MICROWAVE SYSTEM ANALYZER ME453K/L/M, ME538K/L/M 70/140 MHz



Measurement items

- Group delay characteristics
- Linearity and sensitivity in modulators and demodulators
- Differential gain characteristics
- Differential phase characteristics
- IF and BB band amplitude response
- IF and BB band return loss
- Frequency deviation (or spectrum)
- AM/PM conversion coefficient
- DC characteristics
- IF/BB band power, gain, loss
- IF band frequency

Multiplexed telephone, TV, PCM and data communications signals are mostly transmitted through microwave radio relay systems. However, when linear distortion (amplitude distortion, phase distortion) or non-linear distortion (which causes problems, particularly with analog signal transmission) is present in the transmission line, distortion noise is generated in the telephone transmission, clarity and color uniformity are lost with TV transmission and intersymbol interference between codes originating in the waveform distortion results in digital transmission. It is therefore necessary to measure the distortion in these transmission lines and to equalize it sufficiently.

The ME453 and ME538 Microwave System Analyzer series are used to measure the transmission line characteristics in the BB and IF bands in terrestrial microwave radio relay systems and in satellite communication systems. The above types of transmission distortion can be measured and analyzed with them.

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They have been designed with special emphasis on measurement items, performance, functions, precision and size so that they can be used for all types of microwave radio relay systems, such as FDM-FM relay ststems, high efficiency large-capacity digital microwave radio relay systems, and INTELSAT and other satellite communications systems. Unique special innovations contribute greatly to improving handling ease. To improve operational ease, a number of internal controls are used and some measurements are automatic.

Furthermore, the measuring parameters and measured values are displayed digitally, so even when one of these analyzers is used for the first time, results can be obtained quickly and accurately.

The IF and BB frequencies must coincide for remote testing with other models or instruments of other manufacturers. This condition can be met quite easily by selecting the appropriate model from this particular series.

Applications

The ME453 and ME538 can be used in the construction, maintenance, or research and development of digital microwave systems and of satellite and terrestrial radio relay systems with BB and IF capability. The measurements item relating to the various circuit parts are listed below.

- Modulators and demodulators:
 - Linearity, sensitivity, group delay characteristics, differential gain, differential phase, IF and BB band amplitude characteristics
- Repeater IF sections and overall links:
 - Group delay characteristics, differential gain, differential phase, IF and BB band amplitude characteristics
- Others:

IF/BB impedance, power, gain, AM/PM conversion coefficient. The transmitter and receiver are designed to operate independently so that end-to-end measurement can be conducted with a single analyzer.

RF band measurements can be conducted by connecting an up/down converter model to this analyzer.

Features and functions

• LED readout of transmitter settings

For IF and BB measurements, the transmitter settings are shown with unmistakable clarity by the front-panel LED display, so you can read deviation, sweep width and center frequency at a glance.

Automatic receiver settings and display

Deviation, IF level, BB frequency and level—all are automatically selected and displayed by the microwave system analyzer receiver section. Calibration and attenuation are also automatic.

Automatic display of units

Both scale sensitivity and units are displayed automatically for all measurements, so readings are fast and unmistakably accurate.

All measurements shown on the CRT and large LED displays

Measurement parameters and results are displayed on the CRT in alphanumeric form together with the signal trace.

They are also displayed simultaneously on the large, easy-to-read LED display.

Automatic CRT calibration and ranging

No need to adjust vertical gain and position. Just press the AUTO pushbutton, and the CRT traces are calibrated and centered automatically.

• Direct deviation measurements

The P-P pushbutton gives you an LED readout of the peak-topeak deviation value of the signal displayed on the CRT.

Signal averaging for noisy traces

Internal normalizing circuitry allows you to average traces for removing the noise component—as in the measurement of a satellite system, for example.

Signal subtraction

You can also subtract one trace from another for eliminating the effects of measuring system components.

The Y-STO and AVG-STO pushbuttons are used for subtracting the residual effects of measuring instruments, cables, pads, etc...

