Banded Millimeter Wave Network Analysis





TECHNICAL OVERVIEW

Banded Measurement Solutions to 1.5 THz

Keysight offers a variety of banded millimeter-wave solutions that enable the PNA/ PNA-X network analyzers to make S-parameter measurements up 1.5 THz. These solutions are easily configurable with frequency extenders from OML Inc and Virginia Diodes Inc. Supported solutions through Keysight may be configured with or without a test set controller, depending on the measurements required and the frequency extenders being used.

There is also an affordable E-band solution with PXI-VNA and VDI frequency extenders. V-Band and W-Band VDI frequency extenders for use with PXI-VNA are also available. More information is given at the end of this technical overview.

Supported Measurement Capability

The following table is a summary of some of the measurement capability that is available using the banded configurations.

| Application type | Test set controller support | Direct control support |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| S-parameters | Yes | Yes |
| True-mode measurements | Yes | No |
| Time domain | Yes | Yes |
| Enhanced Time Domain | No | No |
| Power measurements ³ | Yes | Yes |
| Power sweep ³ (single frequency) | Yes | Yes |
| Power spectrum | Yes | No |
| Pulse ³ | Yes | Yes |
| Mixers | Yes | No |
| Material measurements | Yes | Yes |
| Antenna measurements | Yes | Yes |
| On-wafer measurements | Yes | Yes |
| Inter-modulation distortion | Yes ⁴ | No |
| Spectrum Analysis | Yes | No |
| Noise figure | No | No |
| Source phase control | No | No |
| Automatic Fixture Removal | Yes ⁵ | No |
| NVNA/X-Parameters | No | No |
| Differential IQ | No | No |

1. The above is not a complete list of capabilities but is what has been verified to date using the banded solution.

2. Please work with your local Keysight Sales representative for measurements not listed above.

3. Note for PNA-X models that work below 67 GHz pulse and RF power leveling is available with the rear panel switched outputs and requires the combiner option. For the PNA models that work below 67 GHz it is required that the front panel connection be used for pulse and power level support.

 S93087B Inter-modulation distortion application is required when using OML IMD module and PNA/ PNA-X.

5. Band pass mode only



Key Features

- Uses the N5261/2A and the N5292A test set controller to connect banded waveguide frequency extenders to the PNA/PNA-X.
- The N5261A/62A/92A test set controller enables to configure a 2-port millimeterwave system with a single source PNA.
- The N5262A/92A test set controller enables to configure a 4-port millimeter-wave system with a dual source PNA.
- The N5261/62A are designed to provide DC supply to the OML frequency extenders.
- The built-in millimeter wave dialog allows users to easily switch between different waveguide band frequency extenders connected to the test set controllers.
- Supports the connection of VDI frequency extenders that cover waveguide bands from 26.5 GHz to 1.5 THz.
- Supports the connection of OML frequency extenders that cover waveguide bands from 50 GHz to 500 GHz.
- The 4-port N5262A and the N5292A Option 400 test controllers support differential and converter measurements using the VDI and OML frequency converters.
- Keysight test set controller with the PNA/PNA-X can be used to calibrate and control the power at the waveguide.

Test set controller based solutions performance

The test set controller based solutions offer not only the highest frequency coverage up to 1.5 THz but have also shown the best dynamic range in the industry. The following is an example of a WR2.2 frequency extender dynamic range using a PNA/PNA-X network analyzer, and a N5262A test set controller with a typical performance of 100 dB in a 10 Hz IFBW.



Figure 9. Dynamic range of a 325 to 500 GHz WR 2.20 VDI frequency extender

Ease-of-use

The banded millimeter-wave system uses built-in firmware, allowing you to leverage the built in software features of the PNA and PNA-X Series network analyzers. Regardless of the frequency range of your measurements, you can manually control the instrument from the front panel or use a mouse to access the simple pull-down menus. In addition, you can utilize Cal Wizard to guide you step-by-step through the most complicated of calibrations.

The banded millimeter-wave system can easily be configured using the dialogue box shown in Figure 10. Multiple system configurations can be added to the list, but only one is active at a time. Creating a banded configuration is easy, simply enter the start and stop frequencies and the multipliers for RF and LO frequency ranges (the values are located on the test head modules). Once a configuration has been added to the list, simply highlight the setup of choice and then click Activate Selected Config to apply.

| Select Configuration | Prope | erties | | |
|----------------------|---|------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Standard PNA | Name | WR-10 | Tes | t Set N5292A - |
| V5291A Broadband | IT M | xer Mode | | |
| WR-10 | | | • | |
| | | oute VNA RF to rear panel "R | E OUT" | |
| | and the second se | able Test Set RF ALC | | |
| | 1 | Max Power limit at Module R | F IN | 11.00 dBm 🚔 |
| | F | RF IN cable: Offset 0.00 c | dB 🗍 SI | ope 0.113 dB/GHz |
| New | Remove | | | |
| Frequencies | | | | |
| | Start | Stop | Multiplier | Source |
| Multiplier RF IN: | 12.500000000 GHz | 18.333333333 GHz | 6 | PNA RF Source |
| Multiplier LO IN: | 9.3750000000 GHz | 13.7500000000 GHz | 8 | PNA LO Source |
| | 75.00000000 GHz | 110.00000000 GHz | | |
| Test Port Frequency: | | | 1 | |
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| Test Port Frequency: | | | | |
| Test Port Frequency: | | | | |

Figure 10. On-screen dialog to configure a banded millimeter-wave setup

A number of different configurations can be setup for different frequency bands. In addition, for the N5261A and N5262A there is the added capability to turn on and off the test set controller ALC for pulse measurements. Also available, is the ability to enable mixer sweep for scalar mixer measurements. This interface allows for ease of switching from one configuration to the next without restarting the PNA/PNA-X or reconfiguration of connections.

