



AM/FM, level – AF, stereo MPX, VOR/ILS/TACAN: the high-precision source for every application

AM/FM Calibrator/AF Generator FMA-B4

The AM/FM Calibrator/AF Generator FMA-B4 from Rohde & Schwarz is an option for use with the FMA family. It provides a high-precision AM or FM signal for internal and external calibration as well as an unmodulated 10-MHz signal for level calibration. The AF generator supplies signals in the range from 10 Hz to 100 kHz which can be modulated upon the 10-MHz carrier for a performance test of the FMA.

The AF signals are generated by a signal processor and a 16-bit D/A converter. Signal generation includes single-tone and two-tone AF signals, stereo multiplex signals and especially VOR/ILS/TACAN baseband signals. Modulation Analyzer FMA can thus be enhanced to form a complete transmitter test set for various applications from sound broadcasting through radiocommunication to air navigation.

Dual-channel unbalanced or single-channel balanced baseband signals are available at two rear-panel BNC outputs. The output impedance can be selected in three steps.

With the aid of Connector Unit FMA-Z2 the rear-panel baseband outputs as well as all other rear-panel inputs and outputs of the basic unit become accessible from the front.



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Specifications

The data are tested at 23 °C (73.4 °F) and guaranteed by design in the range 23 ± 5 °C (73.4 ± 9 °F).

Baseband signals

AF (Single-tone and two-tone signals)

Frequency range	10 Hz to 100 kHz
Frequency resolution	1 mHz
Frequency error	1 mHz + error of reference frequency
Level	1 mV to 7 V
Error of output level at 1 kHz	≤ 0.1% ± 10 μV
Level resolution	0.02% (min. 10 μV)
Frequency response ¹⁾	
10 Hz to 50 kHz	≤ ± 0.1%
10 Hz to 100 kHz	≤ ± 0.2%
THD + N (level ≤ 6 V)	
10 Hz to 20 kHz	≤ 0.02% + 10 μV (100 kHz bandwidth)
20 to 100 kHz	≤ 0.1% + 20 μV (300 kHz bandwidth)
Intermodulation distortion (two-tone signals, PK voltage ≤ 8 V)	
10 Hz to 20 kHz	≥ 74 dB down
20 to 100 kHz	≥ 60 dB down

Stereo MPX

The data are not tested individually but given by design. Generation of stereo multiplex signals, L, R, R = L, R = -L incl. 19-kHz pilot tone (disconnectible) or 19-kHz pilot tone + 57-kHz subcarrier (without multiplex signal)

Linear distortion	
Selectable preemphasis	50/75 μs
Frequency response	
10 Hz to 53 kHz	≤ 0.1%
Crosstalk attenuation	
30 Hz to 15 kHz, M ↔ S, L ↔ R	≥ 65 dB
Nonlinear distortion and intermodulation distortion	≥ 70 dB down
Unweighted and weighted	
S/N ratio to CCIR 468-4	≥ 80 dB
Pilot tone	
Nominal frequency	19 kHz ± 1 mHz + error of reference frequency
Phase versus carrier	≤ 0.1°
Setting range	± 10°
57-kHz subcarrier (only possible with multiplex signal switched off)	
Nominal frequency	57 kHz ± 1 mHz + error of reference frequency
Phase versus pilot tone	≤ 0.1°
Setting range	± 30°

VOR-ILS-TACAN (FMAV only)

The data are not tested individually but given by design.

VOR	
Deviation error at 9.96-kHz subcarrier	≤ ± 0.1% ± 1 Hz
Setting range	0 to 700 Hz
Phase error 30 Hz	≤ ± 0.005°
ILS	
Frequency response 90 Hz/150 Hz	≤ 0.02%
Additional gain difference error	≤ 0.1% x gain difference
Phase error 90 Hz/150 Hz	≤ ± 0.05°
TACAN	
Phase error 15 Hz/135 Hz	≤ ± 0.1°

Outputs

Outputs	2 BNC female connectors on rear panel, 2 x unbalanced, same signal at both outputs, can be individually switched off or 1 x balanced
Output impedance	20 Ω, 200 Ω, 600 Ω selectable, tolerance: ± 1% ± 2 Ω, can be internally switched to AF measuring circuit

¹⁾ For $Z_{out} = 20 \Omega$, $C_L \leq 200 \text{ pF}$.

AM/FM/level

(modulated signal; carrier frequency 10 MHz)

AM

Carrier frequency	10 MHz
Level	-10 dBm
Modulation depth	adjustable from 0 to 99%
Error at $f_{mod} = 1 \text{ kHz}$, 80% AM	≤ 0.1% of reading
Additional linearity error at $m = 10$ to 95%	≤ 0.1%
Modulation frequency response	
15 Hz to 10 kHz	≤ 0.1%
10 Hz to 100 kHz	≤ 0.5%
Modulation distortion (THD + N)	
10 Hz to 20 kHz, $m = 80\%$	≤ 0.1%
Incidental ϕM , $m \leq 80\%$	≤ 0.01 rad
Residual AM (20 Hz to 23 kHz, RMS)	typ. ≤ 0.02%

AM-VOR/ILS (FMAV only)

ILS	
DDM accuracy	
$m = 18$ to 22%	≤ ± 0.00005 DDM ± 0.001 x (DDM)
$m = 32$ to 48%	≤ ± 0.0001 DDM ± 0.001 x (DDM)
Phase error 90 Hz/150 Hz	≤ 0.1°

VOR

Deviation error at 9.96-kHz subcarrier	≤ ± 0.1% ± 1 Hz
Deviation setting range	0 to 700 Hz
Phase error 30 Hz	≤ 0.01°

TACAN

Phase error 15 Hz/135 Hz	≤ ± 0.25°
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FM

Carrier frequency	10 MHz
Level	-10 dBm
Deviation ($f_{mod} = 1 \text{ kHz}$, squarewave-shaped)	100 kHz
Deviation error	≤ 0.1%
Additional sinewave modulation	$f_{mod} = 10 \text{ Hz to } 100 \text{ kHz}$, deviation = 1 to 100 kHz
Residual FM (BW = 23 kHz, RMS)	≤ 10 Hz
Deviation error for 100 kHz deviation, $f_{mod} = 1 \text{ kHz}$	≤ 0.2% + residual FM
Additional linearity error for $f_{mod} = 1 \text{ kHz}$, deviation 10 to 100 kHz	≤ 0.1%
Modulation frequency response	
10 Hz to 100 kHz	≤ 0.5%
Modulation distortion for deviation = 100 kHz, $f_{mod} = 10 \text{ Hz to } 20 \text{ kHz}$	≤ 0.1%
Incidental AM ($\Delta f = 50 \text{ kHz}$, $f_{mod} = 1 \text{ kHz}$, BW = 3 kHz)	typ. ≤ 0.05%

Level

Carrier frequency	10 MHz
Frequency error	error of reference frequency
Level range	-50 to -4 dBm
Level error	
Output level -10 dBm	≤ 0.1 dB
-40 to -4 dBm	≤ 0.2 dB ± 6 nW
Output	BNC female on front panel (CAL), can be internally switched to RF input
VSWR at 10 MHz	≤ 1.05

Ordering information

Order designation

AM/FM Calibrator/AF Generator
FMA-B4 855.6008.52
Connector Unit FMA-Z2
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