BB to BB amplitude measurement (optional function)

An extremely flat baseband sweep generator and detector give you the end-to-end, BB to BB amplitude response measurements so necessary for maintenance of telephone and TV links. The CRT X-axis is a logarithmic frequency scale. Markers are at 60, 100 and 300 kHz, and 1, 3, 10 and 15 MHz.

Recorder output (optional function)

An optional X-Y recorder can be attached to the ME453 or ME538 and controlled by front-panel adjustments on the analyzer itself.

Pushbutton baseband frequency selection

The ME453 comes complete with eight BB frequencies which are selectable by pushbuttons, while the ME538 has nine BB frequencies available. The three low frequencies are determined by the model designation: K, L or M.

One-button AM-PM conversion

For measurement of the AM to PM conversion coefficient, a single pushbutton gives you both the calibrated trace on the CRT and the measured value on the LED display.

• IF band frequency counter

The CW signal frequency of the IF band and the center frequency of the sinewave swept IF signal are counted and displayed on both the CRT and the large, easy-to-read LED display.

• IF band sweep width measurements

The sweep width of the swept IF signal is measured and numerically displayed on the CRT permitting easy verification of the measured band.

Automatic sweep reduction control

The Auto Sweep Reduction pushbutton allows you to limit maximum sweep width, including modulated sideband signals, to some specified nominal value.

Threshold extension function

A special threshold extension function enables group delay measurement of low C/N INTELSAT equipment and systems.

Scale intensity switch

For photographing the CRT screen, the scale can be made to appear clearly with the SCALE INTEN switch.

Receiver GP-IB and direct plotting functions (Option)

The receiver section of the MSA is computer controllable via the GP-IB interface which is usable with either plotters or personal computers. This function enables MSA measured data to be sent to a personal computer for data processing. The MSA direct plotter function allows CRT displayed data (measured parameters and displayed signal) to be directly printed out on either a plotter or a dot matrix printer.

Printers and plotters that can be directly connected

Type	Model			
Plotter	9872C 7470A 7475A VP-6801A	(Hewlett-Packard) (Hewlett-Packard) (Hewlett-Packard) (Matsushita Communication Industrial Co., Ltd.)		
Printer (graphic)	DPR7713A	(Anritsu)		