In addition, an extensive, context-sensitive Help system thoroughly explains all of the PNA and PNA-X features. In any dialog box, simply click Help to see a detailed explanation of the feature you are using. Programming examples in both SCPI and COM are also included.

Test set controller based solution block diagram (N5262A)



Test set controller based solution block diagram (N5292A)



These solutions do not require a millimeter-wave test set controller as they connect directly to the front panel of a dual source PNA or PNA-X. Both VDI and OML frequency extenders are supported with this configuration. Here is an example of a set of VDI modules that are directly connected to a dual source PNA.



Key Features

- This configuration does not require a test set controller.
- Requires a dual source PNA/PNA-X network analyzer with configurable test set option.
- It takes advantage of the FOM mode S93080B, that allows the dual source to provide separate RF and LO signals for the extenders.
- Supports full 2-Port S-parameter measurements within a waveguide.
- The direct connection supports power calibration and power sweep.
- Allows for the use of a higher IF frequency for test and reference signals.
- Can be driven with either a 26.5, 43.5, 50, or 67 GHz PNA/PNA-X.
- A downloadable macro is available from Keysight which simplifies the setup of the frequency offset mode.
- Provides the best dynamic range performance.

The direct connection configuration is currently supported using the frequency offset mode of the PNA/PNA-X and requires at least two sources to be able to do complete 2-port S-parameter measurements. The RF signal for the frequency extenders are supplied via the PNA/PNA-X port 1 and port 2 while the LO is supplied with the second source that drives the PNA/PNA-X ports 3 and 4. With this hardware configuration, the frequency offset mode can be used to set the RF source to sweep the frequency range of the waveguide band while the LO sweeps the mixers in the extenders to produce the IF signals required to make S-parameter measurements.

Key Performance

Calibration technology is built into the PNA/PNA-X that enables the most accurate measurements. The following are a few of the performance characteristics of the system. Figure 11 is a demonstration of the achievable stability of this system; it shows the vector magnitude stability of a 500 to 750 GHz solution over a period of 24 hours under typical laboratory conditions of 25 °C.



Figure 11. Typical drift performance of the PNA/PNA-X solution at 500 to 750 GHz with Virginia Diodes frequency extenders

Notice the excellent performance of less than 0.15 dB of both the short terminated ports relative to memory over a period of 24 hours. The key performance characteristic is the excellent dynamic range as illustrated by the 500 to 750 GHz.



Figure 12. WR1.5 Dynamic range measurements VDI frequency extenders with a PNA-X

This solution provides unsurpassed dynamic range performance as shown in the Figure 12 plot of a 500 to 750 GHz dynamic range measurement using a direct connection of VDI extenders to a PNA/PNA-X. Note the typical performance is around 100 dB of dynamic range.

Direct connect solution block diagram

This configuration of the PNA/PNA-X with frequency extenders offers the ability to directly connect frequency extenders to a 4-port PNA/PNA-X or a 2-port PNA-X with a second source. This enables vector network analysis measurements up to 1.5 THz.



Configuration of a banded solution is similar to configuration of a single sweep solution using separate components. With the support of several frequency extenders and vector network analyzer options, the banded solutions, offer industry leading flexibility and extensibility for measurements to 1.5 THz.

To configure hardware for a particular solution select the following components:

- 1. PNA or PNA-X network analyzer configured to support either a test set controller or direct connection of the frequency extenders
- 2. 2- or 4-port millimeter test set controller, not required for direct connection. See page 13 for Supported measurement capability.
- 3. Frequency extenders for the frequency coverage required, see pages 12 to 14 for VDI extenders and pages 16 to 18 for OML extenders (Refer to Configuring a module on page 20)
- 4. Calibration kit for the frequency coverage required , see pages 14 (VDI Cal kits) and page 18 (OML cal kits)

Supported PNA and PNA-X configurations for banded waveguide

| Product model and description | Minimum option required for N5292A test set controller connection | Minimum option required for N5261A/2A test set controller connection | Minimum option required for direct connection |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| N522xB 2-port PNA Network Analyzer | options 201 or 21x and 020 | options 2xx and 020 | Unsupported |
| N522xB 4-port PNA Network Analyzer | options 401 or 41x and 020 | options 4xx and 020 | Option 401 or 41x and S93080B |
| N524xB 2-port PNA-X Network Analyzer | options 2xx and 020 | options 2xx and 020 | Option 22x and S93080B |
| N524xB 4-port PNA-X Network Analyzer | options 4xx and 020 | options 4xx and 020 | Option 4xx and S93080B |

