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The Boonton Model 4500B is the instrument of choice for capturing, displaying, analyzing and characterizing RF power in both the time and statistical domains. Applications include pulsed RF such as RADAR, TDMA and GSM, pseudorandom or noise-like signals such as CDMA and WLAN and modulated time slotted signals such as GSM-EDGE and TD-SCDMA.

The 4500B features 100 psec timebase resolution, video bandwidth greater than 50 MHz (sensor dependent), flexible triggering and greater than 80 dB dynamic range (sensor dependent) without any range switching to cover the most demanding peak power measurement applications. The 4500B also features continuous statistical analysis of power (optional) at acquisition rates up to 25 MSa/s, a text display of up to 15 automatic measurements per channel as well as envelope and persistence views to provide fast in-depth signal analysis. Convenient I/O including USB ports for storing data such as instrument setups, trace waveforms and bitmap image files.

FEATURES

- 8.4" TFT color LCD display
- Displays up to 4 measurement channels, 2 memory channels and 1 math channel simultaneously
- Automatic peak-to-peak, delay-by-time and delay-by-events triggering
- Statistical analysis including gated CCDF and PDF with linear or log presentation (optional)
- Text view of up to 15 time and power measurements per channel
- Envelope, persistence and roll mode displays
- GPIB, USB and LAN
- Peak Power Sensors available with high video bandwidth, fast risetime, and wide dynamic range



High Bandwidth Sensors

Peak power sensors are available, some with video band-width greater than 50 MHz and risetimes less than 7 nsec

Dual Trigger System

Internal and external trigger with auto peak-to-peak and B trigger delay by time or events qualifier

Large Display

View multiple channels and measurements on the 8.4" color TFT display

Wide Dynamic Range

Peak power sensors are available up to 40 GHz, some with 80 dB dynamic range

Powerful Automatic Measurements

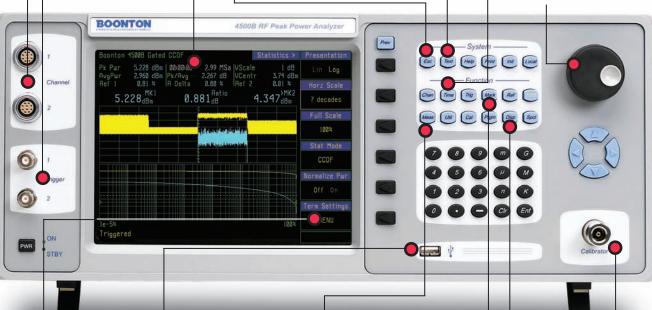
One button text key automatically displays up to 15 power and time measurements per channel

Superior Time Capture

View signals from 5 nsec/div to 1 hr/div with 100 psec resolution

Interactive Control

Most settings can be selected and updated interactively with instant visual feedback



Intuitive User

Easy to navigate, soft menu driven

Interface

Convenient I/O

Windows based connectivity such as USB for data storage directly to a flash drive

Precise Measurements

Markers and time gates allow for the analysis of specific portions of a waveform

Fast Data Analysis

Statistical displays of PDF, CDF and CCDF including time-gated analysis (optional)

Accurate Auto-Calibration

Precision 1 GHz RF step calibrator for superior linearity and absolute level accuracy

Clear Views

Persistence, envelope and roll mode displays aid visual analysis

Superior Time Capture

The Boonton 4500B features a large 8.4" diagonal TFT color LCD, 640 x 480 pixels, with CCFL backlight for a clear view of up to two live RF channels, two live trigger channels, two stored memory channels and one live math channel simultaneously.

The need to clearly view multiple channels can be invaluable in many applications. The large color display in the 4500B is especially well suited for multiple channel applications. User selectable colors are used to distinguish overlapping traces and to color correlate graphical channel data with its measurements. For example, if the color of the channel 1 is yellow, then the measurements calculated on channel 1 are also yellow. The traces and measurements are clearly marked and color correlated.

The 4500B gives the user the flexibility to customize the display by allowing them to select the measurements or specific parametric settings and measurement indicators they wish to display. These measurements can be grouped to avoid clutter.

