

Agilent 86120B, 86120C, 86122C Multi-Wavelength Meters

Data Sheet



Agilent's 8612xx family of multi-wavelength meters is known for reliability and durability on the manufacturing floor, on engineer's benches, and it is robust enough to be installed on ships. Statistical data from a large share of the industry's installed wavelength meters enables Agilent to continuously fine-tune its instruments for lower cost of ownership and longer usage. Current updates include an extended recommended re-calibration period of two years and a doubled lifetime of the built-in reference laser. The new 86122C multi-wavelength meter includes five years, the 86120B and 86120C three years of warranty without additional cost. The warranty covers not only the reference laser, but all opto-mechanical and electronic parts.



Agilent multi-wavelength meters are Michelson interferometer-based instruments that measure wavelength and optical power of laser light over a specified wavelength range. Simultaneous measurements of multiple laser lines are performed allowing measurements of DWDM signals and multiple lines of Fabry-Perot lasers. Each laser line is assumed to have a linewidth (including modulation sidebands) of less than:

- 10 GHz for the 86120B,
- 5 GHz for the 86120C and
- 2.5 GHz for the 86122C

This technical specifications sheet describes the measurement accuracy and operating conditions of the Agilent 86120B, 86120C and 86122C Multi-Wavelength Meters. The specifications apply to all functions within the specified environmental conditions. All specifications apply after the instrument's temperature has been stabilized after 15 minutes continuous operation, and when the instrument is in NORMAL UPDATE mode (86120B and 86120C).

Definitions of Terms

Characteristics and Specifications

The distinction between specifications and characteristics is described as follows:

- *Specifications* describe warranted performance.
- *Characteristics* provide useful, but non-warranted information about the functions and performance of the instrument.
- *General Characteristics* give additional information for using the instrument. These are general descriptive terms that do not imply a level of performance.

Wavelength

- *Range* refers to the allowable wavelength range of the optical input signal.
- *Absolute accuracy* indicates the maximum wavelength error over the allowed environmental conditions.
- *Differential accuracy* indicates the maximum wavelength error in measuring the wavelength difference between two signals that are simultaneously present.
- *Minimum resolvable separation* indicates the minimum wavelength separation of two laser lines input required to measure each wavelength simultaneously. Two laser lines closer in wavelength than the minimum resolvable separation are not resolved and one average wavelength is displayed.
- *Display resolution* indicates the minimum incremental change in displayed wavelength.

Power

- *Calibration accuracy* indicates the maximum power calibration error at the specified wavelengths over the allowed environmental conditions.
- *Flatness* refers to the maximum amplitude error in a measurement between two lines that are separated in wavelength by no more than the specified amount.
- *Linearity* indicates the maximum power error in measuring the change in power of one laser line.
- *Polarization dependence* indicates the maximum displayed power variation as the polarization of the input signal is varied.
- *Display resolution* indicates the minimum incremental change in displayed power.

Sensitivity

- *Sensitivity* is defined as the minimum power level of a single laser line input to measure wavelength and power accurately. A laser line with less than the minimum power may be measured but with reduced wavelength and power accuracy. For multiple laser lines input, sensitivity may be limited by total input power.

Selectivity

- *Selectivity* indicates the ability to measure the wavelength and power of a weak laser line in the proximity of a specified stronger laser line and separated by the specified amount.

Input power

- *Maximum displayed level* indicates the maximum total input power (total of all laser lines present) to accurately measure wavelength and power.
- *Maximum safe input power* indicates the maximum total input power (total of all laser lines present) to avoid permanent optical damage to the instrument.

Maximum number of lines input

Maximum number of lines input is the maximum number of displayed lines. If more than the specified number of lines is input, only the longest wavelength lines are displayed.

Input return loss

Input return loss indicates the optical power reflected back to the user's fiber cable relative to the input power. It is limited by the return loss of the front panel connector, and assumes the user's connector is good.

Measurement cycle time

Measurement cycle time refers to the cycle time when measuring wavelength and power of laser lines. Specific advanced applications may require longer cycle times.

