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# PXI-5406

# Specifications

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## Definitions

**Warranted** specifications describe the performance of a model under stated operating conditions and are covered by the model warranty.

**Characteristics** describe values that are relevant to the use of the model under stated operating conditions but are not covered by the model warranty.

- **Typical** specifications describe the performance met by a majority of models.
- **Nominal** specifications describe an attribute that is based on design, conformance testing, or supplemental testing.

Specifications are **Nominal** unless otherwise noted.

## Conditions

Specifications are valid under the following conditions unless otherwise noted:

- Ambient temperature range of 0 °C to 55 °C
- Analog filter enabled
- Interpolation set to maximum allowed factor for a given sample rate
- Signals terminated with 50  $\Omega$
- Full operating temperature range

Typical specifications are valid under the following conditions unless otherwise noted:

- Ambient temperature range of 15 °C to 35 °C

## CH 0

Number of channels	1
Connector type	BNC

## Output Voltage

Maximum voltage	$\pm 5$ V (ACpk + DC)
DAC resolution	16 bits

## Amplitude and Offset

<b>Amplitude range<sup>[1]</sup></b>	
50 $\Omega$ load	5.64 mVpk-pk to 10 Vpk-pk
High-impedance load	11.28 mVpk-pk to 20 Vpk-pk
Amplitude resolution	<0.06% (0.004 dB) of amplitude range
<b>Offset range<sup>[2]</sup></b>	
Square waveforms	$\pm 50\%$ of amplitude range
All other waveforms	$\pm 5$ V

## Accuracy

AC amplitude accuracy <sup>[3]</sup>	+2.0% of amplitude +1 mV -1.0% of amplitude -1 mV
Offset accuracy <sup>[4]</sup>	$\pm 0.5\%$ of offset $\pm 2$ mV $\pm 0.5\%$ of amplitude

## Output Characteristics

Output impedance	Software-selectable: 50 $\Omega$ or 75 $\Omega$
Output enable	Software-selectable: When the output path is disabled, the CH 0 output is terminated to ground with a 1 W resistor with a value equal to the selected output impedance
Maximum output overload	The CH 0 output can be connected to a 50 $\Omega$ , $\pm 12$ V source without sustaining any damage. No damage occurs if the CH 0 output is shorted to ground indefinitely.
Waveform summing	Outputs of multiple PXI-5406 signal generators can be connected together
Phase adjustment	-180° to +180°
Digital interpolation filter <sup>[5]</sup>	Software-selectable: Finite Impulse Response (FIR) filter with available interpolation factors of 2 or 4

Analog filter	Software-selectable: 7-pole elliptical filter
Frequency resolution	0.355 $\mu$ Hz

## Maximum Frequencies for Common Functions

Maximum frequencies <sup>[6]</sup>	
Sine	40 MHz
Square	25 MHz
Ramp	5 MHz
Triangle	5 MHz
User-defined <sup>[7]</sup>	40 MHz
Maximum sample rate	
Sine	400 MS/s
Square	400 MS/s
Ramp	100 MS/s

Triangle	100 MS/s
User-defined <sup>[7]</sup>	400 MS/s
Noise	100 MS/s

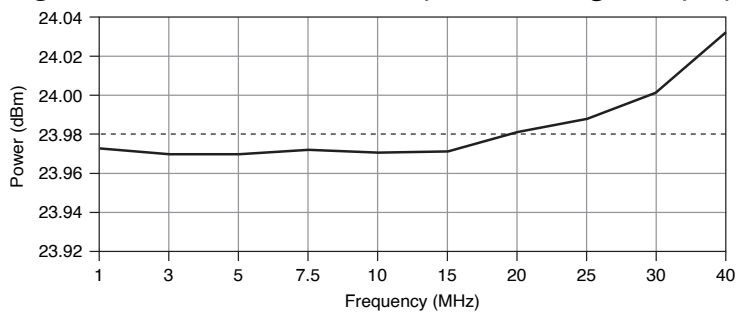
## Sine Waves

- Spectral characteristics may degrade when offset is applied.
- Spectral characteristics at low amplitudes are limited by a -148 dBm/Hz noise floor.
- Output amplitude of -1 dBFS is used for all spectral specifications.

