258
	Braided gasket	8160-0660
	EMI Gasket long	8160-1997
	EMI Gasket short (2 included)	8160-1998
	Front Frame Side Trim Strips (plastic, 2 ea)	N9020-40018
	Side trim, phantom gray, (adhesive, 2 included)	5041-7905
	Side trim, adhesive backed (2 included)	5041-7905
	Top trim	N9020-40005
	Cover Plate	N9020-00002
	Screw, flat head M3 x 0.5 6 mm long (2 included)	0515-1946
	Display Boot	N9020-40002
	Hole Plug, 0.25 inch (2 included)	6960-0076
	The following are in the kit but not installed:	
	Keyboard overlay (with EXM)	N9020-80127
	Keyboard overlay (without EXM)[b]	N9020-80168
	Keyboard Overlay (CXA)[b]	N9000-80045
	Overlay, solid left	N9020-80164
	Overlay, for CXA 75 ohm input[b]	N9000-80046
	Overlay, left for CXA TG Output [b]	N9000-80104
	Overlay, BBIQ Bottom[b]	N9020-80166
	Overlay, BBIQ top[b]	N9020-80163

Table 15-1 All Replaceable Parts

Reference Designator	Description	Part Number
A1A2	Front Panel Control Board	
	Serial Number >= MY/SG/US62252000 (Opt 508, 513, 526)	N9020-63296
	Serial Number >= MY/SG/US62240000 (Opt 532, 544, 550)	N9020-63296
	Serial Number < MY/SG/US62252000 (Opt 508, 513, 526)	N9020-60268[C]
	Serial Number < MY/SG/US62240000 (Opt 532, 544, 550)	N9020-60268[C]
A1A3	Liquid Crystal Display 10.6-in w/PCAP Touch 1280X768-Pixels	
	Serial Number >= MY/SG/US62252000 (Opt 508, 513, 526)	2090-1158
	Serial Number >= MY/SG/US62240000 (Opt 532, 544, 550)	2090-1158
	Serial Number < MY/SG/US62252000 (Opt 508, 513, 526)	N9020-60268[C]
	Serial Number < MY/SG/US62240000 (Opt 532, 544, 550)	N9020-60268[C]
A1A4	Keyboard, PCA	N9020-63275
A1A5	Main Keypad	N9020-40001
A1MP1	Overlay, solid left	N9020-80164
A1MP2	Overlay, Keyboard	N9020-80127
A1MP3	Reserved	
A1MP4	Frequency Label, 8.4 GHz (Option 508)	N9021-80004
A1MP5	Frequency Label, 13.6 GHz (Option 513)	N9021-80005
A1MP6	Frequency Label, 26.5 GHz (Option 526)	N9021-80006
A1MP7	Frequency Label, 44 GHz (Option 544)	N9021-80001
A1MP8	Frequency Label, 50 GHz (Option 550)	N9021-80002
A1MP9	Display hold down (compression pad)	N9020-40003
A1MP10	Bracket front panel shield	N9020-00064
A1MP11	Display Bracket, Front Panel	N9020-00078
A1MP13	RPG Knob	W1312-40179
A1MP14	Shield	N9020-00066
A1MP16	Reserved	
A1MP17	Reserved	
A1MP18	Reserved	

Table 15-1 All Replaceable Parts

Reference Designator	Description	Part Number
A1MP19	Reserved	
A1MP20	Reserved	
A1MP21	Frequency Label, 32 GHz (Option 532)	N9021-80000
A1W1	Flex Circuit, Display to Front Panel Control Board	N9020-60273
A1W2	Cable Assembly, Backlight	N9020-60217
A2	Analog IF Assembly	N9020-60290
A3	Digital IF Assembly	N9020-60016
A3W1	Cable Assembly, Smart Noise Source (Wire Harness)	N9020-60090
A4	CPU Assembly (without A5 drive or drive tray parts, includes battery and SD memory card)	
	Serial number prefix <MY/SG6205 (Option PC6 or PC6S)	N9020-60247
	Serial number prefix >=MY/SG6205 and < MY/SG6343 (Option PC8)	W1312-60524
	Serial number prefix >= MY/SG6343 (Option PCA)	W1312-60561
A4BT1	Battery, CR2032	1420-0356
A5	Solid State Drive – Windows 10 (does not include A5MP1 – MP3)	
	For PC6 or PC6S CPU (Option SS1)	N9020-60356
	For PC8 CPU (Option SS2)	N9032-60039
	For PCA CPU (Option SS3)	N9032-60025
A5MP1	Disk Drive Tray (PC6, PC6S, PC8)	W1312-40078
A5MP2	Disk Drive Rear Panel (PC6, PC6S, PC8)	W1312-00103
A5MP3	Disk Drive Handle	1440-0421
	Tray Assembly w/o Solid State Drive (includes A5MP1, A5MP2, A5MP3) (PC6, PC6S, PC8)	E6607-61820
A6	Power Supply	0950-5748
A7	Midplane Assembly	W1312-63310
A8	Motherboard Assembly	N9030-63002
A9	RF Attenuator A (0 – 4 dB) (Options 508, 513, 526)	33360-60011
	RF Attenuator A (0 – 10 dB) Options 532, 544, 550)	33326-60013
A10	RF Attenuator B (0 – 66 dB) (Options 508, 513, 526)	33321-60085
	RF Attenuator B (0 – 60 dB) (Options 532, 544, 550)	33325-60020

Table 15-1 All Replaceable Parts

Reference Designator	Description	Part Number
A11	Low Band Switch Assembly (Options 508 513, 526)	E4410-60121
	Low Band Switch Assembly (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-60051
A12	YTF Preselector (Options 508 513, 526)	5087-7382
	YTF Preselector (Options 532, 544, 550)	5087-7383
A12MP1	Gap Pad	5022-7179
A13	Front End Assembly (Options 508, 513, 526) Serial Prefix < MY/SG/6416	N9020-60361
	Front End Assembly (Options 508, 513, 526) Serial Prefix >= MY/SG6416 (Requires W28)	N9020-60825
	Front End Assembly (Options 532, 544, 550) Serial Prefix < MY/SG6334	N9020-60357
	Front End Assembly (Options 532, 544, 550) Serial Prefix >= MY/SG6334 (Requires W28)	N9020-60360
A13FL1	5.5 GHz Bandpass Filter (p/o A13 p/n N9020-60357 and N9020-60361)	9135-6726
A13W1	Cable, semi-rigid, A13A1 to A13FL1 (Options 508, 513, 526) Serial Prefix < MY/SG6416	N9020-20312
	Cable, semi-rigid, A13A1 to A13A2 (Options 508, 513, 526) Serial Prefix >= MY/SG6416	N9020-21002
	Cable, semi-rigid, A13A1 to A13FL1 (Options 532, 544, 550) Serial Prefix < MY/SG6334	N9020-20312
	Cable, semi-rigid, A13A1 to A13A2 (Options 532, 544, 550) Serial Prefix >= MY/SG6334	N9021-21001
A13W2	Cable, semi-rigid, A13FL1 to A13A1 (Options 508, 513, 526) Serial Prefix <MY/SG6416	N9020-20313
	Cable, semi-rigid, A13A2 to A13A1 (Options 508, 513, 526) Serial Prefix >= MY/SG6416	N9020-20313
	Cable, semi-rigid, A13FL1 to A13A1 (Options 532, 544, 550) Serial Prefix < MY/SG6334	N9020-20313
	Cable, semi-rigid, A13A2 to A13A1 (Options 532, 544, 550) Serial Prefix >= MY/SG6334	N9021-21000
A14	Synthesizer Assembly	N9020-60008
A15	Front End Controller	N9020-60295
A16	Reference Assembly	N9020-60262
A17	Reserved	
A18	Reserved	

Table 15-1 All Replaceable Parts

Reference Designator	Description	Part Number
A19	Reserved	
A20	YTO Assembly	N9020-60009
A21	Reserved	
A22	Reserved	
A23	Reserved	
A24	Reserved	
A25	Wideband Analog IF (Option B2X or B5X)	N9020-60043
A26	Wideband Digital IF (Option B2X or B5X)	N9020-60311
A27	Wideband Digital IF (Option B5X)	N9020-60311
A28	Reserved	
A29	Reserved	
AT1	Attenuator, 6 dB, coax (8493C) connects to SW2 and W13 (Options 508, 513, 526 with Option MPB)	08493-60026
B1, B2, B3	Fan	N9021-60008
J1	Type N (f) Input Connector Assembly (Options 508, 513, 526 without Option C35)	5002-0702
	3.5 mm Input Connector Assembly (Option 526 with Option C35)	N9048-60119
	2.4 mm Input Connector Assembly (Option 532, 544, 550)	N9048-60111
	EMI O-Ring Shielding 18.75 mm ID Used between RF input connector and front frame	8160-1637
SW1	Switch, Coax, used for Preselector Bypass (Options 508, 513, 526 with Option MPB)	N1810-60069
SW2	Switch, Coax, used for Preselector Bypass (Options 508, 513, 526 with Option MPB)	N1810-60069
SW3	Reserved	
SW4	Switch, Transfer, used for Microwave Preselector Bypass (Options 532, 544, 550 with Options MPB)	87222-60031
SW5	Reserved	
SW6	Reserved	

Table 15-1 All Replaceable Parts

Reference Designator	Description	Part Number
	50 ohm Termination, SMA male used on A13J8	1810-0118
	Chassis Base	N9020-00015
	Gusset, Chassis (near RF input connector)	W1312-00093
	Chassis Side, Left (inner)	W1312-00117
	Chassis Side, Right (inner)	W1312-00116
	Card Guide (for chassis left and right)	W1312-40001
	Clamp, Ribbon Cable (attaches to right front chassis side)	5023-1397
	Cable Clamp for coax cables (attaches to right rear chassis side)	5023-1379
	Rear Frame	N9020-00065
	Bracket, Midplane	W1312-00048
	Bracket, Chassis Front	W1312-00098
	Bracket, Fan	W1312-00118
	Bracket, RF Side (right side outer)	N9020-00014
	Bracket, Attenuator (used for both attenuators) (Options 508, 513, 526)	E4449-00103
	Bracket, Attenuator (used for both attenuators) (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-00047
	Bracket, Low Band Switch Assembly (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9020-00023
	Bracket, Low Band Switch Assembly (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-00013
	Bracket, Power Supply	W1312-00131
	Bracket, Bypass (Options 532, 544, 550 with Option MPB)	N9020-00021
	Bracket, SW1 (Options 508, 513, 526 with Option MPB)	E4410-00104
	Bracket, SW2 (Options 508, 513, 526 with Option MPB)	E4410-00110
	Shield, YTO, Top	N9020-00005
	Shield, YTO, Bottom	N9020-00006
	Shield, Magnetic, Attenuator A (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-00043
	Shield, Magnetic, Attenuator B (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-00044
	Top Brace Assembly (includes 4 each Vibration Mounts 0460-2725)	N9030-60005
	Vibration Mounts	0460-2725
	Spiral Wrap; 0.250 IN OD; 0.160 IN ID; for Digital IF cables	0890-0025
	Cable tie, 0.062 - 0.625 dia 0.091 wide	1400-0249

Table 15-1 All Replaceable Parts

Reference Designator	Description	Part Number
	Cable Clamp,.nylon, 0.375 wide	1400-1439
	Edge Protector (for chassis left and right)	0400-0018
	Fastener, Hook and Loop	0510-1303
	Plug hole, Nylon, for 0.5 D hole (BNC size)	6960-0149
	Plug hole, Nylon for 0.25 hole (SMA size)	6960-0076
	Plug hole, dome head, Nylon for 0.875 hole	6960-0177
	Cable Tie, .062 - 2 dia, .045 wide	1400-0507
	Fan Guard, Steel	3160-0281
	Rivet, Fan Mounting	0361-1272
	Dress Cover	N9020-00069
	Rear Feet	5041-7903
	Bottom Feet	5041-7906
	Bottom Feet Key Locks	5021-2840
	Strap Handle, 17in.	N9020-60253
	End cap for Strap Handle	5041-7902
	Blank label, silver, covers rear panel Wideband Digital Bus rectangle holes when Option RTS is not present	N9030-80045
	Label, Warning, External Mixing (Option EXM)	N9030-80018
	Spring Clip, secures flex cable to WB-DIF assy (Option B2X or B5X)	N9030-00002
W1	Cable, ribbon 68 pin, Front panel Interface to Motherboard	N9020-60216
W2	Cable, semi-rigid, RF Input to Attenuator A (Options 508, 513, 526 with Type N input connector	N9020-20100
	Cable, semi-rigid, RF Input to Attenuator A (Options 526 with 3.5 mm input connector	N9020-20139
	Cable, semi-rigid, RF Input to Attenuator A (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20173
W3	Cable, semi-rigid, Cal In to attenuator, Reference Assy J701 to Attenuator A (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9020-20023
	Cable, semi-rigid, Cal In to attenuator, Reference Assy J701 to Attenuator A (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20072
W4	Cable, semi-rigid, Attenuator B to Attenuator A (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9020-20025
	Cable, semi-rigid, Attenuator B to Attenuator A (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20068

Table 15-1 All Replaceable Parts

Reference Designator	Description	Part Number
W5	Cable, Ribbon, Attenuator A/B to Front End Controller J800	E4410-60157
W6	Cable, semi-rigid, Attenuator B to Low Band Switch (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9021-20315
	Cable, semi-rigid, Attenuator B to Low Band Switch (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20315
W7	Cable, ribbon, Lowband Switch J4 to Front End Controller J700	N9020-60092
W8	Cable, semi-rigid, Front End assy J2 to Low Band Switch J2 (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9020-20101
	Cable, semi-rigid, Front End assy J2 to Low Band Switch J2 (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20131
W9	Cable, semi-rigid, SW4 Port 1 to A11J3 (Option 508, 513, 526 with Option MPB)	E4410-20161
	Cable, semi-rigid, SW4 Port 1 to A11J3 (Option 532, 544, 550 with Option MPB)	N9020-20314
W10	Cable, semi-rigid, Switch 2 port 2 to YTF (Options 508, 513, 526 with Option MPB)	E4410-20163
W11	Cable, wire harness, YTF Control, Front End Controller J300 to YTF J1	N9020-60059
W12	Cable, wire harness, Preselector bypass switch control, FE controller J801 (Option MPB)	E4410-60159
W13	Cable, semi-rigid, Switch 1 Port 1 to AT1 6 dB pad (Options 508, 513, 526 with Option MPB)	N9020-20210
W14	Cable, semi-rigid, YTF out to Switch 1 Port 2 (Options 508, 513, 526 with Option MPB)	E4410-20165
W15	Cable, semi-rigid, Switch 1 Port C to Front End Assy RF Input J9 (Options 508, 513, 526 with Option MPB)	N9020-20305
W16	Cable, IF Out from Front End Assy J7 to Front End Control J902	8121-1862
W17	Cable, Semi-rigid, Front End A13J8 to W29 (Option 508, 513, 526) (Option EXM)	N9020-20304
	Cable, Semi-rigid, Front End A13J8 to W29 (Option 532, 544, 550) (Option EXM)	N9020-20167
W18	Cable, semi-rigid, 2nd LO In, Reference Assy J702 to Front End Assy J1	N9020-20022
W19	Reserved	
W20	Cable, semi-rigid, Front End Assy J4 To YTO (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9020-20018
	Cable, semi-rigid, Front End Assy J4 To YTO (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20152
W21	Cable, semi-rigid, LO Synthesizer Assy J20 to Front End Assy J5 (without EP1)	N9020-20019
W22	Cable, ribbon, Front End Assy control J12 to Front End Controller J102	E4410-60156
W23	Cable, ribbon, YTO Control, LO Synthesizer J25 to YTO	N9020-60024

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Reference Designator	Description	Part Number
W24	Reserved	
W25	Cable, coax, Narrow Band IF Out, Front End Controller J900 to Analog IF J100	8121-1865
W26	Reserved	
W27	Cable, coax, Aux IF Out, Front End Controller J1100 to rear panel Aux IF Out	8121-1859
W28	Cable, ribbon, Switched Filter control, Front End Controller J1300 to Switched Filter J1 (used with A13 p/n N9020-60360)	N9020-60064
W29	Cable, semi-rigid, Front Panel Ext Mixer connector to W75	N9020-20166
W30	Cable, coax, Ext IF Out, A13J13 to Front End Control J903 (Option 508, 513, 526 with Option EXM)	8121-2027
	Cable, coax, Ext IF Out, A13J13 to Front End Control J903 (Option 532, 544, 550 with Option EXM)	8121-2025
W31	Cable, semi-rigid, 4.8 GHz 2nd LO. Reference Assy, J703 to Synthesizer Assy J4 (Option EP1)	N9020-20021
W32	Cable, coax, 100 MHz, Reference Assy J706 to LO Synthesizer J10	8121-1401
W33	Cable, coax, 50 MHz Align, Front End Assy J6 to Reference Assy J705	8121-1940
W34	Reserved	
W35	Reserved	
W36	Cable, coax, 300 MHz, Reference Assy J711 to Analog IF J300	8121-1861
W37	Cable, coax, External Reference IN, rear panel to Reference Assy J704	8121-1860
W38	Reserved	
W39	Cable, coax, 100 MHz ref B, Reference Assy J716 to Digital IF J14	8121-1401
W40	Reserved	
W41	Reserved	
W42	Cable, coax, 22.5 MHz IF Out, Analog IF J601 to D-IF J19	8120-8868
W43	Cable, ribbon interconnect from Analog IF J820 to Digital IF A3J30	N9020-60046
W44	Reserved	
W45	Reserved	
W46	Reserved	
W47	Reserved	
W50	Reserved	

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Reference Designator	Description	Part Number
W51	Reserved	
W52	Reserved	
W53	Reserved	
W54	Reserved	
W55	Reserved	
W56	Reserved	
W57	Reserved	
W59	Reserved	
W60	Cable, semi-rigid, Switch 4 Port 4 to YTF Input (Options 532, 544, 550 with Option MPB)	N9020-20128
W61	Cable, semi-rigid, YTF Output to Switch 4 Port 3 (Options 532, 544, 550 with Option MPB)	N9020-20129
W62	Cable, semi-rigid, Switch 4 Port 2 to A13A1 Input J9 (Options 532, 544, 550 with Option MPB)	N9020-20130
W63	Reserved	
W64	Reserved	
W65	Cable, Flex Circuit A25 WBAIF to A26 WBDIF (Option B2X)	N9030-60033
W66	Cable, Flex Circuit A25 WBAIF to A26 WBDIF and A27 WBDIF (Option B5X)	N9030-60034
W67	Spare	
W68	Cable, Coax, A16J726 Reference Assembly to A25J1, WBAIF Assembly (Option B2X or B5X)	8121-0152
W69	Cable, Coax, A16J718 Reference Assembly to A25J4, WBAIF Assembly (Option B2X or B5X)	8121-0152
W70	Cable, Coax, A25J17, WBAIF Assembly to A15J901, Front End Controller (Option B2X or B5X)	8121-1861
W71	Cable, Coax, A25J18 WBAIF Assembly to A3J15, Digital IF Assembly (Option B2X or B5X)	8121-1401
W72	Cable, Coax, A25J2 WBAIF Assembly to A3J17, Digital IF Assembly (Option B2X or B5X)	8121-1919
W73	Reserved	
W74	Reserved	
W75	Reserved	

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Reference Designator	Description	Part Number
W76	Reserved	
W77	Reserved	
W78	Reserved	
W79	Reserved	
W80	Reserved	
W81	Reserved	
W82	Reserved	
W83	Reserved	
W84	Reserved	

a. Does not include nameplate. See A1MP3 through A1MP8.
b. Included, but not required for use on N9021B.
c. Original part discontinued. N9020-60268 is the Front Panel Interface and Display Replacement kit to replace both the A1A2 Front Panel Controller and A1A3 Touch Screen Display assemblies to ensure compatibility. Verify instrument has not already had the kit installed; the previous part numbers for these assemblies are N9020-63294 and 2090-1103, respectively.

Table 15-2 Attaching Hardware

Attach	To	Qty	Part Number	Type	Tool	Torque
Analog IF	Digital IF	3	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Attenuators	Attenuator Bracket	2 per	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Attenuator Bracket	Chassis	2 per	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Backlight Inverter Board	Inverter Bracket	2	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Backlight Inverter Top Shield	Backlight Inverter Bottom Shield	8	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Chassis Bottom	Chassis Front & Side Brackets	15	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Chassis Front Bracket	Chassis	10	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Chassis Gusset	Chassis	3	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Chassis Side (Right Outside)	Chassis	8	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
CPU Assembly	Chassis	6	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
CPU Top Shield	CPU Assembly	3	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
		19	0515-1227	M3 X 0.5 (6 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Display	Display Bracket	4	0515-0367	M2.5 X 0.45 (8 mm long)	Torx T-8	5 inch-lbs

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Attach	To	Qty	Part Number	Type	Tool	Torque
Display Bracket	Front Frame	2	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Disk Drive	Disk Drive Tray	4	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Disk Drive Handle	Disk Drive Rear Panel	2	0515-1227	M3 X 0.5 (6 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Disk Drive Interconnect	CPU Assembly	2	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Disk Drive Rear Panel	Disk Drive Tray	4	0515-2219	M2.5 X 0.45 (5 mm long)	Torx T-8	6 inch-lbs
External Reference BNC	Rear Panel	1	2190-0102	Lock Washer	n/a	n/a
		1	0590-2332	Hex Nut	9/16” Nut Driver	21 inch-lbs
Fan	Fan Bracket	4 per	0361-1272	Rivets	n/a	n/a
Fan Assembly	Chassis	7	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Front Frame Assembly	Chassis	8	0515-2032	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Front Panel Connector Cover Plate	Front Frame	2	0515-1227	M3 X 0.5 (6 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Front Panel Daughter Board	Front Frame	3	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Front Panel Interface Board	Front Frame	13	0515-1521	M3 X 0.5 (5 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch lbs.

Table 15-2 Attaching Hardware

Attach	To	Qty	Part Number	Type	Tool	Torque
Front Panel Shield	Front Frame	4	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
LO Synthesizer Assembly	Chassis	2	0515-2032	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Low Band Switch Assy.	Low Band Switch Bracket	4	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Low Band Switch Bracket	Chassis	2	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Midplane Assembly	Midplane Bracket	6	0515-0375	M3 X 0.5 (16 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Midplane Bracket	Chassis Sides	4	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
	Motherboard	4	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Motherboard	Chassis Bottom	4	0515-0372	M3 X0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Power Supply Bracket	Chassis	8	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
	Power Supply	3	0515-1946	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Preselector Bypass Switch (Option 508, 513, 526)	Preselector Bypass Switch Bracket	2 per	0515-1992	M2.5 X 0.45 (20 mm long)	Torx T-8	6 inch-lbs
Preselector Bypass Switch (Option 532, 544, 550)	Preselector Bypass Switch Bracket	3	0515-1934	M2.5 X 0.45 (6 mm long)	Torx T-8	6 inch-lbs
Preselector Bypass Switch Bracket	Low Band Switch Bracket	1	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs

Table 15-2 Attaching Hardware

Attach	To	Qty	Part Number	Type	Tool	Torque
Rear Feet	Rear Panel	4	0515-1619	M4 X 0.7 (25 mm long)	Torx T-20	21 inch-lbs
		4	3050-0893	Flat Washer	n/a	n/a
Rear Frame	Chassis	5	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Rear Frame Hole Cover	Rear Frame Inner Hole Cover	16	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Reference Assembly	Chassis	2	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
RF Front End Assembly	Chassis	6	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
RF Input Connector	Chassis	2	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Strap Handles	Chassis Side	2 per	0515-0710	M4 X 0.8 (18 mm long)	Torx T-20	21 inch-lbs
Top Brace	Chassis	12	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
	Chassis & PCB Assemblies	12	0515-1946	M3 X 0.5 (6 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
Transfer Switch	Transfer Switch Bracket	3	0515-1934	M2.5 X 0.45 (6 mm long)	Torx T-8	6 inch-lbs
Transfer Switch Bracket	Chassis	2	0515-2032	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
	Low Band Switch Bracket	1	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs

Table 15-2 Attaching Hardware

Attach	To	Qty	Part Number	Type	Tool	Torque
YIG Tuned Filter Assembly	Chassis	4	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
YIG Tuned Oscillator Assembly	Chassis	2	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs
YIG Tuned Oscillator Top Shield	YIG Tuned Oscillator	2	0515-0372	M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	Torx T-10	9 inch-lbs

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Figure 15-1 Major Assemblies

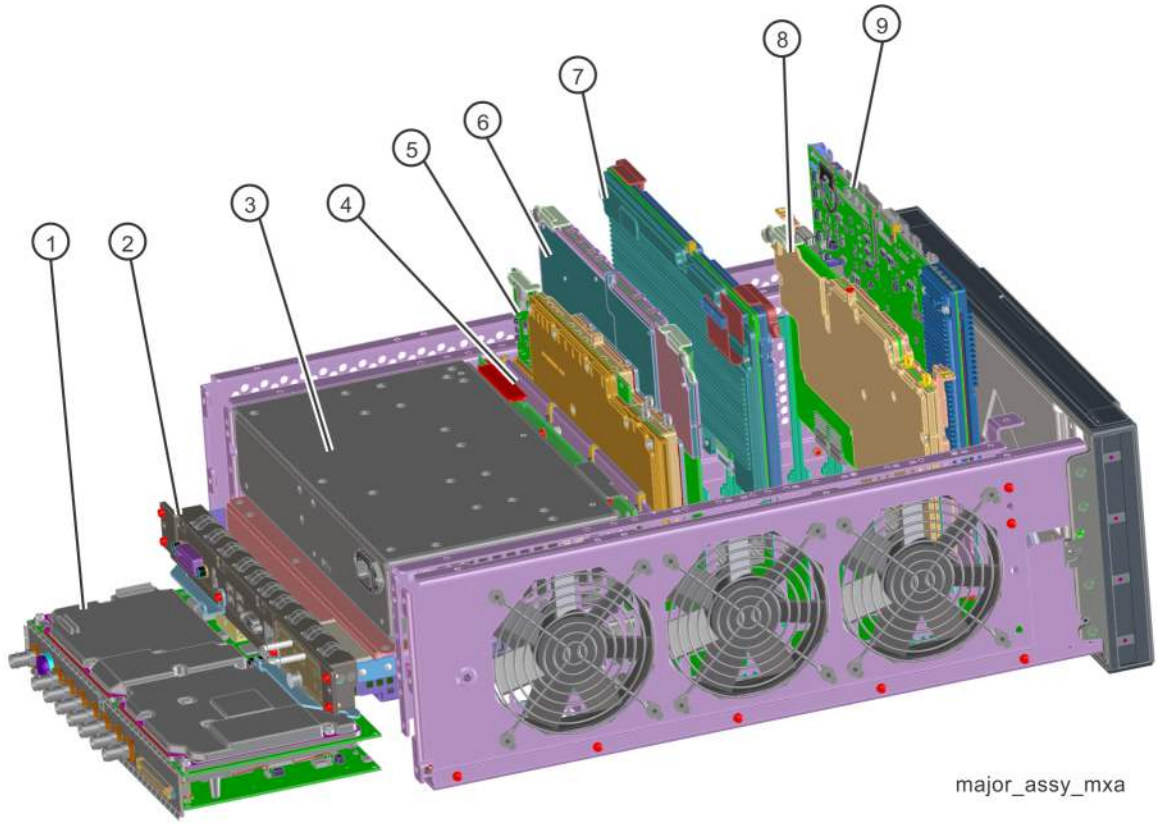


Table 15-3 Major Assemblies

Item	Description
1	A2 Analog IF Assembly A3 Digital IF Assembly
2	A4 CPU Assembly (without A5 drive or drive tray parts, includes battery and SD memory card)
3	A6 Power Supply
4	A7 Midplane Assembly
5	A16 Reference Assembly
6	A25 Wideband Analog IF
7	A26 Wideband Digital IF
8	A14 Synthesizer Assembly
9	A15 Front End Controller

Figure 15-2 External Hardware

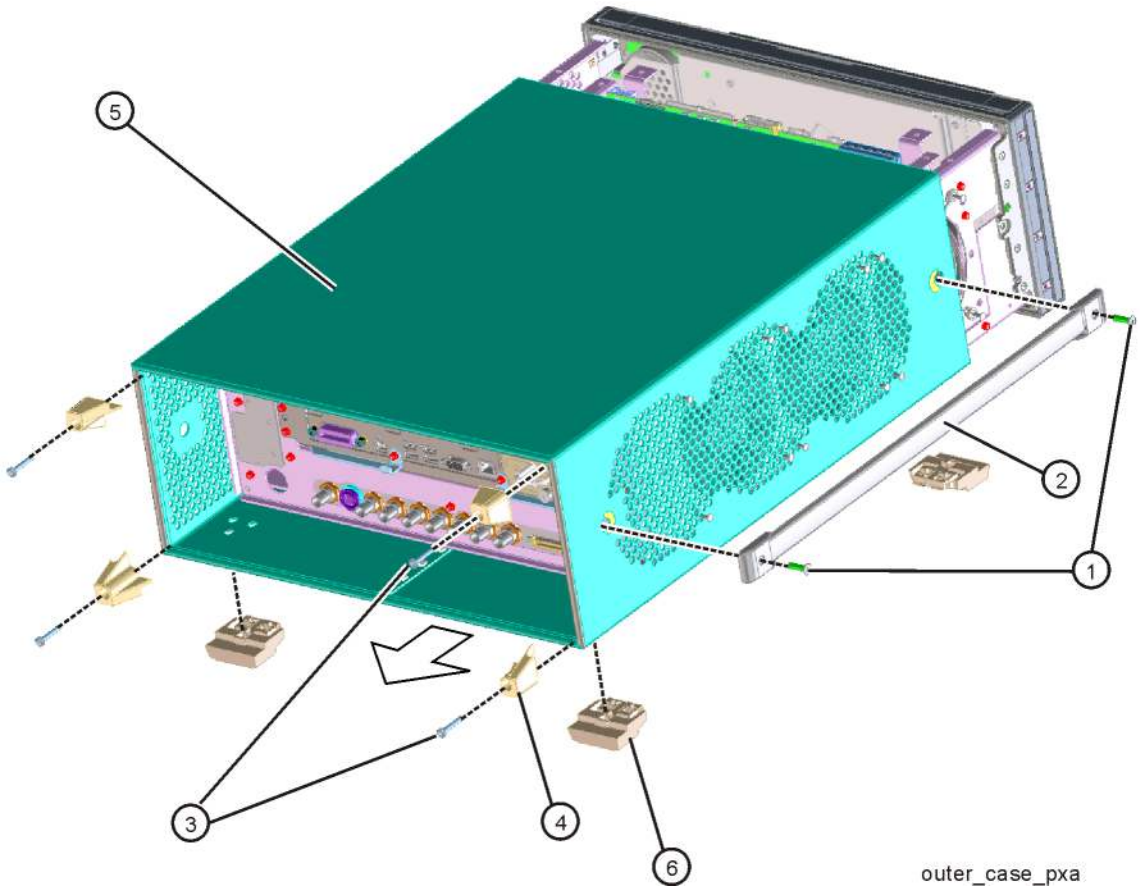


Table 15-4 External Hardware

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1, 2	Strap Handle, 17in. (includes screws)	N9020-60253
3	Screw M4 X 0.7 (25 mm long) Flat Washer	0515-1619 3050-0893
4	Rear Feet	5041-7903
5	Dress Cover	N9020-00069
6	Bottom Feet	5041-7906

Figure 15-3 CPU Assembly (Options PC6, PC6S, and PC8)

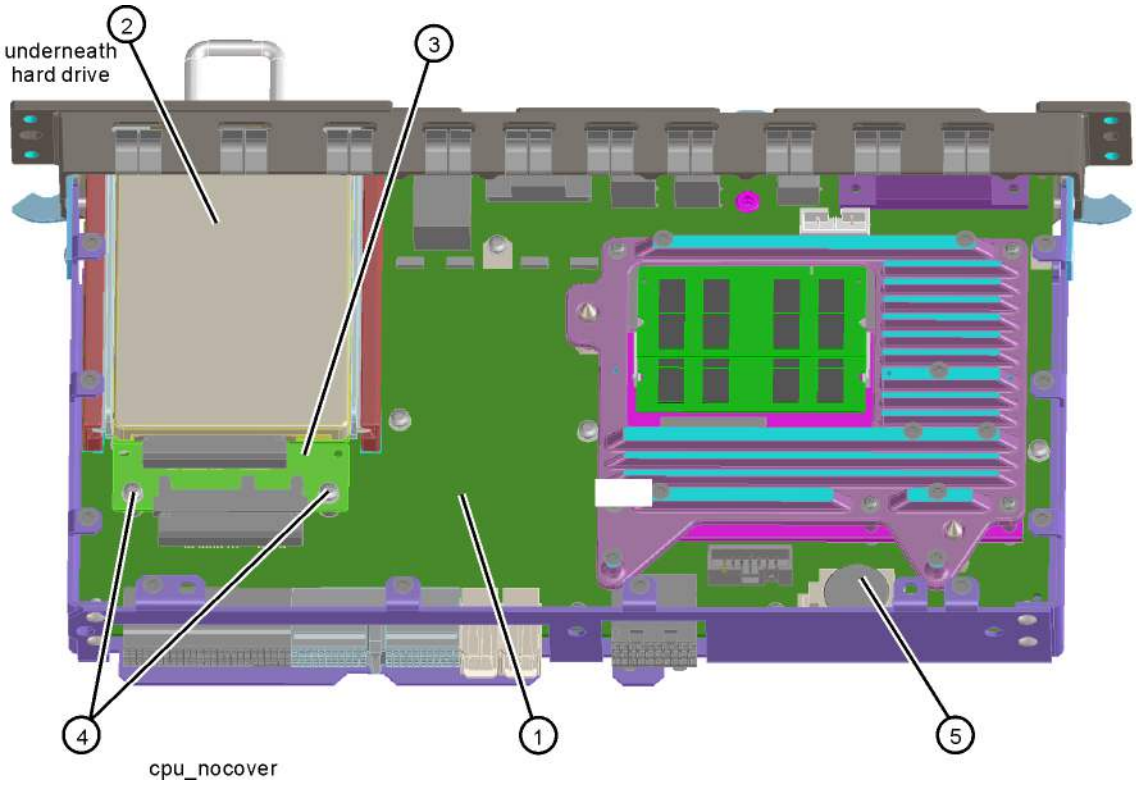


Table 15-5 CPU Assembly (Options PC6, PC6S, and PC8)

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	A4 CPU Assembly (without A5 drive or drive tray parts, includes battery and SD memory card)	Refer to Table 15-1
2	Memory Card	
3	Disk Drive Interconnect Board	
4	Screw M3 x 0.5 (8 mm long)	0515-0372
5	Battery	1420-0356

Figure 15-4 CPU Assembly (Option PCA)

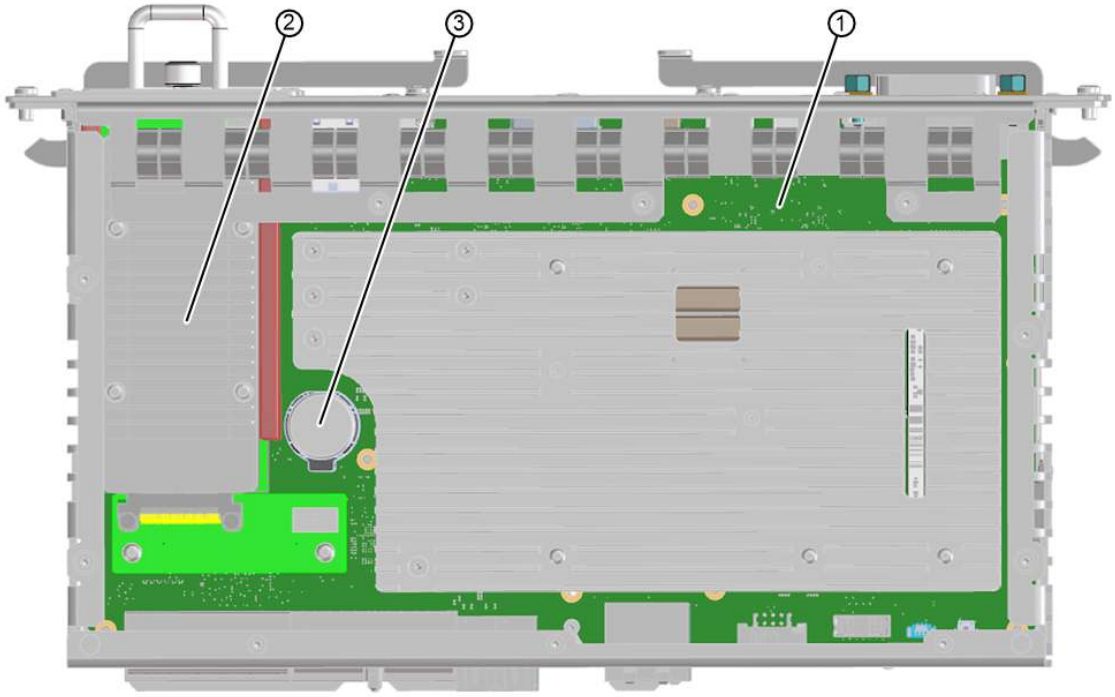


Table 15-6 CPU Assembly (Options PCA)

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	A4 CPU Assembly (without A5 drive or drive tray parts, includes battery and SD memory card)	W1312-60561
2	Battery	1420-0356
3	A5 Solid State Drive	N9032-60025

Figure 15-5 Disk Drive Tray Assembly

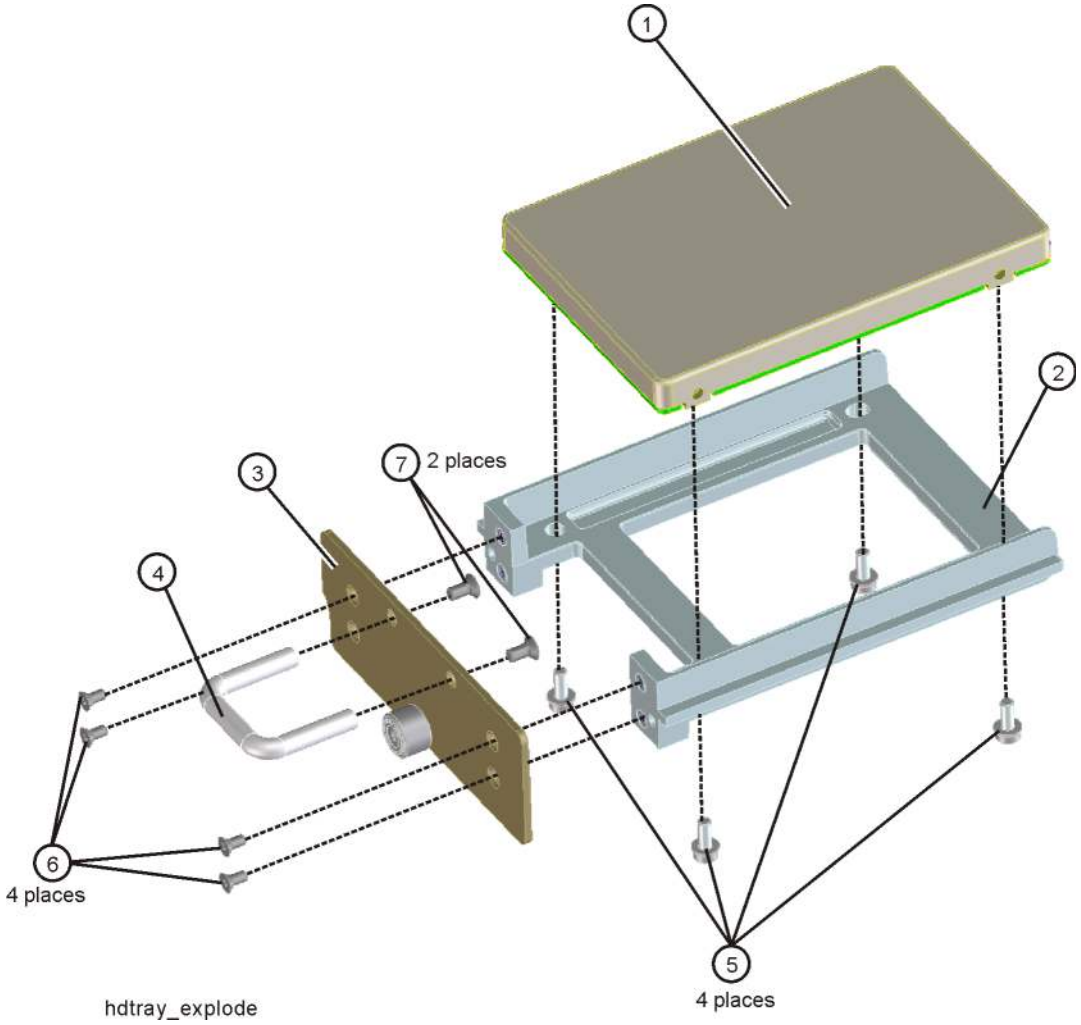


Table 15-7 Disk Drive Tray Assembly (for PC6, PC6S, and PC8 CPUs)

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	A5 Solid State Drive	Refer to Table 15-1
2	A5MP1 Disk Drive Tray	W1312-40078
3	A5MP2 Disk Drive Rear Panel	W1312-00103
4	A5MP3 Disk Drive Assembly Handle	1440-0421
5	Screw M3 x 0.5 (8 mm long)	0515-1035 Flat head
6	Screw M2.5 x 0.45 (5 mm long)	0515-2219
7	Screw M3 x 0.5 (6 mm long)	0515-1227
	Tray Assembly w/o Solid State Drive (includes items 2 through 7 above)	E6607-61820

Figure 15-6 Top Brace and Reference Bracket

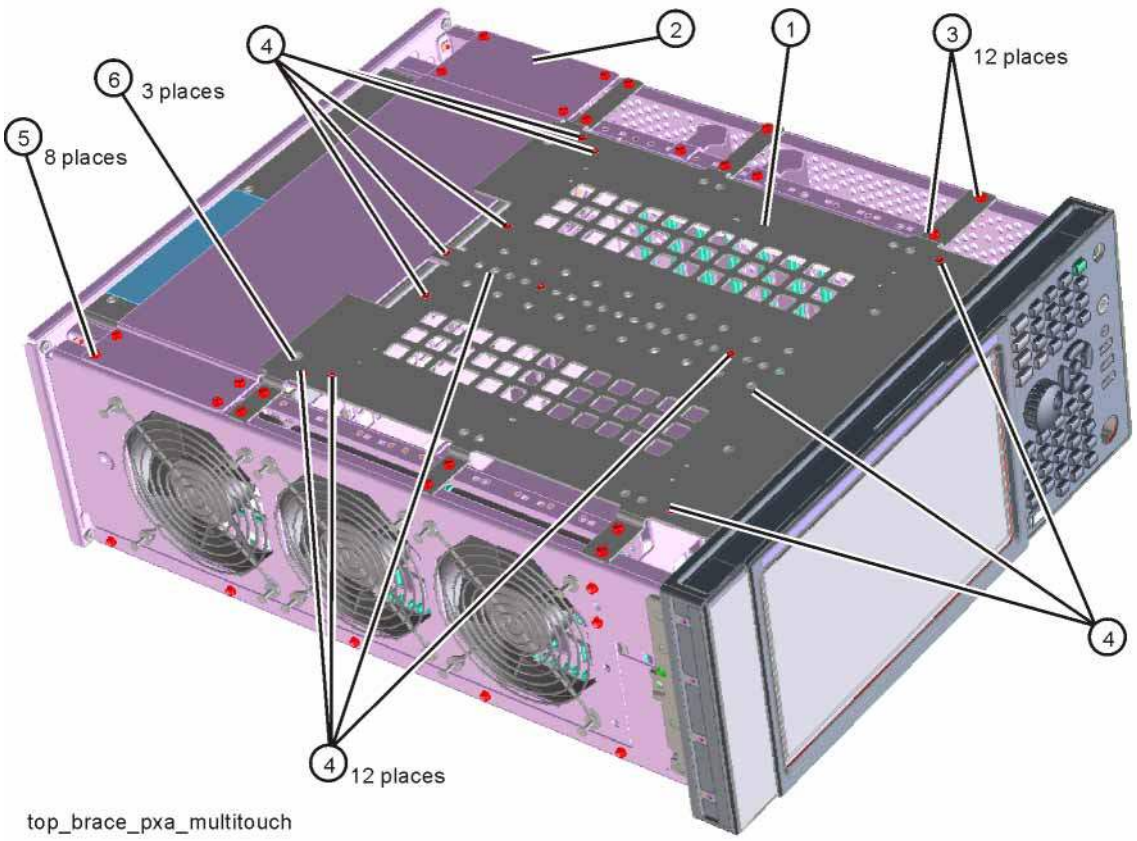


Table 15-8 Top Brace and Reference Bracket

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	Top Brace Assembly (includes 4 each Vibration Mounts 0460-2725)	N9030-60005
2	Bracket, Power Supply	W1312-00131
3	Screw M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	0515-0372
4	Screw M3 X 0.5 (6 mm long)	0515-1946
5	Screw M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	0515-0372
4	Screw M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	0515-1946

Figure 15-7 RF Area (Options 508, 513, 526)

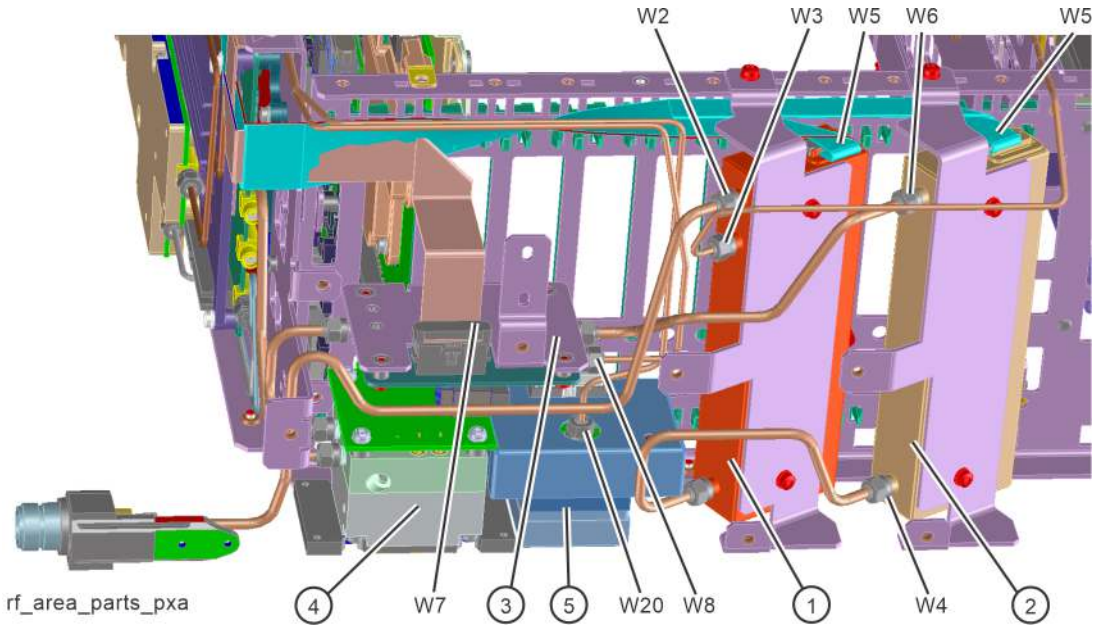


Table 15-9 RF Area (Options 508, 513, 526)

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	A9 RF Attenuator A (0 – 4 dB) (Options 508, 513, 526)	33360-60011
2	A10 RF Attenuator B (0 – 66 dB) (Options 508, 513, 526)	33321-60085
3	A11 Low Band Switch Assembly (Options 508 513, 526)	E4410-60121
4	A12 YTF Preselector (Options 508 513, 526)	5087-7382
5	A20 YTO Assembly	N9020-60009
W2	Cable, semi-rigid, RF Input to Attenuator A (Options 508, 513, 526 with Type N input connector	N9020-20100
	Cable, semi-rigid, RF Input to Attenuator A (Options 526 with 3.5 mm input connector	N9020-20139
W3	Cable, semi-rigid, Cal In to attenuator, Reference Assy J701 to Attenuator A (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9020-20023
W4	Cable, semi-rigid, Attenuator B to Attenuator A (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9020-20025
W5	Cable, Ribbon, Attenuator A/B to Front End Controller J800	E4410-60157
W6	Cable, semi-rigid, Attenuator B to Low Band Switch (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9021-20315
W7	Cable, ribbon, Lowband Switch J4 to Front End Controller J700	N9020-60092
W8	Cable, semi-rigid, Front End assy J2 to Low Band Switch J2 (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9020-20101
W20	Cable, semi-rigid, Front End Assy J4 To YTO (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9020-20018

Figure 15-8 RF Area (Options 532, 544, 550 with Option MPB)

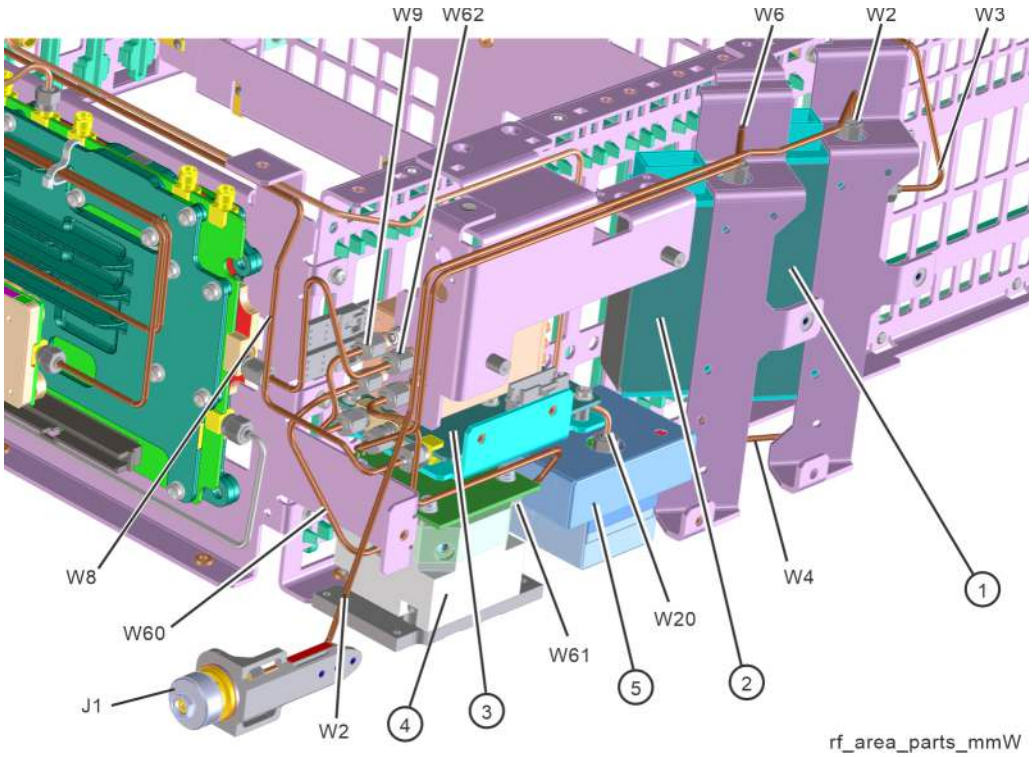


Table 15-10 RF Area (Options 532, 544, 550 with Option MPB)

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	A9 RF Attenuator A (0 – 10 dB) Options 532, 544, 550)	33326-60013
2	A10 RF Attenuator B (0 – 60 dB) (Options 532, 544, 550)	33325-60020
3	A11 Low Band Switch Assembly (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-60051
4	A12 YTF Preselector (Options 532, 544, 550)	5087-7383
5	A20 YTO Assembly	N9020-60009
J1	2.4 mm Input Connector Assembly (Option 532, 544, 550)	N9048-60111
SW4	Switch, Transfer, used for Microwave Preselector Bypass (Options 532, 544, 550 with Options MPB)	87222-60031
W2	Cable, semi-rigid, RF Input to Attenuator A (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20173
W3	Cable, semi-rigid, Cal In to attenuator, Reference Assy J701 to Attenuator A (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20072
W4	Cable, semi-rigid, Attenuator B to Attenuator A (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20068
W6	Cable, semi-rigid, Attenuator B to Low Band Switch (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20315
W8	Cable, semi-rigid, Front End assy J2 to Low Band Switch J2 (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20131
W9	Cable, semi-rigid, SW4 Port 1 to A11J3 (Option 532, 544, 550 with Option MPB)	N9020-20314
W20	Cable, semi-rigid, Front End Assy J4 To YTO (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20152
W60	Cable, semi-rigid, Switch 4 Port 4 to YTF Input (Options 532, 544, 550 with Option MPB)	N9020-20128
W61	Cable, semi-rigid, YTF Output to Switch 4 Port 3 (Options 532, 544, 550 with Option MPB)	N9020-20129
W62	Cable, semi-rigid, Switch 4 Port 2 to A13A1 Input J9 (Options 532, 544, 550 with Option MPB)	N9020-20130

Figure 15-9 Front End Parts (Options 508, 513, 526)

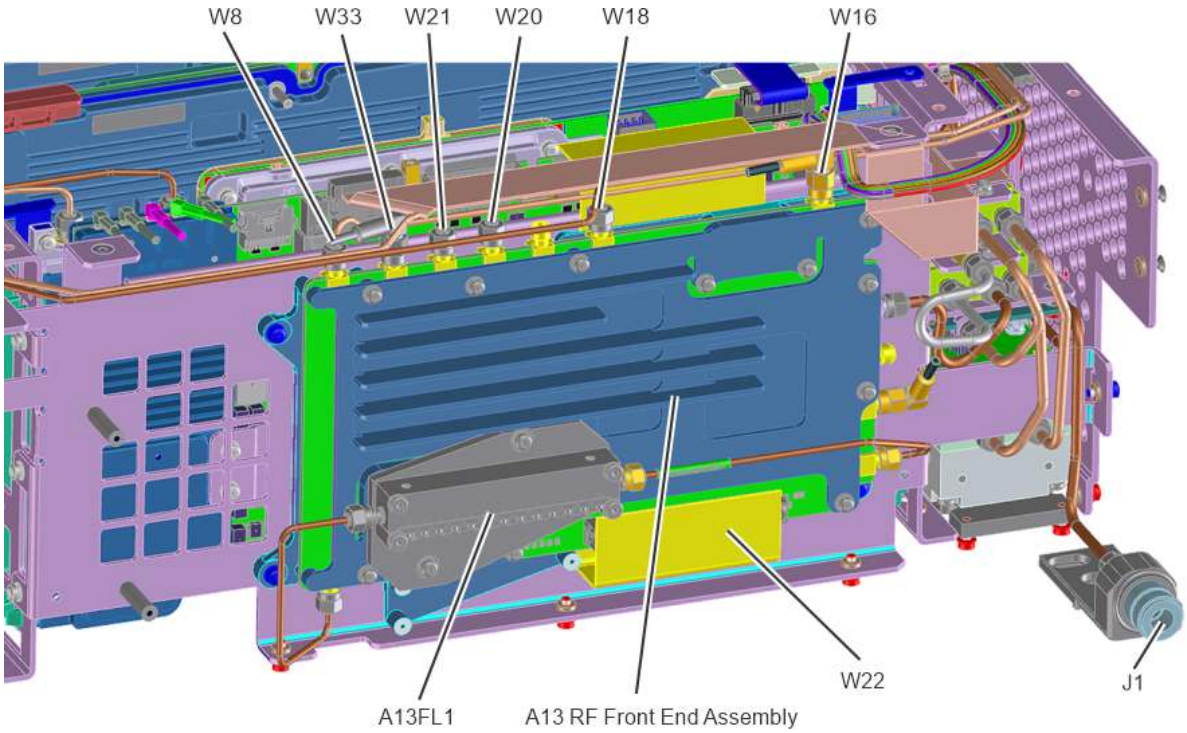


Table 15-11 Front End Parts (Options 508, 513, 526)

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
A13	A13 Front End Assembly (Options 508, 513, 526) Serial Prefix < MY/SG/6416	N9020-60361
J1	Type N (f) Input Connector Assembly (Options 508, 513, 526 without Option C35)	5002-0702
	3.5 mm Input Connector Assembly (Option 526 with Option C35)	N9048-60119
W8	Cable, semi-rigid, Front End assy J2 to Low Band Switch J2 (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9020-20101
W16	Cable, IF Out from Front End Assy J7 to Front End Control J902	8121-1862
W18	Cable, semi-rigid, 2nd LO In, Reference Assy J702 to Front End Assy J1	N9020-20022
W20	Cable, semi-rigid, Front End Assy J4 To YTO (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9020-20018
W21	Cable, semi-rigid, LO Synthesizer Assy J20 to Front End Assy J5 (without EP1)	N9020-20019
W22	Cable, ribbon, Front End Assy control J12 to Front End Controller J102	E4410-60156
W33	Cable, coax, 50 MHz Align, Front End Assy J6 to Reference Assy J705	8121-1940

Figure 15-10 Front End Parts (Options 532, 544, 550)

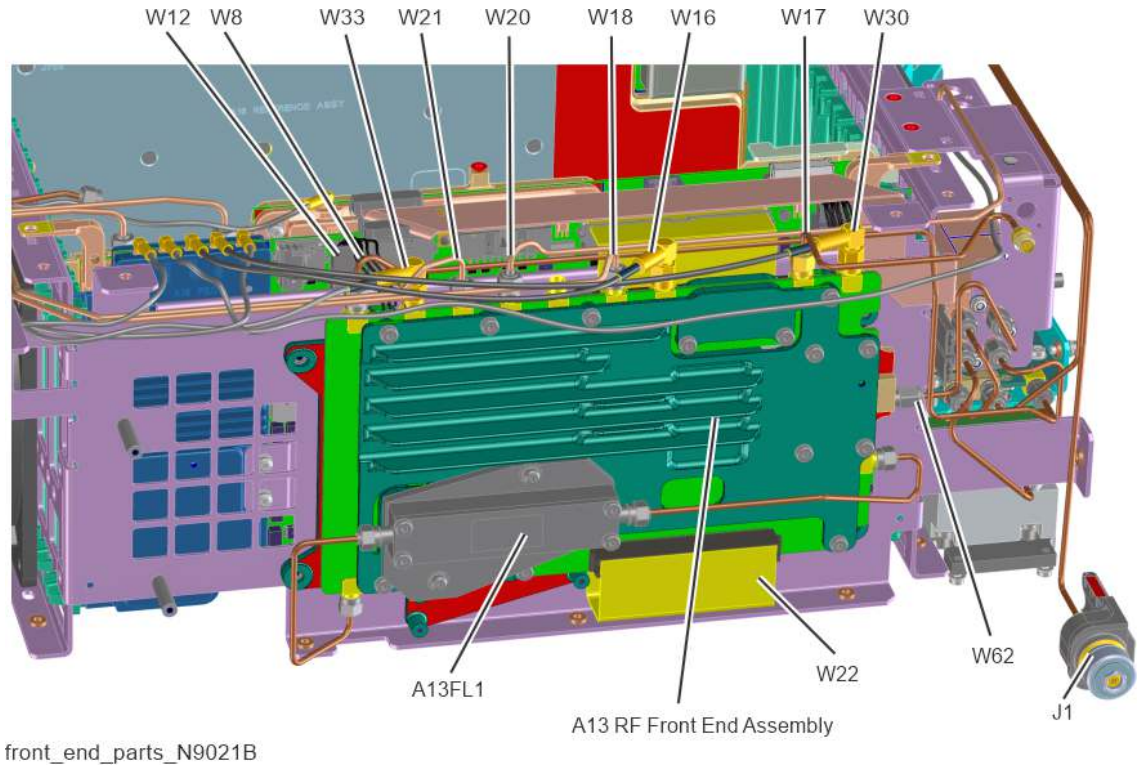


Table 15-12 Front End Parts (Options 532, 544, 550)