Specifications

	86120B	86120C	86122C	Notes	
Wavelength					
Range	700 to 1650 nm (182 to 428 THz)	1270 to 1650 nm (182 to 236 THz)	1270 to 1650 nm (182 to 236 THz)	For lines separated by less than the specified amount, wavelength accuracy is reduced.	
Absolute accuracy					
	± 3 ppm	± 2 ppm	± 0.2 ppm		
• At 1550 nm	± 0.005 nm	± 0.003 nm	± 0.3 pm		
• At 1310 nm	± 0.004 nm	± 0.003 nm	± 0.3 pm		
• For laser lines separated by	≥ 30 GHz	≥ 15 GHz	≥ 10 GHz		
Differential accuracy ¹	± 2 ppm	± 1 ppm	± 0.15 ppm		
Minimum resolvable separation ¹ (equal power lines input)					
	20 GHz	10 GHz	5 GHz		
• At 1550 nm	0.16 nm	0.08 nm	0.04 nm		
• At 1310 nm	0.11 nm	0.06 nm	0.03 nm		
• For laser lines separated by	≥ 30 GHz	≥ 15 GHz	≥ 10 GHz		
Display resolution					
	0.001 nm		0.0001 nm		
Fast update mode	0.01 nm		N/A		
Units	nm (vacuum or standard air), cm ⁻¹ , THz				
Power					
Calibration accuracy ⁵	± 0.5 dB (at ± 30 nm from 780 nm ¹ , 1310 nm, and 1550 nm)	± 0.5 dB (at ± 30 nm from 1310 nm and 1550 nm)			
Flatness ¹	± 0.2 dB (1200 to 1600 nm)	± 0.2 dB (1270 to 1600 nm)		30 nm from any wavelength	
	± 0.5 dB (700 to 1650 nm)	± 0.5 dB (1270 to 1650 nm)			
Linearity	± 0.3 dB (1200 to 1600 nm)	± 0.3 dB (1270 to 1600 nm)		Lines above -30 dBm	
Polarization dependence	± 0.5 dB (1200 to 1600 nm)	± 0.5 dB (1270 to 1600 nm)			
	± 1.5 dB ¹ (700 to 1650 nm)	± 1.0 dB ¹ (1600 to 1650 nm)			
Display resolution	0.01 dB				
Units	dBm, mW, μW				
Sensitivity					
Single line input	-20 dBm (700 to 900 nm)	-40 dBm (1270 to 1600 nm)	-32 dBm (1270 to 1600 nm)		
	-25 dBm (800 to 1200 nm)	-30 dBm (1600 to 1650 nm)	-22 dBm (1600 to 1650 nm)		
	-40 dBm ⁶ (1200 to 1600 nm)				
	-30 dBm ⁶ (1600 to 1650 nm)				
Multiple lines input ¹	30 dB below total input power, but not less than single line input sensitivity				
Selectivity ¹	25 dB spacing ≥ 100 GHz	25 dB spacing ≥ 50 GHz	25 dB spacing ≥ 90 GHz		
	10 dB spacing ≥ 30 GHz	10 dB spacing ≥ 15 GHz	10 dB spacing ≥ 10 GHz		

Specifications (continued)

	86120B	86120C	86122C	Notes
Input power				
Maximum displayed level	+10 dBm			Sum of all lines input
Maximum safe input level	+18 dBm			
Return loss				
• With non-angled (PC) connectors (Option 021)	35 dB			
• With angled (APC) connectors (Option 022)	50 dB			
• Measurement cycle time	1.0 s		0.5 s	
• Maximum number of lines	100	200	1000 ²	
Measurement modes	List by wavelength table, list by power table, signal wavelength and power, average wavelength and total power			Data logging and sorting by any parameter are included in the 86122C
Delta modes	Delta wavelength, delta power, delta wavelength and power			
Built in automatic measurement applications				
Signal to noise ratio^{1,4}				
Channel spacing				
• ≥ 200 GHz	> 35 dB with 100 averages			0.1 nm noise bandwidth, lines above -25 dBm
• ≥ 100 GHz		> 35 dB with 100 averages	> 35 dB with 100 averages	
• ≥ 50 GHz		> 27 dB with 100 averages	> 27 dB with 100 averages	
Drift				
	Maximum, minimum, total drift (max-min) of wavelengths and powers over time			
Fabry-Perot characterization				
	Mean wavelength, peak wavelength, mode spacing, full-width half maximum, peak amplitude, total power, sigma			
Coherence length¹				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fabry-Perot lasers • 1 to 200 mm coherence length • Accuracy to within ± 5%, 0.75 cycle time 			
Additional features				
	Power offset, power bars (on or off), user adjustable peak excursion and peak threshold, user adjustable start and stop wavelength limits, graphical display, save and recall instrument states.			
Inputs/outputs				
Optical input	9 μm/125 μm single-mode fiber			
Rear panel connectors	GPIB, parallel printer port, AC line		LAN, PS/2 for keyboard and mouse, SVGA and DVI for external monitor, GPIB, USB, AC Line	

