NI PXI/PCI-5421 Specifications

16-Bit 100 MS/s Arbitrary Waveform Generator

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This document lists specifications for the NI PXI-5421 arbitrary waveform generator. Unless otherwise noted, the following conditions were used for each specification:

- Analog filter enabled.
- Interpolation set to maximum allowed factor for a given sample rate.
- Signals terminated with 50 Ω.
- Direct path set to 1 V_{pk-pk}, Low-Gain Amplifier path set to 2 V_{pk-pk}, and High-Gain Amplifier path set to 12 V_{pk-pk}.
- Sample clock set to 100 mega samples per second (MS/s).

Specifications describe the warranted, traceable product performance over ambient temperature ranges of 0 °C to 55 °C, unless otherwise noted.

Typical values describe useful product performance beyond specifications that are not covered by warranty and do not include guardbands for measurement uncertainty or drift. Typical values may not be verified on all units shipped from the factory. Unless otherwise noted, typical values cover the expected performance of units over ambient temperature ranges of 23 ±5 °C with a 90% confidence level, based on measurements taken during development or production.

Nominal values (or supplemental information) describe additional information about the product that may be useful, including expected performance that is not covered under Specifications or Typical values. Nominal values are not covered by warranty.

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To access all the NI 5421 documentation, navigate to **Start» All Programs»National Instruments»NI-FGEN»Documentation**.

⚠ **Hot Surface**   If the NI 5421 has been in use, it may exceed safe handling temperatures and cause burns. Allow the NI 5421 to cool before removing it from the chassis.

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Electromagnetic Compatibility Guidelines

This product was tested and complies with the regulatory requirements and limits for electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) as stated in the product specifications. These requirements and limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the product is operated in its intended operational electromagnetic environment.

This product is intended for use in industrial locations. There is no guarantee that harmful interference will not occur in a particular installation, when the product is connected to a test object, or if the product is used in residential areas. To minimize the potential for the product to cause interference to radio and television reception or to experience unacceptable performance degradation, install and use this product in strict accordance with the instructions in the product documentation.

Furthermore, any changes or modifications to the product not expressly approved by National Instruments could void your authority to operate it under your local regulatory rules.

⚠ **Caution**   When operating this product, use shielded cables and accessories.

Contents

CH 0
(Channel 0 Analog Output, Front Panel Connector)

Specification	Value	Comments
Number of Channels	1	—
Connector	SMB (jack)	—
Output Voltage Characteristics		
Output Paths	1. The software-selectable Main Output path setting provides full-scale voltages from 12.00 V_{pk-pk} to 5.64 mV_{pk-pk} into a 50 Ω load. NI-FGEN uses either the Low-Gain amplifier or the High-Gain amplifier when the Main Output path is selected, depending on the Gain attribute. 2. The software-selectable Direct path is optimized for intermediate frequency (IF) applications and provides full-scale voltages from 0.707 to 1.000 V_{pk-pk}.	—
DAC Resolution	16 bits	—
Amplitude and Offset		

Amplitude Range	Path	Load	Amplitude (V_{pk-pk})		Amplitude values assume the full scale of the DAC is utilized. If an amplitude smaller than the minimum value is desired, then waveforms less than full scale of the DAC can be used. NI-FGEN compensates for user-specified resistive loads.
			Minimum Value	Maximum Value	
	Direct	50 Ω	0.707	1.00	
		1 kΩ	1.35	1.91	
		Open	1.41	2.00	
	Low-Gain Amplifier	50 Ω	0.00564	2.00	
		1 kΩ	0.0107	3.81	
		Open	0.0113	4.00	
	High-Gain Amplifier	50 Ω	0.0338	12.0	
		1 kΩ	0.0644	22.9	
		Open	0.0676	24.0	

Specification	Value			Comments
Amplitude Resolution	< 0.06% (0.004 dB) of amplitude range			—
Offset Range	Span of ±25% of the amplitude range with increments <0.0014% of amplitude range.			Not available on the Direct path.
Maximum Output Voltage				
Maximum Output Voltage	Path	Load	Maximum Output Voltage (V_{pk})	The maximum output voltage of the NI 5421 is determined by the amplitude range and the offset range.
	Direct	50 Ω	±0.500	
		1 kΩ	±0.953	
		Open	±1.000	
	Low-Gain Amplifier	50 Ω	±1.000	
		1 kΩ	±1.905	
		Open	±2.000	
	High-Gain Amplifier	50 Ω	±6.000	
		1 kΩ	±11.43	
		Open	±12.00	
Accuracy				
DC Accuracy	**For the Low-Gain or High-Gain Amplifier path**: ±0.2% of amplitude range ± 0.05% of offset ± 500 µV (within ±10 °C of self-calibration temperature) ±0.4% of amplitude range ± 0.05% of offset ± 1 mV (0 to 55 °C) **For the Direct path**: Gain Accuracy: ±0.2% amplitude range (within ±10 °C of self-calibration temperature) Gain Accuracy: ±0.4% amplitude range (0 to 55 °C) DC Offset Error: ±30 mV (0 to 55 °C) **Note**: For DC accuracy, "amplitude range" is defined as 2× the gain setting. For example, a DC signal with a gain of 8 has an amplitude range of 16 V. If this signal has an offset of 1.5, its DC accuracy is calculated by the following equation: ±0.2%×(16 V) ± 0.05%×(1.5 V) ± 500µV = ±33.25 mV			All paths are calibrated for amplitude and gain errors. The Low-Gain and High-Gain Amplifier paths also are calibrated for offset errors. Specifications valid only for high impedance.

Specification	Value	Comments
AC Amplitude Accuracy	(+2.0% + 1 mV), (–1.0% – 1 mV) (+0.8% + 0.5 mV), (–0.2% – 0.5 mV), typical	50 kHz sine wave.
Output Characteristics		
Output Impedance	50 Ω nominal or 75 Ω nominal, software-selectable	—
Load Impedance Compensation	Output amplitude is compensated for user-specified load impedances.	—
Output Coupling	DC	—
Output Enable	Software-selectable. When disabled, CH 0 out is terminated with a 1 W resistor with a value equal to the selected output impedance.	—
Maximum Output Overload	The CH 0 output terminal can be connected to a 50 Ω, ±12 V (±8 V for the Direct Path) source without sustaining any damage. No damage occurs if the CH 0 output is shorted to ground indefinitely.	—
Waveform Summing	The CH 0 output supports waveform summing among similar paths—specifically, the output terminals of multiple NI 5421 signal generators can be connected together.	—
Frequency and Transient Response		
Bandwidth	43 MHz	Measured at –3 dB.
Digital Interpolation Filter	Software-selectable finite impulse response (FIR) filter. Available interpolation factors are 2, 4, or 8.	The digital filter is not available for use for Sample clock rates below 10 MS/s. Refer to the *Effective Sample Rate* section for more information about the effect of interpolation on sample rates.

