

Agilent 33600A Series True*form*Waveform Generators

DATA SHEET

33600A Series waveform generators with exclusive Trueform signal generation technology offer more capability, fidelity and flexibility than previous generation Direct Digital Synthesis (DDS) generators. Use them to accelerate your development process from start to finish.

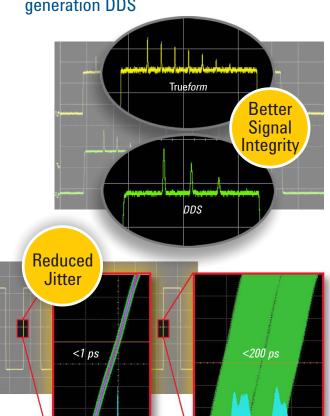
- 1 GSa/s sampling rate and up to 120 MHz bandwidth
- Arbs with sequencing and up to 64 MSa memory
- 1 ps jitter, 200x better than DDS generators
- 5x lower harmonic distortion than DDS
- · Compatible with Agilent BenchVue software





Generate Trueform arbitrary waveforms with less jitter, more fidelity and greater resolution

Revolutionary advances over previous generation DDS



Trueform technology

DDS technology

Over the past two decades, DDS has been the waveform generation technology of choice in function generators and economical arbitrary waveform generators. DDS enables waveform generators with great frequency resolution, convenient custom waveforms, and a low price.

As with any technology, DDS has its limitations. Engineers with exacting requirements have had to either work around the compromised performance or spend up to 5 times more for a high-end, point-per-clock waveform generator.

Agilent's Trueform technology offers an alternative that blends the best of DDS and point-per-clock architectures, giving you the benefits of both without the limitations of either. Trueform technology uses an exclusive digital sampling technique that delivers unmatched performance at the same low price you are accustomed to with DDS.

The table below highlights the revolutionary capabilities of True*form* technology.

	DDS: Traditional 100 MHz waveform generator	True <i>form:</i> Agilent 80 and 120 MHz waveform generator	Improvement
Edge jitter	<200 ps	<1 ps	200x better
Custom waveform replication	Skips waveform points	100% point coverage	Exact waveform replication
Total harmonic distortion	0.2%	0.03%	5x better
Anti-alias filtering	Must provide externally	Always anti-aliased	No anti-aliasing artifacts
Sequenced arb	Not possible	Standard	Easily create complex wave-form sequences

For more information about Agilent Trueform technology please visit:

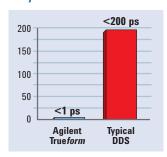
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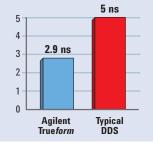


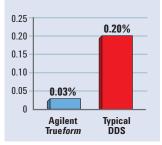
100 MHz PULSE	High-bandwidth pulse, 100 MHz, DDS pulse limited to 50 MHz Set leading and trailing edge times independently
PRBS PATTERNS	Provides standard PRBS patterns, PN3 through PN32 Select PN type, set bit rate, set edge times
2-CHANNEL COUPLING	Dual-channel coupling, frequency and amplitude, and tracking Set start phase for each channel, phase shift between channels
COMBINING SIGNALS	Sum two signals together, frequency and amplitude independent 2-tone (4-tone on 2-ch), square-sine, noise on pulse, and others
TRUEFORM ARBS	Create up to 4 million samples standard, 64 million optional Connect arb segments together, with up to 512 segments
LOW VOLTAGE SETTINGS	Lower voltage range at 1 mVpp, DDS is only 10 mVpp Set high and low voltage limits to prevent overload on DUT
BAND-LIMITED NOISE	Adjust bandwidth to concentrate the energy of the noise Noise source goes to full 120 MHz bandwidth

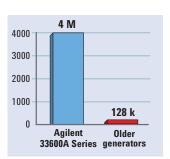
Key attributes

Jitter









Risetime Total harmonic distortion

Standard memory

Unmatched capabilities for generating a full range of signals for the most demanding requirements

The 33600A Series waveform generators offer the common signals and features you expect, such as modulation, sweep and burst. However, it also offers features that give you the capabilities and flexibility you need to get your job done quickly, no matter how complex. An intuitive front-panel user interface, for example, can be quickly and easily relearned when your attention has been focused elsewhere. Built-in LAN, USB and optional GPIB interfaces allow you to easily control your instruments or transfer waveforms to your instrument. And that's just the beginning.

The 33600A Series waveform generators offer a variety of capabilities you can't find anywhere else—capabilities designed to help you accelerate your testing and get your project wrapped up faster:

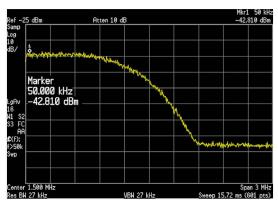
Waveform summing and combining capability

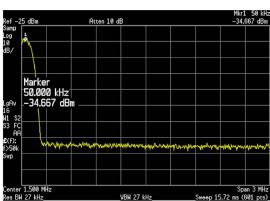
Easily add noise to your signal for margin and distortion testing using only a single channel. You can create dual-tone multifrequency signals without a dual-channel generator, which means you can preserve your budget for other test needs. On a two-channel model, you can sum and combine up to four signals.

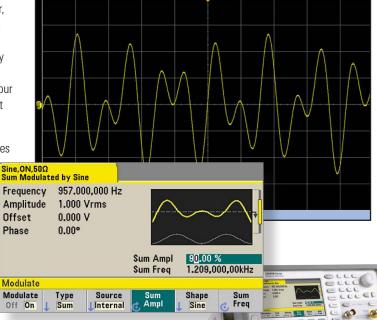
Variable-bandwidth noise

You can adjust the bandwidth of the built-in noise generator to control the frequency content of your signal. Apply just the frequency stimulus you need so you concentrate the energy of your waveform in frequency bands-of-interest.

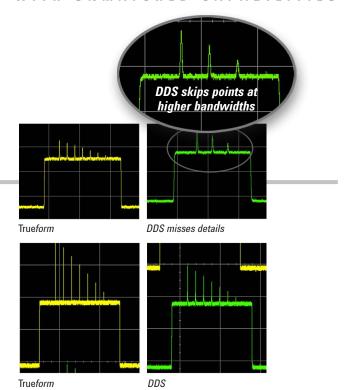
The images at right show an approximate 10 dB increase in amplitude at 50 kHz when the bandwidth is reduced 10x. Note how the signal energy is increased in the frequencies-of-interest when the bandwidth is reduced, instead of being spread over a very wide bandwidth with lower amplitude at all frequencies.







