

# Spectrum Analyzer

GSP-8000 Series

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## USER MANUAL

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ISO-9001 CERTIFIED MANUFACTURER

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# S SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

This chapter contains important safety instructions that you must follow when operating the GSP-8000, and when keeping it in storage. Read the following before operating the GSP-8000 to ensure your safety and to keep the GSP-8000 in the best possible condition.

## Safety Symbols

These safety symbols may appear in this manual or on the GSP-8000.

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WARNING

Warning: Identifies conditions or practices that could result in injury or loss of life.



CAUTION

Caution: Identifies conditions or practices that could result in damage to the GSP-8000 or to other properties.



DANGER High Voltage



Attention Refer to the Manual



Protective Conductor Terminal



Earth (ground) Terminal



Do not dispose electronic equipment as unsorted municipal waste. Please use a separate collection facility or contact the supplier from which this instrument was purchased.

## Safety Guidelines

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General Guideline • Do not place any heavy object on the GSP-8000.



CAUTION

- Avoid severe impact or rough handling that leads to damaging the GSP-8000.
- Do not discharge static electricity to the GSP-8000.
- Do not block or obstruct the cooling fan vent openings.
- Do not perform measurement at circuits directly connected to Mains (Note below).
- Do not disassemble the GSP-8000 unless you are qualified as service personnel.
- The equipment is not for measurements performed for CAT II, III and IV.

(Measurement categories) EN 61010-1 specifies the measurement categories and their requirements as follows. The GSP-8000 falls under category I.

- Measurement category IV is for measurement performed at the source of low-voltage installation.
  - Measurement category III is for measurement performed in the building installation.
  - Measurement category II is for measurement performed on the circuits directly connected to the low voltage installation.
  - 0 is for measurements performed on circuits not directly connected to Mains.
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**Power Supply****WARNING**

- AC Input voltage range: 100-240Vac;  
Frequency: 50/60Hz
  - Connect the protective grounding conductor of the AC power cord to an earth ground, to avoid electrical shock.
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**Cleaning the  
GSP-8000**

- Disconnect the power cord before cleaning.
  - Use a soft cloth dampened in a solution of mild detergent and water. Do not spray any liquid.
  - Do not use chemicals or cleaners containing harsh material such as benzene, toluene, xylene, and acetone.
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**Operation  
Environment**

- Location: Indoor, no direct sunlight, dust free, almost non-conductive pollution (Note below)
- Temperature: 0°C to 40°C
- Altitude: Up to 2000m
- Transient Overvoltage on the main supply is 2500V.

(Pollution Degree) EN 61010-1 specifies the pollution degrees and their requirements as follows. THE GSP-8000 falls under degree 2.

Pollution refers to “addition of foreign matter, solid, liquid, or gaseous (ionized gases), that may produce a reduction of dielectric strength or surface resistivity”.

- Pollution degree 1: No pollution or only dry, non-conductive pollution occurs. The pollution has no influence.
  - Pollution degree 2: Normally only non-conductive pollution occurs. Occasionally, however, a temporary conductivity caused by condensation must be expected.
  - Pollution degree 3: Conductive pollution occurs, or dry, non-conductive pollution occurs which becomes conductive due to condensation which is expected. In such conditions, equipment is normally protected against exposure to direct sunlight, precipitation, and full wind pressure, but neither temperature nor humidity is controlled.
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**Storage environment**

- Location: Indoor
- Relative Humidity: < 80%
- Temperature: -20°C to 70°C

**Disposal**

Do not dispose this instrument as unsorted municipal waste. Please use a separate collection facility or contact the supplier from which this instrument was purchased. Please make sure discarded electrical waste is properly recycled to reduce environmental impact.



## Power cord for the United Kingdom

When using the GSP-8000 in the United Kingdom, make sure the power cord meets the following safety instructions.

NOTE: This lead/appliance must only be wired by competent persons



**WARNING: THIS APPLIANCE MUST BE EARTHED**

IMPORTANT: The wires in this lead are coloured in accordance with the following code:

Green/ Yellow: Earth  
Blue: Neutral  
Brown: Live (Phase)



As the colours of the wires in main leads may not correspond with the coloured marking identified in your plug/appliance, proceed as follows:

The wire which is coloured Green & Yellow must be connected to the Earth terminal marked with either the letter E, the earth symbol (⊕) or coloured Green/Green & Yellow.

The wire which is coloured Blue must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter N or coloured Blue or Black.

The wire which is coloured Brown must be connected to the terminal marked with the letter L or P or coloured Brown or Red.

If in doubt, consult the instructions provided with the equipment or contact the supplier.

This cable/appliance should be protected by a suitably rated and approved HBC mains fuse: refer to the rating information on the equipment and/or user instructions for details. As a guide, a cable of 0.75mm<sup>2</sup> should be protected by a 3A or 5A fuse. Larger conductors would normally require 13A types, depending on the connection method used.

Any exposed wiring from a cable, plug or connection that is engaged in a live socket is extremely hazardous. If a cable or plug is deemed hazardous, turn off the mains power and remove the cable, any fuses and fuse assemblies. All hazardous wiring must be immediately destroyed and replaced in accordance to the above standard.

# USER NOTICE

This chapter helps you in preparing the spectrum analyzer for use and provides the information to start using the spectrum analyzer correctly.

## General Inspection

When you receive your new instrument, it is recommended that you check the instrument following these steps:

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| Steps | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Check for transportation damage.<br/>If it is found that the packaging carton or the foamed plastic protection cushion has suffered serious damage, do not throw it away until the complete device and its accessories have been electrically and mechanically checked.</li><li>2. Check the Accessories<br/>Please ensure that all the listed accessories are present and undamaged, if any problems are found please contact your distributor.</li><li>3. Check the Complete Instrument<br/>If there is any physical damage, operational fault, or performance issue please contact your distributor or GW Instek's local office. If there is any damage to the instrument please ensure you keep the original packaging. Ideally you should always keep the original packaging if the instrument must be returned for repair.</li></ol> |
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## Safety Precaution before Operation

### Check Power Supply

The analyzer is equipped with a three-wire power cord in accordance with international safety standards. The product must be grounded properly before being powered on, as floating or improper ground may cause damage to the instrument or personal injury.

Make sure the grounding conductor of the spectrum analyzer is grounded before turning on the instrument. After which the AC power cord can be connected. Do not use a non-ground power cord.

### Allowed Variation Range of Supply Power Parameters

The spectrum analyzer is compatible with 100V~240V, 50Hz-60Hz AC power. The table below lists the power requirement to run the spectrum analyzer.

<b>Power Supply Parameter</b>	<b>Compatible Range</b>
Voltage	100 - 240 VAC
Frequency	50 - 60 Hz $\pm 10\%$
Power	28W

To prevent or lower the risk of damage to the spectrum analyzer from power interference between instruments, especially from peak pulses produced by large power consumption instruments, a 220V/110V AC regulated power supply is recommended.

### Power Cord Selection

The analyzer is equipped with a three-wire power cord in accordance with international safety standards. This cable grounds the analyzer cabinet when connected to an appropriate power line outlet. The cable must be rated greater than 250Vac and 2A.

**WARNING**

Improper grounding may cause damage to the instrument, or result in personal injury. Make sure the grounding conductor of the spectrum analyzer is grounded before turning on the instrument.

Always use a well-grounded power source. Do not use an external power cable, power cord or an auto transformer without grounded protection. If this product is to be powered via an external auto transformer for voltage reduction, ensure that its common terminal is connected to a neutral (earthed pole) of the power supply.

Make sure the supply power is stable before turning on the analyzer to protect it from damage. Refer to “First Time to Power on” on page 14

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## Electro-static Discharge (ESD) Protection

ESD is an issue often ignored by users. Damage from ESD on the instrument is unlikely to occur immediately but will significantly reduce the reliability of it. Therefore, ESD precautions should be implemented in the work environment, and applied daily.

Generally, there are two steps to manage ESD protection:

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1. Conductive table mats to connect hands via wrist bands
2. Conductive ground mat to connect feet via ankle straps

Implement both protection methods will provide a good level of anti-static protection. If used alone, the protection will not be as reliable. To ensure user's safety, anti-static components should offer at least  $1M\Omega$  isolation resistance.



**WARNING**

The above ESD protections measures cannot be used when working with over 500V!

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Make good use of anti-static technology to protect components from damage:

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1. Quickly ground the internal and external conductor of the coaxial cable before it is connected with the spectrum analyzer.
2. Staff must wear anti-static gloves before touching the connector cord or doing any assemble work.
3. Assure all the instruments are grounded properly to avoid static storage.

## First Time to Power on


Connect the three-pin AC power cord into the instrument. Insert the plug into a power socket provided with a protective ground.



WARNING

Check the power source before turning on the spectrum analyzer, to protect the device from damage.

Steps

1. Press the power switch  on the bottom left of the front panel.
2. Self-initialization takes about 30 seconds, after the boot screen the spectrum analyzer will default to the scanning curve.
3. After power on, let the spectrum analyzer warm up for 60 minutes for stabilization to obtain the most accurate results.

# G E T T I N G   S T A R T E D

This chapter introduces the front / rear panel, the user interface and explains how to use the instrument with a measurement example demonstration.

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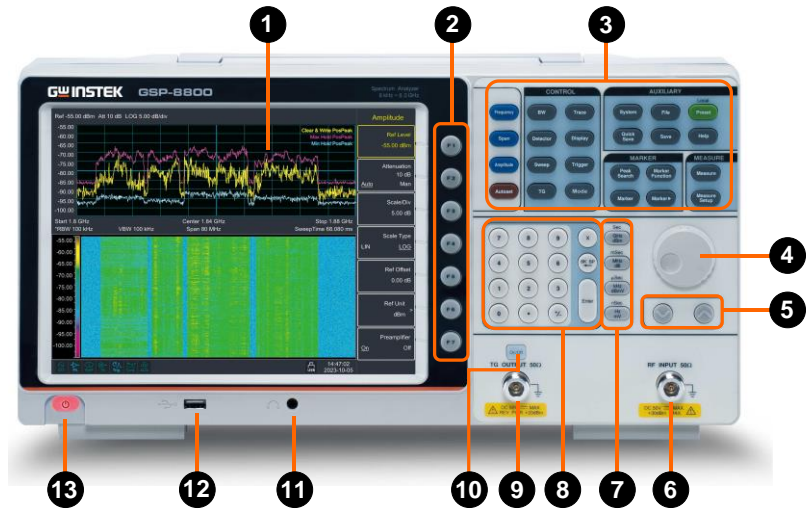
## Package Contents and Accessories




The GSP-8000 has a number of standard and optional accessories that can be ordered. For more information please visit the GW Instek website at [www.gwinstek.com](http://www.gwinstek.com) or consult your authorized distributor for details.

