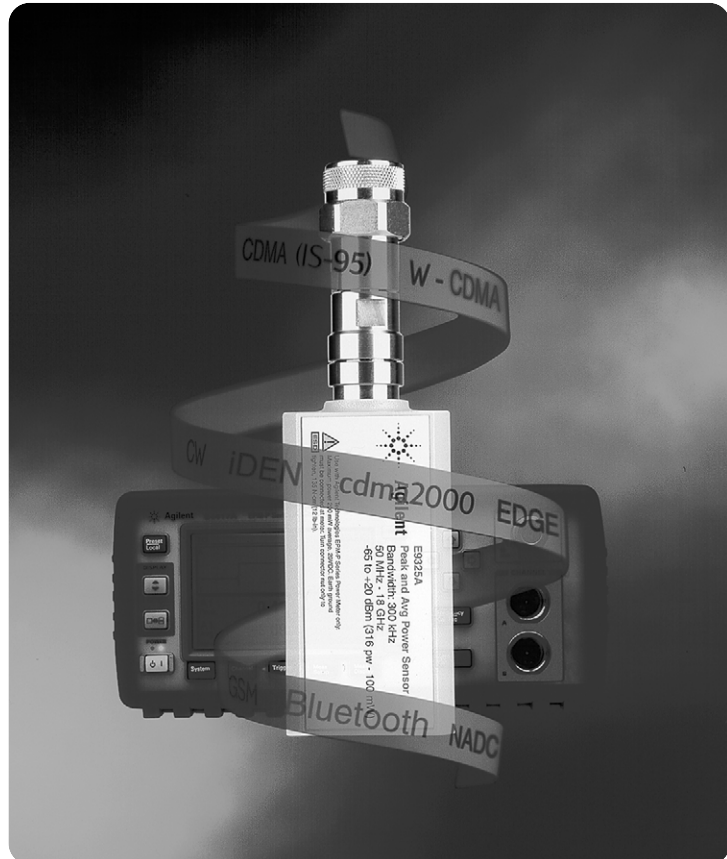


Agilent EPM-P Series Single- and Dual-Channel Power Meters Agilent E9320 Family of Peak and Average Power Sensors

Product Overview



The power measurement solution you've been looking for

- Ideal for today's R&D and manufacturing environments
- Peak, average, peak to average ratio, and time-gated measurements for TDMA, CDMA, and W-CDMA testing
- Speed, accuracy, and reliability for greater throughput without compromise
- 5 MHz bandwidth (maximum), high-performance peak and average power sensors
- Analyzer software for power, time, frequency and statistics



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Designed for manufacturing

Agilent has the power measurement solution you've been looking for

In a competitive environment such as wireless manufacturing, testing needs to be as efficient as the rest of the manufacturing process. If you are looking for a single-meter solution that can do a full range of power measurements with speed, accuracy, and reliability, you'll find all these capabilities and more in Agilent's EPM-P series power meters and E9320 power sensors.

Two EPM-P series models offer excellent performance optimized for wireless communications testing:

- E4416A single-channel meter, 9 kHz to 110 GHz, sensor dependent
- E4417A dual-channel meter, 9 kHz to 110 GHz, sensor dependent

Together with the E9320 power sensors, the EPM-P power meters measure the complex modulation formats of today's TDMA and CDMA standards, as well as emerging wide-band CDMA (W-CDMA) standards for 3G wireless communications.

Power meter measurements include peak, peak-to-average ratio, and average power of RF and microwave signals. Extensive triggering features are available for making time-gated measurements. Fast test times, with measurement speed of up to 1,000 corrected readings per second, help you increase throughput to meet time-to-market and time-to-volume goals.

High-performance power sensors

The EPM-P series power meters work with the E9320 peak and average power sensors to create a low-cost solution that answers a wide range of manufacturing test needs.

Six power sensors make up the E9320 family:

- E9321A, 50 MHz to 6 GHz, 300 kHz bandwidth
- E9322A, 50 MHz to 6 GHz, 1.5 MHz bandwidth
- E9323A, 50 MHz to 6 GHz, 5 MHz bandwidth
- E9325A, 50 MHz to 18 GHz, 300 kHz bandwidth
- E9326A, 50 MHz to 18 GHz, 1.5 MHz bandwidth
- E9327A, 50 MHz to 18 GHz, 5 MHz bandwidth

Each sensor offers variable bandwidth settings so that you can maximize the sensor's dynamic range for your application.



