

Arbitrary Function Generator

AFG-2000 Series

QUICK START GUIDE

GW INSTEK PART NO. 82AF-21200MC1



ISO-9001 CERTIFIED MANUFACTURER

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S SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

This chapter contains important safety instructions that should be followed when operating and storing the function generator. Read the following before any operation to ensure your safety and to keep the function generator in the best condition.

Safety Symbols

These safety symbols may appear in this manual or on the instrument.



WARNING

Warning: Identifies conditions or practices that could result in injury or loss of life.



CAUTION

Caution: Identifies conditions or practices that could result in damage to the function generator or to other objects or property.



DANGER High Voltage



Attention: Refer to the Manual



Protective Conductor Terminal



Earth (Ground) Terminal



DANGER Hot Surface



Double Insulated



Do not dispose electronic equipment as unsorted municipal waste. Please use a separate collection facility or contact the supplier from which this instrument was purchased.

Safety Guidelines

General Guideline



CAUTION

- Do not place heavy objects on the instrument.
- Do not place flammable objects on the instrument.
- Avoid severe impact or rough handling that may damage the function generator.
- Avoid discharges of static electricity on or near the function generator.
- Use only mating connectors, not bare wires, for the terminals.
- The instrument should only be disassembled by a qualified technician.

(Measurement categories) EN 61010-1:2010 specifies the measurement categories and their requirements as follows. The instrument falls under category II.

- Measurement category IV is for measurement performed at the source of a low-voltage installation.
- Measurement category III is for measurement performed in a building installation.
- Measurement category II is for measurement performed on circuits directly connected to a low voltage installation.
- Measurement category I is for measurements performed on circuits not directly connected to Mains.

Power Supply



WARNING

- AC Input voltage: 100 ~ 240V AC, 50 ~ 60Hz.
 - Connect the protective grounding conductor of the AC power cord to an earth ground to prevent electric shock.
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Fuse



WARNING

- Fuse type: F1A/250V.
- Only qualified technicians should replace the fuse.
- To ensure fire protection, replace the fuse only with the specified type and rating.
- Disconnect the power cord and all test leads before replacing the fuse.
- Make sure the cause of fuse blowout is fixed before replacing the fuse.

Cleaning the
function
generator

- Disconnect the power cord before cleaning the function generator.
- Use a soft cloth dampened in a solution of mild detergent and water. Do not spray any liquid into the function generator.
- Do not use chemicals containing harsh products such as benzene, toluene, xylene, and acetone.

Operation
Environment

- Location: Indoor, no direct sunlight, dust free, almost non-conductive pollution (Note below) and avoid strong magnetic fields.
- Relative Humidity: < 80%
- Altitude: < 2000m
- Temperature: 0°C to 40°C

(Pollution Degree) EN 61010-1:2010 specifies pollution degrees and their requirements as follows. The function generator falls under degree 2.

Pollution refers to “addition of foreign matter, solid, liquid, or gaseous (ionized gases), that may produce a reduction of dielectric strength or surface resistivity”.

- Pollution degree 1: No pollution or only dry, non-conductive pollution occurs. The pollution has no influence.
- Pollution degree 2: Normally only non-conductive pollution occurs. Occasionally, however, a temporary conductivity caused by condensation must be expected.
- Pollution degree 3: Conductive pollution occurs, or dry, non-conductive pollution occurs which becomes conductive due to condensation which is expected. In such conditions, equipment is normally protected against exposure to direct sunlight,

precipitation, and full wind pressure, but neither temperature nor humidity is controlled.

Storage environment

- Location: Indoor
- Relative Humidity: < 70%
- Temperature: -10°C to 70°C

Disposal



Do not dispose this instrument as unsorted municipal waste. Please use a separate collection facility or contact the supplier from which this instrument was purchased. Please make sure discarded electrical waste is properly recycled to reduce environmental impact.

Power cord for the United Kingdom

When using the function generator in the United Kingdom, make sure the power cord meets the following safety instructions.