Specification	Value			Comments
Analog Filter	Software-selectable 7-pole elliptical filter.			Available on Low-Gain Amplifier and High-Gain Amplifier paths.
Passband Flatness	Path			With respect to 50 kHz.
	Direct	Low-Gain Amplifier	High-Gain Amplifier	
	−0.4 to +0.6 dB 100 Hz to 40 MHz	−1.0 to +0.5 dB 100 Hz to 20 MHz	−1.2 to +0.5 dB 100 Hz to 20 MHz	
Pulse Response	Path			Analog filter and Digital Interpolation filter disabled.
	Direct	Low-Gain Amplifier	High-Gain Amplifier	
Rise/Fall Time	<5 ns <4.5 ns, typical*	<8 ns <7 ns* <5.5 ns, typical*	<10 ns	
Aberration	<10%, typical	<5%, typical	<5%, typical	

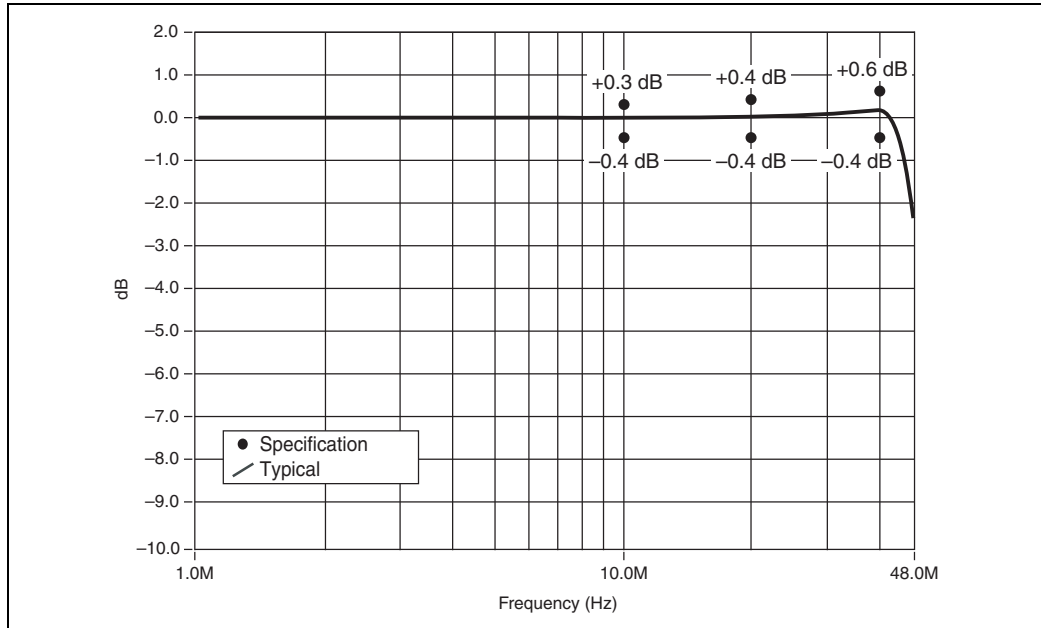* Specifications apply only to G-revision and later NI PXI-5421 devices (National Instruments part number 189898G-0*x*L).
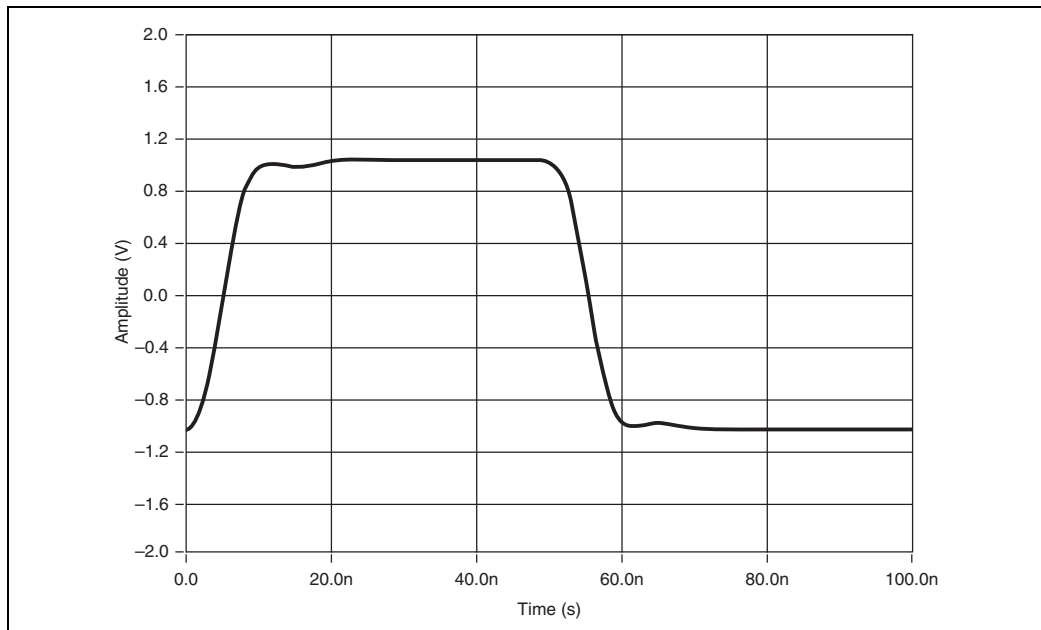
Figure 1. Normalized Passband Flatness, Direct Path

Figure 2. Pulse Response, Low-Gain Amplifier Path 50 Ω Load

Specification	Value			Comments
Suggested Maximum Frequencies for Common Functions				
Function	Path			Disable the Analog filter and the Digital Interpolation filter for square, ramp, and triangle.

