

# Agilent 53140 Series Microwave Counter, Power Meter and DVM in One Portable Package

## Product Overview

Everything you need for the installation and maintenance of microwave links:

- A choice of frequency counter ranges up to 46 GHz
- A true power meter to meet your “laboratory-accuracy” requirements in the field
- A dc DVM to assist with antenna alignment and telecom power supply measurements
- Lightweight, rugged and a battery option for complete portability in the field



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and apply—the latest  
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technology, accelerat-  
ing your progress  
toward new successes.*

**Simplify Installation and Maintenance  
of Point-to-Point Microwave Links**

Whether you are installing or maintaining cell-site to base-station links, business-to-business communication links, digital radio links (along railroads, pipelines or power lines) or even satellite ground stations, installing and maintaining microwave links typically requires three pieces of equipment. These are a CW microwave counter, a true power meter and a dc DVM.

The 53140 series reduces the weight, volume and hassle of carrying multiple pieces of equipment in the field by combining these three instruments into one. Its rubber bumpers make it rugged and ready to withstand the elements. A soft carrying case option makes transit to the field easy and has a pouch for accessory storage. You will not have to worry about ac power availability at the site with the 53140 series' battery option. Plus its LCD display with a switchable backlite saves on battery life.



## The 53140 Series Measurement Suite

### Save ATE Rack Space and Budget Dollars by Combining Three Instruments into One

For measurements used in microwave component and assembly testing, the compact, three-in-one 53140 series reduces the need for expensive ATE rack space. The 53140 series comes ATE-ready with both GPIB and RS-232 SCPI programmable interfaces. A rack mount kit is optional.



*Is the convenience of measuring frequency and power with a single input more important to you than power measurement accuracy? Then the 53150 series of CW Microwave Counters may be for you.*

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### CW Microwave Counter up to 46 GHz

Choose the frequency range you need. The 53140 series has three ranges; 20 GHz, 26.5 GHz and 46 GHz. The ultra-wideband microwave input covers from 50 MHz up to the maximum frequency. This reduces the need for channel switching. You don't have to wait for resolution that is not needed as the resolution

is selectable from 1 Hz to 1 MHz. For better measurement accuracy over time and temperature, an optional oven timebase is available.

### True Power Meter with a Wide Selection of Sensors

The 53140 series true power meter provides laboratory instrument accuracy in a rugged, field-ready package. Obtain 0.01 dB resolution and 0.02 dB basic instrument accuracy where you need it most—on site. The graphical peaking meter allows you to make fast and easy power adjustments. For more flexibility, a wide range of power sensors is available (Agilent 8480 series) with a power range from -70 dBm to +44 dBm.

### DC DVM for AGC and Power Supply Measurements

A  $\pm 50$  Vdc DVM monitors the microwave receiver's AGC circuitry for assistance during antenna alignment. The DVM can also check the -48 Vdc power supplies typically found at telecom sites.

### Advanced Instrument Features that Help Make the Job Easier

The Agilent 53140 series has the features you expect in a precision laboratory instrument. Relative readings for both frequency and power measurements show deviations from nominal values. Offset reading allows indirect measurement of either final frequency or power values or both. Averaging smooths out rapidly changing measurement displays for ease of viewing.

## Specifications and Characteristics

All specifications are over full signal and temperature ranges unless otherwise noted. All specifications are warranted. Those items labeled “typical” or “nominal” are characteristics and are not warranted.

