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CALIBRATION PROCEDURE

This document describes processes to calibrate the National Instruments PXIe-5450 (NI 5450) differential I/Q signal generator. This document provides performance tests to verify if the instrument is performing within the published specifications. For more information about calibration, visit ni.com/calibration.

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Conventions

	The following conventions are used in this manual:
»	The » symbol leads you through nested menu items and dialog box options to a final action. The sequence File » Page Setup » Options directs you to pull down the File menu, select the Page Setup item, and select Options from the last dialog box.
	This icon denotes a note, which alerts you to important information.
bold	Bold text denotes items that you must select or click in the software, such as menu items and dialog box options. Bold text also denotes parameter names.
italic	Italic text denotes variables, emphasis, a cross-reference, or an introduction to a key concept. Italic text also denotes text that is a placeholder for a word or value that you must supply.
monospace	Text in this font denotes text or characters that you should enter from the keyboard, sections of code, programming examples, and syntax examples. This font is also used for the proper names of disk drives, paths, directories, programs, subprograms, subroutines, device names, functions, operations, variables, filenames, and extensions.

Software Requirements

Calibrating the NI 5450 requires installing NI-FGEN version 2.6 or later on the calibration system. You can download the NI-FGEN instrument driver from the Instrument Driver Network Web site at ni.com/idnet. NI-FGEN supports programming a self-calibration and an external calibration in the LabVIEW, LabWindows[™]/CVI[™], and C or C++ application development environments (ADEs). When you install NI-FGEN, you only need to install support for the ADE that you intend to use.

LabVIEW support is in the niFgen.llb file, and all calibration functions appear in the NI-FGEN Calibration palette. For LabWindows/CVI users, the NI-FGEN function panel (niFgen.fp) provides access to the available functions.

For the locations of files you may need to calibrate your device, refer to the *NI-FGEN Instrument Driver Readme*, which is available on the NI-FGEN CD.

Note After you install NI-FGEN, you can access the *NI-FGEN Instrument Driver Readme* and other signal generators documentation at **Start**»All Programs» National Instruments»NI-FGEN»Documentation.

Documentation Requirements

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For information about NI-FGEN and the NI 5450, refer to the following documents:

- *NI Signal Generators Getting Started Guide*—provides instructions for installing and configuring NI signal generators.
- *NI Signal Generators Help*—includes detailed information about the NI 5450 and the NI-FGEN VIs and functions.

These documents are installed with NI-FGEN. You also can find the latest versions of the documentation at ni.com/manuals.

NI recommends referring to the following document online at ni.com/ manuals to ensure you are using the latest NI 5450 specifications:

• *NI 5450 Specifications*—provides the published specification values for the NI 5450.

Note If you are using NI-FGEN 2.6, the *NI 5450 Specifications* are not installed. You must download the specifications at ni.com/manuals.

The default password for password-protected operations is NI. This password is required to open an external calibration session.

Calibration Interval

A calibration is required once a year; however, the measurement accuracy demands of your application determine how often external calibration should be performed.

Test Equipment

Table 1 lists the equipment required to calibrate the NI 5450. If you do not have the recommended equipment, select a substitute calibration standard using the specifications listed in Table 1.

Calibration Procedure	Required Equipment	Recommended Instruments	Minimum Specifications
DC Amplitude	Digital multimeter	NI PXI-4071	DCV accuracy:
Accuracy,	(DMM)		$\leq 0.05\%$
DC Amplitude AC			DCV input impedance:
Amplitude			> 1 GO
Channel-to-Channel			
Relative Accuracy,			ACV accuracy:
Differential Offset,			≤ 0.13%
Common Mode			ACV input impedance:
Offset,			> 10 MO
AC Amplitude			≥ 10 MIS2
Accuracy,			Bandwidth: $\geq 100 \text{ kHz}$
Channel-to-Channel			
Relative Accuracy,			
DC ADC and			
Reference			
Adjustment*			

 Table 1. Equipment Required for Calibrating the NI 5450

Calibration Procedure	Required Equipment	Recommended Instruments	Minimum Specifications
Channel-to-Channel Timing Alignment	Digital oscilloscope (DPO)	Tektronix DPO70404	Analog bandwidth: $\geq 4 \text{ GHz} (-3 \text{ dB})$
Accuracy, Rise/Fall Time [†] , Aberrations [†]			Real-time sample rate: 25 GS/s
			Jitter noise floor: ≤ 450 fs
	Differential probe	Tektronix P7380SMA	Differential rise time: (10% to 90%): ≤ 55 ps
			Differential-mode input resistance: 100 Ω
			Differential bandwidth: ≥ 4 GHz (-3 dB)
Frequency Response (Flatness) Accuracy,	Power meter/sensor (x2) [‡]	Rohde & Schwarz (R&S) NRP-Z91	VSWR: (50 kHz to 120 MHz) ≤ 1.11
Channel-to-Channel Frequency Response (Flatness) Matching			Relative power accuracy: ≤ 0.022 dB
Accuracy, Frequency Response	Fixed 7 dB SMA attenuator (x2)	Mini-Circuits VAT-7-1+	VSWR (50 kHz to 120 MHz): 1.02:1
(Flatness) Adjustment*			Flatness (50 kHz to 60 MHz): 0.05 dB
			Flatness (60 MHz to 120 MHz): 0.07 dB
	Semi-rigid coaxial cable (x2) ^{±, **}	Anritsu K120MF-5CM	2 in (m)(f) 50 $\Omega \pm 2 \Omega$ Attenuation ≤ 1.6 dB/m at 1 GHz
			Flatness (50 kHz to 120 MHz): 0.001 dB
	50 Ω SMA termination ^{‡,} **	Anritsu 28K50(m)	50 Ω ±1%

Calibration Procedure	Required Equipment	Recommended Instruments	Minimum Specifications
Average Noise Density, Internal Reference Clock Frequency Accuracy, Spurious free dynamic range with harmonics [†] , Spurious free dynamic range without harmonics [†] , Total harmonic distortion (THD) [†] , Intermodulation distortion (IMD ₃) [†]	Spectrum analyzer	 R&S FSU26 #SN20 and above with improved phase noise FSU-B23 20 dB preamplifier FSU-B25 electronic attenuator 	 Frequency accuracy ≤ 100 Hz Specifications for the following parameters must be better than or equal to the equipment recommended for f ≤ 200 MHz: Total level measurement uncertainty Displayed average noise level SSB phase noise (1 Hz) Intermodulation Distortion Total harmonic distortion Spurious free dynamic range Reference frequency RF input VSWR
Output Phase Noise [†] , Output Jitter [†]	Phase noise analyzer	R&S FSUP	SSB phase noise (1 Hz) at the offset frequencies must be at least 3 dB better than the NI 5450 specification.

Calibration Procedure	Required Equipment	Recommended Instruments	Minimum Specifications
Average Noise	BALUN	Picosecond 5320B	$BW \ge 500 MHz$
Density, Internal Reference Clock Frequency			Impedance: 50 Ω (100 Ω differential)
Accuracy, Spurious free			Differential balance ≤ 0.2 dB
dynamic range with harmonics [†]			Return loss > 20 dB
Spurious free dynamic range without harmonics [†] , Total harmonic distortion (THD) [†] , Intermodulation distortion (IMD ₃) [†] , Output Phase Noise [†] , Output Jitter [†]			Rise time < 500 ps
	SMA torque wrench		Coupling torque: 56 N–cm (5 in/lb)
	SMA 50 Ω high quality cables (x4)		1 ft. maximum length Matching length ≤± 1 ps at 200 MHz

Table 1. Equipment Required for Calibrating the NI 5450 (Continued)

* Adjustment Test

[†] Optional Test

[‡] The procedure can be performed using a single power meter.

** If you are using a single power meter, load the unused terminal with the 7 dB attenuator and the 50 Ω termination to balance the output that does not have a power meter attached. If you are using two power meters throughout the procedure, the 50 Ω SMA termination is not required.

Test Conditions

Follow these guidelines to optimize the connections and the environment during calibration:

- Keep connections to the NI 5450 short. Long cables and wires act as antennae, picking up noise that can affect measurements.
- Keep the NI 5450 outputs balanced at all times during measurements.
- Keep relative humidity between 10% and 90% noncondensing.
- Maintain a temperature between 18 °C and 28 °C.
- Allow a warm-up time of at least 30 minutes after powering on all hardware, loading the operating system, and, if necessary, enabling the device. Unless manually disabled, the NI-FGEN driver automatically loads with the operating system and enables the device. The warm-up time brings the measurement circuitry of the NI 5450 to a stable operating temperature.
- Perform self-calibration on the device. Do not perform self-calibration until the device has completed the 30-minute warm up.
- Ensure that the PXI Express chassis fan speed is set to HI, that the fan filters are clean, and that the empty slots contain filler panels.
- Plug the PXI Express chassis and the calibrator into the same power strip to avoid ground loops.

Calibration Procedures

The calibration process includes the following steps:

- 1. *Initial Setup*—Install the device and configure it in Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX).
- 2. *Self-Calibration*—Adjust the self-calibration constants of the device.
- 3. *Verification*—Verify the existing operation of the device. This step confirms whether the device is operating within its specified range prior to adjustment.
- 4. *Adjustment*—Perform an external adjustment of the device that adjusts the calibration constants of the device. The adjustment procedure automatically stores the calibration date on the EEPROM to allow traceability.
- 5. *Reverification*—Repeat the verification procedure to ensure that the device is operating within its specifications after adjustment.

These procedures are described in more detail in the following sections.

Initial Setup

Refer to the *NI Signal Generators Getting Started Guide* for information about how to install the software and hardware and how to configure the device in MAX.

Self-Calibration

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The NI 5450 is capable of performing self-calibration, which adjusts the gain of the direct path and channel-to-channel timing alignment. An onboard, 24-bit ADC and precision voltage reference are used to calibrate the DC gain. Onboard channel alignment circuitry is used to calibrate the skew between channels. Appropriate constants are stored in nonvolatile memory, along with the self-calibration date and time.

Note Common mode offset is minimized through active circuitry and is not adjusted in self-calibration. Differential offset is not adjusted during self-calibration.

Self-calibration can be initiated from MAX, FGEN Soft Front Panel, or programmatically using NI-FGEN.

External Calibration

External calibration involves both verification and adjustment. Verification is the process of testing the device to ensure that the output accuracy is within certain specifications. You can use verification to ensure that the adjustment process was successful.

Adjustment is the process of measuring and compensating for device performance to improve the output accuracy. Performing an adjustment updates the calibration date, resetting the calibration interval. The device is warranted to meet or exceed its published specifications for the duration of the calibration interval.

This document provides two sets of test limits for adjustable specifications, the *As Found Test Limit* and the *After Adjustment Test Limit*. Both sets of test limits include the *Measurement Uncertainty*. The After Adjustment test limits are more restrictive than the As Found test limits because they do not include errors that result from the long-term drift of the instrument. If all of the output errors determined during verification fall within the After Adjustment test limits, the device is warranted to meet or exceed its published specifications for a full calibration interval (one year). For this reason, you must verify against the After Adjustment test limits when performing verification after adjustment. Use the *As Found Test Limit* during initial verification.

Measurement Uncertainty

Measurement uncertainty was calculated in accordance with the method described in ISO GUM (Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement), for a confidence level of 95%.

The expressed uncertainty is based on the recommended measurement methodology, standards, metrology best practices and environmental conditions of the National Instruments laboratory. It should be considered as a guideline for the level of measurement uncertainty that can be achieved using the recommended method. It is not a replacement for the user uncertainty analysis that takes into consideration the conditions and practices of the individual user.

Verification

This section provides instructions for verifying the NI 5450 specifications. Refer to Table 1 for recommendations about choosing an instrument for each test.

Required verification tests the following NI 5450 specifications:

- DC amplitude absolute accuracy
- Differential offset
- Common mode offset
- DC amplitude channel-to-channel relative accuracy
- AC amplitude absolute accuracy
- AC amplitude channel-to-channel relative accuracy
- Channel-to-channel timing alignment accuracy
- Frequency response (flatness) accuracy
- Average noise density
- Internal reference clock frequency accuracy

Optional verification tests the following NI 5450 specifications:

- Channel-to-channel frequency response (flatness) matching accuracy
- Analog bandwidth
- Spurious free dynamic range (SFDR) with harmonics
- Spurious free dynamic range without harmonics
- Total harmonic distortion (THD)
- Intermodulation distortion (IMD₃)
- Output phase noise
- Output jitter

- Rise/fall time
- Aberrations

Verification of the NI 5450 is complete only after you have successfully completed all required tests in this section.

Refer to Figure 1 for the names and locations of the NI PXIe-5450 front panel connectors. You can find information about the functions of these connectors in the *NI Signal Generators Getting Started Guide*.



