

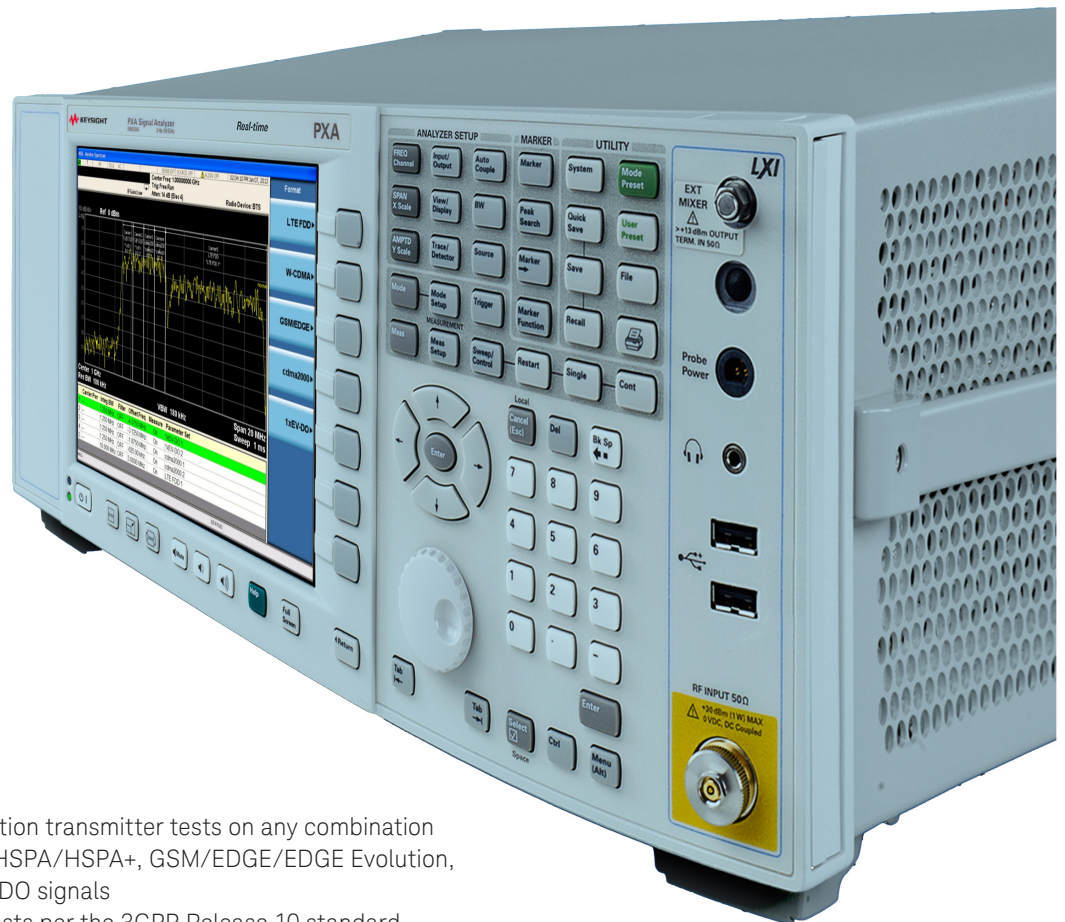
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N9083EM0D

Multi-Standard Radio (MSR)

X-Series Measurement App, Traditional UI

Technical Overview



- Perform MSR base station transmitter tests on any combination of LTEFDD, W-CDMA/HSPA/HSPA+, GSM/EDGE/EDGE Evolution, cdma2000, and 1xEV-DO signals
- Perform one-button tests per the 3GPP Release 10 standard (TR/TS 37 series)
- Use hardkey/softkey manual user interface or SCPI remote user interface
- Leverage built-in, context-sensitive

Multi-Standard Radio (MSR) Measurement Application

The MSR measurement application transforms the X-Series signal analyzers into standard-based MSR base station transmitter testers by adding fast one-button RF conformance measurements to help you evaluate and manufacture your MSR base station and base station components.

