USB Real-Time Spectrum Analyzer & Recorder

SPECTRAN V5 X

1Hz to 20GHz (40GHz) - Ultra fast sweep mode – Unlimited recording time

- Up to 175MHz Real-Time bandwidth
- POI below 1μS
- Real-time I/Q streaming via USB
- Very fast sweep mode, scans 20GHz in less than 20mS
- Patented polyphase filter technology
- Patented spectrum analysis (modulated LO)
- First analyzer with ultra fast LO sweeps (μS DDS sweep)
- Compact and lightweight
- Optional I/Q Generator (6GHz) and Power Meter (40GHz)
- Includes World’s first 3D Real-Time Spectrum monitoring and recording Software „RTSA Suite“ (gapless streaming and playback)
Aaronia presents the SPECTRAN V5 X, a USB Real-Time Spectrum Analyzer designed to capture even shortest signal transmissions. Its scanning speed and recording time is without competition, the Analyzer scans 20GHz in less than 20mS making it World’s fastest USB Spectrum Analyzer.

With this Spectrum Analyzer you can master all the challenges. Whether it is for spectrum monitoring, RF and microwave measurements, Interference hunting, EMC testing or Wi-Fi and wireless network measurements, the SPECTRAN V5 X is the ideal Spectrum Analyzer for making reliable and fast measurements.

The included PC analysis software RTSA Suite transforms the V5 X into a fully-featured Benchtop Spectrum Analyzer (see page 3). Available in 4 different versions (see page 7) the V5 X offers a solution for almost every application.

- Ultra wide measurement range from 1Hz to 20GHz
- Optional Internal Battery (2 hours run-time)
- High quality aluminum alloy
- Including watertight transport case
- Size: 255 x 137 x 41mm
- Weight: 2.1kg
- Optional External Battery (4 hours run-time, Hotswap)
- 6GHz I/Q Generator (optional)
- 50 Ohm RF input (SMA)
- 40GHz Power Meter (optional)
- Included PC Software
RTSA Suite
World’s fastest Real-Time Analyzer Software included

Aaronia’s real-time Software „RTSA Suite“ offers powerful analysis features. An intuitive layout combined with useful display options helps to identify, capture, demodulate and track signals up to 20GHz. Simply connect the V5 X via USB to a suitable PC/Laptop and enjoy the advantages of the RTSA Suite.

- High-resolution persistence spectrum display of the current sweep, Average, Min / Max, peak, RMS, etc.
- Marker function with unlimited number of different markers (min, max, delta, AVG, OBW,..)
- Intuitive drag and drop zoom, shortkeys etc.

- The RTSA Software displays several views at once (Spectrum, 3D Waterfall, Histogram, etc.)
- The window size can be adjusted freely, therefore a full utilization of e.g. FULL HD or 4K displays is possible

- Spectrogram / Waterfall View for the identification of frequency hops, measurements of pulse rate, analysis of time variant spectra and the tuning of a VCO
Highlights

The Aaronia SPECTRAN V5 X impresses with the combination of Real-Time spectrum analysis by means of a shifted poly-phase-filter used together with a patented measurement process with modulated local oscillator. Benefits include:

1) Small and compact design and construction (significantly fewer and much smaller components are required)
2) Implementation of cost-effective hardware for a reasonable price (only "standardized" RF-components are needed)
3) Extremely low noise signal processing up to -170dBm/Hz (achieved by eliminating noisy components in the RF path)
4) Analysis of even highest frequencies up to 20GHz (achieved by the elimination of upper lying LO)

μS ultra fast DDS sweep

The SPECTRAN V5 X also offers a "classical" spectrum analyser mode by means of μS ultra fast DDS sweep:
In addition to LO-modulation the V5 X has a DDS-synthesizer available with up to 800 MSPS I/Q for extremely fast frequency hops of the local oscillator. This technology allows sophisticated measuring programmes over the full frequency range up to 20GHz.
The SPECTRAN V5 X with its accelerated sweep rate is much faster than currently available sweep spectrum analysers.

Polyphase filter

The Aaronia SPECTRAN V5 X is setting new standards in filtering process technology. Where typical Real-Rime Analysers are based on Fourier analysis, the V5 X uses a patented receiving method with two staggered combs which are produced by a polyphase filter.

In contrast to the ordinary Fourier analysis, the polyphase filter covers more than one interval of sampling points, based on the number of frequency points. Thereby any filter curve (e.g. real Gauss-filter) can be realised without limitation of the slope due to the predetermined interval. To avoid gaps in the frequency-time-diagram, two spatially and temporary staggered filter combs are used for analysis. This SPECTRAN V5 X break-through technology will not miss even the smallest signal detail in the investigated frequency band.

Expandable frequency range down to 1Hz

The SPECTRAN V5 X can optional be fitted with a frequency extension down to 1Hz. The input signal is internally diverted to a second RF-path, which is optimised for low frequency processing.