Figure 1. NI PXIe-5450 Front Panel

Verifying DC Voltage Amplitude Absolute Accuracy

Complete the following steps to verify the DC voltage amplitude absolute accuracy of an NI 5450 module using a digital multimeter (DMM).

1. Connect the DMM to the CH 0 output terminals of the NI 5450 as shown in Figure 2.

Note The channel signal is connected differentially to the DMM. Signal grounds can be connected together if necessary, but should remain floating.





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2. Configure the DMM according to Table 2 for the appropriate NI 5450 output voltage from Table 3.

	NI 5450		DMM							
Configuration	СН	Output (V)	Function	Range (V)*	Input Impedance (GΩ)*	Average Readings				
1	0, 1	+0.1, -0.1	DC Voltage	0.1	10	4				
2	0, 1	+1.0, -1.0 +0.5, -0.5	DC Voltage	1	10	4				

Table 2.	Calibration Equipment	Configuration for	r DC Amplitude Ab	osolute Accuracy Verification
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* Assumes an NI 4071 DMM. For other DMMs, use the range closest to the values listed in this table. The input impedance should be equal to or greater than the values indicated in Table 1.

3. Configure the NI 5450 for the appropriate configuration in Table 3.



Note Refer to the *Measurement Uncertainty* section for more information about the measurement uncertainty calculations in Table 3.

Config.	СН	Differential Output Range (V _{pk-pk})	Gain	Error*	Load Impedance (GΩ)	Waveform Data Amplitude (V)	As Found Test Limit (V)	After Adjustment Test Limit (V)	Measurement Uncertainty (µV)										
1	0	2	1	ε=V _{DMM} -	10	+0.1	± 0.004	± 0.0018	± 4										
2				VExpected	10	+0.5	± 0.004	± 0.0018	± 15										
3							10	+1.0	± 0.004	± 0.0018	± 40								
4								10	-0.1	± 0.004	± 0.0018	± 4							
5															10	-0.5	± 0.004	± 0.0018	± 15
6								10	-1.0	± 0.004	± 0.0018	± 40							
7	1				10	+0.1	± 0.004	± 0.0018	± 4										
8								1						10	+0.5	± 0.004	± 0.0018	± 15	
9										10	+1.0	± 0.004	± 0.0018	± 40					
10					10	-0.1	± 0.004	± 0.0018	± 4										
11					10	-0.5	± 0.004	± 0.0018	± 15										
12					10	-1.0	± 0.004	± 0.0018	± 40										
* Expected is e	qual to the	waveform data amp	litude multi	plied by gain.															

Table 3. NI 5450 Output Parameters Configuration and Test Limits for DC Amplitude Absolute Accuracy Verification

- 4. Wait 5 seconds for the equipment to settle.
- 5. Measure the output voltage with the DMM.
- 6. Record the measurement and calculate the output error.
- 7. Compare the output error to the test limit for the appropriate configuration in Table 3.
- 8. Repeat steps 2 through 7 for each configuration in Table 3 for CH 0.
- 9. Set the output voltage level to 0.
- 10. Connect the DMM to the NI 5450 as shown in Figure 2 for CH 1.
- 11. Repeat steps 2 through 7 for each configuration in Table 3 for CH 1.
- 12. Set the output voltage level to 0.

Verifying DC Voltage Differential Offset Accuracy

Complete the following steps to verify the DC voltage differential offset accuracy of an NI 5450 module using a digital multimeter (DMM).

- 1. Connect the DMM to the CH 0 output terminals of the NI 5450 as shown in Figure 2 for CH 0.
- 2. Configure the DMM with the following characteristics:
 - Function: DC voltage
 - Range: 0.1 V
 - Input impedance: $10 \text{ G}\Omega$
 - Average reading: 4



Note These values assume you are using an NI 4071 DMM. For other DMMs, use the range closest to the values listed. The input impedance should be equal to or greater than the values indicated in Table 1.

- 3. Configure the NI 5450 to generate a waveform with the following characteristics:
 - Waveform data amplitude: 0 V
 - Load impedance: $10 \text{ G}\Omega$
 - Gain: 1
 - Channel: CH 0, CH 1
- 4. Wait 5 seconds for the equipment to settle.
- 5. Measure the output voltage using the DMM.
- 6. Record the measurement and compare it to the test limit in Table 4.



Note Refer to the *Measurement Uncertainty* section for more information about the measurement uncertainty calculations in the following table.

Config.	СН	Differential Output Range (V _{pk-pk})	Gain	Load Impedance (GΩ)	Waveform Data Amplitude (V)	As Found Test Limit (mV)	After Adjustment Test Limit (mV)	Measurement Uncertainty (μV)
1	0	2	1	10	+0.0	± 1.0	± 0.75	± 3.0
2	1	2	1	10	+0.0	± 1.0	± 0.75	± 3.0

 Table 4. NI 5450 Output Parameters Configuration and Test Limits for DC Voltage Differential Offset Accuracy Verification

- 7. Connect the DMM to the CH 1 output terminals of the NI 5450 as shown in Figure 2 for CH 1.
- 8. Repeat steps 3 through 6 for CH 1.

Verifying DC Voltage Common Mode Offset Accuracy

Complete the following steps to verify the DC voltage common mode offset accuracy of an NI 5450 module using a digital multimeter.

1. Connect the NI 5450 CH 0+ output to the positive output of the DMM and the cable shield ground of the NI 5450 CH 0+ output to the negative input of the DMM as shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3. DC Voltage Common Mode Offset Accuracy Verification Connection (CH 0)

- 2. Configure the DMM with the following characteristics:
 - Function: DC voltage
 - Range: 0.1 V
 - Input impedance: $10 \text{ G}\Omega$
 - Average reading: 4

Note These values assume you are using an NI 4071 DMM. For other DMMs, use the range closest to the values listed. The input impedance should be equal to or greater than the values indicated in Table 1.

3. Set up the NI 5450 according to Table 5.



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Note Refer to the *Measurement Uncertainty* section for more information on the measurement uncertainty calculation in the following table.

Table 5. NI 5450 Output Parameters Configuration and Test Limits for DC Voltage Common Mode Offset Accuracy

СН	Load Imped- ance (GΩ)	Waveform Data Amplitude (V)	Gain	Error (V)	As Found Test Limit (µV)	After Adjust- ment Test Limit (µV)	Measurement Uncertainty (μV)
0, 1	10	0.0 V	1	$\varepsilon_{V_{CMO}} = \frac{(V_{CMO(+)} + V_{CMO(-)})}{2}$	±350	±250	±1.3

- 4. Wait 5 seconds for the equipment to settle.
- 5. Measure the output voltage using the DMM and record the measurement as $V_{CMO(+)}$.

6. Connect the NI 5450 CH 0- output to the positive output of the DMM and the cable shield ground of the NI 5450 CH 0- output to the negative input of the DMM as shown in Figure 4.



Figure 4. DC Voltage Common Mode Offset Accuracy Verification Connection (CH 0)

- 7. Wait 5 seconds for the equipment to settle.
- 8. Measure the output voltage using the DMM and record the measurement as $V_{CMO(-)}$.
- 9. Calculate the error using the equation in Table 5 and compare it to the test limit.



10. Repeat steps 1 through 9, replacing CH 0 with CH 1. The connections are shown in Figure 5.

Figure 5. DC Voltage Common Mode Offset Accuracy Verification Connections (CH 1)

Verifying DC Voltage Channel-to-Channel Relative Accuracy

Using the values recorded in step 6 of the *Verifying DC Voltage Amplitude Absolute Accuracy* section, calculate the DC voltage channel-to-channel relative accuracy for each configuration in Table 6.

Note The values are calculated using the measurements recorded in Table 3.



Note Refer to the *Measurement Uncertainty* section for more information on the measurement uncertainty calculations in the following table.

Configuration	СН	Waveform Data Amplitude (V)	Error (V)	Test Limit (µV)	Measurement Uncertainty (µV)
1	0, 1	+0.1	$\varepsilon_{0,1} = V_{CH0} - V_{CH1}$	±1600	±20
2	0, 1	+0.5		±1600	±20
3	0, 1	+1.0		±1600	±20
4	0, 1	-0.1		±1600	±20
5	0, 1	-0.5		±1600	±20
6	0, 1	-1.0		±1600	±20

Table 6. DC Amplitude Channel-to-Channel Relative Accuracy Verification

Verifying AC Voltage Amplitude Absolute Accuracy

Complete the following steps to verify the AC voltage amplitude absolute accuracy of an NI 5450 module using a digital multimeter (DMM).

- 1. Connect the DMM to the NI 5450 as shown in Figure 2 for CH 0.
- 2. Configure the NI 5450 to generate a waveform with the following characteristics:
 - Waveform: Sine wave
 - Frequency: 50 kHz
 - Sample rate: 400 MS/s
 - Waveform data amplitude: $1 V_{pk} (2 V_{pk-pk})$
 - Load impedance: $10 \text{ M}\Omega$
 - Gain: 1
 - Channel: CH 0, CH 1

- 3. Configure the DMM with the following characteristics:
 - Function: AC voltage
 - Range: 5 V
 - Input impedance: $10 \text{ M}\Omega$
 - Average reading: 4

Note These values assume you are using an NI 4071 DMM. For other DMMs, use the range closest to the values listed. The input impedance should be equal to or greater than the values indicated in Table 1.

4. Configure the NI 5450 for the appropriate configuration in Table 7.



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Note Refer to the *Measurement Uncertainty* section for more information on the measurement uncertainty calculations in Table 7.

Config.	СН	Gain	Waveform Data Amplitude	Differential Output Range	Error (%)	As Found Test Limit (%)	After Adjustment Test Limit (%)	Measurement Uncertainty (%)
1	0	1	50 kHz (full scale*, sine wave)	2 V _{pk-pk}	$\varepsilon = (\sqrt{2} \times V_{RMS} - 1) \times 100$	± 0.5	± 0.2	± 0.13
2	1	1	50 kHz (full scale*, sine wave)			± 0.5	± 0.2	± 0.13
* Full scale	* Full scale for waveform data amplitude is ±1.							

Table 7. NI 5450 Output Parameters Configuration and Test Limits for AC Amplitude Accuracy Verification

- 5. Wait 15 seconds for the output of the NI 5450 to settle.
- 6. Measure the output voltage amplitude with the DMM.
- 7. Record the V_{RMS} measurement.
- 8. Calculate the peak-to-peak amplitude error using the equation in Table 7.
- 9. Compare the output error to the test limit for the appropriate configuration in Table 7.
- 10. Set the output voltage level to 0.
- 11. Connect the DMM to the NI 5450 as shown in Figure 2 for CH 1.
- 12. Repeat steps 2 through 10 for Configuration 2 of Table 7 for CH 1.

Verifying AC Amplitude Channel-to-Channel Relative Accuracy

Complete the following steps to verify the AC amplitude channel-to-channel relative accuracy of an NI 5450 module.

1. Use the values recorded in step 7 of the *Verifying AC Voltage Amplitude Absolute Accuracy* section to calculate the AC amplitude channel-to-channel relative accuracy using the equation in Table 8.



Note Refer to the *Measurement Uncertainty* section for more information on the measurement uncertainty calculations in the following table.

СН	Gain	Differential Output Range (V _{pk-pk})	Error (mV _{pk-pk})	Test Limit (mV _{pk-pk})	Measurement Uncertainty (mV _{pk-pk})
0, 1	1	2.0	$\varepsilon_{0,1} = 2 \times \sqrt{2} \times (V_{RMS_{CH0}} - V_{RMS_{CH1}})$	±4.0	±0.2

Table 8. AC Amplitude Channel-to-Channel Relative Accuracy Verification

2. Compare the output error to the Test Limit in Table 8.

Verifying Channel-to-Channel Timing Alignment Accuracy

Complete the following steps to verify the channel-to-channel timing alignment accuracy of an NI 5450 module using a digital oscilloscope and a differential acquisition probe.

1. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 6.



Figure 6. NI 5450 Connection to an Oscilloscope Using a Differential Acquisition Probe (CH 0)

Note Use the cables that are included with the oscilloscope for the connections to the NI 5450. When changing the connections from CH 0 to CH 1 in step 14, maintain the same relative cable position.

- 2. Configure the NI 5450 to generate a waveform with the following characteristics:
 - Waveform: Square wave
 - Frequency: 10 MHz
 - Sample rate: 400 MS/s
 - Waveform data amplitude: 0 dBFS
 - Gain setting: 0.5

- Load impedance: 50Ω
- Output channel: CH 0, CH 1 (simultaneous)
- Exported sample clock timebase divisor: 40
- Sample clock timebase export location: Clkout

Note Both NI 5450 channels must be enabled simultaneously during this test. If the session is disabled or restarted at any point during the test, the measurements are invalid.

