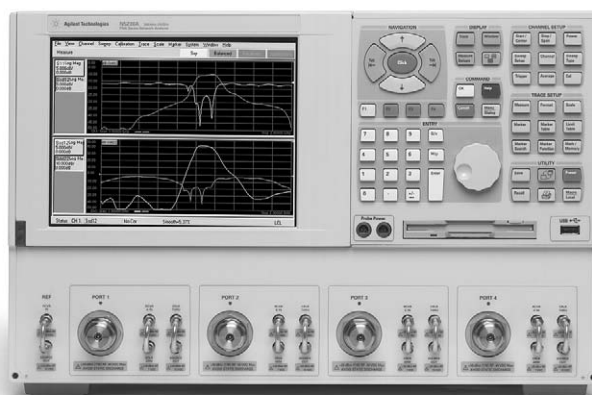
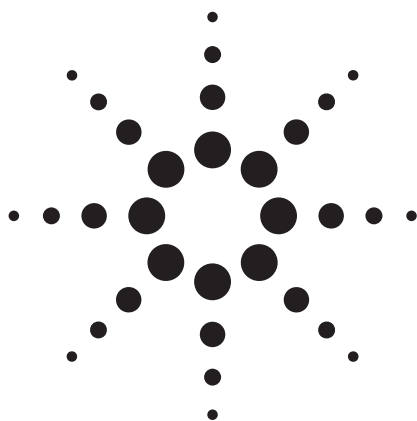


# Agilent 4-Port PNA-L Microwave Network Analyzer

## N5230A

### 300 kHz to 13.5, 20 GHz

Data Sheet



**Note:**

Specification information in this document is also available within the PNA-L network analyzer's internal Help system.



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This is a subset of technical specifications for the N5230A Options 140, 145, 146, 240, 245, and 246 network analyzers.

- **Option 140**, 300 kHz to 13.5 GHz, 4-port with standard test set and standard power range
- **Option 145**, 300 kHz to 13.5 GHz, 4-port with configurable test set and extended power range
- **Option 146**, 300 kHz to 13.5 GHz, 4-port with configurable test set and extended power range with internal second source
- **Option 240**, 300 kHz to 20 GHz, 4-port with standard test set and standard power range
- **Option 245**, 300 kHz to 20 GHz, 4-port with configurable test set and extended power range
- **Option 246**, 300 kHz to 20 GHz, 4-port with configurable test set and extended power range with internal second source

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This N5230A document provides technical specifications for the following calibration kit and ECal module only: 85052B and N4433A. Please download our free Uncertainty Calculator from [www.agilent.com/find/na\\_calculator](http://www.agilent.com/find/na_calculator) to generate the curves for your calibration kit and PNA setup.

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## Definitions

All specifications and characteristics apply over a 25 °C ±5 °C range (unless otherwise stated) and 90 minutes after the instrument has been turned on.

**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.

**Characteristic (char.):** A performance parameter that the product is expected to meet before it leaves the factory, but that is not verified in the field and is not covered by the product warranty. A characteristic includes the same guardbands as a specification.

**Typical (typ.):** Expected performance of an average unit which does not include guardbands. It is not covered by the product warranty.

**Nominal (nom.):** A general, descriptive term that does not imply a level of performance. It is not covered by the product warranty.

**Calibration:** The process of measuring known standards to characterize a network analyzer's systematic (repeatable) errors.

**Corrected (residual):** Indicates performance after error correction (calibration). It is determined by the quality of calibration standards and how well "known" they are, plus system repeatability, stability, and noise.

**Uncorrected (raw):** Indicates instrument performance without error correction. The uncorrected performance affects the stability of a calibration.

**Standard:** When referring to the analyzer, this includes no options unless noted otherwise.

## Corrected System Performance

The specifications in this section apply for measurements made with the N5230A Options 140, 145, 146, 240, 245, and 246 analyzers with the following conditions:

- 10 Hz IF bandwidth
- No averaging applied to data
- Isolation calibration with an averaging factor of 8

**Table 1. System dynamic range at test port<sup>1</sup>**

### Standard configuration and standard power range (Options 140, 240)

Description	Specification (dB) at test port	Typical (dB) at test port
300 kHz to 10 MHz <sup>2</sup>		111
10 MHz to 4 GHz <sup>2</sup>	120	128
4 to 6 GHz	118	129
6 to 10.5 GHz	115	127
10.5 to 13.5 GHz	107	119
13.5 to 15 GHz	107	119
15 to 20 GHz	103	116

### Configurable test set and extended power range (Options 145, 245)

#### Configurable test set, extended power range, and internal second source (Options 146, 246)

Description	Specification (dB) at test port	Typical (dB) at test port
300 kHz to 10 MHz <sup>2</sup>		111
10 MHz to 4 GHz <sup>2</sup>	120	128
4 to 6 GHz	118	128
6 to 10.5 GHz	113	125
10.5 to 13.5 GHz	105	117
13.5 to 15 GHz	105	117
15 to 20 GHz	98	115

1. The system dynamic range is calculated as the difference between the noise floor and the specified source maximum output power. The effective dynamic range must take measurement uncertainties and interfering signals into account.
2. May be degraded by 10 dB at particular frequencies (multiples of 5 MHz) below 500 MHz due to spurious receiver residuals. Methods are available to regain the full dynamic range.

Table 2. Extended dynamic range<sup>1</sup>

**Configurable test set and extended power range (Options 145, 245)  
 Configurable test set, extended power range, and internal second source  
 (Options 146, 246)**

Description	Specification (dB) at direct receiver access input	Typical (dB) at direct receiver access input
300 kHz to 10 MHz <sup>2</sup>		124
10 MHz to 4 GHz <sup>2</sup>	136	
4 to 6 GHz	134	
6 to 10.5 GHz	129	
10.5 to 13.5 GHz	121	
13.5 to 15 GHz	121	
15 to 20 GHz	114	

1. The direct receiver access input extended dynamic range is calculated as the difference between the direct receiver access input noise floor and the source maximum output power. The effective dynamic range must take measurement uncertainties and interfering signals into account. This setup should only be used when the receiver input will never exceed its compression or damage level. When the analyzer is in segment sweep mode, it can have predefined frequency segments which will output a higher power level when the extended dynamic range is required (i.e. devices with high insertion loss), and reduced power when receiver compression or damage may occur (i.e. devices with low insertion loss). The extended range is only available in one-path transmission measurements.
2. May be degraded by 10 dB at particular frequencies (multiples of 5 MHz) below 500 MHz due to spurious receiver residuals. Methods are available to regain the full dynamic range.

# N5230A Option 140/145/146/240/245/246

## Corrected system performance with 3.5 mm connectors<sup>1</sup>

Note: For any  $S_{ij}$  reflection measurement:

$$S_{ji} = 0$$

For any  $S_{ij}$  transmission measurement:

$$S_{ji} = S_{ij} \text{ when } S_{ij} \leq 1$$

$$S_{ji} = 1/S_{ij} \text{ when } S_{ij} \geq 1$$

$$S_{kk} = 0 \text{ for all } k$$

**Table 3. 85052B Calibration kit**

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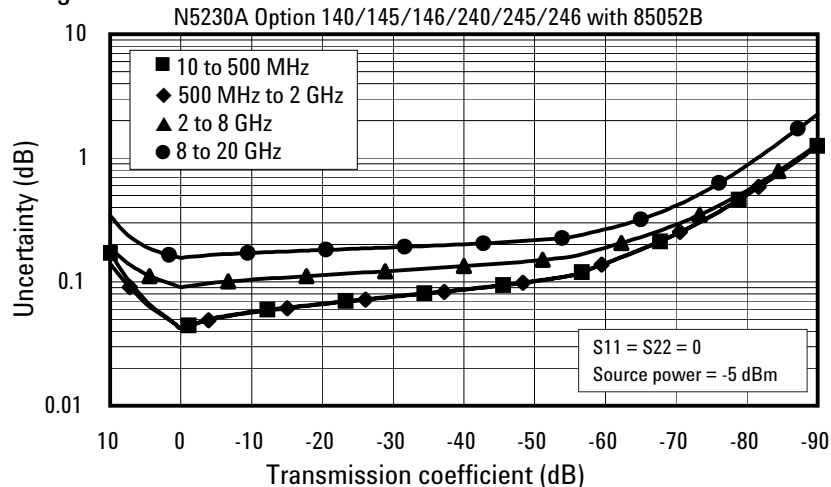
- **Option 140 or 240** standard test set and standard power range
- **Option 145 or 245** configurable test set and extended power range
- **Option 146 or 246** configurable test set and extended power range with internal second source

Applies to the N5230A Option 140/145/146/240/245/246 analyzers, 85052B (3.5mm) calibration kit, 85131F flexible test port cable set, and a full 4-port calibration. Also applies to the following condition: Environmental temperature  $23^\circ \pm 3^\circ \text{C}$ , with  $< 1^\circ \text{C}$  deviation from calibration temperature.

