Counters & Power Meters

CPM 20, 46 counter Power Meter

A ruggedized solution for microwave power and frequency measurements in the field



- Combined Frequency Counter and Power Meter in one unit
- Two models available:

10 MHz to 20 GHz 10 MHz to 46 GHz

- Large, easy to read screen allows simultaneous display of both power and frequency measurements
- Built-in DVM for AGC voltage measurements
- Designed for use in the field, weighing only 4.9 kg (10.8 lb) and battery operated
- Supported by the full range of IFR power sensors

IFR's Counter Power Meter (CPM) is a portable combination of three instruments: a Microwave Frequency Counter, true Power Meter and Digital Voltmeter. A compact instrument with internal rechargeable battery, ruggedized case and carrying strap, it can be used up a tower, on a roof top or at a field site. Digital microwave radios are commonly installed for network access to mobile radio cell sites and quick installation of business communications. The CPM is the ideal instrument for installation and maintenance engineers working on these systems.

Designed for Field Use

The CPM weighs 4.9 kg (10.8 lb), including battery, which makes it ideal for taking up radio towers or carrying on to exposed roof top sites. A supplied accessory pouch contains and protects all the required accessories. The rechargeable battery gives three hours of continuous operation. Batteries can be charged from either the supplied AC adapter or a vehicle supply. Battery life is continuously monitored and the display shows the percentage life remaining. As accessories a spare battery and desktop charger are available.

The display uses transflective LCD technology which has an integral backlight. This means that it can easily be read both outdoors in direct sunlight and indoors in low light. The user interface makes operation fast, simple and reliable. Measurements are swiftly configured, connections are clearly marked and results are easy to read.

Accuracy

Despite being lightweight and portable, there is no compromise in accuracy. The standard reference oscillator is a DTCXO, digitally controlled temperature compensated crystal oscillator. A DTCXO has no warm up time and is ready to make accurate measurements immediately after switch on, saving both time and battery life. Power measurement accuracy is guaranteed through the use of the standard IFR 6900 series of power sensors. These sensors have excellent return loss specifications which minimize mismatch errors in power measurements. Calibration and linearity factors, unique to each sensor, can also be entered into the CPM to ensure the best accuracy at all times. An integral 0 dBm, 50 MHz power reference is used for sensor calibration, ensuring measurement accuracy and traceability to national standards.

Fully Featured

Two versions of the CPM are available, CPM 20 measures frequencies from $10~\mathrm{MHz}$ to $20~\mathrm{GHz}$ and CPM 46 from $10~\mathrm{MHz}$ to 46 GHz, through a single input. Power sensors cover the frequency range $30~\mathrm{kHz}$ to 46 GHz, and when used with a CPM measure -60 dBm to +44 dBm (25 W).

The frequency counter has relative frequency and frequency offset modes for frequency drift and frequency conversion measurements. A limits function



enables frequency to be measured against a specification, with pass/fail annunciator in the display. Resolution is user settable from 1 Hz to 1 MHz.



CPM is designed for radio link testing

The power meter features pass/fail limits, dB rel, power offset and duty cycle modes. An analog peaking meter is displayed for tuning and adjusting power levels.

A built-in DVM complements the frequency counter and power meter. Radio links are often aligned by monitoring the receiver AGC voltage. The DVM, with its clear 10 mV resolution readout and analog peaking meter, is ideally suited to this task.

