Agilent FieldFox RF Vector Network Analyzer

N9923A 4/6 GHz

Technical Overview



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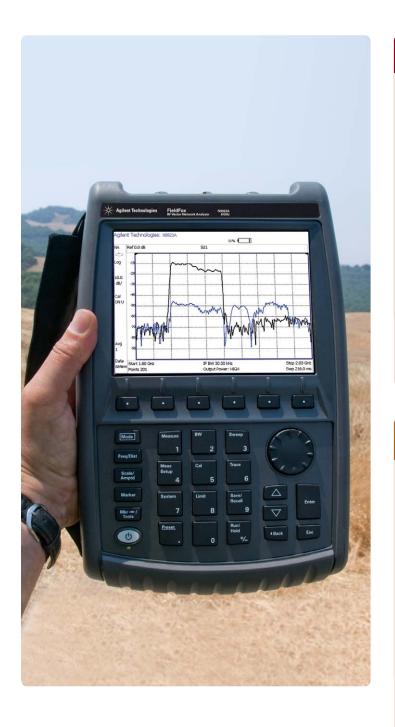
The first step in ensuring that wireless communication systems are running at their optimum level is to verify that RF components in the system, such as cables, antennas, and filters are properly tested and kept in good condition. The majority of these tests are conducted in the field or in a warehouse, where bench top instruments are not readily available, testing space is limited, or where a power source is simply not available. Agilent's handheld FieldFox RF Vector Network Analyzer (VNA) is designed to make network analysis measurements in the field easier, convenient, and the most reliable.

QuickCal revolutionizes calibration in the field

The number one challenge in making accurate network analyzer measurements in the field is reliability, where large temperature fluctuations are common. Agilent's FieldFox RF VNA is the only handheld network analyzer with *QuickCal* technology that allows operators to easily correct for drift errors caused by temperature changes. *QuickCal* is a built-in calibration system that provides worry-free accuracy and reliability. FieldFox's built-in standards make calibration simpler, by eliminating the need to carry mechanical calibration kits into the field.

Unmatched reliability for day-to-day tests

Whether you are testing a flight line for the air force, an RF system on a war ship, a wireless communication cable and antenna system, tuning RF components, or making other general purpose network analyzer measurements — the FieldFox RF VNA provides unmatched measurement reliability, stability, and efficiency for your every day test needs. The FieldFox RF VNA also builds on Agilent's 40-year legacy of network analysis leadership in calibration, accuracy, and innovation.



Key measurements

- Full 2-port error corrected
 S-parameters, magnitude and phase
- Cable and antenna test (distance-to-fault, return loss, and VSWR)
- Cable loss measurement (1-port)
- Insertion loss and transmission measurement (2-port)
- Smith chart and polar display
- Vector voltmeter (1- and 2- channel)
- Power meter with external USB power sensor

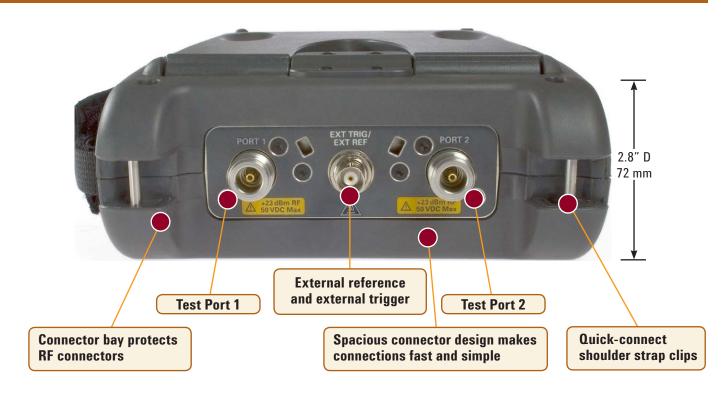
Key differentiators

- Built-in QuickCal enables calibration without a cal kit
- Best measurement stability over time and temperature
- Industry's only handheld network analyzer with MIL PRF 28800F Class 2 compliance with no exceptions
- Superior system dynamic range of 100 dB
- Easy-to-use, task-driven user interface
- Weather resistant, compact, and field-friendly design, no fan and vents

Easy to use in the field

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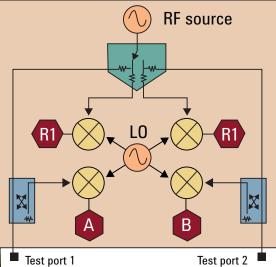






Vector Network Analysis

The base FieldFox RF VNA provides transmission/reflection (T/R) measurements, or S11 and S21, with magnitude and phase.



