2.1GS/s Single-Channel Arbitrary Waveform Generator



PRELIMINARY

MODEL WX2181

- Single Channel 2.1GS/s waveform generator
- 1GHz sine and 500MHz square waves
- 12 Bit amplitude resolution
- 16M waveform memory, 32M memory, optional
- 2 selectable output paths:
 - $\circ~$ 2 Vp-p into 50Ω with 600MHz bandwidth, Differential DC output $\circ~\pm 5$ dBm into 50Ω with >1 GHz bandwidth, RF AC output
- AM, FM, FSK, PSK, (n)PSK, (n)QAM and Sweep modulations
- Smart trigger allows: trigger hold-off, detect <=> pulse width, as well as wait-for-waveform-end or abort waveform and restart
- Advanced sequencing scenarios define stepping, looping, and conditional jumps of waveforms or waveform sequences, including fast dynamic segments and sequences hop connector control
- Two differential markers with programmable positions, width and levels
- Two instrument synchronization
- User friendly 4" color LCD display
- · Remote control through LAN, USB and GPIB
- Waveforms and instrument settings can be uploaded and stored on disk-on-key or 4GB internal flash memory
- LXI Class C compliant

The WX2181, 2.1GS/s Single Channel Arbitrary Waveform Generator, offers unrivaled performance, even when compared to instruments designed to generate fewer types of signals or higher sampling rates. Its affordable footprint saves space and cost without compromising bandwidth and signal integrity.

Universal Waveform Source

Aside from its natural ability to generate arbitrary shapes with waveform granularity of 1 point, the WX2181 can also be used as a full-featured standard, modulation or pulse generator to solve various applications. Equipped with 2.1GS/s 12-bit clock and 16M points (32M optional) memory, the WX2181 can generate literally any waveform, short or long, at frequencies up to 1GHz with 8 digits of resolution, resulting in the highest precision signal creation and regeneration without compromising signal fidelity or system integrity.

DC or AC Coupled Outputs

Have a requirement for different output paths in your lab? Great! The WX2181 offers two output amplifiers: Single or Differential ended, 2Vp-p into 50 ohms with 600MHz bandwidth,

DC coupled path for applications demanding optimized transitions and aberrations. Alternatively, you can choose a Single-ended 5 dBm AC coupled path for applications requiring bandwidth and flatness for frequencies as high as 1 GHz.

Powerful Segmentation and Sequencing

Solving almost every complex application, powerful segmentation and sequencing produces a nearly endless variety of complex waveforms. The waveform memory can be divided into multiple waveform segments and sequenced in user-selectable fashion to create complex waveforms that have repeatable segments, jump and nest, saving you precious memory space. The WX2181 also allows you to generate up to 1000 sequence scenarios and sequence between them to generate an even higher level of flexibility in waveform creation.

Dynamic Segment / Sequence Control

Working in the real-time world and need fast waveform switching? The WX2181 has a rear panel control designed specifically for that. Having the dynamic control feature, in effect,

can serve as replacement of the sequence table where the real-time application can decide when and for how long a waveform will be generated. For much more complex applications, this same input may serve as a dynamic switch for complete sequences, creating real-life scenarios for real-time applications.

Smart Trigger

Until now, you've been forced to trigger on a specific event. Tabor's all-new SmarTrigger feature was designed to enhance the trigger capability and facilitate wider flexibility of a specific pulse event. It allows triggering on either a pulse having a larger pulse width than a programmed time value (<time), a pulse having a smaller pulse width than a programmed time value (>time), or even on a pulse having a pulse width between two limits (<>time). In addition, the SmarTrigger has a hold-off function, in which the output is held idle after the first trigger and starts a waveform cycle only with the first valid trigger after a holdoff interval has lapsed, allowing you to solve endless "negotiation" scenarios.



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Programmable Deferential Markers

The WX2181 is equipped with two programmable deferential markers. Differential simply means outstanding signal integrity for high frequencies, whereas the programmability allows you to set position, width, delay and amplitude for any required peripheral triggering need. While bench usage enables setting only one marker position, you can set multiple markers and program different marker properties for each transition instance remotely, allowing various triggering profiles.

4-Channel Capability

Need more than one or two channels to drive your application? With the WX2181 you can reach up to 4 synchronized channels system using a Master-Slave arrangement, allowing users to benefit from the same high quality performance feven formulti-channel needs.

