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Technical Data Sheet

# Remote Spectrum Monitors

For Remote RF Signal Monitoring

## MS27101A

9 kHz to 6 GHz

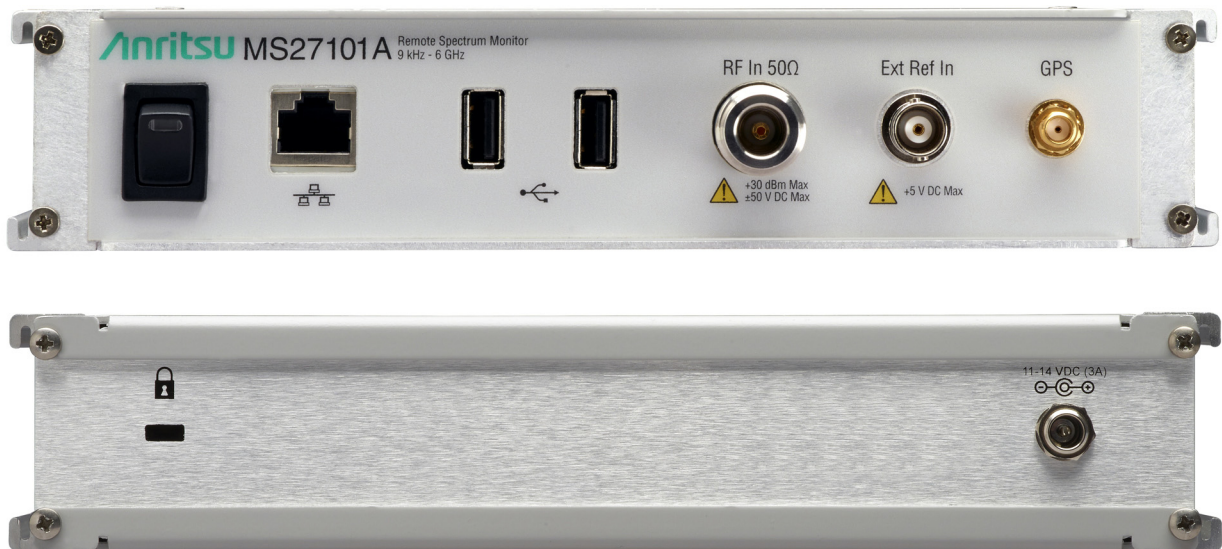


## Introduction

The Anritsu platform of spectrum monitors provides high performance real-time monitoring of the radio spectrum. Designed to be stable over time under continuous operation, the MS27101A monitor provides superior sweep speeds, high dynamic range, and low spurious levels for fast and accurate measurements. Applications include monitoring for interference, white space analysis, unlicensed transmission discovery, and signal coverage. The MS27101A is available as a single port RF-IN instrument with USB and Ethernet interfaces.

## Remote Spectrum Monitor Highlights

- Sweep rates up to 24 GHz/s
- Integrated web server to view, control, and conduct measurements via a web browser (Chrome or Firefox)
- Remote firmware updates
- Watchdog timer to insure long-term stability for remotely deployed monitors
- Low spurious signals for accurate signal discovery
- 20 MHz IF bandwidth
- Low power consumption < 11 watts
- Integrated GPS receiver for monitoring location and time synchronization applications
- Gigabit Ethernet available for high speed communications
- Measurements: occupied bandwidth, channel power
- Interference analysis: spectrogram and signal strength
- Dynamic range: > 106 dB normalized to 1 Hz BW
- Phase noise: -99 dBc/Hz @ 10 kHz offset at 1 GHz
- Frequency accuracy: <  $\pm 1.5$  ppm, <  $\pm 50$  ppb with GPS High Accuracy Mode
- IQ block mode and streaming with time stamping for time difference of arrival (TDOA) applications
- Remote control via SCPI commands
- Vision™ software optional for automated spectrum measurements, setting alarms, and geo-locating signal sources



