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The Anritsu Family of Pulse, Wideband and CW Power Meters and Power Sensors
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Another benefit of the power meter is that it can be easily set up to trigger on a pulse or sequence of pulses. Users can set up to four independent gates to measure the average, max and min powers on a sequence of pulses. The data for the max and min includes the timestamp and gives the user automatic display of the position and value of the maximum overshoot and minimum undershoot in each pulse.

Here are some more functionality highlights of ML2480A and ML2490A power meters:
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Measurement Solutions for High-Speed Wireless Systems

WLAN / WiMAX Solutions
WLAN and WiMAX technologies are playing an increasingly significant role in the design and installation of high-speed networks. What’s more, these transmission technologies have developed faster than the traditional power meter, leaving users with inaccurate power measurements.

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Making GSM/EDGE/GPRS measurements as easy as 1, 2, 3

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The straightforward and seamless combination of the graphical display and the measurement gates makes GSM and PCS systems measurements so easy to take, it’s elementary.

For GSM systems the power meter is set up to trigger on the GSM pulse. The active gate is set up to measure the power within the 10% to 90% section of the burst profile in order to meet the specified limits. An automatic limit can be used to give a pass or fail indication. The display shows the results from the active gate, indicating the average power within the burst.

GPRS and GSM test modes take advantage of the power meter’s multiple gates. Users can repeat a GSM gate pattern up to eight times—allowing the power meter to capture and read back the power from each of the slots—giving up to eight simultaneous measurements.

Making EDGE measurements has never been easier or faster. The power meter’s high sample rate leads to improved settling time. And the use of the trigger hold-off facility prevents re-triggering on the symbol transitions. What’s more, PHS and IS136 systems can also be measured in this way—just as fast, and just as effective.

3G CDMA Systems

Designed to measure the peak power of all the major CDMA systems in the world, the ML2480A and ML2490A series covers all the system bases, including those that use Time Division Duplexing such as TD-SCDMA.

Users can configure the display to measure Average, Peak and Crest Factor during the measurement period for FDD systems. TDD systems can be displayed as a graph profile and the measurement gates can be set to measure and display the Peak and Crest Factor during the data payload transmission.

Statistical functions (CCDF, CDF and PDF) are supported on CDMA measurements to enable the designers of power amplifiers to correctly estimate the margins on the peak power handling capabilities of their design.

The ML2480A and ML2490A series also allow the user to:

- See the actual power envelope variations in the signal via the high-speed profile display.
- Measure gain and output power of the amplifier under CDMA transmission conditions through the ML2488A dual input (in ratio mode).
- Leverage the wide bandwidth of the MA2411B and M2490/91A sensors and the power meter to easily measure multiple channel carriers in an allocated spectrum block.

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High Power Applications
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Choose the right sensor and meter for your measurement application.

Power Meter Models

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ML2495A Power Meter: Single Input
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ML2438A Power Meter: Dual Input
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Ordering Information

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Power Meter Models
ML2495A Standard Diode Series
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ML2497A High Accuracy Diode Series
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See your Anritsu Representative or Components Catalogs for available Accessories: Limiters, Coaxial adapters, Waveguide-to-Coaxial adapter, Splitters & Dividers, Loads, Bridges, Open/Shorts, and Calibrated Tone signals.

For complete power meter and sensor specifications; Technical Datasheet 11141-00423.

Pulse/modulated performance only specified with 1.5m sensor cable length option

Software upgrades, Labview drivers and application notes can be downloaded from the Anritsu web site at www.anritsu.com

Standard Accessories
Power Cord for Destination
Dye 1.5m sensor cord per meter input
Operation Manual
GBP Manual
Certificate of calibration, also included with sensors

General Options and Accessories
760–209 Hardcase Travel Case
D4105 Soft Carry Case with Shoulder Strap
MA2416A 50 MHz Reference Oscillator with Power Supply
ML2490A–01 Rack Mount, single unit
ML2490A–03 Rack Mount, side by side
ML2490A–05 Front Panel Handle
ML2490A–12 Front Panel Cover
ML2490A–20 Spare 15m Sensor Cable
ML2490A–21 0.3m Sensor Cable
ML2490A–28 RS32 Bislead Cable
ML2490A–29 Bulkhead Adapter
ML2491A Range Calibrator
ML2497A Agilent/HP 439x Series Sensor Adapter

Power Sensor Models

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ML2410D Standard Diode Series
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