NOTE: This lead/appliance must only be wired by competent persons



WARNING: THIS APPLIANCE MUST BE EARTHED

IMPORTANT: The wires in this lead are coloured in accordance with the following code:

Green/ Yellow: Earth
 Blue: Neutral
 Brown: Live (Phase)



As the colours of the wires in main leads may not correspond with the coloured marking identified in your plug/appliance, proceed as follows:

The wire which is coloured Green & Yellow must be connected to the Earth terminal marked with either the letter E, the earth symbol (⊕) or coloured Green/Green & Yellow.

The wire which is coloured Blue must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter N or coloured Blue or Black.

The wire which is coloured Brown must be connected to the terminal marked with the letter L or P or coloured Brown or Red.

If in doubt, consult the instructions provided with the equipment or contact the supplier.

This cable/appliance should be protected by a suitably rated and approved HBC mains fuse: refer to the rating information on the equipment and/or user instructions for details. As a guide, a cable of 0.75mm² should be protected by a 3A or 5A fuse. Larger conductors would normally require 13A types, depending on the connection method used.

Any exposed wiring from a cable, plug or connection that is engaged in a live socket is extremely hazardous. If a cable or plug is deemed hazardous, turn off the mains power and remove the cable, any fuses and fuse assemblies. All hazardous wiring must be immediately destroyed and replaced in accordance to the above standard.

GETTING STARTED

The Getting started chapter introduces the function generator's main features, appearance and introduces a quick instructional summary of some of the basic functions. For comprehensive operation instructions, please see the user manual.

Main Features

Model name	AFG-2005	AFG-2105	AFG-2012	AFG-2112	AFG-2025	AFG-2125
Frequency Range	0.1Hz~5MHz	0.1Hz~12MHz	0.1Hz~25MHz			
Output waveform	Sine, Square, Ramp, Noise, ARB					
Amplitude range	0.1Hz~20MHz					
	1 mVpp to 10 Vpp(into 50Ω) 2 mVpp to 20 Vpp(open-circuit)					
	20MHz~25MHz					
	1 mVpp to 5 Vpp(into 50Ω) 2 mVpp to 10 Vpp(open-circuit)					
Variable Offset	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Variable Duty	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SYNC (TTL) output	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Save/Recall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sweep operation	—	✓	—	✓	—	✓
AM	—	✓	—	✓	—	✓
FM	—	✓	—	✓	—	✓
FSK	—	✓	—	✓	—	✓
Frequency Counter	—	✓	—	✓	—	✓

ARB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
USB Interface	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

