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Agilent E8257D PSG Microwave Analog Signal Generator

Configuration Guide



This guide is intended to assist you with the ordering process of the PSG microwave analog signal generators.

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Standard product includes installation guide, electronic documentation set (CD-ROM), adapters, and country specific power cord.

Agilent PSG Microwave Analog Signal Generator Options

Step 1. Choose a frequency range (required)

All frequency range options support underrange to 100 kHz. However, performance specifications are not provided between 100 kHz and 250 kHz. Additionally, Option 567 supports overrange to 70 GHz. Typical performance specifications are provided between 67 GHz and 70 GHz.

Ordering number	Description	Purpose	Requires
E8257D-520	Frequency range from 250 kHz to 20 GHz	Selects the maximum frequency of the signal generator	
E8257D-521 [1]	Ultra high power, frequency range from 10 MHz to 20 GHz	Selects the frequency range of the ultra high output power signal generator	
E8257D-532	Frequency range from 250 kHz to 31.8 GHz	Selects the maximum frequency of the signal generator	
E8257D-540	Frequency range from 250 kHz to 40 GHz	Selects the maximum frequency of the signal generator	
E8257D-550	Frequency range from 250 kHz to 50 GHz	Selects the maximum frequency of the signal generator	
E8257D-567	Frequency range from 250 kHz to 67 GHz	Selects the maximum frequency of the signal generator	

Step 2. Choose modulation

Ordering number	Description	Purpose	Requires
Standard	CW signal generation	Generates continuous wave (CW) signals (i.e. no modulation)	
E8257D-UNT	AM, FM, phase modulation, and LF output	Generates analog modulated signals	
E8257D-UNU	Pulse modulation	Generates pulse modulated signals (150 ns minimum pulse width)	
E8257D-UNW	Narrow pulse modulation	Generates pulse modulated signals (20 ns minimum pulse width)	
E8257D-1SM [2]	Scan modulation	Provides deep AM capability	E8257D-520 and -UNT

Step 3. Choose step attenuator

Ordering number	Description	Purpose	Requires
Standard	No step attenuator	Generates signals with output power levels ranging from –20 dBm to maximum power	
E8257D-1E1	Step attenuator	Generates signals with output power levels below –20 dBm (20, 31.8, and 40 GHz models range from –135 dBm to their maximum power, and 50 and 67 GHz models range from –110 dBm to their maximum power)	

1. E8257D-521 is not compatible with E8257D-1SM. E8257D-521 includes E8257D-1EU and -1EH.
2. E8257D-1SM is not compatible with E8257D-521, -532, -540, -550, -567, and -UNU.

Step 4. Choose high output power

Ordering number	Description	Purpose	Requires
Standard	Standard output power	Generates standard level RF output power	
E8257D-1EU	High output power	Generates high power signals	

Step 5. Choose spectral purity

Ordering number	Description	Purpose	Requires
Standard	Standard spectral purity	Provides low phase noise.	
E8257D-UNX	Ultra low phase noise frequency offsets ranging from 1 Hz to 10 kHz	Improves phase noise performance close to carrier	
E8257D-1EH	Improved harmonics below 2 GHz frequencies below 2 GHz	Improves harmonic performance for carrier	

Step 6. Choose ramp sweep

Ordering number	Description	Purpose	Requires
E8257D-007	Analog ramp sweep of frequency and amplitude	Generates a fully synthesized ramp (analog) sweep	

Step 7. Choose instrument security

Ordering number	Description	Purpose	Requires
E8257D-008	Removable flash memory	Provides 8 GB of removable compact flash memory. All user-accessible files are located on this memory card.	

Step 8. Choose special options [1]

Special options add unique capabilities to the signal generator for specific applications.

Ordering number	Description	Purpose	Requires
E8257D-H30	Add internal mixer for upconversion capability in the 20 GHz and 40 GHz models	Enable upconversion of complex modulated signals to frequencies up to 46 GHz	E8257D-1E1
E8257D-H60	Add internal mixer on the rear panel for upconversion capability in the 50 GHz and 67 GHz models	Enable upconversion of complex modulated signals to frequencies up to 65 GHz	E8257D-1E1
E8257D-H65	Add upconverting mixer on the rear panel. RF 20 to 65 GHz, LO 5 to 30 GHz with doubler, 1 to 22 GHz IF	Upconverts externally supplied signals up to 65 GHz	
E8257D-HCC	Add input and output of phase reference LO	Provides multi-source phase coherency	Z5623AKxx Distribution Network (recommended)
E8257D-H1S	Add 1 GHz external frequency reference input and output	Enables use of an external frequency reference to improve spectral purity	E8257D-UNX

1. All specified performance attributes of special options are tested at 25 °C (±3 °C) unless otherwise noted. For more information contact Agilent Technologies.

