

# SSG3000X Series RF Generator

















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SSG3032X  
SSG3021X  
SSG3032X-IQE  
SSG3021X-IQE

## General Description

SIGLENT'S SSG3000X series of signal generators have a frequency range of 9 kHz to 2.1 GHz/3.2 GHz. They provide normal analog modulation such as AM, FM, and PM. They also provide pulse modulation and pulse train generator. In addition, when used with baseband generator such as SDG6000X, They can generate IQ modulated signals. With their high accuracy and pure outputs, the SSG3000X series are the right choice for R&D, education, and manufacturing.

## Features and Benefits

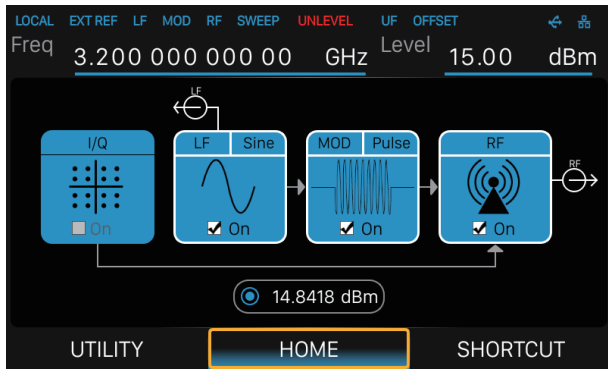
-  Frequency up to 2.1 GHz/3.2 GHz
-  0.01 Hz frequency setting resolution
-  Level output from -110 dBm to +13 dBm
-  Maximum level up to +20 dBm (typ.)
-  Phase Noise: -110 dBc/ Hz @ 1 GHz , 20 kHz offset (typ.)
-  Level accuracy  $\leq 0.7$  dB (typ.)
-  Provides AM, FM, &PM analog modulation with internal, external or Int+Ext source
-  Pulse modulation, on/off ratio  $\geq 70$  dBc
-  Pulse train generator (option)
-  External IQ modulation with SDG6000X as the baseband IQ signal
-  USB-power meter measurement
-  5 inch TFT capacitive touch screen, mouse and keyboard supported
-  Web browser remote control on PC and mobile terminals
-  Standard interface include USB Host, USB Device (USB TMC), LAN (VXI-11, Socket, Telnet). Optional interface: GPIB

## Model and Main index

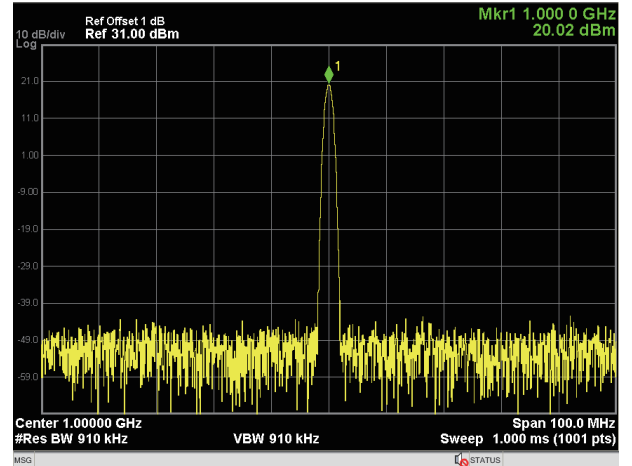
Model	SSG3032X	SSG3021X	SSG3032X-IQE	SSG3021X-IQE
Frequency Range	CW MODE 9 kHz~3.2 GHz	CW MODE 9 kHz~2.1 GHz	CW MODE 9 kHz~3.2 GHz	CW MODE 9 kHz~2.1 GHz
			IQ MODE 10 MHz~3.2 GHz	IQ MODE 10 MHz~2.1 GHz
Frequency Resolution	0.01 Hz			
Amplitude Resolution	0.01 dB			
Level accuracy	0.7 dB (typ.)			
Phase noise	-110 dBc/Hz @1 GHz ,offset 20 kHz (typ.)			
Display	5 inch capacitance touch screen, RGB (800*480)			

