

# Agilent Technologies N5106A PXB Baseband Generator and Channel Emulator

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## **Quick Start Guide**

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- Regulatory Information

#### **Online Documentation**

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- Installing and Licensing
- Tutorials and Examples
- User Interface Operation
- Basic Instrument Procedures
- Waveform Files
- Remote Operation
- Programming
- SCPI Commands
- · Basic Troubleshooting

#### Other Documentation

- N5106A PXB Baseband Generator and Channel Emulator Error Messages (N5105-90012)
- N5106A PXB Baseband Generator and Channel Emulator Firmware Upgrade Guide (N5105-90013)
- N5106A PXB Baseband Generator and Channel Emulator Security Features (N5105-90014)

All documentation is available on the internet at <a href="http://www.agilent.com/find/pxb">http://www.agilent.com/find/pxb</a>. Always refer to this web site for the most recent and up-to-date documentation.

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## **Unpacking**

- 1. Inspect the shipping container for damage.
  - Signs of damage can include a dented or torn shipping container or cushioning material that indicates signs of unusual stress or compacting.
- 2. Carefully remove the contents from the shipping container and verify that your order is complete.

NOTE Depending on the number of hardware installed options the instrument may weigh up to 33 kg (70 lbs.). The PXB should be lifted by at least two people. If two people are not available, use a mechanical lift to lift the PXB. The PXB should be transported using a rolling cart.

The following items are included with the PXB:

- N5106A PXB Baseband Generator and Channel Emulator Quick Start Guide
- N5106A PXB Baseband Generator and Channel Emulator Firmware DVD
- Three–prong C19 AC power cord (specific to geographic location)
- SMB (female) to BNC (male)  $50\Omega$  cable, 1.0m (39.37 in.)
- 3. Verify that the hardware options you ordered are included with the shipment by checking the serial number label on the rear of the PXB and the packing literature included with the shipment.
- 4. If a pre-installed software license is part of the instrument order, verify its installation using the directions outlined in "Verifying Pre-Installed Software License" on page 6.

## **Ordering Accessories**

You can purchase accessories or documentation at: http://www.agilent.com/find/pxb.

If you do not have access to the Internet, contact your Agilent Technologies representative.

Description	Part Number	Option	
N5106A PXB Baseband Generator and Channel Emulator Data Sheet <sup>a</sup>	5989-8971EN		
Cable, SMB (female) to BNC (male), $50\Omega$ 1.0m (39.37 in.)	8121–1789		
(external reference/trigger cable)	N5106A	720	
Cable, Digital Bus (approximately 1 meter, 2 per IO card)	N5105-60028		
N5106A PXB Baseband Generator and Channel Emulator Quick Start Guide <sup>a</sup>	N5105-90004		
USB Accessory Kit	N5106A	181	
Includes the following USB enabled devices:			
• Keyboard			
Optical Mouse			
• Disk Drive (DVD–ROM/CD–RW)			
Rack Mount Flange and Front Handle Kit	N5106A	1CP	
Rack Mount Slide Kit	N5106A	1CR	
Approved Power Cords (IEC-60320-C19)			
United Kingdom	8121-8620		
Australia and New Zealand     8121-8619			
Continental Europe     8121-1222			
United States and Canada	8121-1713		
• Switzerland	8121-1765		
• Denmark 812			
• India	8121-0710		
• Japan - 100V	8121-1763		
• Israel	8121-0161		
Argentina	8121-1857		
• Chile	8121-1084		
• China	8121-1766		
South Africa	8121-0710		
• Thailand	8121-1764		
• Brazil	8121-1787		
• Taiwan	8121-1853		

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## **Options**

The following tables list the options available for the PXB:

- "Baseband Hardware Options"
- "IO Hardware Options"
- "Built-in Firmware Options"
- "Hardware and Firmware Bundled Options"
- "Software Bundle Options"
- "Upgrade Options"

Baseband Hardware Options	
Option Number	Description
N5106A-611	one DSP block on one baseband generator card
N5106A-612	two DSP blocks on one baseband generator card
N5106A-613	three DSP blocks on two baseband generator cards
N5106A-614	four DSP blocks on two baseband generator cards
N5106A-615	five DSP blocks on three baseband generator cards
N5106A-616	six DSP blocks on three baseband generator cards
N5106A-617	seven DSP blocks on four baseband generator cards
N5106A-618	eight DSP blocks on four baseband generator cards
N5106A-619	nine DSP blocks on five baseband generator cards
N5106A-620	ten DSP blocks on five baseband generator cards
N5106A-621	eleven DSP blocks on six baseband generator cards
N5106A-622	twelve DSP blocks on six baseband generator cards

IO Hardware Options	
Option Number Description	
N5106A-632	One IO card that provides two IO ports. Each IO port has both digital IO and analog I/Q.
N5106A-634	Two IO cards that provide four IO ports. Each IO port has both digital IO and analog I/Q.

Built-in Firmware Options	
Option Number	Description
N5106A-EFP	Baseband generation
N5106A-JFP	Calibrated AWGN
N5106A-QFP	Fading with SISO channel models
N5106A-RFP	Mobile WiMAX MIMO channel models
N5106A-TFP	LTE MIMO channel models

Hardware and Firmware Bundled Options		
Option Number	ion Number Description	
N5106A-2B2	2x2 MIMO baseband generation and channel emulation bundle	
	This bundle consists of the N5106A with options 616, 634, EFP, JFP, and QFP.	

Software Bundle Options		
Option Number	Option Number Description	
N5106A-LTE	LTE MIMO software application bundle	
	This bundle adds the N5106A-TFP LTE MIMO channel models and Signal Studio model N7624B 3GP LTE with options 6FP, GFP, and RFP.	
N5106A-WMX	Mobile WiMAX MIMO software application bundle	
	This bundle adds the N5106A-RFP WiMAX MIMO channel models and Signal Studio model N7615B 802.16 WiMAX with options 6FP, EFP, QFP, and RFP.	

Upgrade Options	
Option Number Description	
N5106AK-031	Enables one DSP block on one baseband generator card.
N5106AK-032	Adds one baseband generator card.
N5106AK-034	Adds one IO card that provides two IO ports. Each IO port has both digital IO and analog I/Q.

## **Verifying Pre-Installed Software License**

If you purchased the PXB where the order included the pre-installation of a fixed perpetual Signal Studio license (N76xx), verify the license installation using the following key path:

#### **Tools > Keysight License Manager**

This launches the Keysight License Manager, from which to view installed licenses.

The ordered Signal Studio software is also pre-installed with the license.

If the software license was ordered with the instrument for pre-installation and it does not show in the instrument, please contact Keysight Technologies:

www.keysight.com/find/contactus

## **Meeting Environmental and Electrical Requirements**

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.

#### **Environmental conditions (operating)**

- for indoor use (unless otherwise specified)
- altitudes < 10,000 feet (3,000 meters)
- 10 to 40 °C temperature (unless otherwise specified)
- maximum relative humidity 80% for temperatures up to 31 °C, decreasing linearly to 50% relative humidity at 40 °C

**CAUTION** This product is designed for use in Installation Category II and Pollution Degree 2 per IEC 61010 Second Edition and 664 respectively.

#### **Ventilation Requirements**

Ventilation holes are located on the side panels of the PXB. To ensure proper air flow through the PXB, do not allow these holes to be obstructed.

#### **CAUTION**

When installing the PXB in a cabinet, the convection into and out of the instrument *must* not be restricted. The ambient temperature (outside of the cabinet) must be less than the maximum operating temperature of the instrument by 4 °C for every 100 watts dissipated in the cabinet. If the total power dissipated in the cabinet is greater than 800 watts, then forced convection *must* be used.

The PXB has intake fans are on the left side of the instrument and exhaust fans are on the right side. If multiple instruments are placed side-to-side, the hot exhaust air from one instrument becomes the input air for the instrument next to it which may cause it to overheat.

#### **Line Setting Requirements**

**CAUTION** The PXB has autoranging line voltage input. Ensure that the supply voltage is within the specified range.

Voltage: 100/120 VAC nominal

220/240 VAC nominal

Frequency: 50/60 Hz nominal

Power: <875 W typical

1075 W maximum

## **Connecting the AC Power Cord**

#### WARNING

This is a Safety Class 1 Product (provided with a protective earthing ground incorporated in the power cord). The mains plug shall only be inserted in a socket outlet provided with a protective earth contact. Any interruption of the protective conductor inside or outside of the product is likely

#### to make the product dangerous. Intentional interruption is prohibited.

The front panel **Power** hardkey is only a standby switch; it is not a line switch.

Install the instrument so that the detachable power cord is readily identifiable and is easily reached by the operator. The detachable power cord is the instrument disconnecting device. It disconnects the mains circuits from the mains supply before other parts of the instrument. The front panel switch is only a standby switch and is not a LINE switch. Alternatively, an externally installed switch or circuit breaker (which is readily identifiable and is easily reached by the operator) may be used as a disconnecting device.

#### **CAUTION**

The Mains wiring and connectors shall be compatible with the connector used in the premise electrical system. Failure to ensure adequate earth grounding by not using the correct components may cause serious injury and instrument damage. Always use the three–prong AC power cord supplied with the PXB.

#### **CAUTION**

Before switching on this instrument, make sure

- The correct rating service breaker
- The supply voltage is in the specified range

Prior to connecting the AC power cord follow these steps:

- 1. Ensure that the supply voltage is in the specified range.
- 2. Ensure that the power cord is not damaged.
- 3. Install the PXB so that one of the following is readily identifiable and easily reached by the operator:
  - AC power cord
  - alternative switch
  - circuit breaker
- 4. Insert the mains plug into a socket outlet provided with a protective earth grounding.

## **Installing the PXB in an Equipment Rack**

To prepare an equipment rack for mounting a PXB, you must install rails in the rack to support the weight of the instrument. You may use either Option 1CP or Option 1CR to secure the PXB in the rack. Follow the instructions provided with each kit.

Position the instrument so that the disconnecting device is within easy reach.

## **Connecting a USB Mouse**

A mouse can be used for fine control of the PXB graphical user interface. The mouse may be connected to any one of the eight Type A USB connectors of the PXB (the four front panel or the four rear panel (USB Slave) connectors).

**NOTE** If a USB device is not recognized, try unplugging it from the PXB and plugging it back in. If the PXB will not boot up, try removing all USB devices until the boot up process has completed.

## **Connecting an External USB Keyboard**

A keyboard can be used as an input to the PXB. The keyboard may be connected to any one of the eight Type A USB connectors of the PXB (the four front panel or the four rear panel (USB Slave) connectors).