The minimum frequency is <1 mHz. The value depends on memory size and device configuration. |
	Direct	Low-Gain Amplifier	High-Gain Amplifier	
Sine	43 MHz	43 MHz	43 MHz	
Square	Not Recommended	25 MHz	12.5 MHz	
Ramp	Not Recommended	5 MHz	5 MHz	
Triangle	Not Recommended	5 MHz	5 MHz	
Spectral Characteristics				
Signal to Noise and Distortion (SINAD)	Path			Amplitude −1 decibel full scale (dBFS). Measured from DC to 50 MHz. SINAD at low amplitudes is limited by a −148 dBm/Hz noise floor. All values are typical.
	Direct	Low-Gain Amplifier	High-Gain Amplifier	
1 MHz	64 dB	66 dB	63 dB	
10 MHz	61 dB	60 dB	47 dB	
20 MHz	57 dB	56 dB	42 dB	
30 MHz	60 dB	62 dB	62 dB	
40 MHz	60 dB	62 dB	62 dB	
43 MHz	58 dB	60 dB	55 dB	

Specification	Value			Comments
Spectral Characteristics (Continued)				
Spurious-Free Dynamic Range* (SFDR) with Harmonics	Path			Amplitude −1 dBFS. Measured from DC to 50 MHz. Also called harmonic distortion. SFDR with harmonics at low amplitudes is limited by a −148 dBm/Hz noise floor. All values are typical and include aliased harmonics.
	Direct	Low-Gain Amplifier	High-Gain Amplifier	
1 MHz	76 dB	71 dB	58 dB	
10 MHz	68 dB	64 dB	47 dB	
20 MHz	60 dB	57 dB	42 dB	
30 MHz	73 dB	73 dB	74 dB	
40 MHz	76 dB	73 dB	74 dB	
43 MHz	78 dB	75 dB	59 dB	
SFDR without Harmonics	Path			Amplitude −1 dBFS. Measured from DC to 50 MHz. SFDR without harmonics at low amplitudes is limited by a −148 dBm/Hz noise floor. All values are typical and include aliased harmonics.
	Direct	Low-Gain Amplifier	High-Gain Amplifier	
1 MHz	87dB	90 dB	90 dB	
10 MHz	86 dB	88 dB	90 dB	
20 MHz	79 dB	88 dB	88 dB	
30 MHz	72 dB	72 dB	73 dB	
40 MHz	75 dB	72 dB	73 dB	
43 MHz	77 dB	74 dB	59 dB	

* Dynamic range is defined as the difference between the carrier level and the largest spur.

Specification	Value			Comments
Spectral Characteristics (Continued)				
0 to 40 ℃ Total Harmonic Distortion (THD)	Path			Amplitude –1 dBFS. Includes the 2nd through the 6th harmonic.
	Direct	Low-Gain Amplifier	High-Gain Amplifier	
20 kHz	–77 dBc, typical	–77 dBc, typical	–77 dBc, typical	
1 MHz	–75 dBc, typical	–70 dBc, typical	–62 dBc, typical	
5 MHz	–68 dBc	–68 dBc	–55 dBc	
10 MHz	–65 dBc –66 dBc, typical*	–61 dBc –66 dBc, typical*	–46 dBc	
20 MHz	–55 dBc –61 dBc, typical*	–53 dBc –61 dBc, typical*	—	
30 MHz	–50 dBc –57 dBc, typical*	–48 dBc –57 dBc, typical*	—	
40 MHz	–47 dBc –54 dBc, typical*	–46 dBc –54 dBc, typical*	—	
43 MHz	–46 dBc –53 dBc, typical*	–45 dBc –53 dBc, typical*	—	

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Specification	Value			Comments
0 to 55 ºC THD	Path			Amplitude −1 dBFS. Includes the 2nd through the 6th harmonic.
	Direct	Low-Gain Amplifier	High-Gain Amplifier	
20 kHz	−76 dBc, typical	−76 dBc, typical	−76 dBc, typical	
1 MHz	−74 dBc, typical	−69 dBc, typical	−61 dBc, typical	
5 MHz	−67 dBc	−67 dBc	−54 dBc	
10 MHz	−63 dBc	−60 dBc	−45 dBc	
20 MHz	−54 dBc −57 dBc*	−52 dBc −55 dBc*	—	
30 MHz	−48 dBc −52 dBc*	−46 dBc −50 dBc*	—	
40 MHz	−45 dBc −50 dBc*	−41 dBc −47 dBc*	—	
43 MHz	−44 dBc −49 dBc*	−41 dBc −46 dBc*	—	

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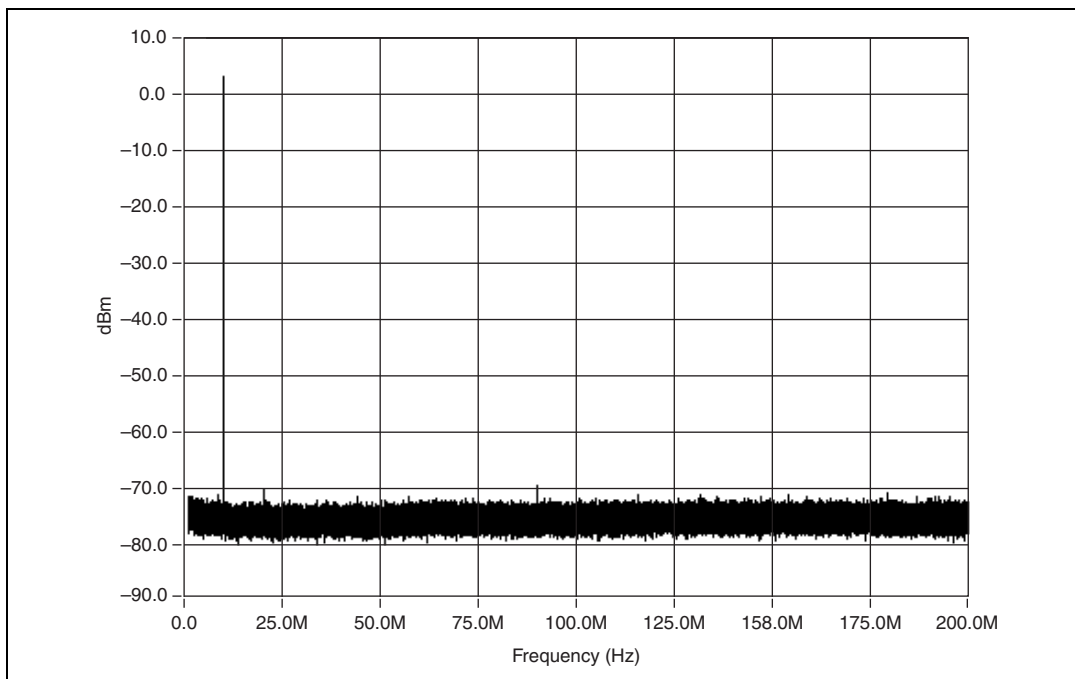| Specification	Value						Comments
Spectral Characteristics (Continued)							
Average Noise Density		Amplitude Range		Average Noise Density			Average noise density at small amplitudes is limited by a −148 dBm/Hz noise floor.
	Path	$V_{pk\text{-}pk}$	dBm	$\dfrac{nV}{\sqrt{Hz}}$	dBm/ Hz	dBFS/ Hz	
	Direct	1	4.0	18	−142	−146.0	
	Low Gain	0.06	−20.4	9	−148	−127.6	
	Low Gain	0.1	−16.0	9	−148	−132.0	
	Low Gain	0.4	−4.0	13	−145	−141.0	
	Low Gain	1	4.0	18	−142	−146.0	
	Low Gain	2	10.0	35	−136	−146.0	
	High Gain	4	16.0	71	−130	−146.0	
	High Gain	12	25.6	213	−120	−145.6	
Intermodulation Distortion (IMD)	Path						Each tone is −7 dBFS. All values are typical.
	Direct		Low-Gain Amplifier		High-Gain Amplifier		
10.2 MHz and 11.2 MHz	−81 dBc		−80 dBc		−62 dBc		
10.6 MHz and 10.8 MHz	−81 dBc		−79 dBc		−61 dBc		
19.5 MHz and 20.5 MHz	−78 dBc		−66 dBc		−54 dBc		
19.9 MHz and 20.1 MHz	−78 dBc		−65 dBc		−50 dBc		
34.0 MHz and 35.0 MHz	−75 dBc		−58 dBc		−51 dBc		
34.8 MHz and 35.0 MHz	−75 dBc		−58 dBc		−51 dBc		
42.0 MHz and 43.0 MHz	−75 dBc		−55 dBc		−51 dBc		
42.8 MHz and 43.0 MHz	−75 dBc		−55 dBc		−50 dBc		