Dual-tone signal created by summing waveforms using the modulation type "Sum."



While DDS technology may skip points at higher frequencies, True form never skips points, and is always anti-aliased

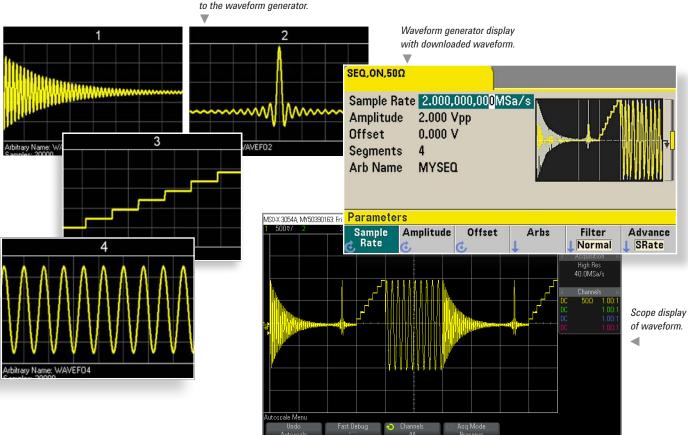
Define any waveform shape and any waveform length using the Trueform arbitrary waveform capability. Your waveforms are always anti-aliased for exceptional accuracy, and you can play them at any rate you select. Play your signals as defined, at your exact sample rate, without the chance of missing short-duration anomalies that are critical for testing device reliability.

Waveform sequencing

Waveform sequencing lets you create multiple configured waveforms with several common segments and lets you build long,

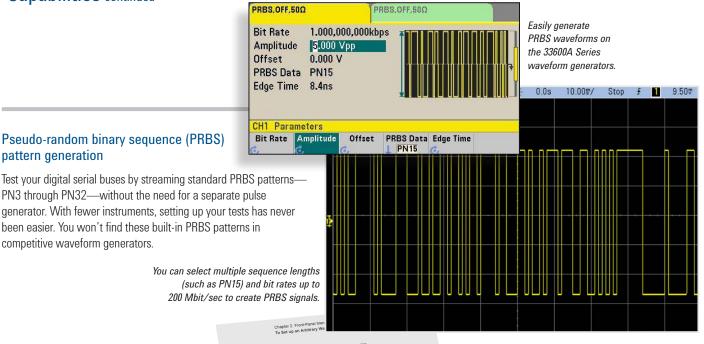
complex waveforms using minimal instrument memory.

Create the waveform in the 33503A Waveform Builder Pro and download it to the waveform generator.



Capabilities continued

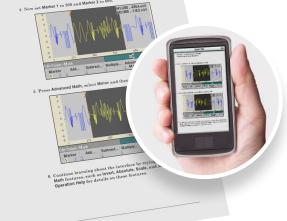
pattern generation



Smart phone and tablet access to full documentation

competitive waveform generators.

Need a guick answer? Get instant access to instrument documentation in seven different languages in smart-phone-friendly WebHelp format. You can access all user documentation in the palm of your handno PC or hardcopy manuals required. Another feature you won't find in competitive function/arb generators.





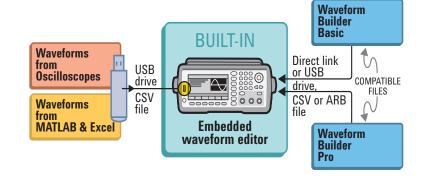
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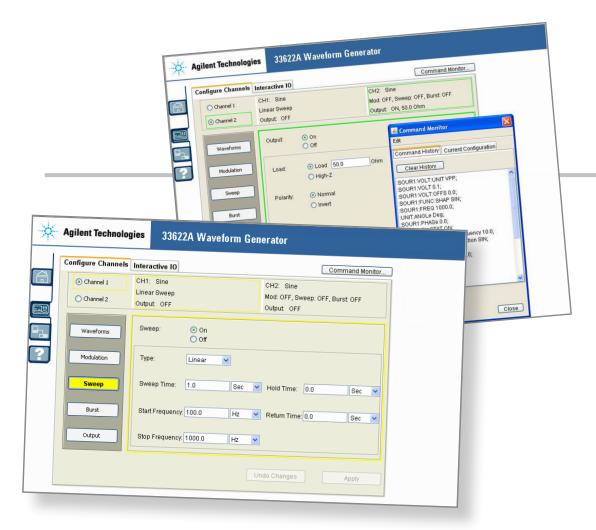
Flexibility in creating and playing waveforms

There are five ways to create arbitrary waveforms for use with the 33600A generator.

- 1. Use the included Waveform Builder Basic software to edit and download a waveform file to the generator.
- 2. Use 33503A Waveform Builder Pro software to create more complex waveforms and sequencing.
- 3. Capture a waveform from an oscilloscope and download it to the generator.
- 4. Create a waveform in MATLAB, Excel, etc. and download it to the generator.
- 5. Use the generator's front panel to edit a waveform once it is in the generator.

You have lots of flexibility to choose the way you want to work.





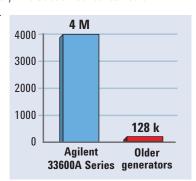
Built-in Web browser

Easily set up and control your 33600A Series generator remotely over a LAN connection using the built-in LXI Web browser. You can monitor your tests and adjust settings from another office or room, or even from home.

Standard deep memory

If you want to test your design with long, complex waveforms with a variety of anomalies, you need to make sure your waveform generator has sufficient memory. The 33600A Series' standard

memory is 4 MSamples deep. Typical DDS generators offer only a fraction of that amount but with the 33600A Series there is even a 64 MSample memory option available.



Use the optional high-stability timebase for even better accuracy

Get improved timebase stability and frequency accuracy using the optional high-stability timebase. The optional timebase offers 0.1 ppm stability, which is 20x more stable than the standard timebase over one year.

