

M9421A VXT PXIe Vector Transceiver

60 MHz to 3.8 GHz or 6 GHz



Overview

This configuration guide contains information to help you configure your M9421A VXT PXIe vector transceiver to meet your requirements. Ordering optional capabilities at time of purchase provides the lowest overall cost.

Included in base product

Standard options and accessories come with the VXT base model at no additional charge and do not need to be ordered. They include:

- I/Q analyzer
- 40 MHz modulation and analysis bandwidth
- 256 MSa memory
- Getting Started Guide

Hardware

A. Select options for M9421A VXT PXIe vector transceiver

Step 1. Choose a frequency range for the VXT PXIe vector transceiver (required option; frequency range not upgradeable)			
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	M9421A-504	60 MHz to 3.8 GHz	
<input type="radio"/>	M9421A-506	60 MHz to 6 GHz	
Step 2. Choose modulation and analysis bandwidth			
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	M9421A-B40	40 MHz	Included in base configuration
<input type="radio"/>	M9421A-B85	80 MHz	
<input type="radio"/>	M9421A-B1X	160 MHz	
Step 3. Choose memory size			
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	M9421A-M02	256 MSa	Included in base configuration
	M9421A-M05	512 MSa	
Step 4. Add high output power			
<input type="radio"/>	M9421A-1EA	High output power	
<input type="radio"/>	M9421A-HDX	Half duplex port	
Step 6. Add MIMO measurement capability			
<input type="radio"/>	M9421A-MMO	True MIMO measurement	
<input type="radio"/>	M9421A-MTS	Multi-tester synchronization for MIMO measurement; requires -MMO	

B. Add M9300A PXIe frequency reference

Step 1. Add an M9300A PXIe frequency reference (occupies 1 slot)			
One frequency reference required per chassis to meet data sheet specifications. It can support up to four M9421A VXTs			
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	M9300A	Adds PXIe frequency reference	Five 100 MHz outputs One 10 MHz output Internal 10 MHz OCXO timebase output

C. Select controller (either embedded controller or via PC)¹

Step 1. If selecting an embedded controller, select either M9036A or M9037A²

- M9036A-M04
Mid-performance embedded controller
Intel i5-520E dual-core, 2.4 GHz, 4 thread, 4GB RAM
Select the M9036A for mid-performance and lower cost



- M9037A-M04
High-performance embedded controller
Intel i7-4700EQ quad-core processor, 2.4 GHz, 8 thread, 4GB RAM

Select M9037A for the best performance if you have memory intensive applications, multiple applications running in parallel, or if a lot of data is sent to the PC from the PXIe chassis. Features removable SSD drive for security and x8 connector from front for connection to second chassis



Step 2. Upgrade from standard memory size (optional)

For M9036A

- M9036A-M08 Memory upgrade from 4 GB to 8 GB RAM

For M9037A

- M9037A-M08 Memory upgrade from 4 GB to 8 GB RAM
- M9037A-M16 Memory upgrade from 4 GB to 16 GB RAM

Step 3. Select an operating system

For M9036A

- M9036A-WE6 Microsoft Windows Embedded Standard 7 (64-bit)
- M9036A-W16 Microsoft Windows 10 IoT Enterprise LTSB (64-bit)




For M9037A

- M9037A-WE6 Microsoft Windows Embedded Standard 7 (64-bit)
- M9037A-W16 Microsoft Windows 10 IoT Enterprise LTSB (64-bit)

1. For list of qualified external controllers, please see Tested Computer List Technical Note literature no. 5990-7632EN. The M9021A is used for both PC controllers and can only be used in the M9018B chassis.
2. The M9018B or M9019A 18-slot chassis includes empty space to the left of the 1st functional slot. The embedded controller occupies that empty space and the 1st functional slot.