Figure 3. 10 MHz Single-Tone Spectrum, Direct Path, 100 MS/s, Interpolation Factor Set to 4

Note The noise floor in Figure 3 is limited by the measurement device. Refer to the *Average Noise Density* specification for more information about this limit.

Figure 4. 10 MHz Single-Tone Spectrum, Low-Gain Amplifier Path, 100 MS/s, Interpolation Factor Set to 4

Note The noise floor in Figure 4 is limited by the measurement device. Refer to the *Average Noise Density* specification for more information about this limit.
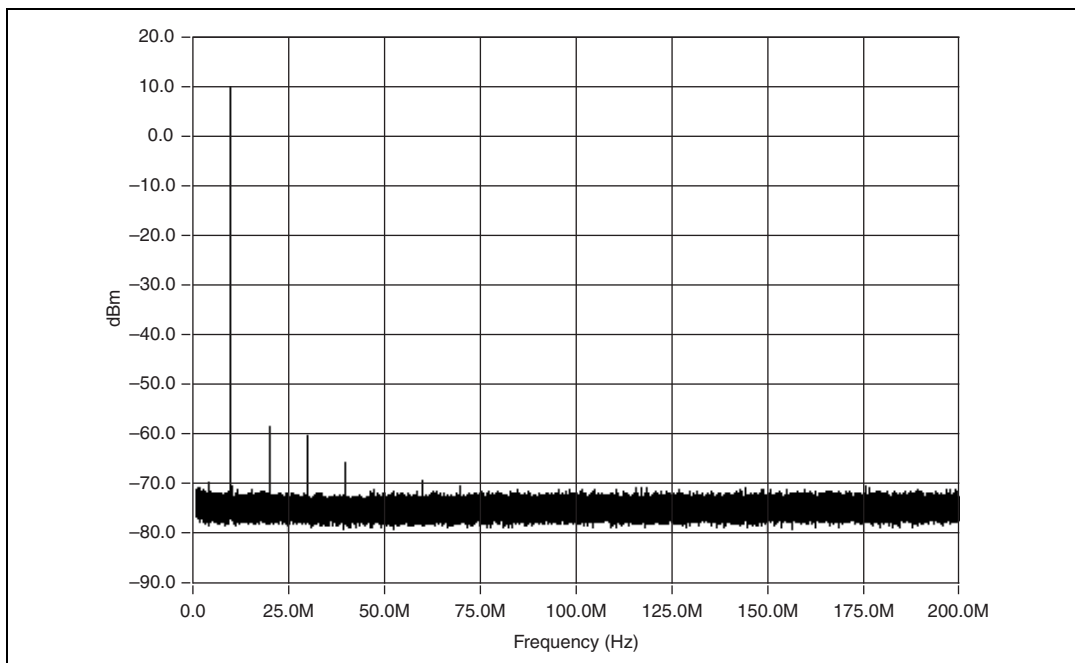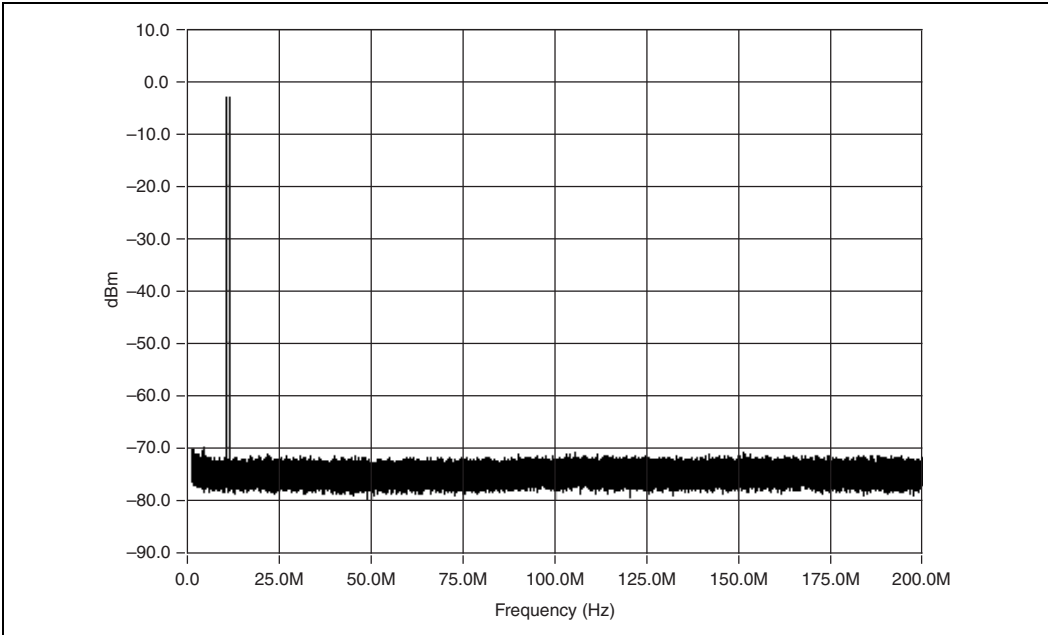
Figure 5. Direct Path, two-Tone Spectrum (Typical)

Note The noise floor in Figure 5 is limited by the measurement device. Refer to the *Average Noise Density* specification.

