



2050 series Digital and Vector Signal Generator

Designed to meet the needs of modern digital radio technologies up to 5.4 GHz



- PSK, FSK, QAM, GMSK
- I and Q modulation to 10 MHz (1 dB bw.)
- External digital data input
- Internal PRBS data source
- Excellent accuracy and stability
- Envelope control for RF bursts
- Programmable channel filter characteristics
- Variable data rate control
- NADC, PDC, GSM, TETRA plus others
- Wide band DCFM for fast FSK
- Baseband I & Q outputs
- Electronic attenuator option

The 2050 series of digital and vector signal generators covers the frequency range 10 kHz to 1.35 GHz (2050), 10 kHz to 2.7 GHz (2051) and 10 kHz to 5.4 GHz (2052). These instruments are suitable for a wide range of applications including the testing of new digital communication systems.

Modulation Capability

The 2050 combines comprehensive analog modes, AM, FM, PM and Pulse (optional), with I Q vector modulation. A digital mode using internal DSP (digital signal processing) is provided to convert digital data into complex modulation formats as shown in the following table.

FSK	2 and 4 level
GMSK	
PSK	2, 4 and 8 level
DPSK (Differential)	2, 4 and 8 level
Phase Offset DPSK	2, 4 and 8 level
Time Offset PSK	4 level
QAM	4, 16, 64 and 256 level

Two FM modes are available, wideband FM (>10 MHz) for fast FSK or video applications and a 1 MHz bandwidth mode. Both modes offer FM deviations up to 1% of carrier frequency. FM is available as either DC or AC coupled. A patented FM nulling correction system eliminates carrier frequency offsets that occur with lesser generators when using DCFM, and allows the 2050 to be used confidently with Wireless LAN or paging equipment such as POCSAG, FLEX™ and ERMES.

Vector Modulation

In Vector mode the signal generator accepts I and Q modulation inputs with 10 MHz, 1 dB bandwidth. This precision modulator enables any modulation characteristic to be simulated with a high degree of accuracy, typical vector errors of less than 0.5% are possible. The excellent temperature stability and drift characteristics of the modulator ensure calibrated signals are always available making this the ideal choice for demanding research and development applications as well as in manufacturing of digital communications systems.

The wide IQ bandwidth allows the generation of Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum signals as used in CDMA as well as QAM and OFDM signals as used in new broadcasting formats such as DAB (Digital Audio Broadcast).

Precision radar Chirp signals can be simulated in conjunction with an Arbitrary Waveform Generator to test radar receivers.

Digital Modulation

In digital mode, the signal generator is able to produce a wide array of digital modulation types and in each case the user is free to modify the data rate and filter characteristics to suit individual application needs. This level of control and flexibility means that the 2050 series is fully prepared today for the digital formats of tomorrow's narrow band digital radio communications equipment.

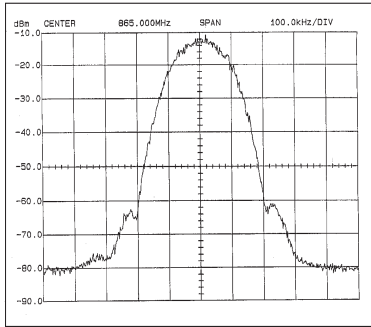
For common standards, the 2050 is already pre-programmed to generate the required modulation format from a single key press and so aid ease of use. Proprietary schemes can be created and stored into non volatile user memories.

Mod Type	System
$\pi/4$ DQPSK	NADC (DAMPS), PDC (JDC), TETRA, TETS, APC025
GMSK	GSM, Mobitex, CDPD, MC9, DSRR, MD24-192N/W, Modacom
OQPSK	Inmarsat M
FSK	POCSAG, CITYRUF
4FSK	ERMES, APC025
8DPSK	VDR (VDL)

Data rates up to 34 ksymbols/sec can either be generated internally from a pseudo random sequence generator or supplied externally as a serial or parallel data stream into a flexible digital interface. A burst control input allows TDMA or TDD bursts to be generated synchronously with the data. A separate analog envelope control input allows linear control of the RF level to simulate burst modulation conforming to power time template and

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adjacent channel spectrum requirements.