Signal integrity: test your devices with confidence that your signal generator is outputting the signals you expect

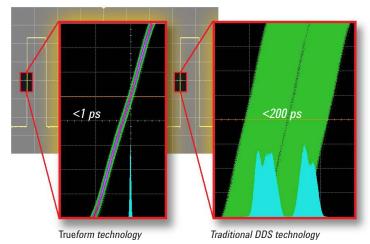
If your generator is introducing spurious signals or harmonics, you'll have a hard time producing reliable designs. To be successful, you need to test with clean, precise, low-noise signals. Agilent 33600A Series waveform generators offer the highest signal fidelity so you can generate the exact waveforms you need for your most challenging measurements. You can be confident you are seeing your design's characteristics, and not that of your waveform generator, in your measurements.

33600A Series waveform generators offer the following advantages:

Lowest jitter

With 1 ps jitter, 200x better than DDS generators, 33600A Series waveform generators offer unparalleled edge stability. You can even use them as a system clock for timing and triggering your other instruments. With better jitter performance, you can place edges more accurately, helping you reduce timing errors in your circuit design.

Trueform technology significantly improves jitter performance.

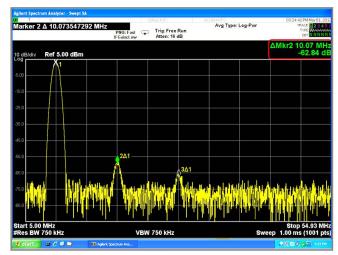


Faster edge times

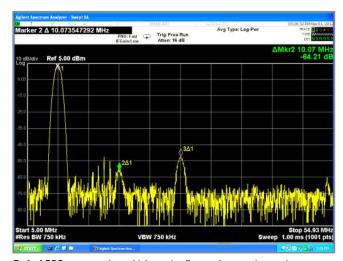
The 33600A Series' 2.9-ns rise and fall times are more than twice as fast as you'll find in typical waveform generators. You can place edges with more confidence and more accurately set trigger points. Because of the faster transition, higher harmonic content is created, which helps you expand your understanding of your circuit.

Lowest harmonic distortion

With total harmonic distortion of just 0.03%, the 33600A Series offers 5x better fidelity than other generators. Clean, spurious-free signals don't introduce noise or artifacts. See your design's characteristics, not the waveform generator's, in your measurements.



Agilent 33600A Series waveform generators offer the lowest total harmonic distortion (THD) in its class.



Typical DDS generator has a higher noise floor and greater harmonics.

Reproduce lower-voltage output signals

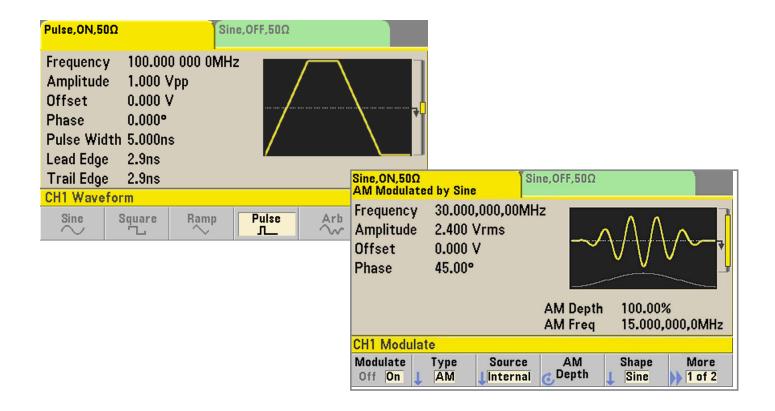
Today's ultra-low-power products such as pacemakers, hearing aids and remote sensors use very low voltages. The 33600A Series lets you create signals as low as 1 mVpp. That's a 10x lower voltage range than typical waveform generators.

High-bandwidth pulses

Create pulses up to 100 MHz with the 33600A Series. Most DDS-based generators offer reduced bandwidth when generating pulses. With a broader operating range, you have the frequency you need for a wider range of applications.

Full bandwidth modulation sources

Eliminate the need for an external modulation source. The 33600A Series has a modulation frequency up to the frequency of the waveform being modulated. Existing DDS-based generators have a much lower internal modulation frequency. Now you can create your complex signals all within a single generator.



Select the capabilities you need now, then upgrade easily when your needs change

Investment protection

With most waveform generators, you get only what you pay for when you buy your instrument. But with 33600A Series waveform generators, there are four different models to choose from so you can purchase the capability you need now and upgrade later when your project needs change. Your investment in test equipment is protected. If you need to generate 120 MHz waveforms, or if you need deeper memory for generating more complex signals, you can easily add the capability after the fact with software upgrades. And there's no price penalty for adding the capability later.

Model No.	Description
33611A	80 MHz, 1-channel
33612A	80 MHz, 2-channel
33621A	120 MHz, 1-channel
33622A	120 MHz, 2-channel

Select from four models to get the capability that fits your budget now-then take advantage of easy software upgrades to expand your instrument's capabilities when you are ready.

Application-specific options

If you are doing simple experiments in digital communications, use the optional IQ player to play IQ files on your 2-channel waveform generator.

IQ Arb, OFF, 50Ω

Amplitude

Offset

Samples Arb Name

Parameters Advance

SRate

2.000 Vpp

0.000 V

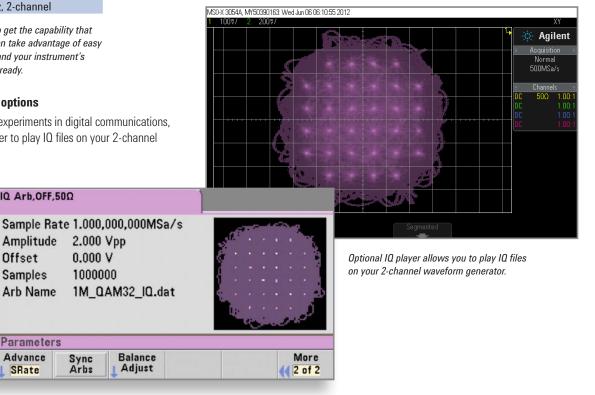
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Sync Arbs

1M_QAM32_IQ.dat

Balance

Adjust





LAN (LXI Class C), USB and optional GPIB connectivity for quick and easy connectivity to a PC or network.