Step 9. Choose instrument connector configuration and accessories

Note: Option 520 and 521 instruments ship with a 3.5 mm (m) RF output connector on the front panel.
Option 532, 540, and 550 instruments ship with a 2.4 mm (m) RF output connector on the front panel.
Option 567 instruments ship with a 1.85 mm (m) RF output connector on the front panel.

Ordering number	Description	Purpose	Requires
Standard with E8257D-520 and -521	3.5 mm (f) to 3.5 mm (f) connector adapter	Adapter is included with the purchase of the 20 GHz models to connect to 3.5 mm (m).	
Standard with E8257D-532, -540, and -550	2.4 mm (f) to 2.4 mm (f) and 2.4 mm (f) to 2.9 mm (f) connector adapter(s)	Adapter set is included with the purchase of the 32, 40 and 50 GHz models to connect to 2.4 mm (m).	
Standard with E8257D-567	1.85 mm (f) to 1.85 mm (f) and 2.4 mm (f) to 2.9 mm (f) connector adapter(s)	Adapter set is included with the purchase of the 67 GHz models to connect to 1.85 mm (m).	
E8257D-1ED [1]	Type-N (f) RF output connector	Type-N (m) to 3.5 mm (f) adapter set is included with the purchase of the type-N (m) connector.	
E8257D-1EM	Moves all front panel connectors to the rear panel	Simplifies cable management in rack mount environments.	
E8257D-C09	Moves all front panel connectors to the rear panel except the RF output connector	Simplifies cable management in rack mount environments.	
E8257D-1CM	Rackmount flange kit	Provides a flange kit to mount the signal generator into a standard EIA 19" rack.	
E8257D-1CN	Front handle kit	Provides front handles for carrying the instrument (not for rack mount).	
E8257D-1CP	Rackmount kit with front handles	Provides front handles and a flange kit to mount the signal generator into a standard EIA 19" rack.	
E8257DS15	OML Inc. [2] model number S15MS-AG	Millimeter source module, 50 GHz to 75 GHz at +8 dBm	E8257D-1EU
E8257DS12	OML Inc. [2] model number S12MS-AG	Millimeter source module, 60 GHz to 90 GHz at +6 dBm	E8257D-1EU
E8257DS10	OML Inc. [2] model number S10MS-AG	Millimeter source module, 75 GHz to 110 GHz at +5 dBm	E8257D-1EU
E8257DS08	OML Inc. [2] model number S08MS-AG	Millimeter source module, 90 GHz to 140 GHz at –2 dBm	E8257D-1EU
E8257DS06	OML Inc. [2] model number S06MS-AG	Millimeter source module, 110 GHz to 170 GHz at –6 dBm	E8257D-1EU
E8257DS05	OML Inc. [2] model number S05MS-AG	Millimeter source module, 140 GHz to 220 GHz at –12 dBm	E8257D-1EU
E8257DS03	OML Inc. [2] model number S03MS-AG	Millimeter source module, 220 GHz to 325 GHz at –25 dBm	E8257D-1EU
Z5623AKxx	Distribution network	Distribute master LO signal to multiple signal generators for phase coherent applications	

1. Option 1ED is not compatible with frequency options E8257D-532, -540, -550, or -567.
2. Oleson Microwave Labs, Inc.

Step 10. Choose documentation

Standard products ship with an installation guide and an electronic documentation set (CD-ROM). The CD-ROM includes: user's guide, installation guide, programming guide, service guide, SCPI command reference, error messages, key reference, data sheets, and additional product literature.

Ordering number	Description
E8257D-CD1	CD-ROM containing the English documentation set
E8257D-ABA	Printed copy of the English documentation set (user's guide, programming guide, SCPI reference, key reference, and data sheets)
E8257D-AB2	Printed copy of the Chinese User's Guide
E8257D-ABD	Printed copy of the German User's Guide
E8257D-ABJ	Printed copy of the Japanese User's Guide
E8257D-0BW	Printed copy of the assembly-level service guide
E8257D-UK6	Commercial calibration certificate and test data

Step 11. Choose a warranty plan and a calibration plan

Ordering number	Description
R-51B-001-C	Standard 1-year Return-to-Agilent warranty and service
R-51B-001-3C	1 year Return-to-Agilent warranty extended to 3 years
R-51B-001-5C	1 year Return-to-Agilent warranty extended to 5 years
R-50C-001-3	Return-to-Agilent Calibration Upfront Support Plan 3 year coverage
E8257D-UK6	Commercial calibration certificate and test data

