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# Agilent Technologies E8247C and E8257C/D Option H30 

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- Specifications describe the performance of parameters covered by the product warranty (temperature -0 to $55^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, unless otherwise noted.)
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- Nominal values indicate expected performance or describe product performance that is useful in the application of the product, but is not covered by the product warranty.


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E8247C and E8257C $\backslash$ D Option H30

## Description

The Option H30 adds a mixer and coax switch to enable the E 8247C or the E8257C/D to upconvert a RF signal (input is provided on the rear panel) to a higher frequency which will be the sum and difference of the RF input signal and frequency set on the E8247C or E8257C/D.

The coaxial switch allows the E8247C or E8257C/D with Option H30 to be switched from standard synthesizer mode to upconverter mode. This allows the E8247C to be used as a standard source instrument, as well as an upconverter. The synthesizer and upconverter modes can be selected on the front panel or by remote command. The upconverted output signal is the same as the front panel RF output. The input connector is a SMA type female that is located on the rear panel.
The Option H30 can be ordered with Option 520 or Option 540. For instruments that include Option 520, signals can be upconverted from 200 kHz to 26 GHz . For instruments that include Option 540, signals can be upconverted from 6 GHz to 46 GHz .

## Nominal Performance Characteristics

Nominal values indicate expected performance or describe product performance that is useful in the application of the product, but is not covered by the product warranty.

## Table 1 Option H30 with Option 520 ( 20 GHz)

| Description | Frequency |
| :--- | :--- |
| Rear panel frequency range | 100 kHz to 6 GHz |
| Conversion loss for upconverted signal to <br> the front panel | $-10 \mathrm{to}-15 \mathrm{dBm}$ |
| Front panel RF upconverted frequency <br> range | 200 kHz to 26 GHz |
| Usable IF Bandwidth (dependent on the <br> IF frequency used on rear panel) | $<2 \mathrm{~dB}$ over 1 GHz span $\leq 3 \mathrm{GHz}$ IF Frequency |
| $<20 \mathrm{~dB}$ over 1 GHz span $>3 \mathrm{GHz}$ IF Frequency |  |

## Table 2 Option H30 with Option 540 ( 40 GHz)

| Description | Frequency |
| :--- | :--- |
| Rear panel frequency range | 100 kHz to 6 GHz |
| Conversion loss for upconverted signal to <br> the front panel | $-10 \mathrm{~dB}(6 \mathrm{GHz})$ to $-28 \mathrm{~dB}(46 \mathrm{GHz})$ |
| Front panel RF upconverted frequency <br> range | 6 to 46 GHz |
| Usable IF Bandwidth (depends on the <br> IF frequency used on rear panel $)^{1}$ | $<2 \mathrm{~dB}$ over 1 GHz span $\leq 3 \mathrm{GHz}$ IF Frequency |
| $<20 \mathrm{~dB}$ over 1 GHz span $>3 \mathrm{GHz}$ IF Frequency |  |

1. Conversion loss and IF bandwidth flatness will degrade contingent on the IF Input frequency and the upconverted frequency. Refer to Figure 1 and Figure 2 on page 4.

NOTE When in upconverter mode, the displayed RF output power level is LO drive. The displayed RF power in upconverter mode does not represent the power of the upconverted signal at the RF output.

The maximum RF power output of the E8247C and E825C Option H30 is reduced by 2 dBm due to the added insertion loss of the coax transfer switch required for the design. For units with Option H30, subtract 2 dBm from the power output specifications listed in Table 1 of the standard user's guides E8251-90253 and E8251-90353.

## Figure 1 Upconverted RF Flatness



Figure 2 Upconverted RF Conversion Loss


## Operation and Performance Verification

## Documentation Conventions

The following key conventions are used throughout this document.

- [HARDKEYS] are label ed front panel keys.
- SOFTKEYS are unlabeled keys whose function is indicated on the instrument display.


## Option H30 Operation (520 or 540)

To use the E8247C and E8257C/D Option H30 as a standard instrument, refer to the standard User's Guide.

To use the E8247C and E8257C/D Option H30 as an RF upconverter, refer to the following procedure:

| CAUTION | Maximum power into the rear panel RF upconverter input must not exceed <br> +20 dBm. |
| :--- | :--- |
| CAUTION | Damage to upconverter mixer can result if the reverse power into the RF <br> output port on the front panel occurs while in upconverter mode. |
| NOTE | Refer to "Nominal Performance Characteristics" on page 3 for performance <br> considerations. |

Step 1. Remove the protective connector from the RF up converter Input on the rear panel.

Step 2. Set the RF source (customer supplied) to within the recommended power and frequency ranges.