X-Series measurement applications can help you:

- Gain more insight into device performance with intuitive display and graphs for your application. Select from our library of over 25 different measurement applications.
- Ensure that your design meets the latest standard. Updates are made to the X-Series measurement applications as standards evolve.
- Apply the same measurement science across multiple hardware platforms for consistent measurement results over your design cycle from R&D to production.
- Choose the license structure that meets your business needs. We provide a range of license types (node-locked, transportable, floating or USB portable) and license terms (perpetual or time-based).

Real-time spectrum analysis for MSR

Adding real-time spectrum analysis to a PXA or MXA signal analyzer addresses the measurement challenges associated with dynamic RF signals, such as burst transmissions of GSM or LTE-TDD in an MSR signal configuration, and enables identification of interference caused by multiple signals of different radio access technologies transmitted in the same base station RF bandwidth.

- Accurately observe power changes for an MSR signal within a 160 MHz real-time bandwidth
- Capture random interfering signals with durations as short as 3.57 μ s
- Perform fast, wideband measurements without compromising performance

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Multi-Standard Radio (MSR) Technology Overview

The rapid evolution of mobile broadband and the need to deploy next generation cellular technologies alongside legacy deployment has led to development of multi-standard radio (MSR) base stations. 3GPP defines an MSR base station by the ability of its receiver and transmitter to process two or more carriers in common, active RF components simultaneously in a declared RF bandwidth, where at least one carrier is of a different radio access technology (RAT) than the other carrier(s).

The key drivers behind MSR are coexistence of different technologies in a single network, spectrum “refarming,” and cost reduction. MSR allows operators to put spectrum space to a new use, resulting in seamless network migration from the currently deployed 2/3G radio formats to 4G. In terms of cost

reduction, using the same base station hardware for multiple technologies reduces the number of sites, site rental costs, and the amount of on-site equipment required.

Traditionally the RF specifications for base station transmitters and receivers have been developed separately for the different RATs. However, in an MSR base station, the base station transmitter and receiver is capable of simultaneously processing multiple carriers of different RATs using common RF hardware, requiring a new set of RF specifications. As such, 3GPP developed a dedicated RF specification for MSR-capable base stations in the 3GPP Release 9 and 10 (TR/TS 37 series).

The operating bands for which MSR base stations are defined are

divided into three different band categories (BCs): BC1 for LTE-FDD and W-CDMA operation; BC2 for LTE-FDD, W-CDMA and GSM/EDGE operation; and BC3 for LTE-TDD and TD-SCDMA operation. MSR conformance tests are required when carriers of multiple RATs are being activated. This is done through a set of multi-RAT test configurations (TCs) of contiguous and non-contiguous frequency allocations. Required transmitter measurements in a multi-RAT configuration include channel power, modulation quality (EVM), frequency error, spurious emissions, and operating band unwanted emissions (SEM). Alternatively, ACLR occupied BW and time alignment between transmitter branches are performed in single-RAT configurations, as defined in the TS37.141 conformance requirements.

RF Transmitter Tests

An X-Series signal analyzer, along with the MSR measurement application, can perform RF transmitter measurements on MSR base stations and base station components in time, frequency, and modulation domain. BC1 and BC2, along with the different transmitter test configurations, are supported. For BC1, the MSR measurement application analyzes any combination of W-CDMA/HSPA/ HSPA+ and LTE-FDD signals, and, for BC2, it analyzes any combination of GSM/EDGE/EDGE Evolution, W-CDMA/HSPA/HSPA+, and LTE-FDD signals.

For base stations supporting both 3GPP and 3GPP2 standards, the MSR measurement application allows a combination of cdma2000/1xEV-DO and 3GPP signals such as LTE-FDD. The MSR carrier allocating algorithm with a preset selection based on test configuration (TC) definitions in TS 37.141 eliminates the need to manually set up the measurements. For the demodulation measurements, such as EVM and frequency error, the measurement application uses an automatic sequencing function, instead of a single wideband capture of the multi-carrier, multi-RAT signal,

eliminating the need for the wide analysis bandwidth option on the X-Series signal analyzer and thereby reducing the overall test equipment cost.

