



# **Agilent V3500A Handheld RF Power Meter**

## **Service Guide**



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



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	Both direct and alternating current		On (supply)
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	Earth (ground) terminal		Caution, risk of danger (refer to this manual for specific Warning or Caution information)
	Protective conductor terminal		Caution, hot surface
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### CAUTION

- Ensure proper insertion of battery in the power meter, and follow the correct polarity.

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This chapter provides you the step-by-step performance verification and adjustment test for the V3500A Handheld RF Power Meter.

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# 1 Characteristics and Specifications

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This chapter describes the instrument characteristics and specifications of the V3500A Handheld RF Power Meter.



## Product Characteristics

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### POWER

Equipped with auto-shutoff

- Two 1.5 V alkaline AA batteries (Typical battery life: 17.5 hours<sup>[1]</sup> with low battery indicator)
- USB interface cable (Standard-A to Type-B)<sup>[2]</sup>
- Optional external DC power supply<sup>[3]</sup> (V3500A-PWR)

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### DISPLAY

- 4-digits with backlight and auto-shutoff feature
- Hold feature — most recent reading is shown on the display and is no longer updated

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### CONNECTOR

- USB 2.0 interface with a mini-B USB connector<sup>[4]</sup>
- Type-N male RF connector (50  $\Omega$  characteristic impedance)

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### OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

- 0 °C to 50 °C
- 80% RH for temperature up to 35 °C, non-condensing
- Altitude up to 2000 meters

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### STORAGE COMPLIANCE

- -10 °C to 70 °C
- Non-operating maximum humidity: 90% at 65 °C, non-condensing

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### EMC COMPLIANCE

Certified with

- IEC 61326-2-1:2005/ EN 61326-2-1:2006
- Canada: ICES-001:2004
- Australia/New Zealand: AS/NZS CISPR11: 2004

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### POLLUTION DEGREE

Pollution Degree 2

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### DIMENSIONS (W × H × D)

- 79 mm × 134 mm × 49 mm (without N-connector)

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### WEIGHT

- 0.5 kg

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### WARRANTY

- 3 years for the V3500A Handheld RF Power Meter
- 3 months for the standard shipped and optional accessories

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### CALIBRATION CYCLE

Recommended 1 year

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- [1] Typical battery life was measured in default conditions at 500 MHz with backlight off and without USB communications. With backlight on, the typical battery life is 2.5 hours.
- [2] With the USB cable connected to provide power and the optional external power disconnected, the external power supply (V3500A-PWR) will be powered from the USB cable — regardless of whether batteries are present.
- [3] If the V3500A-PWR power supply is connected, it will be powered by the external supply — regardless of whether the USB power or batteries are present.
- [4] The interface is USB 2.0 compatible with an interface speed of 12 Mbps.

## Product Specifications

The following specifications are based on performance at a temperature of 23 °C ± 5 °C unless stated otherwise.

Category	Specifications	
<b>Frequency range</b>	10 MHz to 6 GHz	
<b>Power range</b>	-60 dBm to +20 dBm	
<b>Maximum power</b>	+23 dBm, 5 VDC	
<b>Power accuracy</b>	At 23 °C ±5 °C <sup>[1]</sup>	At 0 °C – 50 °C
<b>Frequency range</b>	<b>+20 dBm to +6 dBm</b>	<b>+20 dBm to +6 dBm</b>
10 MHz to 3.75 GHz	±0.23 dB	±0.33 dB
3.75 GHz to 6GHz	±0.20 dB	±0.44 dB
<b>Frequency range</b>	<b>+6 dBm to -9 dBm</b>	<b>+6 dBm to -9 dBm</b>
10 MHz to 3.75 GHz	±0.26 dB	±0.33 dB
3.75 GHz to 6 GHz	±0.40 dB	±0.55 dB
<b>Frequency range</b>	<b>-9 dBm to -29 dBm</b>	<b>-9 dBm to -29 dBm</b>
10 MHz to 3.75 GHz	±0.18 dB	±0.29 dB
3.75 GHz to 6 GHz	±0.19 dB	±0.34 dB
<b>Frequency range</b>	<b>-29 dBm to -39 dBm</b>	<b>-29 dBm to -39 dBm</b>
10 MHz to 3.75 GHz	±0.22 dB	±0.32 dB
3.75 GHz to 6 GHz	±0.25 dB	±0.44 dB
<b>Frequency range</b>	<b>-39 dBm to -50 dBm</b>	<b>-39 dBm to -50 dBm</b>
10 MHz to 3.75 GHz	±0.36 dB	±0.48 dB
3.75 GHz to 6 GHz	±0.39 dB	±0.65 dB
<b>Frequency range</b>	<b>-50 dBm to -55 dBm</b>	<b>-50 dBm to -55 dBm</b>
10 MHz to 3.75 GHz	±1.37 dB; ±0.12 dB	±1.47 dB
3.75 GHz to 6 GHz	±1.81 dB; ±0.13 dB	±1.97 dB



Category	Specifications
<b>Linearity</b>	At 23 °C ±5 °C At 0 °C – 50 °C
-40 dBm to +6 dBm	±0.1 dB ±0.2 dB
-50 dBm to -40 dBm	±0.4 dB ±0.5 dB
-50 dBm to -55 dBm	±1.0 dB ±1.1 dB
<b>Noise floor</b>	At 0 °C – 50 °C -61 dBm
<b>Speed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal ~2 readings per second (&gt; -30 dBm approximately) ~1 readings per second (≤ -30 dBm approximately)</li> <li>• High-speed ~23 readings per second (&gt; -30 dBm approximately) ~10 readings per second (≤ -30 dBm approximately)</li> </ul>

[1] Customer spec after warm up time of 30 minutes

$$X = (x,f) + K(= 2) \cdot \delta(x,f) + \Delta_E(x,f[18^\circ - 28^\circ C]) + \mu$$

where

$X$  is mean of the data taken in the frequency range stated  $(x,f)$ .

