

HP 89400 Series Vector Signal Analyzers Digital Video Modulation Analysis

Product Overview

Option AYH

Meeting the needs of both broadcast and cable system designers, the HP 89400 vector signal analyzers precisely characterize signals in the emerging modulation formats of the digital video industry, including both QAM and VSB.

With Option AYH, designers of advanced television systems and components can speed their designs to market with off-theshelf, lab-quality vector signal measurements.

Modulation quality measurements

Optimizing system performance requires precise measures of signal quality. Vector signal analyzers characterize complexmodulated signals with both quantitative and qualitative tests.

Error magnitude measurements portray the instantaneous vector difference between the input signal and an internally-generated reference containing the same data stream. Expressed as a time waveform, an error spectrum or a signal-to-noise ratio, error magnitude is sensitive and repeatable enough to reveal signal degradation caused by even individual system components. (For more information, see Product Note HP 89400-8, "Using Vector Modulation Analysis in the Troubleshooting and Design of Digital RF Communications Systems".)

For quick visualization of modulation quality, the HP 89400 also provides traditional display formats such as eye and constellation diagrams. Finally, a data table display shows the actual demodulated binary data received for each measurement block.

Carrier lock and symbol clock synchronization are automatic with the HP 89400, meaning that an external carrier reference or clock input is never required. Variable-alpha Nyquist filters are built-in and easily configured via menu selections.

8VSB display shows constellation, eye, error magnitude and demodulated data.

TRACE A: Ch1 8VSB Meas Time





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TRACE A: Ch1 640AM Meas Time
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Power and Waveform Measurements

With both time and frequency domain capability, HP 89400 vector signal analyzers show the behavior of complex signals in great detail and in a wide variety of formats.

Powerful cursor functions allow measurements to be time or frequency selective, or both. For example, to measure adjacent channel interference, position the spectrum cursors on the channel boundaries and select "Band Power" for a readout of the total integrated power. Or, to tie interference problems to a particular point in the time waveform, use the cursors to select the suspected waveform event, and select "Time Gating" to display the spectrum as it appears during just that interval.

64QAM signal

analysis accommo-

systems, as well as

absolute encoding.

dates differential encoding for DVB

Measurements may be viewed in real time or captured gap-free in high speed sample memory. With Option AY9 (1 Megasample Time Capture), capture and save over 80 msec of full-bandwidth video signal for in-depth post-analysis.

Additional Measurements

Other digital modulation formats supported include FSK, BPSK, QPSK and MSK. Analog demodulation shows amplitude, frequency or phase variations versus time or frequency, and can be used to investigate transient or unintended signal modulation, including carrier phase noise.

A built-in signal source outputs sinewave, chirp, noise and arbitrary waveforms at baseband or (with Option AY8) at RF.

For a complete description of HP 89400 measurement capabilities, please refer to the HP 89400 series product brochure (HP publication #5963-3347E).



HP 89400 vector signal analyzers also provide a complete set of traditional spectrum and waveform measurements.

Operating Characteristics

Supported Products

| Model Number | Frequency Range | Sensitivity | Maximum Bandwidth |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| HP 89410A | dc - 10 MHz | -144 dBm/Hz | 10 MHz |
| HP 89440A | dc - 1.8 GHz | -145 dBm/Hz | 8 MHz |
| HP 89441A | dc - 2.65 GHz | -160 dBm/Hz | 7 MHz |

Symbol Rates (Symbols/sec) VSB formats:

10.762M nominal (adjustable) QAM formats:

Rate < (Max. BW) / (1+ α)

examples:

| Model Number | QAM α= 0.2 | DVB α= 0.15 |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| HP 89410A | <8.33M | <8.70M |
| HP 89440A | <6.67M | <6.96M |
| HP 89441A | <5.83M | <6.09M |

Maximum Data Block Size

1 sample/symbol: 4096 sym. 5 samples/symbol: 819 sym.

Residual Error (instrument contributed) QAM formats: symbol rate 5-7 MHz, .15 < α < .2, full-scale signal \geq 25dBm:

 \leq 1.0% EVM typ. (\leq 40 dB SNR)

VSB formats: symbol rate 10.762 MHz, α =.1152, full-scale signal \geq 25dBm:

 \leq 1.5% EVM typ. (\leq 36 dB SNR)

Modulation Formats:

8, 16VSB 16, 32, 64, 256QAM 16, 32, 64QAM (DVB)

Filter Shapes

Raised cosine, root raised cosine, Gaussian, rectangular, low pass, computed to \geq 40 symbols in length

Alpha/BT continuously adjustable from 0.05 to 1.0

Required Options

AYA (vector mod. analysis) UFG (extended RAM)

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