Millimeter-wave test set controllers for banded configuration

| N5292A-200 2-Po | rt millimeter-wave test set controller ¹ |
|-----------------|---|
| N5292A-222 | Interconnect Kit for 2 Port Test Set and 2 Port VNA with 3.5 mm Ports |
| N5292A-224 | Interconnect Kit for 2 Port Test Set and 2 Port VNA with 2.4 mm Ports |
| N5292A-242 | Interconnect Kit for 2 Port Test Set and 4 Port VNA with 3.5 mm Ports |
| N5292A-244 | Interconnect Kit for 2 Port Test Set and 4 Port VNA with 2.4 mm Ports |
| N5290A304 | Cable Adapter for OML/ VDI Frequency Extenders |
| N5292A-400 4-Po | ort millimeter-wave test set controller ¹ |
| N5292A-422 | Interconnect Kit for 4 Port Test Set and 2 Port VNA with 3.5 mm Ports |
| N5292A-424 | Interconnect Kit for 4 Port Test Set and 2 Port VNA with 2.4 mm Ports |
| N5292A-442 | Interconnect Kit for 4 Port Test Set and 4 Port VNA with 3.5 mm Ports |
| N5292A-444 | Interconnect Kit for 4 Port Test Set and 4 Port VNA with 2.4 mm Ports |
| N5290A304 | Cable Adapter for OML/ VDI Frequency Extenders |

1. The N5290A304 interface cable is required for each OML/VDI module for both the 2- and 4-port N5292A.

| N5261A 2-port millimeter-wave test set controller for PNA/PNA-X based configuration | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| N5261A-102 | A set of cables for 3.5 mm connection to a 2-port N5222B or N5242B | | |
| N5261A-104 | A set of cables for 3.5 mm connection to a 4-port N5222B or N5242B | | |
| N5261A-106 | A set of cables for 2.4 mm connection to a 2-port N5224B/N5225B or N5244B/N5245B | | |
| N5261A-108 | A set of cables for 2.4 mm connection to a 4-port N5224B/N5225B or N5244B/N5245B | | |
| N5261A-112 | A set of cables for 1.85 mm connection to a 2-port N5227B or N5247B | | |
| | | | |

N5262A 4-port millimeter wave test set controller for PNA/PNA-X based configuration

| N5262A-104 | A set of cables for 3.5 mm connection to a 4-port N5222B or N5242B |
|------------|--|
| N5262A-108 | A set of cables for 2.4 mm connection to a 4-port N5224B/N5225B or N5244B/N5245B |
| N5262A-114 | A set of cables for 1.85 mm connection to a 4-port N5227B or N5247B |

 For the N5261A and N5262A, several cable options exist for connecting OML T/R frequency extenders, please refer to the option description section for details, page 18.

- A 2-Port PNA/PNA-X will only support 2-port banded measurements when used with a N5262A 4-port millimeter controller.

Please refer to the "Millimeter Wave Network Analyzer (N5290A/91A) – Configuration Guide", literature number: 5992-2179EN, for more details and required interconnect options to connect the N5292A to the PNA and PNA-X network analyzers.

Module types

- Transmission/reflection modules

TxRx modules (VDI) or Transmission/reflection modules (OML) that have both a receiver and a transmitter and can perform both transmission and reflection measurements

- Transmitter modules
- TxRef modules (VDI) that have a transmitter source and a reference output
- Receiver-only modules

Rx modules (VDI) or T modules (OML) that only have a receiver, and require a transmission/reflection module or a TxRef module to perform transmission measurements. Rx modules cannot perform reflection measurements.

Millimeter-wave modules

Several modules are available and other special options may be configured on request. Select the appropriate quantity of modules required for the measurement set up. To request a specially configured test module contact your local Keysight sales representative.

Transmission/reflection mini-modules (Virginia Diodes VNAX models)

| Waveguide flange | Frequency GHz | Standard transmission reflection modules | Transmission reflection modules with 0 to 30 dB micrometer driven attenuator |
|---------------------|---------------|---|--|
| WR28 | 26.5 to 40 | N5262BW28-STD | N5262BW28-001 |
| WR19 | 40 to 60 | N5262BW19-STD | N5262BW19-001 |
| WR15 ¹ | 47 to 77 | N5262BW15-STD | N5262BW15-001 |
| WR12 ^{1,2} | 55 to 95 | N5262BW12-STD | N5262BW12-001 |
| WR10 ^{1,2} | 67 to 115 | N5262BW10-STD | N5262BW10-001 |
| WR8.0 | 90 to 140 | N5262BW08-STD | N5262BW08-001 |
| WR6.5 | 110 to 170 | N5262BW06-STD | N5262BW06-001 |
| WR5.1 | 140 to 220 | N5262BW05-STD | N5262BW05-001 |
| WR4.3 | 170 to 260 | N5262BW04-STD | N5262BW04-001 |
| WR3.4 | 220 to 330 | N5262BW03-STD | N5262BW03-001 |
| WR2.8 | 260 to 400 | N5262BW2B-STD | N5262BW2B-001 |
| WR2.2 | 325 to 500 | N5262BW02-STD | N5262BW02-001 |

- A power supply is included with each module ordered.

All modules are compatible with PNA/PNA-X or test set controller and have cable options for direct connection or test set connections.

RF/LO input power options

Option 120: Require +10 dBm at the module input. Recommended for use with the test set and 1.2m cable set.

- Option 500: Require +2 dBm at the module input. Recommended for direct connect with 1.2m or 5m cable sets, or the test set with 5m cable set

- Cable sets options

- Cable sets are available for purchase with cable options of the modules. Refer to Section, Configuring a module: Ordering a VDI VNAX module, N526xBxx cable options on page 20.