$\delta$  is standard deviation of the data taken in the frequency range stated  $(x,f)$ .

$x$  is measured value at test frequencies.

$f$  is frequency range over which data was taken for specification.

$\mu$  is measurement uncertainty.

$\Delta_E$  is change associated temperature variation.

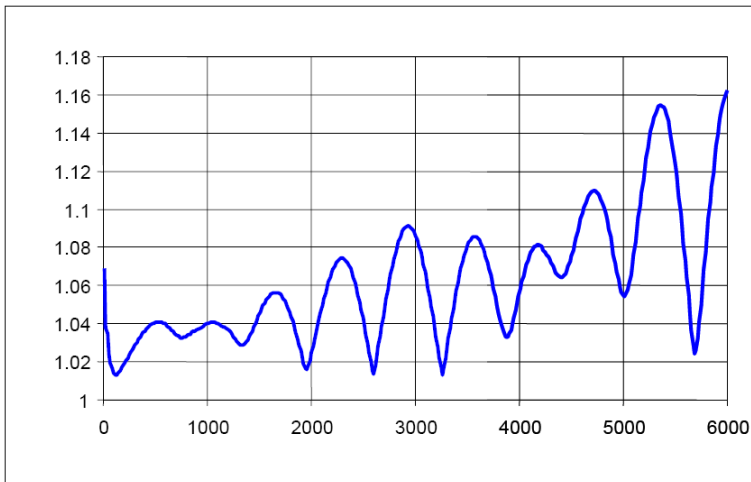
18 – 28 °C is the statistics generated separately at these temperatures and larger statistical value used in setting spec.

## SWR

The SWR performance graph is shown in Figure 1-1.

**Table 1-1** SWR performance for different frequency band

Frequency band	SWR (0 °C – 50 °C)
10 MHz to 3.75 GHz	1.13
3.75 GHz to 6 GHz	1.22



**Figure 1-1** Typical SWR performance



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This chapter provides you with the general service and maintenance information, and battery replacement procedure.



## General Information

### Cleaning

Use a clean, damp cloth to clean the body of the V3500A Handheld RF Power Meter.

### RF connectors care

Use a solution of pure isopropyl or ethyl alcohol to clean the connectors but do keep in mind that these solutions are flammable.

Clean the connector only at a static free workstation. Electrostatic discharge to the center pin of the connector will render the power meter inoperative.

Clean the connector face by first using a blast of compressed air. If the compressed air fails to remove contaminants, use a cotton swab dipped in isopropyl or ethyl alcohol. If the swab is too big, use a round wooden toothpick wrapped in a lint free cloth dipped in isopropyl or ethyl alcohol.

#### CAUTION

The RF connector bead deteriorates when contacted with any chlorinated or aromatic hydrocarbon such as acetone, trichlorethane, carbon tetrachloride, and benzene.

Do not attempt to clean connectors with anything metallic such as pins or paper clips.

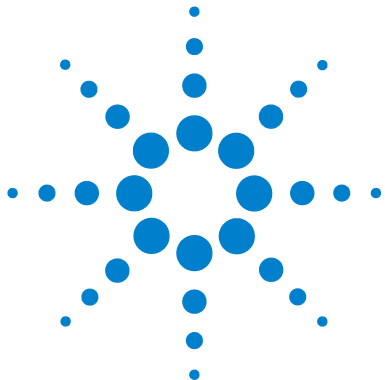
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## Battery Replacement

The V3500A is powered by two 1.5 V AA batteries. To ensure that the meter performs as specified, it is recommended that you replace the battery as soon as the low battery indicator is flashing. See the following procedures for battery replacement:

- 1** Loosen the screw on the battery cover using a Phillips screwdriver.
- 2** Replace the specified batteries, ensure the correct polarity of the batteries.
- 3** Tighten the screw on the battery cover and turn on the power meter.

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This chapter provides you the step-by-step performance verification and adjustment test for the V3500A Handheld RF Power Meter.



## Performance Tests

The procedures in this chapter test the power meter electrical performance using the specification in [Chapter 1](#) as the performance standards. The performance tests given in this chapter are suitable for incoming inspection or preventive maintenance. During any performance test, all shields and connecting hardware must be in place.

## Test Procedures

It is assumed that the person performing the following tests understands how to operate the specified test equipment. Equipment settings, other than those for the power meter, are stated in general terms. It is assumed that the person will select the proper cables, adapters, and probes required for the test setup illustrated in this chapter.



## Equipment List

Table 3-1 lists all the equipment required for the performance tests. If a substitution must be made, the equipment used must meet the critical specifications.