Automated External Self-Calibration

Usually, calibration cycles in the industry range from one to three years where instruments are sent to a service center, opened to allow access to trimmers, calibrated and certified for repeated usage. In contrast, the innovative advanced technology implemented in these systems allows calibration from ANY interface, USB, GPIB or LAN. Calibration factors are stored in a flash memory eliminating the need to open instrument covers.

Easy to Use

Large and user-friendly 4" back-lit color LCD display facilitates browsing though menus, updating parameters and displaying detailed and critical information for your waveform output. Combined with numeric keypad, ten quick-link function & run modes buttons, cursor position control and a dial, the front panel controls simplify the often complex operation of an arbitrary waveform generator.

High Speed Access

Access speed is an increasingly important requirement for test systems. Included with the instrument is a variety of interfaces including: Ethernet 10/100/1000, USB 2.0 and GPIB so one may select the interface most compatible to indiviSingle requirements. Using any of the external interfaces, controlling instrument functions and features as well as downloading waveforms and sequences is fast, time saving and easily tailored to every system, from simple benchtop instrumention to full-featured ATE system. IVI drivers and factory support speedup system integration, minimizing time-tomarket and significantly reducing system development costs.

Multiple Environments to Write Your Code

Model 2181 comes with a complete set of drivers, allowing you to write your application in various environments such as: Labview, CVI, C++, VB, and MATLAB. You may also link the supplied dll to other Windows based API's or, use low-level SCPI commands (Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments) to program the instrument, regardless if your application is written for Windows, Linux or Macintosh operating systems.

MODULAR

Tabor's MODULAR software package supplies wireless design and manufacturing engineers with virtually all their test stimulus needs at baseband or IF/RF levels, whether required signals are analog or digital. With none of the limitations of traditional generators, Tabor's WaveXciter series allow any signal, simple or composed, clean or noisy, ideal or impaired, to be downloaded and played back.

ArbConnection

The ArbConnection software provides you with full control of instrument functions, modes and features. ArbConnection is a powerful editorial tool that allows you to easily design any type of waveform. Whether it is the built in wave, pulse or Serial data composers, or the built in equation editor with which you can create your own exotic functions, ArbConnection makes virtually any application posssible.





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Service and Support

Beyond providing precision Test & Measurement instruments, Tabor Electronics provides unparalleled service and support, and is continuously finding new ways to bring added value to its customers.

Our after-sales services are comprehensive. They include all types of repair and calibration, and a single point of contact that you can turn to whenever you need assistance. As part of our extensive support, we offer indiviSingleized, personal attention Help Desk, both online and offline, via e-mail, phone or fax.

Tabor Electronics maintains a complete repair and calibration lab as well as a standards laboratory in Israel and USA. Service is also available at regional authorized repair/calibration facilities.

Contact Tabor Electronics for the address of service facilities nearest you.

Applications

For expert technical assistance with your specific needs and objectives, contact your local sales representative or our in-house applications engineers.

Manuals, Drivers, and Software Support Every instrument comes equipped with a dedicated manual, developer libraries, IVI drivers, and software. However, if your specific manual is lost or outdated, Tabor Electronics makes it possible to log-on to its Download Center and get the latest data "in a click".

Product Demonstrations

If your application requires that you evaluate an instrument before you purchase it, a hands-on demonstration can be arranged by contacting your local Tabor Electronics representative or the Sales Department at our Corporate Headquarters.

Five-year Warranty

Every instrument from the WaveXciter series comes with a five-year warranty. Each one has full test results, calibration certificate, and CD containing product's manual and complete software package. Our obligation under this warranty is to repair or replace any instrument or part thereof which, within five years after shipment, proves defective upon examination. To exercise this warranty, write or call your local Tabor representative, or contact Tabor Headquarters and you will be given prompt assistance and shipping instructions.



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STANDARD WAVEFORMS

Type: Sine, triangle, square, ramp, pulse, sinc, exponential rise, exponential decay, gaussian,

noise and dc.

Frequency Range:

Sine 10 kHz to 1 GHz Square, Pulse 10 kHz to 500 MHz All others 10 kHz to 250 MHz

Waveform Control: All the waveform parameters can be adjusted to specific

can be adjusted to specific requirements. The waveform is re-computed with each parameter change.