## Design Features

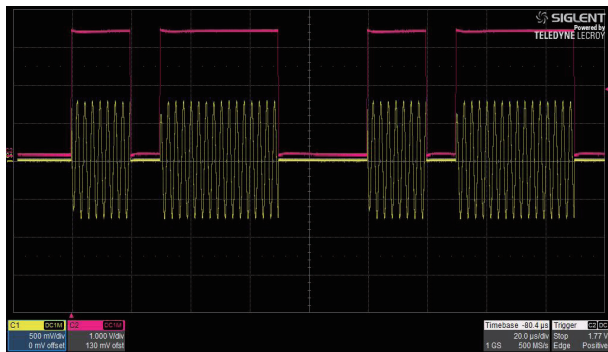
5 inch touch screen, keyboard and mouse support



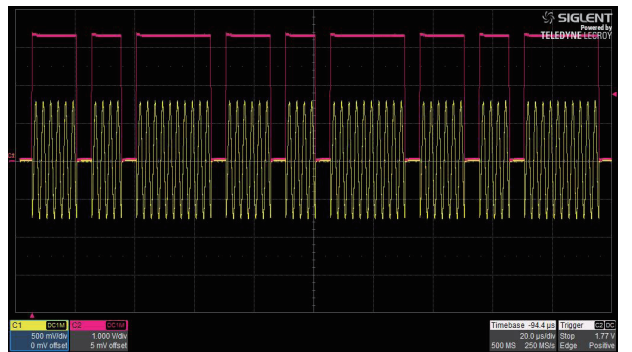
Maximum output level up to +20 dBm



Double pulse modulation



Pulse train generator

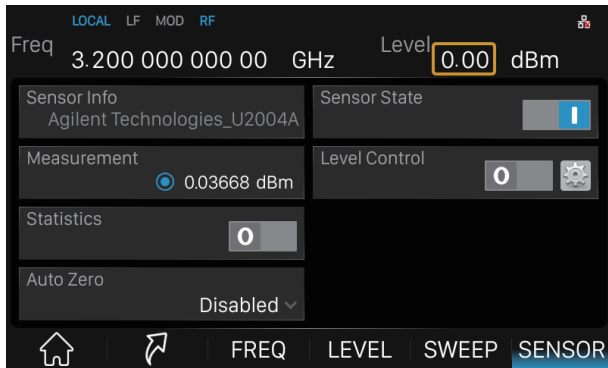


Example for auto level control

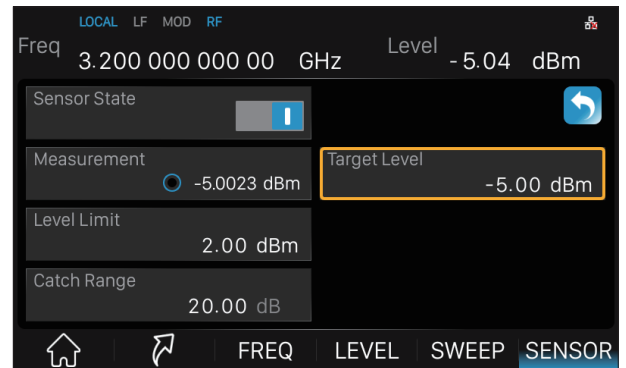


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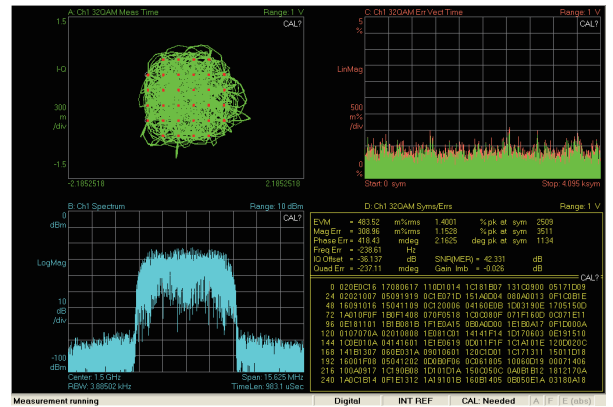
## Power output display using USB power