1. TxRx Mini VNAX modules with extended frequency range.

2. These special options are also available.

- N5262BW10-DS0³ Dual source for IMD, WR10+, 67-115 GHz
- N5262BW10-DS1³ Dual source for IMD with 0-30 dB attenuator WR10+, 67-115 GHz
- N5262BW10-SE0 Export control, TPP<0dBm, Maximum Frequency <110GHz
- N5262BW10-SE1 Export control TPP<0dBm, Maximum Frequency <110GHz with 0-30 dB attenuator N5262BW12-DS0³ Dual Source module for IMD WR12+ 55-95 GHz
- N5262BW12-DS1³ Dual Source for IMD with 0-30 dB attenuator WR12+ 55-95 GHz
- N5262BW12-SE0 Export control, 60-90GHz <15dBm
- N5262BW12-SE1 Export control, 60-90GHz <15dBm with 0-30 dB attenuator
- 3. Recommend to use with the S93087A IMD measurement application software for IMD measurements.

It requires the use of a N5292A-400 or N5262A 4-port controller.

Transmission/reflection modules (Virginia Diodes VNAX-LG models)

| Waveguide flange | Frequency GHz | Standard transmission/reflection modules | Transmission/reflection modules with 25 dB mechanical attenuator |
|------------------|---------------|--|--|
| WR1.5 | 500 to 750 | N5256AW01-700 | N5256AW01-701 |
| WR1.0 | 750 to 1100 | N5262AW01-700 | No Attenuator Option |
| WR0.65 | 1100 to 1500 | N5262AW065-700 | No Attenuator Option |

- Each product number includes a single frequency extender that supports all PNA/PNA-X and test sets.

- A power supply is included with each module ordered.

- For full 2-Port S-parameter measurements order quantity 2 of the Tx/Rx modules listed above.

Transmitter and reference receiver modules (Virginia Diodes VNAX models)

| Waveguide flange | Frequency GHz | Transmitter module | Transmitter/reference receiver modules with 0 to 30 dB attenuator |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|--|
| WR15 ¹ | 47 to 77 | N5262BT15-STD | N5262BT15-001 |
| WR12 ¹ | 55 to 95 | N5262BT12-STD | N5262BT12-001 |
| WR10 ¹ | 67 to 115 | N5262BT10-STD | N5262BT10-001 |
| WR3.4 | 220 to 330 | N5262BT03-STD | N5262BT03-001 |
| WR2.2 | 325 to 500 | N5262BT02-STD | N5262BT02-001 |

1. We may be able to provide the modules for some other bands. Please check with your Keysight sales representative.

Receiver mini-modules (Virginia Diodes VNAX models)

| Waveguide flange | Frequency GHz | High sensitivity receive only module with external fixed attenuator |
|-------------------|---------------|---|
| WR15 ¹ | 47 to 77 | N5262BR15-001 |
| WR12 ¹ | 55 to 95 | N5262BR12-001 |
| WR10 ¹ | 67 to 115 | N5262BR10-001 |
| WR8.0 | 90 to 140 | N5262BR08-001 |
| WR6.5 | 110 to 170 | N5262BR06-001 |
| WR5.1 | 140 to 220 | N5262BR05-001 |
| WR4.3 | 170 to 260 | N5262BR04-001 |
| WR3.4 | 220 to 330 | N5262BR03-001 |
| WR2.8 | 260 to 400 | N5262BR2B-001 |
| WR2.2 | 325 to 500 | N5262BR02-001 |

- A power supply is included with each module ordered.

- All modules are compatible with PNA/PNA-X or test set controller and have cable options for direct connection or test set connections.

- RF/LO input power options

- Option 120: Require +10 dBm at the module input. Recommended for use with the test set and 1.2m cable set.

- Option 500: Require +2 dBm at the module input. Recommended for direct connect with 1.2m or 5m cable sets, or the test set with 5m cable set
 Cable sets options
 - Cable sets are available for purchase with cable options of the modules. Refer to Section, Configuring a module: Ordering a VDI VNAX module, N526xBxx cable options on page 20.

1. TxRx Mini VNAX modules with extended frequency range.

For more information on VDI mini modules, please refer to the product note, "N5262BWxx, N5262BTxx, and N5262BRxx Mini VNA Extension Modules," N5262-90002.

Receiver modules (Virginia Diodes VNAX-LG models)

| | | | High sensitivity receive only module with external fixed |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Waveguide flange | Frequency GHz | Standard receiver only modules | attenuator |
| WR1.5 | 500 to 750 | N5256AR01-700 | N5256AR01-701 |
| WR1.0 | 750 to 1100 | N5262AR01-700 | Not Available |
| WR0.65 | 1100 to 1500 | N5262AR065-700 | N5262AR065-701 |

- Each product number includes a single frequency extender that supports all PNA/PNA-X and test sets.

- A power supply is included with each module ordered.

- The receiver module requires a transmission module.

Dimensions for waveguide transmission/reflection modules (Virginia Diodes Inc.)

| Module | Width | Length | Height |
|--------------|------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Standard | 5.0 inches | 15.275 inches including waveguide, WR1.5 to WR15. 10.25 inches including waveguide WR1.0 | 3.5 inches (feet adjust +1.25 inches) |
| Mini-modules | 3.0 inches | 8.5 inches, N5262BWxx and N5262BTxx | 1.5 inches (feet adjust +0.75 inches) |
| | 3.0 inches | 3.75 inches, N5262BRxx | 1.5 inches (feet adjust +0.75 inches) |

Calibration kits (Virginia Diodes Inc.)

| Waveguide flange | Frequency GHz | Calibration kit |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| WR28 | 26.5 to 40 | N5260AC28 |
| WR19 | 40 to 60 | N5262AC19 |
| WR15 | 50 to 75 | N5262AC15 |
| WR12 | 60 to 90 | N5262AC12 |
| WR10 | 75 to 110 | N5262AC10 |
| WR8.0 | 90 to 140 | N5262AC08 |
| WR6.5 | 110 to 170 | N5262AC06 |
| WR5.1 | 140 to 220 | N5262AC05 |
| WR4.3 | 170 to 260 | N5262AC04 |
| WR3.4 | 220 to 325 | N5262AC03 |
| WR2.8 | 260 to 400 | N5262AC28 |
| WR2.2 | 325 to 500 | N5262AC02 |
| WR1.5 | 500 to 750 | N5260AC01 |
| WR1.0 | 750 to 1100 | N5262AC01 |
| WR0.65 | 1100 to 1500 | N5262AC065 |

Cable Options (Virginia Diodes Inc.)

