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Wireless LAN Test

Application Firmware

R&S FSQ-K90/K91/K91n

Release 4.30

with Service Pack 1

for R&S FSQ, FSG, FMU Analyzer Firmware V4.3x

New Features:

- The IEEE 802.11n standard (SISO) is now supported.
- Support for Application Recovery
- Option B17 now supported
- Option FSU-B24 supported

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History

Date	Rel Note Rev	Changes
25 April 2008	1	First revision for Wireless LAN Application Firmware 4.30.
11 August 2008	2	FMU added.
30 September 2008	3	Problem eliminated with Service Pack 1 added.

General Topics

Compatibility of the R&S FSQ-K90/K91 Wireless LAN Application Firmware with other Firmware Releases

The following table shows the compatible versions of the basic analyzer firmware and the Wireless LAN Application Firmware:

Table of compatible versions:

R&S FSQ-K90 Application Firmware	R&S FSQ-K91 Application Firmware	R&S FSQ-K91n Application Firmware	R&S FSQ Basic Firmware	R&S FMU Basic Firmware	R&S FSG Basic Firmware
4.30 SP1	4.30	4.30	4.35	4.38	4.39
4.30	4.30	4.30	4.35		4.39
4.21	4.21	-	4.25	-	4.29 SP2
4.20	4.20	-	-	-	4.29
4.10	4.10	-	4.15	-	-
4.00	4.00	-	4.05	-	-
3.90SP1	3.90SP1	-	3.95SP1 3.95	-	-
3.90	3.90	-	3.95	-	-
3.80	3.80	-	3.85	-	-
3.70	3.70	-	3.75	-	-
3.60 SP1	3.60 SP1	-	3.65	-	-
3.60	3.60	-	3.65	-	-
3.52	3.52	-	3.55 SP1 3.55	-	-
3.50 SP1	3.50 SP1	-	3.55 SP1 3.55	-	-
3.50	3.50	-	3.55	-	-
3.42	3.42	-	3.45 SP4	-	-
3.40	3.40	-	3.45	-	-
3.31	3.31	-	3.35 SP1	-	-
3.30	3.30	-	3.35	-	-
3.28	-	-	3.25	-	-
3.24	-	-	3.15	-	-
3.20	-	-	3.05	-	-

Firmware Update of the R&S FSQ-K90/K91/K91n Wireless LAN Application Firmware

Since basic firmware version 4.2x a ZIP file with the update sets of the basic system firmware and all available applications is provided. This ZIP file is available in the instruments FIRMWARE section, e.g. R&S FSQ of the Service Board on GLORIS.

Please follow the steps described in the instrument's basic firmware release note to perform a complete firmware update.

Enabling the Application Firmware via License Key Code Entry

This section can be skipped if the option key was entered once.

After installing the application firmware package a license key for validation must be entered. The license key is printed either on a label on the rear panel of the instrument or delivered as a part of the R&S FSQ-K90/K91/K91n Wireless LAN application firmware package.

The key sequence for entering the license key is:

SETUP - GENERAL SETUP – OPTIONS - INSTALL OPTION

Use the numeric keypad to input the license key number and press ENTER.

- On a successful validation the message 'option key valid' will appear. The instrument will perform an automatic reboot.
- If the validation failed, the application firmware is not installed.
The most probable reason will be that the instrument is not equipped with the correct basic firmware version. Therefore a messagebox will appear asking for installation of the correct basic firmware version.

If the application firmware package was not installed prior to entering the license key code, a message will appear asking for installation of the application firmware package.

In any case please make sure that the correct basic firmware version and the application firmware package is installed prior to entering the license key code.

If upgrading to FSQ-K91 from FSQ-K90 then an upgrade key is supplied. This key needs to be entered (as described above) in addition to the existing FSQ-K90 key-code. Similarly if upgrading FSQ-K91 to include IEEE 802.11n then an additional upgrade key is required

System Memory Requirements

For FSQ-K90 Wireless LAN Application Firmware, an installed system memory of 512MByte is recommended. For FSQ-K91 Wireless LAN Application Firmware, an installed system memory of 512MByte is essential. The FSQ-K90/K1 will generate an error message during activation, if available system memory does not meet the requirements. This may happen for FS-K90, if FS-K30 or FSQ-K70 was active before starting WLAN.



For instruments, shipped with 256MByte system memory, a memory extension FSQ-B512, order number 1157.1590.02, is available.

A reboot of the instrument after using NOISE (FS-K30) or VSA (FSQ-K70), will allow FSQ-K90 to be activated without memory extension.

The system memory size can be easily checked by pressing SETUP – SYSTEM INFO – STATISTICS, item "Memory size". This item is available since version 3.25 of the base system firmware.

New Functions in version 4.30

1. The IEEE 802.11n standard is now supported (20 and 40MHz bandwidth).
2. Option B17 is now supported.
3. Option FSU-B24 supported.
4. Support for Application Recovery.

Modified Functions

The behaviour of the following functions changed compared to earlier versions [the number in brackets indicates the firmware version that introduced the individual change]:

1. [V3.30] Limit values in table of results can now be modified whilst a measurement is running.
2. [V3.30] Spectrum Mask according to ETSI.
3. [V3.30] EVM Trace results can now be displayed in % of dB (User selectable).
4. [V3.40] Baseband board version VAR03 with baseband impedance of 1 MOhm supported
5. [V3.42] Single auto-level sequence can now be activated via SCPI (CONFigure:POWER:AUTO ONCE)
6. [V3.42] The STATus:QUESTionable:SYNC and STATus:QUESTionable:ACPLimit registers are provided.
7. [V3.42] Marker to peak and to minimum functions are supported for the Spectrum Flatness measurement.
8. [V3.42] EVM Vs Symbol display: The boundaries of bursts are now highlighted with vertical lines.