C. Select controller (either embedded controller or via PC)¹ (continued)

To use your desktop PC as a controller

<input type="radio"/>	M9048A/48B/49A	PCIe desktop adapter ²	
<input type="radio"/>	Y1202A	PCIe cable	
<input type="radio"/>	M9021A/22A/23A	PCIe cable interface ³	

Multi-chassis configurations

Quantity of components required depends on controller selected and number of chassis supported. The M9037A embedded controller is recommended for multi-chassis configurations. The M9036A embedded controller or standalone PC are both supported.

Quantity required	2-chassis configurations with			4-chassis configurations with		
	M9037A	M9036A	PC	M9037A	M9036A	PC
M9021A PCIe cable interface	1	2	3	5	6	7
Y1202A PCIe cable	1	1	2	3	3	4

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2. M9048A: Gen2 single port; M9048B: Gen3 single port; M9049A: Gen3 dual port.
3. M9021A: Gen2 single port (usable only with M9018B chassis); M9022A: Gen3 single port; M9023A: Gen3 dual port.

PC Requirements for M9421A VXT PXIe Vector Transceiver Control¹

	One Module per Chassis	Two Modules per Chassis	Three or Four Modules per Chassis
Operation system	Windows 7 or Windows 10 (64-bit)	Windows 7 or Windows 10 (64-bit)	Windows 7 or Windows 10 (64-bit)
Processor Speed	1.86 GHz Single Core minimum	1.86 GHz Dual Core minimum	1.86 GHz Dual Core minimum
Available memory	4 GB (8 GB recommended)	4 GB (8 GB recommended)	8 GB (16 GB recommended)
Available disk space on Drive C:	4 GB	4 GB	4 GB

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D. Select a chassis and accessories

Step 1. Select a chassis

- M9018B 18-slot PXIe chassis, Gen 2



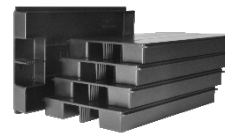
- M9019A 18-slot PXIe chassis, Gen 3



Step 2. Choose enough slot blocker kits and EMC filler panels to fill every open slot

Recommended to achieve data sheet specifications

- Y1212A Slot blocker kit: 5 slots



- Y1213A PXI EMC filler panel kit: 5 slots
Non-EMC filler panels are included with the M9018B or M9019A PXIe 18-slot chassis.



Step 3. Choose a rack mount kit (optional)

- Y1215C Rack mount kit for M9018B or M9019A 18-slot PXIe chassis



Step 4. Choose an air inlet kit (optional)

Recommended for rack mounted systems with less than 1U space below chassis.

- Y1214B Air inlet kit: M9018B and M9019A 18-slot chassis¹



1. For more information, please visit www.keysight.com/find/m9018b and www.keysight.com/find/m9019a

Using a Non-Keysight Chassis

The M9421A VXT PXIe vector transceiver can be successfully installed in a non-Keysight PXI chassis. Please use the following guidelines.

- Ensure that the chassis has enough consecutive PXIe or PXI-H slots to accommodate the M9421A VXT PXIe vector transceiver.
- Ensure that the chassis and controller supports peer-to-peer PXI Express I/O switch topology.
- Ensure that controller selected is compatible with chassis.

Please contact your Keysight representative for more detailed information. For technical assistance with non-Keysight equipment, please refer to the equipment manufacturer's website.

Software

E. Select measurement applications or software for M9421A VXT PXIe vector transceiver

Step 1. Start with M9421A base configuration

- The M9421A comes standard with the following software:
 - Keysight IO Libraries Suite including Connection Expert¹
 - Soft front panel, drivers for use with Matlab, LabVIEW, Visual Studio (including VB Net, C#, C/C++), Keysight VEE²
 - Sample waveforms and programming examples

Step 2. Add X-Series Measurement Applications (optional)

Measurement applications that start with the "N" prefix are measurement *only* applications and require waveform pack licenses for waveform playback. Applications that start with the "Y" prefix combine measurement applications with unlimited waveform playback capability.

Keysight offers 4 license types for the measurement applications. Each of the following license types are offered as perpetual or time-based. Visit www.keysight.com/find/X-Series_apps for more information.

Node-locked: Allows you to use the license on one specified instrument or computer.

