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Phase Noise Measurement System
Version A.02.00

Installation Guide for E5500A

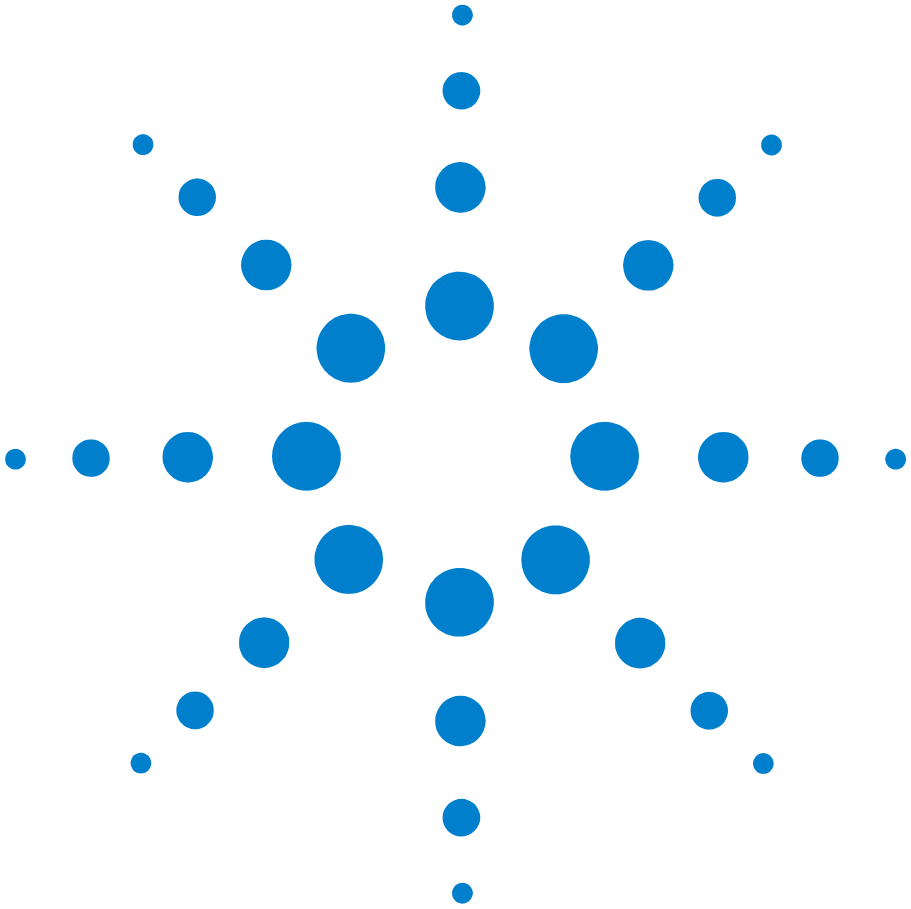

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Table 1 Safety symbols and instrument markings

Safety symbols	
	Warning: risk of electric shock.
	Warning: hot surface
	Caution: refer to accompanying documents.
	Laser radiation symbol: marked on products that have a laser output.
	Alternating current.
	Both direct and alternating current.
	Three-phase alternating current.
	Earth (ground) terminal
	Protective earth (ground) terminal

Table 1 Safety symbols and instrument markings (continued)

Safety symbols	
	Frame or chassis terminal
	Terminal is at earth potential. Used for measurement and control circuits designed to be operated with one terminal at earth potential.
	Terminal for neutral conductor on permanently installed equipment.
	Terminal for line conductor on permanently installed equipment.
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Instrument markings	
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 N10149	The C-tick mark is a registered trademark of the Spectrum Management Agency of Australia. This signifies compliance with the Australian EMC Framework regulations under the terms of the Radio Communications Act of 1992.
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Latin America:	305 269 7548
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2 Connect Diagrams

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E5500A Phase Noise Measurement System

Introduction

Table 1-1 shows which procedures in this document to follow depending on the system you purchased. This installation guide take you through the process of installing both the hardware and the E5500 Phase Noise Software. If you ordered a preconfigured system from Agilent Technologies, follow the alternate steps in the right column of Table 1-1. A confidence test is also included as the last step in the installation procedure.

Table 1-1 Installation Steps

Procedures in this Document	Pertain to a standard E5500A system (without a computer)	Pertain to a preconfigured E5500A system
"System Requirements" on page 1-3	X	N/A
"Unpacking Your System" on page 1-4	X	X
"Installing the Hardware" on page 1-5	X	N/A
"Installing the Agilent I/O Libraries" on page 1-10	X	N/A
"Configuring the Agilent I/O Libraries" on page 1-11	X	N/A
"Installing the VXI Interface Software" on page 1-14	X	N/A
"Installing the Measurement Software" on page 1-15	X	N/A
"Locating Documents that Support the E5500" on page 1-16	X	X
"Using the Asset Manager to Configure your System" on page 1-17	X	N/A
"Entering the License Key for the Phase Noise Test Set" on page 1-30	X	N/A
"Starting the Measurement Software" on page 1-33	X	X
"Using Server Hardware Connections to Specify Assets for the Confidence Test" on page 1-35	X	X
"Running the System Confidence Test" on page 1-37	X	X

System Requirements

NOTE: E5500 Standard "A" (without a computer supplied by Agilent Technologies) users are required to supply an Agilent 82350A GPIB Interface Card for their computer.

The system requirements for the phase noise measurement software include items in the following list and the connectors and adapters shown in Table 1-2:

- Pentium II® microprocessor or greater (200 MHz or greater)
- Minimum of 128 megabytes (MB) of memory (RAM)
- 10 gigabyte (GB) hard disk
- Super Video Graphics Array (SVGA)
- 2 additional PCI slots available for the phase noise system hardware.

  1 for VXI Interface Card

  1 for GPIB Interface Card
- Microsoft® Windows® 2000
- PCI - MXI-2 PC Card (included)
- Agilent 82350A GPIB Interface Card

Table 1-2 Connectors and Adapters

Part Number	Description	Agilent 70420A	Agilent 70420A Option 001	Agilent 70420A Option 201	Agilent 70422A
1250-0207	BNC, 50 ohm Termination	1	1	1	
1250-0780	Adapter, N(m) - BMC(f)	3	2	3	1
1250-1250	Adapter, N(m) - SMA(f)		1		2
1250-2015	Adapter, SMA(f) - BNC(m)				1
5061-5311	Adapter/Saver, 3.5mm(f) - 3.5mm(f)		2	2	
1250-1200	Adapter, SMA(m) - BNC(f)		2		

Unpacking Your System

1 Unpack and inspect the shipping container and its contents thoroughly to ensure that nothing was damaged during shipment.

NOTE: If the container or packing material is damaged, the contents should be checked both mechanically and electrically. If the contents are damaged or defective, contact your nearest Agilent Technologies Sales and Service office. Keep the shipping materials for the carrier's inspection.

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2 Verify that these parts and materials were included in the shipping container:

- E5500 Phase Noise Measurement System CD-ROM
- E5500 Software Keyword Licence Certificate
- Installation Guide for E5500A (part no. E5500-90021)
- User's Guide for E5500A/B (part no. E5500-90024)
- SCPI Command Reference Guide for E5500A (part no. E5500-90025)
- SCPI Commands Quick Reference Guide for E5500A (part no. E5500-90023)
- 9300-1408 Disposable Grounding Strap (Option 1FF)
- 5957-4369 Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) Warning Pamphlet
- 0960-1280 PCI - MXI-2 Interface Card

Installing the Hardware

NOTE: If you have ordered a preconfigured phase noise system from Agilent Technologies, skip this step and proceed to "Starting the Measurement Software" on page 1-33.

CAUTION: Refer to your computer's documentation for installation safety instructions and specific instructions for opening your computer.

Preparing for Installation

1 Power down the computer and all its peripherals.

2 Disconnect the power cord from the computer.

3 Remove the cover from the computer. This gives access to the I/O slots.

Accessing Your Computer's Expansion Slots

1 Look for suitable expansion slots for both the GPIB and VXI interface cards and remove the back panel's cover plates. Choose slots that give good access to the GPIB and VXI interface connectors.

Figure 1-1 shows a view of the slots vertically mounted. Your computer's slots may be horizontally mounted; however, the process is the same.

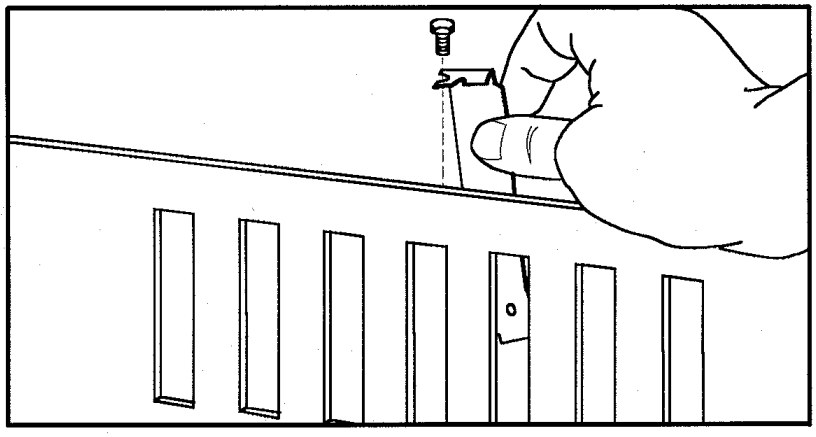

Figure 1-1 Vertically-mounted Expansion Slots

Taking ESD Precautions

CAUTION: To prevent possible ESD damage, you must be properly grounded with a grounding wrist strap before touching the VXI or GPIB Interface Cards. While inserting the cards, be sure to hold the cards by their edges.

1 Using the disposable grounding strap, supplied with the VXI interface card, unwrap the first two folds of the wrist strap and wrap the exposed adhesive side firmly around your wrist.

CAUTION: Wear this grounding wrist strap before unpacking or touching the VXI or GPIB interface cards; it is provided for control of static electricity. Failure to use the grounding wrist strap properly can result in damage to electronic devices and assemblies.

2 Unroll the rest of the wrist strap and peel the liner from the copper foil at the opposite end.

3 Attach the copper foil to a convenient and exposed electrical ground somewhere on the computer's chassis. This should be an unpainted surface of the computer cabinet.

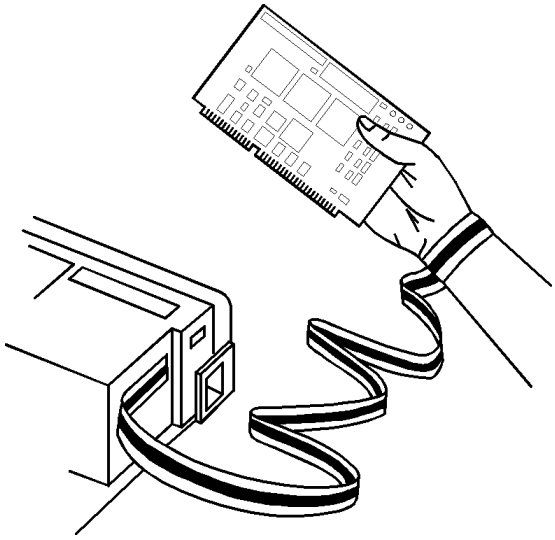

Figure 1-2 Use Grounding Strap Before Handling Cards

Installing the GPIB Interface Card

4 Insert the GPIB interface edge connector into the expansion slot connector of the computer. See Figure 1-3. Make sure the interface is fully seated by pushing firmly on the edge of the card with the palm of your hand. The GPIB connector should extend through the back panel opening to allow cable installation.

NOTE: You may need a GPIB connector extender to provide adequate clearance between the GPIB cable and the computer chassis.

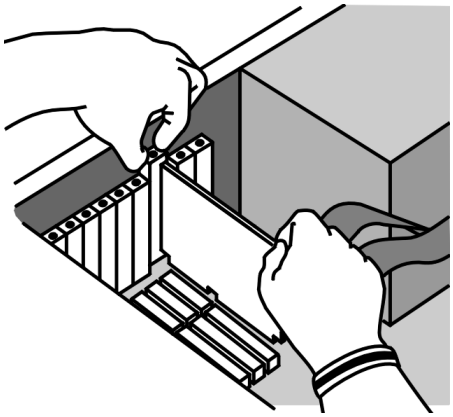

Figure 1-3 Inserting GPIB Card

5 Replace the GPIB back-panel cover plate screw to hold the interface in place.

Installing the PCI - MIX-2 Interface Card

6 Insert the PCI - MXI-2 interface card edge connector into the expansion slot connector of the computer. Make sure the interface is fully seated by pushing firmly on the edge of the card with the palm of your hand. See Figure 1-4.

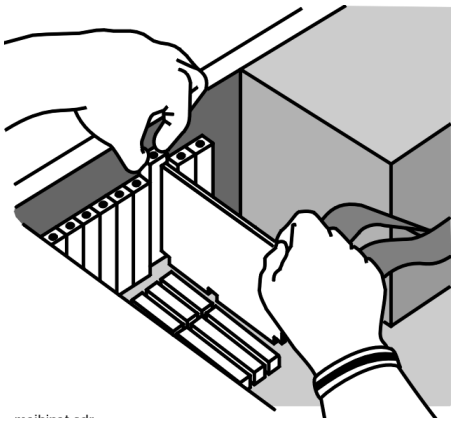

Figure 1-4 Installing the PCI-MXI-2 Interface Card

7 Replace the PCI - MXI-2 card back-panel cover plate screw to hold the interface in place.

8 Replace the computer cover as described in your computer's documentation.

Making System Connections

1 Connect the double cable between the PCI - MXI-2 interface card and the Agilent E1421B VXI mainframe.

2 Connect a BNC to BNC cable between the Agilent E1430A VXI card's Analog in connector and the Agilent 70420A Test Set's <100 MHz output connector.

3 Refer to Figure 1-5 for more information about system interconnections. For specific system interconnections, refer to Chapter 2, “Connect Diagrams”.

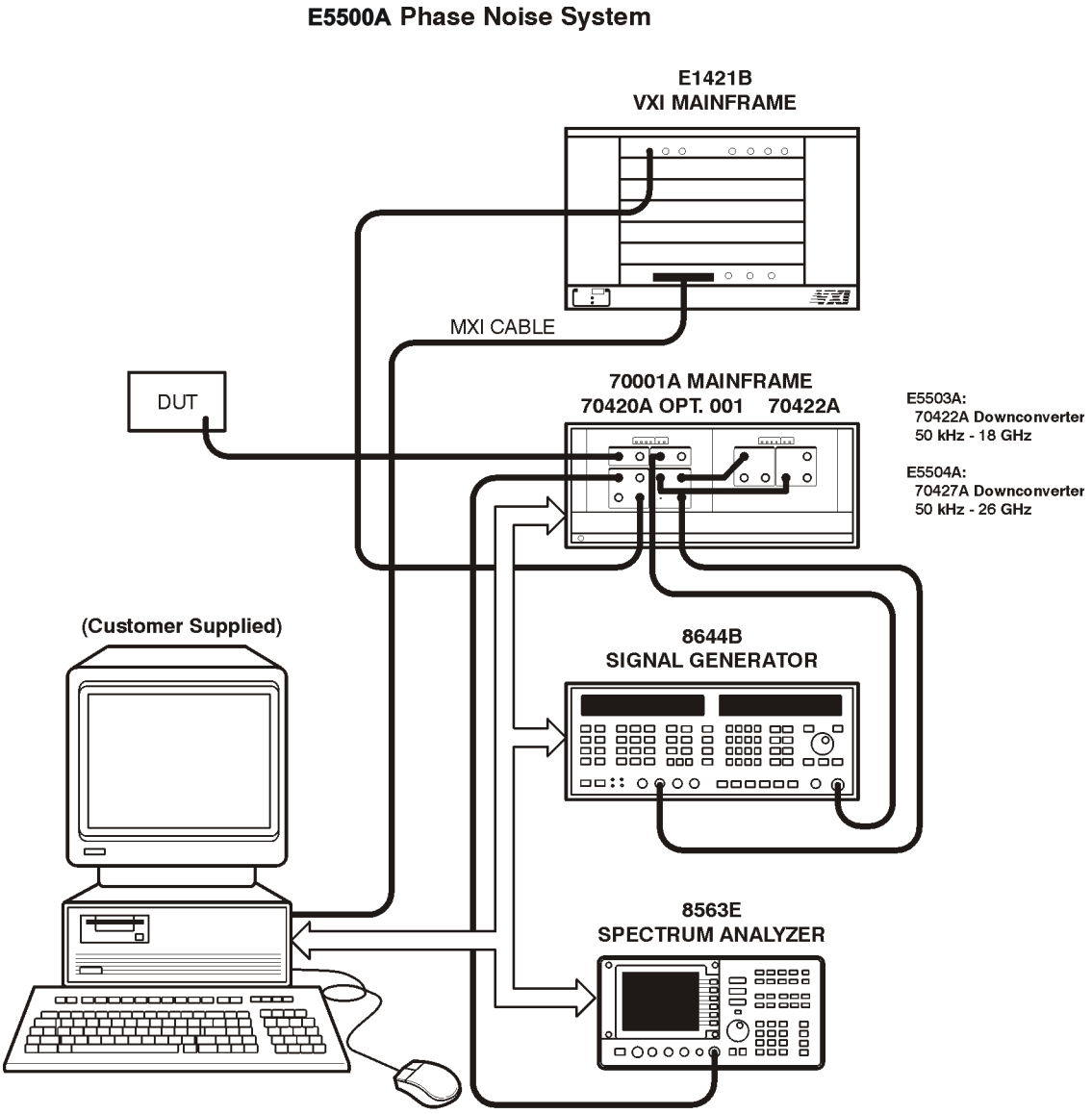

Figure 1-5 E5500A Connect Diagram Example

Installing the Agilent I/O Libraries

NOTE: If you have ordered a preconfigured phase noise system from Agilent Technologies, skip this step and proceed to "Starting the Measurement Software" on page 1-33.

