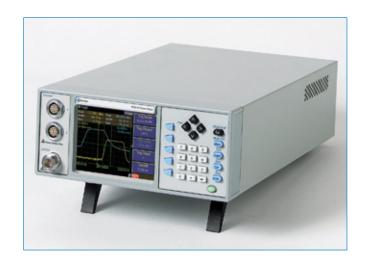


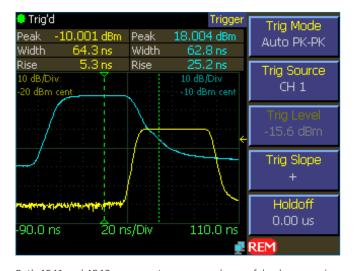
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The Boonton 4540 Series RF Power Meter is the instrument of choice for capturing, displaying and analyzing RF signals. Applications include pulsed RF signals like RADAR or GSM based technologies, as well as pseudorandom, noise-like signals such as CDMA, EVDO, WLAN, WIMAX, UMTS, HSPA, LTE, OFDM or HDTV. The 4540 Series offers Pulse, Modulated/CW, and Statistical operating modes, making it well suited for all requirements of R&D, manufacturing and control operations. Single channel versions (4541) and dual channel versions (4542) are available.





Both 4541 and 4542 power meters command powerful pulse recognition and analysis systems. Parameters like pulse-width, rise time, fall time, power distribution and many others are automatically detected, measured and presented.

#### **Features**

- 200 ps time resolution
- 7 ns rise time
- Video bandwidth up to 70 MHz
- 17 default presets plus storage for 25 user defined presets
- Fast statistical analysis including CCDF
- Text view of up to 14 out of 28 parameters per channel simultaneously (power / voltage, time, statistics, channel math)
- Bright, clear 4" color LCD display
- GPIB, LAN, USB device (B-type connector) interfaces
- High bandwidth, wide dynamic range sensors available

## **Modulated, Pulsed and Statistical Measurements**



#### **Modulated Mode**

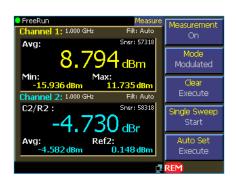
Modulated Mode measurements are possible with cost effective CW sensors, or with fast Peak Power sensors. Using Peak Power sensors, the 4540 Series can measure true average power of modulated waveforms, while providing important information about the instantaneous peak power value. Large digits allow clear, legible measurement reading.

#### **Pulsed Mode**

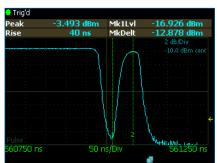
Analysis of fast single pulses or pulses with high pulse repetition interval (PRI) requires an instrument with sophisticated trigger and data acquisition capability. This provides accuracy and high definition trace detail of the measured signal. A variety of trigger settings, including pre and post trigger in combination with a high sampling rate allow the 4540 Series to capture any pulse. High level of signal detail is essential when short pulses, signal edges, signal overshoots, filters, high gain amplifiers, delay lines and such have to be analyzed.

#### **Statistical Mode**

Non-periodic signals, such as HDTV, EVDO, UMTS or LTE are noise-like and consist of varying magnitude peaks randomly distributed over the channel. These random events do not serve as a trigger for consistent measurements. Amplifier designs require fast peak measurement capability from a power meter to detect signal clipping and compression due to overload. The Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function, or CCDF, displayed by the 4540 plots the probability that the power will be at or below a specified level. By examining the areas close to 100% probability, it is possible to see how often the highest peaks occur. It is easy to see amplifier compression under actual operating conditions, and to predict the effect on error rate that this may have. Up to 4 GSamples of data can be collected, compiled and analyzed by the 4540 Series.



Clear and legible numeric display allows quick measurement readings.



The falling signal edge shows an unwanted anomaly. The signal bounces back, after an initial decline, and then it settles to the actual off level.



Noise-like signals are analyzed statistically. The average power in this CCDF representation serves as a reference, while the graph shows the distribution of lower power levels.

## **Effective Random Sampling**

The 4540 Series RF Power Meter offers an impressingly detailed representation of measured signals. As a result, signals can be analyzed thoroughly and anomalies can be detected immediately. High signal definition is achieved with two powerful features: a time resolution of 200ps, unprecedented in a power meter of this class, and a technique called Repetitive Random Sampling. For repetitive signals, the 4540 Series offers an effective sampling rate of up to 5 GSamples / second.

