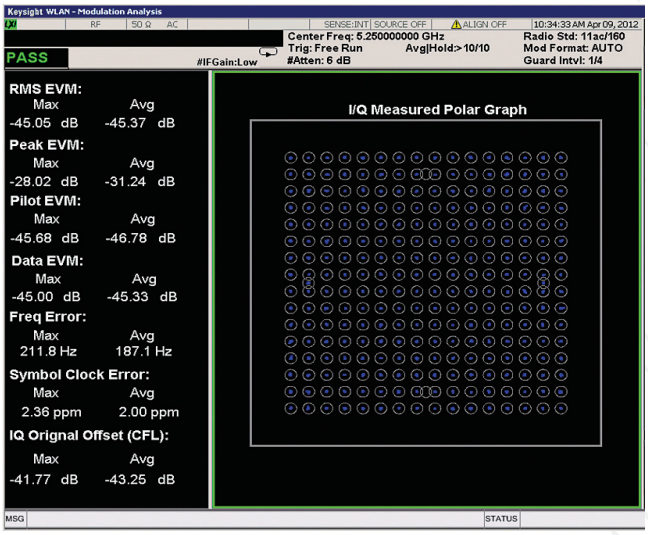
TECHNICAL OVERVIEW

WLAN 802.11a/b/g/j/p/n/ac/af/ah/ax X-Series Measurement Application N9077A & W9077A

- Perform WLAN spectrum and modulation measurements based on IEEE 802.11a/b/g/j/p/n/ac/af/ah
- 802.11ac/ax 20/40/80/160 MHz and 80+80 MHz, modulation format support up to 1024QAM
- Perform one-button, standard-based measurements with pass/fail tests
- Hardkey/softkey manual user interface and SCPI remote user interface
- Built-in, context-sensitive help
- Move application between X-Series signal analyzers with transportable licensing



KEYSIGHT TECHNOLOGIES

WLAN 802.11a/b/g/j/p/n/ac/af/ah/ax Measurement Application

The WLAN measurement application transforms the X-Series signal analyzers into IEEE 802.11 standard-based WLAN transmitter testers by adding fast, one-button RF conformance measurements that will help you design, evaluate, and manufacture your WLAN transmitter. The software's capabilities are further enhanced because it is closely aligned with the IEEE standards– including 802.11a/b/g/j/p/n/ac/af/ah/ax–allowing you to stay on the leading edge of design and manufacturing challenges.

X-Series measurement applications

X-Series measurement applications increase the capability and functionality of Keysight Technologies, Inc. signal analyzers to speed time to insight. They provide essential measurements for specific tasks in general-purpose, cellular communications, wireless connectivity and digital video applications, covering established standards and modulation types. Applications are supported across X-Series analyzers, with the only difference being the level of performance achieved by the hardware you select.

Real-time spectrum analysis for WLAN 802.11

Adding real-time spectrum analysis to a PXA or MXA signal analyzer addresses the measurement challenges associated with dynamic RF signals such as bursted packet transmissions of WLAN, and to identify interference caused by various signals in the ISM (2.4 or 5 GHz) bands.

- Accurately observe power changes for an 802.11 signal within a 160-MHz real-time bandwidth
- Capture random interfering signals with durations as short as 3.57 µs in ISM bands for WLAN signals
- Perform fast, wideband measurements without compromising EVM, ACPR and other RF measurements
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RF Transmitter Tests

By using the X-Series signal analyzers with the WLAN measurement application, you can perform WLAN transmitter measurements in the time, frequency, and modulation domains. IEEE 802.11a,b,g, j, p signals, 802.11ah 1/2/4/8/16 MHz signals 802.11n 20 MHz and 40 MHz signals, 802.11af 6/7/8 MHz, as well as 802.11ac/ax 20/40/80/160 MHz and 80+80 MHz signals with all modulation formats, as shown in Tables 3-5, respectively, can be measured automatically.

Standard-based RF transmitter tests

RF transmitter test requirements for WLAN are defined in the IEEE 802.11 series standard. Table 3 shows the required transmitter tests along with the corresponding measure-ment applications.

Test reference numbers starting with 17 apply to 802.11b, those that start with 18 apply to 802.11a, and those starting with 19 apply to 802.11g, as well as some 802.11a and 802.11b items, due to forward compatibility requirements. Tables 2 and 3 show the requirements for 802.11n and 802.11ac single-channel with test reference numbers that start with 20 and 22. Test reference numbers starting with 23, 24 and 26 apply to 802.11af, 802.11ah and 802.11ax, respectively.

Table 1. Required 802.11a/b/g WLAN transmitter measurements and the corresponding measurements in the N/W9077A and 89600 VSA software

IEEE 802.11a/j/p	IEEE 802.11b	IEEE 802.11g	Transmitter test	N/W9077A Option 2FP WLAN measurement application	89601B Option B7R WLAN modulation analysis
18.3.9.2	17.4.7.2	18.3.9.2 19.4.8.2	Transmit power	Channel power	Can be performed using band power marker
18.3.9.3	17.4.7.4	18.3.9.3 19 5.5	Spectrum mask	Spectrum emission mask	Not available [1]
18.3.9.4	17.4.6.9	18.3.9.4	Transmission spurious	Spurious emission	Not available[1]
18.3.9.5	17.4.7.5	18.3.9.5 19.4.8.3	Center frequency tolerance	Frequency error [2]	Frequency error [2]
18.3.9.6	17.4.7.6	18.3.9.6 19.4.8.4	Symbol (chip) clock frequency tolerance	Symbol (chip) clock error[2]	Symbol clock error [2]
18.3.9.7.1		18.3.9.7.1	Center frequency leakage	IQ origin offset [2]	IQ offset [2]
	17.4.7.7		Power on/down ramp	Power vs time	Not available
	17.4.7.8		RF carrier suppression	Carrier suppression [2]	Not available
18.3.9.7.3		18.3.9.7.3	Spectral flatness	Spectral flatness	OFDM equalized channel frequency resp.
18.3.9.7.4		18.3.9.7.4	Constellation error (EVM rms)	RMS EVM	EVM (rms)
18.3.9.8	17.4.7.9	18.3.9.8	Modulation accuracy test [3]	Modulation analysis	Modulation analysis