NOTE: If you must re-install the Agilent I/O Libraries at a later date, you must also re-install the E5500 Measurement Software **after** the I/O Library installation.

1. Make sure your computer and monitor are turned on.
2. Place the E5500 Phase Noise Measurement Software CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive.
3. Double-click on **Agilent_IO_Libs**, then on s**etup.exe**. Follow instructions in s**etup.exe**, accepting the default settings.
4. Restart your computer at this time.

Configuring the Agilent I/O Libraries

1 Make sure your computer and monitor are turned on.

2 Referring to Figure 1-6, navigate to the **I/O Config**.

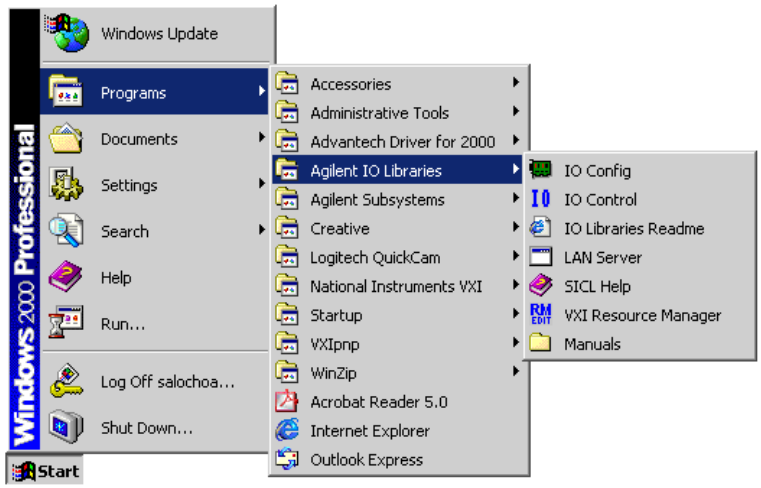

Figure 1-6 Navigate to I/O Config

3 Double click on **I/O Config**.

4 When the **I/O Config** screen appears, select **Auto Config**. This action adds all configured interfaces. See Figure 1-7.

5 When **Auto Config** completes, select GPIB0 in the **Configured Interfaces** field. Then press **Edit** at the bottom of the field. See Figure 1-7. The **82350 PCI GPIB Card Configuration** dialog appears.

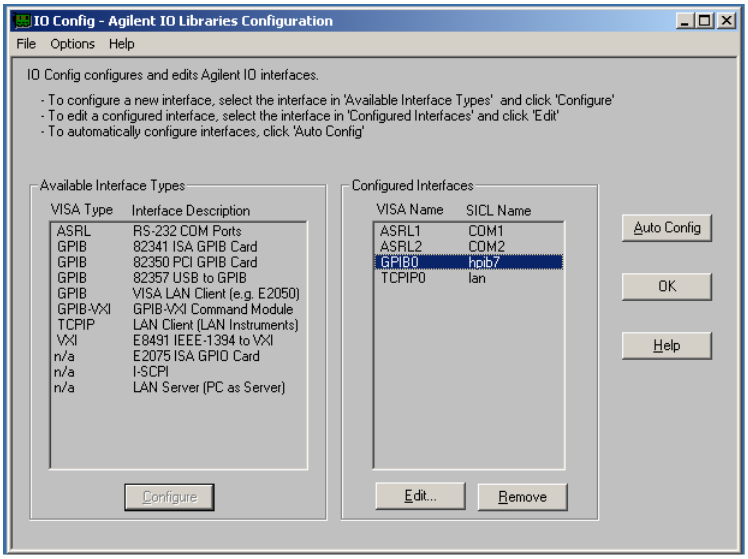

Figure 1-7 I/O Config Screen

6 At the bottom of the **82350 PCI GPIB Card Configuration** dialog, press **Edit VISA Config...**. See Figure 1-8. The **Show Devices** dialog appears.

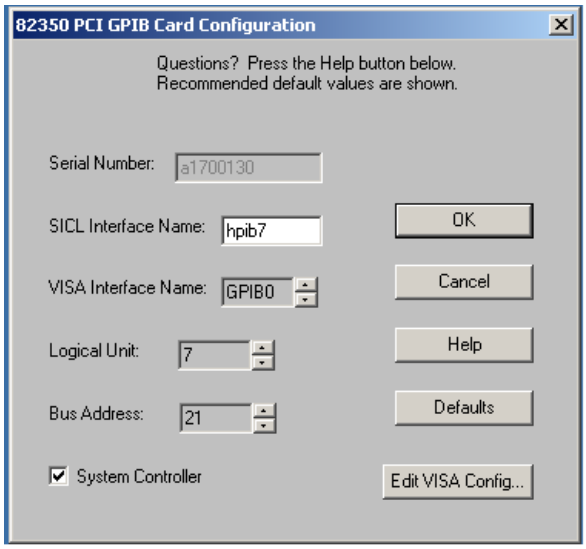

Figure 1-8 Bring up Show Devices Dialog

7 In the **Show Devices** dialog, click **Auto Add devices.** See Figure 1-9.

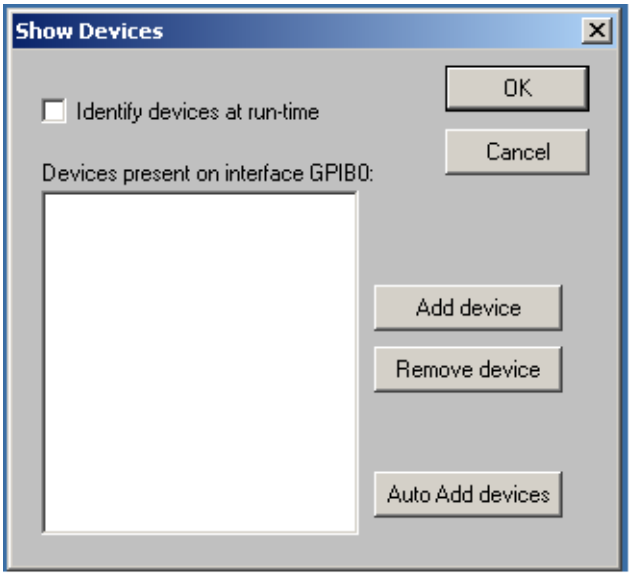

Figure 1-9 Make Selections in Show Devices

8 Also in the **Show Devices** dialog, deselect **Identify devices at run-time**. See Figure 1-9.

9 Press OK on each dialog until you have exited the I/O Config program.

10 Restart your computer at this time.

Installing the VXI Interface Software

NOTE: If you have ordered a preconfigured phase noise system from Agilent Technologies, skip this step and proceed to "Starting the Measurement Software" on page 1-33 in this document.

1. Make sure your computer and monitor are turned on.
2. Place the E5500 Phase Noise Measurement Software CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive.
3. Double-click on **NI_IO_Libs**, **VXI**, and finally on **Setup.exe.** Follow instructions in **Setup.exe**, accepting the default settings.

NOTE: Do **not** restart your computer at this time.

Installing the Measurement Software

NOTE: If you have ordered a preconfigured phase noise system from Agilent Technologies, skip this step and proceed to "Starting the Measurement Software" on page 1-33 in this document.

1 Make sure your computer and monitor are turned on.

2 Place the E5500 Phase Noise Measurement Software CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive. The dialog box shown in Figure 1-10 appears.

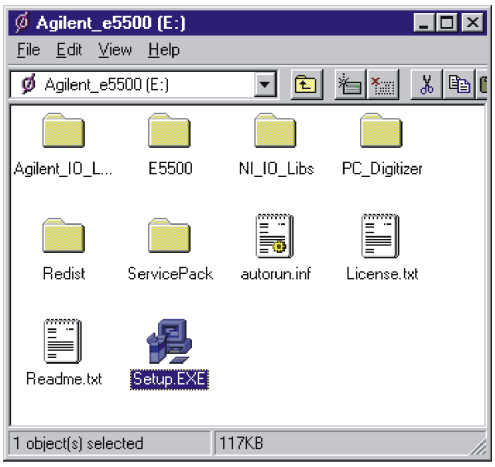

Figure 1-10 Contents of E5500 Phase Noise Measurement Software CD-ROM

3 Double click on **Setup.exe.** Follow instructions in **Setup.exe**, accepting the default settings.

4 Restart your computer at this time.

Locating Documents that Support the E5500

1. Make sure your computer and monitor are turned on.
2. Place the E5500 Phase Noise Measurement Software CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive.
3. Referring to Figure 1-11, navigate to Documents. You can view all documents that support the E5500 on-line using Adobe Acrobat Reader® (supplied).

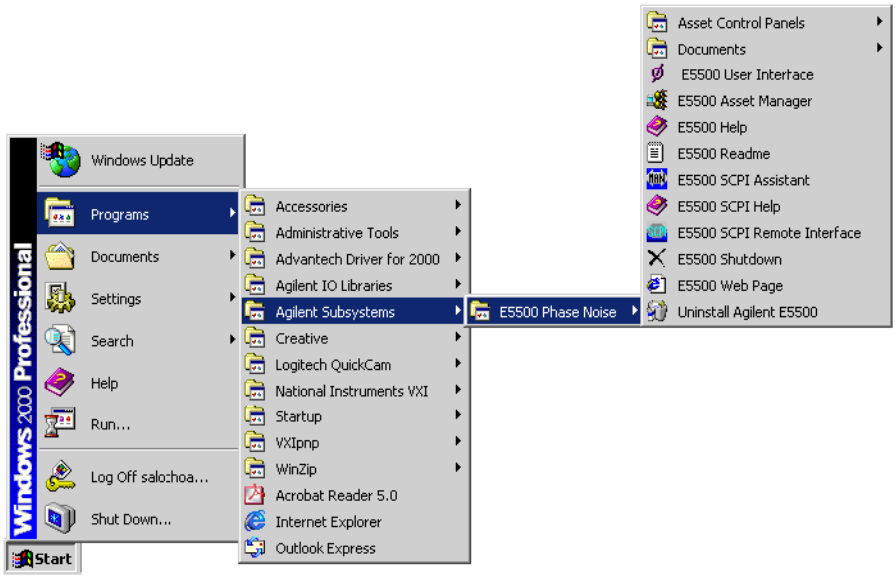

Figure 1-11 Navigate to Documents

Using the Asset Manager to Configure your System

NOTE: If you have ordered a preconfigured phase noise system from Agilent Technologies, skip this step and proceed to "Starting the Measurement Software" on page 1-33 in this document.

1 Make sure your computer and monitor are turned on.

2 Place the E5500 Phase Noise Measurement Software CD-ROM in the CD-ROM drive.

3 Referring to Figure 1-12, navigate to the **E5500 Asset Manager.**

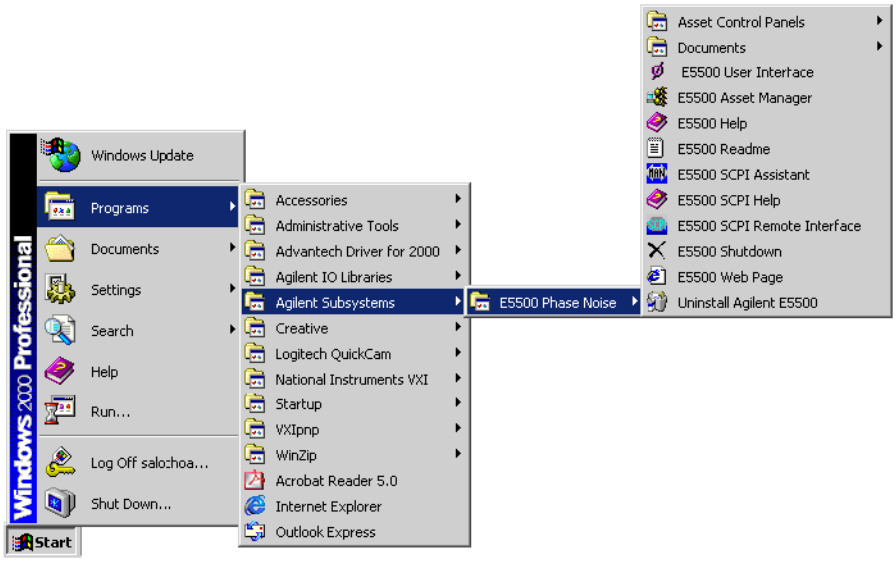

Figure 1-12 Navigate to Asset Manager

4 To place the Asset Manager in non-demo mode, either deselect the DM icon in the tool bar, or deselect Demo Mode from the Options menu. See Figure 1-13.

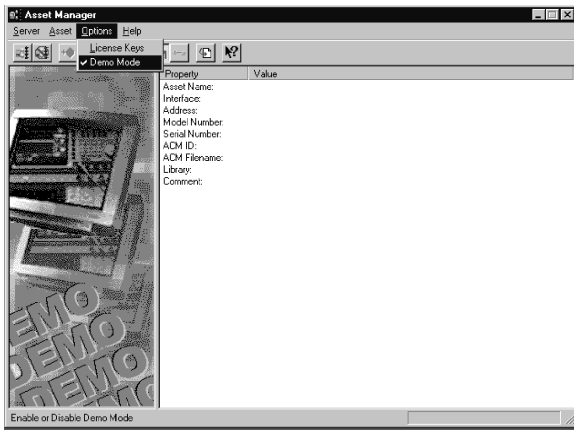

Figure 1-13 Deselect Demo Mode

5 Click **OK.** The Asset Manager can be invoked from within the phase noise measurement software. If Asset Manager is invoked from within the software, restart the software for any Asset Manager changes to take effect.

Configuring the Agilent 70420A Test Set

1 To configure the Agilent 70420A Phase Noise Test Set using the Asset Manager Asset Wizard, select the **Asset Wizard** button from **Auto Asset Wizard**. See Figure 1-14.

Figure 1-14 Start Asset Wizard

2 From the **Asset Type** pull-down list, select **Test Set,** then select **Next**. See Figure 1-15.

Figure 1-15 Choose Asset Type

3 In the **Choose Supporting ACM** box, click on the **Agilent 70420A, then** select **Next**.

4 In the Select Interface and Address box (Figure 1-16):

- **a** Select **GPIBO** From the **Interface** pull-down list.
- **b** Type 20, the default address for the Agilent 70420A Phase Noise Test Set, in the **Address** field**.** Table 1-3 shows Agilent-used default device addresses.
- **c** Use the default in the **Library** pull-down list. The Library does not apply to this example. It applies specifically to either the Agilent Technologies GPIB or the National GPIB interface cards.