Specifications (continued)

	86120B	86120C	86122C	Notes	
Reliability					
Warranty	3 years	3 years	5 years		
Recommended re-calibration	2 years	2 years	2 years		
Dimensions and weight					
Dimensions (H x W x D)	140 mm x 340 mm x 465 mm (5.5 in x 13.4 in x 18.3 in)		138 mm x 425 mm x 520 mm (5.2 in x 16.7 in x 20.5 in)		
	9 kg (19 lb)		14.5 kg (32 lb)		
Environmental					
Operational					
Temperature	0 to +55 °C		15 to 35 °C		
Humidity ³	< 95% R.H. at +40 °C, 5 day soak		< 75% R.H. at 35 °C <i>Indoor use only</i>		
Shock ³	300 g		120 g		Half sine, 2 msec pulse
Vibration ³	5 g rms		2 g rms		Random, 5 Hz to 500 Hz, 10 min./axis Sine, 5 Hz to 500 Hz, 1 octave/min.
	0.75 g (0 to peak)		0.5 g (0 to peak)		
Storage					
Temperature	-40 °C to +70 °C				
Humidity ³	90% R.H. at +65 °C for 24 hrs.		95% R.H. at +40 °C 5 day cycle		Non-condensing
Power requirements					
Voltage and frequency	100 V / 115 V / 230 V / 240 V~, 50 Hz / 60 Hz		100 V / 115 V / 230 V / 240 V~, 50 Hz / 60 Hz		
Maximum power	70 W max (125 VA max)		310 VA max		

1. Characteristic.
2. For 86122C number of laser lines may be limited by signal power requirements for accurate wavelength measurements.
3. Type tested means tested, but not warranted, for continuous operation.
4. At 1550 nm.
5. Excluding polarization effects.
6. Spurious free under Preset conditions.

General Characteristics

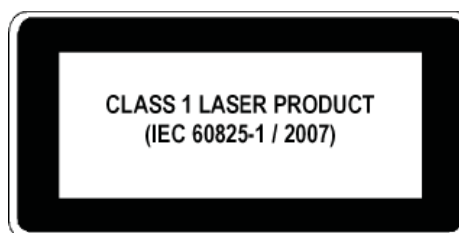
The 8612x wavelength meters contain HeNe reference lasers, which have limited operating lifetimes, like all gas-discharge lasers. With the latest enhancement of the reference lasers used in the new 86122C, the average laser lifetime has doubled. Together with the 2-year recommended re-calibration period and the included 5-year warranty (3 years for 86120B, 86120C), this helps minimizing planned and unplanned downtimes and cost of ownership.

Ordering Information

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Connector interfaces (order separately)	
81000FI	FC connector interface (FC/PC)
81000HI	E-2000 connector interface
81000KI	SC connector interface
81000LI	LC connector interface
81000MI	MU connector interface
81000NI	FC connector interface (FC/APC with narrow key)
81000SI	DIN connector interface
81000VI	ST connector interface
86120B/C multi-wavelength meter	
Optical connectors	
86120x-021	Straight (non-angled) connector interface-PC
86120x-022	Angled contact interface-APC
Accessories	
86120x-AXE	Rack flange kit with handles
86120x-IA4	Rack flange kit without handles
86120x-UK6	Commercial calibration certificate with test data
Warranty and calibration	
R-51B-001-5C	Warranty Assurance Plan – Return to Agilent – 5 years
R-50C-011-3	Calibration Assurance Plan – Return to Agilent – 3 years
R-50C-011-5	Calibration Assurance Plan – Return to Agilent – 5 years
R-50C-021-3	ANSI Z540-1-1994 Calibration – 3 years
R-50C-021-5	ANSI Z540-1-1994 Calibration – 5 years

86122C multi-wavelength meter	
Optical connectors	
86122C-021	Straight (non-angled) connector interface-PC
86122C-022	Angled contact interface-APC
Accessories	
86122A-1CM	Rack mount kit without handles
86122A-1CN	Handle kit
86122A-1CP	Rack mount kit plus handles
86122C-UK6	Commercial calibration certificate with test data
Calibration	
R-50C-011-3	Calibration Assurance Plan – Return to Agilent – 3 years
R-50C-011-5	Calibration Assurance Plan – Return to Agilent – 5 years
R-50C-021-3	ANSI Z540-1-1994 Calibration – 3 years
R-50C-021-5	ANSI Z540-1-1994 Calibration – 5 years



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