

# R&S® FPC Spectrum Analyzer Getting Started



This document describes the following products:

- R&S®FPC1000 (1328.6660.02)
- R&S®FPC1500 (1328.6660.03)

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# 1 Safety Information

The product documentation helps you to use the R&S FPC safely and efficiently. Follow the instructions provided here and in the printed "Basic Safety Instructions". Keep the product documentation nearby and offer it to other users.

## Intended use

The R&S FPC is designated for the development, production and verification of electronic components and devices in industrial, administrative, and laboratory environments. Use the R&S FPC only for its designated purpose. Observe the operating conditions and performance limits stated in the data sheet.

## Where do I find safety information?

Safety information is part of the product documentation. It warns you about the potential dangers and gives instructions how to prevent personal injuries or damage caused by dangerous situations. Safety information is provided as follows:

- The printed "Basic Safety Instructions" provide safety information in many languages and are delivered with the R&S FPC.
- Throughout the documentation, safety instructions are provided when you need to take care during setup or operation.

## 2 Documentation Overview

This section provides an overview of the R&S FPC user documentation. You can find it on the product page at:

[www.rohde-schwarz.com/manual/fpc](http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/manual/fpc)

### Getting started manual

Introduces the R&S FPC and describes how to set up and start working with the product. A printed version is included in the delivery.

### User manual

The user manual contains the description of all instrument modes and functions. It also provides an introduction to remote control, a complete description of the remote control commands with programming examples, and information on maintenance, instrument interfaces and error messages.

In addition to the R&S FPC user manual, there is a separate user manual for the R&S InstrumentView software package. This manual contains a description of all features of the R&S InstrumentView software package.

The online version (html format) of the user manual provides the complete contents for immediate display on the internet.

The user manual is also integrated into the firmware (.chm format). You can export the file to a memory stick ("Setup" > "User Preferences" > "Export Documentation"). After the export, you can connect the memory stick to a PC and read the .chm file.

### Service manual

Describes the performance test for checking the rated specifications, module replacement and repair, firmware update, troubleshooting and fault elimination, and contains mechanical drawings and spare part lists.

The service manual is available for registered users on the global Rohde & Schwarz information system (GLORIS, <https://gloris.rohde-schwarz.com>).

### **Basic safety instructions**

Contains safety instructions, operating conditions and further important information. The printed document is included in the delivery.

### **Data sheet and brochure**

The data sheet contains the technical specifications of the R&S FPC. It also lists the options and their order numbers as well as optional accessories.

The brochure provides an overview of the R&S FPC and shows its specific characteristics.

### **Release notes and open source acknowledgment**

The release notes list new features, improvements and known issues of the current firmware version, and describe the firmware installation.

The open source acknowledgment document provides verbatim license texts of the used open source software.

[www.rohde-schwarz.com/manual/fpc](http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/manual/fpc)

The open source acknowledgement is also integrated into the firmware (.chm format). You can export the file to a memory stick ("Setup" > "User Preferences" > "Export Documentation". After the export, you can connect the memory stick to a PC and read the .chm file.

### **Application notes, application cards, white papers, etc.**

These documents contain information about possible applications and background information on various topics, see [www.rohde-schwarz.com/appnotes](http://www.rohde-schwarz.com/appnotes).

### **Calibration certificates**

The calibration certificates of your device are available online. Visit the R&S FPC product page and select the item to download the calibration certificate. You will be forwarded to a Gloris page.

<https://gloris.rohde-schwarz.com/calcert>

Enter the device ID of your R&S FPC and download the certificate. You can find the device ID either in the "Setup" menu or on the label on the rear panel.

## 3 Regulatory Information

You can access the regulatory information in the firmware of the R&S FPC.

1. Press the "Setup" key.  
The R&S FPC opens the "Instrument Setup" menu.
2. Select the "Regulatory Information" menu item in the "WiFi" category with the "Enter" key.  
The R&S FPC shows the regulations it complies with.

## 4 Preparing for Use

The R&S FPC is designated for use in industrial, administrative and laboratory environments. Use the R&S FPC only for its designated purpose. Observe the safety and usage instructions documented in the operating manual, as well as the operating conditions and performance limits stated in the data sheet.

Make sure to consider the following information before using the R&S FPC for the first time.

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**⚠ WARNING****Risk of injury due to disregarding safety information**

Observe the information on appropriate operating conditions provided in the data sheet to prevent personal injury or damage to the instrument. Read and observe the basic safety instructions provided with the instrument, in addition to the safety instructions in the following sections. In particular:

- Do not open the instrument casing.
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**NOTICE****Risk of instrument damage due to inappropriate operating conditions**

Specific operating conditions are required to ensure accurate measurements and to avoid damage to the instrument. Observe the information on appropriate operating conditions provided in the basic safety instructions and the instrument's data sheet.