Front-panel

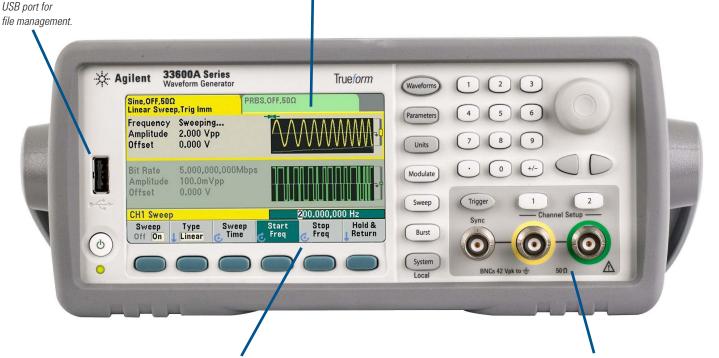
4 models to choose from

Choose the model with the capability you need now, knowing you can upgrade later. All models come with a rich set of built-in, standard features, including LAN, USB and optional GPIB interfaces, 4 MSample of memory, an external timebase input, and basic waveform generation software. You get everything you need to generate clean, precise, low-noise signals for testing your designs.

Large, color, graphical display offers simultaneous parameter setup, signal viewing and editing for easy operation.



Supports remote operation using a Web browser to connect to a built-in web page.



Trueform arbitrary waveforms with sequencing for more accurate representation of user-defined signals.

Dual-channel mode with independent or coupled channels.

· Change one segment of an arb without

Reuse your proven signal designs but put them

· Have a signal continuously playing until an event

· Need to sweep your arb through a set of different

redesigning the whole signal

together in a different order

starts another signal

frequencies

33600A Series Trueform Waveform Generator Test Challenges

Generating the signals you need for your measurements can be a tedious and timeconsuming task, one that's often complicated by uncertainty whether your signal generator is outputting the signals you expect. Agilent's 33600A Series of waveform generators with exclusive Trueform technology offer you the capabilities, fidelity and flexibility you need to easily and confidently generate signals for even your most complex tests. Superior signal integrity guarantees you the highest resolution and lowest distortion for playing arbitrary waveforms with a complete representation of signals and creating complex waveform sequences. The ability to choose from a range of different upgradeable models means you have the functionality you need to easily address your test challenges today and in the future.

Shown at right are some of the key test challenges for which the 33600A Series Trueform waveform generators are especially well suited.

For more details and to download measurement briefs on these topics above visit:

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Test challenge How Trueform can help Generating a waveform with many points Deep waveform memory • 1 GSa/s arb sampling rate · Long non-repeating signals • Trueform waveform generator accuracy · Simple signals requiring a lot of time resolution Ample onboard memory to store all of · Simulating a digital data protocol your waveforms · Simulating a digitally modulated carrier Simulating signals with the highest integrity • Trueform waveform generators are the best in the industry · Reproduce an arb with designed glitches Jitter at <1 ps Run arbs at a fast frequency with the same signal · Plays every point as designed without having to from cycle to cycle force fit a number of samples Simulate a complex signal Output voltage with load settings · Need the best signal quality possible · None of the weaknesses of DDS (e.g., distorted signals and stretched points) • 14-bit resolution Effortlessly couple or synchronize two · Dual channels signals on a waveform generator · Easy frequency coupling **EXAMPLES** · Easy amplitude coupling IQ modulation testing · Match or mirror signals between two channels • Provide a stimulus for device and trigger signals · Simulate a differential pair · Creating a frequency relationship on two signals Using a waveform generator to generate Built-in PRBS functions a PRBS signal • PN3 through PN32 **EXAMPLES** • Up to 100-Mbps bit rate · Test a transmission line Jitter at < 1 ps · Acoustic testing · Synchronized output for external clocking · Noise simulation · Channel coupling · Generate an eye pattern stimulus Creating a differential signal with Dual channels a waveform generator Frequency or amplitude coupling **EXAMPLES** Identical or inverted signals between two · Simulate an IC output channels · Simulate balance twisted pair outputs • Floating outputs up to 42 V · Simulate a biomedical signal • 1 mVpp to 10 Vpp outputs · Generate an LVDS stimulus signal Be more efficient designing and using your · Need to sweep your arb through a set of arbitrary waveforms different frequencies **EXAMPLES** · Arbitrary waveform sequencing

· Arbitrary waveform triggering model

settings with arb metadata

· Easy drag and drop file system

Deep waveform memory

· Change amplitude, sample rate and filter

• 1 GSa/s

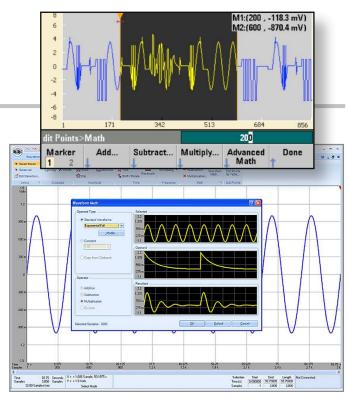
Other Productivity Tools

Agilent BenchLink Waveform Builder Pro Software

Easily create custom waveforms with advanced waveform creation and editing software

Get advanced signal creation/editing capability without tedious programming with optional 33503A BenchLink Waveform Builder Pro software. The Microsoft Windows-based program provides easy-to-use creation tools, such as an equation editor, waveform math and drawing tools, that make it easy to create custom signals. It features a standard function library, waveform sequencer and filters as well as windowing functions that allow you to easily modify and further refine your waveform. A library of built-in signals helps you quickly create more complex waveforms.

The result is quicker, easier creation of custom waveforms, coupled with deeper analysis insight into your signals. For additional information and to download a 30-day trial version of the software, visit: www.agilent.com/find/33503trial



Create and edit complex waveforms using 33503A Waveform Builder Pro software.

Agilent BenchVue Software

Data capture simplified

Agilent 34840B BenchVue software for the PC accelerates your testing by providing intuitive, multiple instrument measurement visibility and data capture with no programming. You can derive answers faster than ever by easily viewing, capturing and exporting measurement data and screen shots. The integrated library feature includes access to manuals, FAOs, videos, and more—enabling you to expand your measurement knowledge and reduce test setup time. Mobile apps let you monitor and respond to long-running tests from anywhere. With BenchVue, it's as simple as: click, capture, done.