In digital mode the user can introduce defined errors to the modulation as skew, gain imbalance and carrier leakage, and so aid investigation of design limitations.

Fading Simulation

The built-in Rician and Rayleigh fading simulator with programmable path ratio and Doppler speed allows testing of receivers under 'real life' propagation conditions in which receivers must operate. The availability of fading simulation at the early design stages of new communications equipment simplifies the development of more robust designs and reduces the time taken for full compliance testing.

Software Assisted Calibration

All calibration and re-alignment procedures can be carried out without removal of the instrument covers and can be performed either manually or automatically via the GPIB. No internal adjustments are necessary; even the frequency standard is adjusted via the front panel or GPIB. During manual alignment full instructions are given on the instrument display. In digital and vector modes a self calibration system optimizes the performance of the vector modulator; a warning is displayed when environmental changes or elapsed time warrant a re-calibration of the modulator.

Electronic Attenuator

An electronic attenuator option is available to meet demanding extended life requirements for repetitive switching, found in high volume production applications.

Specification

General Description

2050 series signal generators have a large screen dot matrix display with softkey function selection which allows flexibility of operation. Hardkey and data entry key together with a rotary control knob are also provided. The output may be modulated using FM, Φ M, AM, IQ vector or complex digital modulation. Pulse modulation is optional.

Carrier Frequency

Range
10 kHz to 1.35 GHz (2050)
10 kHz to 2.7 GHz (2051)
10 kHz to 5.4 GHz (2052)
In digital and vector modes the lowest frequency is 10 MHz and for 2052 the highest frequency is reduced to 2.7 GHz.

Selection
By keyboard entry of data.
Variation by up/down keys and by rotary control.

Indication
11 digits with annunciators.

Resolution
0.1 Hz.

Accuracy
As frequency standard.

Phase incrementing
The carrier phase can be advanced or retarded in steps of 1.5° using the rotary control.

RF Output

Range (Analog mode)
-144 dBm to +13 dBm
Max guaranteed output above 2.7 GHz is +11 dBm. With AM selected, the maximum output level reduces linearly with AM depth to +7 dBm at maximum AM depth.

Range (Digital or Vector mode)
-138 to +6 dBm peak envelope power.
RF level is defined with a PRBS modulation applied in digital mode or with 0.5 V applied to either the I or Q input in vector mode.

Selectable Overrange Mode
Uncalibrated levels up to +19 dBm.

Selectable Extended Hysteresis
Uncalibrated RF level control over a range of 24 dB (maximum) without level interruption.

Selection
By keyboard entry of data. Variation by $\uparrow\downarrow$ keys and by rotary control. Units may be μ V, mV, V, EMF or PD; dB relative to 1 μ V, 1 mV, EMF or PD; dBm.

Indication
4 digits with unit annunciators.

Resolution
0.1 dB.

Accuracy
At 22°C $\pm 5^\circ$ C in non Digital or Vector modes:

	<1.35 GHz	<2.7 GHz	<5.4 GHz
>0 dBm	± 0.5 dB	± 0.7 dB	± 1 dB
>-50 dBm	± 0.85 dB	± 1 dB	± 1.5 dB
>-127 dBm	± 0.85 dB	± 1 dB	-

Temperature stability dB/°C

	0.005	0.01	0.02

In Digital or Vector Mode:
At a temperature of 22°C $\pm 5^\circ$ C
<2 GHz ± 1.5 dB
<2.7 GHz ± 2 dB
Temperature coefficient : <0.04 dB/°C

VSWR
For output levels less than 0 dBm:
<2.2 GHz <1.25:1 (19.1 dB return loss)
<2.7 GHz <1.4:1 (15.6 dB return loss)
<5.4 GHz <1.5:1 (14 dB return loss)

Spectral Purity

At RF levels up to +7 dBm in CW and analog modulation modes:

Harmonics	≤ 1 GHz	1 GHz to 1.35 GHz	>1.35 GHz
2050 & 2051	<-30 dBc	<-27 dBc	<-27 dBc
2052	<-30 dBc	<-27 dBc	<-25 dBc

Sub-Harmonics
< -90 dBc to 1.35 GHz, < -40 dBc to 2.3 GHz, < -30 dBc to 5.4 GHz.

