

# Agilent CaLan 8591C Cable TV Analyzer

Data Sheet

### A complete test solution for your cable TV system

The Agilent Technologies CaLan 8591C is the industry's only one-box tester for all RF and video measurements. With this analyzer you can make RF and video measurements without interrupting your cable TV system. The CaLan 8591C is a flexible troubleshooting tool and an automatic system tester. Non-interfering measurements are performed at the push of a button and can be made automatically.

The flexible hardware and software design lets you easily upgrade the analyzer to accommodate changes in required measurements and measurement techniques. For added flexibility, NTSC format is standard, with options available for worldwide PAL and SECAM formats and frequency plans.

CaLan's cable TV analyzer provides all this performance in a rugged, portable instrument ideal for field use. It comes in a durable carrying case that makes it easy to transport and that protects it from moisture and dirt. And the analyzer is fully operational within the case, so you never need to remove it.

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All specifications apply over 0°C to +50°C. The analyzer will meet its specifications after 2 hours of storage at constant temperature within the operating temperature range, 30 minutes after the analyzer is turned on and after CAL FREQ, CAL AMPTD have been run. Characteristics provide useful, but non-warranted, information about nominal performance.



# **Specifications**

## Frequency specifications

Frequency range	1 MHz to 1.8 GHz		
Frequency reference	Standard	Option 704 <sup>1</sup>	
Aging	+1 x 10 <sup>-7</sup> /year	+2 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> /year	
Settability	+2.2 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	+0.5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	
Temperature stability	+1 x 10 <sup>-8</sup>	+5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup>	
Frequency accuracy Freq span ≤10 MHz	±(frequency rea	dout x frequency ref error <sup>2</sup>	
	±3.0% of span +20% of RBW +100 Hz)		
Freq span >10 MHz		dout x frequency ref error <sup>2</sup>	
	+3.0% of span +		
Marker count accuracy	(S/N ≥25 dB. R	BW/span ≥0.01)	
Freq span ≤10 MHz		ency x frequency ref error <sup>2</sup>	
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Freq span >10 MHz		ency x frequency ref error <sup>2</sup>	
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Counter resolution	Selectable from 10 Hz to 100 kHz		
Frequency span			
Range	0 Hz (zero span)	), 1 MHz to 1.8 GHz	
Resolution	4 digits		
Accuracy	±2% of span, span ≤10 MHz		
, 100011001	±3% of span, span >10 MHz		
Frequency sweep	2070 of opan, op	70 WHZ	
Range			
Span ≥1 MHz	20 ms to 100 s		
Span = 0 Hz	20 µs to 20 ms (not Option 701)		
Accuracy	2ο μο το 2οο (	mor option 701,	
20 ms to 100 s	±3%		
20 μs to 20 s	±2% (except Option 701)		
Sweep trigger	Free run, single, line, video, external		
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Resolution bandwidth		8 selectable 3-dB bandwidths	
0-4: 100	in 1, 3, 10 seque		
Option 130		nd 300 Hz bandwidths	
Bandwidth accuracy	±20%		
Video bandwidth			
Range	30 Hz to 1 MHz	in 1, 3 sequence	
Stability			
Phase noise	•	Hz VBW, and sample det)	
	<-90 dBc/Hz at	t >10 kHz offset from CW	
	signal		
	< 105 dBc/Hz at $>$ 30 kHz offset from CW		
	signal		
Residual FM		00 ms (1 kHz RBW, 1 kHz	
	VBW)		
System related sidebands	<-65 dBc at >3	0 kHz offset from CW signal	

- Will not meet FCC frequency accuracy requirements with this time base
   Frequency reference error = (aging rate x period of time since adjustment + initial achievable accuracy + temperature stability)
   Mixer power level (dBmV) = input power (dBmV) input attenuation (dB)
   Referred to 300 MHz CAL OUT, 10 dB input attenuation
   Referred to midpoint between highest and lowest frequency response deviations