1. If 89601B with Option B7R is used with a Keysight spectrum or signal analyzer, these measurements are available as part of the spectrum analyzer mode under the power suite measurements.
2. For the N/W9077A application, these values are found in the “numeric results” trace under the modulation analysis view. For 89601B with Option B7R, these values are found under the “Syms/Errs” trace.
3. The standard describes the procedure for making this measurement, but doesn’t specify test limits.

Table 2. Required 802.11n WLAN transmitter measurements and the corresponding measurements in N/W9077A and 89600 VSA software

IEEE 802.11n	Transmitter test	N/W9077A Option 3FP WLAN measurement application	89601B Option BHJ 802.11n MIMO modulation analysis
20.3.20.1	Transmit spectrum mask	Spectrum emission mask	Not available
20.3.20.2	Spectral flatness	Spectral flatness	OFDM equalized channel frequency resp.
20.3.20.3	Transmit power	Channel power	Can be performed using band power marker
20.3.20.4	Transmit center frequency tolerance	Frequency error[1]	Frequency error [1]
20.3.20.6	Symbol clock frequency tolerance	Symbol (chip) clock error [1]	Symbol clock error [1]
20.3.20.7.2	Center frequency leakage	IQ origin offset[1]	IQ offset[1]
20.3.20.7.3	Constellation error (EVM rms)	RMS EVM	EVM (rms)
20.3.20.7.4	Modulation accuracy test[2]	Modulation analysis	Modulation analysis

Table 3. Required 802.11ac WLAN transmitter measurements and the corresponding measurements in N9077A and 89600 VSA software

IEEE 802.11ac (D7.0)	Transmitter test	N9077A Option 4FP WLAN measurement application	89601B Option BHJ 802.11ac and MIMO modulation analysis
22.3.18.1	Transmit spectrum mask	Spectrum emission mask	Not available
22.3.18.2	Spectral flatness	Spectral flatness	Channel freq resp.
22.3.18.3	Transmit center frequency tolerance	Frequency error [1]	Frequency error [1]
22.3.18.3	Symbol clock frequency tolerance	Symbol (chip) clock error [1]	Symbol clock error [1]
22.3.18.4.2	Transmit center frequency leakage	IQ origin offset [1]	IQ offset[1]
22.3.18.4.3	Transmit constellation error (EVM rms)	RMS EVM	EVM (rms)
22.3.18.4.2	Modulation accuracy test [2]	Modulation analysis	Modulation analysis
IEEE 802.11ah (D3.0)	**Transmitter test**	**N9077A Option 6FP WLAN measurement application**	
24.3.16.1	Transmit spectrum mask	Spectrum emission mask	
24.3.16.2	Spectral flatness	Spectral flatness	
24.3.16.3	Transmit center frequency tolerance	Frequency error [1]	
24.3.16.4	Symbol clock frequency tolerance	Symbol clock error [1]	
24.3.16.4.2	Transmit center frequency leakage	IQ origin offset [1]	
24.3.16.4.3	Transmit constellation error (EVM rms)	RMS EVM	
24.3.16.4.4	Modulation accuracy test [2]	Modulation analysis	
IEEE 802.11af (2013)	**Transmitter test**	**N9077A Option 7FP WLAN measurement application**	
23.3.18.1	Transmit spectrum mask	Spectrum emission mask	
23.3.18.2	Spectral flatness	Spectral flatness	
23.3.18.3	Transmit center frequency tolerance	Frequency error	
23.3.18.3	Transmit symbol clock tolerance	Symbol clock error	
23.3.18.4.2	Transmit center frequency leakage	I/Q origin offset	
23.3.18.4.3	Transmit constellation error (EVM rms)	RMS EVM	
23.3.18.4.4	Modulation accuracy test	Modulation analysis	

1. For the N/W9077A application, these values are found in the “numeric results” trace under the modulation analysis view. For 89601B with Option B7R and Option BHJ, these values are found under the “Syms/Errs” trace.
2. The standard describes the procedure for making this measurement, but doesn’t specify test limits.

Table 4. Required 802.11ax WLAN transmitter measurements and the corresponding measurements in N9077A and 89600 VSA software

IEEE 802.11ax (D0.5)	Transmitter test	N9077C Option 8FP/MFP WLAN measurement application	89601B Option BHX 802.11ax modulation analysis
26.3.14.1	Transmit spectrum mask	Spectrum emission mask	Not available
26.3.14.2	Spectral flatness	Spectral flatness	Channel freq resp.
26.3.14.3	Transmit center frequency tolerance	Frequency error [1]	Frequency error [1]
26.3.14.3	Symbol clock frequency tolerance	Symbol (chip) clock error [1]	Symbol clock error [1]
26.3.14.4.2	Transmit center frequency leakage	IQ origin offset [1]	IQ offset [1]
26.3.14.4.3	Transmit constellation error (EVM rms)	RMS EVM	EVM (rms)
26.3.14.4	Modulation accuracy test [2]	Modulation analysis	Modulation analysis

1. For the N9077A application, these values are found in the “numeric results” trace under the modulation analysis view. For 89601B with Option BHX, these values are found under the “Syms/Errs” trace.
2. The standard describes the procedure for making this measurement, but doesn’t specify test limits.

