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Keysight
M9391A PXIe
Vector
Signal Analyzer



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CAUTION

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A WARNING notice denotes a hazard. It calls attention to an operating procedure, practice, or the like that, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in personal injury or death. Do not proceed beyond a WARNING notice until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.

The following safety precautions should be observed before using this product and any associated instrumentation.

This product is intended for use by qualified personnel who recognize shock hazards and are familiar with the

safety precautions required to avoid possible injury. Read and follow all installation, operation, and maintenance information carefully before using the product.

WARNING

If this product is not used as specified, the protection provided by the equipment could be impaired. This product must be used in a normal condition (in which all means for protection are intact) only.

The types of product users are:

- Responsible body is the individual or group responsible for the use and maintenance of equipment, for ensuring that the equipment is operated within its specifications and operating limits, and for ensuring operators are adequately trained.
- Operators use the product for its intended function. They must be trained in electrical safety procedures and proper use of the instrument. They must be protected from electric shock and contact with hazardous live circuits.
- Maintenance personnel perform routine procedures on the product to keep it operating properly (for example, setting the line voltage or replacing consumable materials). Maintenance procedures are described in the user documentation. The procedures explicitly state if the operator may perform them. Otherwise, they should be performed only by service personnel.
- Service personnel are trained to work on live circuits, perform safe installations, and repair products. Only properly trained service personnel may perform installation and service procedures.

WARNING

Operator is responsible to maintain safe operating conditions. To ensure safe operating conditions, modules should not be operated beyond the full temperature range specified in the Environmental and physical specification. Exceeding safe operating conditions can result in shorter lifespans, improper module performance and user safety issues.

When the modules are in use and operation within the specified full temperature range is not maintained, module surface temperatures may exceed safe handling conditions which can cause discomfort or burns if touched. In the event of a module exceeding the full temperature range, always allow the module to cool before touching or removing modules from chassis.

Keysight products are designed for use with electrical signals that are rated Measurement Category I and Measurement Category II, as described in the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Standard IEC 60664. Most measurement, control, and data I/O signals are Measurement Category I and must not be directly connected to mains voltage or to voltage sources with high transient over-voltages. Measurement Category II connections require protection for high transient over-voltages often associated with local AC mains connections. Assume all measurement, control, and data I/O connections are for connection to Category I sources unless otherwise marked or described in the user documentation.

Exercise extreme caution when a shock hazard is present. Lethal voltage may be present on cable connector jacks or test fixtures. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) states that a shock hazard exists when voltage levels greater than 30V RMS, 42.4V peak, or 60VDC are present. A good safety practice is to expect that hazardous voltage is present in any unknown circuit before measuring.

Operators of this product must be protected from electric shock at all times. The responsible body must ensure that operators are prevented access and/or insulated from every connection point. In some cases, connections must be exposed to potential human contact. Product operators in these circumstances must be trained to protect themselves from the risk of electric shock. If the circuit is capable of operating at or above 1000V, no conductive part of the circuit may be exposed.

Do not connect switching cards directly to unlimited power circuits. They are intended to be used with impedance-limited sources. NEVER connect switching cards directly to AC mains. When connecting sources to switching cards, install protective devices to limit fault current and voltage to the card.

Before operating an instrument, ensure that the line cord is connected to a properly-grounded power receptacle. Inspect the connecting cables, test leads, and jumpers for possible wear, cracks, or breaks before each use.

When installing equipment where access to the main power cord is restricted, such as rack mounting, a separate main input power disconnect device must be provided in close proximity to the equipment and within easy reach of the operator.

For maximum safety, do not touch the product, test cables, or any other instruments while power is applied to the circuit under test. ALWAYS remove power from the entire test system and discharge any capacitors before: connecting or disconnecting cables or jumpers, installing or removing switching cards, or making internal changes, such as installing or removing jumpers.

Do not touch any object that could provide a current path to the common side of the circuit under test or power line (earth) ground. Always make measurements with dry hands while standing on a dry, insulated surface capable of withstanding the voltage being measured.

The instrument and accessories must be used in accordance with its specifications and operating instructions, or the safety of the equipment may be impaired.

Do not exceed the maximum signal levels of the instruments and accessories, as defined in the specifications and operating information, and as shown on the instrument or test fixture panels, or switching card.

When fuses are used in a product, replace with the same type and rating

for continued protection against fire hazard.

Chassis connections must only be used as shield connections for measuring circuits, NOT as safety earth ground connections.

If you are using a test fixture, keep the lid closed while power is applied to the device under test. Safe operation requires the use of a lid interlock.

Instrumentation and accessories shall not be connected to humans.

Before performing any maintenance, disconnect the line cord and all test cables.

To maintain protection from electric shock and fire, replacement components in mains circuits – including the power transformer, test leads, and input jacks – must be purchased from Keysight. Standard fuses with applicable national safety approvals may be used if the rating and type are the same. Other components that are not safety-related may be purchased from other suppliers as long as they are equivalent to the original component (note that selected parts should be purchased only through Keysight to maintain accuracy and functionality of the product). If you are unsure about the applicability of a replacement component, call an Keysight office for information.

WARNING

No operator serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified personnel. To prevent electrical shock do not remove covers. For continued protection against fire hazard, replace fuse with same type and rating.

