# **TV Broadcast Measurements**

### TV Test Receiver Family EFA

## Test receivers and demodulators for analog and digital (DVB-C) TV signals

Note: EFA model 20 with Rohde & Schwarz label available in Europe, Middle East and Japan only; in all other areas available as model DDS200 by Tektronix (photo 42462)

### **Brief description**

TV Test Receiver and Demodulator Family EFA is a new equipment generation with outstanding performance features and excellent transmission characteristics. The TV test receivers and demodulators are able to receive and demodulate both conventional AM vestigial sideband signals and quadrature-amplitude-modulated DVB signals with high precision, measure a variety of transmission parameters and are ideal for measurement and monitoring applications in cable networks and TV transmitter stations.

### The family members:

- Model 12
  Analog TV test receiver, tunable, selective, standard B/G
- Model 20
  Digital (QAM) TV test receiver (DVB-C), tunable, selective
- Model 23
  Digital (QAM) TV demodulator (DVB-C), broadband
- Model 33
  Analog TV demodulator, broadband, standard B/G
- Model 72
  Analog TV test receiver, tunable, selective, standard M
- Model 78
  Analog TV test receiver, tunable, selective, standards D/K, I



 Model 83
 Analog TV demodulator, broadband, standard M
 Model 89

**Analog TV demodulator**, broadband, standards D/K, I

### Applications

TV Test Receiver Family EFA from Rohde&Schwarz is a versatile and high-performance TV test receiver and demodulator platform that is able to keep pace with the rapid development in television.

A QAM demodulator is available for digital video broadcasting in cable networks (DVB-C), allowing all necessary measurements to be made on digital channels.

The EFA family also comprises an analog TV test receiver for monitoring all other TV channels.

QAM demodulator and analog receiver can be combined in a compact unit which can be expanded by adding further options, eg an MPEG2 decoder (EFA-B4) or NICAM decoder (EFA-B2). In particular the Preselection Option EFA-B3 adds excellent selectivity characteristics to the demodulator models.

### Features

### TV test receiver models 12, 72 and 78

- Selective test receiver, frequency or channel entry
- Measurement functions for
  - input power/level
  - vision carrier offset frequency
  - vision/sound carrier spacing (level and frequency)
  - FM sound carrier and pilot deviation
- Upgradable to dual-mode instrument, ie analog and digital (DVB-C) receiver in one compact unit (option EFA-B1)
- Group-delay correction can be switched off
- Models 12, 78: NICAM Demodulator EFA-B2

### QAM test receiver model 20 and QAM demodulator model 23

- World's first test receiver for DVB-C signals
- 4QAM to 256QAM selectable
- Constellation diagram with automatic result analysis
- Integrated noise generator for measurement of noise margin
- IF filters of various bandwidth specially developed for DVB (standard 8 MHz, optional 6 MHz)

- Self-adapting equalizer for in-depth signal analysis in transmission channel:
  - echo measurement
  - amplitude and phase response
- Alarm register with 1000 memory locations for the following errors:
  - signal level (threshold adjustable)
  - synchronization
  - bit error rate (threshold adjustable)
  - non-corrected MPEG errors
- MPEG2 Decoder EFA-B4 (option) can be integrated
- Preselection (model 23 only)

### TV demodulator models 33, 83 and 89

- Nyquist demodulator, broadband RF input
- Retrofittable RF Preselection EFA-B3 (option), the broadband input remains usable
- Same measurement functions as test receiver
- Group-delay correction can be switched off
- Models 33, 89: NICAM Demodulator EFA-B2

### All EFA models

 Simple, user-friendly hardkey and softkey control

- IEC/IEEE bus, RS-232 interface
- Compact unit (3 height units)
- Frequency range 47 to 862 MHz; demodulator models 23, 33, 83 and 89 with RF Preselection EFA-B3, lower cutoff frequency 5 MHz (return-channel-compatible)
- Modular design
  - easy retrofitting of options
- Comprehensive measurement and monitoring functions
- Excellent price/performance ratio
- Platform for new digital technologies

### Family concept

With its modular design the extremely compact, only three units high TV Test Receiver EFA is made for easy upgrading and high versatility. One of the EFA family members is the analog TV test receiver with selective receiver section. The measurement menu of the analog TV test receiver is shown below left.

