Table 1-1. Specifications

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| Electrical Characteristics | Performance Limits | Conditions |
| Meter | | |
| Frequency range | 100 kHz to 26.5 GHz | Sensor dependent |
| Power range | -70 dBm to +44 dBm | Sensor dependent |
| | (100 pW to 25W) | |
| Dynamic range | 50 dB total range | 5 ranges of 10 dB steps for 50 dB total |
| Inputs | Channel A and B | Multiplexed dual sensors |
| Rear panel output | 0–1 volt analog | Without digital filtering $1k\Omega$ output impedance BNC connector |
| Measurement modes | A, B, A–B, B–A, A/B, B/A | Normal or relative all modes |
| Display units | Watts or dBm | Absolute A, B, A-B, B-A |
| | Percent or dB | Ratio A/B, B/A |
| | Percent or dB | Relative |
| Resolution | | |
| Normal | 0.1% full scale (0.01 dB) | Auto filter watts or percent |
| | 0.01 dB | dBm or dB |
| High | 0.01% full scale | Manual filter watts or percent |
| | 0.001dB | dBm or dB |
| Accuracy | | |
| Instrumentation, includes sensor linearity ¹ | | |
| Single channel mode: | ±0.02 dB | Within same calibration range |
| _ | Plus ±0.02 dB | Outside calibration range |
| Dual channel mode: ² (ratio or difference) | Multiply single channel specifications by 2 | |
| Zero set (digital settability of zero) | $\pm 0.5\%$ full scale | Most sensitive range. Decrease percentage by a factor of 10 for each higher range ± one count. |
| | $\pm 2\%$ full scale | If using the HP 8484A, 8481D, 8485D, 8486D, or 8487D Power Sensors |
| ЕМІ | Radiated and Conducted Emissions and Radiated and Conducted Susceptibility are within the requirements of RE02, CE03, RS01/03 and CS01/02 called out in MIL-STD-461C, and within the requirements of VDE 0871 and CISPR Publication 11. | |

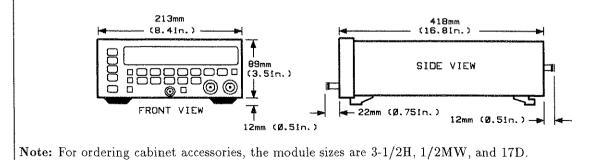
¹ When operating in Range 5, add the corresponding sensor power linearity percentage.

² Accuracy does not depend on the meter being in Normal or Relative mode.

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Table 1-1. Specifications (continued)

| Electrical Characteristics | Performance Limits | Conditions |
|---|---|--|
| Power reference | 1.00 mW | Internal 50 MHz oscillator factory set to ±0.7% traceable to National Bureau of Standards. |
| Power reference accuracy | ±1.2% | Worst case |
| | ±0.9% | RSS for one year. |
| General | | |
| Operating temperature range | 0° C to 55° C | |
| Power Requirements | 65 VA, 35 watts | Maximum |
| Line Voltage | 100, 120, 220, or 240 Vac, +5% to -10% | |
| Line Frequency | 48 to 66 Hz | All specified line voltages may be used. |
| | 360 to 440 Hz | Limited to line voltages of 100 or 120 Vac. |
| Power Dissipation | <10 VA (8 watts max) | |
| Remote Operation | HP-IB | All functions except power switch, clear entry, HP-IB address |
| Compatibility | HP-IB interface | SH1, AH1, T5, TE0, L3, LE0, SR1, RL1, PP1, DC1, DT1, C0 |
| Memory | Non-volatile | Contains complete meter operating state of both channels plus contents of store/recall registers |
| Operating and non-operating environment | Temperature, humidity, shock, and vibration type tested to MIL-T-28800B Class V requirements. | |
| Safety | Meets requirements of IEC 348 | |
| Net weight | 5.9 kg (13 lbs.) | |
| Dimensions | 89mm H × 213mm W × 418mm D (3.5 H × 8.4 W × 16.8 inches D) | EIA and IEC racking standards: 3.5 H × 0.5 W × 17 D |
| | $(3.5 \text{ H} \times 8.4 \text{ W} \times 16.8 \text{ inches D})$ | |