Measurement Details

All of the RF transmitter measurements as defined in the IEEE standard, as well as a wide range of additional measurements and analysis tools, are available with the 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 6.

Table 5. List of one-button measurements provided by the N/W9077A measurement application

Standards	**IEEE 802.11b/g (DSSS/CCK/PBCC)**	**IEEE 802.11a/g (ERP-OFDM, DSSS-OFDM), 802.11j, 802.11p**	**IEEE 802.11n (20/40 MHz), 802.11ac (20/40/80/160, 80+80 MHz) [1], 802.11ah (1/2/4/8/16 MHz), 802.11af (6/7/8 MHz)**	**IEEE 802.11ax (20/40/80/160, 80+80 MHz) [1]**
Modulation analysis				
RMS EVM	•	•	•	•
Peak EVM	•	•	•	•
Pilot EVM		•	•	•
Data EVM		•	•	•
1K chips EVM	•			
RMS magnitude error	•			
Peak magnitude error	•			
RMS phase error	•			
Peak phase error	•			
Frequency error	•	•	•	•
Chip clock error	•			
Symbol clock error		•	•	•
I/Q origin offset (CFL)	•	•	•	•
Quadrature skew	•	•	•	•
I/Q gain imbalance	•	•	•	•
Carrier suppression	•			
Average burst power	•	•	•	•
Peak burst power	•	•	•	•
Pk-to-avg power ratio	•	•	•	•
Modulation format	•	•	•	•
Bit rate	•	•	•	•
Preamble frequency error			•	•
OFDM burst & sig info			•	
User info				•
Channel power	•	•	•	•
Occupied bandwidth	•	•	•	•
CCDF	•	•	•	•
Spectrum emission mask (SEM)	•	•	•	•
Spurious emissions	•	•	•	•
Power vs. time	•	•	•	•
Spectral flatness	•	•	•	•
Monitor spectrum	•	•	•	•
I/Q waveform	•	•	•	•

1. 802.11ac/ax is not supported on the CXA.

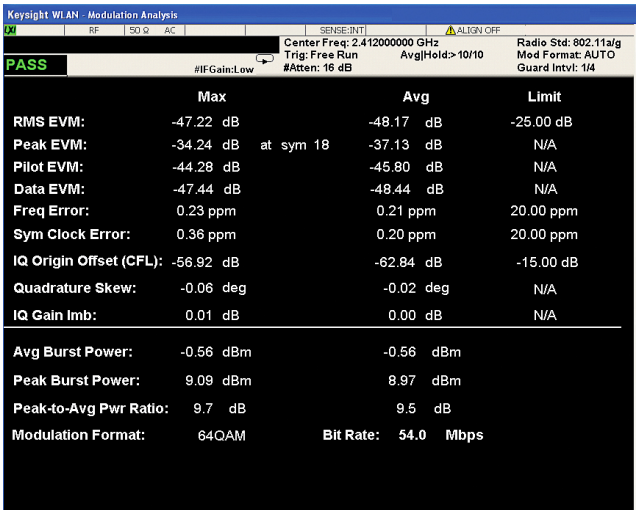

Figure 1. Numerical results summarize modulation accuracy parameters for WLAN signals.

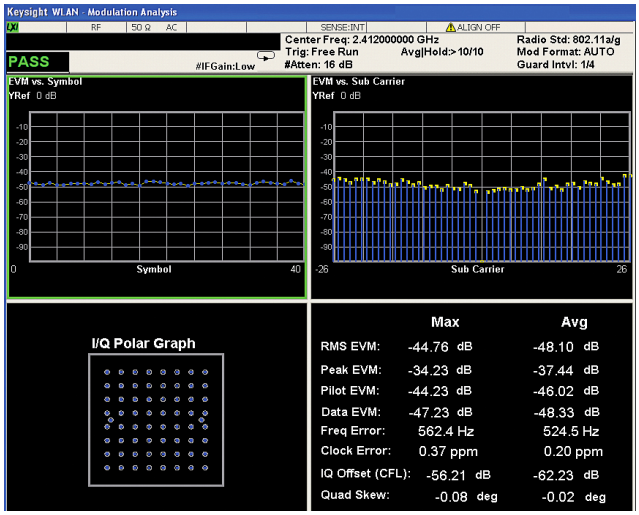

Figure 2. "OFDM EVM" displays four traces with EVM vs. symbol, EVM vs. subcarrier, constellation, and measurement results.

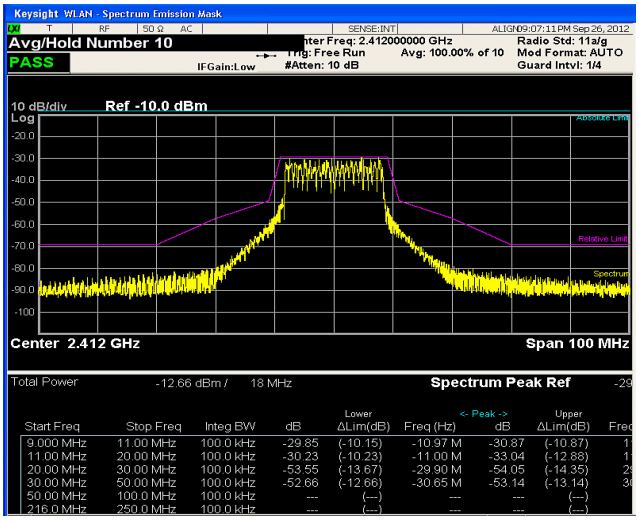

Figure 3. Transmit spectrum mask measurement showing IEEE defined limits.