Standard-based RF transmitter tests

The RF transmitter test requirements for MSR base stations are defined in the TS 37 series of the 3GPP standard. Table 1 shows the required base station RF transmitter tests, along with the corresponding measurement applications.

Table 1. Required BTS RF transmitter measurements and the corresponding measurements in N9083EMOD and 89600 VSA software

3GPP TS 37.141 Paragraph #	Transmitter test	X-Series N9083EMOD multi-standard radio (MSR) measurement application (Supports BC1 & BC2)	89600 VSA multi-measurement capability ¹
6.2.1	Base station maximum output power	Channel power	Channel power using band power marker
6.2.2	E-UTRA DL RS power	Conformance EVM	Error summary ²
6.2.3	UTRA FDD primary CPICH power	Conformance EVM	Code domain power ²
6.2.4	UTRA TDD primary CCPCH power	Not available (only applied for BC3 BTS)	Code domain power ²
6.3	Output power dynamics	Conformance EVM	Error summary ²
6.4	Transmit ON/OFF power	Not available (only applied for BC3 BTS)	Not available
6.5.1	Modulation quality	Conformance EVM	Error summary ²
6.5.2	Frequency error	Conformance EVM	Error summary ²
6.5.3	Time alignment error	Conformance EVM	MIMO info table ²
6.6.1	Transmitter spurious emissions	Spurious emissions	89600 based solutions offer modulation quality measurements. For 1-button, non-demodulation, measurements such as ACLR and spectrum emission mask, the embedded application should be used.
6.6.2	Operation band unwanted emissions	Spectrum emission mask	
6.6.3	Occupied bandwidth	Occupied BW	
6.6.4	Adjacent channel leakage power ratio (ACLR)	ACP Cumulative ACLR (CACLR) for non-contiguous allocation	
6.7	Transmitter intermodulation	ACP	

1. The 89600 VSA multi-measurement capability is a standard feature with 89600 VSA software version 15 or higher. Unlike the N/W9083A, it does not provide presets for MSR as defined by 3GPP Release 9, so the user must manually configure the software for the signal under test. Also, it is not limited to the radio access technologies defined in the 3GPP standard. It can be configured to simultaneously analyze waveforms with any combination of the over 75 standards and modulation types supported by the VSA software.
2. These traces exist within each format. For example, for W-CDMA modulation quality, the user must enable W-CDMA demodulation first, then view EVM metrics under the error summary trace. Similar steps apply for GSM/EDGE and LTE.

Measurement details

All of the RF transmitter measurements, as defined by the 3GPP standard, as well as a wide range of additional measurements and analysis tools, are available with a press of a button.

These measurements are fully remote controllable via the IEC/IEEE bus or LAN, using SCPI commands. A detailed list of supported measurements is shown in Table 2.

Table 2. List of one-button measurements provided by the N9083EMOD measurement application.