5 Select **Next**.

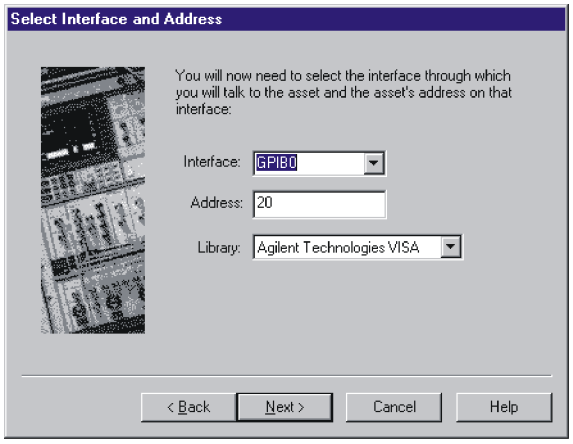

Figure 1-16 Choose the Interface and Address for the Agilent 70420A

Table 1-3 Agilent-used Default Device Addresses

Instrument	Address
Agilent 70420A Test Set	20
Agilent 70421A Downconverter	28
Agilent 70422A Downconverter	28
Agilent 70427A Downconverter	28
RF Analyzer	17
FFT Analyzer	18
Source # 1	19
Source # 2	23
Counter	3
Agilent E1430 VXI Digitizer	129
Agilent E1437 VXI Digitizer	192
Agilent E1420B VXI Counter	48
Agilent E1441 VXI Arb	80

CAUTION: If an address is a single digit address, for example (3), do not add a leading zero (03) to the address. The phase noise software treats these (3 and 03) as different addresses.

In the **Set Model & Serial Numbers** box (Figure 1-17):

a Type Agilent 70420A in the Asset Name field**.**

b Type the serial number for your Agilent 70420A test set in the **Serial Number (optional)** field.

6 Select **Next**.

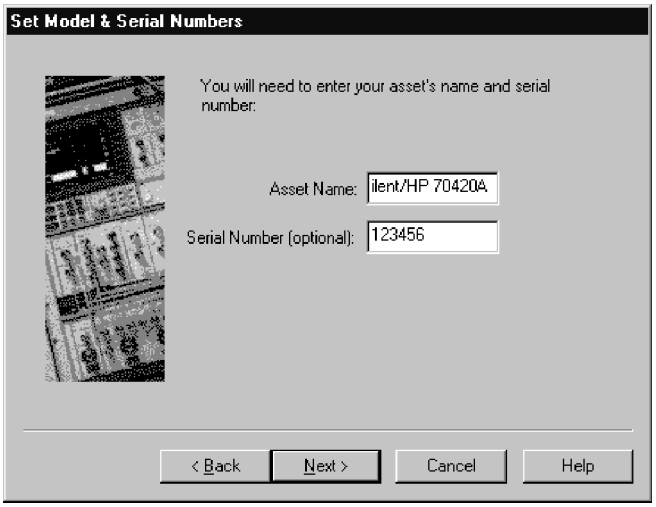

Figure 1-17 Choose Model and Serial Number

7 You can type a comment in the **Enter a Comment** box (Figure 1-18). The comment associates itself with the asset you have just configured.

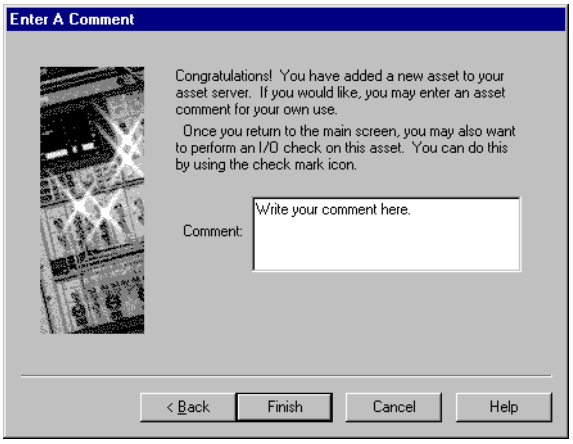

Figure 1-18 Enter a Comment About the Configured Asset

8 Select **Finish**. The Asset Manager window appears. See Figure 1-19.

The left pane shows either the demo mode, or in this case, a list of assets or asset roles. An asset is any piece of hardware (Agilent 70420A) that you want configured for system use. An asset role is

the general category for hardware (test sets, downconverters, counters, for example). The right pane is information only. The information can be changed by double-clicking a specific asset.

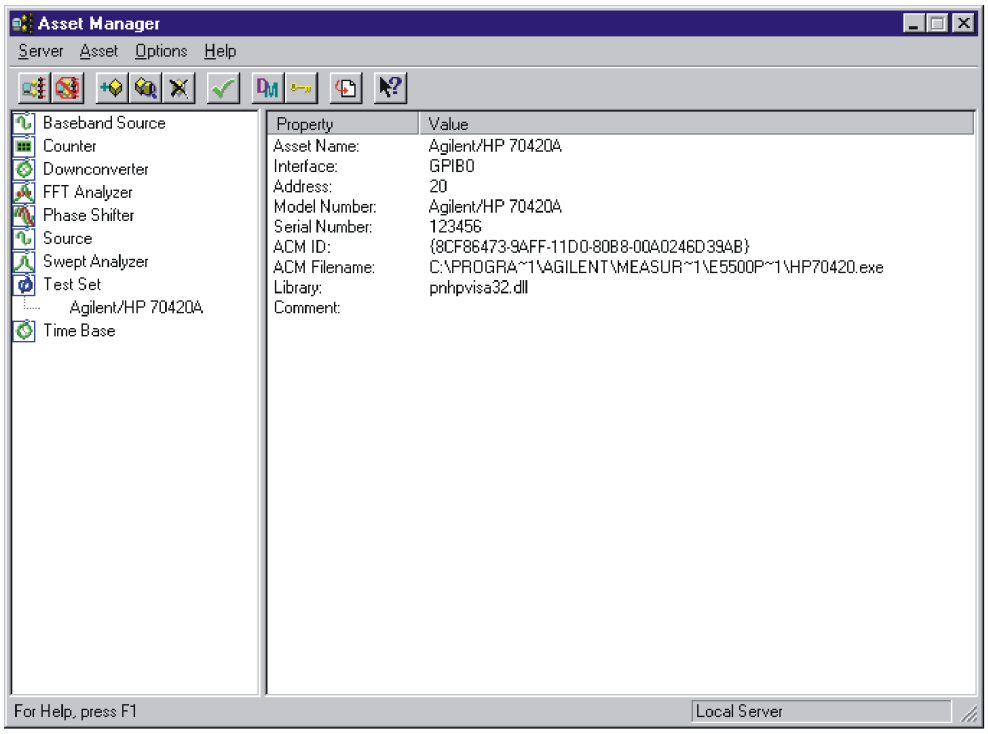

Figure 1-19 Asset Manager Main Screen Showing Configured Agilent 70420A Test Set

You have just used the Asset Manager to configure the Agilent 70420A Test Set. The process for configuring any asset is essentially the same.

Both the test set and VXI Digitizer are required to perform the confidence test at the end of this chapter.

Configuring the VXI Digitizer

This procedure shows how to configure the VXI Digitizer using Asset Manager Wizard from within the Asset Manager. This is the most common way to add assets.

1 From Asset Manager, click **Asset,** then click **Add.** See Figure 1-20.

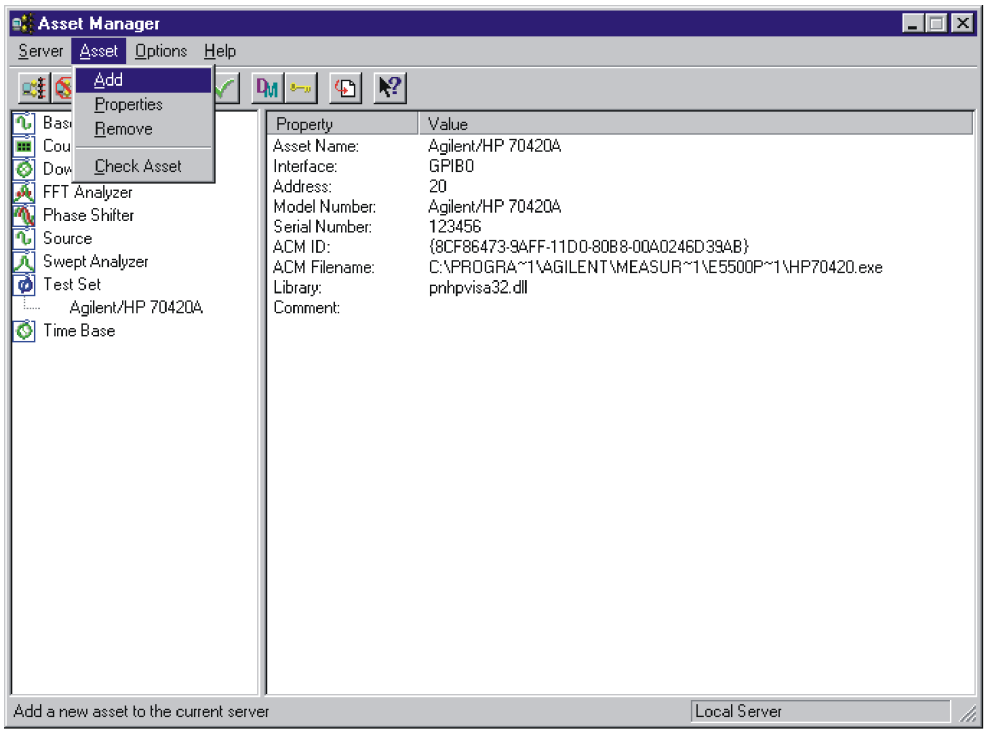

Figure 1-20 Add Assets

2 From the **Asset Type** pull-down list (Figure 1-21), select **FFT Analyzer,** then select **Next**.

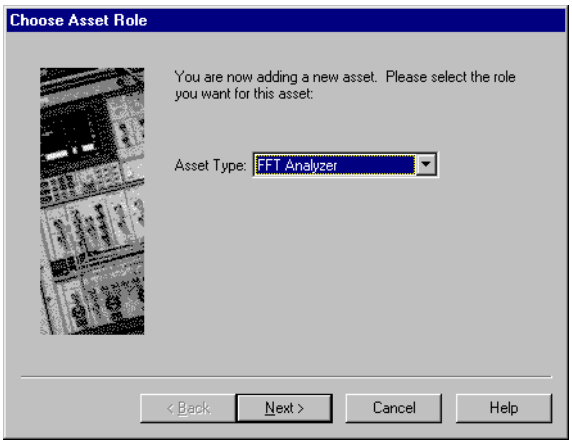

Figure 1-21 Choose Asset Type

3 In the **Choose Supporting ACM** dialog, click on **Agilent E1430A,** then click the **Next** button.

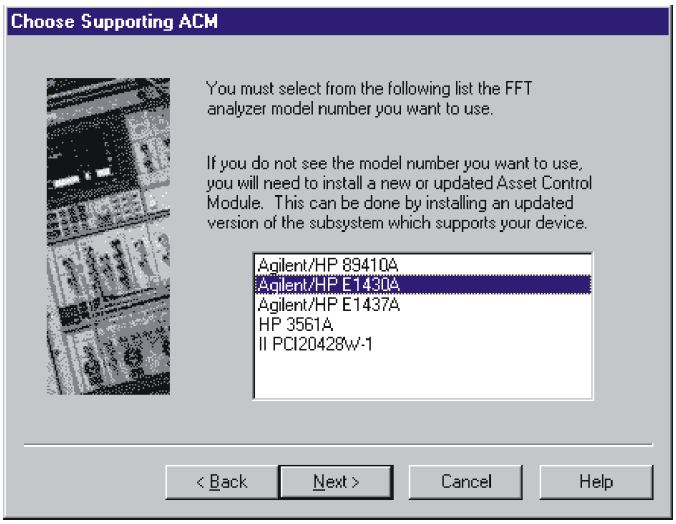

Figure 1-22 Select Supporting ACM

4 In the **Select Interface and Address** box (Figure 1-23):

a Select **VXI0 via MXI** from the Interface pull-down list.

b type 129, the default addresses for the Agilent E1430 VXI Digitizer, in the **Address** field. Table 1-4 shows Agilent-used default device addresses.

c In the **Library** pull-down list, select the **National Instruments VISA (**all VXI devices require the National Instruments VISA library).

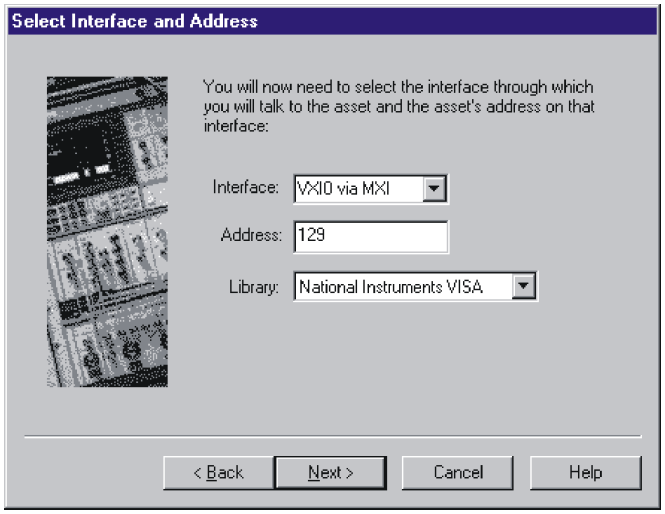

Figure 1-23 Choose the Interface, Address, and Library for the VXI Digitizer

Table 1-4 Agilent-used Default Device Addresses

Instrument	Address
Agilent 70420A Test Set	20
Agilent 70422A Downconverter	28
RF Analyzer	18
Source	19
Counter	3
Agilent E1430 VXI Digitizer	129
Agilent E1420B VXI Counter	48
Agilent E1441A VXI Arb	80

CAUTION: If an address is a single digit address, for example (3), do not add a leading zero (03) to the address. The phase noise software treats these (3 and 03) as different addresses.

5 Select **Next**.

6 In the **Set Model & Serial Numbers** box (Figure 1-24):

a Type Agilent E1430A in the **Asset Name** box.

b Type the serial number for your Agilent E1430A VXI Digitizer in the **Serial Number (optional)** box.

7 Select **Next**.

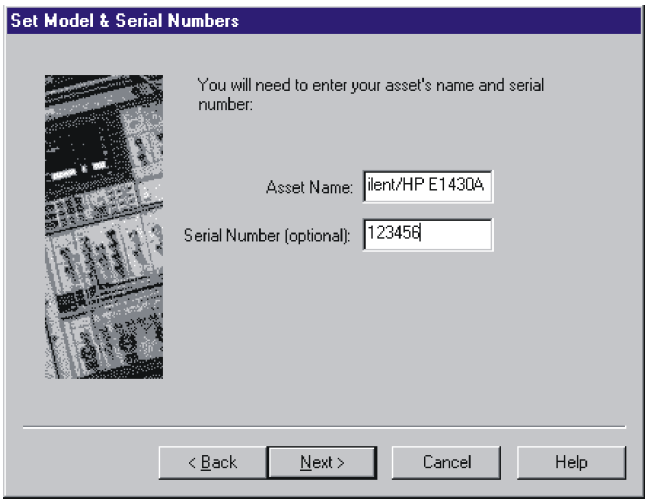

Figure 1-24 Choose Model and Serial Number

8 From the **Baseband Source** pull-down list in the **Select FFT Analyzer Options** box, select **(none)**. See Figure 1-25.

NOTE: If you had previously configured an Agilent E1441A VXI Arb into the Asset Manager for use as a baseband noise source for PLL loop suppression verification, that option would also be available and you would select it here.