Configure the oscilloscope according to the following steps:

- 3. Run DEFAULT SETUP to set the oscilloscope to a known state.
- 4. Enable CH 1 and CH 2 on the oscilloscope.
- 5. Run AUTOSET to acquire CH 1 and CH 2 waveforms.
- 6. Set the oscilloscope to trigger continuously on the rising edge of CH 1.
- 7. Set the acquisition mode to average 256 samples.
- 8. Center the rising edge of the CH 2 waveform in the center of the oscilloscope display by using HORIZONTAL DELAY.
- 9. Adjust the oscilloscope vertical scale of CH 2 to maximum while keeping the waveform within the display, approximately 125 mV/div.
- 10. Set the timebase to 1 ns/div and use HORIZONTAL DELAY to keep the CH 2 rising edge centered in the oscilloscope display.
- 11. Set the scale resolution to 1 ps/pt.
- 12. Clear the acquisition averages and then wait for 256 acquisitions to occur.
- 13. Save the CH 2 waveform as REF1 (NI 5450, CH 0).

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14. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 7.



Figure 7. NI 5450 Connection to an Oscilloscope Using a Differential Acquisition Probe (CH 1)

- 15. Clear the waveform averages.
- 16. The rising edge of the NI 5450 CH 1 output waveform should now be in the center of the oscilloscope display.
- 17. Recall the CH 2 output waveform previously saved as REF1 (NI 5450, CH 0) in step 13.
- 18. Set the oscilloscope to measure the delay between REF1 (NI 5450, CH 0) and the current CH 2 input (NI 5450, CH 1). The measurement should be rising to rising edge at 50% amplitude.
- 19. Wait for the measurement counter to reach at least 50 before the reading is made.
- 20. Measure and record the mean value.

21. Compare the delay value with the Test Limit in Table 9.

CH*	Output Frequency	Channel-to-Channel Timing Alignment (ps)	Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty			
0, 1	10 MHz	$t_{alignment} = t_{CH2} - t_{CH1} $	≤ 35 ps	5.3 ps			
* Both NI 5450 channels must be enabled simultaneously during this test. If the session is disabled or restarted at any point during the test, the measurements are invalid							

Table 9. Channel-to-Channel Timing Alignment Accuracy Verification

Verifying Frequency Response (Flatness)

Complete the following steps to verify the frequency response (flatness) of an NI 5450 module using a power meter(s) and 7 dB attenuators.



Note The frequency response (flatness) verification can be performed using a single power meter. If you are using a single power meter, load the unused terminal with the 7 dB attenuator and the 50 Ω termination.

1. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 8, using semi-rigid coaxial cables to connect the power meters simultaneously if needed.



Figure 8. NI 5450 Connection to Power Meters Using Attenuators (CH 0)

- 2. Disable the NI 5450 outputs.
- 3. Null the power meter(s) according to the power meter documentation.
- 4. Configure the power meter(s) with the following characteristics:
 - Multichannel
 - Average: 16
 - Measure watts
 - Channel 1 power sensor connected to the NI 5450(+)
 - Channel 2 power sensor connected to the NI 5450(–)
 - High accuracy

5. Configure the NI 5450 according to Configuration 1 in Table 10.

Config.	СН	Function	Waveform Amplitude	Gain	Flatness Correction	Waveform Sample	Differential Load*
1	0, 1	Sine wave	0 dBFS	0.4	Enable	400 MS/s	100 Ω
2	0, 1	Sine wave	-20 dBFS	0.4	Enable	400 MS/s	100 Ω
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 Table 10.
 NI 5450 Setup for Frequency Response (Flatness) Verification

* The NI-FGEN software load impedance is single-ended. Therefore, setting the load impedance to 50 Ω in NI-FGEN is equal to 100 Ω differential.

6. Configure the NI 5450 and power meter frequency according to Configuration 1 in Table 11, the reference frequency.

Config.	СН	Frequency	Frequency Response (Flatness)*	As Found Test Limit	After Adjustment Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty	
1	0, 1	50 kHz	$\begin{bmatrix} W_{\alpha,\perp} + W_{\alpha,\perp} + 2 \times \sqrt{W_{\alpha,\perp} \times W_{\alpha,\perp}} \end{bmatrix}$	Reference	Reference		
2	0, 1	10 kHz	$Flatness_{Ref} = 10 \times \log \left[\frac{f(r)}{W_{Ref(+)} + W_{Ref(-)} + 2 \times \sqrt{W_{Ref(+)} \times W_{Ref(-)}}} \right]$	±0.24 dB	±0.22 dB	0.10 dB	
3	0, 1	100 kHz		±0.24 dB	±0.22 dB	0.10 dB	
4	0, 1	1 MHz		±0.24 dB	±0.22 dB	0.10 dB	
5	0, 1	10 MHz		±0.24 dB	±0.22 dB	0.10 dB	
6	0, 1	20 MHz		±0.24 dB	±0.22 dB	0.10 dB	
7	0, 1	30 MHz		±0.24 dB	±0.22 dB	0.10 dB	
8	0, 1	40 MHz		±0.24 dB	±0.22 dB	0.10 dB	
9	0, 1	50 MHz		±0.24 dB	±0.22 dB	0.10 dB	
10	0, 1	60 MHz		±0.24 dB	±0.22 dB	0.10 dB	
11	0, 1	70 MHz		±0.34 dB	±0.25 dB	0.12 dB	
12	0, 1	80 MHz		±0.34 dB	±0.25 dB	0.12 dB	
13	0, 1	90 MHz		±0.34 dB	±0.25 dB	0.12 dB	
14	0, 1	100 MHz		±0.34 dB	±0.25 dB	0.12 dB	
15	0, 1	110 MHz		±0.34 dB	±0.25 dB	0.12 dB	
16	0, 1	120 MHz		±0.34 dB	±0.25 dB	0.12 dB	
* This equation converts the power meter readings in watts to voltage to add the differential amplitudes in volts, and then converts the result to dB.							

Table 11. Frequency Response (Flatness) Verification

- 7. Allow the power meter to stabilize for 10 seconds.
- 8. Measure and record the reference (50 kHz) power $(W_{Ref(+)}[W])$ of the positive output.
- 9. Measure and record the reference (50 kHz) power ($W_{Ref(-)}[W]$) of the negative output.
- 10. Configure the NI 5450 and power meter frequency according to the next configuration in Table 11.
- 11. Allow the power meter to stabilize for 10 seconds.
- 12. Measure and record the power at the set frequency $(W_{f(+)}[W])$ of the positive output.
- 13. Measure and record the power at the set frequency $(W_{f(-)}[W])$ of the negative output.
- 14. Using the recorded power values, calculate the deviation from the reference (50 kHz) power using the equation in Table 11.
- 15. Compare the *Frequency Response (Flatness)* to the test limit for the appropriate configuration in Table 11.
- 16. Repeat steps 10 through 15 for each configuration in Table 11.
- 17. Configure the NI 5450 according to Configuration 2 in Table 10.
- 18. Repeat steps 7 through 16.

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20. Repeat steps 5 through 18.

Verifying Average Noise Density

Complete the following steps to verify the average noise density of an NI 5450 module using a spectrum analyzer and BALUN.

1. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 10.



Figure 10. NI 5450 Connection to Spectrum Analyzer Using a BALUN (CH 0)



Note Use high quality 50 Ω SMA cables of the same electrical length. Keep the cables as short as possible for all connections.

- 2. Configure the NI 5450 to generate a waveform with the following characteristics:
 - Waveform: sine wave
 - Frequency: 1 MHz
 - Sample rate: 400 MS/s
 - Waveform data amplitude: -40 dBFS
 - Gain setting: 0.5
 - Load impedance: 50Ω (100 Ω differential)
 - Output channel: CH 0

- 3. Set the spectrum analyzer to its default and configure it with the following characteristics:
 - Measurement: Noise marker on
 - Preamplifier: On
 - Detector: RMS
 - Frequency range: 9 kHz to 200 MHz
 - Reference level: -40 dBm
 - Attenuation: 0 dB
 - Resolution bandwidth: 500 kHz
 - Video bandwidth: 2 MHz
 - Sweep time: 1 s

Note Refer to the *Measurement Uncertainty* section for more information on the measurement uncertainty calculations in the following table.

СН	Output Frequency	Average Noise Density (dBm/Hz)	Test Limit (dBm/Hz)	Measurement Uncertainty (dB)
0, 1	0–200 MHz	$AVG_ND = 20 \times \log_{10} \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} 10^{\langle \frac{NoiseDensity(i)}{20} \rangle}}{n} \right)$ Frequency step = 10 MHz, from 10 MHz to 200 MHz	≤ -160	0.60

Table 12. Average Noise Density Verification

- 4. Set the marker frequency to 10 MHz.
- 5. Measure and record the noise density as displayed on MARKER1.

Note The marker should return the noise level in dBm/Hz.

- 6. With the focus on MARKER1 and using a step of 10 MHz, enter the new frequency.
- 7. Measure and record the noise density as displayed on MARKER1.
- 8. Repeat steps 5 through 7 until the frequency reaches 200 MHz.
- 9. Using the recorded power values, calculate the average noise density using the equation in Table 12.
- 10. Compare the Average Noise Density with the Test Limit in Table 12.

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11. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 11.





12. Repeat steps 4 through 10.

Verifying Internal Reference Clock Frequency Accuracy

Complete the following steps to verify the internal reference clock frequency accuracy of an NI 5450 module using a spectrum analyzer and BALUN.

- 1. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 10.
- 2. Verify that the NI 5450 is not locked to an external clock and is using the onboard clock.
- 3. Configure the NI 5450 to generate a waveform with the following characteristics:
 - Waveform: Sine wave
 - Frequency: 10 MHz
 - Sample rate: 400 MS/s
- Waveform data amplitude: 0.0 dBFS
- Gain setting: 0.5
- Load impedance: 50Ω (100 Ω differential)
- Output channel: CH 0
- 4. Set the spectrum analyzer to its default and configure it with the following characteristics:
 - Frequency: 10 MHz
 - Span: 1 MHz
 - Reference level: 0 dBm
 - Measurement counter: 1 Hz
 - Signal count: Enabled
- 5. Measure and record the frequency (fmeas) as displayed on MARKER1.
- 6. Compare the frequency measured with the test limit in Table 13.



Note Refer to the *Measurement Uncertainty* section for more information on the measurement uncertainty calculations in the following table.

СН	Frequency	Error (%)	As Found Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty
0	10 MHz	$\varepsilon = \frac{f_{meas} - 10M}{10 \ M} \times 100$	± 0.01%	0.33 µHz/Hz

Optional Verification Tests

Verifying Channel-to-Channel Frequency Response (Flatness) Matching Accuracy

Complete the following steps to verify the channel-to-channel frequency response (flatness) matching accuracy of an NI 5450 module.

1. Use the values calculated in the *Verifying Frequency Response* (*Flatness*) section to calculate the channel-to-channel frequency response (flatness) matching accuracy.

Config	СН	Frequency	Error (dB)	Test Limit (dB), typical
comig.		Trequency		typical
1	0 to 1	10 kHz	$\varepsilon_{(CH0-CH1)} = Flatness_{CH0(f)} - Flatness_{CH1(f)}$	±0.03
2	0 to 1	100 kHz		±0.03
3	0 to 1	1 MHz		±0.03
4	0 to 1	10 MHz		±0.03
5	0 to 1	20 MHz		±0.03
6	0 to 1	30 MHz		±0.03
7	0 to 1	40 MHz		±0.03
8	0 to 1	50 MHz		±0.03
9	0 to 1	60 MHz		±0.03
10	0 to 1	70 MHz		±0.04
11	0 to 1	80 MHz		±0.04
12	0 to 1	90 MHz		±0.04
13	0 to 1	100 MHz		±0.04
14	0 to 1	110 MHz		±0.04
15	0 to 1	120 MHz		±0.04

 Table 14.
 Channel-to-Channel Frequency Response (Flatness) Matching Accuracy Verification

Verifying Analog Bandwidth

Complete the following steps to verify the analog bandwidth of an NI 5450 module using a power meter(s).

Note The analog bandwidth verification can be performed using a single power meter. If you are using a single power meter, load the unused terminal with the 7 dB attenuator and the 50 Ω termination.

- 1. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 8, using semi-rigid coaxial cables to connect the power meters simultaneously if needed.
- 2. Configure the power meter(s) with the following characteristics:
 - Multichannel
 - Average: 16
 - Measure watts
 - High accuracy
- 3. Disable the NI 5450 output and null the power meter(s) according to the power meter documentation.
- 4. Configure the NI 5450 with the following characteristics:
 - Waveform: Sine wave
 - Sample rate: 400 MS/s
 - Waveform data amplitude: 0 dBFS
 - Gain setting: 0.5
 - Load impedance: 50Ω (100 Ω differential)
 - Flatness correction: Disabled
 - Output channel: CH 0 and CH 1
- 5. Configure the NI 5450 and power meter frequency according to Configuration 1 in Table 15, the reference frequency.

