

# 8201A AM / FM Modulation Meter



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## FM / AM Modulation Meter Model 8201A

The Boonton Model 8201A Modulation Analyzer offers a unique combination of measurements including:

- AM, FM and ØM (AM and FM 1%, ØM 3% of readings)
- Carrier level and frequency (0.01 dB level and 10 Hz carrier resolution)
- Signal, noise and distortion power (SINAD)

This eliminates the need for several different pieces of equipment.

Modulation is detected using peak, while residuals are measured using RMS and referenced to a specific level. These values are displayed in %, dB or quasi-peak, and the highest values are stored using the peak-hold function.

Signal frequency and level can be acquired automatically or input via the keyboard or remote command. The 8201A is a cost effective measurement tool for an ATE system, signal generator calibration or mobile radio production testing.



#### **Provides Versatile Audio Filters**

- 4 Low pass
- 4 High pass
- 4 De-emphasis networks

## **Specifications**

#### **RF Input**

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Frequency Range	100 kHz to 2.5 GHz			
Tuning				
, ,, ,	on time one second. Manual, from key-			
board or IEEE-488 bus <sup>(6)</sup>				
Sensitivity				
10 mV	100 kHz to 520 MHz			
15 mV	520 MHz to 1.0 GHz			
28 mV	1.0 GHz to 1.5 GHz			
50 mV	1.5 MHz to 2.0 GHz			
Carrier acquisition level is t	ypically -40 dBm (2.3 mV)			
Level Set				
Automatic, typical acquisiti	on time one second for levels up to 7 V			
RMS. Manual, from keyboar	d or IEEE-488 bus <sup>(6)</sup>			
Maximum Input 1 watt (7 V RMS, +30 dBm				
Maximum Safe Input	40 V dc, 35 V ac			
	(25w for source SWR<4) <sup>(6)</sup>			
Input Impedance 50 Ω nominal, SWR <1.5				

Carrier Frequency	
Resolution	10 Hz for carriers <1.0 GHz, 100
	Hz for carriers >1 GHz
Accuracy	Reference accuracy ± three digits
Defenses Occillates	

Reference Oscillator

10 MHz, temperature compensated. Aging rate less than  $\pm 1x10^{-6}/$  year. Temperature influence less than  $\pm 1x10^{-6}$  from 0 to 50 degrees centigrade

#### **Carrier Level**

Range	-47.0 to +30.0 dBm (1 mV to 7 V)
Resolution	0.01 dBm or .1 mV
Accuracy	

 $\pm 1$  dB from 100 kHz to 520 MHz,  $\pm 2$  dB from 520 MHz to 1500 MHz,  $\pm 3$  dB from 1500 MHz to 2500 MHz

#### **FM Modulation**

Measurement: + peak, -peak, peak average, quasi-peak and RMS

Carrier Range	0.2 MHz to 0.5 MHz	0.5 MHz to 10 MHz	10 MHz to 2.5 GHz
Deviation Range <sup>(7)</sup>	0 to C.F./10 kHz	0 to 150 kHz	0 to 500 kHz
Deviation Accuracy <sup>(1)(2)</sup> At specified mod. rates	1% of reading, 30 Hz to 5 kHz; 2% of reading, 5 kHz to 7.5 kHz.	1% of reading, 30 Hz to 15 kHz; 2% of reading, 15 kHz to 30 kHz	1% of reading, 30 Hz to 100 kHz; 2% of reading, 100 kHz to 150 kHz
Modulation Frequency Range	20 Hz to 15 kHz	20 Hz to 50 kHz	20 Hz to 220 kHz
AF output distortion	<0.1% @ <30 kHz	<0.1% at <75 kHz	<0.1% at <100 kHz

Residual FM

<15 Hz RMS at 2.0 GHz decreasing linearly to a floor of <1 Hz RMS at 100 MHz, with 3 kHz low-pass filter. <30 Hz RMS at 2.0 GHz decreasing linearly to a floor of <2 Hz RMS at 100 MHz, with 15 kHz low-pass filter Incidental FM <20 Hz peak deviation at 50% AM 30 Hz to 3 kHz filter

Display Resolution<sup>(8)</sup>

1 Hz for deviations from 0 to 5 kHz. 10Hz for deviations from 5 to 50 kHz. 100 Hz for deviations above 50 kHz

Stereo Separation <sup>(3)</sup>	>48 dB
	50 Hz to 15 kHz modulation rates

#### **AM Modulation**

Measurement: + peak, - peak, peak average, quasi-peak, and RMS				
Carrier Range	0.1 MHz to 0.5 MHz	0.5 MHz to 10 MHz	10 MHz to 2.5 GHz	
Depth Range	0 to 99%	0 to 99%	0 to 99%	
Depth Accuracy <sup>(1)(2)</sup> At specified mod. Rates	1% of reading 30 Hz to 5 kHz	1% of reading, 30 Hz to 15 kHz	1% of reading, 30 Hz to 100 kHz	
Modulation Frequency Range	20 Hz to 15 kHz	20 Hz to 50 kHz	20 Hz to 220 kHz	
AF output Distortion	<0.3% for depths up to 90% AM			

Residual AM

<0.05% RMS for input levels >100 mV, 15 kHz low-pass filter; <0.02% RMS for input levels >100 mV, 3 kHz low-pass filter; carrier frequency <520 MHz. Above 520 MHz, residuals increase linearly with frequency

