

# Boonton SGX1018

## RF SIGNAL GENERATOR



The SGX1018 utilizes a unique non-PLL (phase locked loop) design with a digital front-end and direct, proprietary back end. The design enables a distinctive combination of features and performance.

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## KEY FEATURES

Frequency range:

100 MHz to 18 GHz

Output power range:

-10 to +17 dBm

**Lightning fast** - Frequency switching speed:  
(list/step sweep modes)

350  $\mu$ s

**Ultra-low phase noise** - single sideband phase noise

-106 dBc/Hz

18 GHz, 10 kHz offset

**Ultra-low jitter**

<110 fs

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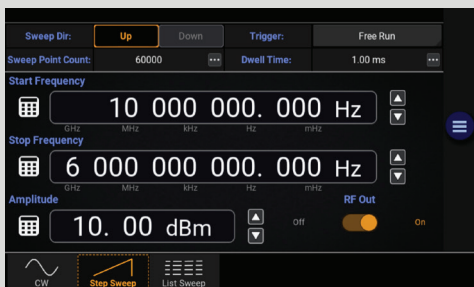
## Front Panel



- 1 USB ports for peripherals
- 2 At-a-glance display of key synthesis parameters
- 3 RF output (option to move to rear panel)
- 4 Multi-touch display with intuitive user interface
- 5 Quick access to freq and amp settings and to turn RF output on/off



### 6 SGX1018 Additional Signal Generation Capabilities (beyond CW)



#### Sweep Mode

The RF output signal can be swept up or down between frequency points with a user-defined number of points and dwell time.



#### List Mode

Users can import a .csv file with a list of frequencies and power levels to which the instrument can be set via an external trigger or set of triggers.

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## Specifications

PARAMETER	MIN	TYPICAL	MAX	COMMENTS
<b>Frequency Range</b>	100 MHz		18 GHz	Settable from 10 MHz to 20.48 GHz
<b>Frequency Step Size</b>		0.001 Hz		Nominal
<b>Switching Speed (Frequency)</b>		350 $\mu$ s		List/Step Sweep Mode. Nominal
<b>Internal Time Base Reference</b>				
Adjust-to-Nominal			+/- 0.2 ppm	Uncertainty
Aging Rate		$\pm$ 1 ppm/yr		1st year. $\pm$ 0.5 ppm/yr each subsequent year
Temperature Effects		$\leq$ $\pm$ 1 ppm		0 to 55° C
<b>Reference Output</b>				
Frequency		100 MHz		
Amplitude	+2 dBm		+ 6 dBm	Into 50 $\Omega$ , nominal
<b>External Reference Input</b>				
Input Frequency		10 or 100 MHz		Software Select 10 MHz, 100 MHz or No Ext. Ref.
10 MHz Lock Range		+/- 4 ppm	+/- 1 ppm	20 Hz Locking BW, Internal OCXO remains on
10 MHz External Amplitude	0 dBm		+ 10 dBm	20 Hz Locking BW, Internal OCXO remains on, nominal
100 MHz External Amplitude	+ 2 dBm		+6 dBm	Internal OCXO shuts off with 100 MHz Ext. Ref., nominal
Waveform				Sine
<b>Digital Sweep Modes</b>				
Operating Modes				Step sweep (linear, internal) List (simultaneous amplitude and frequency step changes)
Sweep Range	10 MHz		20.48 GHz	
Dwell Time	100 $\mu$ s		100 s	1 $\mu$ s increments
Number of Points (Step sweep)	2		65535	
Number of Points (List)	2		2560	
Triggering				Free Run, Sweep, and Point
Trigger Source				External, Bus, and Key