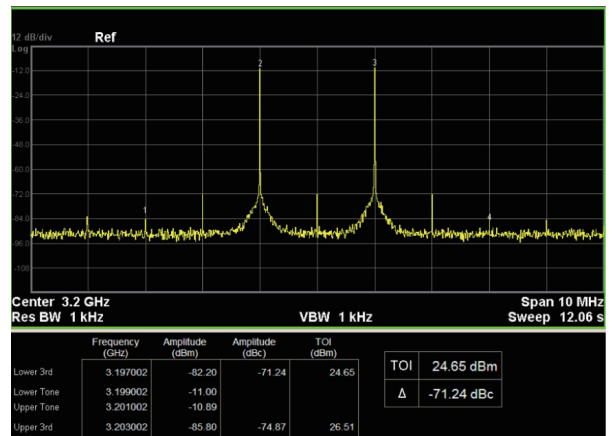
## Power output control using USB power sensor



## External IQ modulation using the SDG6000X as the baseband source



## Provides double-tone signal with IQ modulation, easily do TOI testing



## SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications are valid under the following condition: The instrument is within the calibration period, has been stored between 0 and 50°C for at least 2 hours prior to use, and has been powered on and warmed up for at least 40 minutes. The specifications include the measurement uncertainty, unless otherwise noted.

**Specifications:** All products are guaranteed to meet published specifications when operating temperatures from 5 to 45°C, unless otherwise noted.

**Typical(typ.):** Performance deemed typical implies that 80 percent of the measurement results will meet the typical published performance with a 95th percentile confidence level at room temperature (approximately 25°C). Typical performance is not warranted and does not include measurement uncertainty.

**Nominal(nom.):** This value indicate the expected mean or average performance, or an attribute whose performance is by design, such as the 50 ohm connector.

Frequency characteristics			
Frequency			
Frequency range	SSG3032X	CW MODE 9 kHz~3.2 GHz	
	SSG3021X	CW MODE 9 kHz~2.1 GHz	
	SSG3032X-IQE	CW MODE 9 kHz~3.2 GHz	IQ MODE 10 MHz~3.2 GHz
	SSG3021X-IQE	CW MODE 9 kHz~2.1 GHz	IQ MODE 10 MHz~2.1 GHz
Frequency resolution	0.01 Hz		
Setting time	<5 ms (typ.), ALC ON <10 ms (typ.), ALC OFF (S&H)		
Resolution of phase offset setting	0.1°		
Frequency Band <sup>[1]</sup>			
Band	Frequency range	N	
1	9 kHz≤f≤1 MHz	0.25	
2	1 MHz<f≤250 MHz	0.5	
3	250 MHz<f≤500 MHz	0.125	
4	500 MHz<f<1000 MHz	0.25	
5	1000 MHz≤f<2000 MHz	0.5	
6	2000 MHz≤f≤3200 MHz	1	
[1] N is a factor used to help define certain specifications with the document			
Frequency Reference			
Reference frequency	10.000000 MHz		
Initial calibration accuracy	<0.2 ppm		
Temperature stability	<1 ppm/year, 0°C ~50°C		
Frequency aging rate	<0.5 ppm/first year, 3.0 ppm/20 years		
Frequency sweep			
Sweep type	frequency step (linear or logarithmic step) arbitrary list		
Sweep range	full frequency range		
Sweep sheep	triangle, saw-tooth		
Sweep mode	single, continuous		
Step spacing	linear, logarithmic		
Number of points	step sweep	2~65535	
	list sweep	2~500	
Dwell time range	10 ms~100 s		
Dwell time setting resolution	0.1 ms		
Trigger source	auto, keyboard, external connector, bus		
Trig slop	positive, negative when trigger source is external		

## Level characteristics

ALC modes

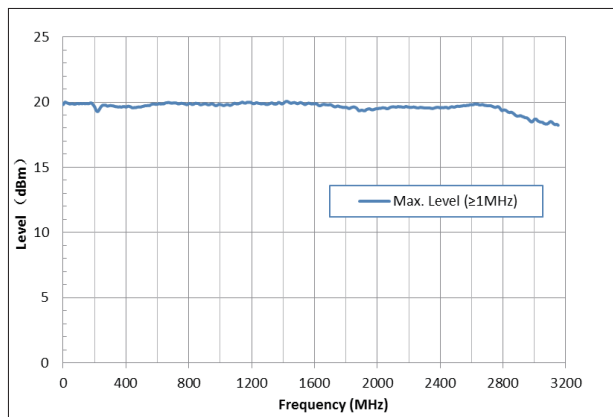
The SSG3000X series offer three ALC modes:

ALC STATE AUTO : The best suited ALC mode is set automatically.