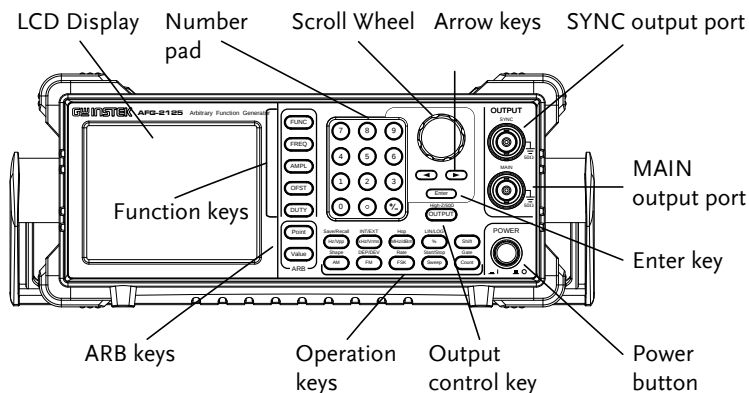
Performance	• DDS technology using an FPGA provides high resolution waveforms • 25MHz DDS (Direct Digital Synthesis) signal output series • 0.1Hz resolution • Full Function Arbitrary Waveform Capability 20 MSa/s sample rate 10 MHz repetition rate 4 k-point waveform length 10-bit amplitude resolution - Ten 4k waveform memories
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Features	• Sine, Square, Ramp, Noise • Int/Ext AM, FM, FSK modulation • Modulation/sweep signal output • Save/recall 10 groups of setting memories • Output overload protection • ARB (Arbitrary Waveform) can be edited with PC software
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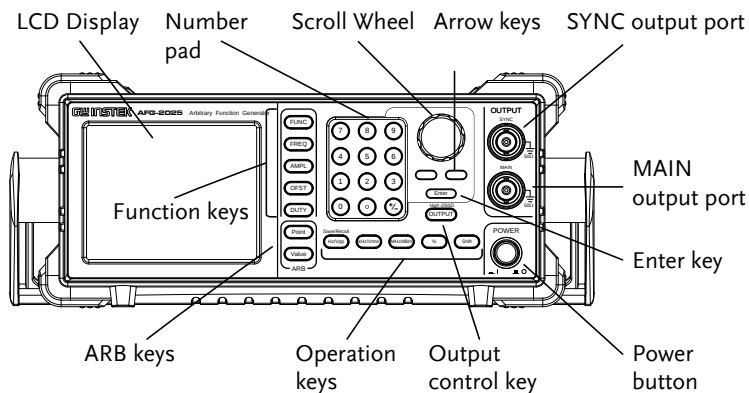
Interface	• USB interface as standard • 3.5 inch LCD
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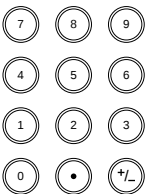
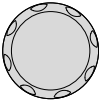
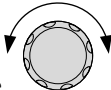
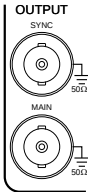
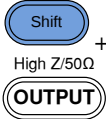
Panel Overview

AFG-2105/2112/2125 Front Panel



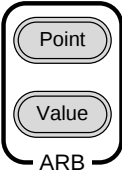
AFG-2005/2012/2025 Front Panel



LCD display	3.5 inch, 3 color LCD display.	
Keypad		The digital keypad is used to enter values and parameters. The keypad is often used in conjunction with the selection keys and variable knob.
Scroll Wheel		The scroll wheel is used to edit values and parameters in steps of 1 digit. Used in conjunction with the arrow keys. 
Arrow keys		Used to select digits when editing parameters.
Output ports		SYNC output port (50Ω impedance). Main output port (50Ω impedance).
Enter key		Used to confirm input values.
Power button		Turns the instrument power on/off.
Output control key		Turns the output on/off.
Output Impedance		Toggles the output impedance between 50Ω and High-Z.

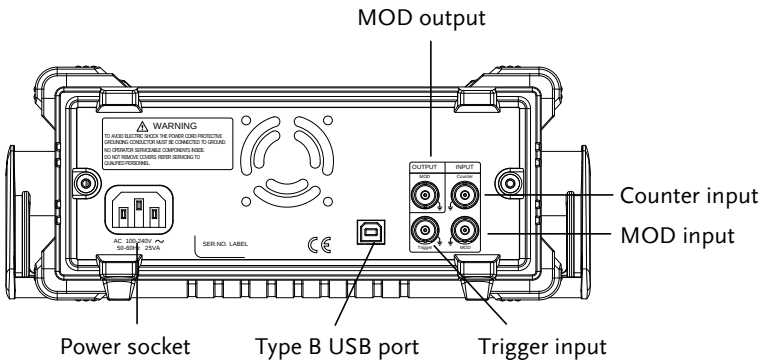
Operation keys

	Selects Hz or Vpp units.
 + 	Saves or recalls waveforms from memory.
	Selects kHz or Vrms units.
 + 	Sets the source to internal or external for the modulation and FSK functions*.
	Selects MHz or dBm units.
 + 	Sets the "Hop" frequency for FSK modulation*.
	Selects % units.
 + 	Sets the sweep to linear or logarithmic*.
	The shift key is used to select the secondary functions on the operation keys.
	The AM key is used to turn AM modulation on/off*.
 + 	Selects the modulation waveform*.
	The FM key is used to turn FM modulation on/off*.
 + 	Selects the modulation depth or the frequency deviation*.
	Selects FSK modulation*.
 + 	Sets the AM, FM, FSK modulation and sweep function (Rate)*