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<b>Output Power (Calibrated)</b>				
100 MHz to 10 GHz	-10 dBm		+ 17 dBm	Settable from -20 dBm to +20 dBm
10 GHz to 18 GHz	-10 dBm		+ 15 dBm	Settable from -20 dBm to +20 dBm
<b>Resolution</b>		0.01 dB		Nominal
<b>SWR (return loss)</b>				
100 MHz < f < 6 GHz		1.33 (-17.0 dB)		Measured
6 GHz < f < 18 GHz		1.43 (-15.0 dB)		Measured
<b>Maximum Reverse Power</b>				
Max DC Voltage		25 VDC		
> 10 MHz		10 mW (+16dBm)		
<b>Absolute Level Accuracy</b>				
100 MHz -10 GHz				20° C to 30° C
-10 dBm to 0 dBm			± 3.0 dB	
0 dBm to +14 dBm			± 1.5 dB	
+14 dBm to +17 dBm			± 2.0 dB	
10 GHz - 18 GHz				
-10 dBm to 0 dBm			± 3.0 dB	
0 dBm to +10 dBm			± 1.5 dB	
+10 dBm to +15 dBm			± 2.5 dB	
<b>Single Sideband Phase Noise</b>				Refer to typical data: Page 7
2.0 GHz, 10 kHz offset		≤ -125 dBc/Hz	≤ -119 dBc/Hz	
4.0 GHz, 10 kHz offset		≤ -119 dBc/Hz	≤ -113 dBc/Hz	
8.0 GHz, 10 kHz offset		≤ -113 dBc/Hz	≤ -107 dBc/Hz	
12.0 GHz, 10 kHz offset		≤ -110 dBc/Hz	≤ -104 dBc/Hz	
18.0 GHz, 10 kHz offset		≤ -106 dBc/Hz	≤ -100 dBc/Hz	
<b>Harmonics (CW mode)</b>		(2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	(2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Refer to typical data: Page 8
500 MHz to 5 GHz		-35/-55 dBc	-25/-45 dBc	@ 0 dBm
5 GHz to 10 GHz		-35/-50 dBc	-20/-40 dBc	@ 0 dBm
10 GHz to 18 GHz		-25/-45 dBc	-15/-35 dBc	@ 0 dBm
				(3 <sup>rd</sup> harmonic level, nominal only above 16.6 GHz)
<b>Sub-Harmonics (CW mode)*</b>		(1/2 / 3/2)	(1/2 / 3/2)	Refer to typical data: Page 9
100 MHz to 18 GHz		-60/-70 dBc	-35/-45 dBc	@ 0 dBm
<b>Non-Harmonics/Broadband Spurious(CW mode)</b>				Refer to typical data: Page 10
100 MHz to 4 GHz		-75 dBc	-50 dBc	@ 0 dBm
4 GHz to 8 GHz		-65 dBc	-40 dBc	@ 0 dBm
8 GHz to 16 GHz		-60 dBc	-35 dBc	@ 0 dBm
16 GHz to 18 GHz		-55 dBc	-30 dBc	@ 0 dBm
<b>Jitter*</b>				
155 MHz		70 fs		100 Hz to 1.5 MHz
622 MHz		60 fs		1 kHz to 5 MHz
2.488 GHz		95 fs		5 kHz to 20 MHz
9.953 GHz		110 fs		10 kHz to 80 MHz

\* The SGX1003 is limited to 3 GHz. \*\*Calculated from measured phase noise data in CW mode at nominal +10 dBm

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## Output Power Data

The data contained in this section demonstrates the typical output power performance of the SGX1018.