NOTE If a USB device is not recognized, try unplugging it from the PXB and plugging it back in. If the PXB will not boot up, try removing all USB devices until the boot up process has completed.

## **Connecting an External VGA Monitor**

The monitor connector on the rear panel of the PXB allows you to connect an external VGA monitor.

## **Connecting External Instruments to the PXB**

The PXB connects to a variety of external instruments for testing. Included with the PXB is a cable for locking the frequency references between the PXB and the external instruments that are connected. This section contains single-in-single-out (SISO) front and rear panel connection setups for the PXB and the external instruments. For multiple-in-multiple-out (MIMO) setups, additional external equipment is used following the same basic interconnection scheme shown in this section. For additional information on MIMO setups, refer to *Example Configuration Setups* tutorial in the online documentation.

NOTE The block diagrams in the PXB user interface show which IO ports to use for each specific configuration.

#### **External Instrument Firmware**

The PXB requires that the external instruments have the following firmware installed:

- E4438C ESG signal generator: C.05.23 or later
- N5182A MXG signal generator: A.01.44 or later
- N5172B EXG/N5182B MXG signal generators: B.01.20 or later
- N9020A MXA signal analyzer: A.01.64 or later

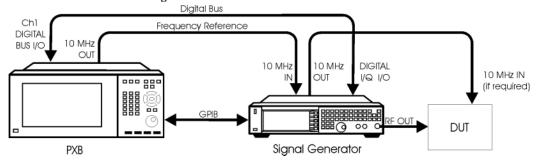
Refer to the instrument's Users Guide for information on downloading the latest firmware releases.

#### **External Instrument Connection Diagrams**

The following setup diagrams assume that the PXB is the controller and uses GPIB as the interface between instruments. Optionally the PXB can control the instruments through the LAN. To use LAN connections, ignore the shown GPIB cable connections and connect each instrument to the LAN.

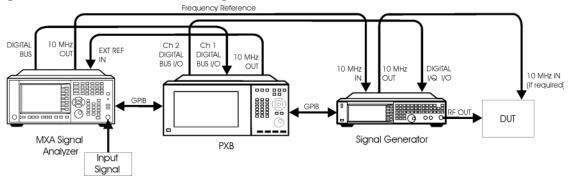
#### PXB to ESG or MXG Signal Generator Setup

Figure 1-1 PXB to ESG or MXG Signal Generator



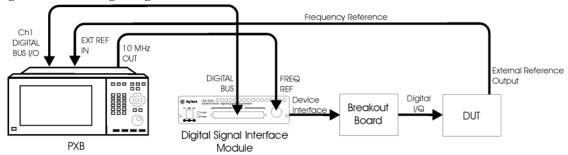
#### MXA to PXB to ESG or MXG Signal Generator Setup

Figure 1-2 MXA to PXB to ESG or MXG Signal Generator



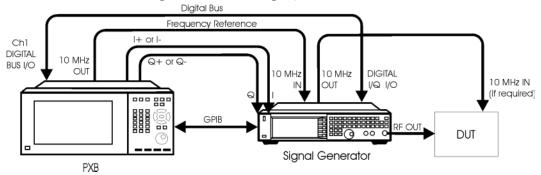
#### PXB to Digital Signal Interface Module Setup

Figure 1-3 PXB to Digital Signal Interface Module



#### PXB to ESG or MXG Signal Generator Analog I/Q Setup

Figure 1-4 PXB to ESG or MXG Signal Generator Analog I/Q



## **Powering On the PXB the First Time**

#### **CAUTION**

During boot up, do *not* press keys on the front panel, rotate the RPG knob, or connect a USB device. Doing so may lead to a front panel lockup state. Wait until the PXB firmware is running and all activity has stopped for at least one minute.

#### **Initializing the System**

**CAUTION** The PXB must remain on through the system initialization operation.

The system initialization may take up to 20 minutes to complete and will perform three system reboots. If a power interruption occurs during this process, select the appropriate action from the following list:

- If the process has not performed the first reboot, restart the process after the power has been restored.
- If the process has gone beyond the first reboot, perform the recovery steps, refer to the "Agilent Technologies Recovery System" on page 51.
- To start the initialization process, press the PXB Power hardkey located on the front panel.
   The Power LED changes from yellow to green.
- 2. Verify that the version of Windows is highlighted and press the PXB front panel Enter hardkey.
- 3. If a Windows license agreement is displayed, read the terms and accept the agreement, and click Next For more information about the License Agreement for Windows, see the questions and answers about the End-User License Agreement topic in the Microsoft Windows Help and Support documentation.
- 4. Follow the ensuing prompts.

#### **Power-up Self Test**

During the PXB interface launch, the PXB performs a self test, which includes a configuration check. If an error occurs during the self test, the PXB displays an error message. If this occurs, refer to the *N5106A PXB error messages* document (N5105-90012) or contact Agilent Technologies.

#### **Anti-virus Software and Firewalls**

The PXB is Windows-based and may be subject to virus exposure when connecting to the network/internet. We have anti-virus requirements to ensure that your PXB arrives to you virus free. To ensure a continued virus free product status, we recommend you follow these steps:

- When connecting to the network/internet, ensure it is a trusted site.
- Ensure all removable or writable media are virus free before use.
- Install anti-virus protection on your PXB

No anti-virus software is shipped with the instrument. It is recommended that you install anti-virus software if your instrument will be connected to the LAN. Check with your IT department for their recommendations.

The instrument is shipped with the Windows firewall enabled. Do not modify the default network settings as this may cause improper operation. However, you will have to temporarily disable the firewall if you install licenses from a remote computer.

## **Power Option Settings**

The PXB is sent from the factory with the following power option settings:

- The monitor is set to shut off after one hour of inactivity.
- The hard disk drive (HDD) is set to shut off after three minutes of inactivity.
- The System standby is set for Never.

The PXB does not support the Microsoft Windows Standby or Hibernate modes.

**CAUTION** To prolong HDD life, Agilent recommends that you leave the power option settings at their default values.

#### **Shut Down Mode**

In the **Shut Down** mode, the current instrument state is *not* automatically saved before the PXB is powered off. The **Power** LED will change from green to yellow when the power is off. When the PXB is again powered on, a full system boot up is performed followed by automatically launching the PXB user interface.

**NOTE** This section describes Shut Down mode for Windows XP. For Windows 7, refer to the Microsoft Windows *Help and Support* documentation.

CAUTION If you cannot operate the mouse or keypad, shut down the PXB by pressing and holding the **Power** hardkey for at least four seconds. Repeated shut downs in this manner may damage the hard drive and should be avoided.

#### To Shut Down Using a Mouse

- Move the mouse cursor to the bottom edge of the display to activate the Windows task bar.
- 2. From the Windows task bar, click **Start > Shut Down** to display the **Shut Down Windows** dialog box.
- 3. Click the drop-down arrow located beneath the What do you want the computer to do? prompt.
- 4. Select **Shut down** > **OK** to perform the action.

#### To Shut Down Using the Power Hardkey

**CAUTION** Do not press and hold down the **Power** hardkey as this performs an improper shutdown.

 Firmly press the front panel Power hardkey and release it. The instrument immediately begins the shutdown process.

#### **Unplugging the PXB**

Remove the power cord from the PXB *only* when the **Power** LED is yellow (in Shut Down mode). The **Power** LED will remain yellow for several seconds after the power cord has been removed.

**CAUTION** Removing the power cord while the **Power** LED is green may cause damage to the HDD and corrupt the operating system. It may also damage the PXB's FPGA code.

## Connecting the PXB to LAN

Microsoft Windows supports fixed Internet Protocol (IP) addressing and Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP). The PXB Windows factory default setting is DHCP. This system queries the LAN server and assigns a dynamic IP address to the device on a network. Like the USB devices, the LAN cable has the capability of "hot" connects and disconnects. In addition, there is a visual indicator in the Windows task bar area that indicates LAN connection status and a network wizard that provides assistance with network and internet connections. For more information, refer to the Microsoft Windows *Help and Support* documentation.

**NOTE** To add your instrument to a domain or to set up the networking configuration, contact your IT department. This setup is custom for each company.

## Licensing the PXB

Additional firmware licenses can be ordered after your initial purchase of the PXB. Once you purchase a license you will receive an Entitlement Certificate. In order to receive the license you must redeem this certificate at the Agilent License Redemption website:

http://www.agilent.com/find/softwarelicense

You will promptly receive an e-mail with the license file attached. There are two methods to install the license.

- You can install the license on the PXB using a USB storage device.
- You can run the Agilent License Manager software from an external PC connected to the PXB through a LAN connection.

NOTE If you are unable to connect to the PXB or if you receive an error message when trying to connect, temporarily disable the Windows Firewall. From the Windows task bar, click Start > Control Panel > Windows Firewall > Off.

For more information on licensing, refer to the "Online Documentation" on page 17.

## **Proper Use and Cleaning**

## WARNING The PX

The PXB cover protects against physical contact with internal assemblies that contain hazardous voltages, but does not protect internal assemblies against contact with liquids. Ensure that liquids are positioned away from the PXB. Personal injury may result if the PXB is not used as specified. Unspecified use impairs the protection provided by the equipment.

#### WARNING

No operator serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified personnel. To prevent electrical shock, do not remove covers.

#### **Cleaning Suggestions**

#### **Touch Screen Panel**

## CAUTION

Do not use products that contain Ammonia, Phosphates, or Ethylene Glycol. Their use can result in the optical impairment of the touch screen panel or damage the functionality. Check the product content label carefully.

**NOTE** Glass or plastic cleaning products that contain one to three percent isopropyl alcohol by volume are within the acceptable limits for cleaning the resistive touch screen panel.

- Use a soft lint-free cloth.
- The cloth may be used dry or lightly dampened with a mild cleaner.
- Do *not* use a cleaner that contains more than 10% isopropyl alcohol.
- Never apply the cleaner directly to the touch screen surface.
- Wipe the surface gently. If there is a directional surface texture, wipe in the same direction as the texture.
- Avoid contact with the edges of the film, glass, and the flex tail of the touch screen surface.
- Use a cleaner that has a pH of 7.0 (neutral).
- Do *not* use chemicals such as paint thinner, acetone, toluene, xylene, or kerosene.
- The following are suitable cleaning products for the touch screen surface:

Klear Screen<sup>TM</sup>

Glass Plus® Glass and Surface Cleaner

#### **Front and Rear Panel Connectors**

# WARNING Cleaning the connectors with isopropyl alcohol should be done with the instrument's power cord removed and in a well ventilated room. Allow all residual isopropyl alcohol moisture to evaporate and the fumes to dissipate prior to energizing the instrument.