GSM/EDGE/EDGE Evolution	W-CDMA/HSPA/HSPA+	LTE-FDD	cdma2000³	1xEV-DO³
Conformance EVM results				
RMS 95th %ile EVM	RMS EVM	EVM	RMS EVM	RMS EVM
Average RMS EVM	Peak EVM	EVM peak	Peak EVM	Peak EVM
Maximum RMS EVM	Rho	Data EVM	Rho	Rho
Average peak EVM	Magnitude error	3GPP-defined QPSK EVM	Magnitude error	Magnitude error
Maximum peak EVM	Phase error	3GPP-defined 16QAM EVM	Phase error	Phase error
Symbol position of the peak EVM	Frequency error	3GPP-defined 64QAM EVM	Frequency error	Phase error
	Peak code domain error	RS EVM	Peak code domain error	Frequency error
	I/Q origin offset	Frequency error	I/Q origin offset	I/Q origin offset
Average RMS magnitude error	Time offset	IQ offset	Time offset	Max MAC inactive channel power
	CPICH power over a slot	IQ gain imbalance	Channel number	
Maximum RMS magnitude error	Total power over a slot	IQ quad error	Number of active channels	Max data active channel power
Average RMS phase error	Channel number	IQ timing skew		Min data active channel power
Maximum RMS phase error	Number of active channels	Common tracking error		
Average frequency error	First slot number	Symbol clock error		Number of active channels
Maximum frequency error	DPCCH slot format	Time offset		Pilot offset
Average absolute peak phase error	PRACH preamble signature	Channel power		Preamble length
Maximum absolute peak phase error		RS Tx power		MAC index
Average I/Q origin offset		OFDM symbol Tx power		
Amplitude droop error		Reference signal Rx power		
Maximum I/Q origin offset		Reference signal Rx quality		
Trigger to TO		Received signal strength indicator		
Timing offset of AM/PM path		Sync correlation		
Detected TSC		Sync type		
Detected mod scheme		CP length mode		
		Cell ID		
		Cell ID group/sector		
		RS-OS/PRS		
			Channel power	
			Occupied BW ¹	
			ACP	
			Spectrum emission mask	
			Spurious emissions	
			Monitor spectrum ²	
			Power stat CCDF ²	
			IQ waveform ²	

1. Occupied BW is not provided for each carrier separately. It is a composite value for all carriers within the measurement span.
 2. These are general purpose measurements for quick examination of a signal under test.
 3. cdma2000 and 1xEV-DO are not part of 3GPP MSR definition, therefore conformance test per 3GPP TS 37 does not apply to these two radio formats.

Figure 1. Cumulative adjacent channel leakage power ratio (CACLR) measurement on a non-contiguously allocated GSM/EDGE + W-CDMA/HSPA + LTE-FDD MSR signal.

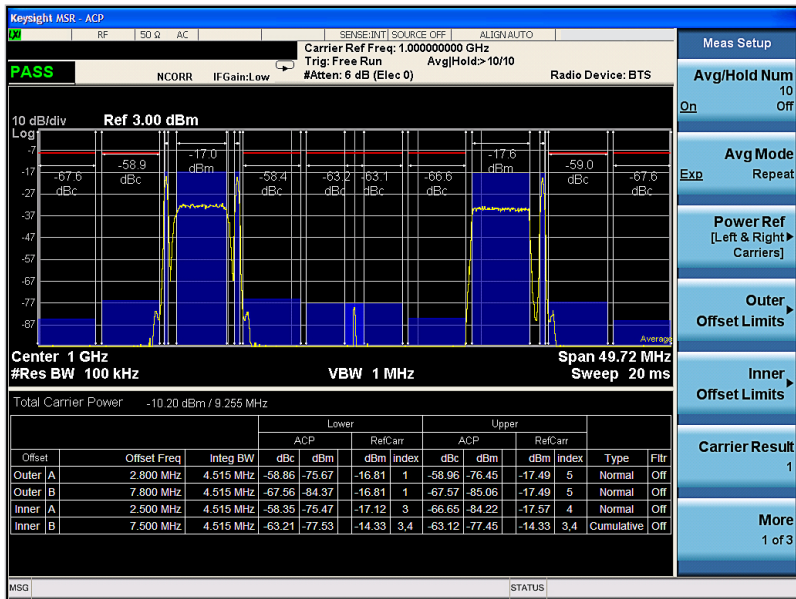


Figure 2. MSR error summary trace showing EVM and frequency error, plus additional error metrics.