ARBITRARY WAVEFORMS

Sample Rate: 10 MS/s to 2.1 GS/s

Vertical Resolution: 12 bits

Waveform Memory: 16 M points standard,

32 M points optional

Min. Segment Size: 256 points

Resolution: 32 points size increments

No. of Segments: 1 to 16k

Waveform Granularity: 1 point

Dynamic control: Software command or rear panel segment control port

Jump Timing: Coherent or asynchronous

SEQUENCED WAVEFORMS

Operation: Segments are grouped in a

sequence table that links, loops and jumps to next in userdefined scenarios. Sequence steps are advanced on trigger events or remote commands. Each channel has its own

sequence scenario

Multi Sequence: 1 to 1,000 unique scenarios

Sequencer Steps: 1 to 16k steps.

Segment Duration: 32 ns minimum step duration
Segment Loops: 1 to 1M cycles, each segment
Sequence Loops: 1 to 1M ("Once" mode only)
Step Advance Modes: Continuous, once (x "N") and

stepped

SEQUENCED SEQUENCES

Operation: Enables the grouping of

sequences into scenarios in a way that is similar to how segments are grouped in a sequence table. Each channel has its own advance sequencing generator

Sequence Scenarios: 1 Scenario

Dynamic Control: Software command or rear

panel sequence control port **Table Length:**1 to 1k steps

Advance Control: Continuous, once and stepped **Sequence Loops:** 1 to 1,000,000 cycles

MODULATION

COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

Carrier Waveform: Sine

Carrier Frequency: 10 kHz to 1 GHz

Modulation Source: Internal Resolution: TBD Accuracy: TBD

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Modulation Shape: Sine, square, triangle and ramp

Modulating Frequency: 1 mHz to 100 kHz

Modulation Freq.: TBD Deviation Range: TBD

FSK / FREQUENCY HOPPING

Hop Table Size: 2 to TBD **Hop Type:** Fast or Linear

Dwell Time Mode: Fixed or programmable per step

Dwell Time: TBD **Dwell Time Resolution:** TBD

SWEEP

Sweep Type: Linear, log or Arb
Up or down

Sweep Time: TBD

ΑN

Modulation Shape: Sine, square, triangle and ramp

Modulation Freq.: TBD Modulation Depth: 0.1 to 100%

ASK / AMPLITUDE HOPPING

Hop Table Size: 2 to TBD **Hop Type:** Fast or Linear

Dwell Time Mode: Fixed or programmable per step

Dwell Time: TBD

Dwell Time Resolution: TBD

Resolution: Maximum amplitude/4096

(n)PSK and (n)QAM

Modulation Type: PSK, BPSK, QPSK, OQPSK,

PI/4 DQPSK, 8PSK, 16PSK, 16QAM, 64QAM, 256QAM and User Defined

Symbol Rate Range: TBD

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Carrier Control: On/Off
Symbol Period Accuracy: TBD
Table Size: 2 to TBD

WIRELESS SIGNAL GENERATION

EVM (Error Vector Magnitude)

	0.1 MS/s	1 MS/s	5 MS/s
10 MHz	TBD%	TBD%	TBD%
250 MHz	TBD%	TBD%	TBD%
500 MHz	TBD%	TBD%	TBD%

Test conditions:

Sample Clock Frequency = 2.1 GS/s

Sample Clock = TBD Modulation = QPSK

Baseband Filter = Raised Cosine

Alfa = 0.35

ACLR (Adjacent Channel Leakage Power Ratio)

	0.1 MS/s	1 MS/s	5 MS/s
10 MHz	TBD dB	TBD dB	TBD dB
250 MHz	TBD dB	TBD dB	TBD dB
500 MHz	TBD dB	TBD dB	TBD dB

Test conditions:

Sample Clock Frequency = 2.1 GS/s

Sample Clock = TBD BW = Symbol Rate; Offset = 1.35 x Symbol Rate

DIGITAL PULSE GENERATOR

Pulse State: On/Off

 Pulse Mode:
 Single or double, programmable

 Polarity:
 Normal, inverted or complemented

Period: 2 ns to 1.6 Sec Resolution: 500 ps Pulse Width: 1 ns to 1.6 Sec

Rise/Fall Time

Fast: 700 ps (typical >600 ps)

Linear: 1 ns to 1.6 Sec

Delay: 1 ns to 1.6 Sec

Double Pulse Delay: 1 ns to 1.6 Sec

Amplitude Window:

 Range
 50mVp-p to 2Vp-p

 Low Level
 -2V to +1.95V

 High Level
 -1.95V to +2V

NOTES:

- All pulse parameters, except rise and fall times, may be freely programmed within the selected pulse period provided that the ratio between the period and the smallest incremental unit does not exceed the ratio of 16,000,000 to 1.
- Rise and fall times, may be freely programmed provided that the ratio between the rise/fall time and the smallest incremental unit does not exceed the ratio of 1,000,000 to 1.
- **3.** The sum of all pulse parameters must not exceed the pulse period setting.