Standard Accessories	Description
Power Cable	Mains power cable (region dependent)
Option	Description
GSP-8180E1	EMI activation option for GSP-8180
GSP-8380E1	EMI activation option for GSP-8380
GSP-8800E1	EMI activation option for GSP-8800
Optional Accessories	Description
GKT-001	General Kit Set
GKT-002	CATV Kit Set
GKT-003	RLB Kit Set
GKT-008	EMI Probe Kit Set



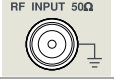
## Front Panel Overview



1. LCD  
1024x768 color LCD display. The display shows the soft keys for the current function, frequency, amplitude and marker information.
2. Menu soft keys  
 The F1 to F7 function keys directly correspond to the soft keys on the right-hand side of display.
3. Function keys  
See page 21 for details.
4. Knob  
 During parameter editing, turn the knob clockwise to increase, or counterclockwise to decrease the parameter values at specified steps.
5. Arrow keys  
 (1) Increase or decrease the parameter value at specific steps while editing a parameter.  
(2) Move the cursor through the directory


tree in the **File** function

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- 6. RF Input connector



The RF input may be connected to a device via a N type connector.

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Note

When input attenuator is higher than 10 dB, the RF port input signal must be less than +30 dBm.

Input voltage at RF input port must not be higher than 50 V DC to avoid damage to the attenuator and input mixer tracking generator.

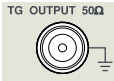
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    - 7. Unit keys




Unit keys include GHz/dBm/s, MHz/dB/ms, kHz/dBmV/μs and Hz/mV/ns. After entering the desired numbers, choose an appropriate unit to complete the input. The specific meaning of unit is decided by the type of input parameter (“frequency”, “amplitude” or “time”).
    - 8. Numeric keypad


See page 24 for details.
    - 9. TG output connector




The output of the tracking generator can be connected to a receiver through an N type male connector, users can purchase this option if required.
    - 10. TG output On/Off button




When the TG function is enabled, the backlight of button turns on and turns off when the function is disabled.
    - 11. Earphone interface



3.5mm stereo headphone jack (wired for mono operation)
    - 12. USB Host port



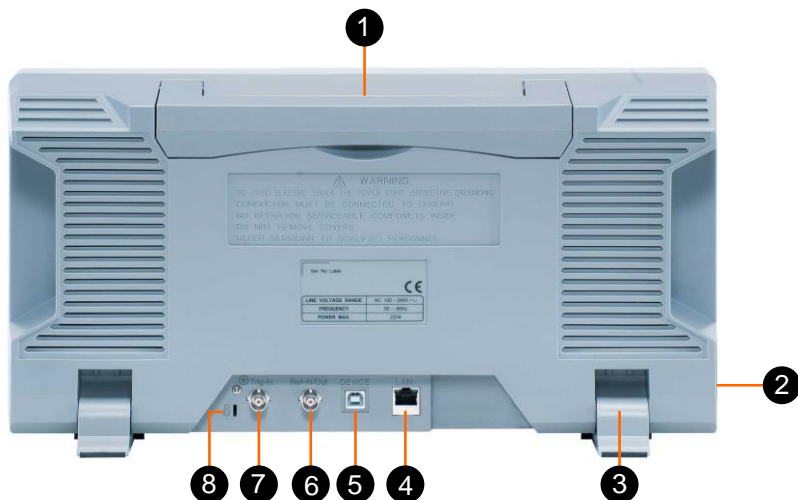
The analyzer may serve as a "host" device to connect to external USB devices. This interface is available for USB storage devices.
    - 13. Power key



Push to turn on, long push to turn off

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## Rear Panel

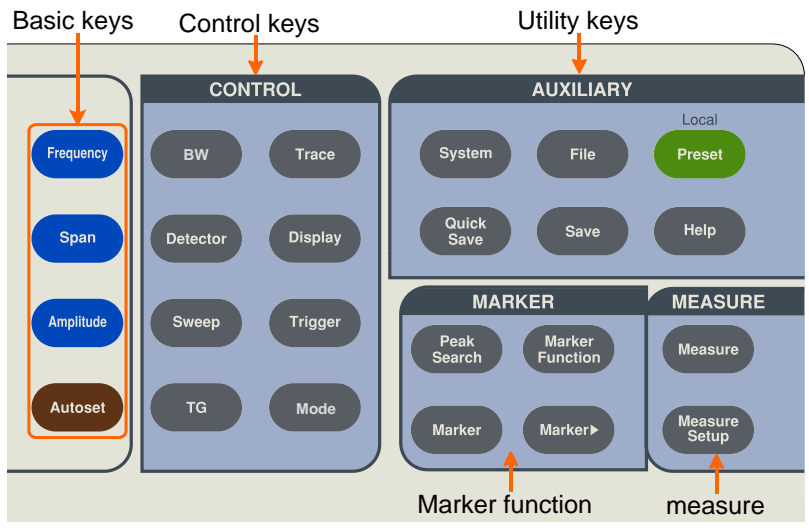


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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. Handle               | Stow the handle for mobile use.   |
| 2. AC power connector   | AC: frequency 50Hz/60Hz $\pm 10\%$ , single-phase alternative 220V $\pm 15\%$ or 110V $\pm 15\%$  |
| 3. Stool                | To adjust the angle of the device   |
| 4. LAN interface        | Through this interface, the analyzer can be connected to your local network for remote control. An integrated testing system can be built quickly, as the analyzer conforms to the LXI C Device class instrument standards. |
| 5. USB Device interface | This configurable USB port permits external USB devices. It supports PictBridge printer and remote-control connection.  |
| 6. Ref In/Out           | The BNC input or output of the 10 MHz reference clock   |
| 7. Trig-In              | Input an external signal (TTL signal) for external trigger function.  |

**8. Lock hole**

You can lock the spectrum analyzer to a fixed location using the security lock (please buy it yourself) to secure the spectrum analyzer.

# Front Panel Function Key



## Basic keys

- Frequency** Activates the center-frequency function, and accesses the frequency function menu.
- Span** Activates the frequency sweep span function, and set Full Span\Zero Span\Last Span.
- Amplitude** Activates the reference level function, and accesses the amplitude softkeys, with which you set functions that affect data on the vertical axis.
- Autoset** Searches the signal automatically within the full frequency range.

## Control keys

- BW** Activates the RBW (resolution bandwidth), VBW (video bandwidth) function, and accesses the softkeys that control the bandwidth.
- Trace** Accesses the softkeys that allow you to store and manipulate trace information.

- Detector**      Accesses the softkeys that allow you to configure detector functions.
- Display**      Accesses the softkeys that allow you to control what is displayed on the analyzer, including the display line, graticule, Label, Menu Hide, Brightness and Screen Sleep.
- Sweep**        Accesses the softkeys that allow you to set the sweep time, select the sweep mode of the analyzer.
- Trigger**      Accesses the softkeys that allow you to select the trigger mode of the analyzer.
- TG**            Accesses the softkeys that allow you to set the tracking generator.
- Mode**         Accesses the softkeys that allow you to set the Spectrum and demodulation mode.

### Marker function keys

- Peak Search**      Places a marker on the highest/lowest peak, and accesses the Peak functions menu.
- Marker**          Accesses the marker control keys that select the type and number of markers and turns them on and off.
- Marker▶**        Accesses the marker function soft keys that allow you to set other system parameters based on the current marker's value.
- Marker Function**      Accesses the menu of other marker functions, such as N-dB bandwidth measure, marker noise, and frequency counting.

### Advanced measure keys

- Measure**        Accesses the softkeys that let you make transmitter power measurements such as Time Spec, ACPR (adjacent channel power), channel power, and OBW (occupied bandwidth), etc.

Measure  
Setup

Sets the parameters for the selected measurement function.

### Utility keys

System

Accesses the softkeys that allow you to get the system information, or set the system parameters.

File

Accesses the softkeys that allow you to configure the file system of the analyzer.

Preset

Resets the analyzer to the factory settings or user state. This state can be specified in **【System】** → **[PowerOn/Preset▶]** → **[Preset▶]**.

Quick  
Save

Save the contents of the current screen quickly.

Save

Accesses the soft keys that allow you to save current screen, trace data, user state or limit line data.

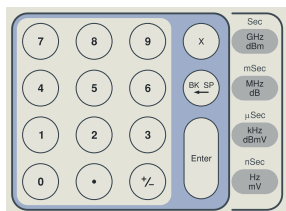
Help





Press the Help key to activate the help system. Press the Help key again to exit.

## Parameter Input

Specific parameter values are able to be entered using the numeric keypad, knob, and directional keys.