**Table 3-1** Equipment required for performance tests

Equipment Required	Recommended Models	Critical Specifications
Network analyzer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agilent E5071C (Option 280)</li> <li>Agilent 8753ES (Option 006)</li> <li>Agilent 8753E (Option 006)</li> </ul>	Frequency range: 10 MHz to 6 GHz
Calibration kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agilent 85032B</li> <li>Agilent 85032E</li> <li>Agilent 85032F</li> </ul>	Type-N connector 50 $\Omega$ characteristic impedance Frequency range: 10 MHz to 6 GHz
Signal source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agilent E8257D (Option 520, 532, 540, 550 1EA, 550 1EU)</li> </ul>	Ability to output +6 dBm from 10 MHz to 6 GHz
Power splitter	Agilent 11667A	
Power meter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agilent E4417A</li> <li>Agilent E4419A/B</li> <li>Agilent E4418B</li> </ul>	Dual channel Absolute accuracy: $\pm 0.5\%$ Power reference accuracy: $\pm 0.9\%$
Power sensor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agilent 8481A</li> <li>Agilent E9301A</li> <li>Agilent N8482A</li> </ul>	Ability to measure 0 dBm power from 10 MHz to 6 GHz
Incident sensor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agilent 8481A</li> <li>Agilent E9301A</li> <li>Agilent N8482A</li> </ul>	Ability to measure 0 dBm power from 10 MHz to 6 GHz
Function generator	33250A	Ability to output +12 dBm at 50 MHz
Fixed attenuator	8491A (Option 010)	
1 dB step attenuator	Agilent 8494G	Characterized by standard lab Accuracy: $\pm 0.01$ dB VSWR @ 50 MHz: $\leq 1.05$

**Table 3-1** Equipment required for performance tests (continued)

Equipment Required	Recommended Models	Critical Specifications
10 dB step attenuator	Agilent 8496G	Characterized by standard lab Accuracy: $\pm 0.005$ dB+0.0052 dB/step VSWR @ 50 MHz: $\leq 1.05$
Switch driver	Agilent 11713A	

## Performance Verification

### Power source test

- 1 Remove the battery cover of the power meter using a Phillips screw driver.
- 2 Insert two 1.5 V alkaline AA batteries into the battery holder and turn the power meter ON. Make sure that the display and the keypad are working by pressing every key on the keypad.
- 3 Leave the AA batteries in the battery holder and connect the USB interface cable (Standard- A to Type-B) to the PC. Make sure that the power meter continues to operate normally without any interruptions such as display glitch or any sort of display changes when the USB interface cable is inserted.
- 4 Using the universal switching power supply, plug the adaptor output into the 5 V, 150 mA input on the power meter. Make sure that the power meter continues to operate normally without any interruptions such as display glitch or any sort of display changes.
- 5 Remove the two 1.5 V alkaline AA batteries from the power meter, and make sure that the power meter is still operating normally.
- 6 Unplug the USB interface cable and make sure that the power meter is still operating normally with the universal switching power supply connected.]

## SWR Test

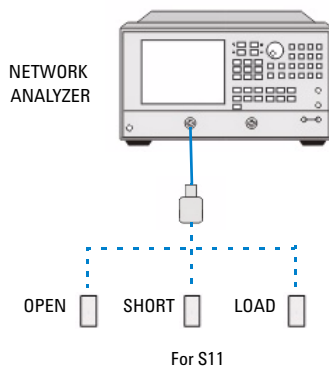
### Specifications

Electrical Characteristics	Performance Limits
SWR (10 MHz to 3.75 GHz)	1.13
SWR (3.75 GHz to 6 GHz)	1.22

### Equipment

- Network analyzer: Agilent E5071C (Option 280), 8753ES (Option 006), or 8753E (Option 006)
- Calibration kit: Agilent 85032B, 85032E, or 85032F

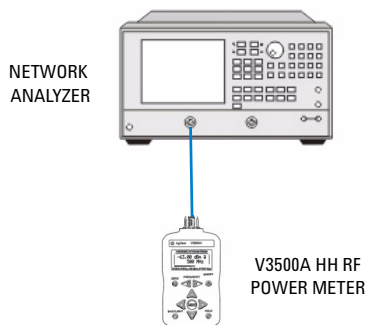
### Test setup



**Figure 3-1** SWR test setup

#### Procedure

- 1 Preset the vector network analyzer (VNA) to factory default settings.
- 2 Set the stimulus of VNA to the following settings and select Channel 1 as the test channel.
  - Power level = 0 dBm
  - IF BW = 10 Hz
  - Averaging = 1
- 3 Select the proper calibration kit shown on the calibration menu of VNA.
- 4 Select 1-Port (S11) calibration on the calibration menu of VNA.
- 5 Perform calibration using open, short, and load as shown in [Figure 3-1](#) on page 15.
- 6 Save the calibration results and recall calibration results.
- 7 Set the VNA to the following settings:
  - Measure S11 parameter
  - Display format as SWR
  - Output format as linear marker
  - Auto scale
- 8 Connect the unit under test (UUT) directly to Port 1 of VNA as shown in [Figure 3-2](#) on page 17.



**Figure 3-2** UUT connected to Port 1 of the VNA

- 9 Perform a sweep and read the trace data for all sweep points.
- 10 Find the test point readings from the trace data array. The output reading shows SWR results.

**NOTE**

The sweep segment one is an extra sweep segment which allows VTO saturation and settling time to get better results. The trace data from segment one should be thrown away before the results are obtained.

