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SPECIFICATIONS

PXIe-5423

40 MHz Bandwidth, 16-Bit PXI Waveform Generator

These specifications apply to the one-channel and two-channel PXIe-5423.

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Definitions

Warranted specifications describe the performance of a model under stated operating conditions and are covered by the model warranty.

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The following characteristic specifications describe values that are relevant to the use of the model under stated operating conditions but are not covered by the model warranty.

- *Typical* specifications describe the performance met by a majority of models.
- *Nominal* specifications describe an attribute that is based on design, conformance testing, or supplemental testing.
- *Measured* specifications describe the measured performance of a representative model.

Specifications are *Nominal* unless otherwise noted.

Conditions

All specifications are valid under the following conditions unless otherwise noted:

- Signals terminated with 50 Ω to ground
- Load impedance set to 50 Ω
- Amplitude set to 2.4 V_{pk-pk}
- **Analog Path** property or `NIFGEN_ATTR_ANALOG_PATH` attribute set to **Main** (default)
- Reference clock set to **Onboard Reference Clock**

Warranted and typical specifications are valid under the following conditions unless otherwise noted:

- Ambient temperature range of 0 °C to 55 °C
- 15-minute warm-up time before operation
- Self-calibration performed after instrument is stable
- External calibration cycle maintained and valid
- PXI Express chassis fan speed set to HIGH, foam fan filters removed if present, and empty slots contain PXI chassis slot blockers and filler panels

Analog Output

Number of channels[1]	1 or 2
Output type	Referenced single-ended
Connector type	SMA
DAC resolution	16 bits

[1] Channels support independent waveform generation.

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Amplitude range[2], in 0.16 dB steps	
50 Ω load	0.00775 V_{pk-pk} to 12 V_{pk-pk}
Open load	0.0155 V_{pk-pk} to 24 V_{pk-pk}
Offset range	±50% of *Amplitude Range* (V_{pk-pk})[3]
Offset resolution	16-bit full-scale range
DC accuracy[4]	
Within ±5 °C of self-calibration temperature	±0.35% of *Amplitude Range* ± 0.35% of *Offset Requested* ± 500 µV, warranted[5]
0 °C to 55 °C	±0.55% of *Amplitude Range* ± 0.55% of *Offset Requested* ± 500 µV, typical
AC amplitude accuracy[6] (within ±5 °C of self-calibration temperature)	±1.0% ± 1 mV_{pk-pk}, warranted
Output impedance	50 Ω
Load impedance	Output waveform is compensated for user-specified impedances
Output coupling (ground referenced)	DC
Output enable[7]	Software-selectable
Maximum output overload[8]	±12 V_{pk-pk} from a 50 Ω source
Waveform summing	Supported[9]

[2] Amplitude values assume the full scale of the DAC is utilized. NI-FGEN uses waveforms less than the full scale of the DAC to create amplitudes smaller than the minimum value.

[3] For example, a 5.5 V_{pk-pk} range equals ±2.75 V maximum offset. Offset range has a limitation of ±12 V absolute signal swing into high-impedance loads (*Amplitude* + |*Offset*| ≤ 12 V into high-impedance load or 6 V into 50 Ω load).

[4] Terminated with high-impedance load (load impedance set to 1 MΩ). The analog path is calibrated for amplitude, gain, and offset errors.

[5] Where *Amplitude Range* is the requested amplitude in V_{pk-pk}. For example, a DC signal with an amplitude range of 16 V_{pk-pk} and offset of 1.5 will calculate DC accuracy using the following equation: ±[(0.35% * 16 V) + (0.35% * 1.5 V) + 500 µV] = ±61.75 mV. The DC standard function always uses the 24 V_{pk-pk} amplitude range.

[6] With 50 kHz sine wave and terminated with high-impedance load.

[7] When the output path is disabled, the channel output is terminated to ground with a 50 Ω, 1 W resistor.

[8] No damage occurs if the analog output channels are shorted to ground indefinitely.

[9] The output terminals of multiple PXIe-5423 waveform generators can be connected together.