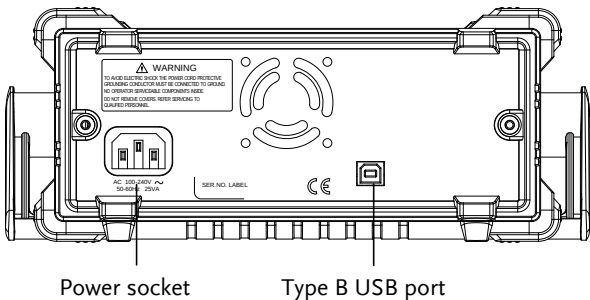
		Selects the Sweep function*.
	 + 	Sets the Start or Stop frequency*.
		Turns the frequency counter on/off*.
	 + 	Sets the frequency counter gate time*.
ARB edit keys		Arbitrary waveform editing keys. The point key sets the ARB point numbers. The Value key sets the amplitude value of the selected point.
Function keys		The FUNC key is used to select the output waveform type, Sine, Square, Ramp, Noise, ARB.
		Sets the frequency of the selected waveform.
		Sets the amplitude of the selected waveform.
		The OFST sets the DC offset for the selected waveform.
		The DUTY key sets the duty cycle of square and ramp waveforms.

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AFG-2105/2112/2125 Rear Panel



AFG-2005/2012/2025 Rear Panel

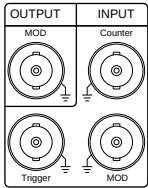


MOD output

Counter input

MOD input

Trigger input



Modulation output port.

Counter input port.

Modulation input port.

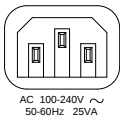
Trigger input port.

Type B USB port



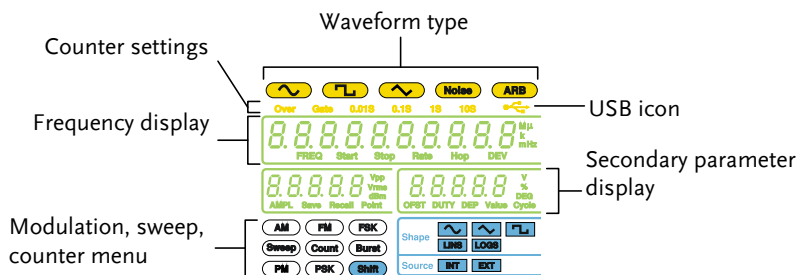
The type B USB port is used to connect the function generator to a PC for remote control.

Power Socket
Input



Power input: 100~240V AC
50~60Hz.

Display



Waveform type



Press the function key to cycle through different output waveforms.

Counter settings

Over Gate 0.01S 0.1S 1S 10S

Gate time counter settings*.

USB icon



Frequency Display



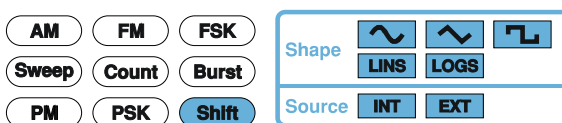
Displays the main waveform frequency settings.

Secondary parameter display



Displays secondary waveform parameters and settings.

Modulation, sweep, counter menu



Displays the modulation, sweep and counter functions as well as the modulating waveform and source*.

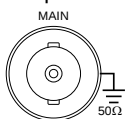
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Selecting a Waveform

Sine Wave

Example: Sine Wave, 10kHz, 1Vpp, 2Vdc

Output

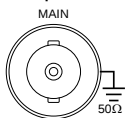


1. Press **FUNC**>select the sine wave
2. Press **FREQ**>1>0>kHz
3. Press **AMPL**>1>Vpp
4. Press **OFST**>2>Vpp
5. Press **OUTPUT**

Square Wave

Example: Square Wave, 10kHz, 3Vpp, 75% duty cycle

Output

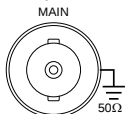


1. Press **FUNC**>select the square wave
2. Press **FREQ**>1>0>kHz
3. Press **AMPL**>3>Vpp
4. Press **DUTY**>7>5>%
5. Press **OUTPUT**