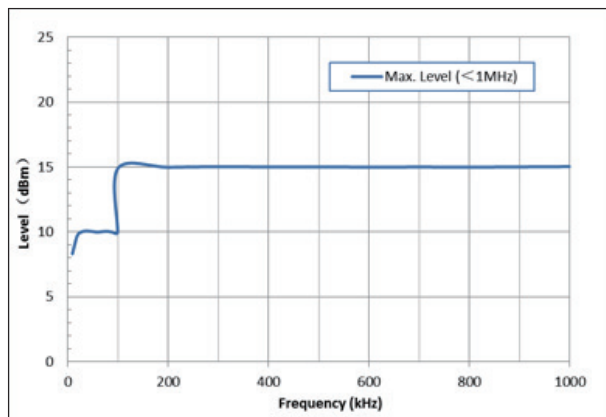
ALC STATE ON: The level control loop is closed. This mode is suitable for CW, FM and PM.

ALC STATE SAMPLE & HOLD (S&H) : At every frequency and level change, The level control loop is closed about 3 ms and the level control voltage is sampled. The level control voltage is the clamped. This mode is used internally while in ALC state AUTO for pulse modulation, AM modulation.

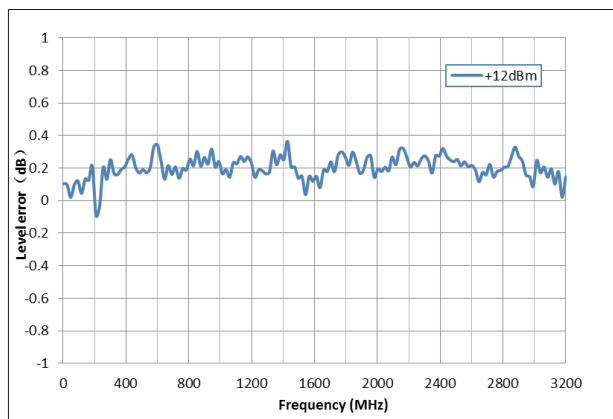
Level characteristics			
<b>Level setting</b>			
Level setting range	9 kHz≤f<100 kHz	-110 dBm~+9 dBm	
	100 kHz≤f<1 MHz	-110 dBm~+15 dBm	
	1 MHz≤f≤3.2 GHz	-110 dBm~+20 dBm	
Resolution of setting	0.01 dB		
<b>Level of performance range</b>			
	9 kHz≤f<100 kHz	-110 dBm~+7 dBm	
	100 kHz≤f<1 MHz	-110 dBm~+10 dBm	
	1 MHz≤f≤3.2 GHz	-110 dBm~+13 dBm	
<b>Level error (ALC on, temperature is 20 °C ~30 °C )</b>			
	+13 dBm~-50 dBm	-50 dBm~-90 dBm	-90 dBm~-110 dBm
9 kHz≤f<100 kHz	≤0.9 dB ≤0.7 dB (typ.)	≤1.1 dB ≤0.7 dB (typ.)	≤1.1 dB ≤0.7 dB (typ.)
100 kHz≤f≤3.2 GHz	≤0.7 dB ≤0.5 dB (typ.)	≤0.7 dB ≤0.5 dB (typ.)	≤1.1 dB ≤0.7 dB (typ.)
Additional level error	ALC State Off (S&H)		<0.2 dB
<b>VSWR</b>			
level ≤0 dBm, ALC State ON			
VSWR	1 MHz≤f≤3.2 GHz	≤1.8 (nom.)	
<b>Level setting</b>			
Level setting time	Level deviation <0.1 dB from final value, with GUI update stopped, temperature range from 20 °C ~30 °C		<5 ms
	ALC state ON		<5 ms
	ALC state S&H		<10 ms
<b>Reverse power</b>			
Maximum permissible DC voltage	50 V		
Maximum reverse input power	1 MHz≤f≤3.2 GHz	+30 dBm	
<b>Level step sweep</b>			
Sweep type	amplitude step (linear or logarithmic step), arbitrary list		
	full specified level range		
Sweep shape	triangle, saw-tooth		
Sweep range	the device output range		
Trigger mode	free run, single		
Step spacing	linear		
Sweep points	step sweep	2~65535	
	list sweep	1~500	
Dwell time setting range	10 ms~100 s		
Dwell time setting resolution	0.1 ms		
Trigger source	auto, keyboard, external connector, bus		
Trigger Slope	positive, negative		