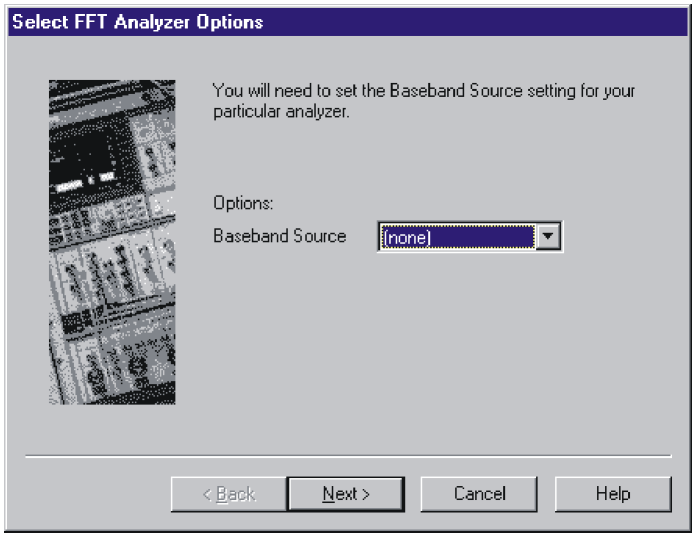

Figure 1-25 Select **(none)** in Baseboard Source

9 Select **Next**.

10 You can type a comment in the **Enter a Comment** box (Figure 1-26). The comment associates itself with the asset you have just configured.

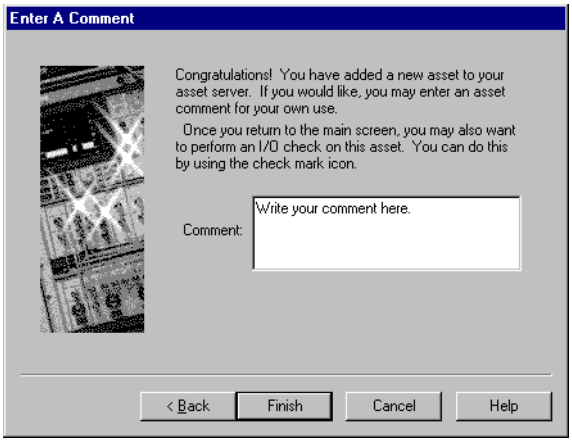

Figure 1-26 Enter a Comment About the Configured Asset

11 Select **Finish**. The Asset Manager window appears. See Figure 1-27.

You have just used the Asset Manager to configure the VXI Digitizer. The process you have used to configure both the Agilent 70420A and Agilent 1430A VXI Digitizer is the same process you will use to add software controlled assets to the phase noise measurement software.

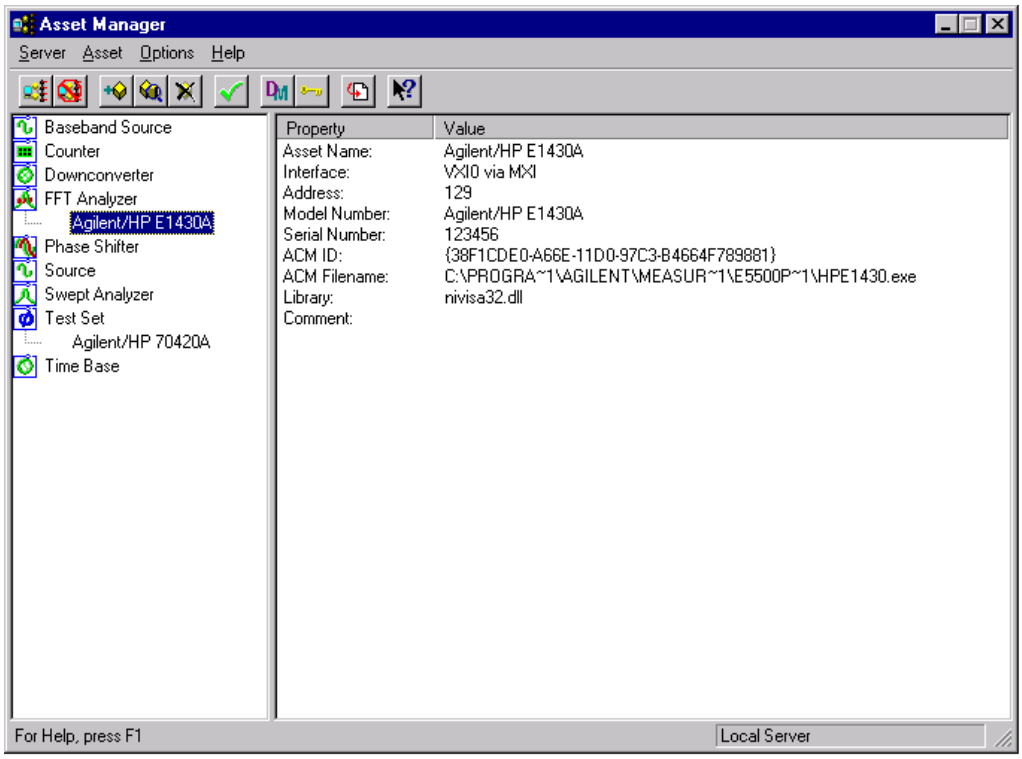

Figure 1-27 Asset Manager Screen Showing Configured Agilent 1430A

12 Select **Server,** then select **Exit** to exit the Asset Manager.

Entering the License Key for the Phase Noise Test Set

Use this procedure to enter your keyword for your Agilent 70420A Phase Noise Test Set.

NOTE: If you have ordered a preconfigured phase noise system from Agilent Technologies, skip this step and proceed to "Starting the Measurement Software" on page 1-33.

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1 Make sure your computer and monitor are turned on.

2 Referring to Figure 1-28, navigate to the **E5500 Asset Manager**.

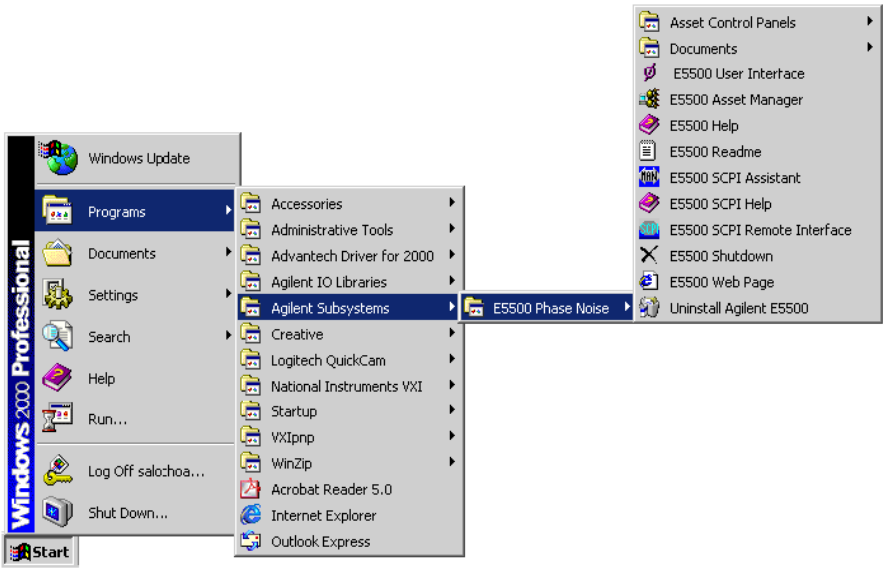

Figure 1-28 Navigate to E5500 Asset Manager

3 Click **Options,** and then click **License Keys (**Figure 1-29**).**

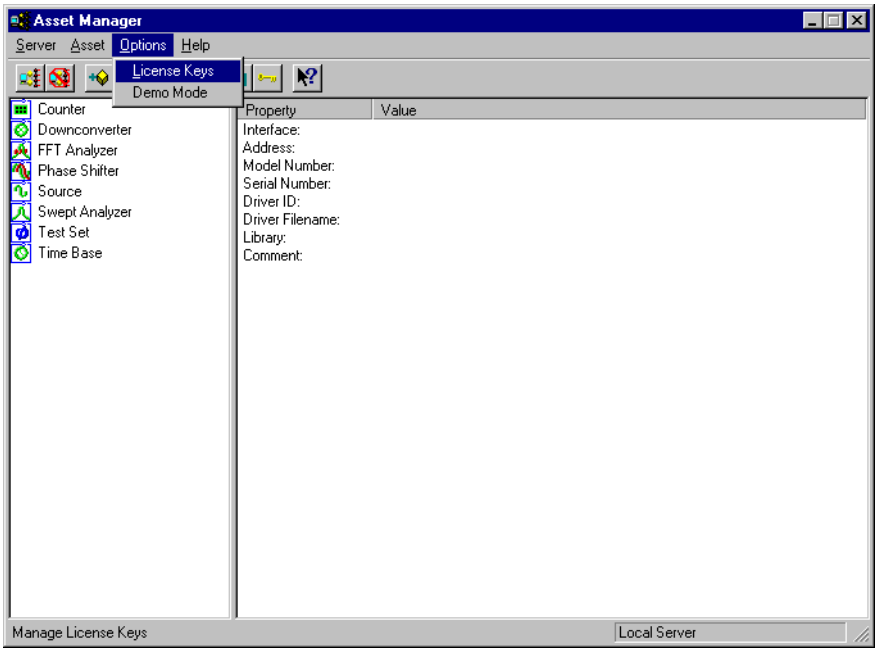

Figure 1-29 Navigate to License Keys

NOTE: The license key for your system is unique and may only be used with a specific Agilent 70420A Test Set serial number. The license key may be found both on your license-key document and in the file “license_key.txt” on the License_key floppy disk provided with your system.

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4 Enter the license key for your Agilent 70420A Test Set and click the **Set** button. Use **Licence_key.txt** described in the next steps to facilitate entering your license key into the licensing dialog box.

a Insert the E5500 License Key disk in the computer.

b Using Notepad, load **License_key.txt** (Figure 1-30).

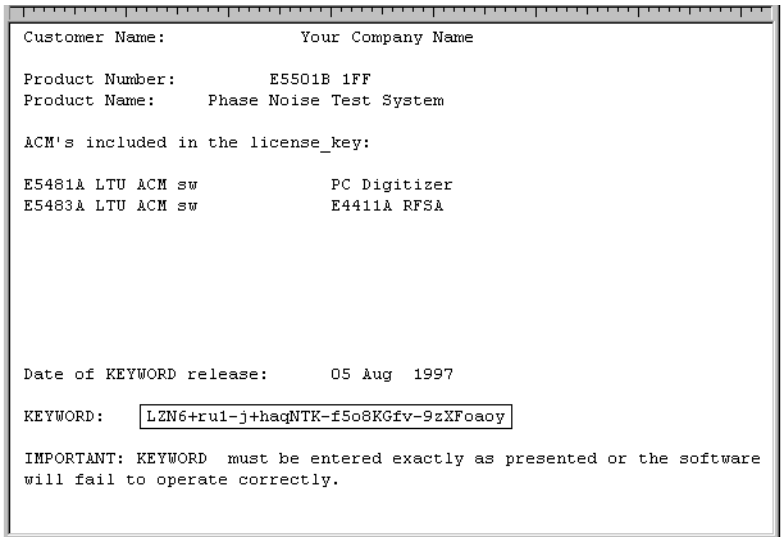

Figure 1-30 License_key.txt

c Highlight the keyword in the License_key.txt file and copy it to the dialog box as shown in Figure 1-31, then click the **Set** button.