Adding Option 122 (full 2-port S-parameters) brings new levels of accuracy and convenience for testing RF components. A full 2-port network analyzer lets you measure the forward and reverse characteristics of your components without having to disconnect, turn around, and reconnect them to the analyzer.

It also provides full 2-port calibration to give you the best measurement accuracy possible. Depending upon your application, you can choose the optimum performance level of an S-parameter analyzer (Option 122) or transmission reflection analyzer (base model).

You also can simultaneously measure and view all four S-parameters, with a single connection.

FieldFox VNA contains four independent, sensitive receivers. The receivers provide more than 100 dB of dynamic range for vector measurements of high rejection, narrowband devices such RF filters. The receivers also make possible full 2-port error correction with the Unknown Thru method, allowing you to measure non-insertable devices.



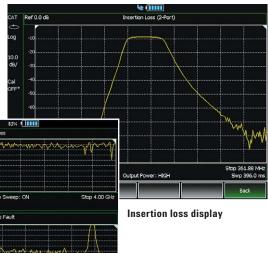
Make multiple measurements simultaneously



Cable and antenna analyzer

Fifty to sixty percent of cell site problems are caused by faulty cables, connectors, and antennas. Degraded feed lines cause poor coverage, unnecessary handovers, paging failures and access failures on the uplink. To avoid service quality problems, it is critical to keep the cell sites' cable and antenna systems in good condition.

Use FieldFox to make return loss, VSWR, insertion loss/transmission, one-port cable loss, and distance to fault (DTF) measurements. You can test antennas, cables, filters, and amplifiers with a single handheld instrument.



Return loss and DTF dual display

Return loss and DTF measurements

FieldFox can make return loss and distance-to-fault measurements at the same time. It helps you correlate overall system degradation with specific faults in the cable and antenna system.



Calibration Wizard

CalReady when the instrument is turned on

Save time and get right to work with FieldFox's CalReady feature, which makes the unit calibration ready at either test port immediately following power on or preset. FieldFox is already calibrated and ready to make accurate measurements such as S11, S22, 1-port cable loss, VSWR, return loss, and DTF measurements at the test port without having to connect/disconnect additional cables or calibration devices.

Industry's first and only QuickCal

FieldFox is the industry's first and only handheld network analyzer with a built-in calibration capability that allows you to calibrate the network analyzer without carrying a calibration kit into the field. As with any test instrument, when you add an additional device to the test port, such as a jumper cable or adapter, you need to recalibrate using a calibration kit (cal kit). *QuickCal* eliminates the need to carry and use a cal kit, and also provides worry-free accuracy and excellent reliability. *QuickCal* allows the operator to easily correct drift errors caused by temperature changes during instrument operation.

The FieldFox RF VNA's full 2-port *QuickCal* supports measurements such as transmission/reflection, S21, S12, S11, S22, 1-port cable loss, VSWR, return loss, DTF, and gain/insertion loss. Full 2-port QuickCal is based on Agilent's Unknown Thru calibration methodology, providing an accurate way to

measure a non-insertable device, such as a female-female filter.



Power meter display



Vector voltmeter used for cable trimming

Broadband calibration

FieldFox allows you to make broadband calibrations, which means the instrument is calibrated over the maximum frequency range. After a broadband calibration, you can change the frequency range or number of points without recalibrating the instrument. The calibration is interpolated, and accuracy is maintained.