## Frequency Response Test

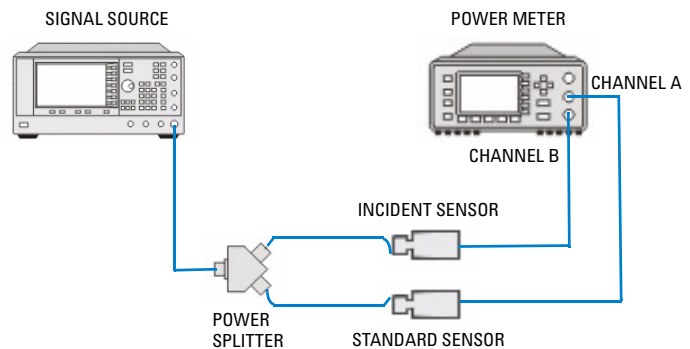
### Specifications

Electrical Characteristics	Performance Limits
Frequency response (10 MHz to 3.75 GHz)	$\pm 0.26$ dB
Frequency response (3.75 GHz to 6 GHz)	$\pm 0.4$ dB

### Equipment

- Signal source: Agilent E8257D Agilent E8257D (Option 520, 532, 540, 550 1EA, or 550 1EU)
- Power meter: Agilent E4417A or E4419A/B
- Power sensor: Agilent 8481A, E9301A, or N8482A
- Incident sensor: Agilent 8481A, E9301A, or N8482A
- Power splitter: Agilent 11667A

### Test setup



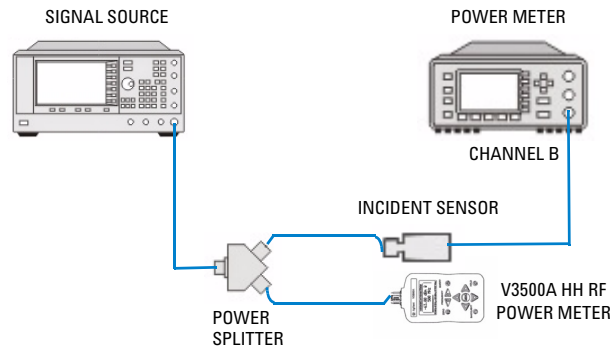
**Figure 3-3** Frequency response test setup

### Procedure

- 1 Set the power meter measurement unit as dBm.
- 2 Zero and calibrate the incident sensor on the power meter Channel B and the power sensor (standard sensor) on the power meter Channel A, respectively.
- 3 Set up the instruments as shown in [Figure 3-3](#) on page 18.
- 4 Set the source frequency as 10 MHz and power level as 6 dBm. Turn on RF output.
- 5 Load the calibration factor of the standard sensor and incident sensor for the current frequency into power meter if necessary.
- 6 Measure and store the power ratio of Channel A to Channel B for the current frequency.

$$\text{Ratio} = P_{STD} - P_{INC}$$

- 7 Repeat [step 4](#) to [step 6](#) for each frequency point between 10 MHz and 6 GHz.
- 8 Turn off the source RF output.
- 9 Zero the UUT and set the measurement unit to dBm.
- 10 Make connections as indicated in [Figure 3-4](#) on page 19.



**Figure 3-4** UUT connected for frequency response test

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- 11 Set the source frequency based on the test frequency and turn on RF output.
- 12 Load the calibration factor of incident sensor for the current frequency into the power meter if necessary.
- 13 Set the current frequency for UUT.
- 14 Measure and store the power meter Channel B input power for the current frequency ( $P_{INC}$ ).
- 15 Measure and store the UUT input power for the current frequency ( $P_{UUT}$ ).
- 16 Repeat [step 11](#) to [step 15](#) for each test frequency determined in [step 7](#).
- 17 Turn off the source RF output.
- 18 Calculate the UUT frequency response at each frequency.

$$\text{UUT Frequency Response} = P_{UUT} - (P_{INC} + (P_{STD} - P_{INC0}))$$



## Linearity Test

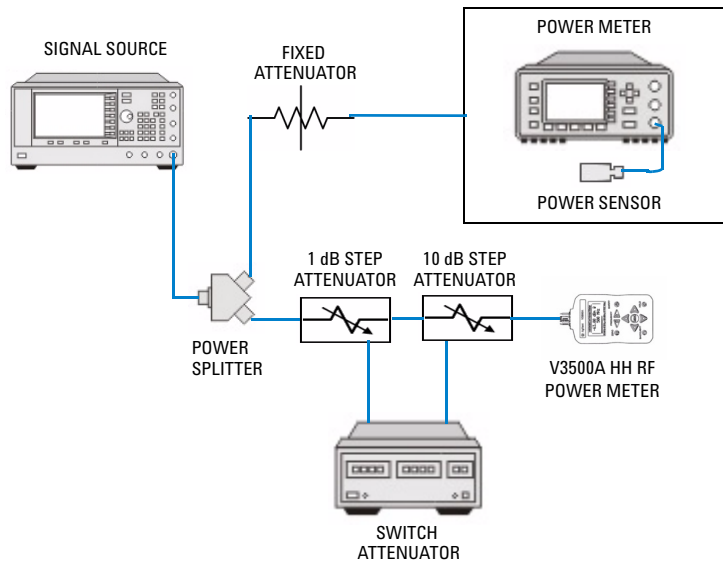
### Specifications

Electrical Characteristics	Performance Limits
Linearity test	$\pm 0.1$ dB

### Equipment

- Function generator: Agilent 33250A
- Power splitter: Agilent 11667A
- Fixed attenuator: Agilent 8491A (Option 010)
- Power meter: Agilent E4418B
- Power sensor: Agilent N8482A
- 1 dB step attenuator: Agilent 8494G
- 10 dB step attenuator: Agilent 8496G
- Switch driver: 11713A

#### Test setup



**Figure 3-5** Linearity test setup

#### Procedure

- 1 Zero the UUT.
- 2 Zero and calibrate the reference sensor using a power meter.
- 3 Set up the instruments as shown in [Figure 3-5](#) on page 22.
- 4 Set the UUT measurement unit as dBm.
- 5 Set the UUT test frequency as 50 MHz.
- 6 Set the power meter measurement unit as dBm.
- 7 Set both 1 dB step attenuator and 10 dB step attenuator to 0 dB attenuation.
- 8 Obtain the total insertion loss of the two step attenuators,  $Att_0$ .
- 9 Set the source to output 50 MHz and 6 dBm CW signal.