Sample Clock

Specification	Value	Comments
Sample Clock Sources	1. Internal, Divide-by-N ($N \geq 1$) 2. Internal, DDS-based, High-Resolution 3. External, CLK IN (SMB front panel connector) 4. External, DDC CLK IN (DIGITAL DATA & CONTROL front panel connector) 5. **NI PXI-5421**—External, PXI Star trigger (backplane connector) 6. **NI PXI-5421**—External, PXI_Trig<0..7> (backplane connector) **NI PCI-5421**—External, RTSI<0..7>	Refer to the *Onboard Clock* section for more information about internal clock sources.

Specification	Value		Comments
Sample Rate Range and Resolution			
Sample Clock Source	Sample Rate Range	Sample Rate Resolution	—
Divide-by-*N*	23.84 S/s to 100 MS/s	Settable to (100 MS/s) / *N* ($1 \leq N \leq 4{,}194{,}304$)	
High Resolution	10 S/s to 100 MS/s	1.06 µHz	
CLK IN	200 kS/s to 105 MS/s	Resolution determined by external clock source. External sample clock duty cycle tolerance 40 to 60%.	
DDC CLK IN	10 S/s to 105 MS/s		
NI PXI-5421 PXI Star Trigger	10 S/s to 105 MS/s		
NI PXI-5421 PXI_Trig<0..7>	10 S/s to 20 MS/s		
NI PCI-5421 RTSI<0..7>	10 S/s to 20 MS/s		
Effective Sample Rate			
	Sample Rate (MS/s)	Interpolation Factor	Effective Sample Rate	Effective Sample Rate = (*interpolation factor*) × (*sample rate*)
	10 S/s to 105 MS/s	1 (Off)	10 S/s to 105 MS/s	
	12.5 to 105 MS/s	2	25 to 210 MS/s	
	10 to 100 MS/s	4	40 to 400 MS/s	
	10 to 50 MS/s	8	80 to 400 MS/s	
Sample Clock Delay Range and Resolution			
Sample Clock Source	Delay Adjustment Range	Delay Adjustment Resolution	—
Divide-by-*N*	±1 sample clock period	<10 ps	
High-Resolution	±1 sample clock period	Sample clock period/16,384	
External (all)	0 to 7.6 ns	<15 ps	

Specification	Value				Comments
System Phase Noise and Jitter (10 MHz Carrier)					
Sample Clock Source	System Phase Noise Density (dBc/Hz) Offset			System Output Jitter (Integrated from 100 Hz to 100 kHz)	Specified at 2× DAC oversampling.
	100 Hz	1 kHz	10 kHz		
NI PXI-5421 Divide-by-*N*	−107	−121	−137	<1.2 ps rms	
NI PCI-5421 Divide-by-*N*	−110	−127	−137	<2.0 ps rms	
High-Resolution[*]	−109	−121	−123	<4.2 ps rms	
NI PXI-5421 CLK IN	−111	−122	−135	<1.2 ps rms	
NI PCI-5421 CLK IN	−113	−125	−135	<2.0 ps rms	
NI PXI-5421 PXI Star Trigger[†]	−115	−118	−130	<3.0 ps rms	
[*] High-Resolution specifications increase as the sample rate is decreased. [†] **NI PXI-5421** PXI Star trigger specification is valid when the sample clock source is locked to PXI_CLK10					
External Sample Clock Input Jitter Tolerance	Cycle-cycle jitter ±300 ps Period jitter ±1 ns				—

Specification	Value			Comments
Sample Clock Exporting				
Exported Sample Clock Destinations	1. PFI<0..1> (SMB front panel connectors) 2. DDC CLK OUT (DIGITAL DATA & CONTROL front panel connector) 3. **NI PXI-5421**—PXI_Trig<0..6> (backplane connector) **NI PCI-5421**—RTSI<0..6>			Exported sample clocks can be divided by integer K ($1 \leq K \leq$ 4,194,304).
Exported Sample Clock Destinations	Maximum Frequency	Jitter (Typical)	Duty Cycle	—
PFI<0..1>	105 MHz	PFI 0: 6 ps rms PFI 1: 12 ps rms	25 to 65%	
DDC CLK OUT	105 MHz	40 ps rms	40 to 60%	
NI PXI-5421 PXI_Trig<0..6>	20 MHz	—	—	
NI PCI-5421 RTSI<0..6>	20 MHz	—	—	

Onboard Clock
(Internal VCXO)

Specification	Value	Comments
Clock Source	Internal sample clocks can either be locked to a reference clock using a phase-locked loop or be derived from the onboard VCXO frequency reference.	—
Frequency Accuracy	±25 ppm	—

Phase-Locked Loop (PLL) Reference Clock

Specification	Value	Comments
Sources	1. **NI PXI-5421**—PXI_CLK10 (backplane connector) **NI PCI-5421**—RTSI_7 (RTSI_CLK) 2. CLK IN (SMB front panel connector)	The PLL reference clock provides the reference frequency for the phase-locked loop.
Frequency Accuracy	When using the PLL, the frequency accuracy of the NI 5421 is solely dependent on the frequency accuracy of the PLL reference clock source.	—
Lock Time	Typical: 70 ms Maximum: 200 ms	—
Frequency Range	5 to 20 MHz in increments of 1 MHz. Default of 10 MHz. The PLL reference clock frequency must be accurate to ±50 ppm.	—
Duty Cycle Range	40 to 60%	—
Exported PLL Reference Clock Destinations	1. PFI<0..1> (SMB front panel connectors) 2. **NI PXI-5421**—PXI_Trig<0..6> (backplane connector) **NI PCI-5421**—RTSI<0..6>	—

CLK IN
(Sample Clock and Reference Clock Input, Front Panel Connector)