Non-Harmonics
< -70 dBc at offsets from the carrier frequency of 3 kHz or greater.

Residual FM
Less than 7 Hz RMS deviation in a 300 Hz to 3.4 kHz unweighted bandwidth at 470 MHz.

SSB phase noise
Less than -116 dBc/Hz (typically -122 dBc/Hz) at an offset of 20 kHz from a carrier frequency of 470 MHz.

RF Leakage
Less than 0.5 μ V PD at the carrier frequency in a two turn 25 mm loop, 25 mm or more from any part of the case.

FM on AM
Typically less than 100 Hz for 30% AM depth at a modulation frequency of 1 kHz and a carrier frequency of 500 MHz.

Φ M on AM
Typically less than 0.1 radians at a carrier frequency

of 500 MHz for 30% AM depth for modulation rates up to 10 kHz.

In digital and vector modes of operation:
Modulation is generated by converting a 120 MHz, 132 MHz, 160 MHz or 176 MHz intermediate frequency (IF) to the required carrier frequency. Additional signals are present at the local oscillator frequency, image frequency and frequencies equivalent to the harmonics of the IF mixed with the local oscillator.

Phase noise
In vector mode: As analog modulation and CW modes.
In digital mode: As analog modulation modes for offsets >100 kHz ; < -108 dBc/Hz at 20 kHz offset from a 1 GHz carrier.

Modulation Modes

Six modulation modes are available:

Single
FM, Wideband FM, Φ M, AM or pulse (optional).

Dual
Two independent channels of differing modulation type (e.g. AM with FM).

Composite
Two independent channels of the same modulation type (e.g. FM1 with FM2).

Dual composite
A combination of Dual and Composite modes providing four independent channels (e.g. AM1 with AM2 and FM1 with FM2).

Vector
Provides IQ modulation facility.

Digital
Accepts digital inputs and converts the signal to QAM, PSK , GMSK or FSK formats.

Frequency Modulation

Deviation
Peak deviation from 0 to 1 MHz for carrier frequencies up to 21.09375 MHz. Peak deviation from 0 to 1% of carrier frequency above 21.09375 MHz.

Selection
By keyboard entry of data.
Variation by $\uparrow\downarrow$ keys and by rotary control.

Indication
3 digits with annunciators.

Displayed Resolution
1 Hz or 1 least significant digit, whichever is greater.

Accuracy at 1 kHz
 $\pm 5\%$ of indication ± 10 Hz excluding residual FM.

Bandwidth (1 dB)
DC to 300 kHz (DC coupled).
10 Hz to 300 kHz (AC coupled).
Input is capable of accepting external sources of FSK signals. Typical 3 dB bandwidth is >1 MHz.

Group delay
Less than 1 μ s from 3 kHz to 500 kHz.

Carrier Frequency Offset
In DC FM less than $\pm (1 \text{ Hz} + 0.1\%$ of set deviation) after using DC FM nulling facility.

Distortion
Using external modulation without ALC: Less than 3% at maximum deviation for modulation frequencies up to 20 kHz. Less than 0.3% at 10% of maximum deviation for modulation frequencies up to 20 kHz.

Modulation source
Internal LF generator or external via front panel sockets.

Wideband FM

Deviation
As FM.

Indication
3 digits with annunciators.

Selection
By keyboard entry of data. The sensitivity is controlled in 3 dB steps and the display will indicate the nearest value of deviation to that requested.

Input level
1.414 V peak (1 V RMS sine wave) to achieve

indicated deviation.

Accuracy

As FM.

3 dB Bandwidth

Typically 10 MHz (DC or AC coupled).

Group Delay

Less than 0.5 ms from 3 kHz to 10 MHz.

Modulation Source

External via rear panel socket (50 Ω impedance).

Phase Modulation

Deviation

0 to 10 radians.

Selection

By keyboard entry of data.
Variation by up/down keys (or \uparrow/\downarrow) and by rotary control.

Indication

3 digits with annunciators.

Resolution

0.01 radians.

Accuracy at 1 kHz

$\pm 5\%$ of indicated deviation excluding residual phase modulation.

3 dB Bandwidth

100 Hz to 10 kHz.

Distortion

Less than 3% at maximum deviation at 1 kHz modulation rate.