Description	Specification (dB)				
	10 to 500 MHz	500 MHz to 2 GHz	2 to 8 GHz	8 to 13.5 GHz	13.5 to 20 GHz
Directivity	48	48	44	44	44
Source match	40	40	33	31	31
Load match	48	48	44	44	44
Reflection	$\pm 0.003$	$\pm 0.003$	$\pm 0.003$	$\pm 0.006$	$\pm 0.006$
tracking	(+0.01/ $^\circ\text{C}$ )	(+0.01/ $^\circ\text{C}$ )	(+0.02/ $^\circ\text{C}$ )	(+0.03/ $^\circ\text{C}$ )	(+0.03/ $^\circ\text{C}$ )
Transmission	$\pm 0.017$	$\pm 0.017$	$\pm 0.062$	$\pm 0.125$	$\pm 0.125$
tracking	(+0.01/ $^\circ\text{C}$ )	(+0.01/ $^\circ\text{C}$ )	(+0.02/ $^\circ\text{C}$ )	(+0.03/ $^\circ\text{C}$ )	(+0.03/ $^\circ\text{C}$ )

### Transmission uncertainty (specifications)

#### Magnitude



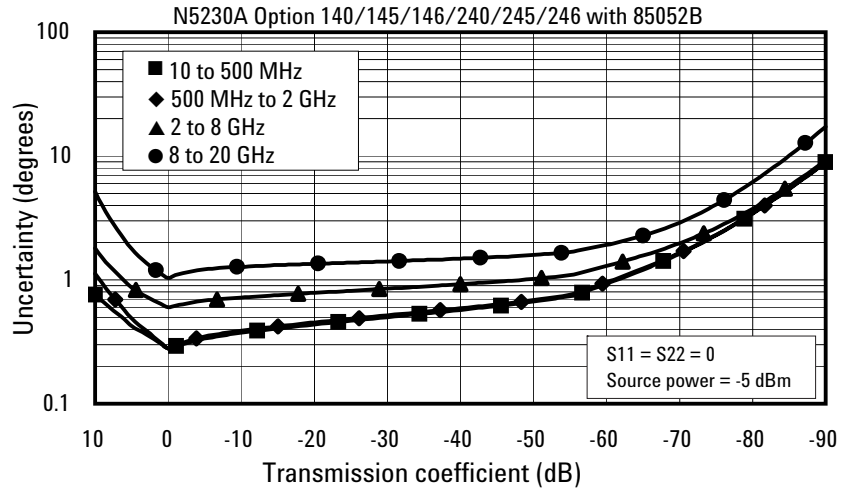
1. From 300 kHz to 10 MHz, performance is characterized as "typical". To generate these typical values, please download our free Uncertainty Calculator from [www.agilent.com/find/na\\_calculator](http://www.agilent.com/find/na_calculator).

**Table 3. 85052B Calibration kit (continued)**

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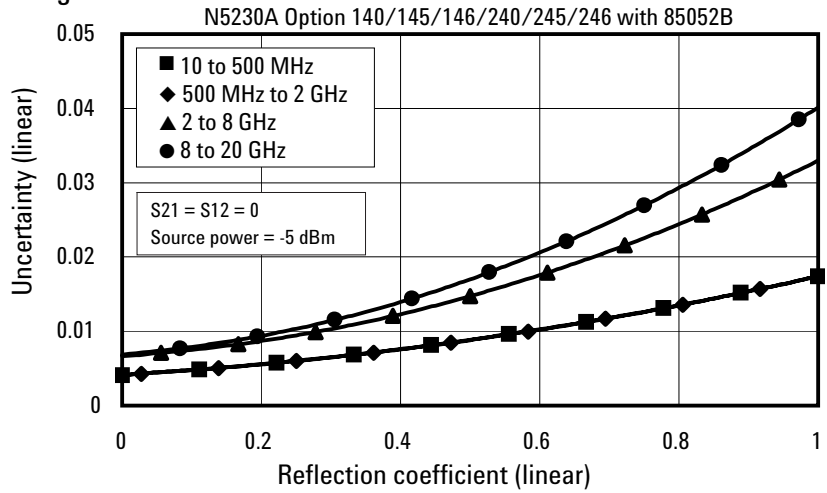
- **Option 140 or 240** standard test set and standard power range
- **Option 145 or 245** configurable test set and extended power range
- **Option 146 or 246** configurable test set and extended power range with internal second source

**Phase**

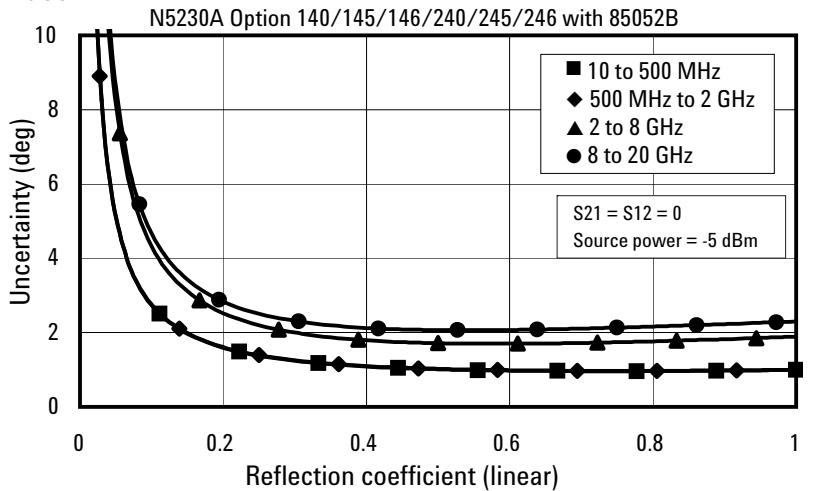


**Reflection uncertainty (specifications)**

**Magnitude**



**Phase**



# N5230A Option 140/145/146/240/245/246

## Corrected system performance with 3.5 mm connectors<sup>1</sup> (continued)

Table 4. N4433A Electronic calibration module

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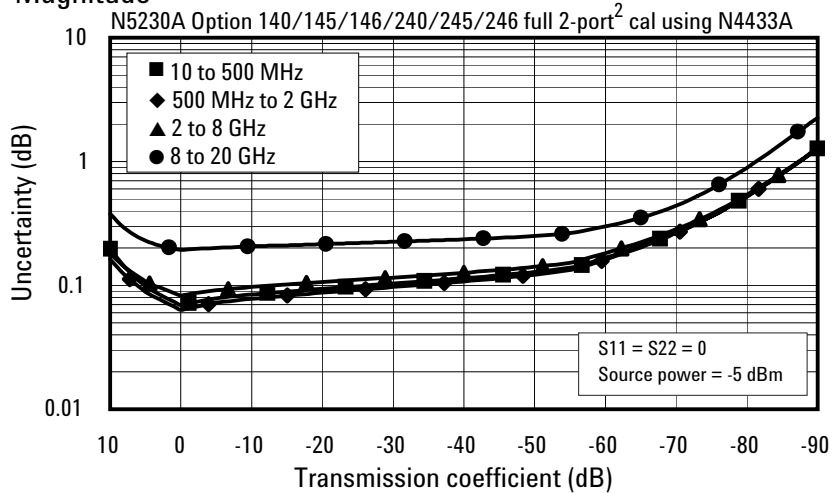
- Option 140 or 240 standard test set and standard power range
- Option 145 or 245 configurable test set and extended power range
- Option 146 or 246 configurable test set and extended power range with internal second source

Applies to the N5230A Option 140/145/146/240/245/246 analyzers, N4433A electronic calibration module, 85131F flexible test port cable set, and a full 4-port calibration. Also applies to the following condition: Environmental temperature 23° ±3 °C, with < 1 °C deviation from calibration temperature.

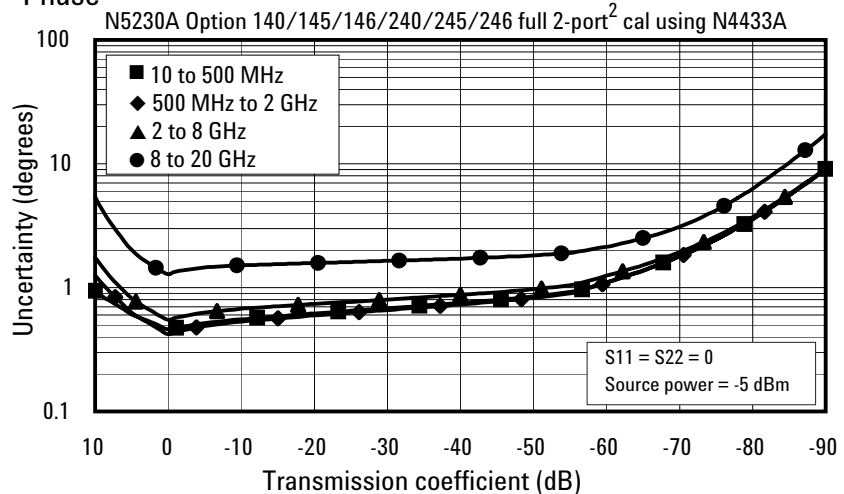
Description	Specification (dB)				
	10 to 500 MHz	500 MHz to 2 GHz	2 to 8 GHz	8 to 13.5 GHz	13.5 to 20 GHz
Directivity	52	52	47	45	45
Source match	42	42	39	31	31
Load match	45	45	41	35	35
Reflection tracking	±0.060 (+0.01/°C)	±0.060 (+0.01/°C)	±0.090 (+0.02/°C)	±0.040 (+0.03/°C)	±0.180 (+0.03/°C)
Transmission tracking	±0.045 (+0.01/°C)	±0.039 (+0.01/°C)	±0.055 (+0.02/°C)	±0.127 (+0.03/°C)	±0.160 (+0.03/°C)

### Transmission uncertainty (specifications)

#### Magnitude



#### Phase



1. From 300 kHz to 10 MHz, performance is characterized as "typical". To generate these typical values, please download our free Uncertainty Calculator from [www.agilent.com/find/na\\_calculator](http://www.agilent.com/find/na_calculator).  
 2. All of the curves are for 2-port calibrations. Multiport uncertainties are currently not supported.