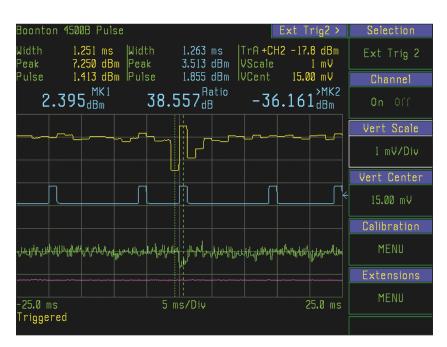


Figure 1: Analysis of CDMA Pulse Train with RF and Trigger Channels Updating Simultaneously

Unique Trigger System

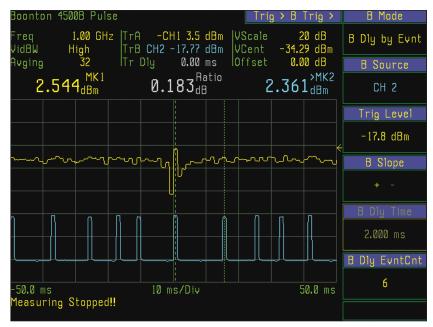


Figure 2: Qualify the Trigger on a Specific Event in CDMA pulse train

The 4500B features a unique trigger qualifier that allows a user to qualify the trigger on a specific event or a specific delay time allowing a user-selected pulse to be captured, even when its timing is variable. Modern communications signals typically have long frames of data and it is often important to lock a peak power acquisition to a specific time slot or to a specific event within a group. The B trigger qualifier eliminates problematic synchronization issues associated with time jitter within pulse bursts that are often found in UWB and RADAR applications. This qualifier may be set up to 999,999 events or up to 1 second.

Automatic Analysis

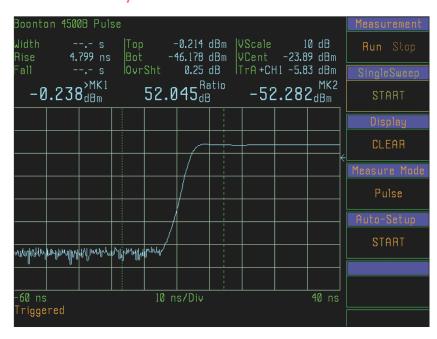


Figure 3: Pulsed RF including width, rise time and fall time measurements

The 4500B provides power-versus-time waveform analysis of repetitive RF signals. Applications include TDMA and GSM, as well as RF amplifier linearity testing, RADAR, satcom, and avionics. The timebase extends to 5 nsec/div and the logarithmic power display will show more than 80 dB dynamic ranges at the same time.

Peak power sensors are available that feature <7 nsec risetime (typical video bandwidth up to 65 MHz) and dynamic range of 70 dB (pulse mode) or 80 dB (modulated mode). These sensors have been optimized for use with the 4500B and are ideal for measuring RADAR or signals in 3G and future 4G wireless systems that use complex modulation such as OFDM.

Two adjustable markers can read the power at any point across the waveform. In addition, the markers can be used to define the portion of the waveform in which the maximum power, minimum power, long term average power and peak to average ratios are measured. This is especially useful for characterizing the power level over a portion of the top of a pulse. An auto measure function measures and calculates 15 common power and timing parameters. All parameters for up to four active channels are summarized in a Text display and are also available as user defined display parameters above the Graph display.

Powerful Statistical Analysis

The 4500B features optional probability density functions (PDF) and cumulative distribution functions (CDF, CCDF) to accurately characterize noise-like RF such as CDMA, HDTV and WLAN. These statistical functions build and analyze a very large population of power samples continuously at a rate of up to 25 MHz or triggered up to 50 MHz on two channels simultaneously. These functions are fast, accurate and allow the measurement of very infrequent power peaks for a user-defined population size or acquisition interval. Although the programmable acquisition time can be very long or continuous, even short runs can resolve very low probabilities, due to the extremely high sample throughput.

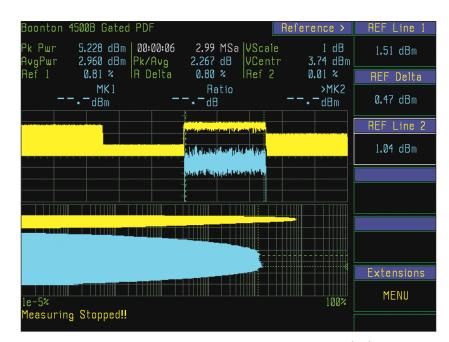


Figure 4: Analyze CDMA timeslots with time gated probability density function (PDF)

Sensor Inputs (specifications sensor model dependent)

