

IBflex®

In-Building and Outdoor Network Testing

Scanning Receiver | 10 MHz – 6 GHz



The PCTEL® IBflex scanning receiver combines portability and accuracy with the power to test multiple technologies and bands simultaneously. It can be used to deploy 5G New Radio networks in sub-6 GHz spectrum, verify public safety coverage, optimize dense small cell deployments, and improve the reliability of IoT systems. Low power consumption and a hot-swap battery system make the IBflex scanner a convenient tool for a long day of walk testing or interference hunting.

Bands

- 5G: 3GPP FR1
- All existing 2G, 3G, and 4G
- CBRS
- Public safety
- WiFi (2.4 and 5 GHz)
- Other bands currently deployed around the world

Technologies

- 5G NR
- LTE FDD
- TD-LTE
- NB-IoT
- UMTS
- GSM
- CDMA
- EV-DO
- WiFi
- LAA
- P25
- DMR
- TETRA
- Analog FM

Custom Channel Power Measurements for additional technologies

Features

- 4G/5G Dynamic Spectrum Sharing (DSS)
- Dual polarization beamforming measurements
- 2x2 and 4x2 LTE MIMO measurements
- Hot-swap battery system
- Windows® laptop and Android™ tablet support
- Connect with Bluetooth® or USB
- Blind Scan for automatic channel detection
- LMR active channel scan



IBflex[®] Specifications

5G New Radio (NR)

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| Measurement modes | NR TopN Signal: Synchronization channels (PSS/SSS) & PBCH; Layer 3 Reporting: MIB, SIBs 1-9; Dual polarization beamforming measurements; Blind Scan; Mobile Blind Scan |
| Data modes | PCI, PSS-RP [dBm], SSS-RP [dBm], PSS-RQ [dB], SSS-RQ [dB], SS-CINR [dB], SSS-CINR [dB], RSPBCH-RP [dBm], RSPBCH-RQ [dB], RSPBCH-CINR [dB], SSB-RP [dBm], SSB-RQ [dB], SSB-CINR [dB], SSB-idx, SSB-RSSI, SSS-Delay Spread, Time Offset |
| Sub carrier spacing | 15/30 kHz |
| Max. number of channels | 24 |
| Max. number of PCIs | 8 |
| Max. number of beams/PCI | 8 |
| Measurement rate (typical) | 30/sec |
| Dynamic range (CINR) | PSS/SSS CINR PBCH DMRS CINR -10 to +33 dB -8 to +40 dB |
| Min. detection level | RP SCS @15 kHz: -135 dBm, SCS @30 kHz: -132 dBm |
| Accuracy (CINR) | PSS/SSS, PBCH DMRS ±2 dB |

LTE FDD and TD-LTE

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| Measurement modes | Top N Synchronization Channel Reference Signal (P-SCH/S-SCH) and Resource Block (Wideband, Subband), Dynamic Spectrum Sharing (DSS), Layer 3 Reporting, Blind Scan, Mobile Blind Scan |
| Data modes | RP, RQ, CINR, Cyclic Prefix, Time Offsets, Delay Spread; RF Path Measurements (4x1, 4x2); MIMO: Condition Number, ECQI, EPUT |
| Channel bandwidths | 1.4 / 3 / 5 / 10 / 15 / 20 MHz |
| Max. number of channels | 24 |
| Receive modes | SISO; MIMO (2x2, 4x2) |
| Transmit antenna configurations | 1, 2, 4 (with path measurement) |
| Measurement rates | Sync Channel RS LTE FDD: 50/sec; TD-LTE: 25/sec |
| Dynamic range (CINR) @ 10/15/20 MHz | RS P-SCH/S-SCH -26 to +40 dB -10 to +18 dB |
| Min. detection level | P-SCH/S-SCH & RS -140 dBm (RSRP @ 15 kHz) |
| Accuracy (CINR) | P-SCH/S-SCH & RS ±1 dB |
| Max. number of PCIs | 16 |

