# Keysight Technologies MXG Signal Generators

# Performance optimized for manufacturing

- Fast switching speeds
- Industry-best ACPR
- Simplified self-maintenance
- Signal Studio software





# Keysight Technologies MXG Signal Generators Making an Impact in Manufacturing



Demands on the production line for communications systems, receivers and components continue to intensify. Keysight Technologies, Inc. MXG signal generators have been optimized specifically to meet the challenges facing manufacturers —throughput, yield, and downtime.

#### Increasing throughput

With fast switching speeds, Keysight MXG signal generators reduce test time, letting you make more measurements using fewer resources and capital.

#### Raising test yield

For out-of-channel measurements such as ACPR, the Keysight MXG vector signal generator offers the industry's best dynamic range, reducing error contribution from the stimulus and ultimately improving test margins and yield.

#### Reducing downtime

Keysight MXG signal generators are made to maximize up-time through reliability and simplified self-maintenance. Starting from a simple design for dependable performance to cost- and time-effective tools for easy onsite maintenance, Keysight MXG is an ideal solution for manufacturers working in today's highly cost sensitive communications industry.

#### Fastest switching

 $\leq$  1.2 ms in SCPI mode for increased throughput

#### Superior ACPR

-76 dBc adjacent channel power levels¹ for testing high dynamic range components

#### Flexible signal creation tools

Proven Signal Studio software with a first-to-market track record

#### Simplified self-maintenance

Innovative design for easy maintenance and reduced downtime

#### A Solution Scalable to Your Needs

In two rack units, the Keysight MXG analog and vector signal generators offer performance that can be tailored for general-purpose applications, cellular communications component manufacturing, or even wireless networking receiver manufacturing. With a choice of frequency ranges, performance attributes, and Signal Studio software, you can scale the Keysight MXG to fit your needs.

#### General purpose test

With fast switching speeds, outstanding level repeatability and analog modulation, Keysight MXG analog is a reliable stimulus for applications ranging from simulating a clock signal to generating an interferer for receiver evaluation.

#### Advanced signal simulation

The combination of IQ modulation, superior dynamic range and Signal Studio software, make the Keysight MXG vector ideal for applications up to 6 GHz requiring W-CDMA, cdma2000®/1xEV-DO, GSM/EDGE, TD-SCDMA, WLAN, and Mobile WiMAX™ (802.16-2005 OFDMA) test signals.

# A purchase consideration: reliability and cost of ownership

Reliability is often one of the key considerations manufacturing test managers use to make equipment purchases because of the direct connection to downtime. The downtime created by a single piece of test equipment, whether due to maintenance or repair, directly impacts the bottom line, not only in terms of lost throughput, but the cost associated with getting a piece of equipment functioning and back in the test system.

While instrument reliability directly impacts downtime, it is not a complete indication of total cost of ownership. To gain a better understanding on how to minimize these costs, manufacturing managers should consider a broader perspective that includes not only reliability, but also calibration and repair.

The Keysight MXG signal generators are specifically designed with a lower cost of ownership. Driven by reliability and simplified selfmaintenance, the Keysight MXGs effectively address the issues associated with the time and cost of calibration and repair

## Keysight MXG at a Glance



#### Scalable performance

- Frequency coverage from 250 kHz to 6 GHz (operational down to 100 kHz) for cellular and ISM-band communications test
- Accurate analog modulation including AM, FM,  $\phi\text{M}$  and pulse modulation for general purpose test
- 100 MHz RF BW internal I/Q baseband generator for flexible signal simulation
- 160 MHz RF BW with external I/Q inputs to up-convert your baseband signals to IF or RF

#### Improve test yield

Low distortion with -76 dBc measured ACLR performance for a 1-carrier 3GPP
W-CDMA signal¹ to reduce measurement uncertainty

#### Reduce test time and maximize uptime

- Fast switching speeds, ≤ 1.2 ms in SCPI mode and ≤ 900 μs simultaneous frequency, amplitude and waveform switching in list mode, to optimize throughput
- Reliable electronic attenuator to 6 GHz provides amplitude switching speed and repeatability

#### Easy to use

- Color display and familiar Keysight interface make for easy use
- Embedded help system guides new users through basic instrument functions and SCPI commands
- USB port for quick file transfer to flash memory, including Signal Studio waveforms, instrument states, and license keys