### Numeric Keypad



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|---------------|---|--|
| Numeric keys  |   | Numbers 0-9 are available to be used.  |
| Decimal point |    | A decimal point "." will be inserted at the cursor position when this key is pressed.  |
| Sign key      |    | Sign key "+/-" is to toggle the sign of a parameter. When pressed the first time, a "-" will be inserted and changed into "+" following the second press.  |
| Cancel key    |    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) During the editing process this key will clear the inputs in the active area and exit editing mode at the same time.</li> <li>(2) Turn off the display in the active area.</li> <li>(3) Exit current test mode while in keyboard test.</li> </ol> |
| Back key      |  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) During the process of parameter editing, this key will delete the characters on the left side of the cursor.</li> <li>(2) While in the process of file name editing, pressing this key will delete characters that have been entered.</li> </ol>  |



Enter key



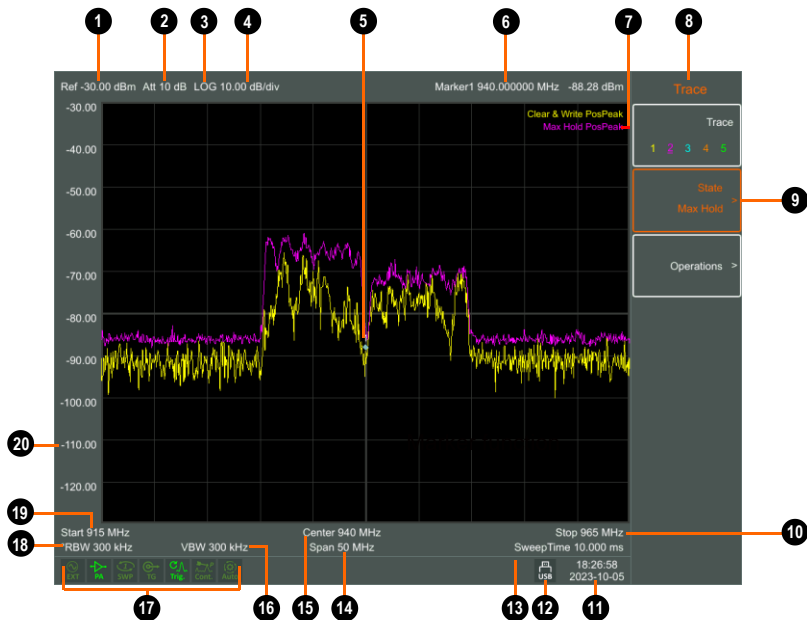
When pressed, the system will complete the input process and insert a default measurement unit for the parameter automatically.

Unit keys













Unit keys include GHz/dBm/Sec, MHz/dB/mSec, kHz/dBmV/μSec and Hz/mV/nSec. After entering the desired numbers, choose an appropriate unit to complete the input. The specific meaning of unit is decided by the type of input parameter ("frequency", "amplitude" or "time").

## User Interface



No.	Name	Description	Related Key
1.	Reference level	Reference level	<b>Amplitude</b> → [Ref Level]
2.	Attenuation	Display input attenuation setting	<b>Amplitude</b> → [Attenuation]
3.	Amplitude Division Type	Can choose logarithmic or linear	<b>Amplitude</b> → [Scale Type]
4.	Amplitude Division	Display Division scale	<b>Amplitude</b> → [Scale/ Div]
5.	Marker	Display current activated marker	<b>Marker</b>
6.	Marker readout	Display frequency and amplitude of current marker	<b>Marker</b>

7.	Trace Mode	Trace Type and Detector Type	
8.	Menu title	Function of current menu belongs to.	
9.	Menu item	Menu item of current function	
10.	Stop Frequency	Display Stop Frequency	 →[Stop Frequency]
11.	Date/time	Display system date and time	 →[Date/Time]
12.	USB storage device	Show if USB storage device is inserted;	
13.	Sweep Time	System sweep time	 →[Sweep Time]
14.	Span	Display span width	 →[Span]
15.	Center frequency	Display center frequency	 →[Center Freq]
16.	Video bandwidth	Display video bandwidth	 →[VBW]
17.	System status icon	Display spectrum analyzer status	
18.	Resolution bandwidth	Display resolution bandwidth	 →[RBW]
19.	Start Frequency	Display Start Frequency	 →[Start Frequency]
20.	Amplitude Graticule	Display Amplitude Graticule	 →[Ampt Graticule]

## Build-in Help

The built-in help provides information that refers to every function key and menu key on the front panel. Users can view this help information if required.

## Basic Measurement

Basic measurements include, input signal frequency and amplitude display, marked by a frequency marker. Follow these four simple steps below to implement input signal measurement.

- |       |   |
|-------|---|
| Steps | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Setting center frequency</li> <li>2. Setting span and resolution bandwidth</li> <li>3. Activate marker</li> <li>4. Setting amplitude</li> </ol> |
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For example, to measure a 100MHz -20dBm signal, you must turn on the spectrum analyzer and ensure it is warmed up for 60 minutes to ensure measurement accuracy.

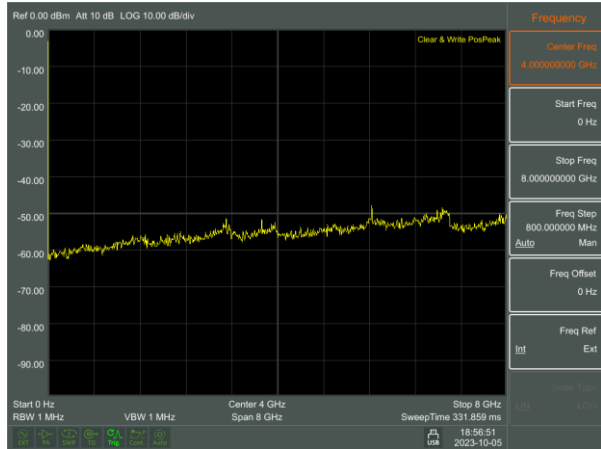
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| Equipment connection | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Connect the output terminal of signal generator to the RF Input 50Ω terminal of spectrum analyzer. Set the parameters as follows:</li> </ol> |
|----------------------|--|

Frequency	100 MHz
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Amplitude	-20 dBm
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|--------------------|--|
| Setting parameters | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Press the <b>Preset</b> button to restore the analyzer to its factory defined state. The spectrum analyzer will display the spectrum from 9kHz to the maximum span width. The signal generated will display as a vertical line at 100MHz.</li> </ol> |
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To clearly observe the signal, reduce the frequency span to 1 MHz and set the center frequency to 100MHz.

2. **Setting Center Frequency**  
 Press the **Frequency** button and select **Center frequency** on corresponding pop up menu. Input "100" and select the unit as MHz on the numeric keypad. The keys can be used to set the exact value but the knob and directional keys can also be used to set the center frequency.



3. **Setting Frequency Span**  
 Press the **Span** button, input "1" and select MHz as its unit using the + numeric keypad or press ↓ button to decrease to 1MHz.



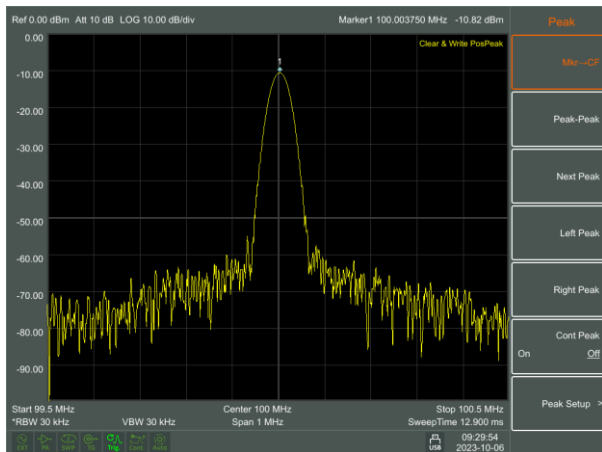
4. Press the **BW** button and set **resolution bandwidth** to manual. Input 30 and select kHz as its unit using the numeric keypad or press ↓ button to decrease to 30kHz.



5. Press the **Detector** button and set the detection type to positive peak.



The signal at a higher resolution



Please note that resolution bandwidth, video bandwidth and frequency span are self-adapted. They adjust to certain values according to frequency span. Sweep time can be self-adapted too.

Activate Marker

1. Press the **Marker** button in the function area. Press the soft key to select Marker 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8. Select Marker 1 and the marker is located at horizontal center by default. That is the signal peak point or its neighbor.
2. Press **Peak Search** button. Frequency and amplitude values are read by the marker and shown on the top right of the display area.

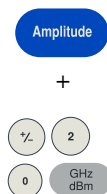


Setting amplitude

1. The reference level will be shown at the top of the display grid. To get a better dynamic range, the real signal peak point should be located at or near the top of display grid (reference level). The reference level is also the maximum value

on Y axis. Here we reduce to 20dB reference level to increase the dynamic range.

2. Press the **Amplitude** button. The amplitude setting menu will pop up and the **reference level** soft key will be activated. The reference level can be input at the top left of the display grid. Input **-20** using the numeric keypad and set the unit to **dBm**. You can also use the ↓ key or the knob for adjustment.



The reference level is set at -20dBm, which is the signal peak value near the top of the grid. The balance between the signal peak value and noise is dynamic range.

# MENU INTERPRETATION


This chapter provides you with the information on using the front panel of the spectrum analyzer.

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## Frequency

Frequency

The frequency range of a channel can be expressed by either of two groups of parameters: Start Frequency and Stop Frequency; or Center Frequency and Span. If any such parameter is changed, the others would be adjusted automatically in order to ensure the coupling relationship among them

$$f_{center} = (f_{stop} + f_{start}) / 2$$

$$f_{span} = f_{stop} - f_{start}$$

$f_{center}$ ,  $f_{stop}$ ,  $f_{start}$  and  $f_{span}$  denotes the center frequency, the stop frequency, the start frequency and the span respectively.

### Center Freq

Sets the center frequency of the sweep. When pressed, the frequency mode is switched to Center Freq and Span in order to enter the desired parameter data.

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#### Key Points

- The start and stop frequencies vary with the center frequency when the span is constant.
- Changing the center frequency horizontally shifts the current sweep channel and the adjustment is limited by the specified frequency range.
- In Zero Span mode, the start frequency, stop frequency and center frequency are always equal. If one is changed the others are updated to match.
- You can modify this parameter using the numeric keys, knob, or direction keys.

## Start Freq

Sets the start frequency of the sweep. When pressed, the frequency mode is switched to Start Freq and Stop Freq in order to enter the desired parameter data.

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### Key Points

- The span and center frequency are changed automatically according to the start frequency. The change of the span would have influence on other system parameters. For more details, please refer to **Span**.
- In Zero Span mode, the start frequency, stop frequency and center frequency are always equal. If one is changed the others are updated to match.
- You can modify this parameter using the numeric keys, knob, or direction keys.
- If start freq is larger than stop freq when setting, then stop freq will increase automatically to the same value of start freq.