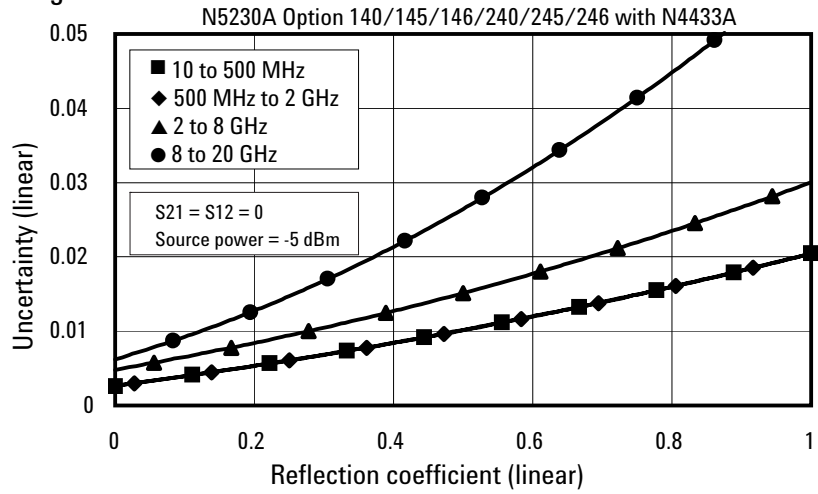
**Table 4. N4433A Electronic calibration module (continued)**

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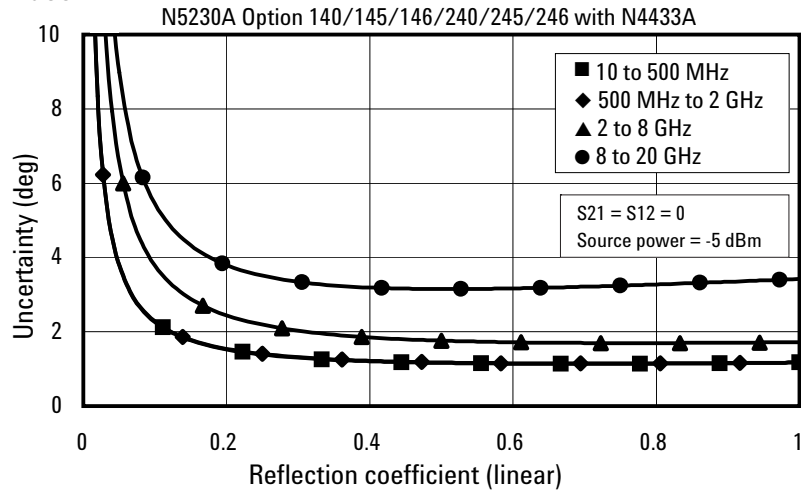
- **Option 140 or 240** standard test set and standard power range
- **Option 145 or 245** configurable test set and extended power range
- **Option 146 or 246** configurable test set and extended power range with internal second source

**Reflection uncertainty (specifications)**

**Magnitude**



**Phase**



**Table 5. Uncorrected system performance<sup>1</sup>**

Directivity	Specifications	Typicals
	Options 140, 145, 146, 240, 245, 246	Options 140, 145, 146, 240, 245,246
300 kHz to 10 MHz		-23 dB
10 MHz to 1 GHz	-28 dB	
1 to 3 GHz	-25 dB	
3 to 5 GHz	-20 dB	
5 to 11.5 GHz	-17 dB	
11.5 to 13.5 GHz	-15 dB	
13.5 to 20 GHz	-15 dB	
<b>Source match</b>		
300 kHz to 10 MHz		-8 dB
10 MHz to 1 GHz	-12 dB	
1 to 3 GHz	-12 dB	
3 to 5 GHz	-12 dB	
5 to 10.5 GHz	-12 dB	
10.5 to 11.5 GHz	-10 dB	
11.5 to 13.5 GHz	-8 dB	
13.5 to 20 GHz	-8 dB	
<b>Load match</b>		
300 kHz to 10 MHz		-9 dB
10 MHz to 1 GHz	-20 dB	
1 to 3 GHz	-20 dB	
3 to 5 GHz	-18 dB	
5 to 11.5 GHz	-12 dB	
11.5 to 13.5 GHz	-7 dB	
13.5 to 16 GHz	-7 dB	
16 to 20 GHz	-7.5 dB	
<b>Crosstalk<sup>2</sup></b>		
300 kHz to 5 MHz		-70 dB
5 to 10 MHz		-100 dB
10 to 45 MHz		-110 dB
45 MHz to 4 GHz		-122 dB
4 to 6 GHz		-123 dB
6 to 10.5 GHz		-120 dB
10.5 to 13.5 GHz		-115 dB
13.5 to 15 GHz		-115 dB
15 to 20 GHz		-110 dB

1. Specifications apply over environmental temperature of 25 °C ±5 °C with less than 1 °C variation from calibration temperature.
2. Measurement conditions: normalized to a thru, measured with two shorts, 10 Hz IF bandwidth, averaging factor of 8, alternate mode source power set to the lesser of the maximum power out or the maximum receiver power.

Table 6. Test port output<sup>1</sup>

Description	Specifications		Typicals	
	Options 140, 240	Options 145, 146, 245, 246	Options 140, 240	Options 145, 146, 245, 246
<b>Frequency range</b>				
Options 140, 145, 146		300 kHz to 13.5 GHz		
Options 240, 245, 246		300 kHz to 20 GHz		
<b>Nominal power</b>				
-5 dBm		-8 dBm		Preset power; attenuator switch point 10 dB below nominal power
<b>Frequency resolution</b>				
1 Hz				
<b>CW accuracy</b>				
±1 ppm				
<b>Frequency stability</b>				
			±0.05 ppm. -10° to 70° C ±0.1 ppm/yr maximum	

Description	Specifications		Typicals	
	Options 140, 240	Options 145, 146, 245, 246	Options 140, 240	Options 145, 146, 245, 246
<b>Power level accuracy</b>				
Variation from nominal power in range 0				
300 kHz to 10 MHz			±1.0 dB	±1.0 dB
10 MHz to 2 GHz		±1.0 dB	±1.0 dB	
2 to 10.5 GHz		±1.5 dB	±1.5 dB	
10.5 to 13.5 GHz		±2.5 dB	±2.5 dB	
13.5 to 20 GHz		±2.5 dB	±2.5 dB	
<b>Max leveled power</b>				
300 kHz to 10 MHz			+8 dBm	+8 dBm
10 MHz to 4 GHz		+8 dBm	+8 dBm	+12 dBm
4 to 6 GHz		+6 dBm	+6 dBm	+10 dBm
6 to 10.5 GHz		+3 dBm	+1 dBm	+8 dBm
10.5 to 13.5 GHz		0 dBm	-2 dBm	+5 dBm
13.5 to 15 GHz		0 dBm	-2 dBm	+5 dBm
15 to 20 GHz		-3 dBm	-8 dBm	+2 dBm
<b>Power level linearity</b>				
Specified on Port 1 only. Ports 2, 3, 4 performance is Typical. Test is at the nominal power level.				
300 kHz to 10 MHz			±2.0 dB	±2.0 dB
10 MHz to 1 GHz		±2.0 dB	±2.0 dB	
1 to 13.5 GHz		±1.5 dB	±1.5 dB	
13.5 to 20 GHz		±1.5 dB	±1.5 dB	
<b>Power sweep range (ALC)</b>				
ALC range starts at maximum-leveled power and decreases by the dB amount specified here.				
300 kHz to 10 MHz			35 dB	35 dB
10 MHz to 4 GHz		33 dB	33 dB	
4 to 6 GHz		31 dB	31 dB	
6 to 10.5 GHz		28 dB	26 dB	
10.5 to 13.5 GHz		25 dB	23 dB	
13.5 to 15 GHz		25 dB	23 dB	
15 to 20 GHz		22 dB	17 dB	
<b>Power resolution</b>				
0.01 dB		0.01 dB		

Table 6. Test port output<sup>1</sup> (Continued)

Description	Specifications		Typicals	
	Options 140, 240	Options 145, 146, 245, 246	Options 140, 240	Options 145, 146, 245, 246
<b>Power range</b>				
300 kHz to 10 MHz			-27 to +8 dBm	-87 to +8 dBm
10 to 45 MHz			-27 to +12 dBm	-87 to +11 dBm
45 MHz to 4 GHz			-27 to +12 dBm	-87 to +11 dBm
4 to 6 GHz			-27 to +10 dBm	-87 to +9 dBm
6 to 10.5 GHz			-27 to +8 dBm	-87 to +6 dBm
10.5 to 13.5 GHz			-27 to +5 dBm	-87 to +3 dBm
13.5 to 15 GHz			-27 to +5 dBm	-87 to +3 dBm
15 to 20 GHz			-27 to +2 dBm	-87 to -1 dBm
<b>Power settings</b>				
Minimum power setting			-30 dBm	-90 dBm
Maximum power setting			+20 dBm	+20 dBm
<b>Harmonics (2nd or 3rd) at maximum output power</b>				
In-band source harmonics				
300 kHz to 10 MHz				-17 dBc
10 MHz to 1 GHz				-17 dBc
1 to 13.5 GHz				-20 dBc
13.5 to 20 GHz				-20 dBc
<b>Non-harmonic spurious (at nominal output power)</b>				
300 kHz to 20 GHz				-50 dBc for offset frequency > 1 kHz

**Typical performance**

<b>Phase noise (Nominal power at test port)</b>			
	<b>10 kHz Offset</b>	<b>100 kHz Offset</b>	<b>1 MHz Offset</b>
300 kHz to 10 MHz	-86 dBc/Hz	-86 dBc/Hz	-95 dBc/Hz
10 MHz to 1.5 GHz	-86 dBc/Hz	-91 dBc/Hz	-95 dBc/Hz
1.5 to 3.125 GHz	-83 dBc/Hz	-91 dBc/Hz	-95 dBc/Hz
3.125 to 6.25 GHz	-77 dBc/Hz	-85 dBc/Hz	-89 dBc/Hz
6.25 to 12.5 GHz	-71 dBc/Hz	-79 dBc/Hz	-83 dBc/Hz
12.5 to 13.5 GHz	-65 dBc/Hz	-73 dBc/Hz	-77 dBc/Hz
13.5 to 20 GHz	-65 dBc/Hz	-73 dBc/Hz	-77 dBc/Hz

1. For Options 140/145/240/245, performance specified on Port 1 only; Ports 2, 3, and 4 performance is typical. For Options 146/246, performance is specified on Ports 1 and 3 only; Ports 2 and 4 performance is typical.