Another family member is the DVB test receiver with QAM demodulator. A QAM demodulator is used for processing the TV channel converted to IF. The most important measurement tool for QAM signals is the constellation diagram (see below right).

A further family member is the analog demodulator. In addition to the selective receiver section there is also a broadband receiver section, which with measurements directly at the source and single-channel occupancy (TV transmitter) provides results of highest precision. A high-grade preselection module can be connected ahead of this broadband converter module.

An MPEG2 decoder for video and audio processing and evaluation of the transport stream generated by the QAM demodulator can be integrated for comprehensive measurements on the FM sound carriers of analog TV. Furthermore, a NICAM sound demodulator is available.

MEASURE					
RF 48.250 MH	z CHANNEL	RF-LEVEL 74.3 dB	uγ	STANDARD <b>B/G</b>	
VISION CARRIER					
LEVEL FREQUENCY MEASURED I AFC FREQUI	FREQUENCY	74 48.2500 48.3232 48.3426	1.3 c 100 h 200 h 200 h	dBuV 1Hz 1Hz	
SOUND CAR	RIER				
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Measurement menu in analog TV test receiver mode



Constellation diagram in QAM demodulator mode

### TV Test Receiver Family EFA

### Specifications in brief

# Analog TV test receiver and TV demodulator RF/IF characteristics

Frequency (vision carrier)	<b>Test receive</b> r 45 to 860 MHz	Demodulator 45 to 900 MHz
with optional RF Preselection EFA-B3 Intermediate frequency Frequency setting	38.9 MHz channel number (+ vision carrier freau	5 to 900 MHz 38.9 MHz special channels), ency or
Resolution Frequency accuracy	memory location n 1 Hz <±3x10 <sup>-6</sup> x receiv	umber (00 to 99) 1 Hz re frequency
Mage-frequency rejection VHF Adjacent-channel rejection	≥70 dB ≥50 dB ≥48 dB (std. B/G)	≥48 dB (std. B/G)
<b>RF input</b> Connector	selective on front panel (BNC female) or rear panel: 50 Ω: N or 75 Ω: N NC for	broadband N female, on rear panel
Impedance (model-dependent) Level range	50 Ω or 75 Ω 100 $\mu$ V to 1 V <sup>1</sup> ) (40 to 120 dB $\mu$ V) <sup>1</sup>	50 Ω 10 mV to 2.5 V <sup>1</sup> ) )
with 10 dB preamplifier Return loss	30 μV to 1 m <sup>(γ)</sup> (30 to 60 dBμV) <sup>1</sup> ) 50 Ω: ≥14 dB 75 Ω: ≥12 dB	≥30 dB
<b>IF input</b> Level range Return loss (33 to 40 MHz)	BNC female, on re 20 to 200 mV <sup>1</sup> ) (86 to 106 dBµV) <sup>1</sup> ) ≥20 dB	ear panel, 50 Ω 50 to 350 mV <sup>1</sup> ) (94 to 111 dBμV) <sup>1</sup> ) ≥30 dB
Crosstalk attenuation RF/IF	≥70 dB	≥70 dB
Level Return loss (33 to 40 MHz)	100 mV <sup>-1</sup> ) (100 d ≥20 dB	ar panel, 30 Ω BμV) <sup>1</sup> ) ≥20 dB
Video characteristics		
Video outputs with optional Video Distributor EFA-B6	BNC female on fro	nt/rear panel, 75 Ω 2x as above
Level of CVS Usignal with zero reference pulse, inphase signal Setting range DC offset with zero carrier with optional Video Distributor EFA-B6	1.12 V pp ±2% ±3 dB 0 ±20 mV	1.12 V pp $\pm 2\%$ $\pm 3$ dB 0 $\pm 20$ mV can be switched to 0 V for blanking
Return loss (0 to 6 MHz) Decoupling of outputs (level variation the other outputs between short circui	≥26 dB at terminated outpu t and open circuit) ≤1%	≥26 dB t when switching at ≤1 %
Quadrature signal output with optional Video Distributor EFA-B6	BNC female, on re	ear panel, 75 Ω additional BNC female on front panel
Gain difference, referred to nominal video output level Return loss (0 to 6 MHz)	≤0.5 dB ≥20 dB	≤0.5 dB ≥20 dB
<b>Input of external zero reference pulse</b> Input level Delay of zero reference pulse.	BNC female, on re >+1 V	ear panel, 75 Ω >+1 V
referred to control pulse	3 μs	3 μs
Synchronous demodulation	continuous or clam selectable	ped to back porch,
Time constant of sync demodulator, selectable for continuous control	fast, normal, slow	fast, normal, slow
ror samplea control <b>Signal/noise ratio</b> Unweighted ,V <sub>in</sub> >200 mV	normal, slow	ormai, siow ≥60 dB