## Stop Freq

Sets the stop frequency of the sweep. When pressed, the frequency mode is switched to Start Freq and Stop Freq in order to enter the desired parameter data.

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### Key Points

- Modifying the stop frequency changes the span and center frequency, and the change of span influences other system parameters, see **Span**.
- You can modify this parameter using the numeric keys, knob, or direction keys.
- If stop freq is larger than start freq when setting, then start freq will decrease automatically to the same value of stop freq.

## Freq Step Auto Manual

Sets the step of center/start/stop frequency. Changing the frequency range in a fixed step continuously switches the channel to be measured.

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### Key Points

- The frequency step type could be “Manual” or “Auto”. In Auto mode, the CF step is 1/10 of span if it is in Non-zero span mode or equals 25% of RBW while in Zero span mode; in Manual mode, you can set the step using the numeric, step keys or knob. Then activate **Center Frequency**, press step, center frequency will change as setting step.
- After you set an appropriate frequency step and select center frequency, you can use using up and down direction keys to switch between measurement channels in a specified step in order to sweep the adjacent channels manually.
- You can modify this parameter using the numeric keys, knob, or direction keys.

Frequency step lends itself to detect the harmonic waves and bandwidths that are beyond the current span.

For example, for order of harmonic of a 300 MHz signal, you can use set both the center frequency and frequency step to 300 MHz, and press the up direction key continuously to increase the center frequency to 600MHz, that is secondary harmonic. Press frequency steps to increase center frequency by 300MHz, which reaches 900MHz. [Frequency Step Auto Manual] shows the auto or manual mode to setting the steps. When step is under manual mode, press [Frequency Step Auto Manual] to return to auto mode.

## Freq Offset

You can set a frequency offset to displayed frequency value, including freq marker value. This movement won't influence sweep frequency range.

While this function activated (frequency offset isn't 0), you can modify this parameter using the numeric keys, knob or direction keys.

### Freq Ref Internal External

Set the reference frequency as internal or external input, this is regarded as whole device reference.

### Scale Type LIN LOG

This function can switch the display unit of the frequency axis to linear or logarithmic mode. (Enabled after installing EMI Option)



## Span

A blue rounded rectangular button with the word "Span" in white text.

Set the spectrum analyzer to span mode. When press the **SPAN** button, **Span**, **Full Span**, **Zero Span** and **Last Span** will be available to configure. You can modify span using the numeric keys, knob or direction keys. Use numeric key or **Zero Span** to clear span.

### Span

Sets the frequency range of the sweep. When pressed, the frequency mode is switched to Center Freq/Span.

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#### Key Points

- The start and stop frequencies are changed with the span automatically.
- In manual span mode, the span can be set down to 0 Hz, that is zero span mode. And up to the full span described in "Specification". When it is set to the maximum span, it enters full span mode.
- Modifying the span in non-zero span mode may cause an automatic change in both CF step and RBW if they were in Auto mode, and the change of RBW may influence VBW (in Auto VBW mode).
- In non-zero span mode, variation in the span, RBW or VBW would cause a change in sweep time.
- You can modify this parameter using the numeric keys, knob, or direction keys.

### Full Span

Sets the spectrum analyzer to center frequency/sweep mode, and span of the analyzer to the maximum.

## Zero Span

Sets the span of the analyzer to 0 Hz. Both the start and stop frequencies will equal the center frequency and the horizontal axis will denote time. The analyzer here is measuring the time domain characteristics of amplitude, located at the corresponding frequency point. This will help to observe the signal (especially for modulated signal) at time domain.

## Last Span

Changes the span to the previous span setting.

# Amplitude

Amplitude

Sets the amplitude parameters of the analyzer. Through these parameters, signals under measurement can be displayed at an optimal view with minimum error. The pop out amplitude menu includes **Ref Level**, **Attenuation**, **Scale/Div**, **Scale Type**, **Ref Offset**, **Ref Unit** and **Preamplifier**.

## Ref Level

Activate reference level function and sets the maximum power or voltage for display window.

### Key Points

- This value is affected by a combination of maximum mixing level, input attenuation, and preamplifier. When you adjust it, the input attenuation is adjusted under a constant max mixing level, meeting:

$$L_{Ref} - a_{RF} + a_{PA} \leq L_{mix}$$

$L_{Ref}$ ,  $a_{RF}$ ,  $a_{PA}$  and  $L_{mix}$  denotes the reference level, the input attenuation, the preamplifier, and the max mixing level, respectively.

- You can modify this parameter using the numeric keys, knob, or direction keys.

Reference level located at the top of axis grid. Measurement near the reference level would gain better accuracy, but input signal amplitude should not exceed the reference level; if it exceeds, the signal will be compressed and distorted, result in wrong measurement. Analyzer's input attenuation is related with reference level, it can self-adjust to avoid signal compression. Minimum reference level is -80dBm at Log scale under 0dB attenuation.

## Attenuation

Sets the front attenuator of the RF input in order to permit big signals (or small signals) to pass from the mixer with low distortion (or low noise). It only works under internal mixer mode to adjust input attenuator insider analyzer. In Auto mode, input attenuator is related with reference level.

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### Key Points

- When the preamplifier is On, the input attenuation could be set up to 40 dB. You can adjust the reference level to ensure that the specified parameters meet the requirement.
- Modifying the reference level may cause an automatic change in attenuation value; But the change of attenuation value won't influence reference level.
- You can modify this parameter using the numeric keys, knob, or direction keys.

Attenuator adjustment is to make the maximum signal amplitude pass from mixer less than or equal to -10dBm. E.g. if the reference level is +12dBm, the attenuator value is 22dB, then the input level in mixer is -18dBm ( $12-22-8=-18$ ), its mainly purpose is to avoid signal compression. Switch **Attenuation Auto Manual** to manual mode, adjust the attenuator manually. The highlight under auto or manual stands for auto coupling and manual coupling. When attenuator is under manual mode, press **Attenuation Auto Manual** will match the attenuator and reference level again.

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Note

Maximum input signal amplitude of input attenuator (10dB input attenuation at least) is +27dBm, higher power signal will damage input attenuator or mixer.

## Scale/Div

Sets the logarithmic units per vertical grid division on the display. Select 0.01 ~ 100dB log amplitude scale. It's 10dB/div by default. Every activated marker is with dB as unit, difference between two markers is treated as marker difference under dB unit.

- Key Points
- By changing the scale, the displayed amplitude range is adjusted.
  - The amplitude that can be displayed is from reference level minus 10 times the current scale value to the reference level.
  - You can modify this parameter using the numeric keys, knob, or direction keys.

## Scale Type

Sets the Scale Type of Y-axis to Lin or Log, the default is Log. It only works under internal mixer mode. In general, select mV as Lin amplitude scale unit. Of course there would be other units for select.

- Key Points
- In Log scale type: the Y-axis denotes the logarithmic coordinates, the value shown at top of the grid is the reference level and the grid size is equal to the scale value. The unit of Y-axis will be automatically switched into the default "dBm" when the scale type is changed from Lin to Log.

In Lin scale type: the Y-axis denotes the linear coordinates, the value shown at the top of the grid is the reference level and the bottom of the grid shows 0 V. The grid size is 10% of the Reference level and the Scale/Div is invalid. The unit of Y-axis will be automatically switched into the default "V" when the scale type is changed from Log to Lin.

Other than as mentioned above, the unit of Y-axis is independent of the Scale Type.

## Ref Offset

Assigns an offset to the reference level to attempt to compensate for gains or losses generated between the device under measurement and the analyzer.

Key Points

- The changing of this value changes both the readout of the reference level and the amplitude readout of the marker, but will not impact the position of the curve on the screen.
- You can modify this parameter using the numeric keys.
- This offset use dB as absolute unit, will not change with selected scale and unit.

Ref Unit▶

Sets the unit of the Y-axis to **dBm**, **dBmV**, **dBuV**, **V** or **W**.

dBm	Choose decibel equals to 1mW as amplitude unit.
dBμW	Choose decibel equals to 1μW as amplitude unit.
dBpW	Choose decibel equals to 1pW as amplitude unit.
dBmV	Choose decibel equals to 1mV as amplitude unit.
dBμV	Choose decibel equals to 1μV as amplitude unit.
W	Choose Watts as amplitude unit.
V	Choose Voltage as amplitude unit.

Preamplifier

Sets the status of preamplifier located at the front of the RF signal path. Turning on the preamplifier reduces the displayed average noise level in order to distinguish small signals from the noise when working with small signals.

## Autoset

Autoset

Searches for signals automatically throughout the full frequency range, adjusts the frequency and amplitude to their optimum and realizes one-key signal search and auto setting of parameters.

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- Some parameters such as reference level, scale, and input attenuation may be changed during the auto tune. If there is no signal is found, a message "Auto tune fail, can't search any signal." will appear on the screen.

## Bandwidth

BW

Sets the RBW (Resolution Bandwidth) and VBW (Video Bandwidth) parameters of the analyzer. Pop out the setting menu includes **RBW**, **VBW**, and **EMI Filter**►.

### RBW

Adjust the resolution bandwidth ranging from 1Hz-1MHz. Use numeric key, step key or knob to switch resolution bandwidth. The underline under Auto or Manual means Auto mode or Manual mode.

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#### Key Points

- Reducing the value of RBW will increase the frequency resolution, but may also cause sweeps to take longer (Sweep Time is effected by a combination of RBW and VBW when it is in Auto mode).
- RBW decreases with the span (non-zero span) in Auto RBW mode.

### VBW

Sets the desired video bandwidth in order to remove the band noise. Set the video resolution displays in function area, ranging from 10Hz to 1MHz by sequence step. You can modify this parameter by numeric key, step key or knob. The underline under Auto or Manual means Auto mode or Manual mode. Press [VBW Auto Manual] and hold it in manual until the underline highlighted under Auto to return auto mode.

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#### Key Points

- Reducing the value of RBW will increase the frequency resolution, but may also cause sweeps to take longer (Sweep Time is effected by a combination of RBW and VBW when it is in Auto mode).
- VBW varies with RBW when it is set to Auto.