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
A13	A13 Front End Assembly (Options 532, 544, 550) Serial Prefix < MY/SG6334	N9020-60357
	A13 Front End Assembly (Options 532, 544, 550) Serial Prefix >= MY/SG6334 (Requires W28)	N9020-60360
A13FL1	5.5 GHz Bandpass Filter (p/o A13 p/n N9020-60357 and N9020-60361)	9135-6726
J1	2.4 mm Input Connector Assembly (Option 532, 544, 550)	N9048-60111
W8	Cable, semi-rigid, Front End assy J2 to Low Band Switch J2 (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20131
W12	Cable, wire harness, Preselector bypass switch control, FE controller J801 (Option MPB)	E4410-60159
W16	Cable, IF Out from Front End Assy J7 to Front End Control J902	8121-1862
W17	Cable, Semi-rigid, Front End A13J8 to W29 (Option 532, 544, 550) (Option EXM)	N9020-20167
W18	Cable, semi-rigid, 2nd LO In, Reference Assy J702 to Front End Assy J1	N9020-20022

Table 15-12 Front End Parts (Options 532, 544, 550)

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
W20	Cable, semi-rigid, Front End Assy J4 To YTO (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20152
W21	Cable, semi-rigid, LO Synthesizer Assy J20 to Front End Assy J5 (without EP1)	N9020-20019
W22	Cable, ribbon, Front End Assy control J12 to Front End Controller J102	E4410-60156
W30	Cable, coax, Ext IF Out, A13J13 to Front End Control J903 (Option 532, 544, 550 with Option EXM)	8121-2025
W33	Cable, coax, 50 MHz Align, Front End Assy J6 to Reference Assy J705	8121-1940
W62	Cable, semi-rigid, Switch 4 Port 2 to A13A1 Input J9 (Options 532, 544, 550 with Option MPB)	N9020-20130

Figure 15-11 Front End Cables (A14 Synthesizer shown is Option EP1)

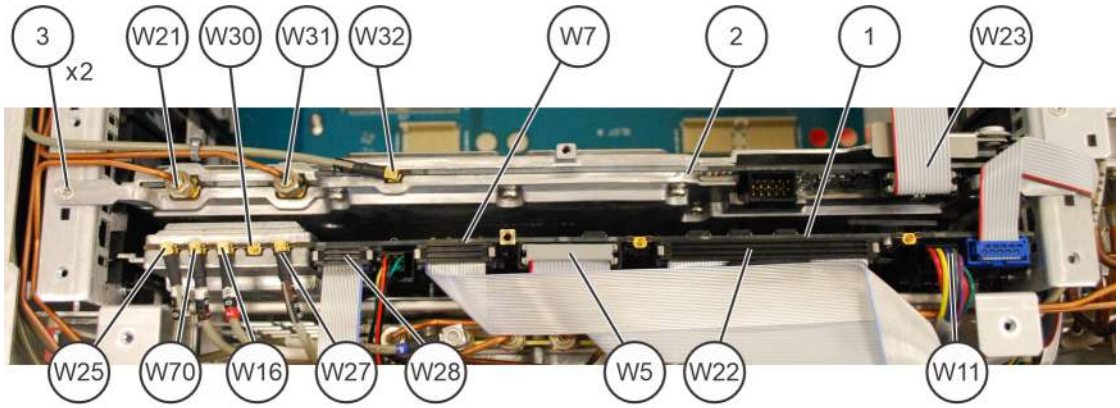


Table 15-13 Front End Cables

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	A15 Front End Controller	N9020-60295
2	A14 Synthesizer Assembly	N9020-60008
W5	Cable, Ribbon, Attenuator A/B to Front End Controller J800	E4410-60157
W7	Cable, ribbon, Lowband Switch J4 to Front End Controller J700	N9020-60092
W11	Cable, wire harness, YTF Control, Front End Controller J300 to YTF J1	N9020-60059
W16	Cable, IF Out from Front End Assy J7 to Front End Control J902	8121-1862
W21	Cable, semi-rigid, LO Synthesizer Assy J20 to Front End Assy J5 (without EP1)	N9020-20019
W23	Cable, ribbon, YTO Control, LO Synthesizer J25 to YTO	N9020-60024
W25	Cable, coax, Narrow Band IF Out, Front End Controller J900 to Analog IF J100	8121-1865
W27	Cable, coax, Aux IF Out, Front End Controller J1100 to rear panel Aux IF Out	8121-1859
W30	Cable, coax, Ext IF Out, A13J13 to Front End Control J903 (Option 508, 513, 526 with Option EXM)	8121-2027
	Cable, coax, Ext IF Out, A13J13 to Front End Control J903 (Option 532, 544, 550 with Option EXM)	8121-2025
W31	Cable, semi-rigid, 4.8 GHz 2nd LO. Reference Assy, J703 to Synthesizer Assy J4 (Option EP1)	N9020-20021
W32	Cable, coax, 100 MHz, Reference Assy J706 to LO Synthesizer J10	8121-1401

Table 15-13 Front End Cables

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
W70	Cable, Coax, A25J17, WBAIF Assembly to A15J901, Front End Controller (Option B2X or B5X)	8121-1861

Figure 15-12 Reference Assembly Cables (Option EP1)

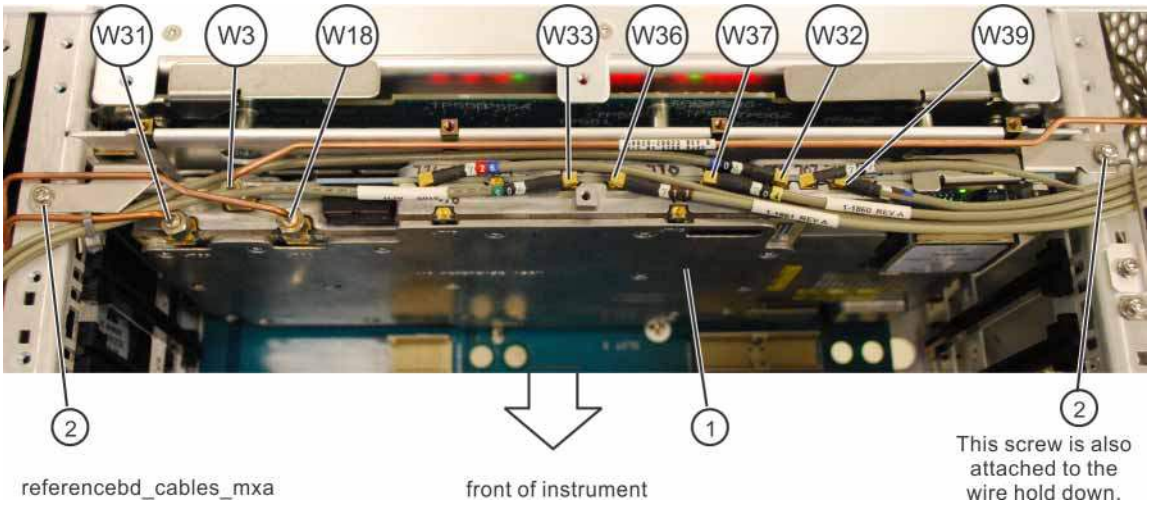


Table 15-14 Reference Assembly Cables (Option EP1)

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	A16 Reference Assembly	N9020-60262
W3	Cable, semi-rigid, Cal In to attenuator, Reference Assy J701 to Attenuator A (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9020-20023
	Cable, semi-rigid, Cal In to attenuator, Reference Assy J701 to Attenuator A (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20072
W18	Cable, semi-rigid, 2nd LO In, Reference Assy J702 to Front End Assy J1	N9020-20022
W31	Cable, semi-rigid, 4.8 GHz 2nd LO. Reference Assy, J703 to Synthesizer Assy J4 (Option EP1)	N9020-20021
W32	Cable, coax, 100 MHz, Reference Assy J706 to LO Synthesizer J10	8121-1401
W33	Cable, coax, 50 MHz Align, Front End Assy J6 to Reference Assy J705	8121-1940
W36	Cable, coax, 300 MHz, Reference Assy J711 to Analog IF J300	8121-1861
W37	Cable, coax, External Reference IN, rear panel to Reference Assy J704	8121-1860
W39	Cable, coax, 100 MHz ref B, Reference Assy J716 to Digital IF J14	8121-1401

Figure 15-13 Reference Assembly Cables (Option EP1), and Wide Bandwidth Analog IF Cables (Option B2X, B5X) (Opt B5X shown)

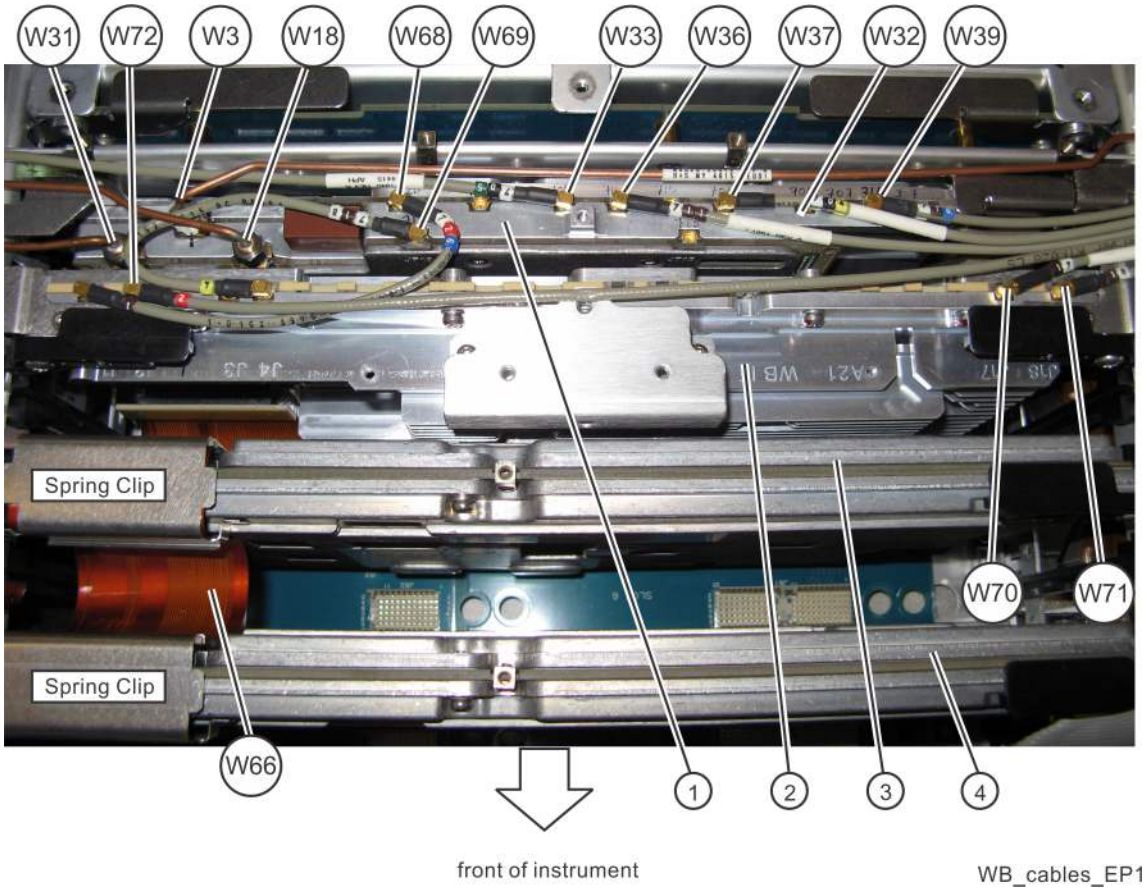


Table 15-15 Reference Assembly Cables (Option EP1), and Wide Bandwidth Analog IF Cables (Option B2X, B5X)

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	A16 Reference Assembly	N9020-60262
2	A25 Wideband Analog IF (Option B2X or B5X)	N9020-60043
3	A26 Wideband Digital IF (Option B2X or B5X)	N9020-60311
4	A27 Wideband Digital IF (Option B5X)	N9020-60311
W3	Cable, semi-rigid, Cal In to attenuator, Reference Assy J701 to Attenuator A (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9020-20023
	Cable, semi-rigid, Cal In to attenuator, Reference Assy J701 to Attenuator A (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20072
W18	Cable, semi-rigid, 2nd LO In, Reference Assy J702 to Front End Assy J1	N9020-20022

Table 15-15 Reference Assembly Cables (Option EP1), and Wide Bandwidth Analog IF Cables (Option B2X, B5X)

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
W31	Cable, semi-rigid, 4.8 GHz 2nd LO. Reference Assy, J703 to Synthesizer Assy J4 (Option EP1)	N9020-20021
W32	Cable, coax, 100 MHz, Reference Assy J706 to LO Synthesizer J10	8121-1401
W33	Cable, coax, 50 MHz Align, Front End Assy J6 to Reference Assy J705	8121-1940
W36	Cable, coax, 300 MHz, Reference Assy J711 to Analog IF J300	8121-1861
W37	Cable, coax, External Reference IN, rear panel to Reference Assy J704	8121-1860
W39	Cable, coax, 100 MHz ref B, Reference Assy J716 to Digital IF J14	8121-1401
W66	Cable, Flex Circuit A25 WBAIF to A26 WBDIF and A27 WBDIF (Option B5X)	N9030-60034
W68	Cable, Coax, A16J726 Reference Assembly to A25J1, WBAIF Assembly (Option B2X or B5X)	8121-0152
W69	Cable, Coax, A16J718 Reference Assembly to A25J4, WBAIF Assembly (Option B2X or B5X)	8121-0152
W70	Cable, Coax, A25J17, WBAIF Assembly to A15J901, Front End Controller (Option B2X or B5X)	8121-1861
W71	Cable, Coax, A25J18 WBAIF Assembly to A3J15, Digital IF Assembly (Option B2X or B5X)	8121-1401
W72	Cable, Coax, A25J2 WBAIF Assembly to A3J17, Digital IF Assembly (Option B2X or B5X)	8121-1919

Figure 15-14 AIF Cables



Figure 15-15 DIF Cables



Table 15-16 AIF and DIF Cables

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
W39	Cable, coax, 300 MHz, Reference Assy J711 to Analog IF J300	8121-1861
W42	Cable, coax, 22.5 MHz IF Out, Analog IF J601 to D-IF J19	8120-8868
W71	Cable, Coax, A25J18 WBAIF Assembly to A3J15, Digital IF Assembly (Option B2X or B5X)	8121-1401
W72	Cable, Coax, A25J2 WBAIF Assembly to A3J17, Digital IF Assembly (Option B2X or B5X)	8121-1919

Figure 15-16 AIF/DIF Assemblies

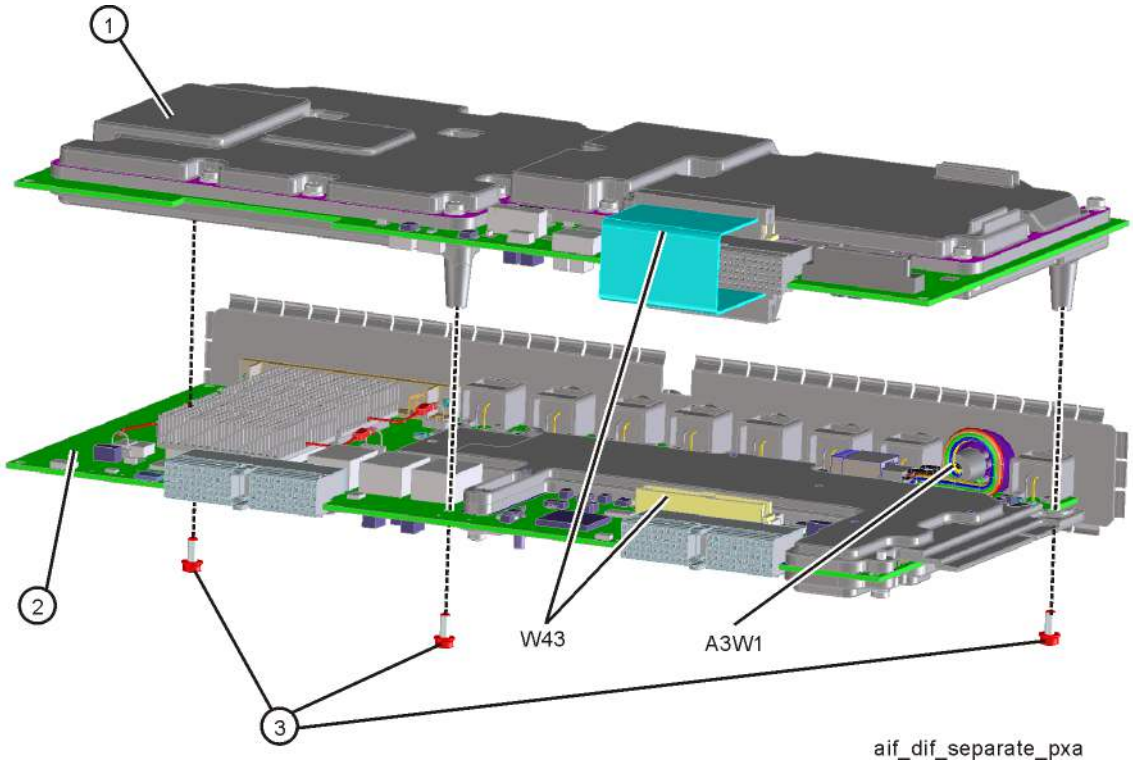


Table 15-17 AIF/DIF Assemblies

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	A2 Analog IF Assembly	N9020-60290
2	A3 Digital IF Assembly	N9020-60016
3	Screw, M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	0515-0372
W43	Cable, ribbon interconnect from Analog IF J820 to Digital IF A3J30	N9020-60046
A3W1	Cable Assembly, Smart Noise Source (Wire Harness)	N9020-60090

Figure 15-17 Motherboard

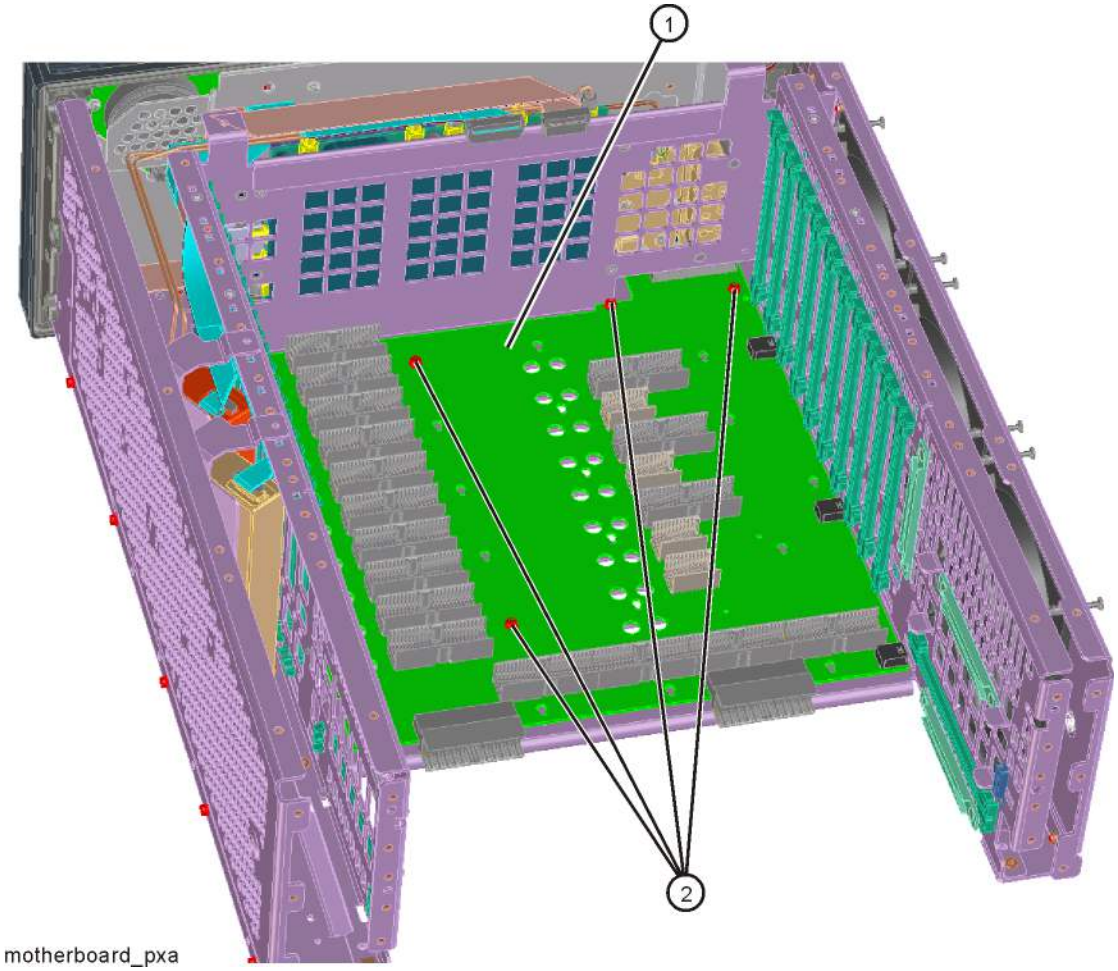


Table 15-18 Motherboard

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	A8 Motherboard Assembly	N9030-63002
2	Screw M3 X0.5 (8 mm long)	0515-0372

Figure 15-18 Chassis

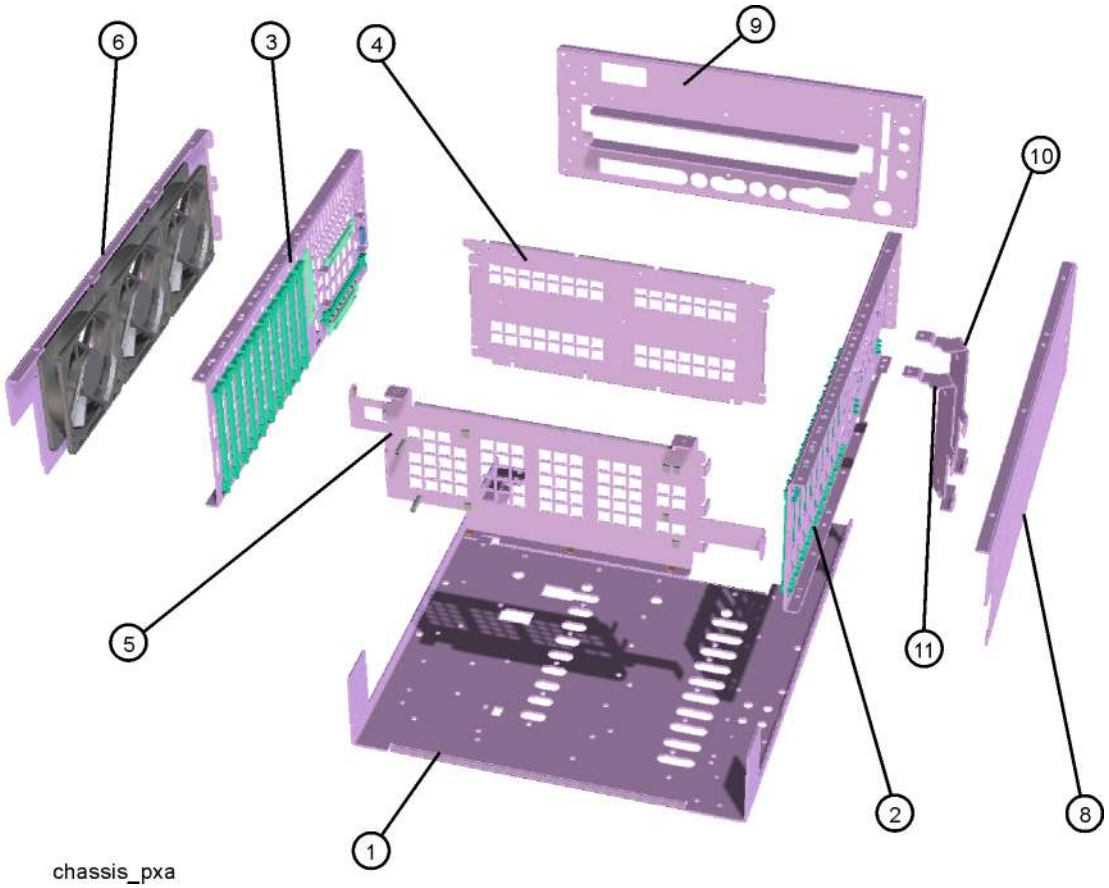


Table 15-19 Chassis

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	Chassis Base	N9020-00015
2	Chassis Side, Right (inner)	W1312-00116
3	Chassis Side, Left (inner)	W1312-00117
4	Bracket, Midplane	W1312-00048
5	Bracket, Chassis Front	W1312-00098
6	Bracket, Fan	W1312-00118
8	Bracket, RF Side (right side outer)	N9020-00014
9	Rear Frame	N9020-00065
10 + 11	Bracket, Attenuator (used for both attenuators) (Options 508, 513, 526)	N9020-00023
	Bracket, Attenuator (used for both attenuators) (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-00047

Figure 15-19 Fan Hardware

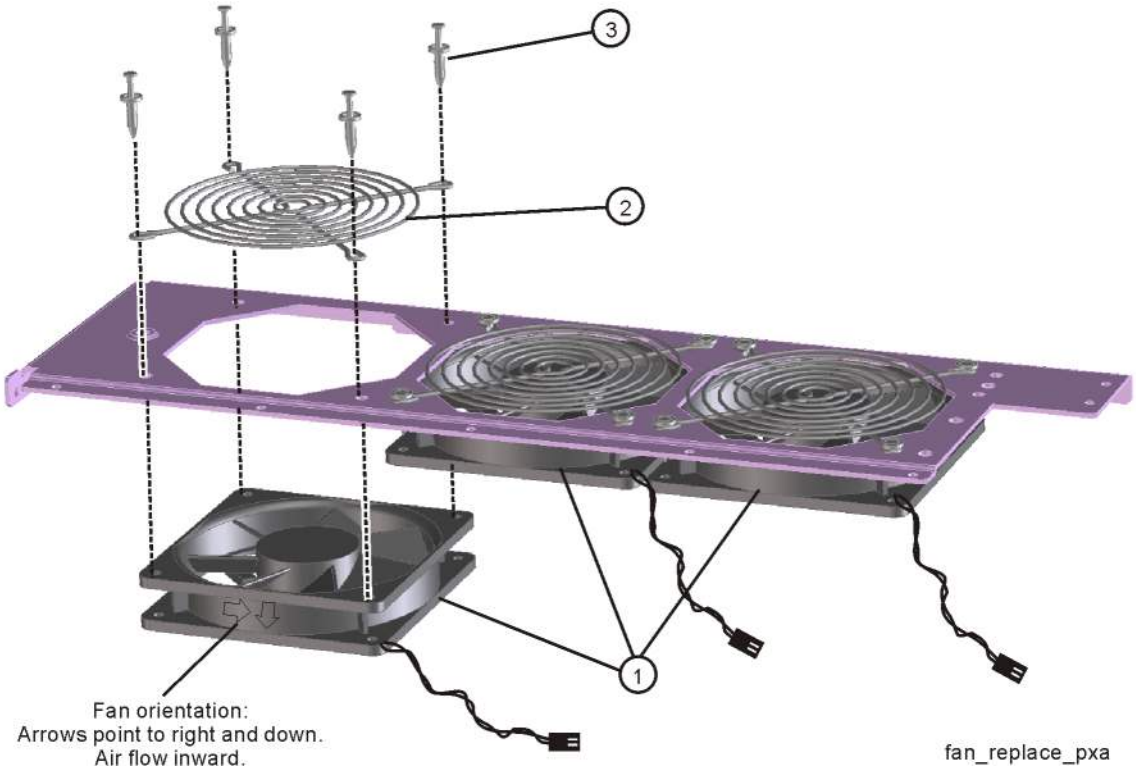


Table 15-20 Fan Hardware

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	B1, B2, B3 Fan	N9021-60008
2	Fan Guard, Steel	3160-0281
3	Rivet, Fan Mounting	0361-1272

Figure 15-20 Input Connector

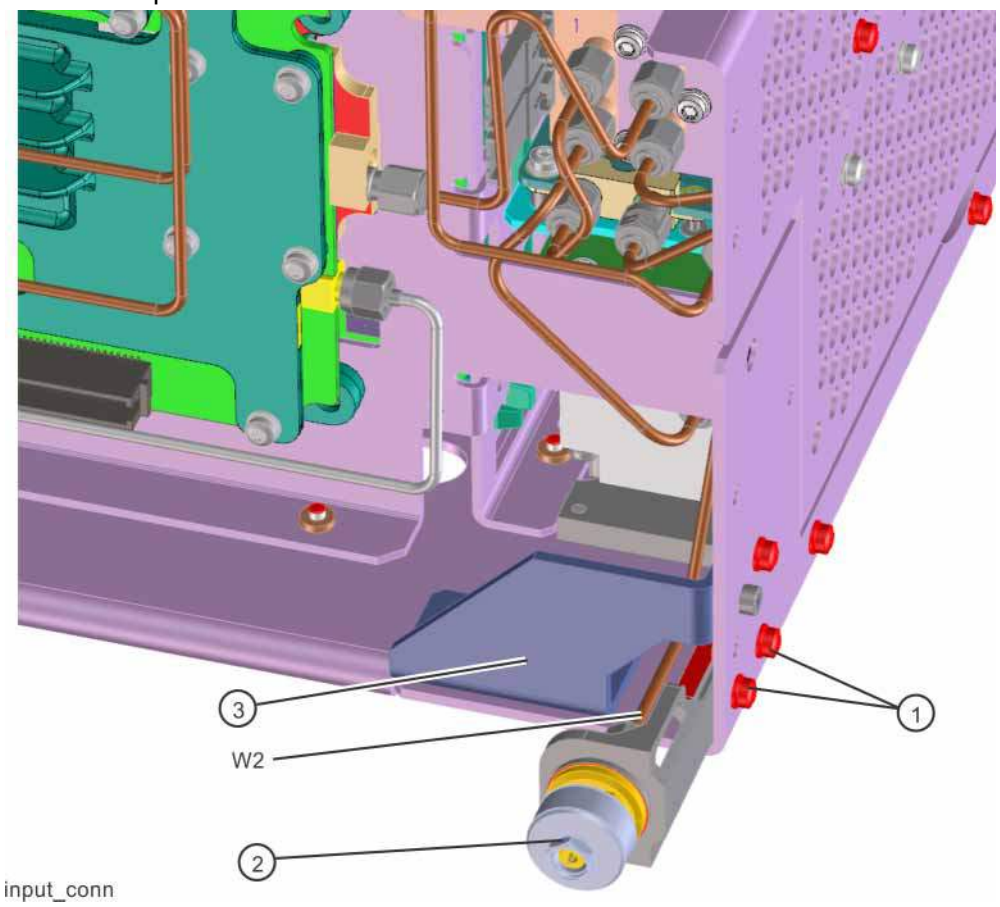


Table 15-21 Input Connector

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	Screw M3 X 0.5 (8 mm long)	0515-0372
2 J1	Type N (f) Input Connector Assembly (Options 508, 513, 526 without Option C35)	5002-0702
	3.5 mm Input Connector Assembly (Option 526 with Option C35)	N9048-60119
	2.4 mm Input Connector Assembly (Option 532, 544, 550)	N9048-60111
	EMI O-Ring Shielding 18.75 mm ID Used between RF input connector and front frame	8160-1637
W2	Cable, semi-rigid, RF Input to Attenuator A (Options 508, 513, 526 with Type N input connector	N9020-20100
	Cable, semi-rigid, RF Input to Attenuator A (Options 526 with 3.5 mm input connector	N9020-20139
	Cable, semi-rigid, RF Input to Attenuator A (Options 532, 544, 550)	N9020-20173
3	Gusset, Chassis (near RF input connector)	W1312-00093

Figure 15-21 Front Frame Parts

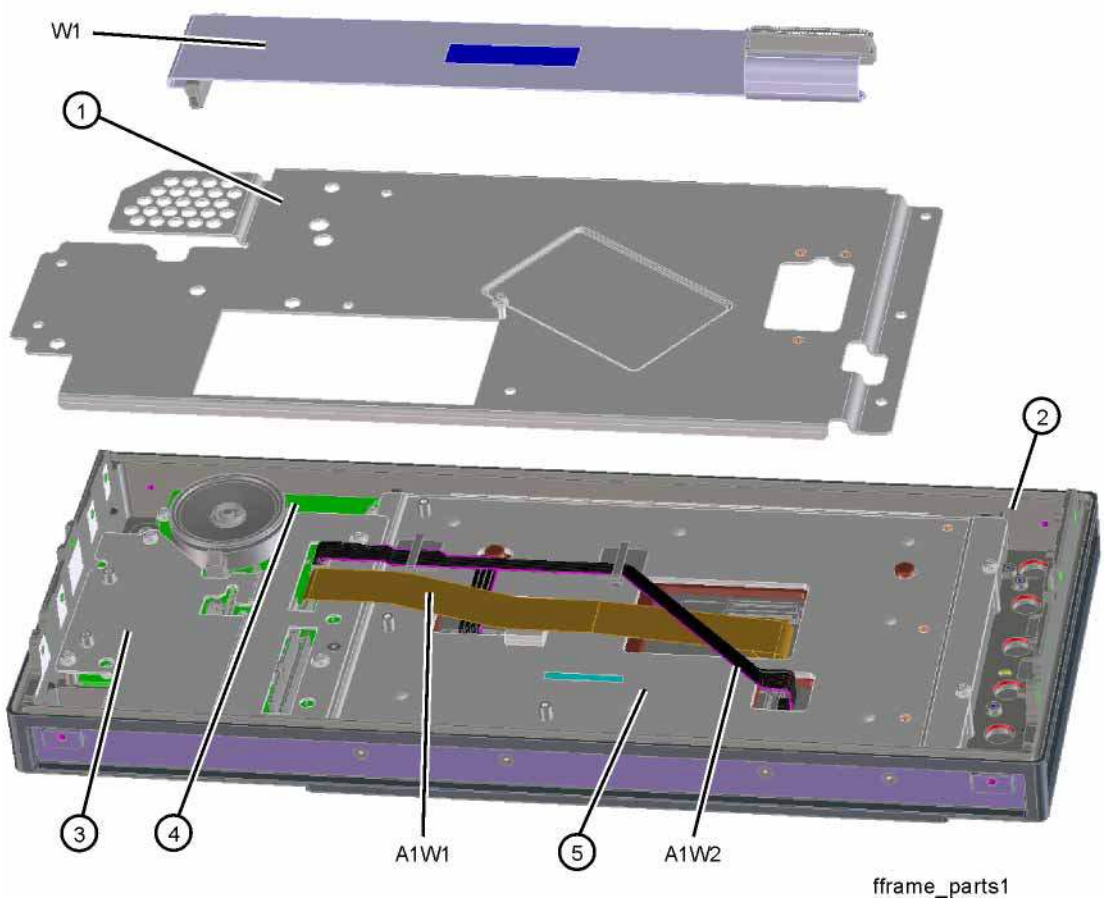


Table 15-22 Front Frame Parts

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	A1MP14 Shield	N9020-00066
2	A1A1 Front Frame	N9020-60299
3	A1MP10 Bracket front panel shield	N9020-00064
4	A1A2 Front Panel Control Board	
5	A1MP11 Display Bracket, Front Panel	N9020-00078
A1W1	Flex Circuit, Display to Front Panel Control Board	N9020-60273
A1W2	Cable Assembly, Backlight	N9020-60217

Figure 15-22 Front Frame Exploded View

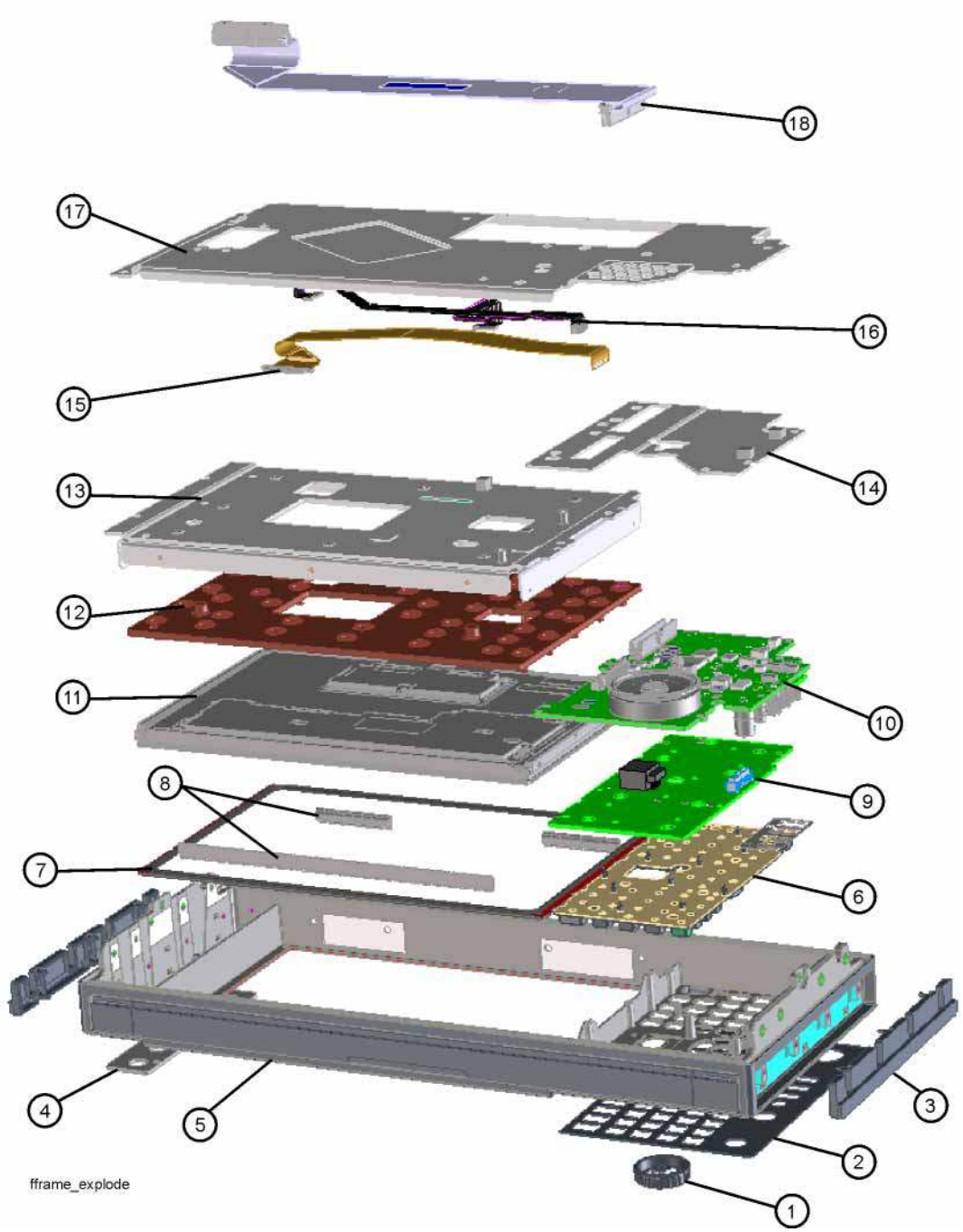


Table 15-23 Front Frame Exploded View

Item	Description	Keysight Part Number
1	RPG Knob	W1312-40179
2	Overlay, Keyboard	N9020-80127
3	Front Frame Side Trim Strip (plastic, 2 ea)	N9020-40018
4	Cover Plate	N9020-00002
5	Front Frame	---[a]
6	A1A5 Main Keypad	N9020-40001
7	Display Boot	N9020-40002
8	EMI Gasket	---[a]
9	A1A4 Keyboard, PCA	N9020-63275
10	A1A2 Front Panel Control Board	
11	A1A3 Liquid Crystal Display 10.6-in w/PCAP Touch 1280X768-Pixels	
12	A1MP9 Display hold down (compression pad)	N9020-40003
13	A1MP11 Display Bracket, Front Panel	N9020-00078
14	A1MP10 Bracket front panel shield	N9020-00064
15	A1W1 Flex Circuit, Display to Front Panel Control Board	N9020-60273
16	A1W2 Cable Assembly, Backlight	N9020-60217
17	A1MP14 Shield	N9020-00066
18	W1 Cable, ribbon 68 pin, Front panel Interface to Motherboard	N9020-60216

a. Non-orderable item, see A1A1.

16 Assembly Replacement Procedures

What You Will Find in This Chapter

Procedures in this chapter enable you to locate, remove, and replace the following major assemblies in your instrument.

Refer to Chapter 15, "Replaceable Parts." for part numbers, assembly descriptions, and ordering information.

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Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket on page 348

RF Area (Options 508, 513, 526) on page 350

RF Area (Options 532, 544, 550) on page 380

Option MPB on page 393

RF Front End Assembly on page 398

Front End Control Assembly on page 402

LO Synthesizer Assembly on page 404

Reference Assembly on page 406

Option B2X on page 409

Midplane Board Assembly on page 411

Rear Panel on page 413

Power Supply Assembly on page 414

CPU Assembly on page 416

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Disk Drive Interconnect (CPU Options PC6, PC6S, and PC8 only) on page 422

AIF/DIF Assembly on page 424

Motherboard Assembly on page 428

Fan Assembly on page 433

Input Connector Assembly on page 437

Front Frame Assembly on page 439

Front Panel Cables on page 445

Front Panel Control Board and Shield on page 445

Display Assembly on page 447

Keyboard/Keypad on page 449

Before Starting

Before starting to disassemble the instrument:

- Check that you are familiar with the safety symbols marked on the instrument. And, read the general safety considerations and the safety note definitions given in the front of this guide.
- The instrument contains static sensitive components. Read the section entitled "ESD Information" on page 21.

Safety

WARNING The opening of covers or removal of parts is likely to expose dangerous voltages. Disconnect the product from all voltage sources while it is being opened.

WARNING The instrument contains potentially hazardous voltages. Refer to the safety symbols on the instrument and the general safety considerations at the beginning of this service guide before operating the unit with the cover removed. Failure to heed the safety precautions can result in severe or fatal injury.

Tools you will need

Figure 16-1 TORX Tool

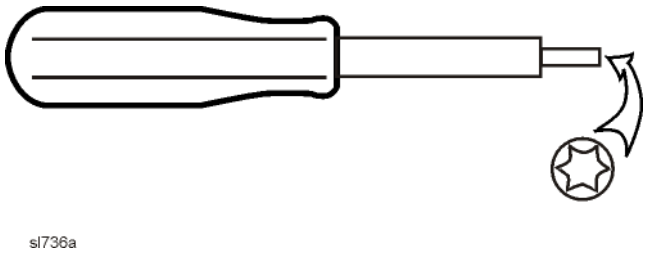


Table 16-1

Description	Keysight Part Number
TORX Hand Driver - Size T-8	8710-1614
TORX Hand Driver - Size T-10	8710-1623
TORX Hand Driver - Size T-20	8710-1615
9/16 inch nut driver	8720-0008
1/4 inch nut driver	source locally
5/16 inch open-end wrench	source locally
1/4 inch open-end wrench	source locally
1/4 inch socket on 4 lb torque wrench	source locally

Adjustments Tests after an instrument repair

Refer to Table 17-1 on page 453 for information about post-repair procedures. If one or more instrument assemblies have been repaired or replaced, perform the related adjustments and performance verification tests.

Major Assembly Locations

Figure 16-2 Major Assemblies

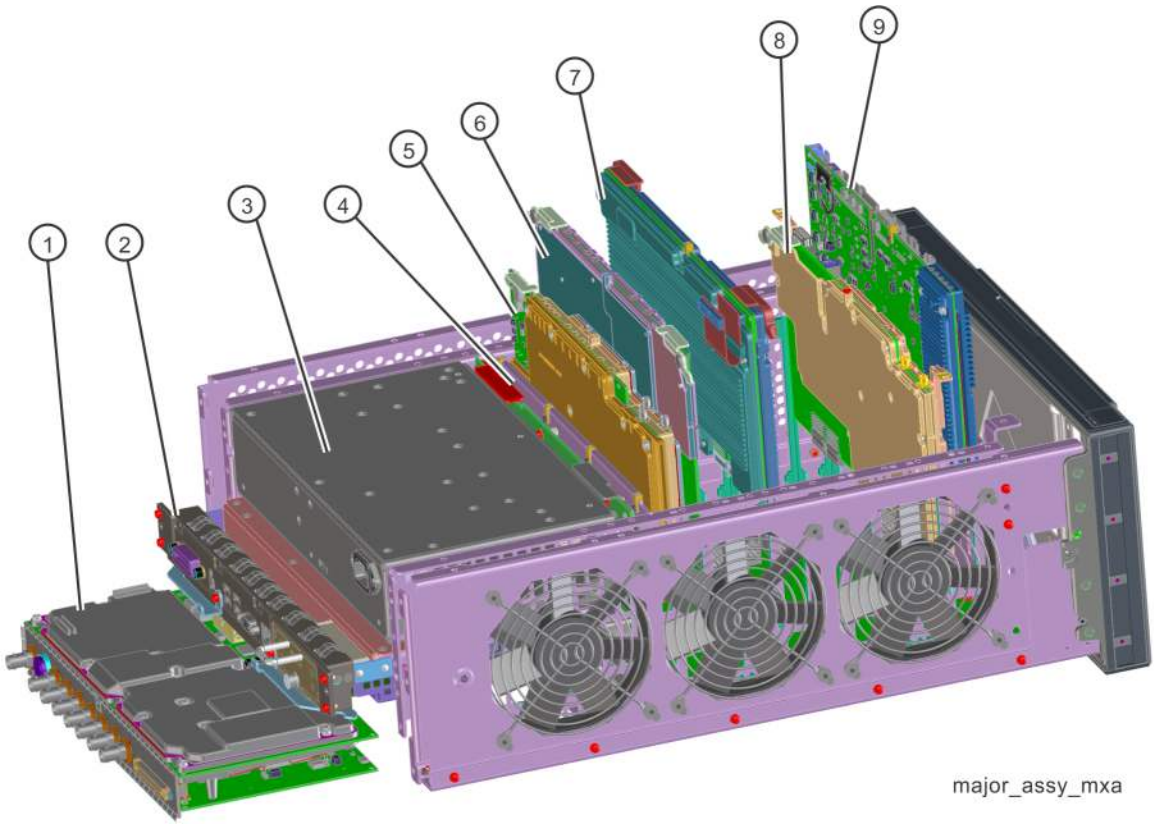


Table 16-2

Item	Description
1	A2 Analog IF Assembly and A3 Digital IF Assembly
2	A4 CPU Assembly
3	A6 Power Supply
4	A7 Midplane Assembly
5	A16 Reference Assembly
6	A25 Wideband Analog IF (Option B2X or B5X)
7	A26 Wideband Digital IF (Option B2X or B5X)
8	A14 Synthesizer Assembly
9	A15 Front End Controller

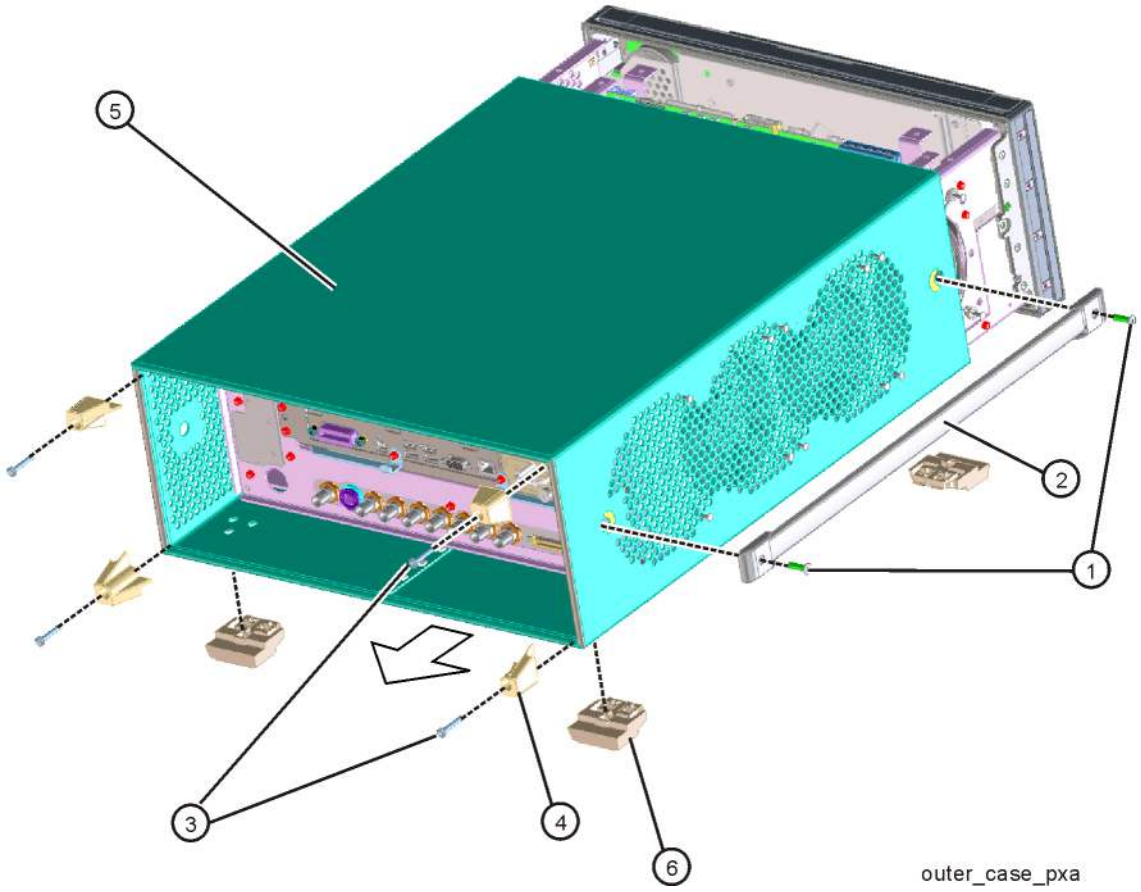
Instrument Outer Case

CAUTION If the instrument is placed on its face during any of the following procedures, be sure to use a soft surface or soft cloth to avoid damage to the front panel, keys, or input connector.

Removal

1. Disconnect the instrument from ac power.
2. Refer to Figure 16-3. Using the T-20 driver, remove the four screws (two on each side) **(1)** that attach the handle strap **(2)** on each side of the instrument.
3. Remove the bottom feet and locks **(6)** by lifting the tabs on the feet and sliding to disengage from the outer case.
4. Using the T-20 driver, remove the four screws (including washers) **(3)** that hold the rear feet **(4)** in place.
5. Pull the instrument cover **(5)** off towards the rear of the instrument.

Figure 16-3 Instrument Outer Case Removal



Replacement

1. Disconnect the instrument from ac power.
2. Slide the instrument cover back onto the deck from the rear. The seam on the cover should be on the bottom. Be sure the cover seats into the gasket groove in the Front Frame Assembly.
3. Replace the four rear feet to the rear of the instrument. Torque the rear feet screws (0515-1619 and 3050-0893 washers) to 21 inch pounds.
4. Replace the bottom feet by sliding into place until they snap in. Install the locks by pressing in flat.
5. Replace the handle straps on both sides of the instrument. Torque the handle strap screws to 21 inch pounds.

Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket

Removal

1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" removal procedure.
2. Refer to Figure 16-4. To remove the top brace **(1)**, use the T-10 driver to remove the twelve screws **(3)** (0515-0372) attaching the top brace to the chassis. Remove the wire hold down 1 (as shown in Figure 16-5). Remove the twelve screws **(4)** (0515-1946) attaching the top brace to the boards.
3. To remove the power supply bracket **(2)**, use the T-10 driver to remove the eight screws **(5)** (0515-0372) attaching the power supply bracket to the instrument and the three screws **(6)** (0515-1946) attaching the power supply bracket to the power supply.

Figure 16-4 Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket Removal

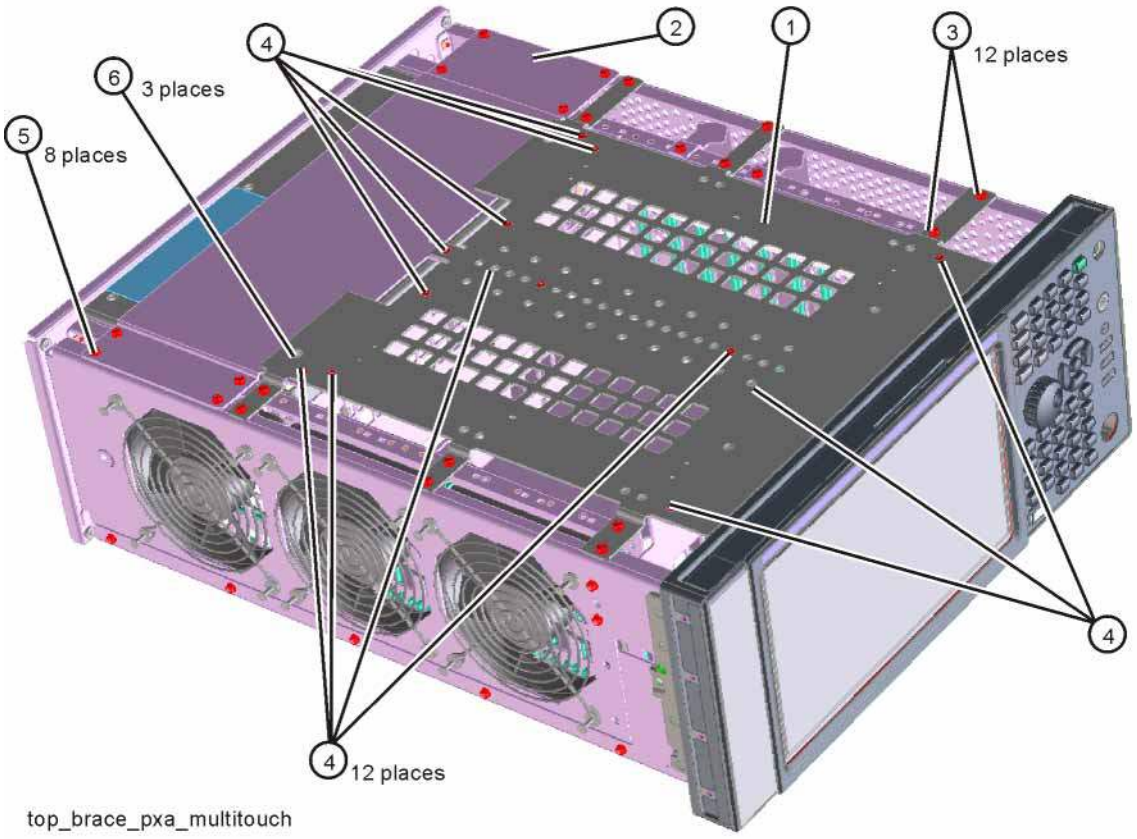
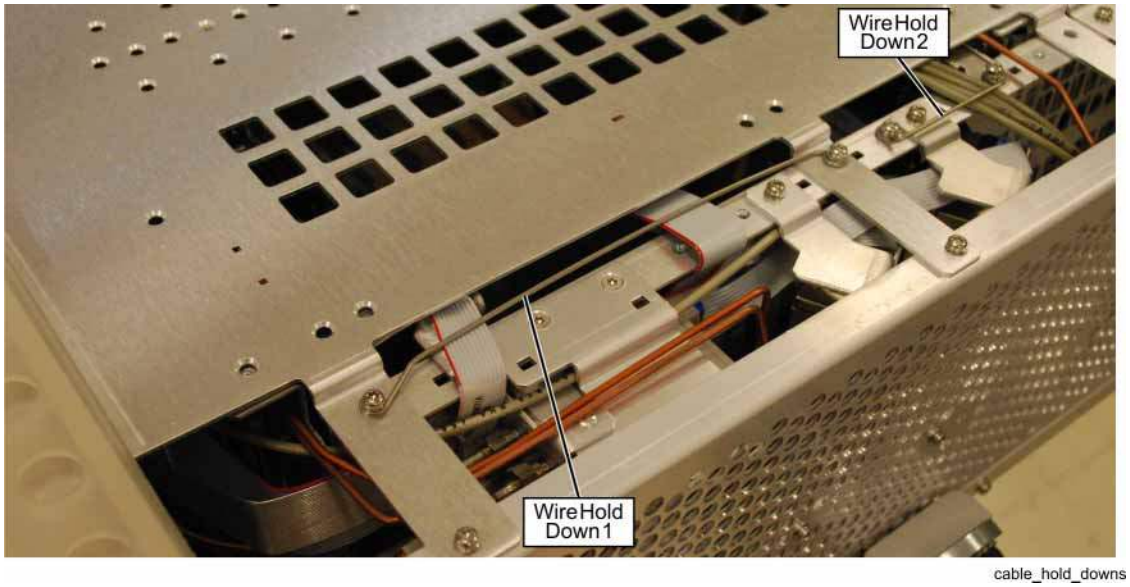


Figure 16-5 Wire Hold Downs



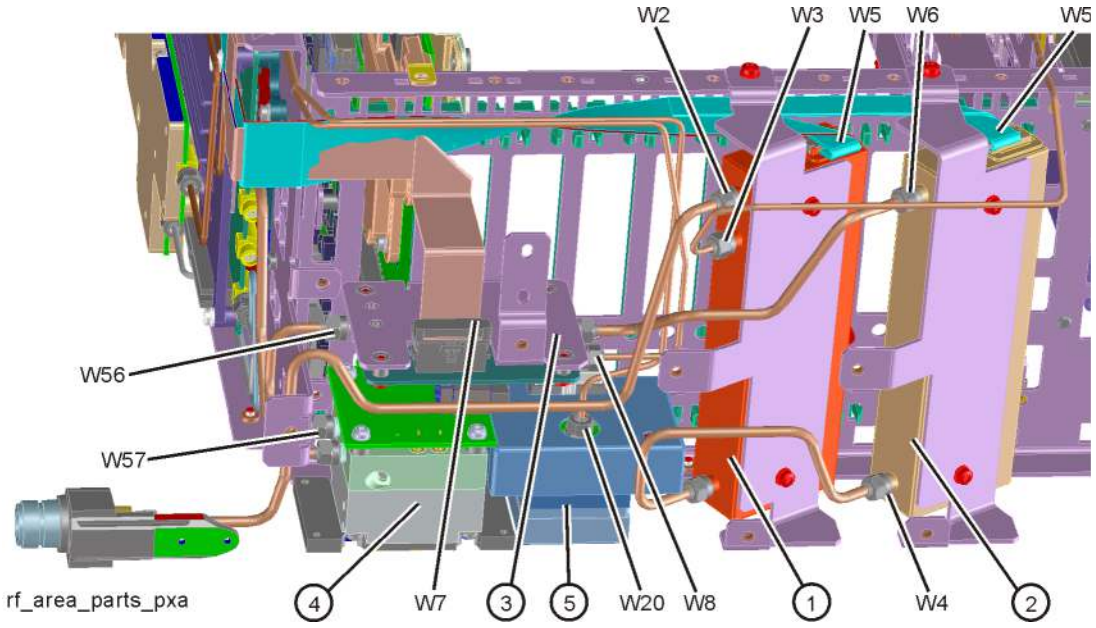
Replacement

1. Refer to Figure 16-4. To replace the top brace or the power supply bracket, place them into the correct position and attach the screws referred to in the removal process. Reinstall wire hold down 1. Torque to 9 inch-pounds.