$\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Weighted to CCIR Rec. 567} \\ V_{in} > 200 \mbox{ mV} \\ 50 \ \Omega; \ input attenuation 0 \ dB: \\ V_{in} = 3 \ mV \ (70 \ dB\mu V) \\ 1 \ mV \ (60 \ dB\mu V), \ with \ preampl. \\ \mbox{Periodic noise (peak measurement)} \\ up \ to 1 \ kHz \\ 1 \ kHz \ to 5 \ MHz \end{array}$	≥56 dB ≥52 dB	≥67 dB ≥52 dB ≥60 dB
5 to 6 MHz		≥50 dB
Linear distortion Amplitude frequency response Standard B/G, 0 to 4.5 MHz 4.8 MHz D/K, 0 to 5.5 MHz L 0 to 4 5 MHz	±0.5 dB -3/+0.5 dB ±0.5 dB +0.5 dB	±0.25 dB -3/+0.25 dB ±0.25 dB +0.25 dB
Group-delay response [O to 4.8 MHz Group-delay correction without group-delay correction with argund delay correction	:); standard B/G fully equalized, ca <±20 ns	n be switched off <±12 ns
with group-delay correction 0 to 3.7 MHz 4.43 MHz 4.8 MHz	<±20 ns <±20 ns <±50 ns	<±12 ns <±20 ns <±50 ns
Additional group delay ripple caused by SAW filter	<±20 ns	<±20 ns
Transient response 2T pulse amplitude 2T k factor 20T pulse amplitude Chrominance/luminance gain Chrominance/luminance delay	≤1%	<t2% &lt;1% <t3% <t3%< td=""></t3%<></t3% </t2% 
with group-delay correction	<±20 ns <±20 ns	<±12 ns <±20 ns
Nonlinear distortion Luminance nonlinearity (8 to 100%) Differential gain (10 to 90%) Differential phase (10 to 90%) Intermodulation Low-distortion mode	<2% <±2% <±2°	<2% <±2% <±1°
(vision carrier: -8/sound carrier: -10/SB: -16 dB) (sound carrier: -10 dB/SB: 10 to 90%, -0.85 to +5 MHz)	≥72 dB²)	≥55 dB <sup>3</sup> )
<b>Q signal</b> Phase error of switching carrier Bandwidth (–3 dB)	≤±1° approx. 1.5 MHz	≤±1° approx. 1.5 MHz

### Audio characteristics

Audio outputs	Lemo-Triax female, in pairs; front
	panel: unbalanced, rear panel:
	balanced, floating, $<35 \Omega$
Additional connectors with optional	broadband output
Split-Carrier Demodulator EFA-B5	on front panel
	(unbalanced) and
	pilot output on rear
	panel (BNC female)
Signals	mono, left/right sound 1/sound 2

