

## SPECIFICATIONS

# PXIe-5646R-G

Reconfigurable 6 GHz Vector Signal Generator with 200 MHz Bandwidth

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## Definitions

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

The following characteristic specifications 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.
- *Typical-95* specifications describe the performance met by 95% ( $\approx 2\sigma$ ) of models with a 95% confidence.
- *Nominal* specifications describe an attribute that is based on design, conformance testing, or supplemental testing.

Within the specifications, self-calibration °C refers to the recorded device temperature of the last successful self-calibration.

Specifications are *Warranted* unless otherwise noted.

## Conditions

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Specifications are valid under the following conditions unless otherwise noted.

- 30 minutes warm-up time.
- Calibration cycle is maintained

- Chassis fan speed is set to High. In addition, NI recommends using slot blockers and EMC filler panels in empty module slots to minimize temperature drift.
- Calibration IP is used properly during the creation of custom FPGA bitfiles.
- Calibration Interconnect cable remains connected between CAL IN and CAL OUT front panel connectors.
- The cable connecting CAL IN to CAL OUT has not been removed or tampered with.
- Reference Clock source: Internal
- RF OUT power level: 0 dBm
- LO tuning mode: Fractional
- LO PLL loop bandwidth: Medium
- LO step size: 200 kHz
- LO frequency: 2.4 GHz
- LO source: Internal

## VSG Frequency

Frequency range 65 MHz to 6 GHz

**Table 1. PXIe-5646R-G Bandwidth**

Center Frequency	Instantaneous Bandwidth
≤109 MHz	20 MHz
>109 MHz to <200 MHz	80 MHz
200 MHz to 6 GHz	200 MHz
Tuning resolution <sup>1</sup>	888 nHz
LO step size	
Fractional mode	Programmable step size, 200 kHz default
Integer mode	2 MHz, 5 MHz, 10 MHz, 25 MHz

<sup>1</sup> Tuning resolution combines LO step size capability and frequency shift DSP implemented on the FPGA.

# Frequency Settling Time

**Table 2.** Maximum Frequency Settling Time

Settling Time	Maximum Time (ms)		
	Low Loop Bandwidth	Medium Loop Bandwidth <sup>2</sup> (default)	High Loop Bandwidth
$\leq 1 \times 10^{-6}$ of final frequency	1.1	0.95	0.38
$\leq 0.1 \times 10^{-6}$ of final frequency	1.2	1.05	0.4

The default medium loop bandwidth refers to a setting that adjusts PLL to balance tuning speed and phase noise, and it does not necessarily result in loop bandwidth between low and high.

This specification includes only frequency settling and excludes any residual amplitude settling.

## Internal Frequency Reference

Initial adjustment accuracy	$\pm 200 \times 10^{-9}$
Temperature stability	$\pm 1 \times 10^{-6}$ , maximum
Aging	$\pm 1 \times 10^{-6}$ per year, maximum
Accuracy	<i>Initial adjustment accuracy</i> $\pm$ <i>Aging</i> $\pm$ <i>Temperature stability</i>

## Frequency Reference Input (REF IN)

Refer to the [REF IN](#) section.

## Frequency Reference/Sample Clock Output (REF OUT)

Refer to the [REF OUT](#) section.

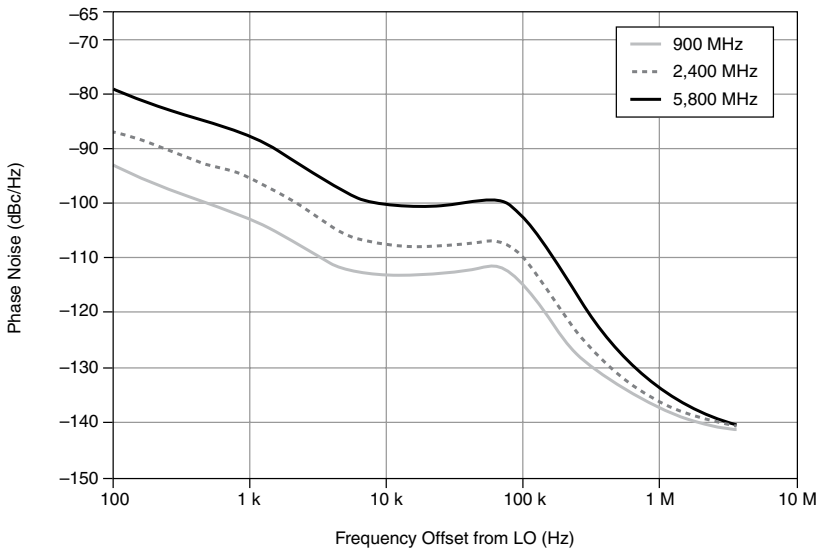
<sup>2</sup> Medium loop bandwidth is available only in fractional mode.

# Spectral Purity

**Table 3.** Single Sideband Phase Noise

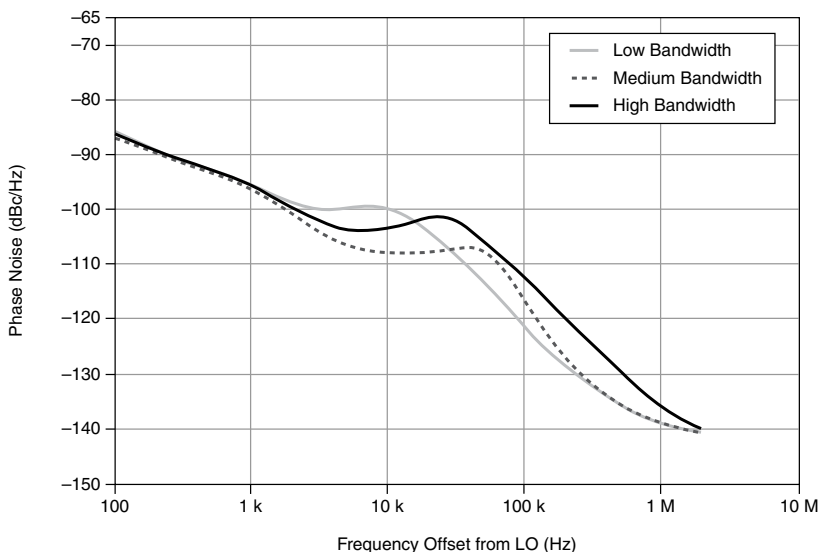
Frequency	Phase Noise (dBc/Hz), 20 kHz Offset (Single Sideband)		
	Low Loop Bandwidth	Medium Loop Bandwidth	High Loop Bandwidth
<3 GHz	-99	-99	-94
3 GHz to 4 GHz	-91	-93	-91
>4 GHz to 6 GHz	-93	-93	-87

**Figure 1.** Measured Phase Noise<sup>3</sup> at 900 MHz, 2.4 GHz, and 5.8 GHz



<sup>3</sup> Conditions: Measured Port: LO OUT; Reference Clock: internal; medium loop bandwidth.