Table 15. Analog Bandwidth Verification

Config.	СН	Frequency	Frequency Response*	Test Limit (dB), typical
1	0, 1	50 kHz	Reference	
2	0, 1	130 MHz	$\begin{bmatrix} W_{f(+)} + W_{f(-)} + 2 \times \sqrt{W_{f(+)} \times W_{f(-)}} \end{bmatrix}$	≥-2.25 dB
3	0, 1	140 MHz	$Flatness_{Ref} = 10 \times \log\left[\frac{\sqrt{y_{Ref(+)} + W_{Ref(-)} + 2 \times \sqrt{W_{Ref(+)} \times W_{Ref(-)}}}{W_{Ref(+)} + W_{Ref(-)} + 2 \times \sqrt{W_{Ref(+)} \times W_{Ref(-)}}}\right]$	\geq -2.75 dB
4	0, 1	145 MHz		$\geq -3 \text{ dB}$

* This equation converts the power meter readings from watts to voltage to add the differential amplitudes in volts and then converts the result to dB.

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- 6. Allow the power meter to stabilize for 10 seconds.
- 7. Measure and record the reference power $(W_{Ref(+)}[W])$ of the positive output.
- 8. Measure and record the reference power $(W_{Ref(-)} [W])$ of the negative output.
- 9. Configure the NI 5450 and power meter frequency according to the next configuration in Table 15.
- 10. Measure and record the power at the set frequency $(W_{f(+)}[W])$ of the positive output.
- 11. Measure and record the power at the set frequency $(W_{f(-)}[W])$ of the negative output.
- 12. Using the recorded power values, calculate the deviation from the reference power at 50 kHz using the equation in Table 15.
- 13. Compare the frequency response (flatness) to the Test Limit for the appropriate configuration in Table 15.
- 14. Repeat steps 9 through 13 for each configuration in Table 15.

Verifying Spurious Free Dynamic Range with and without Harmonics

Complete the following steps to verify the spurious free dynamic range (SFDR) with harmonics of an NI 5450 module using a spectrum analyzer and BALUN.

- 1. Configure the NI 5450 to generate a waveform with the following characteristics:
 - Waveform: Sine wave
 - Frequency: 10 MHz
 - Sample rate: 400 MS/s
 - Waveform data amplitude: -1 dBFS
 - Gain setting: 0.5
 - Load impedance: 50Ω (100 Ω differential)
 - Output channel: CH 0 and CH 1
- 2. Set the spectrum analyzer to its default and configure it with the following characteristics:
 - Frequency range: 9 kHz to 210 MHz
 - Attenuation: 30 dB
 - Reference level: 0 dBm
 - Detector mode: Max peak
 - Resolution bandwidth: 5 kHz

- Video bandwidth: 20 kHz
- Averaging: On
- Sweep count: 10

Table 16. Spurious Free Dynamic Range Accuracy Verification

Config.	СН	Carrier Frequency (MHz)	Spurious Free Dynamic Range (dB)	Test Limit (dB), typical
1	0, 1	10	SFDR _{With Harmonics} = Ampl(carrier) – Ampl(LargestSpur)	≥70
2	0, 1	10	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} = Ampl(carrier) – Ampl(Non-harmonic LargestSpur)	≥70
3	0, 1	60	SFDR _{With Harmonics} = Ampl(carrier) – Ampl(LargestSpur)	≥68
4	0, 1	60	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} = Ampl(carrier) – Ampl(Non-harmonic LargestSpur)	≥68
5	0, 1	100	SFDR _{With Harmonics} = Ampl(carrier) – Ampl(LargestSpur)	≥62
6	0, 1	100	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} = Ampl(carrier) – Ampl(Non-harmonic LargestSpur)	≥64
7	0, 1	120	SFDR _{With Harmonics} = Ampl(carrier) – Ampl(LargestSpur)	≥62
8	0, 1	120	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} = Ampl(carrier) – Ampl(Non-harmonic LargestSpur)	≥62
9	0, 1	160	SFDR _{With Harmonics} = Ampl(carrier) – Ampl(LargestSpur)	≥62
10	0, 1	160	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} = Ampl(carrier) – Ampl(Non-harmonic LargestSpur)	≥62

- 3. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 10.
- 4. Place MARKER1 at the carrier frequency and set it as a fixed reference.
- 5. Turn on MARKER2 as a delta marker.
- 6. Wait until the spectrum analyzer has reached sweep count.
- 7. Move MARKER2 to the highest peak within the 200 MHz range.
- 8. Measure and record the SFDR (with harmonics) as displayed by the delta marker.



Note The marker should return the measurement in dBc.

- 9. Compare the SFDR (with harmonics) with the Test Limit in Table 16 for the carrier frequency.
- 10. Move Marker2 to the highest peak that is a non-harmonic of the carrier.

Note Aliased harmonics are considered non-harmonics. Harmonics are only integer multiples of the carrier frequency.

- 11. Measure and record the SFDR (without harmonics) as displayed on delta marker.
- 12. Compare the SFDR (without harmonics) with the Test Limit in Table 16 for the carrier frequency.
- 13. Change the NI 5450 output frequency (carrier) to the next Test in Table 16 and repeat steps 4 through 12.
- 14. Reset the average.
- 15. Repeat steps 4 through 14 for all carrier frequencies in Table 16.
- 16. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 11.
- 17. Repeat steps 4 through 15 for CH 1.

Verifying Total Harmonic Distortion

Complete the following steps to verify the total harmonic distortion (THD) of an NI 5450 module using a spectrum analyzer and BALUN.

- 1. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 10.
- 2. Configure the NI 5450 to generate a waveform with the following characteristics:
 - Waveform: Sine wave
 - Frequency: 10.1 MHz
 - Sample rate: 400 MS/s
 - Waveform data amplitude: -1 dBFS
 - Gain setting: 0.5
 - Load impedance: 50Ω (100 Ω differential)
 - Output channel: CH 0 and CH 1
- 3. Set the spectrum analyzer to its default and configure it with the following characteristics:
 - Frequency range: 10.1 MHz
 - Reference level: 0 dBm
 - Attenuation: 35 dB
 - Detector mode: Max peak

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- Span: 100 kHz
- Resolution bandwidth: 2 kHz
- Video bandwidth: 5 kHz
- Average: On
- Sweep: 20

Configuration	СН	Carrier Frequency (MHz)	Test Limit (dBc), typical
1	0, 1	10.1	≤–75
2	0, 1	20.1	≤-70
3	0, 1	40.1	≤-68
4	0, 1	80.1	≤–68
5	0, 1	100.1	≤–68
6	0, 1	120.1	≤–78
7	0, 1	160.1	≤-83

 Table 17. Total Harmonic Distortion Accuracy Verification

- 4. Enable the HARMONIC DISTORTION measurement function.
- 5. Wait until the spectrum analyzer has acquired all sweeps to average.
- 6. Set the NO. OF HARMONICS to 6.
- 7. De-select the HARMONIC RBW AUTO function.
- 8. To further try to optimize the measurement, go to AMPT menu and change the RF ATTENUATION to minimize the spectrum analyzer distortion on the THD reading.

Note Incorrect attenuation on the spectrum analyzer can severely affect the THD measurement. Refer to the spectrum analyzer documentation for more information.

- 9. Record the THD value.
- 10. Disable the HARMONIC measure function.
- 11. Change the NI 5450 output frequency and the spectrum analyzer center frequency to the next Carrier Frequency value in Table 17.
- 12. Repeat steps 4 through 11 for all the carrier frequencies in Table 17.
- 13. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 11.
- 14. Repeat steps 4 through 12 for CH 1.

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Verifying Intermodulation Distortion (IMD₃)

Complete the following steps to verify the intermodulation distortion of an NI 5450 module using a spectrum analyzer and BALUN.

- 1. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 10.
- 2. Configure the NI 5450 to generate a waveform with the following characteristics:
 - Waveform:
 - Tone Frequency 1: 9.9 MHz
 - Tone Frequency 2: 10.1 MHz
 - Sample rate: 400 MS/s
 - Waveform data amplitude (each tone): -7 dBFS
 - Gain Setting: 0.5
 - Load Impedance: 50Ω (100 Ω differential)
 - Output channel: CH 0
- 3. Configure the spectrum analyzer with the following characteristics:
 - Frequency range: 10 MHz
 - Reference level: –6 dBm
 - RF attenuation: 20 dB
 - Detector mode: Max peak
 - Span: 700 kHz
 - Resolution bandwidth: 5 kHz
 - Video bandwidth: 20 kHz
 - Average: On
 - Sweep: 50

Table 18. Intermodulation Distortion (IMD₃) Verification Setup

Config.	СН	Tone 1 Frequency (MHz)	Tone 2 Frequency (MHz)	Center Frequency (MHz)	IMD ₃ (dBc)	Test Limit (dBc), typical
1	0, 1	9.9	10.1	10	$Max(P_{\langle 2 \times f_2 - f_1 \rangle}, P_{\langle 2 \times f_1 - f_2 \rangle}) - Min(P_{f_1}, P_{f_2})$	≤-84
2	0, 1	19.9	20.1	20		≤-81
3	0, 1	39.9	40.1	40		≤-75
4	0, 1	59.9	60.1	60		≤-71
5	0, 1	79.9	80.1	80		≤-68
6	0, 1	119.9	120.1	120		≤-68
7	0, 1	159.9	160.1	160		≤-66

- 4. Enable the TOI function.
- 5. To further try to optimize the measurement, go to the AMPT menu and change the RF ATTENUATION to minimize the spectrum analyzer distortion on the IMD₃ (TOI) reading.

Note Incorrect attenuation on the spectrum analyzer can severely affect the IMD_3 measurement. Refer to the spectrum analyzer documentation for more information.

- 6. Measure and record the value of the following:
 - Amplitude of Carrier Tone 1
 - Amplitude of Carrier tone 2
 - Amplitude of 3rd order harmonic product 1, 2f₂-f₁
 - Amplitude of 3rd order harmonic product 2, $2f_1-f_2$
- 7. Use the equation in Table 18 to calculate the IMD_3 .
- 8. Change the NI 5450 output frequency to the next carrier tone frequencies as indicated in Table 18.
- 9. Change the spectrum analyzer CENTER FREQUENCY to the adequate value indicated in Table 18.
- 10. Repeat steps 4 through 9 for all carrier frequencies in Table 18.

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Verifying Rise and Fall Time

Complete the following steps to verify the rise time and fall time of an NI 5450 module using an oscilloscope.

1. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 12.





Note Keep the cables as short as possible for all connections.

- 2. Configure the NI 5450 to generate a waveform with the following characteristics:
 - Waveform: Square wave
 - Frequency: 33 MHz
 - Sample rate: 400 MS/s
 - Waveform data amplitude: $1 V_{pk} (2 V_{pk-pk})$
 - Gain setting: 0.5

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- Load impedance: 50Ω
- Output channel: CH 0, CH 1
- Flatness correction: Disabled
- 3. Configure the oscilloscope according to the following steps:
 - a. Press the DEFAULT SETUP to reset the oscilloscope to a known state.
 - b. Enable oscilloscope channels 1 through 4.
 - c. Press AUTOSET to acquire the waveform
 - d. Configure the oscilloscope as follows:
 - CH 1 to CH 4 amplitude: 70 mV/div
 - CH 1 to CH 4 termination: 50Ω
 - Acquisition Mode: Average
 - Acquisition # of Wfms: 64
 - Horizontal Scale: 4 ns/div

Four complete waveform periods, one for each channel, should be centered on the display.

- 4. Configure the oscilloscope measurements as follows:
 - CH1 Time function: Rise Time (10% to 90%)
 - CH1 Time function: Fall Time (10% to 90%)
- 5. Wait for the measurement counter to reach at least 50 before making the reading.

Table 19.	Rise and Fa	I Time Verification
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Test	СН	Specification	Test Limit, typical
1	0+, 0–, 1+, 1–	Rise Time (10% to 90%)	\leq 3 ns
2	0+, 0–, 1+, 1–	Fall Time (10% to 90%)	\leq 3 ns

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6. Read and record the CH1 RISE mean as the Rise Time measurement.

7. Read and record the CH1 FALL mean as the Fall Time measurement.

8. Repeat steps 4 through 7, configuring the measurements for channels 2, 3, and 4.

Verifying Aberrations

Complete the following steps to verify the aberrations of an NI 5450 module using an oscilloscope.