Level (±30 kHz deviation,  $f_{mod}$  = 500 Hz)+6 dBm ±0.2 dB into 600  $\Omega$ 

Audio parameters (Intercarrier demodulator; improved values are obtained with optional Split-

Carrier Demodulator EFA-B5)		
Stereo/dual-sound method	A2 (IRT)	A2 (IRT)
Frequency response	≤0.5 dB	≤0.5 dB
Deemphásis, can be switched off	50 µs	50 µs
Distortion at ±50 kHz deviation	<0.5%	<0.5%
Stereo crosstalk attenuation	≥40 dB	≥40 dB
Channel crosstalk attenuation		
with ±30 kHz spurious FM	≥74 dB	≥74 dB
Intercarrier S/N ratio (weighted to		
CCIR 468-3)		
All-black picture	≥55 dB	≥55 dB
FuBK test pattern	≥48 dB	≥48 dB
Sinewave modulation (receiver		
10 to 75%, demodulator 0 to 75%	)	
0 to 5 MHz	′ ≥46 dB	≥46 dB
242 ±15 kHz	≥42 dB	≥42 dB
Split-carrier S/N ratio, measured		
at IF output (weighted to		
CCIR 468-3, deemphasis 50 µs)	≥50 dB	≥62 dB
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1 2) Referred to sync pulse. 3) Referred to b/w transition.

#### **Test parameters**

Resolution	Accuracy
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0.1 dB	$\pm 3 \text{ dB} (\text{demodulator} \pm 2 \text{ dB})$
20 HZ	frequency
0.1 dB	±2 dB
100 Hz	±200 Hz (with unmodulated sound carrier)
100 Hz	±3x10 <sup>-2</sup> x Δf ±200 Hz
10 Hz	±200 Hz
1 Hz	±10 Hz
	Resolution 0.1 dB 20 Hz 0.1 dB 100 Hz 100 Hz 10 Hz 1 Hz

#### DVB test receiver (QAM)

The test receiver complies with DVB specifications ETS300429 and ETR290.

RF IF characteristics (further data same as analog TV test receiver)

Frequency range	47 to 862 MHz
Level range of input signal	100 μV to 700 mV (40 to 117 dBμV)
Input impedance (model-dependent)	50 Ω or 75 Ω
Channel bandwidth	8 MHz (2/4/6 MHz optional),
	selectable
IF input	36 MHz; BNC female on rear panel
Impedance	50 Ω
Level range	10 to 100 mV (80 to 100 dBµV)
IF output	36 MHz; BNC female on rear panel
Impedance	50 Ω
Level	45 mV (93 dBµV)

table

12 to 62 dB in steps of 0.1 dB

or 6 MHz) are fitted

4, 16, 32, 64, 128 and 256QAM 0.13; 0.15; 0.20; 0.25; 0.30; selec-

≤1.5 dB (64QAM) 1.5 to 7 Mbaud self-adapting, selectable

204, 188, 8; selectable 1.0 E-3 to 0.1 E-9

interleaver (Forney), L = 12

ESS 309 to DVB specification

automatic conversion and correct setting of C/N ratio if optional filters (2, 4

parallel MPEG data stream to LVDS

standard (188.204 bytes), serial MPEG data stream (ASI), serial data stream before Reed-Solomon decoder

available as option EFA-B4 LCD with 240 x 320 pixels

symbol rate, carrier recovery, equalizer, MPEG2 frame

#### Demodulator characteristics

Modulation mode

Roll-off factor Insertion loss Symbol rate Equalizer Reed-Solomon decoder Bit error rate measurement range Interleaving Energy dispersal Internal noise generator (on/off) C/N ratio Setting Filters