**Figure 2.** Measured Phase Noise<sup>4</sup> at 2.4 GHz versus Loop Bandwidth



## RF Output

### Power Range

**Table 4.** Power Range

Output Type	Frequency	Power Range	
CW	<4 GHz	Noise floor to +10 dBm, average power <sup>5</sup>	Noise floor to +15 dBm, average power, nominal
	≥4 GHz	Noise floor to +7 dBm, average power <sup>5</sup>	Noise floor to +12 dBm, average power, nominal

<sup>4</sup> Conditions: Measured Port: LO OUT; Reference Clock: internal.

<sup>5</sup> Higher output is uncalibrated and may be compressed.

**Table 4. Power Range (Continued)**

Output Type	Frequency	Power Range	
Modulated <sup>6</sup>	<4 GHz	Noise floor to +6 dBm, average power	—
	≥4 GHz	Noise floor to +3 dBm, average power	—

Output attenuator resolution 2 dB, nominal

Digital attenuation resolution<sup>7</sup> 0.1 dB or better

## Amplitude Settling Time

0.1 dB of final value<sup>8</sup> 50 μs

0.5 dB of final value<sup>9</sup>, with LO retuned 300 μs

## Output Power Level Accuracy

**Table 5. Output Power Level Accuracy (dB)**

Center Frequency	15 °C to 35 °C		0 °C to 55 °C	
	Self-Calibration °C ± 1 °C	Self-Calibration °C ± 5 °C	Self-Calibration °C ± 1 °C	Self-Calibration °C ± 5 °C
65 MHz to <109 MHz	—	±0.70	—	±0.90
	—	±0.55 (95th percentile, ≈ 2σ)	—	±0.65 (95th percentile, ≈ 2σ)
	±0.26, typical	±0.40, typical	±0.36, typical	±0.50, typical

<sup>6</sup> Up to 12 dB crest factor, based on 3GPP LTE uplink requirements.

<sup>7</sup> Average output power ≥ -100 dBm.

<sup>8</sup> Constant LO frequency, varying RF output power range. Power levels ≤ 0 dBm. 175 μs for power levels > 0 dBm.

<sup>9</sup> LO tuning across harmonic filter bands.

**Table 5. Output Power Level Accuracy (dB) (Continued)**

Center Frequency	15 °C to 35 °C		0 °C to 55 °C	
	Self-Calibration °C ± 1 °C	Self-Calibration °C ± 5 °C	Self-Calibration °C ± 1 °C	Self-Calibration °C ± 5 °C
109 MHz to <270 MHz <sup>10</sup>	±0.26, typical	±0.75	±0.36, typical	±0.90
		±0.60 (95th percentile; ≈ 2σ)		±0.70 (95th percentile; ≈ 2σ)
		±0.45, typical		±0.55, typical
270 MHz to <375 MHz	—	±0.70	—	±0.90
	—	±0.55 (95th percentile, ≈ 2σ)	—	±0.65 (95th percentile, ≈ 2σ)
	±0.26, typical	±0.40, typical	±0.36, typical	±0.50, typical
375 MHz to <2 GHz	—	±0.75	—	±0.90
	—	±0.55 (95th percentile, ≈ 2σ)	—	±0.65 (95th percentile, ≈ 2σ)
	±0.26, typical	±0.40, typical	±0.36, typical	±0.50, typical
2 GHz to <4 GHz	—	±0.75	—	±0.90
	—	±0.60 (95th percentile, ≈ 2σ)	—	±0.70 (95th percentile, ≈ 2σ)
	±0.26, typical	±0.40, typical	±0.36, typical	±0.50, typical

<sup>10</sup> Harmonic suppression is reduced in this frequency range. As a result, offset errors may occur depending on whether you are using a true RMS device, such as a power meter.



**Table 5.** Output Power Level Accuracy (dB) (Continued)

Center Frequency	15 °C to 35 °C		0 °C to 55 °C	
	Self-Calibration °C ± 1 °C	Self-Calibration °C ± 5 °C	Self-Calibration °C ± 1 °C	Self-Calibration °C ± 5 °C
4 GHz to 6 GHz	—	±1.00	—	±1.15
	—	±0.80 (95th percentile, $\approx 2\sigma$ )	—	±0.90 (95th percentile, $\approx 2\sigma$ )
	±0.28, typical	±0.40, typical	±0.38, typical	±0.60, typical

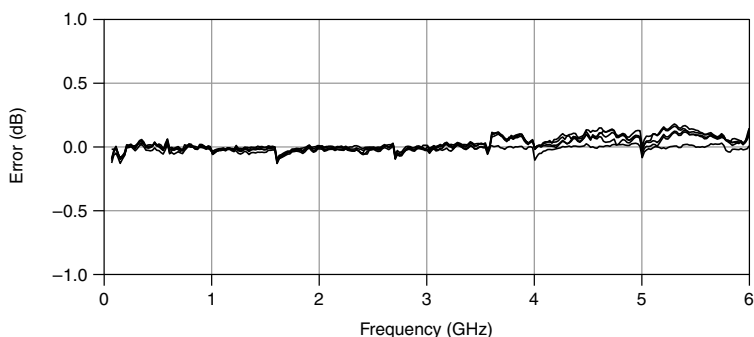
Conditions: CW average power -70 dBm to +10 dBm.

For power <-70 dBm, highly accurate generation can be achieved using digital attenuation, which relies on DAC linearity.

The absolute amplitude accuracy is measured at 3.75 MHz offset from the configured center frequency. The absolute amplitude accuracy measurements are made after the PXIe-5646R-G has settled.

This specification is valid only when the module is operating within the specified ambient temperature range and within the specified range from the last self-calibration temperature, as measured with the onboard temperature sensors.