RF Area (Options 508, 513, 526)

Refer to Figure 16-6. The RF area consists of RF attenuator A **(1)**, RF attenuator B **(2)**, low band switch assembly **(3)**, YTF Preselector **(4)**, and YTO **(5)**.

Figure 16-6 RF Area Components and Cables (Options 508, 513, 526)

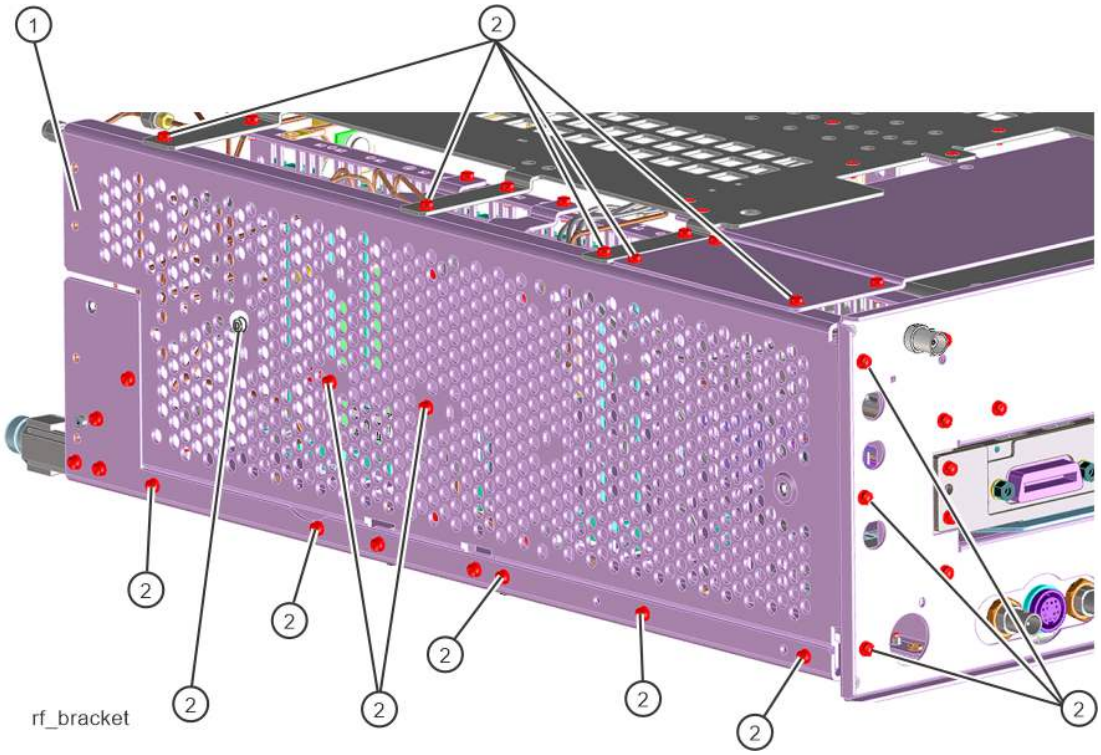


To gain access to the attenuators, low band switch, YTF Preselector, YTO, or Option MPB for removal, follow these steps:

1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" removal procedure.
2. Remove the front panel. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" removal procedure.

3. Refer to Figure 16-7. Remove the RF bracket **(1)** by removing the sixteen screws **(2)** (0515-0372) using the T-10 driver.

Figure 16-7 RF Bracket Removal



Attenuators

Removal

1. Refer to Figure 16-8. To remove Attenuator A **(1)** or Attenuator B **(2)**, remove the semi-rigid cables W2, W3, W4, or W6 attached to the attenuator using the 5/16 inch wrench.
2. Remove the ribbon cable attached to the attenuator.
3. Remove the two screws **(3)** or **(4)** (0515-0372) for each attenuator bracket to remove from the chassis using the T-10 driver.
4. Remove the attenuator from the bracket by removing the two screws (0515-0372).

Figure 16-8 Attenuators Removal

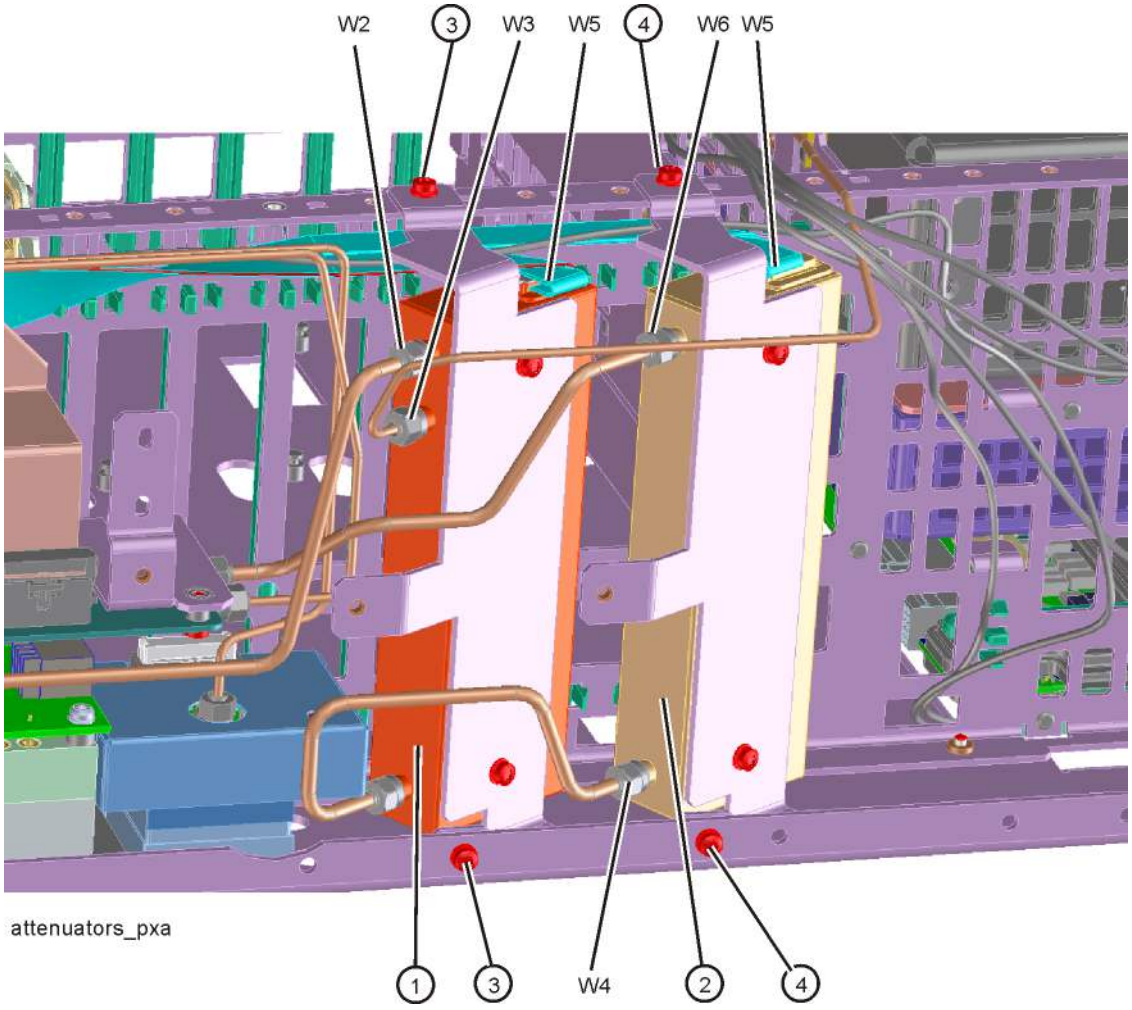


Table 16-3

Item	Keysight Part Number
W2	N9020-20100
W3	N9020-20023
W4	N9020-20025
W6	N9021-20315

Replacement

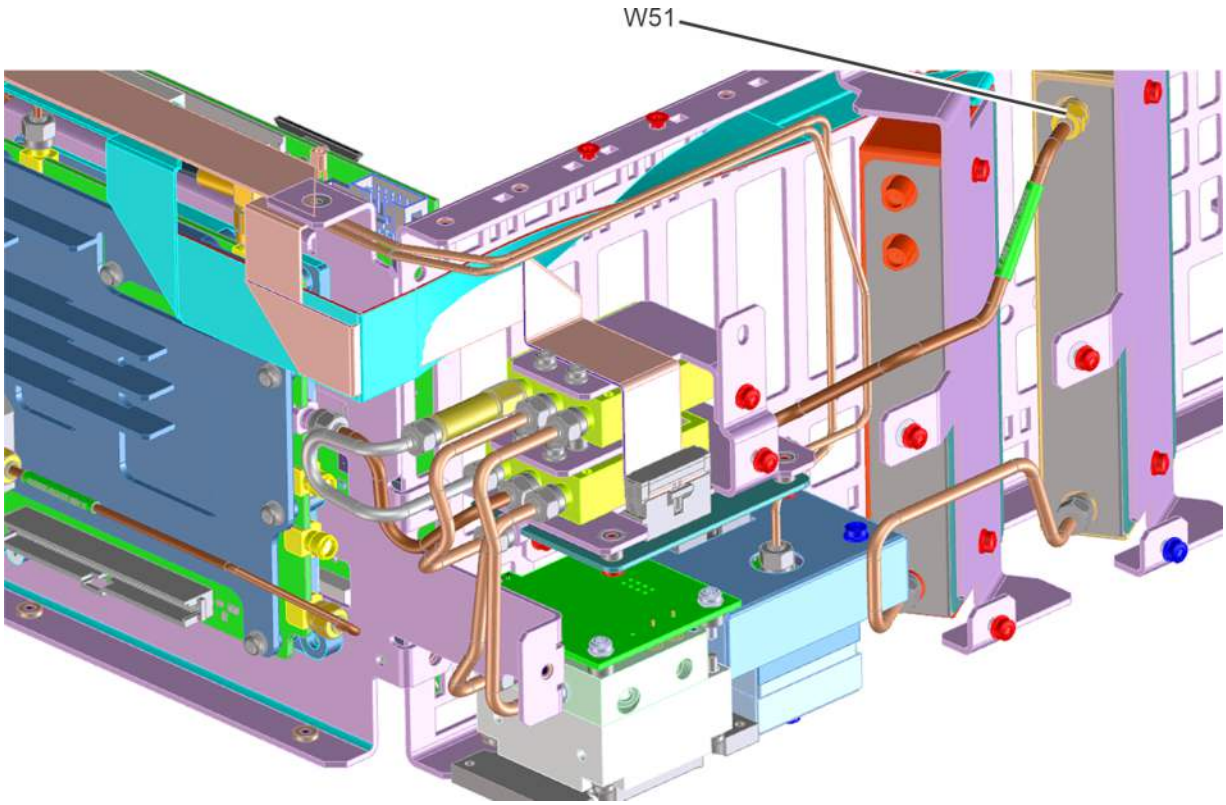
1. Refer to Figure 16-8. Position the attenuator in the bracket so that the ribbon connector end is “up”.
2. Replace the two screws (0515-0372) that attach the attenuator to the bracket. Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
3. Position the attenuator and bracket into the chassis and attach with the two screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
4. Replace the ribbon cable and semi-rigid cables W2, W3, W4, or W6 to the attenuator. Torque the semi-rigid cables to 10 inch-pounds.
5. Refer to Figure 16-7. Position the RF bracket onto the chassis and replace the sixteen screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
6. Replace the front panel. Refer to the “Front Frame Assembly” replacement procedure.
7. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the “Instrument Outer Case” replacement procedure.

Low Band Switch

Option MPB Removal

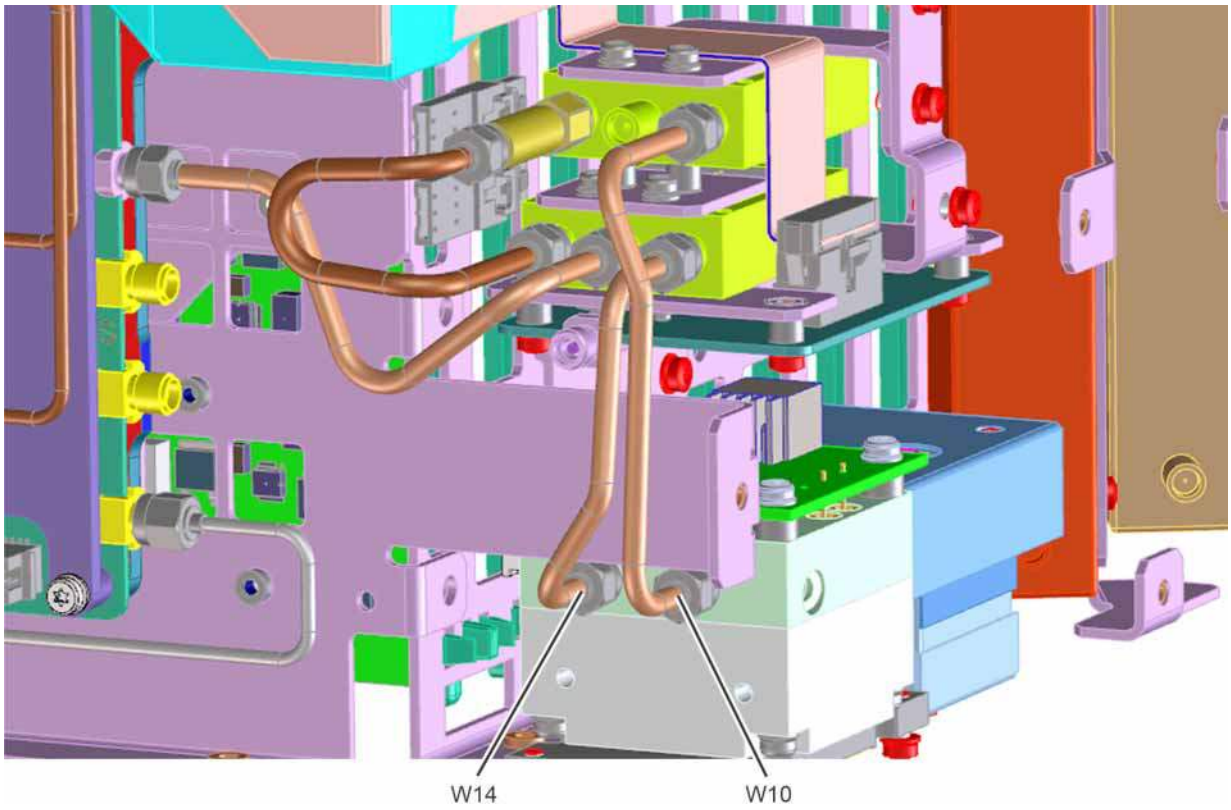
1. Refer to Figure 16-9. Remove rigid cable W9 (E4410-20161) from Low Band Switch Input to Attenuator B output.

Figure 16-9 W51 Cable Removal



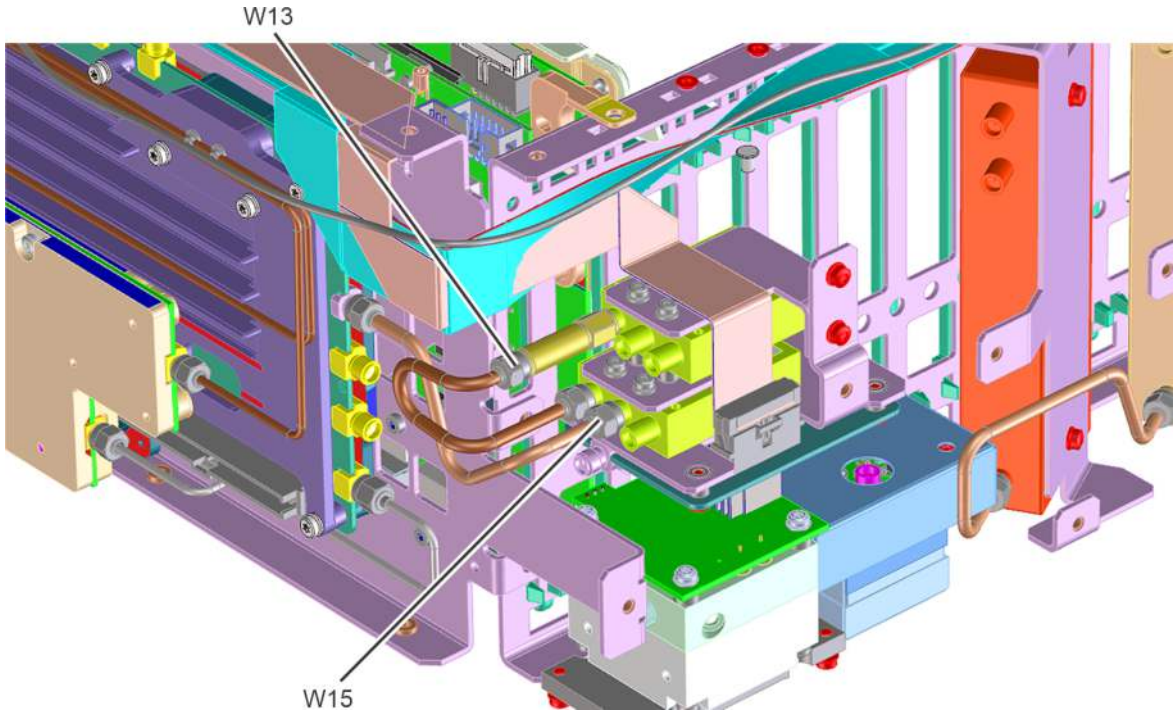
2. Refer to Figure 16-10. Remove cable W10 (E4410-20163) from middle switch port 2 to YTF Assembly.
3. Remove cable W14 (E4410-20165) from bottom switch port 2 to YTF Assembly.

Figure 16-10 W10, W14, and W54 Cables Removal



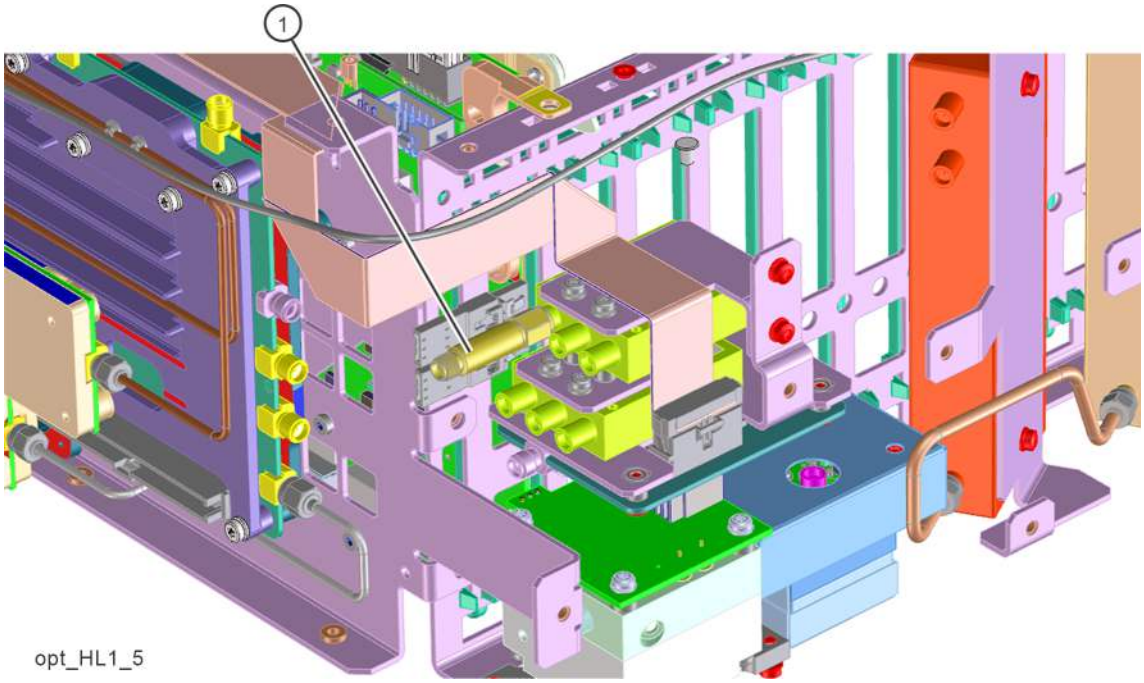
4. Refer to Figure 16-11. Remove cable W15 (N9020-20305) from bottom switch center port to Front End Assembly J9.
5. Remove cable W13 (N9020-20210) between attenuator (connected to center switch port 1 and bottom switch port 1.

Figure 16-11 W13 and W15 Cables Removal



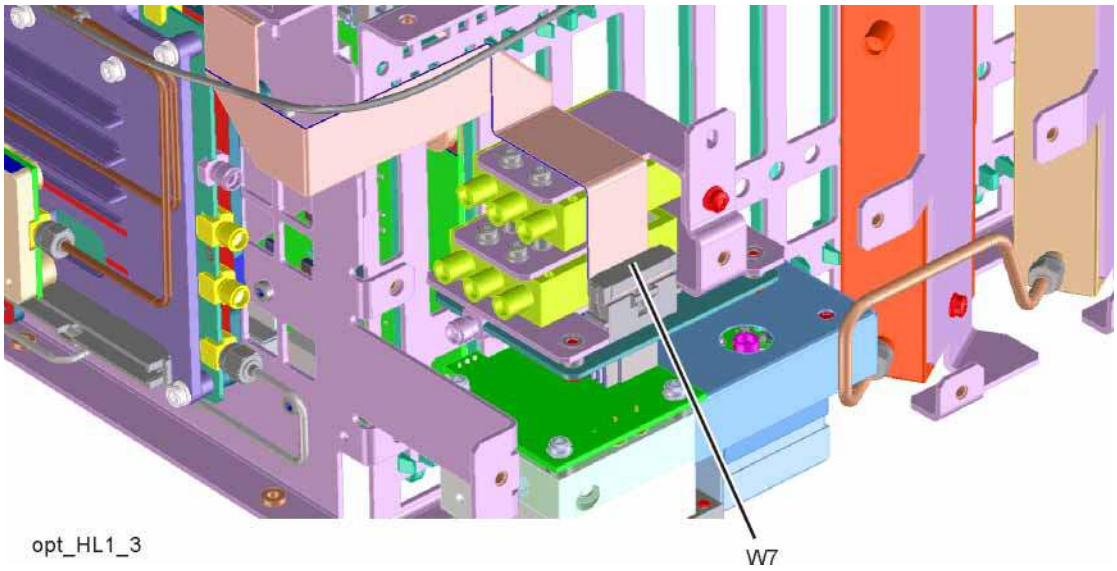
6. Refer to Figure 16-12. Remove the coaxial fixed attenuator **(1)**,

Figure 16-12 Attenuator Removal



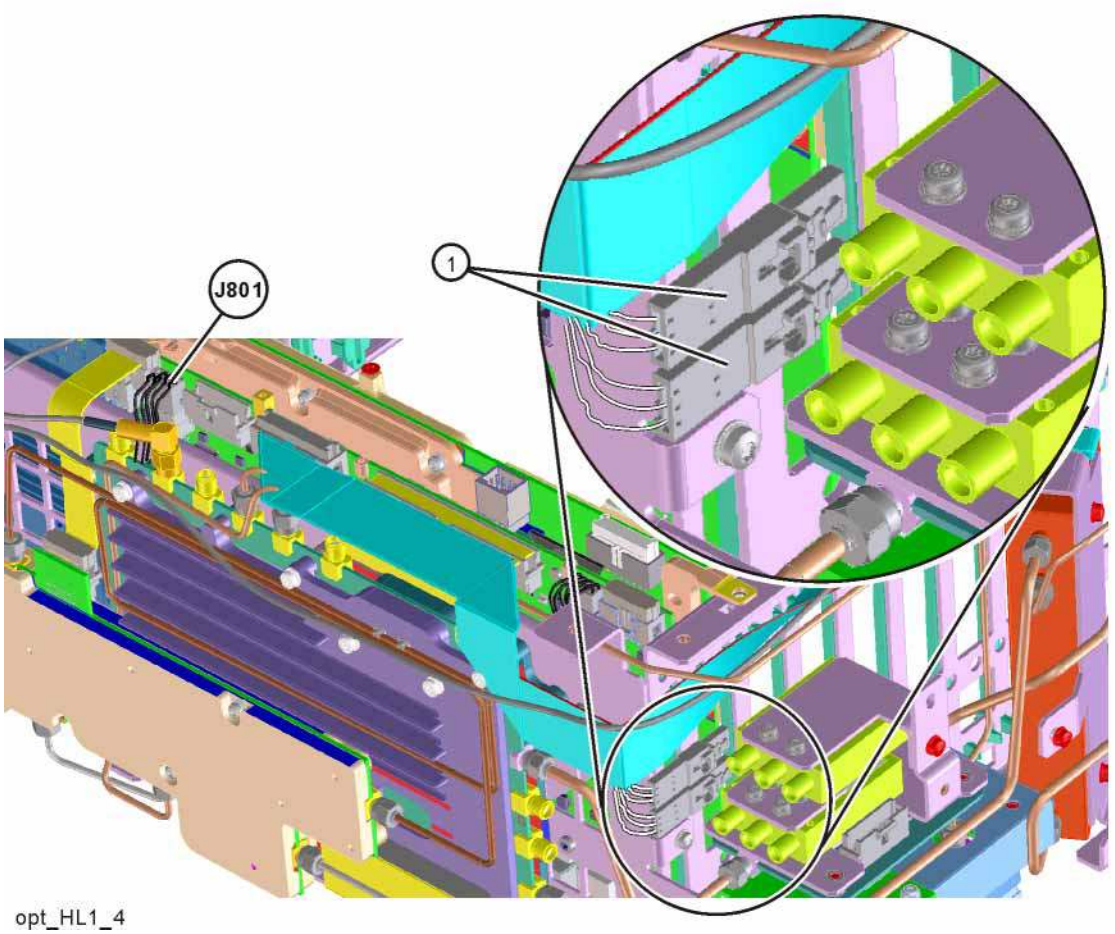
7. Refer to Figure 16-13. Disconnect W7 from the Low Band Switch.

Figure 16-13 W7 Removal



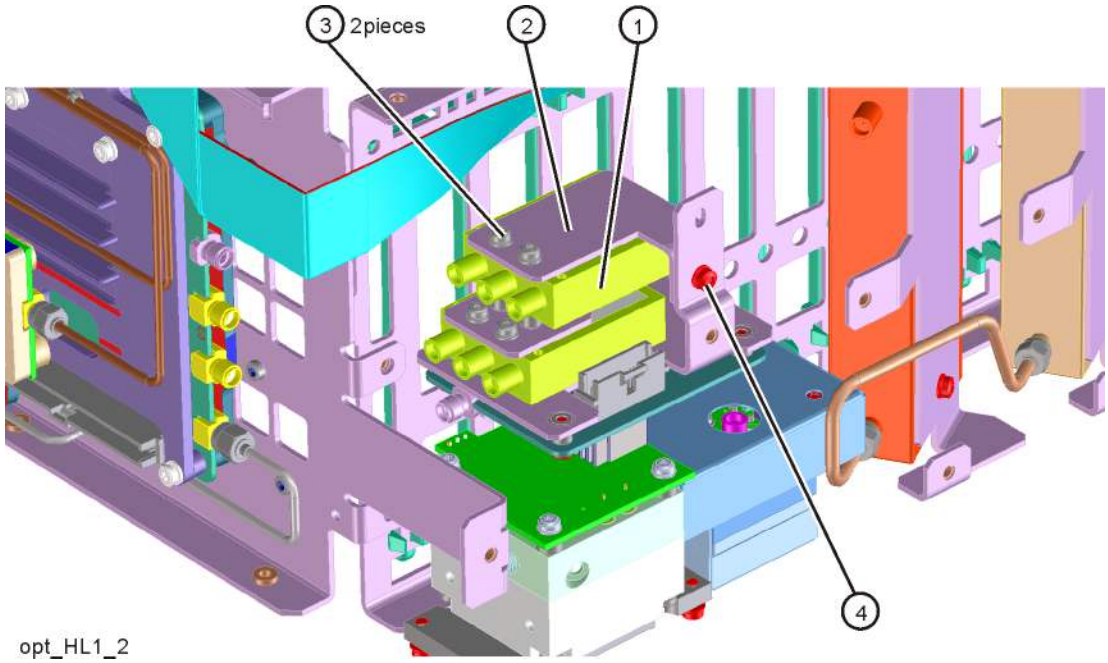
8. Refer to Figure 16-14. Disconnect the two wire harness connectors **(1)** located between the switches and the frame.

Figure 16-14 Wire Harness Disconnect



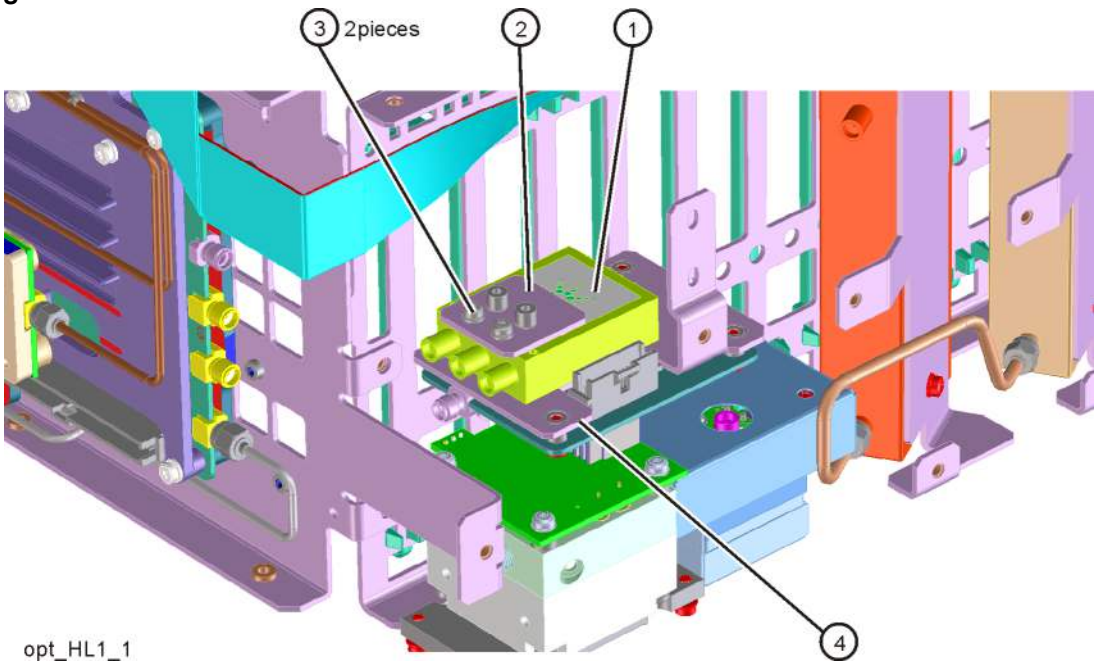
9. Refer to Figure 16-15. Remove the top switch/bracket assembly **(1)/(2)** by removing the single screw on the side **(4)** (0515-0372). To separate the switch from the bracket, remove the two top screws **(3)** (0515-0372).

Figure 16-15 Switch 2 Removal



10. Refer to Figure 16-16. Remove the bottom switch/bracket assembly **(1)/(2)** by removing the two screws on the top **(3)** (0515-1992).

Figure 16-16 Switch 1 Removal



Low Band Switch Removal

1. Refer to Figure 16-17. Remove the ribbon cable W7.
2. Remove the semi-rigid cables W6, W8, and W9 using the 5/16 inch wrench.
3. Refer to Figure 16-18. Remove the two screws **(2)** (0515-0372) using the T-10 driver. The low band switch **(1)** can now be removed from the chassis.
4. Refer to Figure 16-19. To separate the switch from the bracket, remove the four screws **(3)** (0515-0372) using the T-10 driver.

Figure 16-17 Low Band Switch Cable Removal

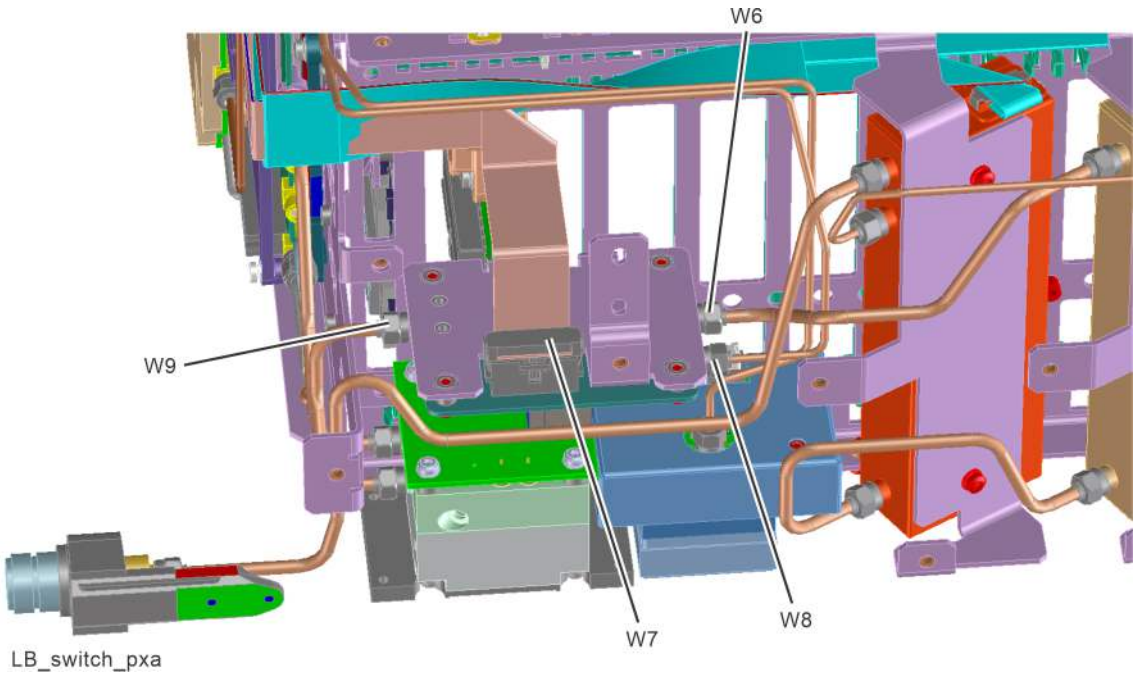


Table 16-4

Item	Keysight Part Number
W6	N9021-20315
W8	N9020-20101

Figure 16-18 Low Band Switch Bracket Removal

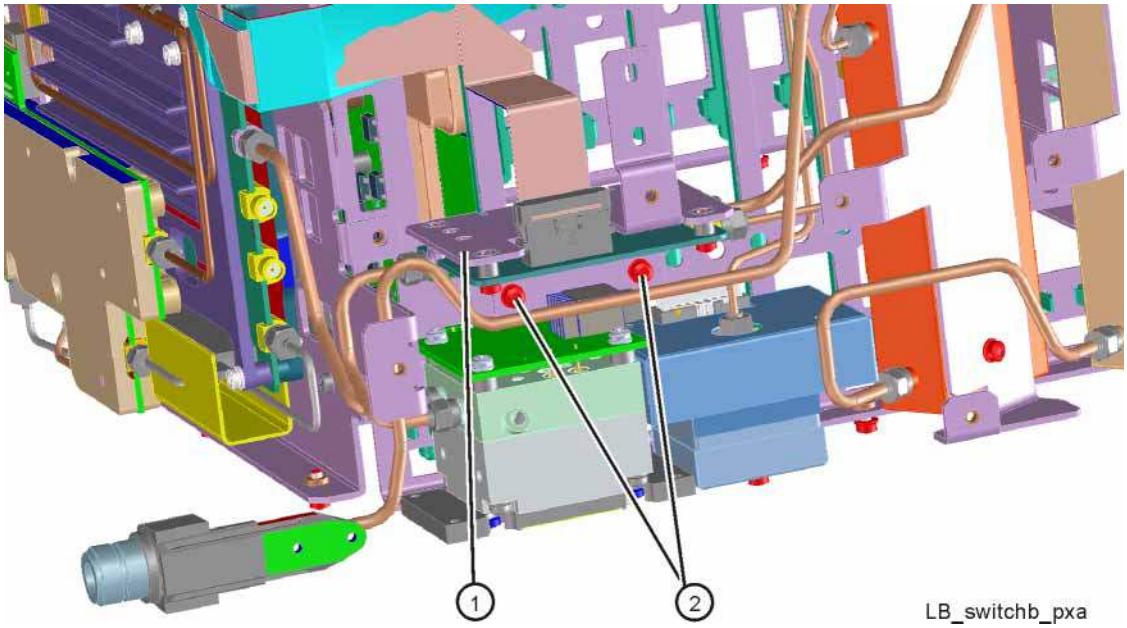
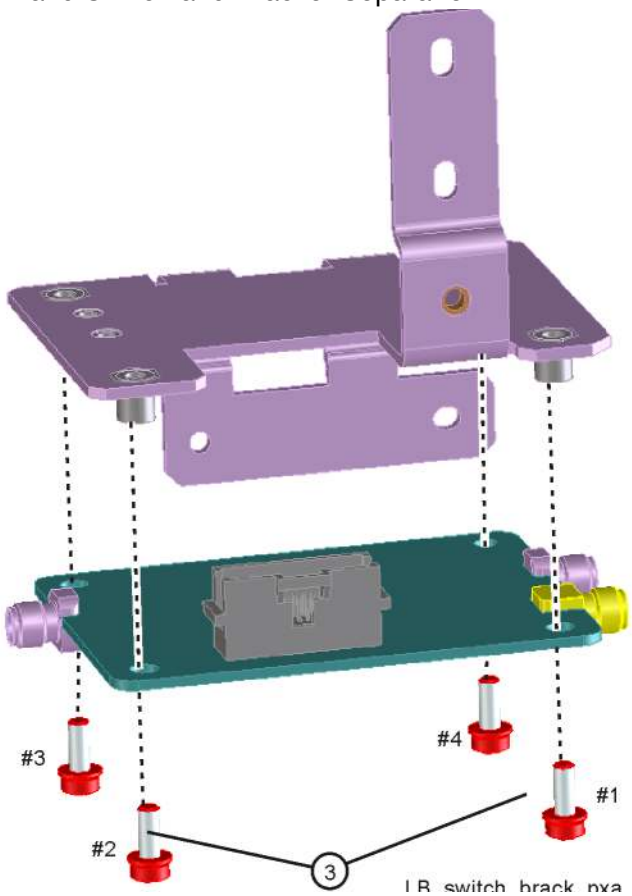


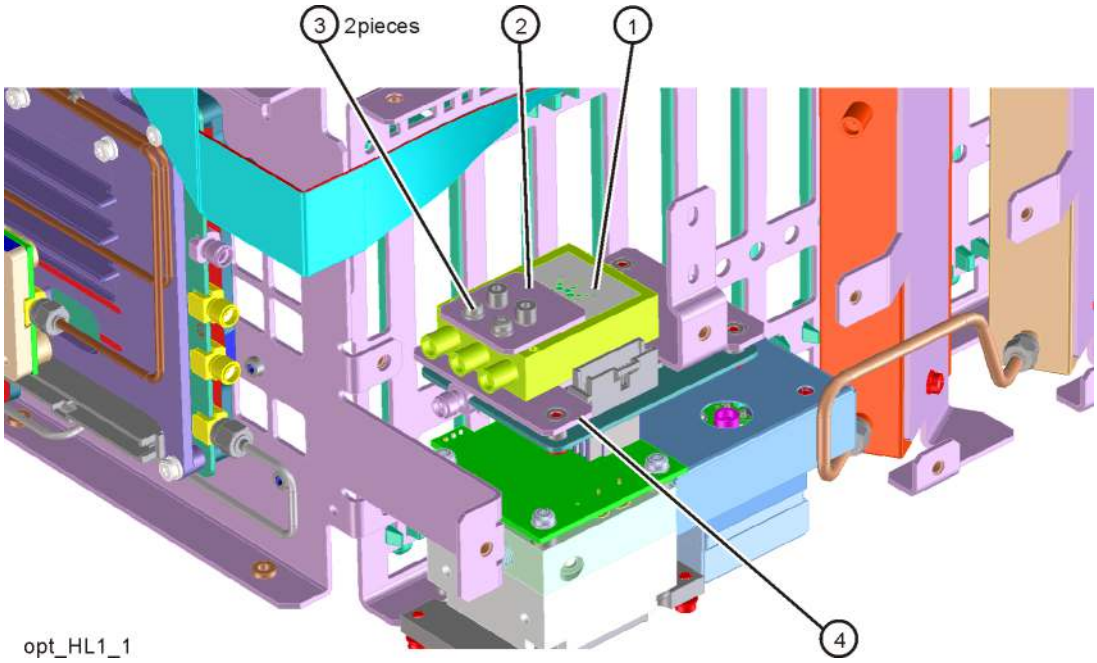
Figure 16-19 Low Band Switch and Bracket Separation



Option MPB Replacement

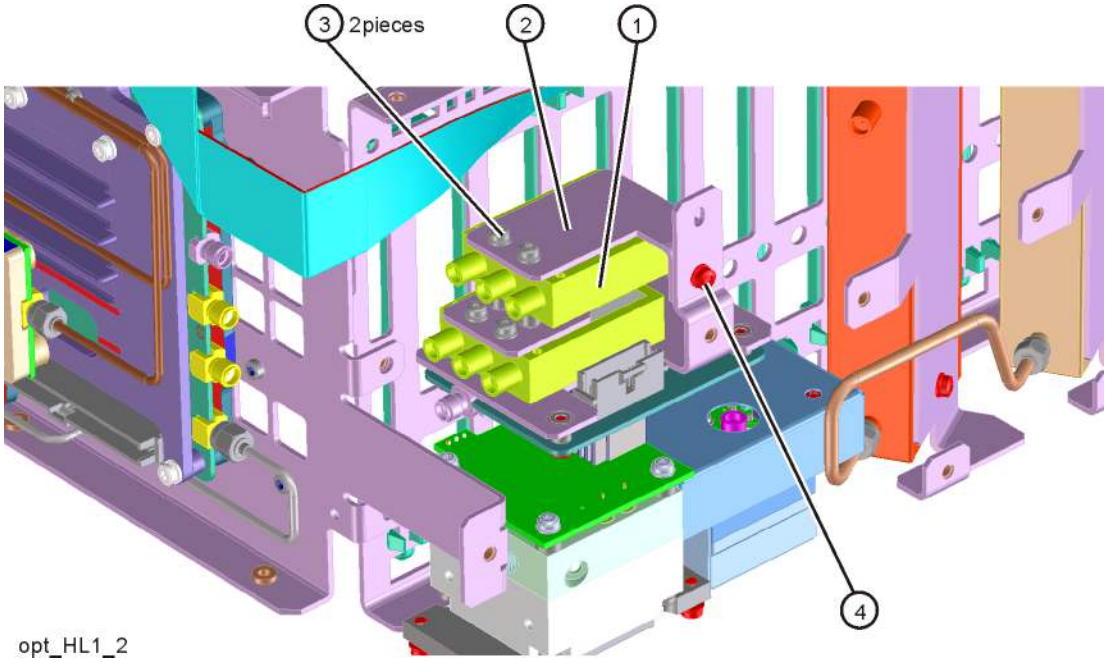
1. Refer to Figure 16-20. Place the switch/bracket assembly **(1)/(2)** on the Low Band bracket **(4)** with the label facing up. Use the two screws **(3)** (0515-1992) to attach to the Low Band bracket. Do not torque screws at this time.

Figure 16-20 Switch 1 Placement



2. Refer to Figure 16-21. Place the second switch/bracket assembly **(1)/(2)** on the bracket previously installed. Assure label on switch is facing up. To attach use the two screws **(3)** (0515-1992).

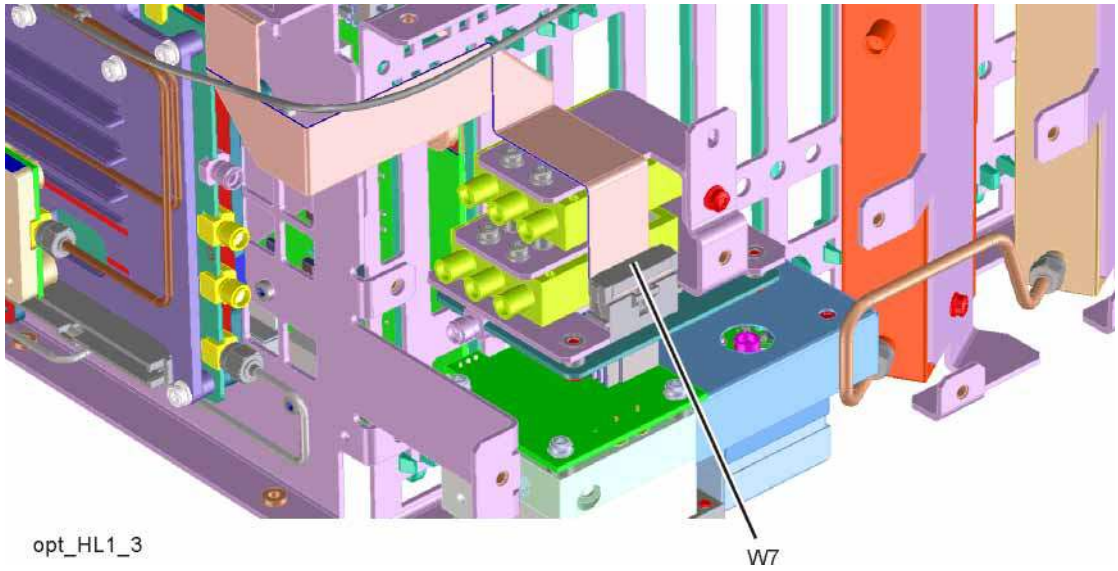
Figure 16-21 Switch 2 Placement



3. Secure the bracket to the Low Band Switch bracket with the single screw **(4)** (0515-0372). Do not torque.
4. Align switches so they are parallel with side of instrument then torque the four screws **(3)** securing the switches to the brackets to 6 in lbs. Torque the screw **(4)** that secures the switch brackets together to 9 inch-lbs.

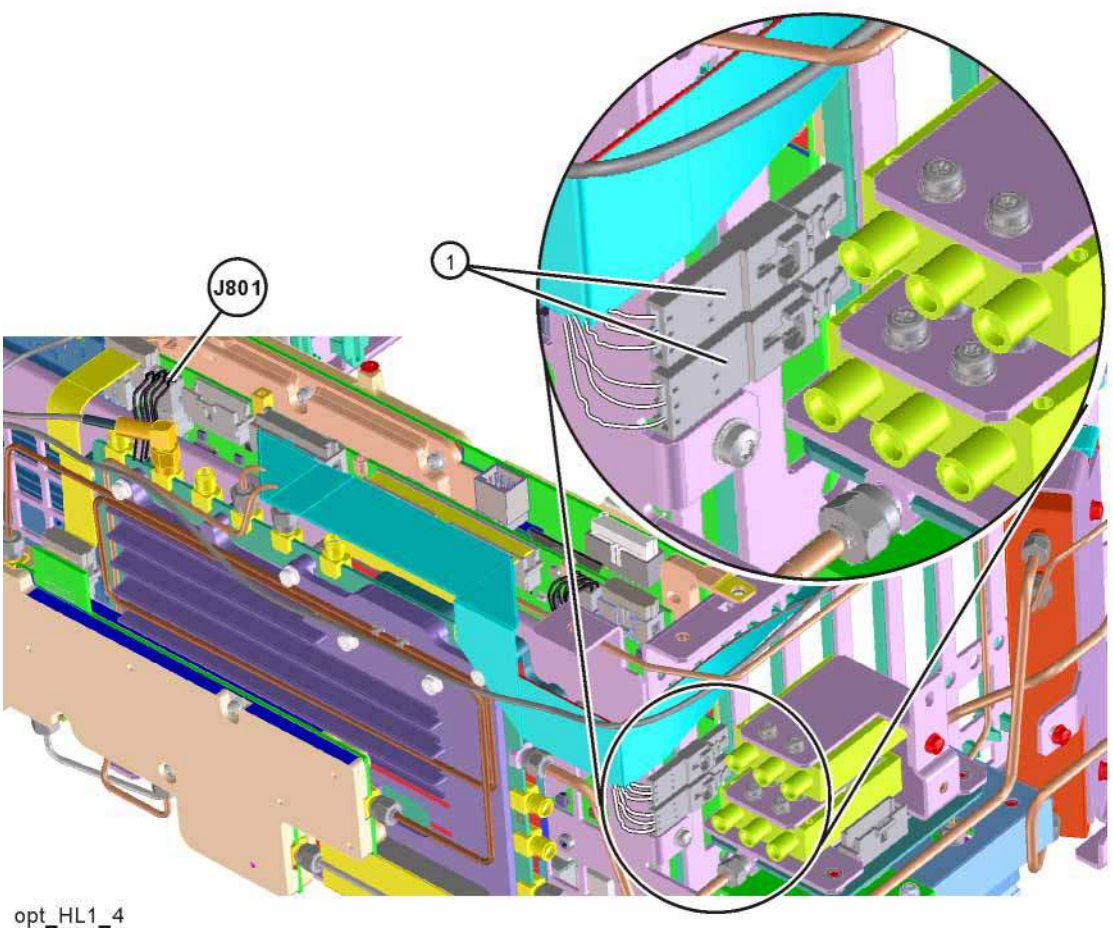
5. Refer to Figure 16-22. Route W7 over bracket and switch as shown and insert W7 connector into Low Band Switch header. Ensure the locking tabs are engaged on both sides of the connector.

Figure 16-22 W7 Routing



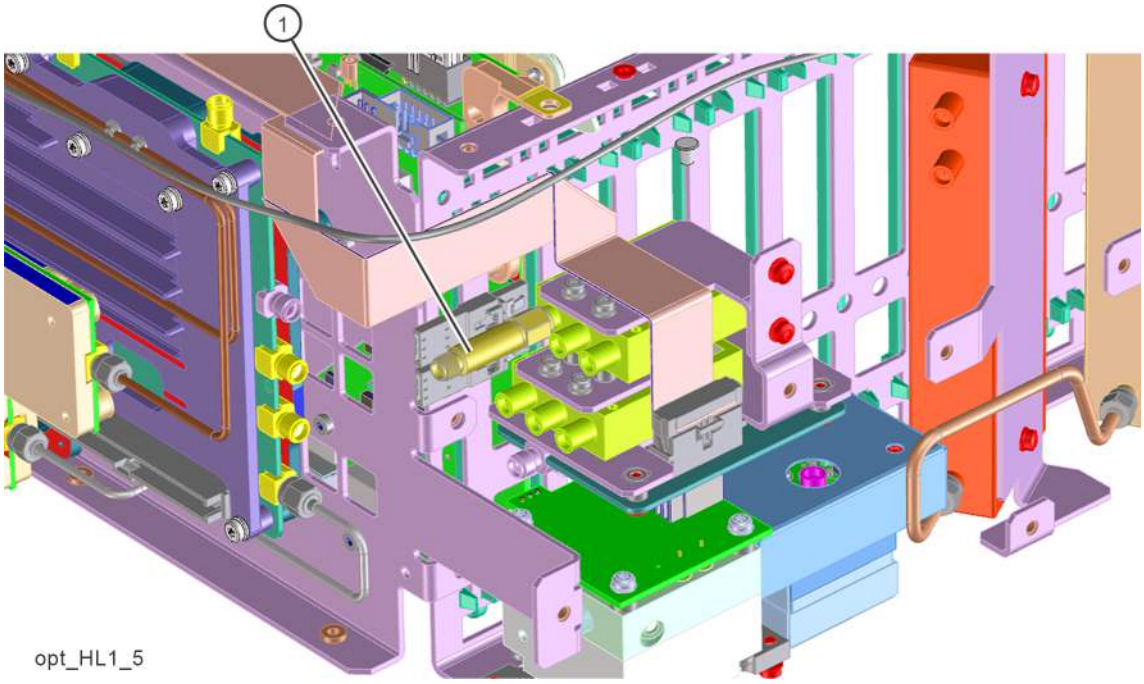
6. Refer to Figure 16-23. Reconnect the two wire harness connectors **(1)**. Once connected, position the connections along side the switches.

Figure 16-23 Wire Harness Routing



7. Refer to Figure 16-24. Attach the coaxial fixed attenuator **(1)** to switch port 1. Torque to 10 inch-lbs.

Figure 16-24 Attenuator Installation



8. Refer to Figure 16-25. Install rigid cable W13 (N9020-20210) **(1)** between attenuator (connected to center switch port 1 and bottom switch port 1. Torque to 10 inch-lbs.

Figure 16-25 W13, W15 Installation

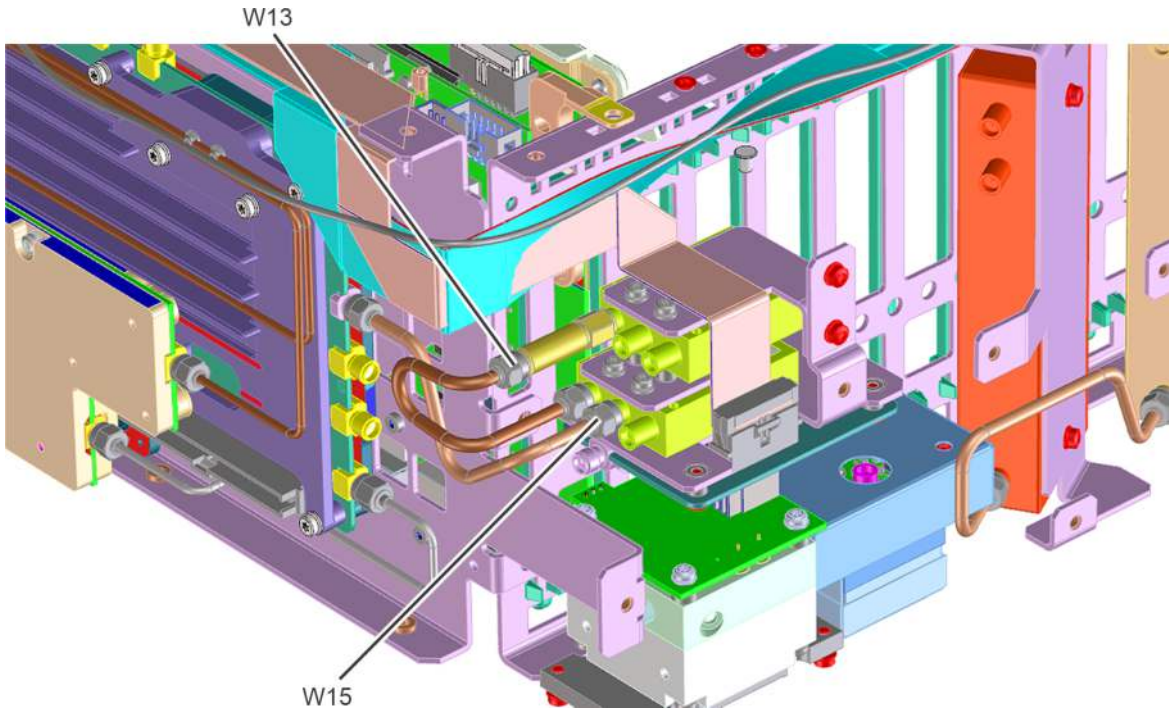


Table 16-5

Item	Keysight Part Number
W13	N9020-20210
W15	N9020-20305

9. Install rigid cable W15 (N9020-20305) **(3)** from bottom switch center port to Front End Assembly J9. Torque to 10 inch-lbs.

10. Refer to Figure 16-26.

Figure 16-26 W10, W14 Installation

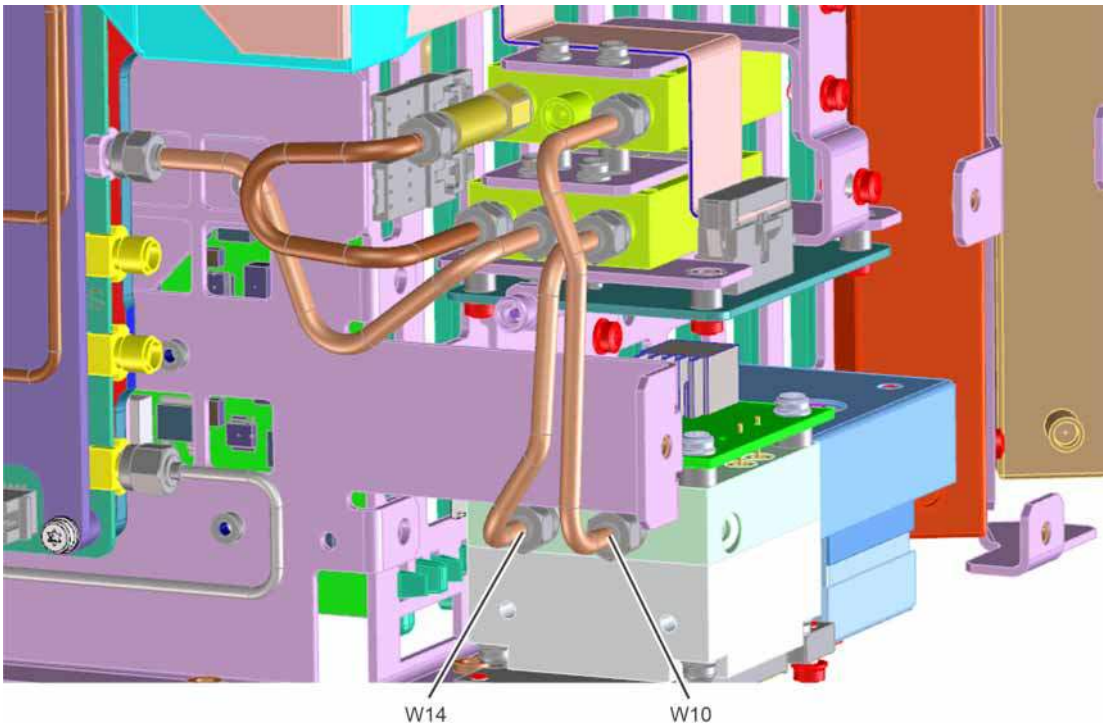


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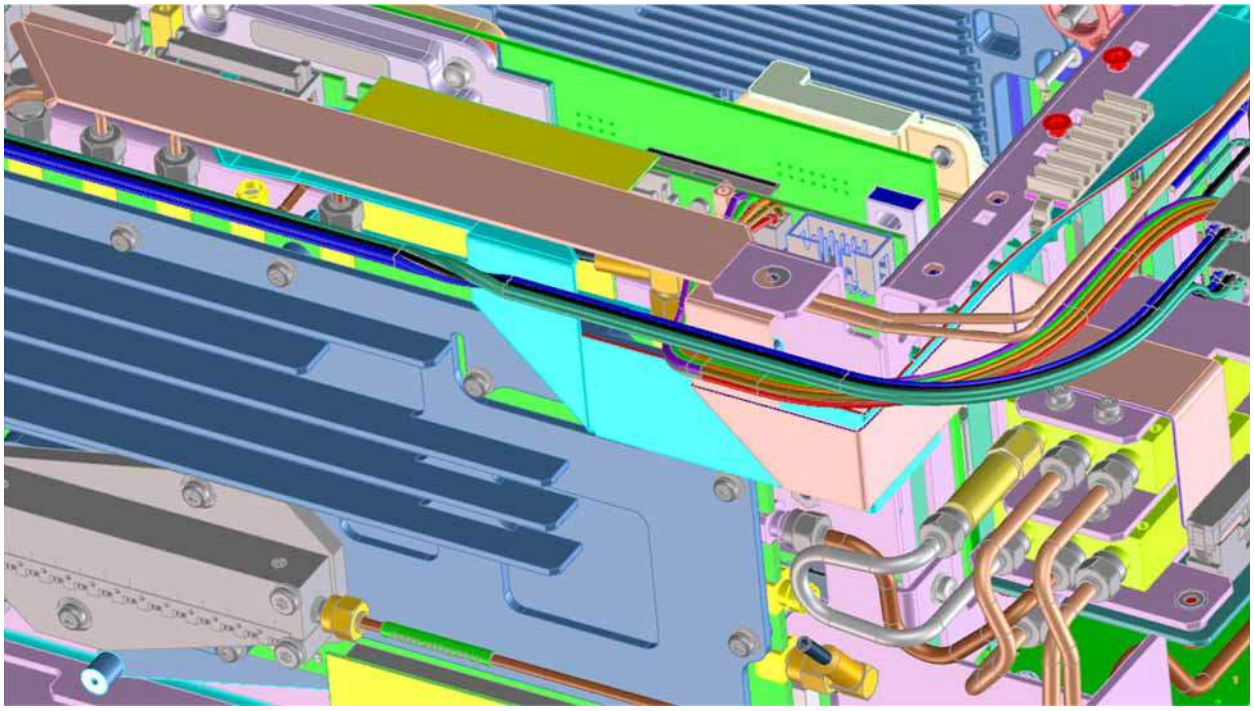
Item	Keysight Part Number
W10	E4410-20163
W14	E4410-20165

11. Install rigid cable W14 (E4410-20165) **(2)** from bottom switch port 2 to YTF Assembly as shown. Torque to 10 inch-lbs.