NB-IoT

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| Measurement modes | Top N NRS (Narrowband Reference Signal), NPSS (Narrowband Primary Synchronization Signal), and NSSS (Narrowband Secondary Synchronization Signal), Layer 3 Reporting, Blind Scan |
| Data modes | NRS: RP, RQ, RSSI, CINR, Time Offset; NPSS: RP, RQ, RSSI, CINR; NSSS: RP, RQ, RSSI, CINR, Time Offset |
| Operation mode | In-Band, Guard Band, Stand-alone (eTopN mode only) |
| Channel bandwidths | 180 kHz |
| Measurement rates | 5/sec |
| Dynamic range (CINR) | NRS -10 to +40 dB |
| Min. detection level | NRS RP -138 dBm |
| Accuracy (CINR) | NRS ±2 dB |
| Max. number of PCIs | 16 |

UMTS [WCDMA/HSPA(+)]

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| Measurement modes | Top N Pilot, Layer 3 Reporting, Blind Scan, Mobile Blind Scan |
| Data modes | Io, Ec/Io, Aggregate Ec/Io, SIR, Rake Finger Count, Time Offset, Delay Spread |
| Channel bandwidths | 200 kHz / 3.84 MHz |
| Max. number of channels | 24 |
| Measurement rate | 100/sec (high speed mode); 50/sec (high dynamic range mode) |
| Top N CPICH dynamic range (Ec/Io) | -26 dB |
| Min. detection level | -120 dBm (high dynamic range mode) |
| Accuracy | ±1 dB |
| Max. number of Pilots | 32 |

GSM

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| Measurement modes | Color Code, Layer 3 Reporting, Blind Scan, Mobile Blind Scan |
| Data modes | BSIC, C/I, RSSI |
| Channel bandwidths | 30 kHz / 200 kHz |
| Measurement rates | Up to 200 BSIC Decodes/sec |
| Dynamic range | +2 dB C/I |
| Min. BSIC detection level | -110 dBm |
| Accuracy | ±1 dB |

CDMA and EV-DO

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| Measurement modes | Top N PN, CDMA Layer 3 Reporting, Blind Scan, Mobile Blind Scan |
| Data modes | Ec, Io, Ec/Io, Aggregate Ec/Io, Pilot Delay, Delay Spread |
| Channel bandwidths | 30 kHz / 1.25 MHz |
| Max. number of channels | 24 |
| Measurement rates | CDMA: 25/sec; EV-DO: 18/sec |
| Top N PN dynamic range, Ec/Io | CDMA: -28 dB; EV-DO: -18.5 dB |
| Min. PN detection level | CDMA: -130 dBm; EV-DO: -120 dBm |
| Accuracy (CINR) | ±1 dB |
| Max. number of Pilots | 32 |

WiFi

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| Wireless adapter | D-Link Wi-Fi Adapter AC1200 Mini (Only D1 version is supported) |
| Radio configuration | 802.11a/g/n/ac |
| Data modes | Signal Strength, Noise Level, Channel Number, Channel Bandwidth, BSSID, Device Name, SSID, Security Protocol, 802.11 Media, Beacon Interval, Channel Utilization |
| Frequency range | 2.4 - 2.483 GHz; 5.15 - 5.85 GHz (subject to country regulations) |
| Measurement rates | 5/sec (typical) |

LAA

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| Measurement modes | QTopN |
| Data modes | RSRP, RSRQ, RS-CINR, PSS-RQ, PSS-RP, PSS-CINR, SSS-RP, SSS-RQ, SSS-CINR |
| Channel bandwidth | 20 MHz |
| Max. number of channels | 24 |
| Measurement rate (20 MHz, 1 Sig) | 6.25/sec |
| Dynamic range (CINR) | -12 dB |
| Minimum detection level | RSRP -130 dBm |
| Accuracy (CINR) | RS-CINR ±1 dB (Input CINR 0 dB to +15 dB) |

P25 (Phase 1 and Phase 2)