Step 3. Connect the RF source to the H30 rear panel RF upconverter input using a suitable RF cable and adapters as necessary. It is recommended that the user set the power level of the E8247C or E8257C/D Option H30 to +10 dBm for best performance.

To activate upconverter mode from the front panel, press:
[FREQUENCY] > MORE, MORE > UPC ON/OFF (to activate mode)
Use the same front panel key to return the instrument to normal synthesizer mode.

The command UPC ON can be used to remotely select the upconverter mode. Use the command UPC OFF to return the instrument to normal synthesizer mode.

## Performance Verification

The E 8247C and E 8257C/D Option H30 functionality can be verified using the following equipment and methods:
The E8247C and E8257C/D Option H30 must first meet standard product specifications with the exception that the power output may be degraded by up to 2.0 dBm . (Subtract 2.0 dBm from the Option 1E1 output power specification).

Refer to the Table 3 on page 6 for a list of equipment needed in addition to the E8247C and E 8257C/D Option H30 being tested:
Table 3 Equipment Required

| Agilent Instrument | Agilent <br> Part Number |
| :--- | :--- |
| 50 GHz Spectrum Analyzer | 8565 EC |
| 6 GHz RF Signal Source | E4438C or equivalent |
| RF Cable (SMA male 3 ft) | $5061-6669$ |
| RF Cable (2.4 mm 3 ft) | $5063-9820$ |
| SMA Female to TypeN Adapter | $1250-1250$ |
| 2.4 mm to 2.4 mm Female Adapter | 11900 B (or comparable) |

Step 1. Set the RF Source power level to -10 dBm and frequency to 6 GHz .
Step 2. Connect the RF Source to the E8247C and E8257C/D Option H30 rear panel RF U pconverter Input, using an RF cable and adapters.

Press: [FREQUENCY] >MORE, MORE > UPC ON/OFF (to activate mode)
An audible click should be heard from the E8247C and E8257C/D Option H30 as the transfer switch switches the upconverter mixer LO to the coupler output and the mixer RF out to the 1E 1 step attenuator's input.

Step 3. For instruments with Option 540 set the instrument to upconverter mode, set power level to +8 dBm and CW frequency to 40 GHz . Verify that a 46 GHz signal appears on the spectrum analyzer when in upconverter mode and is not present when in standard synthesizer mode. The level of the upconverter IF signal ( $6 \mathrm{GHz}+40 \mathrm{GHz}=46 \mathrm{GHz}$ ) is nominally -28 dBm .

## or

For instruments with Option 520 set the instrument to the upconverter mode, set power level to +8 dBm and CW frequency to 20 GHz . Verify on the spectrum analyzer that a 26 GHz signal appears when in upconverter mode and is not present when in standard synthesizer mode. The level of the upconverter IF signal ( $6 \mathrm{GHz}+20 \mathrm{GHz}=26 \mathrm{GHz}$ ) is nominally -28 dBm . Since this is a functional test only, measurement uncertainty is not taken into account. This verifies the switch path and mixer are functioning.

## Troubleshooting

If there is no signal a problem has occurred. First check the equipment setup, verifying outputs on the sources and connections. Refer to Figure 4 through Figure 7 .

Verify that the E8247C and E8257C/D Option H30 Upconverter switch is working:

## MID Board or Coaxial Switch

The following procedure will aid in determining whether the MID board (E8251-60089) or the coax switch (87222E) is functional.

Step 1. Select upconverter mode on/off, then listen for the coax switch to click. If it doesn't click, check the ribbon cable connection to the switch (under switch/mixer assembly). Remove the switch end of the cable from the switch and verify:
pin 1 for +32 Vdc ,
pin 7 for +5 Vdc or 0 Vdc
pin 8 for +5.2 Vdc
pin 9 for Ground
If the voltages are incorrect, verify the ribbon cable connection to the MID board assembly. The ribbon cable should be connected to J 14.

Step 2. Cycle the upconverter mode on/off repeatedly while looking at pin 7 voltage. Pin 7 should toggle from +5 Vdc (upconverter mode on) to 0 Vdc (upconverter mode off). If pin 7 voltage does not toggle, either the MID board (E8251-60089) or a configuration error is at fault. Consult with Agilent Service for repair. Refer to "Contacting Agilent" on page 17.

Step 3. If the voltages and control signal are present at the ribbon cable as verified in step 1, reconnect the ribbon cable to the coax switch and select upconverter mode and toggle it ON/OFF.
To verify the switch is not ultra quiet, measure the ports on the coax switch while toggling the upconverter mode.
(Coupler out) PORT 1 PORT 2 (mixer LO input)
(Atten. input) PORT 4 PORT 3 (mixer RF output)
Port 4 should connect to port 3 in upconverter On mode and port 1 in upconverter Off mode. If it doesn't, replace the 87222E coax switch.