12. Install rigid cable W10 (E4410-20163) **(3)** from middle switch port 2 to YTF Assembly as shown. Torque to 10 inch-lbs.

13. Refer to Figure 16-27. Route all ribbon cables as shown to avoid being damaged when the top brace is installed.

Figure 16-27 Ribbon Cable Routing



14. Refer to Figure 16-7. Position the RF bracket onto the chassis and replace the sixteen screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
15. Replace the front panel. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" replacement procedure.
16. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

Low Band Switch Replacement

1. Refer to Figure 16-19. Place the switch onto the bracket and replace the four screws **(3)** (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds in the sequence shown, starting with #1.
2. Place the switch/bracket into place into the chassis and replace the two screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds starting with the screw closest to the front of the instrument.
3. Refer to Figure 16-17. Replace the semi-rigid cables W6, W8, and W9. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
4. Replace the ribbon cable W7. Ensure locking tabs on the sides of the connector are engaged.
5. Refer to Figure 16-7. Position the RF bracket onto the chassis and replace the sixteen screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
6. Replace the front panel. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" replacement procedure.
7. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

YTF Preselector

Removal

1. Refer to Figure 16-28. Remove cables W2, W10, and W14 from the YTF Preselector **(1)**.
2. Remove the wire harness W11.
3. Refer to Figure 16-29. From the bottom of the instrument, remove the four screws **(1)** (0515-0372). The YTF Preselector can now be removed from the chassis (may require lifting up slightly on the low band switch).

Figure 16-28 YTF Preselector Removal

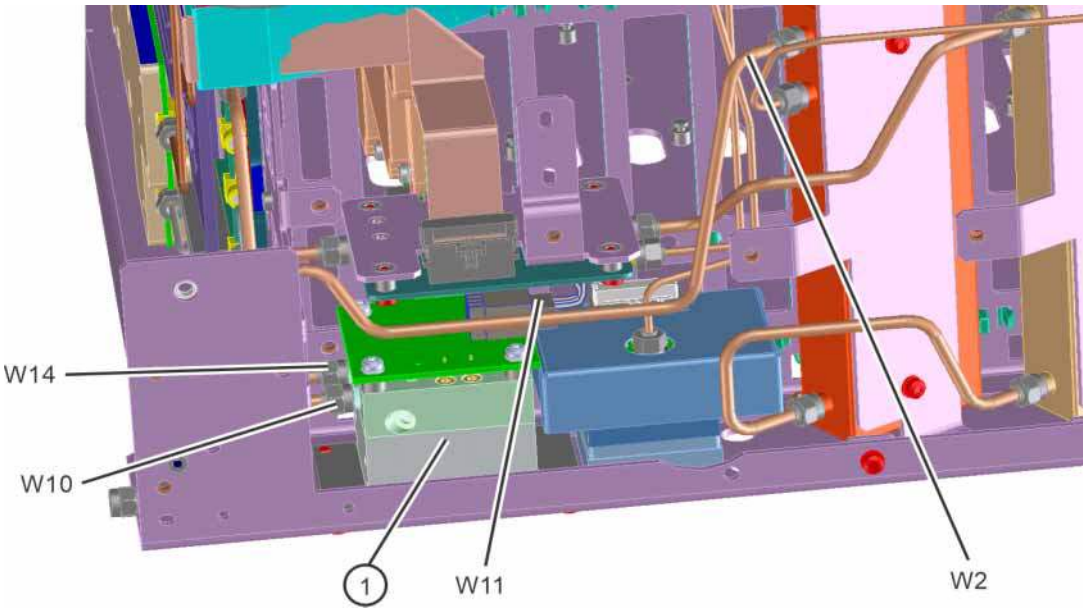
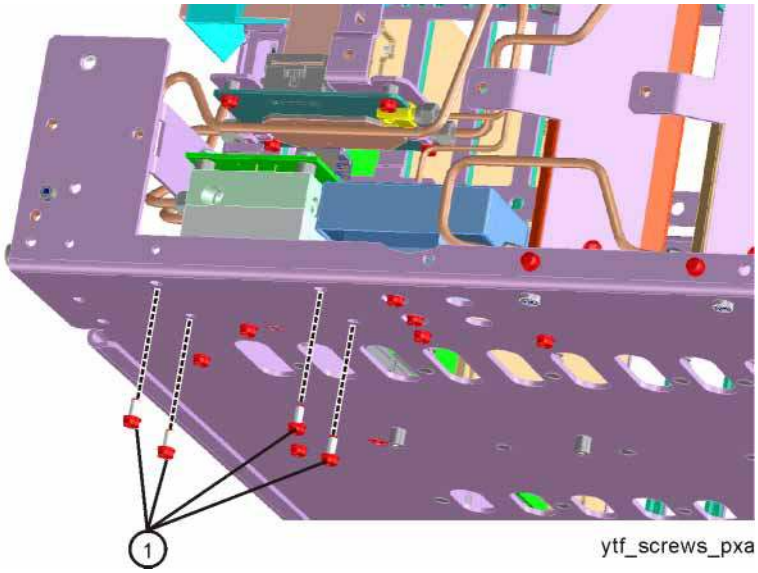


Table 16-7

Item	Keysight Part Number
W2	N9020-20100
W10	E4410-20163
W11	N9020-60059
W14	E4410-20165

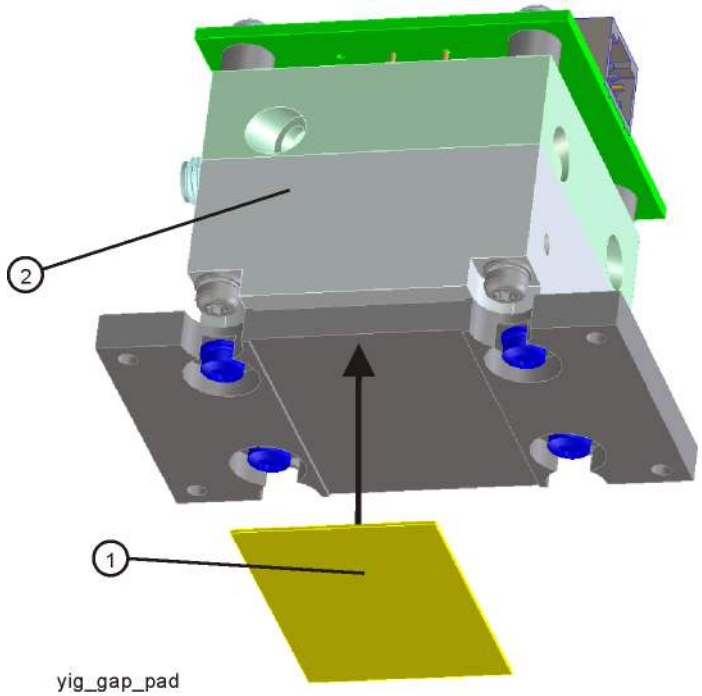
Figure 16-29 YTF Preselector Screws



Replacement

1. Inspect the chassis where the YTF Preselector mounts and remove the gap pad if present (see Figure 16-30, item **(1)**). The gap pad may remain attached to the faulty YTF Preselector.
2. Refer to Figure 16-30. Install the replacement gap pad **(1)** into the recess in the base of the replacement YTF Preselector **(2)** Refer to A12 in Chapter 15, "Replaceable Parts.". Peel back one corner of the clear plastic backing on the pink side of the gap pad. Remove the blue backing from the other side of the gap pad. Install the gap pad as shown with the pink side exposed. Carefully peel off the clear plastic backing and smooth the gap pad into the recess.

Figure 16-30 Gap Pad Installation



3. Refer to Figure 16-29. Place the YTF Preselector into the chassis with the ports toward the front of the instrument. Replace the four screws **(1)** (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
4. Figure 16-28. Replace the cables W2, W10, and W14. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
5. Replace the wire harness W11.
6. Refer to Figure 16-7. Position the RF bracket onto the chassis and replace the sixteen screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
7. Replace the front panel. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" replacement procedure.

8. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

YTO

Removal

1. Refer to Figure 16-31. Remove cable W20 from the YTO **(1)**.
2. Remove cable W4.
3. Remove the ribbon cable W23 by pulling forward on the locking latch.
4. Refer to Figure 16-32. From the bottom of the instrument, remove the two screws **(1)** (0515-0372). The YTO can now be removed from the chassis.

Figure 16-31 YTO Removal

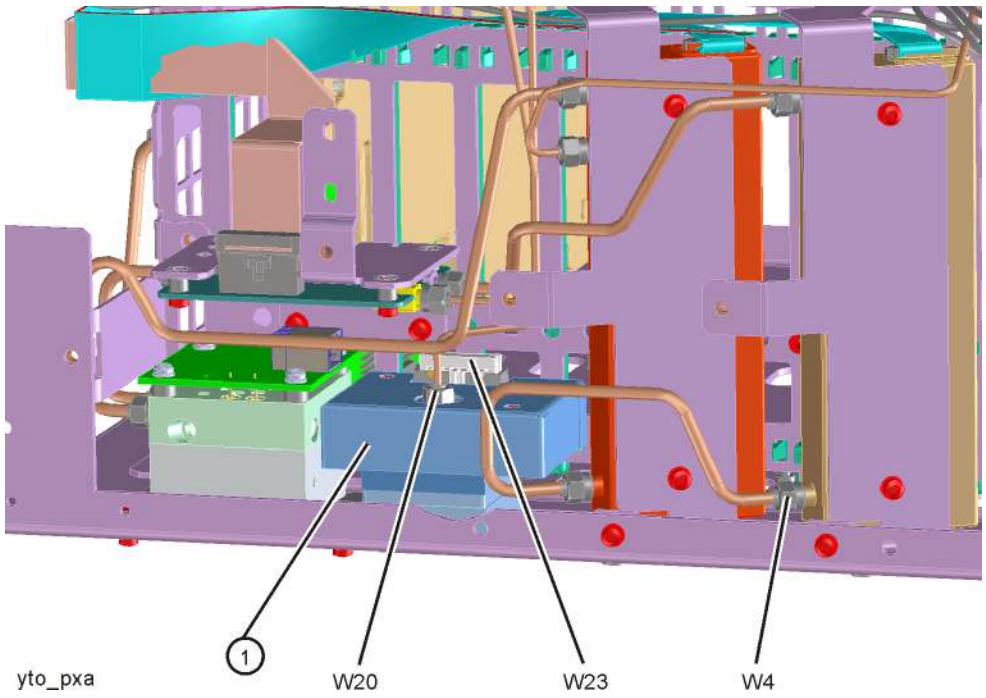
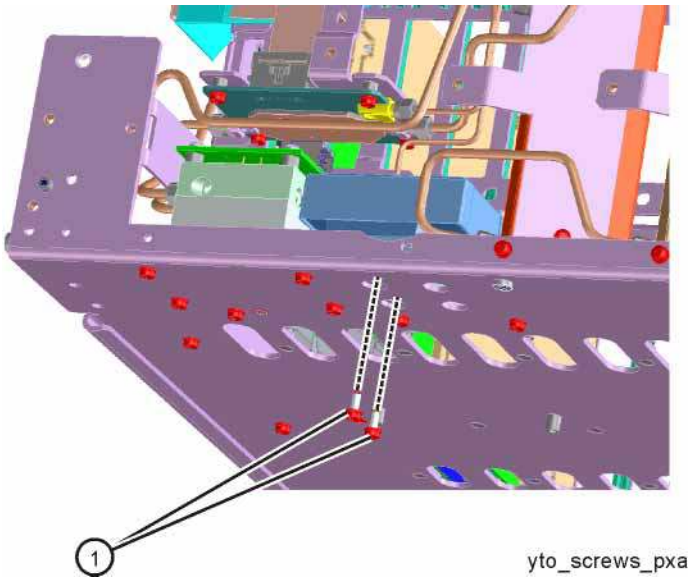


Table 16-8

Item	Keysight Part Number
W4	N9020-20025
W20	N9020-20018

Figure 16-32 YTO Screws



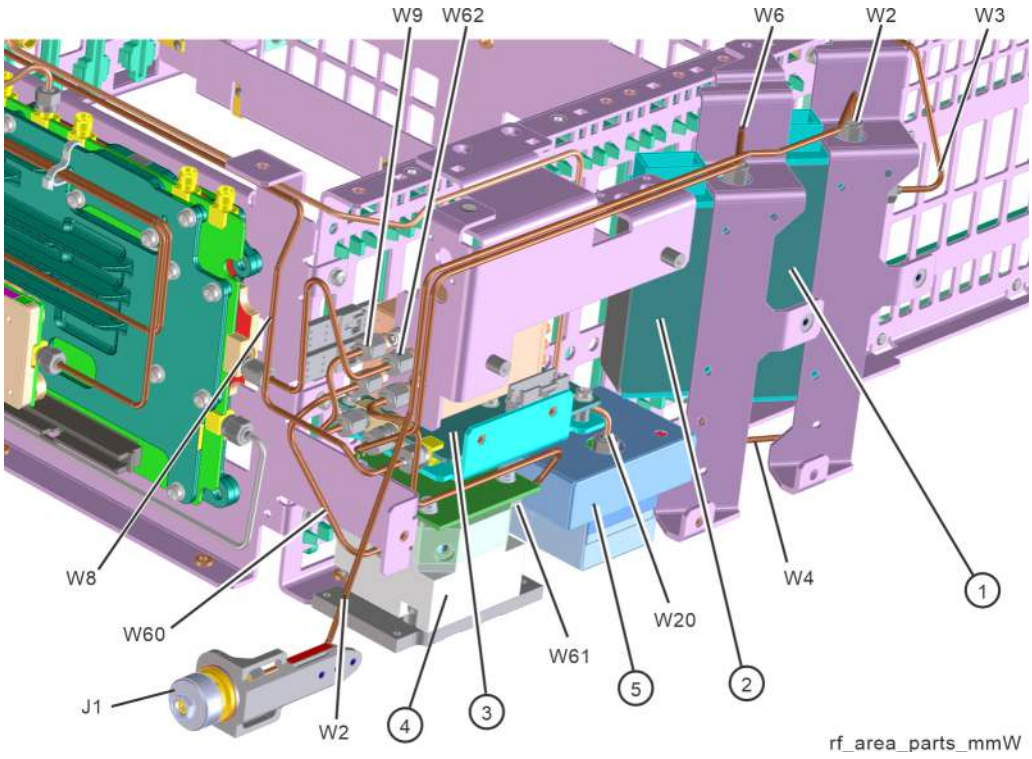
Replacement

1. Refer to Figure 16-32. Place the YTO into the chassis. Replace the two screws **(1)** (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
2. Figure 16-31. Replace the cables W4 and W20. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
3. Replace the ribbon cable W23. Ensure the locking latch is engaged.
4. Refer to Figure 16-7. Position the RF bracket onto the chassis and replace the sixteen screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
5. Replace the front panel. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" replacement procedure.
6. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

RF Area (Options 532, 544, 550)

Refer to Figure 16-33. The RF area consists of RF attenuator A **(1)**, RF attenuator B **(2)**, low band switch assembly **(3)**, YTF Preselector **(4)**, and YTO **(5)**.

Figure 16-33 RF Area Components and Cables (Options 532, 544, 550)

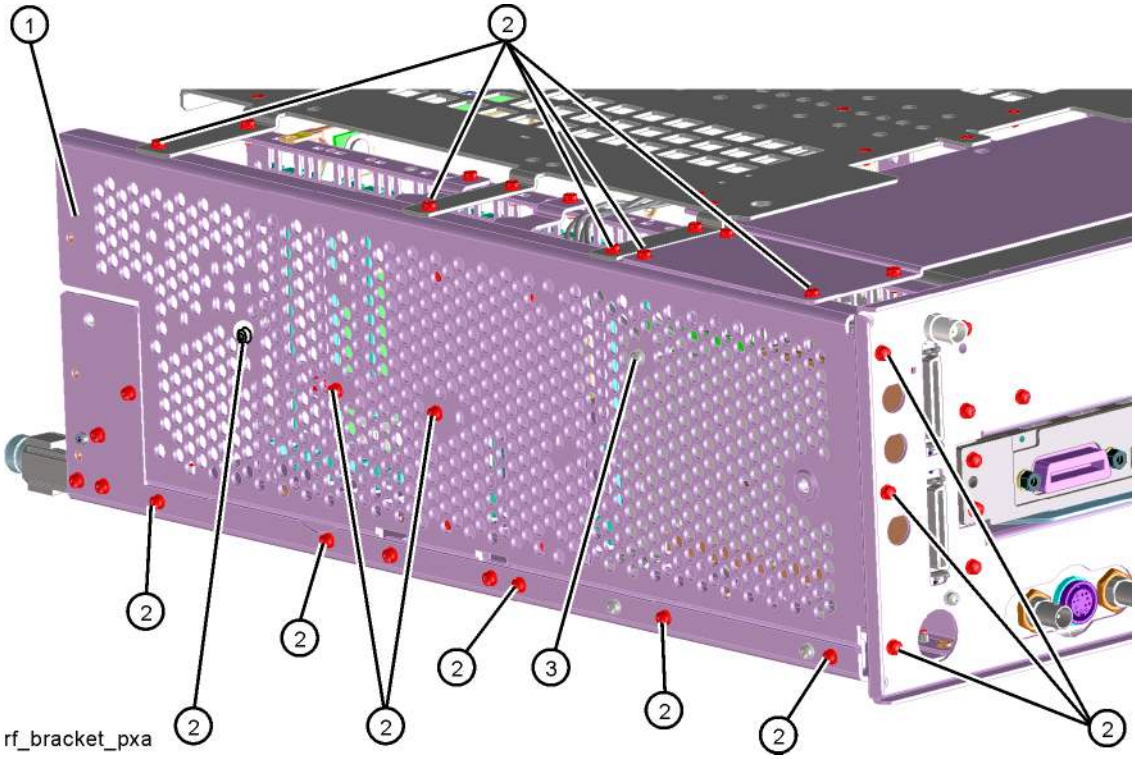


To gain access to the attenuators, low band switch, YTF Preselector, YTO, or Option MPB for removal, follow these steps:

1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" removal procedure.
2. Remove the front panel. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" removal procedure.

3. Refer to Figure 16-34. Remove the RF bracket **(1)** by removing the sixteen screws **(2)** (0515-0372) using the T-10 driver.

Figure 16-34 RF Bracket Removal



Attenuators

Removal

1. Refer to Figure 16-35. To remove Attenuator A **(1)** or Attenuator B **(2)**, remove the semi-rigid cables W2, W3, W4, or W6 attached to the attenuator using the 5/16 inch wrench.
2. Remove the ribbon cable attached to the attenuator.
3. Remove the two screws **(3)** or **(4)** (0515-0372) for each attenuator bracket to remove from the chassis using the T-10 driver.
4. Remove the attenuator and magnetic shield **(5)** or **(6)** from the bracket by removing the two screws (0515-0372).

Figure 16-35 Attenuators Removal

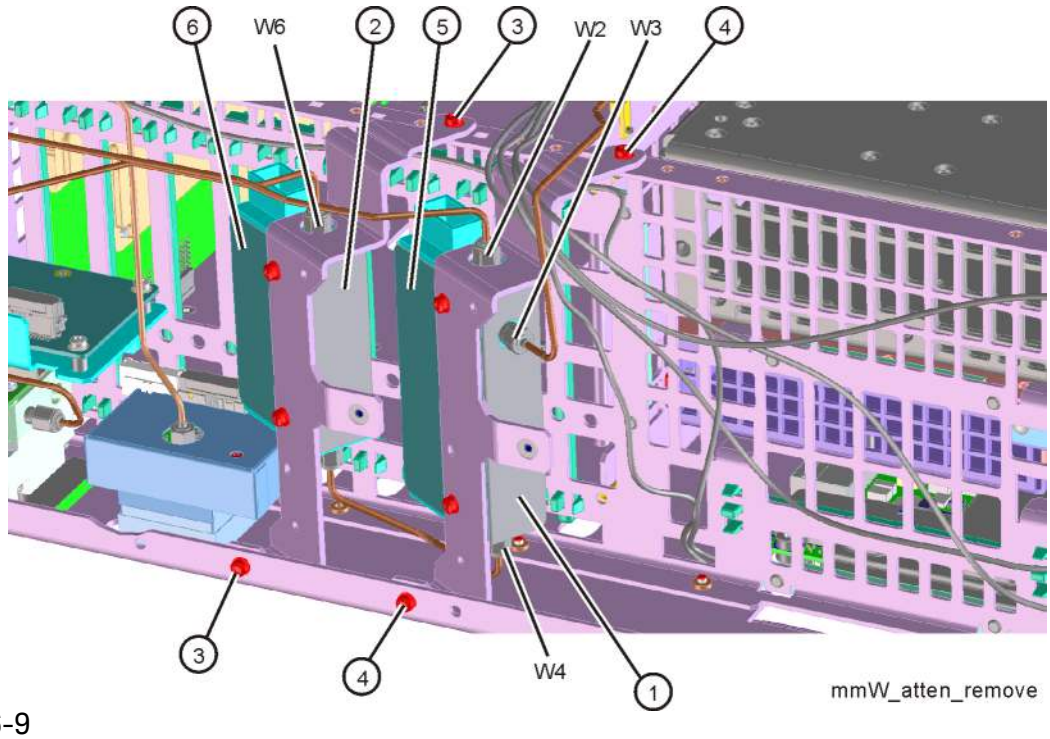


Table 16-9

Item	Keysight Part Number
W2	N9020-20100
W3	N9020-20023
W4	N9020-20025
W6	N9021-20315
5	N9020-00043
6	N9020-00044

Replacement

1. Refer to Figure 16-35. Position the attenuator and magnetic shield in the bracket so that the attenuator ribbon connector end is “up”.
2. Replace the two screws (0515-0372) that attach the attenuator to the bracket. Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
3. Position the attenuator and bracket into the chassis and attach with the two screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
4. Replace the ribbon cable and semi-rigid cables W2, W3, W4, or W6 to the attenuator. Torque the semi-rigid cables to 10 inch-pounds.
5. Refer to Figure 16-34. Position the RF bracket onto the chassis and replace the sixteen screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
6. Replace the front panel. Refer to the “Front Frame Assembly” replacement procedure.
7. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the “Instrument Outer Case” replacement procedure.

Low Band Switch

Removal

NOTE If the analyzer has hardware for Option MPB installed, perform the removal procedure for Option MPB first.

1. Refer to Figure 16-36. Remove the ribbon cable W7.
2. Remove the semi-rigid cables W6, W8, and W9 using the 5/16 inch wrench.
3. Refer to Figure 16-37. Remove the two screws **(2)** (0515-0372) using the T-10 driver. The low band switch **(1)** can now be removed from the chassis.
4. Refer to Figure 16-38. To separate the switch from the bracket, remove the five screws **(3)** (0515-0372) using the T-10 driver.

Figure 16-36 Low Band Switch Cable Removal

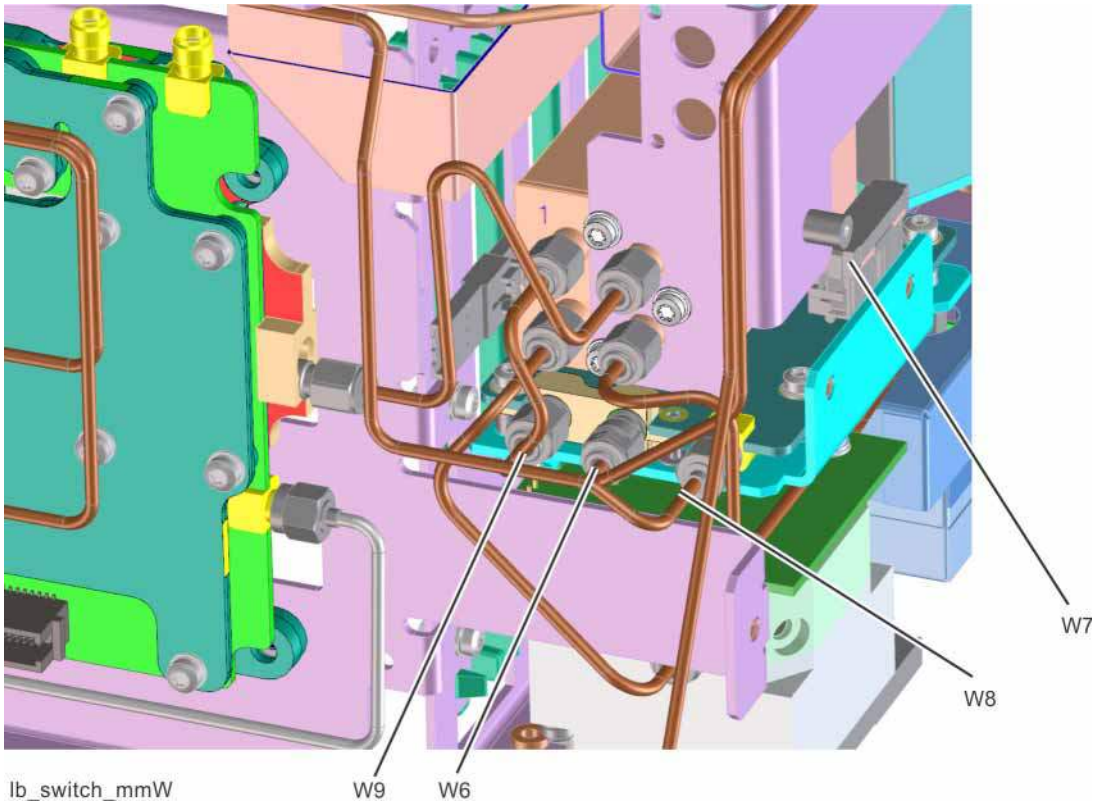


Table 16-10

Item	Keysight Part Number
W6	N9021-20315
W8	N9020-20131
W9	N9020-20314

Figure 16-37 Low Band Switch Bracket Removal

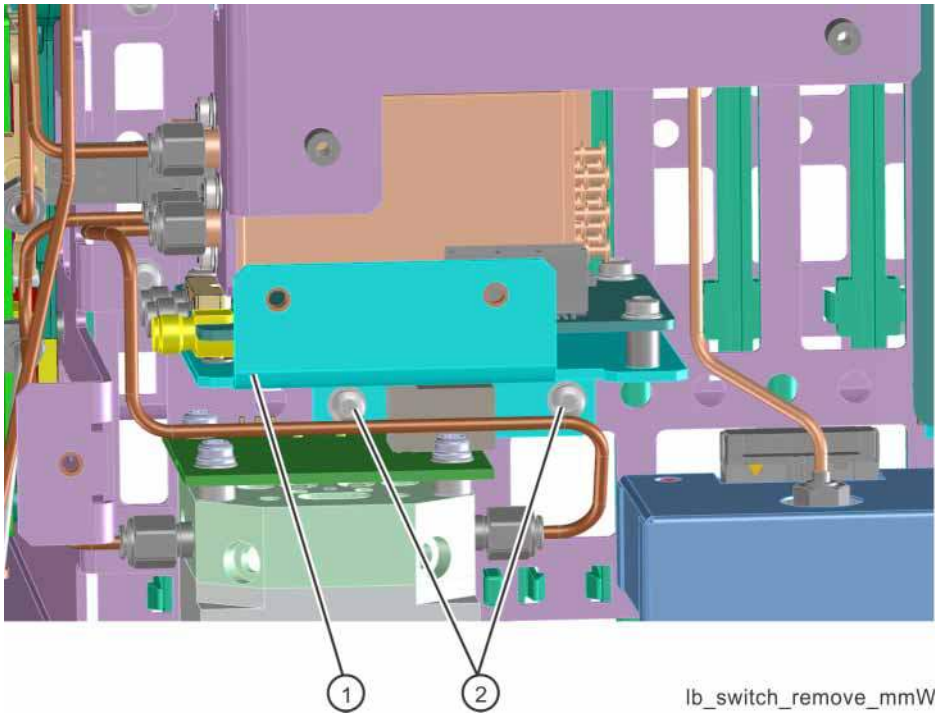
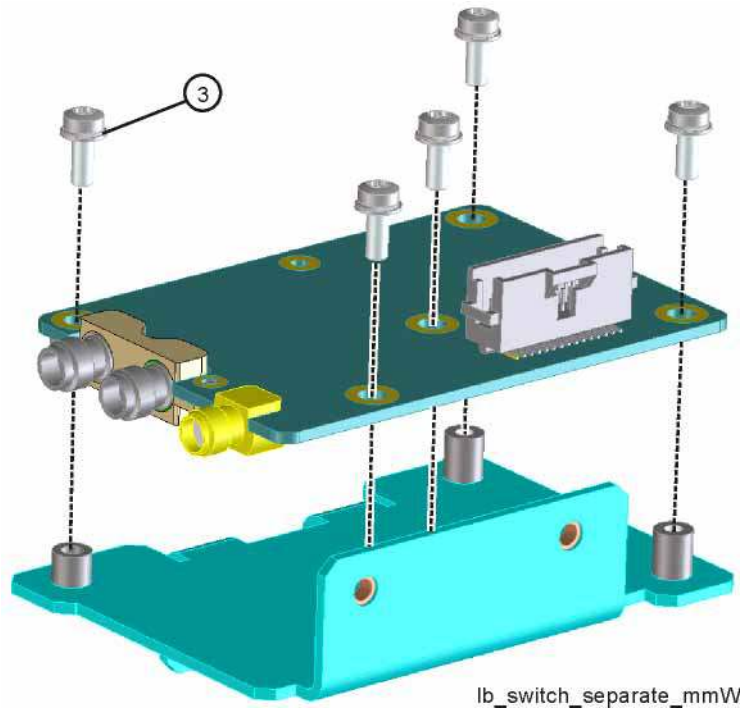


Figure 16-38 Low Band Switch and Bracket Separation



Replacement

1. Refer to Figure 16-38. Place the switch onto the bracket and replace the five screws **(3)** (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
2. Place the switch/bracket into place into the chassis and replace the two screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds starting with the screw closest to the front of the instrument.
3. Refer to Figure 16-36. Replace the semi-rigid cables W6, W8, and W9. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
4. Replace the ribbon cable W7. Ensure locking tabs on the sides of the connector are engaged.
5. Refer to Figure 16-34. Position the RF bracket onto the chassis and replace the sixteen screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
6. Replace the front panel. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" replacement procedure.
7. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

YTF Preselector

Removal

1. Refer to Figure 16-39. Remove cables W60 and W61 from the YTF Preselector **(1)**.
2. Remove the wire harness W11.
3. Refer to Figure 16-40. From the bottom of the instrument, remove the four screws **(1)** (0515-0372). The YTF Preselector can now be removed from the chassis (may require lifting up slightly on the low band switch).

Figure 16-39 YTF Preselector Removal

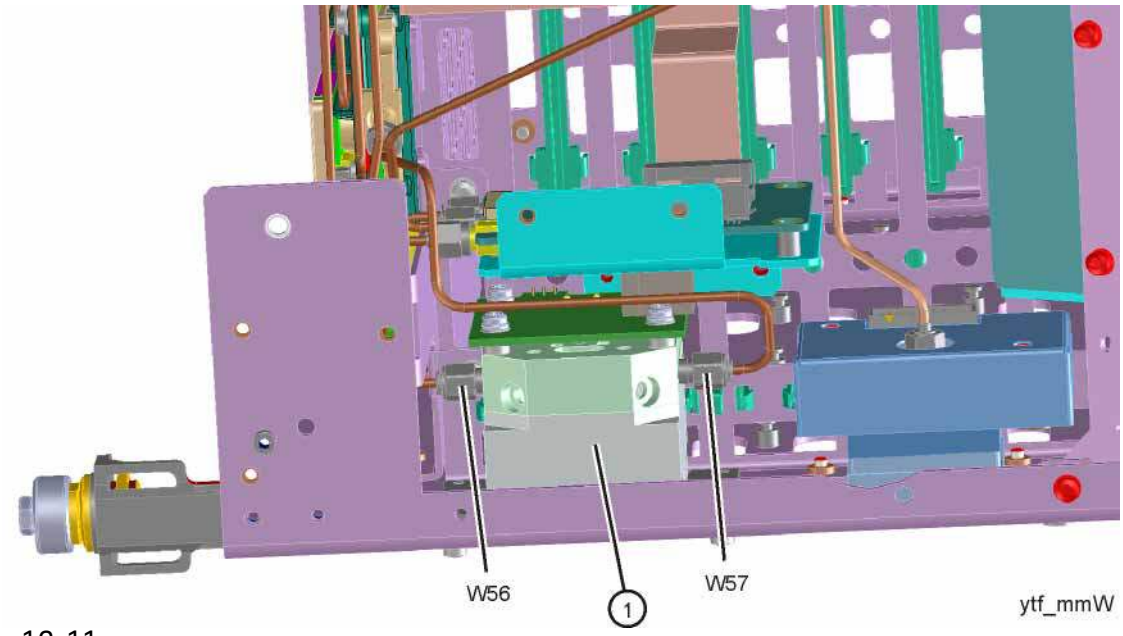
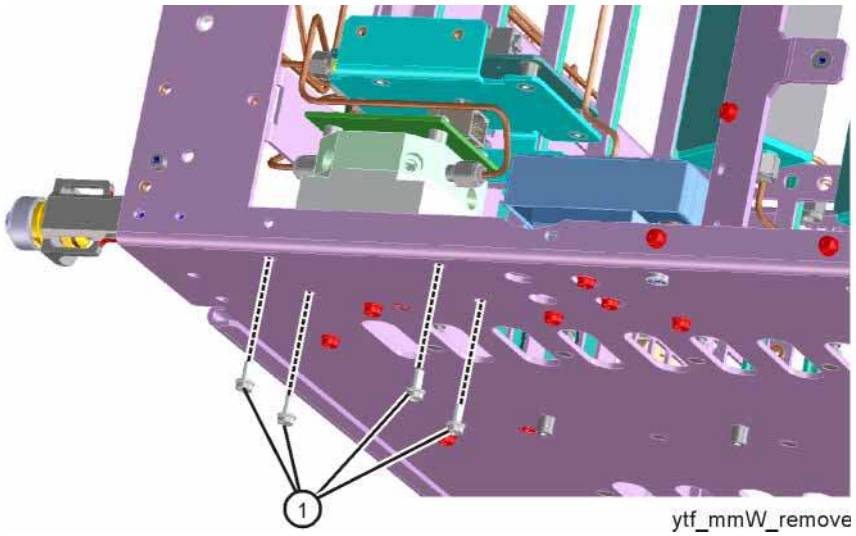


Table 16-11

Item	Keysight Part Number
W60	N9020-20128
W61	N9020-20129

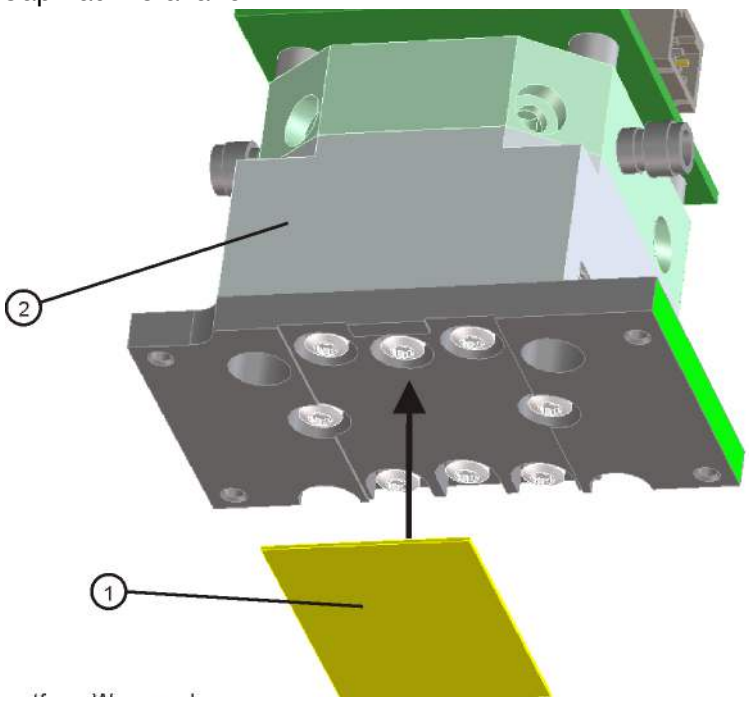
Figure 16-40 YTF Preselector Screws



Replacement

1. Inspect the chassis where the YTF Preselector mounts and remove the gap pad if present (see Figure 16-41, item **(1)**). The gap pad may remain attached to the faulty YTF Preselector.
2. Refer to Figure 16-41. Install the replacement gap pad **(1)** into the recess in the base of the replacement YTF Preselector **(2)** Refer to A12MP1 in Chapter 15, "Replaceable Parts.". Peel back one corner of the clear plastic backing on the pink side of the gap pad. Remove the blue backing from the other side of the gap pad. Install the gap pad as shown with the pink side exposed. Carefully peel off the clear plastic backing and smooth the gap pad into the recess.

Figure 16-41 Gap Pad Installation



3. Refer to Figure 16-40. Place the YTF Preselector into the chassis with the YTF control connector toward the rear of the instrument. Replace the four screws **(1)** (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
4. Figure 16-39. Replace the cables W60 and W61. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
5. Replace the wire harness W11.
6. Refer to Figure 16-34. Position the RF bracket onto the chassis and replace the sixteen screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
7. Replace the front panel. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" replacement procedure.
8. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

YTO

Removal

1. Refer to Figure 16-42. Remove cable W20 from the YTO **(1)**.
2. Remove cable W4.
3. Remove the ribbon cable W23 by pulling forward on the locking latch.
4. Refer to Figure 16-43. From the bottom of the instrument, remove the two screws **(1)** (0515-0372). The YTO can now be removed from the chassis.

Figure 16-42 YTO Removal

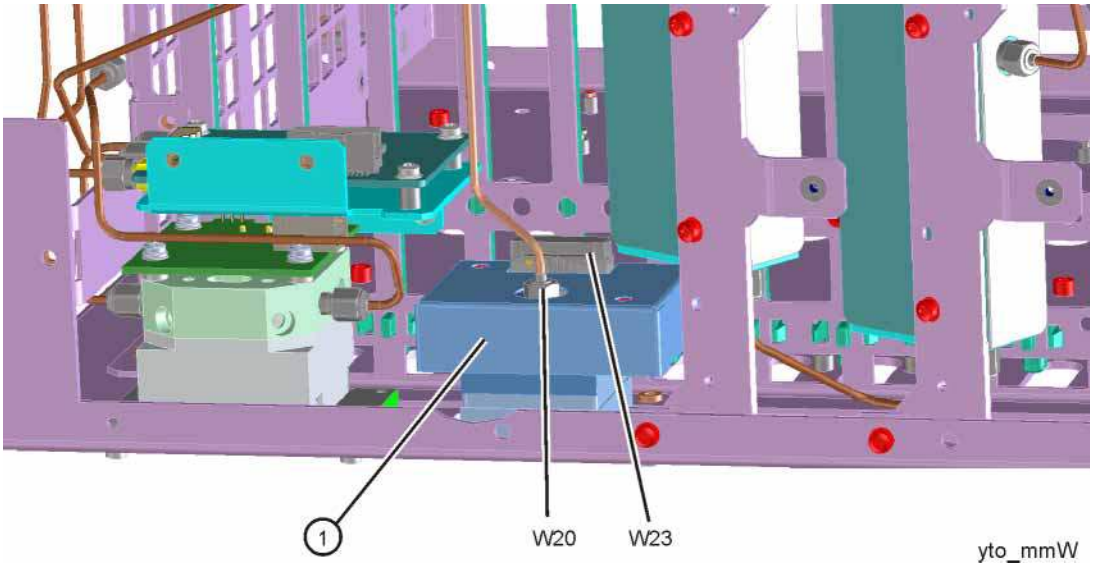
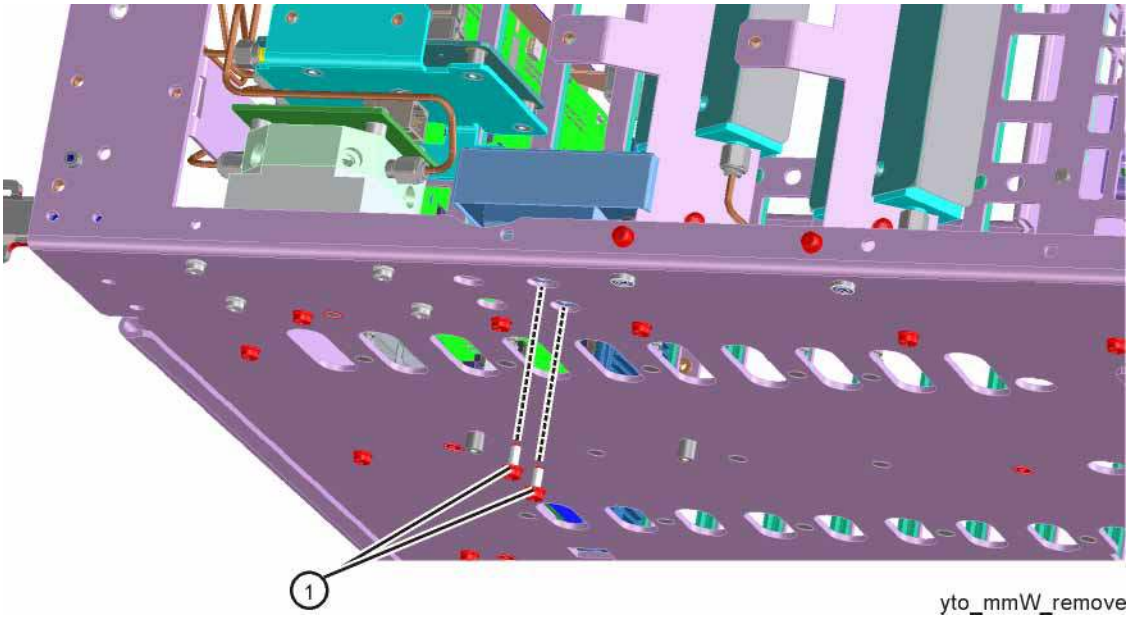


Table 16-12

Item	Keysight Part Number
W20	N9020-20152

Figure 16-43 YTO Screws



Replacement

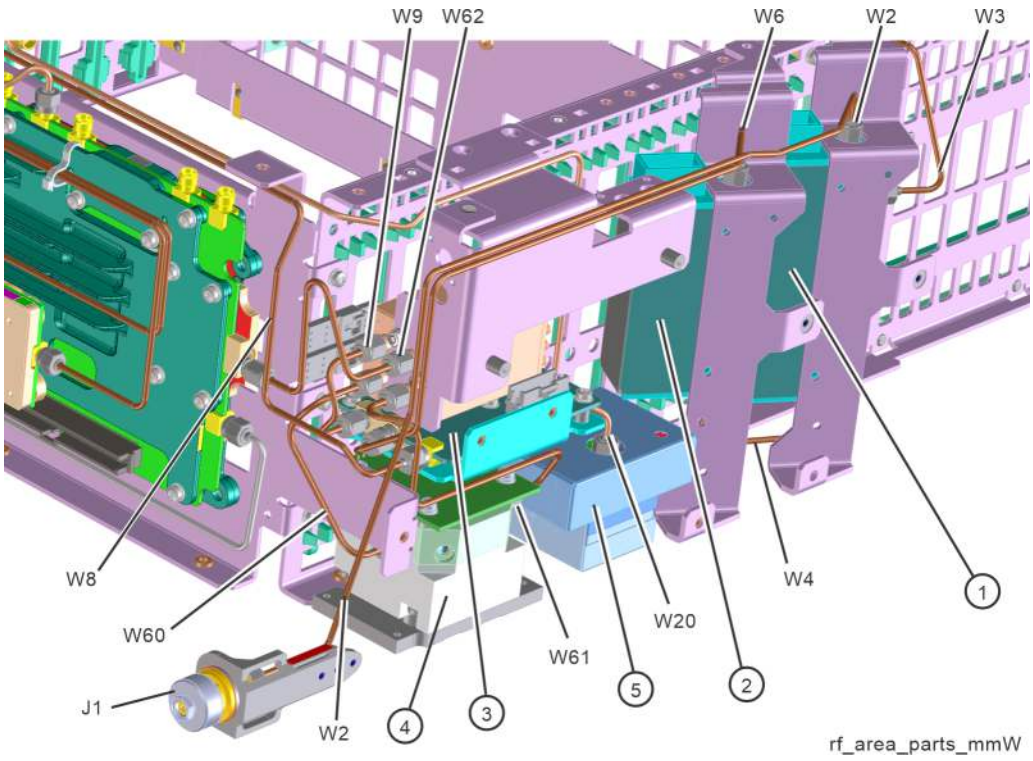
1. Refer to Figure 16-43. Place the YTO into the chassis. Replace the two screws **(1)** (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
2. Figure 16-42. Replace the cables W20. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
3. Replace the ribbon cable W23. Ensure the locking latch is engaged.
4. Refer to Figure 16-34. Position the RF bracket onto the chassis and replace the sixteen screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
5. Replace the front panel. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" replacement procedure.
6. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

Option MPB

Removal

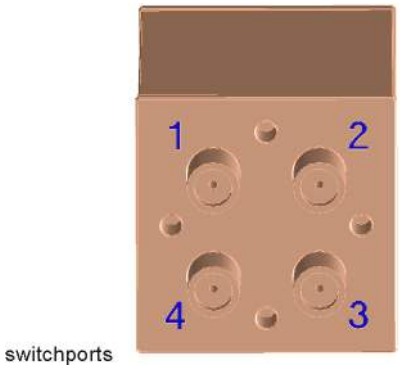
1. Refer to Figure 16-44. Remove semi-rigid cable W20 (N9020-20152) from the YTO to the Front End Assembly J4.

Figure 16-44 RF Area (Options 532, 544, 550 with Option MPB)



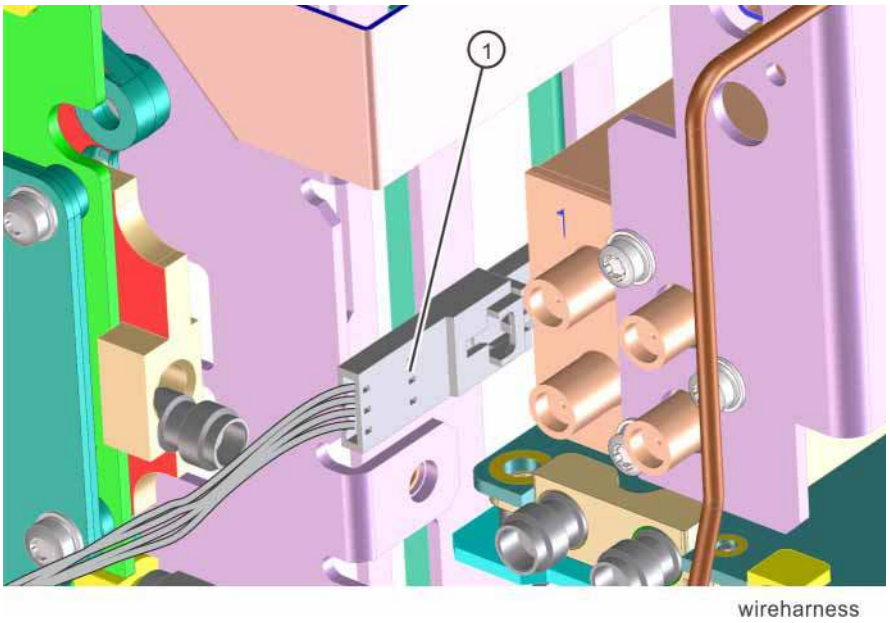
2. Remove semi-rigid cable W8 (N9020-20131) from Low Band Switch J2 to Front End Assembly J2.
3. Remove semi-rigid cable W62 (N9020-20130) from Transfer Switch Port 2 to Front End Assembly J9.

Figure 16-45 Transfer Switch Ports



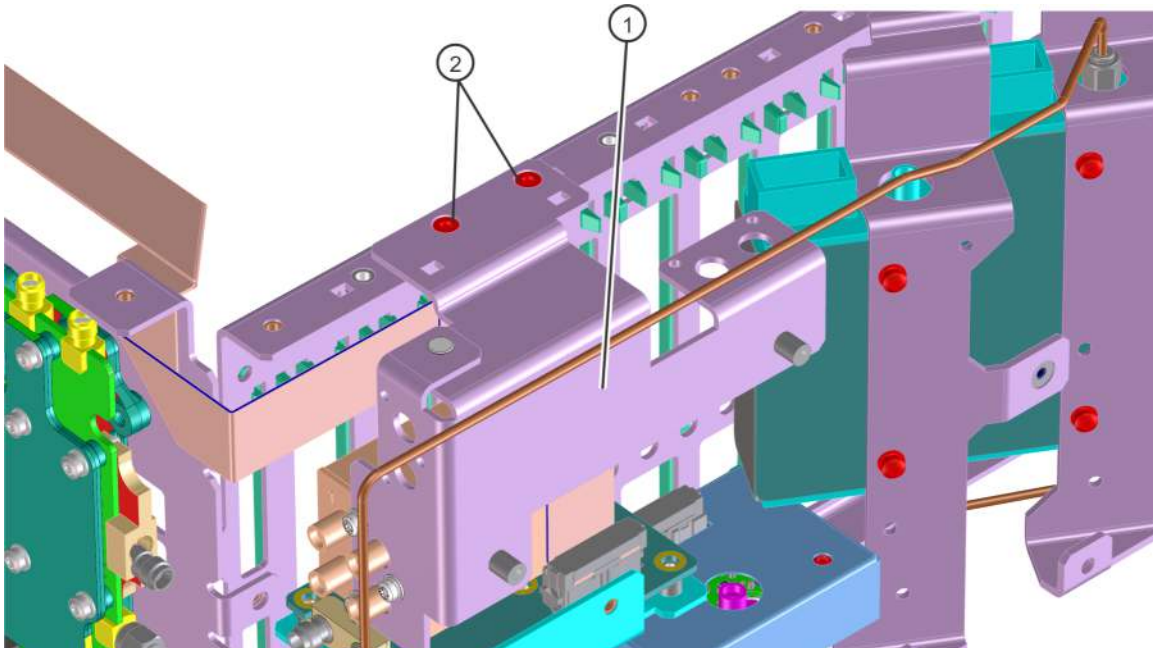
4. Remove semi-rigid cable W6 (N9020-20315) from Attenuator B output to Low Band Switch J1.
5. Remove semi-rigid cable W61 (N9020-20129) from Transfer Switch Port 3 to YTF input.
6. Remove semi-rigid cable W9 (N9020-20314) from Low Band Switch J3 to Transfer Switch Port 1.
7. Remove semi-rigid cable W60 (N9020-20128) from YTF output to Transfer Switch Port 4.
8. Refer to Figure 16-46. Disconnect the wire harness connector **(1)** located between the switch and the frame.

Figure 16-46 Wire Harness Disconnect



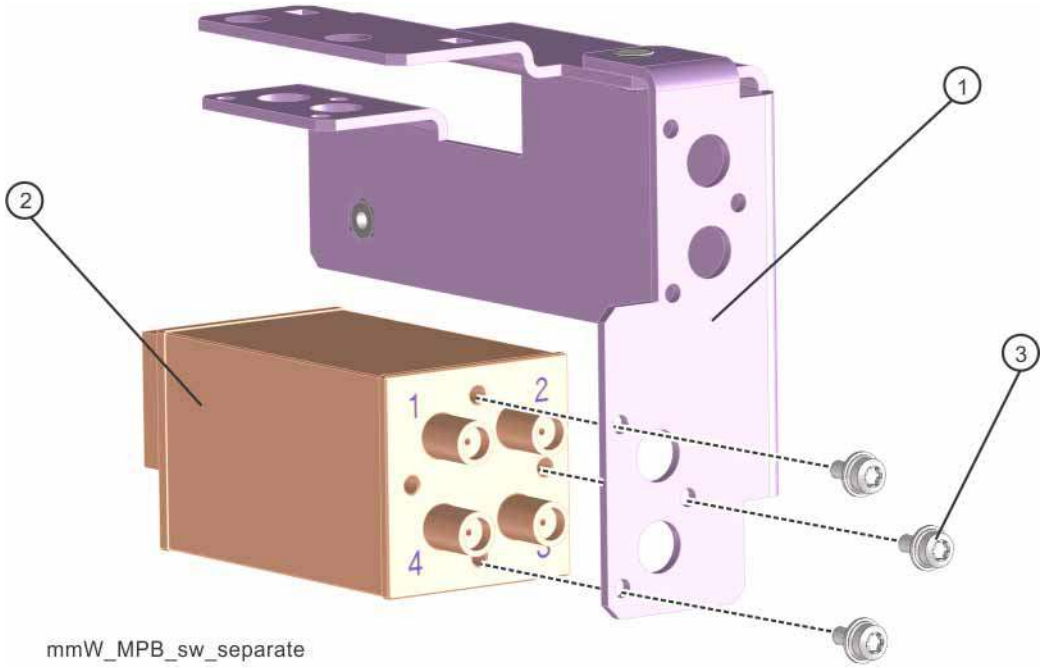
9. Refer to Figure 16-47. Remove the switch assembly **(1)** by removing the two screws (0515-2032) at the frame **(2)**.

Figure 16-47 Switch Assembly Removal



10. Refer to Figure 16-48. To separate the switch **(2)** from the bracket **(1)** (N9020-00021), remove the three screws **(3)** (0515-1934).

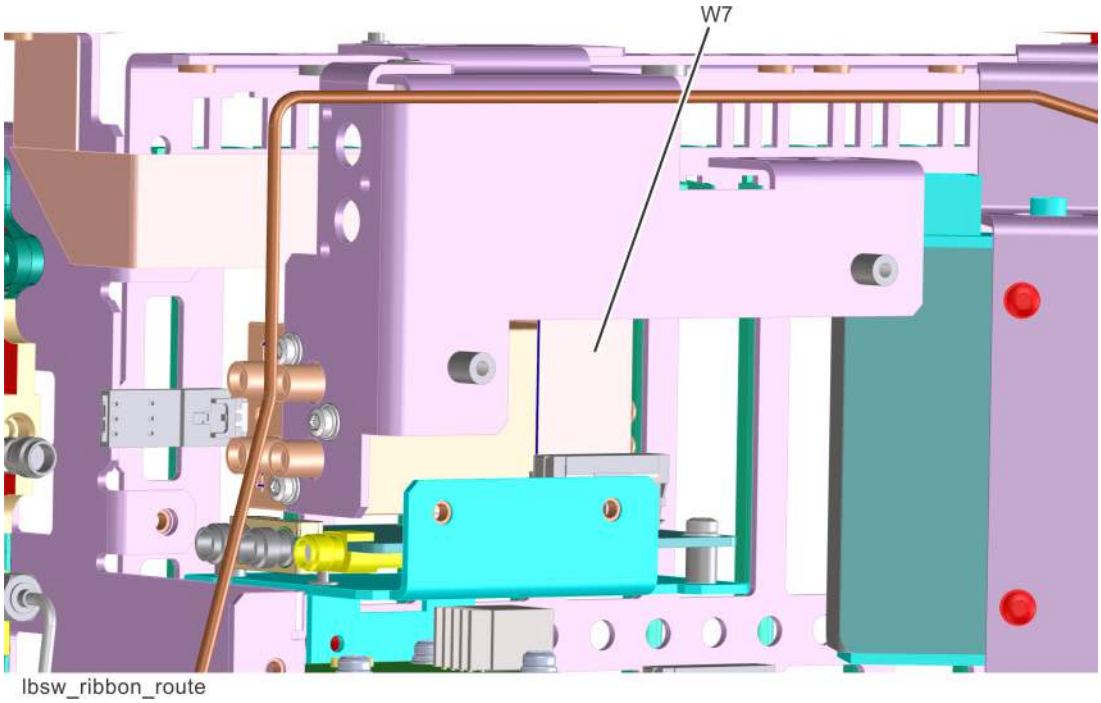
Figure 16-48 Bracket Mount to Switches



Replacement

1. Refer to Figure 16-48. Attach switch **(2)** to bracket with three screws 0515-1934. Torque to 6 inch-lbs.
2. Refer to Figure 16-47. Place the switch/bracket assembly into the frame and secure with the two screws 0515-2032. Torque to 9 inch-lbs.
3. Refer to Figure 16-49. Route W7 in between above the switch and between the switch and the bracket as shown and insert W7 into the Low Band Switch header. Ensure the locking tabs are engaged on both sides of the connector.