- 1. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 12.
- 2. Configure the NI 5450 to generate a waveform with the following characteristics:
 - Waveform: Trapezoidal
 - Slew rate: 133 V/µs
 - Frequency: 10 MHz
 - Sample rate: 400 MS/s
 - Waveform data amplitude: $1 V_{pk} (2 V_{pk-pk})$
 - Gain setting: 0.5
 - Load impedance: 50Ω
 - Output channel: CH 0, CH 1
 - Flatness correction: Disabled

- 3. Configure the oscilloscope according to the following steps:
 - a. Press the DEFAULT SETUP to reset the oscilloscope to the original manufacturing state.
 - b. Enable oscilloscope channels 1 through 4.
 - c. Press AUTOSET to acquire the waveform
 - d. Configure the oscilloscope as follows:
 - CH 1 to CH 4 amplitude: 70 mV/div
 - CH 1 to CH 4 termination: 50Ω
 - Acquisition Mode: Average
 - Acquisition # of Wfms: 64
 - Horizontal Scale: 10 ns/div

One complete waveform period should be displayed for each output terminal.

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- 4. Configure the oscilloscope measurements as follows:
 - CH 1 Amplitude: Positive Overshoot
 - CH 1 Amplitude: Negative Overshoot
- 5. Wait for the measurement counter to reach at least 64 before making the reading.
- 6. Read and record the channel 1 positive overshoot mean as the rising edge aberration measurement.
- 7. Read and record the channel 1 negative overshoot mean as the falling edge aberration measurement.
- 8. Repeat steps 4 through 7, configuring the measurements for channels 2, 3, and 4.

Test	СН	Specification	Test Limit, typical
1	0+, 0–, 1+, 1–	Rising Edge Aberration	≤7%
2	0+, 0–, 1+, 1–	Falling Edge Aberration	≤7%

Table 20. Aberration Time Verification

Verifying Phase Noise Density and Jitter

Complete the following steps to verify the phase noise density and jitter of an NI 5450 using a phase noise analyzer and BALUN.

- 1. Set the phase noise analyzer to its default and configure it with the following characteristics:
 - Measurement mode: Phase noise
 - Center frequency: 10 MHz
 - Level: 0 dBm
 - Spot noise offset frequencies: Refer to Table 21
 - Sweep mode: Normal
 - Frequency span: 100 Hz to 1 MHz

Offset Freq Field	Set to Frequency
Offset Freq1	100 Hz
Offset Freq2	1 kHz
Offset Freq3	10 kHz
Offset Freq4	100 kHz
Offset Freq5	1 MHz

Table 21. Offset Frequency Field Settings for Spot Noise

Phase Noise Measurements (CH 0, 10 MHz)

1. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 13.



Figure 13. NI 5450 Connection to Phase Noise Analyzer using a BALUN (CH 0)



Note Use high quality 50 Ω SMA cables of the same electrical length. Keep the cables as short as possible for all connections.

2. Configure the NI 5450 according to configuration 1 in Table 22 and enable output.

Config.	СН	Function	Waveform Data Amplitude	Output Frequency	Waveform Sample Rate	Reference Clock	Gain	Differential Load*
1	0	Sine wave	0 dBFS	10 MHz	400 MS/s	Internal	0.5	100 Ω
2	0	Sine wave	0 dBFS	100 MHz	400 MS/s	Internal	0.5	100 Ω
3	1	Sine wave	0 dBFS	100 MHz	400 MS/s	Internal	0.5	100 Ω
4	1	Sine wave	0 dBFS	10 MHz	400 MS/s	Internal	0.5	100 Ω

 Table 22.
 NI 5450 Setup for Phase Noise Density Verification

* The NI-FGEN software load impedance is single ended. Therefore, setting the load impedance to 50 Ω in NI-FGEN is equal to 100 Ω differential.

- 3. Take a new phase noise measurement.
- 4. Record the 10 MHz output "Spot Noise" readings.
- 5. Compare the readings to the appropriate *Output Frequency* in Table 24.

Jitter Measurements (CH 0, 10 MHz)

- 1. Set the phase noise analyzer start frequency to 100 Hz.
- 2. Set the phase noise analyzer span stop frequency to 100 kHz.
- 3. Take a new phase noise measurement.
- 4. Record the CH 0, 100 MHz RMS jitter reading.
- 5. Compare the readings to the appropriate *Output Frequency* in Table 23.

Phase Noise Density Measurements (CH 0, 100 MHz)

- 1. Configure the NI 5450 according to configuration 2 in Table 22.
- 2. Set the phase noise analyzer center frequency to 100 MHz.
- 3. Set the phase noise analyzer span stop frequency to 1 MHz.
- 4. Take a new phase noise measurement.
- 5. Record the 100 MHz output "Spot Noise" readings.
- 6. Compare the readings to the appropriate *Output Frequency* in Table 24.

Jitter Measurements (CH 0, 100 MHz)

- 1. Set the phase noise analyzer start frequency to 100 Hz.
- 2. Set the phase noise analyzer span stop frequency to 100 kHz.
- 3. Take a new phase noise measurement.
- 4. Record the CH 0, 100 MHz RMS jitter reading.
- 5. Compare the readings to the appropriate *Output Frequency* in Table 23.

Phase Noise Density Measurements (CH 1, 100 MHz)

1. Connect the devices as shown in Figure 14.







Note Use high quality 50 Ω SMA cables of the same electrical length. Keep the cables as short as possible for all connections.

- 2. Configure the NI 5450 according to configuration 3 in Table 22.
- 3. Set the phase noise analyzer span stop frequency to 1 MHz.
- 4. Take a new phase noise measurement.

- 5. Record the 100 MHz output "Spot Noise" readings.
- 6. Compare the readings to the appropriate *Output Frequency* in Table 24.

Jitter Measurements (CH 1, 100 MHz)

- 1. Set the phase noise analyzer start frequency to 100 Hz.
- 2. Set the phase noise analyzer span stop frequency to 100 kHz.
- 3. Take a new phase noise measurement.
- 4. Record the CH 1, 100 MHz RMS jitter reading.
- 5. Compare the readings to the appropriate *Output Frequency* in Table 23.

Phase Noise Density Measurements (CH 1, 10 MHz)

- 1. Configure the NI 5450 according to configuration 4 of Table 22.
- 2. Set the phase noise analyzer center frequency to 10 MHz.
- 3. Set the phase noise analyzer span stop frequency to 1 MHz.
- 4. Take a new phase noise measurement.
- 5. Record the 10 MHz output "Spot Noise" readings.
- 6. Compare the readings to the appropriate *Output Frequency* in Table 24.

Jitter Measurements (CH 1, 10 MHz)

- 1. Set the phase noise analyzer start frequency to 100 Hz.
- 2. Set the phase noise analyzer span stop frequency to 100 kHz.
- 3. Take a new phase noise measurement.
- 4. Record the CH 1, 100 MHz RMS jitter reading.
- 5. Compare the readings to the appropriate *Output Frequency* in Table 23.

СН	Output Frequency	Integrated Jitter [*]	
0, 1	10 MHz	< 350 fs	
0, 1	100 MHz	< 350 fs	

 Table 23.
 Jitter Accuracy Verification

* Jitter is integrated from 100 Hz to 100 kHz, using the internal reference clock.

СН	Output Frequency	Spot Noise	100 Hz	1 kHz	10 kHz	100 kHz	1 MHz
0, 1	10 MHz	Test Limit, typical (dBc/Hz)	<-121	<-137	<-146	<-152	<-153
0, 1	100 MHz	Test Limit, typical (dBc/Hz)	<-101	<-119	<-126	<-136	<-141

Table 24. Phase Noise Density Accuracy Verification

Adjustment

An adjustment is required only once per year. Following the adjustment procedure automatically updates the calibration date and temperature in the EEPROM of the NI 5450.

Adjustment corrects the following NI 5450 specifications:

- DC ADC and reference adjustment
- Frequency response (flatness) adjustment

After adjustment, run self-calibration and then repeat the verification section to confirm that the adjustment was successful.

NI recommends that you always complete a full calibration to renew the calibration date and temperature. However, you can renew the calibration date and onboard calibration temperature without making any adjustments by completing the following steps.

1. Open an NI-FGEN external calibration session by calling the niFgen Init Ext Cal VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Resource Name Password error in (no error)	C/C++ Function Call Call niFgen_InitExtCal using the following parameters: resourceName: The name of the device you want to calibrate. This name can be found under Devices and Interfaces in MAX. password: The password required to open an external calibration session. The default password is "NI".
	vi : A pointer to an IVI session. The variable passed by reference through this parameter receives the value that identifies the external calibration session created by this function. This value acts as the session handle and is passed as the first parameter to all subsequent NI-FGEN functions.

2. Close the instrument driver session and save the calibration date and temperature by calling the niFgen Close Ext Cal VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle	C/C++ Function Call Call niFgen_CloseExtCal using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal action: If the external adjustment procedure completed without any errors, use NIFGEN_VAL_EXT_CAL_COMMIT. This function stores any new calibration constants, updated calibration dates, and updated calibration temperatures in the onboard EEPROM. If any errors occurred during the external adjustment procedure, or if you want to abort the operation, use NIFGEN_VAL_EXT_CAL_ABORT. This function then discards the new calibration constants and does not change any of the calibration data stored in the onboard
	EEPROM.

Adjusting the DC ADC Reference

Complete the following steps to adjust the DC ADC reference using a digital multimeter (DMM).



Note Allow the NI 5450 and support equipment to warm up for a minimum of 30 minutes prior to performing an adjustment.

1. Connect the NI 5450 connector to the DMM as shown in Figure 2 for CH 0. Only CH 0 is used in this adjustment.

2. Configure the DMM according to Configuration 1 in Table 25.

Configuration	Function	Range*	Resolution [†]	Average Readings
1	DC Voltage	0.1 V	7.5 digits	10
2	DC Voltage	1 V	7.5 digits	10
*Assumes an NI 4071 DMM. For other DMMs, use the range closest to the values listed in this table. The input impedance should be equal to or greater than the values indicated in Table 1.				

 Table 25.
 Calibration Equipment Configuration for DC Amplitude Accuracy Adjustment

3. Open an NI-FGEN external calibration session by calling the niFgen Init Ext Cal VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
	Call niFgen_Init ExtCal using the following parameters:
Resource Name Instrument Handle Out Password error in (no error)	 resourceName: The name of the device you want to calibrate. This name can be found under Devices and Interfaces in MAX. password: The password required to open an external calibration session. The default password is "NI" vi: A pointer to an IVI session. The variable passed by reference through this parameter receives the value that identifies the external calibration session created by this function. This value acts as the session handle and is passed as the first parameter to all subsequent NI-FGEN functions.

4. Call the niFgen Initialize Cal ADC Calibration VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle Instrument Handle Out error in (no error)	Call niFgen_InitializeCalADC Calibration using the following parameter: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal

5. Set the gain DAC value by calling the niFgen Property Node and selecting **Instrument**»Calibration»Gain DAC Value.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle error in (no error) Value Value Gain DAC Value Gain DAC Value	Call niFgen_SetAttribute ViInt32 using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal channelName: NULL attributeID: NIFGEN_ATTR_GAIN_DAC_ VALUE value: 60948

6. Set the calibration ADC input by calling the niFgen Property Node and selecting **Instrument**»Calibration»Cal ADC Input.

Call niFgen_SetAttribute ViInt32 using the following	LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle error in (no error) Value → Cal ADC Input Instrument Handle Out Value → Cal ADC Input Instrument Handle Out NIFGEN_ATTR_CAL_ADC_INPUT Instrument Handle Out NIFGEN_VAL_ANALOG_OUTPUT Instrument Handle Out	Instrument Handle error in (no error) Value → Cal ADC Input	Call niFgen_SetAttribute ViInt32 using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal channelName: NULL attributeID: NIFGEN_ATTR_CAL_ADC_INPUT value: NIFGEN_VAL_ANALOG_OUTPUT_ DI US

7. Set the output impedance by calling the niFgen Property Node and selecting **Output»Load Impedance**.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle error in (no error) Value Value ►Load Impedance Value	Call niFgen_SetAttribute ViReal64 using the following parameters:
	vi: The session handle returned
	from niFgen_InitExtCal
	channelName: NULL
	attributeId:
	NIFGEN_ATTR_LOAD_
	IMPEDANCE
	value: 1 G Ω

8. Set the main DAC value by calling the niFgen Write Binary 16 Analog Static Value VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle Walue Instrument Handle Out Value error out	Call niFgen_WriteBinary16 AnalogStaticValue using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal channelName: NULL value: 0

- 9. Wait 1,000 ms for the output to settle.
- 10. Set the main DAC value by calling the niFgen Write Binary 16 Analog Static Value VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle Value Value error in (no error)	Call niFgen_WriteBinary16 AnalogStaticValue using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal channelName: NULL value: 3113

11. Disable the analog output by calling the niFgen Property Node and selecting **Output**»**Output Enabled**.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
	Call niFgen_SetAttribute ViBoolean using the following parameters:
Instrument Handle	<pre>vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal channelName: NULL attributeId: NIFGEN_ATTR_OUTPUT_ ENABLED value: VI_FALSE</pre>

12. Commit the attribute values to the device by calling the niFgen Commit VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle Instrument Handle Out error in (no error)	Call niFgen_Commit using the following parameter: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal

Note Do not insert any additional settling time between steps 12 and 13.