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COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

FREQUENCY

Resolution: 8 digits

Accuracy and Stability: Same as reference Reference Clock:

Internal

1 ppm from 19°C to 29°C; 1ppm/°C below 19°C or above

29°C; 1 ppm/year aging rate Same as accuracy and stability of the external reference.

OUTPUTS

External

MAIN OUTPUTS

Coupling: DC-coupled. or AC-coupled Connectors: Front panel SMAs Impedance: 50Ω nominal, each output Protection: Protected against temporary short to case ground

DC-COUPLED

Single-ended or differential Type:

Amplitude Range:

Single-ended 50 mVp-p to 2 Vp-p Differential 100 mVp-p to 4 Vp-p (Double into high impedance)

Resolution: 3 diaits

 \pm (3% +5 mV), offset = 0 V Accuracy: Rise/Fall Time: 600 ps, typical (10% to 90%)

Overshoot: 5%, typical Harmonic Distortion: -52dBc at 1 Vp-p

Non Harmonic Distortion: -76dBc at 1 Vp-p, DC to 600MHz Phase Noise: >90 dBc/Hz at 1Vp-p, 10kHz offset Offset Control: Common mode, specified into 50Ω , levels double into high Z

Offset Range: -1.5 V to + 1.5 V Offset Resolution: 3 digits Offset Accuracy: $\pm (5\% +5 \text{ mV})$

RF, AC-COUPLED

Single-ended

Amplitude Range: -5 dBm to 5 dBm, double into

high impedance

Resolution: 3 digits Accuracy: (3% +0.5dBm) Bandwidth: 1 GHz Flatness: ±1dB, typical Harmonic distortion: -50 dBc at 0 dBm

Non Harmonic Distortion: -65 dBc at 0 dBm, DC to 600MHz Phase Noise: >90 dBc/Hz at 1Vp-p, 10kHz offset

MARKER OUTPUTS

Two markers per channel Number of Markers: Type: Differential (+) and (-) outputs

Connectors: SMB

Skew between Markers: 100 ps, typical

Impedance: 50Ω

Amplitude Voltage:

Window OV to 1.25 V, single-ended; OV to 2.5 V. differential Low level 0 V to 0.8 V, single-ended; 0 V to 1.6 V, differential

High level 0.5 V to 1.25 V, single-ended; 0 V to 2.5 V, differential

Resolution: 10 m\/

Accuracy: 10% of setting

Width control: 4 SCLK to segment length Position control: 0 to segment length in 4 points

increments

Initial delay: 3.5 ns, typical (Output to marker) Variable delay:

Control

Separate for each channel Range 0 to 3 ns

Resolution 10 ps

 \pm (10% of setting +20 ps) Accuracy

Rise/Fall Time: 1.0 ns, typical

SYNC OUTPUT

Connector: Front panel SMA Source: Channel 1 or channel 2

Single ended Type:

Waveform Type: Pulse (32 points width), WCOM

Impedance:

Amplitude: 1 V; doubles into high impedance

Variable Position Control:

Range 0 to segment length Resolution 32 points Rise/Fall Time 2 ns, typical

Variable Width control:

32 points to segment length Range

Resolution 32 points

INPUTS

TRIGGER INPUT

Connector: Rear panel SMA

Input Impedance: $10 \, k\Omega$

Polarity: Positive, negative, or both

Damage Level: +20 Vdc Frequency Range: 0 to 15 MHz

Trigger Level Control:

Range -5 V to 5 V Resolution 12 bit (2.5 mV)

Accuracy ±(5% of setting + 2.5 mV)

Sensitivity 0.2 Vp-p Pulse Width: 10 ns. minimum

EVENT INPUT

Operation: Used for branching in or out

from a sequence loop. Also used for enabling or disabling the output in armed mode.