**EMI Filter▶ (Only apply to - Opt. 02 EMI Settings)**

Pop out the menu for EMI measurement bandwidth.

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EMI bandwidth On Off	Turn on or off EMI measurement resolution bandwidth.
1MHz	Set EMI measurement resolution to 1MHz.
120kHz	Set EMI measurement resolution to 120kHz.
9kHz	Set EMI measurement resolution to 9kHz.
200Hz	Set EMI measurement resolution to 200Hz.

## Trace

Trace

As the sweep signal is displayed as a trace on the screen, you can set parameters about the trace using this key. The analyzer allows for up to five traces to be displayed at one time, and press this key to check the menu for trace. It includes **Trace**, **State** and **Operations**.

### Trace

Select trace, the analyzer offers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 trace. The selected trace and corresponding status menu will be underlined.

### State ▶

The state of selected trace.

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Clear Write	Refresh current curve and display the analyzer trace.
Max Hold	Maintains the maximum for each point of the trace. It continuously receives scan data and select positive peak value detect mode.
Min Hold	Maintains the minimum for each point of the trace. It continuously receives scan data and select negative peak value detect mode.
Average	Trace average function. It doesn't need narrow VBW to implement smooth trace. This function set the wave detector to acquisition mode, continuously get average of the trace to smooth it.
View	Stops updating trace data and display current trace for observation.
Blink	Clear the trace on screen. But the trace stock will keep still without refreshing.

## Operations ►

Enter trace math related sub menu.

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1 ↔ 2	Exchange the trace stock 1 data with trace stock 2 and place them in display mode.
2-DL → 2	Deduct display line value in trace stock 2. This function execute once when activated. Press <b>2 - DL → 2</b> again to execute it the second time. When this function activated, display line will also be activated.
2 ↔ 3	Exchange the trace stock 2 data with trace stock 3 and place them in display mode.
1 → 3	Exchange the trace stock 1 data with trace stock 3 and place them in display mode.
2 → 3	Exchange the trace stock 2 data with trace stock 3 and place them in display mode.

## Detector

Detector

While displaying a wider span, each pixel contains spectrum information associated with a larger subrange. That is, several samples may fall on one pixel. Which of the samples will be represented by the pixel depends on the selected detector type. Press this key to pop out the relevant menu includes Pos Peak, Neg Peak, Sample, Normal, Voltage Avg, RMS Avg (EMI Option) and Quasi-Peak (EMI Option).

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### Key Points

- Selects an appropriate type according to the application in order to ensure the accuracy of the measurement for your application.
- It can be divided into five Traces and set their own Detectors respectively.
- Every selected type is shown with a parameter icon on the left status bar of screen.

## Detector type comparison

### Pos Peak

Searches the maximum from the sampling data segment and displays it at the corresponding pixel. Positive peak detector will be selected when [Max Hold] pressed.

### Neg Peak

Searches the minimum from the sampling data segment and displays it at the corresponding pixel.

### Sample

Set the detector to the sampling detector mode. This mode is usually used for video averaging and noise frequency Maker.

### Normal

When noise is detected, the positive and negative peaks are alternately displayed, otherwise only positive peaks are displayed.

### Voltage Avg

Average all the data of the sampling data segment and display the result as the value of the pixel.

### RMS Avg

Calculates the average power of all the samples in the sample bucket.

### Quasi-Peak

The quasi-peak detector is a peak detector that is weighted by the duration and repetition rate of the signal, as specified by the CISPR 16-1-1 standard. Quasi-peak detection is characterized by a fast charge time and slow decay time.

## Display

Display

Controls the screen display of the analyzer, such as setting the on or off for, display line, amplitude scale, grid, label, Menu Hide, Brightness and Screen Sleep.

### Full Screen

Set to full-screen display graphical interface, press any key to exit.

### Display Line

When this menu is on, an adjustable horizontal reference line is activated on the screen.

### Ampt Graticule

Turn on or off amplitude scale function.

### Label

Defines the content displayed or hidden in the comments that appear in the display grid area.

### Menu Hide On Off

Turn on or off the menu auto hiding when not any touch or key press.

### Brightness

Set the screen brightness control from 0 ~ 100%

### Screen Sleep On Off

Set the screen automatic sleep time (minimus).

## Sweep

A dark grey rounded rectangular button with the word "Sweep" in white text.

Sets parameters about the Sweep time and mode including **Sweep Time**, **Sweep Single** and **Sweep Cont**.

### Sweep Time

Sets the time interval for the analyzer to complete a sweep.

In non-zero span, the analyzer uses the shortest sweep time on the basis of the current RBW and VBW settings if Auto is selected.

You can modify this parameter using the numeric keys, knob, or direction keys.

### Sweep Single

Press **Single Sweep** to set the sweep mode to Single. Press **Single Scan** to restart the scan when the next trigger signal arrives. Allows you to set continuous scan mode.

### Sweep Cont

Press **Continuous Scan** to activate the sweep scan mode.

## Trigger

Trigger

Sets the trigger type and other associated parameters, menu includes **Free** and **Video**.

### Free

Set the trigger mode to the free trigger mode so that the scan trigger is as fast as possible with the spectrum analyzer. It meets the trigger conditions at any time, that is, continue to generate a trigger signal.

### Video

This indicates a trigger signal will be generated when the system detects a video signal in which the voltage exceeds the specified video trigger level.

### External

The external trigger is used when an external trigger signal is input into the Trig-in port. The external trigger signal can be configured as positive or negative edge.



## Tracking Generator

TG

When the Tracking Generator is On, a signal with the same frequency of the current sweep signal will be output from the TG OUTPUT 50Ω terminal on the front panel. Press the key will pop out related menu includes **TG▶**, **Track Gen On Off**, **Output Power Level**, **Reference**, **Position**, **Do normalize and Normalize On Off**. The tracking source is turned off in the power-on and reset states.

### TG▶

To configure tracking source.

### Track Gen

RF output and spectrum reception are fully synchronized on the frequency sweep, and the tracking source frequency can not be set individually.

### Output Level

Tracking Source power output range from 0dBm to -40dBm.

### Reference

Adjusts the vertical position of trace on the screen.

### Position

Adjusts the vertical of trace on the screen with percent.

### Do Normalize

After connecting the instrument's RF output to the RF input, press the **normalized** soft menu and the display shows a straight line on the 0dB scale.

## Normalize On Off

Turn on or off the Normalize function.

## Mode

Mode

There has three modes for display: Spectrum, Demod and Modulation. Default is Spectrum mode. In Demod mode, it set the volume of the speaker on audio demodulation. Enter the modulation settings, the spectrum analyzer supports AM, FM digital demodulation.

### MODE ►

Enter the mode menu.

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### Spectrum

The default mode on spectrum analyzer.

### Demod ►

When the audio demodulation is on, adjust the speaker output volume.

### Demod Mode

Set the AM or FM demodulation soft menu.

### Sound

When the audio demodulation is on, adjust the speaker output volume.

### Carrier Freq

Set the carrier frequency of audio demodulation.

**Modulation ▶**

Enter the demodulation mode soft menu. Including AM, FM.

**AM ▶**

Enter AM demodulation soft menu.

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Carrier Freq	Set the carrier frequency of the AM modulation signal.
IF BW	Set the demodulation bandwidth to auto or manual mode.
Setup ▶	Time Axis, Depth Axis, AF Trigger setup.
Time Axis ▶	Ref. Value, Postion, Scale/Div Auto Man setup.
Depth Axis ▶	Ref. Depth, Postion, Scale/Div Auto Man setup.
AF Trigger ▶	AF Trigger On Off, Edge Neg Pos, Trigger Mode Single Cont, Trigger Level %, Trigger Delay setup.
Data Reset	Reset the max, min, and mean data of AM.

**FM ▶**

Enter FM demodulation soft menu.

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Carrier Freq	Set the carrier frequency of the FM modulation signal.
IF BW	Set the demodulation bandwidth to auto or manual mode.
Setup ▶	Time Axis, Depth Axis, AF Trigger setup.
Time Axis ▶	Ref. Value, Postion, Scale/Div Auto Man setup.
Depth Axis ▶	Ref. Depth, Postion, Scale/Div Auto Man setup.
AF Trigger ▶	AF Trigger On Off, Edge Neg Pos, Trigger Mode Single Cont, Trigger Level %, Trigger Delay setup.
Data Reset	Reset the max, min, and mean data of FM.

## Peak Search

Peak Search

Executes peak searching immediately and opens the Peak setting menu.

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### Key Points

- If Max is selected from the Peak Search option, it will search and mark the maximum on the trace.
- If Min is selected from the Peak Search option, it will search and mark the minimum on the trace.
- The peak search of Peak-Peak, Next Peak, Peak Right, Peak Left or peaks in the peak list must meet the specified parameter condition.
- The spurious signal at the zero frequency caused by LO feed through is ignored.

### Peak Search

Peak Search

Place a frequency scale at the highest point of the trace and display the frequency and amplitude of the frequency scale in the upper right corner of the screen. **Peak search** does not change the activated function.

### Mkr > CF

Used to move the peak point to the center frequency point.

### Peak-Peak

Show the max-peak and min-peak delta.

## Next Peak

Searches the peak whose amplitude is the closest to that of the current peak. The peak is then identified with a marker. When this key is pressed repeatedly, you can quickly find a lower peak.

### Left Peak

Searches the nearest peak located to the left side of the current peak and meets the current peak and peak thresholds condition. The peak is then identified with a marker.

### Right Peak

Searches the nearest peak located to the right side of the current peak and meets the current peak and peak thresholds condition. The peak is then identified with a marker.

### Cont Peak On Off

Set the peak search form, off by default. On mode will automatically search for the peak.

### Peak Setup▶

Relevant settings for the Peak function include Peak Excursion, Max/Min Peak switching, Peak Sort Freq Ampl, and Peak List On Off functions.

### Peak Excursion

This function is used to set the peak height. For example, the peak excursion default is 10dB, the signal will be captured only if it is more than 10dB above the noise floor.