Ramp Wave

Example: Ramp Wave, 10kHz, 3Vpp, 25% symmetry

Output



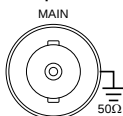
1. Press **FUNC**>select the ramp wave
2. Press **FREQ**>1>0>kHz
3. Press **AMPL**>3>Vpp
4. Press **DUTY**>2>5>%
5. Press **OUTPUT**

ARB

ARB – Enter Points

Example: ARB Ramp, 10 kHz, 1Vpp, 2 points.

Output



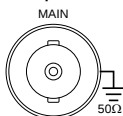
1. Press **FUNC**>select the ARB wave
2. Press **FREQ**>1>0>kHz
3. Press **AMPL**>1>Vpp
4. Press **Point**>0>Enter
5. Press **Value**>5>1>1>Enter. (+511 amplitude)
6. Press **Point**>1>Enter
7. Press **Value**>+/->5>1>1>Enter. (-511 amplitude)
8. Press **OUTPUT**

Modulation

AM (2100 series only)

Example: AM modulation. 100Hz modulating square wave. 1 Vpp, 1kHz Sine wave carrier. 70% modulation depth. Internal source signal.

Output

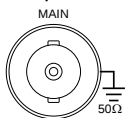


1. Press **FUNC**>select the sine wave
2. Press **FREQ**>1>kHz
3. Press **AMPL**>1>Vpp
4. Press **AM**
5. Press **Shift**>INT/EXT>select INT source
6. Press **Shift**>Shape>select the square wave
7. Press **Shift**>Rate>1>0>0>Hz
8. Press **Shift**>DEP/DEV>7>0>%
9. Press **Output**
10. Press **AM** to deselect the AM function

FM (2100 series only)

Example: FM modulation. 100Hz modulating square wave. 1Vpp, 1kHz Sine wave carrier. 100 Hz frequency deviation. Internal Source.

Output

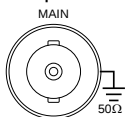


1. Press **FUNC**>select the sine wave
2. Press **FREQ**>1>kHz
3. Press **AMPL**>1>Vpp
4. Press **FM**
5. Press **Shift**>INT/EXT>select INT
6. Press **Shift**>Shape>select square
7. Press **Shift**>Rate>1>0>0>Hz
8. Press **Shift**>DEP/DEV>1>0>0>Hz
9. Press **Output**
10. Press **FM** to deselect the FM function

FSK Modulation (2100 series only)

Example: FSK modulation. 100Hz Hop frequency. 1Vpp, 1kHz Ramp carrier wave. 10 Hz Rate (modulation frequency). Internal Source.

Output

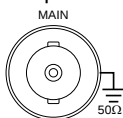


1. Press **FUNC**>select the ramp wave
2. Press **FREQ**>1>kHz
3. Press **AMPL**>1>Vpp
4. Press **FSK**
5. Press **Shift**>INT/EXT>Select INT
6. Press **Shift**>Rate>1>0>Hz
7. Press **Shift**>HOP>1>0>0>Hz
8. Press **Output**
9. Press **FSK** to deselect the FSK function

Sweep (2100 series only)

Example: Frequency Sweep. Start Frequency 1Hz, Stop Frequency 1MHz. 1Hz Rate. 1Vpp. Lins Sweep.

Output

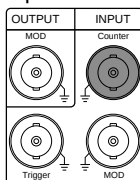


1. Press **FUNC**>select the ramp wave
2. Press **AMPL**>1>Vpp
3. Press **Sweep**
4. Press **Shift**>INT/EXT>select INT
5. Press **Shift**>Start/Stop>select Start>1>Hz
6. Press **Shift**>Start/Stop>select Stop>1>MHz
7. Press **Shift**>Rate>1>Hz
8. Press **Shift**>LIN/LOG>Select LINS
9. Press **Output**
10. Press **Sweep** to deselect the sweep function

Counter (2100 series only)

Example: Frequency counter function, gate time 1s.