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| Measurement modes | DL, UL*, RSSI, DL Active Channel Scan |
| Data modes | DL SINR, RSSI, OOS-BER, Frame BER, Network ID, Auto Classification of Phase and Modulation Type UL SINR, RSSI, Frame BER, Network ID, Mobile ID, Auto Classification of Phase and Modulation Type, Frequency Offset |
| Channel bandwidths | DL & UL 12.5 kHz |
| Measurement rate | DL 5.4 Decodes/sec (maximum); 2.7 Decodes/sec (typical); 100 RSSI/sec UL 2.4 Decodes/sec (typical), 100 RSSI/sec |
| Dynamic range (SINR) | DL & UL +1 dB minimum detection |
| RSSI Accuracy | DL (Phase 1 C4FM & Phase 2 HDQPSK) ±1 dB over -105 to -10 dBm UL ±1 dB over -105 to -10 dBm |
| SINR Accuracy | DL (Phase 1 C4FM & Phase 2 HDQPSK) ±1 dB over +10 to +25 dB; ±2 dB over +7 to +10 dB, 25 to 30dB UL ±1 dB over +10 to +25 dB; ±2 dB over +7 to +10 dB, 25 to 30dB |
| Adjacent channel rejection | DL & UL 49 dB |
| UL frequency offset | Detection range -780 to +780 Hz Granularity +/- 10 Hz Accuracy +/- 10 Hz over RSSI > -105dBm, SINR > 20 dB |
| UL radio ID detection rate | Control Channel 95% detection RSSI > -110 dBm and SNR > 18 dB Traffic Channel 95% detection for RSSI > -95 dBm and SNR > 30 dB |
| Rejection of strong wideband (10 MHz LTE) signal 1 MHz from P25 channel | High rejection when the RSSI of the Wideband signal < -60 dBm |

DMR

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| Measurement modes | Decode, RSSI, DL Active Channel Scan |
| Data modes | SINR, RSSI, Frame BER, cSysCode, CSBKO |
| Channel bandwidths | 12.5 kHz |
| Measurement rate | 5.4 Decodes/sec (maximum); 2.7 Decodes/sec (typical); 100 RSSI/sec |
| Dynamic range (SINR) | -1 dB minimum detection |
| Accuracy | SINR ±1 dB over 6 to 40 dB; ±2 dB over 3 to 6 dB RSSI ±1 dB over -118 to -10 dBm |
| Adjacent channel rejection | 49 dB |
| Rejection of strong wideband (10 MHz LTE) signal 1 MHz from DMR channel | High rejection when the RSSI of the Wideband signal < -60 dBm |

TETRA

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| Measurement modes | Decode, RSSI, DL Active Channel Scan |
| Data modes | SINR, RSSI, Frame BER, Color Code, MCC, MNC |
| Channel bandwidths | 25 kHz |
| Measurement rate | 6.5 Decodes/sec (maximum); 3.5 Decodes/sec (typical); 100 RSSI/sec |
| Dynamic range (SINR) | +2 dB minimum detection |
| Accuracy | SINR ±2 dB over +8 to +20 dB; ±3 dB over +4 to +8 dB RSSI ±1 dB over -118 to -10 dBm |
| Adjacent channel rejection | 20 dB |
| Rejection of strong wideband (10 MHz LTE) signal 1 MHz from TETRA channel | High rejection when the RSSI of the Wideband signal < -60 dBm |

*UL measured on one out-of-service traffic channel

Analog FM

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| Measurement modes | Decode, RSSI | |
| Data modes | SINR, RSSI | |
| Channel bandwidths | 12.5 KHz; 25 KHz | |
| Measurement rate | 2.7 Decodes/sec (4 frequencies) | |
| Dynamic range (SINR) | 1.5 dB minimum detection for PL (> 90% detection) 2 dB minimum detection for DPL (> 90% detection) | |
| Accuracy | SINR RSSI | ±1 dB over +5 to +40 dB; ±2 dB over +1 to +5 dB and +41 to +45dB; ±3 dB over -3 to 0 db and +45 to +50 db ±1 dB over -118 to -35 dBm |