## **Amplitude specifications**

Amplitude specifications				
Amplitude range	Displayed average noise level to +72 dBmV			
Max safe input				
Peak power	+72 dBmV (0.2 W), input attenuation >10 dB			
DC	100 V			
Gain compression				
≥10 MHz	$\leq$ 0.5 dB (+39 dBmV at input mixer $^{3}$ )			
Displayed average				
noise level	(input terminated, 0 dB attenuator,			
	1 kHzRBW, 30 Hz VBW, sample det)			
Without preamp	≤–63 dBmV, 1 MHz to 1.5 GHz			
With preamp	≤–83 dBmV, 1 MHz to 1 GHz			
Spurious responses	(10 MHz to 1.8 GHz)			
Second harmonic	<-70 dBc for +4 dBmV tone at input mixer <sup>3</sup>			
Third order intermod	<-70 dBc for two +19 dBmV tone at input			
	mixer³ and ≥50 kHz separation			
Other input related	<-65 dBc at ≥30 kHz offset, for +29 dBmV			
	tone at input mixer <sup>3</sup>			
Residual responses 1 MHz to 1.8 GHz	(input terminated and 0 dB attenuator) ≤–38 dBmV			
Diamless seems				
Display range Log scale	0 to 70 dP from ref level is solibrated 0.1 to			
Lug scale	0 to -70 dB from ref level is calibrated 0.1 to			
Linear scale	20 dB/division in 1 dB steps 8 divisions			
Scale units	dBm, dBmV, dBµV, V, W			
Marker readout resolution	0.05 dB for log scale			
	0.05% of ref level for linear scale			
Fast time sweeps for				
zero span (not Option 701)	0.7% of ref level for linear scale ≤1 GHz			
Reference level				
Range	Same as amplitude range			
Resolution	0.01 dB for log scale			
	0.12% of ref level for linear scale			
Accuracy	(referred to +29 dBmV ref level)			
+49 to -10.9 dBmV	±(0.3 dB + 0.01 x dB from +29 dBmV)			
Frequency response				
Absolute <sup>4</sup>	±1.5 dB			
Relative flatness <sup>5</sup>	±1.0 dB			
Calibrator output				
Frequency	300 MHz +(300 MHz x freq ref error <sup>2</sup> )			
Amplitude	+28.75 dBmV +0.4 dB			
Input attenuator				
Range	0 to 70 in 10 dB steps			
Accuracy				
0 to 60 dB	±0.5 dB at 50 MHz, ref to 10 dB attenuator			
70 dB	±1.2 dB at 50 MHz, ref to 10 dB attenuator			
Resolution bandwidth	(referred to 3 kHz RBW at ref level)			
Switching uncertainty	,			
3 kHz to 3 MHz RBW	±0.4 dB			
1 kHz RBW	±0.5 dB			
30 Hz to 300 Hz RBW	±0.6 dB (Option 130)			