Specification	Value	Comments
Connector	SMB (jack)	—
Direction	Input	—
Destinations	1. Sample clock 2. PLL reference clock	—
Frequency Range	1 to 105 MHz (sample clock destination and sine waves) 200 kHz to 105 MHz (sample clock destination and square waves) 5 to 20 MHz (PLL reference clock destination)	—
Input Voltage Range	Sine wave: 0.65 to 2.8 V_{pk-pk} into 50 Ω (0 dBm to +13 dBm) Square wave: 0.2 to 2.8 V_{pk-pk} into 50 Ω	—
Maximum Input Overload	±10 V	—
Input Impedance	50 Ω	—
Input Coupling	AC	—

PFI 0 and PFI 1
(Programmable Function Interface, Front Panel Connectors)

Specification	Value	Comments
Connectors	Two SMB (jack)	—
Direction	Bidirectional	—
Frequency Range	DC to 105 MHz	—
As an Input (Trigger)		
Destinations	Start trigger	—
Maximum Input Overload	–2 to +7 V	—
V_{IH}	2.0 V	—
V_{IL}	0.8 V	—
Input Impedance	1 kΩ	—
As an Output (Event)		
Sources	1. Sample clock divided by integer K ($1 \leq K \leq 4{,}194{,}304$) 2. Sample clock timebase (100 MHz) divided by integer M ($2 \leq M \leq 4{,}194{,}304$) 3. PLL reference clock 4. Marker 5. Exported start trigger (Out Start Trigger)	—
Output Impedance	50 Ω	—
Maximum Output Overload	–2 to +7 V	—
V_{OH}	Minimum: 2.9 V (open load), 1.4 V (50 Ω load)	Output drivers are +3.3 V TTL compatible.
V_{OL}	Maximum: 0.2 V (open load), 0.2 V (50 Ω load)	
Rise/Fall Time (20 to 80%)	≤2.0 ns	Load of 10 pF.

TClk Specifications

National Instruments TClk synchronization method and the NI-TClk instrument driver are used to align the Sample clocks on any number of SMC-based modules in a chassis. For more information about TClk synchronization, refer to the *NI-TClk Synchronization Help*, which is located within the *NI Signal Generators Help*.

- Specifications are valid for any number of PXI modules installed in one NI PXI-1042 chassis.

- All parameters set to identical values for each SMC-based module.

- Sample Clock set to 100 MS/s, Divide-by-*N*, and all filters are disabled.

- For other configurations, including multichassis systems, contact NI Technical Support at `ni.com/support`.

Note Although you can use NI-TClk to synchronize nonidentical modules, these specifications apply only to synchronizing identical modules.

Specification	Value	Comments
Intermodule SMC Synchronization Using NI-TClk for Identical Modules (Typical)		
Skew	500 ps	Caused by clock and analog path delay differences. No manual adjustment performed.
Average Skew After Manual Adjustment	<10 ps	For information about manual adjustment, refer to the *Synchronization Repeatability Optimization* topic in the *NI-TClk Synchronization Help*. For additional help with the adjustment process, contact NI Technical Support at `ni.com/support`.
Sample Clock Delay/Adjustment Resolution	≤10 ps	—

DIGITAL DATA & CONTROL (DDC)
Optional Front Panel Connector

Specification	Value			Comments
Connector Type	68-pin VHDCI female receptacle			—
Number of Data Output Signals	16			—
Control Signals	1. DDC CLK OUT (clock output) 2. DDC CLK IN (clock input) 3. PFI 2 (input) 4. PFI 3 (input) 5. PFI 4 (output) 6. PFI 5 (output)			—
Ground	23 pins			—
Output Signal Characteristics (Includes Data Outputs, DDC CLK OUT, and PFI<4..5>)				
Signal Type	LVDS (Low-Voltage Differential Signal)			—
Signal Characteristics	Minimum	Typical	Maximum	Tested with 100 Ω differential load.
V_{OH}	—	1.3 V	1.7 V	
V_{OL}	0.8 V	1.0 V	—	Measured at the device front panel.
Differential Output Voltage	0.25 V	—	0.45 V	
Output Common-Mode Voltage	1.125 V	—	1.375 V	Load capacitance <10 pF.
Rise/Fall Time	—	0.8 ns	1.6 ns	Driver and receiver comply with ANSI/TIA/EIA-644. Rise time is 20 to 80%.

Specification	Value		Comments
Output Signal Characteristics (Continued)			
Output Skew	Typical: 1 ns; maximum 2 ns. Skew between any two output terminals on the DIGITAL DATA & CONTROL front panel connector.		—
Output Enable/Disable	Controlled through the software on all data output signals and control signals collectively. When disabled, the output terminals go to a high-impedance state.		—
Maximum Output Overload	–0.3 to +3.9 V		—
Input Signal Characteristics (Includes DDC CLK IN and PFI<2..3>)			
Signal Type	LVDS (Low-Voltage Differential Signal)		—
Input Differential Impedance	100 Ω		—
Maximum Output Overload	–0.3 to +3.9 V		—
Signal Characteristics	Minimum	Maximum	—
Differential Input Voltage	0.1 V	0.5 V	
Input Common Mode Voltage	0.2 V	2.2 V	
DDC CLK OUT			
Clocking Format	Data outputs and markers change on the falling edge of DDC CLK OUT.		—
Frequency Range	Refer to the *Sample Clock* section for more information.		—
Duty Cycle	40 to 60%		—
Jitter	40 ps rms		—

Specification	Value	Comments
DDC CLK IN		
Clocking Format	DDC data output signals change on the rising edge of DDC CLK IN.	—
Frequency Range	10 Hz to 105 MHz	—
Input Duty Cycle Tolerance	40 to 60%	—
Input Jitter Tolerances	300 ps pk-pk of cycle-cycle jitter, and 1 ns rms of period jitter.	—

Start Trigger

Specification	Value	Comments
Sources	1. PFI<0..1> (SMB front panel connectors) 2. PFI<2..3> (DIGITAL DATA & CONTROL front panel connector) 3. **NI PXI-5421**—PXI_Trig<0..7> (PXI backplane connector) **NI PCI-5421**—RTSI<0..7> 4. **NI PXI-5421**—PXI Star trigger (PXI backplane connector) 5. Software (use function call) 6. Immediate (does not wait for a trigger). Default.	—
Modes	1. Single 2. Continuous 3. Stepped 4. Burst	—
Edge Detection	Rising	—

Specification	Value		Comments
Minimum Pulse Width	25 ns		Refer to t_{s1} at **NI Signal Generators Help»Devices» NI 5421» Triggering» Trigger Timing**.
Delay from Start Trigger to CH 0 Analog Output	Interpolation Factor	Typical Delay	Refer to t_{s2} at **NI Signal Generators Help»Devices» NI 5421» Triggering» Trigger Timing**.
	Digital Interpolation Filter disabled.	43 Sample Clock Periods + 110 ns	
	2	57 Sample Clock Periods + 110 ns	
	4	63 Sample Clock Periods + 110 ns	
	8	64 Sample Clock Periods + 110 ns	
Delay from Start Trigger to Digital Data Output	40 sample clock periods + 110 ns		—
Trigger Exporting			
Exported Trigger Destinations	A signal used as a trigger can be routed out to any destination listed in the *Destinations* specification in the *Markers* section.		—
Exported Trigger Delay	65 ns (typical)		Refer to t_{s3} at **NI Signal Generators Help»Devices» NI 5421» Triggering» Trigger Timing**.
Exported Trigger Pulse Width	>150 ns		Refer to t_{s4} at **NI Signal Generators Help»Devices» NI 5421» Triggering» Trigger Timing**.