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Standard Function

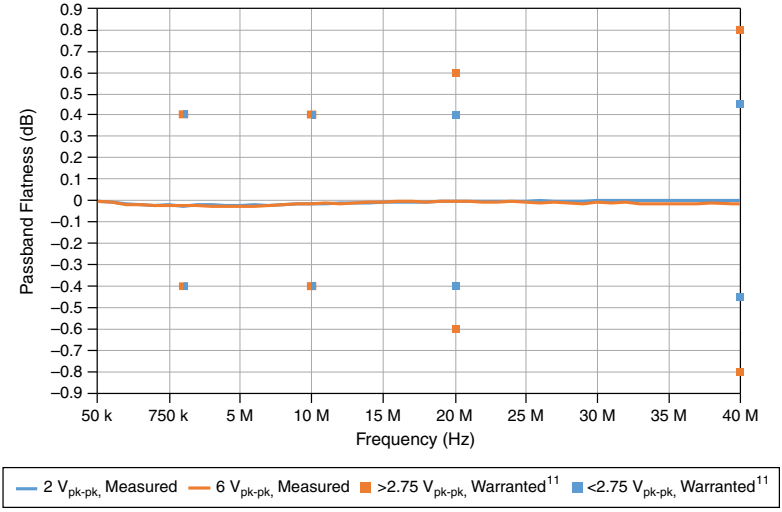
Sine Waveform

Frequency range	0 MHz to 40 MHz
Frequency step size	2.84 µHz

Table 1. Passband Flatness[10], Warranted

Sine Frequency	Passband Flatness (dB), Warranted	
	0.06 V_{pk-pk} to 2.75 V_{pk-pk}	**>2.75 V_{pk-pk}**
1 MHz	±0.4	±0.4
10 MHz	±0.4	±0.4
20 MHz	±0.4	±0.6
40 MHz[11]	±0.45	±0.8

Figure 1. Passband Flatness



[10] Normalized to 50 kHz.

[11] With sine frequencies of 40 MHz and ambient temperatures above 45 °C, add ±0.015 dB/°C to the passband flatness specification.

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Table 2. Spurious-Free Dynamic Range (SFDR) with Harmonics[12], Measured

Sine Frequency	SFDR with Harmonics (dBc), Measured		
	0.1 V_{pk-pk} to 1 V_{pk-pk}	1 V_{pk-pk} to 2.75 V_{pk-pk}	>2.75 V_{pk-pk}
1 MHz	62	84	77
3 MHz	62	82	63
5 MHz	61	82	58
10 MHz	61	77	52
20 MHz	61	72	44
30 MHz	61	68	40
40 MHz	58	63	35

Table 3. Spurious-Free Dynamic Range (SFDR) without Harmonics[12], Measured

Sine Frequency	SFDR without Harmonics (dBc), Measured		
	0.1 V_{pk-pk} to 1 V_{pk-pk}	1 V_{pk-pk} to 2.75 V_{pk-pk}	>2.75 V_{pk-pk}
1 MHz	62	84	92
3 MHz	62	84	92
5 MHz	62	84	92
10 MHz	61	83	90
20 MHz	61	83	90
30 MHz	61	83	83
40 MHz	61	83	83

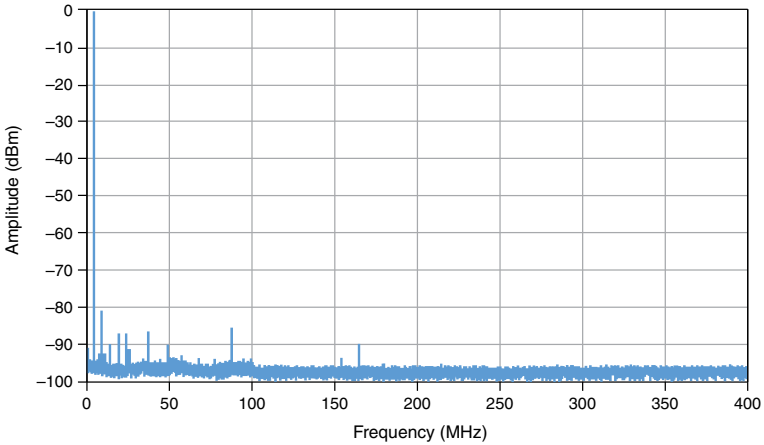
[12] At amplitude of -1 dBFS, measured from DC to 400 MHz, and limited to a -90 dBm spur at low amplitudes.