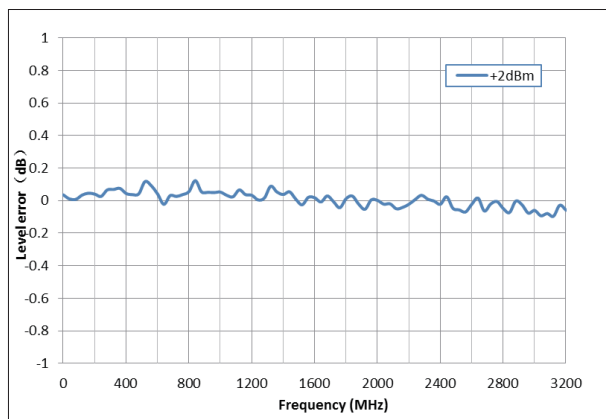
Maximum output power versus frequency,  $f \geq 1$  MHz



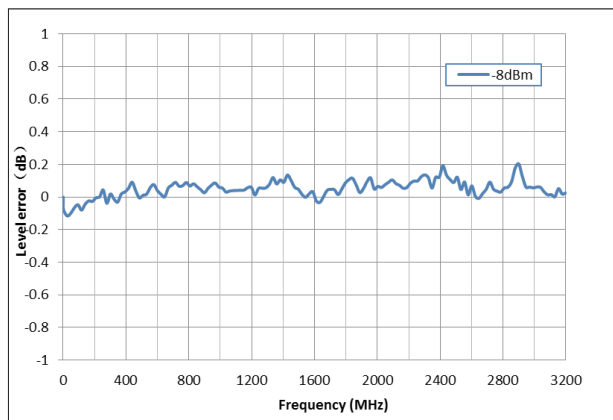
Maximum output power versus frequency,  $f < 1$  MHz



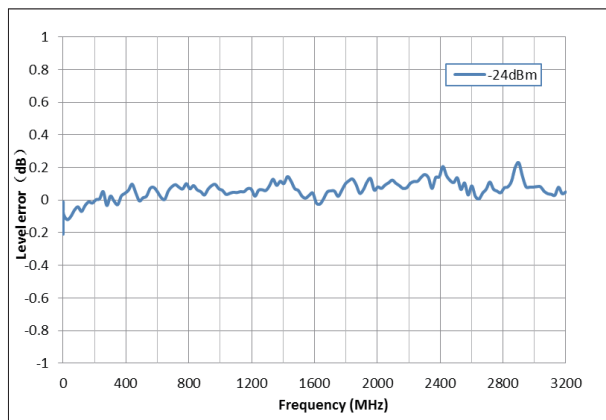
Measured level error versus frequency, Level = +12 dBm



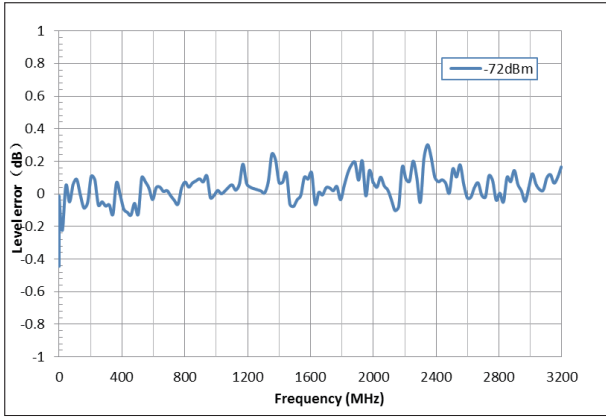
Measured level error versus frequency, Level = +2 dBm



