

Table 1-1. Specifications (1 of 5)

(All specifications apply over the nominal Frequency Bands and over the top 10 dB of the output level vernier range unless otherwise specified.)

**FREQUENCY CHARACTERISTICS**

**Range:** 500 kHz to 512 MHz in 10 Octave Bands (to 1024 MHz with External Frequency Doubler).

**Accuracy:** 6-digit LED display with X10 and X100 expand; accuracy depends on internal or external reference used.

**Bands and Band Overlap:** Bands extend 10% below and 7% above the nominal Frequency Bands shown below.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Total} \\ \text{Count} \\ \text{Accuracy} \end{array} \right] = {}^2 \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Counter} \\ \text{Resolution} \\ (\pm 1 \text{ count}) \end{array} \right] + \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Reference} \\ \text{Error} \\ (\text{INT or EXT}) \end{array} \right]$$

Internal Reference Error  $< \pm 2$  ppm  
(when calibrated at 25°C every 3 months and operated between 15°C and 35°C)

**Fine Tuning:**

Unlocked:  $> 200$  ppm total range.

Locked mode:  $> \pm 20$  ppm by varying internal time base vernier.

**Stability:**

Frequency Bands (MHz)	Frequency Range (MHz) (with overlap)
0.5 - 1	0.45 - 1.07
1 - 2	0.9 - 2.1
2 - 4	1.8 - 4.2
4 - 8	3.6 - 8.5
8 - 16	7.2 - 17.1
16 - 32	14.4 - 34.3
32 - 64	28.8 - 68.7
64 - 128	57.5 - 137.5
128 - 256	115 - 275
256 - 512	230 - 550
External Doubler Band <sup>1</sup> 512 - 1024	460 - 1100

	Normal	Locked <sup>3</sup>
<b>Time</b> (after 2-hour warm-up)	$< 10$ ppm/10 min	$< 0.05$ ppm/hr
<b>Temperature</b>	$< 50$ ppm/°C	$< 2$ ppm total <sup>4</sup> variation (room ambient 15 to 35°C)
<b>Line Voltage<sup>5</sup></b> (+5% to -10% line voltage change)	$< 1$ ppm	$< 0.1$ ppm
<b>Load</b> (with any passive load change)	$< 1$ ppm	None measurable
<b>Level Change</b> (10 dB on output level vernier)	$< 1$ ppm	
<b>Mode Change</b> (CW to FM)	$< 1\%$ of selected peak deviation or $< 200$ Hz whichever is greater	

**Internal Counter Resolution:**

Frequency Bands (MHz)	Normal Mode	Expand X10	Expand X100
<b>0.5 - 1</b>	10 Hz	1 Hz	0.1 Hz
<b>1 - 16</b>	100 Hz	10 Hz	1 Hz
<b>16 - 128</b>	1 kHz	100 Hz	10 Hz
<b>128 - 1024</b>	10 kHz	1 kHz	100 Hz

<sup>1</sup> In the External Doubler Band, the 8640B counter displays the actual doubled output frequency, and the FM meter indicates the proper peak deviation.  
<sup>2</sup> When phase locked, Counter Resolution error is eliminated.  
<sup>3</sup> These specifications are given for the 8640B internal reference. When using an external reference, drift in the locked mode will depend on the external reference characteristics.  
<sup>4</sup> Phase lock may break due to temperature change (i.e., during warm-up). Simply relock at desired frequency.  
<sup>5</sup> This specification is for short term, transient line changes.

Table 1-1. Specifications (2 of 5)

Restabilization Time:

**FREQUENCY CHARACTERISTICS (Cont'd)**

	Normal	Locked <sup>1</sup>
After frequency change	<15 min	<1 min after relocking to be within 0.1 ppm of steady-state frequency
After band change	None	
After 1 min in RF OFF Mode	<10 min	

**SPECTRAL PURITY**

**Harmonics:** (at 1 volt, +13 dBm, output range and below)

>35 dB below fundamental of 0.5 to 128 MHz.

>30 dB below fundamental of 128 to 512 MHz.

**Subharmonics and Nonharmonic Spurious:** (excluding frequencies within 15 kHz of carrier whose effects are specified in Residual AM and FM): >100 dB below carrier.

**Noise:** Averaged rms noise level below carrier stated in a 1 Hz bandwidth.

SSB Phase Noise at 20 kHz offset from carrier. (See Figures 1-2 and 1-3.)

256 MHz to 512 MHz: >130 dB from 230 to 450 MHz increasing linearly to >122 dB down at 550 MHz.

0.5 MHz to 256 MHz: Decreases approximately 6 dB for each divided frequency range until it reaches SSB Broadband Noise Floor of >140 dB.

SSB Broadband Noise Floor at maximum vernier greater than 500 kHz offset from carrier. (See Figures 1-2 and 1-3.)

0.5 to 512 MHz: >140 dB.