Counter Specifications	53147A	53148A	53149A
<b>Frequency range</b>			
Channel 1			
Normal mode	10 Hz to 125 MHz	10 Hz to 125 MHz	10 Hz to 125 MHz
Low pass filter enabled	10 Hz to 50 kHz	10 Hz to 50 kHz	10 Hz to 50 kHz
Channel 2	50 MHz to 20 GHz	50 MHz to 26.5 GHz	50 MHz to 46 GHz
<b>Sensitivity</b>			
Channel 1			
10–30 Hz	40 mV <sub>rms</sub>	40 mV <sub>rms</sub>	40 mV <sub>rms</sub>
30 Hz–125 MHz	25 mV <sub>rms</sub>	25 mV <sub>rms</sub>	25 mV <sub>rms</sub>
Channel 2			
50–300 MHz	-20 dBm	-20 dBm	-20 dBm
0.3–12.4 GHz	-33 dBm	-33 dBm	-33 dBm
12.4–18 GHz	-33 dBm	-33 dBm	-30 dBm
18–20 GHz	-29 dBm	-29 dBm	-27 dBm
20–26.5 GHz	N/A	-25 dBm	-27 dBm
26.5–40 GHz	N/A	N/A	-23 dBm
40–46 GHz	N/A	N/A	-17 dBm
<b>Maximum input</b>			
Channel 1	2 V <sub>rms</sub>	2 V <sub>rms</sub>	2 V <sub>rms</sub>
Channel 2			
50 MHz to 2 GHz	+5 dBm	+5 dBm	+5 dBm
2–46 GHz	+13 dBm	+13 dBm	+13 dBm
<b>Damage level</b>			
Channel 1	120 V (dc + ac pk) linearly derated to 5 V <sub>rms</sub> at 125 MHz	120 V (dc + ac pk) linearly derated to 5 V <sub>rms</sub> at 125 MHz	120 V (dc + ac pk) linearly derated to 5 V <sub>rms</sub> at 125 MHz
Channel 2	+27 dBm	+27 dBm	+27 dBm
<b>Impedance (nominal)</b>			
Channel 1	1 M $\Omega$ /60 pF	1 M $\Omega$ /60 pF	1 M $\Omega$ /60 pF
Channel 2	50 $\Omega$	50 $\Omega$	50 $\Omega$
<b>Connector</b>			
Channel 1	BNC female	BNC female	BNC female
Channel 2	SMA/APC-3.5 compatible female	SMA/APC-3.5 compatible female	2.92 mm removable, SMA/APC-3.5 compatible female
<b>SWR (typical)</b>			
Channel 2			
50–300 MHz	1.5:1	1.5:1	1.5:1
0.3–10 GHz	2.0:1	2.0:1	2.0:1
10–20 GHz	3.0:1	3.0:1	3.0:1
20–26.5 GHz	N/A	3.0:1	2.5:1
26.5–46 GHz	N/A	N/A	2.5:1
<b>Coupling</b>			
Channel 1	ac	ac	ac
Channel 2	ac	ac	ac
<b>Emissions (typical) (“kickback noise”)</b>			
Channel 1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Channel 2 (measuring/no input)	-40 dBm/<-70 dBm	-40 dBm/<-70 dBm	-40 dBm/<-70 dBm

Counter Specifications Continued

	53147A	53148A	53149A
<b>Resolution selection</b> (Channel 1 and 2)	1 Hz to 1 MHz	1 Hz to 1 MHz	1 Hz to 1 MHz
<b>Accuracy</b> (Channel 1 and 2, LSD = Resolution selected)	±1 LSD ±residual stability ± (timebase error x frequency)	±1 LSD ±residual stability ± (timebase error x frequency)	±1 LSD ±residual stability ± (timebase error x frequency)
<b>Residual stability</b> (Counter and source tied to same timebase)			
Channel 1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Channel 2	0.6 LSD rms	0.8 LSD rms	1.25 LSD rms
<b>Measurement time</b> (typical)			
Channel 1	1/Resolution + 30 ms	1/Resolution + 30 ms	1/Resolution + 30 ms
Channel 2	1/Resolution + Acquisition time + 30 ms	1/Resolution + Acquisition time + 30 ms	1/Resolution + Acquisition time + 30 ms
<b>Acquisition time</b> (typical) (1 MHz FM rate, power meter off)			
Channel 1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Channel 2 (FM Auto/FM Off)	150 ms/125 ms	150 ms/125 ms	165 ms/140 ms
<b>FM tolerance</b>			
Channel 1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Channel 2 FM Auto	20 MHz p-p max at 10 MHz rate	20 MHz p-p max at 10 MHz rate	20 MHz p-p max to 26.5 GHz, 12 MHz p-p max above 26.5 GHz at 10 MHz rate
Channel 2 FM Off	1 MHz p-p at 10 MHz rate	1 MHz p-p at 10 MHz rate	1 MHz p-p at 10 MHz rate
<b>AM tolerance</b> (Channel 1 and 2)	Any index provided minimum signal level is not less than sensitivity	Any index provided minimum signal level is not less than sensitivity	Any index provided minimum signal level is not less than sensitivity
<b>Amplitude discrimination</b>			
Channel 1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Channel 2 <300 MHz	N/A	N/A	N/A
Channel 2 >300 MHz	Automatically measures the largest signal present provided signal is >10 dB (typical) above any signal separated by less than 75 MHz; >20 dB (typical) above any signal separated by more than 75 MHz	Automatically measures the largest signal present provided signal is >10 dB (typical) above any signal separated by less than 75 MHz; >20 dB (typical) above any signal separated by more than 75 MHz	Automatically measures the largest signal present provided signal is >10 dB (typical) above any signal separated by less than 75 MHz; >20 dB (typical) above any signal separated by more than 75 MHz