Log to linear switching	±0.25 dB at reference level	EMI compatibility	Conducted and radiated interference CISPR pub. 11 and FTZ 526/527/79
Display scale fidelity Log incremental		Audible noise	<37.5 dBA pressure and <5.0 Bels power (ISO DP7779)
accuracy	$\pm 0.2$ dB/2 dB, 0 to $-70$ dB from ref level		•
Log maximum		Power requirement	
cumulative accuracy	±0.75 dB, 0 to -60 dB from ref level	On (line 1)	86-127, or 195-253 Vrms, 47-66 Hz 103-126
oumant o accuracy	±1.0 dB, 0 to -70 dB from ref level	o (o . ,	Vrms, 400 Hz +10%
Linear accuracy	±3% of reference level	Standby (line 0)	Power consumption , 7 W
Internal preamplifier		User memory (nominal)	32 Kbytes non-volative RAM
Frequency range	1 MHz to 1.0 GHz		
Gain	≥24 dB	Data storage (nominal)	50 states and traces, internal memory
Noise figure	≤10 dB	,	8 internal state registers
			24 states and traces, memory card
Option 011 built-in tr	acking generator		(Agilent 85702A)
Frequency range	1 MHz to 1.8 GHz	Weight (nominal)	18.1 kg (40 lb)
Output power level		Size (nominal)	213 mm (8.4") H x 366 mm (14.4") W x
Range	+42.8 dBmV to -27.2 dBmV		460 mm (18.1") D
Resolution	0.1 dB		, ,
Absolute accuracy	±1.0 dB (+28.8 dBmV at 300 MHz)	Warranty	1 year limited warranty for materials and
Vernier accuracy			workmanship
(15° to 35° C)	±0.75 dB (+28.8 dBmV at 300 MHz)	Input/output characteristics	
Output flatness	±1.75 dB	Front panel connectors	750 DN0 ( )
•		Input	$75\Omega$ BNC female
Output power sweep		Cal output	75Ω BNC, +29 dBmV, 300 MHz
Range	+42.8 dBmV to –32.2 dBmV	RF out (Option 011)	75Ω BNC female
Resolution	0.1 dB	Probe power	+15 Vdc, -12.6 Vdc, and ground (150 mA max each)
Spurious output (+42.8 dB	mV output)	TV in (Option 107)	$75\Omega$ BNC female
Harmonic spurs	<-25 dBc		
Non-harmonic spurs	<-30 dBc	Rear panel connectors	
		Aux video out	50Ω BNC, 0-1 V
Tracking generator		Monitor out	50Ω BNC
feedthrough	<-57 dBmV	Selectable format	NTSC, 15.75 kHz, 60 Hz
		Colociable format	PAL, 15.625 kHz, 50 Hz
Option 107 TV receive	or and time gots	High sweep in/out	BNC, high TTL = sweep, low TTL = retrace
option to receive	er and time gate	Sweep output	BNC, $5k \Omega$ , 0 to +10 V ramp
Gate delay	(from gate trigger input to positive edge of	Aux IF output	50Ω BNC, –10 to –60 dBm, 21.4 MHz
	gate output)	External trigger input	3052 BING, -10 to -00 dBIII, 21.4 WIII2
Range	1 µs to 65.535 ms	(Opt. 107)	PNC TTI lovels positive edge triager
Resolution	1 µs	,	BNC, TTL levels, positive edge trigger
Accuracy	±1 [µs + (0.01% x gate delay)] <sup>6</sup>	TV trigger output	DNO TTU I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I
	±1 [μs + (0.01% x gate delay)]	(Opt. 107)	BNC, TTL levels, negative edge trigger after-
Gate length	(from positive edge to negative edge of gate	TV monitor output	sync pulse
· J·	output)	(Opt. 107)	75Ω BNC, female, -0.28 to +0.714 V
Range	1 µs to 65.535 ms	(Opt. 107) 10 MHz ref output	7552 BNC, Ternale, -0.28 to +0.714 V 50Ω BNC, 10 MHz, 0 dBm
Resolution	1 µs	External ref in	$50\Omega$ BNC, 10 MHz, $-2$ to +10 dBm
Accuracy	±[0.2 μs + (0.01% x gate length)]	RS-232	
	=[0.2 po · (0.01/0 x gate length)]		D connector, 9 pin
Gate amplitude characteri	istics <sup>6</sup>	Parallel interface	D connector, 25 pin
Additional log error	±0.3 dB	GPIB (Opt. 041)	SH1, AH1, T6, L4, SR1, RL1, PP0, DC1, C1, C2, C3, C28
		Earphone	1/8 inch monaural jack
0 1 10 1	18	Aux interface	9 pin "D" subminiature
General specification		Kaybaard	E nin DINI Ontion OOR IDM AT Louboard
General specificatior Temperature		Keyboard	5 pin DIN, Option 003 IBM AT keyboard com-
_	0° to +50°C in carrying case	Keyboard  Gate trigger input (Opt. 107)	patible

<sup>6.</sup> With gate enabled and triggered, CW signal, peak detector mode

## **Cable TV measurement specifications**

#### Cable TV RF and video measurement

These specifications describe warranted performance of the Agilent CaLan 8591C cable TV analyzer and the CaLan 85721A cable TV measurement personality from 0° to 50°C after the warmup and calibration described earlier. Characteristics provide useful, but non-warranted, information about nominal performance. NTSC-formatted signals only are covered. A RAM card is needed for the 85721A to store test results. Test data may also be printed using an HP InkJet or HP LaserJet printer.

Input	75 $\Omega$ BNC female connector	
Channel selection	Analyzer tunes to specified channels based	
	on selected tune configuration	
Tune configuration	Standard, off-the-air, HRC, IRC, T and FM	
	(channel mode)	
Channel range	1 to 158 and 201 to 300	
	1 tp 158 (system mode)	
	2 to 134 (Opt. 107) <sup>7</sup>	
Channel frequencies	Defined by Code of Federal Regulations, Title	
	47, Telecommunications, Parts 73.603, 76.605	
F=====================================	76.612	
Frequency range	5 to 1002 MHz (channel mode)	
	54 to 896 MHz (system mode)	
Amplitudo rongo	50 to 850 MHz (Opt. 107) <sup>7</sup> -15 to +70 dBmV for S/N >30 dB	
Amplitude range		
	0 to +60 dBmV for coupler input (Opt. 107)	
Visual carrier frequency	Visual carrier frequency is counted.	
Precision frequency refere	nce (standard)	
Resolution	100 Hz	
Accuracy	$\pm (1.2 \times 10^{-7} \times \text{carrier frequency} + 110 \text{ Hz})$	
At 55.25 MHz (Ch. 2)	±117 Hz	
At 325.25 MHz (Ch. 41)	±149 Hz	
At 643.25 MHz (Ch. 94)		
Option 704 frequency refer	ence	
Resolution	1 kHz	
Accuracy	±(7.5 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> x carrier frequency + 110 Hz)	
At 55.25 MHz (Ch. 2)	±524 Hz	
At 325.25 MHz (Ch. 41)	±2.55 Hz	
At 643.25 MHz (Ch. 94)	±4.93 Hz	
frequency difference	Frequency difference between visual and	
•	aural carriers is counted.	
Difference range	4.1 to 4.9 MHz	
Resolution	100 Hz	
Accuracy	±221 Hz for precision frequency ref (std)	
- 1	±254 Hz for Option 704 frequency ref	
Visual carrier level	The peak amplitude of the visual carrier is	
	measured to an absolute standard traceable	
	to the National Institute of Standards and	
	Technology.	
Amplitude range	-15 to +70 dBmV	
Resolution	0.1 dB	