9. [V3.42] Support for wideband extension (B72).
10. [V3.42] Support for preamplifier B23 & B25 options.
11. [V3.42] Error Vs Preamble measurements are provided for all standards. The results can be displayed in Phase or Frequency error Vs preamble.
12. [V3.42] Advanced settings for mechanical and electronic attenuators, YIG filter and baseband settings.
13. [V3.42] Support for IEEE 802.11g and 802.11 OFDM Turbo Mode standards added.
14. [V3.42] Gating support for Spectrum Mask and Spectrum ACP measurements).
15. [V3.42] The sample rate can be modified for IEEE 802.11a measurements.
16. [V3.42] IF Power trigger disabled for Spectrum Mask (ETSI) measurement
17. [V3.42] Minimum and Maximum payload length can now also be specified in time
18. [V3.42] The calculation for the rise and fall time results for IEEE 802.11b signals has been changed
19. [V3.42] List mode results accessible from frequency sweep measurements
20. [V3.60] IQ Data Export & Import available.
21. [V3.60] Sample rates between 20.4 MHz and 40.8 MHz now supported without the use of option B72.
22. [V3.70] Bursts analyzed with errors now marked in yellow.
23. [V3.70] Number of analyzed bursts available via IEC/IEEE Bus (FETCh:BURSt:COUNT?).
24. [V3.70] Number of symbols in each analyzed burst available via IEC/IEEE Bus (FETCh:SYMBol:COUNT?).
25. [V3.70] Sweep time for auto-level can be specified using the Auto Level Time setting in the Advanced Settings of the General Settings view.
26. [V3.80] Digital Down Converter available for low carrier frequency with Baseband input.
27. [V3.80] External trigger level can now be specified.
28. [V3.80] REFRESH hot-key for recalculation of results after data capture.
29. [V3.80] The new SUPPORT softkey has been provided to allow detailed information about the FS-K90/91 option to be saved to file.
30. [V3.90] New SCPI command CONFigure:BURSt:PREamble:SElect PHASe | FREQuency.
31. [V4.10] The SEM measurement and SPECTRUM MASK softkey replaces the Spectrum ETSI / IEEE measurements.
32. [V4.20] Support for new instrument model R&S FSG.
33. [V4.20] Trace data now available via remote control in binary format for all traces.
34. [V4.30] The IEEE 802.11n standard is now supported
35. [V4.30] Option B17 is now supported.
36. [V4.30] Option FSU-B24 supported
37. [V4.30] Support for Application Recovery

Problems eliminated with option R&S FSQ-K90/K91 Wireless LAN Application Firmware V4.30

None

Problems eliminated with Service Pack 1

Service Pack 1 fixes the following problems.

The version numbers in brackets indicate the version in which the problem was observed for the first time.

1. (K90/K91 V4.30) Signal path selection corrected for R&S FMU with option B17 (digital baseband input)

Known problems with option R&S FSQ-K90/K91 Wireless LAN Application Firmware

The version numbers in brackets indicate the version in which the error was observed for the first time. Unless otherwise stated all errors apply to be FSQ-K90 and FSQ-K91

Manual Operation and IEC/IEEE Bus

1. (K90 V3.40) Memory usage on instrument with 256 Mbytes of memory

Performing combinations of calibration, activating and using the VSA (K70) option and activating and using FSQ-K90 on an instrument with 256 Mbytes of memory may lead to the FSQ-K90 option no longer being able to be activated due to insufficient memory.

Workaround: Ensure no other applications are running. Restarting the firmware after performing calibration also improves memory usage. Using Preset also releases memory.

2. (K90/K91 V3.30) Save files for one option cannot be recalled in another option

A save file saved under FSQ-K90 cannot be recalled into the upgraded FSQ-K91 option.

Workaround: None

3. (K90/K91 V3.50) Gating and negative trigger offset values

With the FSQ gating and negative trigger offset values can not be used together. Any negative trigger offset will internally be set to 0s.

4. (K90/K91 V3.60) Analysis times

In some cases with low powered signals measurement can take a long time to complete.

Workaround: Use auto-level or adjust the reference level to improve analysis speed. Reducing the amount of data to analyze by reducing the capture time can also help.

5. (K91 V3.80) Values in table of results update correctly when number of bursts selected.

When the number of bursts parameter is selected and the number specified requires multiple sweeps then the table of results now updates to such that the min, mean and max value are calculated over all bursts and sweeps, not just the bursts contained in the last sweep.

6. (K90/K91 V3.80) External attenuation not correctly applied to Spectrum ACP results

The external attenuation is incorrectly applied to the relative channel power results in the Spectrum ACP (Relative) measurement. The external attenuation is correctly applied to the Spectrum ACP (Absolute) measurement results.

IEC/IEEE Bus only

1. (K90 V3.28) Selecting screen A/B

For selecting screen A or B, DISPlay:<WINDow[1|2]>:SElect command does not work correctly.

Workaround: Instead of this command, an alias command is provided, which is:
DISPlay:<WINDow[1|2]>:SSElect.

Modifications to the Operating Manual

The R&S FSQ-K90/K91/K91n analyzer functions are included in a separate manual set. Please refer to the following order numbers:

- 1157.3135.42-06 (English)

Modified Chapters for manual operation

None.

Modified Chapters for remote operation

None.

Appendix: Contact to our hotline

Any questions or ideas concerning the instrument are welcome by our hotline:

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