Table 7: Test port input

Description	Specification		Typicals	
	Options 140, 145, 146, 240, 245, 246		Options 140, 145, 146, 240, 245, 246	
<b>Test port noise floor</b>				
Total average (rms) noise power calculated as the mean value of a linear magnitude trace expressed in dBm.				
<b>10 Hz IF bandwidth</b>				
300 kHz to 10 MHz				< -103 dBm
10 to 500 MHz	< -112 dBm			< -116 dBm
500 MHz to 4 GHz	< -112 dBm			< -120 dBm
4 to 10.5 GHz	< -112 dBm			< -119 dBm
10.5 to 13.5 GHz	< -107 dBm			< -114 dBm
13.5 to 15 GHz	< -107 dBm			< -114 dBm
15 to 20 GHz	< -106 dBm			< -114 dBm
<b>1 KHz IF bandwidth</b>				
300 kHz to 10 MHz				< -83 dBm
10 to 500 MHz	< -92 dBm			< -96 dBm
500 MHz to 4 GHz	< -92 dBm			< -100 dBm
4 to 10.5 GHz	< -92 dBm			< -99 dBm
10.5 to 13.5 GHz	< -87 dBm			< -94 dBm
13.5 to 15 GHz	< -87 dBm			< -94 dBm
15 to 20 GHz	< -86 dBm			< -94 dBm
<b>Direct receiver access input noise floor (Options 145, 146, 245, 246)</b>				
Total average (rms) noise power calculated as the mean value of a linear magnitude trace expressed in dBm.				
<b>10 Hz IF bandwidth</b>				
300 kHz to 10 MHz				< -119 dBm
10 to 500 MHz	< -128 dBm			< -132 dBm
500 MHz to 4 GHz	< -128 dBm			< -136 dBm
4 to 10.5 GHz	< -128 dBm			< -135 dBm
10.5 to 13.5 GHz	< -123 dBm			< -130 dBm
13.5 to 15 GHz	< -123 dBm			< -130 dBm
15 to 20 GHz	< -122 dBm			< -130 dBm
<b>1 KHz IF bandwidth</b>				
300 kHz to 10 MHz				< -99 dBm
10 to 500 MHz	< -108 dBm			< -112 dBm
500 MHz to 4 GHz	< -108 dBm			< -116 dBm
4 to 10.5 GHz	< -108 dBm			< -115 dBm
10.5 to 13.5 GHz	< -103 dBm			< -110 dBm
13.5 to 15 GHz	< -103 dBm			< -110 dBm
15 to 20 GHz	< -102 dBm			< -110 dBm
<b>Compression level (at +8 dBm except as noted)</b>				
	<b>Power</b>	<b>Compression</b>	<b>Power</b>	<b>Compression</b>
300 kHz to 10 MHz			+5 dBm	0.10 dB
10 to 50 MHz	+8 dBm	0.35 dB		
50 MHz to 1 GHz	+8 dBm	0.35 dB		
1 to 8 GHz	+8 dBm	0.25 dB		
8 to 12.5 GHz	+8 dBm	0.30 dB		
12.5 to 13.5 GHz	+8 dBm	0.55 dB		
13.5 to 20 GHz	+8 dBm	0.55 dB		
<b>Test port compression at 0.1 dB</b>				
300 kHz to 10 MHz			+5 dBm	
10 MHz to 1 GHz			+9 dBm	
1 to 12.5 GHz			+10 dBm	
12.5 to 13.5 GHz			+9 dBm	
13.5 to 20 GHz			+9 dBm	

Table 7. Test port input (Continued)

Description	Specifications			Typicals		
	Options 140, 240	Options 145, 245	Options 146, 246	Options 140, 240	Options 145, 245	Options 146, 246
<b>Trace noise magnitude</b>						
Ratioed measurement, nominal power at test port.						
<b>100 kHz IF bandwidth</b>						
300 kHz to 10 MHz				0.015 dB rms	0.030 dB rms	0.050 dB rms
10 MHz to 10.5 GHz	0.006 dB rms	0.008 dB rms	0.016 dB rms	0.004 dB rms	0.005 dB rms	0.013 dB rms
10.5 to 13.5 GHz	0.010 dB rms	0.014 dB rms	0.038 dB rms	0.007 dB rms	0.009 dB rms	0.026 dB rms
13.5 to 20 GHz	0.010 dB rms	0.014 dB rms	0.038 dB rms	0.007 dB rms	0.009 dB rms	0.026 dB rms
<b>600 kHz IF bandwidth</b>						
300 kHz to 10 MHz				0.015 dB rms	0.030 dB rms	0.050 dB rms
10 MHz to 10.5 GHz				0.013 dB rms	0.015 dB rms	0.032 dB rms
10.5 to 13.5 GHz				0.017 dB rms	0.023 dB rms	0.063 dB rms
13.5 to 20 GHz				0.017 dB rms	0.023 dB rms	0.063 dB rms
<b>100 kHz IF bandwidth</b>						
Measured at maximum specified power						
300 kHz to 10 MHz				0.005 dB rms	0.010 dB rms	0.012 dB rms
10 MHz to 2 GHz				0.001 dB rms	0.003 dB rms	0.004 dB rms
2 to 10.5 GHz				0.002 dB rms	0.003 dB rms	0.004 dB rms
10.5 to 13.5 GHz				0.006 dB rms	0.009 dB rms	0.023 dB rms
13.5 to 20 GHz				0.006 dB rms	0.009 dB rms	0.023 dB rms
<b>Trace noise phase</b>						
Ratioed measurement, nominal power at test port.						
<b>100 kHz IF bandwidth</b>						
300 kHz to 10 MHz				0.110° rms	0.180° rms	0.280° rms
10 MHz to 10.5 GHz	0.05° rms	0.07° rms	0.130° rms	0.025° rms	0.035° rms	0.090° rms
10.5 to 13.5 GHz	0.08° rms	0.10° rms	0.250° rms	0.050° rms	0.060° rms	0.170° rms
13.5 to 20 GHz	0.08° rms	0.10° rms	0.250° rms	0.050° rms	0.060° rms	0.170° rms
<b>600 kHz IF bandwidth</b>						
300 kHz to 10 MHz				0.110° rms	0.180° rms	0.300° rms
10 MHz to 10.5 GHz				0.080° rms	0.100° rms	0.200° rms
10.5 to 13.5 GHz				0.120° rms	0.160° rms	0.430° rms
13.5 to 20 GHz				0.120° rms	0.160° rms	0.430° rms
<b>100 kHz IF bandwidth</b>						
Measured at maximum specified power						
300 kHz to 10 MHz				0.040° rms	0.050° rms	0.075° rms
10 MHz to 2 GHz				0.007° rms	0.012° rms	0.013° rms
2 to 10.5 GHz				0.012° rms	0.015° rms	0.030° rms
10.5 to 13.5 GHz				0.040° rms	0.060° rms	0.150° rms
13.5 to 20 GHz				0.040° rms	0.060° rms	0.150° rms
<b>Stability magnitude</b>						
Stability as defined as a ratio measurement made at the test port.						
300 kHz to 10 MHz				±0.015 dB/°C		±0.015 dB/°C
10 MHz to 2 GHz				±0.010 dB/°C		±0.010 dB/°C
2 to 4 GHz				±0.015 dB/°C		±0.015 dB/°C
4 to 13.5 GHz				±0.020 dB/°C		±0.020 dB/°C
13.5 to 16 GHz				±0.020 dB/°C		±0.020 dB/°C
16 to 19 GHz				±0.025 dB/°C		±0.025 dB/°C
19 to 20 GHz				±0.030 dB/°C		±0.030 dB/°C

Table 7. Test port input (Continued)

