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## Highlights

- Multi-channel with up to 8 channels, support multi-device rack mount
- Channel-to-channel phase stability < 1°@10GHz, resolution of phase offset setting adjustable in</p>
  - 0.01° steps
- Fast switching speed 3 ms
- Output max. available power up to 25 dBm
- Low phase noise below -133 dBc/Hz@1 GHz, 10 kHz offset





MSG5000 series microwave signal generator can generate high quality signals, accurate signal level and wide output power range, capable of meeting the complex test scenarios such as superconducting quantum computation, radar signal generation, MIMO, and EMS.



Superconducting Quantum Computation



MIMO



**Radar Signal Generation** 



EMS

## Technical Advantage

#### High Performance

- Excellent channel-to-channel phase stability, low phase noise, and high power output
- AM, FM, PM, and pulse modulation (Opt.); pulse train generator enables users to generate the user-defined pulse list
- Frequency sweep, level sweep, and Freq & Level sweep (Std.); list sweep mode enables users to generate the user-defined sweep list



Single Sweep Continuous Sweep SWEEP

List Sweep

**Step Sweep** 

Auto Trigger, Key Trigger, External Trigger, Bus Trigger

#### **Compact Design**

The instrument model supports up to 8 channels, with each channel independent of each other and independently controlled. Multiple devices can be integrated in rack mount installation, saving space and time.





#### **High Expansion**

- With a standard 2U rack size and rack mount kit, you can extend the channels of the MSG5000 series microwave signal generator.
- The front and rear-panel ventilation design provides adequate ventilation to ensure the signal accuracy and stability even if multiple devices are stacked in the cabinet.
- The MSG5000 series is equipped with a standard configuration of the PC software to realize integrated control of multiple instruments. With the PC software, you can operate the instrument in remote control and make a global parameter configuration for multiple channels to meet the integrated test application scenarios.



#### **User-friendly Operation**

The MSG5000 series microwave signal generator is equipped with the touch screen. It also allows you to connect an external display to operate the instrument. You can also use the Web Control software to realize remote control of the instrument or use the SCPI commands to control the instrument.

#### Self-equipped Touch Screen

The MSG5000 series is equipped with a touch screen, which enables you to operate and control the instrument with touch-enabled gestures. It does not have any physical keys on the front panel to operate except the power key.

#### Externally Connected Display

The MSG5000 series allows you to externally connect the display (e.g. PAD, monitor, and projector) via the HDMI interface to enjoy user-friendly operation and viewing experience with a greater choice of the display devices.

#### Web Control Remote Operation

You only need to input the IP address of the MSG5000 series into the address bar of the Web browser to open the Web Control software.

The display of the current user interface shown in the web control page is consistent with that in the MSG5000 series. You can use the mouse to click the menus in the Web Control interface to operate the instrument in remote control way. In the Web Control interface, you can click to view the basic information of the instrument, and you can also set or modify the network status.

#### Control with the SCPI Command Set

The MSG5000 series supports the standard SCPI command set. You can send the SCPI commands via the USB or LAN interface to realize remote control of the instrument. Moreover, you can use the Excel, LabVIEW, Visual Basic, Visual C++, and relevant programming tools to send commands in batches automatically, to meet the demands of automation test scenarios.





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No.	Description	No.	Description
1	Touch Screen	5	Pulse Signal Input/Output Connector
2	Power Key	6	Valid Signal Output Connector
3	USB HOST Interface	7	Sweep Output Connector
4	RF Signal Output Connector	8	External Trigger Input Connector



No.	Description	No.	Description
1	HDMI Interface	7	10MHz IN
2	LAN Interface	8	10MHz OUT
3	USB HOST Interface	9	4.8GHz IN
4	USB DEVICE Interface	10	4.8GHz OUT
5	Power Switch	11	EXT MOD IN
6	High Stability Clock (OCXO)		

# Specifications

Specifications are valid under the following conditions: the instrument is within the calibration period; stored for at least two hours at 0°C to 50°C temperature; 40-minute warm-up. Unless otherwise noted, the specifications in the manual include the measurement uncertainty.