The low frequency path offers a frequency range from 1Hz up to 40MHz. In the path is a high-performance 16Bit AD converter with 105MSPS is used. The resolution enhancement from 14Bit to 16Bit improves the dynamic range from 80dB (14Bit) to 100dB (16Bit), which leaves nothing to be desired. This path is a fully capable Real-Time function controllable by μS DDS sweep. The low frequency path (1Hz-40MHz/16Bit) and the radio frequency path (9kHz-20GHz/14Bit) are seamless to the User, except for the particularly noteworthy improvement in the dynamic range.
Technology

The signal processing is realised by FPGA, which also includes a vector processor for statistic analysis and demodulation. Together with the powerful Dual Core Blackfin DSP-CPU the possibilities for analysing even the most complex signals are limitless.

Within the analogue process, the signal is sampled by a real 14Bit A/D converter with up to 500MSPS (250 MSPS I/Q) data rate. This process always ensures a big dynamic range of 80dB and a high quality of analysis. An optional 16Bit A/D converter with 100dB dynamic range (1Hz-40MHz) can be added.

The SPECTRAN V5 X is controlled in Real-Time via USB. An optional tracking generator up to 6GHz allows, amongst others, network-, cable- and antenna measurements (in preparation).

A variety of more advanced software-evaluation and analysis-options are currently under development and these will be available for retrofit when requested.

Real-Time Streaming

The Real-Time Streaming function is another special feature of the SPECTRAN V5 X. Contrary to existing Real-Time Spectrum Analysers, which do not allow uninterrupted data logging, the V5 X can stream data continuously and save them gap-free and without any time limit on PC e.g. via high-speed USB-interface.

The real-time streaming offers a variety of new applications that were previously inconceivable, like recording and repeated playing of any signal or a subsequent, complete decoding of complete recorded digital signals like GSM, TETRA, etc.
**Scope of Delivery**

The V5 X comes including an extensive scope of delivery, depending on the necessity of the user the delivery can be extended to various additional products (see "Accessories" on Page 9).

- SPECTRAN V5 X incl. Option 020 (internal 20dB preamp)
- OmniLOG 70600 omnidirectional antenna (700MHz to 6GHz)
- Watertight & shock-proof transport case
- Spectrum Analysis Software RTSA Suite and MCS (on USB stick)
- International Power Supply with adapters

**Interfaces**

- 50 Ohm RF input
- I/Q Tracking generator (6GHz) output
- Power Meter input
- Audio Output
- USB Slave
- USB Master
- Micro SD
- Power

**SPECTRAN V5 - Solutions for every application**

The SPECTRAN V5 series is available in different versions, each specially equipped for its specific application. Besides the Handheld version Aaronia offers the USB (X & OEM) series, remote-control Analyzers (19" RSA and outdoor box) and military grade Countersurveillance Receivers (XFR V5 PRO).
## Specifications

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* optionally available +33dBm, decreases sensitivity by 20dB, Article number 775
## Options

### Included in delivery

**Option 020: Internal 20dB Low-Noise Pre-Amplifier**

This option provides an internal, super low-noise 20dB Pre-Amplifier, enabling maximum performance particularly when measuring extremely weak signals. It is switched via a true RF switch.

*Order/Art.-No.: 120*

### Available options (extra charge)

#### Option 220 / 240: 20 / 40GHz Power Meter (in preparation)

High accuracy internal Power Meter up to 40GHz.

*Order/Art.-No.: 127 (20GHz Power Meter)  -  Order/Art.-No.: 128 (40GHz Power Meter)*

**Option 002: 5ppb (0.005ppm) OCXO Timebase**

This highly precise OCXO timebase, which has been especially developed for the SPECTRAN®, offers significantly reduced phase noise (jitter). This will allow the use of far narrower filters, which will in turn vastly enhance sensitivity. To fully exploit the maximum sensitivity this option is indispensable! Furthermore, the OCXO timebase allows far more accurate frequency measurement and display.

*Order/Art.-No.: 126*

**Option 003: Low Frequency Extension (starting at 1Hz, in preparation)**

Extension of the low frequency range to 1Hz. The input signal is internally diverted to a second RF- path, which is optimised for low frequency processing. The low frequency path offers a frequency range from 1Hz up to 40MHz. This path uses a high-performance 16Bit AD converter with 105MSPS. This resolution enhancement from 14Bit to 16Bit improves the dynamic range from 80dB (14Bit) to 100dB (16Bit), which leaves nothing to be desired. This path is a fully capable Real-Time function controllable by µs DDS sweep. The low frequency path (1Hz-40MHz/16Bit) and the radio frequency path (9kHz-20GHz/14Bit) are seamless to the User, except for the particularly noteworthy improvement in the dynamic range.

*Order/Art.-No.: 124*

**Option 004: Ultra Low Phase Noise**

*Order/Art.-No.: 123*

**Option 007: 6GHz Tracking / IQ DDS Generator (in preparation)**

*Order/Art.-No.: 125*

**Option 160: 160/175MHz Real-Time Bandwidth**

Extends the Real-time Bandwidth from 88MHz to 160/175MHz. Available for SPECTRAN HF-80120 V5 X, HF-80160 V5 X and HF-80200 V5 X.