#### Simplify system integration

- LXI class C compliance helps you efficiently integrate Keysight MXG into your LAN-based test system
- USB, GPIB, and LAN connectivity for remote access
- Tunable reference input from 1 to 50 MHz for frequency locking to your system clock
- 10 MHz reference output provides a stable reference for your test system
- Backward code compatibility makes for fast and easy replacement of Keysight and other signal generators<sup>1</sup>



#### Conserve rack space

- A small 2-rack-unit profile for efficient use of space



### Reliability and easy self-maintenance

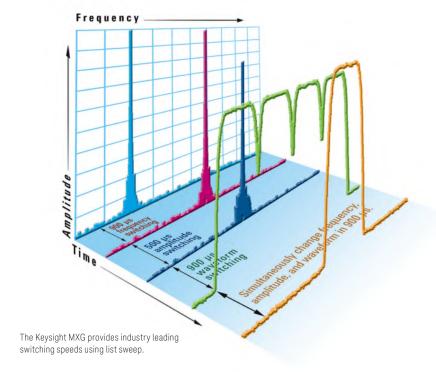
- Simple design ensures reliable performance and fast maintenance and repair

## Keysight N5181A MXG Analog Signal Generator

#### Fast and accurate analog signal generation

Time is critical on the component manufacturing floor. With industry-leading frequency and amplitude switching speeds, the Keysight MXG analog signal generator allows you to reduce test times and maximize throughput. And a flexible option structure lets you scale the Keysight MXG to meet your performance needs from design through production.

Keysight MXG provides the performance required for analog applications ranging from local oscillator substitution to receiver test. It is an accurate and repeatable test stimulus with superior level repeatability,  $\leq -121$  dBc/Hz phase noise, and an electronic attenuator up to 6 GHz. This enhanced signal quality leads to better measurement certainty, enabling you to improve test yield.



#### **Fastest Switching**

#### Engineered for speed

Test times are only as fast as the slowest instrument in your test system. And long test times impact your capacity to build, forcing you to add resources and capital to meet throughput goals. Keysight MXG signal generators reduce the time required to test by providing the fastest switching speeds – at least twice as fast as other signal generators in SCPI mode.

- ≤ 1.2 ms in SCPI mode
- ≤ 900 μs in list mode

Keysight MXG not only reduces test time, but accelerates the start-up process by offering tools to simplify system configuration.

- LXI class C compliance
- USB, GPIB, and LAN connectivity
- Backward code compatibility with Keysight and other signal generators

#### Key features

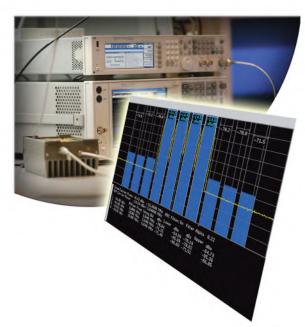
- Frequency range from 250 kHz<sup>1</sup> to 1, 3, or 6 GHz
- -127 to +13 dBm power levels  $^2$
- Fast switching speeds
- AM, FM, φM and pulse modulation
- Electronic attenuator
- Backward code compatibility

# Keysight N5182A MXG Vector Signal Generator

#### Vector signal generation for component test

For cellular communications and wireless networking, the Keysight MXG vector signal generator adds vector modulation and the industry's best ACPR performance to the speed of the analog model, making it ideal for high-volume component manufacturing. And, with an attractive price point and a scalable option structure, the Keysight MXG vector is a good solution for designing and manufacturing wireless networking receivers.

In addition to fast frequency and amplitude switching times, the Keysight MXG vector also offers the unique ability to simultaneously switch waveforms in  $\leq 900~\mu s$  to further accelerate testing  $^3$ . A 100 MHz bandwidth internal baseband generator and wideband IQ modulation provide a versatile means of generating complex arbitrary waveforms for communications standards ranging from 3GPP W-CDMA to mobile WiMAX. Keysight MXG vector's performance, combined with Signal Studio software let you confidently verify your design on the lab bench or the production line.



The Keysight MXG provides the best and only specified ACLR performance for a W-CDMA 4-carrier test signal:

- -65 dBc specified,
- -70 dBc measured 1.

#### Superior ACPR

# Industry's best ACPR for MCPA test

Devices such as MCPAs can generate unwanted signals outside the specified signal bandwidth. These unwanted signals interfere and distort signals in neighboring channels, which can cause bit errors. To improve channel usage, MCPA adjacent channel power levels are being driven lower.