Modulation Source

Internal LF generator or external via front panel sockets.

Amplitude Modulation

For carrier frequencies up to 1 GHz.

Range

0 to 99.9%.

Selection

By keyboard entry of data.
Variation by up/down keys (or \uparrow/\downarrow) and by rotary control.

Indication

3 digits with annunciator.

Resolution

0.1%.

Accuracy

$\pm 4\%$ of setting $\pm 1\%$.

1 dB Bandwidth

With modulation ALC off; DC to 30 kHz in DC coupled mode and 10 Hz to 30 kHz in AC coupled mode.

Typical modulation bandwidth exceeds 50 kHz.

Distortion

For a modulation rate of 1 kHz: Less than 1% total harmonic distortion for depths up to 30%, less than 3% total harmonic distortion for depths up to 80%.

Modulation source

Internal LF generator or external via front panel connectors.

Digital Modulation

In digital mode the instrument can be used over the carrier frequency range 10 MHz to 1.35/2.7 GHz and accepts internal or external data to modulate the RF output. The modulation can be applied in common digital formats and the channel filter characteristics specified.

Internal Data

All 0's, 1's or selectable PN 2 to 7, 9, 10, 11 or 15 PRBS sequence.
Note with GSM selected PRBS is limited to PN9 & 15. All 0's and all 1's are available.

External data

Accepts data as a serial input or parallel input from a 25 way auxiliary D Type connector on the rear panel. Accepts symbols containing 1 to 8 data bits with internally or externally generated clock sources. All inputs and outputs are TTL/CMOS logic compatible.
Note, in GSM mode, external data must be supplied as 8 bit parallel.

Symbol Rate

Mod Type	min sym/s	max sym/s	Filter
PSK, QAM	1900	34000	Nyquist/Root Nyquist

PSK, QAM	1900	25000	Gaussian
FSK,	1900	25000	Nyquist/Root Nyquist
FSK, GMSK	512	25000	Gaussian
OQPSK	1900	16000	All filters

Symbol source can be internal or external, internal symbol rate is adjustable in steps of 0.1 symbols/s. Symbol rate must be within 2% of external symbol rate to maintain modulation accuracy.

Generic Modulation types

Can select PSK, Differential PSK, Differential Phase Offset PSK (i.e. $\pi/4$ DQPSK), Time Offset QPSK, QAM, GMSK and FSK. The number of bits per symbol can be selected from 2 to 8 for QAM, 1 to 3 for PSK and 1 or 2 for FSK systems.

RF Channel Filters

Root raised cosine, raised cosine or Gaussian. Filter bandwidth can be selected as follows: Raised cosine or root raised cosine for α from 0.2 to 0.8 in 0.01 steps. Gaussian 3 dB bandwidth from 0.4 of the symbol rate (0.2 of symbol rate as IQ baseband filter) up to a maximum of 22.6 kHz.

Pre-defined Modulation Types

The following can be selected:

Mod Type	System
$\pi/4$ DQPSK	NADC (DAMPS), PDC (JDC), TETRA, TFTS, APC025
GMSK	GSM, Mobitex, CDPD, MC9, DSRR, MD24-192N/W, Modacom
OQPSK	Inmarsat M
FSK	POCSAG, CITYRUF
4FSK	ERMES, APC025
8DPSK	VDR (VDL)

Modulation Accuracy

At the decision points with the envelope input at 1 V or disabled and filter above 0.25 for raised cosine filters and 0.3 for root raised cosine filters:

- PSK & QAM <1.5% RMS vector error
- NADC, PDC <1% RMS vector error (EIA, RCR 27A method)
- GSM & CDPD <3° RMS phase error (typical)

FSK/GMSK

Frequency deviation can be set with 1 Hz resolution across the range 100 Hz to 20 kHz.
Accuracy: <1% of set deviation.

Modulation errors

Modulation errors can be added to simulate:
IQ skew from 0 to $\pm 20^\circ$ in 0.1° steps
IQ imbalance from 0 to ± 10 dB in 0.1 dB steps
Carrier leak from 0 to 10% in 0.1% steps
Range of errors allowed is limited by the peak envelope power.
Note: modulation errors are not available in either GSM or OQPSK modes.