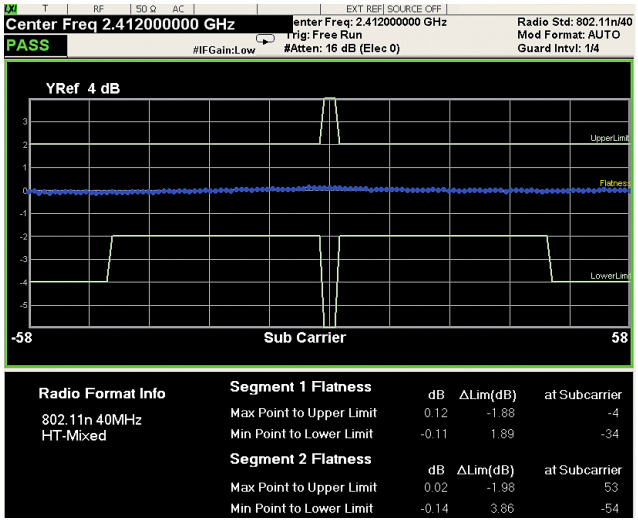

Figure 4. Spectrum flatness of a 40 MHz IEEE 802.11n signal (Greenfield mode).

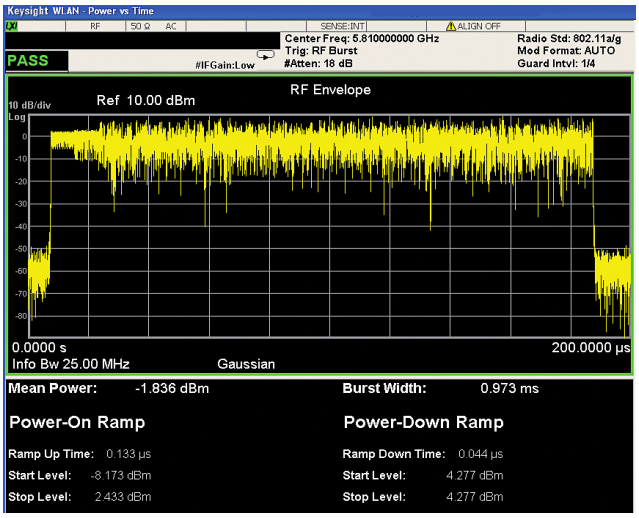

Figure 5. Time-domain view of an 802.11a burst.

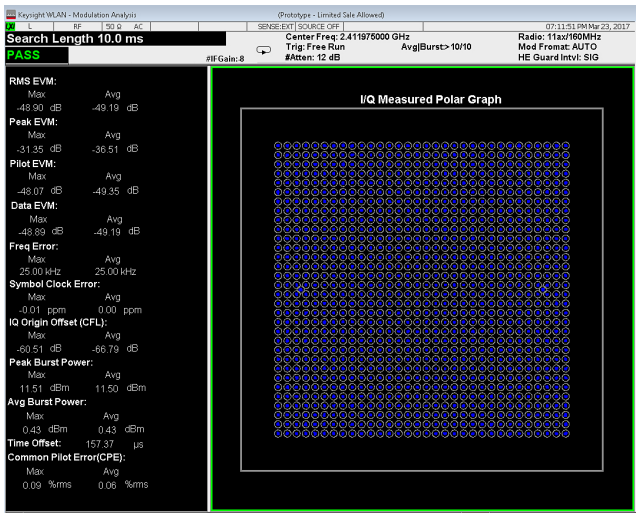

Figure 6. Modulation analysis of a 160 MHz 802.11ax signal with MCS 11 1024QAM signal.

Key Specifications

This section contains specifications for the N/W9077A WLAN 802.11 measurement applications. The specifications below are limited to modulation accuracy, channel power, power versus time, and spectrum emission mask measurements.

Definitions

- Specifications describe the performance of parameters covered by the product warranty.
- 95th percentile values indicate the breadth of the population (≈2σ) of performance tolerances expected to be met in 95% of cases with a 95% confidence. These values are not covered by the product warranty.
- Typical values are designated with the abbreviation “typ.” These are performance beyond specification that 80% of the units exhibit with a 95% confidence. These values are not covered by the product warranty.
- 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.

Note: Data subject to change

Supported devices and standards

Device type	
Standard version	802.11a, 802.11g ERP-OFDM, 802.11g DSSS-OFDM, 802.11b/g DSSS/ CCK/PBCC, 802.11j, 802.11p, 802.11a turbo mode
	802.11n (20 MHz, 40 MHz) HT Mixed, HT Greenfield, Non-HT
	802.11ac 20/40/80/160 MHz, 80+80 MHz, MCS=0-11 802.11af 6/7/8 MHz 802.11ah 1/2/4/8/16MHz, MCS=0-10 802.11ax 20/40/80/160 MHz, 80+80 MHz, MCS=0-11
Modulation formats	BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM, 256QAM, 1024QAM

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

Benchtop:
PXA: **www.keysight.com/find/pxa_specifications**
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Key Specifications