PRODUCT MARKINGS:



The CE mark is a registered trademark of the European Community.



Australian Communication and Media Authority mark to indicate regulatory compliance as a registered supplier.



This symbol indicates product compliance with the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Standard (ICES-001). It also identifies the product is an Industrial Scientific and Medical Group 1 Class A product (CISPR 11, Clause 4).



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This symbol indicates the instrument is sensitive to electrostatic discharge (ESD). ESD can damage the highly sensitive components in your instrument. ESD damage is most likely to occur as the module is being installed or when cables are connected or disconnected. Protect the circuits from ESD damage by wearing a grounding strap that provides a high resistance path to ground. Alternatively, ground yourself to discharge any built-up static charge by touching the outer shell of any grounded instrument chassis before touching the port connectors.



This symbol on an instrument means caution, risk of danger. You should refer to the operating instructions located in the user documentation in all cases where the symbol is marked on the instrument.



This symbol indicates the time period during which no hazardous or toxic substance elements are expected to leak or deteriorate during normal use. Forty years is the expected useful life of the product.

CLEANING PRECAUTIONS:

WARNING

To prevent electrical shock, disconnect the Keysight Technologies instrument from mains before cleaning. Use a dry cloth or one slightly dampened with water to clean the external case parts. Do not attempt to clean internally. To clean the connectors, use alcohol in a well-ventilated area. Allow all residual alcohol moisture to evaporate, and the fumes to dissipate prior to energizing the instrument.

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Version 2.1

Version 2.1.221.0

Release Date: July 2015

Enhancements

- Added support for eight PXI VSAs in two chassis sharing a single controller. The following configurations are supported:
 - Time-synchronous multi-channel operations using independent Local Oscillators (LOs).
 - Time-synchronous and phase coherent multi-channel operations using output from a single LO routed through a V2802A LO Distribution Network to split the signal to the eight channels.
- Improved multi-channel timing synchronization performance.

Critical Fixes

- Several calibration and alignment fixes to correct timing and phase errors in multi-channel operations.

Version 2.0

Version 2.0.279.0

Release Date: May 2015

Enhancements

- Updated help file, added IVI-2014 Compliance, rebranded as Keysight Technologies.
- Added support for a maximum of 4 PXI VSAs in a single chassis sharing a single controller.
- Improved multichannel timing synchronization performance.

- Added phase synchronous operation via M9301A Synthesizer sharing capability, along with new IVI method and properties:
 - Calibration2.LOLevelAlignment.AlignLoLevel
 - Modulation3.BasebandPhase adjustment
 - Modules.Synthesizer3.SharedRole
 - Modules.Synthesizer.OutputPort
- Added Reference3.AlignExternalReferenceAnd10MHzOut method to align phase of the 10 MHz Output with the External Reference input.

Critical Fixes

- Fix to enable using Modules.Reference.ProgrammableOutputTrigger properties when sharing M9300A Reference between multiple instruments.

Version 1.2

Version 1.2.403.0

Release Date: August 2014

Enhancements

- Added support for 89600 VSA Software stepped spectrum measurement (Option 89601B-SSA).
- Added MultiChannelSync IVI interface and MultiChannel C# example to enable direct utilization of multi-channel capability. Previous 1.1.300.0 release offered multi-channel support via 89600 VSA software only.
- Improved speed performance.
- Eliminated AgModularVSA IVI interface. All functionality is now accessed directly via the AgM9391 interface.
- M9214A FPGA 1.0.2.3 available – Optional, not currently required for any new software features.
- M9300A FPGA 1.0.1.0 available – Optional, not currently required for any new software features.

Critical Fixes

- Fix enabling Modules.Reference.ProgrammableOutputTrigger properties to take effect.
- Fixed issue causing a ReadIQData() exception after running an IF Flatness alignment.

NOTE

This release is not binary compatible with prior releases of the IVI-C driver. Programs using the C/C++ IVI-C driver must be recompiled for this version of the driver. Similarly, programs compiled with this

version of the driver will not be compatible with older versions of the IVI-C driver. This incompatibility is due to renumbering of attribute constants defined in the AgM9391.h include file.

NOTE

M9300A-related documentation is available only after installing the M938x software, available at www.agilent.com/find/M9381A-driver. (When you run the M938x installer, you may install only the M9300A-related files if you wish.)

Version 1.2.417.1

Release Date: January 2014

Enhancements

Features added for 89600 VSA Software power spectrum measurements (Option 89601B-SSA):

- Zero span measurements (power vs time)
- Sweep trigger
- IF Magnitude trigger (for gating and sweep trigger)
- Equivalent sweep time
- Enable higher Span/RBW ratios when using a 64 bit process
- Support M9000 resource manager sharing with multi-channel configurations

Critical Fixes

- Fixture Loss table is disabled but tables are no longer cleared by `ResetDefaultProperties()` or `Reset()`.
- Fix to enable IF Filter alignment even when M9300A Reference module is not located in the system timing slot.

Version 1.1

Version 1.1.300.0

Release Date: October 2013

Enhancements

- Added multi-channel support via 89600 VSA software
- Added FFT Acquisition Mode for faster power measurements

Critical Fixes

- Fixes to improve Fixture Loss performance
- Fixes IVI Config Store to remember options and "simulate" mode

- Improved IF flatness calibration



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