MS27101A Spectrum Monitor

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**Definitions**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
|                     | All specifications and characteristics apply under the following conditions, unless otherwise stated:   |
| Warm-Up Time        | After 10 minutes of warm-up time, where the instrument is left in the on state.   |
| Temperature Range   | Over the 23 °C ±5 °C temperature range.   |
| Typical Performance | Typical specifications in parenthesis () describe performance that will be met by a minimum of 80% of all products. They do not include guard bands and are not warranted.<br>Typical specifications that are not in parenthesis are not tested and not warranted. They are generally representative of the nominal characteristic performance. |
| Uncertainty         | A coverage factor of k = 2 is applied to the measurement uncertainties to facilitate comparison with other industry monitors.<br>All specifications subject to change without notice.   |

## Remote Spectrum Monitor

|  |  |                                    |           |               |
|--|--|------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>Frequency</b>   |  |                                    |           |               |
| Frequency Range  | 9 kHz to 6 GHz (tunable to 0 Hz)   |                                    |           |               |
| Tuning Resolution  | 1 Hz   |                                    |           |               |
| Frequency Reference  | Accuracy: $\pm 1.5$ ppm ( $25^\circ\text{C} \pm 25^\circ\text{C}$ ) $\pm 1.0$ ppm/year aging<br>< $\pm 50$ ppb with GPS on   |                                    |           |               |
| Frequency Span   | 10 Hz to 6 GHz   |                                    |           |               |
| <b>Sweep Speed</b> Typical (full span FFT mode)  |  |                                    |           |               |
| 10 kHz RBW   | 5 GHz/s  |                                    |           |               |
| 30 kHz RBW   | 12 GHz/s   |                                    |           |               |
| 3 MHz RBW  | 24 GHz/s   |                                    |           |               |
| <b>Bandwidth</b>   |  |                                    |           |               |
| Resolution Bandwidth (RBW)   | 10 Hz to 3 MHz in 1–3 sequence (–3 dB bandwidth)   |                                    |           |               |
| Video Bandwidth (VBW)  | 10 Hz to 3 MHz in 1–3 sequence (–3 dB bandwidth) (auto or manually selectable)   |                                    |           |               |
| <b>Spectral Purity</b>   |  |                                    |           |               |
| SSB Phase Noise @ 1 GHz  | (–99 dBc/Hz) @ 10 kHz offset<br>(–98 dBc/Hz) @ 100 kHz offset  |                                    |           |               |
| <b>Amplitude Ranges</b>  |  |                                    |           |               |
| Dynamic Range  | > 106 dB (2.4 GHz), 2/3 (TOI-DANL) in 1 Hz RBW   |                                    |           |               |
| Measurement Range  | DANL to +30 dBm ( $\geq 100$ MHz)<br>DANL to +10 dBm (< 100 MHz)   |                                    |           |               |
| Reference Level Range  | –150 dBm to +30 dBm  |                                    |           |               |
| Attenuator Range   | 0 dB to 50 dB in 5 dB steps  |                                    |           |               |
| Maximum Continuous Input   | (100 MHz to 6 GHz)<br>+30 dBm, $\geq 10$ dB attenuation, $\pm 50$ VDC<br>+10 dBm, < 10 dB attenuation, $\pm 50$ VDC<br>–10 dBm, preamp on, $\pm 50$ VDC  |                                    |           |               |
| Amplitude Units  | Log Scale Modes: dBm   |                                    |           |               |
| <b>Amplitude Accuracy</b> Attenuation $\leq 40$ dB, preamp off for frequencies less than 100 kHz                               |  |                                    |           |               |
| 9 kHz to 6.0 GHz   | $\pm 2.5$ dB   |                                    |           |               |
| <b>Displayed Average Noise Level (DANL)</b> RBW normalized to 1 Hz, 0 dB attenuation   |  |                                    |           |               |
|  | Preamp Off, Reference Level –20 dBm  | Preamp On, Reference Level –50 dBm |           |               |
|  | Max (dBm)  | Typical (dBm)                      | Max (dBm) | Typical (dBm) |
| 10 MHz to 3.3 GHz  | –145   | –150                               | –162      | –165          |
| > 3.3 GHz to 4.1 GHz   | –140   | –145                               | –159      | –162          |
| > 4.1 GHz to 5 GHz   | –138   | –143                               | –156      | –160          |
| > 5 GHz to 6 GHz   | –128   | –136                               | –146      | –154          |
| <b>Spurs</b> Typical   |  |                                    |           |               |
| Residual Spurious  | (< –80 dBm) RF input terminated, 0 dB input attenuation, preamp off, > 10 MHz<br>(< –95 dBm)* RF input terminated, 0 dB input attenuation, preamp on, > 10 MHz<br>* (< –88 dBm) for 16 MHz to 18 MHz |                                    |           |               |
| Input-Related Spurious   | < –60 dBc, 0 dB attenuation, –30 dBm input, carrier offset > 5 MHz   |                                    |           |               |
| <b>Second Harmonic Distortion</b> Typical; 0 dB attenuation, –30 dBm input   |  |                                    |           |               |
| 50 MHz   | (–50 dBc)  |                                    |           |               |
| > 50 MHz to 200 MHz  | < –60 dBc  |                                    |           |               |
| > 200 MHz to 3000 MHz  | < –60 dBc  |                                    |           |               |
| <b>Third-Order Intercept (TOI)</b> Typical; preamp off, –20 dBm tones 100 kHz apart, 0 dB attenuation, reference level –20 dBm |  |                                    |           |               |
| 800 MHz  | (+7 dBm)   |                                    |           |               |
| 2400 MHz   | (+17 dBm)  |                                    |           |               |
| 200 to 2200 MHz  | +10 dBm  |                                    |           |               |
| > 2.2 GHz to 5.0 GHz   | +8 dBm   |                                    |           |               |
| > 5.0 GHz to 6.0 GHz   | +14 dBm  |                                    |           |               |

