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Agilent/Keysight 81626B, High Power Optical Head

HP Agilent Keysight 81626B High Power InGaAs Optical Power Head The Agilent/Keysight 81626B is a 5 mm InGaAs high-power optical head for 81618A/81619A interfaces in 8163/8164/8166 mainframes. OEM 81618A/9A and 81620B/3B/4B/6B/8B optical-head specifications list 800 to 1700 nm, minus 70 to +27 dBm (1250 to 1650 nm) or minus 70 to +23 dBm (850 to 1650 nm), ± 3.0 percent uncertainty at reference conditions (950 to 1630 nm), and analog output. High-power EDFA and Raman pump measurements, connectorized and open-beam power to +27 dBm, and analog-output alignment with remote 5 mm detector. The Agilent/Keysight 81626B is a 5 mm InGaAs high-power optical head for 81618A/81619A interfaces in 8163/8164/8166 mainframes. OEM 81618A/9A and 81620B/3B/4B/6B/8B optical-head specifications list 800 to 1700 nm, minus 70 to +27 dBm (1250 to 1650 nm) or minus 70 to +23 dBm (850 to 1650 nm), ± 3.0 percent uncertainty at reference conditions (950 to 1630 nm), and analog output. High-power EDFA and Raman pump measurements, connectorized and open-beam power to +27 dBm, and analog-output alignment with remote 5 mm detector.



MODEL

**Agilent / Keysight
81626B**

CALIBRATION

**Available on
request**

CONDITION

Used

STATUS

In stock

RFQ / SKU

81626B

LISTING

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This unit

The Keysight/Agilent 81626B is a high-power optical head designed for precision optical signal analysis across the 850 nm to 1650 nm wavelength range. This sensor module integrates with Keysight's 81618A (single-channel) or 81619A (dual-channel) interface modules to enable accurate optical power measurements in critical test environments. The 81626B features a large-area 5 mm InGaAs detector optimized for low polarization-dependent loss (PDL) and minimal spectral ripple, delivering measurement uncertainties as low as ± 0.002 dB under standard conditions. Its broad dynamic range spans +27 dBm to -70 dBm (1250–1650 nm) or +23 dBm to -70 dBm (850–1650 nm), accommodating both high and low optical power levels in a single measurement session. An analog output (BNC connector, 0–2 V proportional to signal strength) enables direct signal representation for systems requiring real-time waveform capture or external processing.

Technical Specifications

Sensor:	InGaAs, $\varnothing$ 5 mm
Wavelength range:	850 nm to 1650 nm
Power range:	+27 dBm to -70 dBm (1250–1650 nm); +23 dBm to -70 dBm (850–1650 nm)
PDL uncertainty:	Typically ± 0.002 dB
Spectral ripple uncertainty:	Typically ± 0.002 dB
Optional uncertainty (special calibration):	$\pm 2.5\%$
Return loss:	> 60 dB typical (D-shape adapter 81001xx)
Noise (peak-to-peak):	< 100 pW (1200–1630 nm); < 400 pW (800–1200 nm)
Minimum averaging time:	100 μ s
Analog output:	BNC connector, 0–2 V range (autoranging must be disabled)
Operating temperature:	0°C to 40°C
Warm-up time:	40 min
Recalibration interval:	2 years
Dimensions:	57 mm $\times$ 66 mm $\times$ 156 mm
Weight:	0.5 kg

Key Features

- Large-area detector minimizes noise and extends dynamic range
- Magnetic quick-change D-shaped adapter interface
- Removable 81624DD adapter ring supports threaded connector types
- Low PDL and spectral ripple for high-confidence measurements

Typical Applications

- Optical communications component verification
- System integration and acceptance testing
- Research and development
- High-accuracy optical power characterization

Compatibility & Integration

Operates with Keysight 8163A/B, 8164A/B, and 8166A/B lightwave mainframes via 81618A or 81619A interface modules. Supports fiber adapters for standard connector types, MT ribbon connectors, and bare fiber clamps.

81626B Characteristics / Specifications

PARAMETER	VALUE
Model	81626B
Instrument Type	High power optical power head
Series Family	Agilent 8162xB optical heads
Sensor Element	InGaAs, 5 mm diameter
Wavelength Range	800 nm to 1700 nm
Power Range 1250 To 16	minus 70 dBm to +27 dBm, 1250 nm to 1650 nm
Power Range 850 To 16	minus 70 dBm to +23 dBm, 850 nm to 1650 nm
Applicable Fiber	open beam; standard SM and MM max 100 um core, NA less than or equal to 0.3; parallel beam max 4 mm diameter
Uncertainty At Reference Conditions	plus or minus 3.0 percent, 950 nm to 1630 nm
Uncertainty Option C	plus or minus 2.5 percent, 950 nm to 1630 nm
Total Uncertainty 950 To 16	plus or minus 5.0 percent plus or minus 500 pW, 950 nm to 1630 nm
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Polarization Dependent Uncertainty	less than or equal to plus or minus 0.005 dB, typical less than or equal to plus or minus 0.002 dB
Spectral Ripple	less than or equal to plus or minus 0.005 dB, typical less than or equal to plus or minus 0.002 dB
Linearity At 23 C	less than plus or minus 0.04 dB, CW minus 50 dBm to +27 dBm, 950 nm to 1630 nm, 23 C plus or minus 5 C
Linearity Over Operating Temperature	less than plus or minus 0.15 dB, same CW band
Return Loss Typical	greater than 45 dB; option C01 greater than 47 dB
Noise Peak To Peak	less than 500 pW
Minimum Averaging Time	100 us
Analog Output	included
Maximum Safe Input Power	+23.5 dBm, 850 nm to 1650 nm; +27.5 dBm, 1250 nm to 1650 nm
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Weight	0.5 kg
Recalibration Period	2 years
Operating Temperature	0 C to +35 C; max 30 C above +20 dBm input power
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Host Interface Modules	81618A single or 81619A dual
Host Mainframes	8163 8164 8166 class lightwave meters
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Full OEM specifications

Complete technical content extracted from the manufacturer datasheet. Sparse OEM tables are reconstructed as tables below; other text is preserved as paragraphs.

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Applications

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Key Features

5 mm InGaAs detector for high-power geometry

Separate +23 dBm and +27 dBm power-range bands by wavelength

Magnetic D-shaped adapters without twisting fibers

Must be used with 81618A single or 81619A dual interface modules

Optional C01 special calibration for tighter uncertainty

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