### Peak Mode Max Min

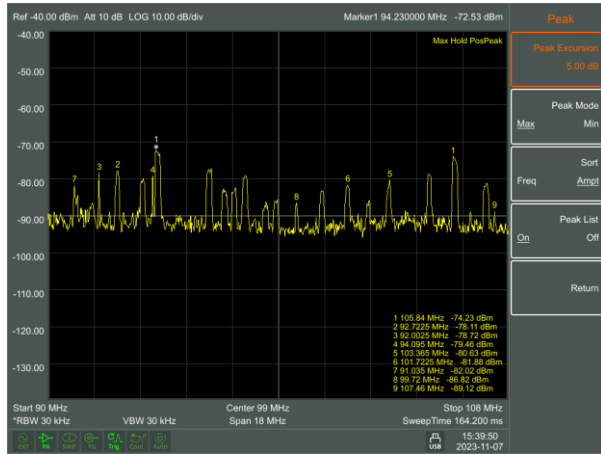
Set the peak mode to maximum or minimum.

### Sort Freq Ampt

Set the peak list sort by frequency or amplitude.

## Peak List On Off

Turn the peak list on or off. Display 10 peaks that meet the set conditions.





## Marker

Marker

The marker appears as a rhombic sign (shown below) for identifying the point on the trace. We can easily readout the parameters of the marked point on the trace, such as the amplitude, frequency and sweep time.

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### Key Points

- The analyzer allows for up to three groups of markers to be displayed at one time, but only one pair or one single marker is active every time.
- You can use the numeric keys, knob or direction keys to enter the desired frequency or time when any marker type menu is active, so as to view the readouts of different points on the trace.

### Marker 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Selects one marker, the default is Marker1. And place the frequency scale at the center of the trace. If the frequency difference is activated, this soft key changes to the menu under the **Difference** function.

If there is already a marker, this command will not produce any operation. If there are already two markers (e.g. in **Difference** mode), **Marker** changes the active frequency scale to a new single frequency scale. Amplitude and frequency information can be obtained from the frequency scale (time information when the sweep width is 0Hz), and these values are displayed in the upper right corner of the active function area and the screen. You can use the numeric keys, the step key, or the knob to move the active frequency scale.

The marker reads data from the current active track (this track may be track A or track B). If both tracks are active or both tracks are in static display mode, the frequency scale will read data from track A.

## Trace 1 2 3 4 5

In the trace measurement, the frequency scale used to activate the traces.

### Normal

One of the marker types, which is used to measure the values of X (Frequency or Time) or Y (Amplitude) at certain point of the trace. When selected, a marker will appear with its own digital ID such as "1" on the trace.

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#### Key Points

- If no active marker exists currently, a one will be enabled automatically at the center frequency of current trace.
- You can use the knob, direction keys or numeric keys to move the marker. The readouts of the marker will be displayed on the upper right of the screen.
- The readout resolution of the X-axis corresponds to the span and sweep points. For higher resolution, add sweep points or reduce the span.

### Delta

One of the marker types, which is used to measure the delta values of X (Frequency or Time) and Y (Amplitude) between the Reference point and certain point on the trace. When selected, a pair of markers appears on the trace, which are the Reference Marker and the Delta Marker. Will be in the active area and the display area of the upper right corner, showing the amplitude delta value between the two markers and frequency difference. If a single marker already exists, [Delta] will place a static marker and an active marker to the original position and a single marker position. Use the knob, step key, or number keys to move the marker. If there are two markers, press [Delta] directly. However, if [Delta] has been

activated, press **Delta** to place the still frequency scale to the active marker. The displayed amplitude difference is expressed in dB, or is the linear unit in terms of the corresponding scale.

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- Key Points
- The Reference Marker will be activated at the position of current marker, or else both the reference marker and Delta Marker will be simultaneously activated at the center frequency location if no marker is active at the present.
  - The location of the Reference Marker is always fixed (both in the X-axis and the Y-axis), while the Delta Marker is active. You can use the numeric keys, knob or direction keys to change the location of Delta Marker.
  - The delta of both the Frequency/Time and the amplitude between the two markers are displayed at the upper right of the screen.

Two ways to enable a certain point as the reference:

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- Key Points
- Open a **Normal** marker and locate it onto a point and then switch the marker type into "Delta", creating a new reference, then you can modify the location of the delta point to achieve the delta measurement.
  - Open a Delta Marker and place it onto a point, then reselect the Delta menu to locate the marker you opened onto this points, then you can modify the location of the delta point to achieve the delta measurement.

## Off

The marker information displayed on the screen and functions based on the marker will be turned off and won't show up again.

## All Off

Turns off all the opened markers and the related functions. The marker won't show again.

## Marker Table

Turns on or off the display of all marker table.

## Marker→

Marker▶

A soft menu associated with the marker function is popped out for setting the other system parameters (such as Center frequency, Reference level) by current marker readings. These menus relate to the frequency of the spectrum analyzer, whether the sweep width and marker are in normal or delta marker mode.

### Mkr->CF

Sets the center frequency of the analyzer based on the frequency of the current marker. This feature quickly moves the signal to the center of the screen.

If Normal is selected, the center frequency will be set to the frequency of the current marker.

If Delta Marker is selected, the center frequency will be set to the frequency at which the Delta Marker is located.

The function is invalid in Zero span mode.

### Mkr->CF Step

Sets the center frequency step of the analyzer based on the frequency of the current marker.

If Normal is selected, the center frequency step will be set to the frequency of current marker.

If Delta Marker is selected, the center frequency step will be set to the frequency at which the Delta Marker is located.

The function is invalid in Zero span mode.

### Mkr->Start

Sets the start frequency of the analyzer based on the frequency of the current marker.

If Normal is selected, the start frequency will be set to the frequency of the current marker.

If Delta Marker is selected, the start frequency will be set to the frequency at which the Delta Marker is located.

The function is invalid in Zero span mode.

### Mkr->Stop

Sets the stop frequency of the analyzer based on the frequency of the current marker.

If Normal is selected, the stop frequency will be set to the frequency of the current marker.

If Delta Marker is selected, the stop frequency will be set to the frequency at which the Delta Marker is located.

The function is invalid in Zero span mode.

### Mkr->Ref Level

Sets the reference level of the analyzer based on the amplitude of the current marker.

If Normal is selected, the reference level will be set to the amplitude of the current marker.

If Delta Marker is selected, the reference level will be set to the amplitude at which the Delta Marker is located.

### Mkr $\Delta$ ->Span

Changes the span of the analyzer to the frequency difference between the two markers.

### Mkr $\Delta$ ->CF

Changes the center frequency of the analyzer to the frequency difference between the two markers.

## Marker Function

Marker  
Function

Executes specific marker soft menu.

### Function Off

Turn off marker measurement function.

### NdB On Off

Enables the N dB BW measurement or sets the value of N. The N dB BW denotes the frequency difference between points that are located on both sides of the current marker while the amplitude falls off ( $N < 0$ ) or rises ( $N > 0$ ) N dB separately,

#### Key Points

- When the measurement starts, the analyzer will search the two points which are located at both sides of the current point and are N dB amplitudes smaller or greater than the current point, and display the frequency difference between the two points.
- You can use the numeric keys, knob or direction keys to modify the value of N, 3 at default.

### Marker Noise On Off

Turn on or off the frequency noise function. The function of marking noise is applied to the selected cursor, and then the noise Power Spectral Density at the cursor is read. When turned on, the average noise level read at the frequency scale is normalized to 1 Hz bandwidth for noise power.

### Freq Count▶

Activate the frequency counter function and display the count results in the upper right corner of the screen. The counter counts only the signals that are displayed on the screen. The frequency

count also pops up an additional counter function for the soft menu, including **Freq Count On Off**

Freq Count On Off	Turn on or off the frequency counter mode. This function is invalid when the trace signal generator is activated. The count value is displayed in the upper right corner of the screen.
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Resolution	Counter resolution is divided into 1 kHz, 100 Hz, 10 Hz, 1Hz. Changing the counter resolution can change the counter accuracy. The higher the resolution, the higher the counting accuracy.
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## Measurement

A dark grey rounded rectangular button with the word "Measure" in white text.

Provide a variety of advanced measurement functions, pop-up spectrum analyzer built-in and user-defined measurement function soft menu, turn on or off the time spectrum, adjacent channel power measurement, channel power measurement, occupied bandwidth, Pass-Fail measurement menu.

### Measure off

You can directly close the currently running measurement function, you can also choose to close the measurement menu.

### Time Spec On Off

Turn on or off the time spectrum measure mode.

### ACPR On Off

Turn on or off the adjacent channel power measurement. the **Measure Setup** button to pop up the parameters of the adjacent channel power measurement soft menu. The adjacent channel power is used to measure the ratio of the adjacent channel power of the transmitter. The absolute value of the main channel power and the absolute value of the adjacent channel power are obtained by the linear power integration method, so that the adjacent channel power ratio is gained.

### Chanel Power On off

Turn on or off channel power measurements. Press the **Measure Setup** button to pop up the channel power measurement parameter settings soft menu. The channel power is used to measure the transmitter channel power, according to the user set the channel bandwidth, through the linear power integration method to obtain the absolute value of the main channel power.

## OBW On Off

Turn on or off the occupied bandwidth measurement. Press the **Measure Setup** button to pop up the parameter setting soft menu for occupying the bandwidth measurement. Occupied Bandwidth is a measure of the bandwidth occupied by the transmitter signal can be measured from the total power ratio within the in-band power span, with a default value of 99% (the user can set this value).

## Pass-Fail▶

Enter the pass / fail measurement function soft menu. Pass/ fail measurement has two modes of window measurement and area measurement.

## Window Meas▶

Enter Window measurement soft menu.

## Window Meas On Off

Turn on or off window measurement mode.

## Limit Line On Off

Turns the amplitude line on or off, and the amplitude line turns on when the window measurement is on.

## Freq Line On Off

Turns the frequency line on or off, and the frequency line turns on when the window measurement is on.

## Limit Set Up Low

Used to edit the upper and lower limit on the amplitude line.

## Freq Set Start Stop

Start and stop frequencies for scanning line for editing.

## Window Sweep On Off

Turn window sweep on or off. When the window sweep is on, only the window formed by the intersection of the amplitude line and the frequency line is scanned. The peripheral stops scanning; the full frequency is scanned when it is closed.