**Remote Spectrum Monitor** (continued)

**VSWR** < 2.5:1 typical

**Signal Processing**

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Data Types                     | I/Q time series: 8, 10, 16 or 24 bit resolution<br>Spectrum trace: 100 to 4000 points |
| Data Transfer Modes            | I/Q time series or spectrum trace in streaming or block mode                          |
| I/Q Data Streaming Rate        | Gapless on 100Base-T network, Up to 2.6 MHz signal bandwidth                          |
| I/Q Data Time Stamp Resolution | 8.7 ns  |

**I/Q Recording Time** Typical

| Signal Bandwidth | Output Data Rate<br>MSPS | I/Q Bit Resolution |           |           |           |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                  |                          | 24 bits            | 16 bits   | 10 bits   | 8 bits    |
| 20 MHz           | 76.25 / 3                | 1.3 s              | 2.5 s     | 3.8 s     | 5 s       |
| 13.3 MHz         | 76.25 / 4                | 1.7 s              | 3.4 s     | 5 s       | 6.7 s     |
| 6.67 MHz         | 76.25 / 8                | 3.4 s              | 6.7 s     | 10.1 s    | 13.4 s    |
| 2.67 MHz         | 76.25 / 20               | 8.4 s              | 16.8 s    | 25.2 s    | 33.6 s    |
| 1.33 MHz         | 76.25 / 40               | 16.8 s             | 33.6 s    | 50.4 s    | 1.12 min  |
| 667 kHz          | 76.25 / 80               | 33.6 s             | 1.12 min  | 1.68 min  | 2.24 min  |
| 267 kHz          | 76.25 / 200              | 1.4 min            | 2.8 min   | 4.2 min   | 5.6 min   |
| 133 kHz          | 76.25 / 400              | 2.8 min            | 5.6 min   | 8.39 min  | 11.19 min |
| 66.7 kHz         | 76.25 / 800              | 5.6 min            | 11.19 min | 16.79 min | 22.38 min |
| 26.7 kHz         | 76.25 / 2000             | 13.99 min          | 27.98 min | 41.97 min | 55.96 min |
| 13.3 kHz         | 76.25 / 4000             | 27.98 min          | 55.96 min | 1.4 h     | 1.87 h    |
| 6.67 kHz         | 76.25 / 8000             | 55.96 min          | 1.87 h    | 2.8 h     | 3.73 h    |
| 2.67 kHz         | 76.25 / 20000            | 2.33 h             | 4.66 h    | 6.99 h    | 9.33 h    |
| 1.33 kHz         | 76.25 / 40000            | 4.66 h             | 9.33 h    | 13.99 h   | 18.65 h   |