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- Easily capture data and screen shots and export in a few clicks
- · Recall past state of your bench to replicate results
- · Monitor and control your bench from mobile devices

Capture and analyze your data where you need to. Download the software today at: www.agilent.com/find/BenchVue



Configuration Guide

Step 1. Choose your bandwidth and channel count

33600A Series waveform generators with True form technology								
Bandwidth 80 MHz 80 MHz 120 MHz 120 MHz								
Number of channels	1	2	1	2				
Waveform generator	33611A	33612A	33621A	33622A				

Step 2. Tailor your waveform generator for more demanding applications

Application	Order option			
Additional memory for long waveforms	MEM			
Baseband IQ Player with adjustments	IQP (only available on 33612A, 33622A)			
Security features with NISPOM	SEC			
OCXO-high stability timebase	OCX			

Step 3. Upgrade your waveform generator in the future

Upgrade desired	Order upgrade option
Increase bandwidth to 120 MHz	336BW1U on 1-channel models 336BW2U on 2-channel models
Increase arb memory to 64 MSa per channel	336MEM1U on 1-channel models 336MEM2U on 2-channel models
Add NISPOM and file security	336SECU
Add IQ baseband signal player to 2-channel arb	336IQPU
Add high-stability timebase	33600U-OCX (Must return to Agilent)
Add GPIB	3446GPBU (Customer installable)

NOTE: Cannot upgrade a 1-channel generator to a 2-channel generator

Unless otherwise stated, all specifications apply with a $50-\Omega$ resistive load and automatic amplitude range selection enabled.

Instrument characteristics

Models & options						
Model number	33611A	33612A	33621A	33622A		
Maximum frequency	80 MHz	80 MHz	120 MHz	120 MHz		
Number of channels	1	2	1	2		
Option MEM	Increases arbitra	Increases arbitrary waveform memory from 4 MSa/channel to 64 MSa/channel				
Option IQP	IQ player (33612	A/22A only)				
Option SEC	Enables NISPON	1 and file security				
Option OCX	Oven-controlled	Oven-controlled frequency reference for improved stability, jitter, and phase noise				
Waveforms						
Standard	Sine, Square, Ra	mp, Pulse, Triangle, Gaus	sian Noise, PRBS (Pseudo	random Binary Sequence), DC		
Built-in arbitrary	•	Cardiac, Exponential Fall, Exponential Rise, Gaussian Pulse, Haversine, Lorentz, D-Lorentz, Negative Ramp, Sinc				
User-defined arbitrary	Up to 4 MSa (64	Up to 4 MSa (64 MSa with Option MEM) with multi-segment sequencing				
Operating modes & modula	tion types					
Operating modes	Continuous, Mod	dulate, Frequency Sweep,	Counted Burst, Gated Bur	st		
Modulation types	AM, FM, PM, FS	K, BPSK, PWM, Sum (car	rier + modulation)			

Waveform characteristics (all 33600A models)

SINE							
Frequency ranges							
V _{OUT} ≤ 10 Vpp	1 μHz to 60 MHz, 1-μHz	μHz to 60 MHz, 1-μHz resolution					
V _{OUT} ≤ 8 Vpp	1 μHz to 80 MHz, 1-μHz	resolution					
V _{OUT} ≤ 4 Vpp	1 μHz to 120 MHz, 1-μHz	z resolution ¹					
Amplitude flatness (rel. to 1 kHz) (spec) 2, 3	V _{OUT} = 1 Vpp	V _{OUT} > 1 Vpp					
f _{OUT} < 10 MHz	± 0.10 dB	± 0.10 dB					
$f_{OUT} = 10 \text{ MHz to } 60 \text{ MHz}$	± 0.20 dB	± 0.25 dB					
$f_{OUT} = 60 \text{ MHz to } 80 \text{ MHz}$	± 0.30 dB	± 0.40 dB					
$f_{OUT} = 80 \text{ MHz to } 120 \text{ MHz}^{-1}$	± 0.40 dB	± 0.50 dB					
Harmonic distortion (typ) ²	V _{OUT} = 1 Vpp	V _{OUT} = 4 Vpp	V _{OUT} = 8 Vpp	V _{OUT} =10 Vpp			
f _{OUT} < 1 MHz	-70 dBc	-69 dBc	-68 dBc	-67 dBc			
f _{OUT} < 1 MHz to 10 MHz	-61 dBc	-58 dBc	-54 dBc	-51 dBc			
f _{OUT} > 10 MHz	-43 dBc	-36 dBc	-40 dBc	-39 dBc			
THD (typ) ²	V _{OUT} = 1 Vpp	V _{OUT} > 1 Vpp					
$f_{OUT} = 20 \text{ Hz to } 20 \text{ kHz}$	0.03%	0.04%					
Non-harmonic spurious (V _{OUT} ≥ 300 mVpp) (typ) ^{2, 4}						
$f_{OUT} < 10 \text{ MHz}$	-80 dBc						
$f_{OUT} = 10 \text{ MHz}$ to 60 MHz	-75 dBc						
f _{OUT} > 60 MHz	-70 dBc						
Phase noise (SSB) (meas) ⁵	$f_{OUT} = 80 \text{ MHz}$	f _{OUT} = 80 MHz, Opt OCX	f _{OUT} = 120 MHz ¹	f_{OUT} = 120 MHz, Opt OCX ¹			
100-Hz offset	-105 dBc/Hz	-114 dBc/Hz	-101 dBc/Hz	-110 dBc/Hz			
1-kHz offset	-116 dBc/Hz	-122 dBc/Hz	-112 dBc/Hz	-118 dBc/Hz			
10-kHz offset	-122 dBc/Hz	-125 dBc/Hz	-118 dBc/Hz	-121 dBc/Hz			
100-kHz offset	-129 dBc/Hz	-131 dBc/Hz	-125 dBc/Hz	-127 dBc/Hz			

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Waveform characteristics, continued