- Typical (typ.): typical performance, which 80 percent of the measurement results will meet at room temperature (approximately 25°C). The data are not warranted and do not include the measurement uncertainty.
- Nominal (nom.): the expected mean or average performance or a designed attribute (such as the 50Ω connector). The data are not warranted and are measured at room temperature (approximately 25°C).
- **Measured (meas.):** an attribute measured during the design phase which can be compared to the expected performance, i.g. the amplitude drift varies with time. The data are not warranted

and are measured at room temperature (approximately 25°C).

Note: All charts in this manual are the measurement results of multiple instruments at room temperature unless otherwise noted.

#### Number of Channels

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Model	MSG5122	MSG5124	MSG5126	MSG5128
Model	MSG5202	MSG5204	MSG5206	MSG5208
Number of Channels	2	4	6	8

#### Frequency

Frequency				
Frequency Range	MSG5122/MSG5124/ MSG5126/MSG5128	MSG5202/MSG5204/ MSG5206/MSG5208		
	9 kHz to 12 GHz 9 kHz to 20 GHz			
Frequency Resolution 0.01 Hz				
Satting Time <sup>[1]</sup>	CW mode, temperature range 20°C to 30°C			
Setting Timet?	<3 ms (typ.)			

Note:[1] Time from receipt of SCPI command to within 0.1 ppm of final frequency.



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Band	Frequency Range	N <sup>[1]</sup>		
1	9 kHz ≤ f ≤ 1.5 GHz	1		
2	1.5 GHz < f ≤ 2.825 GHz	0.25		
3	2.825 GHz < f ≤ 5.65 GHz	0.5		
4	5.65 GHz < f ≤ 11.3 GHz	1		
5	11.3 GHz < f ≤ 20 GHz	2		

Note:[1] N is a factor used to help define certain specifications in this manual.

#### Channel-to-Channel Phase Stability

	f = 10 GHz, temperature variation $\leq$ 1°C
Channel-to-Channel Phase Stability	±1°



Frequency Reference					
	Frequency	10 MHz			
	Initial Calibration Accuracy	± 0.1 ppm			
		±10 ppb (with option OCXO-D08)			
	Temperature Stability,	± 0.5 ppm			
Clock Reference Output	50°C, reference to 25°C	±5 ppb (with option OCXO-D08)			
	Aging Rate (after 30	± 1 ppm/year			
	consecutive days of working)	±30 ppb/year (with option OCXO-D08)			
	Output Amplitude	+5 dBm to +10 dBm			
	Interface	BNC female			
	Frequency	10 MHz			
External Reference	Input Amplitude	0 dBm to +10 dBm			
Input	Max. Deviation	± 1 ppm			
	Interface	BNC female			
	Freq	4.8 GHz			
Sync Ref Frequency Output/Input	Amplitude	-3 dBm to +3 dBm			
	Interface	SMA female			

Phase Setting		
Phase Deviation Range	±180°	
Phase Deviation Resolution	0.01°	

Spectral Purity				
	CW mode			
	10 MHz ≤ f ≤ 4 GHz	output level ≤ +10 dBm	<-30 dBc	
Harmonic <sup>[1]</sup>	4 GHz < f ≤ 10 GHz	output level ≤ +10 dBm	<-50 dBc	
	10 GHz < f ≤ 20 GHz	output level ≤ +7 dBm	<-30 dBc	
Cub hammania	CW mode			
Sub-narmonic	11.3 GHz < f ≤ 20 GHz	<-60 dBm, <-70 dBc (ty	p.)	
	CW mode, output level>-10 dBm, carrier offset >10 kHz			
	1 MHz ≤ f ≤ 1.5 GHz	<-60 dBm, <-70 dBc (typ.)		
	1.5 GHz < f ≤ 2.825 GHz	<-70 dBm, <-75 dBc (typ.)		
Non-harmonic <sup>[2]</sup>	2.825 GHz < f ≤ 5.65 GHz	<-64 dBm, <-69 dBc (typ.)		
	5.65 GHz < f ≤ 11.3 GHz	<-58 dBm, <-63 dBc (typ.)		
	11.3 GHz < f ≤ 20 GHz	<-52 dBm, <-57 dBc (typ.)		
Note: [1] Applicable when the an [2] Exclude the frequency p	alog modulation is disabled. points related to 4800 MHz referenc	e clock.		
-10 -20 -30	2nd Harmonic 3rd Harmonic	-40 -50 -60		