Transportable: Allows you to move the license from one instrument or computer to another using Keysight's online tool.

USB portable: Allows you to move the license from one instrument or computer to another with a certified USB dongle. Floating: Allows you to access the license on networked instruments or computers from a server, one at a time.

Model name	Description
Cellular communications	
N9071EM0D	GSM/EDGE/Evo Measurement Application
N9072EM0D	cdma2000(TM) Measurement Application
N9073EM0D	W-CDMA/HSPA+ Measurement Application
N9076EM0D	1xEV-DO Measurement Application
N9079EM0D	TD-SCDMA/HSPA Measurement Application
N9080EM0E	LTE and LTE-Advanced FDD Measurement Application
Y9080EM0E	LTE and LTE-Advanced FDD Waveform and Measurement Application
N9080EM3E	NB-IoT and eMTC FDD Measurement Application
Y9080EM3E	NB-IoT and eMTC FDD Waveform and Measurement Application
N9082EM0E	LTE and LTE-Advanced TDD Measurement Application
Y9082EM0E	LTE and LTE-Advanced TDD Waveform and Measurement Application
N9085EM0E	5G NR Measurement Application
Y9085EM0E	5G NR Waveform and Measurement Application

Software

E. Select measurement applications or software for M9421A VXT PXIe vector transceiver (continued)

Model name	Description
Wireless connectivity	
N9075EM0D	Mobile WiMAX(TM) Measurement Application
N9077EM0E	WLAN 802.11a/b/g/j/p/n/af/ah Measurement Application
Y9077EM0E	WLAN 802.11a/b/g/j/p/n/af/ah Waveform and Measurement Application
N9077EM1E	WLAN 802.11ac/ax Measurement Application
Y9077EM1E	WLAN 802.11ac/ax Waveform and Measurement Application
N9081EM0E	Bluetooth (TM) Measurement Application
Y9081EM0E	Bluetooth Waveform and Measurement Application
General purpose	
N9063EM0D	Analog Demodulation Measurement Application
N9064EM0D	VXA Vector Modulation Analysis Measurement Application
N9065EM0E	Sequence Analyzer BTS Measurement Application
N9065EM1E	Sequence Analyzer Device Measurement Application
N9069EM0D	Noise Figure Measurement Application

Software

E. Select measurement applications or software for M9421A VXT PXIe vector transceiver (continued)

Step 3. Add Signal Studio software¹ (optional)

Generate standard-compliant test signals validated by Keysight for receiver and component test.

Cellular communications

N7600EMBC	Signal Studio for W-CDMA/HSPA+, waveform playback
N7601EMBC	Signal Studio for cdma2000® / 1xEV-DO, waveform playback
N7602EMBC	Signal Studio for GSM/EDGE/Evo, waveform playback
N7612EMBC	Signal Studio for TD-SCDMA/HSPA, waveform playback
N7624EMBC	Signal Studio for LTE/LTE-Advanced/LTE-A Pro (NB-IoT and eMTC) FDD, waveform playback
N7625EMBC	Signal Studio for LTE/LTE-Advanced TDD, waveform playback
N7631EMBC	Signal Studio Pro for 5G NR, waveform playback

Wireless connectivity

N7606EMBC	Signal Studio for Bluetooth®, waveform playback
N7610EMBC	Signal Studio for IoT (Internet of Things), waveform playback
N7615EMBC	Signal Studio for Mobile WiMAX™, waveform playback
N7617EMBC	Signal Studio for WLAN 802.11, waveform playback

General purpose

N7608EMBC	Signal Studio for Custom Modulation Software
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Step 4. Add 89600 VSA Software (optional)

89600 VSA software	Industry-leading measurement software for evaluating and troubleshooting signals in R&D; PC-based software supporting more than 40 measurement platforms, plus more than 75 signal standards and modulation types including MIMO analysis; www.keysight.com/find/89600vsa
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Step 5. Add MATLAB software² (optional)

Create arbitrary waveforms, customize measurement and data analysis routines, create your own instruments applications and test systems, automate measurements, signal generation, and report generation