Description	Specifications			Typicals		
	Options 140, 240	Options 145, 245	Options 146, 246	Options 140, 240	Options 145, 245	Options 146, 246
<b>Stability phase</b>						
Stability as defined as a ratio measurement made at the test port.						
300 kHz to 10 MHz				$\pm 0.360^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\pm 0.360^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	
10 to 45 MHz				$\pm 0.020^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\pm 0.020^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	
45 to 500 MHz				$\pm 0.030^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\pm 0.030^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	
500 MHz to 2 GHz				$\pm 0.050^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\pm 0.070^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	
2 to 4 GHz				$\pm 0.100^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\pm 0.150^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	
4 to 8 GHz				$\pm 0.150^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\pm 0.250^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	
8 to 13.5 GHz				$\pm 0.300^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\pm 0.500^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	
13.5 to 16 GHz				$\pm 0.300^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\pm 0.500^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	
16 to 20 GHz				$\pm 0.350^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\pm 0.650^{\circ}/^{\circ}\text{C}$	
<b>Reference level magnitude</b>						
Range	$\pm 200$ dB	$\pm 200$ dB	$\pm 200$ dB			
Resolution	.001 dB	.001 dB	.001 dB			
<b>Reference level phase</b>						
Range	$\pm 500^{\circ}$	$\pm 500^{\circ}$	$\pm 500^{\circ}$			
Resolution	.01 $^{\circ}$	.01 $^{\circ}$	.01 $^{\circ}$			
<b>Damage input level</b>						
Test port 1, 2, 3, and 4				+27 dBm or $\pm 16$ VDC	+27 dBm or $\pm 16$ VDC	
Receivers R, A, B, C, D					+15 dBm or $\pm 16$ VDC	
Source out (reference)					+27 dBm or $\pm 16$ VDC	
Source out (test ports)					+27 dBm or $\pm 16$ VDC	
Coupler thru					+27 dBm or $\pm 16$ VDC	
Coupler arm					+15 dBm or $\pm 0$ VDC	

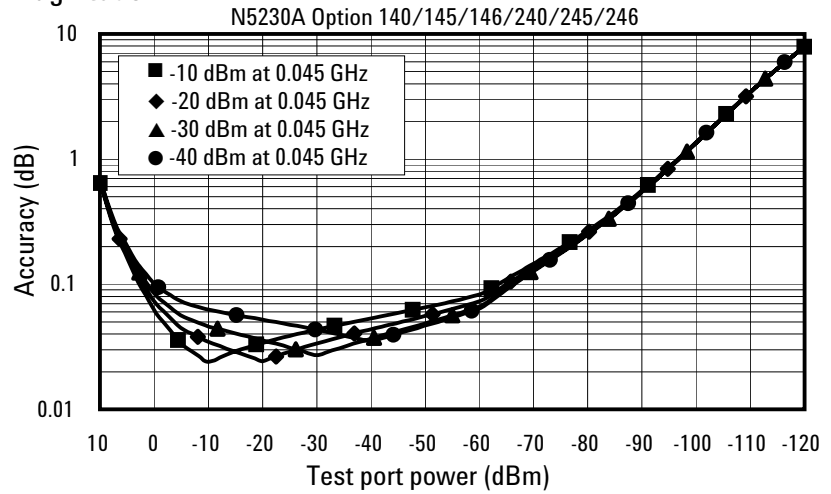
**Table 8. Dynamic Accuracy (specification)**

Accuracy of the test port input power reading relative to the reference input power level. Dynamic accuracy is verified with the following measurements:

- Compression over frequency
- IF linearity at a single frequency of 1.195 GHz using a reference level of  $-20$  dBm for an input power range of 0 to  $-110$  dBm

**Dynamic Accuracy 0.045 GHz**

**Magnitude**



**Phase**

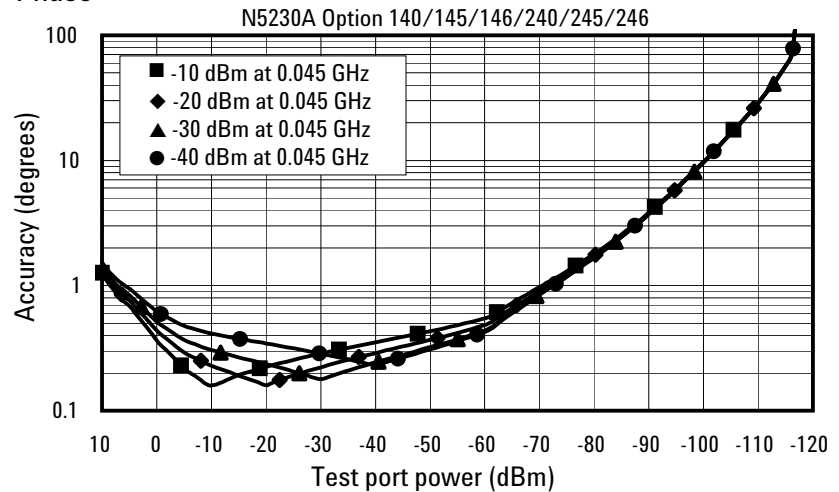
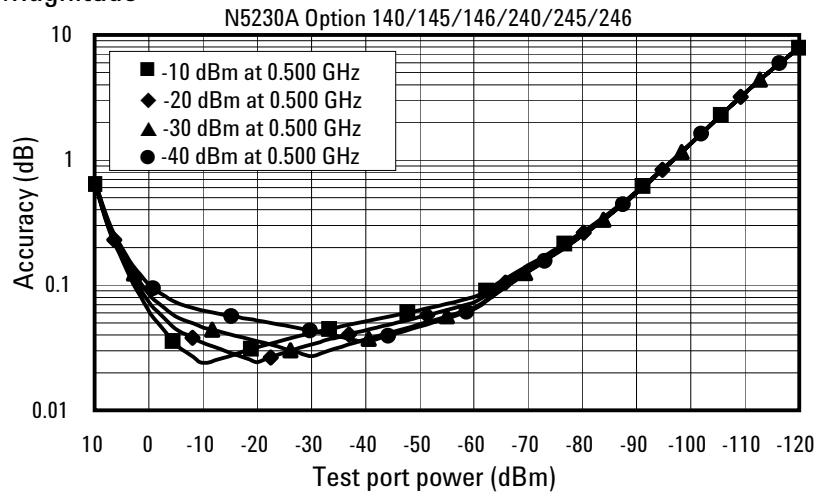


Table 8. Dynamic Accuracy (continued)

Dynamic Accuracy 0.500 GHz

Magnitude



Phase

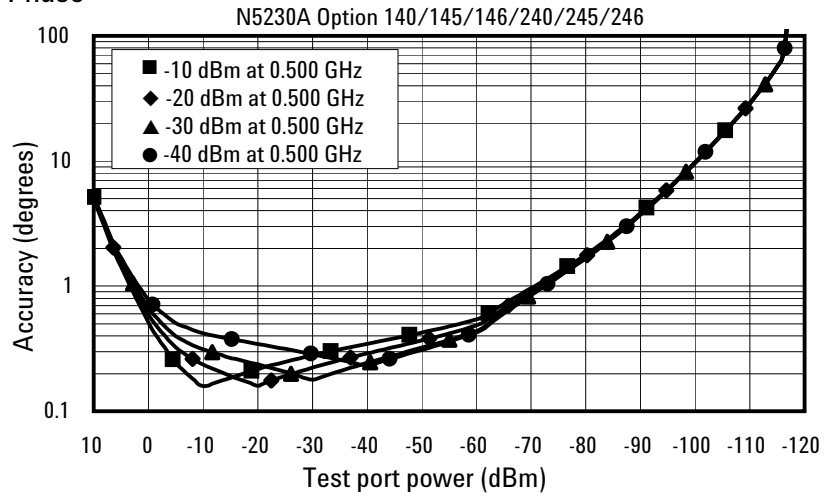
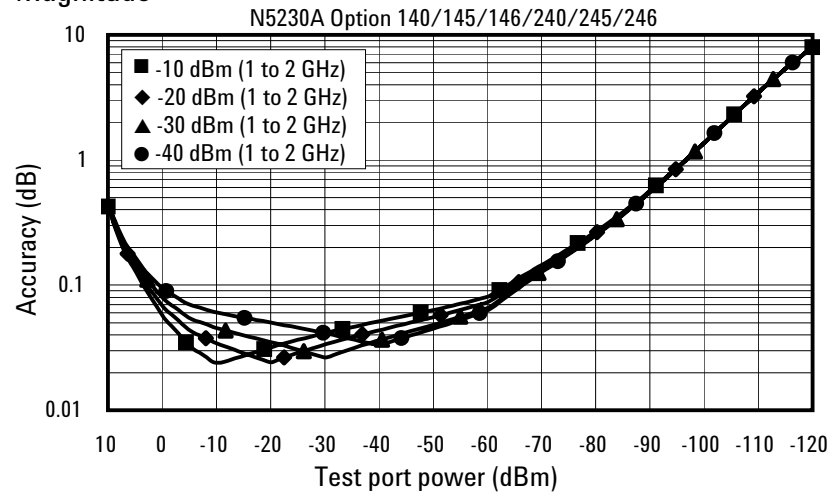


Table 8. Dynamic Accuracy (continued)