Keysight MXG vector signal generators provide superior dynamic range and the only specified ACLR performance, –65 dBc, for a W-CDMA 4-carrier signal¹. This reduces the error contribution from the test stimulus letting you accurately characterize your device. For manufacturers, better measurement accuracy translates to improved test yield and ultimately a lower cost of test.

#### Key features

- Frequencies from 250 kHz² to 3 or 6 GHz
- Fast switching speeds, including waveforms<sup>3</sup>
- Industry-best ACPR
- High-performance baseband generator
  - 100 MHz RF bandwidth
  - 64 MSa waveform playback memory
  - 100 MSa waveform storage memory, extendable with USB flash memory
  - 16 bit DAC resolution
- Electronic attenuator
- Backward code compatibility

- 1. Test Model 1, 64 DCPH
- 2. Tunable down to 100 kHz
- 3. When switching waveforms, other waveform header parameters like sample rate and IQ drive level may be set.

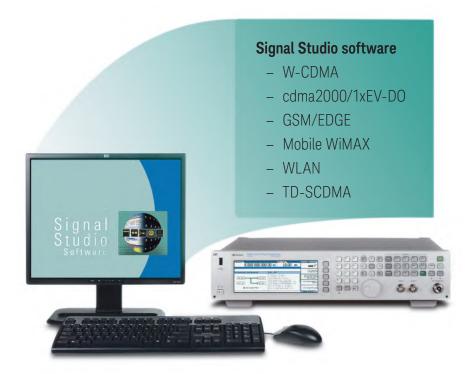
### Keysight Signal Studio Software

#### Verified and optimized reference signals

Signal Studio is a suite of PC-based software designed to reduce the time spent on custom signal creation while enabling you to better characterize your design. Use the software to configure standards-based waveforms for playback with the Keysight MXG vector signal generator. The software provides an intuitive user interface to access pre-defined set-ups or modify signal parameters to create custom reference signals. And, a flexible option structure lets you select the performance you need for the time you need it.

#### The right applications at the right time

Signal Studio software has a proven first-to-market track record, keeping you on the leading edge of communications standards and continual enhancements keep you current with evolving standards. Use Signal Studio with the Keysight MXG vector and you have flexible, application-specific signal generation.



#### Flexible signal creation tools

#### Flexible options and licensing

The ability to adapt quickly is paramount on the production line. Signal Studio supports transportable and time-based licensing for the Keysight MXG vector, enabling ultimate flexibility when defining your test system:

- Transportable licenses can be moved from one signal generator to another
- Time-based licensing lets you choose the tools you need only for the timeyou need it

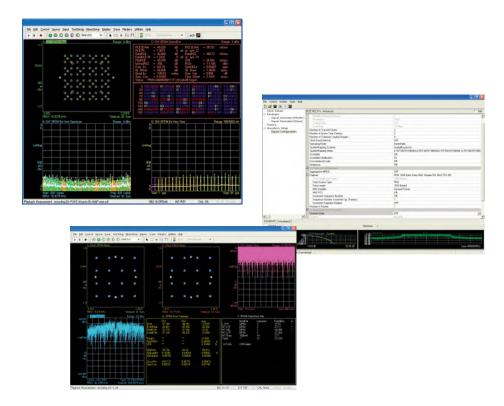
Signal Studio also provides options to let you pick the level of performance right for your test needs:

- Basic capability provides spectrally correct signals for component test
- Advanced capability adds full channel coding for receiver test

#### Create test signals for wireless networking

#### N7615B Signal Studio for 802.16 WiMAX

- Basic and advanced multicarrier 802.16e OFDMA signal creation
- Configure frames for both downlink and uplink
- Access to both physical and basic MAC layer parameters
- Flexible configuration of zones, bursts and MAC PDUs
- Choice of 512, 1024, or 2048 FFT sizes with variable bandwidths
- Built in COM-based API control



#### N7617B Signal Studio for 802.11 WLAN

- Basic and advanced 802.11a/b/g/j/p/n signal creation
- Multicarrier 802.11 a/b/g/j/p
- MAC layer configuration and simulation
- Flexible 802.11n transmit link configuration and MIMO channel simulation settings
- Built in COM-based API control

#### Mobile WiMAX receiver test

The emergence of WiMAX™, and now 802.16e Mobile WiMAX, continues to fuel growth in the broadband wireless access market. R&D engineers developing 802.16e receivers and components need signal generation and analysis tools to verify that their design meets the still-evolving conformance test requirements of the WiMAX Forum®.