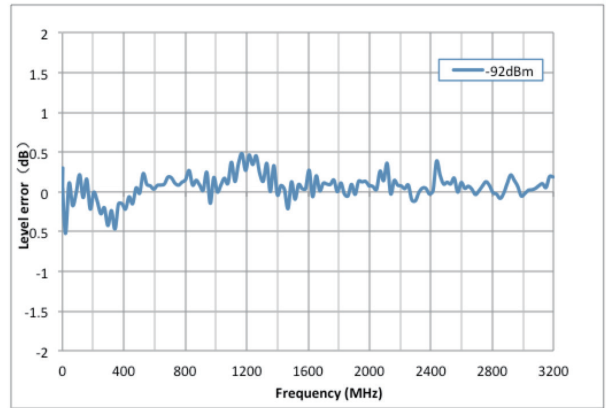
Measured level error versus frequency, Level = -8 dBm



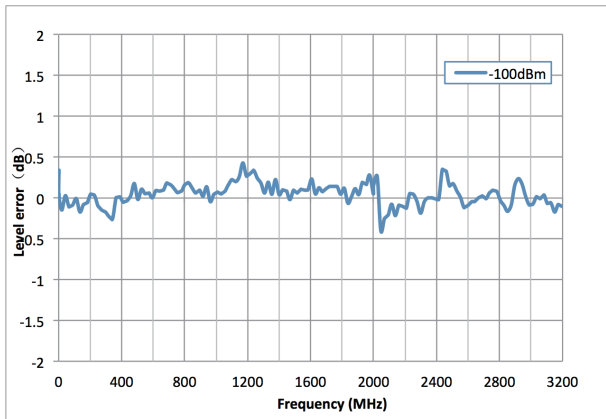
Measured level error versus frequency, Level = -24 dBm



Measured level error versus frequency, Level = -72 dBm



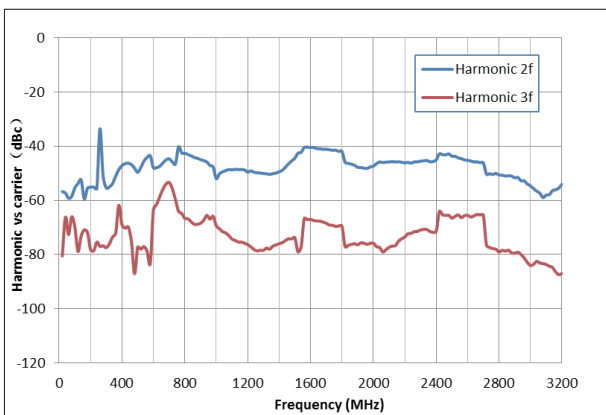
Measured level error versus frequency, Level = -92 dBm



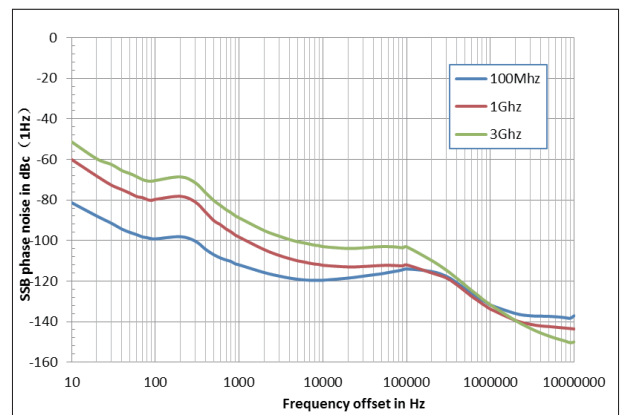
Measured level error versus frequency, Level = -100 dBm

### Spectral purity

Harmonics	CW mod, 1 MHz <math>f \le 3.2 \text{ GHz}</math>, Level $\le +13 \text{ dBm}</math>$	<math>< -30 \text{ dBc}</math>
Sub harmonics	CW mod, 1 MHz <math>f \le 3.2 \text{ GHz}</math>, offset >10 kHz Level $\le +13 \text{ dBm}</math>$	<math>< -45 \text{ dBc}</math>
Non-harmonics	CW mod, offset >10 kHz, Level $\le +13 \text{ dBm}</math>1 MHz <math>f \le 1.5 \text{ GHz}</math>$	<math>< -65 \text{ dBc}</math>
	CW mod, offset >10 kHz, Level $\le +13 \text{ dBm}</math>1.5 GHz <math>f \le 3.2 \text{ GHz}</math>$	<math>< -75 \text{ dBc}</math>
SSB Phase noise	CW mod, offset = 20 kHz, 1 Hz measure bandwidth	
	f = 100 MHz	<math>< -118 \text{ dBc/Hz (typ.)}</math>
	f = 1 GHz	<math>< -110 \text{ dBc/Hz (typ.)}</math>
	f = 3 GHz	<math>< -105 \text{ dBc/Hz (typ.)}</math>