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Sideband Noise				
	CW mode, carrier offset = 10 kHz, 1 Hz measurement bandwidth			
	f = 1 GHz	<-130 dBc/Hz, <-133 dBc/Hz (typ.)		
SSP Phase Noise[1]	f = 2 GHz	<-120 dBc/Hz, <-123 dBc/Hz (typ.)		
SSD FIIdse INOIse.	f = 4 GHz	<-114 dBc/Hz, <-117 dBc/Hz (typ.)		
	f = 10 GHz	<-108 dBc/Hz, <-111 dBc/Hz (typ.)		
	f = 20 GHz	<-102 dBc/Hz, <-105 dBc/Hz (typ.)		
	CW mode, amplitude +10 dBm, carrier offset = 10 MHz, 1 Hz measurement bandwidth			
Wideband Noise	50 MHz $\leq$ f $\leq$ 1 GHz	<-140 dBc/Hz		
	1 GHz < f ≤ 10 GHz	<-135 dBc/Hz		
	10 GHz < f ≤ 20 GHz	<-130 dBc/Hz		

Note:[1] Applicable when the analog modulation is disabled.



#### Amplitude

Output Level Setting Range					
Frequency	Minimum Output Specification Level	Minimum Output Setting Level	Maximum Output Specification Level	Maximum Output Setting Level	
9 kHz ≤ f< 100 kHz	-	-30 dBm	-	+10 dBm	
100 kHz ≤ f< 2 MHz	-30 dBm	-30 dBm	+5 dBm	+15 dBm	
$2 \text{ MHz} \le f \le 10 \text{ GHz}$	-30 dBm	-30 dBm	+13 dBm	+25 dBm	
10 GHz < f ≤ 17 GHz	-30 dBm	-30 dBm	+13 dBm	+20 dBm	
17 GHz < f ≤ 20 GHz	-30 dBm	-30 dBm	+10 dBm	+20 dBm	



Setting Resolution	
Setting Resolution	0.01 dB
Setting Time	

Satting Time <sup>[1]</sup>	CW mode, temperature range 20°C to 30°C, fixed frequency	
	<3 ms (typ.)	

Note:[1] Time from receipt of SCPI command to within 0.1 dm of final level.

Absolute Level Uncertainty			
	Temperature range 20°C to 30°C, output level -30 dBm to max. specification level		
Frequency	Specification	Typical	
100 kHz ≤ f ≤ 1.5 GHz	±0.7 dB	± 0.5 dB	
1.5 GHz < f ≤ 10 GHz	±0.9 dB	±0.7 dB	
10 Ghz < f ≤ 17 GHz	±1.1 dB	±0.9 dB	
17 GHz < f≤ 20 GHz	±1.3 dB	±1.1 dB	



Channel-to-Channel Isolation		
Frequency	channel-to-channel isolation, output level= 0 dBm	
9 kHz ≤ f< 4 GHz	>85 dB (typ.)	
4 GHz $\leq$ f $\leq$ 10 GHz	>80 dB (typ.)	
10 GHz < f ≤ 20 GHz	>75 dB (typ.)	



VSWR		
	Temperature range 20°C to 30°C, output level < 0 dBm	
10 MHz $\leq$ f $\leq$ 3 GHz	≤1.8 (nom.)	
3 GHz < f ≤ 6 GHz	≤2.0 (nom.)	
6 GHz < f ≤ 10 GHz	≤1.8 (nom.)	
10 GHz < f ≤ 20 GHz	≤2.2 (nom.)	