Figure 16-49 W7 Routing



4. Reconnect the wire harness connector. Once connected, position the connections along side the switch as shown in Figure 16-46.
5. Refer to Figure 16-44. Replace cable W60 (N9020-20128) between Transfer Switch Port 4 to YTF. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
6. Replace cable W9 (E4410-20161) between Low Band Switch J3 to Transfer Switch Port 1. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
7. Replace cable W61 (N9020-20129) between Transfer Switch Port 3 to YTF input. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
8. Replace cable W6 (N9020-20315) between Attenuator B output to Low Band Switch J1. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
9. Replace cable W62 (N9020-20130) between Transfer Switch Port 2 to YTF output. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
10. Replace cable W8 (N9020-20131) between Low Band Switch J2 to Front End Assembly J2. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
11. Replace cable W20 (N9020-20152) between YTO to Front End Assembly J4. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
12. Route all ribbon cables to avoid being damaged when the top brace is installed.
13. Refer to Figure 16-34. Position the RF bracket onto the chassis and replace the sixteen screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
14. Replace the front panel. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" replacement procedure.
15. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

RF Front End Assembly

Removal

1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" removal procedure.
2. Remove the instrument top brace. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket"removal procedure.
3. Remove the front panel. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" removal procedure.
4. Refer to Figure 16-51. Using the 5/16 inch wrench, remove the cables attached to A13A1J1, A13A1J2, A13A1J4, A13A1J5, A13A1J6, A13A1J7, A13A1J9 on the RF Front End Assembly. If the analyzer has Option EXM, remove the cables attached to A13A1J8 and A13A1J13 also.
5. Remove the W22 and W28 ribbon cables from Front End Controller board connectors J102 and J1300. The ribbon cables then can be removed from the Front End Assembly connectors A13A1J12 and A13A2J1 once it is out of the instrument. W28 will only be present on newer analyzers.
6. Remove the four screws **(1)** (0515-0372) using the T-10 driver. The RF Front End Assembly can now be removed from the chassis.

Figure 16-50 RF Front End Assembly Removal - Microwave

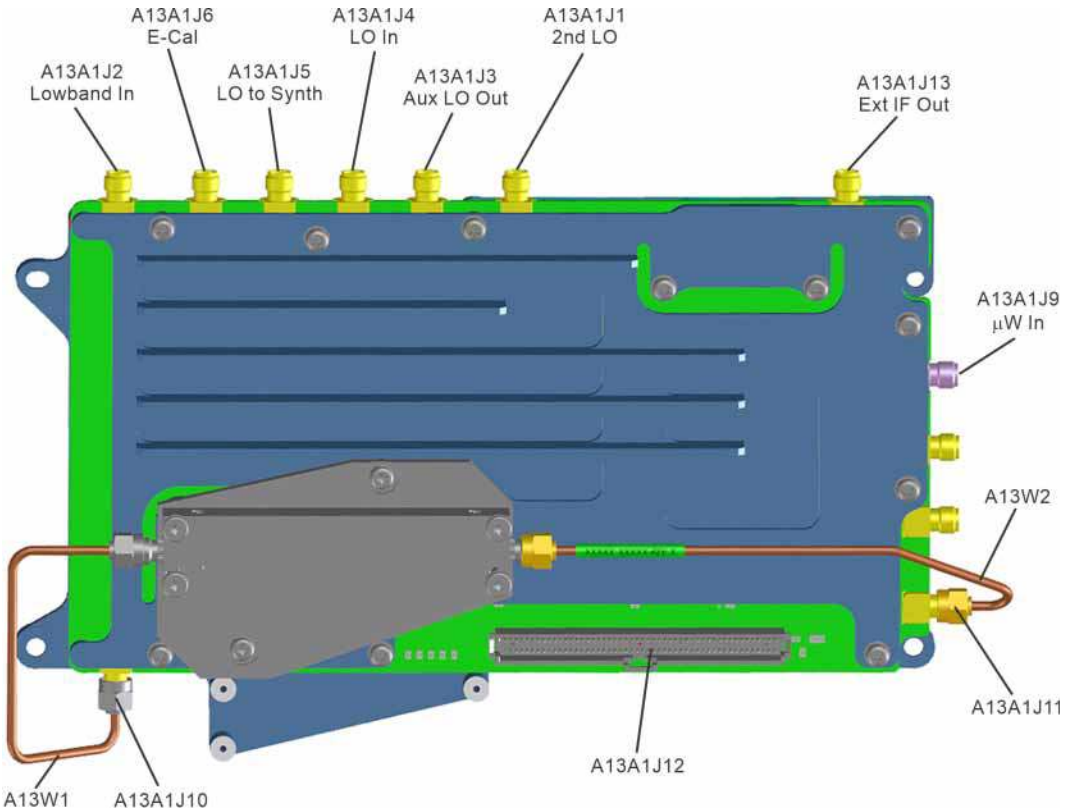


Figure 16-51 RF Front End Assembly Removal - Millimeter Wave (Serial Prefix <MY/SG6334)

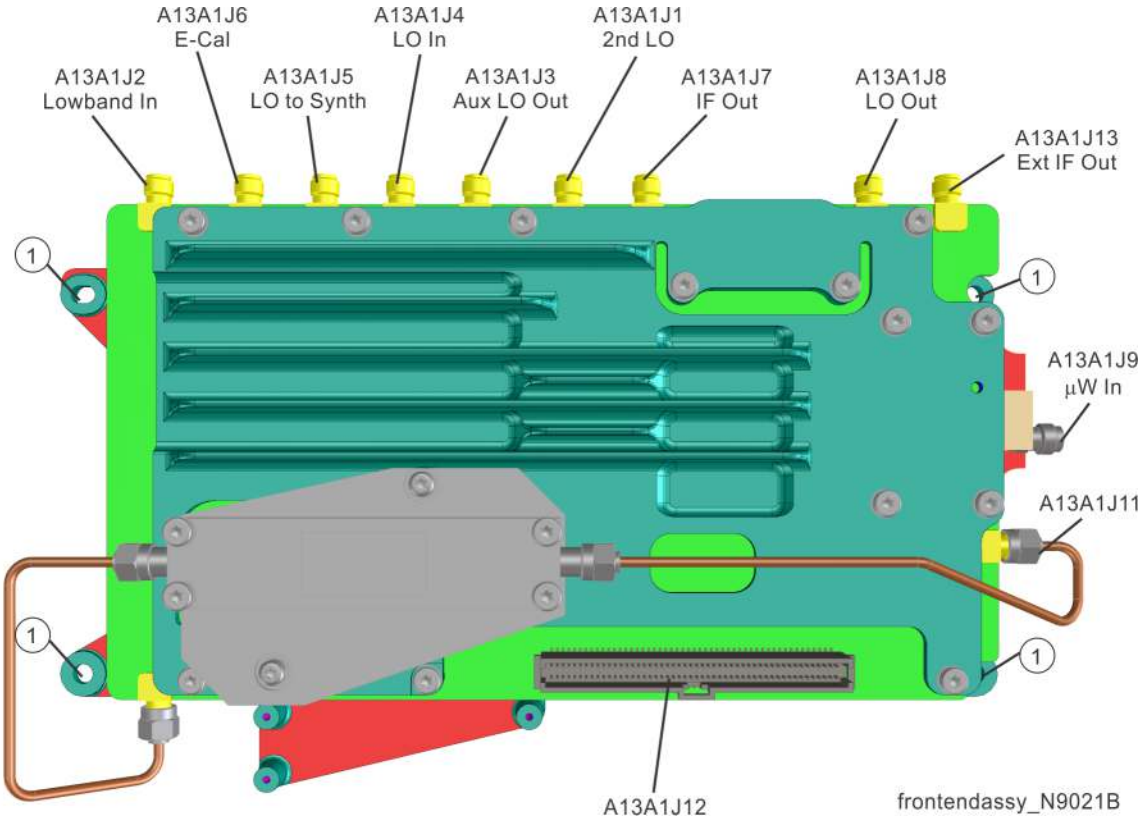
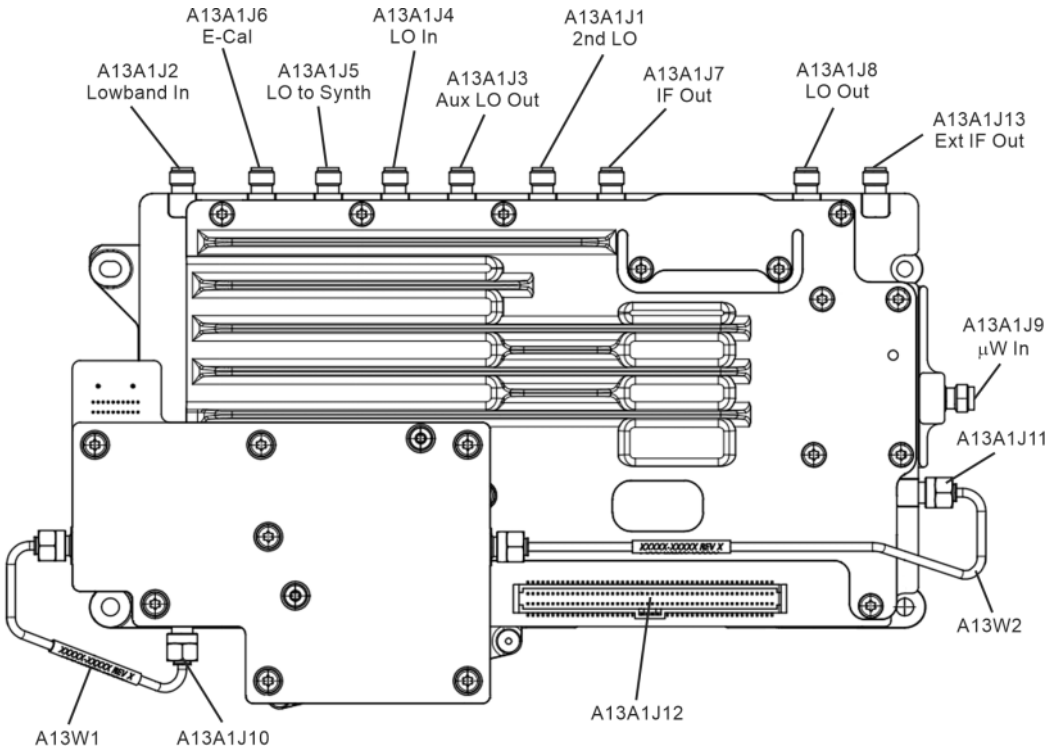


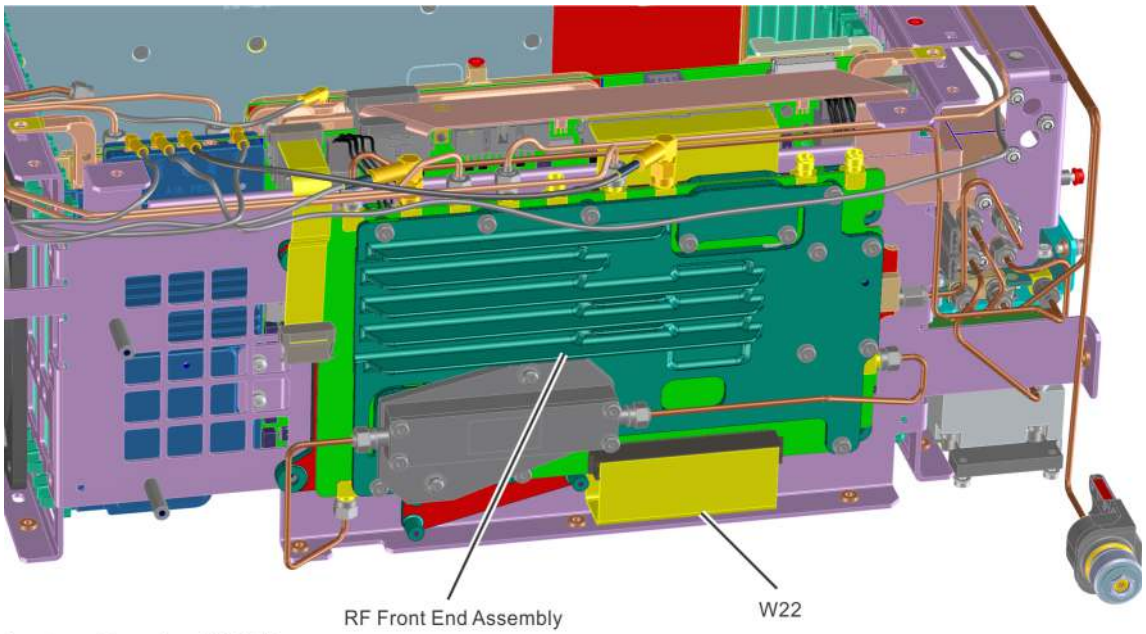
Figure 16-52 RF Front End Assembly Removal - Millimeter Wave (Serial Prefix >= MY/SG6334)



Replacement

1. Refer to Figure 16-53. Attach the W22 ribbon cable to the Front End Assembly first. Route behind the Front End Assembly and ensure the cable is engaged under the tabs, then place the RF Front End Assembly into the chassis. If you are replacing the Front End Assembly make sure to reinstall the 50 ohm load onto A13A1J8 if the analyzer does not have Option EXM. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.

Figure 16-53 RF Front End Assembly Location



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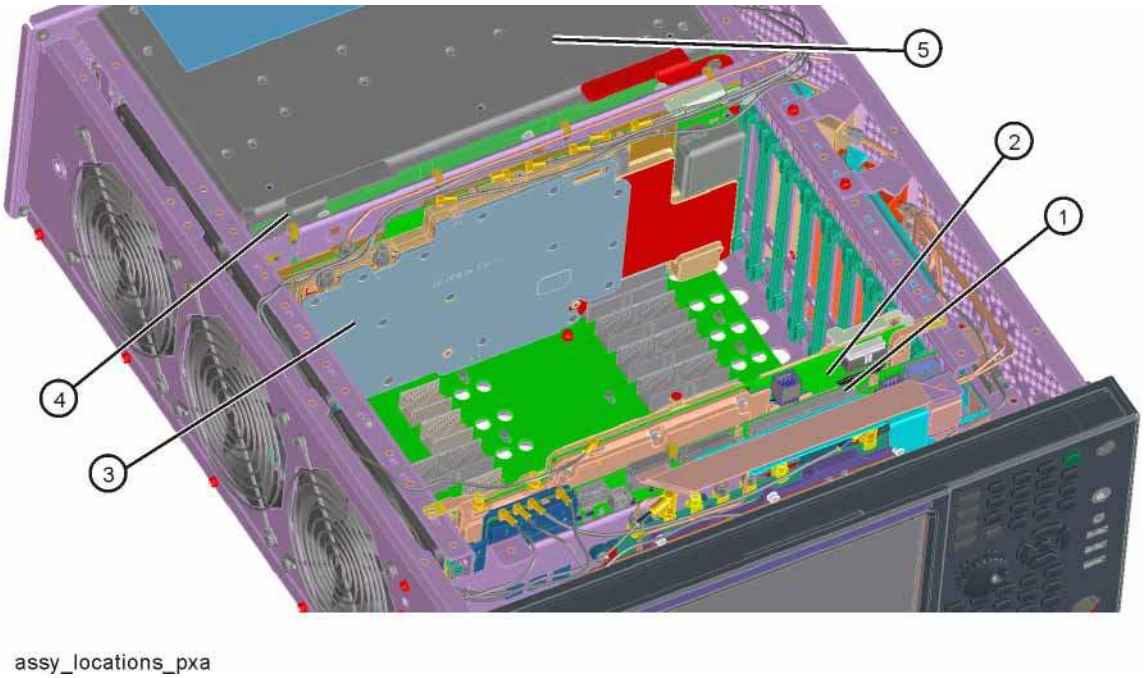
2. Refer to Figure 16-51. Replace the four screws **(1)** (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
3. Reattach W22 ribbon cable to Front End Controller J102 and W28 ribbon cable between Front End Controller J1300 and A13A2J1 on the RF Front End Assembly. W28 will only be present on newer analyzers.
4. Reattach the cables to A13A1J1, A13A1J2, A13A1J4, A13A1J5, A13A1J6, A13A1J7, and A13A1J9 on the RF Front End Assembly. Reattach the cables to A13A1J8 and A13A1J13 if Option EXM is present. Torque the semi-rigid cables to 10 inch-pounds.
5. Replace the front panel. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" replacement procedure.
6. Replace the instrument top brace. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" replacement procedure.
7. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

Front End Control Assembly

Removal

1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" removal procedure.
2. Remove the instrument top brace. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" removal procedure.
3. Refer to Figure 16-54. Locate the Front End Control assembly **(1)**.

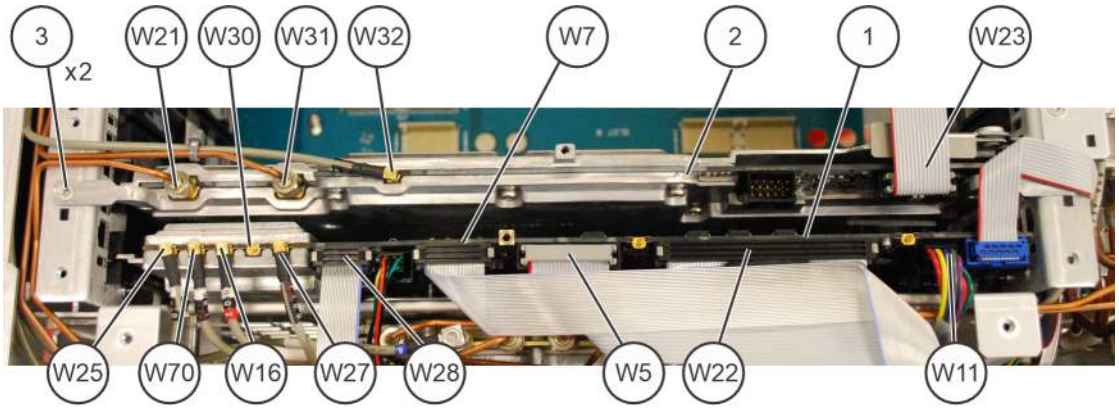
Figure 16-54 Assembly Locations



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4. Refer to Figure 16-55. Remove the cables W25, W70, W16, W27, and W30 (Opt EXM) from the Front End Control assembly **(1)**.
5. Remove the ribbon cables W5, W22, W7, W28 (newer analyzers only), and the wire harness W11 from the Front End Control assembly.
6. The Front End Control assembly can now be unplugged from the motherboard and lifted out of the chassis.

Figure 16-55 Front End Control Cables



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Replacement

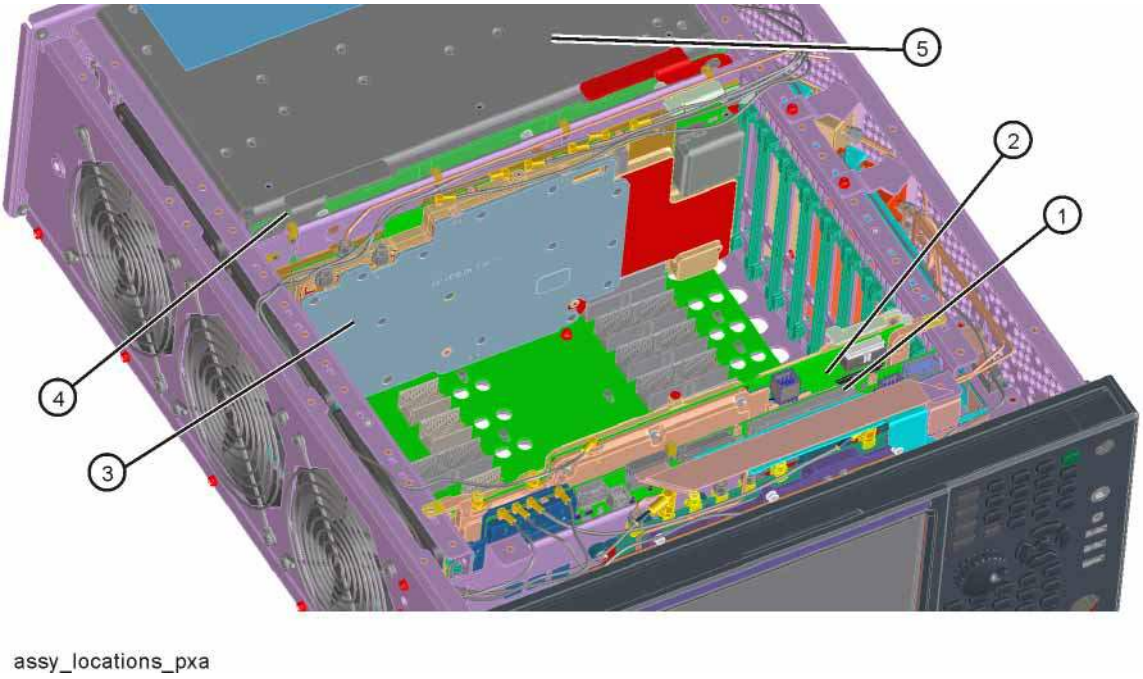
1. Refer to Figure 16-55. Install the Front End Control assembly into slot 11 in the chassis and press down to plug it into the motherboard.
2. Reattach the ribbon cables W5, W22, W7, W28 (newer analyzers only), and the wire harness W11 to the Front End Control assembly.
3. Reattach the cables W25, W70, W16, W27, and W30 (Opt EXM) to the Front End Control assembly.
4. Replace the instrument top brace. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" replacement procedure.
5. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

LO Synthesizer Assembly

Removal

1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" removal procedure.
2. Remove the instrument top brace. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" removal procedure.
3. Refer to Figure 16-56. Locate the LO Synthesizer assembly **(2)**.

Figure 16-56 Assembly Locations



4. Refer to Figure 16-57. Remove the cables W21 and W31 from the LO Synthesizer assembly **(2)** using the 5/16 inch wrench.
5. Remove W23 and W32.
6. Remove the two screws **(3)** (0515-2032).

Figure 16-57 LO Synthesizer Assembly Removal

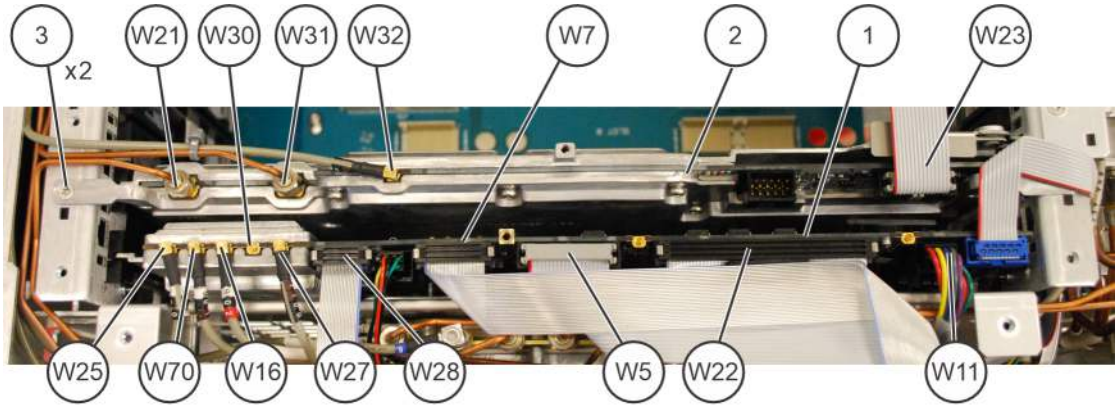


Table 16-13

Item	Keysight Part Number
W21	N9020-20019
W31	N9020-20021

7. Use the ejectors on the LO Synthesizer assembly to unplug from the motherboard and lift out of the chassis.

Replacement

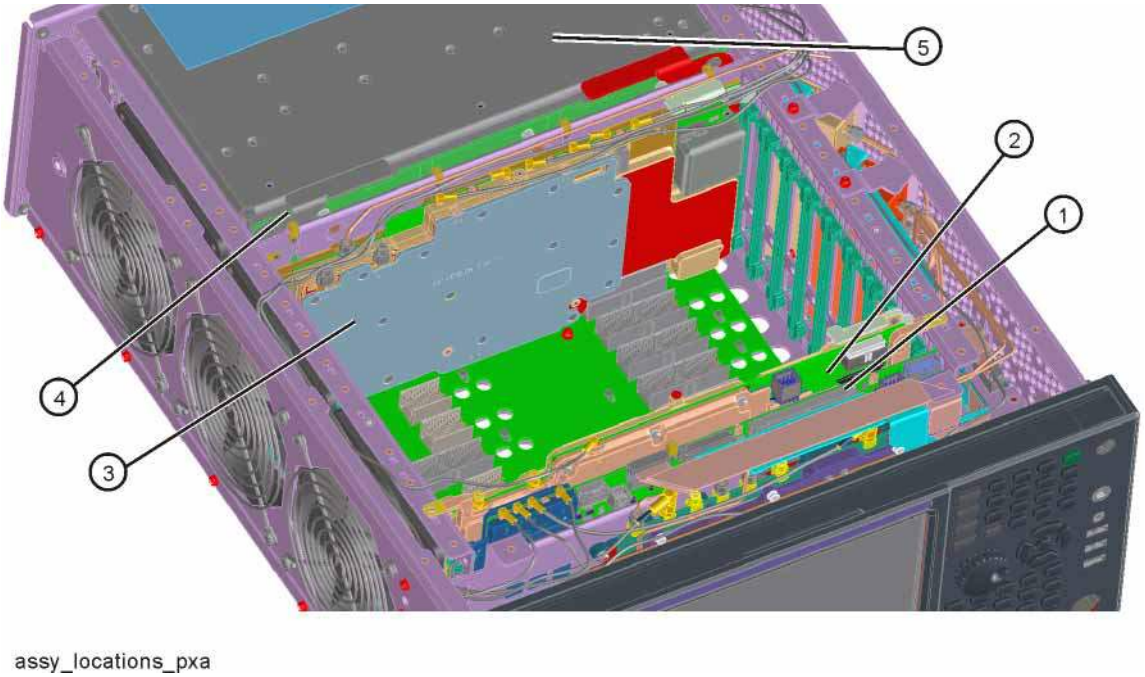
1. Refer to Figure 16-57. Install the LO Synthesizer assembly into slot 10 in the chassis securing with the ejectors.
2. Reattach the cables W21 and W31 to the LO Synthesizer assembly. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
3. Reattach the cables W23 and W32.
4. Reinstall the two screws **(3)** (0515-2032). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
5. Replace the instrument top brace. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" replacement procedure.
6. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

Reference Assembly

Removal

1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" removal procedure.
2. Remove the top brace. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" removal procedure.
3. Refer to Figure 16-58. Locate the Reference assembly **(3)**.

Figure 16-58 Assembly Locations



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4. Refer to Figure 16-59. Remove cables W3, W18, and W31 from the reference assembly **(1)** using the 5/16-inch wrench.

Figure 16-59 Reference Board Cables

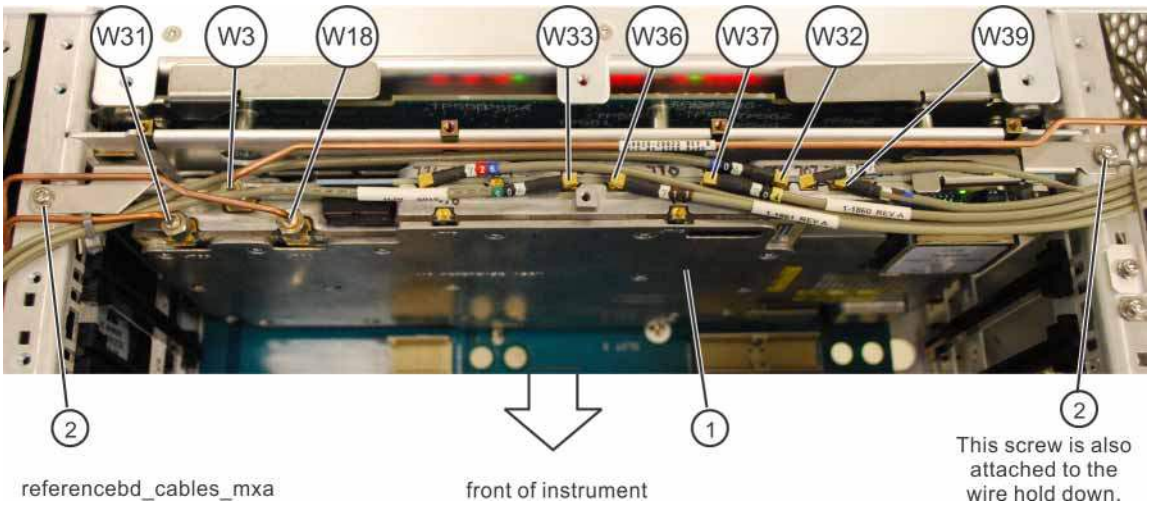


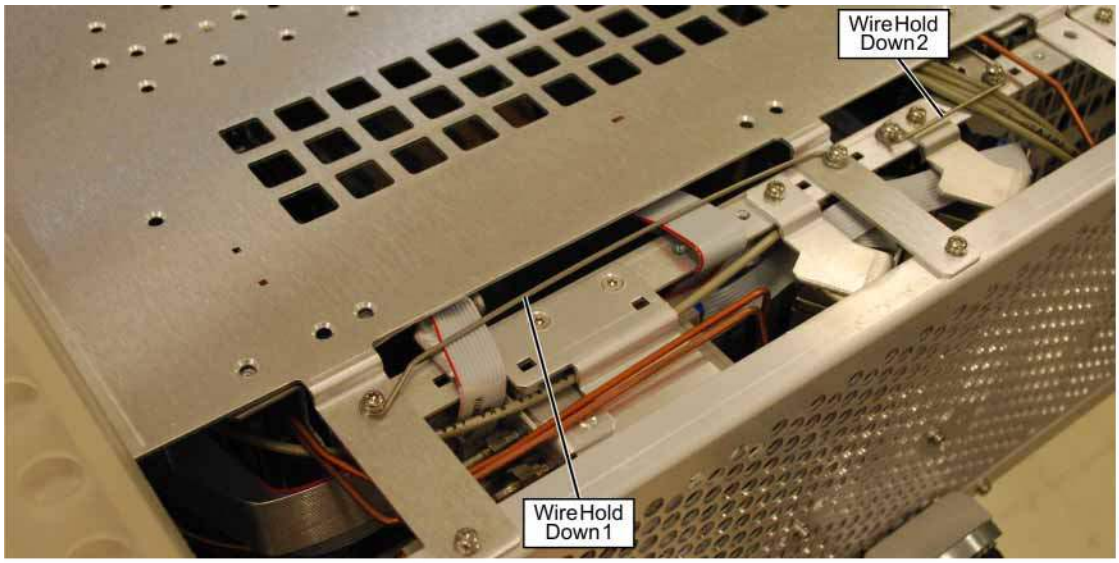
Table 16-14

Item	Keysight Part Number
W3	(Opt 508, 513, 526) N9020-20023
	(Opt 532, 544, 550) N9020-20072
W18	N9020-20022
W31	N9020-20021

5. Remove the two screws **(2)** (0515-0372) attaching the Reference board to the chassis.

6. Refer to Figure 16-60. Remove the other screw (0515-0372) attaching the reference wire hold down 2 to the chassis. Remove wire hold down 2.

Figure 16-60 Wire Hold Downs



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7. Remove cables W32, W33, W36, W37, and W39 from the Reference assembly.
8. The reference assembly can be removed from the chassis by using the ejectors to pull the board up out of the chassis.

Replacement

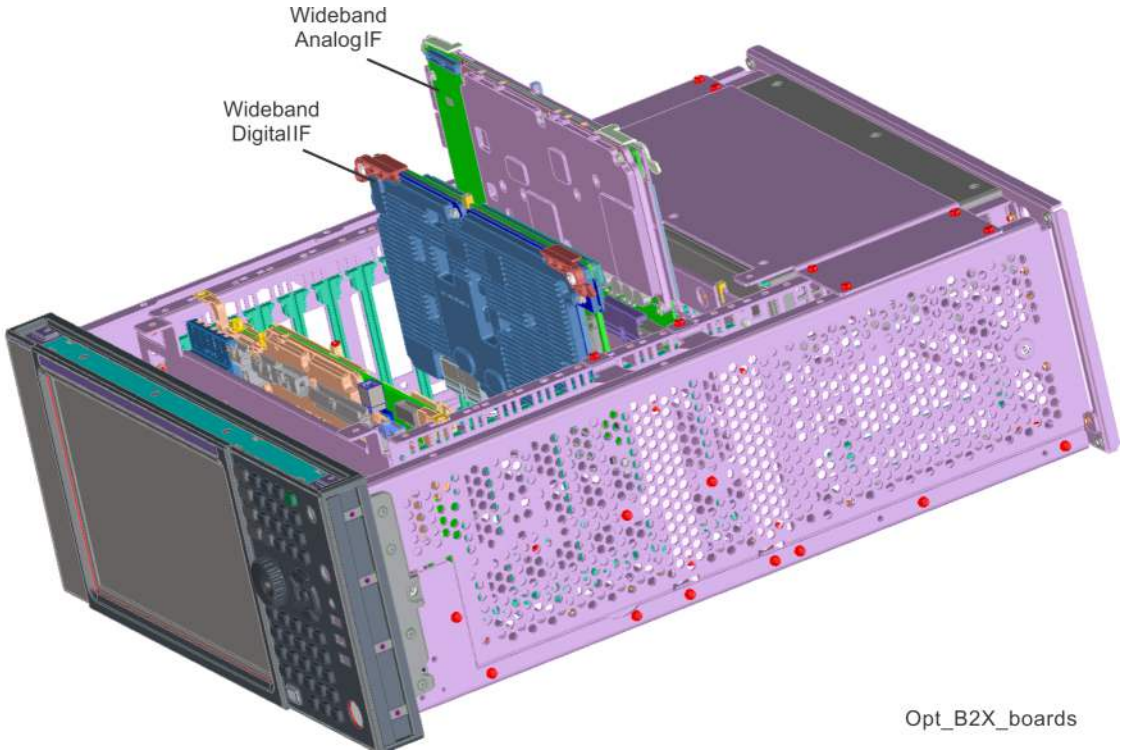
1. Slide the reference assembly into slot 2 in the chassis and press down to plug it into the motherboard using the ejectors to push into place.
2. Refer to Figure 16-60. Reinstall the two screws (0515-0372) to attach wire hold down 2 to the chassis and the screw on the other side attaching the Reference board to the chassis. Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
3. Refer to Figure 16-59. Replace cables W3, W18, W31, W32, W33, W36, W37, and W39 to the correct locations. Torque the semi-rigid cables to 10 inch-pounds.
4. Replace the top brace. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" replacement procedure.
5. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

Option B2X

Removal

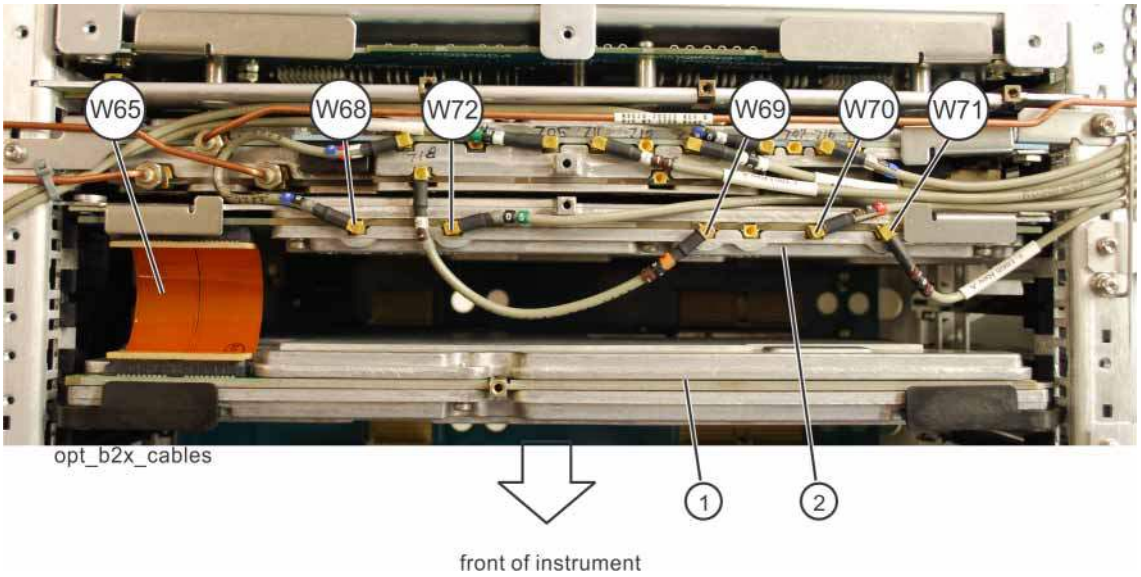
1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" removal procedure.
2. Remove the top brace. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" removal procedure.
3. Refer to Figure 16-61. Locate the Wideband Analog IF and Wideband Digital IF assemblies.

Figure 16-61 Assembly Locations



4. Refer to Figure 16-62. Remove cables W68, W69, W70, W71, and W72 from the Wideband Analog IF assembly **(2)**.
5. Remove ribbon cables W65.

Figure 16-62 Option B2X Cables



6. The Wideband Analog IF **(2)** and Wideband Digital IF **(1)** assemblies can now be removed by pulling up on the ejectors to remove from the chassis.

Replacement

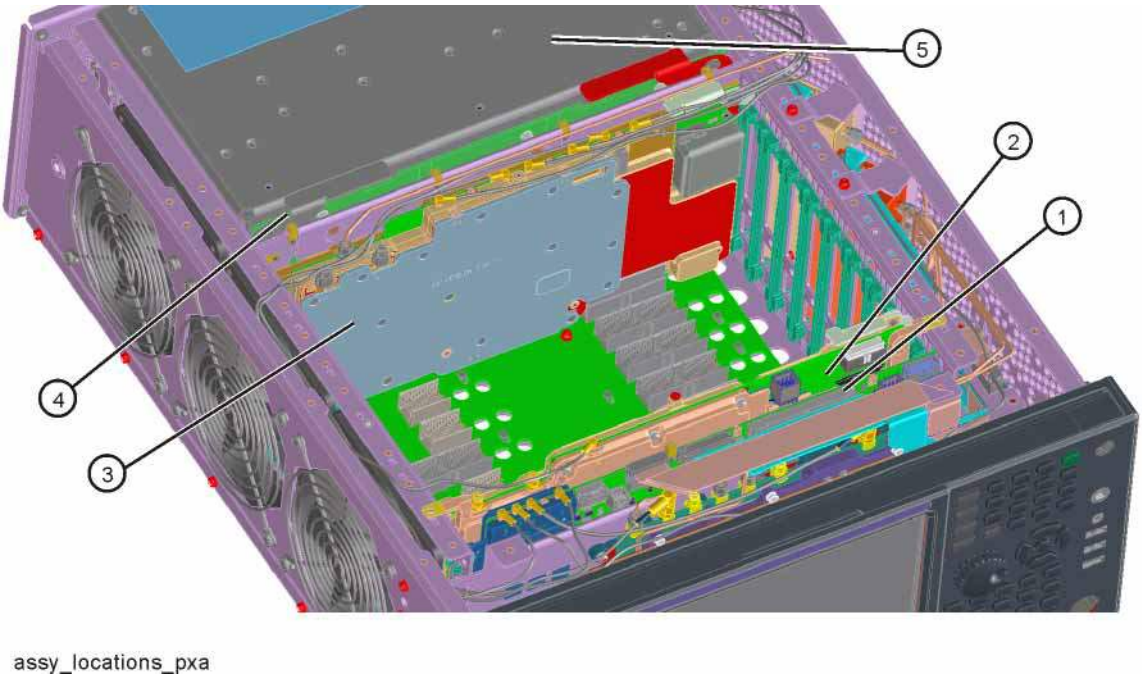
1. Slide the Wideband Analog IF assembly into slot 3 in the chassis and use the ejectors to push into place into the motherboard.
2. Slide the Wideband Digital IF assembly into slot 5 in the chassis and use the ejectors to push into place into the motherboard.
3. Refer to Figure 16-62. Reinstall cables W68, W69, W70, W71, and W72 to the Wideband Analog IF assembly **(2)**.
4. Reconnect ribbon cable W65.
5. Replace the top brace. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" replacement procedure.
6. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

Midplane Board Assembly

Removal

1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" removal procedure.
2. Remove the top brace and power supply bracket. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" removal procedure.
3. Refer to Figure 16-63. Locate the Midplane Board assembly **(4)**.

Figure 16-63 Assembly Locations

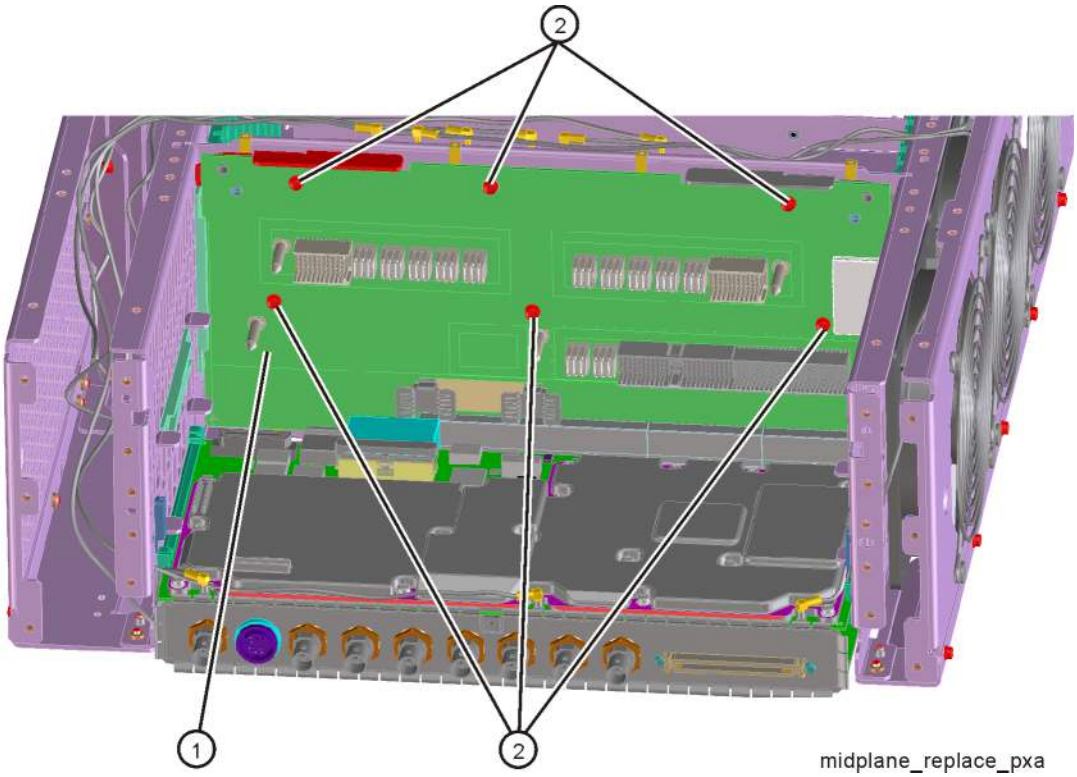


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4. Remove the processor assembly. Refer to the "CPU Assembly" removal procedure.
5. Remove the rear panel. Refer to the "Rear Panel" removal procedure.
6. Remove the power supply assembly. Refer to the "Power Supply Assembly" removal procedure.

7. Refer to Figure 16-64. Remove the six screws **(2)** (0515-0375) attaching the midplane board assembly **(1)** to the midplane bracket. The midplane board assembly can now be pulled up from the chassis by use of the ejectors.

Figure 16-64 Midplane Board Assembly Removal



Midplane Board Replacement

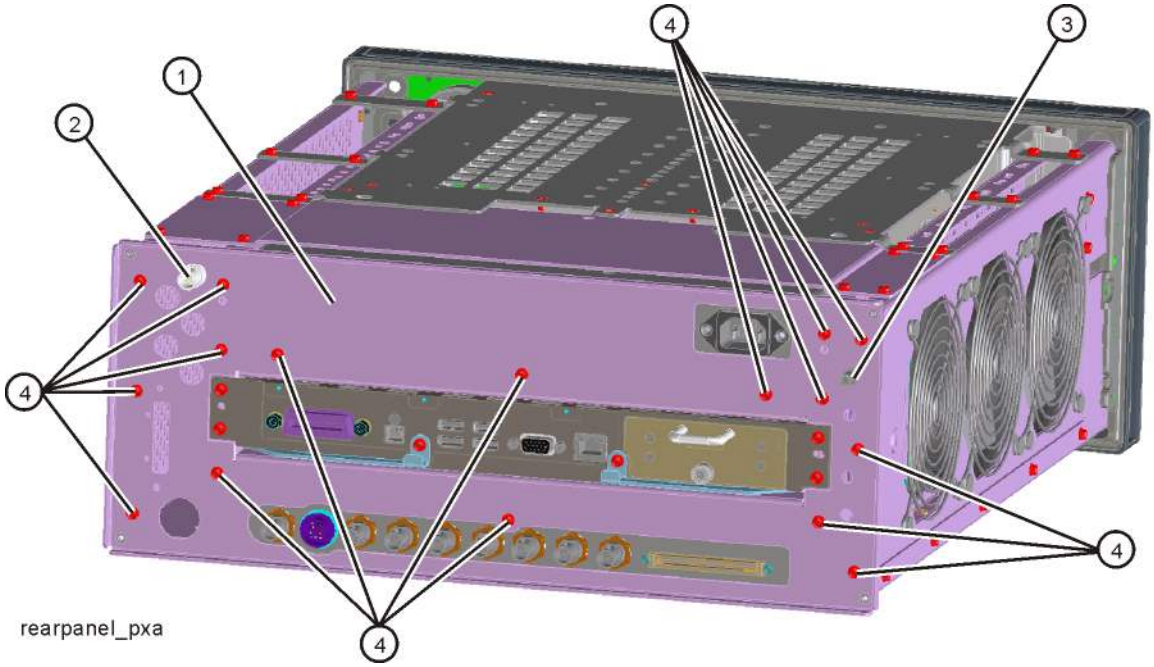
1. Refer to Figure 16-64. Install the midplane assembly into the chassis using the ejectors and attach to the midplane bracket using the six screws (0515-0375) removed earlier. Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
2. Replace the power supply assembly. Refer to the "Power Supply Assembly" replacement procedure.
3. Replace the rear panel. Refer to the "Rear Panel" replacement procedure.
4. Replace the processor assembly. Refer to the "CPU Assembly" replacement procedure.
5. Replace the top brace. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" replacement procedure.
6. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

Rear Panel

Removal

1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" removal procedure.
2. Refer to Figure 16-65. Remove W37 **(2)** cable from the rear panel using the 9/16- inch nut driver. Remove W27 **(3)** cable using the 5/16-inch wrench.
3. Using the T-10 driver, remove the sixteen screws **(4)** (0515-0372) attaching the rear panel **(1)** to the chassis. The rear panel can now be removed.

Figure 16-65 Rear Panel Removal



Replacement

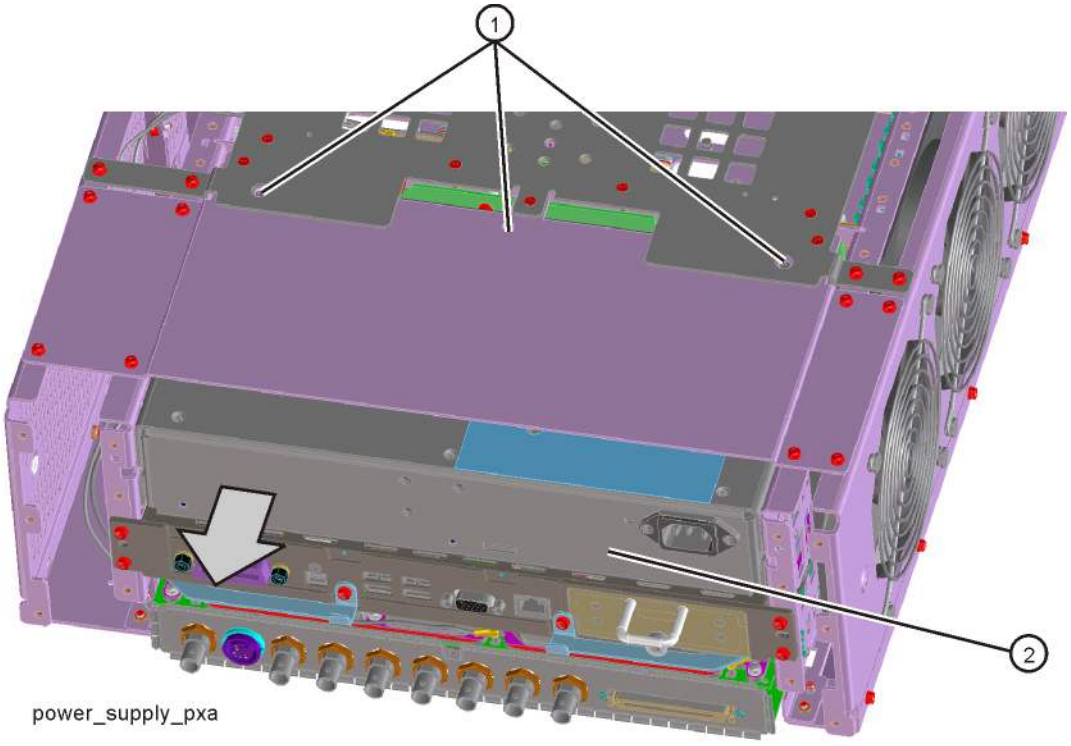
1. Reattach the W37 cable to the rear panel. Torque to 21 inch-pounds using the 9/16-inch nut driver.
2. Reattach the W27 cable to the rear panel. Torque to 10 inch-pounds using the 5/16-inch wrench.
3. Place the rear panel into position in the chassis. Replace the sixteen screws (0515-0372) to attach the rear panel to the chassis. Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
4. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

Power Supply Assembly

Removal

1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" removal procedure.
2. Remove the rear panel. Refer to the "Rear Panel" removal procedure.
3. Refer to Figure 16-66. Remove the three screws **(1)** (0515-1946) attaching the power supply to the chassis.
4. The power supply assembly can be removed from the chassis by pulling straight out the back.

Figure 16-66 Power Supply Assembly Removal



Replacement

1. Slide the power supply assembly into the slot at the rear of the instrument and push on the assembly to mate the connectors to the midplane assembly.
2. Refer to Figure 16-66. Replace the three screws **(1)** (0515-1946) through the power supply bracket and into the power supply. Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
3. Replace the rear panel. Refer to the "Rear Panel" replacement procedure.
4. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

CPU Assembly

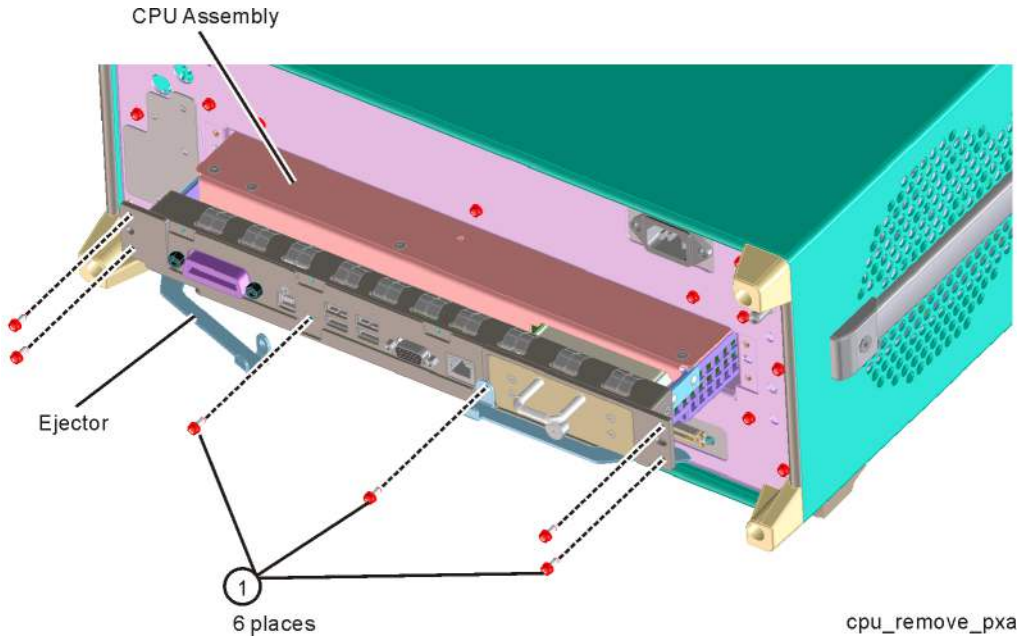
Removal

1. Refer to Figure 16-67. Remove the six screws **(1)** (0515-0372) attaching the CPU assembly to the chassis.
2. The CPU assembly can be removed from the chassis by pulling straight out the back. Use the two ejectors to pull the CPU assembly out from the chassis.

NOTE If the A4BT1 CPU board battery is being changed, refer to Chapter 17, "Post-Repair Procedures." for setup instructions.

WARNING Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type recommended. Discard used batteries according to manufacturer's instructions.

Figure 16-67 CPU Assembly Removal



Replacement

1. Slide the CPU assembly into the slot at the rear of the instrument and push on the assembly to mate the connectors to the midplane assembly. Secure the board with the ejectors.
2. Refer to Figure 16-67. Replace the six screws **(1)** (0515-0372) that attach the CPU assembly to the chassis. Torque to 9 inch-pounds.

A5 Solid State Drive

CAUTION

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage or destroy electronic components. All work on electronic assemblies should be performed at a static-safe workstation. Refer to the documentation that pertains to your instrument for information about static-safe workstations and ordering static-safe accessories.

Drive Removal and Replacement

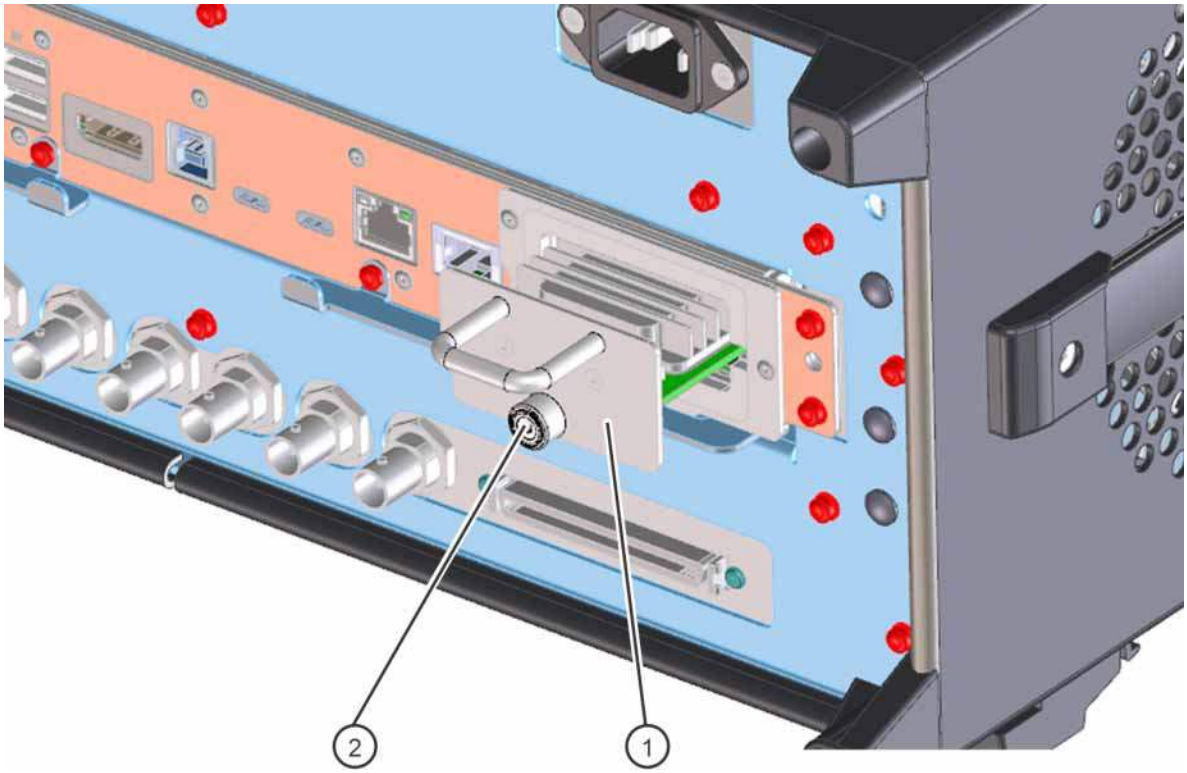
1. Turn the instrument off and remove the AC power cord.
2. Before replacing the A5 SSD it is highly recommended that the factory calibration data be backed up to an external drive if at all possible. If this data is not backed up prior to replacing the SSD all instrument adjustments and performance verification tests will need to be run after the drive is replaced.

   For information on how to backup this data see the"Calibration Data Backup and Restore" section in Chapter 17, "Post-Repair Procedures," of this manual.

   If this data cannot be backed up because the instrument will not fully boot, go ahead and change the A5 SSD and perform all adjustments listed in Chapter 17, "Post-Repair Procedures," for the A5 assembly.

3. Refer to Figure 16-68. Locate and remove the existing SSD carrier assembly **(1)** from the instrument by loosening the rear panel screw **(2)**.

Figure 16-68

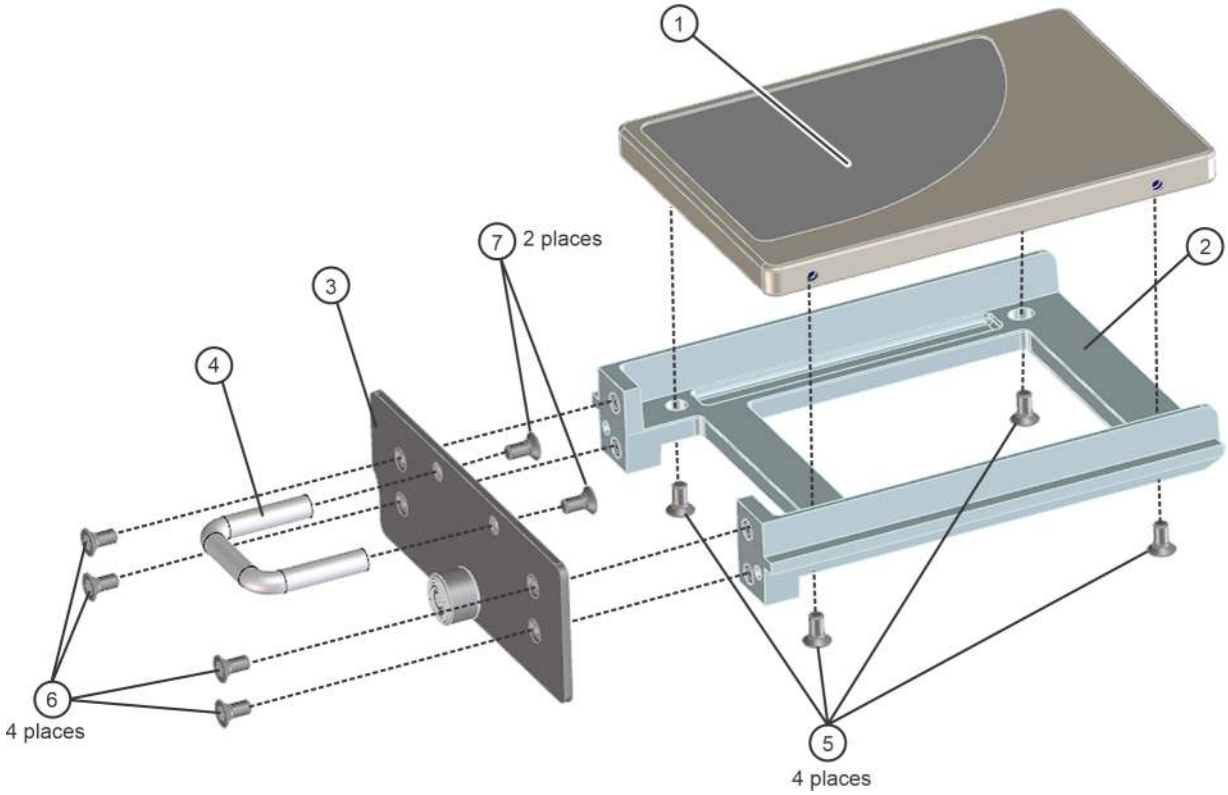


NOTE

Instruments with A4 System Processor assembly PCA installed, proceed to step 9. If the instrument has assembly PC6, PC6S, or PC8 installed, proceed to the step 4.