One meter for TDMA, CDMA, and W-CDMA power measurements

The EPM-P series power meters with the E9320 family sensors provide peak power, average power, peak-to-average ratio, and time-gated measurements of the complex modulation formats in wireless communication systems.

Time-gated measurements are performed using the meter's extensive triggering features, which include continuous, level, external TTL, and GPIB triggering. A TRIGGER OUT port, on the rear panel, allows other equipment to be synchronized to the power meter measurements, simplifying measurement setups.

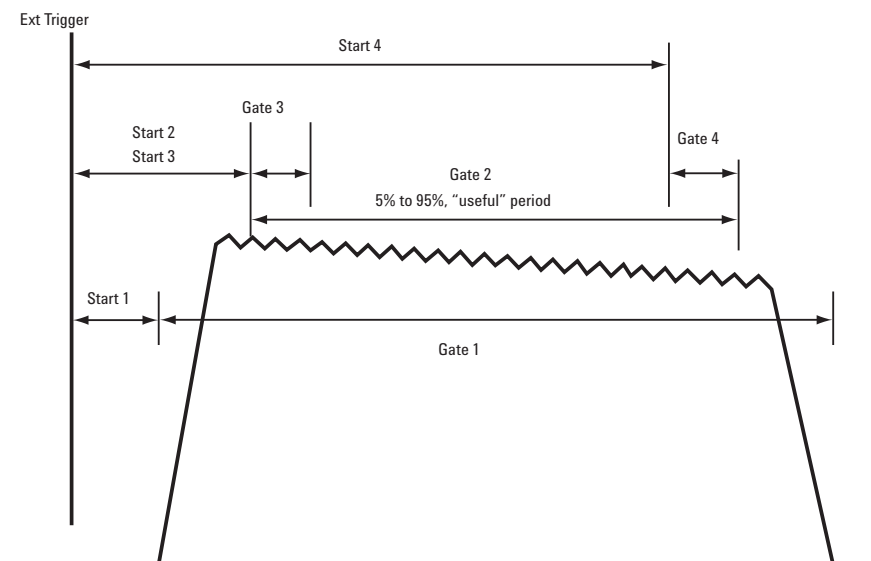
The flexible user interface allows you to perform and display up to four simultaneous time-gated or free-running measurements. For time-gated measurements, each gate can be set up to measure the average, peak, or peak-to-average ratio, and you can set individual start and duration times for each measurement. This capability is

Speed without sacrificing accuracy and repeatability

Faster test times help improve manufacturing productivity and efficiency. Designed for both bench and ATE operation, the EPM-P power meters and E9320 sensors provide a measurement speed, over the GPIB, of up to 1,000 corrected readings per second. The power meters' 20 M-samples per second continuous sampling rate gives you the ability to accurately profile complex modulation formats of up to 5 MHz bandwidth, and modulation bandwidth correction ensures accurate peak measurements on signals such as CDMA or W-CDMA.

especially useful for measuring power on TDMA signals that require time-gating of various combinations of peak and average power. On a GSM signal, for example, you can use time-gating to measure the average power of the "useful" time period (5% - 95% of the burst duration), as well as to measure the peak power, peak-to-average ratio, and pulse droop.

Gate 2 provides the burst average power over the "useful" GSM time period and Gate 1 indicates the peak power over the complete timeslot. A peak-to-average ratio measurement can therefore be obtained by combining Gate 1 - Gate 2 (in dB). This peak-to-average measurement is made on two different gate times and should not be confused with the peak-to-average ratio measurement that can be carried out in a single gate. A pulse droop measurement can be obtained from the subtraction of the two powers, Gate 4/Gate 3.



Designed for R&D

In a design and verification environment the EPM-P series power meters now offer a complete solution for power measurements.

Real time markers allow closer analysis of the signal under test. The gate control screen provides graphical signal representation of delta time, delta average, and delta peak and delta peak-to-average ratio with respect to markers 1 and 2 on the display. The trace control feature provides a trace zoom feature for closer examination of a signal. Ideal for investigating glitches and overshoot, and for closer examination of the rise time or fall time.

Measurement gates can be set by numerical entry of the start and length time. Also through the use of the graphical gate set up to define and control the start and length of the gate.