Cable sets are available for separate purchase as the N5262AKCBL model. These cable sets work for both VNAX and VNAX-LG extenders.

| Cable option | Description |
|--------------------------|--|
| N5262AWCBL-N01 | Cables not included for Option 700 or 701 Tx/Rx modules which are designed for use with 1.2m cable set. |
| N5262AWCBL-N05 | Cables not included for Option 700 or 701 Tx/Rx modules which are designed for use with 5m cable set. |
| N5262AWCBL-701 | 1.2m cable set for Option 700 or 701 Tx/Rx modules, for direct connect to > 43.5 GHz PNA/PNA-X. Includes an additional 50 GHz RF cable for high frequency operation of the Tx/Rx module. |
| N5262AWCBL-705 | 50 GH2 Ki Cable for high nequency operation of the 17 KX module. 5m cable set for Option 700 or 701 Tx /Rx modules, for connection to a N5261/62A test set. |
| N5262AWCBL-201 | 1.2m cable set for Option 700 or 701 Tx/Rx modules, for direct connects to 26.5 GHz PNA / PNA-X. |
| N5262AWCBL-205 | 5m cable set for Option 700 or 701 Tx/Rx modules, for direct connects to 26.5 GHz PNA / PNA-X. |
| N5262AWCBL-401 | 1.2m cables set for Option 700 or 701 Tx/Rx modules, for direct connect to > 43.5 GHz PNA/PNA-X. Does not include an |
| | additional 50 GHz RF cable for high frequency operation of the Tx/Rx modules. |
| N5262AWCBL-405 | 5m cables set for Option 700 or 701 Tx/Rx modules, for direct connect to > 43.5 GHz PNA/PNA-X. Does not include an |
| | additional 50 GHz RF cable for high frequency operation of the Tx/Rx modules. |
| N5262AWCBL-501 | 1.2m cable set for Option 700 or 701 Tx /Rx modules, for connecting to N5261/62A test set. |
| N5262ARCBL-N01 | Cables not included for Option 700 or 701 Rx only modules which are designed for use with 1.2m cable set. |
| N5262ARCBL-N05 | Cables not included for Option 700 or 701 Rx only modules which are designed for use with 5m cable set. |
| N5262ARCBL-701 | 1.2m cable set for Option 700 or 701 Rx only modules, for direct connect to > 43.5 GHz PNA/PNA-X. Includes an additional |
| | 50 GHz RF cable for high frequency operation. |
| N5262ARCBL-705 | 5m cable set for Option 700 or 701 Rx only modules, for connection to a N5261/62A test set. |
| N5262ARCBL-201 | 1.2m cable set for Option 700 or 701 Rx only modules, for direct connect to 26.5 GHz PNA/PNA-X. |
| N5262ARCBL-205 | 5m cable set for Option 700 or 701 Rx only modules, for direct connect to 26.5 GHz PNA/PNA-X. |
| N5262ARCBL-401 | 1.2m cable set for Option 700 or 701 Rx only modules, for direct connect to > 43.5 GHz PNA/PNA-X. |
| N5262ARCBL-405 | 5m cable set for Option 700 or 701 Rx only modules, for direct connection to > 43.5 GHz PNA/PNA-X. |
| N5262ARCBL-501 | 1.2m cable set for Option 700 or 701 Rx modules, for connecting to N5261/62A test set. |
| Note: Adapters may be pu | rchased separately to allow for connection to both PNA/PNA-X front panel and N5261A/62A test sets. |

Note: Adapters may be purchased separately to allow for connection to both PNA/PNA-X front panel and N5261A/62A test sets.

The single and dual channel receiver modules are used for antenna applications or for 1-port single path S-parameter measurements. For more information, please refer to the user's guide, N5256/7/8A/B Millimeter-wave Module, N5256-90001.

Transmission/reflection modules (OML Inc.)

| Waveguide flange | Frequency GHz | Standard transmission/ reflection modules | Transmission/reflection modules with 25 dB mechanical attenuator | Transmission/reflection modules with 15 dB LO and RF amplifier ¹ | Transmission/reflec- tion modules with adjustable attenuator and 15 dB gain LO and RF amplifier |
|----------------------------|---------------|---|--|---|---|
| WR15 ¹ | 50 to 75 | N5256BW15-STD3 | N5256BW15-0013 | N5256BW15-0023 | N5256BW15-0033 |
| WR12 ¹ | 60 to 90 | N5256BW12-STD3 | N5256BW12-0013 | N5256BW12-0023 | N5256BW12-003 ³ |
| WR10 | 75 to 110 | N5256AW10-STD3 | N5256AW10-001 ³ | N5256AW10-002 ³ | N5256AW10-003 ³ |
| WR08 | 90 to 140 | N5256AW08-STD | N5256AW08-001 | N5256AW08-002 | N5256AW08-003 |
| WR06 | 110 to 170 | N5256AW06-STD | N5256AW06-001 | N5256AW06-002 | N5256AW06-003 |
| WR05 | 140 to 220 | N5256AW05-STD | N5256AW05-001 | N5256AW05-002 | N5256AW05-003 |
| WR03 | 220 to 325 | N5256AW03-STD | N5256AW03-001 | N5256AW03-002 | N5256AW03-003 |
| WR02.2 | 325 to 500 | N5256AW02-STD | Not available | N5256AW02-002 | Not available |
| Extended WR12 ² | 56 to 94 | N5256BX12-STD | N5256AX12-001 | N5256AX12-002 | Not available |
| Extended WR10 | 67 to 110 | N5256AX10-STD | N5256AX10-001 | Not available | Not available |

- A power supply is included with each module ordered.