User calibration kit support

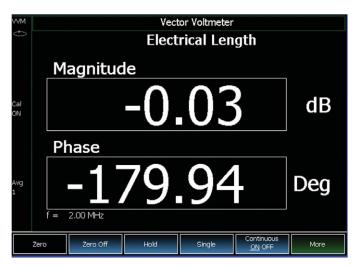
FieldFox supports many Agilent standard calibration kits. In addition to *CalReady* and *QuickCal*, FieldFox also provides a comprehensive calibration utility. To obtain the most accurate measurement, users need to use cal kits that match their device connector types. FieldFox allows users to define their own mechanical calibration kits.

Power meter

FieldFox can connect with the Agilent U2000 Series USB power sensors to make RF/ microwave power measurements up to 24 GHz.

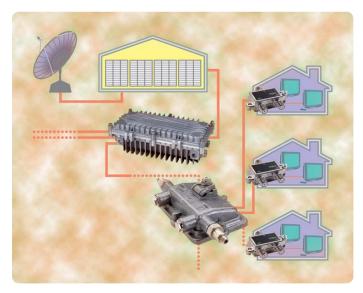
FieldFox provides true average power measurements with a high dynamic range from -60 dBm to +44 dBm (sensor dependent).

The sensor has an internal zeroing function and the sensor does not require external calibration.



VVM applications:

- · Cable trimming of phase matched cables
- · Verifying the isolation of 2-port components
- Radio navigation VHF omnidirectional radio range (VOR) and instrumentation landing system (ILS)



Cable TV distribution system, cable TV is a 75 ohm system

Vector voltmeter

Using FieldFox's vector voltmeter (VVM), the phase shift and electrical length of a device can be measured.

By utilizing the "zero" function, the phase and electrical length of one device can be measured relative to a "golden device". You can view results on the large display as far as ten feet away. And since every FieldFox is CalReady, you don't need to calibrate when VVM measurements are done at the test port.

The VVM option also provides ratio measurements of two receivers or two channels, A/B or B/A. An external signal source is required for this measurement. You can use this capability to verify the magnitude and phase differences between multiple signal paths.

75 ohm device test

Most of the components used in cable TV systems are 75 ohm, like cables, filters, splitters and switches. Often the performance of devices, such as the insertion loss or return loss of a filter need to be tested in the field.

You can use the FieldFox RF VNA to measure 75-ohm devices easily, without needing to purchase additional hardware or software options. *QuickCal*, combined with a 50/75 ohm adapter (eg. Agilent part: 1250-0597) at each port and a 75 ohm load, turns the instrument into a 75 ohm tester. Alternatively you can use any of Agilent's 75 ohm calibration kits, along with a pair of 50/75 ohm adapters.

Feature and Benefit Summary

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Perform and view return loss and distance to fault measurements at the same time



Tower mounted amplifier (TMA) measurement



Filter and amplifier measurement

Comprehensive measurement capabilities

Vector network analysis

Provides accurate network analysis of RF components and enables you to measure and display all four S-parameters simultaneously, with a single connection. This means you can quickly and accurately characterize the device under test, using a handheld instrument.

Cable and antenna test

- · Return loss, SWR
- Distance-to-fault

Return loss/SWR measurements allow you to evaluate the impedance matching performance of a feed line across the frequency range of interest.

Distance-to-fault measurements help you identify faults along a feed line. You can use these measurements to precisely pinpoint the location of damaged or degraded antennas, connectors, amplifiers, filters, duplexers, or other components.

FieldFox provides up to a 1001 data-point resolution to help accurately locate faults and extend measurement distance.

Transmission test

- Cable loss
- Insertion loss
- Amplifier gain

Transmission tests are used to accurately measure cable loss, insertion loss (filters) and amplifier gain (tower mounted amplifier). FieldFox offers 2-port transmission magnitude and phase measurements with a typical dynamic range of 100 dB.

One-port cable loss

For already-installed cables, FieldFox accurately measures one-port cable loss. The instrument measures the actual cable loss, without the need for additional computations.

CalReady at test port

Each instrument is calibrated at the test ports. When you power up the instrument, it is ready to make accurate measurements such as S11, S22, one-port cable loss, VSWR, return loss and DTF at the test port.

QuickCal

The industry's first and only built-in calibration system allows you to calibrate the network analyzer without carrying a calibration kit into the field. *QuickCal* eliminates the hassle of carrying and using a cal kit, plus provides worry-free accuracy and excellent reliability.