Measured harmonics versus carrier frequency at level  $\le +13 \text{ dBm}$



Measured phase noise



## Internal modulation generator (LF)

Waveforms	sine wave, square wave, saw-tooth, triangle, DC	
Frequency range	sine wave	0.1 Hz~1 MHz <sup>[2]</sup>
	square wave, triangle, saw-tooth	0.1 Hz~20 kHz
Resolution of frequency setting	0.01 Hz	
Frequency error	similar with RF source	
Frequency response	sine wave <0.3 dB	
Level Offset	setting range	min (2.5 V- $\frac{1}{2}$ LEVEL, 2 V)
	offset resolution	0.01 V
Output voltage range <sup>[3]</sup>	Vp at connector	1 mVpp~3 Vpp
	resolution of amplitude setting	1 mv
Output impedance	50 $\Omega$ (nom.)	

[2]When use modulation and LF simultaneously, the LF frequency range and wave type will be restricted.

[3] The connector's load is 50  $\Omega$ .

## LF frequency sweep

Operating mode	digital sweep in discrete steps
Step spacing	linear, logarithmic
Sweep shape	saw-tooth, triangle
Sweep direction	up, down
Sweep range	0.01 Hz~1 MHz
Trigger mode	auto, keyboard, external connector, bus
Trigger slope	positive, negative
Dwell time setting range	1 ms~ 500 s
Dwell time setting resolution	0.1 ms

## Analog modulation

### Simultaneous modulation

	Amplitude modulation	Frequency modulation	Phase modulation	Pulse modulation
Amplitude modulation		•	•	(•)
Frequency modulation	•		×	•
Phase modulation	•	×		•
Pulse modulation	(•)	•	•	

•=compatible, ×=incompatible, (•)=compatible limitations; NO specification

Applies to AM distortion

### Amplitude modulation

Modulation source	internal, external, internal+external	
AM depth setting range	0%~100%	
Resolution of setting	0.1%	
AM depth error	f-mod=1 kHz, m<80%, Level<=13dBm	<4% of setting+1%
AM distortion	f-mod=1 kHz, m<30%, level<0 dBm	<3% (typ.)
Modulation frequency response	m<80%, 10 Hz~100 kHz	<3 dB (nom.)

<b>Frequency modulation</b>		
Modulation source	internal, external, internal +external	
Maximum deviation	N*1 MHz (typ.)	
Resolution	0.1% of set deviation or 1 Hz, whichever is larger	
FM deviation error	Fmod=1 kHz, internal	<(2% of setting + 20 Hz)
FM distortion	Fmod =1 kHz, deviation=N*1 MHz	<0.5% (nom.)
Modulation frequency response	10 Hz~100 kHz	<3 dB (nom.)
<b>Phase modulation</b>		
Modulation source	internal, external, internal + external	
Maximum deviation	N*5 rad	
Resolution	0.1% of set deviation or 0.01 rad, whichever is larger	
ΦM deviation error	Fmod=1 kHz, internal, deviation≤ N*5 rad	<(2% of setting + 0.05 rad)
ΦM distortion	Fmod=1 kHz, deviation≤ N*5 rad	<0.5% (nom.)
Modulation frequency response	10 Hz~100 kHz	<3 dB (nom.)
<b>Pulse modulation</b>		
Modulation source	internal, external	
On/off ration	1 MHz <f<3.2 GHz	>70 dBc
Raise/fall time (10% / 90%)	10% to 90% of RF amplitude	<50 ns
Pulse repetition time	setting range	40 ns~300 s
<b>Pulse generator</b>		
Pulse modes	single pulse, double pulse	
Pulse source	internal, external	
Pulse polarity	normal, inverse	
Pulse period	setting range	40 ns~300 s
	resolution of setting	10 ns
Pulse width	setting range	20 ns~300 s
	resolution of setting	10 ns
Double pulse Delay	setting range	20 ns~300 s
	resolution of setting	10 ns
#2 Width	setting range	20 ns~300 s
	resolution of setting	10 ns
Trigger modes	auto, keyboard, external trigger, external gate trigger, bus	
Trig polarity	normal, inverse (used in external gate trigger mode)	
Trigger Slop	positive, negative (used in external trigger mode)	
External trigger delay	140 ns~300 s	
External trigger delay resolution of setting	10 ns	
<b>Pulse train generator (SSG3000X-PT)</b>		
Number of pulses	1~2047	
Number of repetitions per pulse	1 to 65535	
Pulse on time and off time setting range	20 ns~300 s	
Pulse on time and off time setting resolution	10 ns	