	Models	ME453K/L/M		ME538	BK/L/M				
Measurements		70 MHz Band	70 MHz Band	140 M⊢	Iz Band				
	Inherent slope	±0.05 dB/±25 MHz	±0.05 dB/±25 MHz	±0.05 dB/±25 MHz,	±0.1 dB/±40 MH	z, ±0.2 dB/±50 MHz			
Amplitude (IF INPUT terminal)	Measuring range	0 to 16 dB							
	Max. sensitivity	0.01 dB/div (Y2 displa	ay)						
- ,	IF INPUT level	+10 to -20 dBm							
1 molitudo	Inherent slope	±1 dB							
Amplitude RET. LOSS	Measuring range	0 to 40 dB							
INPUT	Sensitivity	1 dB/div, 5 dB/div							
erminal)	INPUT level	- 60 to - 20 dBm							
	Inherent slope	0.3 ns/±15 MHz, 0.3 ns/±15 MHz, 0.3 ns/±20 MHz, 0.5 ns/±30 MHz, 0.5 ns/±25 MHz 0.5 ns/±50 MHz							
Group delay	Measuring range	0 to 400 ns							
, ,	Max. sensitivity	0.1 ns/div (Y2 display)							
	Noise	0.05 ns/condition: fM-	-200 to 278 kHz, devi	ation: 200 kHz rms, usi	ng average function)			
	Inherent slope	0.2%/±25 MHz	0.2%/±25 MHz	0.2%/±50 MHz		·			
to a subset.	Measuring range	0% to 80%			# 4v				
inearity.	Max. sensitivity	0.05% div							
	Noise	0.01%/condition: fM<	1 MHz, deviation: 200	kHz rms, using averag	ge function				
	Inherent slope*1	0.3°/±15 MHz,	0.3°/±15 MHz,	0.3°/±20 MHz, 0.5°/	±30 MHz,				
		0.5°/±25 MHz	0.5°/±25 MHz	0.8°/±50 MHz					
Differential	Measuring range	0° to 40°							
hase	Max. sensitivity	0.2°/div							
	Noise	*1 Specified frequence	y range = Carrier swe						
	Inherent slope*2	0.2%/±15 MHz 0.4%/±25 MHz	0.2%/±15 MHz, 0.4%/±25 MHz	0.3%/±20 MHz, 0.49 0.6%/±50 MHz	/0/±30 MHZ,				
Differential	Measuring range	0% to 80%							
gain	Max. sensitivity	0.05%/div							
	Noise	0.01%/condition: fM=	5.6 MHz, deviation: 50	00 kHz rms, using avera	age function				
			y range = Carrier swe	·					
F return	Frequency range	70 ± 25 MHz	70 ± 25 MHz	140 ± 50 MHz					
oss	Measuring range		y depends on the brid	ge usea.					
	Sensitivity	1 dB/div, 5 dB/div	0.00/-ID/ - 05 MU-	0.00/-10/ 05 14/1-					
AM to PM conversion	Residual PM	0.3°/dB/±25 MHz	0.3°/dB/±25 MHz	0.3°/dB/±35 MHz					
	Measuring range	0.3°/dB to 16°/dB 70±20 MHz	70 : 20 MHz	140 : 20 MU=					
	Center frequency	Auto tuning	70±20 MHz Auto tuning	140±30 MHz Auto tuning					
Spectrum	Sweep width	Approx. ±700 kHz							
	Max. sensitivity	Detects 0.1 dB change of modulating signal at carrier zero point.							
	Deviation	K type: 340 kHz rms at 200 kHz, L type: 472 kHz rms at 277,778 kHz, M type: 425 kHz rms at 250 kHz							
	Measuring range		ns at the built-in BB free	1 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
,	Accuracy		3 frequencies ≤8.2 MH						
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	Calibration		equency Key in fac						
		K type 200 kl	·						
			78 kHz 472 kHz r						
		M type 250 kl	Hz 425 kHz r	ms					
Modulator	Mod signal level	-50 to +10 dBm							
ensitivity	Deviation	Use the DEVIATION n	neter function or use th	ne carrier zero deviation	with the SPECTRU	JM function			
emodulator	IF signal	Calibrate the deviation	with DEVIATION meter	er function or SPECTRU	JM function				
ensitivity	Demo BB level	-50 to +10 dBm							
		Group delay	Linearity	Differential phase	Differential gain				
phoront poice (IE +	- IE/	66 to 93 kHz: 0.3 ns r	rms 0.02% rms	0.05° rms	0.1% rms				
nherent noise (IF to or all models)	J IF)	200 to 278 kHz: 0.1 r				Detection band: 3 ki			
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		Deviation: 200 kHz rm		Deviation: 500 F	_1	l			

BB (baseband) measurement

•	Item	Inherent slope	Measuring range	Max. sensitivity	Noise	
BB to BB	Group delay	0.1 ns 0 to 400 ns		0.1 ns/div (at Y2)	0.2 ns	
	Linearity	0.1%	0% to 80%	0.05%/div	0.05%	
measurements (for all models)	Differential phase	0.1%	0° to 40°	0.2°/div	0.05°	
(101 4.111000.0)	Differential gain	0.1%	0% to 80%	0.05%/div	0.05%	
	Measuring condition	BB level: -30 dBm				
DD	Frequency	Built-in BB frequency or BB amplitude option				
BB return loss	Range	10 to 40 dB, 1 dB/div (BB amplitude option)				
BB amplitude (Opt	tion)	Frequency range: 60 kH Measuring range: 0 to 8	Iz to 15 MHz, level: +10 to - 3 dB, max. sensitivity: 0.1 dB/c	- 50 dBm, inherent slope: ± div	0.5 dB/100 kHz to 13 MHz	
DC input		Measuring range: 0 to ±400 mV, max. sensitivity: 1 mV/div				