## Limit Meas ►

Enter the soft menu of the area measurement mode.

## Limit Meas On Off

Turn On or Off area measurement mode.

## Line Up On Off

When the upper limit line is turned on or off, the upper limit line is opened by default when the area measurement is on.

## Line Low On Off

When the lower limit line is turned on or off, the lower limit line is opened by default when the area measurement is on.

## Offset X/Y

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Frequency	For the actual measurement, the edited area as a whole superimposed on a frequency, so that it can implement left or right shift, easy to measure. Does not affect the frequency and marker of the spectrum analyzer settings.
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Amplitude      The region has been edited on the whole superimposed on a degree, so that it can move up or down, easy to measure. Does not affect the amplitude setting of the spectrum analyzer.

## Edit ▶

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UpLine Edit ▶    Upper line editing is used to edit the control line above the trace, depending on the trace.

LowLine Edit ▶   Lower line editing is used to edit the control line above the trace, depending on the trace.

Save Line         Save the current limit line.

LoadLine ▶       Load the limit line.

## Measure Setup

Measure  
Setup

Measurement setting menu for the corresponding measurement parameter settings when adjacent channel power, channel power, occupied bandwidth measurement mode is turned on.

### Channel BW

Set the bandwidth of the channel power measurement, and set the total display power percentage of bandwidth.

### Channel Interval

Set the center frequency difference of the primary channel to the adjacent channel.

### Channel Num

Set the number of upper and lower adjacent channels measured by adjacent channel power.

### Power Percent

Set the power ratio of occupied bandwidth.

## System

A dark grey rounded rectangular button with the word "System" in white text.

A soft menu for system parameter settings pops up. Including System Info ▶, Firmware Update, Option▶, LAN▶, Shutdown On Off, Language▶, Date/Time▶. For first time you use the spectrum analyzer, set the date and time, the system will store the settings, restart the machine after power off won't change the settings.

### System▶

Pop up system information and system log soft menu.

### System Info

Display the instrument model number, serial number, Firmware version, Temperature, LAN interface information, Optional activation state, Calibrate Date, etc.

### Firmware update

Update firmware from usb disk. The files to be upgraded must be placed in the spectrum folder under the USB root folder.

### Option▶

This function displays the optional content of the spectrum analyzer.

### Setting▶

This function displays various settings of this unit.

## LAN ▶

Pop out the relative menu for network configuring.

IP	Used to set the IP address of the LAN port.
Mask	Set the subnet mask parameter.
Gate	Set default gateway address.
DHCP On Off	To reset the LAN. Toggles the LAN configuration between DHCP and manual settings.

## Shutdown On Off

Automatic shutdown time(minimus). If there is no button and touch operation within the set time, shutdown.

## Language ▶

To set the system language, in English by default.

## Date/Time ▶

Used to set the device date, time, and their format.

Date/ Time On Off	Turn on or off Date/Time display.
Date Set	Set the display date for spectrum analyzer. Format is YYYYMMDD. E.g. June 22th, 2022 should display as 2022.06.22.
Time Set	Set the display time for spectrum analyzer. Format is HHMMSS. E.g. 16:55:30 should display as 16.55.30.

## Power On/Preset▶

Used to set the analyzer power on parameters or reset parameters.

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Power Set▶	Power on parameter settings include <b>Factory</b> and <b>User</b>
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Preset▶	Power on parameter settings include <b>Factory</b> and <b>User</b>
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Note

To save the current system configuration as a user-defined configuration, press the [Save] panel key and select the [User Status] menu item.



## File

A dark grey rounded rectangular button with the word "File" in white text.

Pop up file management soft menu.

## Storage Int Ext

In the directory state, view the latest stored files.

## Type▶

To check file type under directory, includes screen image, trace data, limit line and display all.

## First Page

Display first page of current directory.

## Prev Page

Display Previous page.

## Next Page

Display next page.

## Last Page

Display last page of current directory.

## Operations▶

Pop out the soft menu for file operation, includes sorting order, delete, export, import, and set as power on, set as preset, etc.

## Quick Save

A dark grey rounded rectangular button with the text "Quick Save" in white.

Save the contents of the current screen quickly.

## Save

A dark grey rounded rectangular button with the text "Save" in white.

It's available to save screenshot, trace data, or user status.

### Screen Pixmap ▶

Enter screenshot save soft menu, you can choose to save screenshots to local or flash memory, the image file format is bmp, the lower left corner of the screen status display bar will display the saved screenshots information.

### Trace Data ▶

Enter the trace data save soft menu, you can choose to save the trace data to the local or flash memory, trace data file format is csv, the bottom left corner of the screen status display trace data saving information.

### User State

Save the current system configuration as a user self-defined configuration, the file format is ".user". Save it in local. The information on saving the user status will display in the status bar of the bottom left corner of the screen.

### Limit Line

Enter the limit line data save soft menu, you can choose to save the limit line data to the local or flash memory, limit line data file format is ".sp".

**QuickSaveSet ▶**

Set quick save the screen, trace file, system configuration or limit line data.

# FAQ

Typical issues that may occur when using your spectrum analyzer:

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- Power on malfunction.
- No signal display
- Wrong measurement results or poor frequency or amplitude precision.

Power on malfunction can include a situation where the screen is still dark (no display) after switch on.

Q1. If the screen is still dark after power on.

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- please check
- Power on malfunction. If the power supply has been connected correctly and if the power supply voltage range is within the specification.
  - If the power switch has been turned on.
  - If the fan is running, please contact us for service.

Q2. There is no signal display at any wave band.

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A2. Set a signal generator at 30 MHz frequency and -20 dBm power and connect it to the spectrum analyzer RF input connector. If there is still no signal display, there may be a problem with the spectrum analyzer hardware circuit. Please contact GW Instek for service.

Q3. The signal amplitude readout is not precise.

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A3. Perform a calibration. If amplitude readout is still not precise, then it may be a problem with internal circuit, please contact GW Instek for service.

Q4 The frequency readout exceed the error range during measurements.

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A4. Check if the signal source is stable. If so, check if spectrum analyzer reference is precise. Select internal or external frequency reference according to measurement conditions: press the **FREQ** button → [**frequency reference Internal External**]. If the frequency is still not precise, then the spectrum analyzer LO has lost its phase lock, please contact GW Instek for service.

For more information, contact your local dealer or GW Instek at [www.gwinstek.com](http://www.gwinstek.com) / [marketing@goodwill.com.tw](mailto:marketing@goodwill.com.tw).

# A PPENDIX

## Specifications

This chapter lists the technical specifications and general technical specifications of the spectrum analyzer. Unless otherwise stated, the technical specifications apply to the following conditions:

- The instrument has been preheated for 60 minutes before use.
- The instrument is in the calibration cycle and has been self-calibrated.

“Typical” and “nominal” for this product are defined as follows:

- Typical: Refers to the performance of the product under certain conditions.
- Nominal: Refers to the approximate value under product application process.

<b>Model</b>	<b>GSP-8000 Series</b>	
<b>FREQUENCY</b>		
<b>FREQUENCY</b>		
Range	GSP-8180	9 kHz ~ 1.8 GHz
	GSP-8380	9 kHz ~ 3.8 GHz
	GSP-8800	9 kHz ~ 8.0 GHz
Resolution	1 Hz	
<b>FREQUENCY SPAN</b>		
Span Range	0 Hz, 100 Hz to max. frequency of instrument	
Span Uncertainty	±span / (sweep points-1)	
<b>INTERNAL FREQUENCY REFERENCE</b>		
Frequency Range	10.000000 MHz	
Reference Frequency Accuracy	±[(days from last calibrate × freq aging rate) + temperature stability + initial accuracy]	
Temperature stability	<1ppm (15°C ~ 35°C)	

Aging rate	<1ppm/year	
Initial Accuracy	< 1ppm	
<b>SSB PHASE NOISE</b>		
Offset from Carrier	fc=1 GHz, RBW= 1 kHz, VBW=1kHz, 20°C ~ 30°C, avearge ≥ 40	
	10 kHz	< -104 dBc/Hz
	100 kHz	< -106 dBc/Hz (Typical)
	1 MHz	< -115 dBc/Hz (Typical)
<b>BANDWIDTH</b>		
Resolution Bandwidth	1Hz to 1MHz (1-3-5-10 steps by sequence)	
	200Hz, 9kHz, 120kHz, 1MHz, EMI Filter(6dB), Optional	
RBW Uncertainty	< 5%, Typical, RBW ≤ 1 MHz	
Resolution Filter Shape Factor(60dB: 3dB)	< 5: 1, Typical, digital and close to Gaussian shape	
Video Bandwidth (VBW)	10 Hz ~ 3 MHz	
<b>AMPLITUDE</b>		
<b>AMPLITUDE AND LEVEL</b>		
Amplitude measurement range	GSP-8180	DANL ~ +10 dBm, 100 kHz ~ 1 MHz, Preamp Off
		DANL ~ +20 dBm, 1 MHz ~ 1.8 GHz, Preamp Off
	GSP-8380	DANL ~ +10 dBm, 100 kHz ~ 1 MHz, Preamp Off
		DANL ~ +20 dBm, 1 MHz ~ 3.8 GHz, Preamp Off
	GSP-8800	DANL ~ +10 dBm, 100 kHz ~ 10 MHz, Preamp Off
		DANL ~ +20 dBm, 10 MHz ~ 8 GHz, Preamp Off
Reference Level	-80 dBm ~ +30 dBm, 0.01dB by step	
Preamp	20 dB, 100 kHz ~ Max. Frequency Range	
Input Attenuation	0 ~ 40 dB, in 1 dB step	
Max Input DC Voltage	50 VDC	
Max continuous power	+30dBm, Average continuous power	
<b>Displayed Average Noise Level (DANL)</b>		
Preamp Off	Input Attenuation = 0 dB, ref. level ≥ -60dBm, trace average ≥ 40 RBW normalizes to 1Hz, DETECTOR = SAMPLE, RBW =100Hz, VBW = 100Hz	
	GSP-8180	9 kHz ~ 1MHz, <-95 dBm (typical), <-88dBm
		1 MHz ~ 1 GHz, <-140dBm (typical), <-130 dBm
		1 GHz ~ 1.8 GHz, <-138dBm (typical), <-128 dBm
	GSP-8380	9 kHz ~ 1MHz, <-95 dBm (typical), <-88dBm
		1 MHz ~ 1 GHz, <-140dBm (typical), <-130 dBm
		1 GHz ~ 3.8 GHz, <-138dBm (typical), <-128 dBm
	GSP-8800	9 kHz ~ 1MHz, <-95dBm (typical), <-88 dBm
		1 MHz ~ 500MHz, <-140dBm (typical), <-130 dBm
		500MHz ~ 3GHz, <-138dBm (typical), <-128 dBm
		3GHz ~ 6GHz, <-134dBm (typical), <-124 dBm
		6GHz ~ 8GHz, <-129dBm (typical), <-119dBm
Preamp on	Input Attenuation = 0 dB, ref. level ≥60dBm, trace average ≥ 40 RBW normalizes to 1Hz, DETECTOR = SAMPLE, RBW =100Hz, VBW = 100Hz	
	GSP-8180	100 kHz ~ 1MHz, <-135 dBm (typical), <-128dBm 1 MHz ~ 1 GHz, <-160dBm (typical), <-150 dBm