Outputs

MPEG decoder Screen Sync information on

#### Test parameters (at 64QAM)

	Range	Tolerance
Level	-60 to +10 dBm	≤±3 dB, typ. ±1 dB
MER	24 to 30 dB	≤±0.3 dB
	30 to 35 dB	≤±0.7 dB
	35 to 40 dB	≤±1.5 dB
SNR	24 to 30 dB	<u>≤</u> ±0.4 dB
	30 to 35 dB	≤±0.8 dB
	35 to 40 dB	≤±1.8 dB
Carrier suppression	25 to 40 dB	≤±1 dB
	40 to 50 dB	≤±1.5 dB
	50 to 60 dB	≤±3 dB
I/Q amplitude imbalance	0 to 5%	≤±0.02%
I/Q phase error	0 to 5°	≤±0.02°
Frequency offset	±100 kHz	≤±3 kHz

	Ranae	Tolerance
BER	2E-4 to 1E-3	<5% ±2 digits
	0E–9 to 2E–4	<1 % ±2 digits
Symbol rate (auto search mode)	1.5 to 6.99 Msym	b/s≤±0.003 Msymb/s

#### General data

Display

Interfaces

Weight

Rated temperature range Operating temperature range Storage temperature range Power supply Dimensions (W x H x D) monochrome LCD ( $320 \times 240$ ) with backlighting IEC 625-2/IEEE 488 bus RS-232 printer (Centronics) +5 to +45°C 0 to +50°C -40 to +70°C 100 to 120/220 to 240 V +10/-15% (automatic voltage selection), 50 to 60 Hz 450 mm x 147 mm x 460 mm 12 kg

### Ordering information

TV Test Receiver *)				
Standard B/G, stereo/dual sound IF 38.9 MHz, RF 45 to 860 MHz, IEC/IEEE k	ous EFA	2067.3004.12		
Standard M/N IF 45.75 MHz, RF 55 to 890 MHz, IEC/IEEE Standard D/K, stereo/dual sound	bus EFA	2067.3004.72		
IF 38.9 MHz, RF 45 to 860 MHz, IEC/IEEE k	ous EFA	2067.3004.78		
<b>TV Demodulator</b> *) Standard B/G, stereo/dual sound				
IF 38.9 MHz, RF 45 to 900 MHz, IEC/IEEE & Standard M/N	ous EFA	2067.3004.33		
IF 45.75 MHz, RF 55 to 900 MHz, IEC/IEEE Standard D/K, stereo/dual sound or standard L mono	bus EFA	2067.3004.83		
IF 38.9 MHz, RF 45 to 900 MHz, IEC/IEEE b	ous EFA	2067.3004.89		
<b>DVB-C Test Receiver, selective*</b> ) 4/16/32/64/128/256QAM, Output MPEG data stream, constellation diagram	EFA	2067.3004.20		
<b>DVB-C Test Receiver, broadband*</b> ) 4/16/32/64/128/256QAM, Output MPEG data stream, constellation diagram	EFA	2067.3004.23		
Accessories supplied Adapter Lemo-Triax to XLR (stereo), power cable				
Options QAM Demodulator (for analog units) NICAM Demodulator Standard B/G	EFA-B1 EFA-B2	2067.3604.02 2067.3610.02 2067.3610.04		
RF Preselection (for TV demodulator) MPEG2 Decoder Video Distributor Residual Picture Carrier Measurement 6 MHz SAW Filter	EFA-B3 EFA-B4 EFA-B6 EFA-B8 EFA-B11	2067.3610.04 2067.3627.02 2067.3633.02 2067.3656.02 2067.3727.02 2067.3691.02		
Extras EFA Calibration Data Documentation 19" Adapter Lemo-Triax connector (mono) with connecting co Sevice Manual	EFA-DCV ZZA-931 ible	2082.0490.09 0396.4892.00 2067.7451.00 2068.0950.24		

\*) Test receivers are available with 50 Ω or 75 Ω impedance, demodulators with 50 Ω only; please enclose filled in Configuration Sheet (available from your local Rohde & Schwarz representative) with your order.