RFScanner

Setup Guide

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Antenna pattern measurement tool diagnostic tool on your lab-bench





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Contents

1	RFScanner	Antenna Characterization Tool	
2	USB Cable	Connect the PC (laptop or desktop) to the RFScanner	Ď
3	Power	Universal Power Supply	

Required Components (Supplied by user)

- 1. PC (Laptop / Desktop): Windows 10/11, must support a USB connection (version 2.0 or higher) and a LAN 10/100/1000 connection or additional USB connection to support Spectrum Analyser.
- 2. Optional Supported VNA or Spectrum Analyser for sweep measurements.
- 3. Optional The latest version of the Keysight IO Libraries Suite.

Quick Installation and Checklist

Connect the included 6VDC power supply into the Power supply port of the RFScanner and the B-end of the USB cable to the RFScanner USB Port.



Power supply port and the USB connection port

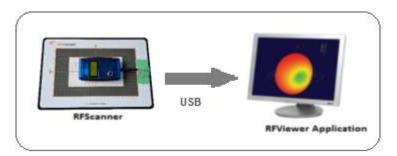
Warning: Use ONLY the 6 VDC power supply that is supplied with RFScanner

- 1. Download and Install the RFViewer software application from Y.I.C. website: <u>victechnologies.com/rfscanner</u>.
 - The application must always be installed on the C: drive.
- 2. For Sweep scans, go to http://www.keysight.com, download and install the latest version of the Keysight IO Libraries Suite.

Modes of Operations

Self-Emitting

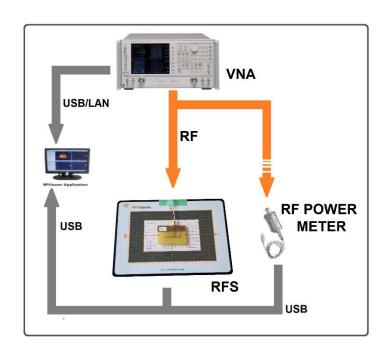
If the device under test is self-emitting, connect the PC and RFScanner as per the diagram below; no other equipment is required.



Self-Emitting setup

Frequency Sweep

If you are testing a passive antenna, connect PC, RFScanner, network analyzer and optionally power sensor as per the diagram below. The power meter is used to measure the power source profile of the VNA, cable and connector up to the antenna under test for the test frequency range to obtain accurate gain and efficiency results.



Frequency Sweep Setup

For compatible network analyzer and power meters with the right hardware, firmware and software please contact Y.I.C. Technologies support at support@yictechnologies.com

Guidelines for Set-up

A proper setup is more critical for frequencies below 1 GHz but is important for measurements done with RFScanner at higher frequencies as well. The following guidelines will help reduce the effect of the environment on the measurement results.

- 1. Platform on which to place the RFScanner.
 - Wooden desk is the best possible platform.
 - Metal desks may affect the repeatability of the test results. If you have no other
 option than a metal desk then please make sure that once you place RFScanner
 on the desk, you don't change its position for the consecutive tests.
 - Anti-static mats are conductive and may affect the repeatability of the test results.
 Please avoid using antistatic mats under or around RFScanner. If you have no
 other option than using an antistatic mat then please make sure that once you
 place RFScanner on the mat, you don't change its position and you run tests in
 the same position.
- 2. Objects around RFScanner
 - Leave a minimum 30 cm distance between RFScanner and the objects around it.
 - Use wood / Styrofoam to prop up the antenna or wireless device on RFScanner.
 Do not use metal.
 - There may be metal studs in walls. Keep a minimum 30 cm distance from the wall.
 - Desk frame can be made of metal. Keep RFScanner at least 30 cm away from any metal frame.
 - Make sure that cables (connection cables between RFScanner and PC) don't go over RFScanner. To minimize emissions from RF feeding cables, you can use ferrite beads.
- 3. Objects above RFScanner
 - Make sure you don't place RFScanner under metal shelves. Large metal
 reflectors above RFScanner may affect the repeatability. For example,
 fluorescent lights are often hung in large metal boxes. Be cautious about placing
 RFScanner under these light fixtures.

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