4. Refer to Figure 16-69. To remove the SSD **(1)**, remove the 4 machine screws **(5)** (0515-0372) from the SSD tray **(2)** that secure the drive.

Figure 16-69 SSD Tray Screws (PC6, PC6S, or PC8 System Processors Only)



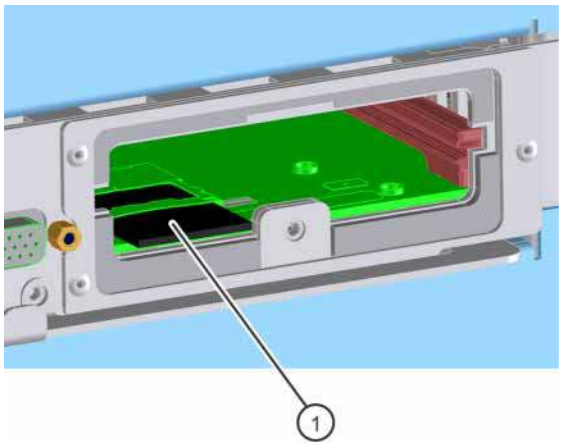
5. To remove the handle, first remove the 4 screws **(6)** (0515-0372) holding the SSD rear panel to the SSD tray **(2)**. Then, remove the 2 screws **(7)** (0515-1227) to remove the handle.
6. To replace the handle, attach the 2 screws **(7)** (0515-1227) through the SSD rear panel. Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
7. Reattach the SSD rear panel **(3)** to the SSD tray **(2)** using the 4 screws (0515-0372). Torque to 6 inch-pounds.
8. Place the new SSD onto the SSD tray and attach with the 4 machine screws **(5)** (0515-0372). Torque to 9 in-pounds.
9. Refer to Figure 16-70. Replace the SSD carrier assembly **(1)** into the instrument and tighten the screw **(2)** to 9 in-pounds.
10. Refer to Chapter 17, "Post-Repair Procedures," and perform all of the specified tasks for replacing the A5 Solid State Drive assembly.

A4A1 CPU Memory Card (PC6, PC6S, or PC8 System Processors Only)

NOTE Instruments with A4 System Processor assembly PC6, PC6S, or PC8 have the SD memory card while ones with PCA do not.

1. Refer to Figure 16-70. Remove the SSD as described on page 419. The memory card **(1)** can be removed by pushing on the memory card and it will spring out. To install the memory card, push it into the slot until you feel the spring catch. Then replace the SSD as described above in step 9.

Figure 16-70 CPU Memory Card Removal

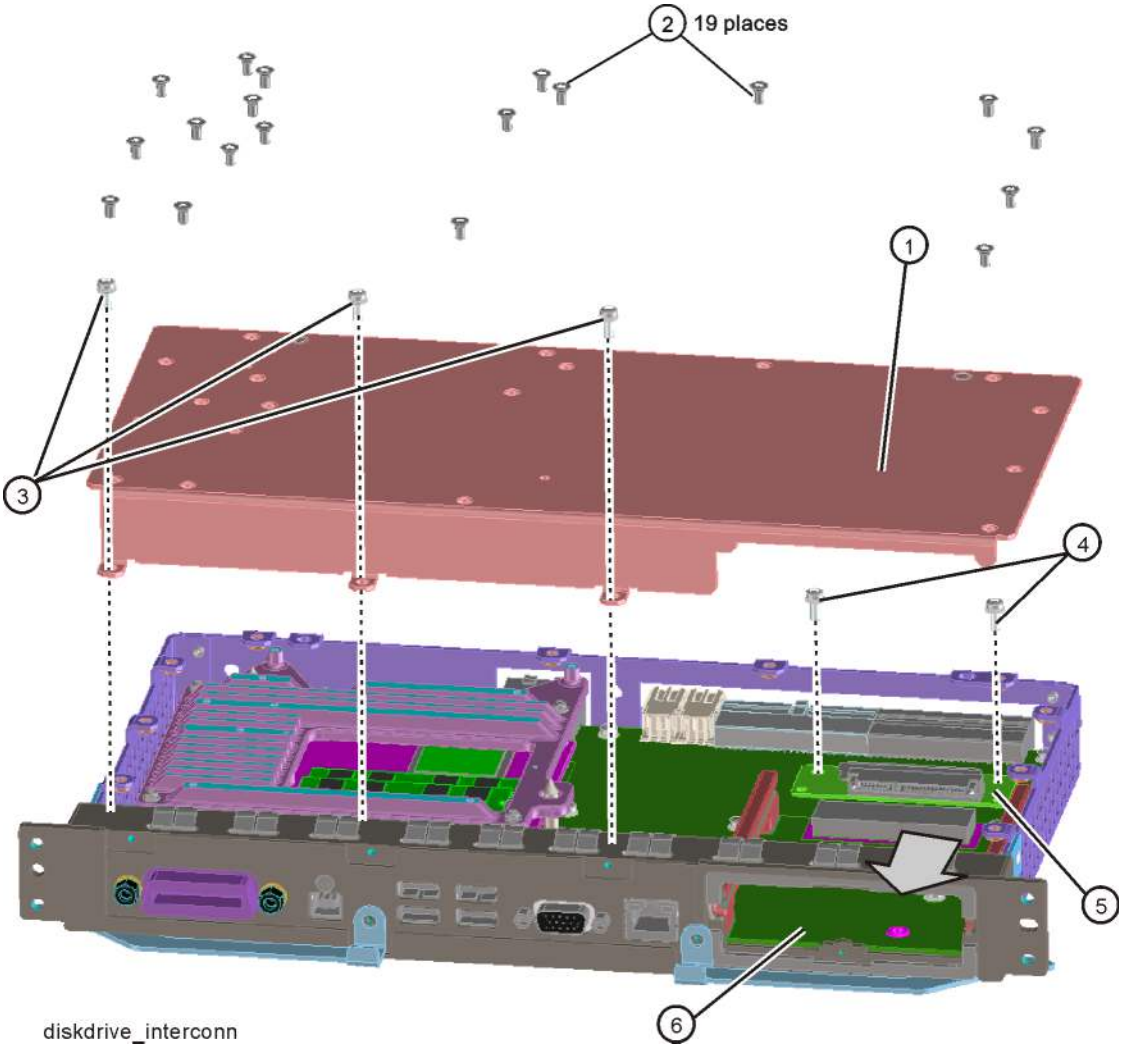


Disk Drive Interconnect (CPU Options PC6, PC6S, and PC8 only)

Removal

1. Remove the A5 Disk Drive assembly for the instrument. Refer to the "A5 Solid State Drive" removal procedure.
2. Remove the A4 CPU assembly from the instrument. Refer to the "CPU Assembly" removal procedure.
3. Refer to Figure 16-71. Remove the A4 CPU assembly cover **(1)** by first removing the 19 flat-head screws **(2)** (0515-1227) and 3 pan-head screws **(3)** (0515-0372).

Figure 16-71 A4A1 Disk Drive Interconnect Board Removal



4. Remove the 2 screws **(4)** (0515-0372) that attached the A4A1 Disk Drive Interconnect board **(5)** to the A4 CPU assembly.
5. Unplug and remove the A4A1 Disk Drive Interconnect board from the A4 CPU assembly by pulling the board towards the disk drive bay opening **(6)** to disengage the connector.

Installation

1. Refer to Figure 16-71. Plug the A4A1 Disk Drive Interconnect board **(5)** into the A4 CPU assembly by carefully sliding it into place from the disk drive bay opening **(6)**.
2. Install the 2 screws **(4)** (0515-0372) that secure the A4A1 Disk Drive Interconnect board to the A4 CPU assembly and torque them to 9 inch-pounds.
3. Replace the A4 CPU assembly cover **(1)** and attach it with the 19 flat-head screws **(2)** (0515-1227) and the 3 pan-head screws **(3)** (0515-0372). Torque all screws to 9 inch-pounds.
4. Re-install the A4 CPU assembly into the instrument. Refer to the "CPU Assembly" installation procedure.
5. Re-install the A5 Disk Drive assembly into the instrument. Refer to the "A5 Solid State Drive" installation procedure.

AIF/DIF Assembly

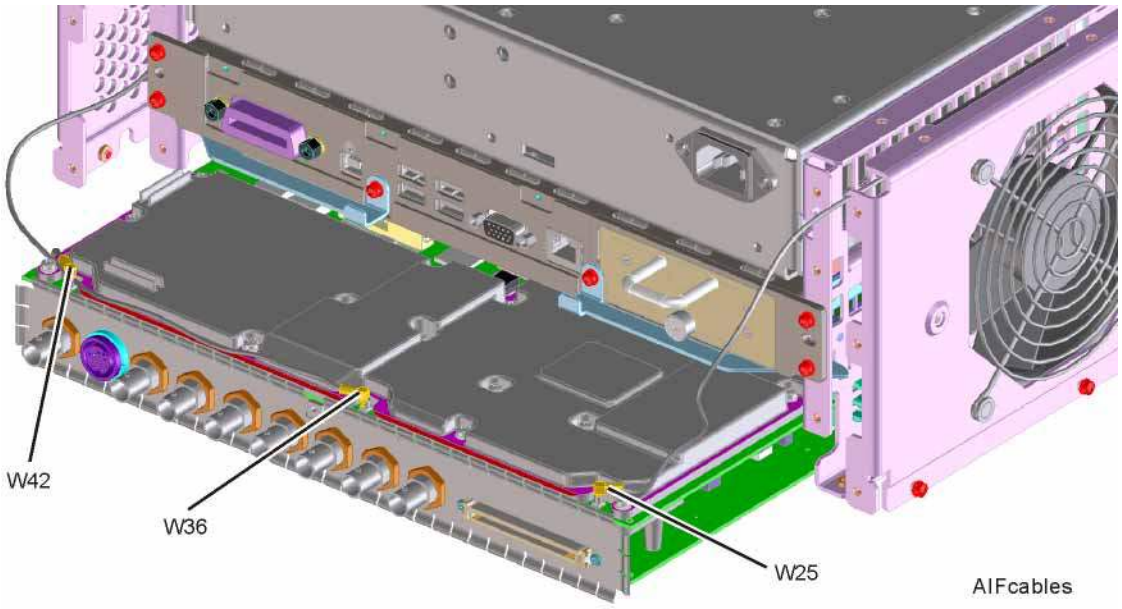
Removal

1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" removal procedure.
2. Remove the rear panel. Refer to the "Rear Panel" removal procedure.
3. Refer to Figure 16-72. Remove cables W39, W42, W71, and W72 from the bottom of the DIF assembly.
4. Refer to Figure 16-73. Pull the AIF/DIF assembly part way out of the chassis. Remove cables W25, W36, and W42 from the AIF assembly.
5. The AIF/DIF assembly can be removed from the chassis by pulling straight out the back.

Figure 16-72 DIF Cables



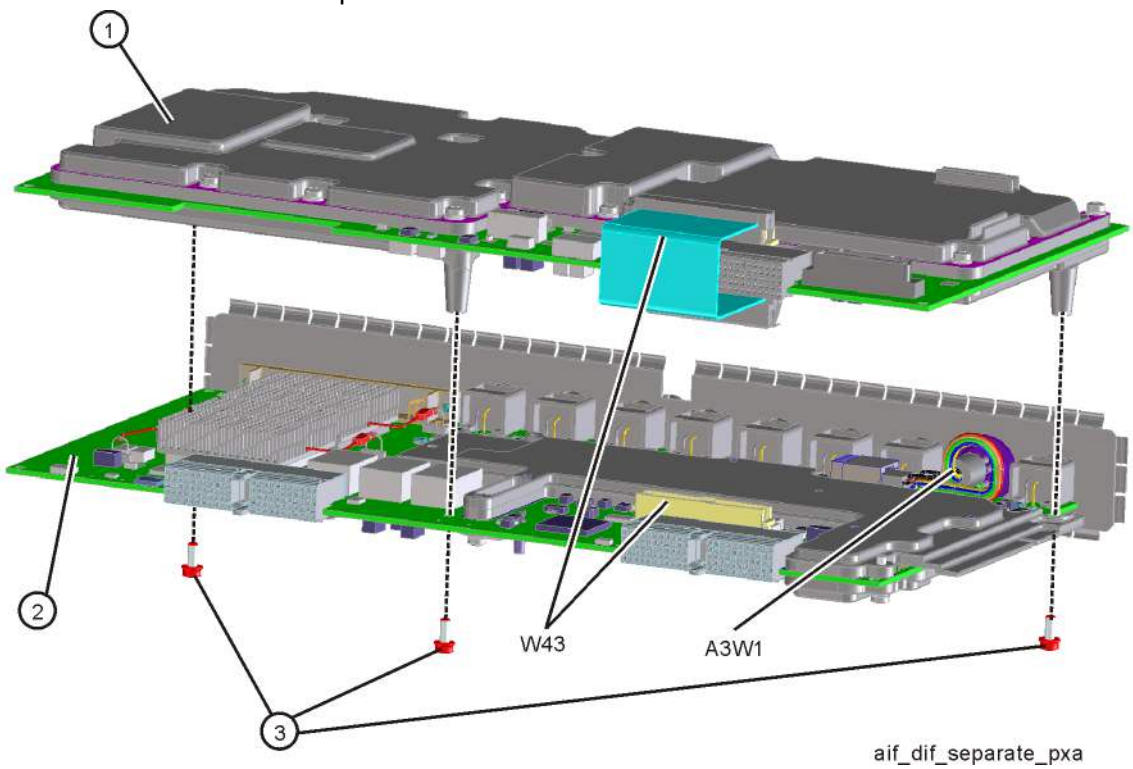
Figure 16-73 AIF Cables



Separate AIF/DIF Assembly

1. To separate the AIF **(1)** from the DIF **(2)**, unplug ribbon cable W43 from the AIF assembly.
2. Refer to Figure 16-74. From underneath the assembly, remove the three screws **(3)** (0515-0372).

Figure 16-74 AIF/DIF Separation



1. To pair the AIF and DIF together again, set the DIF in position over the AIF. Reinstall the three screws (0515-0372) removed before. Torque to 9 inch-pounds, starting with the middle screw.
2. Reconnect the ribbon cable W43.

Replacement

1. Slide the AIF/DIF assembly into the slot at the rear of the instrument and push on the assembly to mate the connectors to the motherboard assembly.
2. Refer to Figure 16-73. Replace cables W25, W36, and W42 to the AIF assembly.
3. Refer to Figure 16-72. Replace cable W39, W42, W71, and W72 to the bottom of the DIF assembly.
4. Replace the rear panel. Refer to the "Rear Panel" replacement procedure.
5. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

Motherboard Assembly

Removal

1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" removal procedure.
2. Remove the rear panel. Refer to the "Rear Panel" removal procedure.
3. Remove the top brace and power supply bracket. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" removal procedure.
4. Remove the Front Frame Assembly. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" removal procedure.
5. Remove the reference assembly. Refer to the "Reference Assembly" removal procedure.
6. If Option B2X or B5X is present in the instrument, remove the two or three option boards.
7. Remove the CPU assembly. Refer to the "CPU Assembly" removal procedure.
8. Remove the power supply assembly. Refer to the "Power Supply Assembly" removal procedure.
9. Remove the AIF/DIF assembly. Refer to the "AIF/DIF Assembly" removal procedure.
10. Remove the Front End Control assembly. Refer to the "Front End Control Assembly" removal procedure.
11. Remove the LO Synthesizer assembly. Refer to the "LO Synthesizer Assembly" removal procedure.
12. Remove the Midplane assembly. Refer to the "Midplane Board Assembly" removal procedure.
13. Remove the RF bracket. Refer to Figure 16-34 on page 381.
14. Remove the fan assembly. Refer to the "Fan Assembly" removal procedure.
15. Refer to Figure 16-75 and Figure 16-76. Remove the midplane bracket **(1)** by removing the eight screws **(2)** (0515-0372) (two on each side and four on the bottom).

Figure 16-75 Midplane Bracket Removal

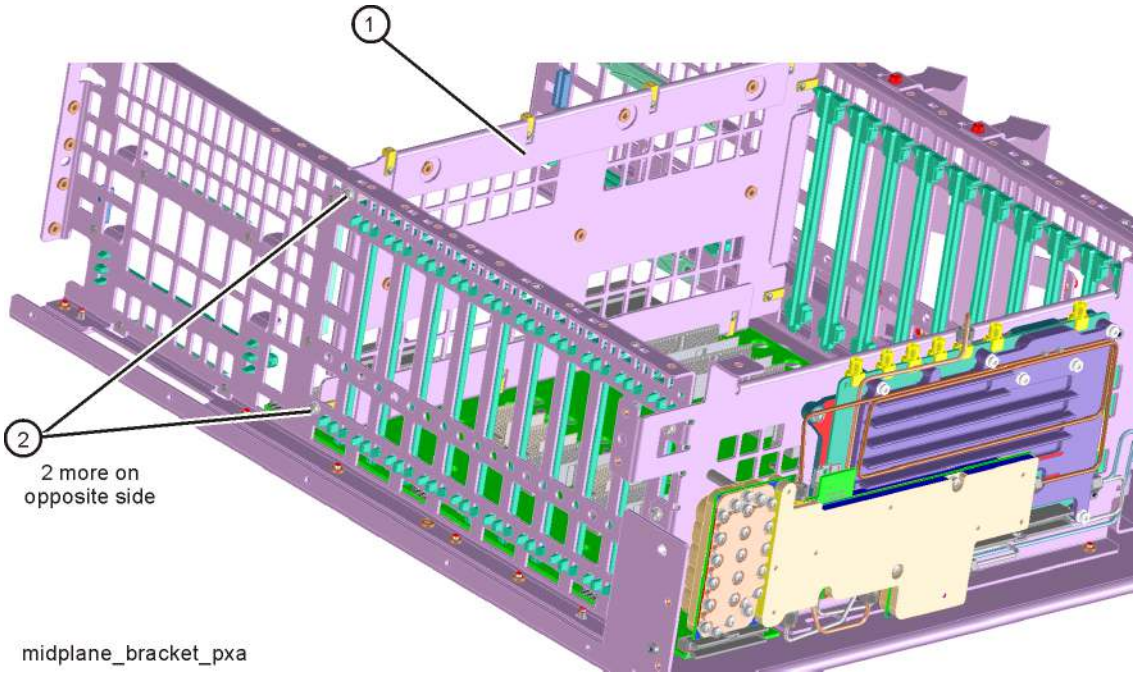
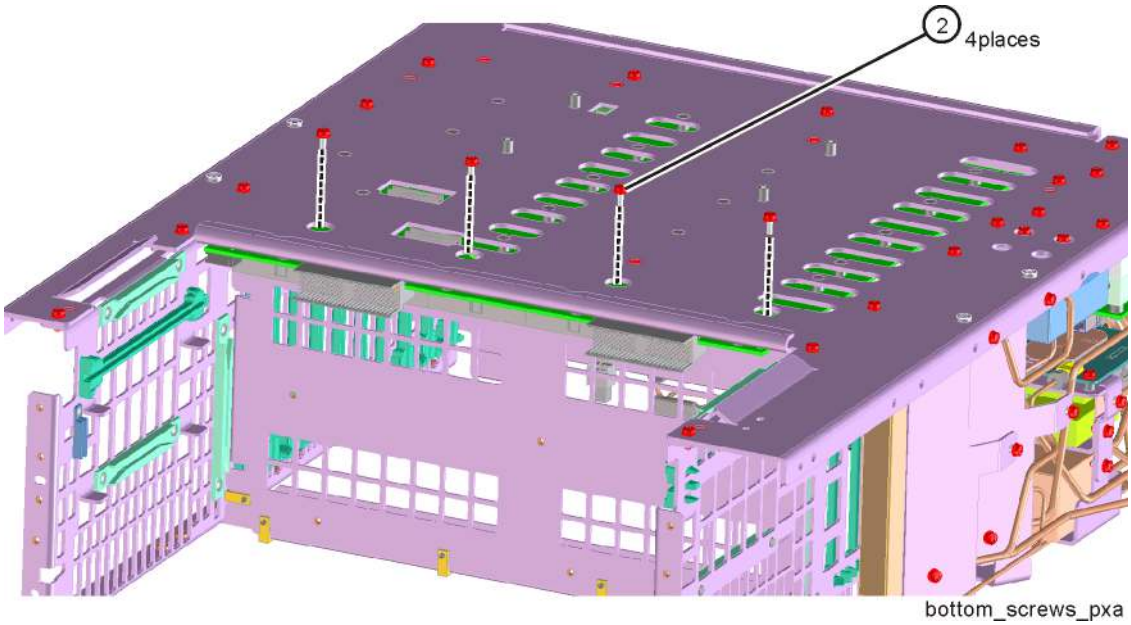
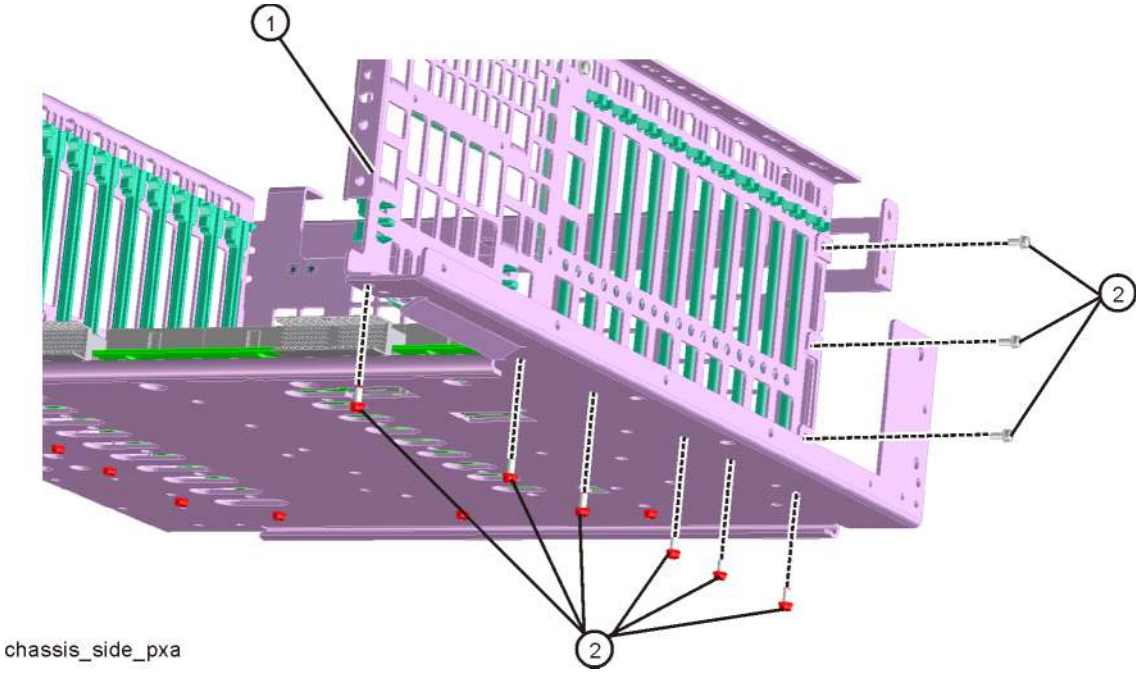


Figure 16-76 Bottom Screws



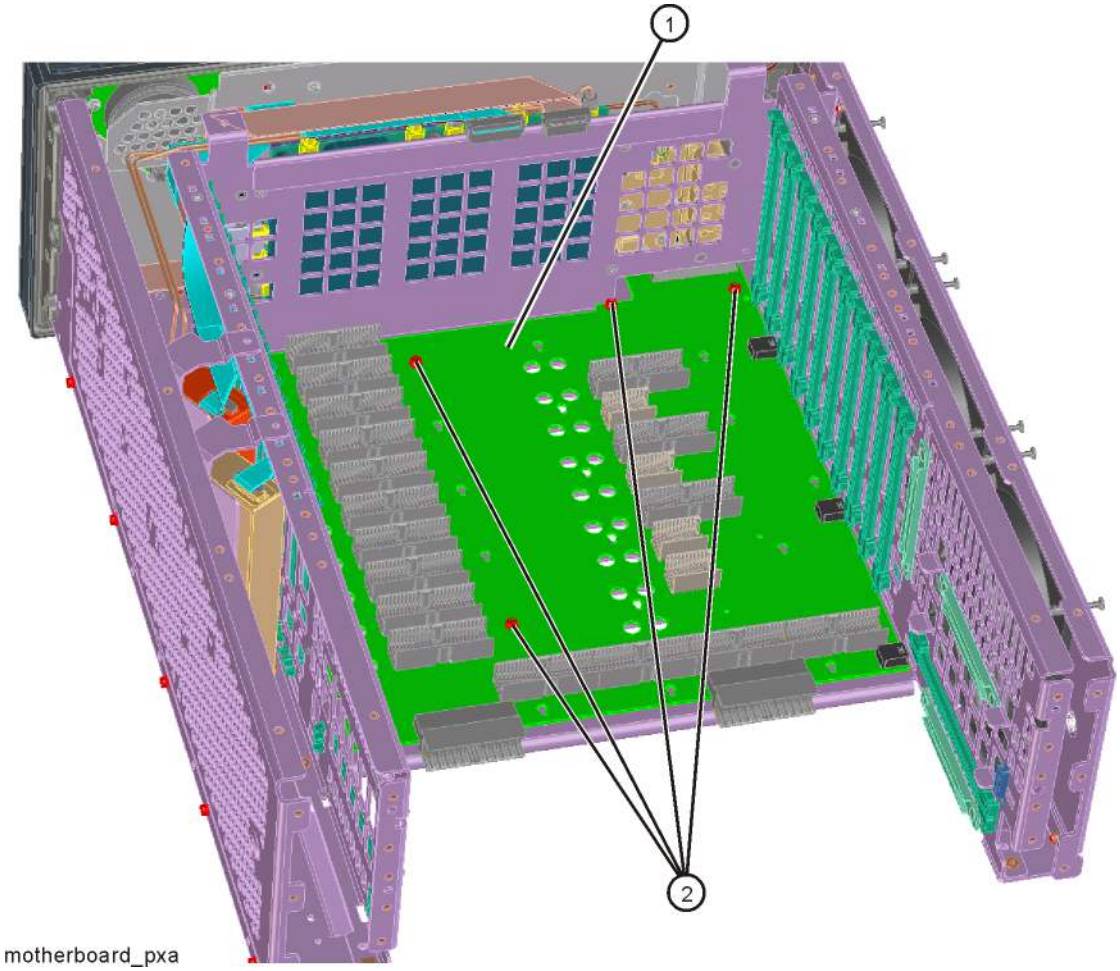
16. Refer to Figure 16-77. Remove the left side chassis **(1)** (same side as the fan) by removing the nine screws **(2)** (0515-0372) (six on the bottom).

Figure 16-77 Chassis Side Removal



17. Refer to Figure 16-78. Remove the motherboard **(1)** by removing the four screws **(2)** (0515-0372). Slide the motherboard back off the standoffs and lift it up and out.

Figure 16-78 Motherboard Assembly Removal



Replacement

1. Refer to Figure 16-78. Place the motherboard **(1)** on standoffs and slide into position in the chassis and replace the four screws **(2)** (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
2. Refer to Figure 16-77. Replace the left side chassis by replacing the nine screws (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
3. Refer to Figure 16-75. Replace the midplane bracket **(1)** by replacing the eight screws **(2)** (0515-0372). Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
4. Replace the fan assembly. Refer to the "Fan Assembly" replacement procedure.

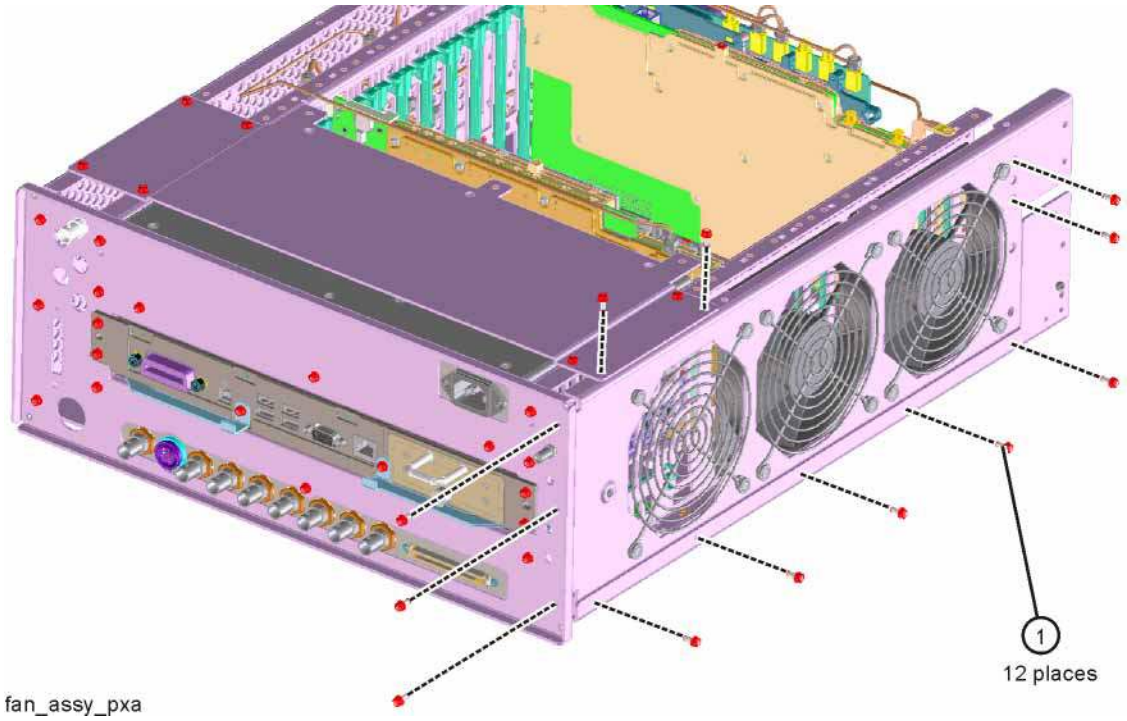
5. Replace the Midplane assembly. Refer to the "Midplane Board Assembly" replacement procedure.
6. Replace the Front End Control assembly. Refer to the "Front End Control Assembly" replacement procedure.
7. Replace the LO Synthesizer assembly. Refer to the "LO Synthesizer Assembly" replacement procedure.
8. Replace the AIF/DIF assembly. Refer to the "AIF/DIF Assembly" replacement procedure.
9. Replace the CPU assembly. Refer to the "CPU Assembly" replacement procedure.
10. Replace the power supply assembly. Refer to the "Power Supply Assembly" replacement procedure.
11. Replace the reference assembly. Refer to the "Reference Assembly" replacement procedure.
12. Replace the rear panel. Refer to the "Rear Panel" replacement procedure.
13. If Option B2X or B5X is present in the instrument install the two or three option boards.
14. Ensure all cables are plugged in or connected and torqued.
15. Replace the RF bracket. Refer to Figure 16-34 on page 381. Torque the screws to 9 inch-pounds.
16. Replace the Front Frame Assembly. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" replacement procedure.
17. Replace the top brace and reference bracket. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" replacement procedure.
18. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

Fan Assembly

Removal

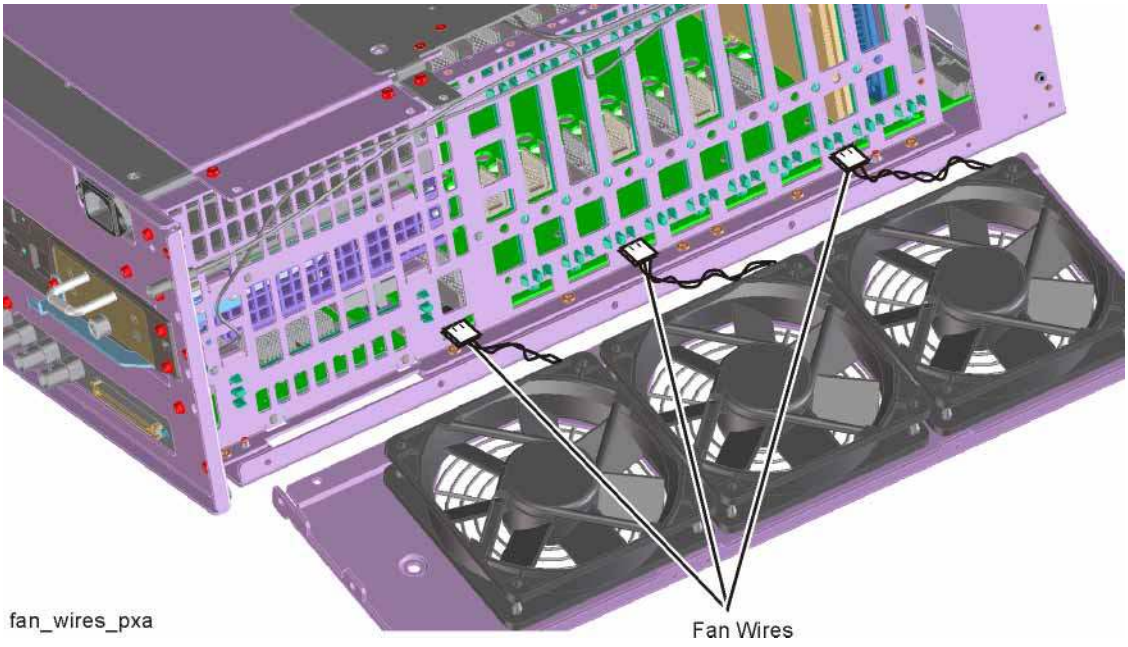
1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the “Instrument Outer Case” removal procedure.
2. Remove the top brace. Refer to the “Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket” removal procedure.
3. Remove the Front Frame Assembly. Refer to the “Front Frame Assembly” removal procedure.
4. Refer to Figure 16-79. Remove the twelve remaining screws **(1)** (0515-0372) that attach the fan assembly to the chassis.

Figure 16-79 Fan Assembly Removal



5. Refer to Figure 16-80. Unplug the fan wires from the motherboard. The fan assembly can now be lifted from the chassis.

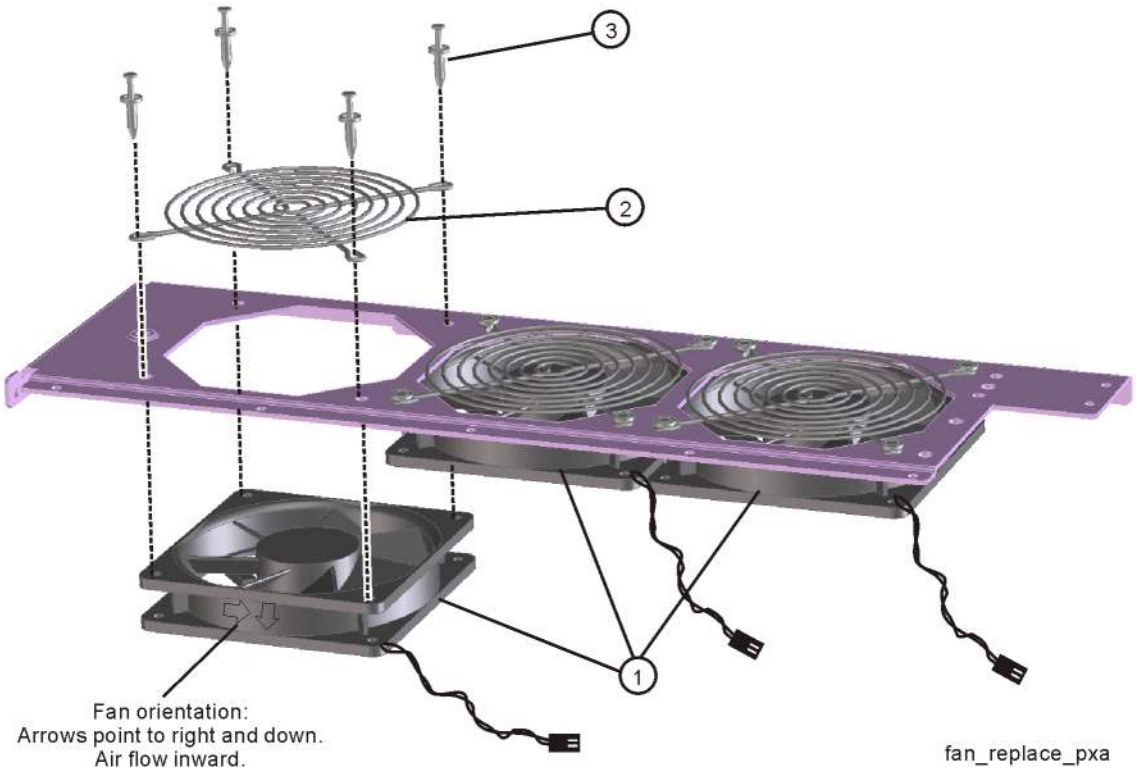
Figure 16-80 Fan Wires



Replacing a Fan

1. Refer to Figure 16-81. To replace a fan, it is necessary to remove the 4 plastic rivets **(3)** (0361-1272) that attach the fan **(1)** and guard **(2)** to the fan bracket. To do this use a small screwdriver to unscrew the rivet and remove it from the bracket. The rivets may need to be cut or pushed out from behind. They are not reusable.

Figure 16-81 Fan Replacement



2. Position the new fan on the work surface with the arrows pointing to the right and down.
3. Orient the fan guard so that the rings are on the outside, and that the “V” of the support legs are pointing to the neighboring fan.
4. With the rivets center posts raised, snap the rivets into place through the fan grill and fan bracket and into the fan. Screw the center posts into place. This may require a small hammer or push tool to push the rivets in.

Replacement

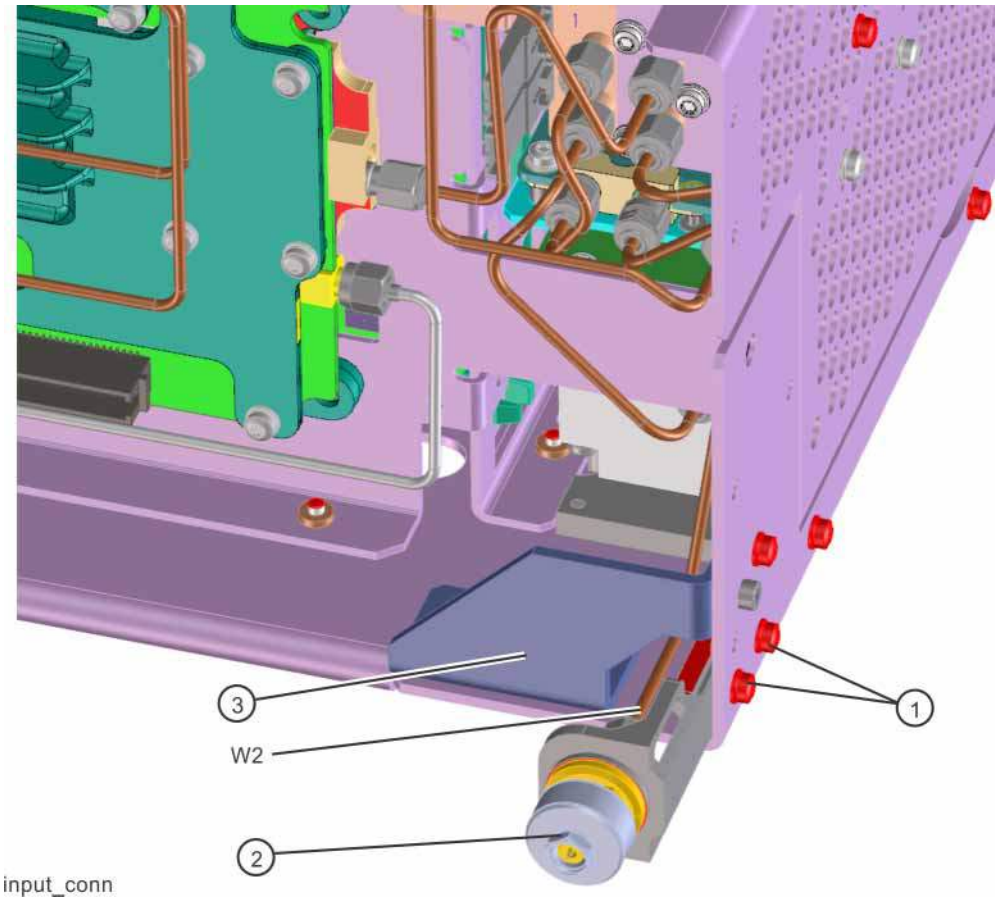
1. Plug the fan wires into the motherboard.
2. Refer to Figure 16-79. Place the fan assembly into position in the chassis. Replace the twelve screws **(1)** (0515-0372) to attach the fan assembly to the chassis. Ensure the fan wires are not pinched. Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
3. Replace the Front Frame Assembly. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" replacement procedure.
4. Replace the top brace. Refer to the "Top Brace and Power Supply Bracket" replacement procedure.
5. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

Input Connector Assembly

Removal

1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the “Instrument Outer Case” removal procedure.
2. Remove the Front Frame Assembly. Refer to the “Front Frame Assembly” removal procedure.
3. Refer to Figure 16-82. Disconnect the semi-rigid cable W2 from the Input Connector Assembly.

Figure 16-82 Input Connector Assembly Removal



4. Remove the two screws **(1)** (0515-0372) that attach the Input Connector Assembly to the chassis. The connector assembly can now be lifted from the chassis.

Replacement

1. Refer to Figure 16-82. Place the Input Connector Assembly into position in the chassis. Replace the two screws **(1)** (0515-0372) to attach the Input Connector Assembly to the chassis. Torque to 9 inch-pounds.
2. Reconnect the semi-rigid cable W2 to the Input Connector Assembly. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
3. Replace the Front Frame Assembly. Refer to the "Front Frame Assembly" replacement procedure.
4. Replace the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

Front Frame Assembly

Removal

NOTE Make sure any connectors on the front panel are removed.

1. Remove the instrument outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" removal procedure.
2. If Option EXM, External Mixing, is installed disconnect semi-rigid cable connection **(1)** on LO/IF cable.
3. Refer to Figure 16-83. Using the T-10 driver, remove the eight screws **(2)** (0515-2032), four on each side, to detach the Front Frame Assembly from the chassis.
4. Refer to Figure 16-84. Pull the Front Frame Assembly carefully away from the chassis. Remove the ribbon cable W1 from the motherboard. The cable has locking tabs on each side, pinch and pull to release.

Figure 16-83 Front Frame Assembly Removal

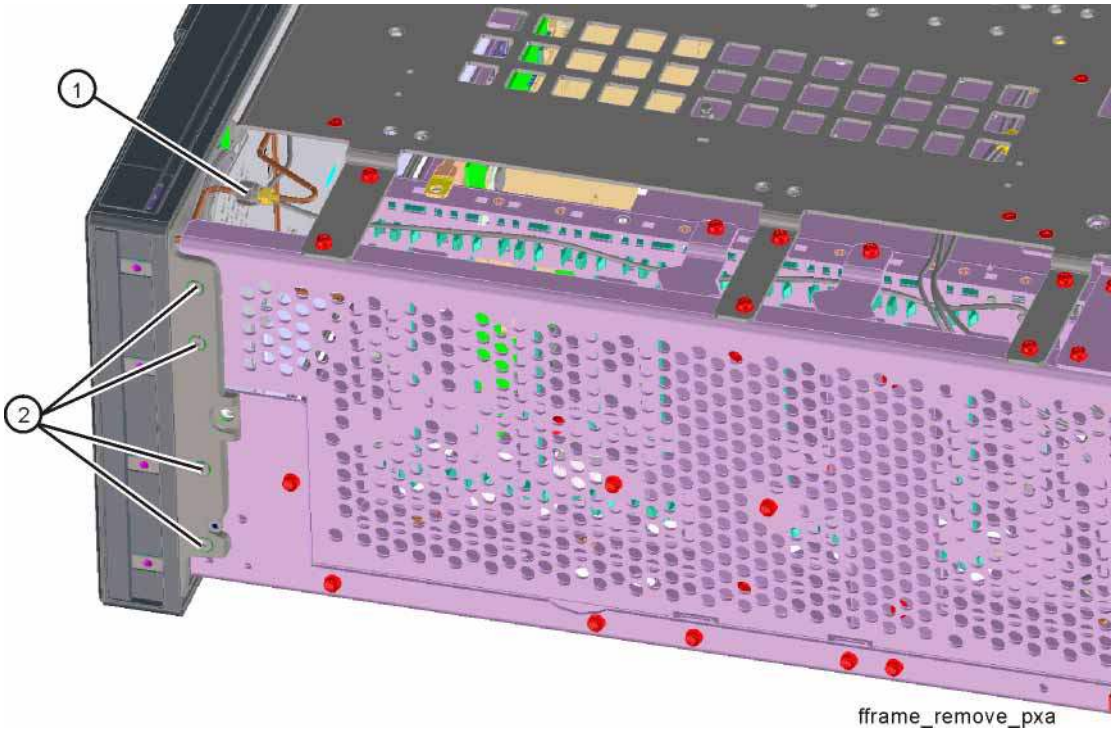
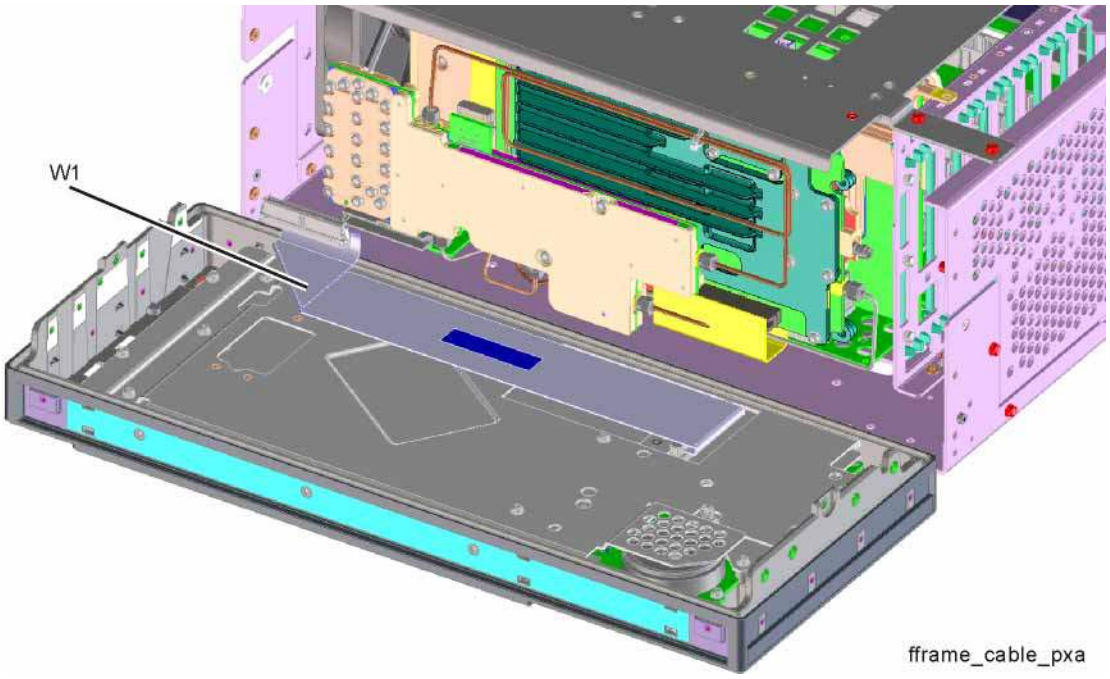


Figure 16-84 Front Panel Cable



Replacement

1. Reattach the ribbon cable W1. Ensure the locking tabs are engaged.
2. Refer to Figure 16-83. Carefully position the Front Frame Assembly onto the chassis. Ensure no cables are crushed. Replace the eight screws **(2)** (0515-2032), four on each side of the chassis. Torque to 9 inch pounds.
3. If option EXM, External Mixing, is installed attach semi-rigid LO/IF cable. Torque to 10 inch-pounds.
4. Replace the outer case. Refer to the "Instrument Outer Case" replacement procedure.

Front Frame Assembly Components

NOTE Access to any of the Front Frame assemblies requires removal of the Front Frame Assembly from the chassis.

Figure 16-85 Front Frame Parts

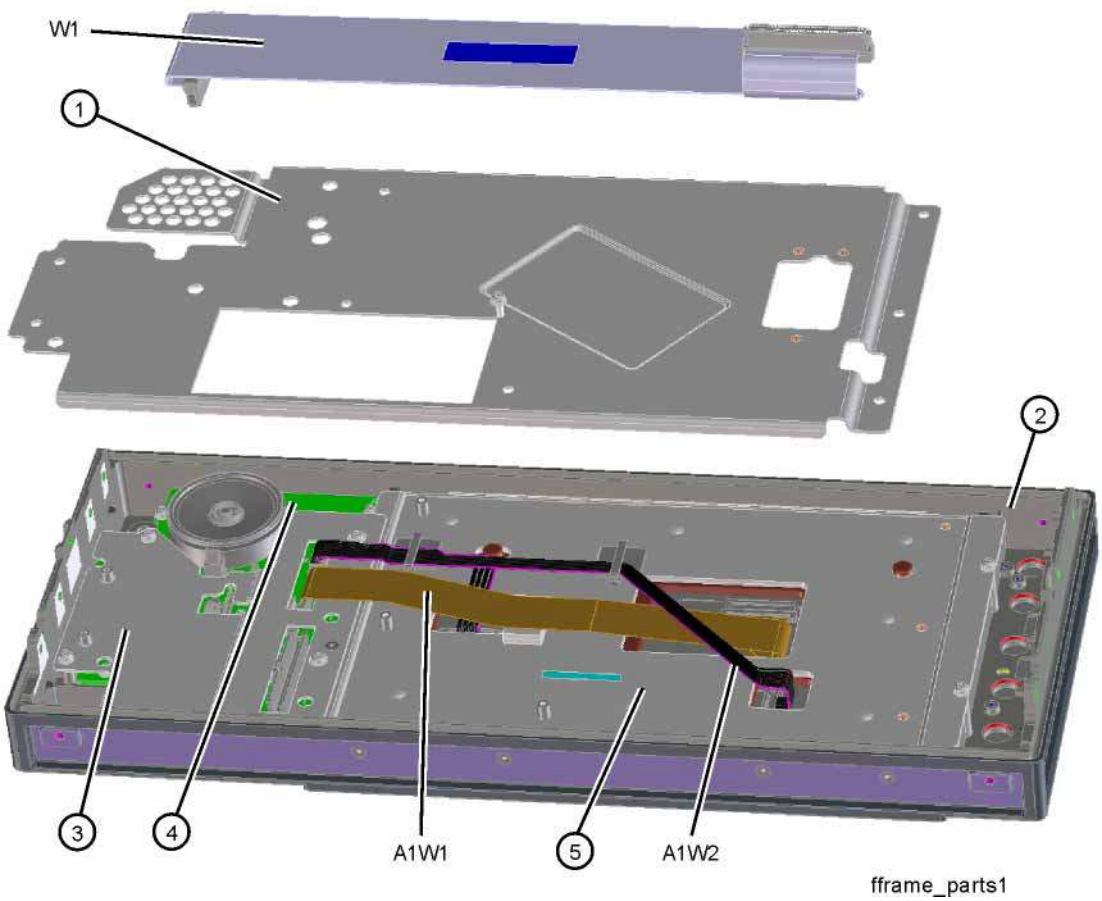


Table 16-15 Front Frame Parts

Item	Description
1	A1MP14 Shield
2	A1A1 Front Frame
3	A1MP10 Bracket front panel shield
4	A1A2 Front Panel Control Board
5	A1MP11 Display Bracket, Front Panel
A1W1	Flex Circuit, Display to Front Panel Control Board
A1W2	Cable Assembly, Backlight

Figure 16-86 Front Frame Exploded View

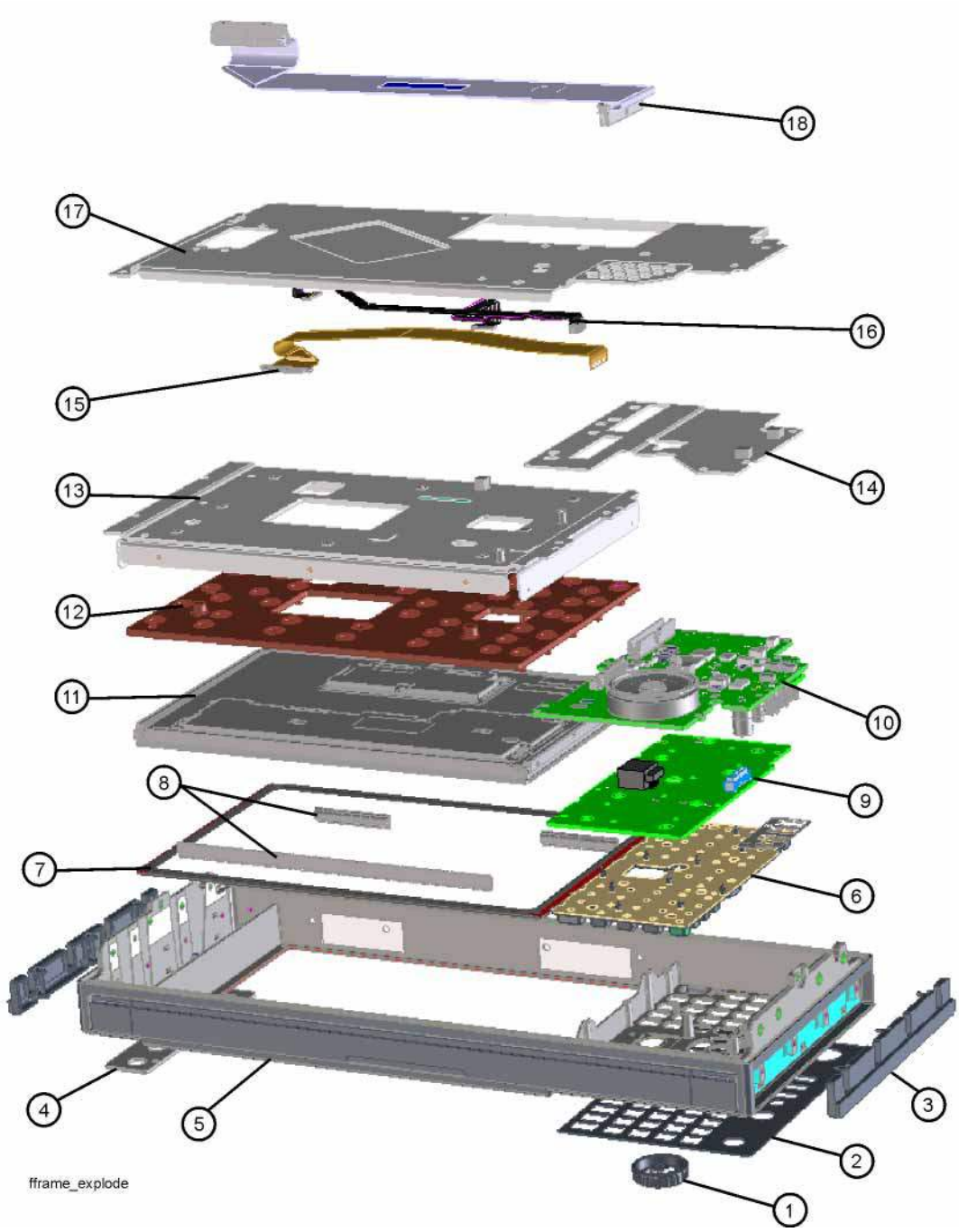
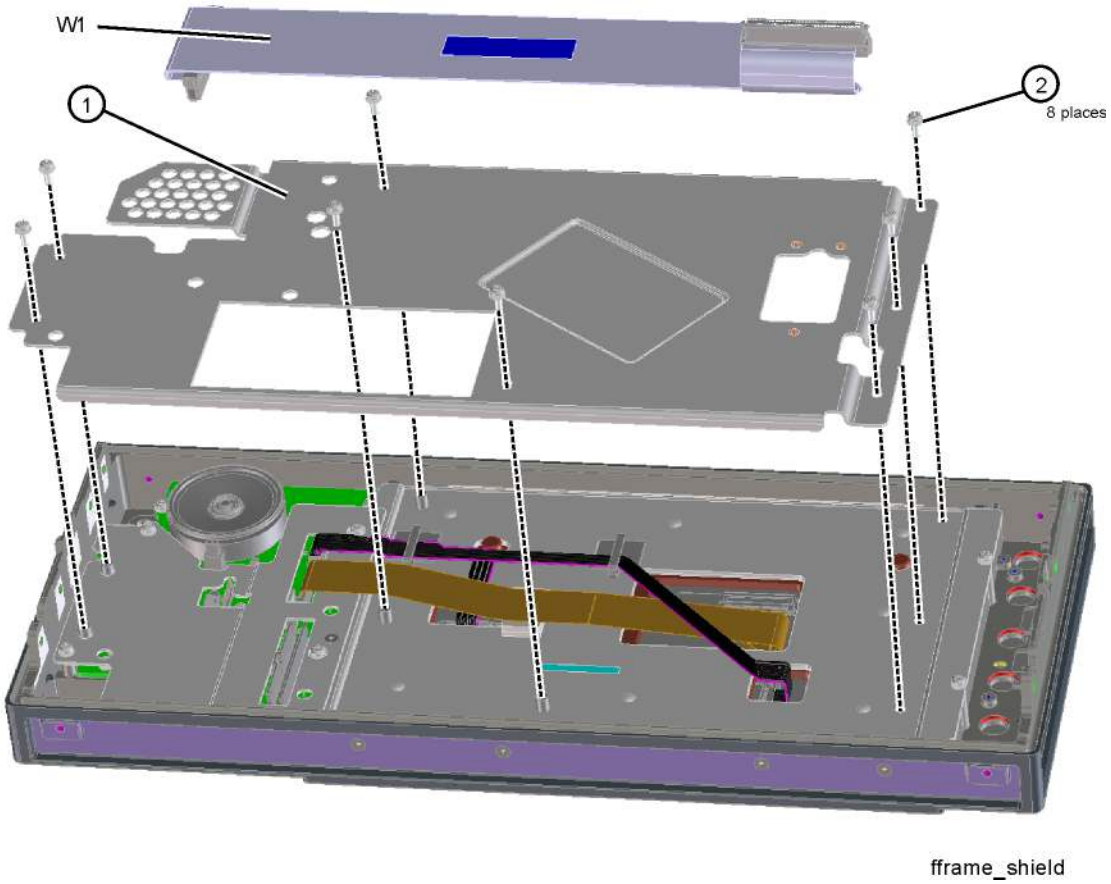


Table 16-16

Item	Description
1	RPG Knob
2	Overlay, Keyboard
3	Front Frame Side Trim Strip (plastic, 2 ea)
4	Cover Plate
5	Front Frame
6	A1A5 Main Keypad
7	Braided Gasket
8	EMI Gasket
9	A1A4 Keyboard, PCA
10	A1A2 Front Panel Control Board
11	A1A3 Liquid Crystal Display 10.6-in w/PCAP Touch 1280X768-Pixels
12	A1MP9 Display hold down (compression pad)
13	A1MP11 Display Bracket, Front Panel
14	A1MP10 Bracket front panel shield
15	A1W1 Flex Circuit, Display to Front Panel Control Board
16	A1W2 Cable Assembly, Backlight
17	A1MP14 Shield
18	W1 Cable, ribbon 68 pin, Front panel Interface to Motherboard

Front Panel Shield

Figure 16-87 Front Panel Shield



1. Refer to Figure 16-87. Remove ribbon cable W1.
2. To remove the front panel shield **(1)**, remove the eight screws **(2)** (0515-0372).
3. When replacing the front panel shield, torque all screws to 9 inch-pounds, When replacing ribbon cable W1 press firmly on each side to ensure the hooks catch on the boards mating connector.