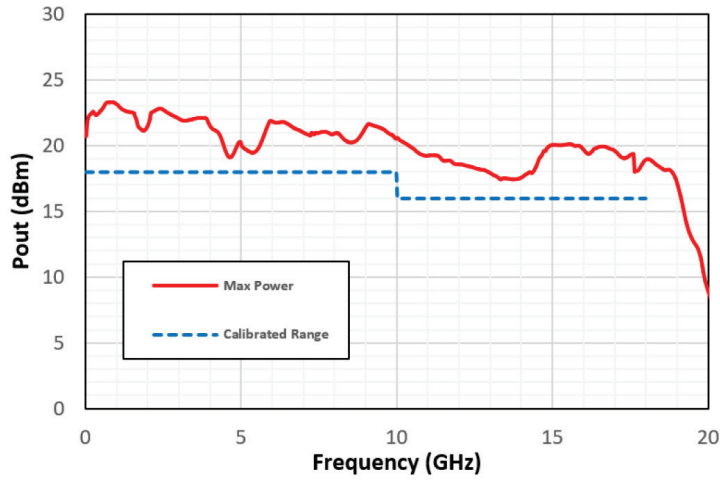


FIGURE 1: Maximum and Minimum Amplitude Thresholds

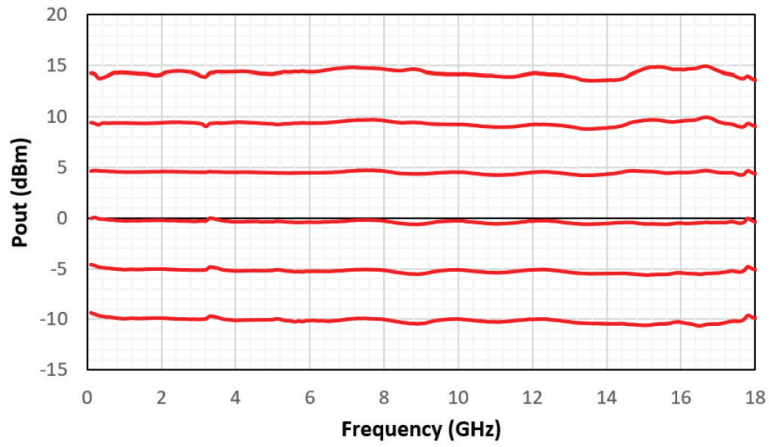


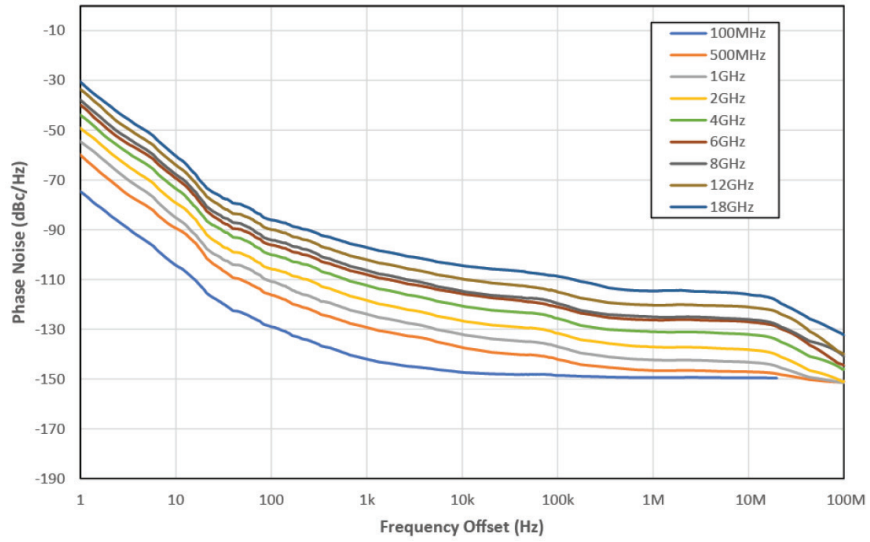
FIGURE 2: Calibrated Output Power vs. Frequency