## Upconverter Mixer

The following procedure will aid in determining if the upconverter mixer is functional:

CAUTION Possible damage may occur if RF upconverter input levels exceed 20 dBm or if reverse power is applied at the RF output connector. First verify all cable configurations are correct before applying a signal to the instrument.

The RF step attenuator cable to the coax switch is functional if the instrument operates as a standard synthesizer.

The RF cable from the coupler output is also functional if the instrument operates as a standard synthesizer.
Step 1. Verify that the RF cable is connected from the connector labeled RF upconverter on the rear panel to the mixer's IF input port. Verify the power at the connection to the mixer with RF Source applied.

Step 2. Verify the power through the cables to LO Input of the mixer (bottom connector). The power should be close to the power level coming from the Coupler Output. Replace the cables if power insertion loss is excessive and damage is suspected. These cables have a K-type connector and a 2.92 mm adapter should be used for mating to connectors.

Step 3. If all of the cables have been verified and are functional, verify the mixer orientation with the markings on the outside of the mixer LO down, RF Connector up and IF Connector facing rear of instrument. Replace the mixer and verify its functionality by following the verification procedure.

## Repair Information

Figure 4 Top View


Figure 5 Semi-rigid Cables (front view)


Figure 6 Ribbon Cable


Figure 7 Bracket (rear panel)


## Replaceable Parts

| Reference <br> Designator | Description | Agilent Part Number | Qty |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A100 | Mixer 6 GHz to 46 GHz (Opt H30 with Opt 540) | 0955-1447 | 1 |
| A100 | Mixer 6 GHz to 26 GHz (Opt H30 with Opt 520) | 0955-0488 | 1 |
| SW1 | Coax transfer switch, 4 port, $50 \Omega, 50 \mathrm{GHz}, 87222 \mathrm{E}$ | 87222-60015 | 1 |
| W101 | RF Cable Coupler- SW (Opt H30 with Opt 540) | E8251-20082 | 1 |
| W101 | RF Cable Coupler- Switch (Opt H30 with Opt 520) | E8251-20173 | 1 |
| W102 | RF Cable Attenuator - SW | E8251-20083 | 1 |
| W103 | RF Cable Mixer IF - Rear Panel | E8251-20084 | 1 |
| W104 | RF Cable Mixer LO - SW (Opt H30 with Opt 540) | E8251-20085 | 1 |
| W104 | RF Cable Mixer LO - SW (Opt H30 with Opt 520) | E8251-20172 | 1 |
| W105 | RF Cable Mixer R - SW (Opt H30 with Opt 540) | E8251-20086 | 1 |
| W105 | RF Cable Mixer R - SW (Opt H30 with Opt 520) | E8251-20171 | 1 |
| W106 | Ribbon Cable Conn. to Coax Switch | 8121-6187 | 1 |
| A9 | MID board (J 14 mixer-switch output) | E8251-60089 | 1 |
| MP101 | Mixer switch bracket (mounts to RF attenuator) | E8251-00092 | 2 |
| MP102 | Torx 3.0 mm with self lock for mounting switch to bracket | 0515-0376 | 2 |
| MP 103 | Torx 3.0 mm to mount bracket to RF step attenuator (1E1) | 0515-1035 | 2 |
| MP104 | 00-90 inch screw to mount mixer (540) | 3030-0436 | 2 |
| MP105 | Hex nut for 00-90 inch screw (540) | 0608-0004 | 2 |
| MP107 | Rear Pnl connector mounting plate | E8251-00093 | 1 |
| MP108 | SMA Panel Connector (RF Upconverter Input) | 1250-1753 | 1 |
| MP109 | Torx screw ( $3.0 \mathrm{~mm} \times 6 \mathrm{~mm}$ to mount conn/bracket) | 0515-0372 | 2 |
| MP 104 | Metric Screw ( $2.5 \mathrm{~mm} \times 8 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) (520) | 0515-2007 | 2 |
| MP105 | Metric 2.5 hex nut with lock washer (520) | 0535-0123 | 2 |
|  | User's and Service Supplement | E8251-90072 | 1 |
|  | Chain Dust Cap (SMA female) | 1250-2759 | 1 |

## Safety and Regulatory Information

## Introduction

Review this product and related documentation to familiarize yourself with safety markings and instructions before you operate the instrument. The documentation contains information and warnings that must be followed by the user to ensure safe operation and to maintain the product in a safe condition.

## Connector Care and Cleaning

If alcohol is used to clean the connectors, the power cord to the instrument must be removed. All cleaning should take place in a well ventilated area. Allow adequate time for the fumes to disperse and moist alcohol to evaporate prior to energizing the instrument.