13. Measure the analog output voltage with the onboard calibration ADC by calling the niFgen Read CAL ADC VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
	Call niFgen_ReadCalADC using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal
Instrument Handle Mirrosth Number of Reads to Average Return Calibrated Value? error in (no error)	numberOfReadsToAverage: 5 returnCalibratedValue: VI_FALSE calADCValue: A ViReal64 variable. The variable passed by reference through this parameter receives the voltage measured by the onboard ADC. This value is cal ADC measurement 0, which is used in step 27.

14. Enable the analog output by calling the niFgen Property Node and selecting **Output»Output Enabled**.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle error in (no error) Value → Output Enabled	Call niFgen_SetAttribute ViBoolean using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal channelName: NULL attributeId: NIFGEN_ATTR_OUTPUT_ ENABLED
	value: VI_TRUE

15. Commit the attribute values to the device by calling the niFgen Commit VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle ••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	Call niFgen_Commit using the following parameter: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal

16. Wait 500 ms for the output to settle.

- 17. Use the DMM to measure the NI 5450 differential voltage output. This measurement, divided by 2, is external measurement 0, which is used in step 27.
- 18. Configure the DMM according to Configuration 2 in Table 25.
- 19. Set the main DAC value by calling the niFgen Write Binary 16 Analog Static Value VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle Walue Instrument Handle Out	Call niFgen_WriteBinary16 AnalogStaticValue using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal channelName: NULL value: 32767

20. Disable the analog output by calling the niFgen Property Node and selecting **Output»Output Enabled**.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle error in (no error) Value Value Value	Call niFgen_SetAttribute ViBoolean using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal
	channelName: NULL
	AUTIDUTEIO: NIFGEN ATTR OUTPUT
	ENABLED
	value: VI_FALSE

21. Commit the attribute values to the device by calling the niFgen Commit VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle Instrument Handle Out error in (no error)	Call niFgen_Initialize FlatnessCalibration using the following parameter: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal



22. Measure the analog output voltage with the onboard calibration ADC by calling the niFgen Read CAL ADC VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle Number of Reads to Average Return Calibrated Value? error in (no error)	Call niFgen_ReadCalADC using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal numberOfReadsToAverage: 5 returnCalibratedValue: VI_FALSE calADCValue: A ViReal64 variable. The variable passed by reference through this parameter receives the voltage measured by the onboard ADC. This value is cal ADC measurement 1, which is used in step 27.

23. Enable the analog output by calling the niFgen Property Node and selecting **Output»Output Enabled**.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle error in (no error) Value Value Output Enabled	Call niFgen_SetAttribute ViBoolean using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal channelName: NULL attributeId: NIFGEN_ATTR_OUTPUT_ ENABLED value: VI_TEVE
	value. vi_inoli

24. Commit the attribute values to the device by calling the niFgen Commit VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle ······························· Instrument Handle Out error in (no error) ··································	Call niFgen_Commit using the following parameter: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal

- 25. Wait 500 ms for the output to settle.
- 26. Use the DMM to measure the NI 5450 voltage output. This measurement, divided by 2, is external measurement 1, which is used in step 27.
- 27. Call the niFgen Cal Adjust Cal ADC VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle Voltages Measured Externally Voltages Measured with Cal ADC error in (no error)	Call niFgen_CalAdjustCalADC using the following parameters:
	vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal voltagesMeasured
	Externally : An array containing two elements:
	The voltages, divided by 2 (external measurement 0)
	external measurement 1), that
	in the order they were
	measured. voltagesMeasuredWith
	CalADC: An array containing
	two elements: The single-ended voltages
	(cal ADC measurement 0,
	cal ADC measurement 1)
	calibration ADC in the order
	they were measured.

28. Close the instrument driver session and save the calibration date and temperature by calling the niFgen Close Ext Cal VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
	Call niFgen_CloseExtCal using the following parameters:
	vi: The session handle returned
	from niFgen_InitExtCal
	action: If the external adjustment
Instrument Handle Action Action error in (no error)	procedure completed without any errors,
	use NIFGEN_VAL_EXT_CAL_COMMIT. This
	function stores any new calibration
	constants, updated calibration dates, and
	updated calibration temperatures in the onboard EEPROM.
	If any errors occurred during the external
	adjustment procedure, or if you want to
	abort the operation, use
	NIFGEN_VAL_EXT_CAL_ABORT. This
	function then discards the new calibration
	constants and does not change any
	of the calibration data stored in the onboard EEPROM.

29. Open a session by calling the niFgen Initialize VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Resource Name Introcent Instrument Handle Out Id Query (default: True)	Call niFgen_init using the following parameters: vi : The session handle returned from niFgen_init.

30. Update gain self-calibration on the onboard EEPROM to use the new DC ADC constants by calling the niFgen Self Cal VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle And	Call niFgen_SelfCal using the following parameters: vi : The session handle returned from niFgen_Init

31. End the session by calling the niFgen Close VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle	Call niFgen_close using the following parameter: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_init

You have finished adjusting the DC ADC reference of the NI 5450. Repeat the *Verification* section to reverify the performance of the NI 5450 after all adjustments have been completed.

Adjusting the Frequency Response (Flatness)

Complete the following steps to adjust the frequency response (flatness) using a power meter(s) and 7 dB attenuators.



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Note Allow the NI 5450 and support equipment to warm up for a minimum of 30 minutes prior to performing an adjustment.

1. Connect the power meters to the CH 0 output terminals of the NI 5450 as shown in Figure 8.

Note If you are using a single power meter, load the unused terminal with the 7 dB attenuator and the 50 Ω termination.

- 2. Configure the power meter as follows:
 - Multichannel
 - Average: 128
 - Measure watts
 - Channel 1 power sensor connected to the NI 5450(+)
 - Channel 2 power sensor connected to the NI 5450(–)
 - High accuracy



Note Allow 10 seconds for the power meter to stabilize before recording each reading.

3. Open a session by calling the niFgen Initialize VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Resource Name	Call niFgen_init using the following parameters: vi : The session handle returned from niFgen_init.

4. Prepare the channel for waveform generation by calling the niFgen Configure Channels VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle ····································	CallniFgen_ConfigureChannels using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal. Channels: "0" when calibrating CH 0.

5. Abort waveform generation by calling the niFgen Abort Generation VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle Instrument Handle Out error in (no error)	Call niFgen_AbortGeneration using the following parameter: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal

6. Clear the NI-FGEN memory by calling the niFgen Clear Arbitrary Memory VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle Instrument Handle Out error in (no error)	Call niFgen_ClearArbMemory using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal

7. Set the scaling factor by calling the niFgen Property Node and selecting **Arbitrary Waveform**»Gain.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle IniFgen Instrument Handle Out error in (no error) Arbitrary Waveform Gain error out Value	Call niFgen_SetAttribute ViReal64 using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal attributeId: NIFGEN_ATTR_ARB_GAIN value: 0.5

8. Set the sample rate by calling the niFgen Property Node and selecting **Clocks*Sample Clock*Rate**.



9. Set the flatness correction factor by calling the niFgen Property Node and selecting **Output**»Filters»Flatness Correction Enabled.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle error in (no error) Value → Flatness Correction Enabled	Call niFgen_SetAttributeViBoolean using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal attributeId: NIFGEN_ATTR_FLATNESS_ CORRECTION_ENABLED value: VI_FALSE

10. If you use C function calls, generate a sine wave. If you use LabVIEW, configure a waveform by calling the LabVIEW Sine Waveform VI with the following inputs:



11. Create an onboard waveform by calling the niFgen Create Waveform (WDT) instance of the niFgen Create Waveform (poly) VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
	Call niFgen_Create WaveformF64 using the following parameters:
Use Waveform dT for Sample Instrument Handle Waveform error in (no error)	following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal waveform: The signal out returned from the Sine Waveform VI in step 10. waveformSize: Value from Table 26. waveformDataArray: Array of sine waveform data. waveformHandle: A pointer to a waveform. The variable passed by reference through this parameter acts as a handle to the waveform and can be used for setting the active waveform, changing the data in the waveform,
	building sequences of waveforms, or deleting the waveform when it is no longer needed.

12. Initiate waveform generation by calling the niFgen Initiate Generation VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle AMAIN Instrument Handle Out error in (no error)	Call niFgen_InitiateGeneration using the following parameter: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal

- 13. Record the readings from the power meters.
- 14. Repeat steps 5 through 13 for each frequency listed in Table 26.



Note If you are using a single power meter, load the unused terminal with the 7 dB attenuator and the 50 Ω termination.

- 15. Convert the power measurements from watts to volts by taking the square root.
- 16. Add the positive terminal voltage and the negative terminal voltage measurements for each frequency in Table 26 to obtain the differential voltage result.
- 17. Remove the DAC sinc response by dividing each differential voltage result by $\sin(x)/x$.

where:

$$x = \left(\frac{OutputFrequency \times \pi}{400,\,000,\,000}\right)$$

 Make measurements relative to the 50 kHz result by dividing each differential voltage result by the differential voltage measured with a waveform frequency of 50 kHz.

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Frequencies	Samples
50 kHz, Reference	16,000
10 MHz	800,000
20 MHz	400,000
30 MHz	400,000
40 MHz	200,000
50 MHz	160,000
60 MHz	200,000
70 MHz	400,000
80 MHz	100,000
90 MHz	1,600,000
100 MHz	80,000

Frequencies	Samples
110 MHz	1,200,000
120 MHz	100,000
130 MHz	400,000
140 MHz	200,000
150 MHz	80,000
160 MHz	50,000
170 MHz	800,000
180 MHz	800,000
190 MHz	400,000

Table 26. Frequencies and Samples for Adjusting

 Sine Wave Flatness Correction (Continued)

19. End the session by calling the niFgen Close VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle	Call niFgen_close using the following parameter: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_init

- 20. Connect the power meters to the CH 1 output terminals of the NI 5450 as shown in Figure 9.
- 21. Repeat steps 3 through 19 for CH 1.
22. Open an NI-FGEN external calibration session by calling the niFgen Init Ext Cal VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Resource Name	C/C++ Function Call Call niFgen_InitExtCal using the following parameters: resourceName: The name of the device you want to calibrate. This name can be found under Devices and Interfaces in MAX. password: The password required to open an external calibration session.
error in (no error)	The default password is "NI". vi : A pointer to an IVI session. The variable passed by reference through this parameter receives the value that identifies the external calibration session created by this function. This value acts as the session handle and is passed as the first parameter to all subsequent NI-FGEN functions.

23. Initialize flatness calibration by calling the niFgen Initialize Flatness Calibration VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle Instrument Handle Out error in (no error)	Call niFgen_InitializeFlatness Calibration using the following parameter: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal

24. Adjust the onboard calibration constants by calling the niFgen Cal Adjust Flatness VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
	Call niFgen_CalAdjust Flatness using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal
Frequencies Array Configuration Instrument Handle error in (no error) Measured Amplitudes Array	channelName: "0" requestedAmplitude: 1 configuration: NIFGEN_VAL_CAL_CONFIG_ DIRECT_PATH frequenciesArray: An array of the frequencies from Table 26, including the 50 kHz Reference. measuredAmplitudesArray: An array of the amplitudes calculated in step 18 for CH 0.

25. Adjust the onboard calibration constants by calling the niFgen Cal Adjust Flatness VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
	Call niFgen_CalAdjust Flatness using the following parameters: vi : The session handle returned
Frequencies Array Configuration Instrument Handle error in (no error) Measured Amplitudes Array	from niFgen_InitExtCal channelName: "1" requestedAmplitude: 1 configuration: NIFGEN_VAL_CAL_CONFIG_ DIRECT_PATH frequenciesArray: An array of the frequencies from Table 26, including the 50 kHz Reference. measuredAmplitudesArray: An array of the amplitudes calculated in step 18 for CH 1.

26. Close the instrument driver session and save the calibration date and temperature by calling the niFgen Close Ext Cal VI.

LabVIEW Block Diagram	C/C++ Function Call
Instrument Handle	C/C++ Function Call Call niFgen_CloseExtCal using the following parameters: vi: The session handle returned from niFgen_InitExtCal action: If the external adjustment procedure completed without any errors, use NIFGEN_VAL_EXT_CAL_COMMIT. This function stores any new calibration constants, updated calibration dates, and updated calibration temperatures in the
error in (no error)	onboard EEPROM. If any errors occurred during the external adjustment procedure, or if you want to abort the operation, use NIFGEN_VAL_EXT_CAL_ABORT. This function then discards the new calibration constants and does not change any of the calibration data stored in the onboard EEPROM.

