



- 5251: Single Channel PXIBus waveform generator
- 5351: Single Channel PCIBus waveform generator
- · Sine waves to 100MHz and Square to 62.5MHz
- · 16 Bit amplitude resolution
- · 2M waveform memory
- 10Vp-p into 50Ω standard, double into high impedance
- · Multiple run modes: trigger, timer and trigger delay
- AM, FM, FSK, PSK, ASK, Freq. & Amp. Hop, sweep

250MS/s PXIBus / PCIBus Arbitrary Waveform / Function Generators

- Powerful sequence generator links and loops segments in user-defined fashion. Stores up to 10 different sequence tables
- · Occupies a single slot only
- · Ultra fast waveform downloads using DMA
- · Multi-Instrument synchronization
- · ArbConnection software for easy waveform creation

Model 5251/5351, is a single-channel frequency agile waveform synthesizer that combines industry leading performance, frequency agility and modulation capability in a stand-alone, modular product. Having 1.5Hz to 250MHz clock and 16-bit vertical DAC resolution provides the test stimuli required for the decades to come. It can be used as an arbitrary waveform generator, modulating generator, as well as function and pulse generator.

A Cost Effective Format

The 5251/5351 is a sensible alternative to a GPIB-based waveform generator when developing a PXI or PCI based test system. The 5251/5351 provides a synergistic combination of a function generator, arbitrary waveform synthesizer, programmable sequencer, pulse generator, and modulation generator in one instrument. The 5251/5351 delivers all this at a lower cost than comparable bench-type, or VXI-based instruments. This versatility ensures that the Model 5251/5351 will adapt to future testing needs as well as current ones.

250MS/s Performance

Higher performance test equipment and systems are needed as products which use increasing signal bandwidths are developed. The sample rate generator can be programmed from frequencies as low as 1.5Hz to 250MHz with superior waveform quality and purity. For example, phase noise is typically below 120dB/Hz at 10kHz offset for a 10MHz sine wave.

Waveform Memory

Longer waveform memory minimizes test duration by allowing multiple waveforms to be loaded simultaneously and retrieved as needed for the specific test. The 5251/5351 comes with 2M points of memory as standard for applications requiring longer memory.

Memory Segmentation and Sequencing

Solving almost every complex application, powerful segmentation and sequencing produce an endless variety of complex waveforms. The waveform memory can be divided into multiple waveform segments and sequenced in user-selectable fashion

to create complex waveforms that have repeatable segments and thus saving precious memory space. Five different advance modes are available for the 5251/5351 series to step through the sequence table, including stepped and mixed advance modes and thus increasing efficiency of the test system. To solve even the toughest application, the products allow generation of up to 10 different sequences, each capable of linking 10k waveform fragments and looping each waveform up to 1M times.

Frequency Agility

Decrypting radio transmission often employs frequency hopping. Model 5251/5351 provides breakthrough technology that allows simulation of 12-bit decrypted code as easy as writing a simple hop table. The frequency hop mode is fast, coherent and provides a great tool for simulating code transmission without losing speed and integrity.



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Accurate Output

As standard, the instrument is equipped with an internal frequency reference that has 1ppm accuracy and stability over a period of 1 year. An external frequency reference is provided on the rear panel for applications requiring greater accuracy or stability, supported by the instrument's 14 digits resolution.

Modulation Capability

Agility and modulation capabilities open the door to diverse applications. In addition to the capability of generating any shape and style of waveform with the arbitrary waveform generation power, the products can also do standard modulation schemes such as AM, FM, ASK, FSK, PSK, frequency and amplitude hops and sweep without sacrificing the power of the instrument control and output run modes.

Multi-Instrument Synchronization

Multiple 5251/5351 can be synchronized using a Master-Slave arrangement allowing users to benefit from the same high quality performance in their multi-channels needs.

Automated External Self-Calibration

Normal calibration cycles in the industry range from one to three years where instruments are sent to a service center, opened to allow access to trimmers, calibrated and certified for repeated usage. Leading-edge technology was implemented to allow calibration from the PXI/PCI interface. Calibration factors are stored in a flash memory thus eliminating the need to open chassis covers.

