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MODEL

**HP / Agilent
83712B**

CALIBRATION

**Available on
request**

CONDITION

Used

STATUS

In stock

RFQ / SKU

83712B

LISTING

<https://aumictechlabs.com/products/83712b-2/>

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SAM registered

30-day returns

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This unit

The HP/Agilent 83712B is a synthesized continuous wave (CW) generator delivering signals from 10 MHz to 20 GHz with exceptional frequency resolution and output stability. Built on fundamental oscillators and switched low-pass filters, it achieves harmonic suppression below -55 dBc and spurious signal rejection below -60 dBc, making it suitable for aerospace, defense, and communications test environments where signal purity is critical.

Technical Specifications

Frequency Performance Range: 10 MHz to 20 GHz Resolution: 1 kHz standard; 1 Hz with Option 1E8 Frequency accuracy: +14 dBm above 1 GHz Output range: -4 to +10 dBm (to 18.6 GHz); -4 to +8 dBm (18–20 GHz) Minimum level: -110 dBm with Option 1 Signal Quality Harmonics: <-55 dBc Spurious signals: 3 MHz; pulse level accuracy ± 1.0 dB relative to CW; overshoot <10%; maximum leveled output power -0.5 dB; 50 Ω input impedance with TTL drive levels AM/FM/PM: Full bandwidth and depth independent of pulse modulation

Key Features

Step attenuator option (Option 1E1) enables receiver sensitivity and SINAD measurements Rear output connector available (Option C05) SCPI command compatibility for automated test integration Rack mount kits available for system integration

Typical Applications

Aerospace and defense receiver testing, RF component characterization, communications equipment validation, and sensor development requiring high-purity CW sources with low phase noise.

Compatibility & Integration

Supports external 10 MHz reference input for enhanced frequency stability and integrates with standard automated test equipment via SCPI programming.

Features & description

From manufacturer datasheet

Features

- CW generator: no pulse/AM/FM (use 83732B if modulation is required) • 10 MHz to 20 GHz versus 83711B which starts at 1 GHz • Harmonics less than -50 dBc at levels below +6 dBm (CW family row) • User flatness 2 to 401 points, up to 4 tables • Option 1E5 high-stability timebase; Option 1E9 3.5 mm RF
- SCPI IEEE 488.2 and 8673 emulation

83712B Characteristics / Specifications

PARAMETER	VALUE
Model	83712B
Manufacturer	Hewlett Packard / Agilent / Keysight
Instrument Type	Synthesized CW generator
Family	8370B
Alias	HP 83712B; Agilent 83712B; Keysight 83712B
Frequency Range	10 MHz to 20 GHz
Frequency Resolution Standard	1 kHz
Frequency Resolution Option 1E	1 Hz
Standard Aging After 72 h	less than 1.0e-8 per day at 25 plus/minus 10 C
Standard Temperature	less than 5e-6 over 0 to 55 C referenced to 25 C
Frequency Switching Any Step	less than 50 ms to within 1 kHz
Frequency Switching Under 1 GHz Step	less than 35 ms to within 1 kHz (not across 10 GHz band switch)
Minimum Leveled Power	-4 dBm
Minimum Leveled Power Option 1E	-110 dBm
Display Power Resolution	0.01 dB
Max Leveled 0.01 to 1 GHz	+13 dBm
Max Leveled 1 to 18 GHz Standard	+11 dBm
Max Leveled 1 to 18 GHz Option 1E	+10 dBm
Max Leveled 18 to 20 GHz Standard	+10 dBm
Max Leveled 18 to 20 GHz Option 1E	+8 dBm
Power Accuracy 10 to 50 MHz At Max Leveled	plus/minus 1.3 dB
Power Accuracy 50 MHz to 20 GHz At Max Leveled	plus/minus 1.0 dB
Flatness Power At Or Above minus 90 dBm	plus/minus 0.5 dB
Level Switching Time	less than 17 ms without attenuator range change

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Attenuator Range Changes	-1 dBm, -11 dBm, -21 dBm, etc. (83711B/83712B)
Output SWR Nominal	less than 2.0:1
Harmonics At Levels Below plus 6 dBm	less than -50 dBc (83711B/83712B)
Nonharmonic Spurious At Or Above 3 kHz	less than -60 dBc
Subharmonics	none
SSB Phase Noise 10 to 20 GHz at 10 kHz Offset	-76 dBc/Hz
Residual FM At 1 GHz 50 Hz to 15 kHz	less than 15 Hz
User Flatness Points Per Table	2 to 401
User Flatness Tables	up to 4
RF Connector Standard	TypeNprecision
RF Connector Option 1E	3.5 mm precision
Mains	90 to 132 V 48 to 440 Hz; 198 to 264 V 48 to 66 Hz; 260 VA maximum
Size	133 mmHx 426 mmWx 498 mmDNet Weight: less than 16 kg (35 lb)
Operating Temperature	0 C to 55 C
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General Specifications & Supplementary Characteristics

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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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Frequency Resolution Standard	1 kHz
Frequency Resolution Option 1E8	1 Hz

Option 1E5 Aging After 24 h: less than 1.5e-9 per day
Option 1E5 Temperature: less than 1e-7 over 0 to 55 C
Option 1E5 Line Voltage: less than 5e-10 for 10 percent line change

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Available from Aumictech

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