



Agilent Technologies

## **USER'S GUIDE SUPPLEMENT**

Optical Spectrum Analyzer  
Agilent 86141B Option H17

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## INTRODUCTION

This manual supplement describes the differences in the Agilent 86141B Option H17 compared to the standard Agilent 86141B.

## DESCRIPTION

The Agilent 86141B Option H17 is a standard Agilent 86141B Optical Spectrum Analyzer that has been modified to provide improved preselector capability for single mode (9/125  $\mu\text{m}$ ) applications. This modification greatly increases the instruments susceptibility to vibration and temperature for preselector operations when using the 9  $\mu\text{m}$  output.

The modification consists of replacing the internal multi-mode (62.5/125  $\mu\text{m}$ ) optical transfer switch with both a single mode (9/125  $\mu\text{m}$ ) optical cable and multi mode (50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) optical cable. Both monochromator outputs are routed directly to the front panel; the photo diode input fiber (50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) is also routed directly to the front panel.

This special requires that an external 50  $\mu\text{m}$  jumper be installed on the front panel from the 50  $\mu\text{m}$  monochromator output to the 50  $\mu\text{m}$  photodetector input for normal OSA operation.

The photo diode input must be looped back to either of the mono outputs or be blocked during manual zero and auto-zero operations.

This special requires that an auto align be performed when switching between mono outputs. When using the 50  $\mu\text{m}$  mono output, a standard auto align is sufficient. When using the 9  $\mu\text{m}$  mono output, a "single mode align" (Under the Filter mode menu) should be used.

## MANUAL CHANGES TO DOCUMENT THE AGILENT 86141B OPTION H17

### *CHAPTER 7, Specifications and Regulatory Information (when using 50 $\mu\text{m}$ mono out)*

Applicable Specifications and Characteristics (when using 50  $\mu\text{m}$  mono output)

Automatic internal optical transfer switch operation is not operable with this option.

An external 50  $\mu\text{m}$  optical fiber loop back must be used for normal OSA operation.

**Any errors introduced by the use of a non-perfect cable will add direct to the OSA measurement uncertainty and degrade all specifications.**



*CHAPTER 7, Specifications and Regulatory Information (when using 9 um mono out)*

Page 7-6. Specification, Resolution Bandwidth

Delete: All references to Corrected bandwidth accuracy for noise markers  
(1250 nm – 1600 nm)

Page 7-7. Specifications, Amplitude

Delete: All references to Amplitude specifications.

Add: Polarization Dependence Agilent 86141B Option H17\*  
 **$\pm 0.5$  dB** from 1510 to 1570 nm (Characteristic)

Page 7-7. Specifications, Sensitivity

Delete: All references to Sensitivity specifications.

Add: Sensitivity for Agilent 86141B H17\*  
**-80 dBm** form 1510 to 1570 nm only

Page 7-12. Specifications, Monochromator Insertion Loss

Delete: All references to Monochromator Insertion Loss specifications.

Delete: All references to Characteristic Monochromator Loss.

Add: Insertion Loss of Monochromator with 9 um output fiber.\*  
 **$\leq 13.0$  dB**

(Insertion loss is specified with an unpolarized source after auto align at the test wavelength. The insertion loss is verified every 10 nm form 1510 to 1570 nm.)

Page 7-12: Monochromator Insertion Loss

Change: (into 50 um fiber)

Page 7-12: Photodetector Input

Add: 50 um fiber or smaller required.

Page 7-11: Specifications, Environmental

Change: Operational Temperature to **20 deg C to 30 deg C**



\*Performance Considerations:

No significant temperature change.

No movement of the fiber or vibration of the instrument.

HMS-10 connectors on monochromator input and output.

SERVICE, Replaceable Parts

Change: Optical Assembly

From Agilent p/n 86140-60081

To Agilent p/n 86141-60086