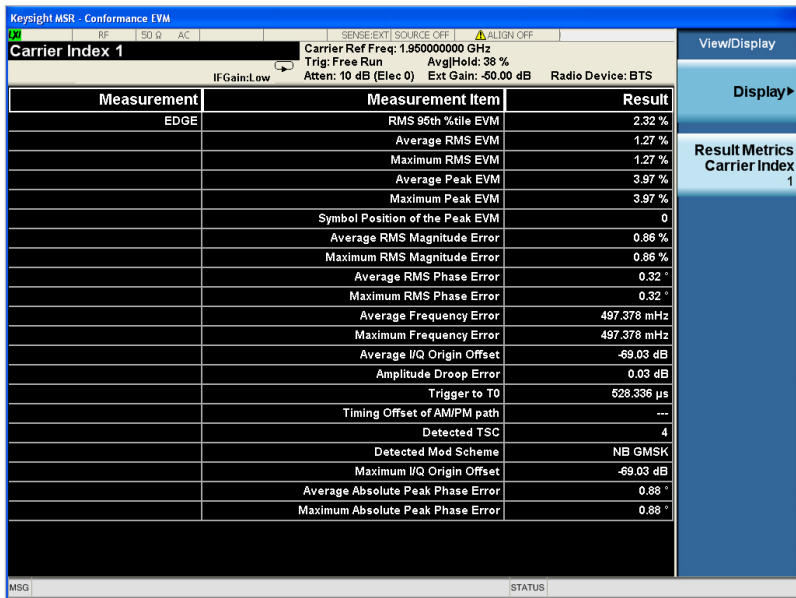
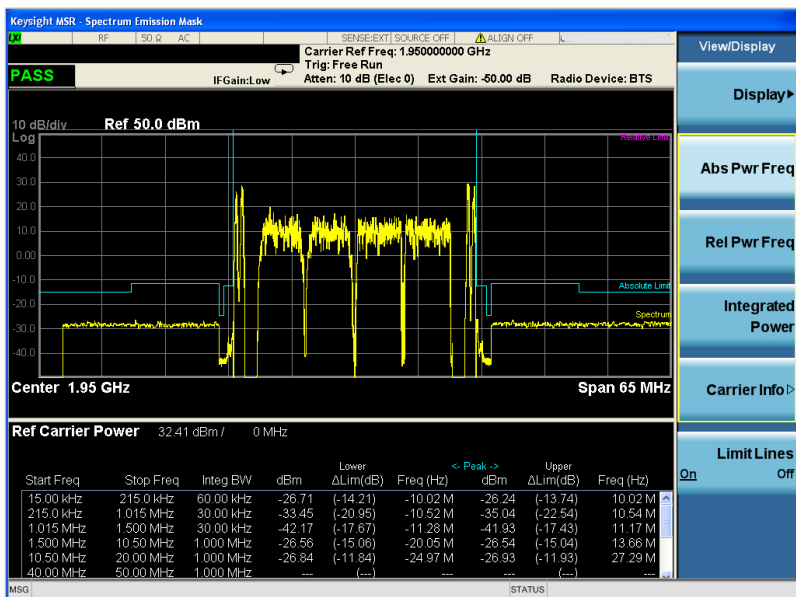


Figure 3. MSR spectrum emissions mask (SEM) measurement for BC2: GSM/EDGE + W-CDMA/HSPA + LTE-FDD with full limit mask according to 3GPP TS 37.141.