## WARNING To prevent electrical shock, disconnect the Agilent Technologies model product from mains before cleaning. Use a dry cloth or one slightly dampened with water to clean the external case parts. Do not attempt to clean internally.

## Before Applying Power

Verify that the product is configured to match the available main power source. If this product is to be powered by autotransformer, make sure the common terminal is connected to the neutral (grounded) side of the ac power supply.

## Shipping Instructions

You must always call the Agilent Technologies Instrument Support Center to initiate service before retuning your instrument to a service office. See "Contacting Agilent" on page 17. Always transport or ship the instrument using the original packaging if possible. If not, comparable packaging must be used. Attach a complete description of the failure symptoms.

## Compliance with Canadian EMC Requirements

This ISM device complies with Canadian ICES-001.
Cet appareil ISM est conforme a la norme NMB du Canada.

## Compliance with German Noise Requirements

This is to declare that this instrument is in conformance with the German Regulation on Noise Declaration for Machines (Laermangabe nach der Maschinenlaermrerordnung-3. GSGV Deutschland).

| Acoustic Noise Emission/Geraeuschemission |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{LpA}<70 \mathrm{~dB}$ | $\mathrm{Lpa}<70 \mathrm{~dB}$ |
| Operator Position | am Arbeitsplatz |
| Normal Operation | normaler Betrieb |
| per ISO 7779 | nach DIN 45635 t. 19 |

## Declaration of Conformity

For a copy of the manufacturer's Declaration of Conformity for this apparatus, contact your local Agilent Technologies office or sales representative on Page 17.

## Statement of Compliance

This instrument has been designed and tested in accordance with IEC Publication 1010, Safety Requirements for Electronic Measuring Apparatus, and has been supplied in a safe condition. The instruction documentation contains information and warnings which must be foll owed by the user to ensure safe operation and to maintain the instrument in a safe condition.

## Warnings

| WARNING | The WARNING notice denotes a hazard. It calls attention to a procedure, practice, or the like, which if not correctly performed or adhered to, could result in personal injury. Do not proceed beyond a WARNING notice until the indicated conditions are fully understood and met. |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Warnings applicable to this instrument are: |
| WARNING | If this instrument is not used as specified, the protection provided by the equipment could be impaired. This instrument must be used in a normal condition (in which all means for protection are intact) only. |
| WARNING | For continued protection against fire hazard replace line fuse only with same type and rating: <br> - United States-F 3A/250V, Part Number 2110-0780 <br> - Europe-F 3.15A/250V, Part Number 2110-0655 <br> The use of other fuses or material is prohibited. |
| WARNING | This is a Safety Class I product (provided with a protective earthing ground incorporated in the power cord). The mains plug shall be inserted only into a socket outlet provided with a protective earth contact. Any interruption of the protective conductor, inside or outside the instrument, is likely to make the instrument dangerous. Intentional interruption is prohibited. |
| WARNING | The power cord is connected to internal capacitors that may retain dangerous electrical charges for $\mathbf{5}$ seconds after disconnecting the plug from its power supply. |
| WARNING | These servicing instructions are for use by qualified personnel only. To avoid electrical shock, do not perform any servicing unless you are qualified to do so. |
| WARNING | The opening of covers or removal of parts is likely to expose dangerous voltages. Disconnect the instrument from all voltage sources while it is being opened. |
| WARNING | This product is designed for use in Installation Category II and Pollution Degree 2 per IEC 1010 and 664 respectively. |
| WARNING | No operator serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified personnel. To prevent electrical shock do not remove covers. |

## Cautions

| CAUTION | The CAUTION notice denotes a hazard. It calls attention to an <br> operating procedure, practice, or the like, which if not correctly <br> performed or adhered to, could result in damage to the product or loss of <br> important data. Do not proceed beyond a CAUTION notice until the <br> indicated conditions are fully understood and met. |
| :--- | :--- |
| Cautions applicable to this instrument are: |  |
| CAUTION | Always use the three-prong ac power cord supplied with this <br> instrument. Failure to ensure adequate earth grounding (by not using <br> this cord) can cause instrument damage. |
| This instrument has autoranging line vol tage input; be sure the supply <br> voltage is within the specified range. |  |
| Ventilation Requirements: When installing the instrument in a <br> cabinet, the convection into and out of the instrument must not be <br> restricted. The ambient temperature (outside the cabinet) must be less <br> than the maximum operating temperature of the instrument by 4 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for <br> every 100 watts dissipated in the cabinet. If the total power dissipated <br> in the cabinet is greater than 800 watts, forced convection must be <br> used. |  |

## Instrument Markings

When you see this symbol on your instrument, you should refer to
the instrument's instruction manual for important information.

## Contacting Agilent

By internet, phone, or fax, get assistance with all your test and measurement needs.

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