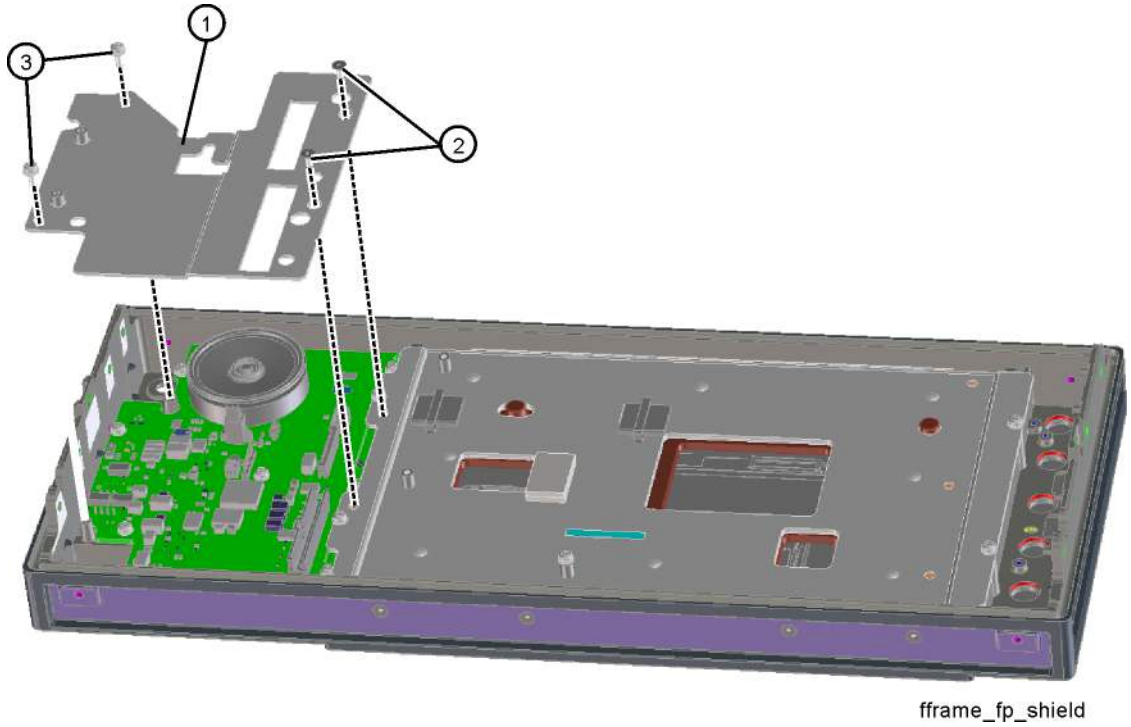
Front Panel Cables

1. Refer to Figure 16-85. Remove cables A1W1 and A1W2.
2. When replacing the cables, dress in the appropriate cable clamps.

Front Panel Control Board and Shield

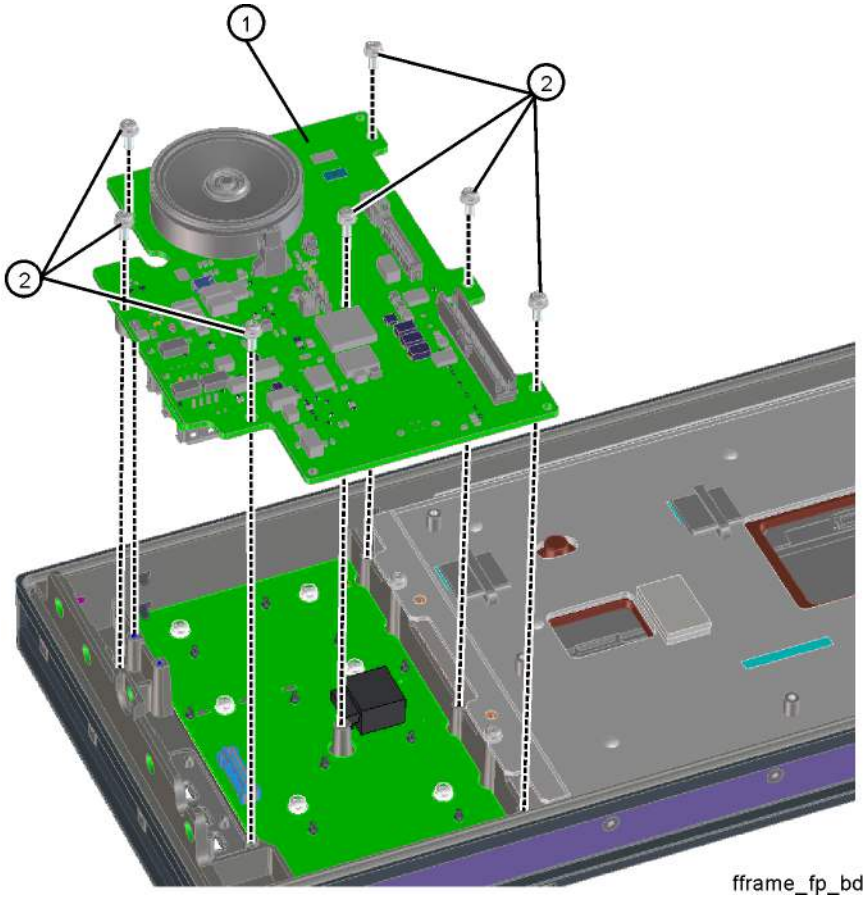
1. Refer to Figure 16-88. To remove the Front Panel Control Shield **(1)**, remove the two screws **(2)** (0515-1946) and the two screws **(3)** (0515-0372).

Figure 16-88 Front Panel Control Shield and Board Removal



2. Refer to Figure 16-89. To remove the Front Panel Control board **(1)**, remove the seven screws **(2)** (0515-0372). When replacing the board torque the screws to 9 inch-pounds.

Figure 16-89 Front Panel Control Board

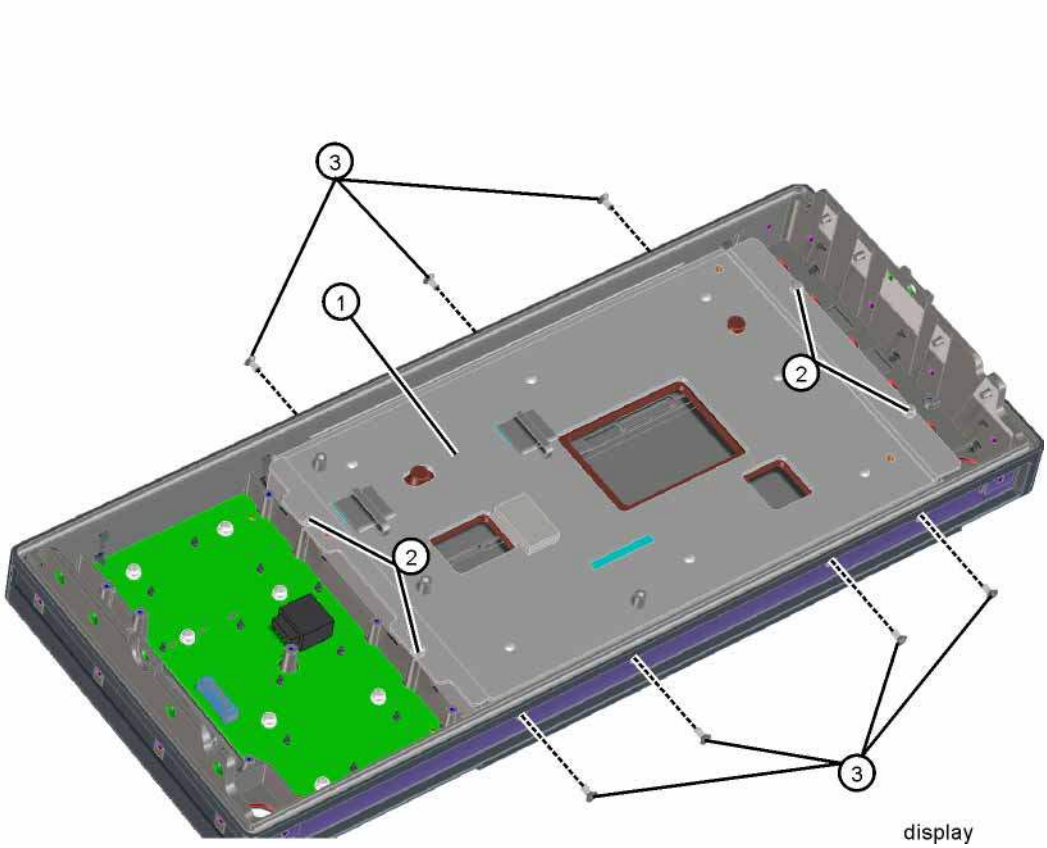


Display Assembly

Removal

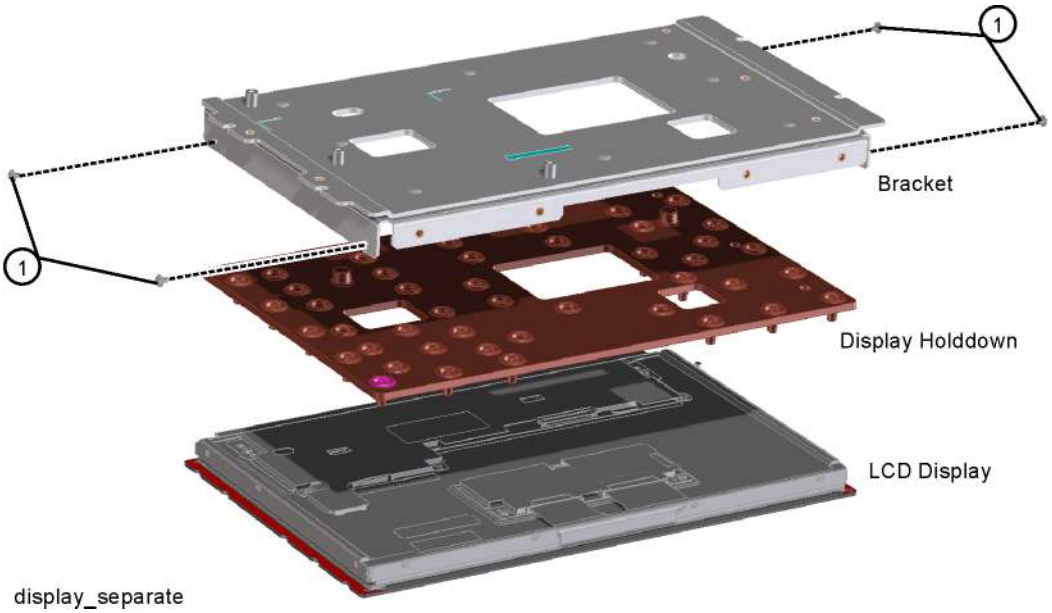
1. Refer to Figure 16-90. Remove the four screws **(2)** (0515-0372) and the seven screws **(3)** (0515-1946). The display assembly **(1)** can now be lifted out of the front frame. When replacing the display assembly in the front frame, torque the screws to 9 inch-pounds.

Figure 16-90 Display Removal



2. Refer to Figure 16-91. To separate the display and display holddown from the display bracket, remove the four screws **(1)** (0515-0365). When reassembling the display assembly, torque the screws to 2 inch-pounds.

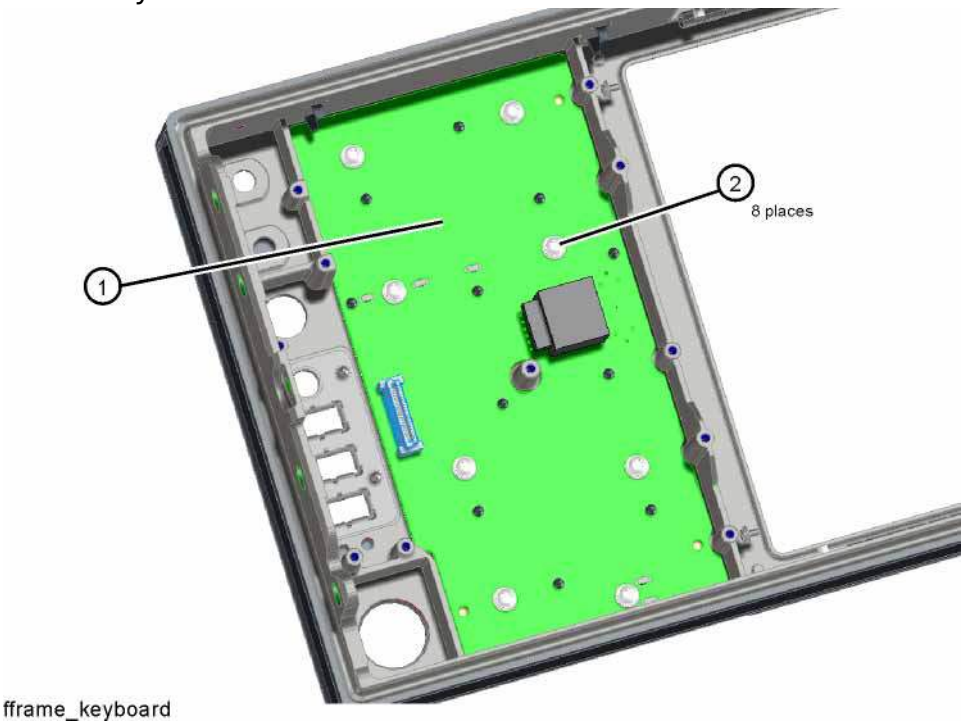
Figure 16-91 Display and Bracket Separation



Keyboard/Keypad

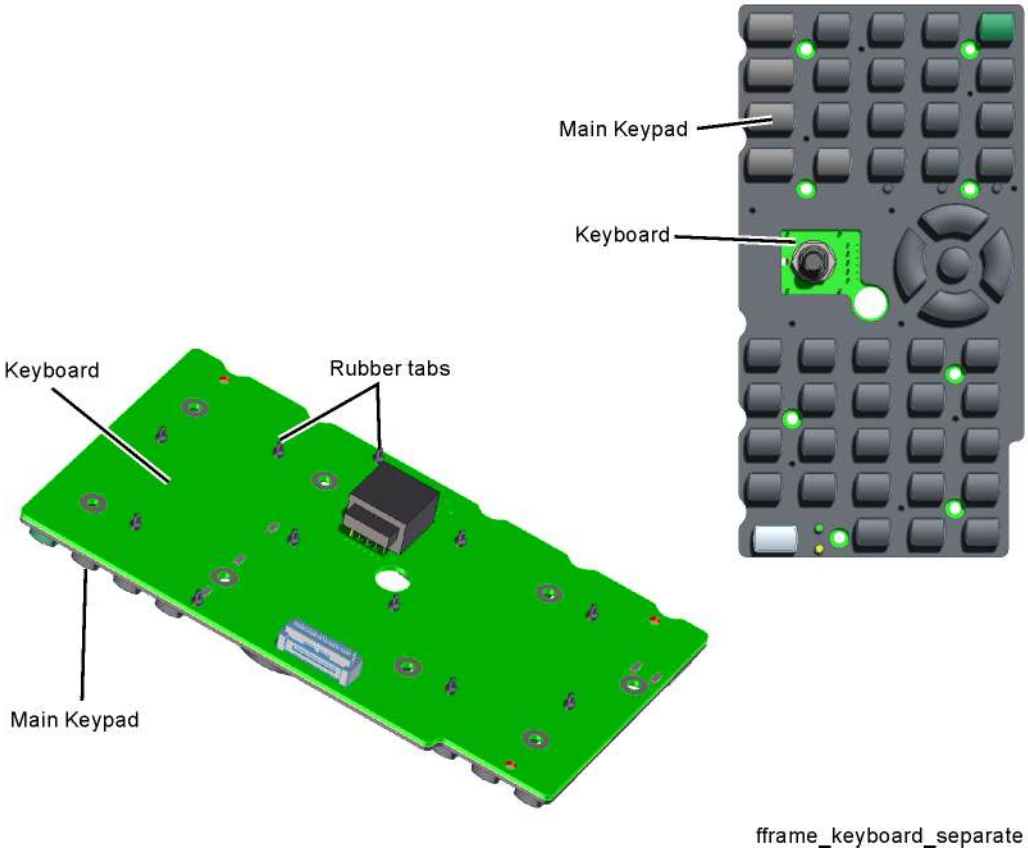
1. Refer to Figure 16-92. Remove the RPG knob by carefully pulling it off the shaft. To remove the keyboard **(1)**, remove the eight screws **(2)** (0515-0430). When replacing the keyboard into the front frame, torque the screws to 9 inch-pounds. Replace the RPG knob by firmly pushing it onto the shaft.

Figure 16-92 Keyboard



2. Refer to Figure 16-93. To separate the keypad from the keyboard pull the keypad away from the keyboard to release the multiple rubber tabs.

Figure 16-93 Keyboard Keypad Separation



3. Remove the protective film from the new keypad (if replacing). Lay the keypad on the keyboard and pull up on the tabs from the back of the board to seat them in place.

17 Post-Repair Procedures

What You Will Find in This Chapter

This chapter provides information that will enable you to return an instrument to full operation following the replacement of any instrument assembly. This information includes a table that shows which adjustments and/or performance tests must be executed after replacing an assembly.

Before Starting

There are three things you should do before starting any of the procedures listed or described in this chapter:

- Familiarize yourself with the safety symbols, and read the general safety considerations and the safety note definitions in the front of this guide, **before** you begin the procedures in this chapter.
- Check that the analyzer has been turned on and allowed to warm up.
- Ensure that the analyzer is operating within a temperature range of 20 °C to 30 °C.

Test equipment you will need

Refer to Table 1-1 on page 28, for a list of recommended equipment and critical test equipment specifications for the performance verification and adjustments.

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Table 17-1 lists the adjustments and performance verification tests needed after an assembly replacement.

After an assembly is replaced, find the assembly that has been replaced in the left-hand column, and then perform the recommended adjustment and/or performance verification test. Making the recommended adjustments and/or performance verification tests doesn't guarantee all published specifications are being met. Only a full instrument calibration will do this.

NOTE

Refer to the analyzer user's guide for information on instrument warm-up before performing any of the procedures listed in this chapter.

The following procedures are also included in the "Additional Tasks" on page 456.

- "Calibration Data Backup and Restore"
- "BIOS Settings Verification"
- "Operating System Initialization"
- "FPGA Synchronization"
- "Programming Model and Serial Numbers"

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Table 17-1 Post-Repair Testing Requirements

Assembly	Adjustments to Perform (in the order listed)[a]	Performance Verifications to Perform After Adjustments [ab]
A1A2 Front Panel Interface	None	Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level
A1A3 Liquid Crystal Display	None	Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level
A2 Analog IF Assembly	IF Flatness Adjust (if Option MPB is also present)	Power Bandwidth Accuracy Resolution Bandwidth Switching Uncertainty Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level IF Frequency Response Absolute Amplitude Accuracy Display Scale Fidelity
A3 Digital IF Assembly	FPGA Synchronization[c]	Power Bandwidth Accuracy Resolution Bandwidth Switching Uncertainty Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level IF Frequency Response Absolute Amplitude Accuracy Display Scale Fidelity
A4 CPU Assembly	BIOS Settings Verification**[c]** Set Instrument Time and Date[d]	Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level
A4BT1 Battery	BIOS Settings Verification**[c]** Set Instrument Time and Date**[d]**	Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level
A5 Disk Drive[e]	Accept End User License Agreement (EULA)**[c]** Instrument Software Update[f] All Adjustments**[e]**[g]	Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level Frequency Response (All Tests)
A6 Power Supply	None	Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level Spurious Responses
A7 Midplane board	Program Instrument Model and Serial Number**[c]**	Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level
A8 Motherboard	None	Run all tests since instrument was disassembled.

Table 17-1 Post-Repair Testing Requirements (Continued)

Assembly	Adjustments to Perform (in the order listed)[a]	Performance Verifications to Perform After Adjustments [ab]
A9 & A10 RF Attenuators	Hardware Statistical Reset Utility 50 MHz Calibrator Adjustment Frequency Response (All Adjustments) Attenuator Slope	Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level Spurious Responses Third Order Intermodulation Absolute Amplitude Accuracy Input Attenuation Switching Uncertainty Frequency Response (All Tests)
A11 Low Band Switch	Frequency Response (All Tests) Attenuator Slope	Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level Spurious Responses Third Order Intermodulation Second Harmonic Distortion Absolute Amplitude Accuracy Frequency Response (All Tests)
A12 YTF Preselector	YTF Alignment (Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Advanced**, **Characterize Preselector**) Frequency Response (All Adjustments) Attenuator Slope Characterize Noise Floor	Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level Spurious Responses Third Order Intermodulation Second Harmonic Distortion Absolute Amplitude Accuracy Frequency Response (All Tests)
A13 Front End Assembly	Frequency Response (All Tests) Attenuator Slope TOI Adjustment Characterize Noise Floor Front End Controller Attenuator Adjustment	Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level Spurious Responses Third Order Intermodulation Second Harmonic Distortion Absolute Amplitude Accuracy Frequency Response (All Tests) Effective DANL
A14 Synthesizer Assembly	FPGA Synchronization[c]	Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level Spurious Responses Phase Noise (All Tests) Frequency Response (All Tests)
A15 Front End Control Assembly	FPGA Synchronization[c] Front End Controller Attenuator Adjustment Frequency Response (All Tests) Attenuator Slope TOI Adjustment Characterize Noise Floor YTF Alignment (Press System, Alignments, Advanced, Characterize Preselector)	Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level Absolute Amplitude Accuracy Frequency Response (All Tests) Effective DANL

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Table 17-1 Post-Repair Testing Requirements (Continued)

Assembly	Adjustments to Perform (in the order listed)[a]	Performance Verifications to Perform After Adjustments [ab]
A16 Reference Assembly	FPGA Synchronization[c] 10 MHz Frequency Reference Adjust 50 MHz Calibrator Amplitude Adjust 4800 MHz Calibrator Amplitude Adjust (MPB)	Frequency Reference Accuracy Residual Responses Displayed Average Noise Level Frequency Readout Accuracy Count Accuracy Absolute Amplitude Accuracy Phase Noise (All Tests)
A20 YTO	Assure 1st LO unlocked or unleveled messages do not appear.	Residual Responses Phase Noise Frequency Response (all tests)
A25 Wideband Analog IF (Option B2X or B5X)	IF Frequency Response UWBIF (B2X, B5X) IF Frequency Response (B25, B40)	Noise Density IF Frequency Response UWBIF IF Frequency Response Check (Utility) for freq range > 8.4 GHz (Option B25, B40)
A26/A27 Wideband Digital IF (Option B2X or B5X)	FPGA Synchronization[c]	
SW1, SW2, or SW4 Preselector bypass switch (Option MPB)	Frequency Response (all tests) Reset Preselector Bypass cycles using software utility. 4800 MHz Calibrator Adjustment	Frequency Response (all tests)

a. Calibration Application Software is required for all performance tests and most adjustments. For details go to http://www.keysight.com/find/calibrationsoftware
b. If Adjustments to Perform for a given assembly are listed as “None”, the Performance Verifications listed should still be performed to ensure performance has not been compromised.
c. See the Additional Tasks section in this chapter for detailed instructions on this task.
d. To set the instrument time and date press **Start**, **Control Panel**, **Date and Time**. Select **Region and Language** to change date and time formats.
e. Before replacing the A5 Disk Drive, see the “Calibration Data Backup and Restore” section in this chapter for details.
f. See Chapter 17, “Instrument Software” for instructions on updating the instrument software to the latest version.
g. The 50 MHz and 4800 MHz Calibrator Amplitude Adjustments must be done prior to Frequency Response Adjustments.

NOTE Some Adjustment tests may be found in the Utility portion of the Test Plan.

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Additional Tasks

Calibration Data Backup and Restore

In order for the instrument being repaired to not need all of the instrument adjustments and performance verification tests to be run after the A5 Disk Drive is replaced the calibration data will need to be backed up onto an external drive prior to removing the existing disk drive.

NOTE

While the backing up and restoring of the calibration data to the new disk drive will return the instrument performance to the state that it was prior to a repair this does not guarantee that all instrument performance parameters meet their specified values. A full instrument calibration would be required to verify this.

Determining Installed Options & Processor Assembly Type

To determine your instrument's installed options and processor assembly type:

1. Press the **System** hardkey on the front panel, or tap the gear icon in the user interface. The System Settings panel opens.



System Hardkey



Gear Icon

2. Select the `System` tab at left, then, in the `Show` group, tap `Show System`.
3. A screen appears that displays all installed options, and indicates the instrument's processor assembly type.

   Possible processor assembly types are:

   - PC6
   - PC6S
   - PC8
   - PCA

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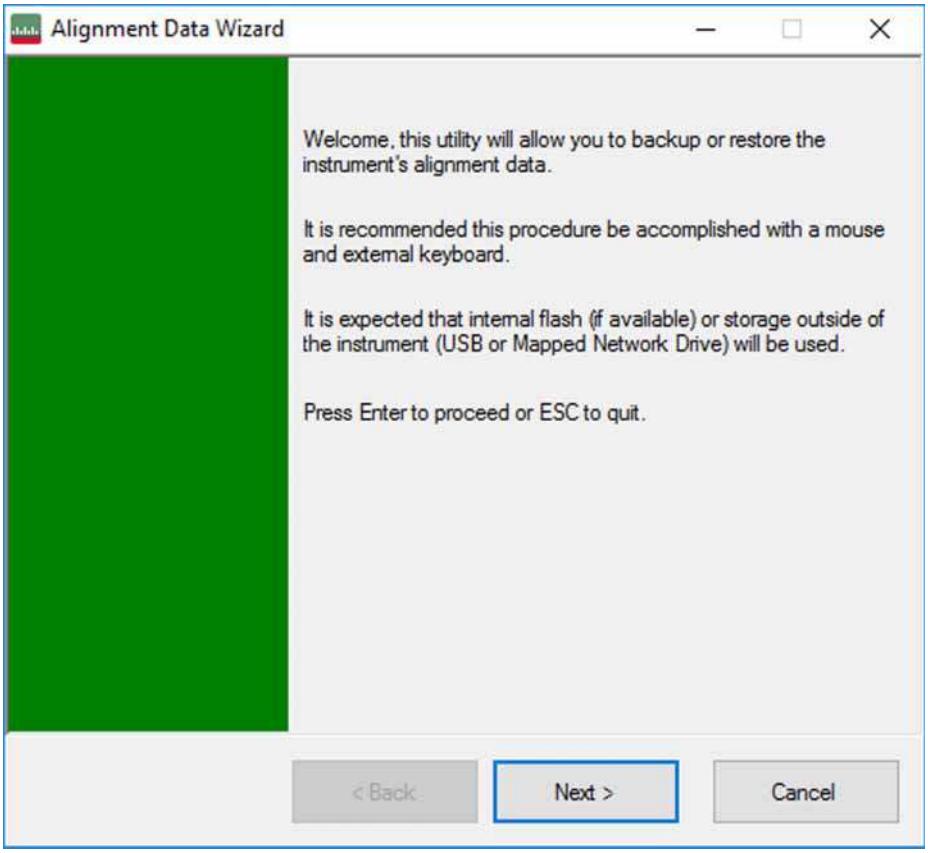
Data Backup

There are two different backup procedures that might need to be followed. Which backup procedure to be run will depend on whether the software will run or not.

If the Instrument Software Application Will Run

1. Connect a USB keyboard and mouse to two of the instrument rear panel USB ports
2. Connect a USB FLASH drive to one of the front panel USB port.
3. Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Backup or Restore Align Data**.
4. The Alignment Data Wizard window as shown in Figure 17-1 will appear.

Figure 17-1 Alignment Data Wizard



Click **Next** to proceed.

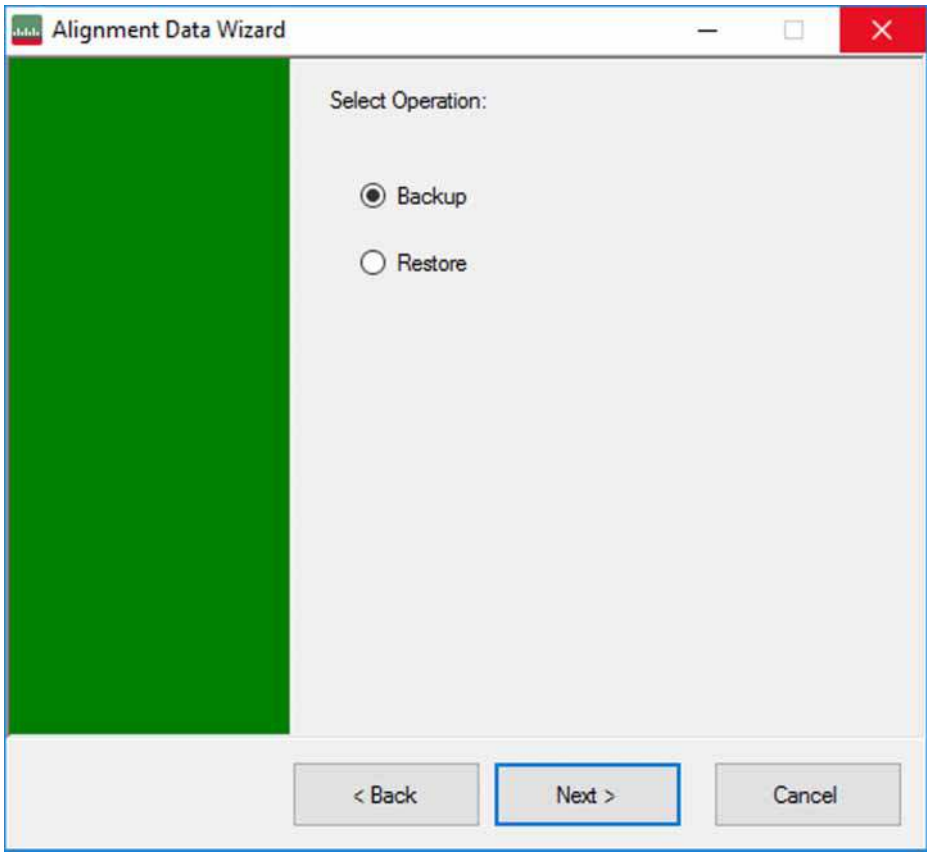
5. The next screen allows you to select either Backup or Restore.
   - To complete a **Backup** operation, follow the instructions in "Backup Operation" on page 459.
   - To complete a **Restore** operation, follow the instructions in "Restore Operation" on page 462.

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Backup Operation

1. From the Select Operation screen, select **Backup**, as shown in Figure 17-2, then click **Next** to proceed.

Figure 17-2 Selecting Backup Operation

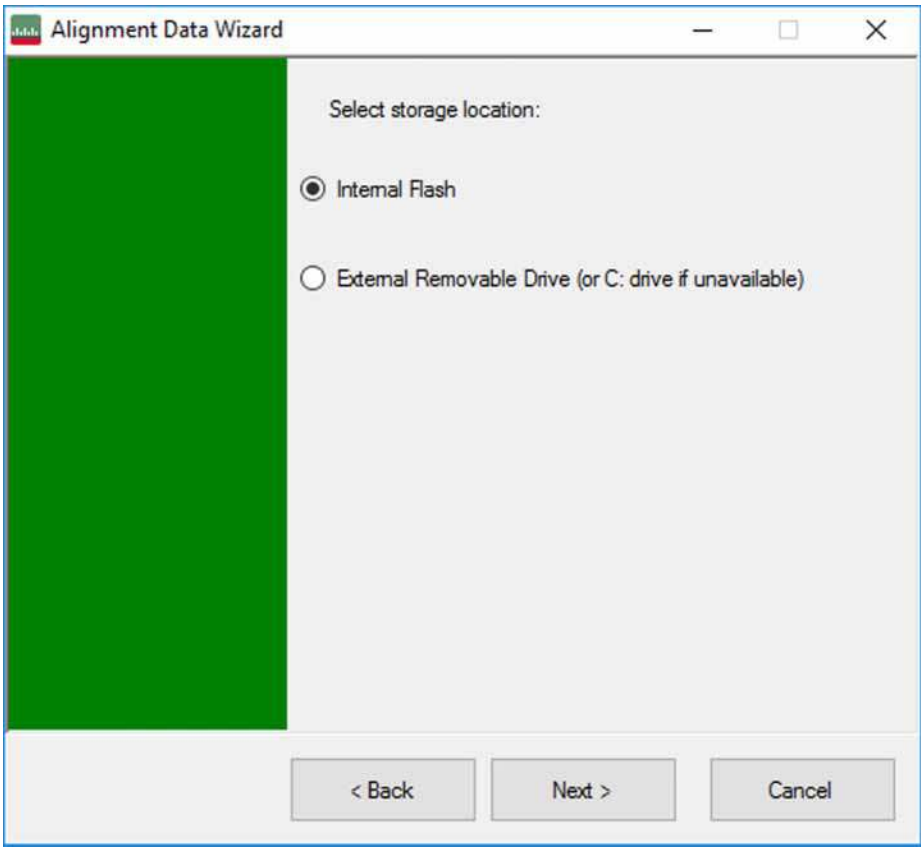


2. The content of the next screen displayed depends on the Processor Assembly type. To determine your instrument's Processor Assembly type, see "Determining Installed Options & Processor Assembly Type" on page 456.

   If the instrument has a PC6S Processor Assembly, then the screen contains the selections shown in Figure 17-3.

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Figure 17-3 Alignment Data Wizard Storage Options for PC6S and later Processor Assemblies

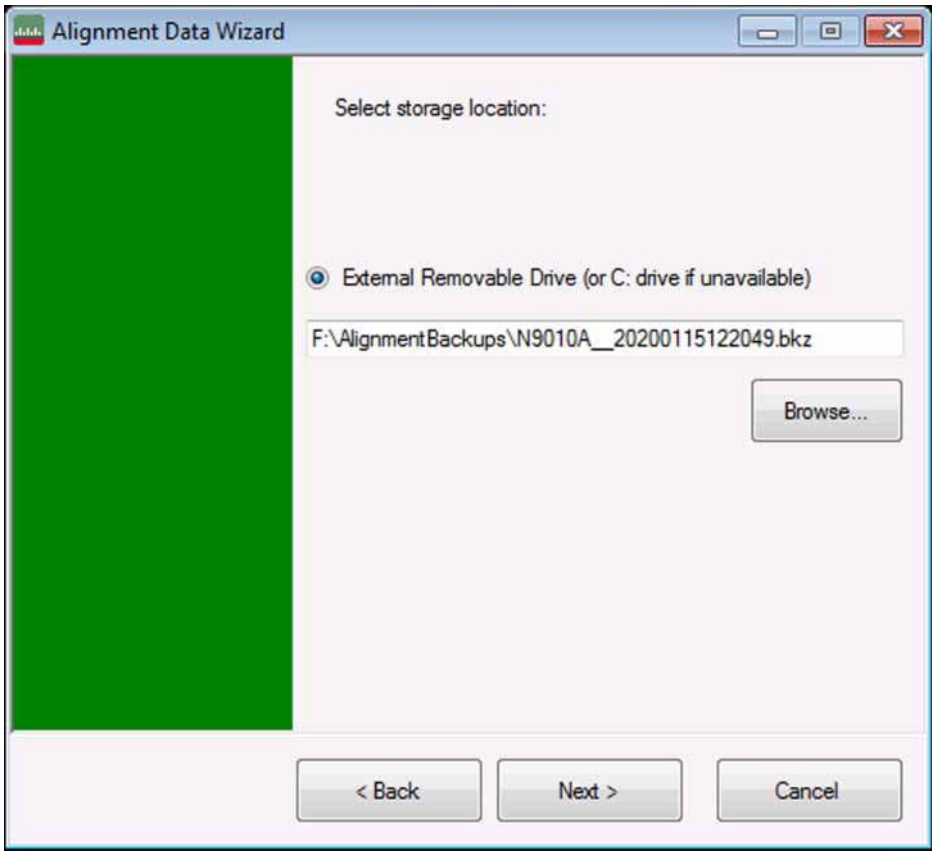


The available storage location options are as follows:

- **Internal Flash** is the Calibration Backup memory in the A4 Processor assembly. For PC6S, and later Processor Assemblies, this is the default location.
- **External Removable Drive**. This can be either the SD memory card in the PC6, PC6S, or PC8 Processor assembles or a USB flash drive. PCA Processor assemblies do not have the SD memory card.

If the instrument has a PC6 Processor Assembly, then the dialog contains only the **External Removable Drive** selection, as shown in Figure 17-4. In this case, the default storage location is the SD memory card in the A4 Processor assembly (PC6, PC6S, or PC8).

Figure 17-4 Alignment Data Wizard Storage Options for PC6



3. Select the desired storage location, then click **Next** and follow the wizard's on-screen instructions to back up the calibration data to the external USB Memory Device or Flash Memory.

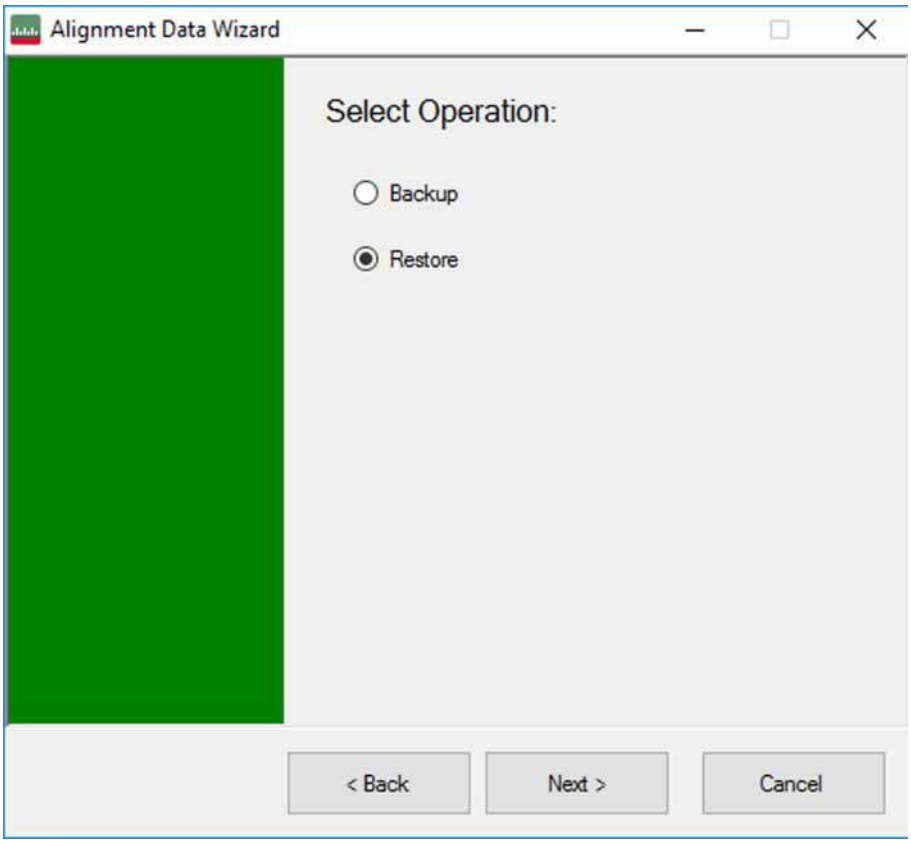
   This completes the Backup operation.

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Restore Operation

1. From the Select Operation screen, select **Restore**, as shown in Figure 17-5, then click **Next** to proceed.

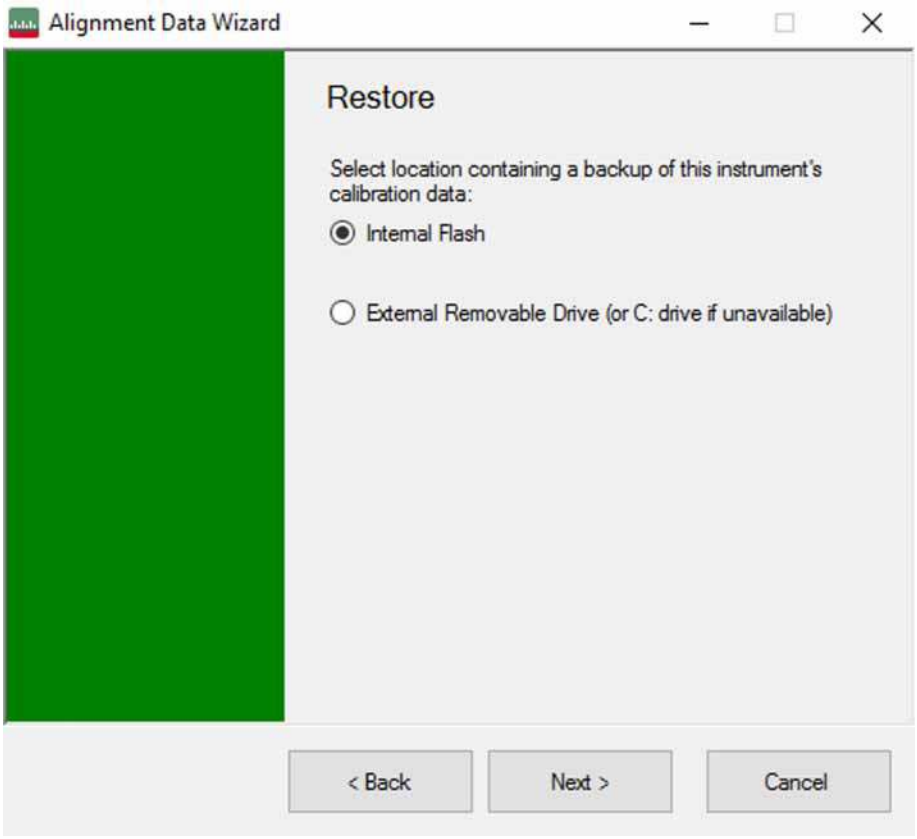
Figure 17-5 Selecting Restore Operation



2. If the instrument has a PC6S, or later, Processor Assembly, then you can choose to perform a Restore operation from Internal Flash Memory. Select that option as shown in Figure 17-6. To determine your instrument's Processor Assembly type, see "Determining Installed Options & Processor Assembly Type" on page 456.

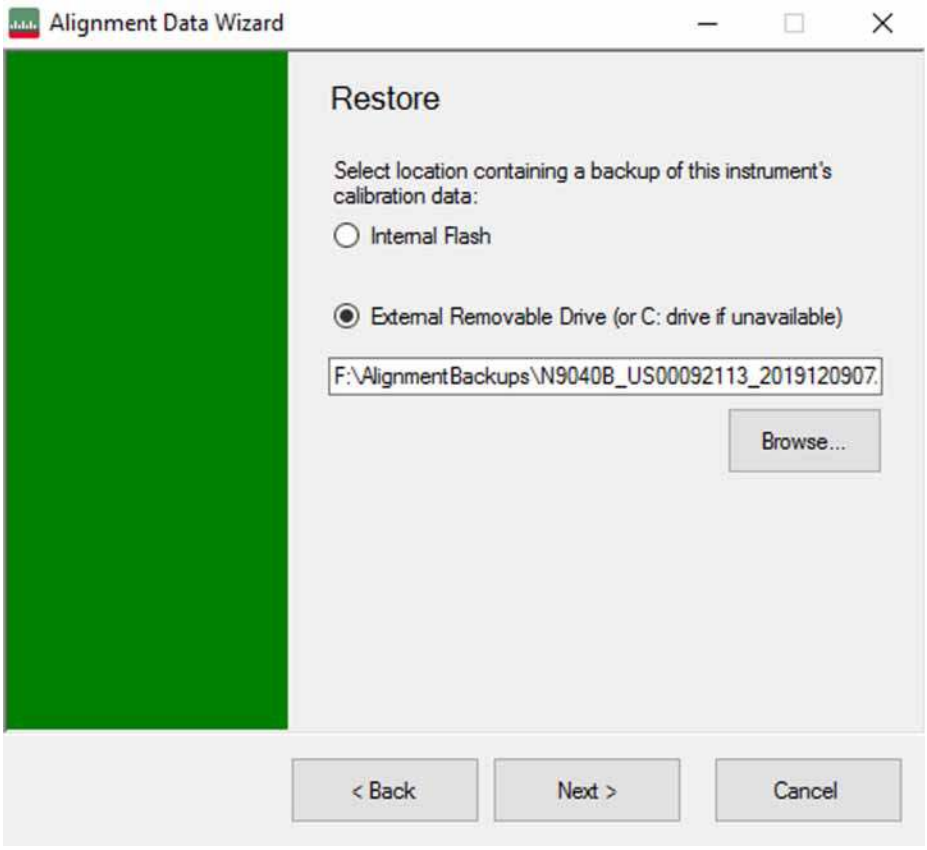
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Figure 17-6 Restore Operation from Internal Flash (PC6S, or later, only)



Alternatively, you can perform a Restore from an External Removable Drive. If the instrument has a PC6 Processor Assembly then this is the only available option. This option is shown selected in Figure 17-7. In this case, use the **Browse** button to select the appropriate backup location for Calibration files

Figure 17-7 Restore Operation from External Removable Drive



3. Select the desired storage location, then click **Next** and follow the wizard's on-screen instructions to restore the calibration data from the external USB Memory Device or Flash Memory.

   This completes the Restore operation.

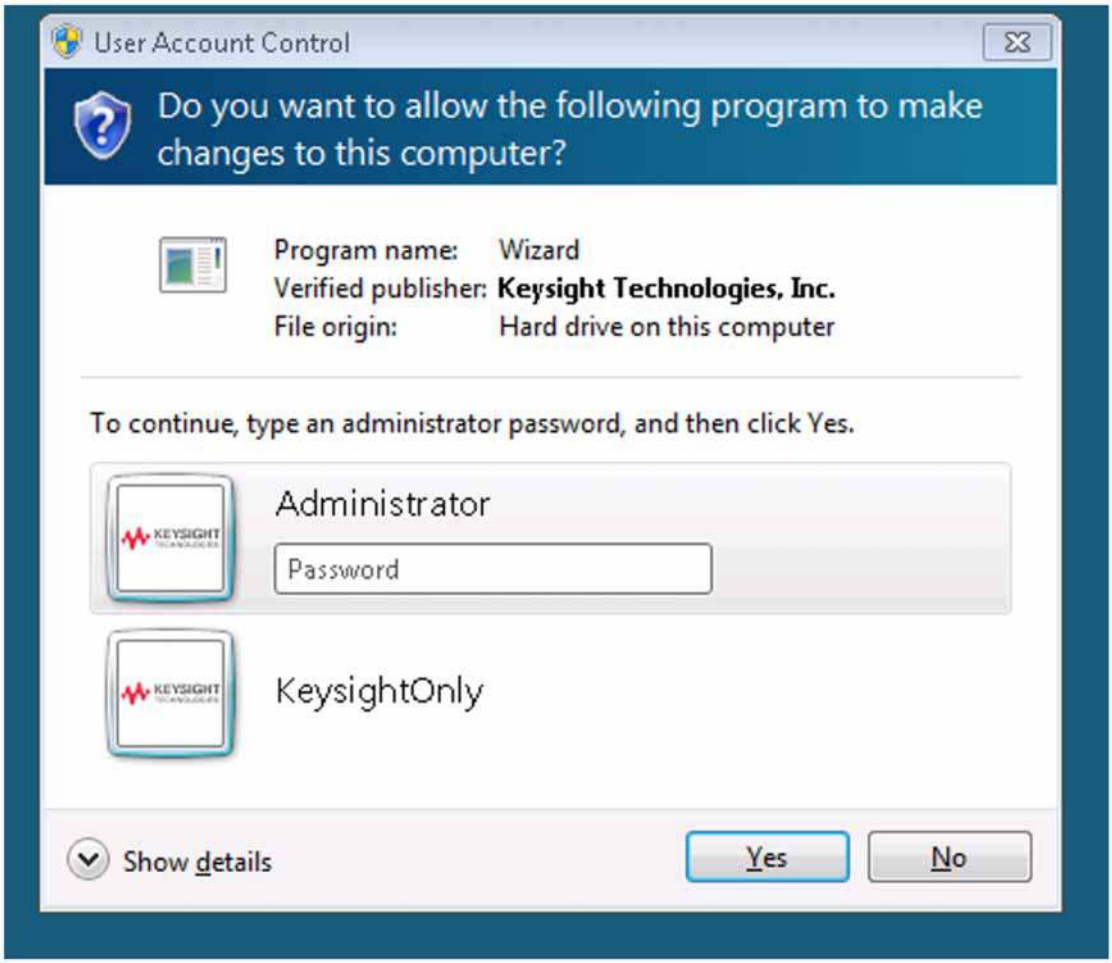
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If the Instrument Software Application Will Not Run

1. Connect a USB mouse to one of the instrument front panel USB ports.
2. Connect a USB FLASH drive to the other front panel USB port.
3. Using the mouse double-click on the Windows Explorer link on the desktop and navigate to the following folder:

   C:\Program Files\Agilent\SignalAnalysis\Infrastructure
4. Scroll down and double-click on BackupRestoreAlignDataWizard.exe.
5. If the window shown in Figure 17-8 appears. Enter the administrator password "Keysight4u!" and press **Yes**.

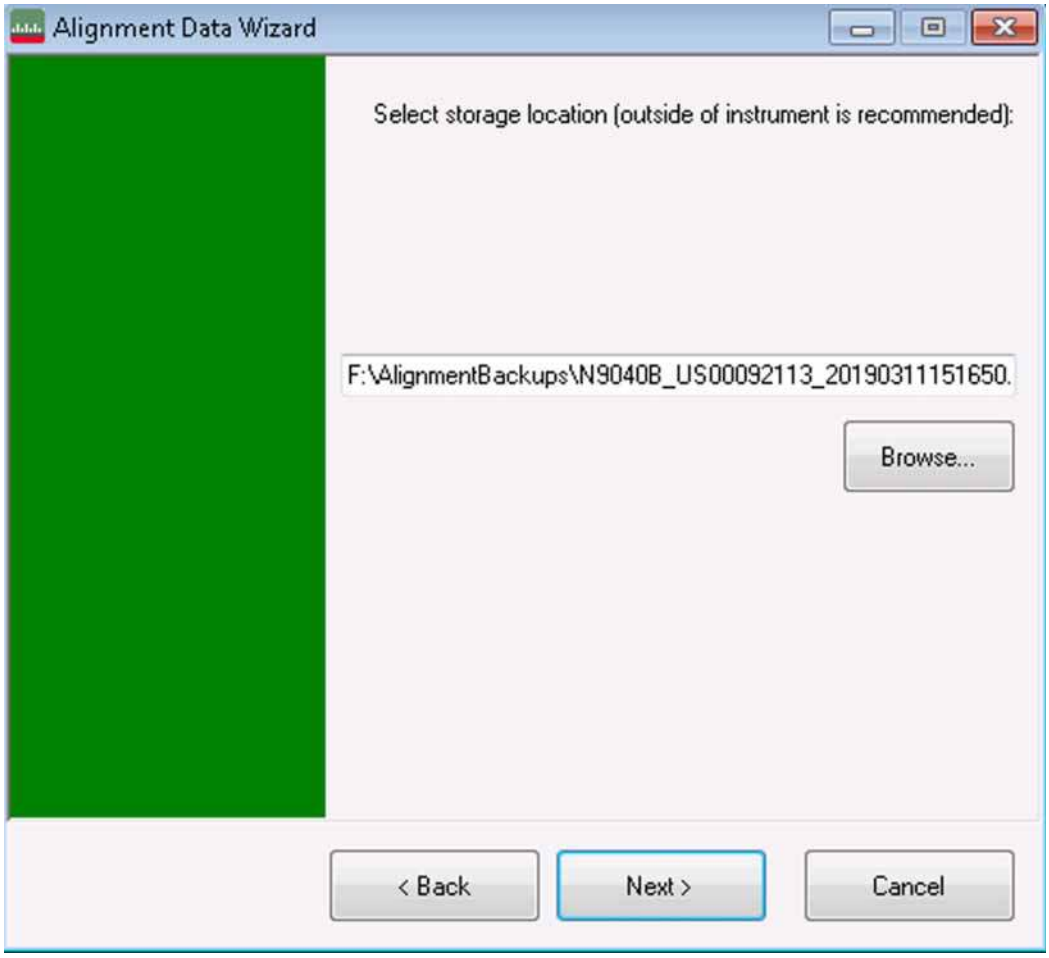
Figure 17-8 User Account Control



6. On the next screen select **Backup** and press **Next**.
7. On the screen shown in Figure 17-9, select a storage location. The default is the on-board CPU memory (SD card, F: drive). Press **Next** and then **Save**, to back up to this internal memory, or see step 8.

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Figure 17-9 Alignment Data Wizard

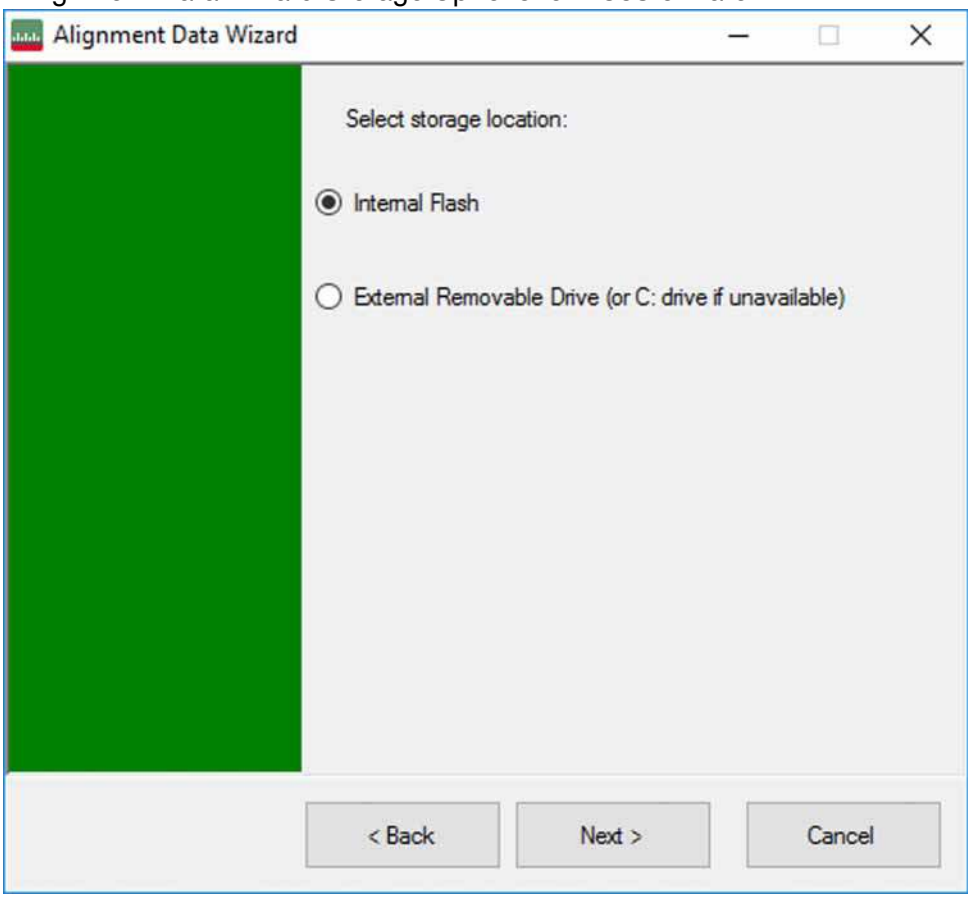


8. The content of the next screen displayed depends on the Processor Assembly type. To determine your instrument's Processor Assembly type, see "Determining Installed Options & Processor Assembly Type" on page 456.

   If the instrument has a PC6S Processor Assembly, then the screen contains the selections shown in Figure 17-10.

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Figure 17-10 Alignment Data Wizard Storage Options for PC6S or Later



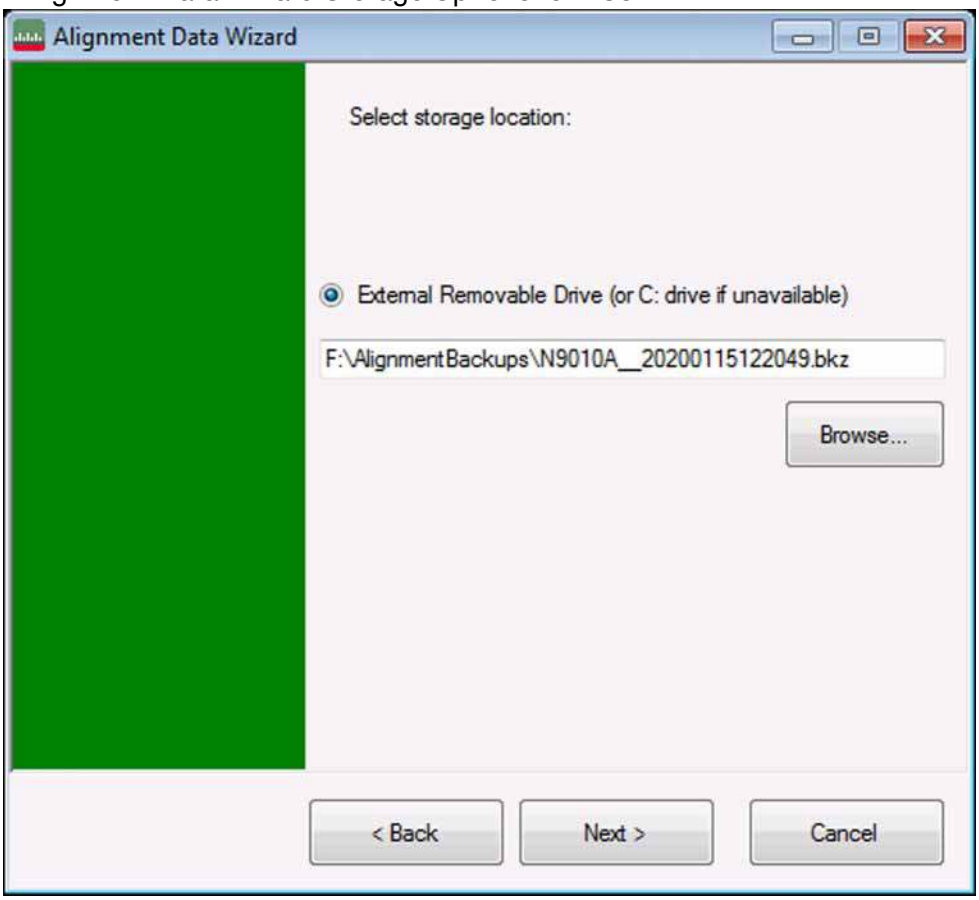
The available storage location options are as follows:

- **Internal Flash** is the Calibration Backup memory in the A4 Processor assembly. For PC6S, or later, this is the default location.
- **External Removable Drive**. This can be either the SD memory card in the PC6, PC6S, or PC8 Processor assembles or a USB flash drive. PCA Processor assemblies do not have the SD memory card.

