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E444xA Option HBA

Introduction

The E444xA Option HBA locates the RF input on the rear panel, using a 3.5 mm (male) connector. This option utilizes the 21.4 MHz IF output connector hole on the rear panel, therefore special Option HB2 is not available with Option HBA.

The Displayed Average Noise Level (DANL) will degrade slightly in instruments with Option HBA. This is due to the additional cabling required to move the RF input to the rear panel of the instrument. This DANL degradation increases as the RF input frequency increases. The DANL will nominally degrade approximately 1 dB at 13.2 GHz and approximately 2 dB at 26.5 GHz when compared to the DANL of a standard PSA. In all other respects Option HBA specification are identical to the standard PSA product specifications.

The following equation may be used to predict how the DANL will nominally degrade based on the frequency of interest.

Equation 1 E4440/43/45A Option HBA Nominal DANL

$$DHBA = D + 28.4 \times \left(\frac{5.758 + 4.89 \times F - 0.146 \times F^2 + 2.433 \times 10^{-3} \times F^3}{1200} \right)$$

For [Equation 1](#):

- F is the Frequency in GHz.
- D is the term used for representing the instruments DANL specification found in the PSA Series Specification Guide.
- $DHBA$ is the term used to represent the resultant instrument DANL from the inclusion of Option HBA.

Performance Verification

This test measures the Displayed Average Noise Level (DANL) of the PSA. The test measures the noise in zero span with a 1 kHz resolution bandwidth, and then normalizes the amplitude to a 1 Hz bandwidth.

DANL is defined as the average of the displayed trace. There is no practical method for manually reading the average of the trace. This procedure averages the trace 100 times and then the operator scrolls the display line to the middle of the trace. The display line reading is considered the trace average. The reading is normalized to a 1 Hz RBW by subtracting 30 dB ($10 \times \text{Log}(1000)$) from the display line value.

Displayed Average Noise Level

Equipment Required

- Termination, 50 Ω , 3.5 mm (f)

Procedure

1. Connect the appropriate termination to the PSA RF input connector.
Press **System, Alignments, Align All Now**.
2. Press **Preset**. Set the analyzer controls by pressing the following keys:
SPAN, Span, 0 Hz
Sweep, Sweep Time, 20 ms
Amplitude, Ref Level, -100 dBm
Amplitude, Attenuation, Man, 0 dB
BW/Avg, Res BW, 1 kHz
BW/Avg, Average, On
Single
3. If the analyzer does not have Option 1DS (Internal Preamplifier) installed, then continue with [step 11](#).
4. Press **AMPLITUDE, More 1 of 3, Int Preamp, On**.

5. Press **FREQUENCY** and enter the first frequency listed in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 DANL (PSA with Option 1DS)

Frequency	Normalized DANL
100 kHz	1)
199 kHz	2)
201 kHz	3)
499 kHz	4)
501 kHz	5)
9.9 MHz	6)
10.1 MHz	7)
1.0 GHz	8)
1.2 GHz	9)
2.4 GHz	10)
2.6 GHz	11)
3.0 GHz	12)

6. Press **Single** and wait for 100 averages.
7. Press **Display, Display Line, On**.
8. Scroll the display line so that it bisects the trace. Read the display line amplitude and subtract 30 from the value. Record the result under Normalized DANL in the table.
9. Repeat [step 5](#) through [step 8](#) for all frequencies listed in [Table 1](#).
10. Press **AMPLITUDE, More 1 of 3, Int Preamp, Off**.

11. Press **FREQUENCY** and enter the first frequency listed in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 DANL (All PSA Instruments)

Frequency	Normalized DANL
10 kHz	13)
99 kHz	14)
101 kHz	15)
990 kHz	16)
1.01 MHz	17)
500 MHz	18)
1.1 GHz	19)
1.3 GHz	20)
2.0 GHz	21)
2.4 GHz	22)
2.6 GHz	23)
3.0 GHz	24)
3.1 GHz	25)
4.0 GHz	26)
5.0 GHz	27)
6.5 GHz	28)
6.7 GHz	29)

12. Press **Single** and wait for 100 averages.

13. Press **Display, Display Line, On**.

14. Scroll the display line so that it bisects the trace. Read the display line amplitude and subtract 30 from the value. Record the result under Normalized DANL in the table.

15. Repeat [step 11](#) through [step 14](#) for all frequencies listed in [Table 2](#).

16. If the analyzer is an E4443A stop here.

17.Repeat [step 11](#) through [step 14](#) for all frequencies listed in [Table 3](#).

Table 3 DANL (PSA E4445A, E4440A)

Frequency	Normalized DANL
8.0 GHz	30)
9.0 GHz	31)
10.0 GHz	32)
11.0 GHz	33)
12.0 GHz	34)
13.1 GHz	35)

18.If the analyzer is an E4445A stop here.

19.Repeat [step 11](#) through [step 14](#) for all frequencies listed in [Table 4](#).

Table 4 DANL (PSA E4440A)

Frequency	Normalized DANL
13.3 GHz	36)
14.0 GHz	37)
15.0 GHz	38)
16.0 GHz	39)
17.0 GHz	40)
18.0 GHz	41)
19.9 GHz	42)
20.1 GHz	43)
21.0 GHz	44)
22.4 GHz	45)
22.6 GHz	46)
24.0 GHz	47)
25.0 GHz	48)
26.4 GHz	49)

20.If the analyzer is an E4440A stop here.

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