<input type="radio"/>	N6171A-M01	MATLAB basic package
<input type="radio"/>	N6171A-M02	MATLAB standard package
<input type="radio"/>	N6171A-M03	MATLAB advanced package

1. For more information, see Signal Studio brochure, literature number 5989-6448EN or Signal Studio configuration assistant at http://rfmw.em.keysight.com/wireless/helpfiles/all-in-one_config_asst/ssconfig.html
2. For more information on MATLAB software, visit www.keysight.com/find/n6171a

Services

F. Calibration, start-up assistance

○	M9421A-UK6	Commercial calibration certificate with test data	Calibration certificate with measurement results available only at time of purchase.
○	M9300A-UK6	Commercial calibration certificate with test data for M9300A	Calibration certificate with measurement results available only at time of purchase.
○	PS-S20-01	Service: 1-day start-up assistance	Training on how to operate your instrument effectively

Global warranty

Keysight provides the peace of mind that today's high tech industry requires. Your investment is protected by Keysight's global reach in more than 100 countries (either directly or through distributors). The warranty gives you convenient standard coverage for the country in which the product is used, eliminating the need to ship equipment back to the country of purchase. Keysight's warranty service provides:

- All parts and labor necessary to return your investment to full specified performance
- Recalibration for products supplied originally with a calibration certificate
- Return shipment

One day start-up assistance

A Keysight Technologies applications engineer will get you started quickly by helping you install the modules in a chassis, configure the controller, load software and start making measurements.

Calibration services

The modular products are factory calibrated and shipped with an ISO-9002, NIST-traceable calibration certificate. A one year calibration cycle is recommended. The M9421A VXT PXIe vector transceiver is supported by the Keysight Automatic Calibration Software to perform calibrations that test all product specifications and is compliant with ISO 17025:2005, ANSI/NCSS Z540.3-2006 and Measurement Uncertainty per ISO Guide to Expression of Measurement Uncertainty 1995.

Upgrading Your System

Your product can be easily upgraded after the initial purchase. Fast license-key upgrades for performance options that do not require additional hardware:

1. Contact your Keysight representative to place an order for an option upgrade.
2. You will receive your hardware entitlement certificate via email.
3. Redeem the certificate online by following the instructions provided to receive a license key file.
4. Install the license key file using the Keysight License Manager.
5. Begin using the new capability. ^{1,2}

Description	Upgrade number
Upgrade from 40 MHz to 80 MHz	M9421AU-B85
Upgrade from 80 MHz to 160 MHz	M9421AU-BU5
Upgrade from 40 MHz to 160 MHz	M9421AU-B1X
Upgrade memory from 256 MSa to 512 MSa	M9421AU-M05
Add high output power	M9421AU-1EA
Add half duplex port	M9421AU-HDX
True MIMO upgrade	M9421AU-MMO
Multi-tester synchronization for MIMO measurement upgrade	M9421AU-MTS

1. At the time of manufacture, the hardware related to many of these options was fully adjusted and the option performance was verified to be within its warranted specifications. Within one year of the initial calibration date of the analyzer, this option is fully calibrated with no further adjustment or verification testing.
2. If this analyzer has been adjusted as part of a repair or calibration during its first year, or if the analyzer is more than one year old, additional adjustment and performance verification tests are required to ensure that some newly installed options are functioning properly. However, the completion of these tests does not guarantee that the analyzer meets all warranted specifications.

Related Literature

For more detailed product and specification information, refer to the following literature and web pages:

- M9018B and M9019A PXIe 18 slot Chassis Data Sheet (literature no. 5992-1481EN)
- M9037A PXIe High Performance Embedded Controller Data Sheet (literature no. 5991-3661EN)
- M9036A PXIe Embedded Controller Data Sheet (literature no. 5990-8465EN)
- M9421A VXT PXIe Vector Transceiver, Data Sheet (literature no. 5992-1646EN)
- 89600 VSA Software Brochure (literature no. 5990-6553EN)
- Signal Studio Software Brochure (literature no. 5989-6448EN)

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