Best in class calibration reference

The 1 mW power reference provides low measurement uncertainty for power sensor calibration and ensures a power output traceable to the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the National Physical Laboratories (NPL), UK.

Thorough analysis and verification of the power meter test processes allow Agilent to provide best-in-class 0 dBm calibration reference

specifications. Temperature banding of accuracy over one-year and a warranted SWR specification mean that you can test to tighter specifications within your operating environment with confidence in your measurement results.

Accuracy (for one-year):
±1.2% (0°C to 55°C)
±1.07% (25°C ±10°C);
±1.03 (23°C ±3°C);
SWR: 1.05 maximum

Agilent EPM-P analyzer software

The Agilent EPM-P analyzer software is a PC based tool for pulse and statistical analysis for TDMA and CDMA modulation formats.

Pulse analysis

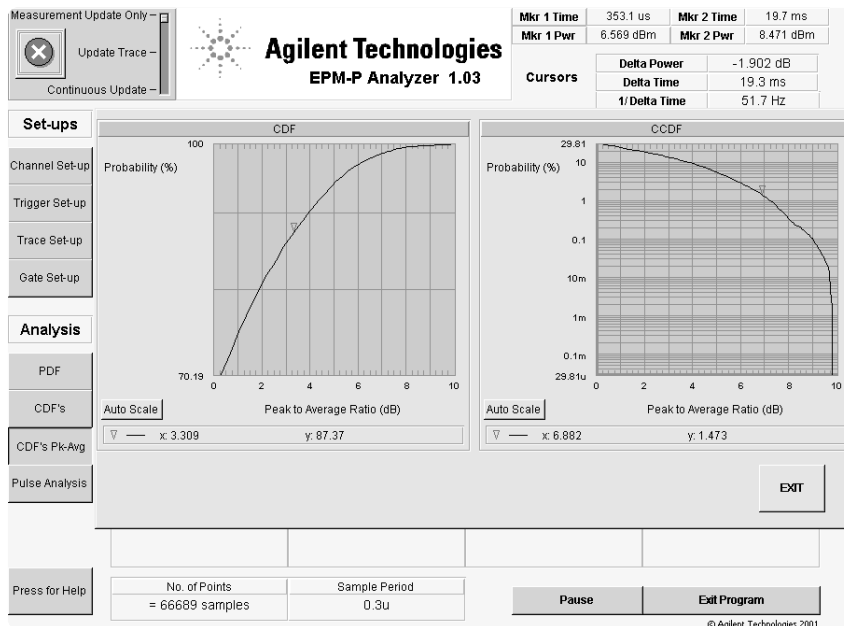
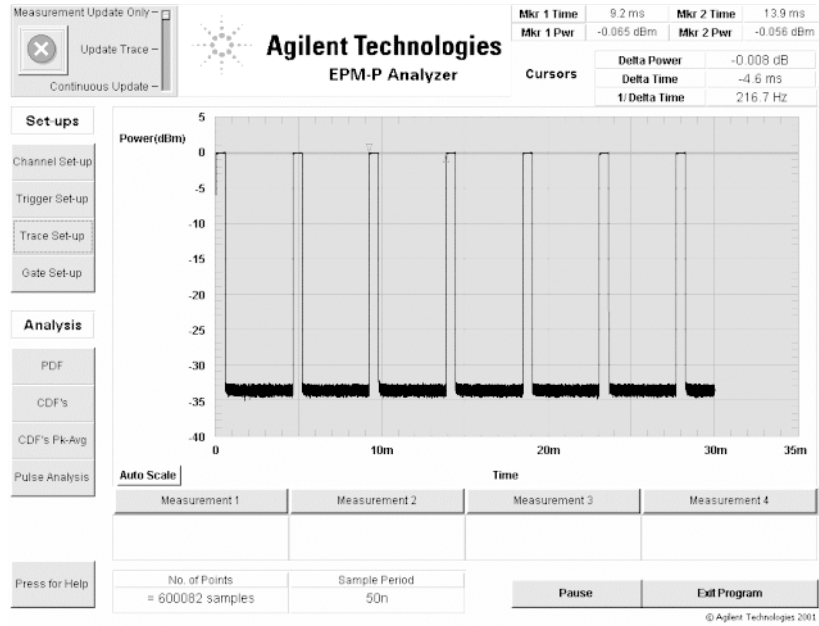
Versatile markers offer complete power and timing characterization¹ of pulsed signals, to provide easy testing of TDMA component parameters and system performance. In addition to measuring the peak power, average power and the peak-to-average ratio, the Agilent EPM-P analyzer software measures the following pulse characteristics automatically:

Power

- Pulse Top
- Pulse Base
- Distal
- Mesial
- Proximal
- Overshoot
- Burst Average

Frequency and time

- Pulse Repetition Frequency (PRF)
- Pulse Repetition Interval (PRI)
- Pulse Width
- Off-time
- Rise time
- Fall time

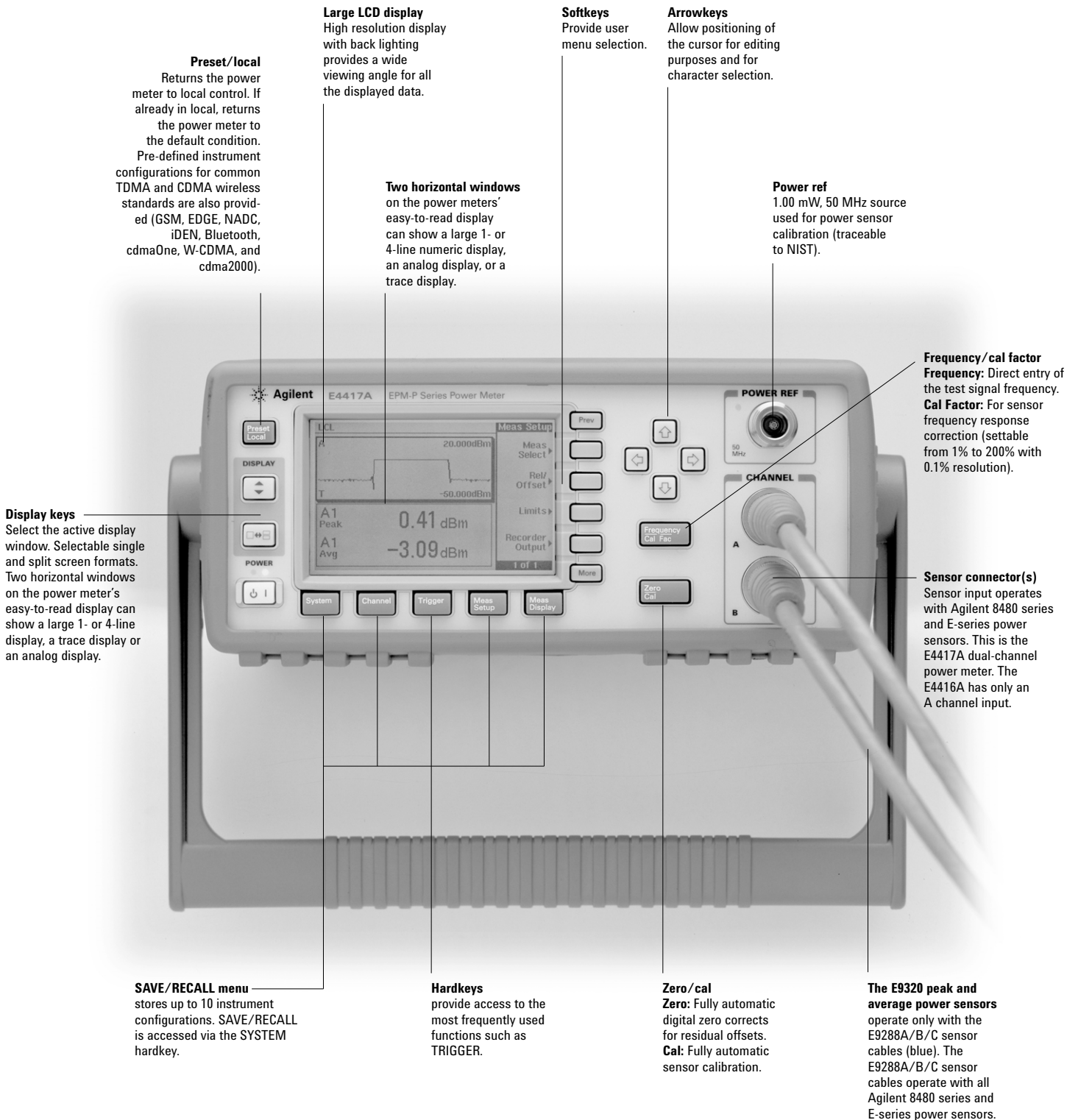


Statistical analysis

For today's noise-like CDMA and W-CDMA formats, statistical analysis of the power distribution provides essential characterization to optimize system design, such as testing for amplifier compression. The Agilent EPM-P Analyzer software provides the capability to determine the Probability Distribution Function (PDF), Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF), and Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (1-CDF or CCDF).