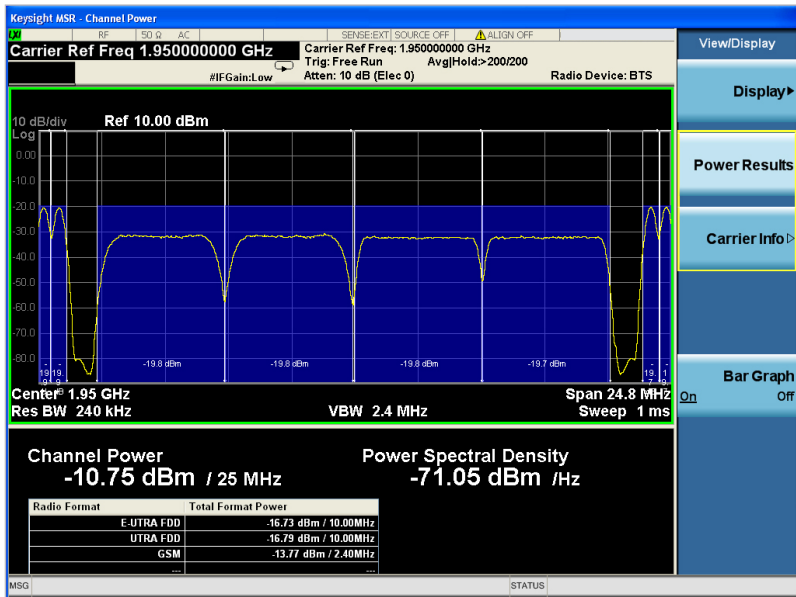


Figure 4. MSR channel power measurement showing the measured power of each carrier.

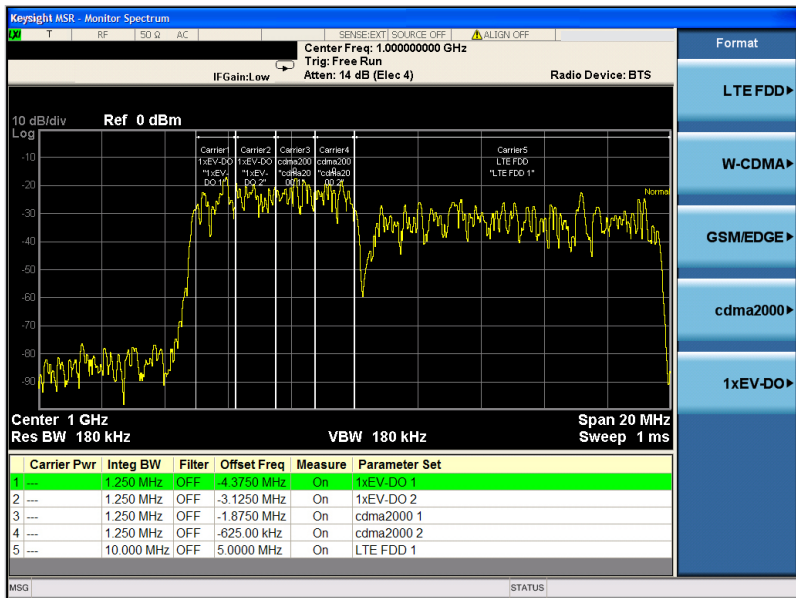


Figure 5. MSR monitor spectrum trace showing general information about each carrier.

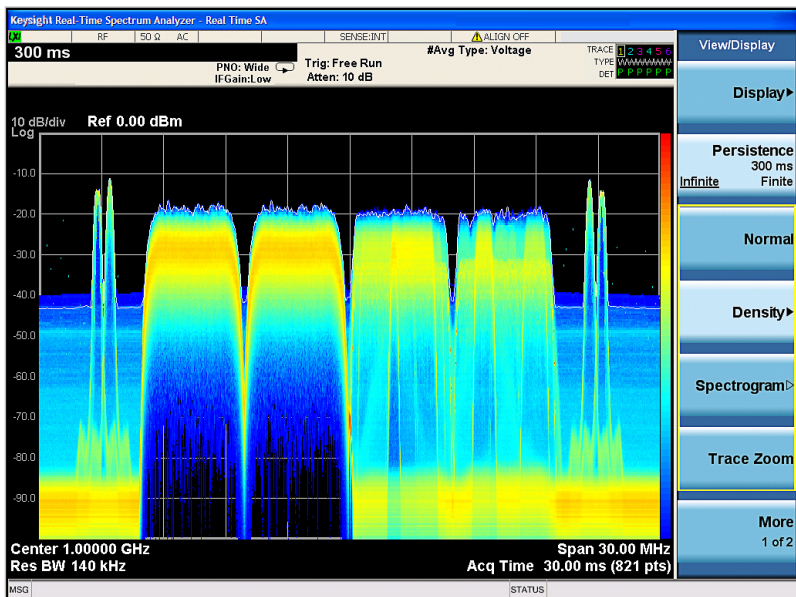


Figure 6. Real-time view of MSR signal using the RTSA option on the PXA or MXA signal analyzers.