You have finished adjusting the frequency response (flatness) of the NI 5450. Repeat the *Verification* section to reverify the performance of the NI 5450 after adjustments.

Verification Records

This section includes the verification limits for the following specifications:

- DC Voltage Absolute Accuracy
- DC Voltage Amplitude Channel-to-Channel Relative Accuracy
- DC Voltage Differential Offset
- DC Voltage Common Mode Offset
- AC Voltage Amplitude Absolute Accuracy
- AC Amplitude Channel-to-Channel Relative Accuracy
- Channel-to-Channel Timing Alignment Accuracy
- AC Voltage Amplitude Frequency Response (Flatness) Accuracy
- Average Noise Density
- Internal Reference Clock Frequency Accuracy

Compare these limits to the results you obtain in the Verification section.



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Note Limits in the following tables are based upon the March 2009 edition of the *NI 5450 Specifications*. Refer to the most recent NI 5450 specifications online at ni.com/manuals. If a more recent edition of the specifications is available, recalculate the limits based upon the latest specifications.

Note Measurement uncertainty was calculated in accordance with the method described in ISO GUM (Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement), for a confidence level of 95%. The expressed uncertainty is based in the recommended measurement methodology, standards, metrology best practices and environmental conditions of the National Instruments laboratory. It should be considered as a guideline for the level of measurement uncertainty that can be achieved using the recommended method, but it is not a replacement for the user uncertainty analysis that takes in consideration user's conditions and practices.

СН	Range	Output	Negative As Found Test Limit	Negative After Adjustment Test Limit	Measured Value	Positive As Found Test Limit	Positive After Adjustment Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty
0	2 V	+0.1 V	-0.004	-0.0018		+0.004	+0.0018	
0	2 V	+0.5 V	-0.004	-0.0018		+0.004	+0.0018	
0	2 V	+1.0 V	-0.004	-0.0018		+0.004	+0.0018	
0	2 V	-0.1 V	-0.004	-0.0018		+0.004	+0.0018	
0	2 V	-0.5 V	-0.004	-0.0018		+0.004	+0.0018	
0	2 V	-1.0 V	-0.004	-0.0018		+0.004	+0.0018	
1	2 V	+0.1 V	-0.004	-0.0018		+0.004	+0.0018	
1	2 V	+0.5 V	-0.004	-0.0018		+0.004	+0.0018	
1	2 V	+1.0 V	-0.004	-0.0018		+0.004	+0.0018	
1	2 V	-0.1 V	-0.004	-0.0018		+0.004	+0.0018	
1	2 V	-0.5 V	-0.004	-0.0018		+0.004	+0.0018	
1	2 V	-1.0 V	-0.004	-0.0018		+0.004	+0.0018	

Table 27. NI 5450 DC Voltage Amplitude Absolute Accuracy Verification Limits

СН	Range	Output	Negative As Found Test Limit	Negative After Adjustment Test Limit	Measured Value	Positive As Found Test Limit	Positive After Adjustment Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty
0	2 V	0.0 V	-1.000 0 mV	-0.7500 mV		+1.000 0 mV	+0.7500 mV	
1	2 V	0.0 V	-1.000 0 mV	-0.7500 mV		+1.000 0 mV	+0.7500 mV	

Table 28. NI 5450 DC Voltage Differential Offset Accuracy Verification Limits

 Table 29.
 DC Voltage Common Mode Offset Accuracy

СН	Range	Output	Negative As Found Test Limit	Negative After Adjustment Test Limit	Calculated Value	Positive As Found Test Limit	Positive After Adjustment Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty
$\varepsilon_{V_{CMO}} = \frac{(V_{CMO(+)} + V_{CMO(-)})}{2}$								
0	2 V	0.0 V	-350.000 μV	-250.000 μV		+350.000 μV	+250.000 μV	
1	2 V	0.0 V	-350.000 μV	-250.000 μV		+350.000 μV	+250.000 μV	

Table 30. NI 5450 DC Voltage Amplitude Channel-to-Channel Relative Accuracy Verification Limits

СН	Range	Setting	Negative Test Limit	Calculated Value	Positive Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty				
$\varepsilon_{(0,1)} = V_{CH0} - V_{CH1}$										
0, 1	2 V	0.1 V	$-1600 \mu\text{V}$	ε _{0,1} =	+1600 μV					
0, 1	2 V	-0.1 V	$-1600 \mu\text{V}$	ε _{0,1} =	+1600 µV					
0, 1	2 V	0.5 V	$-1600 \mu\text{V}$	ε _{0,1} =	+1600 µV					
0, 1	2 V	-0.5 V	$-1600 \mu\text{V}$	ε _{0,1} =	+1600 µV					
0, 1	2 V	1.0 V	$-1600 \mu\text{V}$	ε _{0,1} =	+1600 μV					
0, 1	2 V	-1.0 V	$-1600 \mu\text{V}$	ε _{0,1} =	+1600 µV					

СН	Differential Range	Frequency	Negative As Found Test Limit	Negative After Adjustment Test Limit	Calculated Value	Positive As Found Test Limit	Positive After Adjustment Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty	
$\varepsilon = (\sqrt{2} \times V_{RMS} - 1) \times 100$									
0	2.0 V	50 kHz	-0.5%	-0.2%	ε =	+0.5%	+0.2%		
1	2.0 V	50 kHz	-0.5%	-0.2%	ε =	+0.5%	+0.2%		

Table 31. NI 5450 AC Voltage Amplitude Absolute Accuracy Verification Limits

Table 32. NI 5450 AC Amplitude Channel-to-Channel Relative Accuracy Verification Limits

СН	Differential Range	Frequency	Negative Test Limit	Calculated Value	Positive Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty		
$\varepsilon_{0,1} = 2 \times \sqrt{2} \times (V_{RMS_{CH0}} - V_{RMS_{CH1}})$								
0, 1	2.0 V	50 kHz	-4.0 mV	ε _{0,1} =	+4.0 mV			

Table 33. NI 5450 Channel-to-Channel Timing Alignment Accuracy Verification Limits

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Negative Test Limit	Calculated Value	Positive Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty		
$t_{alignment} = \left t_{CH2} - t_{CH(1)} \right $								
0, 1	0 dBFS	10 MHz	0 ps	t _{align} =	35 ps			

	Table 34. NI 5450 AC Voltage Amplitude Frequency Response (Flatness) Accuracy Verification Limits									
СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Negative As Found Test Limit	Negative After Adjustment Test Limit	Calculated Value	Positive As Found Test Limit	Positive After Adjustment Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty		
	$Flatness_{Ref} = 10 \times \log \left[\frac{W_{f(+)} + W_{f(-)} + 2 \times \sqrt{W_{f(+)} \times W_{f(-)}}}{W_{Ref(+)} + W_{Ref(-)} + 2 \times \sqrt{W_{Ref(+)} \times W_{Ref(-)}}} \right]$									
0	0 dBFS	50 kHz			Reference R ₍₊₎₅₀ =	$R_{(-)50} =$				
0	0 dBFS	10 kHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB			
0	0 dBFS	100 kHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB			
0	0 dBFS	1 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB			
0	0 dBFS	10 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB			
0	0 dBFS	20 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB			
0	0 dBFS	30 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB			
0	0 dBFS	40 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB			
0	0 dBFS	50 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB			
0	0 dBFS	60 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB			
0	0 dBFS	70 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB			
0	0 dBFS	80 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB			
0	0 dBFS	90 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB			
0	0 dBFS	100 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB			
0	0 dBFS	110 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB			
0	0 dBFS	120 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB			
1	0 dBFS	50 kHz			Reference $R_{(+)50} =$	$R_{(-)50} =$				

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Negative As Found Test Limit	Negative After Adjustment Test Limit	Calculated Value	Positive As Found Test Limit	Positive After Adjustment Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty
1	0 dBFS	10 kHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	0 dBFS	100 kHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	0 dBFS	1 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	0 dBFS	10 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	0 dBFS	20 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	0 dBFS	30 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	0 dBFS	40 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	0 dBFS	50 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	0 dBFS	60 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	0 dBFS	70 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
1	0 dBFS	80 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
1	0 dBFS	90 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
1	0 dBFS	100 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
1	0 dBFS	110 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
1	0 dBFS	120 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{chl(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
0	-20 dBFS	50 kHz			Reference $R_{(+)50} =$	$R_{(-)50} =$		
0	-20 dBFS	10 kHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
0	-20 dBFS	100 kHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
0	-20 dBFS	1 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
0	-20 dBFS	10 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	

 Table 34.
 NI 5450 AC Voltage Amplitude Frequency Response (Flatness) Accuracy Verification Limits (Continued)

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Negative As Found Test Limit	Negative After Adjustment Test Limit	Calculated Value	Positive As Found Test Limit	Positive After Adjustment Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty
0	-20 dBFS	20 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
0	-20 dBFS	30 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
0	-20 dBFS	40 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
0	-20 dBFS	50 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
0	-20 dBFS	60 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
0	-20 dBFS	70 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
0	-20 dBFS	80 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
0	-20 dBFS	90 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
0	-20 dBFS	100 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)}=$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
0	-20 dBFS	110 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
0	-20 dBFS	120 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch0(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
1	-20 dBFS	50 kHz			Reference $R_{(+)50} =$	R ₍₋₎₅₀ =		
1	-20 dBFS	10 kHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch1(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	-20 dBFS	100 kHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch1(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	-20 dBFS	1 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch1(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	-20 dBFS	10 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch1(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	-20 dBFS	20 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch1(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	-20 dBFS	30 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch1(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	-20 dBFS	40 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	Flatness _{ch1(f)} =	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	-20 dBFS	50 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch1(f)} =$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	

 Table 34.
 NI 5450 AC Voltage Amplitude Frequency Response (Flatness) Accuracy Verification Limits (Continued)

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Negative As Found Test Limit	Negative After Adjustment Test Limit	Calculated Value	Positive As Found Test Limit	Positive After Adjustment Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty
1	-20 dBFS	60 MHz	-0.24 dB	-0.22 dB	$Flatness_{ch1(f)}=$	+0.24 dB	+0.22 dB	
1	-20 dBFS	70 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch1(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
1	-20 dBFS	80 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch1(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
1	-20 dBFS	90 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch1(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
1	-20 dBFS	100 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch1(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
1	-20 dBFS	110 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch1(f)} =$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	
1	-20 dBFS	120 MHz	-0.34 dB	-0.25 dB	$Flatness_{ch1(f)}=$	+0.34 dB	+0.25 dB	

 Table 34.
 NI 5450 AC Voltage Amplitude Frequency Response (Flatness) Accuracy Verification Limits (Continued)

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Measured Value	Positive Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty
		AVC			
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (10 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (20 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (30 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (40 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (50 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (60 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (70 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (80 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (90 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (100 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (110 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (120 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (130 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (140 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (150 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (160 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (170 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	

Table 35. NI 5450 Average Noise Density Verification Limits

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Measured Value	Positive Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (180 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (190 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (200 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
0	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	AVG_ND _{CH0} =dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (10 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (20 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (30 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (40 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (50 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (60 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (70 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (80 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (90 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (100 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (110 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (120 MHz)=dBm/Hz	-160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (130 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (140 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (150 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	

Table 35. NI 5450 Average Noise Density Verification Limits (Continued)

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Measured Value	Positive Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (160 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (170 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (180 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (190 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	NoiseDensity (200 MHz)=dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	
1	-40 dBFS	1 MHz	AVG_ND _{CH1} =dBm/Hz	–160 dBm/Hz	

Table 35. NI 5450 Average Noise Density Verification Limits (Continued)

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Negative As Found Test Limit	Calculated Value	Positive Test Limit	Measurement Uncertainty
	$\varepsilon = \frac{f_{meas} - 10M}{10 M} \times 100$					
0	0 dBFS	10 MHz	-0.01%	ε=	+0.01%	

Table 36. NI 5450 Internal Reference Clock Frequency Accuracy Verification Limits

Optional Verification Limits

This section includes the verification limits for the following specifications:

- Channel-to-Channel Frequency Response (Flatness) Matching Accuracy
- Analog Bandwidth
- Spurious Free Dynamic Range (SFDR) with Harmonics Accuracy
- Spurious Free Dynamic Range without Harmonics Accuracy
- Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)
- Intermodulation Distortion (IMD₃)
- Rise/Fall Time
- Phase Noise Density
- Jitter

Compare these limits to the results you obtain in the Verification section.