<b>IQ modulation feature (SSG3000X-IQE)</b>	
Modulate source <sup>[5]</sup>	External
Bandwidth	Base Band I or Q <100 MHz (typ.) RF (I+Q) <200 MHz (typ.)
Full-scale input	$\sqrt{I^2+Q^2}=0.5$ Vrms
EVM	16QAM[5], root cosine filler (a=0.22), 5 MSps, level≤0 dBm
	10 MHz<f≤1.5 GHz, EVM≤0.7% (nom.) 1.5 GHz<f≤3.2 GHz, EVM≤1.2% (nom.)
	QPSK, root cosine filler (a=0.22), 5 MSps, level≤0 dBm
	10 MHz<f≤1.5 GHz, EVM≤0.7% (nom.) 1.5 GHz<f≤3.2 GHz, EVM≤1% (nom.)

[5] In this test , the baseband IQ come from SDG6000X series .

## Connectors

<b>Front panel connectors</b>		
RF output	impedance	50 Ω
	connector	N female
Modulation generator output (LF)	impedance	50 Ω
	connector	BNC female
<b>Rear panel connectors</b>		
TRIG IN / OUT	impedance	100 kΩ
	connector	BNC female
	active trigger voltage	5 V TTL
EXT MOD INPUT	impedance	50 Ω
	connector	BNC female
PULSE IN / OUT	impedance	100 kΩ
	connector	BNC
	input/output voltage	CMOS 3.3 V
10 MHz IN	impedance	50 Ω
	connector	BNC-female
	input power range	-5 dBm~ +10 dBm
10 MHz OUT	impedance	50 Ω
	connector	BNC-female
	input power range	>0 dBm
SIGNAL VALID	impedance	50 Ω
	connector	BNC-female
	output voltage range	CMOS 3.3 V
I INPUT	impedance	50 Ω
	connector	BNC-female
Q INPUT	impedance	50 Ω
	connector	BNC-female
<b>Communication Interface</b>		
USB host	USB-A 2.0	
USB device	USB-B 2.0	
LAN	LAN (VXI11, 10/100Base, RJ-45)	

General Specification	
Display	TFT LCD, RGB (800*480), 5 inch capacitive touch screen
Storage	internal (Flash) 256 M Byte ,external (USB storage device)
Source	input voltage range (AC) 100 V~240 V (±10%) AC frequency supply 100 V to 240 V, 50/60 Hz; supply 100V to 120 V, 400 Hz power consumption 35 W with all function working
Temperature	Working temperature 0 °C to 50 °C , Storage temperature -20 °C to 70 °C
Humidity	0 °C to 30 °C , ≤95% relative humidity; 30 °C to 50 °C , ≤75% relative humidity
Dimensions	W×H×D=338×113×369 mm
Weight without package	contain IQ modulator board 4.84 kg
Electromagnetic Compatibility and Safety	
EMC	EN 61326-1:2013
Electrical safety	EN 61010-1:2010

## Ordering Information

Product Description	SSG3000X Signal Generator	Order Number
Product code	Signal Generator 9 kHz~3.2 GHz	SSG3032X
		SSG3032X-IQE
	Signal Generator 9 kHz~2.1 GHz	SSG3021X
		SSG3021X-IQE
Standard configurations	quick start, an USB cable, calibration certificate, power cord	
option	pulse train generator	SSG3000X-PT
	rack mount kit	SSG-RMK
	USB-GPIB adapter	USB-GPIB
	Upgrade 2.1 GHz to 3.2 GHz	SSG3000X-21BW32
	Upgrade 2.1 GHz to 3.2 GHz (with external IQ)	SSG3000X-IQE-21BW32

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