**Figure 3.** Relative Power Accuracy, -40 dBm to 10 dBm, 10 dB Steps, Typical



# Frequency Response

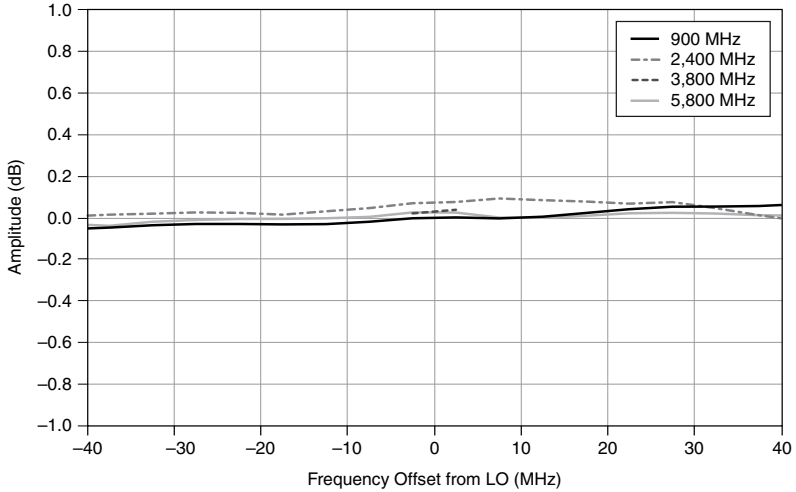
**Table 6.** VSG Frequency Response (dB) (Amplitude, Equalized)

Output Frequency	Bandwidth	Self-Calibration °C ± 5 °C
≤109 MHz	20 MHz	±0.9 dB
>109 MHz to <200 MHz	40 MHz	±0.5 dB
	80 MHz	±0.5 dB, typical
		±0.9 dB
≥200 MHz to 6 GHz	80 MHz	±0.5 dB
	200 MHz	±0.5 dB, typical
		±1.1 dB

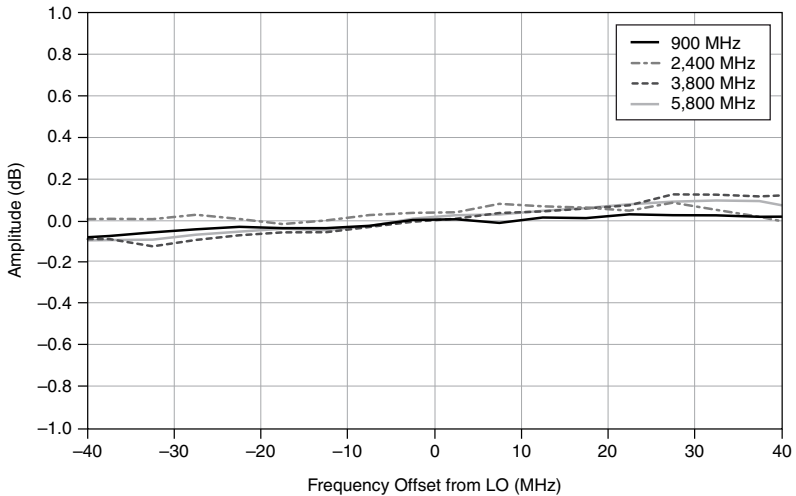
Conditions: Reference level -30 dBm to +30 dBm. This specification is valid only when the module is operating within the specified ambient temperature range and within the specified range from the last self-calibration temperature, as measured with the onboard temperature sensors.

Frequency response represents the relative flatness within a specified instantaneous bandwidth. Frequency response specifications are valid within any given frequency range and not the LO frequency itself.

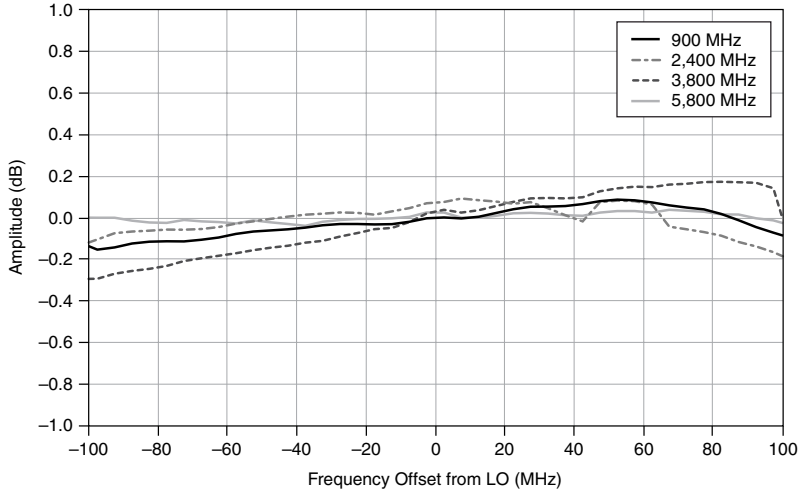
**Figure 4.** Measured 80 MHz Frequency Response, 0 dBm Output Power Level, Equalized



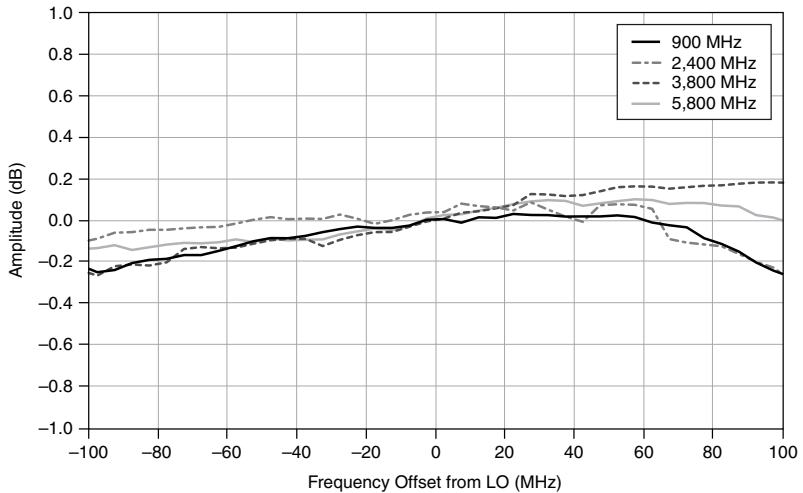
**Figure 5.** Measured 80 MHz Frequency Response, -50 dBm Output Power Level, Equalized



**Figure 6.** Measured 200 MHz Frequency Response, 0 dBm Output Power Level, Equalized



**Figure 7.** Measured 200 MHz Frequency Response, -50 dBm Output Power Level, Equalized



# Output Noise Density

**Table 7.** Average Output Noise Level (dBm/Hz)

Center Frequency	Power Setting		
	-30 dBm	0 dBm	10 dBm
65 MHz to 500 MHz	—	—	—
	-168, typical	-150, typical	-130, typical
>500 MHz to 1 GHz	—	—	—
	-168, typical	-147, typical	-137, typical
>1 GHz to 2.5 GHz	—	-149	-141
	-168, typical	-151, typical	-143, typical
>2.5 GHz to 3.5 GHz	—	-150	-140
	-168, typical	-153, typical	-143, typical
>3.5 GHz to 5 GHz	—	-144	-136
	-168, typical	-147, typical	-138, typical
>5 GHz to 6 GHz	—	-147	-138
	-168, typical	-149, typical	-140, typical

Conditions: Averages: 200 sweeps; baseband signal attenuation: -40 dB; noise measurement frequency offset: 4 MHz relative to output tone frequency.