- 10 Fine-tune the source until the UUT reading of 0.00 dBm  $\pm 0.01$  dB. Record the UUT reading as  $P_{t0}$  and record the power meter reading as  $P_{m0}$ .
- 11 Increase the source output power by 6 dB.
- 12 Set the attenuation of 1 dB step attenuator and 10 dB step attenuator for the current test point according to [Table 3-2](#) on page 24.
- 13 Obtain the precise attenuation of the two step attenuators for the current test point  $Att_1$  and  $Att_{10}$ .
- 14 Record the UUT reading as  $P_t$  and record the power meter reading as  $P_m$ .
- 15 Calculate the linearity error according to the equation below, and compare it with its specification.

$$\text{Linearity} = P_t - P_S$$

$$P_S = P_m - \text{Offset} - (Att_{10} + Att_1)$$

$$\text{Offset} = P_{m0} - (P_{t0} + Att_0)$$

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**Table 3-2** Attenuator settings

Test Condition	Total Attenuation (dB)	8494G Setting (dB)	8496G Setting (dB)	11713A SCPI Command
+6 dBm	0	0	0	B12345678
+5 dBm	1	1	0	A5B1234678
+4 dBm	2	2	0	A6B1234578
+3 dBm	3	3	0	A56B123478
+2 dBm	4	4	0	A7B1234568
+1 dBm	5	5	0	A57B123468
0 dBm	6	6	0	A67B123458
-1 dBm	7	7	0	A567B12348
-2 dBm	8	8	0	A78B123456
-3 dBm	9	9	0	A578B12346
-4 dBm	10	10	0	A678B12345
-5 dBm	11	1	10	A15B234678
-6 dBm	12	2	10	A16B234578
-7 dBm	13	3	10	A156B23478
-8 dBm	14	4	10	A17B234568
-9 dBm	15	5	10	A157B23468
-10 dBm	16	6	10	A167B23458
-11 dBm	17	7	10	A1567B2348
-12 dBm	18	8	10	A178B23456
-13 dBm	19	9	10	A1578B2346
-14 dBm	20	10	10	A1678B2345
-15 dBm	21	1	20	A25B134678
-16 dBm	22	2	20	A26B134578
-17 dBm	23	3	20	A256B13478

**Table 3-2** Attenuator settings (continued)

Test Condition	Total Attenuation (dB)	8494G Setting (dB)	8496G Setting (dB)	11713A SCPI Command
-18 dBm	24	4	20	A27B134568
-19 dBm	25	5	20	A257B13468
-20 dBm	26	6	20	A267B13458
-21 dBm	27	7	20	A2567B1348
-22 dBm	28	8	20	A278B13456
-23 dBm	29	9	20	A2578B1346
-24 dBm	30	10	20	A2678B1345
-25 dBm	31	1	30	A125B34678
-26 dBm	32	2	30	A126B34578
-27 dBm	33	3	30	A1256B3478
-28 dBm	34	4	30	A127B34568
-29 dBm	35	5	30	A1257B3468
-30 dBm	36	6	30	A1267B3458
-31 dBm	37	7	30	A12567B348
-32 dBm	38	8	30	A1278B3456
-33 dBm	39	9	30	A12578B346
-34 dBm	40	10	30	A12678B345
-35 dBm	41	1	40	A35B124678
-36 dBm	42	2	40	A36B124578
-37 dBm	43	3	40	A356B12478
-38 dBm	44	4	40	A37B124568
-39 dBm	45	5	40	A357B12468
-40 dBm	46	6	40	A367B12458

## Noise Test

### Specifications

Electrical Characteristics	Performance Limits
Noise test	-61 dBm

### Procedure

- 1 Zero the UUT.
- 2 Set the UUT measurement unit as dBm.
- 3 Set the UUT averaging to 32.
- 4 Set the UUT measurement mode to normal speed.
- 5 Record the UUT reading as  $P_t$  and compare against specification.

## Performance Test Record

Agilent V3500A Handheld RF Power Meter

Tested by \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### SWR

Frequency	SWR

### Accuracy

Frequency	P <sub>STD</sub>	P <sub>INC0</sub>	P <sub>UUT</sub>	P <sub>INC</sub>	Frequency Response <sup>[1]</sup>

<sup>[1]</sup> Frequency response =  $P_{UUT} - (P_{INC} + (P_{INC} + (P_{STD} - P_{INC0}))$

### Linearity

$A_{TT0} = 0$

$P_{t0} = \text{_____}$

$P_{m0} = \text{_____}$

Offset =  $P_{m0} - (P_{t0} + A_{TT0})$

Att <sub>1</sub>	Att <sub>10</sub>	P <sub>t</sub>	P <sub>m</sub>	P <sub>S</sub> <sup>[1]</sup>	Linearity <sup>[2]</sup>

<sup>[1]</sup>  $P_S = P_m - \text{Offset} - (\text{Att}_{10} + \text{Att}_1)$

<sup>[2]</sup> Linearity =  $P_t - P_S$

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This chapter details the replaceable parts for the V3500A Handheld RF Power Meter. It also explains how to assemble and disassemble the power meter.