Description	PXA (N9030A)	MXA (N9020A)	EXA (N9010A)	CXA (N9000A)
Supported standards	802.11a, 802.11g ERP-OFDM, 802.11g DSSS-OFDM, 802.11b/g DSSS/CCK/PBCC, 802.11j, 802.11p, 802.11a turbe mode			
	802.11n (20 MHz [4], 40 MHz [5]) HT Mixed, HT Greenfield, Non-HT			
	802.11ac 20 [5]/40 [6]/80 [7]/160 [8] MHz, 80+80 MHz [7], MCS=0-11 802.11af 6/7/8 MHz 802.11ah 1/2/4/8/16MHz, MCS=0-10 802.11ax 20 [5]/40 [6]/80 [7]/160 [8] MHz, 80+80 MHz [7], MCS=0-11			
Modulation formats	BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM, 256QAM, 1024QAM			
Modulation accuracy (nominal)				
Center frequency in 2.4 GHz band [1]				
802.11a/g/j/p (OFDM), 802.11g (DSSS-OFDM), 802.11n (20 MHz); Code rate: 3/4; Equalizer training = channel est. seq. only, Track phase: On; RF input level = –10 dBm, Attenuation = 10 dB				
EVM floor	–53 dB (0.23%)	–52 dB (0.25%) [8]	–49 dB (0.36%)	–44 dB (0.63%)
802.11n (40 MHz); Code rate: 3/4; Equalizer training = channel est. seq. only, Track phase: On; RF input level = –10 dBm, Attenuation = 10 dB				
EVM floor	–50 dB (0.32%)	–50 dB (0.32%) [8]	–46 dB (0.47%)	Not Applicable [3]
Center frequency in 5.0 GHz band [2]				
802.11a/g/j/p (OFDM), 802.11n (20 MHz), 802.11ac (20 MHz); Code rate: 3/4; Equalizer training = channel est. seq. only, Track phase: On; RF input level = –10 dBm, Attenuation = 10 dB				
EVM floor	–50 dB (0.29%)	–49 dB (0.34%) [7]	–47 dB (0.45%)	–40 dB (0.95%)
802.11n (40 MHz), 802.11ac (40 MHz); Code rate: 3 4; Equalizer training = channel est. seq. only, Track phase: On; RF input level = –10 dBm, Attenuation = 10 dB				
EVM floor	–48 dB (0.40%)	–47 dB (0.42%) [8]	–45 dB (0.53%)	Not Applicable [3]
802.11ac (80 MHz); Code rate: 3/4; Equalizer training = channel est. seq. only, Track phase: On; RF input level = –10 dBm, Attenuation = 6 dB				
EVM floor	–47 dB (-0.45%)	–46 dB (0.50%) [8]	Not Applicable [3]	Not Applicable [3]
802.11ac (160 MHz); Code rate: 3/4; Equalizer training = channel est. seq. only, Track phase: On; RF input level = –10 dBm, Attenuation = 8 dB				
EVM floor	–46 dB (0.50%)	–45 dB (0.56%) [8]	Not Applicable [3]	Not Applicable [3]
802.11ah (1 MHz); Code Rate: 3/4; Equalizer training = channel est. seq only, Track phase:ON; RF input level = -10 dBm, Atten=10 dB Center frequency in Sub GHz band				
EVM floor [10]	–58 dB (0.13%)	–54 dB (0.19%)	–53 dB (0.22%)	–46 dB (0.46%)
Accuracy (EVM range: 0 to 8%)	± 0.30%			
Frequency error accuracy	± 10 Hz+tfa [9]			

1. 2.4 GHz band for radio standard 802.11a/g (OFDM), 802.11 (DSSS-OFDM), 802.11n (20 MHz or 40 MHz) is applied channel center frequency = 2407 MHz + 5xk MHz (k = 1,...,13)
2. 5.0 GHz band for radio standard 802.11a/g (OFDM), 802.11g (DSSS-OFDM), 802.11n (20 MHz or 40 MHz), 802.11ac (20 MHz, 40 MHz, 80 MHz, 160 MHz, 80 + 80 MHz) is applied channel center frequency = 5000 MHz + 5xk MHz (k = 0,1,2,...200)
3. The CXA with Option B25 can only support the bandwidth of 25 MHz. EXA with Option B40 can only support 40 MHz bandwidth.
4. Requires N90x0A-B25 25 MHz analysis bandwidth option or higher
5. Requires N90x0A-B40 40 MHz analysis bandwidth option or higher
6. Requires N90x0A-B85 85 MHz analysis bandwidth option or higher
7. Requires N90x0A-B1X 160 MHz analysis bandwidth option
8. EVM specification for MXA is for instruments with serial number prefix ≥ MY/SG/US5233 (those instruments ship standard with N9020A-EP2 as the identifier). Refer to the WLAN chapter of the MAX specification guide for specification on the other MXA: www.keysight.com/find/mxa_specifications. For MXA, phase noise optimization is set to fast tuning.
9. tfa = transmitter frequency × frequency reference accuracy
10. For this specification, MXA Serial Number should be later than MY/SG/US5233. EXA serial number should be above MY/SG/US5340.

Key Specifications (continued)

Modulation accuracy (nominal) **Center frequency in 2.4 GHz band [1]**				
802.11b/g (DSSS/CCK/PBCC); Reference filter: Gaussian; RF input level = –10 dBm, Attenuation = 10 dB **Center frequency in 2.4 GHz band [1]**				
EVM floor (Equalizer off)	–41 dB (0.80%)	–40 dB (1.00%)	–39 dB (1.03%)	–36 dB (1.49%)
EVM floor (Equalizer on)	–54 dB (0.20%)	–46 dB (0.50%)	–46 dB (0.50%)	–44 dB (0.60%)
Accuracy (EVM range: 0 to 2%)	± 0.90%	–	–	–
Accuracy (EVM range: 2 to 20%)	± 0.40%	–	–	–
Frequency error accuracy	± 10 Hz+tfa [2]	–	–	–
802.11ax (80 MHz); MCS 11, Equalizer training = channel est.seq.only, Frequency Sync = Preamble, Pilot & Data **Track phase: on; Track Amp: Off; Track Timing: On; RF input level= -10 dBm, Attenuation = 6 dB**				
EVM floor (2.4 GHz band)	–51.7 dB (0.26%)	–50.3 dB (0.31%) [3]	–	–
EVM floor (5 GHz band)	–50.5 dB (0.30%)	–50.3 dB (0.31%) [3]	–	–
802.11ax (160 MHz); MCS 11, Equalizer training = channel est.seq.only, Frequency Sync = Preamble, Pilot & Data **Track phase: on; Track Amp: Off; Track Timing: On; RF input level= -10 dBm, Attenuation = 6 dB**				
EVM floor (2.4 GHz band)	–47.5 dB (0.42%)	–47.3 dB(0.43%) [3]	–	–
EVM floor (5 GHz band)	–47.0 dB (0.45%)	–47.0 dB(0.43%) [3]	–	–