QuickCal allows operators to easily correct for drift errors caused by temperature changes during instrument operation. Full 2-port *QuickCal* is based on Agilent's Unknown Thru calibration methodology. It is an accurate way to measure non insertable devices, such as female-female diplexers.

Mechanical calibration

Open-short-load (OSL) calibration is standard in FieldFox. Common calibration kit constants are preloaded in the instrument. Additional kits can be added by users.

Feature and Benefit Summary

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Smith chart display



Easy-to-use save/recall functions



Duplexer measurement

Comprehensive measurement capabilities continued	
Interference rejection	The FieldFox RF VNA interference rejection mode is able to make reliable return loss and distance-to-fault measurements of cable and antenna systems under high interference signal environments. It can make valid measurements for interference signals coupled into the system up to +16 dBm.
Power meter	Makes accurate true average power measurements without the need for a power meter. The state-of-the-art Agilent USB power sensors provide measurements up to 24 GHz.
Smith chart	Smith charts can be used to display impedance matching characteristics in cable and antenna systems.
Vector voltmeter	The large vector voltmeter display makes it easy to match two or more device's electric length and ensure signals that travel on different devices have the same delay.

Data management

Limit lines	Automated pass/fail testing eliminates the guesswork from your test processes and helps ensure that your components are aligned and tested to the same specifications at all test stations. Pass/fail testing is easily accomplished with user-defined limit lines, which let you quickly and consistently compare measured data to test limits. The pass/fail results are displayed clearly on the instrument screen to minimize operator errors or misinterpretation.
Save/recall states	Save time and reduce operator errors with recall states. You can quickly switch between different manufacturing tests simply by recalling the appropriate instrument state. Saving and recalling states also eliminates operator errors that occur during repeated entry of instrument parameters. Each recall state contains all instrument parameters such as start and stop frequencies, power level, number of trace points, IF bandwidth, calibration data, markers, limit lines, and more.
Powerful marker functions	Speed up component test times by using the power of built-in data markers. Use the six markers per trace to display data in absolute or relative terms.

Provides task-driven user interface to simplify the measurements.



One-button

measurement

Make accurate true average power measurements without bringing along a power meter



Transflective display makes it easy to read measurements in direct sunlight



Water resistant chassis withstands wide temperature ranges and humid environments

Transflective display and backlit keys The display is designed for easy viewing in indoor and outdoor settings and in direct sunlight and darkness. Access different display modes via softkeys. Functional key access Front-panel keys make it easy to perform tasks and make measurements.

Rugged design	
Water-resistant chassis, keypad and case design	The case is made from polycarbonates that withstand wide temperature ranges and salty, humid environments.
RF connector protection	A specially designed connector bay protects the RF connectors from damage during drops or other external impacts.
Dust-free design	With no vents or fans in the case, FieldFox resists dust for better equipment reliability.
Meets tough environ- mental standard	Industry's only handheld network analyzer with MIL Class 2 compliance with no exceptions.
Gasketed ports	Protects instrument from moisture.

Modern connectivity	
USB 2.0 ports	Two USB 2.0 ports can be used to transfer files.
LAN port	Used for remote control and data transfer using FieldFox Data Link Software
SCPI support	SCPI over LAN allows users to automate tests or control a FieldFox from a remote location.
Micro SD flash card slot	Use as a data storage device.
FieldFox Data Link software	Transfer data from the instrument to a PC for back-office applications such as baseline analysis and report generation.

Specifications

FieldFox

A condensed version of the specifications is provided here. See the User's Guide for the complete version; http://cp.literature.agilent.com/litweb/pdf/N9923-90001.pdf

Specification (spec.):

Warranted performance. Specifications include guardbands to account for the expected statistical performance distribution, measurement uncertainties, and changes in performance due to environmental conditions. The following conditions must be met:

- FieldFox has been turned on at least 10 minutes unless otherwise specified
- · FieldFox is within its calibration cycle
- * Storage or operation at 25 °C ± 5 °C range (unless otherwise stated)

Typical (typ.):

Expected performance of an average unit over a 20 °C to 30 °C temperature range, unless otherwise indicated; does not include guardbands. It is not covered by the product warranty. The FieldFox RF VNA must be within its calibration cycle.