#### **Autoset/Preset**

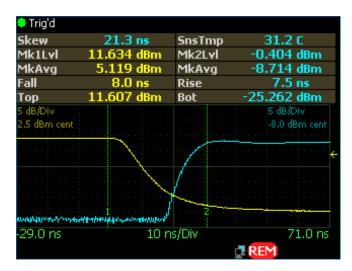
For accurate, repeatable measurements, power meters require diligently chosen trigger and timing settings. Finding the correct trigger settings is often more difficult than performing the actual measurement – not so with the 4540 Series. Our instruments are equipped with an "AutoSet" feature. This feature analyzes incoming signals and presets the instrument's timing and trigger settings in a way that allows for immediate measurements. Presets are available for many common wireless formats.

#### **RF-Voltage Measurements**

In some cases it is necessary to measure RF voltage without terminating or significantly loading the source. The 4540 Series supports voltage measurements with different Boonton voltage probes (also known as voltage sensors). Boonton's high impedance voltage probes are available for frequencies from 10 Hz to 1.2 GHz. Voltage probes are designed to measure CW voltage to 10 V, but they can also be used to measure the root mean square (RMS) value of a fluctuating or modulated signal up to 20 mV (2 V with 1:100 divider). Linearity correction factors are stored in the sensor adapter, so voltage measurements can be taken immediately.

#### **Firmware Updates**

Boonton strives to provide the best products to our customers, hence the 4540 Series can be easily field-updated with new firmware. New firmware versions are released periodically and available at the Boonton website. The download package comes with a loader that handles the proper update of the 4540 Series via a PC. Advantages of firmware updates are obvious: features added – for free.



The Graphic Header feature of the 4541 / 4542 RF power meters allows displaying up to 10 user selectable parameters. Colors refer to the specific channel: yellow – ch1, blue ch-2.

#### **Virtual Front Panel Software**

The 4540 Virtual Front Panel software (VFP) can be downloaded from the Boonton web site. It provides three powerful features:

- 4540 Series Remote Key Simulation
- Screenshots
- Full Screen Display

Remote Key Simulation allows simulating all the keys of the 4540 Series that is connected to the PC via LAN. If more than one 4540 Series is present at the subnet, VFP software will detect all instruments and show their IP addresses and serial numbers. The operator can now select which instrument he wants to control. VFP does not switch the power meters into remote state; while controlled by VFP they still allow operation via the actual front panel keys.

Screenshots of traces are often required as records or when signals need to be analyzed at a later point in time. The 4540 VFP software takes a screenshot with one push of a button and stores the images as bitmap files.

The 4540 Series has a 4" display providing high resolution and great detail of the signal trace. Menu buttons can be hidden to increase the usable screen area. If an even larger screen display is required, the Viewer function of the VFP transfers the 4540 Series screen live to a PC to utilize the full screen size.

# **4540 Series Specifications**

## **Acquisition and Measurement System**

Measurement Technique
Random repetitive sampling system providing pre and post-trigger
data and statistical histogram accumulation

Sampling Rate	50 MSa / second on each channel simultaneously
Effective Sampling Rate	5 GSa /second on each channel simultaneously
Memory depth	262,144 samples at max sampling rate
Vertical Resolution	0.008%, 14-bit A/D Converter
DSP	32 bit floating point
Time resolution	200 ps

## **Sensor Inputs**

RF Channels	1 or 2 (4541 / 4542)
RF Frequency Range	10 kHz to 40 GHz*
Pulse Meas. Range	-50 to +20 dBm*
Modulated Meas. Range	-55 to +20 dBm*
CW Pwr Range	-70 to +44 dBm*
Relative Offset Range	±200.00 dB
Video BW	70 MHz*
Risetime	< 7 ns*
Single Shot Bandwidth	5 MHz (based on 10 samples/pulse)

<sup>\*</sup> Sensor Dependent, Calibrator Dependent

#### **Vertical Scale**

Logarithmic		
0.1 to 50 dBm/div	in 1-2-5 sequence	
0.1 to 50 dBV/div	in 1-2-5 sequence	
0.1 to 50 dBmV/div	in 1-2-5 sequence	
0.1 to 50 dBuV/div	in 1-2-5 sequence	
Linear		
1 nW/div to 50 MW/div	in 1-2-5 sequence	
1 nV/div to 50 MV/div	in 1-2-5 sequence	

## Trigger

Mode	Normal, Auto, Auto Pk-to-Pk, Free Run
Source	Channel 1 (internal) Channel 2 (internal) External

# Trigger (continued)

Internal Level Range	-40 to +20 dBm (sensor dependent)
External Level Range	±5 volts (±50 volts with 10:1 divider probe)
External Input Impedance	1 MOhm (13 pF DC Coupled)
Slope	+ or –
Hold-off	0.0 - 1.0 sec (10 ns resolution)
Min Trigger Pulse Width	15 ns
Max Trigger Rate	30 MHz