Square & pulse					
Frequency ranges					
V _{OUT} ≤ 10 Vpp	1 μHz to 50 MH	z, 1-µHz resolution			
V _{OUT} ≤ 4 Vpp	1 μHz to 100 M	Hz, 1-µHz resolution ¹			
Rise & fall time (nom)	Square	Pulse			
V _{OUT} ≤ 4 Vpp	2.9 ns	2.9 ns to 1 ms	, independently	variable, 100-ps ı	resolution
V _{OUT} > 4 Vpp	4.0 ns	3.3 ns to 1 ms	, independently	variable, 100-ps ı	resolutio
Overshoot (typ)	Square	Pulse, min. ed	ge Pul:	se, 4-ns edge	Pulse, ≥ 6-ns edge
V _{OUT} ≤ 4 Vpp	< 4%	< 4%		< 2%	< 2%
$V_{OUT} > 4 \text{ Vpp}$	< 4%	< 7%		< 4%	< 2%
Duty cycle ⁶	0.01% to 99.99%	%, 0.01% resolution			
Pulse width					
V _{OUT} ≤ 4 Vpp	5 ns minimum (high or low), 1-ps resolu	tion		
V _{OUT} > 4 Vpp	8 ns minimum (high or low), 1-ps resolu	tion		
Jitter (rms) (meas) 7	Standard	Opt OCX			
10-Hz to 40-MHz band	1 ps	0.5 ps			
Ramp & triangle					
Frequency range	1 μHz to 800 kHz	, 1-μHz resolution			
Ramp symmetry	0% to 100%, 0.19	% resolution, (0% is neg	ntive ramp, 100%	6 is positive ramp	, 50% is triangle)
Nonlinearity (typ)	< 0.05% from 5%	5 to $95%$ of the signal an	plitude		
Gaussian noise					
Variable bandwidth (nom)					
V _{OUT} ≤ 10 Vpp	1 mHz to 60 MH	Z			
V _{OUT} ≤ 8 Vpp	1 mHz to 80 MH	Z			
V _{OUT} ≤ 4 Vpp	1 mHz to 120 MI	∃z ¹			
Crest factor (nom)	4.6				
Repetition period	> 100 years				
Pseudorandom binary sequence (PRB	S)				
Bit rate					
V _{OUT} ≤ 10 Vpp	1 mbps to 100 N	bps, 1-mbps resolution			
V _{OUT} ≤ 4 Vpp	1 mbps to 200 N	bps, 1-mbps resolution			
Sequence length	2^{m} -1, m = 3 to 3	2			
Rise & fall time (nom)					
V _{OUT} ≤ 4 Vpp	2.9 ns to 1 ms, in	ndependently variable, 1	00-ps resolution		
V _{OUT} > 4 Vpp	3.3 ns to 1 ms, in	ndependently variable, 1	00-ps resolution		
Arbitrary waveforms					
Waveform length	32 Sa to 4 MSa j	er channel (64 MSa wit	h Option MEM)	in increments of	1 Sa
Sample rate (F _S)					
33611A/12A	1 μSa/s to 660 N	/ISa/s, 1-µSa/s resoluti	on ⁸		
33621A/12A	1 μSa/s to 1 GSa	a/s , 1-µSa/s resolution	8		
Voltage resolution	14 bits				
Waveform filters	"Step" (lower	st bandwidth, ~5% pres bandwidth, ~0% presh tions from point to poin	oot or overshoot	t), or	
Frequency and time characteristics	Filter = "Normal	" Filter = "Sto	p"	Filter = "Off"	
Bandwidth (-3 dB)(nom)	0.27 x Fs (100 MH	z max) 0.13 x Fs (10	0 MHz max)	100 MHz	
Rise & fall time (nom)	0.35/bandwidth (3.5 ns min) 0.35/bandw	dth (3.5 ns min)	3.5 ns	

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Waveform characteristics, continued

Arbitrary waveform sequence	ing
Operation	Individual arbitrary waveforms (segments) can be combined into user-defined lists (sequences) to form longer, more complex waveforms. Each sequence step specifies whether to repeat the associated segment a certain number of times, to repeat it indefinitely, to repeat it until a Trigger event occurs, or to stop and wait for a Trigger event. Additionally, the behavior of the Sync output (Marker) can be specified in each step. To improve throughput, multiple sequences and segments can be pre-loaded into volatile memory.
Segment length	32 Sa to 4 MSa per channel (64 MSa with Option MEM) in increments of 1 Sa
Sequence length	1 to 512 steps
Segment repeat count	1 to 10 ⁶ or "Infinite"

Waveform output characteristics

General	
Connector	Front-panel BNC, shell and pin isolated from chassis (±42 V maximum)
Function	On, Off, or Inverted
Output impedance (nom)	50 Ω
Isolation	Connector shells for channel output(s), Sync, and Mod In are connected together but isolated from the instrument's chassis. Maximum allowable voltage on isolated connector shell or pin is ±42 V relative to chassis.
Overload protection	Output turns off automatically when an overload is applied. Instrument will tolerate a short circuit to ground indefinitely.
Amplitude	
Range ⁹	1 mVpp to 10 Vpp into 50 Ω , 4-digit resolution 2 mVpp to 20 Vpp into open circuit, 4-digit resolution
Units	Vpp, Vrms, or dBm
Accuracy (at 1 kHz) (spec) 3	± (1% of setting in Vpp) ± (1 mVpp)
Voltage limit function	User-definable maximum and minimum voltage limits
DC offset	
Range	\pm (5 VDC - Peak AC) into 50 Ω , 4-digit resolution \pm (10 VDC - Peak AC) into open circuit, 4-digit resolution
Accuracy (spec) ³	\pm (1% of Offset setting) \pm (0.25% of amplitude in Vpp) \pm (2 mV)
Frequency accuracy (spec)	
Standard frequency reference	
1 year, 18 to 28 °C	± (1 ppm of setting + 15 pHz)
1 year, 0 to 55 °C	± (2 ppm of setting + 15 pHz)
High-stability frequency reference	(Option OCX)
1 year, 0 to 55 °C	± (0.1 ppm of setting + 15 pHz)

Modulation, burst, and sweep capability

Carrier	AM	FM	PM	FSK	BPSK	PWM	Sum	Burst	Sweep
Sine & square	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
Pulse	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ramp & triangle	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
Gaussian noise	•						•	• ¹⁰	
PRBS	•	•	•				•	•	
Single arbitrary	•	•	•		•		•	•	•
Sequenced arbitrary	•						•		