	Frequency range	70 MHz band: 45 to 95 MHz 140 MHz band: 90 to 190 MHz When BB frequency is		Input frequency	The BB frequency (66.7 kHz to 12.39 MHz) is selected automatically.		
		55.6 kHz (or 27.8 kHz).*1 70 MHz band: 60 to 80 MHz 140 MHz band: 130 to 150 MHz		K type f1 66.667 kHz f2 200 kHz	L type M type 92.593 kHz 83.333 kHz 277.778 kHz 250 kHz		
	Level range Level display	+10 to -20 dBm 3-digit LED display Resolution: 0.1 dB ±0.3 dB at +4 dBm 75 \(\Omega\) Return loss: >30 dB at +4 dBm	Phase	f3 400 kHz	555.556 kHz 500 kHz		
	Level accuracy Impedance		detector	f6 4.	3.58 MHz 4.43 MHz 5.6 MHz 8.2 MHz		
	Input frequency sweep width Maximum sweep	±25 MHz/center frequency		f9 12 f10 55.555	39 MHz (ME538K/L/M) 66 kHz*1 (option)		
IF input	width	70 MHz ±50 MHz/center frequency 140 MHz When BB frequency is		*127.8 kHz can be supplied if specified. Capture range ± 5 Hz (≤555.556 kHz) ± 5 × 10 ⁻⁶ (≤12.39 MHz) ± 1 Hz (≤55.5566 kHz)			
		55.6 kHz (or 27.8 kHz).*1 ±10 MHz/center frequency 70/140 MHz The minimum sweep width is required for reproducing the HOR signal on the CRT, ±0.2 MHz 66.7, 80 kHz to 8.2 MHz BB frequency 55.6 kHz		Slide marker Frequency display	Variable side markers: 70 ±25 MHz, 140 ±50 MHz 4-digit LED display		
	Minimum sweep width		Frequency markers	Accuracy	Resolution: 10 kHz ± 1 × 10 ⁻⁴ ± 1 digit		
	Demodulation			2 MHz comb + slide	2 MHz Comb markers + Variable side markers		
		(or 27.8 kHz) is demodulated when sweep frequency is only 18 Hz.*1		Counts the center frequency of the swept IF signal and CW-IF signal and displays it on the 5-digit LED display. The display to the LED display is made by			
	The return loss input is used with the same frequency applied to IF INPUT to lock the AFC loop.		Center	selecting either the slide marker frequency or center frequency with a key.			
IF return	Input level range Flatness	- 20 to - 60 dBm ± 1 dB/45 to 95 MHz	frequency counter	Frequency range	70 MHz band: 45 to 90 MHz 140 MHz band: 90 to 190 MHz		
	Impedance	±1 dB/90 to 190 MHz 75 Ω Return loss: >28 dB		Frequency display	4-digit LED display (ME453□) 5-digit LED display (ME538□) Resolution: 10 kHz		
	BB frequency	66 kHz to 15 MHz and 55.6 kHz*1		Accuracy	±1×10 ⁻³ ±1 digit		
	range BB level range	(or 27.8 kHz) + 10 to - 50 dBm		Measuring range	70 MHz band: ±0.2 to ±25 MHz		
	BB level display	3-digit LED display Resolution: 0.1 dB	IF sweep width		140 MHz band: ±0.2 to ±50 MHz		
	BB level accuracy	±0.3 dB at 0 dBm	measurement	Resolution	0.2 to 9.99 MHz: 10 kHz 10 to 50 MHz: 100 kHz		
BB input (BB + sweep)	Impedance	75 Ω Return loss: >28 dB at 0 dBm/	BB output	Accuracy	±5×10 ⁻² ±1 digit −7 dBm, typical		
	Sweep frequency	frequency 66 kHz to 15 MHz 18 to 100 Hz	(rear panel)	Impedance	75 Ω, nominal		
	range Sweep voltage	±50 mV to ±5 V	Ext. sweep Input (rear panel)	Frequency Level Impedance	18 to 100 Hz 1 Vp-p >5 kΩ		
	x phase setting range	0° to 360°	X-Y recorder	Output	X: 0 to 4 V Y: 0 to 4 V Pen lift: Open		