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RF Frequency Range	1 MHz to 40 GHz
Pulse Measurement Range	-50 to +20 dBm
Modulated Measurement R	ange -60 to +20 dBm
Relative Offset Range	±100.00 dB
Logarithmic Vertical Scale	0.1 to 50 dBm/div
	in 1-2-5 sequence
	0.1 to 50 dBV/div
	in 1-2-5 sequence
	0.1 to 50 dBmV/div
	in 1-2-5 sequence
	0.1 to 50 dBuV/div
	in 1-2-5 sequence
Linear Vertical Scale 1	nW/div to 50 MW/div
	in 1-2-5 sequence
	1 mV/div to 50 kV/div
	in 1-2-5 sequence
Rise Time	<3 nsec
Single-Shot Bandwidth	5 MHz (based on 10
	samples per pulse)
Pulse Repetition Rate	50 MHz max
Minimum Pulse Width	6 nsec

Time Base

Time Base Range	5 nsec/div to 1 hr/div
Time Base Accuracy	0.01%
Time Base Resolution	100 psec
Time Base Display	Sweeping or roll mode

Statistical X-Axis (optional)

Scale	Linear or logarithmic, 1 to 7 cycles
Linear Ranges	0.1%/div to 10%/div
Linear Offset	0 to 99.9%, 0.1% resolution
Log Range	1e-9% to 100%

Calibration Source

Operating Modes	CW, internal pulse or
	external pulse
Frequency	1.024 GHz ± 0.01%
Level Range	-50 to +20 dBm
Resolution	0.1 dB
Output VSWR	1.20 maximum
Absolute Accuracy	±0.065 dB (±1.5%) at 0 dBm
Accuracy vs Level	add ±0.03 dB per 5 dB
•	increment from 0 dBm
Preset Internal Pulse	Period 0.1 or 1 or 10 msec
Preset Internal Pulse	Duty Cycle 10% to 90% in
	10% increments
Variable Pulse On Tir	
	in 1 usec steps
Variable Pulse Period	
	in 2 usec steps
	Off-time limits - within 7
	usec to 65.535 msec
Pulse Polarity	+ 0r -
RF Connector	Precision type N
External Pulse Input	Rear panel BNC,
External Fuise Imput	TTL level compatible
Auto-Calibration	The calibrator is used to
Auto-Calibration	
	automatically generate
	linearity calibration data for
	peak power sensors.

Measurement System

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Sensor Inputs	One or two sensor
	measurement channels.
Measurement Technique	e Random repetitive
	sampling system that
pro	ovides pre and post trigger
	data as well as statistical
	histogram accumulation.
Maximum Sampling Ra	te 50 Mega-samples/
	second on up to four
	channels simultaneously.
	(Equivalent effective
	sampling rate of
	10 Giga-samples/second)
Memory Depth	256K samples per channel
	at max sampling rate
Vertical Resolution	14-bit A/D Converter
Waveform Averaging	1 to 16,384 samples
	per data point
	ime domain measurement)
Number of Histogram B	
Size of Sample Bins	32-bits
	(4,000 mega-samples)
Bin Power Resolution	<0.02 dB

Statistical Acquisition (optional)

Modes	Continuous or gated by pulse mode
	time markers
Sampling Rate	e 25 Mega-samples/second on
	2 channels simultaneously.
Limit Count	Adjustable, 2 – 4096 Megasamples
Limit Time	`3600 seconds
	(appr. 2.5 min. at full sample rate)
Terminal Action	on Stop, flush and restart or
	decimate performance

System Displays

Display Type	Power versus time (pulse mode)
Powe	er versus time (modulated mode)
External	trigger versus time (pulse mode)
	Auto-measure text (all modes)
	Help text (all modes)
	Reports (sensors, configuration,
calibra	or, files, stored waveforms, GPIB
	commands, GPIB buffers)
Statistical Display	Type (optional) Cumulative
	Distribution
	Function (CDF)
	Complementary Cumulative
	Distribution Function (CCDF)
	Split screen, gated CCDF and
	power versus time
	(pulse mode,CCDF)
I	Distribution function (histogram)
	External trigger statistical
	(statistical mode)
	Auto-measure text
	(statistical mode)