Dynamic Accuracy 1 to 2 GHz

Magnitude



Phase

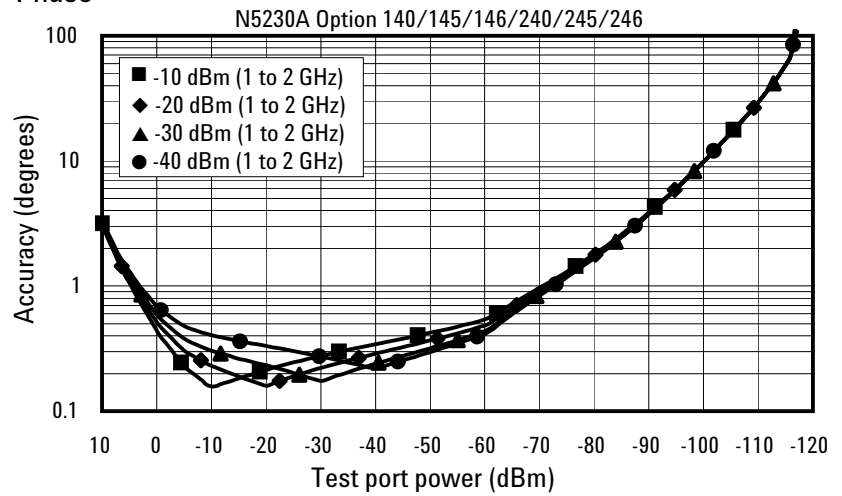
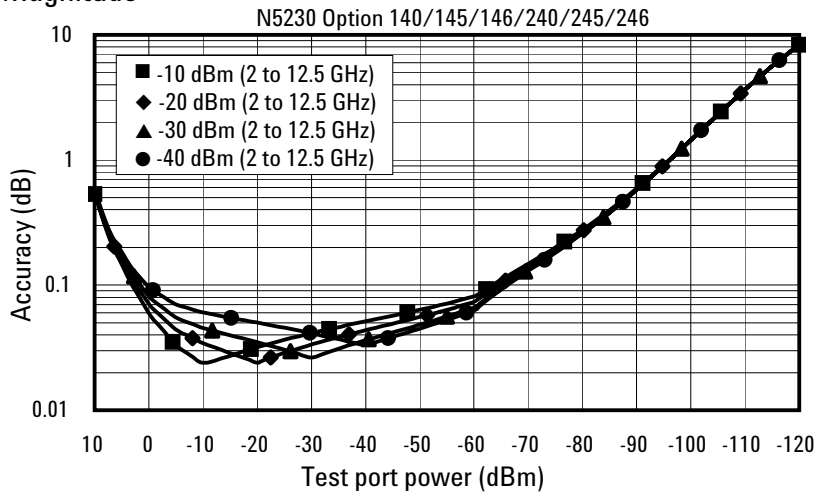


Table 8. Dynamic Accuracy (continued)

Dynamic Accuracy 2 to 12.5 GHz

Magnitude



Phase

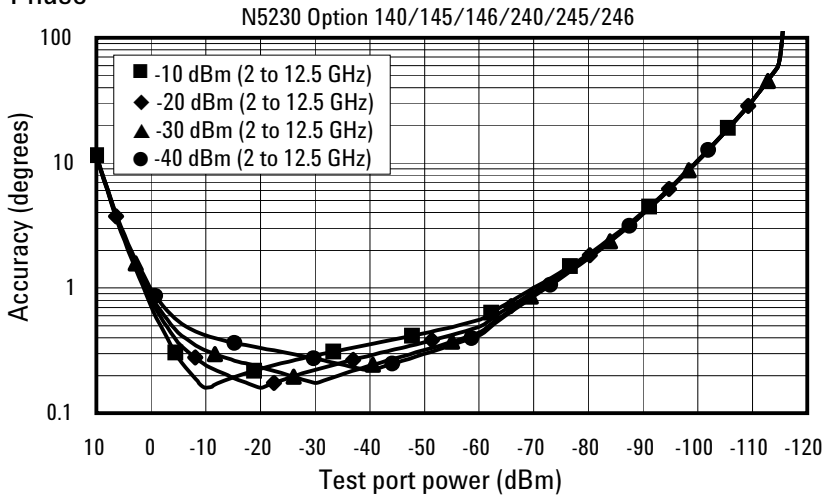
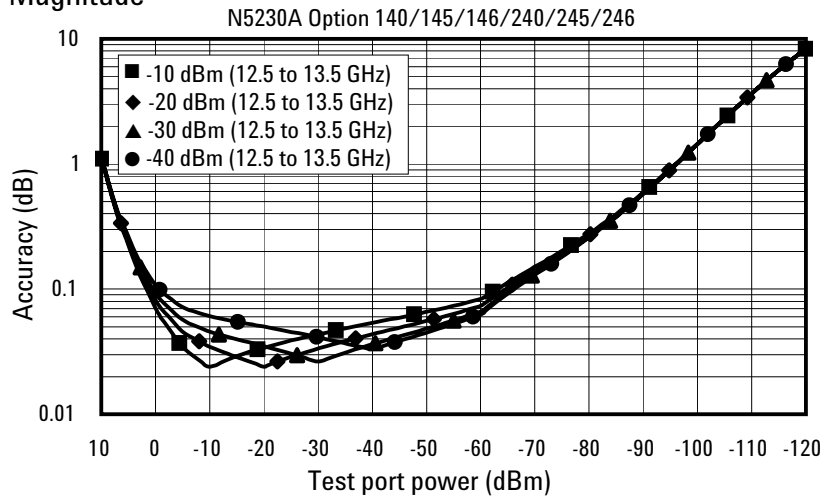


Table 8. Dynamic Accuracy (continued)

Dynamic Accuracy 12.5 to 13.5 GHz

Magnitude



Phase

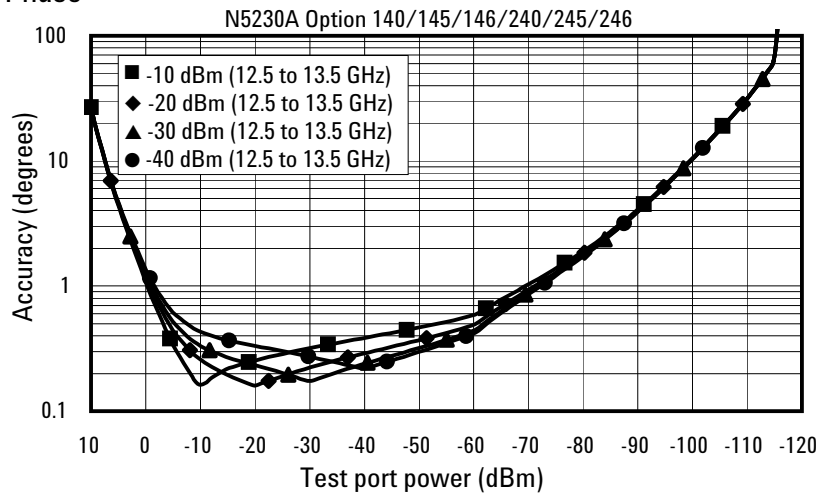
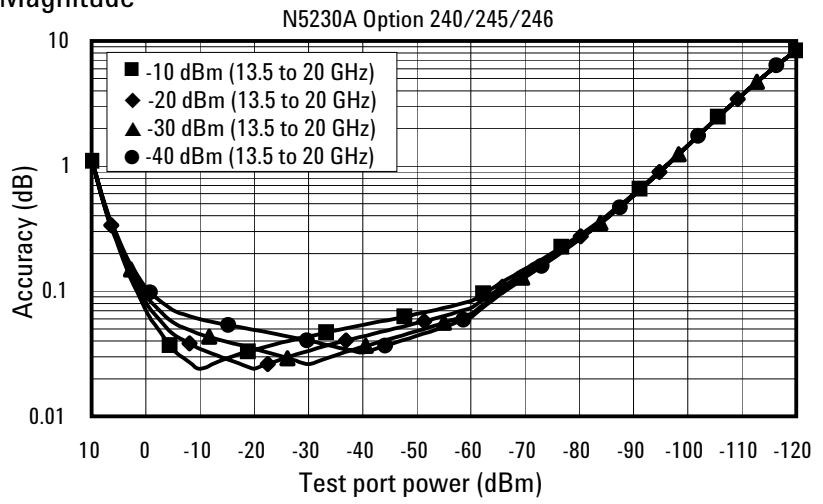


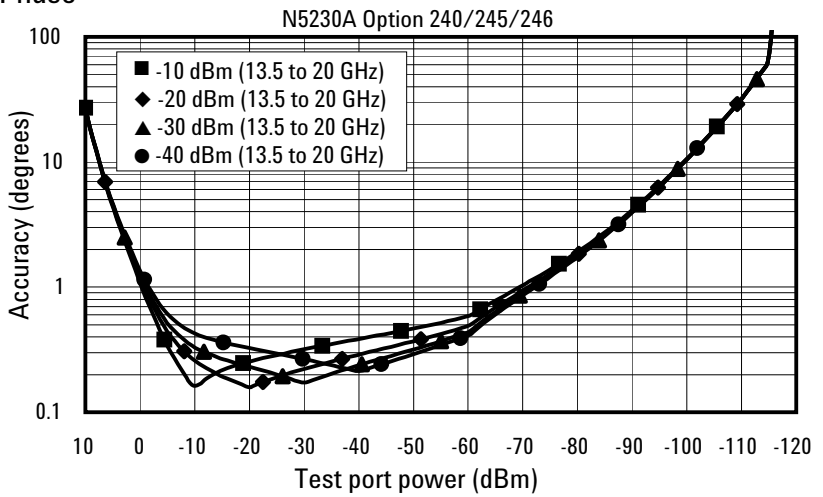
Table 8. Dynamic Accuracy (continued)

Dynamic Accuracy 13.5 to 20 GHz

Magnitude



Phase



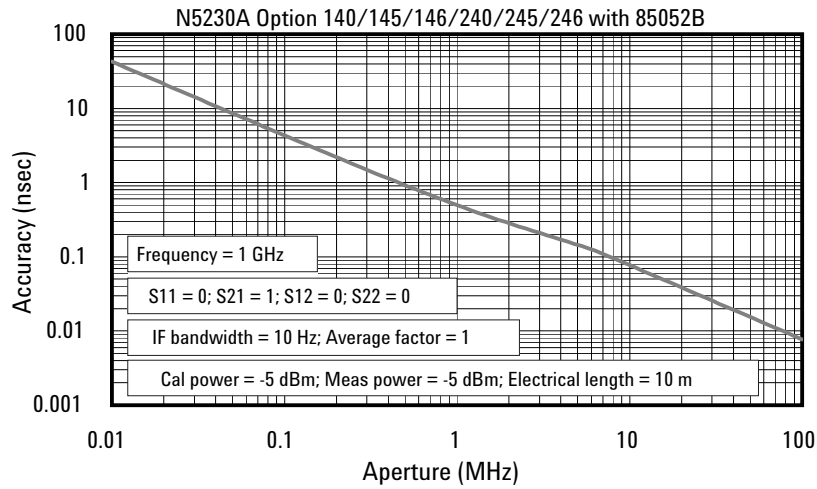
**Table 9. Test port input (group delay)**

Description	Specification	Supplemental information (typ.)
Aperture (selectable)		(frequency span)/(number of points -1)
Maximum aperture		20% of frequency span
Range		0.5 x (1/minimum aperture)
Maximum delay		Limited to measuring no more than 180° of phase change within the minimum aperture
Accuracy		See graph below. Char.