## **Introduction**


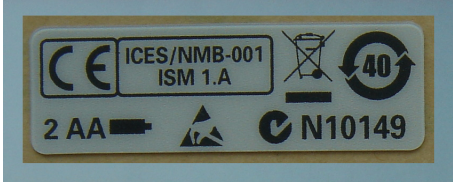

This chapter contains details of some of the higher level components and assemblies which can be ordered from Agilent Technologies. It also details how to assemble and disassemble the V3500A Handheld RF Power Meter for repair. The contents included are:

- 1 Replaceable Parts**
- 2 Required Tools**
- 3 Disassembly Instructions**
- 4 Reassembly Instructions**

To order a part, contact your local Agilent, quote the Agilent part number, specify the quantity required, and address the order to the nearest Agilent Technologies Sales and Service Office.

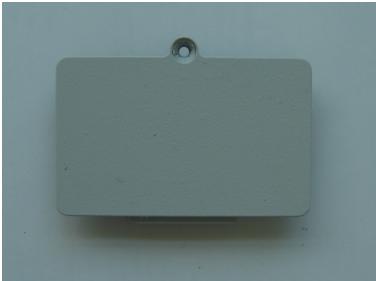

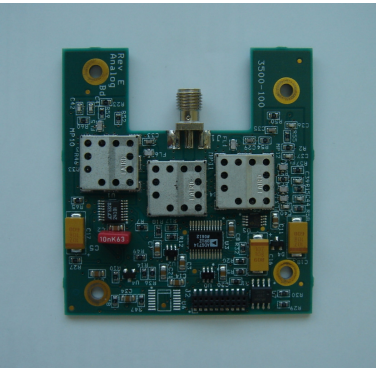
To return your instrument for repair or replacement, refer to [“Returning Instrument for Service”](#) on page 41.

## Replaceable Parts

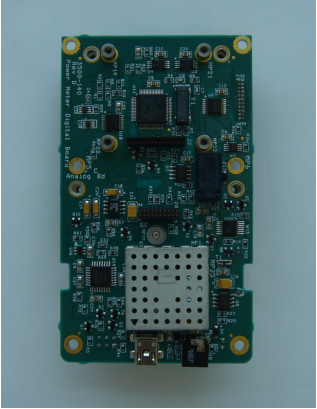
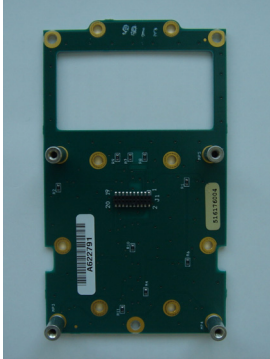
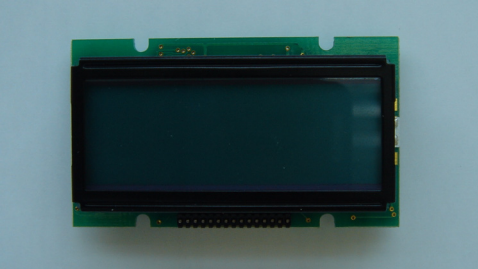
Agilent Part Number	Description	Visual
V3500-34301	Front panel label	
V3500-34302	USB and power label	
V3500-34303	Rear panel label	
V3500-36005	N-male to SMA female connector	

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Agilent Part Number	Description	Visual
V3500-40001	Keypad	 <p>The image shows a black keypad for the Agilent V3500 Handheld RF Power Meter. It features a small LCD display at the top with the text "Handheld RF Power Meter" and "10 MHz-6 GHz, +20 dBm, 5 VDC Max". Below the display are several control buttons: a "Z" button, two "f" buttons with left and right arrows, a power button, a central "MENU" button with four directional arrows, and a "H" button. There are also two small circular buttons at the bottom left and right.</p>
V3500-40100	Housing	 <p>The image shows the front view of the white plastic housing for the Agilent V3500A handheld RF power meter. It has a large LCD screen at the top. Below the screen are three buttons labeled "ZERO", "FREQUENCY", and "ON/OFF". At the bottom, there are two buttons labeled "BACKLIGHT" and "HOLD". The Agilent logo and model number "V3500A" are printed at the top of the device.</p>
V3500-40101	Back cover	 <p>The image shows the back cover of the Agilent V3500A handheld RF power meter. It is a white plastic cover with a rectangular cutout in the center. At the top, there are four screws. At the bottom, there are two screws. A small label with regulatory information is visible near the top center.</p>

Agilent Part Number	Description	Visual
V3500-40102	Battery door	
V3500-61300	Semi rigid cable 0.085	
V3500-66500	Analog board assembly	

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Agilent Part Number	Description	Visual
V3500-66503	Digital board assembly SPO kit - Programmed	 A green printed circuit board (PCB) populated with various electronic components. It features a large central integrated circuit, several smaller chips, resistors, and capacitors. There are four gold-plated mounting holes at the corners and a multi-pin connector at the bottom edge.
V3500-69300	Display assembly	 A green PCB assembly with a rectangular cutout at the top, intended for a display. It includes a barcode sticker with the number 'A62731', a small component labeled 'A62731', and several gold-plated mounting holes. A multi-pin connector is visible at the bottom.
V3500-69301	Character LCD display module	 A green PCB assembly featuring a black rectangular character LCD display. The display is mounted on a green PCB with a multi-pin connector at the bottom edge and several gold-plated mounting holes.