1. 2.4 GHz band for radio standard 802.11b/g (DSS/CCK/PBCC) is applied channel center frequency = 2407 MHz + 5xk MHz (k = 1,...,13)
2. tfa = transmitter frequency × frequency reference accuracy
3. For this specification, MXA Serial Number should be later than MY/SG/US5233. EXA serial number should be above MY/SG/US5340.

Key Specifications (continued)

Description	PXA (N9030A)	MXA (N9020A)	EXA (N9010A)	CXA (N9000A)
Channel power				
Minimum power at RF input	–50 dBm (nominal)			
Center frequency in 2.4 GHz band				
802.11b/g (DSSS/CCK/PBCC); Integration bandwidth = 22 MHz				
Absolute power accuracy	± 0.19 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.23 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.27 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.61 dB (95th percentile)
Measurement floor	–78.3 dBm (typical)	–76.3 dBm (typical)	–72.3 dBm (typical)	–71.3 dBm (typical)
802.11a/g/j/p (OFDM), 802.11g (DSSS-OFDM), 802.11n (20 MHz), 802.11ac (20 MHz); Integration bandwidth = 20 MHz				
Absolute power accuracy	± 0.19 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.23 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.27 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.61 dB (95th percentile)
Measurement floor	–78.7 dBm (typical)	–76.7 dBm (typical)	–72.7 dBm (typical)	–71.7 dBm (typical)
802.11n (40 MHz), Integration bandwidth= 40 MHz				
Absolute power accuracy	± 0.19 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.23 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.27 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.61 dB (95th percentile)
Measurement floor	–75.7 dBm (typical)	–73.7 dBm (typical)	–69.7 dBm (typical)	–68.7 dBm (typical)
Center frequency in 5.0 GHz band				
802.11a/g/j/p (OFDM), 802.11n (20 MHz), 802.11ac (20 MHz); Integration bandwidth= 20 MHz				
Absolute power accuracy	± 0.41 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.50 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.50 dB (95th percentile)	± 1.24 dB (95th percentile)
Measurement floor	–76.7 dBm (typical)	–76.7 dBm (typical)	–72.7 dBm (typical)	–64.7 dBm (typical)
802.11n (40 MHz), 802.11ac (40 MHz); Integration bandwidth = 40 MHz				
Absolute power accuracy	± 0.41 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.50 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.50 dB (95th percentile)	± 1.24 dB (95th percentile)
Measurement floor	–73.7 dBm (typical)	–73.7 dBm (typical)	–69.7 dBm (typical)	–61.7 dBm (typical)
802.11ac (80 MHz); Integration bandwidth = 80 MHz				
Absolute power accuracy	± 0.41 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.50 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.50 dB (95th percentile)	± 1.24 dB (95th percentile)
Measurement floor	–70.7 dBm (typical)	–70.7 dBm (typical)	–66.7 dBm (typical)	–58.7 dBm (typical)
802.11ac (160 MHz); Integration bandwidth = 160 MHz				
Absolute power accuracy	± 0.41 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.50 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.50 dB (95th percentile)	± 1.24 dB (95th percentile)
Measurement floor	–67.7 dBm (typical)	–67.7 dBm (typical)	–63.7 dBm (typical)	–55.7 dBm (typical)
802.11ax (80 MHz); Integration bandwidth = 80 MHz				
Measurement floor	–72.7 dBm (typical)	–70.1 dBm (typical)	–	–
802.11ax (160 MHz); Integration bandwidth = 160 MHz				
Measurement floor	–67.7 dBm (typical)	–67.7 dBm (typical)	–	–
802.11ah (1 MHz); Integration bandwidth = 1 MHz				
Absolute power accuracy	± 0.19 (95th percentile)	± 0.23 (95th percentile)	± 0.27 (95th percentile)	± 0.61 (95th percentile)
Measurement floor	–91.7 dBm (typical)	–89.7 dBm	–86.7 dBm	–84.7 dBm
Power versus Time (nominal)				
802.11b/g (DSSS/CCK/PBCC)				
Center frequency in 2.4 GHz band				
Measurement results type		Min, Max, Mean		
Measurement time		Up to 88 ms		
Dynamic range	64.0 dB	62.0 dB	58.0 dB	57.0 dB
Spectrum emission mask				
802.11a/g/j/p (OFDM), 802.11g (DSSS-OFDM), 802.11n (20 MHz); Integration bandwidth = 18 MHz, RBW = 100.0 kHz, 11.0 MHz offset				
Center frequency in 2.4 GHz band				
Dynamic range, relative	87.3 dB (typical)	84.3 dB (typical)	79.9 dB (typical)	79.8 dB (typical)
Sensitivity, absolute	–101.5 dBm (typical)	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–95.5 dBm (typical)	–94.5 dBm (typical)
Accuracy, relative	± 0.05 dB	± 0.12 dB	± 0.12 dB	± 0.12 dB
Accuracy, absolute	± 0.20 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.27 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.31 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.64 dB (95th percentile)
802.11a/g (OFDM), 802.11n (20 MHz), 802.11ac (20 MHz); Integration bandwidth = 18 MHz, RBW = 100.0 kHz, 11.0 MHz offset				
Center frequency in 5.0 GHz band				
Dynamic range, relative	85.3 dB (typical)	84.3 dB (typical)	79.9 dB (typical)	73.2 dB (typical)
Sensitivity, absolute	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–95.5 dBm (typical)	–87.5 dBm (typical)
Accuracy, relative	±0.05 dB	±0.12 dB	±0.12 dB	±0.11 dB
Accuracy, absolute	±0.41 dB (95th percentile)	±0.54 dB (95th percentile)	±0.54 dB (95th percentile)	±1.28 dB (95th percentile)