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Modulating signals

Carrier	Sine	Square	Ramp	Triangle	Noise	PRBS	Arbitrary	External
Sine	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Square & pulse	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ramp & triangle	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Gaussian noise	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
PRBS	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Arbitrary	•	•	•	•	•	•		•

Modulation, burst, and sweep characteristics

Amplitude modulation (AN	Л)
Source	Internal or external (all models), or other channel (33612A/22A only)
Туре	Full-Carrier or Double-Sideband Suppressed-Carrier (DSSC)
Depth ¹¹	0% to 120%, 0.01% resolution
Frequency modulation (FM	1) 12
Source	Internal or external (all models), or other channel (33612A/22A only)
Deviation	1 μHz to 40 MHz (33611A/12A) or 60 MHz (33621A/22A), 1-μHz resolution
Phase modulation (PM)	
Source	Internal or external (all models), or other channel (33612A/22A only)
Deviation	0° to 360°, 0.1° resolution
Frequency-shift key modul	ation (FSK) 12
Source	Internal timer or rear-panel connector
Mark & space	Any frequency within the carrier signal's range
Rate	≤1 MHz
Binary phase-shift key mo	dulation (BPSK)
Source	Internal timer or rear-panel connector
Phase shift	0° to 360°, 0.1° resolution
Rate	≤1 MHz
Pulse-width modulation (F	PWM)
Source	Internal or external (all models), or other channel (33612A/22A only)
Deviation ⁶	0% to 100% of pulse width, 0.01% resolution
Additive modulation (Sum)	
Source	Internal or external (all models), or other channel (33612A/22A only)
Ratio 11	0% to 100% of carrier amplitude, 0.01% resolution
Burst characteristics 10	
Туре	Counted or gated
Counted burst operation	Each trigger event causes the instrument to produce from 1 to 108 or an "infinite" number of waveform cycles.
Gated burst operation	Instrument produces waveforms while the trigger is in the "on" state. For Gaussian Noise, waveform generation stops immediately when the trigger is in the "off" state. All other waveforms stop at the completion of a cycle; more than one cycle might elapse before generation stops.
Start/stop phase	-360° to +360°, 0.1° resolution
Trigger source	Internal timer or rear-panel connector
Marker	Indicated by the trailing edge of the Sync pulse; adjustable to any cycle of the burst.

Modulation, burst, and sweep characteristics, continued

Sweep characteristics 12	
Туре	Linear, Logarithmic, or List (up to 128 user-defined frequencies)
Operation	Linear and Logarithmic sweeps are characterized by a Sweep time (during which the frequency changes smoothly from Start to Stop), a Hold time (during which the frequency stays at the Stop frequency), and a Return time (during which the frequency changes smoothly from Stop to Start). Returns are always linear.
Direction	Up (start < stop) or Down (start > stop)
Sweep time	
Linear	1 ms to 3600 s, 1-ms resolution; 3601 s to 250,000 s, 1-s resolution
Logarithmic	1 ms to 500 s, 1-ms resolution
Hold time	0 to 3600 s, 1-ms resolution
Return time	0 to 3600 s, 1-ms resolution
Trigger source 14	Immediate (continuous), external (rear-panel connector), manual (front-panel button), bus, or Internal timer
Marker	Indicated by the trailing edge of the Sync pulse; adjustable to any frequency between Start and Stop for Linear and Logarithmic types or any frequency in the list for List type.
Internal timer for FSK, B	PSK, burst, and sweep
Range	1 μs to 4000 s, 4-ns resolution

Two-channel characteristics (33612A/22A only)

Standard		
Operating modes	Independent, Coupled parameter(s), Combined (Ch 1 + Ch 2), Equal (Ch 1 = Ch 2),	
	or Differential (Ch 1 = $-$ Ch 2)	
Parameter coupling	None, Frequency (ratio or difference) and/or Amplitude and DC offset	
Relative Phase	0° to 360°, 0.1° resolution	
Channel-to-channel skew (typ)	< 100 ps (both channels configured identically)	
Crosstalk (typ)	< –85 dB	
IQ Player (Option IQP)		
Operation	This option enables a two-channel model with arbitrary waveform capability to function as a baseband	
	IQ (quadrature modulation) source. Programmable impairments include amplitude imbalance, DC offset	
	difference, and channel-to-channel time skew.	
Channel-to-channel amplitude imbalance 11	-30% to +30%, 0.001% resolution	
Channel-to-channel	\pm (5 VDC - Peak AC), 0.1-mV resolution into 50 Ω	
DC offset difference	± (10 VDC - Peak AC), 0.2-resolution into open circuit	
Channel-to-channel time skew	-1 to +1 ns, 10-ps resolution	
Display views	Voltage-vs-Time or Constellation (Ch 1-vs-Ch 2)	

Sync/marker output

Connector	Front-panel BNC, shell and pin isolated from chassis (± 42 V maximum)		
Functions	Sync, Sweep Marker, Burst Marker, Arbitrary Waveform Marker, or Off		
Assignment	Channel 1 or Channel 2		
Polarity	Normal or Inverted		
Output level (nom)	0 to +1.5 V into 50 Ω; 0 to +3.0 V into high impedance		
Output impedance (nom)	50 Ω		
Minimum pulse width (nom)	5 ns		

Modulation input

Connector	Rear-panel BNC, shell and pin isolated from chassis (±42 V maximum)	
Assignment	Channel 1, Channel 2, or both	
Voltage level (nom)	±1 V or ±5 V full scale, selectable	
Input Impedance (nom)	5 kΩ	
Bandwidth (-3 dB) (typ)	0 Hz to 100 kH	

External trigger/gate input/output

General characteristics	
Connector	Rear-panel BNC, chassis-referenced (functions as Input or Output)
Assignment: Input	Channel 1, Channel 2, or both
Output	Channel 1 or Channel 2
Polarity	Positive or Negative slope
Maximum Rate	1 MHz
Input characteristics	
Threshold voltage (nom)	(Output Level setting)/2
Impedance (nom)	10 kΩ, DC-coupled
Minimum pulse width	100 ns
Variable Trigger Delay	0 to 1000 s, 1-ns resolution
Latency (typ) 15	< 140 ns
Jitter (typ)	< 320 ps, rms
Output characteristics	
Output voltage (nom)	
Low level	0 V
High level	0.9 V to 3.8 V into high impedance, 0.1-V resolution
Impedance (nom)	50 Ω
Duty cycle (nom)	50%
Fan-out	Up to four Agilent 33600A Series waveform generators