Max. Reverse Power		
Max. Reverse Power	Max. DC voltage	0V
	10 MHz < f ≤ 20 GHz	0.5 W

#### Sweep<sup>[1]</sup>

Frequency Sweep	
Sweep Туре	Step Sweep, List Sweep
Sweep Mode	Single, Continuous
Sweep Range	Within Full Frequency Range
Sweep Shape	Triangle and Ramp
Step Change	Linear or Log
Sweep Points <sup>[2]</sup>	2 to 1,001
Dwell Time	5 ms to 100 s
Trigger Type <sup>[3]</sup>	Auto, key, external, bus (USB and LAN)

#### Note:

[1] To optimize the sweep performance, you may find that when the dwell time is short, the displayed sweep state may not be synchronously updated with the output.

[2] Applicable to step sweep and list sweep.

[3] In external trigger, the trigger delay time is equal to the setting time.



Time Definitions Triggered Pulse

Level Sweep	
Sweep Туре	Step Sweep, List Sweep
Sweep Mode	Single, Continuous
Sweep Range	Within Full Level Range
Sweep Shape	Triangle and Ramp
Step Change	Lin
Sweep Points <sup>[1]</sup>	2 to 1,001
Dwell Time	5 ms to 100 s
Trigger Type	Auto, key, external, bus (USB and LAN)

Note:[1] Applicable to step sweep and list sweep.

#### Modulation<sup>[1]</sup>

Simultaneous Modulation				
	Amplitude Modulation	Frequency Modulation	Phase Modulation	Pulse Modulation
Amplitude Modulation	-	0	0	$\bigtriangleup$
Frequency Modulation	0	-	×	0
Phase Modulation	0	×	-	0
Pulse Modulation	$\bigtriangleup$	0	0	-

#### NOTE:

o:compatible; ×: incompatible; A: compatible with AM performance reduced when pulse modulation

is enabled

**Note:**[1] Unless otherwise specified, the specifications are applicable to the situation when the modulation source is Sine. Temperature range 20°C to 30°C, carrier frequency  $\geq$  1 MHz.

#### **Amplitude Modulation (Option MSG5000-AMD)**

Modulation Source	Internal, External
Modulation Depth <sup>[1]</sup>	0% to 100%
Resolution	0.1%
Setting Uncertainty	$f_c \le 1.5 \text{ GHz}$ , $f_{mod} = 1 \text{ kHz}$ , m < 30%, level = 0 dBm
	< 4% of setting + 1%
Distortion	$f_c \le 1.5 \text{ GHz}$ , $f_{mod} = 1 \text{ kHz}$ , m < 30%, level = 0 dBm
	< 3% (typ.)
Modulation Frequency Response	m < 80%, DC/10 Hz to 100 kHz
	<3 dB (nom.)

**Note:**[1] The envelop peak power shall not be greater than the maximum value of the specification output range.

Frequency Modulation (Option MSG5000-AMD)		
Modulation Source	Internal, External	
Max. Deviation <sup>[1]</sup>	f ≤ 1.5 GHz	
	2 MHz (nom.)	
Resolution	<0.1% of deviation, or 1 Hz, whichever is greater (nom.)	
Setting Uncertainty	$f \le 1.5 \text{ GHz}, f_{mod} = 1 \text{ kHz}, \text{ internal mode}$	
	< 2% of setting + 20 Hz	
Distortion	$f \le 1.5 \text{ GHz}, f_{mod} = 1 \text{ kHz}, \text{ deviation} = 50 \text{ kHz}$	
	< 2% (typ.)	
Modulation Frequency Response <sup>[2]</sup>	DC/10 Hz to 100 kHz	
	<3 dB (nom.)	

#### Note:

<sup>[1]</sup> The settable max. frequency offset for other frequency bands is N x 2MHz.

<sup>[2]</sup> External modulation, measured at 100 kHz offset.