• To ensure good connections, regularly clean the instrument's front and rear panel connectors with isopropyl alcohol.

#### **Instrument Cover**

# WARNING To prevent electrical shock, disconnect the N5106A power cord from the mains supply 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 prevent dust build-up that could potentially obstruct ventilation, periodically clean the instrument's cover with a
  dry cloth or a cloth lightly dampened with water.
- Do not clean any internal surface of the instrument.

#### **Online Documentation**

Use the online documentation to reference programming and user information. Help information is available in English.

You can access the online documentation by pressing the **Help** hardkey on the front panel or selecting the **Help** menu in the PXB firmware. There is no hardcopy of the online documentation available.

All documentation is available on the internet at <a href="http://www.agilent.com/find/pxb">http://www.agilent.com/find/pxb</a>. Always refer to this web site for the most recent and up-to-date documentation.

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# **2** Front and Rear Panel Features

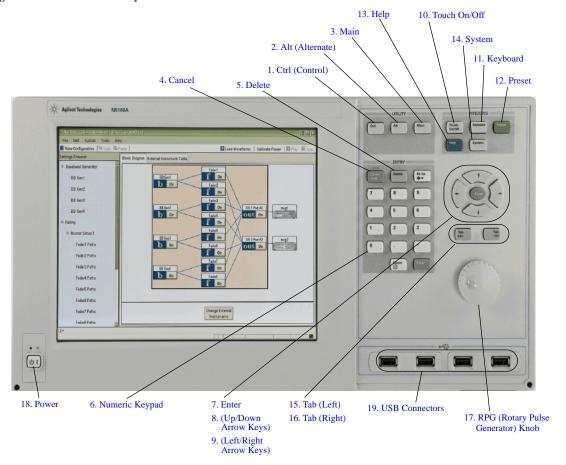
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## **Front Panel**

## **Front Panel Hardkeys**

The front panel hardkeys enable the user to define, monitor, and manage the input and output characteristics of the PXB user interface.

Figure 2-1 Front Panel Hardkeys



#### 1. Ctrl (Control)

Functions as a modifier key. When the **Ctrl** hardkey is pressed in conjunction with another key, it performs a special operation.

#### 2. Alt (Alternate)

Functions as a modifier key. When the **Alt** hardkey is pressed in conjunction with another key, it performs a special operation.

#### 3. Main

Displays the active window of the PXB user interface. If the user interface is hidden behind the window of another application, pressing **Main** brings it to the front of the display.

#### 4. Cancel (Esc)

Functions like the **Escape** hardkey. In the local mode, the **Cancel** (**Esc**) hardkey cancels tasks. In the remote mode, **Cancel** (**Esc**) functions as the **Local** hardkey. It deactivates remote operation and returns the instrument to front panel control.

#### 5. Delete

Discards the character at the cursor's position, moving any following characters to the left to fill the empty spaces.

#### 6. Numeric Kevpad

The numeric keypad is comprised of the following: the numbers 0 through 9, a decimal point, a minus sign, space, and backspace keys.

#### 7. Enter

Enables you to enter the values that you select for the measurement settings. Pressing **Enter** after entering data enables you to terminate editing. Pressing the **Enter** hardkey also activates selected (highlighted) menu items and keys.

#### 8. (Up/Down Arrow Keys)

Enables you to move the cursor vertically through a table to select items for editing on the system's display.

#### 9. (Left/Right Arrow Keys)

Enables you to move the cursor horizontally through a table to select items for editing on the system's display.

#### 10. Touch On/Off

The touch screen default is on. The selection off or on is persistent through power cycles. When on, the touch screen works in the PXB and Windows with PXB minimized. When you press the **Touch On/Off** hardkey, the PXB user interface displays a message in the status bar indicating the status of the touch screen:

- Information, Touch screen is off
- Information, Touch screen is on

#### 11. Keyboard

Launches the on-screen keyboard from the front panel hardkey.

#### 12. Preset

Resets the PXB user interface to a factory—defined state. The user interface automatically starts up in this factory—defined, default mode where one block is selected from the Generate category in the Configuration Browser, and its corresponding configuration is displayed on the Block Diagram tab.

#### 13. Help

Opens the Agilent PXB online documentation help system.

#### 14. System

Provides a shortcut to the PXB user interface **System** menu where you can view product information, set system clock and trigger settings, perform calibrations and self tests, and configure GPIB addresses.

#### 15. Tab (Left)

Functions as the **Shift** + **Tab** combination of hardkeys. This hardkey enables you to navigate in the opposite direction of the **Right Tab** hardkey in order to edit or activate items in the loaded configuration.

#### 16. Tab (Right)

Enables you to navigate through and edit or activate items in the loaded configuration. For example, in the **Parameter View**, pressing the **Tab** hardkey moves you to and selects the next item for the currently selected parameter. When you move to the parameter settings cell, the **Tab** hardkey automatically selects (highlights) the entire cell, allowing you to edit that parameter value.

#### 17. RPG (Rotary Pulse Generator) Knob

Functions like a mouse wheel. Rotating the RPG knob increases or decreases a numeric value, moves the highlight to the next digit, character, or item in a list, or fast scrolls on large documents.

#### 18. Power

Turns the PXB power on and off.

## **Touch Screen Display**

The touch screen display eliminates the need for the external keyboard and mouse as the primary method of interacting with the PXB user interface. The touch screen can be used to perform all the same functions as the mouse by the use of

your finger to select items on the screen.

- Open the PXB user interface by clicking the PXB Baseband Generator and Channel Emulator icon on the desktop display.
- 2. To enable the touch screen display, press the **Touch On/Off** hardkey on the front panel of the PXB. The touch screen mode indicator is displayed on the lower status bar of the PXB user interface.

If your touch screen display seems inaccurate or unresponsive when using it, perform the touch screen display calibration. The procedure for performing the *Touch Screen Calibration*, is located in the *Basic Instrument Procedures* section of the online documentation.

#### **USB Connectors**

#### 19. USB Connectors

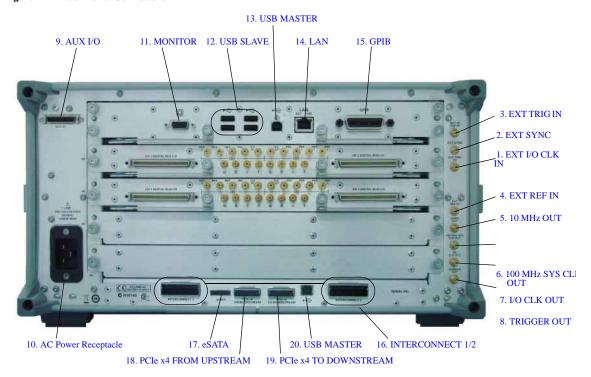
The PXB has eight USB Type A 2.0 ports for connecting devices; four on the front panel and four on the rear panel (USB Slave). There are also two USB Type B ports on the rear panel which are used for connecting to the host ports of other computers through a USB interface cable. When the PXB is set up in this primary/secondary configuration, SCPI commands can be sent from the host computer to control the PXB. The main advantages of USB devices are the fast data transfer speeds. In addition, most devices can be "hot" connected and disconnected to your instrument at anytime.

The first time you plug a device into a USB port, Windows will report it is identifying the hardware, searching for the correct driver, and installing the driver (if it was found). If the USB device is moved to a different USB port, Windows will repeat the hardware and driver identification process.

**NOTE** If a USB device is not recognized, try unplugging it from the PXB and plugging it back in. If the PXB will not boot up, try removing all USB devices until the boot up process has completed.

## **Rear Panel**

Figure 2-2 Rear Panel Connectors



## **System Clock Rear Panel Connectors**

#### 1. EXT I/O CLK IN

Not active – reserved for future use

#### 2. EXT SYNC

Not active – reserved for future use

#### 3. EXT TRIG IN

External input signal used to trigger an event

Signal Voltage level: +3.3 V

**Damage Levels** < 0 V and > +3.3 V

#### 4. EXT REF IN

Input for an external frequency reference signal

**Connector** male SMB Impedance nominally  $50 \Omega$ 

**Signal** Power range: 0 to +10 dBm

Frequency range: 1 to 100 MHz

Lock range: 1 MHz

**Damage Levels** < 0 V and > +3.3 V

#### 5. 10 MHz OUT

10 MHz reference output used to lock the frequency reference of other test equipment to the PXB

**Connector** male SMB Impedance nominally  $50 \Omega$ 

Signal Voltage level: +900 mV p-p

**Damage Levels** < 0 V and > +3.3 V

#### 6. 100 MHz SYS CLK OUT

100 MHz system clock output

**Connector** male SMB Impedance nominally  $50 \Omega$ 

Signal Voltage level: +2.0 V p-p

**Damage Levels** < 0 V and > +3.3 V

#### 7. I/O CLK OUT

Not active – reserved for future use

#### 8. TRIGGER OUT

Not active - reserved for future use

#### 9. AUX I/O

This port provides connectivity to external devices for auxiliary signaling information. The AUX I/O connector mates to a 36-pin 3M® male connector, part number 10136-3000 (wire mount plug). Earlier PXB models use a 20-pin connector of the same style. See the PXB online documentation for a description of AUX I/O uses, signaling specifications, general pin assignments, and global AUX I/O settings. See the Signal Studio application's help for application-specific settings and pin assignments.

#### 10. AC Power Receptacle

The AC power cord receptacle accepts a three–pronged AC power cord supplied with the PXB. For details on line setting requirements and the power cord, see Line Setting Requirements on page 7.

#### **CPU Host Controller Rear Panel Connectors**

#### 11. MONITOR

Allows connection of an external VGA monitor

#### 12. USB SLAVE

Standard USB 2.0 ports, Type A connect to external peripherals such as a mouse, keyboard, printer, DVD drive, or hard drive

#### 13. USB MASTER

USB 2.0 port, Type B USB TMC (test and measurement class) connect to an external PC controller to control the PXB and for data transfers over a 480 Mbps link

#### 14. LAN

Network interface used to control the PXB remotely

#### **15. GPIB**

A General Purpose Interface Bus (GPIB, IEEE 488.2 GPIB) connection that can be used for remote operation

#### 16. INTERCONNECT 1/2

Not active – reserved for future use

#### 17. eSATA

This port provides connectivity to external eSATA Hard Disk Drive (HDD) storage devices to increase system file storage capacity. The eSATA HDD operate at 150 Mbytes per second (MB/s) or 300 MB/s eSATA rates. This is the physical layer speed for the serial data across the cable. The actual average transfer rate to the host memory or the HDD is lower.