**Residual AM:** (Averaged rms)

Post-detection Noise Bandwidth	
300 Hz to 3 kHz	20 Hz to 15 kHz
>85 dB down	>78 dB down

**Residual FM:** (Averaged rms)

	CW and up to 1/8 maximum allowable peak deviation		Up to maximum allowable peak deviation	
Post-detection Noise Bandwidth	300 Hz to 3 kHz	20 Hz to 15 kHz	300 Hz to 3 kHz	20 Hz to 15 kHz
230 to 550 MHz	<5 Hz	<15 Hz	<15 Hz	<30 Hz

Note: Residual FM decreases by approximately 1/2 for each divided frequency range until limited by broadband noise floor. This limit for 300 Hz to 3 kHz is about 1 Hz, and for 20 Hz to 15 kHz is about 4 Hz. These are measured values in the 230 to 550 MHz range and calculated for divided ranges, knowing the noise distribution.

**OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS**

**Range:** 10 dB steps and 18 dB vernier provide output power settings from +19 to -145 dBm (2V to 0.013 μV) into 50Ω.

**Level Flatness:** <±0.5 dB from 0.5 to 512 MHz referred to output at 50 MHz. (Flatness applies to +13 to -7 dBm and for top 10 dB of vernier range.)

<sup>1</sup> These specifications are given for the 8640B internal reference. When using an external reference, drift in the locked mode will depend on the external reference characteristics.

Table 1-1. Specifications (3 of 5)

**OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS (Cont'd)**

**Impedance:** 50Ω, ac coupled, 40 Vdc maximum, VSWR <2.0 on 2V and 1V output ranges; <1.3 on all other ranges.

**Reverse Power:** 20 dBm maximum on 2V and 1V output ranges; 30 dBm maximum on all other ranges.

**Auxiliary Output:** Rear panel BNC output is >-5 dBm into 50Ω, source impedance is approximately 500Ω.

**Leakage:** (With all unused outputs terminated properly.) Leakage limits are below those specified in MIL-I-6181D. Furthermore, less than 3 μV is induced in a 2-turn, 1-inch diameter loop 1 inch away from any surface and measured into a 50Ω receiver. This permits receiver sensitivity measurements to at least <0.03 μV in a shielded system.

**Level Accuracy:**

Output Level (dBm)	Using Top 10 dB of Vernier Range			Using Full Vernier Range
	+19 to -7	-7 to -47	-47 to -137	+19 to -145
<b>Total Accuracy as Indicated on Level Meter</b>	±1.5 dB	±2.0 dB	±2.5 dB	Add ±0.5 dB

Note: Level Accuracy error consists of allowances for: meter accuracy, detector linearity, temperature, flatness, attenuator accuracy, and twice the measurement error. All but the attenuator accuracy and the measurement error can be calibrated out with a power meter at a fixed frequency and a fixed vernier setting.

**MODULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

**General**

**Types:** Internal AM and FM.  
External AM, FM, and PULSE.  
Simultaneous AM and FM or PULSE and FM.

**Internal Modulation Sources:** (independently adjustable output is available at front panel).

**Standard:**  
Frequency: Fixed 400 Hz and 1 kHz, ±2%.  
Output Level: Indicated 10 mV to 1 Vrms into 600Ω.

**Optional:** (Internal Variable Audio Oscillator Option 001).

Frequency: Variable 20 Hz to 600 kHz, ±10% in 5, decade continuous bands plus fixed 400 Hz and 1 kHz ±2%.

Output Level: 20 mV to 3V into 600Ω.

**Total Harmonic Distortion:**  
<0.25% 400 Hz and 1 kHz fixed tones  
<0.5% 20 Hz to 2 kHz  
<1.0% 2 kHz to 600 kHz

**Amplitude Modulation**

(AM specifications apply to the top 10 dB of output vernier range unless otherwise specified.)

**Depth:** 0 to 100% for output level range of +13 dBm and below and for top 10 dB of vernier range.<sup>1</sup>

**AM Rates:** INT and EXT ac; 20 Hz to AM 3 dB bandwidth below. EXT dc; dc to AM 3 dB bandwidth below.

**AM 3 dB Bandwidth:** (See Figure 1-4).

Frequency Bands	0 to 50% AM	50 to 90% AM
0.5 - 2 MHz	20 kHz	12.5 kHz
2 - 8 MHz	40 kHz	25 kHz
8 - 512 MHz	60 kHz	50 kHz

<sup>1</sup> AM is possible above +13 dBm as long as the combination of the AM depth plus carrier output level does not exceed +19 dBm.

Table 1-1. Specifications (4 of 5)

**MODULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Cont'd)**

**Amplitude Modulation (Cont'd)**

**AM Distortion:** (at 400 Hz and 1 kHz rates)

Frequency Bands	0 to 50% AM	50 to 90% AM
0.5 to 512 MHz	<1%	<3%

**Indicated AM Accuracy:** (400 Hz and 1 kHz rates using internal meter)

±8% of reading on 0 - 10 scale.

±9% of reading on 0 - 3 scale (for greater than 10% of full scale).

**Peak Incidental PM** (at 30% AM)

Less than 0.15 radians, 0.5 to 128 MHz.

Less than 0.3 radians, 128 to 512 MHz.

**External AM Sensitivity:** (400 Hz and 1 kHz rates)  
(0.1 ± 0.005)% AM per mV peak into 600Ω with AM vernier at full CW position.