Specification

Frequency Measurement

Frequency Range

Sensitivity

10 MHz to 20 GHz -20 dBm (typ, below 20 MHz)
20 GHz to 26.5 GHz -20 dBm

26.5 GHz to 40 GHz -15 dBm 40 GHz to 46 GHz -10 dBm

Input Connector

Precision Type N (f) CPM 20 Precision 2.92 mm (f) CPM 46

Input Impedance

50 Ω Nominal

Maximum Input

10 MHz to 46 GHz +10 dBm (typ, below 20 MHz)

Damage Level

+27 dBm

Resolution

User selectable 1 Hz to 1 MHz

Measurement Time

1 Hz Resolution <2 s >1 Hz Resolution <250 ms

FM Tolerance

20 MHz peak to peak, for >1 kHz rate

AM Tolerance

Any index as long as minimum level does not fall below sensitivity, at 20 kHz rate

Amplitude Discrimination

20 dB for signals >400 MHz

Accuracy (1 Hz Resolution)

Frequency standard error ±25 Hz (10 MHz to 20 GHz)

Frequency standard error ±50 Hz (20 GHz to 46 GHz)

Features

Limit checking, Relative frequency, Frequency offset, Frequency hold

10 MHz Frequency Standard

Temperature Stability

DTCXO (standard) Better than ± 5 in $10^{\rm s}$, 0 to $50^{\rm o}$ C

TCXO (option 001)
Better than ±1 in 10°, 0 to 50°C

Ageing

DTCXO (standard) ± 0.3 ppm/year TCXO (option 001) ± 1 ppm/year

External Frequency Standard Input

10 MHz, 0.7 to 5 V p-p sine or square wave into 1 $k\Omega$ nominal. AC coupled. BNC female

Power Measurement

Frequency Range (Sensor Dependent)

30 kHz to 46 GHz

Power Range (Sensor Dependent)

-65 dBm (0.31 nW) to +44 dBm (25 W)

Power Sensors Supported

6910 series (-30 dBm to +20 dBm) 6920 series (-65 dBm to -20 dBm)* 6930 series (-15 dBm to +35 dBm) 6930 series opt 2, (-5 dBm to +44 dBm)

Power Accuracy

After calibration using 0 dBm power reference: ± 0.2 dB. Measuring a signal in the centre of the power sensor dynamic range, from a source with return loss better than 14 dB

Resolution

4 digits

Units

dBm, dBW, pW, nW, μW, mW, W, kW

Features

Limit checking, Duty cycle, dB Relative, Power offset,

Analog Meter

Correction

Linearity Factor Calibration Factor

Auto-Calibration

Ability to calibrate against a 0 dBm (1 mW), 50 MHz power reference

Auto-Zero

Removes DC offset from gain stages and power sensor.

Noise Floor (after Auto-Zero)

6910 series <-30 dBm 6920 series <-65 dBm* 6930 series <-15 dBm

Power Reference

Frequency

50 MHz ±0.10 MHz

Power Level

0 dBm (1 mW)

Uncertainty

±0.7% traceable to National Standards

Accuracy

±1.2% worst case for one year

Output Connector

N (f), 50 Ω . Adapters are supplied with 75 Ω , 3.5 mm and 2.92 mm power sensors

Digital Voltmeter

Voltage Range

O V to +10 V (DC only) protected to 40 V

Accuracy

±2.5% of reading

Resolution

10 mV

Connector

4 mm banana sockets

Impedance

6 M Ω in parallel with 100 pF, -ve terminal connected to chassis via 10 k Ω resistor

Display

LCD

1/4 VGA transflective with backlight

Terminal Interface

Connector

9 pin D male. RS-232 (DTE) compatible

Power Requirements

DC Input (Vehicle Supply or AC Adapter)

10 V to 28 V, 32 VA (max)

Rechargable Battery

3 hours continuous operation minimum

Recharge Time

<4 hours

Size & Weight

285 mm (width), 130 mm (height), 210 mm (depth) 4.9 kg (10.8 lb)

Environmental

Operating Temperature Range

0 to +45°C

Storage Temperature Range (Excluding Battery)

 $-40 \text{ to } +70^{\circ}\text{C}$

Storage Humidity Range

Up to 93% RH at $+40^{\circ}$ C

Shock and Vibration

MIL-T-28800 for class 3

Drop Test

IEC 68-2-32

Overall Instrument Protection

IEC 529 (rating IP 523)

EMC and Safety

Conforms with the limits specified in the following standards:

ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY

Conforms with the protection requirements of the EEC Council Directive 89/336/EEC. Conforms with the limits specified in the following standards:

IEC/EN61326-1: 1997, RF Emission Class B, Immunity Table 1, Performance Criteria B

SAFETY

Conforms with the requirements of EEC Council Directive 73/23/EEC and Standard IEC/EN 61010-1: 1993



Versions and Accessories

When ordering please quote the full ordering number information.