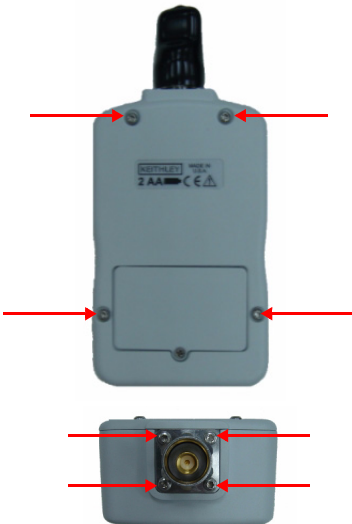
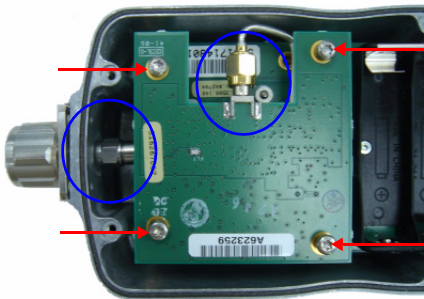
## Required Tools

The required tools and torque values for fasteners are listed below:

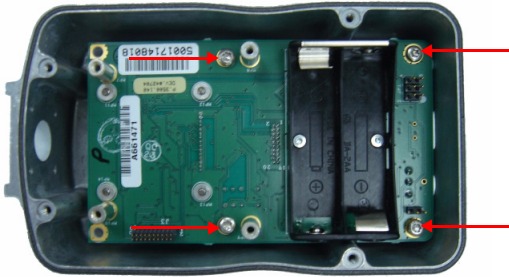
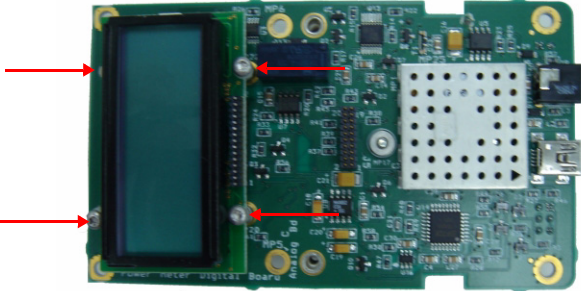
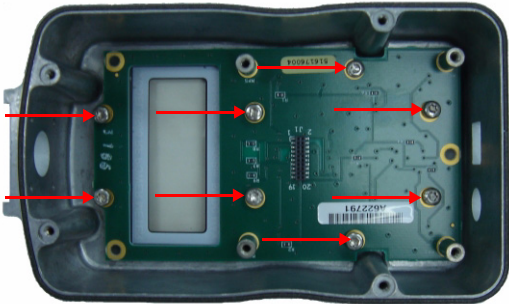
<b>Item</b>	<b>Description/Default</b>	<b>Range of Values</b>
Fit battery door and back cover	T10 screwdriver	5 in-lbs
Fit analog board assembly	T10 screwdriver	5 in-lbs
Fit digital board assembly	T10 screwdriver	5 in-lbs
Fit display board assembly	T10 screwdriver	5 in-lbs
Fit character LCD display module	T7 screwdriver	1 in-lb
Fit character LCD display module	3.5 mm torque wrench	8 in-lbs

## Disassembly Instructions

Follow the instructions below to disassemble the V3500A Handheld RF Power Meter.

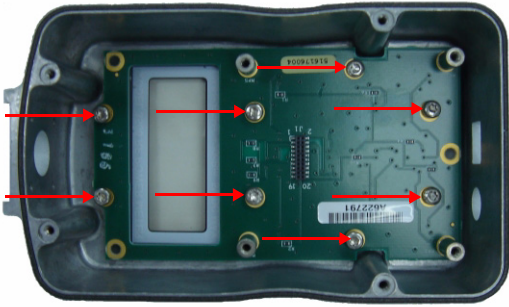
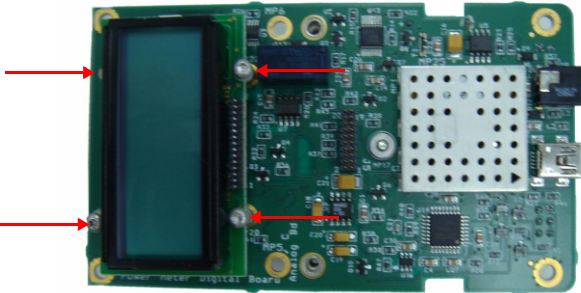
Instructions	Visual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove the 4-40x3/8 TPH screw from the back cover with 5 in-lbs T10 driver.</li> <li>Remove the 4-40x1/4 TPH screws from N-male to SMA female connector with 5 in-lbs T10 driver (if RF connector needs to be replaced).</li> </ul>	 <p>The visual shows the back cover of the V3500A Handheld RF Power Meter. Red arrows point to four screws: two on the top cover and two on the bottom cover. Below the main cover, a separate view of the N-male to SMA female connector is shown with four red arrows pointing to its screws.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove the 4-40x1/4 TPH screws from the analog board assembly with 5 in-lbs T10 driver.</li> <li>Remove the connections (between attenuator and SMA port of type-N connector and between semi-rigid cable and SMA (f) (connector of analog board) to 8 in-lbs using 3.5 mm torque wrench.</li> </ul>	 <p>The visual shows the internal analog board assembly. Red arrows point to four screws that hold the board in place. Two blue circles highlight specific connection points: one on the left side of the board and one in the center where a connector is attached.</p>