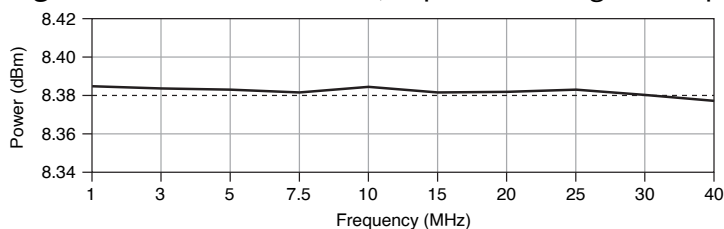
Passband flatness <sup>[8]</sup>	$\pm 0.4$ dB ( $\pm 5\%$ )
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The data presented in the following figures were acquired with the Rohde & Schwarz NRVS Power Meter using the NRV-Z51 Thermal Power Sensor.

**Figure 1.** Passband Flatness, Expected Voltage 10 Vpk-pk (23.98 dBm)



**Figure 2.** Passband Flatness, Expected Voltage 1.66 Vpk-pk (8.38 dBm)



<b>Spurious-free dynamic range (SFDR)<sup>[9]</sup> with harmonics<sup>[10]</sup></b>	
<10 MHz	50 dB, typical
10 MHz to 40 MHz	45 dB, typical
<b>Spurious-free dynamic range (SFDR)<sup>[9]</sup> without harmonics<sup>[11]</sup></b>	
<20 MHz	70 dB, typical
20 MHz to 40 MHz	60 dB, typical
<b>Total harmonic distortion (THD)<sup>[12]</sup></b>	
<b>DC to 1 MHz</b>	
$\leq 1.66$ Vpk-pk	-60 dBc, typical
$> 1.66$ Vpk-pk	-58 dBc, typical
<b>1 MHz to 40 MHz</b>	
$\leq 1.66$ Vpk-pk	-41 dBc
$> 1.66$ Vpk-pk	-32 dBc
<b>Signal to Noise and Distortion (SINAD)<sup>[11]</sup></b>	
<b>DC to 1 MHz</b>	
$\leq 1.66$ Vpk-pk	58 dBc



>1.66 Vpk-pk	58 dBc
<b>1 MHz to 40 MHz</b>	
≤1.66 Vpk-pk	41 dBc
>1.66 Vpk-pk	32 dBc
Average noise density	-114 dBm/Hz
<b>Phase noise density<sup>[13]</sup></b>	
100 Hz	-100 dBc/Hz
1 kHz	-110 dBc/Hz
10 kHz	-120 dBc/Hz
Jitter (RMS) <sup>[14]</sup>	<4.0 ps rms

## Square Waves

<b>Pulse response</b>	
Rise/fall time	<12 ns, typical
Aberration (undershoot/overshoot)	<5%, typical
<b>Duty cycle<sup>[15]</sup></b>	

<10 MHz	20% to 80%
10 MHz to 40 MHz	50%
<b>Jitter (RMS)</b> <sup>[16]</sup>	
<2 MHz	0.01% of period + 500 ps, typical
≥2 MHz	0.1% of period + 70 ps

## User-Defined Waves

Waveform size	16,384 samples
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## Frequency List Mode

Frequency steps	1 to 58,235 steps
Step duration	1 ms to 21 s

## Sample Clock

Source <sup>[17]</sup>	Onboard VCXO
Frequency accuracy <sup>[18]</sup>	±25 ppm

Interpolation <sup>[19]</sup>	1 (off) 2 4
Destinations <sup>[20]</sup>	SYNC OUT/PFI 0 (BNC front panel connector) PFI 1 (BNC front panel connector) PXI_Trig<0..6> (backplane connector)
<b>Maximum frequency</b> <sup>[21]</sup>	
SYNC OUT/PFI 0	100 MHz
PFI 1	100 MHz
PXI_Trig<0..6>	20 MHz
<b>Jitter</b> <sup>[21]</sup>	
SYNC OUT/PFI 0	6 ps rms, typical
PFI 1	12 ps rms, typical
<b>Duty cycle</b> <sup>[21]</sup>	
SYNC OUT/PFI 0	25% to 65%
PFI 1	25% to 65%