Key Specifications

Definitions

- Specifications describe the performance of parameters covered by the product warranty.
- 95th percentile values indicate the breadth of the population ($\approx 2\sigma$) of performance tolerances expected to be met in 95% of cases with a 95% confidence. These values are not covered by the product warranty.
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- Nominal values are designated with the abbreviation "nom." These values indicate expected performance, or describe product performance that is useful in the application of the product, but is not covered by the product warranty.
- PXA and EXA specifications apply to analyzers with frequency options of 526 and lower. For analyzers with higher frequency options, specifications are not warranted but performance will nominally be close to that shown in this section.

Note: Data subject to change

Description	PXA	MXA	EXA	CXA
Channel power				
Minimum power at RF input	-50 dBm (nom)			
Power accuracy (95% confidence)	± 0.19 dB	± 0.23 dB	± 0.27 dB	± 0.61 dB
Occupied bandwidth				
Minimum power at RF input	-30 dBm (nom)			
Frequency accuracy	± (Span/1000) (nom)			
Power statistics CCDF				
Histogram resolution	0.01 dB			
Spurious emissions				
Accuracy (Attenuation = 10 dB)	± 0.19 dB (95%)	± 0.29 dB (95%)	± 0.38 dB (95%)	± 0.81 dB (95%)
Frequency range	20 Hz to 3.6 GHz	20 Hz to 3.6 GHz	20 Hz to 3.6 GHz	100 Hz to 3 GHz
Frequency range	±1.08 dB (95%) 3.5 GHz to 8.4 GHz	± 1.17 dB (95%) 3.5 GHz to 8.4 GHz	± 1.22 dB (95%) 3.5 GHz to 7.0 GHz	± 1.80 dB (95%) 3.0 GHz to 7.5 GHz
Frequency range	± 1.48 dB (95%) 8.3 GHz to 13.6 GHz	± 1.54 dB (95%) 8.3 GHz to 13.6 GHz	± 1.59 dB (95%) 6.9 GHz to 13.6 GHz	N/A
Conformance EVM¹ (all values are nominal)				
GSM/EDGE²				
EVM, rms - floor (EDGE)	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%
Phase error, rms - floor (GSM)	0.5°	0.5°	0.6°	0.6°
W-CDMA²				
Composite EVM - floor	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%	1.6%
LTE-FDD²				
EVM floor for downlink (OFDMA) ³				
Signal bandwidth				
5 MHz	0.44% (-47.1 dB)	0.49% (-46.1 dB)	0.66% (-43.6 dB)	0.72% (-42.8 dB)
10 MHz	0.36% (-48.8 dB)	0.41% (-47.7 dB)	0.66% (-43.6 dB)	0.67% (-43.4 dB)
20 MHz	0.38% (-48.4 dB)	0.43% (-47.3 dB)	0.65% (-43.7 dB)	0.72% (-42.8 dB)

1. Signal level is within one range step of overload. The specifications for floor do not include signal-to-noise impact which may decrease by increasing number of carriers. The noise floor can be estimated by $DANL + 2.51 + 10 \times \log_{10}(\text{MeasBW})$, where DANL is the displayed average noise level specification in dBm and MeasBW is measurement bandwidth at receiver in Hz.
2. Applies when carrier spacing is 600 kHz for GSM/EDGE, 5 MHz for W-CDMA, and equal to the signal bandwidth for LTE-FDD, and each carrier power of adjacent channels is \leq the carrier power of the tested channel for EVM.
3. EVM numbers for MXA is for instruments with serial number prefix \geq MY/SG/US5233 (those instruments ship standard with N9020A-EP2 as the identifier). Refer to the LTE chapter of the MXA specification guide for specification on other MXAs: www.keysight.com/find/mxa_specifications.