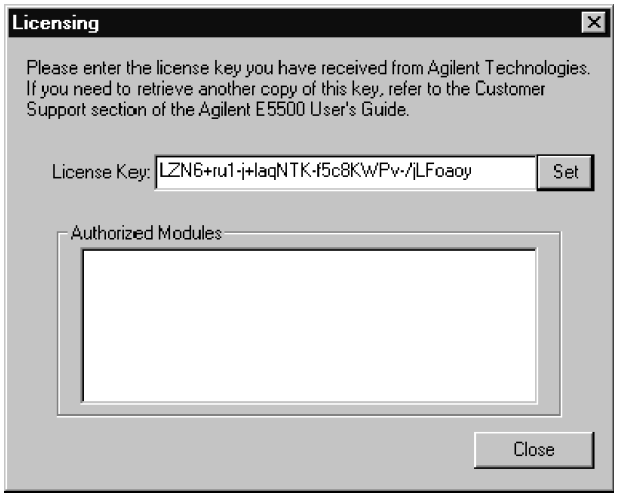

Figure 1-31 Copy Keyword into License Key Field

5 Start the measurement software ("Starting the Measurement Software" on page 1-33).

Starting the Measurement Software

1 Referring to Figure 1-32, navigate to the E5500 User Interface.

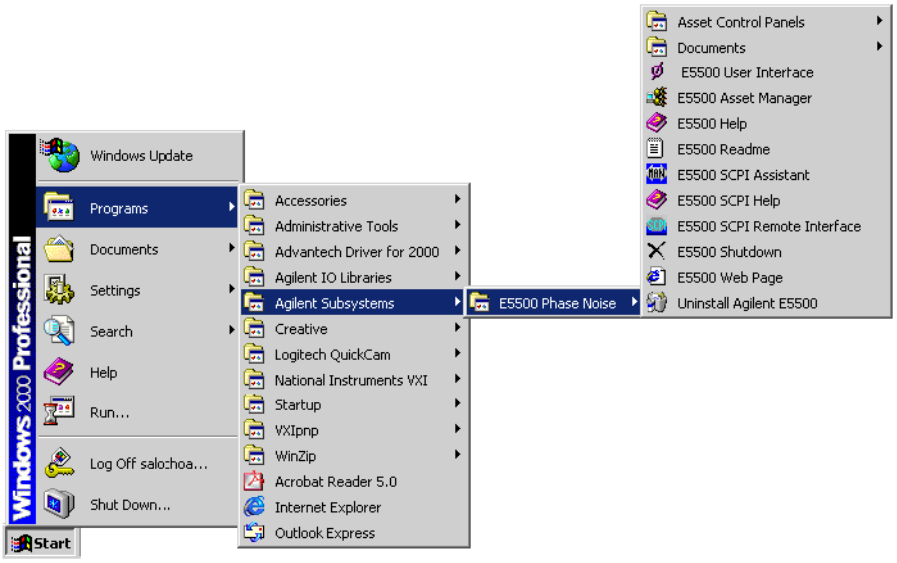

Figure 1-32 Navigate to E5500 User Interface

2 The main measurement subsystem window appears (Figure 1-33).

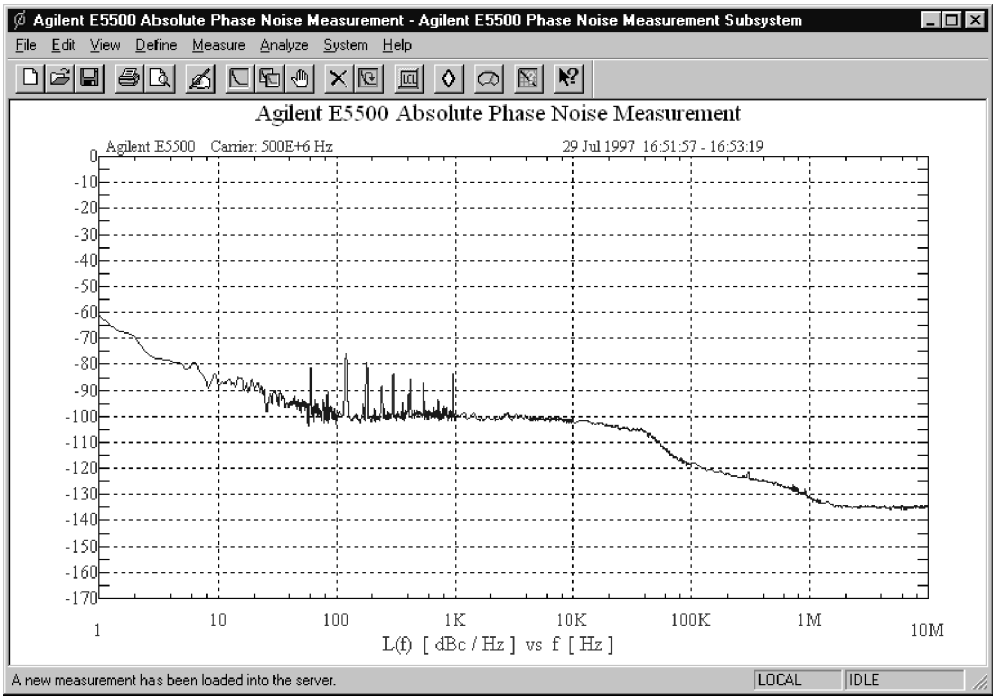

Figure 1-33 Main User Interface Screen

Using Server Hardware Connections to Specify Assets for the Confidence Test

1 From the **System** menu, navigate to **Server Hardware Connections**. See Figure 1-34.

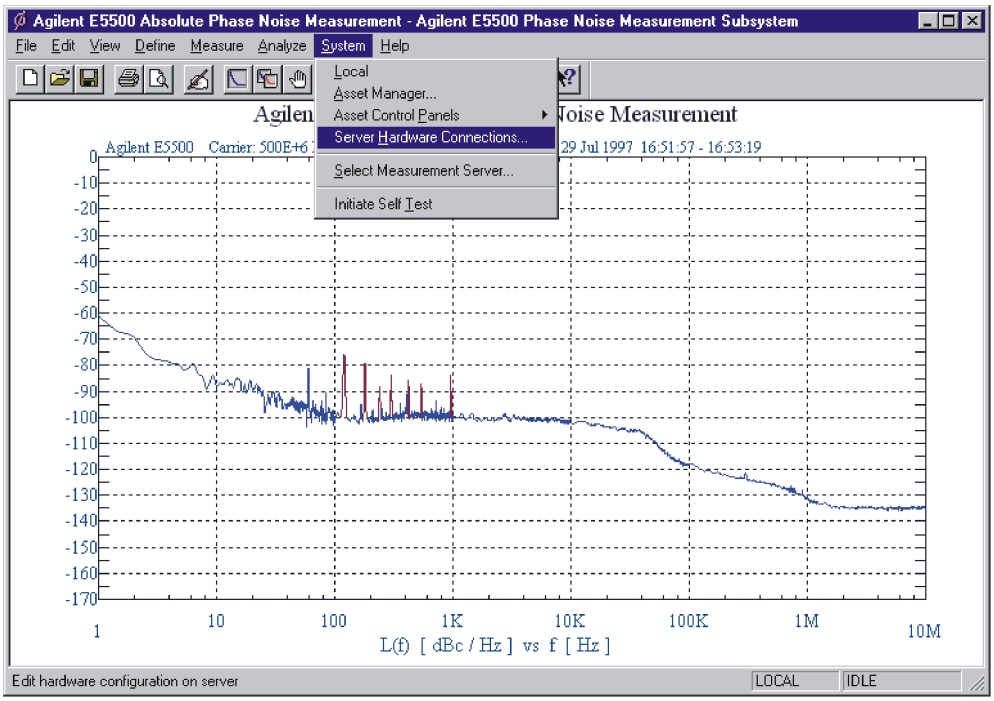

Figure 1-34 Navigate to Server Hardware Connections

2 In the **Server Hardware Connections** dialog (Figure 1-35):

a Select Agilent 70420A from the **Test Set** pull-down list.

b Click the **Check I/O** button. A green check-mark should appear after the I/O check has been performed by the software.

NOTE: If a red circle with a slash appears, return to the Asset Manager (click the **Asset Manager** button) and verify that the Agilent 70420A and VXI Digitizer are configured correctly (check that the license key has been entered correctly). Also check your system hardware connections. Click the **Check I/O** button for a re-check.

c From the **FFT Analyzer** pull-down list, select **Agilent E1430A**. Click the **Check I/O** button. A green check-mark should appear after the I/O check has been performed by the software.

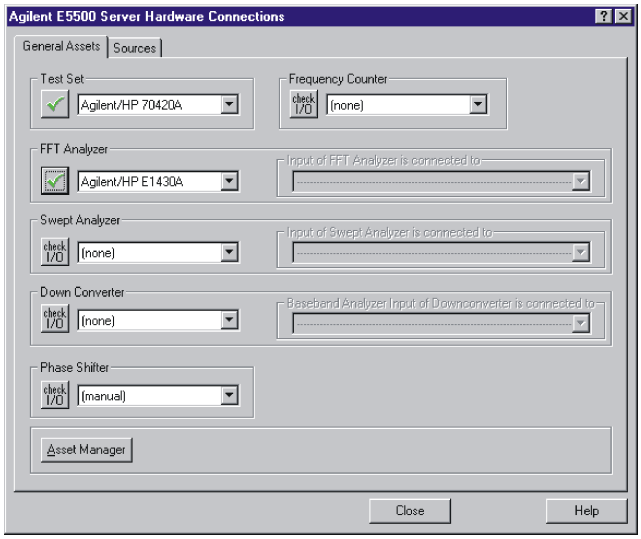

Figure 1-35 Select Test Set and FFT Analyzer

NOTE: Selecting both the Agilent 70420A test set and the Agilent E1430A FFT Analyzer (VXI Digitizer) ties both assets to the confidence test performed in the next step.

3 Close the **Server Hardware Connections** box.

Running the System Confidence Test

This measurement tests the Agilent 70420A Test Set's low-noise amplifier circuitry. The phase detectors are not tested. This measurement also confirms that the PC and phase noise test set are communicating with each other.

1 From the **File menu**, choose **Open**.

2 If necessary, choose the drive or directory where the file you want is stored.

3 In the **File Name** box, open **Confidence.pnm**. See Figure 1-36.

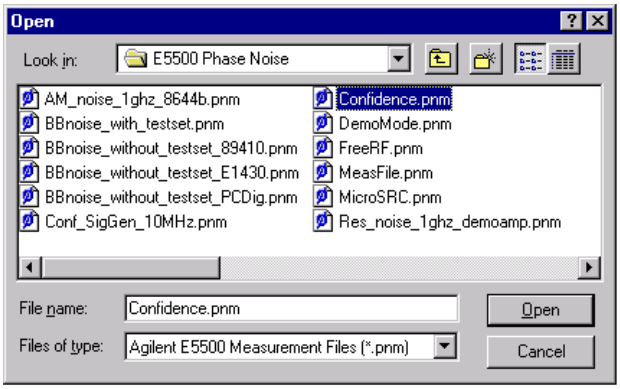

Figure 1-36 Opening the Parameters Definition File

The appropriate measurement definition parameters for this example have been pre-stored in this file. Table 1-5 on page 1-38 lists the parameter data that has been entered for the Agilent 70420A Confidence Test example.

Table 1-5 Parameter Data for the Agilent 70420A Confidence Test Example

Step	Parameters	Data
1	**Type and Range Tab**	
	• Measurement Type	• Baseband Noise (using a test set)
	• Start Frequency	• 10 Hz
	• Stop Frequency	• 100E + 6 Hz (determined by analyzer used)
	• Minimum Number of Averages	• 4
	• FFT Quality	• Fast
2	**Cal Tab**	
	• Gain preceding noise input	• 0 dB
3	**Block Diagram Tab**	
	Noise Source	Test Set Noise Input
4	**Test Set Tab**	
	• Input Attenuation	• 0 dB
	• LNA Low Pass Filter	• 20 MHz (Auto checked)
	• LNA Gain	• Auto Gain (Minimum Auto Gain - 14 dB)
	• DC Block	• Not checked
	• PLL Integrator Attenuation	• 0 dBm
	• Ignore out-of-lock conditions	• Not checked
	• Pulsed Carrier	• Not checked
5	**Graph Tab**	
	• Title	• E5500 Phase Noise System Confidence Test
	• Graph Type	• Baseband Noise (dBV/Hz)
	• X Scale Minimum	• 10 Hz
	• X Scale Maximum	• 100 E + 6 Hz
	• Y Scale Minimum	• 0 dBc/Hz
	• Y Scale Maximum	• - 200 dBc/Hz
	• Normalize trace data to a	• 1 Hz bandwidth
	• Scale trace data to a new carrier frequency of	• 1 times the current carrier frequency
	• Shift trace data by	• 0 dB
	• Trace Smoothing Amount	• 0
	• Power present at input of DUT	• 0 dBm

Beginning the Measurement

1 From the **Measure** menu, choose **New Measurement.** See Figure 1-37.

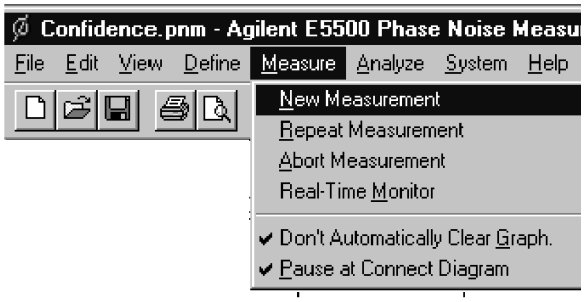

Figure 1-37 Selecting a New Measurement

2 When the **Perform a New Calibration and Measurement?** prompt appears, click **OK**

NOTE: Although the Connect Diagram (Figure 1-38) appears next on your screen, this diagram does not apply to running the confidence test. Use the diagram merely to show where to connect the 50Ω termination to the Agilent 70420A Test Set.

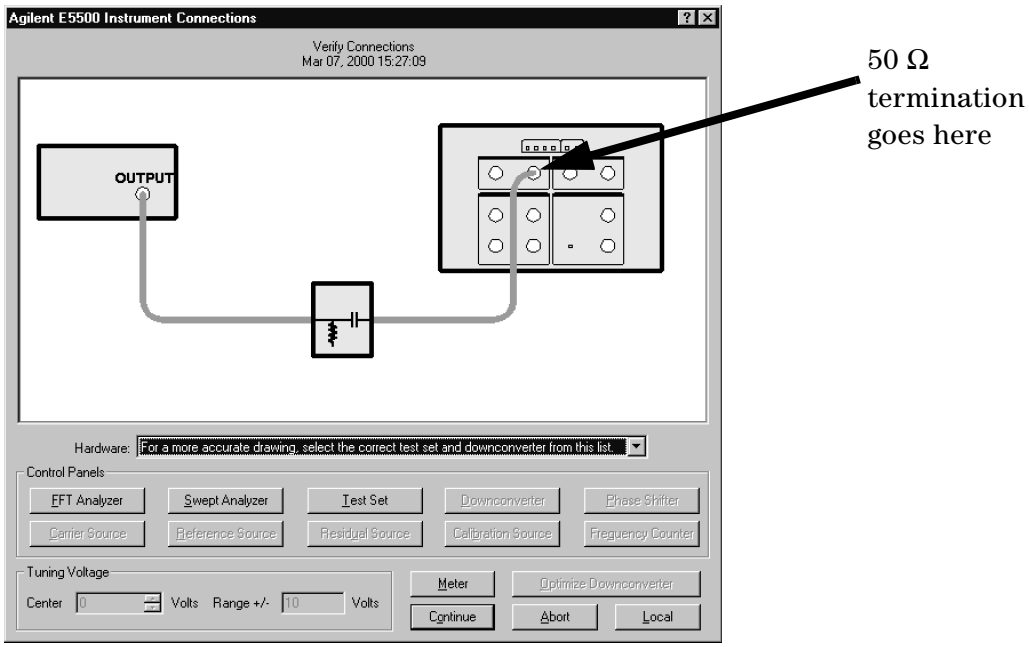

Figure 1-38 Connect Diagram

Making the Measurement

1 Press the **Continue** key. Because you selected New Measurement to begin this measurement, the System starts by running the routines required to calibrate the current measurement setup.

Figure 1-39 shows a typical baseband phase noise plot for an Agilent 70420A Phase Noise Test Set.

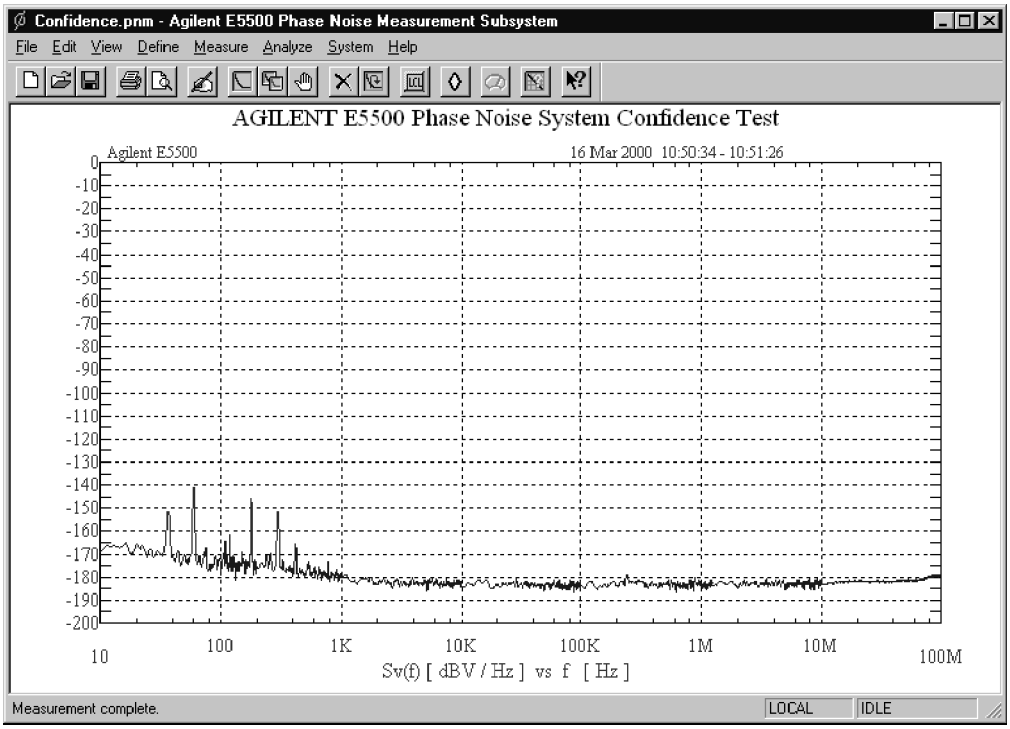

Figure 1-39 Typical Phase Noise Curve for a System Confidence Test

Congratulations

You have completed a phase noise measurement. You will find that this measurement of the Agilent 70420A Phase Noise Test Set's low-noise amplifier circuitry provides a convenient way to verify that the system hardware and software are properly configured for making noise measurements.