#### **CAUTION**

A device connected to this port is *not* "hot" swappable. The PXB should be powered off before adding or removing the HDD. The device should be connected and powered on before the instrument and the PXB should be powered off before the device is powered down or disconnected.

A device plugged in or powered on while the Windows Operating System (OS) is running will *not* be recognized and will require restarting the Windows OS. Removing an active device will cause Windows OS errors.

#### 18. PCIe x4 FROM UPSTREAM

Not active - reserved for future use

#### 19. PCIe x4 TO DOWNSTREAM

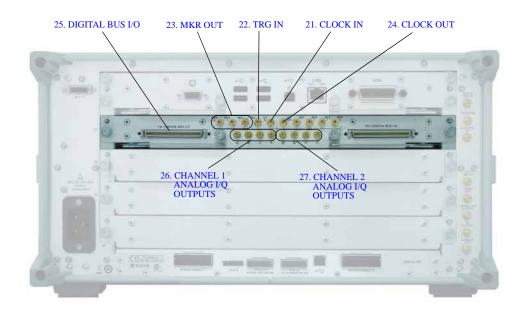
Not active - reserved for future use

#### 20. USB MASTER

Not active - reserved for future use

#### **I/O Board Connectors**

Figure 2-3 I/O Board Connectors



#### 21. CLOCK IN

Not active – reserved for future use

#### **22. TRG IN**

Not active – reserved for future use

#### 23. MKR OUT

Marker outputs for each I/O board port numbered 1, 3, and 4 (marker 2 is reserved for internal use)

**Connector** male SMB Impedance nominally  $50 \Omega$ 

Signal Voltage level: +3.3 V

**Damage Levels** < 0 V and > +3.3 V

#### 24. CLOCK OUT

Not active – reserved for future use

#### 25. DIGITAL BUS I/O

Digital bus connectors (channel 1 and 2) enable operation with other test equipment, such as the MXA signal analyzer, MXG signal generator, ESG signal generator, and digital signal interface module, via the digital bus cable (Agilent part number N5101-60019).

#### 26. CHANNEL 1 ANALOG I/Q OUTPUTS

Analog output, in–phase (I+ and Q+) component and 180-degrees out-of-phase (I– and Q-) components of I/Q baseband signal from the channel 1 side of the internal baseband card

**Connector** male SMB Impedance nominally  $50 \Omega$ 

Signal Voltage level: 2.0 Vp-p

**Damage Levels** <-15 V and > +15 V

#### 27. CHANNEL 2 ANALOG I/Q OUTPUTS

Analog output, in-phase (I+ and Q+) component and 180-degrees out-of-phase (I- and Q-) components of I/Q baseband signal from the channel 1 side of the internal baseband card

**Connector** male SMB Impedance nominally  $50 \Omega$ 

Signal Voltage level: 2.0 Vp-p

**Damage Levels** <-15 V and > +15 V

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# Keys to Success with the PXB

In an effort to make your experience with the PXB as successful and effortless as possible, a variety of tips are listed below. A quick review of these tips prior to using the PXB will help with your success.

## **External Instrument Firmware**

- Make sure the external instruments have the correct firmware revisions installed (see the online documentation for details and recommended options):
  - E4438C ESG signal generators (firmware version C.05.23 or later)
  - N5182A MXG signal generators (firmware version A.01.44 or later, A.01.60 recommended)
  - N5172B EXG/N5182B MXG signal generators (firmware version B.01.20 or later)
  - N9020A MXA signal analyzers (firmware version A.01.64 or later)

#### **Power**

Make sure you have the correct C19 AC power cord. PXB power cords are unique on the PXB end.

## **Cables**

- Many of the connectors on the PXB I/O cards are SMB. You'll need one to four SMB to BNC cables (Agilent part number 8121-1789) or adapters depending on your setup (differential analog I/Q output setups and markers require more SMB to BNC cables or adapters).
- Make sure all the cables are connected to the correct ports for your setup.

## 10 MHz Reference

- You must have the 10 MHz reference connected between external instruments and the PXB. Otherwise, you risk
  data underflow/overflow, which yields sub-optimal results.
- Make sure the PXB reference is correctly set to internal or external for your setup.

## Digital I/O Bus

- Make sure the digital bus cables (Agilent part number N5105-60019, 2 cables per IO card) are correctly connected between the external instruments and the PXB.
- Verify that the digital bus cable connectors are securely locked on both sides and at both ends.

## **LAN and GPIB**

- Make sure the LAN or GPIB connection to the external instruments is working. It is important to note that the GPIB port must be either an input or an output. Therefore, you cannot control the PXB through a GPIB input, and then concurrently use the PXB to control an MXA or an MXG through the GPIB output. There are multiple ways that allow the PXB to be a listener and a talker concurrently:
  - Use LAN for all instruments, so that this problem never arises.
  - Use the PXB as the controller, so that the GPIB port is only an output. If you use the PXB as a GPIB controller, be sure to enable the interface in Agilent IO libraries. The PXB defaults to a slave instrument.
  - Use mixed modes: LAN to PXB, then GPIB from PXB to external instruments.
  - Use GPIB as the input to PXB, then USB-to-GPIB converters to connect PXB to external instruments.

## **PXB Firmware**

- There are two PXB executable icons on the desktop one indicates simulation mode and the other uses real hardware.
  - Use the mode that exercises the hardware (does not have "Simulation Mode" in its name).
  - When the PXB powers up, it auto-starts PXB firmware.

## **PXB** Licensing

- To install licenses on the PXB, run the Agilent License Manager (ALM) from within the PXB.
  - If you have a USB memory device with a PXB license file saved on it, the PXB will not automatically
    install the license.

## **PXB Unexpected Errors**

- If you encounter an unexpected error, do as instructed by the firmware.
- 1. Save the N5106A and InternalN5106A event logs:
  - a. Select Start > Control Panel > Administrative Tools > Event Viewer.
  - b. Open the N5106A and InternalN5106A event logs.
- Report the problem to your Agilent representative with as much detail as possible when describing what was being done when the problem occurred.

## **External Instruments**

- The external instruments must be in a known state when the PXB is controlling them.
  - Before starting, preset the external instruments.
  - Make the external instrument settings from the PXB user interface, not from the external instrument front panel.

## **MXA** as an RF Input Device

- You must set the attenuator to maximize dynamic range.
- Do not let the input power to multiple MXAs be widely different. A 20 dB difference is OK;
   a 50 dB difference is not because both are using the same settings and they do not have that much dynamic range in the digitizer.

## MXG/ESG as an RF Output Device

- You must run a user IQ calibration on the MXG or ESG to minimize LO feedthrough.
- It is possible for the RMS of the signal to get so low due to the backoff required for Peak to Average Ratio of fading and noise, that LO feedthrough becomes a significant contributor to EVM and output power.
- A good I/Q calibration is critical to making accurate measurements.

## **MXG/ESG ALC Settings**

- In general, the PXB works best with the ALC turned off in the signal generators.
- Having the ALC turned on only works when channel summing, noise, and fading are turned off.
- If you must turn the ALC on, you will have to route the markers manually in the signal generator user interface.

## **Power Calibration**

- As a default, power calibration is set to Auto which means the power calibration is performed every time the waveform is played.
- Power calibration operates on the setup as currently configured. Specifically, if you are using fading or AWGN noise, make sure they are on and have their proper settings prior to initiating the power calibration.
- Any time you do anything that might increase or decrease the RMS value of the signal (at any point in the signal
  path) by more than 10 dB, re-run the power calibration.

## **MIMO Configurations**

- Set all the output signal generators to the same power, the power of the highest signal in the group.
- The PXB provides power balancing between antennas so that the output power will be correct when measured with a power meter.

## Play

- When you think the PXB is playing, check for the **DIGBUS** annunciator on the front panel of the ESG or MXG. If the annunciator is not displayed, one of the following is probably the issue:
  - The digital bus cable is not present or is not connected correctly.
  - The waveform is not actually playing.
  - The waveform output is directed at the wrong I/O port.
  - The incorrect firmware revision is installed in the signal generator.

## **Fader**

- Check that the carrier frequency in the Fader Master Setup panel matches the carrier frequency of the RF source when using the fader.
  - These parameters are not automatically coupled and will cause Doppler errors if they are different.

## **Touch Screen**

- If you want to use the touch screen, there is a Windows keypad for entering units. To open the keypad:
  - Select On-Screen Keyboard from the Tools menu.
  - With the PXB application as the active window, press the Keyboard hardkey on the front panel.

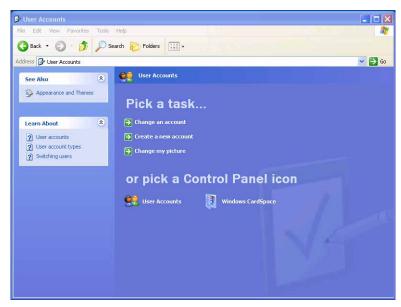
# **Administering User Accounts**

**NOTE** This section describes administering user accounts for Windows XP. For Windows 7, refer to the Microsoft Windows *Help and Support* documentation.

The administration of user accounts is accessed through the User Accounts menu from the Windows task bar by clicking Start > Control Panel > User Accounts.

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Figure 3-1 User Accounts Main Menu



A person may be designated as the administrator and can configure the PXB to allow others to use the instrument with reduced permissions. These users can have use of the PXB but will not have the ability to perform all of the administrative functions.

# **Existing User Accounts**

The following user accounts already exist on the PXB.

#### **Default User Account**

The PXB is shipped from the factory with the following default user name and password.

- User name: Instrument
- Password: **measure4u** (all lower case)

Agilent Technologies recommends that you change the user name and password. Although allowed by Windows, do *not* delete this account. The default user account has the same privileges as the administrator account.

#### **Administrator Account**

The PXB is shipped from the factory with an Administrator account.

- User name: Administrator
- Password: agilent4u (all lower case)

Agilent Technologies recommends that you change the password, but *not* the user name. This account is created by Windows and *cannot* be deleted.

#### **Guest Account**

This account allows any user name to be entered without a password and gain limited access to the PXB files. This account is created by Windows and *cannot* be deleted. It can be renamed. This account is turned off when the instrument is shipped. To turn on this account, refer To Change the User Account Properties on page 36.

#### To Create a New Account.

You can set up the PXB users by name and grant various levels of access. This is particularly important when the PXB is remotely controlled or accessed over a LAN.

NOTE	You can create as many user accounts as you like. The user name is not case sensitive. The password <i>is</i> case sensitive.
CAUTION	Although allowed by Microsoft Windows, Agilent Technologies <i>strongly</i> recommends that all Administrator accounts be password protected. Internet viruses look for and exploit this condition.