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## Phase Noise Data

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### Phase Noise



**FIGURE 3:** Typical Phase Noise Performance

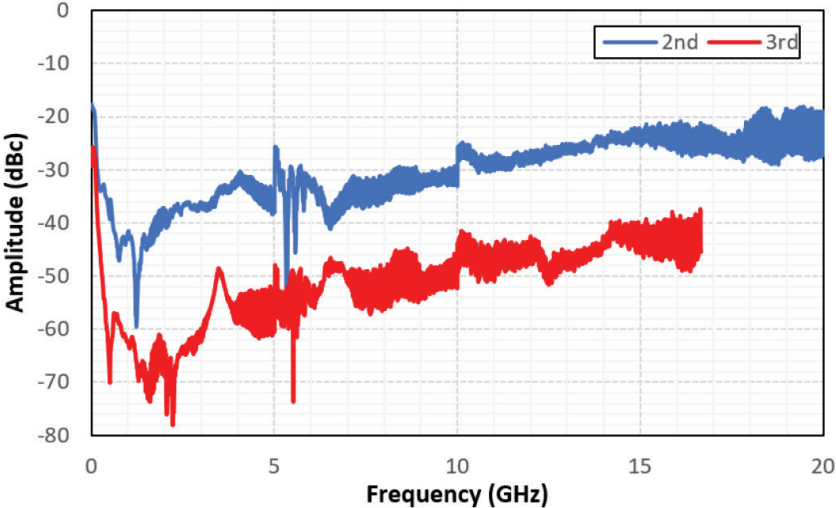
100 MHz – 18 GHz  
P<sub>OUT</sub> Setting: +10 dBm

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## Spectral Purity Data

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### HARMONICS



2nd Harmonic  
3rd Harmonic

#### Harmonics Performance

10 MHz – 20 GHz  
 $P_{OUT}$  Setting: 0 dBm

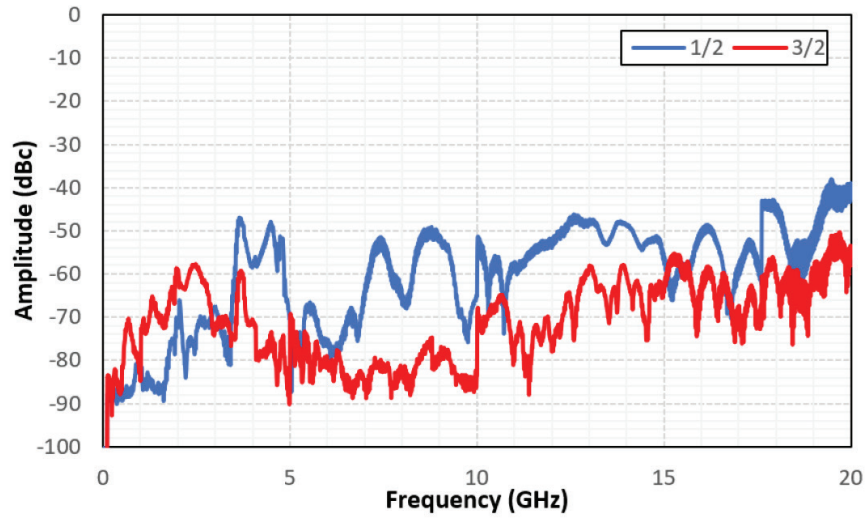


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### SUB-HARMONICS



$1/2$  Sub-Harmonic

$3/2$  Sub-Harmonic

#### Sub-Harmonics Performance

10 MHz – 20 GHz

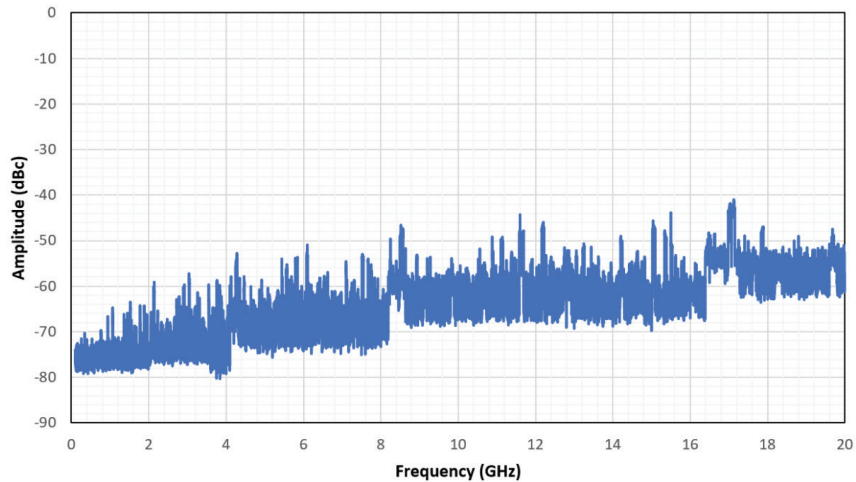
$P_{OUT}$  Setting: 0 dBm

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### NARROWBAND NON-HARMONICS / SPURIOUS