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Table 4. Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)[13], Measured

Sine Frequency	THD (dBc), Measured	
	0.1 V_{pk-pk} to 2.75 V_{pk-pk}	2.75 V_{pk-pk} to 12 V_{pk-pk}
1 MHz	87	76
3 MHz	81	62
5 MHz	80	56
10 MHz	71	49
20 MHz	68	43
30 MHz	68	39
40 MHz	64	35

Figure 2. 5 MHz Spectrum[14] at 0.6 V_{pk-pk}, Measured



[13] At amplitude of -1 dBFS and measured from DC to the sixth harmonic.
[14] Noise floor is limited by the noise floor of the measurement device.

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Figure 3. 10 MHz Spectrum[14] at 2 V_{pk-pk}, Measured

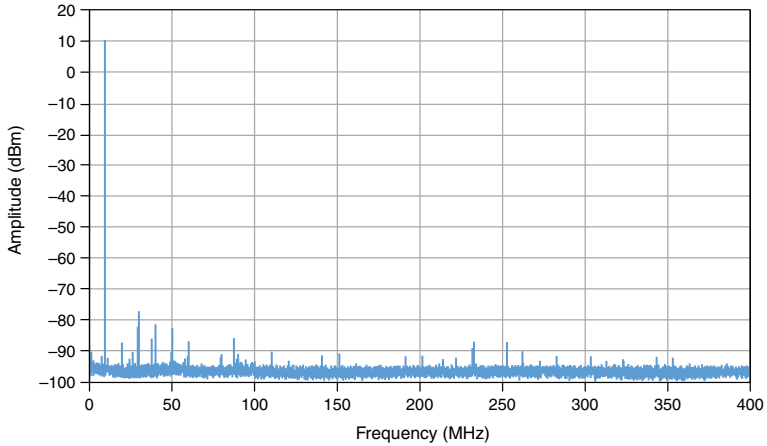
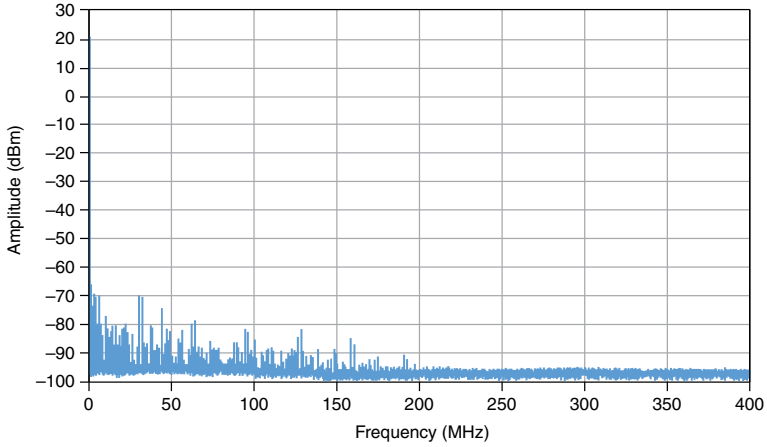


Figure 4. 1 MHz Spectrum[14] at 6.5 V_{pk-pk}, Measured



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Table 5. Average Noise Density[15], Typical

Amplitude	Average Noise Density, Typical	
	dBm/Hz	$\frac{nV}{\sqrt{Hz}}$
0.06 V_{pk-pk}	-154	3.9
0.1 V_{pk-pk}	-154	3.9
0.4 V_{pk-pk}	-150	5.8
1 V_{pk-pk}	-145	13
2 V_{pk-pk}	-141	20
4 V_{pk-pk}	-132	53
12 V_{pk-pk}	-125	107

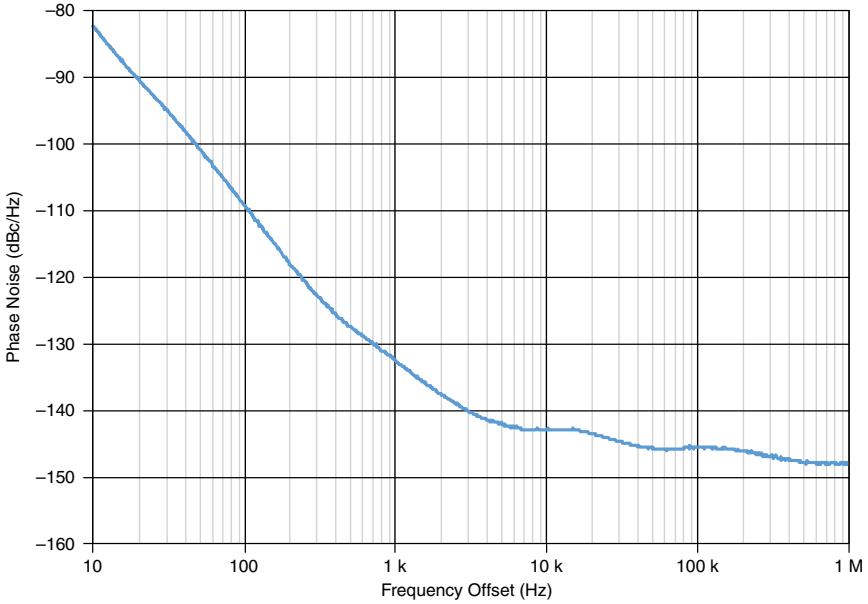
Channel-to-channel skew[16]