External frequency reference input/output

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Input characteristics		
Connector	Rear-panel BNC, shell and pin isolated from chassis and all other connectors (±42 V max.)	
Frequency range: Standard	dard 10 MHz ± 20 Hz	
Option OCX	10 MHz ± 1 Hz	
Voltage	200 mVpp to 5 Vpp	
Impedance	1 kΩ II 20 pF, AC-coupled	
Lock time (typ)	< 2 s	
Output characteristics		
Connector	Rear-panel BNC, chassis-referenced	
Frequency (nom)	10 MHz	
Level (nom)	0 dBm (632 mVpp) into 50 Ω	
Impedance (nom)	50 Ω	

Programming times

Configuration changes (meas)	LAN (socket)	LAN (VXI-11)	USB 2.0	GPIB
Change function (meas)	29.2 ms	29.7 ms	29.4 ms	29.2 ms
Change frequency (meas)	2.7 ms	3.3 ms	2.8 ms	2.7 ms
Change amplitude (meas)	8.3 ms	9.0 ms	8.3 ms	8.3 ms
Select Arb. waveform (16 k samples)(meas)	12.7 ms	13.9 ms	13.1 ms	12.6 ms
Arbitrary waveform download t	o volatile			
4 K samples (binary transfer) (meas)	6.4 ms	13.2 ms	6.6 ms	52.3 ms
1 M samples (binary transfer) (meas)	1.26 s	2.40 s	1.25 s	12.3 s

Memory

Arbitrary waveform	
Volatile	4 MSa/channel (64 MSa/channel with Option MEM). 512 sequence steps per channel
Non-volatile	970 MB in file system (~485 MSa of arbitrary waveform records)
Instrument state	
Store/recall	User-defined instrument states with user-defined names in file system
Power-On state	Default settings or state at power-off, selectable
USB file system	
Front-panel port	USB 2.0 high-speed mass storage class (MSC) device
Capability	Read or write instrument configuration settings, instrument states, arbitrary-waveform, and sequence files.
Speed (nom)	10 MB/s

General characteristics

Computer interfaces	
LXI-C (rev. 1.3)	10/100Base-T (Sockets & VXI-11 protocols)
	USB 2.0 (USB-TMC488 protocol)
	GPIB/IEEE-488.1, IEEE-488.2
Web user interface	Remote operation and monitoring
Programming language	SCPI-1999, IEEE-488.2
	Agilent 33210A, 33220A, 33250A, and 33500A/B Series compatible
Graphical display	4.3-inch color TFT, WQVGA (480x272) with LED backlight
Real-time clock/calendar battery	CR-2032 coin-type, replaceable, >5-year life (typ)
Mechanical	
Size (nom)	261.1 mm W x 103.8 mm H x 303.2 mm D (with bumpers installed)
	212.8 mm W x 88.3 mm H x 272.3 mm D (with bumpers removed)
	2U x ½ rack width
Weight (nom)	3.5 Kg (7.7 lbs.)

General characteristics, continued

Environmental	
Storage temperature	–40 to 70 °C
Warm-up time	1 hour
Operating environment	EN61010, pollution degree 2, indoor locations
Operating temperature	0 to 55 °C
Operating humidity	5% to 80% RH, non-condensing
Operating altitude	< 3000 meters

Regulatory

Refer to the Declaration of Conformity, which can be viewed and downloaded from

http://regulations.corporate.agilent.com/DoC/search.htm

Sound pressure level (1-m free-field) (nom) 35 dB(A) at $T_{AMRIENT} \le 28$ °C

Line power		
Line voltage	100 to 240 V, 50/60 Hz	
	100 to 120 V, 400 Hz	
Power consumption	75 W, 150 VA	
Warranty		
Standard	3 years	

FOOTNOTES

- 1. Applies to 120-MHz models (33621A/22A) only.
- 2. DC Offset set to zero.
- 3. Add 1/10 of the specification per $^{\circ}$ C for operation at temperatures below 18 $^{\circ}$ C or above 28 $^{\circ}$ C.
- 4. At low amplitude, non-harmonic spurious level is -100 dBm (typ).
- 5. Measured with an Agilent E5052B signal source analyzer. Phase noise improves by 20 dB/decade as output frequency is decreased.
- 6. Subject to pulse width limits.
- 7. Measured with an Agilent E5052B signal source analyzer.
- 8. Maximum sample rate with Filter "Off" is 160 MSa/s for 80-MHz models and 250 MSa/s for 120-MHz models.
- 9. Maximum amplitude is less at high frequency for certain waveforms.
- 10. Counted burst is not available for Gaussian Noise.
- 11. Subject to amplitude limits.
- 12. All frequency changes are phase-continuous.
- 13. External trigger only for sweep time > 8000 s.
- 14. Measured with a Square or Pulse waveform, edge time set to minimum, and trigger delay set to zero. Trigger latency is generally greater for other instrument settings. For some waveforms, trigger latency is a function of output frequency.

Definitions

Specification (spec)

The warranted performance of a calibrated instrument that has been stored for a minimum of 2 hours within the operating temperature range of 0 to 55 °C and after a 1-hour warm up period. All specifications account for the effects of measurement and calibration-source uncertainties, and were created in compliance with ISO-17025 methods. Data published in this document are specifications (spec) only where specifically indicated.

Typical (typ)

The characteristic performance that 80% or more of manufactured instruments will meet. This data is not warranted, does not include measurement or calibration-source uncertainty, and is valid only at room temperature (approximately 23 °C).

Nominal (nom)

The mean or average characteristic performance, or the value of an attribute that is determined by design such as a connector type, physical dimension, or operating speed. This data is not warranted and is measured at room temperature (approximately 23 °C).

Measured (meas)

An attribute measured during product development for the purpose of communicating expected performance. This data is not warranted and is measured at room temperature (approximately 23 °C).



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