	GSP-8380	1 GHz ~ 1.8 GHz, <-160dBm (typical), <-150 dBm
		100 kHz ~ 1MHz, <-135 dBm (typical), <-128dBm
		1 MHz ~ 1 GHz, <-160dBm (typical), <-150 dBm
		1 GHz ~ 3.8 GHz, <-160dBm (typical), <-150 dBm
	GSP-8800	100 kHz ~ 1MHz, <-135dBm (typical), <-128 dBm
		1 MHz ~ 500MHz, <-160dBm (typical), <-150 dBm
		500MHz ~ 3GHz, <-160dBm (typical), <-150 dBm
		3GHz ~ 6GHz, <-154dBm (typical), <144 dBm
		6GHz ~ 8GHz, <-149dBm (typical), <-139dBm
<b>FREQUENCY RESPONSE</b>		
Filter Bandwidth	20°C to 30°C, 30% to 70% relative humidity, input attenuation=10 dB, reference frequency =50 MHz, SPAN = 200KHz, RBW = 10KHz, VBW = 10KHz	
Preamp Off, $f_c \geq 100$ kHz	$\pm 0.8$ dB, 100K ~ Max. Frequency Range	
Preamp On, $f_c \geq 1$ MHz	$\pm 0.9$ dB, 100K ~ Max. Frequency Range	
<b>UNCERTAINTY AND ACCURACY</b>		
RBW Switch Uncertainty	Reference: 10 kHz RBW at Frequency Center is 50 MHz $\pm 0.2$ dB, Log resolution	
Input Attenuation Uncertainty	20°C ~ 30°C, $f_c = 50$ MHz, Preamplifier Off, 10 dB RF attenuation, RBW = 10K, 1 ~ 40 dB $\pm 0.5$ dB	
Absolute Amplitude Uncertainty	20°C to 30°C, $f_c = 50$ MHz, Span=200 kHz, RBW=10 kHz, VBW=10 kHz, peak detector, 10 dB RF attenuation, average $\geq 20$ , 2db/div, 95% confidence level	
	Preamp Off	$\pm 0.4$ dB, input signal level -20 dBm
	Preamp On	$\pm 0.5$ dB, input signal level -40 dBm
Uncertainty	20°C to 30°C, $f_c = 1$ MHz, signal input range 0~-50dBm, Ref Level range 0~-50dBm, 10 dB RF attenuation, RBW =1kHz, VBW =1kHz, Preamp Off ; $\pm 1.5$ dB (typical)	
VSWR	GSP-8180	<1.5, Nominal, Input 10 dB RF attenuation, 1MHz ~ 1.8GHz
	GSP-8380	<1.5, Nominal, Input 10 dB RF attenuation, 1MHz ~ 3.8GHz
	GSP-8800	<1.8, Nominal, Input 20 dB RF attenuation, 1MHz ~ 8.0GHz
<b>DISTORTION AND SPURIOUS RESPONSE</b>		
Second harmonic distortion	$f_c \geq 50$ MHz, Preamp off, signal input -20 dBm, 0 dB RF attenuation, 20°C ~ 30°C -65 dBc	
Third-order intermodulation	$f_c \geq 50$ MHz, Input double tone level -20 dBm, frequency interval 100 kHz, input attenuation 0 dB, preamplifier off, 20°C ~ 30°C +10 dBm	
1 dB Gain Compression	Nominal, $f_c \geq 50$ MHz, 0 dB RF attenuation, Preamp off , 20°C ~ 30°C > -2 dBm	



Residual response	Connect 50 Ω load at input port, 0 dB input attenuation, 20°C to 30°C, average ≥ 40, RBW = 300Hz, VBW = 3kHz, SPAN = 2M <-85 dBm, 1 MHz ~ Max. Frequency Range	
Input related spurious	<-60 dBc, -30 dBm signal at input mixer, 20°C ~ 30°C	
<b>SWEEP</b>		
<b>SWEEP TIME</b>		
Range	10 ms ~ 3000 s, None-zero Span 1 ms ~ 3000 s, Zero Span	
Sweep Mode	Continuous; Single	
<b>TRACKING GENERATOR (EXCEPT GSP-8800 BASIC UNIT)</b>		
<b>TRACKING GENERATOR OUTPUT</b>		
Frequency Range	100 kHz ~ Max. Frequency Range	
Output power level range	-40 dBm ~ 0 dBm	
Output power level resolution	1 dB	
Output flatness	± 3 dB	
Maximum safe reverse level	Average total power: +30 dBm, DC: ±50 VDC	
Impedance	50 Ω, Nominal	
Connector	N Type Female	
<b>FREQUENCY COUNTER</b>		
<b>FREQUENCY COUNTER</b>		
Resolution	1Hz, 10Hz, 100Hz, 1kHz	
Accuracy	±(frequency indication × frequency reference accuracy) + counter resolution	
<b>INPUTS AND OUTPUTS</b>		
<b>RF INPUT</b>		
Impedance	50 Ω, Nominal	
Connector	N Type Female	
<b>REFERENCE INPUT</b>		
Connector	BNC Female	
10MHz Reference Amplitude	0 dBm to +10 dBm	
<b>Trigger Input</b>		
Impedance	1 kΩ	
10MHz Reference Amplitude	BNC Female	
<b>USB</b>		
USB Host	Connector	A Plug
	Protocol	USB 2.0 (Host End)
USB Device	Connector	B Plug
	Protocol	2.0 Version
<b>GENERAL</b>		
Display	Type	TFT LCD
	Resolution	1024*768
	Size	10.4 inches
	Color	65,536 colors

Remote Control	USB Device	B Plug, supports USB TMC
	LAN TCP/IP Interface	RJ-45, supports 10Base-T/100Base-Tx
Mass Memory	Internal Memory	256M Bytes
Temperature	Operating Temperature	0 °C to 40°C
	Storage Temperature	-20°C to 70°C
Relative humidity	0°C to 30°C	≤ 95%
	30°C to 40°C	≤ 75%
Dimensions & Weight	421 (W) × 221 (H) × 115 (D) mm; Approx. 5.0 kg (without package)	
AC Power Socket	100V ~ 240V, 50/60Hz	
Power Consumption	28W	

## GSP-8000 Factory Default Settings

The following default settings are the factory configuration settings for GSP-8000.

### Factory Settings

Parameter	Value
<b>Frequency</b>	
Center Frequency	4000.000000 MHz (GSP-8800) 1900.000000 MHz (GSP-8380) 900.000000 MHz (GSP-8180)
Start Frequency	0 Hz
Stop Frequency	8000.000000 MHz (GSP-8800) 3800.000000 MHz (GSP-8380) 1800.000000 MHz (GSP-8180)
Frequency Step	800.000000 MHz (GSP-8800) 380.000000 MHz (GSP-8380) 180.000000 MHz (GSP-8180)
Frequency Offset	0 Hz
Frequency Reference	Internal
<b>SPAN</b>	
Span	8.000000000 GHz (GSP-8800) 3.800000000 GHz (GSP-8380) 1.800000000 GHz (GSP-8180)
<b>Amplitude</b>	
Reference Level	0.00dBm
Attenuator	Auto 10 dB
Scale/div	10.00dB
Scale Type	Log
Reference Offset	0.00dB
Unit	dBm
Preamp	Off
<b>BW</b>	
Resolution Bandwidth	Auto 1MHz
Video Bandwidth	Auto 1MHz
EMI Filter	Off

<b>Detector</b>	
Detect Type	Pos Peak
<b>Sweep</b>	
Sweep Time	Auto
Sweep Term	Continuous Sweep
<b>TG</b>	
Tracking Source	Off
<b>Trace</b>	
Trace	1
Trace State	Clear & Write
Trace 1 Math	1<- ->2
<b>Display</b>	
Full Display	Off
Display Line	Off
Amplitude Graticule	Off
Label	Off
Menu Hide	Off
Brightness	100%
Screen Sleep	Off
<b>Trig</b>	
Trigger Type	Free
<b>Mode</b>	
Display Mode	Spectrum
<b>Peak</b>	
Peak Search	Off
Peak Excursion	10dB
Peak Mode	Max Peak
Peak Sort	Amplitude
<b>Marker Fctn</b>	
NdB	Off
Marker Noise	Off
Frequency Count	Off
<b>Marker</b>	
Marker	1
Trace	1
Marker List	Off
<b>Measurement</b>	
Time Spectrum	Off
Adjacent Power	Off
Channel Power	Off
Occupied Bandwidth	Off
Pass-fail	Off
<b>Measure Setup</b>	
Channel Bandwidth	1.000000MHz
Channel Gap	2.000000MHz
Adjacent Number	3
Power Percent	99.9%
<b>System</b>	
Interface	LAN
IP Address	192.168.0.x

Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
Gateway	192.168.0.1
Local Language	English
Date/Time	On

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