Table 37. NI 5450 Channel-to-Channel Frequency Response (Flatness) Matching Accuracy Verification Limits

Amplitude	Frequency	Negative Test Limit, Typical	Calculated Value (dB)	Positive Test Limit, Typical				
$\varepsilon_{(CH0 - CH1)} = Flatness_{CH0(f)} - Flatness_{CH1(f)}$								
0 dBFS	10 kHz	-0.03 dB	ε _(CH0-CH1) =	+0.03 dB				
0 dBFS	100 kHz	-0.03 dB	ε _(CH0-CH1) =	+0.03 dB				
0 dBFS	1 MHz	-0.03 dB	ε _(CH0-CH1) =	+0.03 dB				
0 dBFS	10 MHz	-0.03 dB	$\epsilon_{(CH0-CH1)} =$	+0.03 dB				
0 dBFS	20 MHz	-0.03 dB	$\epsilon_{(CH0-CH1)} =$	+0.03 dB				
0 dBFS	30 MHz	-0.03 dB	ε _(CH0-CH1) =	+0.03 dB				
0 dBFS	40 MHz	-0.03 dB	$\epsilon_{(CH0-CH1)} =$	+0.03 dB				
0 dBFS	50 MHz	-0.03 dB	$\epsilon_{(CH0-CH1)} =$	+0.03 dB				
0 dBFS	60 MHz	-0.03 dB	ε _(CH0-CH1) =	+0.03 dB				
0 dBFS	70 MHz	-0.04 dB	ε _(CH0-CH1) =	+0.04 dB				
0 dBFS	80 MHz	-0.04 dB	ε _(CH0-CH1) =	+0.04 dB				
0 dBFS	90 MHz	-0.04 dB	ε _(CH0-CH1) =	+0.04 dB				
0 dBFS	100 MHz	-0.04 dB	ε _(CH0-CH1) =	+0.04 dB				

	Table 37.	NI 5450 Channel-to-Channel	el Frequency Response	(Flatness) Matchin	g Accuracy Verification Limits
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Amplitude	Frequency	Negative Test Limit, Typical	Calculated Value (dB)	Positive Test Limit, Typical
0 dBFS	110 MHz	-0.04 dB	ε _(CH0-CH1) =	+0.04 dB
0 dBFS	120 MHz	-0.04 dB	ε _(CH0-CH1) =	+0.04 dB

Table 38. NI 5450 Analog Bandwidth Verification Limits

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Calculate Value (dB)	Test Limit, Typical					
	$Flatness_{Ref} = 10 \times \log \left[\frac{W_{f(+)} + W_{f(-)} + 2 \times \sqrt{W_{f(+)} \times W_{f(-)}}}{W_{Ref(+)} + W_{Ref(-)} + 2 \times \sqrt{W_{Ref(+)} \times W_{Ref(-)}}} \right]$								
0	-1 dBFS	50 kHz	Reference=	—					
0	-1 dBFS	130 MHz	Flatness=	≥-2.25 dB					
0	-1 dBFS	140 MHz	Flatness=	≥-2.75 dB					
0	-1 dBFS	145 MHz	Flatness=	$\geq -3 \text{ dB}$					
1	-1 dBFS	50 kHz	Reference=	—					
1	-1 dBFS	130 MHz	Flatness=	≥-2.25 dB					
1	-1 dBFS	140 MHz	Flatness=	≥-2.75 dB					
1	-1 dBFS	145 MHz	Flatness=	$\geq -3 \text{ dB}$					

Table 39. NI 5450 Spurious Free Dynamic Range with Harmonics Accuracy Verification Limits

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Calculated Value (dB)	Test Limit, Typical
	S	SFDR _{With Harmonics} =	Ampl(carrier)-Ampl(LargeSpur)	
0	-1 dBFS	10 MHz	SFDR _{With Harmonics} =	≥70 dB
0	-1 dBFS	60 MHz	SFDR _{With Harmonics} =	≥68 dB
0	-1 dBFS	100 MHz	SFDR _{With Harmonics} =	≥62 dB
0	-1 dBFS	120 MHz	SFDR _{With Harmonics} =	≥62 dB
0	-1 dBFS	160 MHz	SFDR _{With Harmonics} =	≥62 dB
1	-1 dBFS	10 MHz	SFDR _{With Harmonics} =	≥70 dB

Table 39. NI 5450 Spurious Free Dynamic Range with Harmonics Accuracy Verification Limits (Continued)

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Calculated Value (dB)	Test Limit, Typical
1	-1 dBFS	60 MHz	SFDR _{With Harmonics} =	≥68 dB
1	-1 dBFS	100 MHz	SFDR _{With Harmonics} =	≥62 dB
1	-1 dBFS	120 MHz	SFDR _{With Harmonics} =	≥62 dB
1	–1 dBFS	160 MHz	SFDR _{With Harmonics} =	≥62 dB

 Table 40.
 NI 5450 Spurious Free Dynamic Range without Harmonics Accuracy Verification Limits

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Calculated Value (dB)	Test Limit, Typical
		_		
0	-1 dBFS	10 MHz	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} =	≥70 dB
0	-1 dBFS	60 MHz	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} =	≥68 dB
0	-1 dBFS	100 MHz	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} =	≥64 dB
0	-1 dBFS	120 MHz	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} =	≥62 dB
0	-1 dBFS	160 MHz	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} =	≥62 dB
1	-1 dBFS	10 MHz	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} =	≥70 dB
1	-1 dBFS	60 MHz	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} =	≥68 dB
1	-1 dBFS	100 MHz	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} =	≥64 dB
1	-1 dBFS	120 MHz	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} =	≥62 dB
1	-1 dBFS	160 MHz	SFDR _{Without Harmonics} =	≥62 dB

Table 41. NI 5450 Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) Verification Limits

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Measured Value (dBc)	Test Limit, Typical
0	-1 dBFS	10.1 MHz	THD =	≤–75 dBc
0	-1 dBFS	20.1 MHz	THD =	≤–70 dBc
0	-1 dBFS	40.1 MHz	THD =	≤–68 dBc
0	-1 dBFS	80.1 MHz	THD =	≤–68 dBc
0	-1 dBFS	100.1 MHz	THD =	≤–68 dBc

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Measured Value (dBc)	Test Limit, Typical
0	-1 dBFS	120.1 MHz	THD =	≤–78 dBc
0	-1 dBFS	160.1 MHz	THD =	≤–83 dBc
1	-1 dBFS	10.1 MHz	THD =	≤–75 dBc
1	-1 dBFS	20.1 MHz	THD =	≤–70 dBc
1	-1 dBFS	40.1 MHz	THD =	≤–68 dBc
1	-1 dBFS	80.1 MHz	THD =	≤–68 dBc
1	-1 dBFS	100.1 MHz	THD =	≤–68 dBc
1	-1 dBFS	120.1 MHz	THD =	≤–78 dBc
1	-1 dBFS	160.1 MHz	THD =	≤–83 dBc

Table 41. NI 5450 Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) Verification Limits (Continued)

Table 42. NI 5450 Intermodulation Distortion (IMD₃) Verification Limits

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Calculated Value (dBC)	Test Limit, Typical				
	$Max(P_{\langle 2 \times f_2 - f_1 \rangle}, P_{\langle 2 \times f_1 - f_2 \rangle}) - Min(P_{f_1}, P_{f_2})$							
0	-7 dBFS	10 MHz	IMD ₃ =	≤–84 dBc				
0	–7 dBFS	20 MHz	IMD ₃ =	≤–81 dBc				
0	–7 dBFS	40 MHz	IMD ₃ =	≤–75 dBc				
0	–7 dBFS	60 MHz	IMD ₃ =	≤–71 dBc				
0	–7 dBFS	80 MHz	IMD ₃ =	≤–68 dBc				
0	–7 dBFS	120 MHz	IMD ₃ =	≤–68 dBc				
0	–7 dBFS	160 MHz	IMD ₃ =	≤–66 dBc				
1	–7 dBFS	10 MHz	IMD ₃ =	≤–84 dBc				
1	–7 dBFS	20 MHz	IMD ₃ =	≤–81 dBc				
1	–7 dBFS	40 MHz	IMD ₃ =	≤–75 dBc				
1	–7 dBFS	60 MHz	IMD ₃ =	≤–71 dBc				
1	-7 dBFS	80 MHz	IMD ₃ =	≤–68 dBc				

Table 42.	NI 5450	Intermodulation	Distortion	(IMD_3)	Verification Limits	(Continued)	
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СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Calculated Value (dBC)	Test Limit, Typical
1	–7 dBFS	120 MHz	IMD ₃ =	≤–68 dBc
1	–7 dBFS	160 MHz	IMD ₃ =	≤–66 dBc

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Measured Value	Test Limit, Typical
0+	330 mV _{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Rise time = ns	≤3 ns
0+	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Fall time = ns	≤3 ns
0+	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Rising Edge Aberration =%	≤7%
0+	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Falling Edge Aberration =%	≤7%
0-	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Rise time = ns	≤3 ns
0-	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Fall time = ns	≤3 ns
0-	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Rising Edge Aberration =%	≤7%
0-	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Falling Edge Aberration =%	≤7%
1+	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Rise time =ns	≤3 ns
1+	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Fall time =ns	≤3 ns
1+	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Rising Edge Aberration =%	≤7%
1+	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Falling Edge Aberration =%	≤7%
1-	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Rise time =ns	≤3 ns
1-	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Fall time =ns	≤3 ns
1-	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Rising Edge Aberration =%	≤7%
1-	330 mV_{pk-pk}	33 MHz	Falling Edge Aberration =%	≤7%

Table 43. NI 5450 Rise and Fall Time Verification Limits

СН	Amplitude	Frequency	Measured Value	Test Limit, Typical
0	0 dBFS	10 MHz	$PND_{[100 \text{ Hz}]} = \underline{dBc/Hz}$	≤–121 dBc/Hz
0	0 dBFS	10 MHz	$PND_{[1 kHz]} =dBc/Hz$	≤–137 dBc/Hz
0	0 dBFS	10 MHz	$PND_{[10 \text{ kHz}]} =dBc/Hz$	≤–146 dBc/Hz
0	0 dBFS	10 MHz	PND $[100 \text{ kHz}] = \dBc/Hz$	≤–152 dBc/Hz
0	0 dBFS	10 MHz	$PND_{[1 MHz]} =dBc/Hz$	≤–153 dBc/Hz
0	0 dBFS	10 MHz	$Jitter_{[100 Hz-100 kHz]} = \underline{fs}$	≤350 fs
0	0 dBFS	100 MHz	$PND_{[100 Hz]} = \dBc/Hz$	≤–101 dBc/Hz
0	0 dBFS	100 MHz	$PND_{[1 kHz]} =dBc/Hz$	≤–119 dBc/Hz
0	0 dBFS	100 MHz	$PND_{[10 \text{ kHz}]} =dBc/Hz$	≤–126 dBc/Hz
0	0 dBFS	100 MHz	PND $[100 \text{ kHz}] = \dBc/Hz$	≤–136 dBc/Hz
0	0 dBFS	100 MHz	$PND_{[1 MHz]} =dBc/Hz$	≤–141 dBc/Hz
0	0 dBFS	100 MHz	Jitter $_{[100 \text{ Hz}-100 \text{ kHz}]} =fs$	≤350 fs
1	0 dBFS	10 MHz	$PND_{[100 Hz]} = \dBc/Hz$	≤–121 dBc/Hz
1	0 dBFS	10 MHz	$PND_{[1 kHz]} =dBc/Hz$	≤–137 dBc/Hz
1	0 dBFS	10 MHz	$PND_{[10 \text{ kHz}]} =dBc/Hz$	≤–146 dBc/Hz
1	0 dBFS	10 MHz	PND $[100 \text{ kHz}] = \dBc/Hz$	≤–152 dBc/Hz
1	0 dBFS	10 MHz	$PND_{[1 MHz]} =dBc/Hz$	≤–153 dBc/Hz
1	0 dBFS	10 MHz	Jitter $_{[100 \text{ Hz}-100 \text{ kHz}]} ={fs}$	≤350 fs
1	0 dBFS	100 MHz	$PND_{[100 Hz]} = \dBc/Hz$	≤–101 dBc/Hz
1	0 dBFS	100 MHz	$PND_{[1 kHz]} =dBc/Hz$	≤–119 dBc/Hz
1	0 dBFS	100 MHz	$PND_{[10 \text{ kHz}]} =dBc/Hz$	≤–126 dBc/Hz
1	0 dBFS	100 MHz	$PND_{[100 \text{ kHz}]} = \underline{dBc/Hz}$	≤–136 dBc/Hz
1	0 dBFS	100 MHz	$PND_{[1 MHz]} =dBc/Hz$	≤–141 dBc/Hz
1	0 dBFS	100 MHz	Jitter $_{[100 \text{ Hz}-100 \text{ kHz}]} =fs$	≤350 fs

Table 44. NI 5450 Phase Noise Density and Jitter Verification Limits

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