Keysight MXG vector with N7615B Signal Studio for 802.16 WiMAX provides standards-based single or multicarrier signals for component test or receiver evaluation, including receiver sensitivity and adjacent channel rejection. With 0.4% typical EVM and -68 dBc typical distortion performance<sup>1</sup>, Keysight MXG provides the performance needed to evaluate receiver designs.

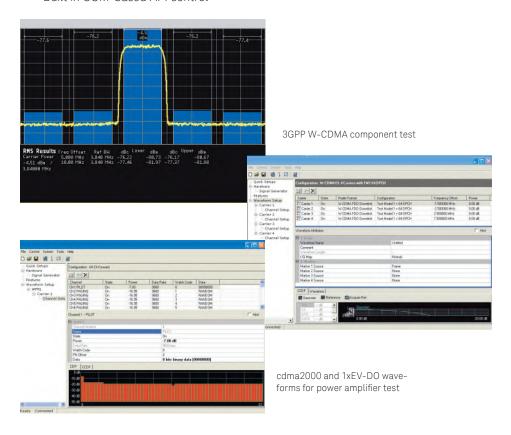
To further assist WiMAX developers, Keysight N9020A MXA signal analyzer provides 25 MHz analysis bandwidth for demodulation of WiMAX signals. Combined, Keysight MXG and MXA make a complete and fast WiMAX test system for design and production environments.

 <sup>802.16</sup>e OFDMA 10 MHz bandwidth signal with QPSK modulation at < 7 dB output power. For more information see the Keysight MXG vector data sheet (5989–5261EN).

#### Configure cellular communications test signals

#### N7600B Signal Studio for 3GPP W-CDMA FDD

- W-CDMA, HSDPA and HSUPA mixed-signal creation
- Multicarrier configuration including clipping, timing and phase offsets
- Waveform creation including transceiver diversity
- Built in COM-based API control



#### N7601B Signal Studio for 3GPP2 CDMA

- cdma2000, IS95, 1xEV-DO multicarrier mixed-signal creation
- Basic cdma2000 and 1xEV-DO capability for component test
- Advanced 1xEV-DO capability for receiver test
- 1xEV-DO Rev0 reverse link coded signals
- 1xEV-DO RevA reverse and forward link coded signals
- Built in COM-based API control

#### N7602B Signal Studio for GSM/EDGE

- 3GPP 51010-1 (Mobile) and 3GPP 51021 (base station) coded signals
- Flexible, mixed timeslot SMDK/8PSK formatting
- GSM/EDGE multicarrier creation
- Basic mode GSM/EDGE signal generation for component test
- Built in COM-based API control

#### N7612B Signal Studio for TD-SCDMA

- Support physical and transport channels for TD-SCDMA and HSDPA
- Pre-coded reference measurement channels
- Multicarrier signal creation
- Flexible channel coding, time slot and frame formatting
- Built in COM-based API control

#### Try before you buy

Download Signal Studio to a PC and redeem a free 14-day trial license. Investigate the signal creation capabilities of the software prior to purchase. www.keysight.com/ find/signalstudio

## Maximize Uptime on the Manufacturing Line

Designed for long term dependability in production environments with a focus on reliability and simplified-self maintenance, the Keysight MXG helps you maximize uptime and lower cost of ownership. Keysight MXG's architecture, comprised of just five subassemblies, increases system integrity without sacrificing performance. It also enables Keysight to offer innovative selfmaintenance that reduces potential downtime on your manufacturing line.

#### Reliability

The Keysight MXG delivers a high level of reliability and therefore overall quality that dramatically reduces the mean time between failures and delivers one of the lowest annual fail rates in the industry. This includes a wear-free electronic attenuator for frequencies up to 6 GHz to ensure fast, repeatable results.

#### Calibration and repair

The Keysight MXG support strategy lets you decide how to manage your equipment to maximize system uptime. Elect to self-maintain you Keysight MXG – perform calibration and repairs onsite with Keysight calibration software, 100% self diagnostics and field-orderable and replaceable assemblies – and ensure a fast return to the production line. Alternatively elect to have maintenance done through one of Keysight's local service centers to keep your Keysight MXG signal generator performing like new.

#### Simplified self-maintenance

# What is simplified self-maintenance?

Simplified self-maintenance for the Keysight MXG is an alternative to traditional maintenance and repair choices. Maintaining the MXG in-house empowers you to actively manage downtime, while maximizing uptime and reducing your total cost of ownership.