Nominal (nom.):

A general, descriptive term or design parameter. It is not tested, and not covered by the product warranty.

Network analysis

Measurements

\$11, \$21 Magnitude and phase

\$12, \$22 Magnitude and phase (Option 122)

Display: Log, linear, phase, VSWR, Smith chart, polar chart, split screen to show different

S-parameters and phases

System impedance selection: 50 ohm and 75 ohm (with 50/75 ohm adapter)

Frequency

Frequency range

Option 104: 2 MHz to 4 GHz **Option 106:** 2 MHz to 6 GHz

Frequency reference

Accuracy: ±2 ppm

Aging rate: ±1 ppm

Temperature stability: ± 1 ppm over -10 to 55 °C

Frequency resolution

1 Hz

Sweep speed

\$21, \$11 2 MHz to 6 GHz, 30 kHz IFBW, 1001 points 0.695 ms/point

Data points

101, 201, 401, 601, 801, 1001

Directivity

Corrected: 42 dB

System dynamic range (S21)

2 MHz to 6 GHz: 100 dB (typical)

IF bandwidth

 $300\,Hz$, $1\,kHz$, $3\,kHz$, $10\,kHz$, and $30\,kHz$

Output power range

High power: +6 dBm (nominal) **Low power:** -40 dBm (nominal)

Trace noise (high output power, IF bandwidth = 300 Hz)

Magnitude: < 0.01 dB rms

Immunity to interference

+16 dBm (nominal)

Maximum input level port 1 or port 2

+23 dBm /±50 VDC

Cable and antenna analyzer (Option 305)

Capabilities

Return loss

VSWR

Distance to fault (DTF):

- Range = (n 1)/(span*2) x Vf (velocity factor in cable) x C (light speed)
- Resolution = range/number of points
- Number of points: 101, 201, 401, 601, 801, 1001
- Distance to fault display: Return loss, VSWR

Cable loss (1-port):

Terminated cable under test with short

Transmission measurement (insertion loss and gain)

Calibration types

CalReady

One port mechanical calibration Full 2-port mechanical calibration Enhanced response calibration QuickCal (1-port and 2-port)

Automatic cal update with frequency change

Standard FieldFox calibration kits

N9910X-800	T-calibration kit, DC-6 GHz, Type-N(m)
N9910X-801	T-calibration kit, DC-6 GHz, Type-N(f)
N9910X-802	T-calibration kit, DC-6 GHz, 7/16 DIN(m)
N9910X-803	T-calibration kit, DC-6 GHz, 7/16 DIN(f)

Note: Other standard calibration kits can be supported via the FieldFox Datalink Software.

Power meter measurement (Option 302)

Frequency range

9 kHz to 24 GHz (sensor dependent)

USB power sensor

9 kHz to 24 GHz: see Agilent U2000 Series USB power sensor specifications for details

General specifications

Connector type (port 1 and port 2)

Type N female

Test port impedance

50 ohm

External reference

Input type: BNC female

Reference frequency: 10 MHz

Required level: -5 dBm to 10 dBm

External trigger input

Impedance: $10 \text{ k}\Omega$

Level range: Rise edge: 17V; falling edge: 1V

Display

 $6.5^{\prime\prime}$ transflective, color VGA LED backlit 640×480 with anti-glare coating