**Counter Specifications Continued****Timebase**

<b>Frequency</b>	10 MHz
<b>Output</b>	10 MHz sine wave, 1 Vrms into 50Ω
<b>External timebase input</b>	1, 2, 5, 10 MHz; 1 to 5 Vrms into 50Ω
<b>Connector</b>	BNC female located on rear panel
<b>Internal timebase stability</b>	

	<b>TCXO</b> (standard)	<b>Oven</b> (Option 001)
Aging rate per day	N/A	$<5 \times 10^{-10}$
Aging rate per month	$<1 \times 10^{-7}$	$<1.5 \times 10^{-8}$
Short term (1 sec. average time)	$<1 \times 10^{-9}$	$<2 \times 10^{-10}$
Line variation ( $\pm 10\%$ )	$<1 \times 10^{-7}$	$<1 \times 10^{-10}$
Warm-up	N/A	$<1 \times 10^{-8}$ within 5 min. after turn-on at 25° C
Temperature stability (0–55° C)	$<1 \times 10^{-6}$	$<1 \times 10^{-8}$

**Power Meter Specifications**

<b>Frequency range</b>	100 kHz to 50 GHz, sensor dependent.
<b>Power range</b>	-70 to +44 dBm, sensor dependent.
<b>Power sensors supported</b>	8480 series (see table on page 8)
<b>Resolution</b>	0.01 dB in log mode, 0.1% of full scale in linear mode.
<b>Display units</b>	
Absolute	dBm or Watts
Relative	dB or %
<b>Accuracy</b>	
Instrumentation	$\pm 0.02$ dB or $\pm 0.5\%$ . Add power sensor linearity specification for overall system accuracy.
Zero set (digital setting capability of zero)	Sensor dependent (see table on page 8).
<b>Power reference</b>	
Power output	1.00 mW. Factory set to $\pm 0.7\%$ , traceable to NIST.
Accuracy	$\pm 1.2\%$ worst case ( $\pm 0.9$ RSS) for one year.
Frequency	50 MHz (nominal)
Connector	N (f)

**DVM Specifications**

<b>Function</b>	DC volts
<b>Range</b>	$\pm 50$ Vdc
<b>Resolution</b>	2 mV
<b>Accuracy</b>	$\pm 0.25\%$ of reading $\pm 10$ mV
<b>Damage level</b>	$\pm 60$ Vdc
<b>Input resistance</b>	0.5 MΩ (nominal)
<b>Connector</b>	4 mm banana sockets
<b>Display</b>	Replaces frequency display when DVM activated