- The modules with the RF/LO amplifiers are for antenna applications that include a cable loss of 15 dBm to the module from the port of the test set controller being used. Do not connect these directly to the test set controller port with the standard 48 inch cable, use a 15 dB pad if needed.

1. BW15/12 and AW15/12 models cannot be mixed in a system. (BW and AW have different LO multipliers.)

2. BX12 and AX12 model cannot be mixed in a system. (BX and AX have different LO multipliers.)

3. N5256AW12/15 and N5256AX12 are non-RoHS versions.

IMD transmission/reflection modules (OML Inc.)

| Waveguide flange | Frequency GHz | IMD module product number |
|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| WR15 | 50 to 75 | N5256AW15-IMD ¹ |
| WR12 | 60 to 90 | N5256AW12-IMD ¹ |
| Extended WR12 | 56 to 94 | N5256AX12-IMD ¹ |
| WR10 | 75 to 110 | N5256AW10-IMD |
| Extended WR10 | 67 to 110 | N5256AX10-IMD |

- Recommend to use with the S93087A IMD measurement application software for IMD measurements with these modules.

- The IMD modules require the use of a N5292A-400 or N5262A 4-port controller.

1. N5256AW12/15 and N5256AX12 are non-RoHS versions.

Single-channel receiver-only modules (OML Inc.)

| Waveguide flange | Frequency GHz | Standard Single-channel receiver-only modules | Single-channel receiver-only modules with 15 dB LO amplifier |
|---------------------|------------------|---|--|
| WR15 ¹ | 50 to 75 | N5257BR15-STD | N5257BR15-001 |
| WR12 ¹ | 60 to 90 | N5257BR12-STD | N5257BR12-001 |
| WR10 | 75 to 110 | N5257AR10-STD | N5257AR10-001 |
| WR08 | 90 to 140 | N5257AR08-STD | N5257AR08-001 |
| WR06 | 110 to 170 | N5257AR06-STD | N5257AR06-001 |
| WR05 | 140 to 220 | N5257AR05-STD | N5257AR05-001 |
| WR03 | 220 to 325 | N5257AR03-STD | N5257AR03-001 |
| WR02.2 | 325 to 500 | N5257AR02-STD | Available on request |
| WR12 ¹ | 60 to 90 | N5257BX12-700 | N5257BX12-701 |

- A power supply is included with each module ordered.

1. For the AR15/12 and AX12 model users. BR15/12 and BX12 models can't be mixed in a system with AR15/12 and AX12 models respectively due to different LO multipliers.

Cables for OML Inc. banded millimeter-wave systems with test set controller

| N5261A Based OML Solution | | |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| Cable option | Description | |
| N5261A-501 | A single set (1-port) of RF,LO,DC and IF cables for connection to a single T/R millimeter module, 48" | |
| N5261A-502 | A single set (1-port) of RF,LO,DC and IF cables for connection to a single T/R millimeter module, 2 meters | |
| N5261A-503 | A single set (1-port) of RF,LO,DC and IF cables for connection to a single T/R millimeter module, 3 meters | |
| N5261A-505 | A single set (1-port) of RF,LO,DC and IF cables for connection to a single T/R millimeter module, 5 meters | |

| N5262A Based OML Solution | | |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Cable option | Description | |
| N5262A-501 | A single set of RF,LO,DC and IF cables for connection to a single T/R millimeter module, 48" | |
| N5262A-502 | A single set of RF,LO,DC and IF cables for connection to a single T/R millimeter module, 2 meters | |
| N5262A-503 | A single set of RF,LO,DC and IF cables for connection to a single T/R millimeter module, 3 meters | |
| N5262A-505 | A single set of RF,LO,DC and IF cables for connection to a single T/R millimeter module, 5 meters | |

Note: Other special option cables are also available on request.

Cables for OML Inc. banded millimeter-wave modules - direct connect only

| Model number | Description |
|--------------|---|
| N5260AK48 | 4 ft cables (RF, LO, IF,Bias + adapters) for direct connect mm-head TxRx to N5224B, N5225B, N5227B, or N5244B, N5245B, N5247B |
| N5260AK50 | 4 ft cables (RF, LO, IF,Bias) to direct connect mm-head T/R to N5222B or N5242B |
| N5260AK51 | 4 ft cables (LO, IF, Bias) to direct connect mm-head Rec. only to N5222B or N5242B |

Dual-channel receiver-only modules (OML Inc.)