The following graph shows characteristic group delay accuracy with full 2-port calibration and a 10 Hz IF bandwidth. Insertion loss is assumed to be < 2 dB and electrical length to be ten meters.

For any  $S_{ij}$  group delay measurement,  $S_{ii} = 0$ ,  $S_{ij} = 0$ ,  $S_{kl} = 0$  for all  $kl \neq ij$

**Group delay (typical)**



In general, the following formula can be used to determine the accuracy, in seconds, of specific group delay measurement:

$$\pm \text{Phase Accuracy (deg)} / [360^\circ \text{ Aperture (Hz)}]$$

Depending on the aperture and device length, the phase accuracy used is either incremental phase accuracy or worst case phase accuracy.

## General Information

Table 10. Miscellaneous information

Description	Supplemental information
System IF bandwidth range	1 Hz to 600 kHz, nominal
CPU	Intel® 1.1 GHz Pentium® M with 1 GByte RAM

Table 11. Front panel information

Description	Supplemental information
<b>RF connectors</b>	
Type	Options 140, 145, 146, 240, 245, 246: 3.5 mm (male), 50 ohm (nominal)
Center pin recession	0.002 in. (characteristic)
<b>Display</b>	
Size	21.3 cm (8.4 in) diagonal color active matrix LCD; 640 (horizontal) X 480 (vertical) resolution
Refresh rate	Vertical 59.83 Hz; Horizontal 31.41 kHz
<b>Display range</b>	
Magnitude	±500 dB (at 20 dB/div), max
Phase	±500°, max
Polar	10 pUnits, min 1000 Units, max
<b>Display resolution</b>	
Magnitude	0.001 dB/div, min
Phase	0.01°/div, min
<b>Marker resolution</b>	
Magnitude	0.001 dB, min
Phase	0.01°, min
Polar	0.01 mUnit, min; 0.01°, min

**Table 12. Rear panel information**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Supplemental information</b>
<b>10 MHz Reference in</b>	
Connector	BNC, female
Input frequency	10 MHz $\pm$ 10 ppm, typical
Input level	-15 to +20 dBm, typical
Input impedance	200 $\Omega$ , nom.
<b>10 MHz Reference out</b>	
Connector	BNC, female
Output frequency	10 MHz $\pm$ 1 ppm, typical
Signal type	Sine Wave, typical
Output level	+10 dBm $\pm$ 4 dB into 50 $\Omega$ , typical
Output impedance	50 $\Omega$ , nominal
Harmonics	< -40 dBc, typical
<b>VGA Video output</b>	
Connector	15-pin mini D-Sub; Drives VGA compatible monitors
<b>Test set IO</b>	
	25-pin D-Sub connector, female, available for external test set control
<b>Aux IO</b>	
	25-pin D-Sub connector, male, analog and digital I/O
<b>Handler IO</b>	
	36-pin parallel I/O port; all input/output signals are default set to negative logic; can be reset to positive logic via GPIB command
<b>GPIB</b>	
	Two ports: dedicated controller and dedicated talker/listener 24-pin D-sub (Type D-24), female; compatible with IEEE-488.
<b>USB Port</b>	
	1 port on front panel and 4 ports on rear panel.
<b>LAN</b>	
	10/100BaseT Ethernet, 8-pin configuration; auto selects between the two data rates
<b>Line power (single phase)</b>	
Frequency, voltage	50/60 Hz/400 Hz for 100-120 V, 50/60 Hz for 220-240 V, power supply is auto switching
Maximum	350 Watts

**Note:** Option H08 and Option H11 specifications are not provided in this N5230A specifications document.

**Table 13. Analyzer environment and dimensions**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Supplemental information</b>
<b>General environmental</b>	
EMC	Complies with European EMC directive 89/336/EEC, amended by 93/68/EEC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IEC/EN 61326</li> <li>• CISPR Pub 11 Group 1, class A</li> <li>• AS/NZS CISPR11:2002</li> <li>• ICES/NMB-001</li> </ul>
Safety	Complies with European Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC, amended by 93/68/EEC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IEC/EN 61010-1:2001</li> <li>• Canada: CSA C22.2 No. 61010-1:2001</li> <li>• USA: UL 61010-1</li> </ul>
<b>Operating environment</b>	
Temperature	0 to +40 °C  Instrument powers up and displays no error messages within this temperature range (except for "source unlevelled" error message that may occur at temperatures outside the specified performance temperature range of 25 ± 5 °C).
Error-corrected temperature range	23 °C ± 3 °C with less than 1 °C deviation from calibration temp.
Relative humidity	Type tested 0 to 95% at 40 °C, non-condensing
Altitude	0 to 4600 m (15,000 ft.)
<b>Non-operating storage environment</b>	
Temperature	-40 to +70 °C
<b>Cabinet dimensions</b>	
	<b>Height    Width    Depth</b>
Excluding front and rear panel hardware and feet	267 mm    426 mm    427 mm 10.5 in    16.75 in    16.8 in
As shipped - includes front panel connectors, rear panel bumpers, and feet.	280 mm    435 mm    470 mm 11 in    17.10 in    18.5 in
As shipped plus handles	280 mm    458 mm    501 mm 11 in    18 in    19.7 in
As shipped plus rack-mount flanges	280 mm    483 mm    470 mm 11 in    19 in    18.5 in
As shipped plus handles and rack-mount flanges	280 mm    483 mm    501 mm 11 in    19 in    19.7 in
<b>Weight</b>	
Net	
N5230A	24.9 kg (55 lb), nominal
Shipping	
N5230A	36.3 kg (80 lb), nominal

# Measurement Throughput Summary

Table 14. Typical cycle time<sup>1</sup> (ms) for measurement completion

	Number of Points				
	201	401	801	1601	16,001
<b>Start 8 GHz, stop 18 GHz, 600 kHz IF bandwidth</b>					
Uncorrected	21.148	21.743	23.01	25.198	54.836
4-Port cal	74.597	82.296	296.5	307.75	538.646
<b>Start 300 kHz, stop 10 GHz, 600 kHz IF bandwidth</b>					
Uncorrected	19.814	22.801	24.973	29.01	67.733
4-Port cal	69.752	85.111	100.125	129.347	480.711
<b>Start 300 kHz, stop 20 GHz, 600 kHz IF bandwidth</b>					
Uncorrected	32.575	34.7	39.237	43.155	69.625
4-Port cal	121.254	133.626	157.506	179.223	487.779
<b>Start 8 GHz, stop 18 GHz, 100 kHz IF bandwidth</b>					
Uncorrected	38.083	51.816	55.488	56.36	184.154
4-Port cal	143.271	201.814	215.056	230.133	934.161
<b>Start 300 kHz, stop 10 GHz, 100 kHz IF bandwidth</b>					
Uncorrected	37.03	42.532	45.122	46.729	198.683
4-Port cal	137.431	162.37	194.13	192.182	906.768
<b>Start 300 kHz, stop 20 GHz, 100 kHz IF bandwidth</b>					
Uncorrected	44.98	69.408	87.161	92.475	198.792
4-Port cal	169.041	268.877	343.898	369.526	914.963
<b>Start 8 GHz, stop 18 GHz, 50 kHz IF bandwidth</b>					
Uncorrected	42.171	70.09	88.702	90.981	371.611
4-Port cal	157.107	271.791	351.517	368.02	1532.609
<b>Start 300 kHz, stop 10 GHz, 50 kHz IF bandwidth</b>					
Uncorrected	43.713	61.41	66.878	69.373	385.04
4-Port cal	163.58	238.267	259.687	279.816	1580.761
<b>Start 300 kHz, stop 20 GHz, 50 kHz IF bandwidth</b>					
Uncorrected	48.673	80.798	124.605	147.303	388.46
4-Port cal	184.429	313.392	493.142	587.548	1587.839

1. Includes sweep time, retrace time and band-crossing time. Analyzer display turned off with DISPLAY:ENABLE OFF. Add 21 ms for display on. Data for one trace (S<sub>11</sub>) measurement.