Trigger

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Trigger Source	Channel 1 (internal) Channel 2 (internal,
	with optional channel 2)
	External trigger 1
	External trigger 2
	(with optional channel 2)
Trigger Slope	+ or -
Trigger Delay Range	Time base setting
	Delay range; pre trig(-),
	post trig(+)
	5 nsec to 500 nsec
	-4 msec to +100 msec
	1 usec to 10 msec
	±4000 divisions
	20 msec to 3600 sec
	-40 to +100 sec
Trigger Delay Resolution	0.02 divisions
Trigger Hold-off Range	0.0 - 1.0 sec
Trigger Hold-off Resolut	ion 10 nsec
Trigger Mode	Normal, auto, auto
	peak-to-peak, free Run
B Trigger Mode	A only, B delay-by-time,
	B delay-by-events specs
B Trigger Source	Chan 1, chan 2,
	ext trig 1, ext trig 2
B Trigger Slope	+ or -
B Trigger Events Counte	r Range 1 to 999,999
	events
B Trigger Time Delay Rai	nge 0.0 – 1.0 sec
B Trigger Time Delay Res	
Internal Trigger Level Ra	
33	(sensor-dependent)
External Trigger Level Ra	
External Trigger Input	1M or 50 ohm,
. 55 - 16-2-4	DC Coupled
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Pulse and Modulated Mode Marker Measurements

Markers (Vertical Curso	rs) Settable in time
Warkers (vertical curso	relative to the
	trigger position
Marker Independently	Power at specified time
Pair of Marker:	Power at two specified
	times with ratio or average
	power between them.
Th	e minimum and maximum
р	ower between the markers
	and the ratio or average
	power between them.
The	average power, peak power
	(hold) and peak-to average
	power ratio between
	the markers.
Lines (Horizontal Curso	rs) Settable in power
Automatic Tracking	Intersection of either
	marker and the waveform.
Eith	er marker and pulse distal,
	mesial or proximal levels.

Statistical Mode Marker Measurements (optional)

Markers (Vertical Cursors) Settable in percent (distribution functions) Each Marker Independently Power at specified percent Pair of Markers Power ratio at two specified percents. Statistical analysis between markers (using triggered statistical mode) Ref Lines (Horizontal Cursors) Settable in power **Automatic Tracking** Set to track the intersection of either marker and the distribution function measure percent probability at a defined power level.

Pulse Mode Automatic Measurements

Power Versus Time (Pulse) Mode Pulse width Pulse rise-time Pulse fall-time Pulse period Pulse repetition frequency Pulse duty cycle Pulse off-time Peak power Pulse power Percent overshoot Average power Top level power Bottom level power Pulse edge skew between channels Edge delay

Statistical Mode Automatic Measurements (optional)

Statistical Mode

Peak power
Average power
Minimum power
Peak to average ratio
Dynamic range
Power at markers
(absolute or normalized)
Percent at reference lines
Total time (indicated)
Total number of samples
(indicated)

Waveform Storage

Storage Locations Waveforms and distribution functions can be saved to and recalled from internal storage locations and removable file-based memory devices.

External Interfaces

GPIB Programmable interface; complies with SCPI ver. 1990
RS-232C Interface 1 Serial printer/plotter interface
RS-232C Interface 2 Diagnostic interface
USB General purpose i/o interface
LPT1 Parallel printer/plotter (Centronics type)
LAN Ethernet port.

Other Characteristics

Display	8.4" Diagonal TFT color LCD,
	640 x 480 pixels,
	With CCFL Backlight.
Main Computer	Pentium based architecture
Hard Disk	Internal EIDE 40 Gbytes
Acquisition Engine	32-bit Floating Point DSP in
	each installed channel
	CE Mark Compliance for
	use in the European Union
Operating Temperat	ure: 0 to 50° C
Power Requirements	90 to 260 VAC,
	47 to 63 Hz, 120W
Dimensions (HWD)	19" rack-mountable;
	7.0" x 17.5" x 19.5"
	(17.8 cm x 44.5 cm x 49.5 cm)
Weight	25 lbs (11.4 kg)

Efficient Design

Power factor corrected power supply and thermostatically controlled, dual-fan cooling system

Convenient I/O

Printer ports, external monitor, LAN and USB



Remote Control

GPIB with SCPI compliant command set and legacy support

Optional Inputs

Replace front panel inputs, optional trigger output

Ordering information

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4500B	RF Peak Power Analyzer,
	single channel, front panel inputs.
-01	Dual channel, front panel inputs
-02	Single channel, rear panel inputs
-03	Dual channel, rear panel inputs
-06	Trigger outputs (rear panel only)
-07	Calibrator, rear panel output
-10	Statistical package
	(includes gated CCDF and PDF)
-11	LAN remote control
-30	Warranty extended to 3 years



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