Markers

Specification	Value			Comments
Destinations	1. PFI<0..1> (SMB front panel connectors) 2. PFI<4..5> (DIGITAL DATA & CONTROL front panel connector) 3. **NI PXI-5421**—PXI_Trig<0..6> (PXI backplane connector) **NI PCI-5421**—RTSI<0..6>			—
Quantity	One Marker per Segment.			—
Quantum	Marker position must be placed at an integer multiple of four samples.			—
Width	>150 ns			Refer to t_{m2} at **NI Signal Generators Help» Fundamentals» Waveform» Events» Marker Events**.
Skew	Destination	With Respect to Analog Output	With Respect to Digital Data Output	Refer to t_{m1} at **NI Signal Generators Help» Fundamentals» Waveform» Events» Marker Events**
	PFI<0..1>	±2 sample clock periods	N/A	
	PFI<4..5>	N/A	<2 ns	
	NI PXI-5421 PXI_Trig<0..6> **NI PCI-5421** RTSI<0..6>	±2 sample clock periods	N/A	
Jitter	20 ps rms			—

Arbitrary Waveform Generation Mode

Specification	Value				Comments
Memory Usage	The NI 5421 uses the Synchronization and Memory Core (SMC) technology in which waveforms and instructions share onboard memory. Parameters, such as number of segments in sequence list, maximum number of waveforms in memory, and number of samples available for waveform storage, are flexible and user defined.				For more information, refer to **NI Signal Generators Help» Programming» NI-TClk Synchronization Help**.
Onboard Memory Size	8 MB standard: 8,388,608 bytes	32 MB option: 33,554,432 bytes	256 MB option: 268,435,456 bytes	512 MB option: 536,870,912 bytes	—
Output Modes	Arbitrary Waveform mode and Arbitrary Sequence mode				—
Arbitrary Waveform Mode	In Arbitrary Waveform mode, a single waveform is selected from the set of waveforms stored in onboard memory and generated.				—
Arbitrary Sequence Mode	In Arbitrary Sequence mode, a sequence directs the NI 5421 to generate a set of waveforms in a specific order. Elements of the sequence are referred to as *segments*. Each segment is associated with a set of instructions. The instructions identify which waveform is selected from the set of waveforms in memory, how many loops (iterations) of the waveform are generated, and at which sample in the waveform a marker output signal is sent.				—

Specification	Value				Comments
Minimum Waveform Size (Samples)	Trigger Mode	Arbitrary Waveform Mode	Arbitrary Sequence Mode		The minimum waveform size is sample rate dependent in Arbitrary Sequence mode.
	Single	16	16		
	Continuous	16	96 at >50 MS/s		
			32 at ≤50 MS/s		
	Stepped	32	96 at >50 MS/s		
			32 at ≤50 MS/s		
	Burst	16	512 at >50 MS/s		
			256 at ≤50 MS/s		
Loop Count	1 to 16,777,215 Burst trigger: Unlimited				—
Quantum	Waveform size must be an integer multiple of four samples.				—
Memory Limits					
	8 MB Standard	32 MB Option	256 MB Option	512 MB Option	All trigger modes except where noted.
Arbitrary Waveform Mode, Maximum Waveform Memory	4,194,176 samples	16,777,088 samples	134,217,600 samples	268,435,328 samples	
Arbitrary Sequence Mode, Maximum Waveform Memory	4,194,120 samples	16,777,008 samples	134,217,520 samples	268,435,200 samples	Condition: One or two segments in a sequence.

Specification	Value				Comments
Arbitrary Sequence Mode, Maximum Waveforms	65,000 Burst trigger: 8,000	262,000 Burst trigger: 32,000	2,097,000 Burst trigger: 262,000	4,194,000 Burst trigger: 524,000	Condition: One or two segments in a sequence.
Arbitrary Sequence Mode, Maximum Segments in a Sequence	104,000 Burst trigger: 65,000	418,000 Burst trigger: 262,000	3,354,000 Burst trigger: 2,090,000	6,708,000 Burst trigger: 4,180,000	Condition: Waveform memory is < 4,000 samples.

Calibration

Specification	Value	Comments
Self-Calibration	An onboard, 24-bit ADC and precision voltage reference are used to calibrate the DC gain and offset. The self-calibration is initiated by the user through the software and takes approximately 75 seconds to complete.	—
External Calibration	The External Calibration calibrates the VCXO, voltage reference, DC gain, and offset. Appropriate constants are stored in nonvolatile memory.	Also known as factory calibration.
Calibration Interval	Specifications valid within two years of External Calibration.	—
Warm-up Time	15 minutes	—

Power

Specification	Typical Operation	Overload Operation	Comments
+3.3 VDC	1.9 A	2.7 A	Typical. Overload operation occurs when CH 0 is shorted to ground.
+5 VDC	2.0 A	2.2 A	
+12 VDC	0.46 A	0.5 A	
–12 VDC	0.01 A	0.01 A	
Total Power	21.9 W	26.0 W	

Software

Specification	Value	Comments
Driver Software	NI-FGEN is an IVI-compliant driver that allows you to configure, control, and calibrate the NI 5421. NI-FGEN provides application programming interfaces for many development environments.	—
Application Software	NI-FGEN provides programming interfaces for the following application development environments: • LabVIEW • LabWindows™/CVI™ • Measurement Studio • Microsoft Visual C++ .NET • Microsoft Visual C/C++ • Microsoft Visual Basic	—
Interactive Control and Configuration Software	The FGEN Soft Front Panel supports interactive control of the NI 5421. The FGEN Soft Front Panel is included on the NI-FGEN driver DVD. Measurement & Automation Explorer (MAX) provides interactive configuration and test tools for the NI 5421. MAX is also included on the NI-FGEN DVD. You can use the NI 5421 with NI SignalExpress.	—

Environment

NI PXI-5421 Environment

Note To ensure that the NI PXI-5421 cools effectively, follow the guidelines in the *Maintain Forced-Air Cooling Note to Users* included in the NI 5421 kit. The NI PXI-5421 is intended for indoor use only.