Input



1. Press **Count**
2. Press **Shift**>Gate>select 1S gate time
3. Connect the signal to the counter input terminal.
4. Press **Count** to deselect the counter function.

Save/Recall

Save ---

Example: Save waveform to memory.

1. Press **Shift>Save/Recall>Select Save**
2. Turn the **Scroll knob>select a file number>Enter**

Recall ---

Example: Recall waveform from memory.

1. Press **Shift>Save/Recall>Select Recall**
2. Turn the **Scroll knob>select a file number>Enter**

AFG-2000 Series Specifications

The specifications apply when the function generator is powered on for at least 30 minutes under +20°C~+30°C.

AFG-2000 models		2005	2012	2025	2105	2112	2125
Waveforms		Sine, Square, Ramp, Noise, ARB					
Arbitrary Functions							
	Sample Rate	20 MSa/s					
	Repetition Rate	10MHz					
	Waveform Length	4k points					
	Amplitude Resolution	10 bits					
	Non-Volatile Memory	4k points					
Frequency Characteristics							
Range	Sine	0.1Hz~5MHz	0.1Hz~12MHz	0.1Hz~25MHz	0.1Hz~5MHz	0.1Hz~12MHz	0.1Hz~25MHz
	Square	0.1Hz~5MHz	0.1Hz~12MHz	0.1Hz~25MHz	0.1Hz~5MHz	0.1Hz~12MHz	0.1Hz~25MHz
	Triangle, Ramp	1MHz					
Resolution		0.1Hz					
Accuracy	Stability	±20 ppm					
	Aging	±1 ppm, per 1 year					
	Tolerance	≤ 1 mHz					
Output Characteristics							
Amplitude	Range	1 mVpp to 10 Vpp(into 50Ω)					
		2 mVpp to 20 Vpp(open-circuit)					
		1 mVpp to 5 Vpp(into 50Ω) for 20MHz-25MHz					
		2 mVpp to 10 Vpp(open-circuit) for 20MHz-25MHz					
	Accuracy	± 2% of setting ±1 mVpp (at 1 kHz)					
	Resolution	1 mV or 3 digits					
	Flatness	± 1% (0.1dB) ≤100kHz					
		± 3% (0.3 dB) ≤5MHz					
		± 5% (0.4 dB) ≤12MHz					
		±20%(2dB)≤20MHz					
		± 5% (0.4 dB) ≤25MHz (sine wave relative to 1 kHz)					
	Units	Vpp, Vrms, dBm					

Offset	Range	±5 Vpk ac +dc (into 50Ω) ±10Vpk ac +dc (Open circuit) ±2.5 Vpk ac +dc (into 50Ω) for 20MHz-25MHz ±5Vpk ac +dc (Open circuit) for 20MHz-25MHz
	Accuracy	2% of setting + 5 mV+ 0.5% of amplitude
Waveform Output	Impedance	50Ω typical (fixed) > 300kΩ (output disabled)
	Attenuator	—
SYNC Output	Protection	Short-circuit protected Overload relay automatically disables main output
	Level	TTL-compatible into>1kΩ
	Impedance	50Ω nominal
	Fan Out	—
	Rise of Fall Time	≤ 25ns
Sine wave Characteristics		
	Harmonic distortion(5)	-55 dBc DC ~ 200kHz, Ampl > 0.1Vpp -50 dBc 200kHz ~ 1MHz, Ampl > 0.1Vpp -35 dBc 1MHz ~ 5MHz, Ampl > 0.1Vpp -30 dBc 5MHz ~ 25MHz, Ampl > 0.1Vpp
Square wave Characteristics		
	Rise/Fall Time	≤25ns at maximum output. (into 50 Ω load)
	Overshoot	<5%
	Asymmetry	1% of period +1 ns
	Variable duty Cycle	1.0% to 99.0% ≤100kHz 20.0% to 80.0% ≤ 5MHz 40.0% to 60.0% ≤ 10MHz 50% ≤ 25MHz
Ramp Characteristics		
	Linearity	< 0.1% of peak output
	Variable Symmetry	0% to 100% (0.1% Resolution)