<2.75 V_{pk-pk}	±110 ps
>2.75 V_{pk-pk}	±275 ps

[15] At small amplitudes, average noise density is limited by a -154 dBm/Hz noise floor.
[16] With a 20 MHz sine wave and both channels configured to the same amplitude.

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Figure 5. Phase Noise[17], Measured



Jitter (RMS)[18]	214 fs

Square Waveforms

Frequency range	0 MHz to 25 MHz
Frequency step size	2.84 µHz
Minimum on/off time[19]	17.6 ns
Duty cycle resolution	<0.001%
Rise/fall time[20]	9 ns, measured
Aberration	1.0%, measured
Jitter (RMS)[21]	2 ps, measured

17 With 40 MHz carrier and locked to the internal timebase with spurs removed.
18 With 40 MHz carrier, integrated from 100 Hz to 100 kHz, and locked to the internal timebase.
19 Used for calculating duty cycle limit: *Minimum Duty Cycle* = (100% * *Minimum On Time*) ÷ T_{period} and *Maximum Duty Cycle* = 100% - *Minimum Duty Cycle*. For more information about the relationship between minimum on/off time and duty cycle specifications, refer to *ni.com*.
20 Rise time measured from 10% to 90%.
21 Integrated from 10 Hz to 10 MHz using a 22 MHz square wave.

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Figure 6. Square Waveform Step Response at 2.75 V_{pk-pk}, Measured

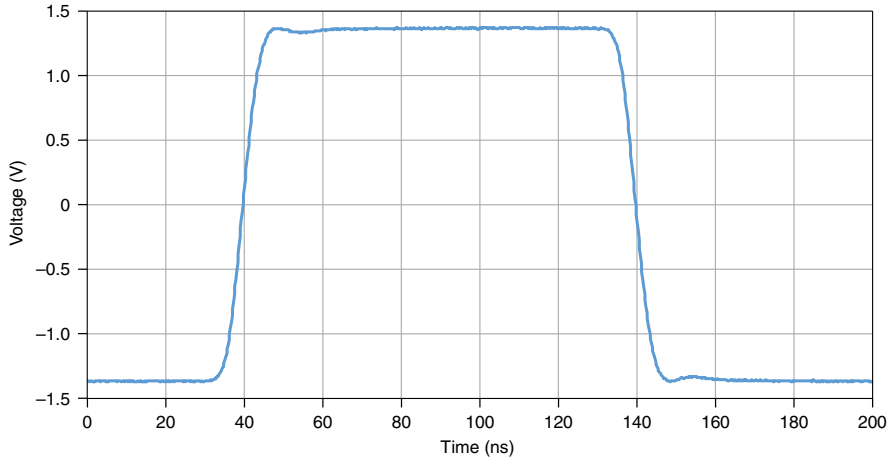
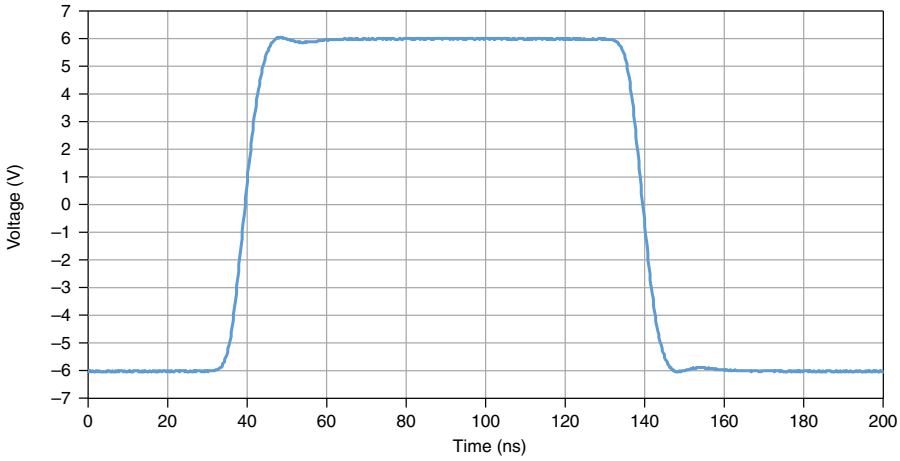