*Order/Art.-No.: 119*
## Accessories

### Near Field Probe Set (DC to 9GHz)
Passive or active Near-Field Probeset PBS1 or PBS2. Consisting of 5 Probes (4xE-Field, 1xE-Field), 40dB Preampifier (only PBS2). Perfect for EMC near field tests.

**Order/Art.-No.:** 720 / 721

![Near Field Probe Set](image)

### External low noise Pre-Amplifier
External Battery-Powered Preamplifier with full range of DC to 35GHz & up to 40dB gain. Perfect to reach extremely high sensitivity up to -170dBm/Hz.

**Order/Art.-No.:** 734

![External low noise Pre-Amplifier](image)

### Biconical Antennas (20MHz - 3GHz)
Broadband Biconical Antennas for EMC Pre-compliance Tests. Perfect for in-house compliance testing of various EMC standards up to 3GHz. High bandwidth and gain up to 41dBi.

**Order/Art.-No.:** 726

![Biconical Antennas](image)

### Directional Antennas (380MHz - 35GHz)
Directional, Ultra Broadband Antennas with extremely wide frequency range from 380MHz to 35GHz. High and constant gain of typ. 5dBi (45dBi optional/active), with optional Laser, GPS, Compass and Pre-Amplifier.

**Order/Art.-No.:** 730

![Directional Antennas](image)

### OmniLOG 30800 (300MHz - 8GHz)
Omnidirectional Broadband Antenna with extremely wide frequency range from 300MHz to 8GHz. Small and lightweight.

**Order/Art.-No.:** 734

![Omnidirectional Broadband Antenna](image)

### Low Frequency Antennas
Magnetic Tracking Antennas for the low frequency range of the Analyzer. Covering max. 1Hz to 400MHz. Active and Passive Antennas with high sensitivity.

**Order/Art.-No.:** 730

![Low Frequency Antennas](image)

### PowerLOG 70180 (700MHz - 18GHz)
Directional, High-Power Horn Antenna. Perfect for EMC Immunity Tests. Up to 500W input power (peak).

**Order/Art.-No.:** 726

![High-Power Horn Antenna](image)

### 1m / 5m / 10m SMA-Cable
High quality special SMA cable for connecting any HyperLOG or MDFAntenna with the Analyzer. Available as 1m, 5m and 10m Cable. All versions: SMA plug (male) / SMA plug (male).

![1m / 5m / 10m SMA-Cable](image)

### DC-Blocker
It prevents the RF-input of the SPECTRAN to be destroyed by the DC-voltages of e.g. DSL/ISDN lines.

**Order/Art.-No.:** 778

![DC-Blocker](image)

### 20dB Attenuator (DC -18GHz)
Expands the measurement range to +40dBm.

**Order/Art.-No.:** 775

![20dB Attenuator](image)
References

Cross-Section of Aaronia Clients

Government, Military, Aeronautic, Astronautic
- NATO, Belgium
- Department of Defense, USA
- Department of Defense, Australia
- Airbus, Germany
- Boeing, USA
- Bundeswehr, Germany
- NASA, USA
- Lockheed Martin, USA
- Luftansa, Germany
- DLR, Germany
- Eurocontrol, Belgium
- EADS, Germany
- DEA, USA
- FBI, USA
- BKA, Germany
- Federal Police, Germany
- Ministry of Defense, Netherlands

Industry
- APPLE, USA
- IBM, Switzerland
- Intel, Germany
- Shell Oil Company, USA
- ATI, USA
- Microsoft, USA
- Motorola, Brazil
- Audi, Germany
- BMW, Germany
- Daimler, Germany
- Volkswagen, Germany
- BASF, Germany
- Siemens AG, Germany
- Rohde & Schwarz, Germany
- Infineon, Austria
- Philips, Germany
- ThyssenKrupp, Germany
- EnBW, Germany
- CNN, USA
- Duracell, USA
- German Telekom, Germany
- Bank of Canada, Canada
- NBC News, USA
- Sony, Germany
- Anritsu, Germany
- Hewlett Packard, Germany
- Robert Bosch, Germany
- Mercedes Benz, Austria
- Osram, Germany
- DEKRA, Germany
- AMD, Germany
- Keysight, China
- Infineon Technologies, Germany
- Philips Semiconductors, Germany
- Hyundai Europe, Germany
- JDSU, Korea
- Wilkinson Sword, Germany
- IBM Deutschland, Germany
- Nokia-Siemens Networks, Germany

Research/Development, Science and Universities
- MIT - Physics Department, USA
- California State University, USA
- Indonesien Institute of Science, Indonesia
- Los Alamos National Labratory, USA
- University of Bahrain, Bahrain
- University of Florida, USA
- University of Victoria, Canada
- University of Newcastle, United Kingdom
- University of Durham, United Kingdom
- University Strasbourg, France
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- University of Athen, Greece
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- Research Centre Karlsruhe, Germany