 $\pm 2.0 \text{ dB for S/N} > 30 \text{ dB}$ 

in frequency

±1.0 dB relative to adjacent channels

±1.5 dB relative to all other channels

Visual-to-aural carrier level difference  Difference range Resolution Accuracy	The difference between peak amplitudes of the visual and aural carriers is measured. 0 to 25 dB 0.1 dB ±0.75 dB for S/N >30 dB
Depth of modulation	
(characteristic)	Percent AM is measured from horizontal sync tip to maximum video level; measurement requires a white reference VITS and may not be valid for scrambled channels.
AM range	50 to 93%
Resolution	0.1%
Accuracy	±2.0% for C/N >40 dB
FM deviation	
(characteristic)	Peak reading of FM deviation
Range	±100 kHz
Resolution	100 Hz
Accuracy	±1.5 kHz
Hum/low frequency	
disturbance	Power-line frequency and low frequency disturbance is measured on modulated and/or unmodulated carriers. May not be valid for scrambled channels.
AM range	0.5 to 10% 0.1%
Resolution Accuracy	0.1% ±0.4% for hum <3%
Accuracy	±0.7% for hum ≤5%
	±1.3% for hum ≤10%
Visual carrier-to-noise ra	atio
(C/N) <sup>8</sup>	The C/N is calculated from the visual carrier peak level and the minimum noise level, normalized to 4 MHz noise bandwidth.
Optimum input range	See graphs
Maximum C/N range	Input level dependent; see graphs 59 to 71 dB over optimum input range
C/N resolution	0.1 dB
C/N accuracy	Input level and measured C/N dependent;
	see graphs $\pm 1.0$ to $\pm 3.5$ dB over optimum input range
CSO and CTB distortion <sup>8</sup>	Channel mode composite second order (CSO) and composite triple beat (CTB) distortions are measured relative to the visual carrier peak and require momentary disabling of the carrier. System mode measurements are made in the channel above the channel

## selected and assume that it is unused. If the analyzer has Option 107, a non-interfering CSO measurement can be made.

Optimum input range See graphs

Maximum CSO/CTB range Input level dependent; see graphs

66 to 73 dB over optimum input range

CSO/CTB resolution 0.1 dB

CSO/CTB accuracy

Input level and measured CSO/CTB depend-

ent; see graphs

+1.5 dB to +4.0 dB over optimum input range

Absolute accuracy

Relative accuracy

<sup>7.</sup> For TV display, video tests (DG, DP, CLDI), and these non-interfering mode RF tests: C/N, CSO, in-channel flatness

<sup>8.</sup> A preamplifier and preselector filter may be required to achieve specifications.

Horizontal line (15.7 kHz) related AM is meas-Cross modulation

ured on the unmodulated visual carrier.

Range 60 dB, useable to 65 dB

Resolution 0.1 dB

Accuracy  $\pm 2.0$  dB for xmod. <40 dB, C/N >40 dB

 $\pm 2.6$  dB for xmod. <50 dB. C/N >40 dB  $\pm 4.6$  dB for xmod. <60 dB, C/N >40 dB

System frequency

response (flatness)

System amplitude variations are measured relative to a reference trace stored during the

setup.

Frequency response setup

2 s (default) for no scrambling Fast sweep time

Slow sweep time 8 s (default) for fixed-amplitude scrambling Reference trace storage 50 traces that include analyzer states

Frequency response test

1.0 dB/div to 20 dB/div (2 dB default) Range Resolution

0.05 dB

Trace flatness accuracy ±0.1 dB per dB deviation from a flat line and ±0.75 dB maximum cumulative error

0.0 dB for equal temperature at test locations Trace position accuracy and ±0.4 dB maximum for different ambient

temperatures



Option 107 required. Appropriate TV line must

be selected. Requires FCC or NTC-composite

signal.