## Spurious Responses

### Harmonics

**Table 8.** Second Harmonic Level (dBc)

Fundamental Frequency	23 °C ± 5 °C	0 °C to 55 °C
65 MHz to 3.5 GHz	-27	-24
	-29, typical	-27, typical
>3.5 GHz to 4.5 GHz	-26	-24
	-28, typical	-26, typical

**Table 8. Second Harmonic Level (dBc) (Continued)**

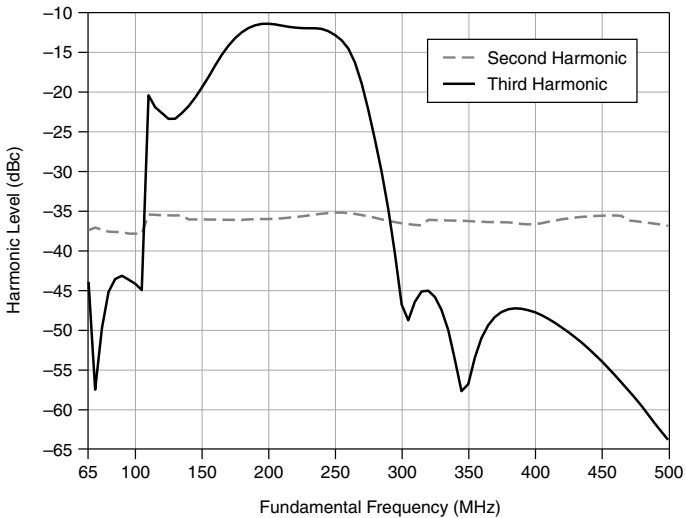
Fundamental Frequency	23 °C ± 5 °C	0 °C to 55 °C
>4.5 GHz to 6 GHz	-28	-26
	-33, typical	-31, typical

Conditions: Measured using 1 MHz baseband signal -1 dBFS; fundamental signal measured at +6 dBm CW; second harmonic levels nominally <-30 dBc for fundamental output levels of ≤5 dBm



**Note** Higher order harmonic suppression is degraded in the range of 109 MHz to 270 MHz and third harmonic performance is shown in the following figure. For frequencies outside the range of 109 MHz to 270 MHz, higher order harmonic distortion is equal to or better than the second harmonic level as specified in the previous table.

**Figure 8. Harmonic Level,<sup>11</sup> 65 MHz to 500 MHz, Measured**



<sup>11</sup> Measured using 1 MHz baseband signal -1 dBFS; fundamental signal measured at +6 dBm CW.

## Nonharmonic Spurs

**Table 9.** Nonharmonic Spurs (dBc)

Frequency	<100 kHz Offset	≥100 kHz Offset	>1 MHz Offset
65 MHz to 3 GHz	<-55, typical	<-62	<-75
>3 GHz to 6 GHz	<-55, typical	<-57	<-70

Conditions: Output full scale level  $\geq$ -30 dBm. Measured with a single tone at -1 dBFS.

## Third-Order Output Intermodulation

**Table 10.** Third-Order Output Intermodulation Distortion (IMD<sub>3</sub>) (dBc), 0 dBm Tones

Fundamental Frequency	Baseband DAC: -2 dBFS	Baseband DAC: -6 dBFS
65 MHz to 1 GHz	-55, typical	-60, typical
>1 GHz to 3 GHz	-53, typical	-53, typical
>3 GHz to 5 GHz	-49, typical	-50, typical
>5 GHz to 6 GHz	-44, typical	-45, typical

Conditions: Two 0 dBm tones, 500 kHz apart at RF OUT.  
RF gain applied to achieve the desired output power per tone.

**Table 11.** Third-Order Output Intermodulation Distortion (IMD<sub>3</sub>) (dBc), -6 dBm Tones

Fundamental Frequency	Baseband DAC: -2 dBFS	Baseband DAC: -6 dBFS
65 MHz to 1.5 GHz	-50	-59
	-54, typical	-62, typical
>1.5 GHz to 3.5 GHz	-54	-59
	-57, typical	-62, typical
>3.5 GHz to 5 GHz	-50	-55
	-53, typical	-58, typical

**Table 11.** Third-Order Output Intermodulation Distortion (IMD<sub>3</sub>) (dBc), -6 dBm Tones (Continued)

Fundamental Frequency	Baseband DAC: -2 dBFS	Baseband DAC: -6 dBFS
>5 GHz to 6 GHz	-47	-51
	-50, typical	-54, typical
Conditions: Two -6 dBm tones, 500 kHz apart at RF OUT. RF gain applied to achieve the desired output power per tone.		

**Table 12.** Third-Order Output Intermodulation Distortion (IMD<sub>3</sub>) (dBc), -36 dBm Tones

Fundamental Frequency	Baseband DAC: -2 dBFS	Baseband DAC: -6 dBFS
65 MHz to 200 MHz	-52	-57
	-54, typical	-60, typical
>200 MHz to 6 GHz	-52	-55
	-54, typical	-58, typical
Conditions: Two -36 dBm tones, 500 kHz apart at RF OUT. RF gain applied to achieve the desired output power per tone.		

## LO Residual Power

**Table 13.** VSG LO Residual Power (dBc)

Center Frequency	Self-Calibration °C ± 1 °C	Self-Calibration °C ± 5 °C
≤109 MHz	—	—
	-60, typical	-49, typical
>109 MHz to 375 MHz	—	-45
	-52, typical	-50, typical
>375 MHz to 1 GHz	—	-53
	-59, typical	-57, typical