Multiple Environments to Write Your Code

Model 5251/5351 comes with a complete set of drivers, allowing you to write your application in various environments such as: Labview, CVI, C++, VB, MATLAB. You may also link the supplied dll to other Windows based API's or, use low level SCPI commands (Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments) to program the instrument, regardless if your application is written for Windows, Linux or Macintosh operating systems.

ArbConnection

ArbConnection is a graphical tool that provides an unlimited source of Arbitrary Waveforms. With the ArbConnection software you can control instruments functions, modes and features. You can also create a virtually infinite amount of test waveforms. Freehand sketch allows you to draw your own custom waveform for quick analysis of analog signals. You can use the built-in equation editor to create your own exotic functions. Add or subtract components of a Fourier series to characterize digital or analog filters or inject random noise into a signal to test immunity to auxiliary noise.





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Specification

CONFIGURATION

Output Channels 1 Interface:

PXIBus 5251 5351 **PCIBus**

STANDARD WAVEFORMS

Waveforms: Sine, Triangle, Square, Pulse,

Ramp, Sine(x)/x, Gaussian, Exponential, Repetitive Noise

and DC Frequency Range:

Sine 100µHz to 100MHz Square, Pulse 100µHz to 62.5MHz All others 100µHz to 31.25MHz

SINE

Start Phase: 0-360° Phase Resolution: 0.019

Harmonics Distortion, 3Vp-p (typ.):

DC to 2.5MHz <-55dBc 2.5MHz to 25MHz <-50dBc 25MHz to 40MHz <-40dBc 40MHz to 50MHz <-35dBc 50MHz to 100MHz <-28dBc **Non-Harmonic Distortion:** <-70dBc

DC to 50MHz 50MHz to 100MHz <-65dBc **Total Harmonic Distortion:**

DC to 100kHz

Flatness (1kHz):

DC to 1MHz 1% 1MHz to 10MHz 3% 10MHz to 25MHz 5% 25MHz to 80MHz 10% 80MHz to 100MHz 15%

Phase Noise (8 points Sine, Max. SCLK)

100Hz Offset -80dBc/Hz 1kHz Offset -89dBc/Hz 10kHz Offset -92dBc/Hz 100kHz Offset -112dBc/Hz 1MHz Offset -140dBc/Hz

TRIANGLE

Start Phase Range: 0-360° Phase Resolution: 0.01°

Timing Ranges: 0%-99.9% of period

SQUARE

Duty Cycle Range: 0% to 99.9% 0%-99.9% of period **Timing Ranges:**

Rise/Fall Time: <4ns (typ.) Aberration: <5%+10mV

SINC (Sine(x)/x)

"0 Crossings": 4-100

GAUSSIAN

Time Constant: 10-200 **EXPONENTIAL PULSE**

Time Constant: -100 to 100

DC

Range: -5V to 5V, standard

PULSE

Pulse Mode: Single or double, programmable Polarity: Normal, inverted or complement

Period: 16ns to 1000s Resolution: 4ns

Pulse Width: 8ns to 1000s

Rise/Fall Time:

Fast <4ns (typ.) Linear 4ns to 1000s

High Time, Delay &

Double Pulse Delay: 4ns to 1000s

Impedance: 500

Amplitude Window: 100mVp-p to 10Vp-p⁽¹⁾ -5V to +4.950V (1) Low Level -4.950V to +5V ⁽¹⁾ High Level (1) Double into high impedance

1. All pulse parameters, except rise and fall times, may be freely programmed within the selected pulse period provided that the ratio between the period and the smallest incremental unit does not exceed the ratio of 2,000,000 to 1.

2. Rise and fall times, may be freely programmed provided that the ratio between the rise/fall time and the smallest incremental unit does not exceed the ratio of 100,000 to 1.

3. The sum of all pulse parameters must not exceed the pulse period setting

HALF-CYCLE WAVEFORMS

Function Shape: Sine, Triangle, Square Frequency Range: 0.01Hz to 1MHz

Phase (Sine/triangle):0 to 360° Phase Resolution: 0.01° Duty Cycle Range: 0% to 99.9% Run Modes: Continuous, Triggered

Delay Between Half Cycles (Continuous only):200ns to 20s Delay Resolution 20ns

ARBITRARY WAVEFORMS

Sample Rate: 1.5S/s to 250MS/s

Vertical Resolution: 16 Bits Waveform Memory: 2M points Min. Seament Size: 16 points Resolution: 4 points No. of Segments: 1 to 10k