Figure 7. Square Waveform Step Response at 12 V_{pk-pk}, Measured



Ramp and Triangle Waveforms

Frequency range	0 MHz to 5 MHz

User-Defined Function

Frequency range	0 MHz to 40 MHz
Frequency step size	2.84 µHz

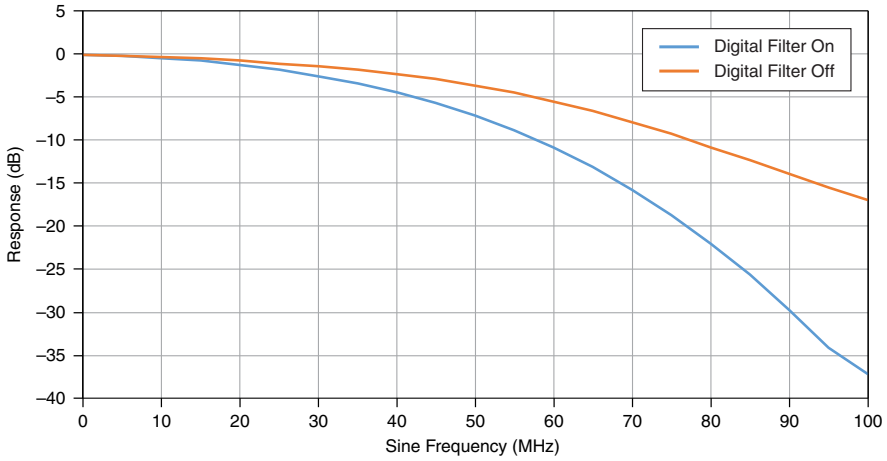
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Waveform points	8,192
Step response rise time	7 ns, measured

Arbitrary Waveform

Waveform size	2 samples to 64,000,000 samples
User sample rate	
Digital filter enabled	5.6 µS/s to 200 MS/s
Digital filter disabled	3.125 MS/s to 200 MS/s
Waveform filters	
Digital filter enabled	*Bandwidth* = 0.2 * *User Sample Rate*
Digital filter disabled	No reconstruction image rejection
Minimum quantum size	1 sample
Rise time[22]	
Digital filter enabled	15.3 ns, measured
Digital filter disabled	8.4 ns, measured
Total onboard memory	128 MB per channel

Figure 8. Magnitude Response[23], Measured



[22] At maximum user sample rate.
[23] Relative to 50 kHz and at 2 V_{pk-pk} and maximum user sample rate.

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Figure 9. 10 MHz Single-Tone Spectrum[24], Measured

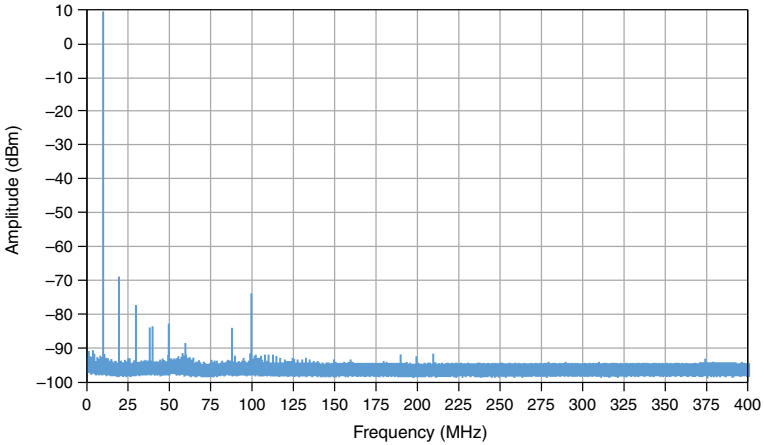
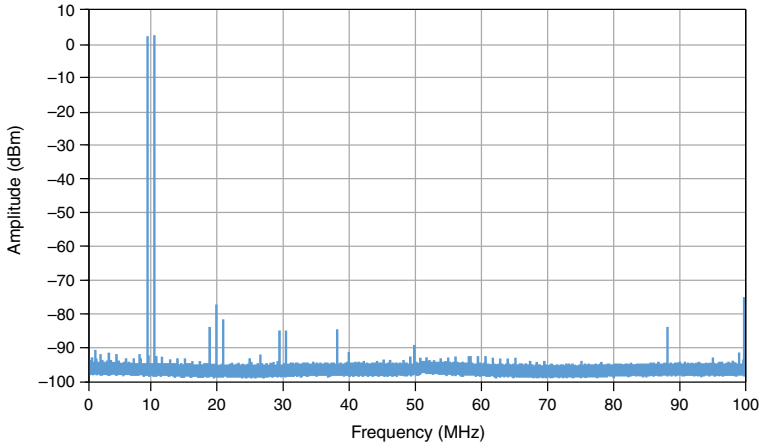