Speaker

Built-in speaker

Headphone jack

Built-in headphone jack

Connectivity

2 x USB 2.0; 1 x micro USB; 1 x LAN

Internal storage

Minimum 16 MB, up to 1000 traces

External storage

1 x micro SD slot and 2 x USB 2.0

EMC Complies with European EMC Directive 2004/108/EC ■ IEC/EN 61326-1 • CISPR Pub 11 Group 1, Class A - AS/NZS CISPR 11 ■ ICES/NMB-001 **ESD** ■ IEC/EN 61000-4-2, functional up to 20 kV test Safety Complies with European Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC • IEC/EN 61010-1 2nd Edition • Canada: CSA C22.2 No. 61010-1-04 • USA: UL 61010-1 2nd Edition **Environmental** Compliant with MIL-PRE-28800F Class 2 general requirements - no exceptions **Temperature** Operating: $-10~^{\circ}\text{C}$ to 55 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ Non operating: -51 °C to 71 °C Weight 6 lbs / 2.7 kg including battery Dimensions (H x W x D) 292 x 188 x 72 mm (11.5" x 7.4" x 2.8") **Power Power supply** External DC input: 15 to 19 VDC **External AC power adapter** Input: 100 to 250 VAC, 50 to 60 Hz; 1.25 to 0.56 A 15 VDC, 4 A Output: Power consumption: 14 W (typical) Battery: 6 cell Lithium Ion, 10.8 V, 4.6 A-h **Battery operating time:** 3.5 hours Language

English, Chinese, French, Spanish, Japanese, Russian, German, Italian

Configuration Information

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N9923A FieldFox RF vector network analyzer options

Option 104 Option 106	4 GHz RF vector network analyzer, transmission/reflection 6 GHz RF vector network analyzer, transmission/reflection
Option 112	QuickCal
Option 122	Full 2-port S-parameters
Option 305	Cable and antenna analyzer
Option 302 Option 308	External USB power sensor support Vector voltmeter
Option 300	vector voitilleter

Standard accessories AC/DC adapter; battery; soft carrying case; LAN cable, Quick Reference Guide, and full manual

N9910X RF/MW handheld analyzer accessories

N9910X-800	T-calibration kit, DC-6 GHz, Type-N(m)
N9910X-801	T-calibration kit, DC-6 GHz, Type-N(f)
N9910X-802	T-calibration kit, DC-6 GHz, 7/16 DIN(m)
N9910X-803	T-calibration kit, DC-6 GHz, 7/16 DIN(f)
N9910X-810	Rugged phase stable cable, Type-N(m) to Type-N(m), 5 ft
N9910X-811	Rugged phase stable cable, Type-N(m) to Type-N(f), 5 ft
N9910X-812	Rugged phase stable cable, Type-N(m) to Type-N(m), 12 ft
N9910X-813	Rugged phase stable cable, Type-N(m) to Type-N(f), 12 ft
N9910X-814	Rugged phase stable cable, Type-N(m) to 7/16(m), 60 inch or 1.5 m
N9910X-815	Rugged phase stable cable, Type - N(m) to 7/16(m), 12 ft or 3.6 m
N9910X-816	Phase stable cable, Type-N(m) to Type-N(f), 3.28 ft or 1 m
N9910X-817	Phase stable cable, Type-N(m) to Type-N(m), 3.28 ft or 1 m
N9910X-843	Coaxial adapter, Type-N(m) to 7/16 DIN(f)
N9910X-845	Adapter kit: Type-N(f) to 7/16 DIN(f), Type-N(f) to 7/16 DIN(m), Type-N(f) to Type-N(f)
N9910X-860	Fixed attenuator, 40 dB, 100 W, DC-3 GHz, Type-N(m) to Type-N(f)
N9910X-861	Fixed attenuator, 40 dB, 50 W, DC-8.5 GHz, Type-N(m) to Type-N(f)
N9910X-870	Extra battery
N9910X-872	External battery charger
N9910X-873	AD/DC adapter
N9910X-874	External bias-tee, 2.5 MHz to 6 GHz, 1 W, 0.5 A
N9910X-880	Extra soft carrying case with backpack and shoulder strap
N9910X-875	DC car charger and adapter
119910X-073	Do cai charger and adapter
N9910X-881	Hard transit case
N9910X-884	Extra FieldFox shoulder strap

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Bias-tee, N9910X-874



External battery charger, N9910X-872



Phase stable cable, N9910X-810



AC/DC adapter, N9910X-873



100 Watt attenuator, N9910X-860



Adapter kit, N9910X-845







N9910X-800

N9910X-801

N9910X-802

N9910X-803

T-Cal kits



Soft carrying case with backpack and shoulder straps included with a standard FieldFox. For an extra soft carrying case order N9910X-880.





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