## Phase-Locked Loop (PLL) Reference Clock

Sources <sup>[22]</sup>	REF IN (BNC front panel connector) PXI_CLK10 (backplane connector) None
Frequency accuracy <sup>[23]</sup>	When using the PLL, the frequency accuracy of the PXI-5406 is solely dependent on the frequency accuracy of the PLL Reference Clock source
Lock time	200 ms, maximum 70 ms, typical
Frequency range <sup>[24]</sup>	5 MHz to 20 MHz, in steps of 1 MHz. The default value is 10 MHz.
Allowed duty cycle range	40% to 60%
Destinations	SYNC OUT/PFI 0 (BNC front panel connector) PFI 1 (BNC front panel connector) PXI_Trig<0..6> (backplane connector)

# TClk Synchronization

## Intermodule SMC Synchronization Using NI-TClk for Identical Modules

National Instruments TClk synchronization method and the NI-TClk instrument driver are used to align the Sample Clocks on any number of SMC-based modules in a chassis.

- Specifications are valid for any number of PXI modules installed in one PXI-1042 chassis
- All parameters are set to identical values for each SMC-based module
- Sample Clock is set to 100 MS/s, Divide-by-N, and all filters are disabled
- For other configurations, including multichassis systems, contact NI Technical Support at [ni.com/support](http://ni.com/support)

Skew <sup>[25]</sup>	500 ps, typical
Average skew after manual adjustment <sup>[26]</sup>	<10 ps, typical
Sample Clock delay/adjustment resolution	≤10 ps, typical



**Note** Although you can use NI-TClk to synchronize nonidentical modules, these specifications apply only to synchronizing identical modules.

## REF IN

Connector type	BNC
Direction	Input

Input voltage range	
Sine wave	0.63 Vpk-pk to 2.8 Vpk-pk into 50 $\Omega$ (0 dBm to +13 dBm)
Square wave	0.2 Vpk-pk to 2.8 Vpk-pk into 50 $\Omega$
Maximum input overload	$\pm 10$ V (ACpk + DC)
Input impedance	50 $\Omega$
Input coupling	AC

## SYNC OUT/PFI 0 and PFI 1

Connector type	BNC (x2)
Direction	Bidirectional
Frequency range	DC to 100 MHz
<b>As an input (trigger)</b>	
Destination	Start Trigger
Maximum input overload	-2 V to +7 V (ACpk + DC)
$V_{IH}$	2.0 V

$V_{IL}$	0.8 V
Input impedance	1 k $\Omega$
<b>As an output (event)</b>	
Sources	Sample Clock divided by integer K ( $1 \leq K \leq 4,194,304$ ) PLL Reference Clock Exported Start Trigger (Out Start Trigger) SYNC OUT
Output impedance	50 $\Omega$
Maximum output overload	-2 V to +7 V (ACpk + DC)
<b>Minimum <math>V_{OH}</math></b> <sup>[27]</sup>	
50 $\Omega$ load	1.4 V
High-impedance load	2.9 V
<b>Maximum <math>V_{OL}</math></b> <sup>[27]</sup>	
50 $\Omega$ load	0.2 V
High-impedance load	0.2 V

Rise/fall time (20% to 80%) <sup>[28]</sup>	≤2.0 ns
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## Sync

Sync duty cycle	20% to 80%
<b>Jitter (RMS)</b> <sup>[29]</sup>	
<2 MHz	0.01% of period + 500 ps, typical
≥2 MHz	0.1% of period + 70 ps

## Start Trigger

Sources	<p>SYNC OUT/PFI 0 (BNC front panel connector)</p> <p>PFI 1 (BNC front panel connector)</p> <p>PXI_Trig&lt;0..7&gt; (backplane connector)</p> <p>PXI Star Trigger (backplane connector)</p> <p>Software (use node or function call)</p> <p>Immediate (does not wait for a trigger.) The default is Immediate.</p>
Modes	<p>Single</p> <p>Continuous</p> <p>Stepped</p>



	Burst
Edge detection	Rising Falling Level high Level low
Minimum pulse width	25 ns
<b>Delay from Start Trigger to CH 0 analog output</b>	
Sine waveforms	1,100 ns, typical
Square waveforms	1,100 ns + 0.5% of period, typical
All other waveforms	900 ns
Destinations	SYNC OUT/PFI 0 (BNC front panel connector) PFI 1 (BNC front panel connector) PXI_Trig<0..6> (backplane connector)
Exported trigger delay	65 ns, typical
Exported trigger pulse width	>150 ns