| Waveguide flange | Frequency GHz | Standard Dual-channel receiver-only module | Dual-channel receiver-only module with 15 dB LO amplifier |
|------------------|---------------|--|--|
| WR15 | 50 to 75 | N5258AD15-STD ¹ | N5258AD15-001 ¹ |
| WR12 | 60 to 90 | N5258AD12-STD ¹ | N5258AD12-001 ¹ |
| WR10 | 75 to 110 | N5258AD10-STD | N5258AD10-001 |
| WR08 | 90 to 140 | N5258AD08-STD | N5258AD08-001 |
| WR06 | 110 to 170 | N5258AD06-STD | N5258AD06-001 |
| WR05 | 140 to 220 | N5258AD05-STD | N5258AD05-001 |
| WR03 | 220 to 325 | N5258AD03-STD | N5258AD03-001 |

1. Non-RoHS compliant

Millimeter-wave calibration kits (OML Inc.)

| Waveguide flange | Frequency GHz | Calibration kit |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| WR15 | 50 to 75 | V11644A |
| WR12 | 60 to 90 | N5260AC12 |
| WR10 | 75 to 110 | W11644A |
| WR08 | 90 to 140 | N5260AC08 |
| WR06 | 110 to 170 | N5260AC06 |
| WR05 | 140 to 220 | N5260AC05 |
| WR03 | 220 to 325 | N5260AC03 |
| WR02.2 | 325 to 500 | N5260AC02 |
| Extended WR12 | 56 to 94 | N5260AC12 |

Waveguide designation equivalent table (supplemental information)

| MIL-DTL-85/3C | IEEE Std 1785.1 | Frequency range |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| WR-15 | WM-3759 | 50 GHz to 75 GHz |
| WR-12 | WM-3099 | 60 GHz to 90 GHz |
| WR-10 | WM-2540 | 75 GHz to 110 GHz |
| WR-08 (WR8.0 ¹ | WM-2032 | 90 GHz to 140 GHz |
| WR-06 (WR6.5) ¹ | WM-1651 | 110 GHz to 170 GHz |
| WR-05 (WR5.1) ¹ | WM-1295 | 140 GHz to 220 GHz |
| WR-04 (WR4.3) ¹ | WM-1092 | 170 GHz to 260 GHz |
| WR-03 (WR3.4) ¹ | WM-864 | 220 GHz to 330 GHz |
| WR-02 (WR2.8) ¹ | WM-710 | 260 GHz to 400 GHz |
| WR-02 (WR2.2) ¹ | WM-570 | 330 GHz to 500 GHz |
| WR-1.5 | WM-380 | 500 GHz to 750 GHz |
| WR-1.0 | WM-250 | 750 GHz to 1.1 THz |
| WR-0.65 | WM-164 | 1.1 THz to 1.5 THz |

Reference: IEEE Standard for Rectangular Metallic Waveguides and Their Interfaces for Frequencies of 110 GHz and Above – Part 1: Frequency Bands and Waveguide Dimensions

1. VDI band designation

Configuring a Module

Ordering a VDI VNAX-LG module, N5256AW01 and N526xAxx

- 1. Select model for the frequency range of the module.
- 2. Select option 700 or option 701 for module with adjustable attenuator.
- 3. Select the cable option. The cable option selected will set power input requirement.
 - Option 201/401/501/701/N01 for use with 1.2m cables, RF/LO power input requirement is 10 dBm at module input. Recommend for use with test set.
 - Option 205/405/505/N05 for use with 5m cables, RF/LO power input requirement is 2dBm at module input. Recommended for direct connect. Option N05 can also work with 1.2 m cable, which can be ordered separately as the N5262AKCBL for a Wxx or Rxx module. See options -201, -401 or -501.
- 4. Select the calibration kit.

Ordering a VDI VNAX mini-module, N526xBxxx

- 1. Select model for the frequency range of the module.
- 2. Select option STD or option 001 for module with adjustable attenuator. See other options available in table.
- 3. Select the input power option 120 or 500. The option selected will set the RF/LO input power requirement.
 - Option 120: +10 dBm required at the module input. Recommend for use with the test set with 1.2m cable set.
 - Option 500: +2 dBm required at the module input. Recommended for direct connect with 1.2 m or 5m cable set or the test set with 5 m cable set.
- 4. Select the cable set option.
 - Option 201 Include 1.2 m cables for direct connect to 26.5 GHz PNA/PNA-X
 - Option 205 Include 5 m cables for direct connect to 26.5 GHz PNA/PNA-X
 - Option 401 Include 1.2 m cables for direct connect to 43.5/50/67 GHz PNA/PNA-X
 - Option 405 Include 5 m cables for direct connect to 43.5/50/67 GHz PNA/PNA-X
 - Option 501 Include 1.2 m cables for connect to controller
 - Option 505 Include 5 m cables for connect to controller
 - Option NOC No cables
- 5. Select the calibration kit.

Note:

- WR10 and WR12 modules have export-controlled options SE0 and SE1 for some export restricted countries.
- A and B models can be used together. Larger VNAX-LG modules will need to be placed with feet up to match the height of the VNAX mini module.

Ordering a OML VxxVNA2 module, N525xAxxx

- 1. Select model for the frequency range of the module
- 2. Select option STD or option 001 for module with adjustable attenuator. See other options available in table.
- 3. OML modules require RF and LO input power 10dBm, but options that add internal amplifiers are available.
- 4. Select the calibration kit.

Note:

WR12 and WR15 "A" models and "B" models are not compatible. "A" models have LO input multiplier = 5 and "B" models =6. WR10 and WR12 modules have an export-controlled option HLP (low power) for export restricted countries.

N5252A 2/4-Port E-Band Network Analyzer Test System

The N5252A is an affordable E-band VNA system that consists of PXI-VNAs and E-band VDI frequency extenders. V-band and W-band VDI frequency extenders are also available to enable other PXI mm-wave band system configurations.