¹ Pulse characterization is only for the captured trace length.

A power meter that is very easy to use



Preset/local
Returns the power meter to local control. If already in local, returns the power meter to the default condition. Pre-defined instrument configurations for common TDMA and CDMA wireless standards are also provided (GSM, EDGE, NADC, iDEN, Bluetooth, cdmaOne, W-CDMA, and cdma2000).

Large LCD display
High resolution display with back lighting provides a wide viewing angle for all the displayed data.

Softkeys
Provide user menu selection.

Arrowkeys
Allow positioning of the cursor for editing purposes and for character selection.

Two horizontal windows
on the power meters' easy-to-read display can show a large 1- or 4-line numeric display, an analog display, or a trace display.

Power ref
1.00 mW, 50 MHz source used for power sensor calibration (traceable to NIST).

Frequency/cal factor
Frequency: Direct entry of the test signal frequency.
Cal Factor: For sensor frequency response correction (settable from 1% to 200% with 0.1% resolution).

Display keys
Select the active display window. Selectable single and split screen formats. Two horizontal windows on the power meter's easy-to-read display can show a large 1- or 4-line display, a trace display or an analog display.

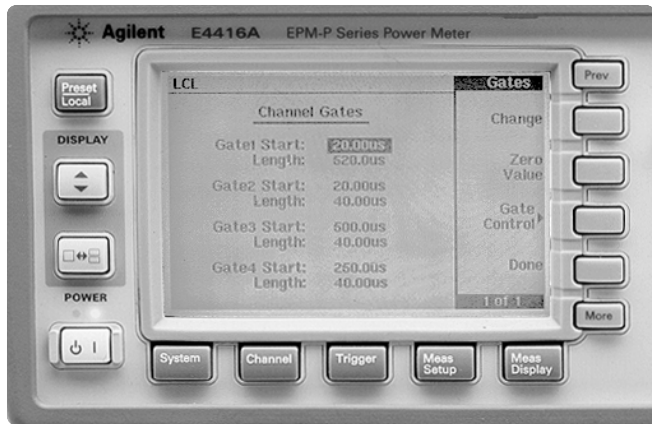
Sensor connector(s)
Sensor input operates with Agilent 8480 series and E-series power sensors. This is the E4417A dual-channel power meter. The E4416A has only an A channel input.

SAVE/RECALL menu
stores up to 10 instrument configurations. SAVE/RECALL is accessed via the SYSTEM hardkey.

Hardkeys
provide access to the most frequently used functions such as TRIGGER.

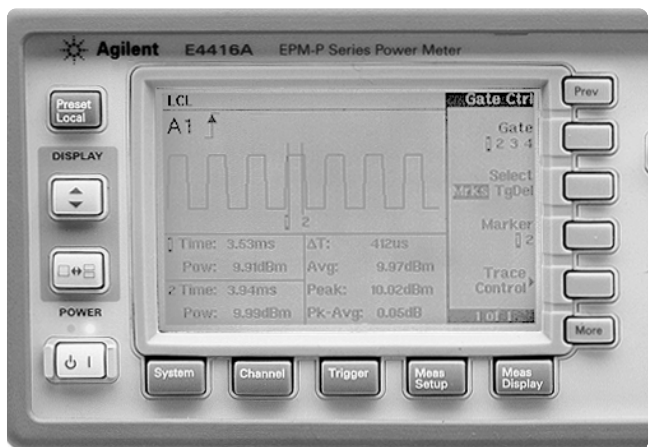
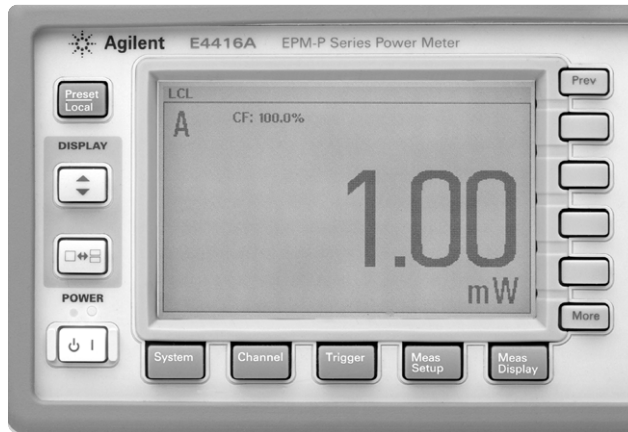
Zero/cal
Zero: Fully automatic digital zero corrects for residual offsets.
Cal: Fully automatic sensor calibration.