^{*1} Option 05: 55.6 kHz additional BB frequency

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	Frequency range Center frequency Display	70 MHz band: 45 to 95 MHz 140 MHz band: 90 to 190 MHz 4-digit LED display (ME453□) 5-digit LED display (ME538□)	(Contd.)	BB level accuracy BB harmonics BB impedance	±0.3 dB at 0 dBm < - 38 dB 75 Ω Return loss: >28 dB at - 10 dBr	
IF output	Frequency display Accuracy Stability	ccuracy		Sweep frequency Sweep level Sweep level	Line (50/60 Hz), 70 Hz Option (select one frequency from 18 to 100 Hz) Ext. (18 to 100 Hz) 0 to 6.5 Vp-p/75 \(\Omega\) 3-digit LED display	
	Level range	+10 to -70 dBm (1 dB step attenuator) Continuously variable range: > ±1 dB		display Sweep level accuracy Sweep harmonics	Resolution: 0.01 V ± 10% at 6 Vp-p < - 35 dB	
	Level accuracy Harmonics Impedance Sweep width	±0.3 dB at +4 dBm < -30 dB 75 Ω Return loss: >30 dB at +4 dBm 70 MHz band: 0 to ±25 MHz	Sweep output	Sweep level Sweep level display Sweep level accuracy	0 to 25 Vp-p/10 kΩ 3-digit LED display Resolution: 0.01 × 4 V ±10% at 24 Vp-p	
IF sweep width	range Sweep width display Auto sweep	140 MHz band: 0 to ±50 MHz 3-digit LED display Resolution: 0.1 MHz The sweep width is reduced	Ext. sweep input (rear panel)	Frequency Level Impedance	18 to 100 Hz 2 Vp-p 10 kΩ, nominal	
widii	reduction	by 2 × BB frequency ± 10% when BB frequency > 1 MHz. This function can be reset with a switch.	Ext. BB input (rear panel)	Frequency Level Impedance	80 kHz to 15 MHz - 7 dBm 75 Ω, nominal	
FM deviation	Mod frequency Deviation range Deviation display	Same as BB frequency (item 6) 5 to 1000 kHz rms 4-digit LED display		Frequency range BB output level	60 kHz to 15 MHz + 10 dBm to - 50 dBm (10 dB step attenuator) Continuously variable range: 0 to - 10 dB	
AUX IF	Frequency range Output level Level accuracy	Resolution: 1 kHz rms Same as IF OUTPUT specification (item 1). – 10 dBm < ± 1 dB	BB sweeper (option)	BB level display	3-digit LED display Resolution: 0.1 dB ±0.5 dB/100 kHz to 13 MHz The value of the sum of the receiver and transmitter.	
	Impedance Frequency	75 Ω, nominal 70 MHz band: 70 MHz 140 MHz band: 140 MHz		Impedance	75 Ω Return loss: >28 dB at - 10 dBm	
Crystal output	Output level Level accuracy Impedance	+5 dBm < ±1 dB 75 Ω, nominal	*1Option 05: 55.6 k	kHz additional BB frequenc	sy.	
BB + sweep output	f6 4. f7 5 f8 8 f9 12. f10 55.555 *1Can be changed f	L type M type 92.593 kHz 83.333 kHz 277.778 kHz 250 kHz 555.556 kHz 500 kHz 2.4 MHz 58 MHz 43 MHz 6 MHz 22 MHz 39 MHz (ME538K/L/M) 66 kHz*¹ (option) 0 27.778 kHz if so specified is automatically set to 18 Hz when ± 5 Hz (≤555.556 kHz)				
	Accuracy	$\pm 3 \text{ Hz} ($				

+ 10 to - 50 dBm
A 10 dB step attenuator and 0 to
- 10 dB continuously variable dial are provided for setting the level.