#### Incidental AM (3 kHz low-pass)

Carrier	
>10 MHz <0.2% AM	peak at 50 kHz peak deviation
<10 MHz <0.2% AM	peak at 5 kHz peak deviation
Display Resolution	.001 % for depths from 0 to 5%
	.01 % for depths from 5 to 50%
	.1 % for depths above 50%
	.01 % for depths from 5 to 50%

#### ØM Modulation

Measurement: +	peak peak.	peak average.	guasi-peak.	and RMS
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Carrier Range	0.2 MHz to 0.5MHz	0.5 MHz to 10 MHz	10 MHz to 2.5 GHz
Deviation Range <sup>(4)</sup>	0 to C.F./10 rad	0 to 150 rad	0 to 500 rad
Deviation Accuracy <sup>(1)(2)</sup> At specified mod. Rates	3% of reading 200 Hz to 30 kHz rates.	3% of reading. 200 Hz to 30 kHz rates.	3% of reading, 200 Hz to 30 kHz rates.
Modulation	100 Hz to 15 kHz	20 Hz to 50 kHz	20 Hz to 100 kHz
Frequency Range			
AF Output Distortion	<0.1% at <30 rad	<0.1% at <75 rad	<0.1% at <100
	dev.	dev.	rad dev.

#### **Residual PM**

 $<\!0.1$  rad RMS at 2.0 GHz decreasing linearly to a floor of less than 0.005 rad RMS at 100 MHz

Incidental PM			PM		<0.02 rad deviation at 50% AM,
					30 Hz to 3 kHz filter
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Display Resolution<sup>(5)</sup>

0.001 rad for deviations from 0 to 5 radww 0.01 rad for deviations from 5 to 50 rad

0.1 rad for deviations above 50 rad

#### Audio Frequency Display

Range	10Hz to 220 kHz
Resolution	
100 Hz for frequencies >100 kHz	. 10Hz for frequencies between
10kHz and 100 kHz. 1 Hz for freq	uencies between 1 kHz and 10kHz.
0.1 Hz for frequencies <1 kHz	
Accuracy:	Reference accuracy $\pm$ one count

#### Audio Distortion/SINAD

Distortion Range	0.01 % to 100% THD or	
	0 to 80 dB SINAD	
Distortion Accuracy		
$\pm$ 10% of reading or $\pm$ 1 dB SINAD. (The residual AM/FM or ØM must		
be accounted for in distortion measurements)		
Frequency Range		
20 Hz to 20 kHz. Automatic ope	ration when modulation frequency is	
within this range		
Residual Noise and Distortion	Less than 0.1 % (60 dB SINAD)	
	distortion	
Resolution		
0.01 %, range	0.01 to 9.99%	
0.1 %, range	10.0 to 99.9%	
0.01 dB, range	0 to 80 dB SINAD	

#### **Audio Filters**

High-pass <10Hz, Gaussian response and 30, 300 and 3000 Hz, three pole Butterworth response

#### Low-pass

220 kHz and 50 kHz, seven pole Butterworth response, 20 kHz, three pole Bessel response and 3 and 15 kHz three pole Butterworth response De-emphasis 25, 50, 75, and 750 uS

	23, 30, 73, and 730 µ3	
Filter Response	3 dB corner & time constant	
	accuracy, ±4%	
Square Wave Response	<10 Hz High-Pass	
	<10% droop with 5 Hz square wave	
Internal Calibrator		
The 8201A may be calibrated to its full accuracy for AM/FM/ØM		
through the use of internal calibrators that are actuated via front		

panel or over the IEEE Bus.

Calibrator Accuracy

AM, 50.0% depth, 0.1 %; FM, 125.0 kHz deviation, 0.1 %; PM, 136.3 RAD deviation, 1.0%

#### **Audio Frequency Output**

Range

Uncalibrated, approximately 1 V RMS into 600  $\Omega$  at 5000 counts on display. Source impedance 600  $\Omega$ 

Power Requirements	65 VA; 100, 120,220, or 240 V
	±10%, 50 to 400 Hz
Operating Temperature	0° to 55°C
Weight	28lbs (12.7 kg)
Dimensions	17.25 in (43.8 cm) wide
	5.75 in (14.6 cm) high
	18.75 in (47.6 cm) deep
Accessories Included	Spare input fuses
	Fuse replacement wrench

#### **Remote Control**

GPIB	Standard

#### Notes

(1) Peak residuals must be accounted for to obtain above accuracy

(2) For RMS detector, add ±1% of reading. For quasi-peak add ±6.0% of reading, 20 Hz to 20 kHz (3) <10 Hz -220 kHz filters</p>

- (4) Up to 1 kHz modulation rate. Above 1 kHz range, decreases linearly with modulation frequency.
- (5) Up to 1 kHz modulation rate. Above 1 kHz, resolution is determined by product of deviation and modulation rate.
- (6) These specifications are for application purposes and although typical are not guaranteed.

(7) With 750  $\mu s$  de-emphasis and pre-display selected the deviation is limited to 50 kHz peak.

(8) Resolution is ten times greater with 750  $\mu s$  de-emphasis and pre-display selected.

### **Options**

01	Avionics Specification Certification
02	Rear Panel RF Input
03	CCITT Filter
05	Amplitude Calibrator (0 dBm 50 MHz)
07	Audio Loop-through. Used with external filters to allow user-
	defined filtering. Option 07 excludes Option 03 and vice versa .
08	CCIR Filter
09	C-MSG Filter

#### Accessories Available

Rack Mount Kit (Ears Only Gray)	PIN 95004493A
Rack Mount Kit (Ears and Handles Gray)	PIN 95004494A

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