#### **Time Base**

200 ps
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10 ns/div to 1 hr/div
0.01%
Sweeping or Roll Mode
4 ms to +100 ms
4000 divisions
40 s to +100 s
0.02 divisions
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## **Pulse Mode Operation**

Trace Display

Trace Averaging

Automatic Measurements	
Pulse width	Pulse rise-time
Pulse fall-time	Pulse period
Pulse repetition frequency	Pulse duty cycle
Pulse off-time	Peak power
Pulse "on" power	Pulse overshoot (dB or %)
Waveform Average power	Top level power (IEEE spec)
Bottom level power (IEEE spec)	Edge delay
Edge skew (2 channel instrument	ts only)
Marker Measurements	
Markers (vertical cursors)	Settable in time relative to the trigger position
Markers independently	Average, minimum, peak power at a single time offset
Pair of Markers	Average, minimum, peak power over the interval between markers, power ratio between markers
Acquisition Mode	Discontinuous triggered sample acquisition

Power versus time swept trace (rolled trace for slow time bases) 1 to 16384 samples per sweep

data point, exponential

#### **Modulated Mode Operation**

Automatic Measurements Average power Peak to Average ratio	Peak power Dynamic range	Minimum power
Signal Filtering	Ü	indow" filter; 0.002 to ands (fixed) or auto-filter
Acquisition Mode		us (un-triggered) cquisition
Trace Display	Power ve	rsus time rolled trace

#### **Channel Math**

Ratio, sum (power sensors) or difference (voltage sensors) between channels or between a channel and a reference measurement

### **Statistical Mode Operation**

Acquisition Mode	Continuous sample acquisition
Sampling Rate	Configuration dependent
Number of Histogram Bins	16,384
Bin Power Resolution	<0.02 dB (statistical measurements)
Limit Count	Adjustable, 2 – 4096 MSamples
Terminal Action	Stop, flush and or decimate
Graph Presentation	Normalized CCDF trace (relative to maximum power)
Horizontal Scale	0.1 to 5 dB/div
Horizontal Offset	±50.00 dBr
Vertical Axis	0.0001 to 100% (Log, 6 decades)

#### Text Measurements

Average, Peak and Minimum absolute power, Peak-to-Average and **Dynamic Range ratios** 

CCDF table (Peak/Average ratios at decade-spaced % CCDF intervals)

#### **Cursor Measurements**

Peak-to-Average ratio at specified % CCDF % CCDF at specified Peak-to-Average ratio

Status Display	Total acquisition time (MM:SS)
	Total acquired Samples

#### **Field Parameter**

Measurements, settings, parameters & channel math that can be displayed (User selectable) Vertical Scale Vertical Center dB Offset Chan Frequency Sensor Temp Avg CW Power Max Power Min Power Marker Max Peak / Avg Dynamic Range Marker Avg Marker Delta Marker Pk/Avg Marker1 Level Marker2 Level Marker Max Avg Marker Min Avg Marker1 Min Marker1 Max Marker2 Min Marker2 Max Marker Ratio Mark Rev CH1-CH2 CH2-CH1 Ratio Mark Rev Delta CH1+CH2 CH1/CH2 CH2/CH1 Reference 1 CH2+Ref1 Reference 2 CH1/Ref1 CH1-Ref1 CH2/Ref2 CH2-Ref2 CH2+Ref2

#### **Calibration Source**

Internal Calibrator	
Operating Modes	Off, On CW
Frequency	50.025 MHz ± 0.1%
Level Range	-60 to +20 dBm
Resolution	0.1 dB
RF Connector	Type N
Source VSWR	1.05 (reflection coefficient = 0.024)
Accuracy, OC to 20C, NIST traceable	
0 dBm	±0.055 dB (1.27%)
+20 to -39 dBm	±0.075 dB (1.74%)
-40 to -60 dBm	±0.105 dB (2.45%)
Auto-calibration	Automatically generated linearity calibration data for peak power sensors

#### **Measurement Setup / Storage**

25 complete user defined settings (save & recall) Presets Default GSM **EDGE** NADC Bluetooth cdma0ne W-CDMA CDMA2000 iDEN RADAR MCPA WiFi 802.11a 802.11b/g 1xEV-DO 1xEV-DV TD-SCDMA DVB HiperLAN2

#### **External Interfaces**

#### Remote Control

#### GPIB

Complies with IEEE-488.1 and SCPI version 1993. Implements AH1, SH1, T6, LE0, SR1, RL1, PP0, DC1, DT1, C0, and E1.