The E9320 peak and average power sensors
operate only with the E9288A/B/C sensor cables (blue). The E9288A/B/C sensor cables operate with all Agilent 8480 series and E-series power sensors.



Versatile user interface displays up to four time gates and lengths in a single measurement setup. This menu is accessed using the CHANNEL hardkey.

Large character mode provides easy viewing of information from a distance.

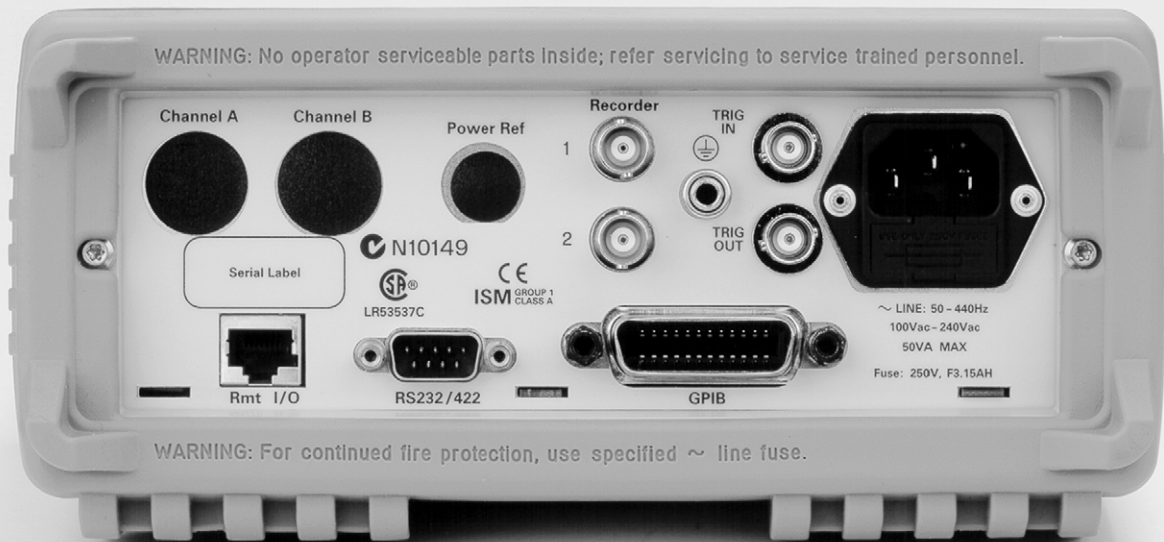


Markers 1 and 2 show the instantaneous power and time relative to the trigger event.

Easy to learn ... easy to use

Increase your productivity with an easy-to-learn, easy-to-use power meter.

The EPM-P series has been designed with the user in mind. Hardkeys such as ZERO/CAL allow access to the most frequently used power meter functions. Softkeys provide measurement control through user selection. The high resolution LCD display (with backlighting), large characters, and split screens provide easy viewing of information.



Rear panel features

- DC Recorder Output, 0 to 1 Volt. The Agilent E4417A has two dc Recorder Outputs as shown.
- Option 002 provides parallel rear panel sensor inputs with the power reference oscillator on the front panel.
- Option 003 provides parallel rear panel sensor inputs and moves the power reference oscillator to the rear panel.
- GPIB connector for remote control of all functions.
- RS232/422 connector for remote control.
- Line power - universal input voltage range with NO range selection switches.
- Ground connector - for those applications where you need a hard-wired connection between the power meter's ground and a common ground.
- Power meter conforms to CE and CSA standards.
- Remote input / output - TTL logic level is output when a measurement exceeds a predetermined limit. TTL inputs are provided to initiate zero and calibration cycles.
- Trig In - accepts a TTL signal for initiating measurements.
- Trig Out - outputs a TTL signal for synchronizing with external equipment.