Maximum Spurious Response

#### Narrowband Maximum Spurious Performance

10 MHz – 20 GHz

$P_{OUT}$  Setting: 0 dBm

#### Spectrum Analyzer Bandwidth Settings:

10 MHz span

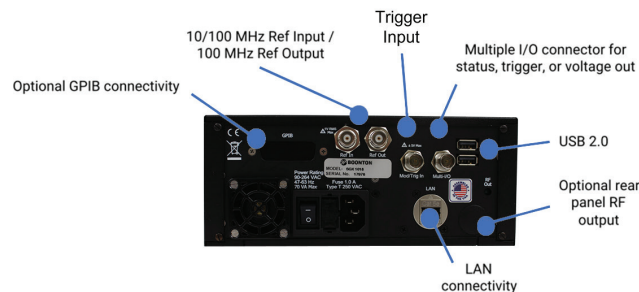
10 kHz RBW

10 kHz VBW

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## Specifications

<b>Inputs/Outputs (front panel)</b>	USB	2 ports USB2.0: Type A receptacle 50 Ω, N-type (f)
RF Output		
<b>Inputs/Outputs (rear panel)</b>	LAN	RJ-45 modular socket
	USB	2 ports USB2.0: Type A receptacle 50 Ω, N-type (f)
RF Output (optional)		
Multi I/O Connector (Trigger Out)		BNC(f); DC-coupled
Trigger In		+/- 5V max ; BNC(f); DC-coupled
Reference Input		1V RMS max ; 50 Ω, BNC(f); AC-coupled
Reference Output		100 MHz ; BNC(f); AC-coupled
<b>Remote Control</b>	Command Set	SCPI-1999.0
	LAN	Ethernet:10/100/1000 BaseT; HiSLIP
	GPIO (optional)	
<b>Regulatory Compliance</b>		CE compliance with the following European Union directives Low Voltage Directive 2014/35/EU Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC) 2014/30/EU RoHS Directive EU 2015/863, WEEE Directive 2012/19/EU
Construction		Manufactured to the intent of MIL-PRF-28800F, Class 3
<b>Dimensions (excluding connectors)</b>	H x W x D	3.5 x 8.3 x 11.2 (in), 89 x 211 x 284 (mm)
<b>Weight</b>		7 lbs, 3.2 kg
<b>AC Power</b>		
Rated Voltage		100 to 240 VAC
Voltage Range		90 to 264 VAC
Rated Frequency		50/60 Hz
Frequency Range		47 to 63 Hz
Power Consumption		60 W (70 VA) max, 30 W (35 VA) nominal with no external peripheral devices attached
		This instrument is designed for indoor use only
<b>Operating Temperature</b>		0 to 50 °C (32 to 122 °F)
<b>Storage Temperature</b>		-40 to +70 °C (-40 to 158 °F)
<b>Humidity</b>		95% maximum, non-condensing
<b>Altitude</b>		Operation up to 15,000 feet (4,575 m)
<b>Warranty</b>		3 years



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## Ordering Information

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### Options

SGX-GPIB	GPIB Control (internally installed)
SGX-RRF	Moves RF output the rear panel
SGX1K-SECURE	Removes internal microSD and enables boot from USB drive (included)
SGX1K-2SECOP	Installation SGX1K-SECURE post initial purchase (retrofit); requires return to factory

### Included Accessories

Information Card (provides information on where to find latest manual versions)

### Optional Accessories

SGX1K-RMK	19" Rack Mount Kit (includes handles & hardware for mounting one or two generators)
SGX1K-TCASE	Transit case
SGX1K- RSSD	Additional external USB drive for secure operation