#### 1. Click Create New Account.

Figure 3-2 Name the new account



In the User Accounts dialog box, enter a user name for this account and select Next.For this procedure, John Smith was entered as an example user name.

Figure 3-3 Pick an account type



- 3. Select the account type for this user account.
  - · Computer Administrator
  - Limited
- 4. Click Create Account.

## **To Change the User Account Properties**

A user account can be removed, the password changed, or a new level of access can be granted. The Guest account may be turned on by clicking the **Guest** icon > **Turn On the Guest Account**.

1. Click Change an account

Figure 3-4 Pick an account to change



2. Click the account name, **John Smith**.

This opens the Account Name dialog box (see Figure 3-5.)

Figure 3-5 Account Name



- 3. Select the change you wish for this account.
  - Change the name
  - · Change the password
  - Change the picture
  - Change the account type
  - Delete the account

Each selection opens a dialog box and requires you to make your selection for the intended change of this account.

4. Click **OK** to confirm.

# Hard Drive Partitioning and Use

The hard drive is divided into three partitions: C:, D:, and E:

- The C: partition contains the Windows operating system (OS) and the PXB firmware installed by Agilent Technologies. It is an open system wherein the installation of additional software is permitted. The installation and use of other software is not warranted, and may interfere with the operation of the PXB firmware. If a PXB repair is ever needed, the Agilent version (OS and PXB firmware) of the C: partition is the only part that is restored by the Agilent Recovery System Procedure on page 51. You will need to reload any other software that you have added in the PXB.
- The D: partition is reserved for data storage. The User Accounts that are configured by Agilent Technologies have their My Documents folder mapped to the D: partition. This is for the convenience of backing up the user-created waveforms or user-defined configuration on the D: partition or an external device. This allows you to restore the data if you ever need to replace the hard drive.
- The E: partition is reserved for Agilent Technologies' use and contains the self test data and the log files of the last self test performed. Do *not* change or overwrite the files on this drive. This could cause your instrument to not meet specifications or, in the worst case, stop functioning correctly. Do *not* use this drive for data storage.

# **Licensed Firmware**

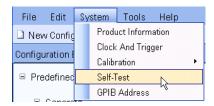
The PXB has licensed firmware options installed that can be purchased at any time without requiring a download. For more information on licensing these measurement applications, refer to the Online Documentation on page 17.

# **Running Self Test**

The PXB provides a method of performance verification that allows you to select any number of self tests. These self tests check the power supply voltages and clock signals on the baseband generator boards, the I/O boards, and the midplane board. Depending on the number of boards installed, the duration of the self tests may range from a few minutes up to 20 minutes. After the self tests are complete, it will report if the tests passed or failed along with the related measured values and self test limits.

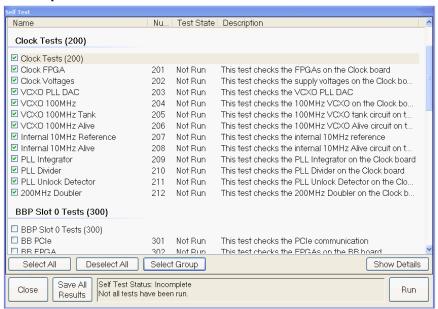
1. In the PXB user interface, select **Self Test** from the **System** menu to open the **Self Test** dialog box.

Figure 3-6 Opening Self Test



2. Select the self tests that you want to run.

Figure 3-7 Select a Group of Self Tests



## You may select:

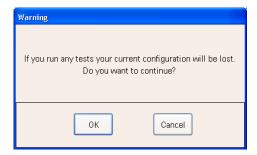
- Individual self tests by selecting the check box for each test you want to run
- Groups of self tests (for example, all clock tests) by selecting the check box at the top of each group
- All self tests by selecting the Select All button near the bottom of the dialog box

If you want to remove selected tests from the list of self tests that will be run, you may remove:

- Individual self tests by clearing the check box for the test
- All self tests by selecting the **Deselect All** button near the bottom of the dialog box
- 3. Select **Run** to start the self tests.

A message is displayed indicating any unsaved configuration setups will be lost during the self test. If you want to save your configuration setup information, select the **Cancel** button and save the configuration using the **File** > **Save As** before running the self tests.

Figure 3-8 Warning Message



4. Select **OK** to start running the self tests.

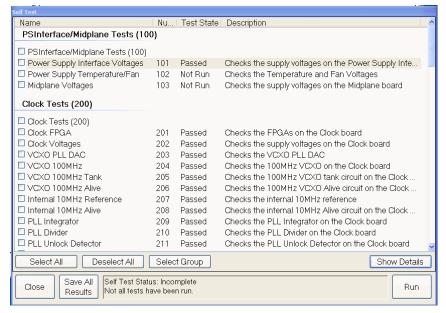
Figure 3-9 Running Self Test



During the self tests, a status box is displayed showing the progress of the tests.

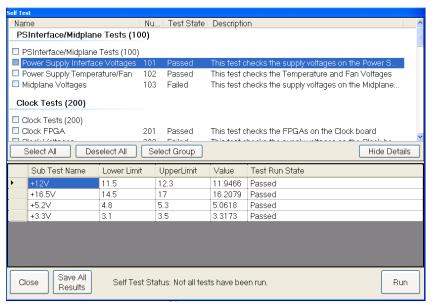
After completion, the self tests results are shown. The **Test State** column displays the status of each test, **Passed** or **Failed**.

Figure 3-10 Self Test Pass/Fail Test State



6. To view the self test details (for example, measured values, upper/lower self test limits, etc.), select a test then select the **Show Details** button.

Figure 3-11 View Test Details



- 7. To save the test results as a text file (\*.txt), click the **Save All Results** button and select a location where you want the file to be saved. The default location is the **Self Test** folder on the E: drive partition of the PXB.
- 8. To print the test results, open the saved file in the **Notepad** application (or another text editor) and print using the print function in the application.
- 9. To exit the **Self Test** dialog box, click the **Close** button.

# **PXB System Information**

## **Locating the Computer Name**

To connect a remote computer to the PXB, you need to know its "computer name" (machine name). You can view the computer name and other networking information by either of the following two methods.

#### Windows XP

- 1. Minimize the PXB user interface.
- 2. On the Windows task bar, click **Start** > right-click **My Computer** > **Open**.
- 3. Click View system information.
- 4. In the **System Properties** dialog box, click the **Computer Name** tab.
- 5. The name to the right of **Full computer name** is the computer name.

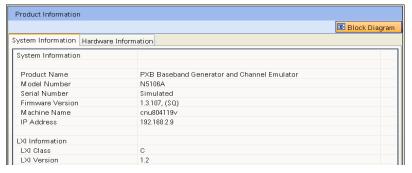
#### Windows 7

- 1. Minimize the PXB user interface.
- 2. On the Windows task bar, click **Start** > right-click **Computer** > **Open**.
- 3. Click System properties.
- 4. The **Computer Name** is shown in the **System properties** control panel.

#### **PXB** User Interface

- Restore the PXB user interface by clicking the PXB Baseband Generator and Channel Emulator icon on the Windows task bar.
- 2. In the PXB user interface, click **System** > **Product Information**.
- 3. In the **System Information** tab, the name to the right of **Machine Name** is the computer name.

Figure 3-12 Product Information Window



4. To exit the **Product Information** window, click **Block Diagram**.

# **Checking the IP Address**

You can view the IP address and other networking information from the PXB user interface.

 Select Product Information from the System menu (shown in Figure 3-6 on page 39) to view the System Information tab.

The **System Information** tab lists the IP address and other system information. See Figure 3-12.

2. To exit the **Product Information** window, select **Block Diagram**.

# **Remote Desktop: Using the PXB Remotely**

The Windows XP **Remote Desktop Connection** can be used for remote control of the PXB. It offers fully interactive control that is almost identical to the front-panel control of the PXB.

NOTE The Remote Desktop functionality is a Microsoft Windows XP and Windows 7 feature. The following information provides guidelines for using this feature with the PXB. For more information, refer to the Microsoft Windows *Help and Support* documentation. Over time Windows functionality may change. Refer to the Microsoft website.

## **Overview of Remote Desktop Operation**

The remote desktop functionality of the PXB allows you to control and interact with the PXB from a remote computer.

When you have configured the PXB for remote connectivity and configured a separate computer to act as a remote desktop host, you can control the PXB and view the its display on the computer.

This section provides instructions of how to set up the PXB for remote connectivity and how to set up a computer running any 32-bit version of Microsoft Windows.

# **Setting Up Remote Desktop Operation**

## Setting Up the PXB - Windows XP

Before the PXB can be controlled with a **Remote Desktop Connection**, it must be set up to allow the connection.

**NOTE** To perform this operation, you *must* have Administrator level access to the PXB.

- 1. On the Windows task bar, click **Start** > **Control Panel**.
- 2. Select Performance and Maintenance > System.
- 3. In the **System Properties** dialog box, click the **Remote** tab.
- 4. In the **Remote Desktop** panel, click the **Allow users to connect remotely to this computer** checkbox.
- 5. To add users, click **Select Remote Users...** and follow the on-screen instructions and then select **OK**.

## Setting Up the PXB - Windows 7

Before the PXB can be controlled with a **Remote Desktop Connection**, it must be set up to allow the connection.

**NOTE** To perform this operation, you *must* have Administrator level access to the PXB.

1. On the Windows task bar, click **Start** > **Control Panel**.

- 2. Select the **System** control panel.
- 3. In the **System** control panel, click **Remote settings**.
- 4. The **System Properties** dialog box will open with the **Remote** tab selected.
- 5. Make sure Allow connections from computers running any version of Remote Desktop is selected.
- 6. To add users, click Select Users... and follow the on-screen instructions and then select OK.

#### **Setting Up the Remote Computer**

This setup procedure depends on whether the remote computer is running Windows XP/Windows 7 or another version of Microsoft Windows.

- If the remote computer is running Windows XP or Windows 7, the Remote Desktop Connection Client software is included. No additional setup is required.
- If the remote computer is running any 32-bit version of Windows (e.g. Windows 95, 98, ME, NT4.0, or 2000) that supports remote desktop connection, you will need to download and run the Remote Desktop Connection Client software from the Windows website.

**NOTE** Agilent Technologies offers no warranty regarding the operation of such software.

# **Running a Remote Desktop Session**

**NOTE** This section describes Running a Remote Desktop Session for Windows XP. For Windows 7, refer to the Microsoft Windows *Help and Support* documentation.

#### **Initializing a Remote Desktop Session**

To initialize a remote desktop session you need to know the computer name and the IP address of the PXB. For this information, refer to Locating the Computer Name and Checking the IP Address on page 43.