## General Specifications

### Setup Parameters

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| System Status               | Temperature, Serial Number, Firmware Version, Options Installed, Self Test, Application Self Test, GPS |
| System Options              | Name, Date and Time, Reset (Factory Defaults, Master Reset, Update Firmware)                           |
| Directory Management        | Sort Method (Name/Type/Date), Ascend/Descend, Internal/USB, Copy                                       |
| Internal Trace/Setup Memory | 4 GB internal memory available for storing files   |
| Mode Switching              | Automatically stores/recalls most recently used setup parameters in the mode                           |

### Connectors

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| RF In                 | One type N, female port, 50 $\Omega$  |
| RF In Damage Level    | +30 dBm peak, $\pm 50$ VDC maximum continuous input ( $\geq 10$ dB attenuation) |
| External Power        | 11 W, 5.5 mm barrel connector, 11 to 14 VDC                                     |
| External Reference In | 10 MHz, +10 dBm max, +5 VDC max, BNC(f)   |
| Ethernet              | 1 RJ45 connector  |
| USB                   | 2 Type A interface connectors   |
| GPS                   | SMA(f)  |

### Electromagnetic Compatibility

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| European Union            | CE Mark, EMC Directive 2004/108/EC     |
| Interference              | EN 61326-1                             |
| Emissions                 | EN 55011                               |
| Immunity                  | EN 61000-4-2/-4-3/-4-4/-4-5/-4-6/-4-11 |
| Low Voltage Directive     | 2006/95/EC                             |
| Australia and New Zealand | RCM                                    |
| Korea                     | KCC                                    |

### Safety

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Safety Class   | EN 61010-1 Class 1   |
| Product Safety | IEC 60950-1 when used with Anritsu company supplied power supply |

### Warranty

|            |                              |
|------------|------------------------------|
| Instrument | Standard three-year warranty |
|------------|------------------------------|

### Environmental

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Operating Temperature | 0 $^{\circ}$ C to 50 $^{\circ}$ C           |
| Maximum Humidity      | 95 % RH (non-condensing) at 30 $^{\circ}$ C |
| Shock                 | MIL-PRF-28800F Class 2                      |
| Storage               | -40 $^{\circ}$ C to +71 $^{\circ}$ C        |
| Altitude              | 4600 meters, operating and non-operating    |

### ESD

|              |                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| RF Input Pin | Withstands up to $\pm 4$ kV |
|--------------|-----------------------------|

### Size and Weight

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| Size   | 216 mm x 45 mm x 368 mm (8.5 in x 1.75 in x 14.5 in) |
| Weight | 2.78 kg (6.2 lb)                                     |

Ordering Information

Standard Hardware

| Model Number  | Description  |
|---------------|--------------|
| MS27101A-0706 | 1 RF IN Port |

Hardware Options



| Option Number | Description    |
|---------------|----------------|
| MS27101A-0001 | Rack Mount Kit |

Software Options

| Option Number | Description                                       |
|---------------|---|
| MS27101A-0400 | Vision Monitor Enabled                            |
| MS27101A-0401 | Vision Locate Enabled (requires Option 400 above) |

Standard Accessories (included with instrument)

| Part Number | Description   |
|-------------|---------------|
| 40-187-R    | AC-DC Adapter |

Optional Accessories

| Part Number | Description  |
|-------------|--|
| 760-288-R   | Transit Case   |
| 2000-1371-R | Ethernet Cable, 2.13 m (7 ft)  |
| 2000-1528-R | GPS Antenna, SMA(m) with 5 m (15 ft) cable, 3 dBi gain, requires 5 VDC |