**Table 15. Cycle Time vs IF Bandwidth**

Applies to the preset condition (201 points, correction off) except for the following changes:

- CF = 10 GHz
- Span = 100 MHz
- Display off (add 21 ms for display on)

<b>Description</b>	<b>Typical performance</b>	
<b>IF Bandwidth (Hz)</b>	<b>Cycle time (ms)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Trace noise (dB rms)</b>
600,000	3.13	0.00544
360,000	3.21	0.00602
280,000	3.17	0.00321
200,000	3.17	0.00259
150,000	3.19	0.00207
100,000	4.05	0.00155
70,000	4.99	0.00144
50,000	6.41	0.00121
30,000	8.78	0.00094
20,000	12.07	0.00080
15,000	14.91	0.00069
10,000	26.02	0.00052
7000	34.54	0.00047
5000	45.87	0.00044
3000	69.91	0.00032
2000	99.69	0.00029
1500	128.18	0.00010
1000	215.62	0.00009
700	291.58	0.00006
500	397.36	0.00007
300	633.86	0.00000
200	930.15	0.00000
100	1824.19	0.00000
30	6001.70	0.00000
10	17899.79	0.00000
1	178391.58	0.00000

1. Cycle time includes sweep and retrace time.

**Table 16. Cycle time vs number of points**

Applies to the preset condition (correction off) except for the following changes:

- CF = 10 GHz
- Span = 100 MHz
- Display off (add 21 ms for display on)

IF Bandwidth (Hz)	Number of points	Cycle time (ms) <sup>1</sup>
30,000	3	2.88
	11	3.50
	51	3.91
	101	5.29
	201	8.75
	401	15.66
	801	29.46
	1,601	57.73
	6,401	221.04
	16,001	549.71
100,000	3	2.87
	11	2.82
	51	2.86
	101	2.96
	201	4.02
	401	6.23
	801	10.65
	1,601	19.49
	6,401	70.96
	16,001	173.78
600,000	3	2.84
	11	2.84
	51	2.87
	101	3.03
	201	3.14
	401	3.51
	801	4.22
	1,601	6.22
	6,401	19.35
	16,001	45.12

1. Cycle time includes sweep and retrace time.

**Table 17. Data transfer time (ms)**

	Number of points			
	201	401	1601	16,001
<b>SCPI over GPIB (program executed on external PC)</b>				
32-bit floating point	6	10	33	313
64-bit floating point	10	18	65	622
ASCII	53	105	406	4032
<b>CPI over SIU/LAN or TCP/IP socket (program executed in the analyzer)</b>				
32-bit floating point	1	2	2.5	7
64-bit floating point	2	2	3	10
ASCII	11	20	73	720
<b>COM (program executed in the analyzer)</b>				
32-bit floating point	< 0.2	0.2	0.3	0.9
Variant type	0.6	1	3.2	32
<b>DCOM over LAN (program executed on external PC)</b>				
32-bit floating point	< 0.8	1	1.6	7.5
Variant type	1.9	3	8.9	82

**Note:** Specifications for recall and sweep speed are not provided for the N5230A analyzers.

## Specifications: Front-Panel Jumpers

**Table 18: Measurement receiver inputs (rcvr A In, rcvr B In, rcvr C In, rcvr D In)  
0.1 dB Typical compression**

Description	Specification	Typical Options 145, 146, 245, 246
<b>Maximum input level</b>		
300 kHz to 10 MHz		-11 dBm
10 MHz to 1 GHz		-7 dBm
1 to 12.5 GHz		-6 dBm
12.5 to 13.5 GHz		-7 dBm
13.5 to 20 GHz		-7 dBm
<b>Damage level</b>		
N5230A		+15 dBm
<b>Maximum DC level</b>		
N5230A		±16 V

**Table 19: Reference receiver input (rcvr in) at maximum specified output power**

Description	Specification	Typical Options 145, 146, 245, 246
<b>Maximum input level</b>		
300 kHz to 10 MHz		-15 dBm
10 to 45 MHz		-15 dBm
45 to 500 MHz		-15 dBm
500 MHz to 4 GHz		-15 dBm
4 to 6 GHz		-16 dBm
6 to 10.5 GHz		-20 dBm
10.5 to 13.5 GHz		-21 dBm
13.5 to 15 GHz		-21 dBm
15 to 20 GHz		-27 dBm
<b>Damage level</b>		
N5230A		+15 dBm
<b>Maximum DC level</b>		
N5230A		±16 V

**Table 20: Reference output (source out) at maximum specified output power**

Description	Specification	Typical Options 145, 146, 245, 246
<b>Maximum output level</b>		
300 kHz to 10 MHz		-15 dBm
10 to 45 MHz		-15 dBm
45 to 500 MHz		-15 dBm
500 MHz to 4 GHz		-15 dBm
4 to 6 GHz		-15 dBm
6 to 10.5 GHz		-20 dBm
10.5 to 13.5 GHz		-21 dBm
13.5 to 15 GHz		-21 dBm
15 to 20 GHz		-27 dBm
<b>Damage level</b>		
N5230A		+27 dBm
<b>Maximum DC level</b>		
N5230A		±16 V

**Table 21: Source outputs (port 1 source out, port 2 source out, port 3 source out, port 4 source out) at maximum specified output power**

Description	Specification	Typical
		Options 145, 146, 245, 246
<b>Maximum output level</b>		
300 kHz to 10 MHz		+10 dBm
10 to 45 MHz		+10 dBm
45 to 500 MHz		+10 dBm
500 MHz to 4 GHz		+10 dBm
4 to 6 GHz		+9 dBm
6 to 10.5 GHz		+4 dBm
10.5 to 13.5 GHz		+1 dBm
13.5 to 15 GHz		+1 dBm
15 to 20 GHz		-4 dBm
<b>Damage level</b>		
N5230A		+27 dBm
<b>Maximum DC level</b>		
N5230A		±16 V

**Table 22: Coupler inputs (port 1 cplr thru, port 2 cplr thru, port 3 cplr thru, port 4 cplr thru) Insertion loss of coupler thru**

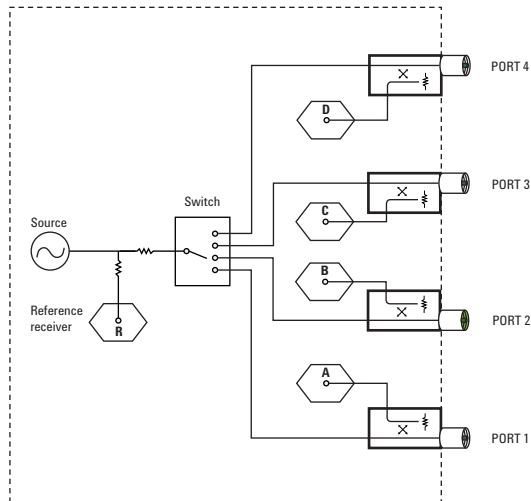
Description	Specification	Typical
		Options 145, 146, 245, 246
<b>Insertion loss to test port</b>		
300 kHz to 10 MHz		1.5 dB
10 to 45 MHz		1.5 dB
45 to 500 MHz		1.5 dB
500 MHz to 4 GHz		2.0 dB
4 to 6 GHz		2.5 dB
6 to 10.5 GHz		2.5 dB
10.5 to 13.5 GHz		3.0 dB
13.5 to 15 GHz		3.0 dB
15 to 20 GHz		3.0 dB
<b>Damage level</b>		
N5230A		+27 dBm
<b>Maximum DC level</b>		
N5230A		±16 V

**Table 23: Coupler outputs (port 1 cplr arm, port 2 cplr arm, port 3 cplr arm, port 4 cplr arm)**

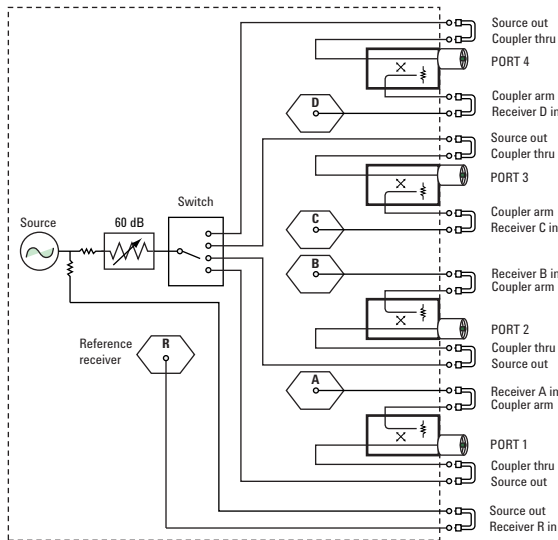
Description	Specification	Typical
		Options 145, 146, 245, 246
<b>Damage level</b>		
N5230A		+15 dBm
<b>Maximum DC level</b>		
N5230A		0 V

## Test Set Block Diagrams

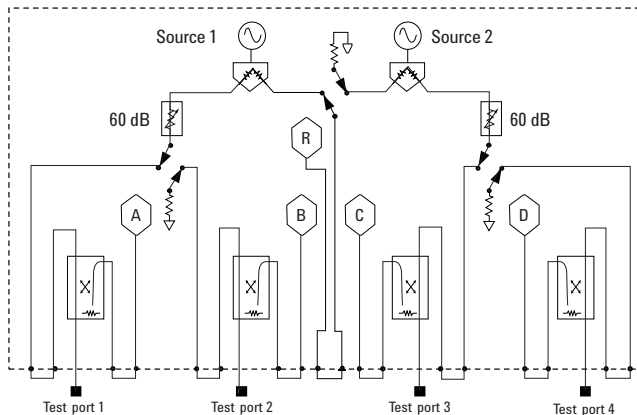
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standard test set and  
standard power range**



**N5230A Option 145 or 245  
configurable test set,  
extended power range**



**N5230A Option 146 or 246  
configurable test set,  
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