IQ Outputs

Baseband IQ output signals available on the front panel at a level of 0.5 V p.d. nominal into 50 Ω .

Burst control

Available on the rear panel D Type connector. A logic 1 on the burst control turns the RF on over a time interval corresponding to 3 data symbols.
Propagation delay is matched to the data path delay.
Can be used with the Envelope input.

ON/OFF Ratio

Greater than 80 dB.

Vector Modulation

Provides for IQ modulation of the carrier output from an external source for carrier frequencies of 10 MHz to 1.35/2.7 GHz.

Carrier Leakage and SSB Image Rejection

Following self-calibration, the RF carrier leakage and SSB image rejection are typically 50 dB.

Vector inputs

IQ inputs on the front panel. The RF level requested is obtained with 0.5 V DC applied to one of the inputs. Input impedance is selectable between 50 Ω and 300 Ω .

DC Vector accuracy

For carrier frequencies up to 2 GHz:
 $\pm 1\%$ amplitude of FS.
 $\pm 1^\circ$ at FS.
For carrier frequencies above 2 GHz:
 $\pm 1.5\%$ amplitude of FS.
 $\pm 1.5^\circ$ at FS.

Vector bandwidth

± 0.5 dB wrt DC for modulation frequencies up to

3 MHz.

± 1 dB wrt DC for modulation frequencies up to 10 MHz and carrier frequencies up to 2 GHz.
 ± 1.3 dB wrt DC for carrier frequencies up to 2.7 GHz.

IQ Modulation Calibration

The signal generator can calibrate the IQ modulator automatically. After a 0.5 hour warm up period the calibration remains valid for at least 3 hours over a temperature range of $\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$. The instrument displays a warning if the calibration validity time or temperature range has been exceeded. Calibration is valid for both digital and vector modes.

Fading Simulation

Rayleigh and Rician fading can be simulated in both Vector and Digital modulation modes. Doppler speed can be entered from 0 to 200 Hz with a maximum ratio of 2:1 between direct and scattered speed. Path ratio can be set to ± 50 dB.
Note: Fading is not available in either GSM or OQPSK modes.

Envelope Control

The RF level can be varied by applying a control voltage to the envelope input in digital and vector modes. The input may be used to shape the rise and fall of an RF burst and simulate the effect of varying RF levels being received from mobiles in TDMA systems. Applying 1 V gives the set RF level and 0 V suppresses the carrier.

Linear range

Greater than 30 dB.
Linearity typically better than 0.5 dB at -20 dBV (100 mV input).

ON/OFF ratio

Greater than 80 dB.

Envelope delay

< 10 μs , typically 6 μs .

Rise/fall time

Less than 13 μs to -70 dBc.

IF Output

An IF output is available on the rear panel which is modulated by the selected digital or vector modulation. The IF output can be inhibited by software control. The IF output can be used to provide modulated carriers at higher frequencies by external frequency conversion. The RF output from the front panel connector can be used as an LO for external frequency conversion.

Modulation Oscillator

Frequency range

0.1 Hz to 500 kHz.

Selection

By keyboard entry of data.
Variation by \uparrow/\downarrow keys and by rotary control.

Indication

7 digits with annunciators.

Resolution

0.1 Hz.

Frequency accuracy

As frequency standard.

Distortion

Less than 0.1% THD in sine wave mode at frequencies up to 20 kHz.

Alternative waveform

A triangular wave is available in addition to the sine wave for frequencies up to 100 kHz.

Signaling tones

The modulation oscillator can be used to generate sequential (up to 16 tones) or sub-audible signaling tones in accordance with EIA, ZVEI, DZVEI, CCIR, EURO 1, EEA, NATAL and DTMF* standards.
Facilities are also available for creating and storing user defined tone systems.
* Requires second modulation oscillator (option 001) to be fitted.

External Modulation

Two independent inputs on the front panel with BNC connectors, EXT MOD 1 and EXT MOD 2. The modulation is calibrated with 1.414 V peak (1 V RMS sine wave) applied. Input impedance 100 k Ω nominal.

Modulation ALC

The EXT MOD 1 and EXT MOD 2 modulation inputs can be levelled by an ALC system.

