

MODIFICATION RECOMMENDED –
CORRECTS MANUFACTURING OR DESIGN DEFECTS

E8257C-12

S E R V I C E N O T E

Supersedes:
None

E8257C PSG Analog Signal Generator

Serial Numbers: [0000A00000 / 9999Z99999]

Power offset in the Agilent N7800A Test Management Environment Software for power measurements > 0 dBm

To Be Performed By: Agilent-Qualified Personnel or Customer

Parts Required:

P/N	Description	Qty.
None		

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

SERVICE NOTE CLASSIFICATION:		
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ACTION CATEGORY:	X IMMEDIATELY <input type="checkbox"/> ON SPECIFIED FAILURE <input type="checkbox"/> AGREEABLE TIME	STANDARDS: LABOR: 1.0 Hours
LOCATION CATEGORY:	X CUSTOMER INSTALLABLE <input type="checkbox"/> ON-SITE <input type="checkbox"/> SERVICE CENTER	SERVICE INVENTORY: <input type="checkbox"/> RETURN <input type="checkbox"/> SCRAP <input type="checkbox"/> SEE TEXT
AVAILABILITY:	PRODUCT'S SUPPORT LIFE	USED PARTS: <input type="checkbox"/> RETURN <input type="checkbox"/> SCRAP <input type="checkbox"/> SEE TEXT
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:		

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Situation:

The 20 GHz PSGs use an E4413A Power Sensor to measure Maximum Levelled Power and Power Level Accuracy. This power sensor contains two sets of Calibration Factors, one for powers ≤ 0 dBm and the other for powers > 0 dBm. Due to a software defect the Calibration Factors for powers > 0 dBm are not being used for higher powers. This will result in the measured power being offset.

Solution/Action:

Until the software is fixed a manual measurement is required for Maximum Levelled Power and Power Level Accuracy. The measured data will be recorded in this service note and attached to the Agilent N7800A Test Management Environment Software report.

Manual Maximum Power Measurement

1. Zero and calibrate the E4413A power sensor.
2. Connect the sensor directly to the PSG RF Output (no cables).
3. Set the E8257C frequency to 100 MHz.
4. Enter the test frequency via the E4419A/B front panel (Frequency/A Freq).
5. Set the E8257C amplitude to the maximum power in **Table 1**. The maximum power is dependent upon what options the E8257C contains.

Table 1

Options	250 kHz to 3.2 GHz	>3.2 GHz to 20 GHz
Std	13 dBm	13 dBm
1EA	16 dBm	20 dBm
1E1	11 dBm	11 dBm
1E6	13 dBm	13 dBm
1EA & 1E6	13 dBm	20 dBm
1E1 & 1EA	15 dBm	18 dBm
1E1 & 1EA & 1E6	12 dBm	18 dBm
1E1 & 1E6	11 dBm	11 dBm

6. Increment the E8257C amplitude by 0.3 dB, this is to accommodate the measurement uncertainty of the measurement.
7. Check for the E8257C leveling. If the unit is leveled then the test passed. If the unit is unlevelled, then the test failed.
8. Repeat steps 4 through 7 for E8257C frequencies of 10 GHz and 20 GHz.
9. Record your results below by initialing the appropriate cell in **Table 2**.

Table 2

Frequency	Pass	Fail
100 MHz		
10 GHz		
20 GHz		

Manual Power Level Accuracy

1. Zero and calibrate the E4413A power sensor.
2. Connect the sensor directly to the PSG RF Output (no cables).
3. Set the E8257C frequency to 95.1 MHz and the amplitude to 0 dBm.
4. Enter the test frequency via the E4419A/B front panel (Frequency/A Freq).
5. Measure the E8257C amplitude.

6. Subtract the measured value from the E8257C front panel setting.
7. Enter the difference in **Table 3**.

Table 3

Frequency	0 dBm	10 dBm	Max power (See Table 1)
95.1 MHz			
10.0501 GHz			
19.9501 GHz			

8. Increment the amplitude of the E8257C to the next power in **Table 3** and repeat steps 5 through 7. Repeat this step until all powers have been tested for this frequency.
9. Increment the E8257C frequency to the next frequency in **Table 3** and repeat steps 4 through 8.
10. Compare the result to the specifications in **Table 4**

Table 4

Frequency	> +10 dBm	+10 dBm to -10 dBm
250 kHz to 2 GHz	± 0.6	± 0.6
>2 GHz to 20 GHz	± 0.8	± 0.8

11. Record your results below by initialing the appropriate cell in **Table 5**.

Table 5

Frequency	Pass	Fail
95.1 MHz		
10.0501 GHz		
19.9501 GHz		

12. Attach the completed service note to the Agilent N7800A Test Management Environment Software report.