**Table 13. VSG LO Residual Power (dBc) (Continued)**

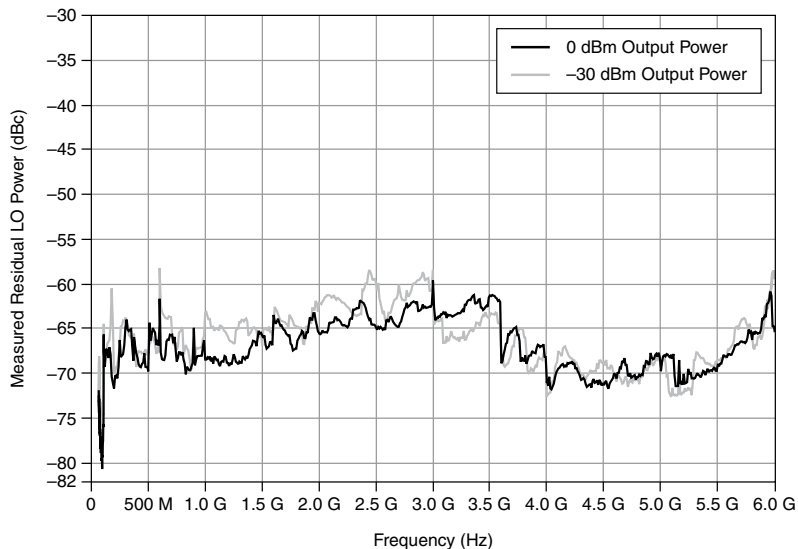
Center Frequency	Self-Calibration °C ± 1 °C	Self-Calibration °C ± 5 °C
1 GHz to 2 GHz	—	-55
	-60, typical	-63, typical
2 GHz to 3 GHz	—	-50
	-60, typical	-53, typical
3 GHz to 5 GHz	—	-53
	-58, typical	-55, typical
5 GHz to 6 GHz	—	-48
	-56, typical	-53, typical

Conditions: Configured power levels -50 dBm to +10 dBm.

This specification is valid only when the module is operating within the specified ambient temperature range and within the specified range from the last self-calibration temperature, as measured with the onboard temperature sensors.

For optimal performance, NI recommends running self-calibration when the PXIe-5646R-G temperature drifts  $\pm 5$  °C from the temperature at the last self-calibration. For temperature changes  $>\pm 5$  °C from self-calibration, LO residual power is -40 dBc.

**Figure 9. VSG LO Residual Power,<sup>12</sup> 109 MHz to 6 GHz, Typical**



**Table 14. VSG LO Residual Power (dBc), Low Power**

Center Frequency	Self-Calibration °C ± 5 °C
≤109 MHz	—
	-49, typical
>109 MHz to 375 MHz	—
	-50, typical
>375 MHz to 2 GHz	—
	-60, typical
>2 GHz to 3 GHz	—
	-53, typical
>3 GHz to 5 GHz	—
	-58, typical

<sup>12</sup> Measurement performed after self-calibration.

**Table 14.** VSG LO Residual Power (dBc), Low Power (Continued)

Center Frequency	Self-Calibration °C ± 5 °C
>5 GHz to 6 GHz	—
	-55, typical
<p>Conditions: configured power levels &lt; -50 dBm to -70 dBm.</p> <p>This specification is valid only when the module is operating within the specified ambient temperature range and within the specified range from the last self-calibration temperature, as measured with the onboard temperature sensors.</p> <p>For optimal performance, NI recommends running self-calibration when the PXIe-5646R-G temperature drifts ± 5 °C from the temperature at the last self-calibration. For temperature changes &gt;± 5 °C from self-calibration, LO residual power is -40 dBc.</p>	

## Residual Sideband Image

**Table 15.** VSG Residual Sideband Image (dBc)

Center Frequency	Bandwidth	Self-Calibration °C ± 1°C	Self-Calibration °C ± 5 °C
≤109 MHz	20 MHz	—	-40
		-55, typical	-42, typical
>109 MHz to 200 MHz	80 MHz	—	—
		-45, typical	-40, typical
>200 MHz to 500 MHz	200 MHz	—	-45
		-45, typical	-50, typical
>500 MHz to 1 GHz	≤180 MHz	—	-60
		-70, typical	-63, typical
	≤180 MHz to 200 MHz	—	-57
		-70, typical	-60, typical
>1 GHz to 2 GHz	200 MHz	—	-60
		-70, typical	-63, typical

**Table 15. VSG Residual Sideband Image (dBc) (Continued)**

Center Frequency	Bandwidth	Self-Calibration °C ± 1°C	Self-Calibration °C ± 5 °C
>2 GHz to 6 GHz	200 MHz	—	-50
		-65, typical	-55, typical

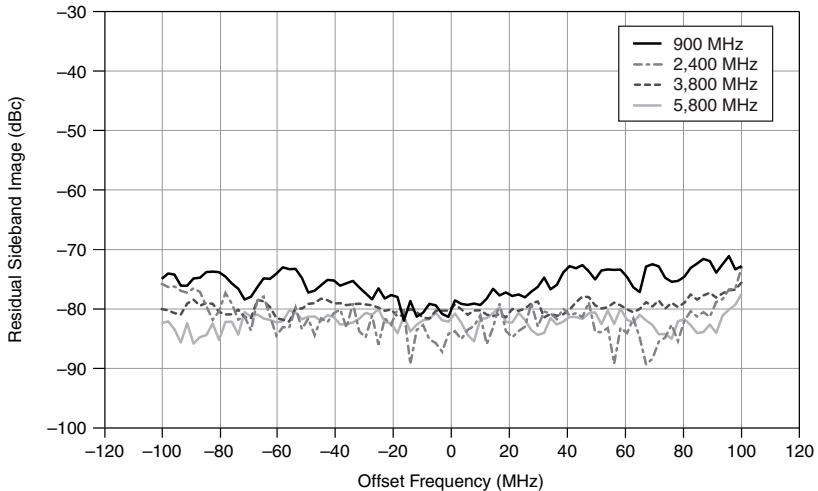
Conditions: Reference levels -30 dBm to +30 dBm.

This specification describes the maximum residual sideband image within a 200 MHz bandwidth at a given RF center frequency. Bandwidth is restricted to 20 MHz for LO frequencies  $\leq 109$  MHz.

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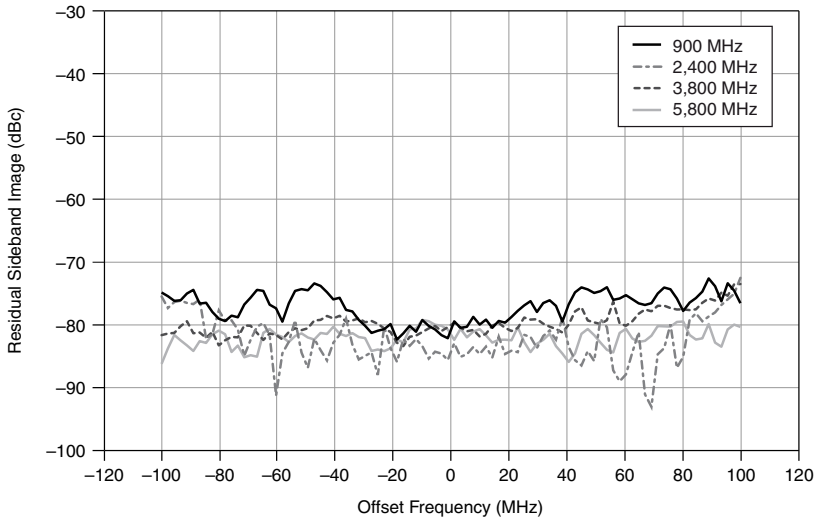
For optimal performance, NI recommends running self-calibration when the PXIe-5646R-G temperature drifts  $\pm 5$  °C from the temperature at the last self-calibration. For temperature changes  $\geq \pm 5$  °C from self-calibration, residual image suppression is -40 dBc.