After setting up both the PXB and the remote computer for Remote Desktop Connectivity, as described in Setting Up Remote Desktop Operation, you are ready to start a Remote Desktop session.

- 1. Make sure the PXB has been powered up and the PXB user interface has loaded.
- 2. From the remote computer, click Start > All Programs > Accessories > Remote Desktop Connection.
- 3. In the **Remote Desktop Connection** dialog box, enter the IP address of the PXB.

Figure 3-13 Remote Desktop Connection



- 4. Click Connect.
- 5. Log in by entering the PXB's user name and password. The default user name is **instrument** and the default password is **measure4u** (all lower case), but note that these parameters may have been changed by other users.

Figure 3-14 Log On to Windows display



- NOTE Only the current User or an Administrator can remotely log into the instrument. To see who the current user of the PXB is, press the Ctrl + Esc hardkeys on the instrument until you can view the current user name on the Start menu. If no one is currently logged into the instrument, any valid instrument user can remotely log in.
- 6. The PXB display appears on the screen of the remote computer. Most of the PXB functions can be accessed using the remote computer's keyboard and mouse. In addition, there are some keyboard shortcuts that can be used to access some PXB front panel functions. See Keyboard Shortcuts for Remote Desktop Operation on page 50.

## **Setting Remote Desktop Options**

These options are accessed in the Remote Desktop Connection dialog box as in Figure 3-13 by clicking Options.

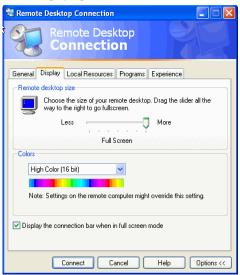
Figure 3-15 Remote Desktop Connection Options - General



The Options menu has several tabs. Generally, the default settings are correct. However, there are some restrictions on particular settings under certain tabs, as listed below.

- Under the General tab, ensure that the Computer name, User name, and Domain name are correctly set.
- You may choose to enter the password and save it for future sessions, by checking the Save my password check box.

Figure 3-16 Remote Desktop Connection – Display Options



Under the Display tab the following options are available:

- In the **Remote desktop size** panel, you may select the size of the window in which the PXB display will appear. Do not select any size smaller than 1024 x 768 pixels. Selecting a remote desktop size smaller than 1024 x 768 results in the PXB display not being fully visible. In such circumstances, scroll bars do not appear, so portions of the display are not accessible.
- In the **Colors** panel, you may select any setting that use 15 bits or more. Selecting a color setting that uses less than 15 bits results in dithering and incorrect color rendition of the remote desktop window.



Figure 3-17 Remote Desktop Connection Experience Options

Under the **Experience** tab you have the following options:

- In the **Performance** panel, you can optimize the performance of the remote desktop session by choosing the appropriate connection format from the drop–down list box.
- You may also select any of the check boxes which you consider appropriate.

## **Ending a Remote Desktop Session**

Disconnect the remote computer from the PXB to end the remote desktop session.

- Select the IP Address Remote Desktop icon in the upper left corner of the Window's title bar then select Close.
   A dialog box appears indicating Disconnect Terminal Services Session.
- 2. Click **OK** to confirm disconnect.

## **Keyboard Shortcuts for Remote Desktop Operation**

When the PXB is in Remote Desktop mode, the following remote keyboard keys can be used to mimic the operation of the PXB front panel hardkeys.

Front Panel Key Name	Remote Keyboard Equivalent			
– (Minus Sign)	- (Minus Sign)			
. (Decimal Point)	. (Decimal Point)			
← → (Left/Right Arrow Keys)	← → (Left/Right Arrow Keys)			
↑↓ (Up/Down Arrow Keys)	↑↓ (Up/Down Arrow Keys)			
<b>0–9</b> (Number Keys)	0–9 (Number Keys)			
Alt (Alternate)	Alt (Alternate)			
Bk Sp (Backspace)	Backspace			
Cancel (Esc)	Esc			
Ctrl (Control)	Ctrl			
Delete	Delete			
Enter	Enter			
Help	F1			
Keyboard	Ctrl + Alt + K			
Main	Ctrl + Alt + M			
Preset	Ctrl + Alt + P			
RPG (Rotary Pulse Generator) Knob	none			
Space	Space Bar			
System	Ctrl + Shift + Y			
Tab (Left)	Shift + Tab			
Tab (Right)	Tab			
Touch On/Off	Ctrl + Alt + T			

When using the PXB in Remote Desktop mode, the following remote keyboard keys can be used to mimic the operation of the PXB's user interface **File** menu/toolbar.

User Interface Command Name	Remote Keyboard Equivalent
New Configuration	Ctrl + N
Recall	Ctrl + O
Save	Ctrl + S
Print	Ctrl + P
Сору	Ctrl + C
Paste	Ctrl + V
Undo	Ctrl + V
Opens Keyboard Help	F1
Opens File Menu	F10

NOTE The effect of pressing Ctrl + Alt + Delete on the keyboard of the remote computer always applies to the remote computer, and *not* to the PXB. Generally, the effect of this hardkey combination is to display the Windows Task Manager. Therefore, pressing this hardkey combination on the remote computer does not reboot the PXB.

# **Agilent Technologies Recovery System**

The Agilent Technologies Recovery System is used to recover from a serious malfunction caused by corrupted or missing files on the PXB's primary C: drive partition.

#### **CAUTION**

The operating system recovery will overwrite the C: drive partition, restoring the instrument's operating system back to its original factory condition. After performing the recovery, any option upgrades, additional software, or user accounts added since purchase of the PXB are lost and need to be reinstalled.

Save any files, programs, or user data that you want to keep on the D: drive partition before running the operating system recovery. **My Documents** is mapped to the D: drive partition, which is designated for user data and will not be affected by the recovery process. Although the E: drive partition will not be affected by the recovery process either, it is not recommended that you store your data on this partition because it is designated for factory instrument calibration data.

## **Agilent Recovery System Procedure**

- 1. Click Start > Shut Down > Restart > OK.
- 2. In the screen after the Agilent logo, when **Please select the operating system to start:** displays, press the **Down** arrow hardkey on the PXB front panel to highlight the **Agilent Recovery System** and then press **Enter**.

Figure 3-21 Agilent Recovery System



3. Follow the instructions on the screen to complete the Agilent Recovery System procedure.

Refer to Initializing the System on page 12 for information on starting the PXB for the first time.

# **Returning the PXB to Agilent Technologies**

If you experience a problem with your PXB that you cannot correct and need to return the PXB to Agilent Technologies for repair, follow these steps to ensure your security and facilitate the repair of your instrument.

- 1. Gather as much information as possible about the PXB's problem.
- 2. Remove sensitive proprietary information from the PXB (if required). Refer to Removing Sensitive Data.
- Contact Agilent Technologies using the phone number that is specific to your geographic location. These phone
  numbers are listed on the internet at <a href="http://www.agilent.com/find/assist">http://www.agilent.com/find/assist</a>. If you do not have access to the Internet,
  contact your Agilent Technologies representative.
  - After you provide the information about the PXB and its condition, you will receive information about where to ship your PXB for repair.
- Ship the PXB in the original factory packaging materials, if available, or use similar packaging to properly protect the instrument.

# **Removing Sensitive Data**

If your PXB has secure data on the hard drive and you need to move your PXB from your secure environment, you will need to remove the hard drive from the PXB.

For complete information, refer to the *Agilent N5106A PXB Baseband Generator and Channel Emulator Security Features* document (Agilent part number N5105-90014). All documentation is available on the internet at <a href="http://www.agilent.com/find/pxb">http://www.agilent.com/find/pxb</a>. Always refer to this web site for the most recent and up-to-date documentation.

# 4 Using Microsoft Windows

**NOTE** This section describes using Microsoft Windows XP. For Windows 7, refer to the Microsoft Windows *Help and Support* documentation.

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# **Microsoft Windows Considerations**

Agilent Technologies has modified and optimized the Microsoft Windows operating system to work with the PXB firmware and to control the hardware that performs the PXB functions. Heed the following instructions and avoid repairs:

- Do *not* modify or reconfigure the operating system.
- Do *not* install a standard version of the Windows operating system on the PXB.
- Do *not* change advanced performance settings or group policies.
- Do *not* add, change, or delete any Hard Disk Drive (HDD) partitions on the PXB.
- Do not delete the Agilent Technologies user account.
- Do not modify any of the Agilent Technologies Windows Registry entries.

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# **On-Screen Keyboard**

Figure 4-1 On-Screen Keyboard



The on-screen keyboard is a graphical computer keyboard that enables you to touch or click (if using a mouse) the keys on a virtual keyboard. It functions like the external QWERTY keyboard, allowing you to enter text into any Windows or PXB application that accepts alphanumeric data. To launch the keyboard:

#### From Windows XP

From the Windows task bar, click Start > All Programs > Accessories > Accessibility > On-Screen Keyboard.

# From Windows 7

• From the Windows task bar, click Start > All Programs > Accessories > Ease of Use > On-Screen Keyboard.

#### From the PXB User Interface

- Select Tools > On-Screen Keyboard.
- Press the front panel Keyboard hardkey.
   The front-panel Keyboard hardkey functions only when the PXB user interface is running.

# **User Installation of Software**

# **Installation of Third Party Software**

The PXB is an open Windows environment so you can install software on the instrument, however, the installation of third party software may affect instrument performance. Agilent Technologies does not warranty the performance of the PXB with any third party software installed.

**NOTE** Before installing any additional programs on the instrument, you should exit the PXB user interface.

Do *not* remove any factory installed applications or programs from the PXB.

# **Capturing/Printing Displays and Windows**

This capture/print functionality is a Microsoft Windows XP capability. The following provides some guidelines for using this capability with the PXB. For more information, refer to the Microsoft Windows XP *Help and Support* documentation.

- 1. Capture the desired screen area:
  - To capture the image of the entire desktop, press the Print Screen key on an external keyboard. This saves the
    image on the Windows clipboard.
  - To capture the image of a single window, select the window and press the Alt + Print Screen keys on an
    external keyboard. This saves the image on the Windows clipboard.
- 2. Open a graphics software program on the PXB.
  - Microsoft Paint is accessible on the PXB by selecting **Start > All Programs > Accessories > Paint**.
- 3. Press Ctrl + v keys to paste the clipboard contents into the graphics software.
- 4. Save the image to a file.
  - If you save the file to a USB memory device, the saved graphic file can be easily transported from the PXB to a PC for use in other software applications.
- 5. From the graphics software, print the image.