#### Phase Modulation (Option MSG5000-AMD)

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Modulation Source	Internal, External
Max. Deviation <sup>[1]</sup>	f ≤ 1.5 GHz
	5 rad (nom.)
Resolution	<0.1% of deviation, or 0.01 rad, whichever is greater (nom.)
Setting Uncertainty	$f \le 1.5 \text{ GHz}, f_{mod} = 1 \text{ kHz}, \text{ internal mode}$
	<1% of setting + 0.1 rad
Distortion	$f \le 1.5 \text{ GHz}, f_{mod} = 1 \text{ kHz}, \text{ deviation} = 5 \text{ rad}$
	< 1% (typ.)
Modulation Frequency Response <sup>[2]</sup>	DC/10 Hz to 100 kHz
	<3 dB (nom.)

#### Note:

[1] The settable max. frequency deviation for other frequency bands is N x 5 rad.

[2] External modulation, measured at 5 rad deviation.

Pulse Modulation (Option MSG5000-PUL)		
Modulation Source	Internal, External	
	f ≤ 6 GHz	>80 dB (typ.)
On/Off Ratio	6 GHz < f ≤ 11 GHz	>70 dB (typ.)
	f > 11 GHz	>60 dB (typ.)
Rise/Fall Time (10%/90%)	<50 ns, 20 ns (typ.)	
Pulse Repetition Frequency	DC to 1 MHz	



Pulse Generator		
Operating Mode	Single, Train <sup>[1]</sup>	
Pulse Period	Setting Range	40 ns to 170 s
	Resolution	10 ns
Pulse Width	Setting Range	10 ns to (170 s -10 ns)
	Resolution	10 ns
Trigger Delay	Setting Range	10 ns to 170 s
	Resolution	10 ns
Trigger Type	Auto, external trigger, external gate, trigger key, bus (USB and LAN)	

Note:[1] Required to install the option DSG5000-PUG.

Pulse Train Generator (Option MSG5000-PUG)		
Pulse Train Generator	Number of Pulse Patterns	1 to 2,047
	On/Off Time Range	20 ns to 170 s
	Repetition Per Pattern	1 to 256



#### **General Specifications**

Front Panel Connector (independent of each other)		
PE Output	Impedance	50 Ω (nom.)
Ki Output	Connector	3.5 mm male
	Impedance	1 kΩ (nom.)
External Trigger Input	Connector	SMB male
	Trigger Voltage	3.3 V TTL Level
	Connector	SMB male
	Output Voltage	0 V/3.3 V (nom.)
Pulse Input or Output	Impedance	50 Ω (nom.)
	Input/Output Voltage	0 V/3.3 V (nom.)
	Connector	SMB male
Sweep Output	Connector	SMB male
	Output Voltage	0 V to 10 V (nom.)

Rear Panel Connector		
External Modulation	Impedance	100 kΩ/600 Ω/ 50 Ω (nom.)
	Coupling Mode	AC/DC
Signal Input	Sensitivity	1 V <sub>pp</sub> for indicated depth (nom.)
	Connector	BNC female
10 MHz IN	Impedance	50 Ω (nom.)
(External Frequency Reference Input)	Connector	BNC female
10 MHz OUT	Impedance	50 Ω (nom.)
(External Frequency Reference Output)	Connector	BNC female
4.8 GHz IN	Impedance	50 Ω (nom.)
(Sync Reference Clock Input)	Connector	SMA female
4.8 GHz OUT	Impedance	50 Ω (nom.)
(Sync Reference Clock Output)	Connector	SMA female

Communication Interface		
	Connector	A plug
USB3.0 HOST	Protocol	3.0
	Qty.	4 (2 on the front panel and 2 on the rear panel)
USB3.0 DEVICE	Connector	B plug
	Protocol	Support TMC protocol
LAN	Connector	RJ-45
	Protocol	10/100/1000Base-T, LXI-C
HDMI	Connector	A plug
	Protocol	HDMI 1.4

Display	
Туре	TFT LCD
Resolution	480×320
Dimensions	3.5-inch
Display Extension	Supports HDMI display extension

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Mass Storage		
Mass Storage	Flash non-volatile memory (internal); USB storage device (not supplied)	
Data Storage Space	Flash non-volatile memory (internal)	10 GB (nom.)