Specification	Value	Comments
Operating Temperature	0 to +55 ºC in all NI PXI chassis except the following: 0 to +45 ºC when installed in an NI PXI-101*x* or NI PXI-1000B chassis. Meets IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2.	—
Storage Temperature	–25 to +85 ºC. Meets IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC 60068-2-2.	—
Operating Relative Humidity	10 to 90%, noncondensing. Meets IEC 60068-2-56.	—
Storage Relative Humidity	5 to 95%, noncondensing. Meets IEC 60068-2-56.	—
Operating Shock	30 g, half-sine, 11 ms pulse. Meets IEC 60068-2-27. Test profile developed in accordance with MIL-PRF-28800F.	Spectral and jitter specifications could degrade.
Storage Shock	50 g, half-sine, 11 ms pulse. Meets IEC 60068-2-27. Test profile developed in accordance with MIL-PRF-28800F.	—
Operating Vibration	5 to 500 Hz, 0.31 g_{rms}. Meets IEC 60068-2-64.	Spectral and jitter specifications could degrade.
Storage Vibration	5 to 500 Hz, 2.46 g_{rms}. Meets IEC 60068-2-64. Test profile exceeds requirements of MIL-PRF-28800F, Class B.	—
Altitude	2,000 m maximum (at 25 °C ambient temperature)	—
Pollution Degree	2	—

NI PCI-5421 Environment

Note To ensure that the NI PCI-5421 cools effectively, follow the guidelines in the *Maintain Forced-Air Cooling Note to Users* included in the NI 5421 kit. Also, to maximize airflow and extend the life of the device, leave any adjacent PCI slots empty. The NI PCI-5421 is intended for indoor use only.

Specification	Value	Comments
Operating Temperature	0 to +45 ºC. Meets IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2.	—
Storage Temperature	–25 to +85 ºC. Meets IEC 60068-2-1 and IEC-60068-2-2.	—
Operating Relative Humidity	10 to 90%, noncondensing. Meets IEC 60068-2-56.	—
Storage Relative Humidity	5 to 95%, noncondensing. Meets IEC 60068-2-56.	—
Storage Shock	50 g, half-sine, 11 ms pulse. Meets IEC 60068-2-27. Test profile developed in accordance with MIL-PRF-28800F.	—
Storage Vibration	5 Hz to 500 Hz, 2.46 g_{rms}. Meets IEC 60068-2-64. Test profile exceeds requirements of MIL-PRF-28800F, Class B.	—
Altitude	2,000 m maximum (at 25 °C ambient temperature)	—
Pollution Degree	2	—

Compliance and Certifications

Safety

This product meets the requirements of the following standards of safety for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- IEC 61010-1, EN 61010-1
- UL 61010-1, CSA 61010-1

Note For UL and other safety certifications, refer to the product label or the *Online Product Certification* section.

Electromagnetic Compatibility

This product meets the requirements of the following EMC standards for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use:

- EN 61326-1 (IEC 61326-1): Class A emissions; Basic immunity
- EN 55011 (CISPR 11): Group 1, Class A emissions
- AS/NZS CISPR 11: Group 1, Class A emissions
- FCC 47 CFR Part 15B: Class A emissions
- ICES-001: Class A emissions

Note For EMC declarations and certifications, refer to the *Online Product Certification* section.

CE Compliance $C\epsilon$

This product meets the essential requirements of applicable European Directives as follows:

- 2006/95/EC; Low-Voltage Directive (safety)
- 2004/108/EC; Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC)

Online Product Certification

To obtain product certifications and the Declaration of Conformity (DoC) for this product, visit ni.com/certification, search by model number or product line, and click the appropriate link in the Certification column.

Environmental Management

NI is committed to designing and manufacturing products in an environmentally responsible manner. NI recognizes that eliminating certain hazardous substances from our products is beneficial to the environment and to NI customers.

For additional environmental information, refer to the *NI and the Environment* Web page at `ni.com/environment`. This page contains the environmental regulations and directives with which NI complies, as well as other environmental information not included in this document.

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EU Customers At the end of the product life cycle, all products *must* be sent to a WEEE recycling center. For more information about WEEE recycling centers, National Instruments WEEE initiatives, and compliance with WEEE Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, visit `ni.com/environment/weee`.

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Physical

Specification	Value		Comments
	NI PXI-5421	NI PCI-5421	
Dimensions	3U, One Slot, PXI/cPCI module 21.6 × 2.0 × 13.0 cm (8.5 × 0.8 × 5.1 in.)	34.1 × 2.0 × 10.7 cm (13.4 × 0.8 × 4.2 in.)	—
Weight	345 g (12.1 oz)	419 g (14.8 oz)	—
Front Panel Connectors			
Label	Function(s)	Connector Type	—
CH 0	Analog Output	SMB (jack)	
CLK IN	Sample clock input and PLL reference clock input.	SMB (jack)	
PFI 0	Marker output, trigger input, sample clock output, exported trigger output, and PLL reference clock output.	SMB (jack)	
PFI 1	Marker output, trigger input, sample clock output, exported trigger output, and PLL reference clock output.	SMB (jack)	
DIGITAL DATA & CONTROL	Digital data output, trigger input, exported trigger output, markers, external sample clock input, and sample clock output.	68-pin VHDCI female receptacle	

Specification	Value	Comments
NI PXI-5421 Only—Front Panel LED Indicators		
Label	Function	For more information, refer to the *NI Signal Generators Help.*
ACCESS	The ACCESS LED indicates the status of the PCI bus and the interface from the NI 5421 to the controller.	
ACTIVE	The ACTIVE LED indicates the status of the onboard generation hardware of the NI 5421.	
Included Cable		
	1 (NI part number 763541-01), 50 Ω, BNC Male to SMB Plug, RG223/U, Double Shielded, 1 m cable.	—

Note NI PXI-5421 modules of revision D or later are equipped with a modified PXI Express-compatible backplane connector. This modified connector allows the NI PXI-5421 to be supported by hybrid slots in a PXI Express chassis. To determine the revision of an NI PXI-5421 module, read the label on the underside of the NI PXI-5421. The label will list an assembly number in the format 189898x-01, where x is the revision.