Key Specifications (continued)

Description	PXA (N9030A)	MXA (N9020A)	EXA (N9010A)	CXA (N9000A)
802.11n (40 MHz), 802.11ac (40 MHz) @ 5 GHz only; Integration bandwidth = 38 MHz, RBW = 100.0 kHz, 21.0 MHz offset				
Center frequency in 2.4 GHz band				
Dynamic range, relative	87.3 dB (typical)	84.5 dB (typical)	80.2 dB (typical)	80.0 dB (typical)
Sensitivity, absolute	–101.5 dBm (typical)	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–95.5 dBm (typical)	–94.5 dBm (typical)
Accuracy, relative	± 0.05 dB	± 0.12 dB	± 0.12 dB	± 0.12 dB
Accuracy, absolute	± 0.20 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.27 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.31 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.64 dB (95th percentile)
Center frequency in 5.0 GHz band				
Dynamic range, relative	85.4 dB (typical)	84.5 dB (typical)	80.2 dB (typical)	73.3. dB (typical)
Sensitivity, absolute	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–95.5 dBm (typical)	–87.5 dBm (typical)
Accuracy, relative	± 0.05 dB	± 0.12 dB	± 0.12 dB	± 0.11 dB
Accuracy, absolute	± 0.41 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.54 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.54 dB (95th percentile)	± 1.28 dB (95th percentile)
802.11b/g (DSSS/CCK/PBCC); Integration bandwidth = 22 MHz, RBW = 100.0 kHz, 11.0 MHz offset				
Center frequency in 2.4 GHz band				
Dynamic range, relative	87.3 dB (typical)	84.3 dB (typical)	80.0 dB (typical)	79.9 dB (typical)
Sensitivity, absolute	–101.5 dBm (typical)	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–95.5 dBm (typical)	–94.5 dBm (typical)
Accuracy, relative	± 0.05 dB	± 0.12 dB	± 0.12 dB	± 0.12 dB
Accuracy, absolute	± 0.20 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.27 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.31 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.64 dB (95th percentile)
802.11ac (80 MHz); Integration bandwidth = 78 MHz, RBW = 100.0 kHz, 41.0 MHz offset				
Center frequency in 5.0 GHz band				
Dynamic range, relative	85.4 dB (typical)	84.6 dB (typical)	80.4 dB (typical)	73.4 dB (typical)
Sensitivity, absolute	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–95.5 dBm (typical)	–87.5 dBm (typical)
Accuracy, relative	± 0.05 dB	± 0.12 dB	± 0.12 dB	± 0.11 dB
Accuracy, absolute	± 0.41 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.54 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.54 dB (95th percentile)	± 1.28 dB (95th percentile)
802.11ac (160 MHz); Integration bandwidth = 158 MHz, RBW = 100.0 kHz, 81.0 MHz offset				
Center frequency in 5.0 GHz band				
Dynamic range, relative	85.4 dB (typical)	84.7 dB (typical)	80.4 dB (typical)	73.4 dB (typical)
Sensitivity, absolute	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–95.5 dBm (typical)	–87.5 dBm (typical)
Accuracy, relative	± 0.05 dB	± 0.12 dB	± 0.12 dB	± 0.11 dB
Accuracy, absolute	± 0.41 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.54 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.54 dB (95th percentile)	± 1.28 dB (95th percentile)
802.11ax (80 MHz); Integration bandwidth = 79 MHz, RBW = 100.0 kHz, 40.5 MHz offset				
Center frequency in 2.4 GHz band				
Dynamic range, relative	87.4 dB (typical)	85.1 dB (typical)	–	–
Sensitivity, absolute	–101.5 dBm (typical)	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–	–
Accuracy, relative	± 0.15 dB	± 0.26 dB	–	–
Accuracy, absolute	± 0.22 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.28 dB (95th percentile)	–	–
Center frequency in 5.0 GHz band				
Dynamic range, relative	85.4 dB (typical)	85.1 dB (typical)	–	–
Sensitivity, absolute	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–	–
Accuracy, relative	± 0.60 dB	± 0.67 dB	–	–
Accuracy, absolute	± 0.42 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.54 dB (95th percentile)	–	–
802.11ax (160 MHz); Integration bandwidth = 159 MHz, RBW = 100.0 kHz, 80.5 MHz offset				
Center frequency in 2.4 GHz band				
Dynamic range, relative	87.4 dB (typical)	85.2 dB (typical)	–	–
Sensitivity, absolute	–101.5 dBm (typical)	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–	–
Accuracy, relative	± 0.18 dB	± 0.23 dB	–	–
Accuracy, absolute	± 0.22 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.28 dB (95th percentile)	–	–
Center frequency in 5.0 GHz band				
Dynamic range, relative	85.4 dB (typical)	85.2 dB (typical)	–	–
Sensitivity, absolute	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–99.5 dBm (typical)	–	–
Accuracy, relative	± 0.75 dB	± 0.82 dB	–	–
Accuracy, absolute	± 0.42 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.54 dB (95th percentile)	–	–
802.11ah (1 MHz); Integration bandwidth=0.9 MHz,RBW=10.0 kHz,0.6MHz offset				
Center frequency in Sub GHz band				
Dynamic range, relative	90.1 dB (typical)	89.9 dB (typical)	87.9 dB (typical)	78.7 dB (typical)
Sensitivity, absolute	–111.5 dBm (typical)	–109.5 dBm (typical)	–106.5 dBm (typical)	–104.5 dBm (typical)
Accuracy, relative	± 0.06 dB	± 0.13 dB	± 0.13 dB	± 0.14 dB
Accuracy, absolute	± 0.21 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.27 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.31 dB (95th percentile)	± 0.65 dB (95th percentile)