#### Quick calibration

Using a spectrum analyzer, a power meter, and Keysight's calibration software, you can verify the performance of the Keysight MXG down to -110 dBm in less than 1 hour.

#### Onsite repair

Should a failure occur, the Keysight MXG is quick and easy to repair. Repair assemblies are field-orderable and come fully adjusted and certified. Onsite repair can be done in as little as 30 minutes.



# Specification Summary<sup>1</sup>

Frequency range	
N5181A	250 kHz <sup>2</sup> to 1, 3, or
N5182A	6 GHz
	250 kHz <sup>2</sup> to 3 GHz

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Switching speed	Standard	Option UNZ
Frequency		
SCPI mode	≤ 5 ms	≤ 1.15 µs
List mode	≤ 5 ms	≤ 900 µs
Amplitude		
SCPI mode	≤ 5 ms	≤ 750 µs
List mode	≤ 5 ms	≤ 500 µs
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Amplitude		
Range	Standard	Option 1EQ <sup>3</sup>
250 kHz to 2.5 GHz	–110 to +13 dBm	-127 to +13 dBm
> 2.5 to 3.0 GHz	-110 to +10 dBm	-127 to +10 dBm
> 3.0 to 4.5 GHz	-110 to +13 dBm	-127 to +13 dBm
> 4.5 to 5.8 GHz	-110 to +10 dBm	-127 to +10 dBm
> 5.8 to 6.0 GHz	–110 to +7 dBm	-127 to +7 dBm

# Absolute level accuracy for CW signals (-60 to +7 dBm, within 20 to 30 °C)

250 kHz to 1 MHz	± 0.5 dB
> 1 MHz to 1 GHz	± 0.6 dB
> 1 to 3 GHz	± 0.7 dB
> 3 to 6 GHz	± 0.8 dB

#### Single sideband phase noise (typical at 20 kHz offset)

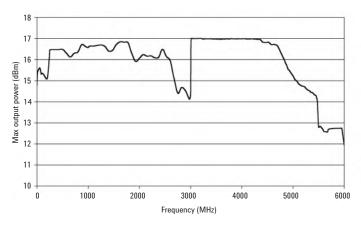
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#### Harmonics (CW mode, output level < 4 dBm)

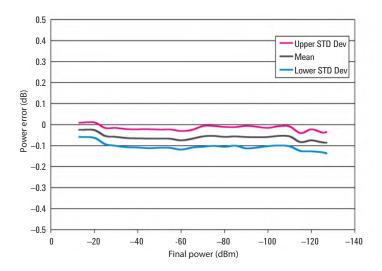
≤ 3 GHz	< -30 dBc
> 3 to 6 GHz	< -44 dBc (typ)

#### **Analog modulation**

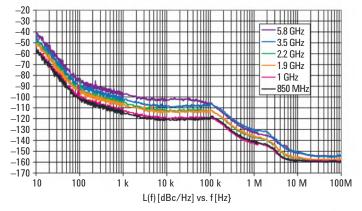
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AM	Depth	90%
FM	Maximum deviation	20 MHz (nom)
$\phi M$	(6 GHz)	
Pulse modulation	Maximum deviation	20 radians
	(6 GHz)	
	Rise/fall time	< 50 ns (typ)
	Minimum pulse	≥ 500 ns (ALC off)
	width	
	On/Off ratio	> 80 dB (typ)



Measured maximum output power



Measured relative level accuracy at 850 MHz initial power +10 dBm



Typical phase noise

Specifications subject to change. For detailed specifications refer to the data sheets (analog: 5989-5311EN; vector: 5989-5261EN).

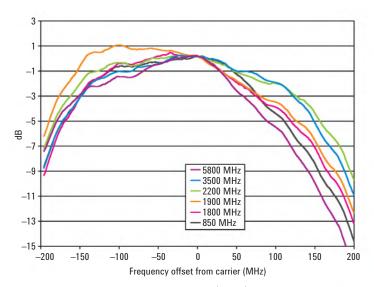
<sup>2.</sup> Tunable to 100 kHz.

<sup>3.</sup> Settable down to -144 dBm.