High-performance, high-value power sensors

The E9320 power sensors have two frequency ranges—from 50 MHz to 6 GHz, which covers most wireless communication applications, and from 50 MHz to 18 GHz. For each frequency range there is a choice of sensors with three modulation bandwidths:

- 300 kHz, for measuring TDMA signals such as GSM
- 1.5 MHz, for measuring IS-95 CDMA signals
- 5 MHz, for measuring W-CDMA signals.

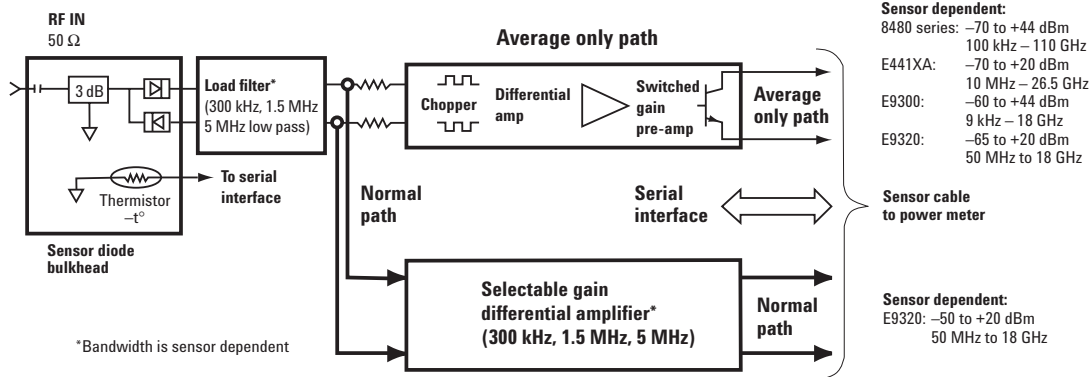
Variable bandwidths to maximize dynamic range

Wider bandwidths allow you to profile fast-changing signals, but at the expense of dynamic range. So that you can select the best video bandwidth¹ for your application and still maintain the widest possible dynamic range, Agilent

gives each E9320 sensor three video bandwidth settings—the maximum (default) setting, a medium setting, and a low setting.

Using the three settings, for example, you can use a single E9323A 5-MHz sensor to measure W-CDMA, IS-95 CDMA, and GSM signals.

E9323A video bandwidth	Maximum peak power dynamic range
High (default): 5 MHz	–32 to +20 dBm
Medium: 1.5 MHz	–34 to +20 dBm
Low: 300 kHz	–36 to +20 dBm



Two sensors in one package

The E9320 power sensors also combine stable, low-level power measurements with modulation measurements, to meet a wider range of test needs. The sensors have two independent measurement paths, providing the exceptional value of two sensors in one package:

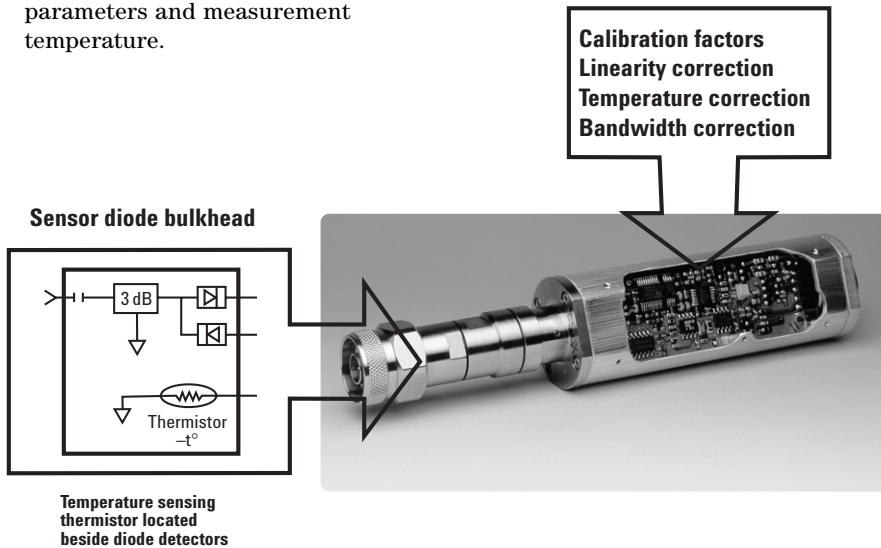
- **Normal path** for high-speed, continuously sampled measurement of modulated signals and time-gated measurements. This is the default path for E9320 sensors.
- **Average only path** for average power measurements on all signal types between –65 to –20 dBm. CW power measurements can be made between –65 to +20 dBm.