**Peak Incidental Frequency Deviation:** Equals PEAK INCIDENTAL PM x MODULATION RATE.

**Pulse Modulation**

(Specifications apply for top 10 dB of output vernier range.)

Frequency Bands (MHz)	0.5 - 1	1 - 2	2 - 8	8 - 32	32 - 512
Rise and Fall Times	<9 μs	<4 μs	<2 μs	<1 μs	
Pulse Repetition Rate	50 Hz to 50 kHz		50 Hz to 100 kHz	50 Hz to 250 kHz	50 Hz to 500 kHz
Pulse Width Minimum for level accuracy within 1 dB of CW (>0.1% duty cycle)	10 μs		5 μs	2 μs	
Pulse ON/OFF ratio at maximum vernier	>40 dB				
Peak Input Required	Nominally +0.5V (+5V max) waveform, return to zero, into 50Ω Schmitt trigger.				

**Frequency Modulation**

**Deviation:** Maximum allowable deviation equals 1% of lowest frequency in each band as below.

Frequency Band (MHz)	Maximum Peak Deviation (kHz)
0.5 - 1	5
1 - 2	10
2 - 4	20
4 - 8	40
8 - 16	80
16 - 32	160
32 - 64	320
64 - 128	640
128 - 256	1280
256 - 512	2560
512 - 1024	5120

**FM 3 dB Bandwidth:**<sup>1</sup>

Internal and External ac; 20 Hz to 250 kHz.

External dc; dc to 250 kHz.

**FM Distortion:** (at 400 Hz and 1 kHz rates) See Figure 1-6.

<1% for deviations up to 1/8 maximum allowable.

<3% for maximum allowable deviation.

**External FM Sensitivity:** 1 volt peak yields maximum deviation indicated on PEAK DEVIATION switch with FM vernier at full CW position.

**External FM Sensitivity Accuracy:** ±6% from 15 to 35°C for FM excluding maximum peak deviation position. Maximum peak deviation position, ±9% typically.

<sup>1</sup> With 8640B in LOCKED MODE, external FM is possible only for rates greater than 50 Hz.

Table 1-1. Specifications (5 of 5)

**MODULATION CHARACTERISTICS (Cont'd)**

**Frequency Modulation (Cont'd)**

**Indicated FM Accuracy:**

(400 Hz and 1 kHz rates using internal meter)  
 ±10% of meter reading (for greater than 10% of full scale).

**Incidental AM:** (at 400 Hz and 1 kHz rates)

<0.5% AM for FM up to 1/8 maximum allowable deviation.  
 <1% AM for FM at maximum allowable deviation.

**COUNTER CHARACTERISTICS**

**External RF Input:**

**Frequency Range:** 1 Hz to 550 MHz.  
**Sensitivity:** 100 mVrms, ac only, into 50Ω (-7 dBm).  
**Maximum Input:** 1.3 Vrms (+15 dBm).

**Internal Reference Characteristics: (after 2-hr. warm-up)**

**Accuracy:** (after calibration at 25°C)  
 Better than ±1 ppm for 15 to 35°C.  
 Better than ±3 ppm for 0 to 55°C.

**External Count Resolution: 6-digit LED DISPLAY**

Mode	Normal	Expand X10	Expand X100
0 - 10 MHz	100 Hz	10 Hz	1 Hz
0 - 550 MHz	10 kHz	1 kHz	100 Hz

**Drift Rate:**

**Time:** <0.05 ppm per hr, <2 ppm per year.  
**Temperature:** <2 ppm total variation for room ambient 15 to 35°C.  
**Line Voltage:** <0.1 ppm.

**Frequency Tuning:**

>±20 ppm using internal time base vernier.

**External Reference Input:** 5 MHz, nominally >0.5 Vp-p (5V maximum) into 1000Ω.

**Rear Output:** nominally >0.5 Vp-p into 500Ω. This will drive another 8640B.

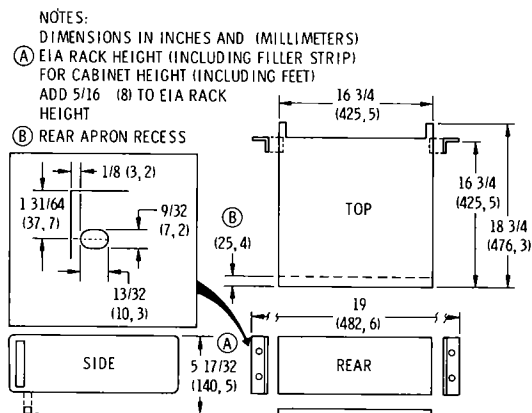
**GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**Operating Temperature Range:** 0 to 55°C.

**Power Requirements:** 100, 120, 220, and 240 volts, +5%, -10%, 48 to 440 Hz; 175 VA maximum. 7½ ft. (2,29 m) power cable furnished with mains plug to match destination requirements.

**Weight:** Net, 45 lb (20,4 kg).

**Dimensions:<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> Dimensions are for general information only. If dimensions are required for building special enclosures, contact your HP office.