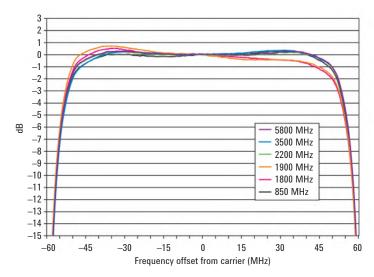
# Additional Vector Specifications<sup>1</sup>

Baseband generator features (Options 651, 652, 654)		
Maximum playback capacity	8 MSa, 64 MSa Op	otion 019
Sample rate	1 kSa/s to 30, 60, or 125 MSa/s	
Bandwidth	24, 48, or 100 MHz	
Effective DAC resolution	11 bits (standard) or 16 bits#(Option UNV)	
Waveform switching in list sweep mode	Standard	Option UNZ
	≤ 5 ms	≤ 900 µs (typ)

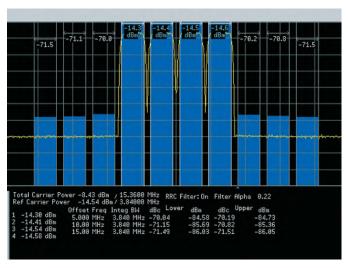
Typical ACPR and EVM performance data <sup>2</sup>		
Format	ACPR (Option UNV)	EVM
GSM	-86 dBc	rms 0.2 °
		peak 0.6 °
EDGE	-85 dBc	0.7%
cdma2000/1xEV-D0	-93 dBc	1.3%
W-CDMA		
1-carrier	-73 dBc	0.8%
	-76 dBc (meas)	
	-71 dBc (spec)	
4-carrier	-67 dBc#	0.8%
	-70 dBc (meas)	
	-65 dBc (spec)	
802.11a/g	_	0.5%
WiMAX	-68 dBc	0.4%
QPSK	_	0.8%
16QAM	_	0.6%



Bandwidth of IQ modulator using external I/Q source (ALC off)



I/Q bandwidth of optional internal baseband generator



4-carrier 3GPP W-CDMA signal with Test Model 1, 64 DPCH

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Values provided are typical (unless indicated otherwise) for specific signal configurations. For detailed specifications, please refer to the data sheet.

# Ordering Information

# Keysight N5181A MXG analog signal generator

Frequency options		
501	250 kHz to 1 GHz	
503	250 kHz to 3 GHz	
506	250 kHz to 6 GHz	
Performance options		
UNZ	Fast switching	
1EQ	Low power	
UNT	AM, FM, φM	
UNU	Pulse modulation	
Other options		
006	Instrument security	
1EM	Move RF output to rear panel	
1ER	Flexible reference input (1 to 50 MHz)	
UK6	Commercial calibration certificate	

# Keysight N5182A MXG vector signal generator

Frequency options		
503	250 kHz to 3 GHz	
506	250 kHz to 6 GHz	
Performance options		
UNZ	Fast switching	
1EQ	Low power	
UNT	AM, FM, φM	
UNU	Pulse modulation	
UNV	Enhanced dynamic range	
Other options		
006	Instrument security	
1ER	Flexible reference input (1 to 50 MHz)	
1EM	Move RF output to rear panel	
UK6	Commercial calibration certificate	
Baseband generator options		
651	Internal baseband generator (30 MSa/s, 8 MSa)	
652	Internal baseband generator (60 MSa/s, 8 MSa)	
654	Internal baseband generator (125 MSa/s, 8 MSa)	
019	Increase baseband generator memory to 64 MSa	
1EL	Differential I/Q outputs	
403	Calibrated AWGN	
Signal Studio software		
N7600B	Signal Studio for 3GPP W-CDMA FDD	
N7601B	Signal Studio for 3GPP CDMA	
N7602B	Signal Studio for GSM/EDGE	
N7612B	Signal Studio for TD-SCDMA	
N7615B	Signal Studio for 802.16 WiMAX	
N7617B	Signal Studio for 802.11 WLAN	

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#### Additional Resources

#### Literature

Keysight Technologies N5181A MXG Analog Signal Generator, Data Sheet, 5989-5311EN

Keysight Technologies N5182A MXG Vector Signal Generator, Data Sheet, 5989-5261EN

Keysight Technologies MXG Signal Generators, Configuration Guide, 5989-5485EN

Accurate Amplifier ACLR and ACPR Testing with the Keysight MXG Vector Signal Generator, Application Note, 5989-5471EN

Improving Throughput with Fast RF Signal Generator Switching, Application Note, 5989-5487EN

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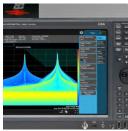
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