Step 12. Choose start up assistance options

Ordering number	Description
PS-S10	Remote scheduled assistance 1-999 hours
PS-S20	Daily productivity assistance
PS-T10-ASG	Signal generator and source basics; .5 day, Max. 8 students on site
PS-X10	Custom services to be qualified by Agilent

Upgradeable Options

For complete upgrade details, including firmware, visit: **www.agilent.com/find/E8257d_upgrade_table**

Customer-installable and service center-installable upgrade kits are available for the E8257D signal generators. If an option is not mentioned that you would like to have upgraded on your PSG, please contact your local Agilent representative about our customized upgradeable options.

Product	Order number	Description	Upgrade contains	Additional requirements	Incompatible with
007	E8257DK-007	Enables fully synthesized continuous analog frequency and power sweeps.	Customer installable - software, License key	None	None
008	E8257DK-008	Adds 8 GB removable flash memory.	Customer installable - software, License key	SN ≥4928	None
1E1	E8257DK-1E1	Adds a step attenuator to provide calibrated minimum output power levels of -135 dBm (up to 40 GHz) and 110 dBm (up to 70 GHz) while maintaining superior level accuracy.	Customer installable - hardware, License key	None	Option 1EU SN ≥4928
1EA	E8257DK-1EA	Provides increased output power performance up to 67 GHz.	Customer installable - software, License key	None	Option 1EU SN ≥4928
1ED	E8257DK-1ED	Replaces the option 520 standard APC 3.5 mm(m) RF output connector with a precision type-N (f) RF output connector.	Customer installable - hardware, License key	Option 520	Frequency options other than 520
1EH	E8257DK-1EH	Adds improved harmonic distortion performance for carrier frequencies ranging from 10 MHz to 2 GHz.	Customer installable - hardware, License key	None	Option 1EU SN ≥4928
1EU	E8257DK-1EU	Adds high output power for SN prefix greater than or equal to 4928.	Customer installable - software, License key	SN ≥4928	Option 1EM, HAR
2E1	E8257DK-2E1	Adds a step attenuator for SN prefix greater than or equal to 4928.	Factory installation only	SN ≥4928	None
2EH	E8257DK-2EH	Adds improved harmonics below 2 GHz for units with Option 1EU or SN prefix greater than or equal to 4928.	Customer installable - software, License key	Option 1EU SN ≥4928	None
2EU	E8257DK-2EU	Adds high output power (Option 1EU) for SN prefix less than 4928 without Option 1EA.	Factory installation only	SN <4928	Option 1EA, 1EM, HAR
2NX	E8257DK-2NX	Adds ultra-low phase noise performance for SN prefix greater than or equal to 4928.	Factory installation only	SN ≥4928	None
2NW	E8257DK-2NW	Adds narrow pulse modulation for units with Option 1EU or SN prefix greater than or equal to 4928.	Customer installable - software, License key	Option 1EU SN ≥4928	None
3EU	E8257DK-3EU	Adds high output power (Option 1EU) for SN prefix less than 4928 with option 1EA.	Factory installation only	Option 1EA SN <4928	Option 1EM, HAR
UNX	E8257DK-UNX	Adds improved close in phase stability and phase noise at offsets less than 10 KHz from the carrier.	Customer installable - hardware, License key	None	Option 1EU SN ≥4928
UNT	E8257DK-UNT	Adds internally or externally driven AM, FM and ØM signals and an internal low frequency modulation generator (LF); see data sheet for details.	Customer installable - software, License key	None	None
UNU	E8257DK-UNU	Adds standard pulse modulation. See data sheet for details.	Customer installable - software, License key	None	Option UNW
UNW	E8257DK-UNW	Adds narrow pulse modulation. See data sheet for details.	Customer installable - hardware, License key	None	Option UNU, 1EU SN ≥4928

Web Resources

For additional product information, visit: **www.agilent.com/find/psg**

For information about renting, leasing or financing Agilent's latest technology, visit: **www.agilent.com/find/buyalternatives**

For accessory information, visit: **www.agilent.com/find/accessories**

Related Agilent Literature

Agilent PSG Microwave Signal Generators
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E8257D PSG Microwave Analog Signal Generator
Data Sheet, Literature number 5989-0698EN

E8267D PSG Microwave Vector Signal Generator
Data Sheet, Literature number 5989-0697EN
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