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**NOTICE****Instrument damage caused by electrostatic discharge**

Electrostatic discharge (ESD) can damage the electronic components of the instrument and the device under test (DUT). Electrostatic discharge is most likely to occur when you connect or disconnect a DUT or test fixture to the instrument's test ports. To prevent electrostatic discharge, use a wrist strap and cord and connect yourself to the ground, or use a conductive floor mat and heel strap combination.

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**NOTICE****Risk of instrument damage during operation**

An unsuitable operating site or test setup can damage the instrument and connected devices. Ensure the following operating conditions before you switch on the instrument:

- The instrument is dry and shows no sign of condensation.
- The instrument is positioned as described in the following sections.
- The ambient temperature does not exceed the range specified in the data sheet.
- Signal levels at the input connectors are all within the specified ranges.
- Signal outputs are correctly connected and are not overloaded.

**EMI impact on measurement results**

Electromagnetic interference (EMI) may affect the measurement results.

To suppress generated electromagnetic interference (EMI):

- Use suitable shielded cables of high quality. For example, use double-shielded RF and LAN cables.
- Always terminate open cable ends.
- Note the EMC classification in the data sheet.

## 4.1 Unpacking and Checking the Instrument

Unpack the R&S FPC carefully and check the contents of the package.

- Check if all items listed on the delivery note, including the getting started manual, are included in the delivery.
- Check the R&S FPC for any damage.  
If the contents are damaged, immediately contact the carrier who delivered the package.
- Keep the box and packing material.



**NOTICE****Risk of instrument damage during transportation and shipment**

Insufficient protection against mechanical and electrostatic effects during transportation and shipment can damage the instrument.

- Always make sure that sufficient mechanical and electrostatic protection is provided.
- When shipping an instrument, use the original packaging. If it is not available, allow for sufficient padding to prevent the instrument from moving around inside the box. Pack the instrument in antistatic wrap to protect it from electrostatic charging.
- Secure the instrument to prevent any movement and other mechanical effects during transportation.

**Packing material**

Retain the original packing material. If the instrument needs to be transported or shipped later, you can use the material to protect the control elements and connectors.

## 4.2 Placing or Mounting the Instrument

The R&S FPC is designed for use under laboratory conditions, either on a bench top or in a rack.

**Benchtop operation**

If the R&S FPC is operated on a bench top, the surface should be flat. The instrument can be used in horizontal position, standing on its feet, or with the support feet on the bottom extended.

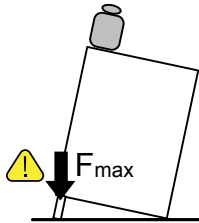
**Mounting the R&S FPC in a rack**

The R&S FPC can be installed in the 19" rack mount kit R&S ZZA-FPC1 (order no.1328.7080.02). The installation instructions are part of the adapter kit.

**⚠ CAUTION****Risk of injury if feet are folded out**

The feet can fold in if they are not folded out completely or if the instrument is shifted. This can cause damage or injury.

- Fold the feet completely in or out to ensure stability of the instrument. Never shift the instrument when the feet are folded out.
- When the feet are folded out, do not work under the instrument or place anything underneath.
- The feet can break if they are overloaded. The overall load on the folded-out feet must not exceed 200 N.



## 4.3 Connecting AC Power

The AC power connector on the rear panel of the R&S FPC allows you to connect it to the primary power supply.

Included in the delivery of the R&S FPC are several common power plug types.

1. Select the cable with the plug type you need and firmly connect it to the R&S FPC.
2. Connect the AC plug to the power outlet to supply the R&S FPC with power. The R&S FPC is assembled in line with the specifications for safety class EN61010. Therefore, it may only be connected to an outlet that has a ground contact.

The AC power supply has the following characteristics.

- Line voltage: 100 V AC to 240 V AC
- Line frequency: 50 Hz to 60 Hz; 400 Hz
- Current: 0.6 A to 0.4 A

## 4.4 Turning the R&S FPC on and off

After you have established a connection to the power supply, you can turn on the R&S FPC.

### Turning on the R&S FPC

- ▶ Turn on the main AC power switch on the rear panel of the R&S FPC (position "I").

The instrument is now supplied with AC power.

- "Power" key is highlighted orange: R&S FPC is in standby mode (main AC power switch is in position "I").
- "Power" key is highlighted green: R&S FPC is running and ready for operation.

### Turning off the R&S FPC

- ▶ Turn off the main AC power switch on the rear panel of the R&S FPC (position "O").

The instrument is no longer supplied with AC power.