**Figure 10. VSG Residual Sideband Image,<sup>13</sup> 0 dBm Average Output Power, Typical**



<sup>13</sup> Measurement performed after self-calibration.

**Figure 11.** VSG Residual Sideband Image,<sup>13</sup> -30 dBm Average Output Power, Typical



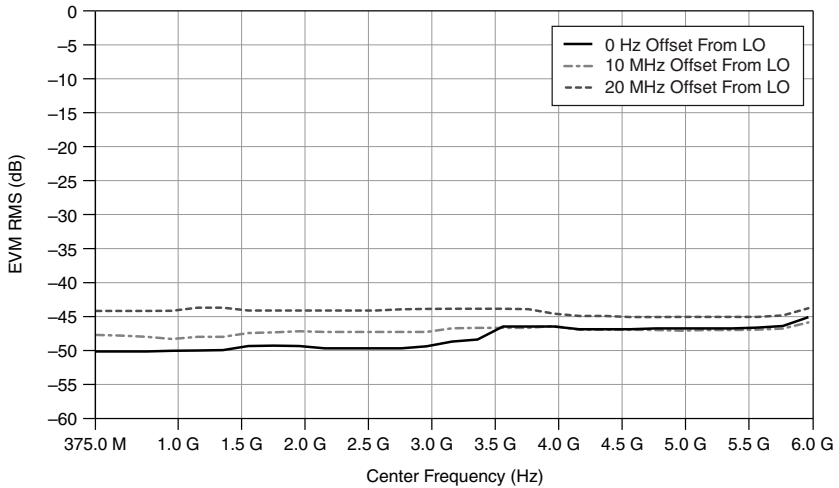
## Error Vector Magnitude (EVM)

### VSG EVM

20 MHz bandwidth 64-QAM EVM<sup>14</sup> -40 dB, typical  
375 MHz to 6 GHz

<sup>14</sup> Conditions: EVM signal: 20 MHz bandwidth; 64 QAM signal. Pulse-shape filtering: root-raised cosine, alpha=0.25; PXIe-5646R-G peak output power: -10 dBm; Reference Clock source: internal. Measurement instrument: PXIe-5665; reference level: -10 dBm; Reference Clock source: internal; record length: 300  $\mu$ s.

**Figure 12. RMS EVM (dB) versus Measured Average Power (dBm), Typical** <sup>15</sup>



## Application-Specific Modulation Quality

Typical performance assumes the PXIe-5646R-G is operating within  $\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$  of the previous self-calibration temperature, and that the ambient temperature is  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $55^\circ\text{C}$ .

### WLAN 802.11ac

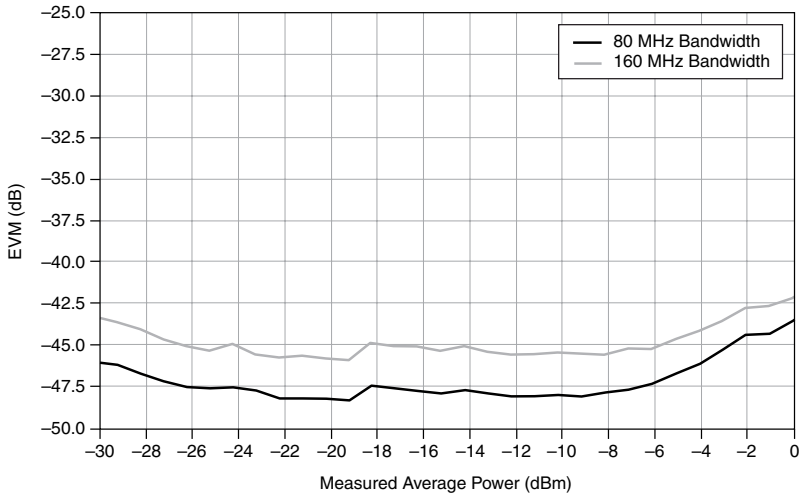
#### OFDM<sup>16</sup>

80 MHz bandwidth	-45 dB (rms), typical
80 MHz bandwidth (channel tracking enabled, preamble and data)	-50 dB (rms), typical
160 MHz bandwidth	-43 dB (rms), typical
160 MHz bandwidth (channel tracking enabled, preamble and data)	-47 dB (rms), typical

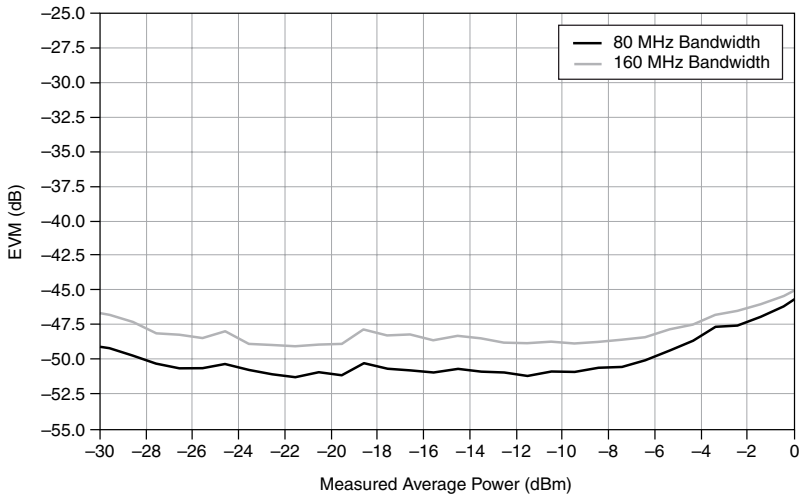
<sup>15</sup> Conditions: 20 MHz bandwidth, 64 QAM; centered at LO frequency or offset digitally as listed.

<sup>16</sup> Conditions: PXIe-5646R-G connected to RF IN of a PXIe-5646R; 5,800 MHz; average power: -30 dBm to -5 dBm; 20 packets; 16 OFDM data symbols; MCS=9; 256 QAM.