For a complete list of specifications refer to the appropriate specifications guide.

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VSA up to 6 GHz: www.keysight.com/find/m9391a
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Multi-Standard Radio (MSR) measurement application (N9083EMOD)

Model	Software License Type	Support Contract	Support Subscription (12-month) ²
N9083EMOD-1FP	Node-locked perpetual	R-Y5C-001-A ²	R-Y6C-001-L ²
N9083EMOD-1FL	Node-locked 12-month	R-Y4C-001-L ¹	Included
N9083EMOD-1TP	Transportable perpetual	R-Y5C-004-D ²	R-Y6C-004-L ²
N9083EMOD-1TL	Transportable 12-month	R-Y4C-004-L ¹	Included
N9083EMOD-1NP	Floating perpetual	R-Y5C-002-B ²	R-Y6C-002-L ²
N9083EMOD-1NL	Floating 12-month	R-Y4C-002-L ¹	Included
N9083EMOD-1UP	USB portable perpetual	R-Y5C-005-E ²	R-Y6C-005-L ²
N9083EMOD-1UL	USB portable 12-month	R-Y4C-005-L ¹	Included

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Hardware Configuration

For optimizing the Multi-Standard Radio (MSR) measurement application, Keysight recommends a minimum level of instrument hardware functionality at each instrument performance point. Supported instruments include:

Benchtop:

- PXA N9030A - EXA N9010A
- MXA N9020A - CXA N9000A

N90x0A X-Series signal analyzer

Capability	Instrument Option	Benefit
Analysis bandwidth	10 or 25 MHz as default or higher	Required: Wider analysis bandwidth options such as 25/40/85/160 MHz can be selected depending on the specified signal analyzer model
Precision frequency reference	-PFR	Recommended: For enhanced frequency accuracy and repeatability for lower measurement uncertainty
Electronic attenuator	-EA3	Recommended: Fast and reliable attenuation changes ideal for manufacturing without the wear associated with mechanical attenuators up to 3.6 GHz in 1 dB steps
Pre-amplifier	3.6 GHz (-P03) or higher	Recommended: For maximizing the measurement sensitivity
Fine resolution step attenuator	-FSA	Recommended: Useful for maximizing useable dynamic range to see signals
Analog baseband I/Q inputs	-BBA on PXA and MXA only	Optional: To extend measurements at baseband if required by device under test

Related Literature

Description	Publication number
N9083A & W9083A Multi-Standard Radio (MSR) Measurement Application Measurement Guide	N9083-90002
3GPP Long Term Evolution: System Overview, Product Development, and Test Challenges, Application Note	5989-8139EN
Designing and Testing 3GPP W-CDMA Base Transceiver Stations (Including Femtocells), Application Note 1355	5980-1239E
Concepts of High Speed Downlink Packet Access: Bringing Increased Throughput and Efficiency to W-CDMA, Application Note	5989-2365EN
Understanding GSM/EDGE Transmitter and Receiver Measurements for Base Transceiver Stations and their Components, Application Note	5968-2320E
Measuring EDGE Signals – New and Modified Techniques and Measurement Requirements, Application Note 1361	5980-2508EN
User's and Programmer's Reference Guide is available in the library section of the N9083A and W9083A product pages.	

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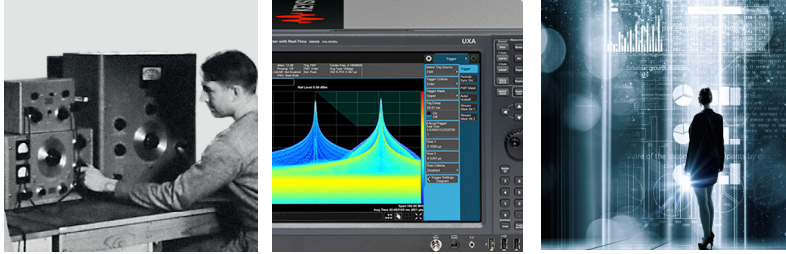
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