### Changing the AC supply fuse

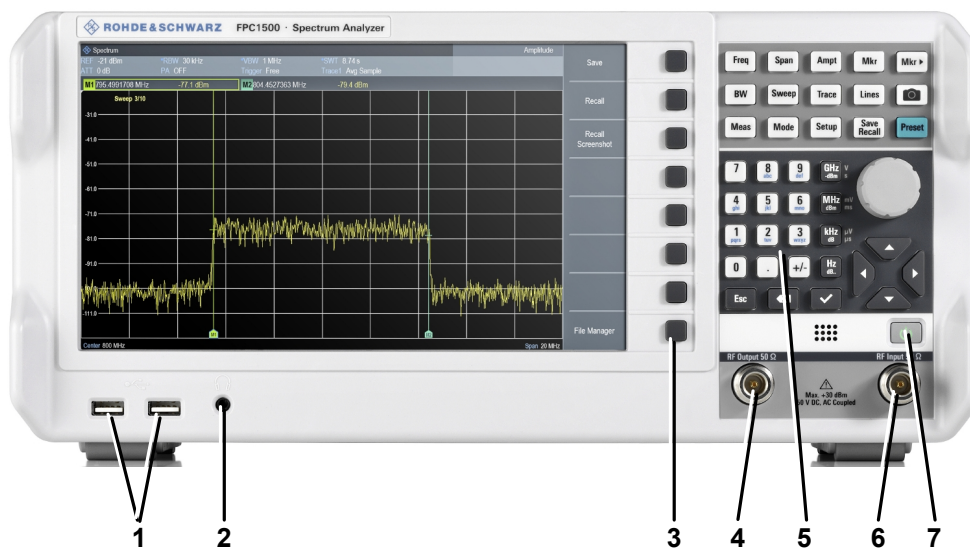
Only fuses of the type 2A T IEC60127-2/V should be used.

1. Disconnect the power cable.
2. Open the flap covering the voltage selector using a small screwdriver (or similar).
3. Remove the cylinder labeled with the nominal voltages. Remove the fuse and install the new one. Reinsert the cylinder so that the value visible through the hole in the cover flap is the same nominal voltage as before.
4. Close the flap.

## 5 Instrument Tour

The R&S FPC has various connectors on the front and rear panel.

### 5.1 Front Panel



**Figure 5-1: Front panel of the R&S FPC**

- 1 = USB ports (type A)
- 2 = Headphone jack
- 3 = Softkeys
- 4 = Signal source output
- 5 = Function keys and alphanumeric keypad
- 6 = RF input
- 7 = Power switch

#### **NOTICE**

##### **Instrument damage caused by cleaning agents**

Cleaning agents contain substances such as solvents (thinners, acetone, etc.), acids, bases, or other substances. Solvents can damage the front panel labeling, plastic parts, or screens, for example.

Never use cleaning agents to clean the outside of the instrument. Use a soft, dry, lint-free dust cloth instead.

## Power switch

The power switch turns the R&S FPC on and off when it is supplied with power.

For more information, see [Chapter 4.4, "Turning the R&S FPC on and off"](#), on page 11.

## RF input

The RF input with an impedance of 50  $\Omega$  allows you to connect a DUT to the R&S FPC. Typically, you connect the DUT with a cable and an appropriate connector (for example a male N connector).

The frequency range of the RF input is specified in the datasheet.

The attenuation range is between 0 dB and 40 dB.

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### NOTICE

#### Risk of instrument damage

Make sure not to overload the RF input and keep within the maximum allowed signal levels. Refer to the datasheet for the maximum allowed signal levels.

A DC input voltage of 50 V must never be exceeded.

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## Signal source output

Available on the R&S FPC1500.

The "Signal Source" output allows you to generate a signal that can be fed into the DUT or other external accessories like frequency dividers or amplifiers. You can connect the DUT or accessories with a cable that has a male N connector.

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### NOTICE

#### Risk of instrument damage

The maximum supported reverse power is 23 dBm. Make sure that this value is not exceeded to avoid damage to the R&S FPC.

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## Headphone jack

The female headphone jack allows you to connect headphones (or external speakers) with a miniature jack plug.

You can control the output voltage with the volume control integrated into the firmware. Refer to the user manual for details.

If you connect headphones or external speakers, the R&S FPC automatically turns off the internal speaker.

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**⚠ CAUTION**

### Risk of hearing damage

Before putting on the headphones, make sure that the volume setting is not too high to protect your hearing.

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## USB ports (type A)

The two USB 2.0 ports on the front panel (type A) allow you to connect devices like memory sticks.

## Function keys and alphanumeric keypad

The function keys provide access to the measurement settings and functions. The alphanumeric keypad allows you to enter alphanumeric data if necessary.

Refer to the user manual for a comprehensive description of the function keys.

## Softkeys

The softkeys allow you to access measurement settings and functions.

Softkeys are dynamic. A different list of softkeys is displayed depending on the selected function key. A list of softkeys for a certain function key is also called a menu.

Softkeys can either perform a specific function or open a dialog box.

Refer to the user manual for a comprehensive description of the function keys.



Alternatively, you can use the connector to connect a 10 MHz reference signal to synchronize the frequency with the external reference. Note that the reference signal must be stronger than 0 dBm.

## LAN

The [LAN] interface allows you to connect the R&S FPC to a local network for remote control, printouts or data transfer. The assignment of the RJ-45 connector supports twisted-pair category 5 UTP/STP cables in a star configuration (UTP stands for *unshielded twisted pair*, and STP for *shielded twisted pair*).

## USB port (type B)

The USB port (type B) allows you to connect the R&S FPC to a computer and establish a remote control connection.