

KEYSIGHT TECHNOLOGIES (AGILENT HP)

346A

The Keysight (formerly Agilent/HP) 346A is a broadband RF/microwave noise source designed for accurate noise figure measurements. Covering a frequency range from 10 MHz to 18 GHz with a nominal Excess Noise Ratio (ENR) of 6 dB, it is specifically optimized to characterize input-impedance-sensitive devices such as GaAsFETs and UHF amplifiers. Its exceptionally low change in reflection coefficient from ON to OFF (< 0.01) significantly reduces measurement uncertainty caused by test signal reflections.

SPECIFICATIONS

Physical

Power Supply	28 VDC $\pm$ 1 V (Bias)
Operating Temperature	0 to 55 °C
Dimensions (W×H×D)	21 × 30 × 140 mm
Weight	0.108 kg

Frequency & ENR Specifications

Frequency Range	10 MHz - 18 GHz
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Impedance & SWR Specifications

Nominal Impedance	50 Ω
Maximum SWR (10 MHz to 5 GHz)	1.15:1
Maximum SWR (5 GHz to 18 GHz)	1.25:1
Maximum Change in Reflection Coefficient (ON/OFF)	< 0.01

Power & Drive Requirements

Drive Voltage (Nominal)	28 VDC
Drive Voltage Tolerance	$\pm$ 1 V

Connectors & Interfaces

Bias / Drive Connector	BNC (female)
Output Connector	Type-N (male) or APC-3.5 (male), configuration dependent

Environmental Specifications

Storage Temperature Range	-55 °C to 75 °C
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Power

Drive Current	60 mA (maximum)
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Performance

ENR Temperature Coefficient	< 0.009 dB/°C
ENR Voltage Coefficient	< 0.01 dB/V

Environmental

Maximum Operating Altitude	4600 meters (15,000 ft)
Operating Humidity	Up to 95% relative humidity

TECHNOLOGY

RF / Microwave

APPLICATIONS

Noise figure measurement, characterization of input-impedance-sensitive devices (e.g., GaAsFETs, UHF amplifiers)

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