GPS/GNSS

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| Supported navigation systems | Galileo, GPS, GLONASS, SBAS, QZSS |
| Type | 56 channel internal receiver |
| Position accuracy | 2.5 meters |
| Acquisition time | Cold start: <30 sec; Hot start: <2 sec |
| Sensitivity (tracking) | >-150 dBm |

Power Measurements

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| Accuracy | ±1 dB (across basic RF input power range) | |
| Dynamic range | -120 to -20 dBm @ 30 kHz | |
| RSSI | 5G NR, LTE NB-IoT, UMTS, GSM CDMA, EV-DO | 11,050 ch/sec (maximum, contiguous channels) 4,250 ch/sec (maximum, contiguous channels) 8,500 ch/sec (maximum, contiguous channels) |
| Custom channel power (examples) | 12.5 kHz (P25, DMR, EDACS, Analog LMR) 25 kHz (TETRA, EDACS, Analog LMR) 125 kHz (LoRa) 250 kHz (LoRa) 500 kHz (LoRa) | 25,500 ch/sec (maximum, contiguous channels) 14,025 ch/sec (maximum, contiguous channels) 10,710 ch/sec (maximum, contiguous channels) 8,925 ch/sec (maximum, contiguous channels) 6,885 ch/sec (maximum, contiguous channels) |
| Enhanced Power Scan (EPS) | 5 kHz to 20 MHz in 2.5 kHz increments | 1,000 MHz/sec @ 5 MHz (typical) |
| Spectrum analysis | Range: >90 dB | >270 MHz/sec (single sweep) |
| LTE power analysis | 1.3 / 3/ 5 / 10 / 15 / 20 MHz TD-LTE only | 20 msec @ 5 MHz |

RF Characteristics

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| Frequency range | 10 MHz - 6 GHz | |
| Internally generated spurious response | -110 dBm (typical) | |
| Conducted local oscillator | - 75 dBm max. | |
| RF operating range | In-Band | - 15 dBm max. |
| Desensitization | Adjacent channel Alternate channel | >50 dB >55 dB |
| Safe RF input range | 10 dBm | |
| Frequency accuracy | ±0.05 ppm (GPS Locked); ±0.1 ppm (GPS unlocked) | |
| Intermodulation-free dynamic range | 2 tone (level 2) @ -40 dBm, 6 GHz, -68 dBc (typical), -12.6 dBm TOI; @ -25 dBm, 6 GHz, -70 dBc (typical), 10 dBm TOI | |

Physical

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| Power switch | Normal and Power Save | |
| Maximum power (+9 to +17 VDC) | 18W; Power Save: 10W | |
| Size | Without battery pack With battery pack | 7.6" D x 4.4" W x 1.55" H (192 mm D x 111.8 mm W x 39.4 mm H) 10.1" D x 4.4" W x 2.1" H (257.6 mm D x 111.8 mm W x 53.1 mm H) |
| Weight | Without battery pack With battery pack | 2.4 lb (1.1 kg) 3.8 lb (1.7 kg) |
| Temperature range | Operating: 0°C to +50°C; Storage: - 40°C to +85°C | |
| Humidity | 5% to 95% relative humidity, non-condensing | |
| Host data communications interface | USB 2.0, Ethernet, Bluetooth® | |
| Data storage | SD (32 GB) | |
| Antenna ports | RF: SMA Female (50Ω); GPS: Male (50Ω); Bluetooth: SMA Female (50Ω) | |
| Safety | EN 62368-1 | |
| EMC | EN 301 489-1 | |
| Shock and vibration | MIL-STD-810G, SAE J1455 | |
| RoHS | Directive 2011/65/EU and amendment 2015/863 (RoHS 3) | |

Supported bands, technologies, data modes, software features, and frequency ranges vary by scanning receiver configuration. Upgrades may be available for previously purchased scanning receivers. Please contact a sales representative for more information.



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