**Figure 13.** WLAN 802.11ac RMS EVM (dB) versus Measured Average Power (dBm)



**Figure 14.** WLAN 802.11ac RMS EVM (dB) versus Measured Average Power (dBm), Channel Tracking Enabled



# WLAN 802.11n

**Table 16.** 802.11n OFDM EVM (rms) (dB), Typical

Frequency	20 MHz Bandwidth	40 MHz Bandwidth
2,412 MHz	-50	-50
5,000 MHz	-48	-46

Conditions: PXIe-5646R-G connected to RF IN of a PXIe-5646R; average power: -10 dBm; reference level: auto-leveled based on real-time average power measurement; 20 packets; 3/4 coding rate; 64 QAM.

# WLAN 802.11a/g/j/p

**Table 17.** 802.11a/g/j/p OFDM EVM (rms) (dB), Typical

Frequency	20 MHz Bandwidth
2,412 MHz	-53
5,000 MHz	-50

Conditions: PXIe-5646R-G connected to RF IN of a PXIe-5646R; average power: -10 dBm; reference level: auto-leveled based on real-time average power measurement; 20 packets; 3/4 coding rate; 64 QAM.

# WLAN 802.11g

**Table 18.** 802.11g DSSS-OFDM EVM (rms) (dB), Typical

Frequency	20 MHz Bandwidth
2,412 MHz	-53
5,000 MHz	-50

Conditions: PXIe-5646R-G connected to RF IN of a PXIe-5646R; average power: -10 dBm; reference level: auto-leveled based on real-time average power measurement; 20 packets; 3/4 coding rate; 64 QAM.



# WLAN 802.11b/g

DSSS<sup>17</sup>

-48 EVM (rms) dB, typical

## LTE

**Table 19.** SC-FDMA<sup>18</sup> (Uplink FDD) EVM (rms) (dB), Typical

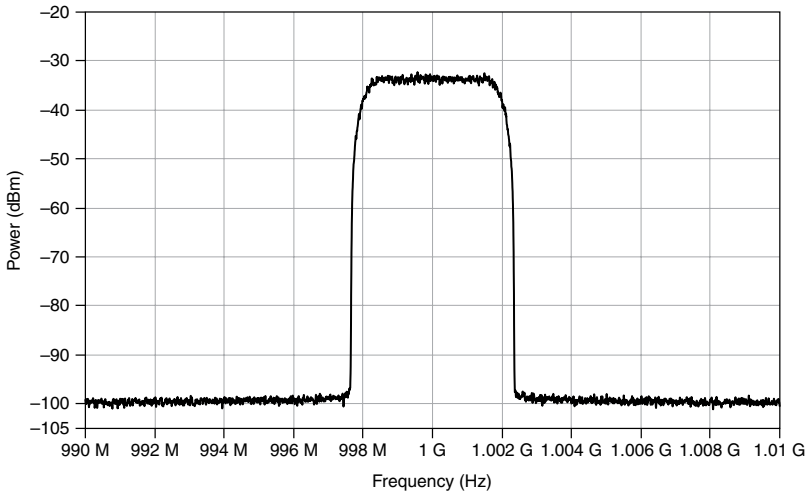
Frequency	5 MHz Bandwidth	10 MHz Bandwidth	20 MHz Bandwidth
700 MHz	-56	-56	-54
900 MHz	-55	-55	-53
1,430 MHz	-54	-54	-53
1,750 MHz	-51	-50	-50
1,900 MHz	-51	-50	-50
2,500 MHz	-50	-49	-49

<sup>17</sup> Conditions: PXIe-5646R-G connected to RF IN of a PXIe-5646R; 2,412 MHz; 20 MHz bandwidth; average power -10 dBm; reference level: auto-leveled based on real-time average power measurement; averages: 10; pulse-shaping filter: Gaussian reference; CCK 11 Mbps.

<sup>18</sup> Single channel uplink only.

# WCDMA

Figure 15. WCDMA Measured Spectrum<sup>19</sup> (ACP)



## Baseband Characteristics

### Digital-to-analog converters (DACs)

Resolution	16 bits
Sample rate <sup>20</sup>	250 MS/s
I/Q data rate <sup>21</sup>	4 kS/s to 250 MS/s

### Onboard FPGA

FPGA	Xilinx Virtex-6 LX240T
LUTs	150,720
Flip-flops	301,440
DSP48 slices	768
Embedded block RAM	14,976 kbits

<sup>19</sup> Conditions: DL Test Model 1 (64DPCH); RF output level: -10 dBm average; PXIe-5646R-G connected to RF IN of a PXIe-5646R; measured results better than -65 dB.

<sup>20</sup> DACs are dual-channel components with each channel assigned to I and Q, respectively. DAC sample rate is internally interpolated to 1 GS/s, automatically configured.

<sup>21</sup> I/Q data rates lower than 250 MS/s are achieved using fractional interpolation.

Data transfers	DMA, interrupts, programmed I/O
Number of DMA channels	16

## Onboard DRAM

Memory size	2 banks, 512 MB per bank
Theoretical maximum data rate	2.1 GB/s per bank

## Onboard SRAM

Memory size	2 MB
Maximum data rate (read)	40 MB/s
Maximum data rate (write)	36 MB/s

## Front Panel I/O

### RF OUT

Connector	SMA (female)
Output impedance	50 $\Omega$ , nominal, AC coupled
Absolute maximum reverse power <sup>22</sup>	
<4 GHz	+33 dBm (CW RMS)
$\geq$ 4 GHz	+30 dBm (CW RMS)

### Output Return Loss (VSWR)

**Table 20.** Output Return Loss (dB) (VSWR)

Frequency	Typical
109 MHz $\leq f <$ 2 GHz	19.0 (1.25:1)
2 GHz $\leq f <$ 5 GHz	14.0 (1.50:1)
5 GHz $\leq f \leq$ 6 GHz	11.0 (1.78:1)
Return loss for frequencies < 109 MHz is typically better than 20 dB (VSWR < 1.22:1).	

<sup>22</sup> For modulated signals, peak instantaneous power not to exceed corresponding peak power of specified CW.

## CAL IN, CAL OUT

Connector	SMA (female)
Impedance	50 $\Omega$ , nominal



**Caution** Do not disconnect the cable that connects CAL IN to CAL OUT. Removing the cable from or tampering with the CAL IN or CAL OUT front panel connectors voids the product calibration and specifications are no longer warranted.