# Windows Security

# **Spyware Protection**

There is no anti-spyware software installed on the PXB. To protect the instrument against security threats, pop-ups, and slow performance, it is recommended that you install anti-spyware software if you connect the PXB to the internet. If available, contact your IT department for assistance.

# System Backup

It is recommended that a regular backup strategy be implemented. Contact your IT department for information on any existing backup system which is suitable for the PXB and its data.

Windows XP has a **Backup** utility that creates a copy of the information on your hard drive. In the event that the original data on your hard disk is accidentally erased or overwritten, or becomes inaccessible because of a hard disk malfunction, you can use the copy to restore your lost or damaged data. For more information on this utility, refer to the Microsoft Windows XP *Help and Support* documentation.

A third party backup utility which is compatible with the PXB system software may be used. For more information, refer to "Installation of Third Party Software" on page 55.

When performing a backup, it is recommended that the data be sent to an external storage device connected to the network or one of the instrument's USB connectors.

**NOTE** If possible, schedule the backup at a time when the instrument is not being used for normal operations as it may impact the instrument's overall performance.

Using Microsoft Windows System Backup

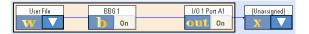
# **5** PXB Basic Configuration Setup

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# **One Channel Generate Configuration Setup**

This example configuration setup will step you through the 1 Channel Generate configuration, the most basic of the PXB configurations. See the PXB online documentation for more information and examples.

Figure 5-1 Block Diagram



This configuration is completed by following these seven procedures:

- 1. Basic Introduction and Turn On
- 2. Register External Instruments
- 3. Assign External Instruments
- 4. Assign Waveform Source and Load Configuration
- 5. Set Up and Download Waveform
- 6. Set Up Output I/O Port
- 7. Set Up Signal Generator
- 8. Play Waveform

Use these steps to complete most of the PXB setups. Slight variations may occur to complete other configuration setups. Learn about each configuration type in the "Tutorials and Example Configuration Setups" section located in the PXB online documentation.

Step-by-step instructions for completing each of these basic steps are provided in the following sections.

## 1. Basic Introduction and Turn On

When the PXB is powered on, it displays a 1 Channel Generate configuration in the **Configuration Browser** as the default. This configuration is available to all PXBs. The PXB only displays configurations that the PXB supports. These supported configurations are determined by the number of baseband cards, I/O cards, and licenses installed in the PXB.

- 1. To turn on the PXB, press the front panel **Power** hardkey.
- 2. Allow the PXB to boot up and display the PXB user interface.
- 3. Ensure that the 1 Channel Generate configuration is selected in the Configuration Browser.

The block diagram for this selected configuration (shown in Figure 5-1) is displayed on the **Block Diagram** tab.

For additional information on the Configuration Browser, refer to the *Configuration Basics* tutorial section in the online documentation.

## 2. Register External Instruments

The PXB is designed to use a variety of external instruments to provide external inputs or receive the output of the PXB. These external instruments can be controlled by the PXB firmware; however, the external instruments must be registered within the firmware prior to being available for use.

This example will only require a signal generator (MXG or ESG). This process only needs to be performed once. If the instrument that you plan to use is already registered (see step 1), you may skip to the next section to assign your signal generator.

1. Click the **External Instrument Table** tab to display the External Instrument Table.

Figure 5-2 shows the External Instrument Table that has been populated with several external instruments used with the PXB.

The **External Instrument Table** displays the external instruments that are currently registered with the PXB firmware. External instruments that can be registered are:

- N5182A MXG Signal Generators (PXB output)
- N5172B EXG or N5182B MXG Signal Generators (PXB output)
- E4438C ESG Signal Generators (PXB output, PXB input and output for loopback configurations)
- N5102A Digital Signal Interface Module (DSIM) (PXB input or output)
- N9020A MXA Signal Analyzer (PXB input for external input configurations)
- E5515C/8960 Wireless Communication Test Set (PXB input and output)

The table displays the name, instrument type, address, and I/O Port of each registered external instrument. If no instruments are displayed in the table, then no instruments are currently registered.

Figure 5-2 External Instrument Table

Name	← Family	Address	Assigned to IO Port
ESG1	ESG-C	GPIB0::19::INSTR	
MXA1	MXA	TCPIP0::123.30.043.12:	
MXG1	MXG	TCPIP0::129.26.034.17:	
MXG2	MXG	TCPIP0::121.14.176.22:	
N5102A #1	DSIM	N/A	

2. Select the **Add** button to start the registration process. This displays the **Register External Instrument** dialog box. This procedure uses the N5182A MXG signal generator for example purposes.

Figure 5-3 Default Register External Instrument dialog box



- 3. In the **Name** text box, enter "MXG1" or another name to describe your signal generator. For the remainder of this example, the signal generator is referred to "MXG1".
- 4. In the **Family** drop down list, select the instrument type that describes the instrument's family. In this case, select **MXG**.
- 5. In the **Visa Interface** drop down list, select the interface that the PXB will use to communicate with the instrument (TCPIP0 = LAN or GPIB0 = GPIB).
- 6. In the Address text box, enter the LAN or GPIB address specific to the instrument that you are registering.
- 7. Click **OK** to complete the registration. The **External Instrument Table** should now show the instrument that you just registered (an MXG, in this case).
- 8. Click the **Block Diagram** tab to return to the configuration block diagram that was originally displayed.

# 3. Assign External Instruments

With the 1 Channel Generate configuration selected, you now will assign the external instrument.

1. Review the block diagram.

You will see a **User File** block, a **BBG1** block and an **I/O 1 Port A1** block (this block is an output which connects to a signal generator). You will also see an **Unassigned** block which represents an unassigned block for an external instrument (the signal generator).

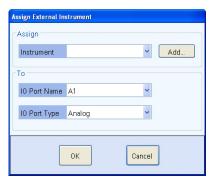
Figure 5-4 Unassigned External Instrument



2. On the unassigned block, click the button and then the **Assign External Instrument** tab to display the dialog box.

3. In the **Assign** area of the dialog box, select the MXG signal generator that you previously registered.

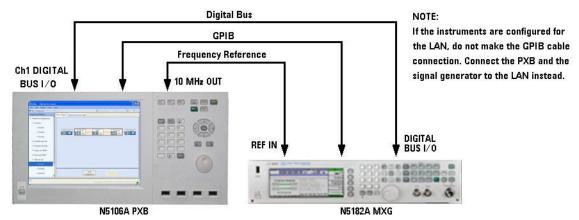
Figure 5-5 Assign External Instrument



- 4. In the **To** area, leave the **I/O Port Name** field set to the default selection. Ensure that the **I/O Port Type** field is set to **Digital**.
  - The **I/O Port Name** field allows you to select any available I/O port.
  - The **I/O Port Type** field allows you to select from two types of I/O port connections, digital or analog, for the ESG or MXG signal generators. For additional information, refer to the *Assign External Instrument* tutorial section in the online documentation.
- 5. Click **OK** to return to the block diagram. Note that the external instrument block now displays the selected signal generator.
- 6. Connect the PXB to the signal generator as shown.

For the rear panel connector locations, refer to Rear Panel on page 24.

Figure 5-6 PXG to MXG



# 4. Assign Waveform Source and Load Configuration

**Waveform (User File)** blocks enable the user to select the signal creation source from an arbitrary waveform file (User File) or from a Signal Studio real-time option. In this example, we will select an arbitrary waveform file.

- 1. The default waveform source selection is ARB (User File). If you have Signal Studio real-time options installed, you could click the button to display the Assign Waveform Source dialog box and select a real-time format.
- Select the Load Configuration button to load the settings for each of the configuration blocks.
   Selecting a tab label displays the tab's settings. The General Settings are similar to those found in a traditional signal generator such as; Waveform Source Name, Sample Rate, Trigger Delay, and Baseband Frequency Offset.

## 5. Set Up and Download Waveform

Once the configuration is loaded, the **Settings Browser** replaces the **Configuration Browser** in the left panel of the user interface. Each block from the block diagram is also listed in the **Settings Browser**. You are now able to view and edit the setting for each block.

Set up the baseband generator block and download an example waveform to play.

- 1. Open the waveform settings for **User File1**. This can be done in one of two ways:
  - Select the User File1 block in the block diagram
  - Select the User File1 label in the Settings Browser
- 2. Select **Waveform Source Name** to display the **ellipsis** button at the right edge of its settings cell. Select the ellipsis button to display the **Open File** dialog box.
- 3. For this example, ensure the Default1.bin waveform is selected. This is the waveform that the baseband generator will play.

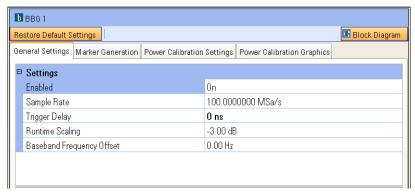
The Default1.bin waveform is 5000 samples, one cycle of a sine wave. It is a single tone that appears on the high side of the carrier with a frequency of (sample rate)/5000. For a sample rate of 100 MHz, the tone appears 20 kHz above the carrier frequency.

The default folder, C:\Program Files\Agilent\PXB\FactoryDefaultWaveforms, contains the factory default waveforms. For additional information regarding waveforms, refer to Factory Default Waveform Files in the online documentation.

If you have already loaded other waveform files on the PXB, you can navigate to the folder it was saved in using the **Open File** dialog box.

- 4. In the **Settings Browser** or the block diagram, open the baseband generator settings for **BBG 1**.
- 5. Notice the four tabs that are displayed: **General Settings**, **Marker Generation**, **Power Calibration** Settings, and **Power Calibration Graphics**.

Figure 5-7 Baseband Generator BB Gen1



Selecting a tab label displays the tab's settings. The General Settings are similar to those found in a traditional signal generator such as; **Waveform Source Name, Sample Rate, Trigger Delay**, and **Baseband Frequency Offset**.

- 6. Select the **Marker Generation** tab to review this tab's settings.
- 7. Select the **Power Calibration Settings** tab to review this tab's settings. The **Power Calibration Graphics** tab provides a graphical description of some of the power control settings.
- 8. Select **Block Diagram** to return to the block diagram.
- 9. Select Load Waveforms (see Figure 5-8 on page 66) to display the Waveform Table.

The table displays the selected waveform source file as **Waveform 1**. Notice that **Waveform Status** is "Out-of-Date" and **Download Status** is "Not Started," which indicates that the waveform has not been loaded to the baseband generator yet.

10. Select **Start** to download the designated waveform from the PXB hard drive to the playback memory of the baseband generator.

Notice that, once the waveform has been downloaded, **Waveform Status** is displayed as "Up-to-Date" and **Download Status** is displayed as "Completed".