Figure 10. 9.5 MHz and 10.5 MHz Dual-Tone Spectrum[25], Measured



General

Total power	26 W, typical

[24] With the digital filter enabled and at -1 dBFS, 2 V_{pk-pk}, and 200 MS/s. Noise floor is limited by the noise floor of the measurement device.

[25] With the digital filter enabled and at -7 dBFS, 2 V_{pk-pk}, and 200 MS/s. Noise floor is limited by the noise floor of the measurement device.

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Bus interface

Form factor	Gen 1 x4 module
Slot compatibility	PXI Express or hybrid

Figure 11. Channel-To-Channel Crosstalk, Measured

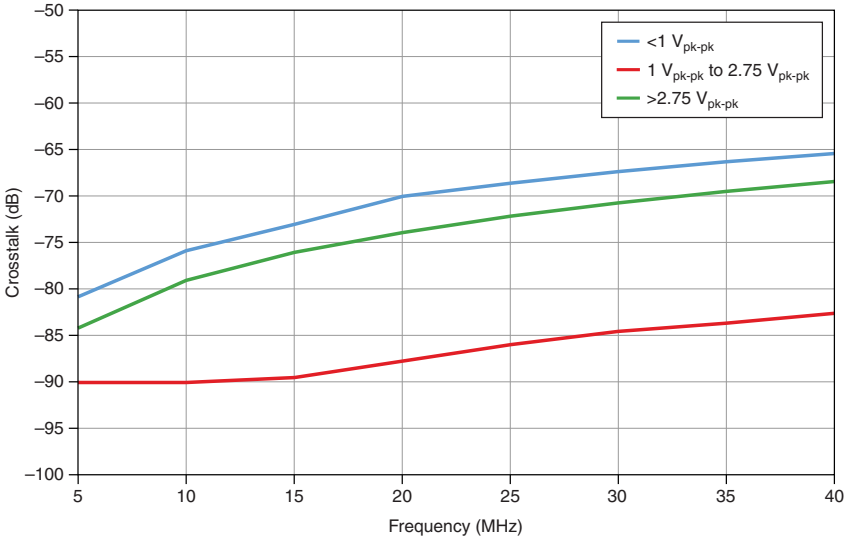
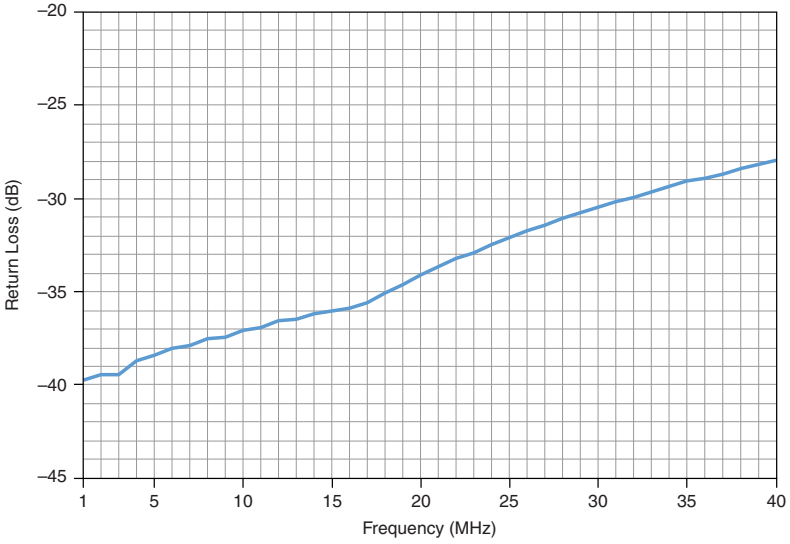