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Connect Diagrams

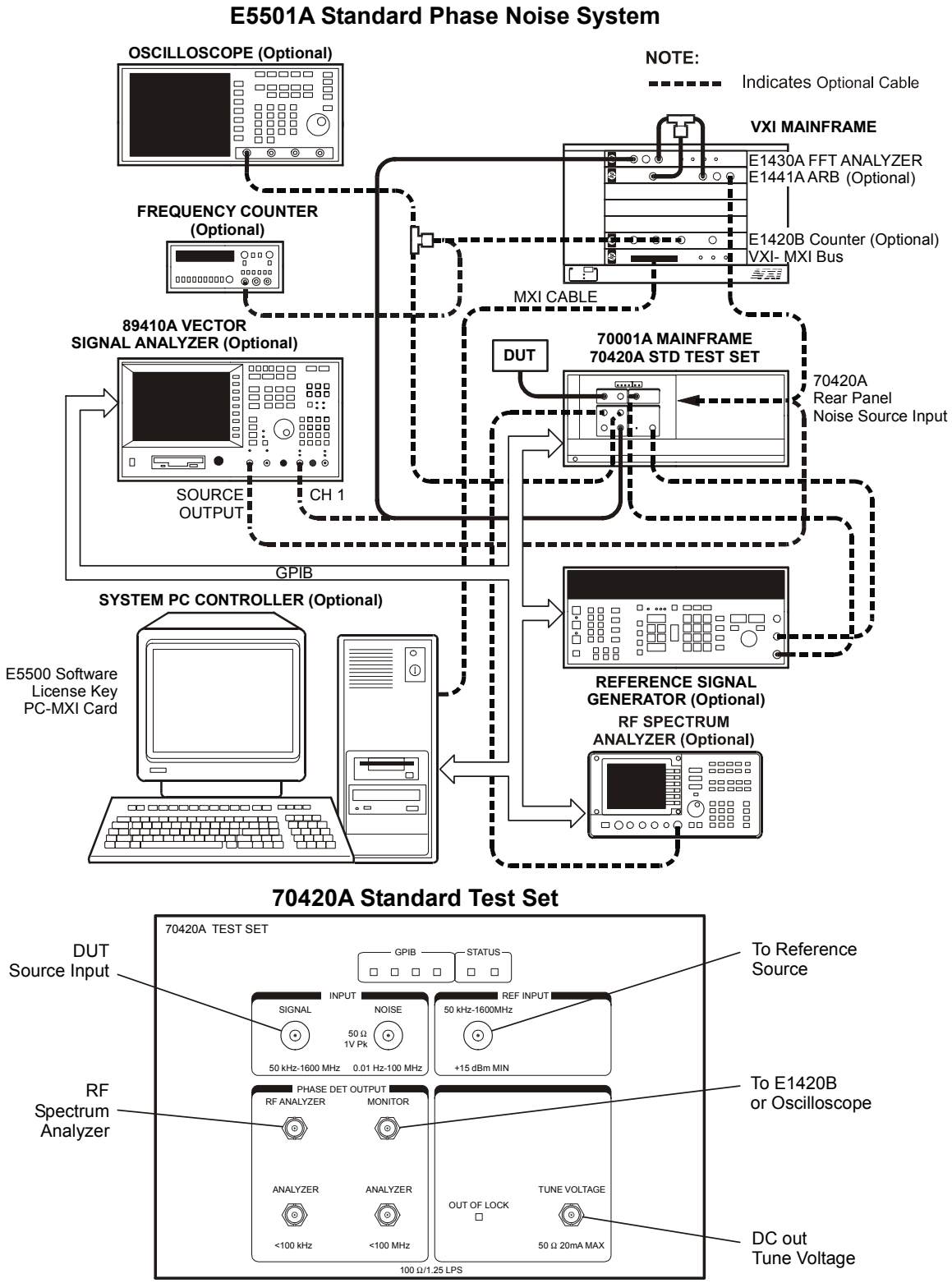


Figure 2-1 E5501A Standard Connect Diagram

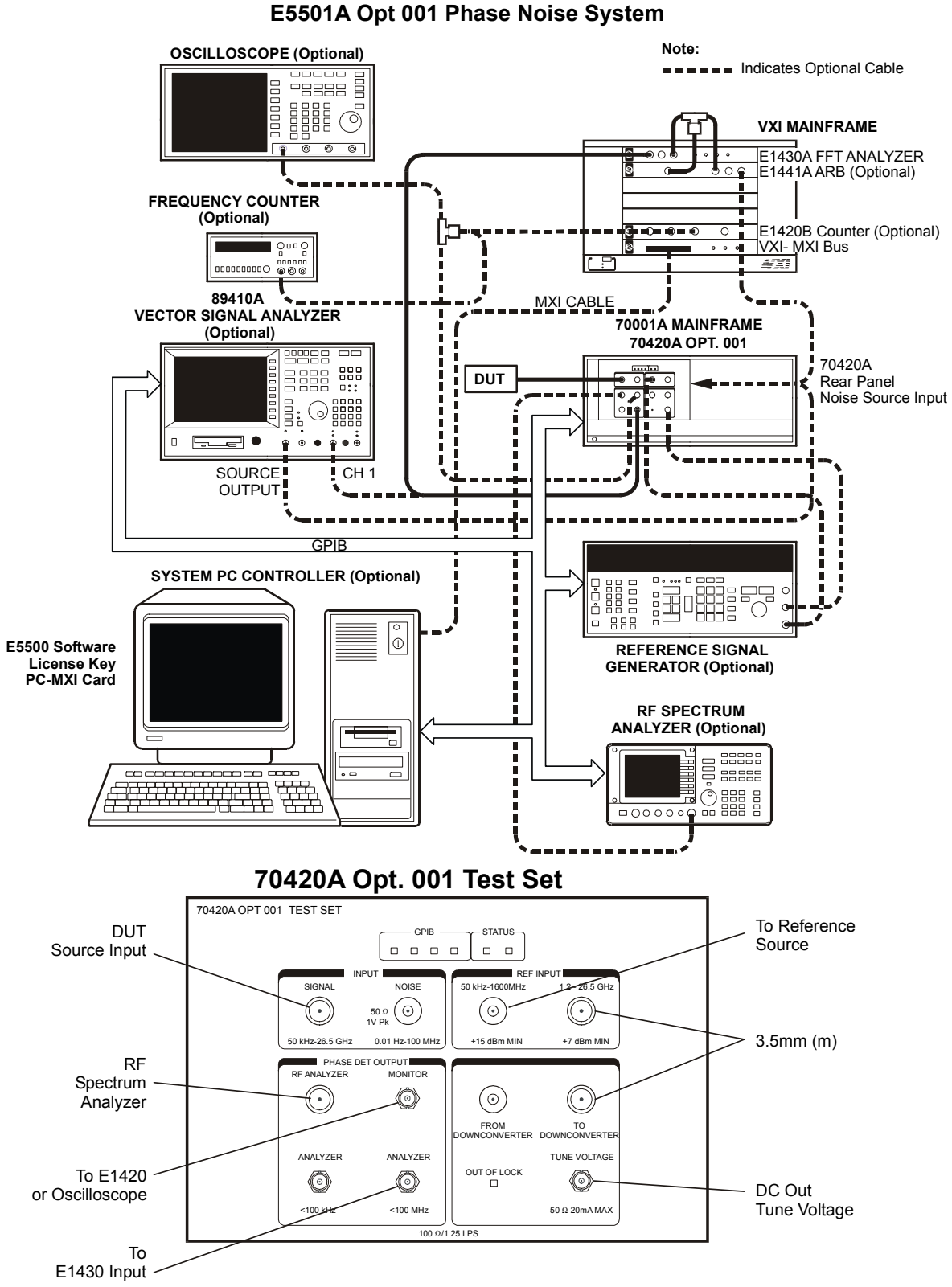
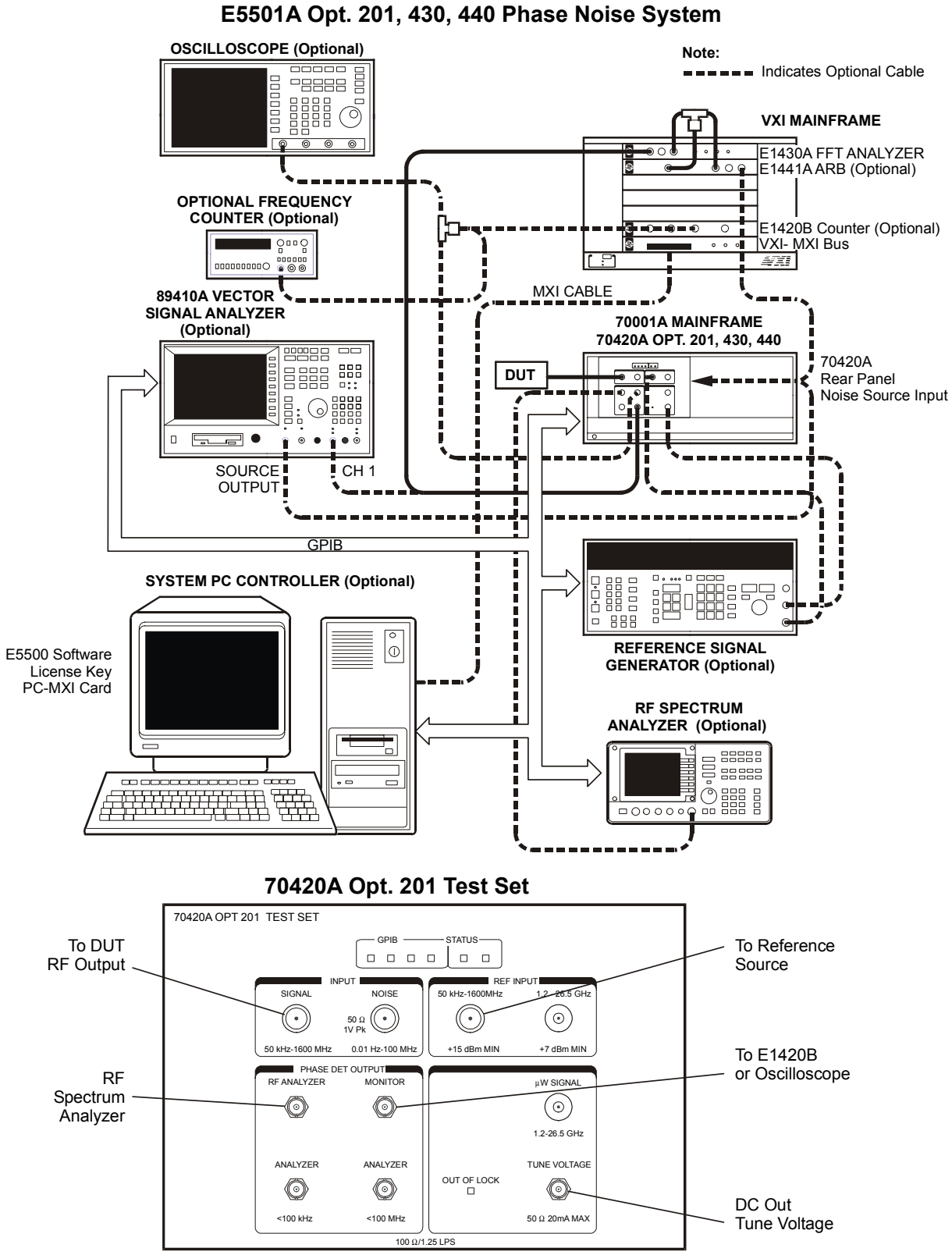


Figure 2-2 E5501A Opt. 001 Connect Diagram



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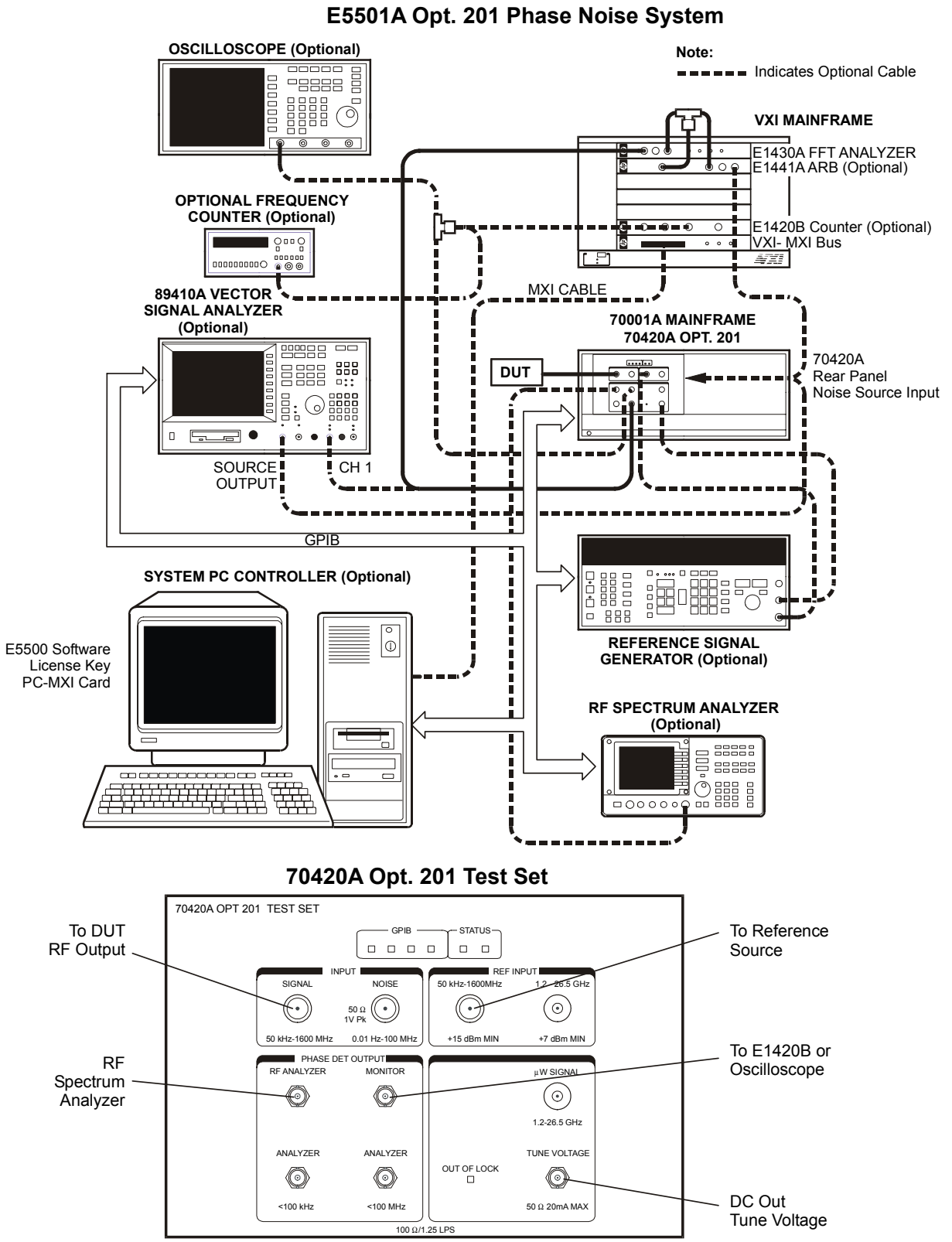