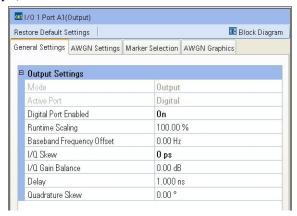
11. Return to the block diagram.

### 6. Set Up Output I/O Port

The output I/O port is used as the output interface to an external instrument (either a signal generator or an N5102A Digital Signal Interface Module) at the output of the PXB. The output I/O block has its own settings that are customized for the output. For additional information, refer to the I/O Port Setup tutorial in the online documentation.

- 1. Open the I/O Port settings for I/O1 Port A1. This can be done in one of two ways:
  - Select the I/O1 Port A1 block in the block diagram
  - Select the I/O1 Port A1 label in the Settings Browser
- Notice the four tabs that are displayed: General Settings, AWGN Settings, Marker Selection, and AWGN Graphics.

Figure 5-8 I/O 1 Port A1 (Output)



The following is a quick review of how each of the tabs can influence the output of the PXB.

3. Review the **General Settings** tab.

The General Settings tab provides information about the I/O port and can be used to make changes to the I/O port. You will notice that the Mode setting is a read-only entry that displays Output indicating that this I/O port is being used as an output I/O.

- 4. Select the AWGN Settings tab to review this tab's settings. This tab is used to add and control Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN) to the output signal at the I/O port. The AWGN Graphics tab provides a graphical description of some of the AWGN settings.
- 5. Select the **Marker Settings** tab to review this tab's settings. For additional information, refer to the *Marker Basics* tutorial in the online documentation.

The I/O output block can pass the existing markers from the input source, the baseband generator or I/O input block, or can dynamically generate new markers based on the waveform present at the I/O output block. Markers that are generated from an output I/O block that is receiving a single-input waveform are merged with the waveform as it was received. Therefore, if the original waveform has had fading or interference added, the degraded waveform is used to generate these markers. This is important to note because dynamic markers use the values of the waveform samples to determine when markers are generated.

Any output I/O markers are used instead of the markers previously embedded in the original waveform file or those generated by a user-created marker file or baseband generator block.

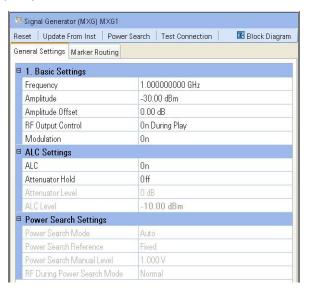
6. Return to the block diagram.

#### 7. Set Up Signal Generator

The PXB provides direct control of several of the signal generator settings. These settings include the output frequency, the output amplitude, and the internal marker routing and more. It does not provide control of all the signal generator settings.

- 1. Open the MXG settings for MXG1, the signal generator that we have assigned as the external instrument for this configuration. This can be done in one of two ways.
  - Select the MXG1 block in the block diagram
  - Select the MXG1 label in the Settings Browser
- 2. Notice that this external instrument has two tabs that are displayed: General Settings and Marker Routing.

Figure 5-9 Signal Generator (MXG) MXG1



- 3. Select the **Preset** button to preset the signal generator.
- 4. Review the **General Settings** tab.

The **General Settings** tab is comprised of three categories.

- Basic Settings which provides control of basic signal generator settings
- ALC Settings which provides control of the signal generator's Automatic Level Control (ALC) and attenuator circuitry
- Power Search Settings which provides control of the signal generator's power search function when a power calibration is performed
- 5. Set the **RF Output** parameter to **On** so the signal generator's RF Output connector will be on when the waveform is played.
- 6. Set the ALC parameter to Off so the signal generator's ALC circuitry will not interfere with the power calibration

when it is performed.

- 7. Select the Marker Routing tab to review this tab's settings. This tab allows you to set up the markers to control the Pulse/RF Blanking and the ALC Hold features. The PXB will overwrite these settings based on the system configuration as necessary to provide accurate output power to the signal generator.
- 8. Return to the block diagram.

#### 8. Play Waveform

Once the PXB configuration is set you can calibrate the system power and play the waveform from the BBG 1 block through the I/O block to the connected signal generator through the digital bus.

Figure 5-10 Calibrate Power



Power calibration occurs automatically by default. If you want manual control of power calibration, select Manual
in the System > Calibration > Power Calibration menu, then select the Calibrate Power button to perform the
power calibration based on the baseband generator block's Power Control Settings and the output I/O block's AWGN
Settings.

Note: You cannot perform a Calibrate Power operation unless the selected waveform in the Download Panel has both "Up-to-Date" and "Completed" waveform status.

- 2. Select the **Play** button to start playing the waveform from BBG 1.
- 3. When you wish to stop playing the waveform, select **Stop**.

To save the configuration and its settings, select **File** > **Save**.

To recall the configuration and its settings, select **File** > **Recall**.

# **6** Safety and Regulatory Information

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## Warnings, Cautions, and Notes

The documentation for this product uses the following safety notations. Familiarize yourself with each notation and its meaning before operating the PXB.

WARNING	Warning denotes a hazard. It calls attention to a procedure which, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in personal injury or loss of life. Do not proceed beyond a warning note until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.	
CAUTION	Caution denotes a hazard. It calls attention to a procedure that, if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in damage to or destruction of the PXB; or in the loss of a user's settings or data. Do not proceed beyond a caution note until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met.	
NOTE	Note calls the user's attention to an important point or special information in the text.	

### **General Safety Considerations**

WARNING	If the PXB is not used as specified, the protection provided by the equipment could be impaired.
	The PXB must be used in a normal condition only, in which all means for protection are intact.

WARNING Personal injury may result if the PXB covers are removed. There are no operator serviceable parts inside. To avoid electrical shock, refer servicing to qualified personnel.

## **Lifting and Transporting**

The weight of the PXB can exceed 33 kg (70 lbs). The PXB should be lifted by at least two people. If two people are not available, use a mechanical lift to lift the PXB. The PXB should be transported using a rolling cart.

#### Weight and Dimensions

Weight: 33 kg (70 lbs.)

Dimensions (Height X Width X Depth):

Centimeters: 21.9 cm X 42.5 cm X 59.1 cm
Inches: 8 5/8" H X 16 3/4" W X 23 1/4" D

### **Instrument Markings**

The PXB has the following markings. Familiarize yourself with each marking and its meaning before operating the PXB.



The instruction manual symbol. The product is marked with this symbol when it is necessary for you to refer to instructions in the manual.



The CE mark is a registered trademark of the European Community. If this symbol is accompanied by a year, it is the year when the design was proven.



The CSA mark is a registered trademark of the Canadian Standards Association International.



The C-Tick Mark is a trademark registered to the Australian Spectrum Management Agency. This indicates compliance with all Australian EMC regulatory information.



This is the symbol of an Industrial Scientific and Medical Group 1 Class A Product. (CISPER 11, Clause 4)



This symbol marks the on position of the power line switch.



This symbol marks the standby position of the power line switch.



This symbol indicates that the input power required is AC.

ICES/NMB-001

This is a marking to indicate product compliance with the Canadian Interference–Causing Equipment Standard (ICES–001)



This product complies with the WEEE Directive (2002/96/EC) marking requirements. The affixed label indicates that you must not discard this electrical/electronic product in domestic household waste.

Product Category: With reference to the equipment types in the WEEE Directive Annex 1, this

product is classed as a "Monitoring and Control instrumentation" product.

Do not dispose in domestic household waste.

To return unwanted products, contact your local Agilent Technologies office.



EFUP (Environment–Friendly Use Period) indicates the time period during which no hazardous or toxic substances or elements are expected to leak or deteriorate during normal use and generally reflects the expected useful life of the product. The time period is stated in terms of the number of years, starting with the date of manufacture.



This product complies with the China standard GB18455–2001 packaging marking requirements. The ISO standard recycling symbol marking is used on all primary and secondary fibreboard packaging covered by China RoHS.



South Korean Class A EMC Declaration A 급 기기 (업무용 방송통신기자재)

이 기기는 업무용 (A 급) 전자파적합기기로서 판 매자 또는 사용자는 이 점을 주의하시기 바라 며, 가정외의 지역에서 사용하는 것을 목적으로 합니다.

This equipment is Class A suitable for professional use and is for use in electromagnetic environments outside of the home.

#### Toxic or Hazardous Substance and Elements Table

The PXB may contain replaceable assemblies or components (including the disk drive, power supply, mouse, display, or battery, which are not manufactured by Agilent Technologies) which have a shorter EFUP (Environment–Friendly Use Period) number than that which is indicated on the product itself (40 is indicated for the PXB). In cases where the assembly, component, or part is labeled with an EFUP which differs from the one indicated by Agilent Technologies, the EFUP on the assembly, component, or part takes precedence. Agilent Technologies makes no claims concerning, and takes no responsibility for the EFUP numbers reflected on goods which are not manufactured by Agilent Technologies.

Document part number 9320–6691 is the Toxic or Hazardous Substances and Elements Table and is shipped with each PXB.

## **Regulatory Information**

**EMC:** Complies with the essential requirements of the European EMC Directive as well as current editions of the following standards (dates and editions are cited in the Declaration of Conformity):

- IEC/EN 61326-1
- CISPR Pub 11 Group 1, class A
- AS/NZS CISPR 11
- ICES/NMB-001

This ISM device complies with Canadian ICES-001.

Cet appareil ISM est conforme a la norme NMB-001 du Canada.

**South Korean Class A EMC declaration:** This equipment is Class A suitable for professional use and is for use in electromagnetic environments outside of the home.

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**SAFETY:** Complies with the essential requirements of the European Low Voltage Directive as well as current editions of the following standards (dates and editions are cited in the Declaration of Conformity):

- IEC/EN 61010-1
- Canada: CSA C22.2 No. 61010-1
- USA: UL std no. 61010-1

#### **Acoustic statement:** (European Machinery Directive)

Acoustic noise emission

LpA < 70 dB

Operator position

Normal operation mode per ISO 7779

To find a current **Declaration of Conformity** for a specific Keysight product, go to: http://www.keysight.com/go/conformity

#### Certification

Agilent Technologies certifies that this product met its published specifications at the time of shipment from the factory. Agilent Technologies further certifies that its calibration measurements are traceable to the United States National Institute of Standards and Technology, to the extent allowed by the Institute's calibration facility, and to the calibration facilities of other International Standards Organization members.

#### **Assistance**

Product maintenance agreements and other customer assistance agreements are available for Agilent Technologies products. For assistance, contact Agilent Technologies.

**NOTE** Prior to contacting Agilent Technologies be prepared with the PXB's model number and full serial number. This information is provided to the Agilent Technologies representative in order to determine the instrument's warranty period.

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