Differential gain accuracy ±4% for room temp. and ≥20 dBmV level Differential phase accuracy ±3° for room temp. and ≥20 dBmV level

Chrominance-luminance delay inequality accuracy

±45 ns, 32 ns typical

#### Non-interfering tests with gate on

C/N and CSO<sup>8</sup> (quiet line must be selected) See graphs

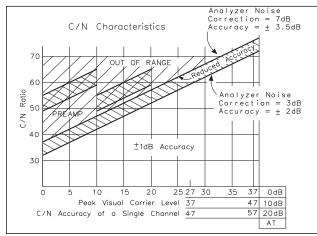
In-channel frequency

response accuracy (requires sin x/x, Philips ghost canceling

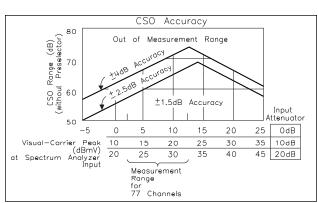
reference, FCC multiburst, or NTC-7 combination signal) ±0.5 dB within channel

#### C/N, CSO, and CTB measurements

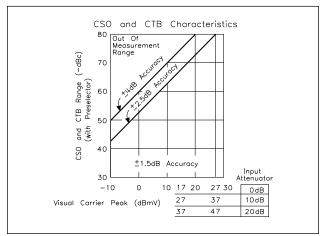
The four graphs summarize the combined CaLan 8591C and 85721A characteristics for C/N, CSO, and CTB testing on cable TV systems for CSO and CTB measurements with up to 77 channels and no amplitude tilt, and for C/N measurements with single channels. C/N, CSO, and CTB measurement accuracies and ranges can be read from the relevant graphs. They depend on the visual carrier peak level, the measurement reading, and the total power input to the analyzer. For C/N measurements with a preselector, there is no optimum range and the accuracy boundaries drop by the preselector's insertion loss (typically 2 dB).



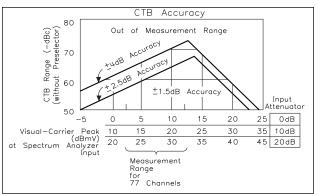
C/N accuracy (single channel) ± 1 dB accuracy



CTB accuracy (without external preselector filter)



CSO accuracy (without external preselector filter)



CTB accuracy (with external preselector filter)

## **Ordering Information**

#### **Agilent CaLan**

8591C Cable TV analyzer (1 MHz to 1.8 GHz)

**Option 107**<sup>9</sup> TV receiver/video tester (includes 75- $\Omega$  coupler and cables)

**Option 011** 75- $\Omega$  tracking generator

Option 015 Replace yellow soft carrying case with tan soft carrying case

**Option 040** Front panel cover (used without soft carrying case)

Option 041<sup>10</sup> GPIB and parallel<sup>11</sup> interfaces

Option 119 Noise figure card

Option 130 Narrow resolution bandwidths

Option 180<sup>12</sup> TV picture display

Option 701 Delete TV trigger, AM/FM demodulator, fast time-domain sweeps

Option 704 Delete precision frequency reference
Option 908 Rack mount without handles
Option 909 Rack mount with handles

Option 915C Component level information and service guide
Option W30 Two additional years return-to-Agilent service
Option W32 Two additional years return-to-Agilent calibration

Option R07 Retrofit kit for Option 107

#### **Recommended accessories**

**85702A** 128K RAM card

85721A Cable TV measurements and system monitor personality (for 8590 E-series

spectrum analyzers)

85901A Portable ac power source

C2634A HP DeskJet 320 portable monochrome/color printer (parallel interface)

C2162A HP DeskJet 540 monochrome/color printer (parallel interface)
C2164A HP DeskJet 660C monochrome/color printer (parallel interface)

24542U RS-232 nine-pin cable (analyzer to PC)

24542G RS-232 nine-pin to 25-pin cable (analyzer to PC)
C2950A Parallel 36-pin to 25-pin cable (analyzer to printer)

10833A GPIB cable

Calan 85921A FCC report generator software (for Calan 8591C or 8590E-series spectrum analyzers)

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- 9. Not compatible with option 180
- 10. Replaces standard RS-232 and parallel interfaces
- 11. Print and plot control only
- 12. Not compatible with Option 107

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