¹ The video bandwidth is the bandwidth detectable by the sensor and meter over which the power is measured, and is sometimes referred to as the modulation bandwidth.

Measurement accuracy and repeatability

For even greater accuracy and ease of use, the E9320 power sensors' calibration factors, linearity, temperature and bandwidth compensation data are all stored in EEPROM. At power-on or when the sensor is connected to an EPM-P series power meter, all the compensation data (for the calibration factors, linearity, temperature and bandwidth correction) is automatically downloaded from the sensor into the power meter. That means you achieve optimum accuracy no matter the signal parameters and measurement temperature.

In power measurement, mismatch between the sensor and the source is one of the main contributors to overall measurement uncertainty. To minimize this effect, the E9320 sensors provide exceptionally low standing wave ratio (SWR). For example, SWR is 1.12 for signals less than 0 dBm from 50 MHz to 2 GHz. Low SWR means that mismatch uncertainty has been minimized and measurement accuracy improved.



Compatibility with more than 30 Agilent sensors

The EPM-P series power meters are also compatible with Agilent's 8480 and E-series power sensors, which gives you additional choices for conventional, average power measurements. Including the E9320 family, Agilent provides a selection of more than 30 compatible sensors that cover a wide range of manufacturing and R&D needs.

Code compatibility

The EPM-P series power meters do not have code compatibility with the discontinued 43X power meters, and the 8900C/D peak power meters. The EPM-P series power meters use SCPI programming, therefore for average power measurements, most commands will be compatible with the EPM series power meter.



New sensor cable

All Agilent E9320 power sensors must be used with an E9288A, B, or C sensor cable. You can also use this cable with the all Agilent 8480 and E-series power sensors. The E9288A, B and C sensor cables are easily identified by their blue color.

EPM-P power meter options and accessories

Option number	Description
Opt 002	Supplies rear panel sensor input
Opt 003	Supplies rear panel sensor input (power reference on rear panel)
Opt 004	Delete sensor cable
Opt 908	Supplies one-instrument rackmount
Opt 909	Supplies two-instrument rackmount kit
Opt 0B0	Deletes the manual set
Opt 0B3	Provides the Service Manual
Opt 0BK	Provides hardcopy of User's Guide and Programming Guide
Opt A6J	Supplies ANSI/NCSL Z540-1-1994 Certificate of calibration

Accessory	Description
34131A	Basic instrument transit case
34141A	Yellow soft carry/operating case
34161A	Accessory Pouch

Path to the future

Agilent is committed to providing long-term solutions for the measurement of RF and microwave power. To exemplify this commitment, we will enhance the EPM-P series power meters in the future with new product features. These features will be provided as upgrades to the instruments' firmware available as downloads from the Internet or on disk.

To find out more about new product features, visit our Web site at:

www.agilent.com/find/powermeters

Warranted support

The Agilent EPM-P power meters come with a standard 3-year warranty and the E9320 power sensors with a 1-year warranty.

For more information

Agilent provides free, detailed product and application notes that explain how to achieve the best accuracy and repeatability from your EPM-P power meter and E9320 power sensors. Some of these are listed below:

Choosing the Right Power Meter and Sensor, Product Note,
literature number 5968-7150E

Fundamentals of RF and Microwave Power Measurements, Application Note 64-1,
literature number 5965-6630E

4 Steps for Better Power Measurements, Application Note 64-4,
literature number 5965-8167E

Related literature

EPM-P Series Power Meters and E9320 Power Sensors, Technical Specifications,
literature number, 5980-1469E

EPM-P Series Power Meters, EPM Series Power Meters and E-series Power Sensors, Configuration Guide,
literature number 5965-6381E

EPM-P Series Single-and Dual-Channel Power Meters, Demo Guide,
literature number 5988-1605EN

EPM-P Series Power Meter and CD Rom
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