Ordering Numbers

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CPM 20 10 MHz to 20 GHz Counter Power Meter CPM 46 10 MHz to 46 GHz Counter Power Meter

Option 001 Replaces DTCXO with TCXO

Supplied with

41690/616	Accessory pouch
41700/788	Carrying strap
43113/022	Rechargable battery
20541/212	TT 1 1 A C 1 4

28541/213 Universal AC adapter/battery charger

Power lead for charger
43169/039 Vehicle DC supply lead
43138/663 1.5 m power sensor cable
23443/874 DVM, BNC adapter
46882/335 Operating Manual

Accessories

54311/219	20 CHz standard counter cable 1.5 m SMA (m) to SMA (m)
34311/419	20 GHz standard counter cable 1.5 m, SMA (m) to SMA (m)

54311/134 Adapter N (m) to SMA (f)

54351/027 40 GHz counter cable 0.5 m, 2.92 mm (m) to 2.92 mm (m)

43113/022 Spare battery

54464/001 Desktop battery charger

46880/084 Service Manual

POWER SENSORS - STANDARD

56910/900	10 MHz to $20 GHz$ (-30 dBm to $+20 dBm$) Type N.
56911/900	10 MHz to $20 GHz$ (-30 dBm to +20 dBm) APC 7.
56912/900	30 kHz to $4.2 GHz$ (-30 dBm to +20 dBm) Type N.
56913/900	10 MHz to 26.5 GHz (-30 dBm to +20 dBm) MPC 3.5.
56914/001	10 MHz to $40 GHz$ (-30 dBm to +20 dBm) 2.92 mm.
56914/002	10 MHz to $40 GHz$ (-30 dBm to +20 dBm) 2.92 mm
	plus waveguide 22 coax transition and calibration table.
56914/003	10 MHz to $46 GHz$ (-30 dBm to +20 dBm) 2.92 mm.
56919/900	$75~\Omega~30~kHz$ to $3~GHz$ (-30 dBm to +20 dBm) Type N

POWER SENSORS - LOW POWER

56920/900	$10\ \mathrm{MHz}$ to $20\ \mathrm{GHz}$ (-65 dBm to -20 dBm) Type N.
56923/900	10 MHz to 26.5 GHz (-60 dBm to -20 dBm) MPC 3.5
56924/001	10 MHz to 40 GHz (-60 dBm to -20 dBm) 2.92 mm.
56924/002	10 MHz to 40 GHz (-60 dBm to -20 dBm) 2.92 mm
	plus waveguide 22 coax transition and calibration table
56924/003	10 MHz to 46 GHz. (-60 dBm to -20 dBm) 2.92 mm.

POWER SENSORS - HIGH POWER

56930/900	10 MHz to $18 GHz$ (-15 dBm to +35 dBm) Type N.
56932/900	30 kHz to $4.2 GHz$ (-15 dBm to $+35 dBm$) Type N.
56934/001	10 MHz to $40 GHz$ (-15 dBm to $+30 dBm$) 2.92 mm
56934/002	10 MHz to $40 GHz$ (-15 dBm to $+30 dBm$) $2.92 mm$
	plus waveguide 22 coax transition and calibration table
56934/003	10 MHz to $46 GHz$ (-15 dBm to $+30 dBm$) $2.92 mm$
56930/002	$10\mathrm{MHz}$ to $18\mathrm{GHz}$ (-5 dBm to +44 dBm) Type N
56932/002	30 kHz to $4.2 GHz$ (-5 dBm to +44 dBm) Type N

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