

SPECIFICATIONS

PXI-5404

100 MHz Bandwidth, 12-Bit PXI Waveform Generator

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Conditions

Specifications are valid under the following conditions unless otherwise noted:

- Ambient temperature range of 0 °C to 50 °C
- Output voltage amplitudes with a 50 Ω load
- SINE out voltage amplitude of 2 Vpk-pk with a 50 Ω load
- CLOCK out level of 5 V
- External calibration performed between 18 °C and 28 °C

Typical specifications were determined on a small sampling of PXI-5404 waveform generators.

CH 0 Outputs

Both CH 0 outputs generate the same frequency simultaneously.

Number of outputs	1 sine 1 clock
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CH 0 SINE Out

Connector type	SMB male
Frequency range	9 kHz to 105 MHz
Frequency resolution	1.07 μ Hz
Phase range	0° to 359.978°
Phase resolution	16,384 steps including endpoints ($\sim 0.022^\circ$)
Output impedance ¹	50 Ω , nominal
Output protection	10 V RMS
Sample rate	300 MS/s
Amplitude range	
Open load	4 V pk-pk to 2 V pk-pk
50 Ω load	2 V pk-pk to 1 V pk-pk
Amplitude resolution ²	2,048 steps including endpoints
Amplitude accuracy (50 kHz)	$\pm 1\%$
Amplitude passband flatness (relative to the amplitude at 50 kHz) ³	± 0.2 dB
Vertical resolution (open load)	
4 V pk-pk	12 bits
2 V pk-pk	11 bits
Bandwidth (0.2 dB) ⁴	105 MHz
Filter	Analog, 7-pole elliptical

¹ VSWR 2:1. Spans 9 kHz to 105 MHz.

² Steps are ~ 977 μ V with an open load and ~ 489 μ V with a 50 Ω load.

³ 9 kHz $< f < 105$ MHz. At 15 °C to 50 °C.

⁴ At 15 °C to 50 °C.

Table 1. Signal to Noise and Distortion (SINAD)⁵

Frequency	SINAD (dB), Typical
1 MHz	+51
10 MHz	+48
20 MHz	+45
50 MHz	+42
100 MHz	+42

Table 2. Spurious-Free Dynamic Range (SFDR) with Harmonics⁵

Frequency	SFDR with Harmonics (dBc), Typical
1 MHz	-55
10 MHz	-54
20 MHz	-49
50 MHz	-45
100 MHz	-53

Table 3. Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)⁶

Frequency	THD (dB), Typical
1 MHz	-50
10 MHz	-47
20 MHz	-40
50 MHz	-35
100 MHz	-30

Average noise density⁷0.126 $\mu\text{V RMS}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
-125 dBm/Hz⁵ Amplitude set to 1.8 Vpk-pk (~ -1 dBFS). Spans 9 kHz to 150 MHz.⁶ Amplitude set to 1.8 Vpk-pk (~ -1 dBFS). Includes the 2nd through the 6th harmonics.⁷ Integrated from 9 kHz to 150 MHz.

CH 0 CLOCK Out

Connector type	SMB male
Frequency range	DC to 105 MHz
Frequency resolution	1.07 μ Hz
Phase range	0° to 359.978°
Phase resolution	16,384 steps including endpoints (~ 0.022°)
Output impedance ⁸	50 Ω , nominal
Output protection	+8 V to -4 V

Table 4. Output Current (Source or Sink)

Voltage Level	Current (mA), Typical
5.0 V	120
3.3 V	72
1.8 V	48

Table 5. Amplitude (Open Load)

Voltage Level	Amplitude (V)			
	VOL		VOH	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
5.0 V	-0.10	0.40	4.00	5.30
3.3 V			2.60	3.70
1.8 V			1.40	2.20

⁸ VSWR 1.7:1. Spans DC to 105 MHz.

Table 6. Amplitude (50 Ω Load)⁹

Voltage Level	Amplitude (V)			
	VOL		VOH	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
5.0 V	-0.10	0.20	2.00	2.65
3.3 V			1.30	1.85
1.8 V			0.70	1.10

Rise/fall time (50 Ω load)

4 ns

Duty cycle range

25% to 75%

Duty cycle accuracy¹⁰

30% to 70%

 $\pm 2\%$, typical

25% and 75%

 $\pm 4\%$, typical

PFI 0 I/O

Connector type

SMB male

Direction

Bidirectional

Frequency range

DC to 20 MHz

Input signal

Destinations

 PXI_Trig <0..7> (backplane connector)
 REF OUT (front panel connector)
 Start Trigger

Input resistance

1 k Ω \pm 1%

Input protection

+8 V to -4 V

VIH

2.0 V

VIL

0.8 V

⁹ If the CH 0 CLOCK out signal is terminated into a 50 Ω load, the voltage levels are divided by two.