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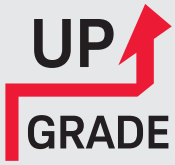

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N/W9077A WLAN 802.11a/b/g/n/ac/af/ah/ax X-Series measurement application

Description	Model-Option	Model-Option	Additional information
	PXA, MXA, EXA, CXA-m, VXT	**CXA**	
802.11a/b/g/j/p	N9077A-2FP	W9077A-2FP	
802.11n	N9077A-3FP	W9077A-3FP	Requires 2FP
802.11ac	N9077A-4FP		Requires 2FP and 3FP
802.11ah	N9077A-6FP	W9077A-6FP	Requires firmware above version A.16.05
802.11af	N9077A-7FP	W9077A-7FP	Requires firmware above version A.18.01
802.11ax	N9077A-8FP		Requires firmware above version A.19.05
802.11ax OFDMA	N9077A-MFP		Requires N9077A-8FP

Hardware Configuration - Benchtop

N9030A PXA signal analyzer

Description	Model-Option	Additional information
3.6, 8.4, 13.6, 26.5, 42.98, 44, 50 GHz frequency range	N9030A-503, -508, -513, -526, -543, -544, or -550	One required
Analysis bandwidth to 25, 40, 85 or 160 MHz	N9030A-B25, -B40, -B85 or -B1X	One required, based on bandwidth of WLAN signal under test
Precision frequency reference	N9030A-EA3	Recommended
Preamplifier, 3.6, 8.4, 13.6, 42.98, 44, 50 GHz	N9030A-P03, -P07, -P13, -P26, -P43, -P44, or -P50	One recommended
Microwave preselector bypass option	N9030A-MPB	Required for measurements > 3.6 GHz
Real-time spectrum analyzer capability, 85 or 160 MHz bandwidth analysis	N9030A-RT1 or RT2	One required for real-time analysis

N9020A MXA signal analyzer

Description	Model-Option	Additional information
3.6, 8.4, 13.6, 26.5 GHz frequency range	N9020A-503, -508, -513, or -526	One required
Analysis bandwidth to 25, 40, 85, 125, or 160 MHz	N9020A-B25, -B40, -B85, -B1A, B1X	One required, based on bandwidth of WLAN signal under test
Electronic attenuator, 3.6 GHz	N9020A-EA3	Recommended
Preamplifier, 3.6, 8.4, 13.6, or 26.5 GHz	N9020A-P03, -P07, -P13, -P26	One recommended
Microwave preselector bypass option	N9020A-MPB	Required for measurements > 3.6 GHz
Real-time spectrum analyzer capability, 85 or 160 MHz bandwidth analysis	N9020A-RT1 or RT2	One required for real-time analysis

N9010A EXA signal analyzer

Description	Model-Option	Additional information
3.6, 7.0, 13.6, 26.5, 32, or 44 GHz frequency range	N9010A-503, -507, -513, -526, -532, or -544	One required
Analysis bandwidth to 25 or 40 MHz	N9010A-B25 or B40	One required, based on bandwidth of WLAN signal under test
Preamplifier, 3.6, 7.0, 13.6, 26.5 GHz	N9010A-P03, -P07, -P13, -P26	One recommended
Microwave preselector bypass option	N9010A-MPB	Required for measurements > 3.6 GHz
Electronic attenuator, 3.6 GHz	N9010A-EA3	Recommended

N9000A CXA signal analyzer

Description	Model-Option	Additional information
3.0, 7.5, 13.6, or 26.5 GHz frequency range	N9000A-503, -507, -513, or -526	One required
Analysis bandwidth to 25 MHz	N9000A-B25 [1]	Required
Preamplifier, 3.0, 7.5, 13.6, or 26.5 GHz	N9000A-P03, -P07, -P13, or -P26	One recommended

1. The maximum analysis bandwidth for CXA is 25 MHz, which allows the CXA to support 802.11a/b/g and 802.11n 20 MHz measurements.

Hardware Configuration - PXIe

M9420/21A PXIe VXT vector transceiver

Description	Model-Option	Additional information
3.8 or 6 GHz frequency range	M9420A/M9421A-504, or 506	One required
40, 80 or 160 MHz BW	M9420A/M9421A-B40/B80/B1X	One required
Half duplex port	M9420A/M9421A-HDX	Optional

M9290A CXA-m PXIe signal analyzer

Description	Model-Option	Additional information
3, 7.5, 13.6 or 26.5 GHz frequency range	M9290A-F03, F07, F13, or F26	One required
25 MHz analysis BW	M9290A-B25	One required
Preamplifier, 3, 7.5, 13.6 or 26.5 GHz	M9290A-P03, P07, P13 or P26	One required
Fine resolution step attenuator	M9290A-FSA	Optional

Related Literature

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