LAN	TCP/IP Ethernet Programmable interfaces
USB	"USB Device", Type-B connector
Multi I/O BNC connector	
User selectable	Status, trigger, alarm or voltage output
Range	0 to 10 V (Analog unipolar) -10 V to +10 V (Analog bipolar) 0 or 5 V (Logic)
Accuracy	±200 mV (±100 mV typical)
Linearity	0.1% typical

#### VGA Out / Ext Cal

HDB-15 connector, video output (320x240) for VGA compatible analog RGB video monitor or external calibrator control interface for Model 2530 calibrator

## **Physical And Environmental Characteristics**

Case Dimensions	8.4 W x 3.5 H x 13.5 D inches (21.3 x 8.9 x 34.3 cm), Half-rack width, 2U height
Weight	7.7 lbs (3.5 kg)
Power Requirements	90 to 260 VAC 47 to 63 Hz, 50 W (70 VA)
Operating Temperature	0 to 50 deg C (32 F to 122 F)
Storage Temperature	-40 to +75 deg C (-40 F to 167 F)
Ventilation	Thermostatically controlled fan
Humidity	95% maximum, non-condensing
Altitude	Operation up to 15,000 feet (4575 m)
Shock	Withstands $\pm 5$ G, 11 ms impulse in X, Y, and Z axes, as per EN 60068-2-27
Vibration	Withstands 2 G sine, 1.25 G random, as per EN 60068-2-6 and EN 60068-2-64

#### **Other Characteristics**

Display	4.0" Diagonal TFT color LCD, 320 x 240 pixels, CCFL backlight
Keyboard	27 Key conductive rubber
Main Computer	32-bit Floating Point embedded processor
DSP	32-bit Floating Point DSP
Battery	User-replaceable BR2325 lithium coin cell (alkaline cells optional), typical life: >10 years (lithium)

## **Regulatory Categories**

Full CE compliance with the following European Union directives and standards

Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC EN 60950-1:2002 for safety

Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (EMC) 2004/108/EC EN 61326:1997 + A1:1998 + A2:2001 + A3:2003

RoHS Directive 2002/95/EC for material safety

Manufactured to the intent of MIL-T28800E, Type III, Class 5, Style E

# **Sensors / Voltage Probes**

#### **Peak Power**

Model	Frequency Range	Dynamic Range	Rise Time (Bandwidth)
57006	0.05 to 6.0 GHz	-50 to +20 dBm	<7 ns (70 MHz)
59318	0.05 to 18.0 GHz	-24 to +20 dBm	<10 ns (50 MHz)
57518	0.05 to 18.0 GHz	-40 to +20 dBm	<100 ns (6 MHz)
59340	0.05 to 40.0 GHz	-24 to +20 dBm	<10 ns (50 MHz)
57540	0.05 to 40.0 GHz	-40 to +20 dBm	<100 ns (6 MHz)

#### **CW Power**

Wide Dynamic Range		
Model	Frequency Range	Dynamic Range
51071A	10 MHz to 26.5 GHz	-70 to +20 dBm
51072A	30 MHz to 40 GHz	-70 to +20 dBm
51075A	500 kHz to 18 GHz	-70 to +20 dBm
51077A	500 kHz to 18 GHz	-60 to +30 dBm
51079A	500 kHz to 18 GHz	-50 to +40 dBm

## Thermocouple

Model	Frequency Range	Dynamic Range
51100 (9E)	10 MHz to 18 GHz	-20 to +20 dBm
51200	10 MHz to 18 GHz	0 to +37 dBm

#### **Special Purpose**

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Model	Frequency Range	Dynamic Range
51011 (EMC)	10 kHz to 8GHz	-60 to +20 dBm (DC coupled)
51011 (4B)	100 kHz to 12.4 GHz	-60 to +20 dBm
51013 (4E)	100 kHz to 18 GHz	-60 to +20 dBm
51015 (5E)	100 kHz to 18 GHz	-50 to +30 dBm
51033 (6E)	100 kHz to 18 GHz	-40 to +33 dBm
51078	100 kHz to 18 GHz	-20 to +37 dBm

## **Diode Average**

Model	Frequency Range	Dynamic Range
51085	500 kHz to 18GHz	-30 to +20 dBm

For 51085 Peak Power - 1kW peak, 5µs pulse width, 0.25% duty cycle

For 51085 CW Power - 5W (+37dBm) average to 25°C ambient temperature, derated linearly to 2W (+33dBm) at 85°C

## **Voltage Probes**

95206302A	RF-Voltage Probe Kit 10 kHz - 1.2 GHz
95206402A	Low Frequency Voltage Probe Kit 10 Hz - 100 MHz





# **Ordering Information**

4541	RF Power Meter, single channel, front panel input
4542	RF Power Meter, dual channel, front panel inputs
-02	Rear sensor inputs
-03	Calibrator, rear panel output
-30	Warranty extended to 3 years

## **Accessories**

95403001A	19" Rack Mount Kit
95006201A	Transit case, holds the 4540 Series and up to 4 sensors

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