<b>General Information</b>	<b>Save and recall</b>	Up to 9 complete instrument setups may be saved and later recalled. These setups are retained when power is removed.
	<b>Sample rate</b>	User-selectable fast (nominally 20 ms between readings), medium (nominally 250 ms between readings), slow (nominally 1 s between readings) and hold.
	<b>Counter gate time</b>	1/Resolution selected.
	<b>Math functions</b>	
	Offset (relative/fixe)	Last reading and/or entered offset to reading for either power or frequency
	Averaging	1 to 99 measurement running average
	<b>Display</b>	Backlit LCD. Backlight can be turned on or off via front panel control.
	<b>Sleep mode</b> (Option 002 only)	Backlight automatically shuts off if no input signal and power sensor present, and no keys pressed, for 5 minutes (nominal).
	<b>Self test</b>	Count and power meter circuitry and internal memory automatically tested at startup, via menu selection, or remotely. Error messages displayed to indicate failed tests.
	<b>Programming</b>	
	Interface	GPIB (IEEE-488.1-1987, IEEE 488.2-1987) and RS-232
	Language	SCPI-1992.0 (Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments)
	RS-232 Rates	User selectable 2400 to 19200 baud
	<b>Power Supply</b>	
	ac	90–132 Vac; 47.5–66 Hz or 360–440 Hz 216–264 Vac; 47.5–66 Hz
	Line selection	automatic
	Power requirements	80 VA max. (32 W typical)
	dc (Option 002 only)	11–18 Vdc; 2A max.
	Battery (Option 002)	
	Type	VHS camcorder, lead acid (2 each)
	Charge Time	8 hours in unit (typical)
	Capacity	2 hours min. at 25° C
	<b>Size</b>	330 mm W x 156 mm H x 376 mm D with bumpers and handles. Rack panel is full EIA width and 3U ISO height.
<b>Operating temperature</b>	0–55° C	
With battery option	0–40° C	
<b>Weight</b> (nominal)	4.5 kg without battery option, 6.6 kg with battery option	
<b>Warranty</b>	1 year	
<b>Safety</b>	Designed in compliance with IEC-1010, CAN/CSA 1010.1	
<b>EMC</b>	Designed in compliance with IEC-11, EN50082-1, IEC801-2, -3, -4.	
<b>Accessories</b>	<b>Supplied</b>	Power sensor cable (11730A); DVM test leads (34132B); operating/programming and service manuals; ac power cord.
	<b>Available</b>	
	Power sensors	8480 series (see table on page 8)
	Spare battery	53150-80010
	dc power input cable	53150-60214

#### Available Sensors

	Frequency Range	Connector	Zero Set
<b>25 Watt sensors</b> 1 mW to 25 W (0 to +44 dBm)			
8481B	10 MHz to 18 GHz	N (m)	±50 $\mu$ W
8482B	100 kHz to 4.2 GHz	N (m)	±50 $\mu$ W
<b>3 Watt sensors</b> 100 $\mu$ W to 3 W (-10 to +35 dBm)			
8481H	10 MHz to 18 GHz	N (m)	±5 $\mu$ W
8482H	100 kHz to 4.2 GHz	N (m)	±5 $\mu$ W
<b>100 mW sensors</b> 1 $\mu$ W to 100 mW (-30 to +20 dBm)			
8485A	50 MHz to 26.5 GHz	APC-3.5 mm (m)	±50 nW
8485A Option 033	50 MHz to 33 GHz	APC-3.5 mm (m)	±50 nW
8481A	10 MHz to 18 GHz	N (m)	±50 nW
8482A	100 kHz to 4.2 GHz	N (m)	±50 nW
8487A	50 MHz to 50 GHz	2.4 mm (m)	±50 nW
<b>High sensitivity sensors</b> 100 pW to 10 $\mu$ W (-70 to -20 dBm)			
8481D	10 MHz to 18 GHz	N (m)	±20 pW
8485D	50 MHz to 26.5 GHz	APC-3.5 mm (m)	±20 pW
8485D Option 033	50 MHz to 33 GHz	APC-3.5 mm (m)	±20 pW
8487D	50 MHz to 50 GHz	2.4 mm (m)	±20 pW

#### Ordering Information

<b>Agilent 53147A</b>	20 GHz Counter/Power Meter/DVM
<b>Agilent 53148A</b>	26.5 GHz Counter/Power Meter/DVM
<b>Agilent 53149A</b>	46 GHz Counter/Power Meter/DVM
<b>Option 001</b>	Oven timebase
<b>Option 002</b>	Battery and dc input
<b>Option 007</b>	Soft carrying case
<b>Option 1CM</b>	Rack mounting kit

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