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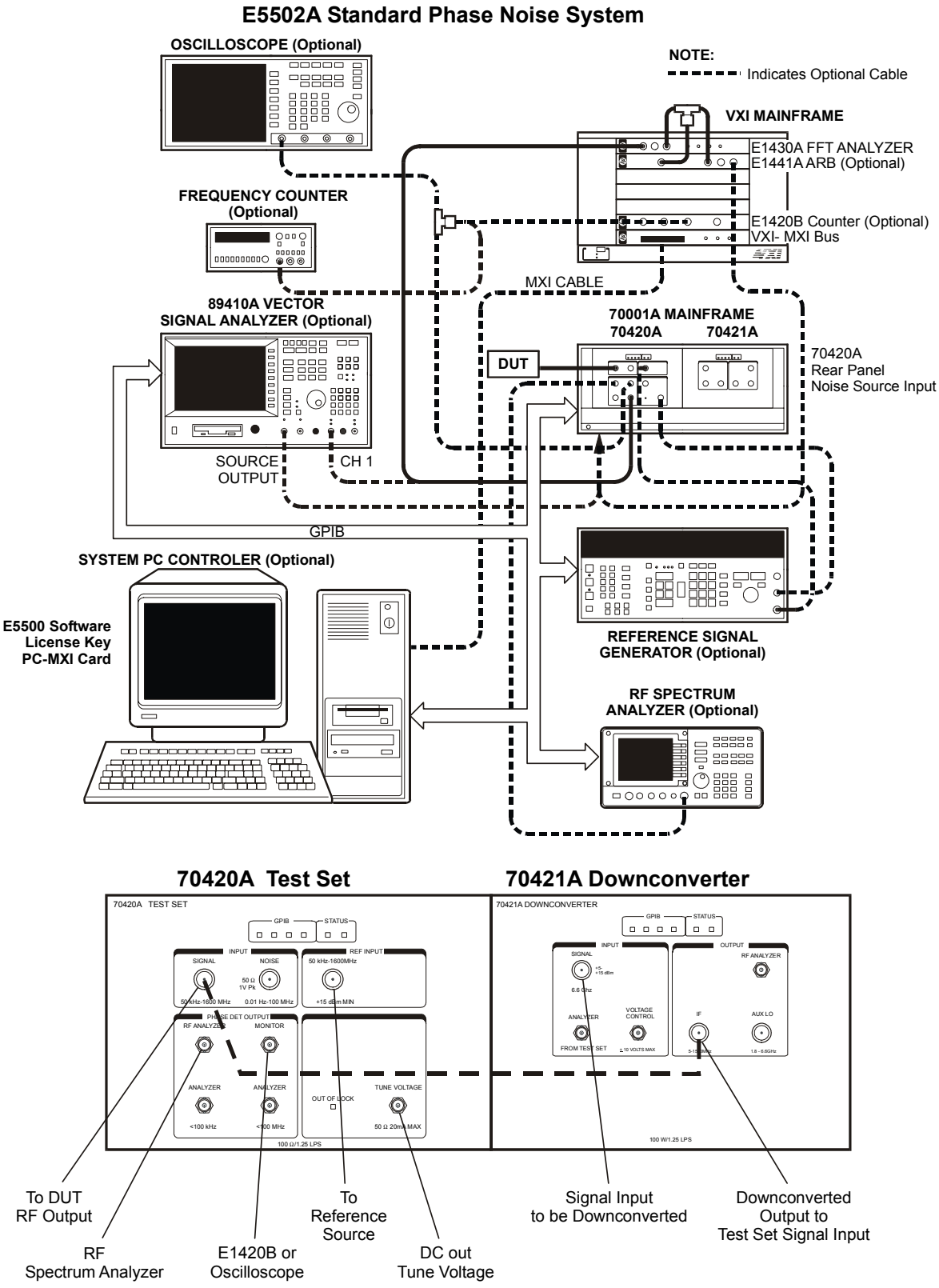
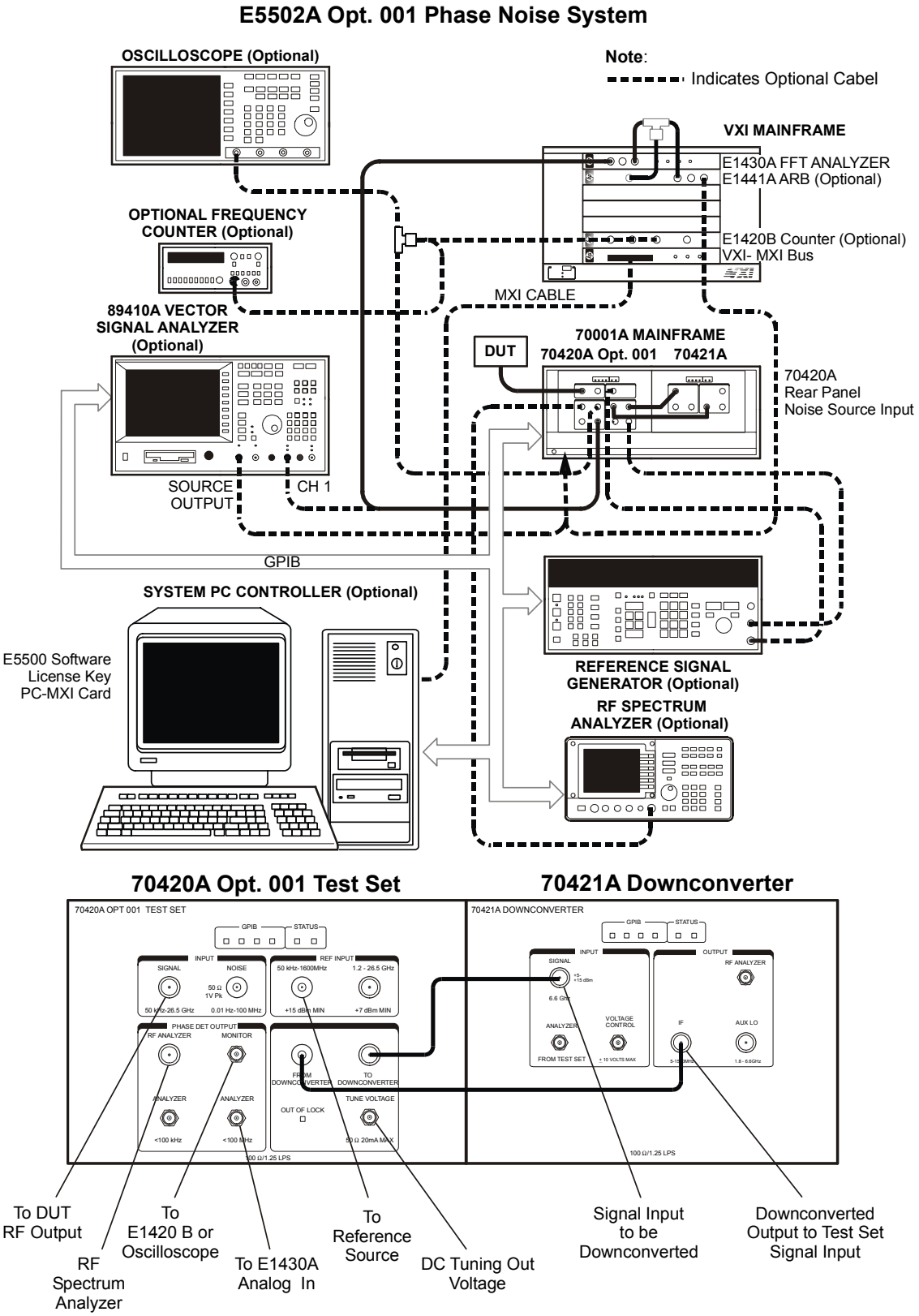


Figure 2-5 E5502A Standard Connect Diagram



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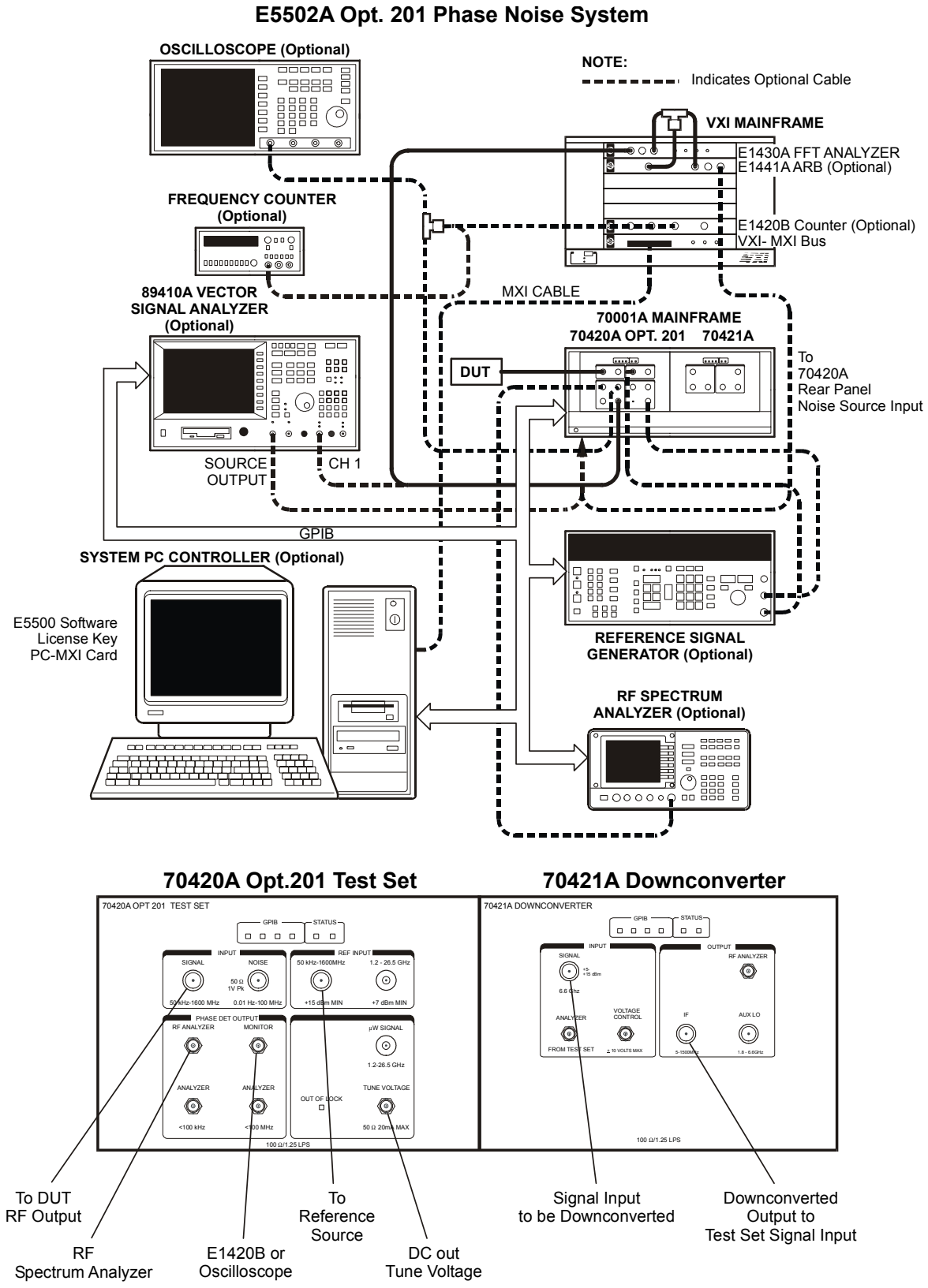

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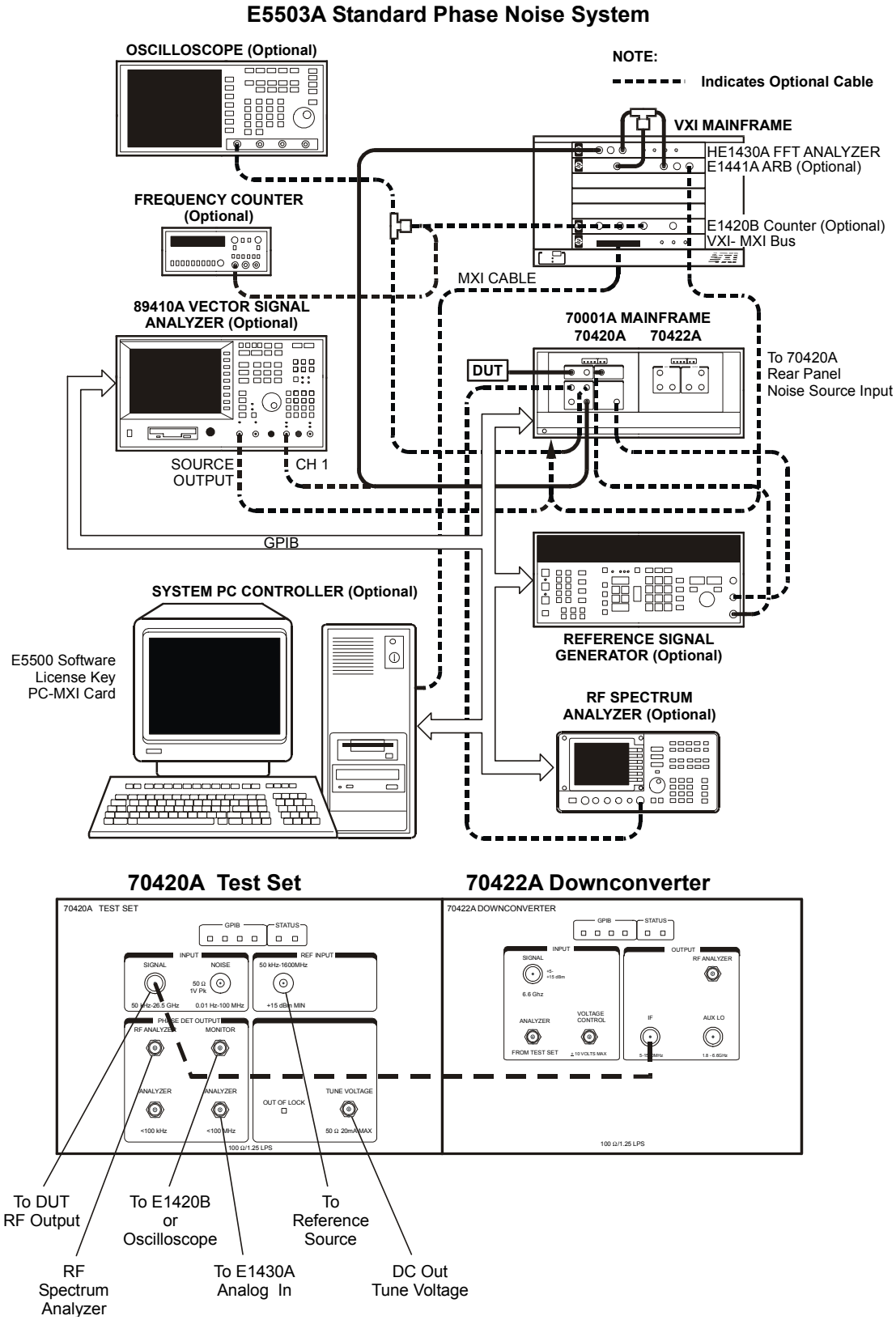

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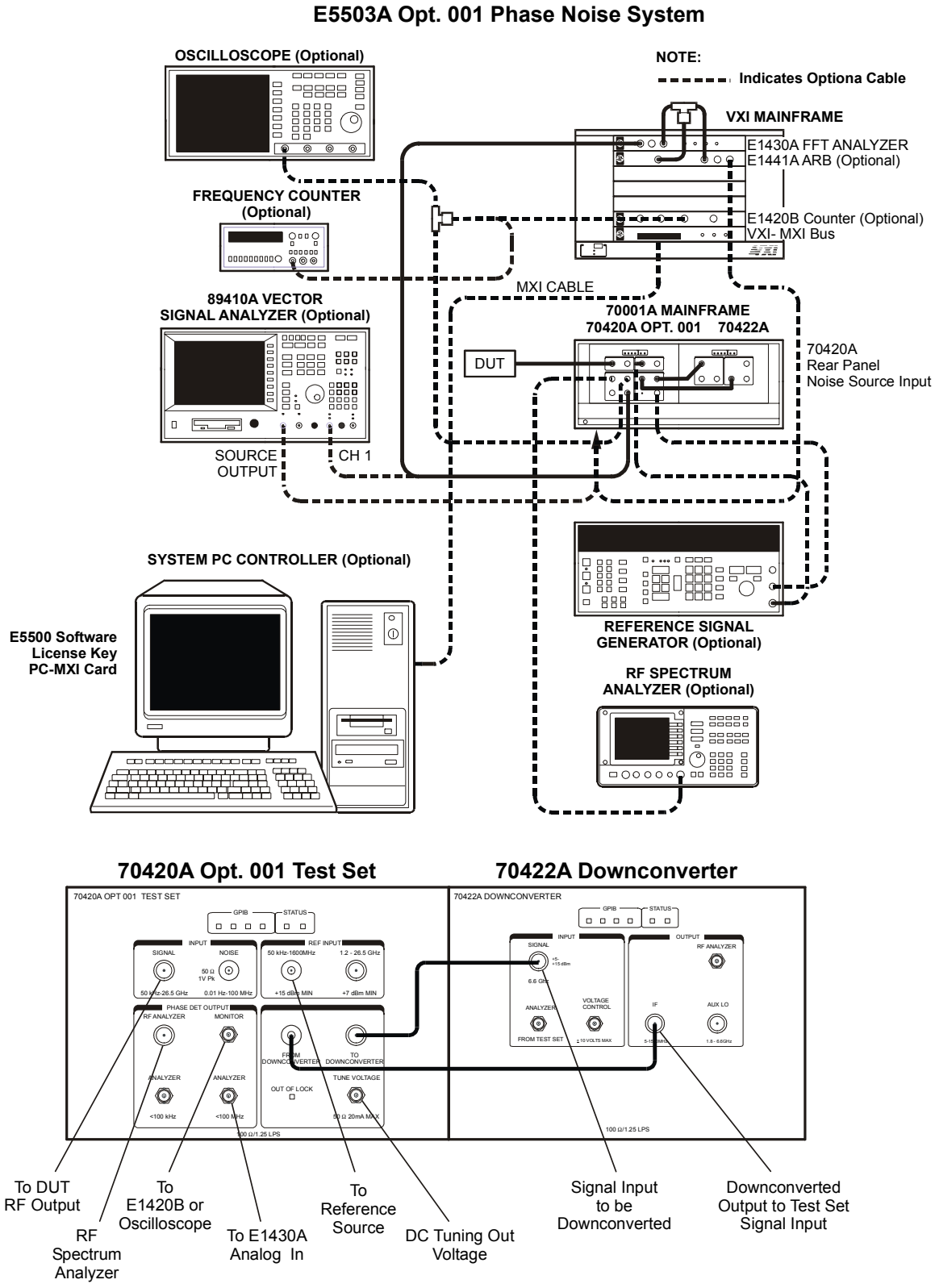