AM Modulation			
Carrier Waveforms	—	Sine, Square, Triangle	
Modulating Waveforms	—	Sine, Square, Triangle	
Modulating Frequency	—	2mHz to 20kHz (Int) DC to 20kHz (Ext)	
Depth	—	0% to 120.0%	
Source	—	Internal / External	
FM Modulation			
Carrier Waveforms	—	Sine, Square, Triangle	
Modulating Waveforms	—	Sine, Square, Triangle	
Modulating Frequency	—	2mHz to 20kHz (Int) DC to 20kHz (Ext)	
Peak Deviation	—	DC to Max Frequency	
Source	—	Internal / External	
Sweep			
Waveforms	—	Sine, Square, Triangle	
Type	—	Linear or Logarithmic	
Start/Stop Freq	—	0.1Hz to Max Frequency	
Sweep Time	—	1ms to 500s	
Source	—	Internal / External	
FSK			
Carrier Waveforms	—	Sine, Square, Triangle	
Modulating Waveforms	—	50% duty cycle square	
Modulation Rate	—	2mHz to 100kHz (INT) DC to 100kHz (Ext)	
Frequency Range	—	0.1Hz to Max Frequency	
Source	—	Internal / External	

Frequency Counter			
Range	—	5Hz to 150MHz	
Accuracy	—	Time Base accuracy±1 count	
Time Base	—	±20ppm (23℃ ±5℃) after 30 minutes warm up	
Resolution	—	The maximum resolution is: 100nHz for 1Hz, 0.1Hz for 100MHz.	
Input Impedance	—	1kΩ/1pf	
Sensitivity	—	35mVrms ~ 30Vrms (5Hz to 150MHz)	
Save/Recall		10 Groups of Setting Memories (Locations 0~9 only for instrument state, Locations 10~19 only for ARB data)	
Interface		USB (Device)	
Display		LCD	
General Specifications			
Power Source		AC100~240V, 50~60Hz	
Power Consumption		25 VA (Max)	
Operating Environment		Temperature to satisfy the specification : 18 ~ 28℃ Operating temperature : 0 ~ 40℃ Relative Humidity: ≤ 80%, 0 ~ 40℃ ≤ 70%, 35 ~ 40℃ Installation category : CAT II	
Operating Altitude		2000 Meters	
Storage Temperature		-10~70℃, Humidity: ≤70%	
Dimensions (WxHxD)		266(W) x 107(H) x 293(D) mm	
Weight		Approx. 2.5kg	
Accessories		GTL-101× 1 GTL-101× 2 Quick Start Guide ×1 CD (user manual + software) ×1 Power cord×1	

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Are herewith confirmed to comply with the requirements set out in the Council Directive on the Approximation of the Law of Member States relating to Electromagnetic Compatibility (2004/108/EC) and Low Voltage Equipment Directive (2006/95/EC). For the evaluation regarding the Electromagnetic Compatibility and Low Voltage Equipment Directive, the following standards were applied:

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EN 61326-1 : Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use — EMC requirements (2006)	
Conducted and Radiated Emissions EN 55011: 2009+A1:2010	Electrostatic Discharge EN 61000-4-2: 2008
Current Harmonic EN 61000-3-2: 2006+A2:2009	Radiated Immunity EN 61000-4-3: 2006+ A2:2010
Voltage Fluctuation EN 61000-3-3: 2008	Electrical Fast Transients EN 61000-4-4: 2004+A1:2010
-----	Surge Immunity EN 61000-4-5: 2005
-----	Conducted Susceptibility EN 61000-4-6: 2008
-----	Power Frequency Magnetic Field EN 61000-4-8: 2009
-----	Voltage Dips/ Interrupts EN 61000-4-11: 2004

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Low Voltage Equipment Directive 2006/95/EC	
Safety Requirements	
EN 61010-1: 2010	