N5252A E-Band (60 GHz – 90 GHz) Network Analyzer System

Key Features

- 2 or 4-port S-parameter measurements
- Power calibration at test ports with an external waveguide sensor (not included)
- More affordable than PNA-based E-band VNA
- Dedicated modules for the use only with Keysight PXI VNAs
- Includes PCI card and cable for customers desktop computer
- Includes waveguide calibration kit

Key Measurement Performance

- Frequency range: 60 GHz to 90 GHz
- Dynamic Range (BW=10 Hz): 100 dB minimum / 110 dB typical
- Test Port Power: +13 dBm typical
- Test Port Interface: WR-12 IEEE 1785-2a compatible with UG-387/UM

Configuration Information

N5252A-200 E-band (60 GHz - 90 GHz) 2-Port system with cal kit

- M9005A PXIe Chassis with two M9374A PXIe network analyzer cards installed.
- M9005A-002 PCIe desktop adapter and cable
- Two VDI VNAX mini WR12 (60 GHz 90 GHz) millimeter-wave modules
- Two 1.2m cable sets
- One N5262AC12, WR12 E-Band calibration kit from VDI

N5252A-400 E-band (60 GHz - 90 GHz) 4-Port system with cal kit

- M9005A PXIe Chassis with four M9374A PXIe network analyzer cards installed.
- M9005A-002 PCIe desktop adapter and cable
- Four VDI VNAX mini WR12 (60 GHz 90 GHz) millimeter-wave modules
- Four 1.2m cable sets
- One N5262AC12 WR12 E-Band calibration kit from VDI

Optional items

Either of these two power sensors/meter combinations is required for power calibration.

| Items | Description |
|-----------------------------|---|
| A U8489A and an E281CS | 120 GHz USB power sensor and 1.0 mm coax (f) to WR-12 waveguide adapter |
| An E8486A and a power meter | E-band waveguide power sensors and a power meter with USB, LAN or GPIB |

The N5252A supports the time domain measurements, but does not support the other PXI-VNA applications

| Optional software application | Description |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| M9374AU-010 | Time Domain |
| M9374AU-007 | Automatic Fixture Removal |

For higher measurement performance, frequency offset or other measurement applications, the PNA/-X based banded configuration is required.

A desktop computer, monitor and keyboard required for this system are not supplied.

Desktop computer requirement

- Operating systems: Windows 7 64-bit or Windows 10 64-bit
- Processor speed: 2.4 GHz recommended, (1.5 GHz dual core x64 minimum)
- Available memory: 8 GB recommended; 1 GB minimum
- Available disk space: 1.5 GB available hard disk space minimum
- Instrument driver: Keysight IO libraries Ver. 18.1.23218.2
- One open PCIe slot

Millimeter-wave Frequency Extenders for PXI-VNAs

These three models allow individual purchase of a pair of VDI VNAX mini millimeter-wave modules for V, E or W band that work with PXI-VNAs and allow you to configure your own millimeter-wave PXI-VNA system.

- N5252AW15 (50 GHz 75 GHz)
- N5252AW12 (60 GHz 90 GHz)
- N5252AW10 (75 GHz 110 GHz)

The frequency extenders come in a Pelican case, which includes the two extenders, two sets of 1.2 meter cables, two power supplies, and two USB memory drives.



Figure 1. N5252AW12 System in Pelican Case

Table 1. Contents list

| Part Number | Description |
|--------------------------|--|
| N5252-800021 | Pair of N5252AW12 TxRx VNAX Modules, with 1.2 m cable sets (2 sets of 3), power supplies (2), and USB drives (2), in a Pelican case. |
| | 60-90 GHz. |
| N5252-800031 | Pair of N5252AW10 TxRx VNAX modules, with 1.2 m cable sets (2 sets of 3), power supplies (2), and USB drives (2), in a Pelican case. |
| | 75-110 GHz. |
| N5252-80004 ¹ | Pair of N5252AW15 TxRx VNAX modules, with 1.2 m cable sets (2 sets of 3), power supplies (2), and USB drives (2), in a Pelican case. |
| | 50-75 GHz. |
| N5252-90002 | N5252A User's Guide |
| N5252-90003 | Product Note - VNAX mm-Wave Extenders for PXI Network Analyzers |
| 9320-6695 | China RoHS Addendum for Test Accessories-RF and Microwave |
| 9320-6797 | Keysight Safety Leaflet |

1. Refer to the product ordered (N5252AW10, N5252AW12, or N5252AW15)

Note: The N5252A system is only available for E-band, and V and W bands are individual purchase only.

Also, if you have two P9374A/75As or four P9374A/5As, you can configure the same 2-port or 4-port VNA system with the USB VNAs. There is no system with the USB VNAs available for the purchase. Individual purchase only.



Key Web Resources

Engineering services for 8510 to PNA Series migration

Keysight's network analyzer experts can save you time and money by working with you to migrate your 8510 instruments and transition your test code quickly and easily. For more information visit: www.keysight.com/find/8510

For information about the frequency extender modules, get on the VDI or OML websites.

Virginia Diodes, Inc. www.vadiodes.com

OML, Inc. www.omlinc.com

For information about probing equipment and accessories, contact: Cascade Microtech, Inc. 2430 NW 206th Avenue Beaverton, Oregon 97006, USA Toll-free telephone: (800) 550-3279 Telephone: (503) 601-1000 Fax: (503) 601-1002 Web site: www.cascademicrotech.com E-mail: sales@cmicro.com

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