SEQUENCED WAVEFORMS

Segments may be linked and Operation:

repeated in a user-selectable order to generate extremely long waveforms. Segments are advanced using either a command or a trigger

Multi Sequence: 1 to 10, Selectable

Sequencer Steps: 1 to 4k Segment Duration: 600ns min. Segment Loops: 1 to 1M

ADVANCE MODES

Automatic: No triggers required to step

from one segment to the next. Sequence is repeated continuously through a preprogrammed sequence table Current segment is sampled

Stepped: continuously, external trigger advances to next

programmed segment. Current segment is sampled to the end of the segment

including repeats and idles there. Next trigger advances

to next segment

Mixed: Each step of a sequence

can be programmed to advance either: a) automatic (Automatic mode), or b) with a trigger (Stepped mode)

Advance Source: External (TRIG IN), Internal or

software

MODULATION

Single:

COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

Carrier Waveform: Sinewave Carrier Frequency: 10Hz to 100MHz

Modulation Source: Internal

Run Modes: Off (Outputs CW), Continuous,

Triggered, Delayed Trigger, Burst, Timer and Gated

Front panel button, Software Advance Source: commands, TRIG IN

Carrier Idle Mode: On or Off, programmable Marker Position:

TTL, Programmable at selectable frequency

Modulating Shape: Sine, square, triangle, ramp

Modulation Freq.: 10mHz to 100kHz **Deviation Range:** Up to 50MHz



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ARBITRARY FM

Modulating Shape: Arbitrary waveform Modulating SCLK: 1S/s to 2.5MS/s Freq. Array Size: 4 to 10,000 frequencies

Envelope Freq.: 10mHz to 100kHz Envelope Shape: Sine, square, triangle, ramp Modulation Depth: 0% to 100%

Baud Rate Range: 1bits/sec to 10Mbits/sec

Data Bits Length: 2 to 4,000

Carrier Phase: 0 to 360°

Baud Rate Range: 1bits/sec to 10Mbits/sec

Data Bits Length: 2 to 4,000

FREQUENCY HOPPING

Hop Table Size: 2 to 1,000

Dwell Time Mode: Fixed / Programmable per step

Dwell Time: 200ns to 20s

Time Resolution: 20ns

ASK

Start/Shift Amp.: 16mVp-p to 16Vpp into 50Ω Resolution: Maximum amplitude/4096 Baud Rate Range: 1Bits/s to 10MBits/s

Data Bits Length: 2 to 4,000

AMPLITUDE HOPPING

Range: 16mVp-p to 16Vpp into 50Ω Maximum amplitude/4096 Resolution: Dwell Time Mode: Fixed / Programmable per step

Dwell Time: 200ns to 20s

Time Resolution: 20ns

ARBITRARY 3D

Modulating Shape: Arbitrary waveform Modulating Type: Amplitude CH1, Amplitude CH2, Frequency and Phase

Modulating SCLK: 1S/s to 2.5MS/s

Memory Size: 4 to 30,000

SWEEP

Sweep Step: Linear or loa Sweep Direction: Up or Down Sweep Range: 10Hz to 100MHz Sweep Time: 1.4s to 40s

COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

FREQUENCY

Resolution: 14 digits (limited by 1µHz)

Accuracy/Stability: Same as reference

ACCURACY REFERENCE CLOCK

0.0001% (1 ppm TCXO) Internal initial tolerance over a 19°C

to 29°C temperature range; 1ppm/°C below 19°C and above 29°C; 1ppm/year

aging rate

10MHz TTL, 50% ±2%, or External 50Ω ±5% 0dBm (jumper)

AMPLITUDE

Range: 100mV to 10Vpp, into 50Ω ; 200mV to 20Vpp, into open Z

Resolution: 4 digits

Accuracy (1kHz):

100mV to 1Vp-p $\pm(1\% + 10mV)$ 1V to 10Vp-p $\pm(1\% + 70mV)$

OFFSET

Range: 0 to ± 4.950 V, into 50Ω

Resolution: 1mV

Accuracy: \pm (1%+1% of Amplitude +5mV)

FILTERS

Type:

25MHz or 50MHz Bessel

60MHz or 120MHz Elliptic

OUTPUTS

MAIN OUTPUT

Coupling: DC coupled Connector: Front panel BNC Impedance: 50Ω ±1%

Protection: Short Circuit to Case

Ground, 10s max

SYNC OUTPUT

Connector: Front panel BNC

Level:

Sync Type:

Pulse Arbitrary and Standard waves **LCOM** Sequence and Burst modes

Position: 0 to 2M Resolution: 4 points

INPUTS

TRIGGER INPUT

Connector: Rear panel BNC

Input Impedance: $10k\Omega$

Polarity: Positive or negative, selectable

Level: ±5V Sensitivity: 100mV

Damage Level: $\pm 12V$ Min. Pulse Width: 10ns

EXTERNAL REFERENCE INPUT

Connector: Rear panel SMB

Frequency: 10MHz Impedance & Level:

Default $10k\Omega \pm 5\%$, TTL, $50\% \pm 2\%$ 50Ω ±5%, 0dBm Sinewave Option

SAMPLE CLOCK INPUT

Connector: Rear panel SMB 300mVp-p to 1Vp-p Input Level:

Impedance: $50k\Omega$

1.5Hz to 250MHz Range:

Min. Pulse Width: 4 ns

RUN MODES

Continuous: Free-run output of a waveform.

Triggered: Upon trigger, outputs one

waveform cycle. Last cycle always completed.

Gated: External signal transition

enables or disables generator output. Last cycle always

completed

Burst: Upon trigger, outputs a Dual

or multiple pre-programmed number of waveform cycles

from 1 through 1M.

First output cycle is initiated by

a software trigger. Consequent output requires external triggers through the rear panel

TRIG IN

TRIGGER CHARACTERISTICS

System Delay: 6 SCLK+150ns

Trigger Delay: [(0; 200ns to 20s)+system delay]

Trigger Resolution: 20ns

Trigger Delay Error: 6 SCLK+150ns

EXTERNAL

Mixed:

Source: Rear panel BNC

Trigger Level: ±5V Resolution: 1mV Input Frequency:

DC to 2.5MHz

Min. Pulse Width: 10ns

Positive/Negative, selectable Slope: Trigger Jitter: ±1 sample clock period

INTERNAL/TIMER

200ns to 20s Range: Resolution: 20ns

Error: 3 sample clock cycles+20ns

MANUAL

Source: Soft trigger command from the front panel or remote





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FREQUENCY COUNTER / TIMER

Measurements: Frequency, Period, Averaged

Period, Pulse Width & Totalize

Source: Trigger Input

Range: 10Hz to 100MHz (typ.120MHz)

Sensitivity: 500mVpp **Accuracy:** 1ppm

Slope: Positive/Negative transitions

Gate Time: 100µSec to 1 Sec

Input Range: ±5V

Trigger Modes: Continuous, Hold and Gated

Period Averaged:

Range 10ns to 50ms Resolution 7 digits / Sec **Period and Pulse Width**:

Period and Pulse Width:

Range 500ns to 50ms Resolution 100ns

Totalize:

Range 10¹²-1
Overflow Led indication

MULTI-INSTRUMENT SYNCHRONIZATION

Initial Skew: <25 ns + 1 SCLK Waveform Types: Standard, Arbitrary and

Sequenced using the automatic sequence advance mode only

Run Modes: Continuous, Triggered, Gated and Counted Burst

LEADING EDGE OFFSET

Run Mode: Continuous run mode only

Offset Range: 200 ns to 20 s

Resolution: 20 ns

GENERAL

Power Consumption: 10W max

Current Consumption:

+3.3V 2.6A max. +5V 185mA max. +12V 900mA max.

Interfaces:

5251 PXIBus 5351 PCIBus **Dimensions:** Single Slot

Weight:

Without Package 0.5Kg Shipping Weight 1Kg

Temperature:

Operating 0°C - 50°C Storage -40°C to + 70°C.

Humidity:

11°C - 30°C 85% 31°C - 40°C 75% 41°C - 50°C 45%

Safety: EN61010-1, 2nd revision

Calibration: 1 year

Warranty (1): 3 years standard

ORDERING INFORMATION

MODEL	DESCRIPTION
5251	250MS/s Single Channel PXIBus Arbitrary Waveform Generator
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⁽¹⁾ Standard warranty in India is 1 year.