Rear panel BNC Connector:

Input Impedance: 10 kΩ

Polarity: Positive, negative or either

Damage Level: +20 Vdc Frequency Range: 0 to 15 MHz

Trigger Level Control:

-5 V to 5 V Range Resolution 12 bit (2.5 mV) Accuracy \pm (5% of setting + 2.5 mV)

Sensitivity 0.2 Vp-p minimum Pulse Width: 10 ns. minimum

SEQUENCE / SEGMENT CONTROL INPUT

Connectors: Rear panel D-sub, 8 bit lines

Input Impedance: $10 \, \mathrm{k}\Omega$ Input Level: TTI

EXTERNAL REFERENCE INPUT

Rear panel BNC Connector: Input Frequency: 10 MHz to 100 MHz Input Impedance: 50O

Input Voltage Swing: -5dBm to 5dBm

10dBm

Damage Level:

EXTERNAL SAMPLE CLOCK INPUT

Connector: Rear panel SMA

Input Impedance: 50O

Input Voltage Swing: OdBm to 10dBm

Input Frequency: 2.0 GHz

Clock Divider: 1/1, 1/2, 1/4, ... 1/256, separate

for each channel

Damage Level: 15dBm

RUN MODES

Continuous A selected output function

shape is output continuously. Self armed No start commands are required

to generate waveforms.

Armed The output dwells on a dc level and waits for an enable command

and then the output waveform is output continuously; An abort command turns off the waveform.

A trigger signal activates a single-**Triggered** shot or counted burst of output

waveforms and then the instrument waits for the next trigger signal. The first trigger signal activates the

Normal mode output; consecutive triggers are

ignored for the duration of the output waveform.





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Override mode The first trigger signal activates the

output; consecutive triggers restart the output waveform regardless if the current waveform has been

completed or not.

Gated A waveform is output when a gate signal is asserted. The waveform is repeated until the gate signal is

de-asserted. Last period is always completed.

TRIGGER CHARACTERISTICS

EXTERNAL

Source: Channel 1, channel 2, or both

Connector: SMA Input Impedance: 10 kO

Polarity: Positive, negative, or both

Damage Level: ±20 Vdc Frequency Range: 0 to 15 MHz

Trigger Level Control:

Trigger Delay:

-5 V to 5 V Range Resolution 12 bit (2.5 mV)

Accuracy \pm (5% of setting + 2.5 mV)

Sensitivity 0.2 Vp-p

Pulse Width: 10 ns, minimum

System Delay: 200 sample clock periods + 50ns,

typical (Trigger to Output) Separate for each channel

< pulse width, > pulse width or

Range 0 to 8,000,000 sclk periods Resolution 8 points

Accuracy Same as sample clock accuracy Smart Trigger: Detects a unique pulse width range

<>pulse width

Pulse Width Range 50 ns to 2 second

Resolution

Conditioned trigger

Accuracy ±(5% of setting +20 ns) Trigger Holdoff: Ignores triggers for a holdoff duration

Holdoff range 100 ns to 2 second

Resolution 2 ns

±(5% of setting +20 ns) Accuracy Trigger jitter: 8 sampling periods

INTERNAL

Source: Modes:

Common or separate

Timer Waveform start to waveform start Delayed Waveform stop to waveform start

Timer:

100 ns to 2 s Range Resolution 3 digits Accuracy 100 ppm

Delay

Range 152 to 8,000,000 sclk periods Resolution Even numbers, divisible by 8

MANUAL

Source: Soft trigger command through the front panel or external interface

TWO INSTRUMENTS SYNCHRONIZATION

TBD Operation: Initial Skew: TBD Offset Control:

Clock Source: Master sample clock generator

Trigger Source: Master trigger input

GENERAL

100 VAC to 240 VAC Voltage Range: Frequency Range: 50 Hz to 60 Hz

Power Consumption: 150 VA

Display Type: TFT LCD, back-lit

Size Resolution 320 x 240 pixels

Interfaces:

LAN

GPIB

USB 2.0 1 x front, USB host, (A type);

1 x rear, USB device, (B type) 1000/100/10 BASE-T IEEE 488.2 standard interface

Segment control 2 x D-sub, 9 pin

Dimensions:

With feet 315 x 102 x 395 mm (WxHxD) Without feet 315 x 88 x 395 mm (WxHxD)

Weight:

Without package 4.5 kg Shipping weight 6 kg Operating temperature: 0°C to 40°C Storage temperature: -40°C to 70°C

Humidity: 85% RH, non condensing Safety: CE Marked, IEC61010-1 EMC: IEC 61326-1:2006

Calibration: 2 years

Warrantv: 5 years standard

ORDERING INFORMATION

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OPTIONS				
Option 1:	32M Memory			

ACCESSORIES

S-Rack mount: 19" Single Rack Mounting Kit Case Kit: Professional Carrying Bag

Note: Options and Accessories must be specified at the time of your purchase.