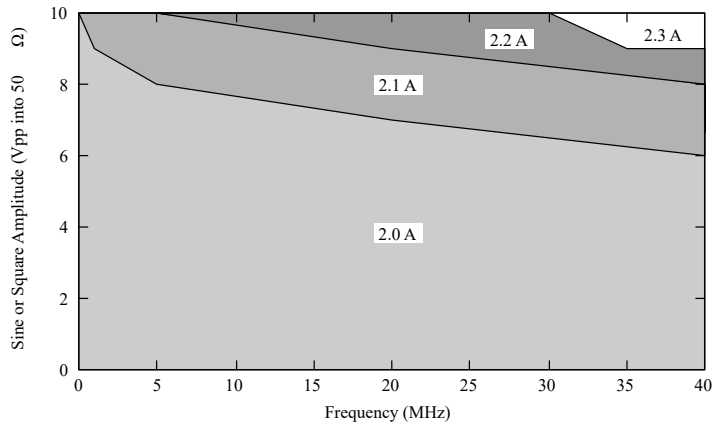
## Calibration

Self-calibration	An onboard, 24-bit ADC and precision voltage reference are used to calibrate the gain and offset. Square waveform duty cycle is also calibrated. The self-calibration is initiated by the user through the software and takes approximately 105 seconds to complete.
External calibration <sup>[30]</sup>	External calibration calibrates the VCXO, voltage reference, self-calibration ADC, flatness, gain, and offset. Appropriate constants are stored in nonvolatile memory.
Calibration interval	Specifications valid within two years of external calibration
Warm-up time	15 minutes

## Power

+3.3 VDC	1.4 A
+5 VDC	Refer to the following figure
+12 VDC	0.11 A
-12 VDC	0.01 A
Total power	17.6 W

**Figure 3. 5 V Current Versus Frequency and Amplitude**



## Environment

Maximum altitude	2,000 m (at 25 °C ambient temperature)
Pollution Degree	2

Indoor use only.

## Operating Environment

Ambient temperature range	0 °C to 55 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2.) 0 °C to 45 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2.) when installed in a PXI-101x or PXI-1000B chassis
Relative humidity range	10% to 90%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-56.)

## Storage Environment

Ambient temperature range	-25 °C to 85 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2.)
Relative humidity range	5% to 95%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-56.)

## Shock and Vibration

<b>Shock</b>	
Operating <sup>[31]</sup>	30 g peak, half-sine, 11 ms pulse (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-27. Test profile developed in accordance with MIL-PRF-28800F.)
Storage	50 g peak, half-sine, 11 ms pulse (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-27. Test profile developed in accordance with MIL-PRF-28800F.)
<b>Random vibration</b>	
Operating <sup>[31]</sup>	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 0.31 grms (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-64.)
Nonoperating	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 2.46 grms (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-64. Test profile exceeds the requirements of MIL-PRF-28800F, Class 3.)

## Physical

Dimensions	3U, one-slot, PXI/cPCI module 21.6 cm × 2.0 cm × 13.0 cm (8.5 in. × 0.8 in. × 5.1 in.)
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Weight	351 g (12.4 oz)
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## Compliance and Certifications

### Safety Compliance Standards

This product is designed to meet the requirements of the following electrical equipment safety standards for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA C22.2 No. 61010-1



**Note** For safety certifications, refer to the product label or the [Product Certifications and Declarations](#) section.

### Electromagnetic Compatibility

This product meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61326-1 (IEC 61326-1): Class A emissions; Basic immunity
- EN 55011 (CISPR 11): Group 1, Class A emissions
- EN 55022 (CISPR 22): Class A emissions
- EN 55024 (CISPR 24): Immunity
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- AS/NZS CISPR 22: Class A emissions
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions



**Note** In the United States (per FCC 47 CFR), Class A equipment is intended for use in commercial, light-industrial, and heavy-industrial locations. In Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand (per CISPR 11), Class A equipment is intended for use only in heavy-industrial locations.



**Note** Group 1 equipment (per CISPR 11) is any industrial, scientific, or medical equipment that does not intentionally generate radio frequency energy for the treatment of material or inspection/analysis purposes.



**Note** For EMC declarations, certifications, and additional information, refer to the [Product Certifications and Declarations](#) section.

## Product Certifications and Declarations


Refer to the product Declaration of Conformity (DoC) for additional regulatory compliance information. To obtain product certifications and the DoC for NI products, visit [ni.com/product-certifications](https://ni.com/product-certifications), search by model number, and click the appropriate link.

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