Electromagnet	ic Compatibility and Safety		
	Conform to EMC Directive 2014/3	Conform to EMC Directive 2014/30/EU	
	Conform to or above IEC61326-1 61000-3-2:2019+A1, EN 61000-3-	Conform to or above IEC61326-1: 2013/EN61326-1: 2013, EN IEC 61000-3-2:2019+A1, EN 61000-3-3:2013+A1:2019	
	CISPR11:2009+A1 Class A	CISPR11:2009+A1 Class A	
	EN IEC 61000-3-2:2019+A1	harmonic, Class A	
	EN 61000-3-3:2013+A1:2019	Voltage Flickers	
	EN(\$1000 4 2:2000	±4.0 kV (contact discharge)	
	EN61000-4-2.2009	±8.0 kV (air discharge)	
		10 V/m (80 MHz to 1 GHz)	
	EN61000-4-3:2006+A1+A2	3V/m (1.4 GHz to 6 GHz)	
EMC	EN61000-4-4:2004+A1	2 kV power line	
		1 kV (phase-to-neutral voltage)	
	EN61000-4-5:2006	2 kV (phase-to-earth voltage)	
		2 kV (neutral-to-earth voltage)	
	EN61000-4-6:2009	10 V, 0.15-80MHz	
		Voltage dip:	
		0% UT during half cycle	
	ENC1000 4 11-2004	0% UT during 1 cycle	
	EN61000-4-11.2004	70% UT during 25 cycles	
		Short interruption:	
		0% UT during 250 cycles	
- ( .	EN 61010-1:2010+A1:2019		
	IEC 61010-1:2010+A1:2016		
Salety	UL 61010-1: 2012 R7.19		
	CAN/CSA-C22.2 NO. 61010-1-12	CAN/CSA-C22.2 NO. 61010-1-12 + GI1 + GI2 (R2017) + A1	

 Power Supply
 Input Voltage Rang AC
AC Frequency Rang
 Power Consumption
 Environment
 Temperature Range
 Humidity Range
 Altitude
 Dimensions
 (W x H x D)
 Weight
 Weight (Package Excluded)
 <b>Calibration Interva</b>
 Recommended Calibration Interval

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Power Supply		
Input Voltage Range, AC	100 V to 240 V (nom.)	
AC Frequency Range	45 Hz to 440 Hz	
Power Consumption	With all the options working	<650 W

Environment				
Temperature Range	Operating Temperature Range	0°C to +50°C		
	Storage Temperature Range	-20°C to +70°C		
Humidity Range	0°C to 30°C	≤ 90% RH		
	30°C to 40°C	≤ 75% RH		
	40°C to 50°C	≤ 45% RH		
Altitude	Operating Height	below 3,000		

Dimensions	
(W x H x D)	435 mm x 88 mm x 486.3 mm (without pads, with the connector)
	459 mm x 112 mm x 511 mm (with pads)

Weight	
Weight (Package Excluded)	<14 kg

Calibration Interval	
Recommended Calibration Interval	18 months

# Order Information and Warranty Period

## **Order Information**

	Description	Order No.
Model	2-CH microwave signal generator, 9 kHz to 12 GHz	MSG5122
	4-CH microwave signal generator, 9 kHz to 12 GHz	MSG5124
	6-CH microwave signal generator, 9 kHz to 12 GHz	MSG5126
	8-CH microwave signal generator, 9 kHz to 12 GHz	MSG5128
	2-CH microwave signal generator, 9 kHz to 20 GHz	MSG5202
	4-CH microwave signal generator, 9 kHz to 20 GHz	MSG5204
	6-CH microwave signal generator, 9 kHz to 20 GHz	MSG5206
	8-CH microwave signal generator, 9 kHz to 20 GHz	MSG5208
Standard Accessories	Power Cord	-
Options	Pulse Modulation	MSG5000-PUL
	Pulse Train Generator	MSG5000-PUG
	Analog Modulation	MSG5000-AMD
	High Stability Clock (OCXO)	OCXO-D08
	Rack Mount Kit	RM2031

#### NOTE:

For all the mainframes, accessories, and options, please contact the local office.

Three years for the mainframe, excluding the accessories.