3-digit LED display Resolution: 0.1 dB

BB level

BB level display

Low BB frequency (55.6 kHz or 27.8 kHz) specifications (Option)

Specification		TO BE TO SEE TO SEE THE SECOND OF SECOND SEC
	Inherent slope	70 ±10 MHz: 5 ns 140 ±10 MHz: 5 ns
Group delay	Measuring range	0 to 400 ns
	Max. sensitivity	2 ns/div
	Noise	1 ns,*
	Inherent slope	70 ±10 MHz: 0.5% 140 ±10 MHz: 0.5%
Linearity	Measuring range	0% to 80%
-	Max. sensitivity	0.1%/div
	Noise	0.1%*

^{*}With deviation 100 kHz rms using average function.

Accessories supplied

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Accessories	Qty.	Remarks
Test cable	3	2 m, coaxial
Power cord	2	One each for transmitter and receiver
Fuse	2	
Instruction manual	1	

General specifications

	BNC or SP connector				
Input and output connector	Other type of connector can be installed if requested by the user: e.g., Siemens Small, WECO560A or equivalent				
Power	260 VA Transmitter: 85 VA Receiver: 175 VA From AC 100 V to AC 250 V, at the request of the user. Tolerance ± 10%				
Ambient temperature, rated range of use	0° to 50°C				
Dimensions and weight	Receiver: 177H × 426W × 450D mm ≤18.5 kg Transmitter: 133H × 426W × 450D mm ≤13.5 kg				

Ordering information

Please specify model/order number, name and quantity when ordering.

Model number/ Order number	Name	Remarks				
	Main frame		IF bands	BB type	Std I/O connecto	
ME453K	Microwave System Analyzer (MSA)		70 MHz	200 kHz	SP	
ME453L	Microwave System Analyzer (MSA)		70 MHz	278 kHz	BNC	
ME453M	Microwave System Analyzer (MSA)		70 MHz	250 kHz	BNC	
ME538K	Microwave System Analyzer (MSA)	70/140 MHz	200 kHz	SP		
ME538L	Microwave System Analyzer (MSA)		70/140 MHz	278 kHz	BNC	
ME538M	Microwave System Analyzer (MSA)		70/140 MHz	200 kHz	BNC	
	Standard accessories					
J0082A	Coaxial Cord, 2 m:	3 pcs	SP-3CP+3C-2	WS•SP-3CP		
			For SP conne	ector	(Either one	
J0092C	Coaxial Cord, 2 m:	3 pcs	BNC-P620+30	C-2W•BNC-F	P620 attached)	
			For BNC con	nector	J	
J0134	Power Cord, 2.5 m:	2 pcs	One each for	One each for transmitter and receiver		
B0019	Front Cover: 1 pc		For transmitter			
B0020	Front Cover:	1 pc	1 pc For receiver			
	Fuse for MSA, 3.15 A:	MF51NN250V3.15AAC05				
	Fuse for MSA, 2 A: 2 pcs		MF51NN250\	MF51NN250V2AAC05		
	Fuse for MSA, 2 A: 4 pcs		MF51NN250\	V2ADC01		
	ME453K/L/M Operation Manual:	1 copy	Specified one	in attached		
	ME538K/L/M Operation Manual:	1 сору	Specified one	is allauneu		
	Options		Processed at	factory		
MSA-01	BB Amplitude Measurement					
MSA-02	X-Y Recorder Output					
MSA-03	Sweeper Frequency Added		Specify one frequency from 18 to 100 Hz			
MSA-04	Receiver GP-IB, Direct Plotting of CRT Output					
MSA-05	55.6 kHz BB Frequency Added		Change to 27 required)	7.8 kHz poss	ible (Opt 03 is	
	Optional accessories					
MR55A1	IF Return Loss Bridge		Connector: SP or BNC			
MR43A	BB Return Loss Bridge		Connector: S	P or BNC		
	Peripherals					
MB23A	Portable Test Rack		Tilt angle			
MB24A	Portable Test Rack		Horizontally fi	ixed		
G0015	M-085D Camera with #83-23 Hood					