Figure 12. Return Loss, Measured



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Clock

Reference Clock source	Internal PXIe_CLK100 (backplane connector)
Reference Clock frequency	100 MHz (<±25 ppm)
Sample Clock rate	800 MHz
Internal timebase accuracy[26]	
Initial calibrated accuracy	1.5 ppm, warranted
Time drift[27]	1 ppm per year, warranted
Accuracy	*Initial Calibrated Accuracy* ± *Time Drift*, warranted

PFI I/O

Number of terminals	10
Connector type	
PFI 0 and PFI 1	SMA
AUX 0/PFI <0..7>	MHDMR
Logic level	3.3 V
Maximum input voltage	+5 V
V_{IH}	2 V
V_{IL}	0.8 V
Frequency range	0 MHz to 25 MHz
PFI-to-channel crosstalk	-80 dBc, measured

Trigger

Sources/destinations	PFI <0..1> (SMA front panel connectors) AUX 0/PFI <0..7> (MHDMR front panel connector) PXI_Trig <0..7> (backplane connector)
Supported triggers	Start Trigger Script Trigger
Trigger type	Rising edge

[26] If locked to an external Reference Clock source, timebase accuracy is equal to the external Reference Clock accuracy.

[27] Where time drift starts at the latest external calibration date.

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Trigger modes[28]	Single Continuous Stepped Burst
Input impedance (DC)	>100 kΩ

Marker

Destinations	PFI <0..1> (SMA front panel connectors) AUX 0/PFI <0..7> (MHDMR front panel connector) PXI_Trig <0..6> (backplane connector)
Pulse width	>150 ns
Marker to output skew	
PFI <0..1> and AUX 0/PFI <0..7>	±2 ns
PXI_Trig <0..6>	±20 ns
Maximum number of marker outputs per waveform	4

Calibration

Self-calibration	An onboard reference is used to calibrate the DC gain and offset. The self-calibration is initiated by the user through the software and takes approximately 2 minutes to complete.
External calibration[29]	External calibration calibrates the TCXO, voltage reference, and DC gain and offset. Appropriate constants are stored in nonvolatile memory.
Calibration interval	Specifications valid within 2 years of external calibration
Warm-up time[30]	15 minutes

[28] In frequency list, arbitrary waveform, and arbitrary sequence output modes.
[29] Also known as factory calibration.
[30] Warm up begins after the chassis is powered and the PXIe-5423 is recognized by the host and configured using NI-FGEN. Self-calibration is recommended following the warm-up time.

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Environment

Maximum altitude	2,000 m (800 mbar) (at 25 °C ambient temperature)
Pollution Degree	2

Indoor use only.

Operating Environment

Ambient temperature range	0 °C to 55 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2. Meets MIL-PRF-28800F Class 3 low temperature limit and MIL-PRF-28800F Class 2 high temperature limit.)
Relative humidity range	10% to 90%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-56.)

Storage Environment

Ambient temperature range	-40 °C to 71 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2. Meets MIL-PRF-28800F Class 3 limits.)
Relative humidity range	5% to 95%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-56.)

Shock and Vibration

Operating shock	30 g peak, half-sine, 11 ms pulse (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-27. Meets MIL-PRF-28800F Class 2 limits.)
Random vibration	
Operating	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 0.3 g_{rms} (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-64.)
Nonoperating	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 2.4 g_{rms} (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-64. Test profile exceeds the requirements of MIL-PRF-28800F, Class 3.)

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Physical

Dimensions	21.6 cm × 2.0 cm × 13.0 cm (8.5 in. × 0.8 in. × 5.1 in.) 3 U, one slot, PXI Express module
Weight	
One channel	369 g (13.0 oz)
Two channels	376 g (13.3 oz)

Compliance and Certifications

Safety

This product is designed to meet the requirements of the following electrical equipment safety standards for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA C22.2 No. 61010-1

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Electromagnetic Compatibility

This product meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

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- EN 55011 (CISPR 11): Group 1, Class A emissions
- EN 55022 (CISPR 22): Class A emissions
- EN 55024 (CISPR 24): Immunity
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- AS/NZS CISPR 22: Class A emissions
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions

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- 2014/30/EU; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)

Online Product Certification

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