## LO OUT (RF OUT 0)

Connectors	SMA (female)
Frequency range	65 MHz to 6 GHz
Power (65 MHz to 6 GHz)	0 dBm $\pm$ 2 dB, typical
Output power resolution	0.25 dB, nominal
Output impedance	50 $\Omega$ , nominal, AC coupled
Output return loss	>11.0 dB (VSWR <1.8:1), typical
Output isolation (state: disabled)	
<2.5 GHz tuned LO	-45 dBc, nominal
$\geq$ 2.5 GHz tuned LO	-35 dBc, nominal

## LO IN (RF OUT 0)

Connectors	SMA (female)
Frequency range	65 MHz to 6 GHz
Expected input power (65 MHz to 6 GHz)	0 dBm $\pm$ 3 dB, nominal
Input impedance	50 $\Omega$ , nominal, AC coupled
Input return loss	>11.7 dB (VSWR <1.7:1), typical
Absolute maximum power	+15 dBm
Maximum DC voltage	$\pm$ 5 VDC

## REF IN

Connector	SMA (female)
Frequency	10 MHz
Tolerance <sup>23</sup>	$\pm 10 \times 10^{-6}$

<sup>23</sup>  $Frequency\ Accuracy = Tolerance \times Reference\ Frequency$

## Amplitude

Square	0.7 V <sub>pk-pk</sub> to 5.0 V <sub>pk-pk</sub> into 50 Ω, typical
Sine <sup>24</sup>	1.4 V <sub>pk-pk</sub> to 5.0 V <sub>pk-pk</sub> into 50 Ω, typical
Input impedance	50 Ω, nominal
Coupling	AC

## REF OUT

Connector	SMA (female)
Frequency	
Reference Clock <sup>25</sup>	10 MHz, nominal
Sample Clock	250 MHz, nominal
Amplitude	1.65 V <sub>pk-pk</sub> into 50 Ω, nominal
Output impedance	50 Ω, nominal
Coupling	AC

## PFI 0

Connector	SMA (female)
Voltage levels <sup>26</sup>	
Absolute maximum input range	-0.5 V to 5.5 V
V <sub>IL</sub>	0.8 V
V <sub>IH</sub>	2.0 V
V <sub>OL</sub>	0.2 V with 100 μA load
V <sub>OH</sub>	2.9 V with 100 μA load
Input impedance	10 kΩ, nominal
Output impedance	50 Ω, nominal
Maximum DC drive strength	24 mA
Minimum required direction change latency <sup>27</sup>	48 ns + 1 clock cycle

## DIGITAL I/O

Connector	VHDCI
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<sup>24</sup> 1 V<sub>rms</sub> to 3.5 V<sub>rms</sub>, typical. Jitter performance improves with increased slew rate of input signal.

<sup>25</sup> Refer to the [Internal Frequency Reference](#) for accuracy.

<sup>26</sup> Voltage levels are guaranteed by design through the digital buffer specifications.

<sup>27</sup> Clock cycle refers to the FPGA clock domain used for direction control.

**Table 21. DIGITAL I/O Signal Characteristics**

Signal	Direction	Port Width
DIO <23..20>	Bidirectional, per port	4
DIO <19..16>	Bidirectional, per port	4
DIO <15..12>	Bidirectional, per port	4
DIO <11..8>	Bidirectional, per port	4
DIO <7..4>	Bidirectional, per port	4
DIO <3..0>	Bidirectional, per port	4
PFI 1	Bidirectional	1
PFI 2	Bidirectional	1
Clock In	Input	1
Clock Out	Output	1

Voltage levels<sup>28</sup>

Absolute maximum input range	-0.5 V to 4.5 V
V <sub>IL</sub>	0.8 V
V <sub>IH</sub>	2.0 V
V <sub>OL</sub>	0.2 V with 100 $\mu$ A load
V <sub>OH</sub>	2.9 V with 100 $\mu$ A load

## Input impedance

DIO <23..0>, CLK IN	10 k $\Omega$ , nominal
PFI 1, PFI 2	100 k $\Omega$ pull up, nominal

Output impedance	50 $\Omega$ , nominal
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Maximum DC drive strength	12 mA
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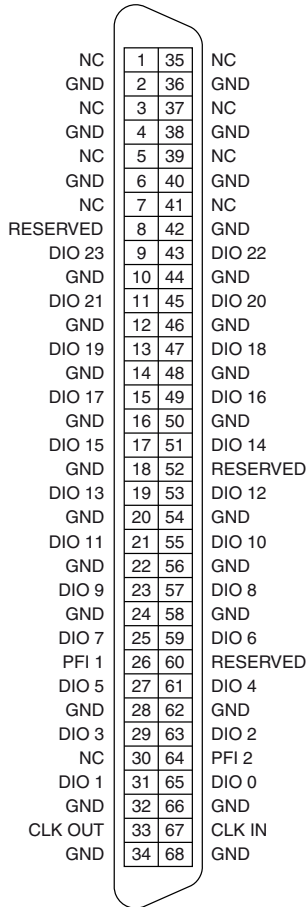
Minimum required direction change latency <sup>29</sup>	48 ns + 1 clock cycle
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Maximum toggle rate	125 MHz, typical
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<sup>28</sup> Voltage levels are guaranteed by design through the digital buffer specifications.

<sup>29</sup> Clock cycle refers to the FPGA clock domain used for direction control.

**Figure 16. DIGITAL I/O VHDCI Connector**



## Power Requirements

**Table 22. Power Requirements**

Voltage ( $V_{DC}$ )	Typical Current (A)	Maximum Current (A)
+3.3	4.7	5.4
+12	3.5	4.2

Power is 58 W, typical. Consumption is from both PXI Express backplane power connectors.

# Calibration

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Interval	1 year
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**Note** For the two-year calibration interval, add 0.2 dB to one year specifications for *Output Power Level Accuracy* and RF output *Frequency Response*.

# Physical Characteristics

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PXIe-5646R-G module	3U, three slot, PXI Express module 6.1 cm × 12.9 cm × 21.1 cm (2.4 in. × 5.6 in. × 8.3 in.)
Weight	1,360 g (48.0 oz)

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# Environment

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Maximum altitude	2,000 m (800 mbar) (at 25 °C ambient temperature)
Pollution Degree	2

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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. Meets MIL-PRF-28800F Class 3 low temperature limit and MIL-PRF-28800F Class 2 high temperature limit.)
Relative humidity range	10% to 90%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-56.)

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# Storage Environment

Ambient temperature range	-40 °C to 71 °C (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2. Meets MIL-PRF-28800F Class 3 limits.)
Relative humidity range	5% to 95%, noncondensing (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-56.)

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# Shock and Vibration

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Operating shock	30 g peak, half-sine, 11 ms pulse (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-27. Meets MIL-PRF-28800F Class 2 limits.)
Random vibration	
Operating	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 0.3 g <sub>rms</sub> (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-64.)
Nonoperating	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 2.4 g <sub>rms</sub> (Tested in accordance with IEC 60068-2-64. Test profile exceeds the requirements of MIL-PRF-28800F, Class 3.)

# Compliance and Certifications

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## 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.

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- 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



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## 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)

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