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Table 1-2. Supplemental Characteristics

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| Zero drift of sensors As a % of full scale, 1 hour, at constant temperature after 24 hours warmup. | |
| Decrease percentage by a factor of 10 for each higher range. | |
| Sensors: | |
| HP 8481A, 8481B, 8481H, 8482A, 8482B, 8482H, 8483A, 8485A, R8486A, Q8486A, W8486A, and 8487A: | $<\pm0.1\%$ of full scale on range 1. |
| Sensors: | |
| HP 8484A, 8481D, 8485D, 8486D, and 8487D: | $<\pm 2.0\%$ of full scale on range 1. |
| Measurement speed | |
| Over HP-IB and free running trigger. | |
| Single channel | 20 readings per second |
| Dual channel | 2 readings per second |
| Channel switching delay | 200 ms |
| Power reference | |
| Frequency | 50 MHz nominal |
| SWR | 1.05 maximum |
| Connector | Type N female |
| Meter adjustments: | |
| CAL FACTOR | Key pad entry or programmable. Sets calibration factor for the meter. |

Overrides current value. Range: 1-150% in 0.1% increments.

ZERO Key pad entry or programmable. Zeros all 5 ranges, reference oscillator

automatically switched off during zeroing.

CAL ADJ Automatic, key pad entry or programmable. Calibrates meter using

internal 1.00 mW reference or external reference oscillator.

Reference Cal Factor settable from 50.0% to 120.0%.

OFFSET Key pad entry or programmable. Range: -99.99 to +99.99 dB in

0.01 dB increments.

Digital Filter Length

successive values in increments by factors of 2 (1, 2, 4, ... 256, 512).

Keypad entry or programmable. Averages power readings from 1 to 512

High/Low Power Limits Programmable only. Activates Service Request and flashing front panel

indicator. Individual channel values from -299.99 to +299.99 dBm in

0.001 dB increments.

STORE/RECALL Registers Nineteen registers to store complete operating state of meter for later

recall.

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Key pad entry or programmable. Displays all successive measurements relative to the last displayed value when activated. Units are in dB or %. General Information HP 438A

Table 1-3. Additional Supplemental Characteristics

Meter Noise

As a % of full scale, with constant temperature, range 1, measured over a one minute interval, and two standard deviations.

Decrease noise by a factor of 10 for each higher range for all sensors and all filters.

Sensors:

HP 8481A, 8481B, 8481H, 8482A, 8482B, 8482H, 8483A, 8485A, R8486A, Q8486A, W8486A, and 8487A:

| Filter Number | Noise (%) |
|---------------|-----------|
| 0 | 6.0 |
| 1 | 2.4 |
| 2 | 1.8 |
| 3 | 0.9 |
| 4 | 0.7 |
| 5 | 0.5 |
| 6 | 0.4 |
| 7 | 0.3 |
| 8 | 0.2 |
| 9 | 0.15 |

Sensors:

HP 8484A, 8481D, 8485D, and 8487D:

Multiply noise levels by 4 for all filters.

Sensors:

HP R/Q8486D:

Multiply noise levels by 6 for all filters.

Settling Time

0 to 99% settled readings over the bus. AUTO filter, range hold, 10 dB decreasing power step.

| Single channel | Range | Settling Time |
|----------------|-------|---------------|
| | 1 | <3.0 s |
| | 2 | <1.0 s |
| | 3 | <150 ms |
| | 4-5 | < 100 ms |

Manual filter, range hold, 10 dB decreasing power step.

| Single channel | Filter Number | Response Time(s) |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| | 0 | 0.10 |
| | .1 | 0.15 |
| | 2 | 0.25 |
| | 3 | 1.0 |
| | 4 | 1.4 |
| | 5 | 2.2 |
| | 6 | 3.7 |
| | 7 | 6.9 |
| | 8 | 14.0 |
| | 9 | 27.0 |

Dual channel (ratio or difference mode):

Approximately the sum of the individual response times of each channel, plus channel switching delay.