¹⁰ Spans 1.07 μ Hz to 60 MHz. SINE out at maximum amplitude.

Output signal

Sources	PXI_CLK10 (backplane connector) Sample Timebase Clock (60 MHz) divided by N ($3 \leq N \leq 255$) REF IN (front panel connector) PXI_Trig <0..7> (backplane connector) PXI Star Trigger (backplane connector) CH 0 CLOCK out (front panel connector) Software Trigger Start Trigger
Output impedance ¹¹	50 Ω \pm 5%
Output protection	+6 V to -1 V
Minimum VOH	
Open load	4.0 V
50 Ω load	2.0 V
Maximum VOL	
Open load	0.4 V
50 Ω load	0.2 V
Rise/fall time	4 ns

REF IN

Connector type	SMB male
Frequency range	
Phase-Locked Loop (PLL) Reference destination	1 MHz to 20 MHz
All other destinations (besides PLL Reference)	200 kHz to 30 MHz
Destinations	PLL Reference REF OUT (front panel connector) PFI 0 (front panel connector) PXI_TRIG <0..7> (backplane connector)
Input impedance	1 k Ω \pm 1%
Input protection (sine or square wave)	12 V pk-pk \pm 5 V DC

¹¹ Spans DC to 20 MHz.

Amplitude (sine or square wave)	300 mV pk-pk to 5 V pk-pk
Input coupling	AC

REF OUT

Connector type	SMB male
Frequency range	DC to 20 MHz
Sources	PXI_CLK10 (backplane connector) Sample Timebase Clock (60 MHz) divided by N ($3 \leq N \leq 255$) REF IN (front panel connector) PXI_Trig <0..7> (backplane connector) PXI Star Trigger (backplane connector) CH 0 CLOCK out (front panel connector) PFI 0 (front panel connector) Software Trigger Start Trigger
Output impedance ¹²	50 Ω \pm 5%
Output protection	+6 V to -1 V
VOH	
Open load	4.0 V
50 Ω load	2.0 V
VOL	
Open load	0.4 V
50 Ω load	0.2 V
Rise/fall time (50 Ω load)	4 ns

Start Trigger

Sources	PFI 0 (front panel connector) PXI_Trig<0..7> (backplane connector) PXI Star Trigger (backplane connector) Software Immediate (Does not wait for a trigger.) ¹³
Mode	Continuous

¹² Spans DC to 20 MHz.

¹³ The default is Immediate.

Trigger detection	Edge (rising)
Minimum pulse width	10 ns
Trigger to SINE output delay	250 μ s, typical

Sample Clock

Frequency	300 MS/s
Average phase noise density ¹⁴	-112 dBc/Hz

Phase-Locked Loop (PLL) Reference

Sources	PXI_CLK10 (backplane connector) REF IN (front panel connector) PXI_TRIG <0..7> (backplane connector) None (The PLL is not used.) ¹⁵
Frequency accuracy	When using the PLL, the frequency accuracy of the PXI-5404 is solely dependent on the frequency accuracy of the PLL Reference source.
Lock time	200 ms, typical
Frequencies	3 MHz to 20 MHz in 1 MHz increments
Frequency locking range	\pm 50 ppm
Duty cycle range	30% to 70%

Internal Clock

Clock source	The clock circuitry of the PXI-5404 can either be locked to a reference signal using the PLL or use an onboard frequency reference, specifically the Internal Clock.
Frequency accuracy ¹⁶	\pm 25 ppm, maximum \pm 11 ppm, typical
Frequency temperature coefficient	\pm 0.4 ppm/ $^{\circ}$ C

¹⁴ SINE out set to 10 MHz. Offset of 10 kHz \pm 500 Hz. PLL Reference set to REF IN.

¹⁵ The default is None. Refer to [Internal Clock](#) for more information.

¹⁶ At 18 $^{\circ}$ C to 28 $^{\circ}$ C.

External Calibration

Calibration interval	Specifications valid within one year of external calibration
Warm-up time	15 minutes

Power¹⁷

+3.3 V rail	1 A
+5 V rail	550 mA
+12 V rail	180 mA
-12 V rail	50 mA

Environment

Operating temperature	0 °C to 50 °C
Storage temperature	-20 °C to 70 °C

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.)
Weight	175 g (6.1 oz)

Compliance and Certifications

Safety

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 UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label or the [Online Product Certification](#) section.

¹⁷ With SINE out, CLOCK out, and REF OUT generating maximum amplitude waveforms into 50 Ω loads.

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
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions



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Note For EMC declarations and certifications, refer to the [Online Product Certification](#) section.

CE Compliance

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives, as follows:

- 2014/35/EU; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 2014/30/EU; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)

Online Product Certification

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