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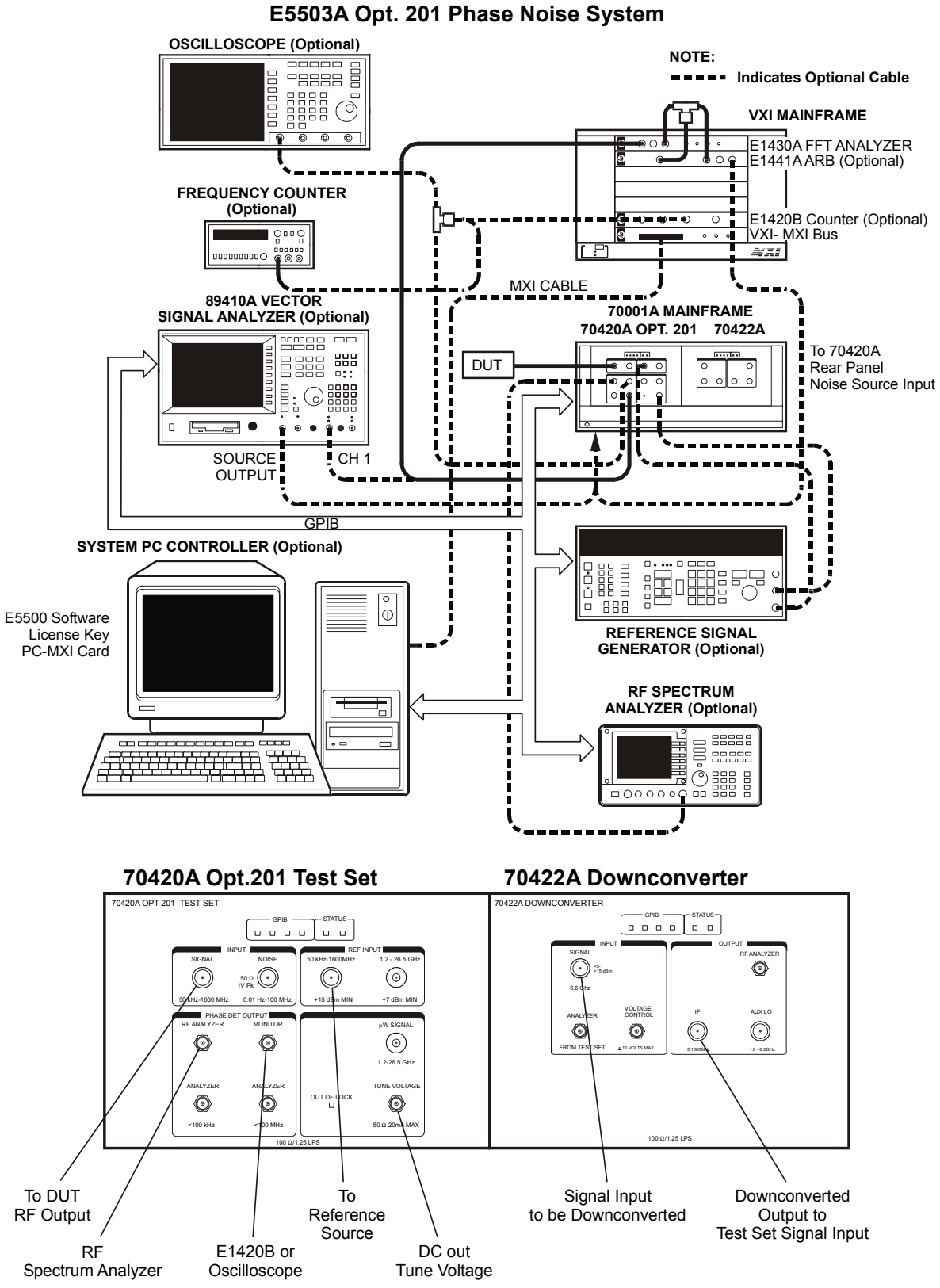

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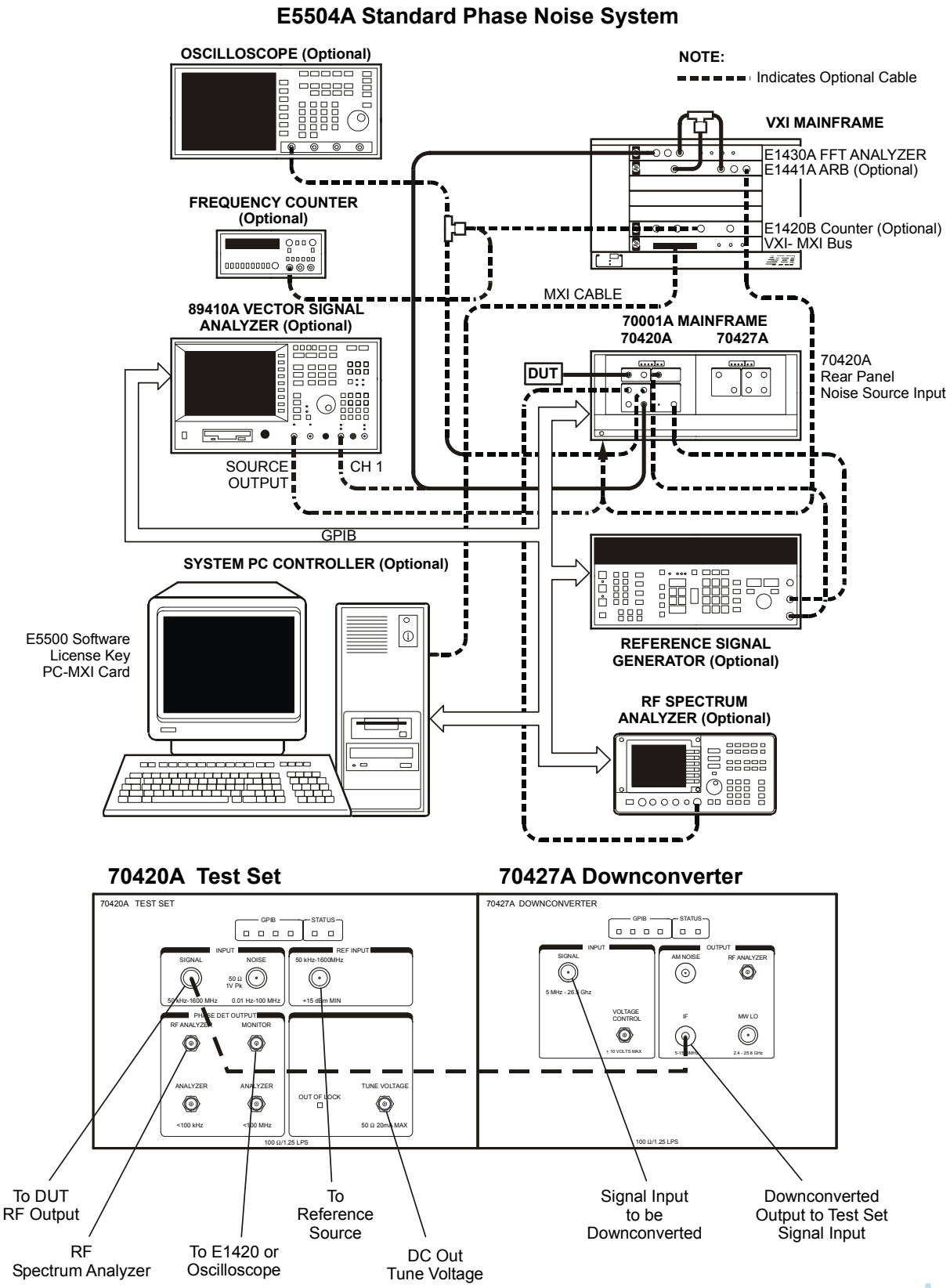

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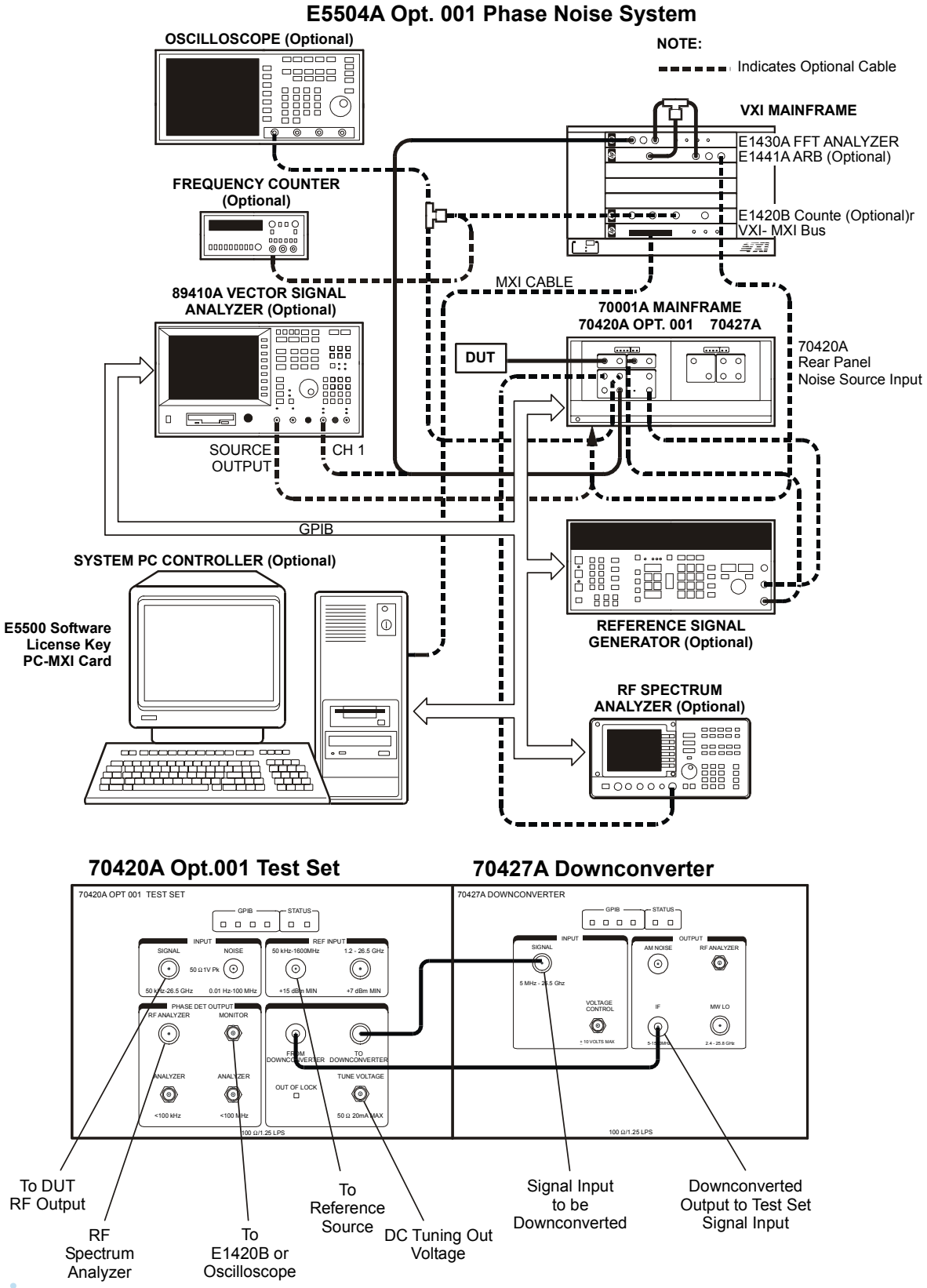

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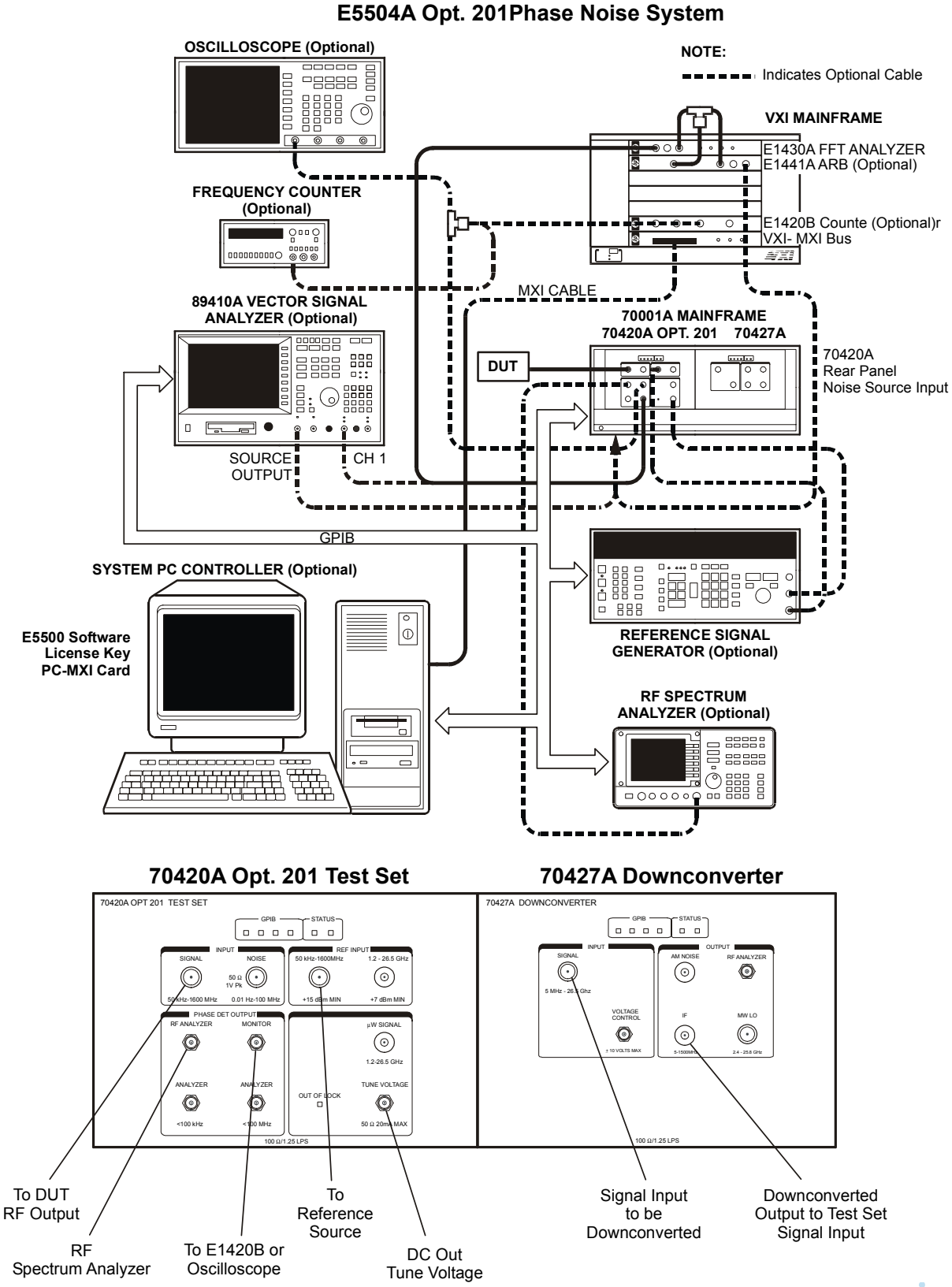

Figure 2-13 E5504A Opt. 201 Connect Diagram