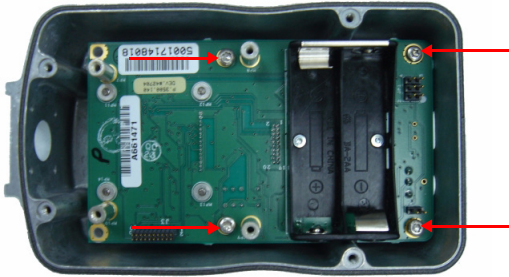
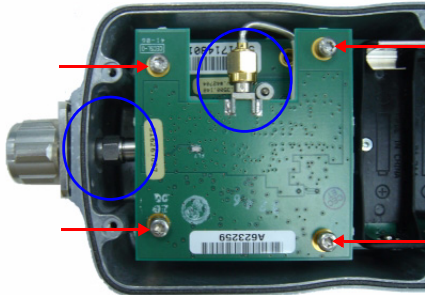


Instructions	Visual
<p>Remove the 4-40x1/4 TPH screws from the digital board assembly with 5 in-lbs T10 driver.</p>	 <p>The image shows the internal components of the device. A green printed circuit board (PCB) is visible, mounted within a black plastic housing. Four screws are highlighted with red arrows: two on the left side and two on the right side of the board, securing it to the housing. A battery pack is visible in the center of the device.</p>
<p>Remove the 2-56x1/4 TPH screws from the character LCD display module with 1 in-lb T7 driver.</p>	 <p>The image is a close-up of the character LCD display module. It consists of a green PCB with a black LCD screen. Two screws are highlighted with red arrows, one on the left side and one on the right side, which are used to secure the module to the device's housing.</p>
<p>Remove the 4-40x3/16 TPH screws from the display assembly with 5 in-lbs T10 driver.</p>	 <p>The image shows the internal components of the device with the display assembly installed. The display assembly is a grey rectangular module mounted on a green PCB. Four screws are highlighted with red arrows: two on the left side and two on the right side, securing the assembly to the housing. A battery pack is visible in the center.</p>


## Reassembly Instructions

The reassembly process is simply the reverse of the disassembly process. Follow the instructions below to reassemble the V3500A Handheld RF Power Meter.

Instructions	Visual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insert the 4-40x3/16 TPH screw (V3500-36002) – 8 pieces, into the indicated locations of the display board using a T10 driver and torque it to 5 in-lbs.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Put the nylon washers on top of standoffs.</li> <li>Insert the character LCD display module into J2 on the digital board assemble.</li> <li>Place another nylon washer on a 2-56x1/4 TPH screw and then insert the screw through the slot in the display, through the washer, and into standoff. Turn the screw enough to engage with the threads in the standoff, but do not tighten it down. This will make it easier to insert the washers between the display and the other three standoffs.</li> <li>Repeat the above steps for the other three standoffs of the digital board.</li> <li>Once they are all done, torque the 4 screws using to 1 in-lb using T7 driver.</li> </ul>	

Instructions	Visual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The four locations indicated show where each hole in the digital board will line up with the standoffs on the keyboard. Look through the holes indicated in the picture. Shift the board until the holes are concentric with the threaded holes in the standoffs in the keyboard. Once the board is aligned, press down on it so that the connector J5 on the digital board engages with the connector J1 on the keyboard. Be sure to have the jumper wire clamped the hole on the digital board and the standoff on the keyboard.</li> <li>Insert the 4-40x1/4 TPH screw (V3500-36001) – 4 pieces, into the four holes and torque it to 5-in lbs using T10 driver.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect the attenuator to the SMA port of the N type connector, finger tighten it.</li> <li>Set the analog board (V3500-66500) loosely into the housing.</li> <li>Thread the nut of the semi-rigid cable onto the SMA connector (J1) of the analog board. Fingers tighten it only at this point.</li> <li>Use the screw holes as the visual alignment guide. Align the board until the holes in the analog board are aligned with the threaded holes in the standoffs on the digital board. Once they are aligned, press down the analog board to engage connector J2 to connector J3 on the digital board.</li> <li>Insert the 4-40x1/4 TPH screw – 4 pieces, into the four holes and torque it to 5 in-lbs using a T10 driver.</li> <li>Using a 3.5mm torque wrench, tighten the connections (between the attenuator and the SMA port of type-N connector and between the semi-rigid cable and SMA (f) connector of analog board) to 8 in-lbs using 3.5 mm torque wrench.</li> </ul>	

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Instructions	Visual
<p>Attach the battery door onto back cover. Insert the split ring washer – 4 pieces and 4-40x3/8 TPH screw – 4 pieces. Tighten the connections to 5 in-lbs using a T10 driver.</p>	 A photograph showing the back of a light blue handheld device. At the top is a black antenna. Below it are four screws. A rectangular battery door is located in the lower half of the device, also secured by four screws. A small label on the back of the device contains the text "2 AA" and some regulatory symbols.

## Returning Instrument for Service

Before shipping your instrument for repair or replacement, Agilent recommends that you acquire the shipping instructions from the Agilent Technologies Service Center. A clear understanding of the shipping instructions is necessary to secure your product for shipment.

- 1** Write the following information on a tag and if attach to the instrument.
  - Name and address of owner
  - Instrument model number
  - Instrument serial number
  - Description of the service required or failure indications
- 2** Remove all accessories from the instrument. Do not include accessories unless they are associated with the failure symptoms.
- 3** Protect the instrument by wrapping in plastic or heavy paper.
- 4** Pack the instrument using foam or other shock absorbing material and place it in a strong shipping container.

You are recommended to use the original shipping material or order materials from an Agilent Technologies Sales Office. If both options are not available, place 8 to 10 cm (3 to 4 inches) of shock-absorbing and static-free packaging material around the instrument to avoid movement during shipping.

- 5** Seal the shipping container securely.
- 6** Mark the shipping container as FRAGILE.

In the ensuing correspondence, refer to the instrument by its model number and full serial number.

**NOTE**

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