If the instrument has a PC6 Processor Assembly then the dialog contains only the **External Removable Drive** selection, as shown in Figure 17-11. In this case, the default storage location is the SD memory card in the A4 Processor assembly.

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Figure 17-11 Alignment Data Wizard Storage Options for PC6



9. Select the desired storage location, then click **Next** and follow the wizard's on-screen instructions to back up the calibration data to the external USB Memory Device or Flash Memory.

   This completes the Backup operation.

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BIOS Settings Verification

Whenever either the A4 CPU assembly or the A4BT1 CPU Battery is changed there are certain BIOS settings that need to be verified. If these are not set correctly the instrument may not boot up or operate correctly.

Default BIOS Settings

1. Connect an external USB keyboard to one of the front panel USB ports.
2. Turn on instrument power.
3. Confirm Keysight Technologies splash screen comes up within a few seconds.
4. Press the key on the keyboard specified on the initial boot screen to enter the setup utility.
5. Navigate to the Exit screen and select “Restore Defaults” or “Load Setup Defaults”, whichever is present.
6. Once the defaults have been loaded select “Save Changes” and “Exit”.

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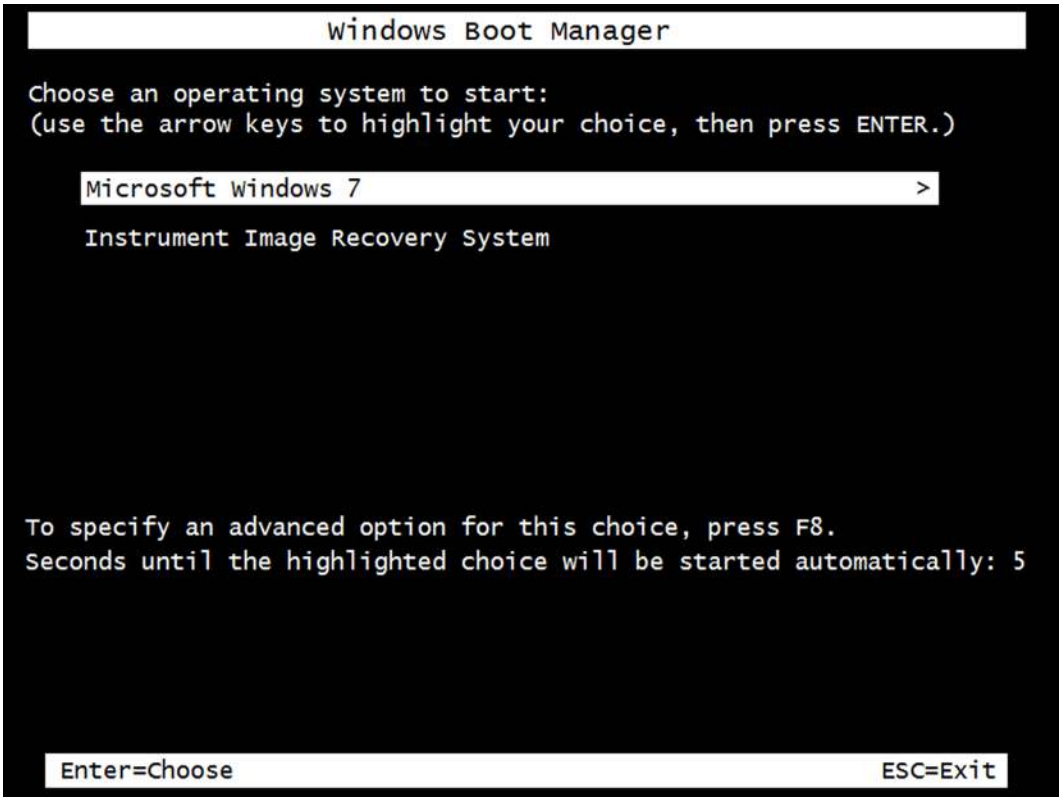
Operating System Initialization

When a new disk drive is powered on for the first time the operating system will need to initialize itself before the instrument can be used. This will take just a few minutes to complete and will require very little user interaction.

Initialization

1. With the new disk drive installed power the instrument on.
2. Within a few seconds you will see the initial Keysight Technologies splash screen, and then the boot selection menu as seen in Figure 17-12.
3. Allow the instrument to boot the Windows operating system. (This will happen automatically after 5 seconds if the instrument is left alone).

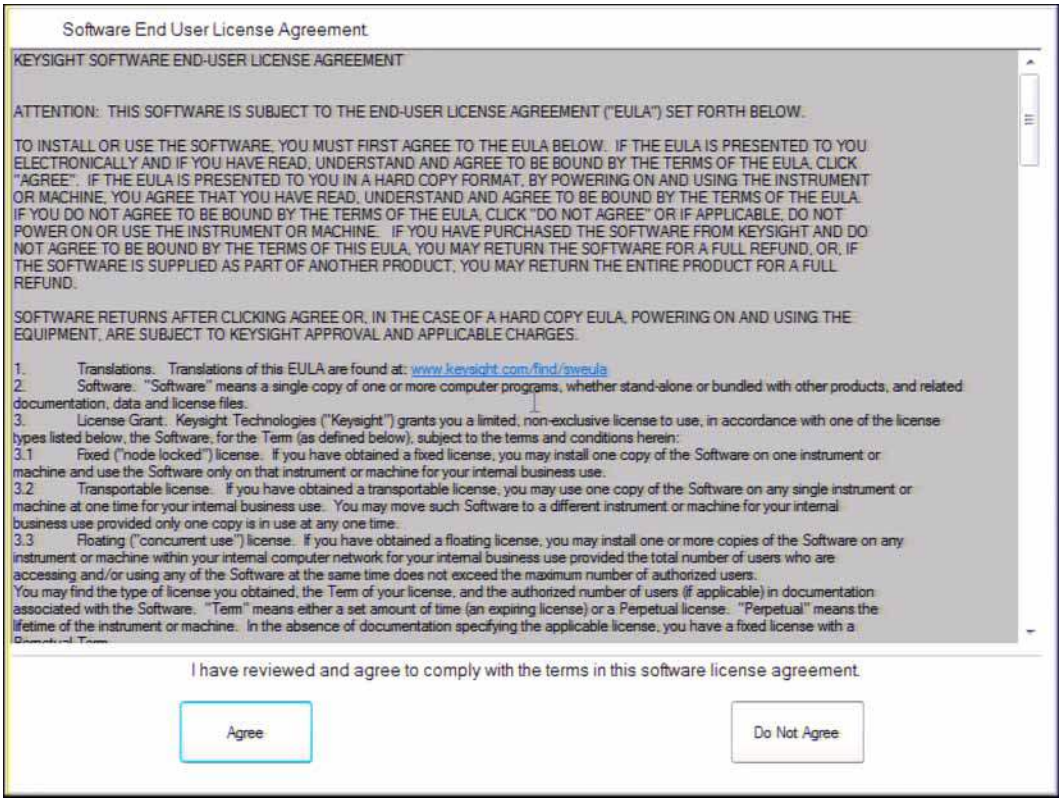
Figure 17-12 Boot Selection Screen



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4. After a few moments the License Agreement message window will appear, as shown in Figure 17-13.

Figure 17-13 License Agreement Window



5. Select “Agree” to continue with the operating system initialization.

NOTE

If the initialization process would like to be postponed select “Do Not Agree” at this time to safely shut the instrument off. The next time this disk drive is powered on this process will be restarted.

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6. The instrument will now reboot and complete the initialization process. Once this process has completed the Anti-Virus Message. At this point the operating system initialization process will be completed and either selection can be made, or the instrument can be powered off.

NOTE

Keysight Technologies does not load anti-virus software into the signal analyzer. It is the customer's responsibility to install anti-virus software.

7. The disk drive in use is now ready for further configuration.

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FPGA Synchronization

There is FPGA (Field-Programmable Gate Array) program code on many different assemblies inside of the instrument, and all of these must be of a compatible version with the instrument software revision. In order to ensure that this requirement is met when either an assembly is replaced that contains FPGA code on it, or if the A5 Disk Drive is replaced with a drive that has a different version of software than the previous drive, you will need to take certain steps to ensure that the instrument operates properly.

NOTE

Even if an instrument appears to work properly when an assembly with FPGA code is replaced, that does not mean that the FPGA code is completely compatible with the software version installed in the instrument. There could be incompatibilities that will only be seen under certain measurement conditions.

Updating the Instrument FPGA Code

All instruments have a utility included in them that will update the FPGA code on all of the different assemblies in the instrument that have it. When this utility is run it will detect the assemblies that need to be updated and will update them to the correct revision.

NOTE

Once you start the FPGA programming process you MUST NOT interrupt the process for any reason. This would include turning the instrument off or unplugging the power cord to the instrument. Doing so will result in an inoperative instrument, requiring the affected assembly to be replaced.

1. Close the instrument application software by pressing **System**, **Exit Program**, **OK** using the front panel keys.
2. Connect a USB mouse to one of the instrument front panel USB ports.
3. Using the mouse double-click on the Windows Explorer link on the desktop and navigate to the following folder:

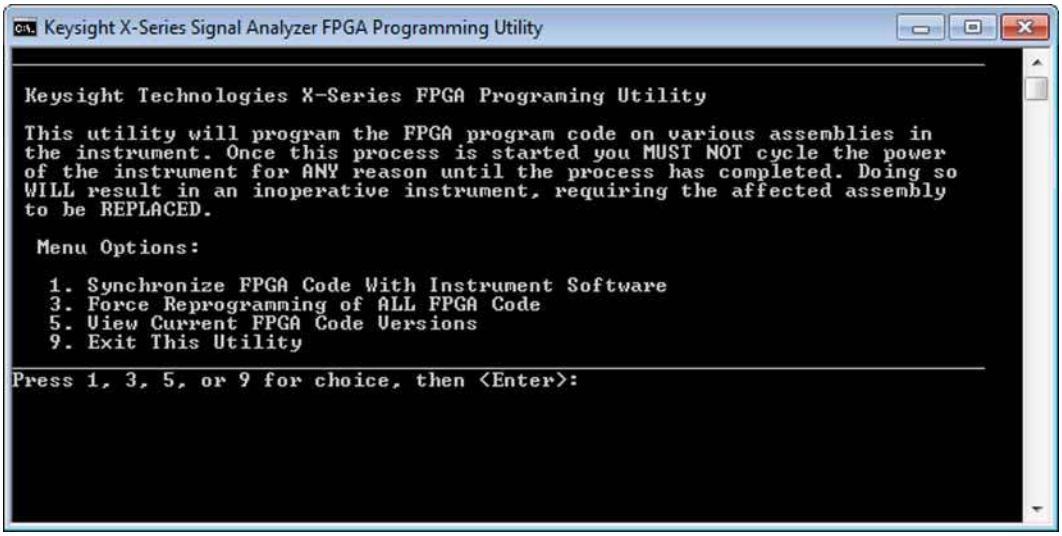
   C:\Program Files\Agilent\SignalAnalysis\Physics
4. In this folder find and execute the file named:

   FPGA_Prog.bat

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5. The FPGA Programming Utility will start and a window as shown in Figure 17-14 will appear.

Figure 17-14 FPGA Programming Utility



6. To program the FPGA code enter **1** and press **Enter**. You will need to confirm this selection by pressing **1** and **Enter** one more time.
7. The programming of the FPGA code could take a few minutes to complete. Once it has finished the instrument will reboot itself to use the new code and this process will then be completed.

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Programming Model and Serial Numbers

Since the instrument model and serial numbers are stored only on the A7 Midplane board assembly, this information will be lost when this board assembly is replaced. Until the instrument model and serial numbers are restored the instrument application software will not allow any user measurements to be made, due to the fact that all previously installed license keys will not be accepted. However, the license files will not be automatically deleted. Once the model and serial numbers are restored the license files will then be recognized and accepted, returning the instrument to the capability that was available prior to the A7 Midplane board assembly replacement.

To program the model and serial numbers into a replacement A7 Midplane board assembly the N7814A Keysight X-Series Signal Analyzer Calibration Application Software will be required.

Information regarding N7814A Keysight X-Series Signal Analyzer Calibration Application Software can be found at:

http://www.keysight.com/find/calibrationsoftware

When the calibration software first detects the instrument it will recognize that it does not have a valid model and serial number and will prompt the user to enter the correct values.

NOTE

Be very careful when entering the instrument serial number into the software, because once it has been written it can no longer be changed.

Since the instrument model and serial numbers are stored on the A7 Midplane board assembly, this should only be required when this assembly has been replaced with a new one.

Post-Repair Procedures

18 Functional Tests

Functional Test Performance Verification

Functional tests are tests of various instrument parameters that give a high degree of confidence that the analyzer is operating correctly. They are recommended as a check of analyzer operation for incoming inspection or after a repair. Measurement uncertainty analysis is not available for functional tests, and the analyzer is checked against limits that are wider than the published specifications. The functional tests are designed to test an analyzer operating within the temperature range defined by the analyzer specifications using a minimum set of test equipment. If a test does not pass, performance verification tests must be run to determine whether a problem exists.

Functional tests use a minimum set of test equipment to check a much smaller range of parameters (and a limited number of data points for each parameter) than do performance verification tests. Functional tests use limits that are wider than the published specifications; measurement uncertainty analysis is **not** available for functional tests.

NOTE If a functional test does not pass, you must run performance verification tests to determine whether a problem exists.

Performance verification tests span a wide range of instrument parameters and provide the highest level of confidence that the instrument conforms to published specifications. These tests can be time consuming and require extensive test equipment.

Before Performing a Functional Test

1. Ensure that you have the proper test equipment.
2. Switch on the unit under test (UUT) and let it warm up (in accordance with warm-up requirements in the instrument specifications).
3. Allow sufficient warm-up time for the required test equipment (refer to individual instrument documentation for warm-up specifications).
4. Ensure that the analyzer's frequency reference is set to Internal:
   a. Press the **Input/Output**, **Freq Ref Input** keys.
   b. If the **Freq Ref Input** does **not** show Internal, press the **Freq Ref Input** softkey and select Internal.
5. Following instrument warm-up, perform the auto align routine:

   Press **System**, **Alignments**, **Align Now, Align Now All**.

NOTE Functional test accuracy depends on the precision of the test equipment used. Ensure that all of the test equipment is calibrated before running a functional test.

Test Equipment

The table below summarizes the test equipment needed to perform all of the functional tests. Alternate equipment model numbers are given in case the recommended equipment is not available. If neither the recommended nor the alternative test equipment are available, substitute equipment that meets or exceeds the critical specifications listed.

Table 18-1

Analyzer Option	Item	Critical Specifications	Recommended Keysight Model	Alternate Keysight Model
	Adapters			
532, 544, 550	2.4 mm (f) to 2.4 mm (f)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 50 GHz VSWR: < 1.1:1	11900B	
532, 544, 550	2.4 mm (f) to 3.5 mm (f) (connector saver for source)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 26.5 GHz VSWR: < 1.1:1	11901B	
All	BNC (f) to SMA (m)	Frequency: 40 MHz	1250-1200	
All	Type N (f) to Type N (f)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 18 GHz VSWR: < 1.05:1	1250-1472	1250-0777
All	Type N (m) to 3.5 mm (m)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 18 GHz VSWR: < 1.1:1	1250-1743	
All	Type N (m) to 3.5 mm (f)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 18 GHz VSWR: < 1.1:1	1250-1744	
All	Type N (f) to 3.5 mm (f)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 18 GHz VSWR: < 1.1:1	1250-1745	
All	Type N (m) to BNC (f)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 1 GHz VSWR: < 1.05:1	1250-1476	
	Attenuators			
All	10 dB Step Attenuator	Frequency: 50 MHz Range: 0 to 70 dB	8495A	8496A
All	10 dB Fixed Attenuator (2 required)	Frequency: 50 MHz VSWR: < 1.2:1	8493C Option 010	8493A Option 010 or 8493B Option 010
Preamp Options (Pxx)	30 dB Fixed Attenuator	Accuracy: < 0.05 dB @ 50 MHz	11708A	

Table 18-1

Analyzer Option	Item	Critical Specifications	Recommended Keysight Model	Alternate Keysight Model
	Cables			
All	3.5 mm (1 meter)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 26.5 GHz VSWR: < 1.4:1 Loss: < 2.0 dB	11500E	8120-4921
532, 544, 550	2.4 mm (f) to 2.4 mm (m) (1 meter)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 50 GHz VSWR: < 1.55:1 @ 44 GHz Loss: < 6.0 dB	8120-6164	
All	Cable, BNC (3 required)	120 cm (48 in.) BNC cable	10503A	
	Signal Source			
All	Synthesized Sweeper	Frequency: 10 MHz to 44 GHz[a] Harmonic level: < – 40 dBc Amplitude: 10 to – 20 dBm Frequency Accuracy: 0.02%	PSG[b]	83630B, 83640B, 83650B
	Power Meter			
All	Power Meter	Power Reference Accuracy: ±1.2% Compatible with power sensor	E4418B	E4419B
All	Power Sensor	Frequency: 50 MHz to 3.66 GHz Amplitude: –70 to –10 dBm	8481D	8487D 8485D
532, 544, 550	Power Sensor	Frequency: 50 MHz to 50 GHz[c] Amplitude: –30 to +20 dBm	8487A	
P03	Low Power Sensor	Frequency: 50 MHz to 3.6 GHz Amplitude: –70 to –10 dBm	8481D	8485D 8487D
Pxx other than P03	Low Power Sensor	Frequency: 50 MHz to 50 GHz[c] Amplitude: –70 to –10 dBm	8487D	
	Miscellaneous Equipment			
All	Filter, 50 MHz Low Pass	Cutoff Frequency: 50 MHz Rejection at 65 MHz: > 40 dB Rejection at 75 MHz: > 60 dB Rejection at 80 MHz: > 60 dB	0955-0306	
532, 544, 550	Power Splitter	Nominal Insertion Loss: 8.5 dB Tracking Between Ports: < 0.4 dB	11667C	
532, 544, 550	Termination, 50Ω	2.4 mm (f) Connector Frequency: 9 kHz to 44 GHz	85138B	

a. Maximum frequency equal to or greater than the maximum frequency of the MXA.
b. PSG model numbers: E8244A, E8254A, E8247C Option 520, E8247C Option H31 or 540, E8257D Option 520, E8257D Option 550, E8257D Option 567, E8267D Option 544.
c. Maximum frequency equal to or greater than the maximum frequency of the preamplifier option.

Displayed Average Noise Level (DANL)

Test Limits (with 0 dB input attenuation)

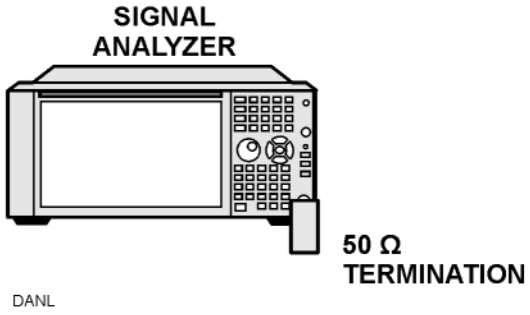
See Table 18-2 for values.

The Displayed Average Noise Level (DANL) of the signal analyzer is measured across a 10 kHz frequency span at several center frequencies. The analyzer input is terminated into a 50 Ω load. A test is performed to assure the measurement is not performed in the presence of a residual response. The measurement is then averaged, and the result is normalized to a 1 Hz bandwidth.

Table 18-2 DANL Measurement Requirements

Item	Critical Specifications (for this test)	Recommended Keysight Model
Termination, 50 Ω 2.4 mm (f)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 50 GHz	85138B

Figure 18-1 DANL Test Setup



Procedure

1. Configure the equipment as shown in Figure 18-1
2. Press **MODE/MEAS**. Select **Spectrum Analyzer** mode, **Swept SA** measurement, **Normal** view. Press **OK**. Press **Mode Preset** on the analyzer.
3. Set up the signal analyzer by pressing:

   FREQ, **Center Frequency**, 10, **MHz**
   FREQ, **Span**, 10, **kHz**
   AMPTD, –70, **dBm**
   AMPTD, **Attenuation, Mech Atten**, **0, dB**
   BW, **Res BW**, 1, **kHz**
   BW, **Video BW**, 100, **Hz**
   Meas Setup, Avg/Hold, Number, 20, **Enter**
   Trace, **Trace Average**
   Single/Cont until single sweep is selected.

4. Press **Restart**, then wait for Average/Hold to display 20/20.
5. Press **Display**, **Meas Display**, then press **Display Line**, **On**.
6. Rotate the knob and set the display line at the average amplitude of the displayed noise floor by visual inspection.
7. Confirm that the measurement is performed on the analyzer noise floor and not on a residual response within the displayed 10 kHz span.

NOTE Ignore the residual response if one appears when taking the measurement.

8. Enter the value of the display line as the Measured Average Noise Level at 10 MHz column in Table 18-2 on page 482.
9. Normalize the measured value to a 1 Hz BW by adding –30 dB to the measured value.

NOTE The –30 dB value is added because the formula used to calculate the value of the noise power in a 1 Hz BW when measured with a 1 kHz BW is:

Normalized Noise = 10 Log (BW 2/BW 1) where BW 2 is the 1 kHz BW we measure and BW 1 is 1 Hz BW to which we want to normalize.

Therefore, 10 Log (1000) = 30 dB, so the noise floor will be 30 dB lower in a 1 Hz BW.

10. Enter the normalized value of the displayed average noise level in Table 18-2 on page 482.
11. The value of the normalized displayed average noise should be less than the specification value.
12. Change the analyzer center frequency to the next value listed in Table 18-2 on page 482. Press: **FREQ**, **Center Frequency**, [Table 2-1 Value], **GHz**
13. Repeat step 4 through step 12 to fill in the remainder of Table 18-2 on page 482 for your analyzer frequency range.

Center Frequency	Measured Average Noise Level (dBm)	Normalized Average Noise Level/(1 Hz BW) (dBm)	Test Limits (dBm) (Options 508, 513, 526)	Test Limits (dBm) (Options 532, 544, 550)
10 MHz			–156	–150
2 GHz			–154	–151
6 GHz			–150	–143
13 GHz			–150	–146
20 GHz			–144	–140
26.5 GHz			–135	–139
30 GHz				–137
35 GHz				–133
40 GHz				–129
43.5 GHz				–129
50 GHz				–127

Frequency Readout Accuracy

Test Limits

Frequency Readout Accuracy is equivalent to the following equation:

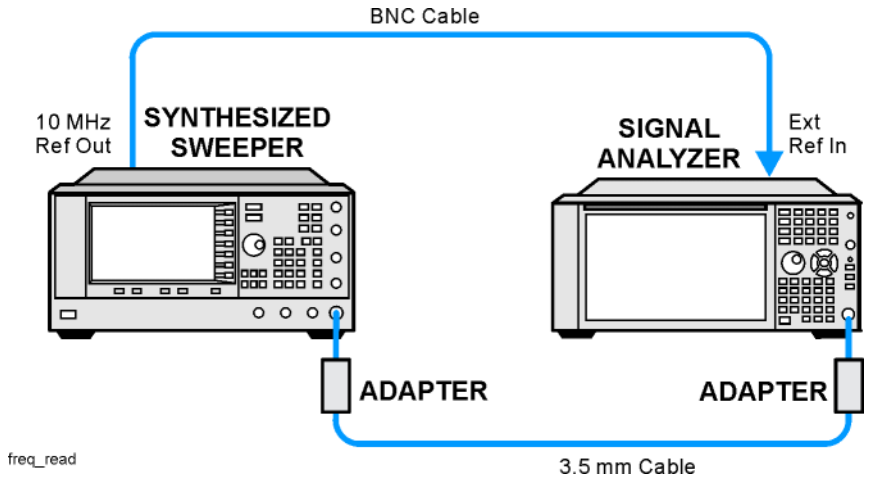
$$\pm(\mathbf{0.25}\% \times span + \mathbf{5}\% \times RBW + \mathbf{2}\ Hz + \mathbf{0.5} \times horizontal\ resolution)$$

See results table for actual values.

The frequency readout accuracy is measured in several spans and center frequencies that allow both internal analyzer synthesizer modes and prefilter bandwidths to be tested. Frequency reference error is eliminated by using the same frequency standard for the analyzer and signal source.

Item	Critical Specification (for this test)	Recommended Keysight Model
Adapter, 2.4 mm (f) to 3.5 mm (f)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 1.51 GHz VSWR: < 1.1:1	11901B
Adapter, 3.5 mm (f) to 3.5 mm (f)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 1.51 GHz VSWR: < 1.1:1	83059B
Cable, 3.5 mm, 1 meter	Frequency: 10 MHz to 1.51 GHz VSWR: < 1.4:1	11500E
Cable, BNC, 120 cm	Frequency: 10 MHz	10503A
Synthesized Sweeper	Frequency: 10 MHz to 1.51 GHz	PSG

Figure 18-2 Frequency Readout Accuracy Test Setup



Procedure

1. Configure the equipment as shown in Figure 18-2. Confirm the analyzer's built-in auto alignment has been performed within the past 24 hours.

2. On the synthesized sweeper, press **PRESET**, then set the controls as follows:

   FREQUENCY, 1505, **MHz**
   POWER LEVEL, –10, **dBm**

3. Set up the signal analyzer by pressing:

   MODE/MEAS. Select **Spectrum Analyzer** mode, **Swept SA** measurement, **Normal** view. Press **OK**. Press **Mode Preset**
   Input/Output, Freq Ref Input, **Freq Ref Input External**
   FREQ, **Center Frequency**, 1505, **MHz**
   Span, 2990, MHz
   Trace, **Detector**, **Sample**
   Single/Cont to place analyzer in Single Sweep.

4. Press **Restart**.

   Press **Peak Search** on the analyzer. If the instrument is functioning correctly, the marker reading in the active function block will be between the values listed in Table 18-3. Record the marker value in the Marker Frequency Readout column in Table 18-3.

5. On the signal analyzer, change the span and center frequency as listed in Table 18-3.

6. Change the synthesized sweeper frequency to match the center frequency of the analyzer.

7. Repeat step 4 through step 6 until the Marker Frequency Readout column of Table 18-3 is complete.

Table 18-3 Frequency Readout Accuracy Results

Span (MHz)	Center Frequency (MHz)	Minimum	Marker Frequency Readout	Maximum
2990	1505	1495.9 MHz		1514.1 MHz
127.2	1505	1504.56 MHz		1505.44 MHz
54.1	1505	1504.8122 MHz		1505.1878 MHz
7.95	1505	1504.97240 MHz		1505.0276 MHz
0.106	1505	1504.999630 MHz		1505.000370 MHz
1.98	517.59	517.58316 MHz		517.59684 MHz
1.98	832.50	832.49316 MHz		832.50684 MHz

Second Harmonic Distortion (SHD)

Test Limits

Frequency Range Option	Applied Frequency	Mixer Level	Distortion
508, 513, 526	40 MHz	–10 dBm	< –58 dBc
532, 544, 550	40 MHz	–10 dBm	< –63 dBc

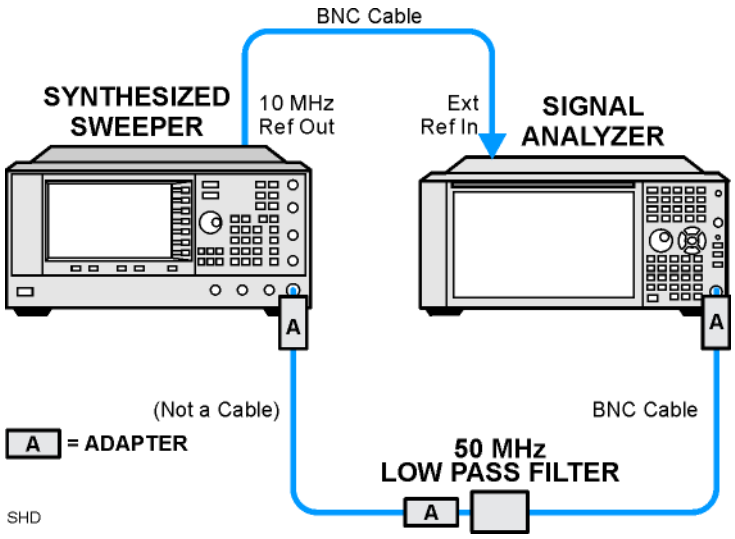
This test checks the second harmonic distortion of the signal analyzer by tuning to twice the input frequency and examining the level of the distortion product. A low pass filter is inserted between the source and the signal analyzer to prevent the source second harmonic from artificially raising the second harmonic product displayed on the analyzer.

The power level at the input mixer is 5 dB higher than specified to allow the distortion product to be seen. For example, the instrument specification may state that with a –15 dBm signal at the input mixer, the distortion product should be suppressed by > –63 dBc.

The equivalent Second Harmonic Intercept (SHI) is 48 dBm (–15 dBm + 63 dBc). This test is performed with –10 dBm at the mixer and verifies the distortion product is suppressed by –58 dBc. This ensures the SHI is also 48 dBm (–10 dBm + 58 dBc).

Item	Critical Specifications (for this test)	Recommended Keysight Model
Adapter, 2.4 mm (f), to Type-N (f)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 80 MHz VSWR: < 1.05:1	11903B
Adapter, Type-N (m) to BNC (f)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 80 MHz VSWR: < 1.05:1	1250-1476
Adapter, BNC (f) to SMA (m)	Frequency: 40 to 80 MHz	1250-1200
Adapter, 3.5 mm (f) to 3.5 mm (f)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 80 MHz VSWR: < 1.1:1	83059B
Cable, BNC 120 cm (2 required)	Frequency: 10 to 40 MHz	10503A
Filter, 50 MHz Low Pass	Cutoff Frequency: 50 MHz Rejection at 65 MHz: > 40 dB Rejection at 75 MHz: > 60 dB	0955-0306
Synthesized Sweeper	Frequency: 50 MHz Spectral Purity: Better than –30 dBc	PSG

Figure 18-3 Second Harmonic Distortion Test Setup



Procedure

1. Configure the equipment as shown in Figure 18-3.
2. Press **MODE/MEAS.** Select the **Spectrum Analyzer** mode, **Swept SA** measurement, and **Normal** view. Press **OK**. Press **Mode Preset**.
3. Set up the synthesized sweeper by pressing:

   Frequency, 40, **MHz**
   Amplitude, –10, **dBm**
4. Set up the signal analyzer by pressing:

   Input/Output, **Freq Ref Input**, **Freq Ref Input External**
   FREQ, **Center Frequency** 40, **MHz**
   Span, 1, **MHz**
5. On the analyzer, press **Peak Search**.
6. Adjust the synthesized sweeper amplitude for a signal analyzer display of –10 dBm ±0.1 dB.
7. On the analyzer, activate the marker delta function by pressing the **Marker** and **Delta** keys.
8. On the signal analyzer, press:

   FREQ, **Center Frequency**, 80, **MHz**
   Meas Setup, **Avg/Hold Number**, 20, **Enter**
   Trace, Trace Average
   Single

9. Press **Peak Search**. Enter the displayed value under the Measured Second Harmonic Distortion (dBc) heading in Table 18-4.

Table 18-4 Second Harmonic Distortion Results

Applied Frequency (MHz)	Measured Second Harmonic Distortion (dBc)	Mixer Level (dBm)	Specification (Option 508, 513, 526) (dBc)	Specification (Option 532, 544, 550) (dBc)
40		–10	–51	–58

Amplitude Accuracy at 50 MHz

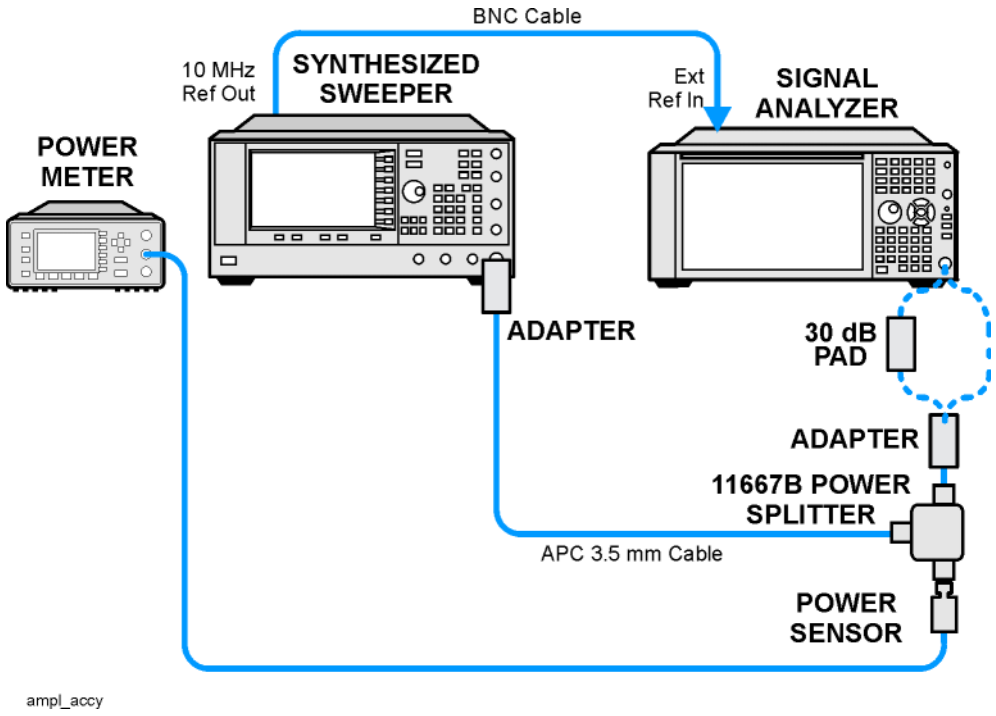
Test Limits

Amplitude Accuracy should remain within 1.13 dB of the measured source value across the range of source levels and changes in resolution bandwidth. The Preamp (options P08, P13, P26, P32, P44, P50) should remain within ±1.3 dB of measured values.

A synthesized sweeper is used as the signal source for the test. The source amplitude is varied using the signal source amplitude control. The attenuation and resolution bandwidth are varied on the signal analyzer. The source amplitude is measured by the power meter and signal analyzer at each setting, and the values compared. The difference between each pair of measurements indicates the amplitude accuracy.

Item	Critical Specifications	Recommended Keysight Model
Adapter	2.4 mm (f) to 3.5 mm (m)	11901A
Adapter	2.4 mm (f) to 3.5 mm (f)	11901B
Attenuator, 30 dB	Accuracy: < 0.5 dB at 50 MHz	11708A
Cable	3.5 mm, 1 meter	11500E
Cable	BNC, 120 cm	10503A
Power Meter	Compatible with power sensor	E4418B
Power Sensor	Amplitude: -25 dBm to 10 dBm	8485A
Power Splitter	3.5 mm (f) connectors 6 dB loss	11667B
Synthesized Sweeper	Typical Temperature Stability: 0.01 dBc/°C	PSG

Figure 18-4 Amplitude Accuracy Test Setup



Procedure

1. Zero and calibrate the power meter.
2. Configure equipment as shown in Figure 18-4, with the power splitter connected directly to the signal analyzer input through the adapter.

CAUTION To minimize stress on the test equipment connections, support the power sensor.

3. If the auto alignment for the analyzer has not been performed within the past 24 hours, press **System**, **Alignments**, **Align Now, Align Now All** to perform the auto alignment routine.
4. Press **MODE/MEAS.** Select the **Spectrum Analyzer** mode, **Swept SA** measurement, and **Normal** view. Press **OK**. Press **Mode Preset**.
5. Set up the synthesized sweeper by pressing:

   CW, 50, **MHz**
   Power Level, -4, **dBm**
   RF (On)

6. Set up the signal analyzer by pressing:

   Input/Output, Freq Ref Input, **Freq Ref Input External**
   FREQ, Center Frequency, 50, **MHz**
   Span, 2, **MHz**

AMPTD, Attenuation, Mech Atten, 10, dB
SWEEP, Sweep Config, Sweep Time Rules, SA - Accuracy
Meas Setup, Avg/Hold Number, 20, **Enter**
Trace, Trace Average
Single

7. Perform the following steps for each row listed in Table 18-5:

   a. Set the synthesized sweeper amplitude to the value listed in the Nominal Source Amplitude column in Table 18-5

   b. Set the Mech Atten as indicated in the Attenuation column in Table 18-5

   c. Set the Span as listed in the Span column of Table 18-5

   d. Record the source amplitude, as measured by the power meter, in the Power Meter Amplitude column of Table 18-5

   e. On the signal analyzer, press **Restart**.

   f. Wait for the signal analyzer to finish averaging.

   g. Press Peak Search.

   h. Record the signal amplitude, as measured by the analyzer in the Measured Amplitude column of Table 18-5

   i. Calculate the signal amplitude accuracy error using the following equation, and record the results under the Amplitude Accuracy Error column:

      Amplitude Accuracy Error = Meas_amp - Power_meter

Table 18-5 Amplitude Accuracy Results

Nominal Source Amplitude (dBm)	Attenuation (dB)	Span (MHz)	Measured Amplitude Meas_amp (dBm)	Power Meter Amplitude Power_meter (dBm)	Amplitude Accuracy Error (dB)	Test Limit (dB)
-4	10	2				±1.30 dB
-9	10	1				±1.30 dB
-14	10	0.5				±1.30 dB
-4	20	0.1				±1.30 dB
-14	20	0.1				±1.30 dB
-4	30	0.1				±1.30 dB
-14	30	0.1				±1.30 dB

Testing Preamp Option (P08, P13, P26, P32, P44, P50)

Instruments containing Options P03, P08, P13, P26 must have the preamp function turned on and tested.

Procedure

1. On the analyzer, press **AMPTD, Signal Path**, **Internal Preamp**, **Low Band**.
2. Connect the equipment as shown in Figure 18-4 on page 491, using a 30 dB Pad between the adapter and the signal analyzer input.
3. Set the synthesized sweeper amplitude to the value listed in the Nominal Source Amplitude column in Table 18-6.
4. Set the signal analyzer input attenuation to 0 dB.
5. Set the Span as listed in Table 18-6.
6. Record the source amplitude, as measured by the power meter, in the Power Meter Amplitude column of Table 18-6.
7. On the signal analyzer, press **Restart**.
8. Wait for the analyzer to finish averaging.
9. Press **Peak Search**.
10. Record the signal amplitude as measured by the analyzer in the measured amplitude column of Table 18-6.
11. Calculate the signal amplitude accuracy using the following equation:

$$\text{Amplitude Accuracy Error} = \text{Meas_amp} + 30\ \text{dB} - \text{Power_meter}$$

12. Record the results under the Amplitude Accuracy Error column of Table 18-6

Table 18-6 Amplitude Accuracy Results (Option P03, P08, P13, P26, P32, P44, P50)

Nominal Source Amplitude (dBm)	Low- band Preamp	Res BW (kHz)	Span (kHz)	Measured Amplitude Meas_amp (dBm)	Power Meter Amplitude Power_meter (dBm)	Amplitude Accuracy Error (dB)	Test Limit (dB)
-13	ON	1	106				±1.50 dB

Frequency Response (Flatness)

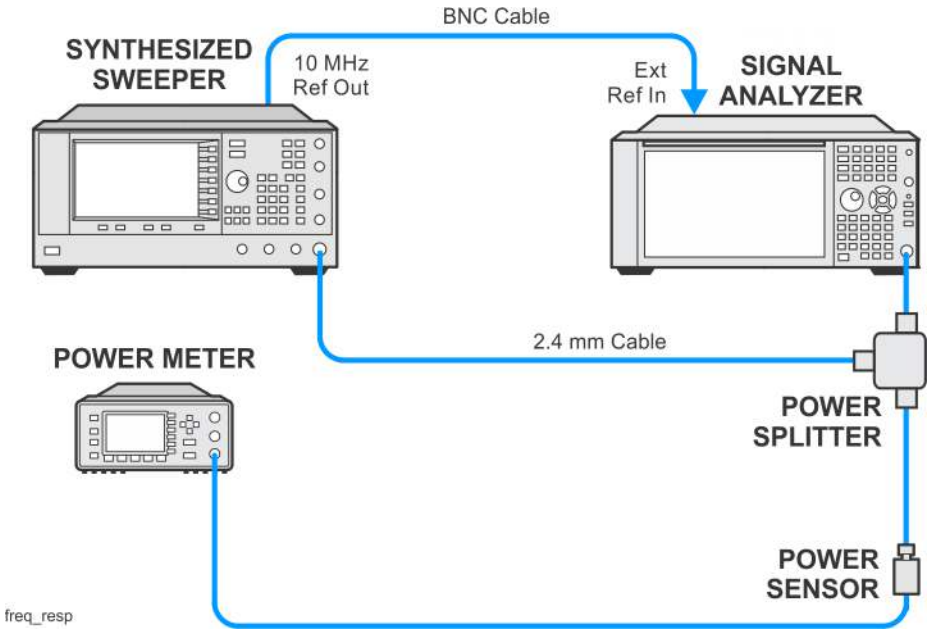
Test Limits

Frequency Range	Limit Relative to 50 MHz
20 Hz to 3.6 GHz	±1.5 dB
> 3.6 GHz to 8.4 GHz	±2.5 dB
> 8.4 GHz to 13.6 GHz	±2.8 dB
> 13.6 GHz to 26.5 GHz	±3.3 dB
> 26.5 GHz to 34.5 GHz	±3.3 dB
> 34.5 GHz to 50 GHz	±4.0 dB

The frequency response test measures the signal analyzer's amplitude error as a function of the tuned frequency. Measurements are made ranging from 50 MHz to the maximum frequency range of your analyzer. The signal source amplitude is measured with a power meter to eliminate error due to source flatness. The measured value is normalized to 50 MHz.

Item	Critical Specifications (for this test)	Recommended Keysight Model
Cable, 2.4 mm, 1 meter	Frequency: 10 MHz to 50 GHz VSWR: < 1.55:1	8120-6164
Cables, BNC 120 cm	Frequency: 10 MHz	10503A
Power Meter	Compatible with power sensor	E4418B
Power Sensor	Frequency: 50 MHz to 50 GHz	8487A
Power Splitter	Frequency: 50 MHz to 50 GHz Tracking between ports: < 0.4 dB	11667C
Synthesized Sweeper	Frequency: 50 MHz to 50 GHz	PSG

Figure 18-5 Frequency Response Test Setup



Procedure

1. Zero and calibrate the power meter and power sensor as described in the power meter operation manual.
2. Configure the equipment as shown in Figure 18-5.

NOTE Connect the power splitter to the signal analyzer input using the appropriate adapter. Do not use a cable.

3. Assure the signal analyzer's built-in auto alignment has been performed within the last 24 hours.
4. Press **MODE/MEAS** on the analyzer. Select the **Spectrum Analyzer** mode, **Swept SA** measurement, and **Normal** view. Press **OK**. Press **Mode Preset**. Press **Preset** on the synthesized sweeper.
5. Set up the synthesized sweeper by pressing:

   CW, 50, **MHz**
   Power level, –4, **dBm**
6. Set up the signal analyzer by pressing:

   Input/Output, **Freq Ref Input**, **Freq Ref Input External**
   FREQ, Center Frequency, 50, **MHz**
   Span, 50, **kHz**
   AMPTD, **Ref Level,** 0, **dBm**

7. Adjust the synthesized sweeper output power for a power meter reading of –10 dBm ±0.1 dB.
8. On the signal analyzer, press **Single**.
9. Press the **Peak Search** key on the signal analyzer to position the marker on the peak of the signal.
10. Refer to Table 18-7, “Frequency Response (Flatness) Results.” Enter the amplitude of the signal displayed on the signal analyzer into the $Meas_{Amp}$ column of Table 18-7.
11. Enter the power meter reading into the $Power_{Meter}$ column of Table 18-7.
12. Tune the synthesized sweeper and signal analyzer to the next frequency listed in Table 18-7.
13. Enter the power sensor calibration factor into the power meter.
14. For frequencies 3.6 GHz and above, press **AMPTD Signal Path**, then **Presel Center** to center the preselector filter for an optimum amplitude measurement.
15. Repeat step 7 through step 14 and complete the remainder of Table 18-7 for the frequency range of your analyzer.
16. Compute the measurement error ($Meas_{Error} = Meas_{Amp} - Power_{Meter}$).
17. Compute the flatness error normalized to 50 MHz:
($Meas_{Error}$ - $Meas_{Error}$ @ 50 MHz)
18. Enter the computed flatness error valu651e into the $Flat_{Norm}$ column of Table 18-7.
19. Compare the value of $Flat_{Norm}$ to the test limit.

Table 18-7 Frequency Response (Flatness) Results

Center Frequency	Analyzer Amplitude $Meas_{amp}$	Power Meter Measurement $Power_{meter}$	Meas Error $Meas_{error}$	Flatness Normalized to 50 MHz $Flat_{Norm}$	Flatness Error Test Limits (dB)
50 MHz				0	Ref
1 GHz					±1.5 dB
2 GHz					±1.5 dB
3 GHz					±1.5 dB
3.5 GHz					±1.5 dB
4 GHz					±2.5 dB
6 GHz					±2.5 dB
8 GHz					±2.5 dB
9 GHz					±2.8 dB
11 GHz					±2.8 dB
13 GHz					±2.8 dB
14 GHz					±3.3 dB
17 GHz					±3.3 dB
20 GHz					±3.3 dB
23 GHz					±3.3 dB
26 GHz					±3.3 dB
29 GHz					±3.3 dB
32 GHz					±3.3 dB
35 GHz					±4.0 dB
38 GHz					±4.0 dB
41 GHz					±4.0 dB
43.5 GHz					±4.0 dB
46 GHz					±4.0 dB
49 GHz					±4.0 dB

Frequency Response (Flatness), Preamp On

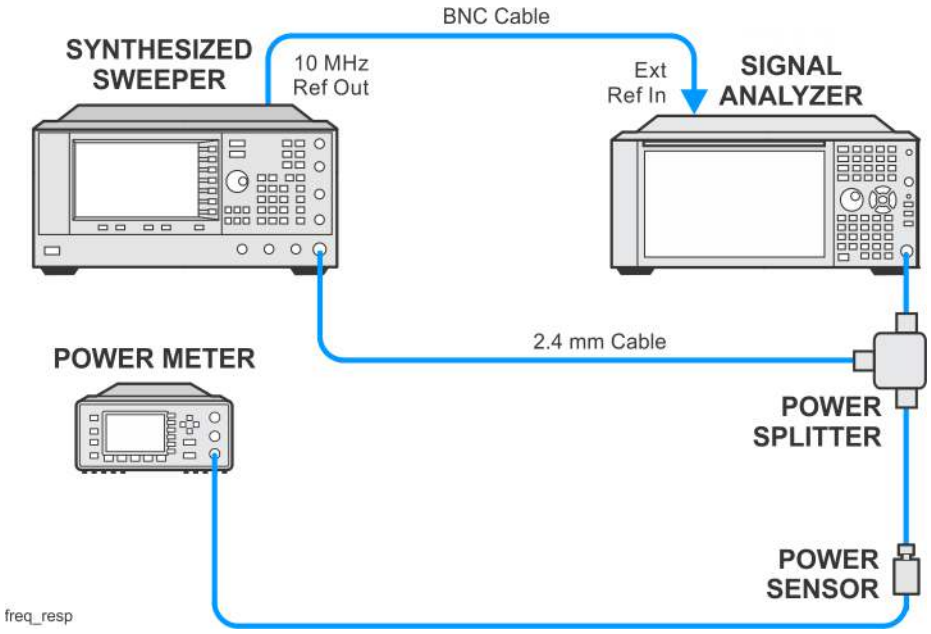
Test Limits

Frequency Range	Limit Relative to 50 MHz
100 kHz to 3.6 GHz	±1.60 dB
> 3.6 GHz to 8.4 GHz	±2.8 dB
> 8.4 GHz to 13.6 GHz	±3.1 dB
> 13.6 GHz to 26.5 GHz	±4.3 dB
> 26.5 GHz to 34.5 GHz	±4.0 dB
> 34.5 GHz to 50 GHz	±5.0 dB

The frequency response test, with preamplifier on, measures the signal analyzer's amplitude error as a function of the tuned frequency. Measurements are made ranging from 50 MHz to the maximum frequency range of the preamp. The signal source amplitude is measured with a power meter to eliminate error due to source flatness. The measured value is normalized to 50 MHz.

Item	Critical Specifications (for this test)	Recommended Keysight Model
Cable, 2.4 mm, 1 meter	Frequency: 10 MHz to 50 GHz VSWR: < 1.55:1	8120-6164
Cables, BNC 120 cm	Frequency: 10 MHz	10503A
Power Meter	Compatible with power sensor	E4418B
Attenuator, 30 dB Fixed	Frequency: 50 MHz Accuracy: ±0.05 dB	11708A
Power Sensor	Frequency: 50 MHz to 50 GHz Amplitude: –65 dBm to –55 dBm	8487D
Power Splitter	Frequency: 50 MHz to 50 GHz Tracking between ports: < 0.4 dB	11667C
Synthesized Sweeper	Frequency: 50 MHz to 50 GHz	PSG

Figure 18-6 Frequency Response Test Setup



Procedure

1. Zero and calibrate the power meter and power sensor as described in the power meter operation manual.
2. Configure the equipment as shown in Figure 18-6.

NOTE Connect the power splitter to the signal analyzer input using the appropriate adapter. Do not use a cable.

3. Assure the signal analyzer's built-in auto alignment has been performed within the last 24 hours.
4. Press **MODE/MEAS** on the analyzer. Select the **Spectrum Analyzer** mode, **Swept SA** measurement, and **Normal** view. Press **OK**. Press **Mode Preset**. Press **Preset** on the synthesized sweeper.
5. Set up the synthesized sweeper by pressing:

   CW, 50, **MHz**
   Power level, –54, **dBm**

6. Set up the signal analyzer by pressing:

   Input/Output, **Freq Ref Input**, **Freq Ref Input External**
   FREQ, Center Frequency, 50, **MHz**
   Span, 50, **kHz**
   AMPTD, Signal Path, **Internal Preamp**, **Full Range**
   AMPTD, Attenuation, **Mech Atten**, 0, **dB**
   AMPTD, Y Scale, **Ref Level**, –55, **dBm**

7. Adjust the synthesized sweeper output power for a power meter reading of –60 dBm ±0.1 dB.
8. On the signal analyzer, press **Single**.
9. Press the **Peak Search** key on the signal analyzer to position the marker on the peak of the signal.
10. Refer to Table 18-7, “Frequency Response (Flatness) Results.” Enter the amplitude of the signal displayed on the signal analyzer into the $Meas_{Amp}$ column of Table 18-7.
11. Enter the power meter reading into the $Power_{Meter}$ column of Table 18-7.
12. Tune the synthesized sweeper and signal analyzer to the next frequency listed in Table 18-7.
13. Enter the power sensor calibration factor into the power meter.
14. For frequencies 3.6 GHz and above, press **AMPTD, Signal Path**, then **Presel Center** to center the preselector filter for an optimum amplitude measurement.
15. Repeat step 7 through step 14 and complete the remainder of Table 18-7 for the frequency range of your preamp.
16. Compute the measurement error ($Meas_{Error} = Meas_{Amp} - Power_{Meter}$).
17. Compute the flatness error normalized to 50 MHz:
($Meas_{Error}$ - $Meas_{Error}$ @ 50 MHz)
18. Enter the computed flatness error value into the $Flat_{Norm}$ column of Table 18-7.
19. Compare the value of $Flat_{Norm}$ to the test limit.

Table 18-8 Frequency Response (Flatness) Results

Center Frequency	Analyzer Amplitude $Meas_{amp}$	Power Meter Measurement $Power_{meter}$	Meas Error $Meas_{error}$	Flatness Normalized to 50 MHz $Flat_{Norm}$	Flatness Error Test Limits (dB)
50 MHz				0	Ref
1 GHz					±1.6 dB
2 GHz					±1.6 dB
3 GHz					±1.6 dB
3.5 GHz					±1.6 dB
4 GHz					±2.8 dB
6 GHz					±2.8 dB
8 GHz					±2.8 dB
9 GHz					±3.1 dB
11 GHz					±3.1 dB
13 GHz					±3.1 dB
14 GHz					±4.3 dB
17 GHz					±4.3 dB
20 GHz					±4.3 dB
23 GHz					±4.3 dB
26 GHz					±4.3 dB
29 GHz					±4.0 dB
31 GHz					±4.0 dB
34 GHz					±4.0 dB
37 GHz					±5.0 dB
40 GHz					±5.0 dB
43 GHz					±5.0 dB
47 GHz					±5.0 dB
49.5 GHz					±5.0 dB

Scale Fidelity

Test Limits

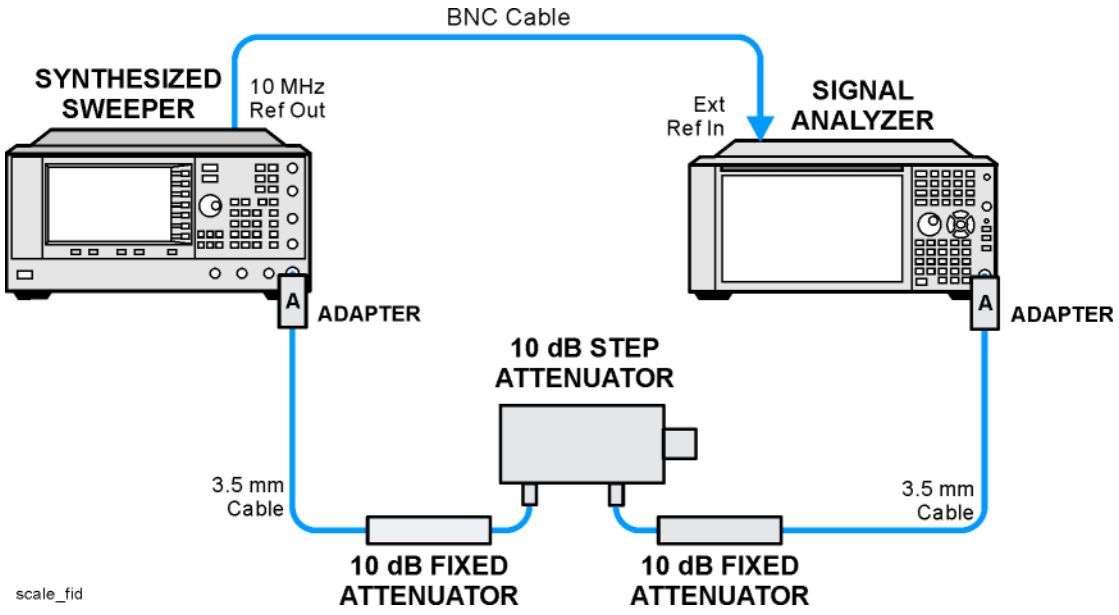
The scale fidelity error will be ≤ ±1.0 dB with ≤ -10 dBm at the mixer.

This test checks the scale fidelity of the instrument by maintaining a constant reference level and measuring signals of different amplitudes over most of the display range. This test sets the input attenuator to 10 dB and the Reference Level to 0 dBm. The external attenuator is set to 0 dB, and the amplitude of the source is adjusted to set the displayed signal at the reference level.

The instrument's internal marker is used to measure the reference amplitude. The Marker Delta function is activated and the RF input is reduced using the external precision step attenuator. Signal input levels from 0 dBm to -50 dBm are measured.

Item	Critical Specifications (for this test)	Recommended Keysight Model
Adapter, 2.4 mm (f) to 3.5 mm (f) (2 required)	Frequency: 50 MHz VSWR: < 1.1:1	11901B
Attenuator, 10 dB Step	Range: 0-50 dB Frequency: 50 MHz Accuracy: ±0.25 dB	8495A
Attenuator, 10 dB fixed (2 required)	Frequency: 50 MHz VSWR: < 1.2:1	8493C, option 010
Cable, 3.5 mm, 1 meter (2 required)	Frequency: 10 MHz to 26.5 GHz VSWR: < 1.4:1	11500E
Cable, BNC 120 cm	Frequency: 10 MHz	10503A
Synthesized Sweeper	Output Level Accuracy: 0 to –15 dBm: ±1.0 dB	PSG

Figure 18-7 Scale Fidelity Setup



NOTE Averaging is used for all measurements to improve repeatability and reduce measurement uncertainty.

Procedure

1. Configure the equipment as shown in Figure 18-7.
2. Preset the Source and press **MODE/MEAS** on the analyzer. Select the **Spectrum Analyzer** mode, **Swept SA** measurement, and **Normal** view. Press **OK**. Press **Mode Preset**.
3. Set up the synthesized sweeper by pressing:

   Frequency, 50, **MHz**
   Amplitude, +5, **dBm**
   RF On/Off, On
4. Set up the signal analyzer by pressing:

   Input/Output, **Freq Ref Input**, **Freq Ref Input External**
   FREQ, **Center Frequency**, 50, **MHz**
   Span, **1**, **MHz**
   AMPTD, Y Scale, Ref Level, 0, **dBm**
   Meas Setup, Avg/Hold Number, 10, **Enter**
   Trace, Trace Average
   Peak Search
5. Set the external 10 dB step attenuator to 0 dB.
6. Adjust the amplitude on the signal source until the marker amplitude on the analyzer reads –15 dBm ±0.2 dB.

7. On the analyzer, press the **Single** key to trigger a 10 sweep average.
8. On the analyzer, activate the Marker Delta function by pressing **Peak Search**, **Marker Delta**.
9. Perform the following steps for each attenuator setting listed in the table below:
    a. Select the next External attenuator setting.
    b. Press the **Restart** key to trigger a 10 sweep average.
    c. Enter the delta marker value into Table 18-9.
    d. Check delta marker reading against the test limits.

Table 18-9 Scale Fidelity Results

External Attenuator Setting	Minimum (dB)	Marker Delta Value (dB)	Maximum (dB)
0	N/A	Reference	N/A
10	–11.0		–9.0
20	–21.0		–19.0
30	–31.0		–29.0
40	–41.0		–39.0
50	–51.0		–49.0

19 Instrument Software

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Instrument Software Overview

The instrument software, installed in every instrument, contains not only the spectrum analyzer measurement application, but also all of the other currently available measurement applications. However, only the licensed applications will be seen and available for use.

To view the currently licensed measurement applications press **System**, **Show System**. In addition to listing the application model number and description you will also see the revision of each. However, the complete package itself also has a revision associated with it, which can also be found on this screen as the “Instrument S/W Revision”.

Since the instrument application software is distributed in one complete package, when an update is installed they are all updated at the same time. One of the benefits of this is that you cannot have revisions that are incompatible with each other installed in an instrument. However, there is one exception to this, which would be the 89601B/C VSA software. While the latest revision of the 89601B/C VSA software is installed in each instrument as it left the factory, it must be updated, and kept in sync with the rest of the instrument application software independently.

Software Licensing

All application software needs to have a valid license in order to be available for use. This also includes the spectrum analyzer application (N9060EM1E or N9060ES1E).

Software Updates

Instrument Measurement Application Software

Updates are installed much like most other types of commercial software packages. The latest revision of the software, along with complete installation instructions, can be obtained by one of two methods, which are:

Web Download:

The latest revision of the software can be downloaded from:

www.keysight.com/find/xseries_software

89600 VSA Software

Updates for the 89600 VSA software can be downloaded from:

http://www.keysight.com/find/89600_VSA_sw_download

The revision of the 89600 VSA software must be compatible with the revision of the instrument measurement application software package that is installed in the instrument. To determine what revisions are compatible, and if a further updates are required, please see the software compatibility information on the instrument measurement application software download web page listed above.

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