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ANSI/SCTE 40 Conformance Testing Using the R&S[®]SFU, R&S[®]SFE and R&S[®]SFE100

Application Note

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1 Introduction

Theory and practice – two different worlds. Modulation, transmission, and demodulation of signals are simple tasks in theory. But in practice, errors and inaccuracies occur in each of these steps. In order to ensure that the consumer is able to receive a television service properly under these non-perfect conditions, set-top boxes must be designed to cope with such conditions.

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2 ANSI/SCTE 40 in Brief

The ANSI/SCTE 40 test is designed to test the receiving equipment in a worst case scenario; therefore, the impairments are required to be simultaneously present during the test. The test schematic looks as follows:

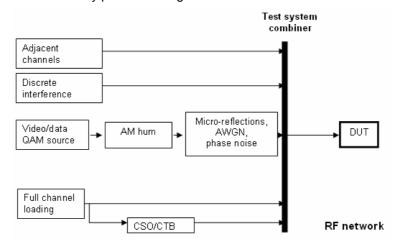


Fig. 1: ANSI/SCTE 40 test schematic

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The impairments are defined as follows:

Impairments	Description	Schematic				
Additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN)	27 dB C/(N+I) for 64 QAM 33 dB C/(N+I) for 256 QAM	Detect: RMS				
Phase noise	-88 dBc / Hz at 10 kHz offset from channel carrier frequency					
Micro-reflections	-10 dB @ 0.5 us -15 dB @ 1.0 us -20 dB @ 1.5 us -30 dB @ 4.5 us	Dotect: RMS				
AM hum	3 %	Survey M Soons CH 2 - 2007				

Adjacent channels	Analog: Modulation depth = 87.5 %, audio/video -10 dB.	Detect: Auto Pk Ref: -7 dBm Trace: CI/Ur UBU: 300 kHz Hz: 20 dB SUT: 100 ns -17 -27 -37 -47 -47 -57 -57 -57 -57 -57 -57 -57 -57 -57 -5
	 Digital: 64 QAM: symbol rate = 5.056931 MHz, Nyquist filter alpha = 18 %. 256 QAM: symbol rate = 5.360537 MHz, Nyquist filter alpha = 12 %. 	Detect: Auto Pk Ref: -4 dBm Trace: CI/Ur UBU: 300 kHz Rtt: 20 dB Suf: 100 ms -14 -24 -34 -34 -44 -34 -34 -34 -34 -34 -34 -3
Channel loading	Continuous wave (CW) at 6 MHz spacing on every relevant channel. Adjusted till intermodulation products in the useful channel reach -53 dBc.	Detect: Auto Pk Ref: -4 dBm Trace: CI/Ur UBU: 1 MHz UBU: 1 MHz UBU: 1 MHz UBU: 1 MHz SUT: 100 ns -14 -24 -34 -34 -34 -34 -34 -34 -34 -34 -34 -3
Discrete interferer	Continuous wave (CW) signal at center frequency with -53 dBc.	Detect: Auto Pk Ref: -4 dBm Trace: CI/Mr UBU: 300 kHz Att: 20 dB -14 -24 -34 -44 -54 -64 -64 -64 -64 -64 -64 -64 -64 -64 -6

3 Test Setup for ANSI/SCTE 40 Conformance Testing

As we have seen in chapter 2, ANSI/SCTE 40 conformance testing requires the modulated useful signal as well as all impairments to be present at the same time. A possible setup of the complete test scenario can look as follows:

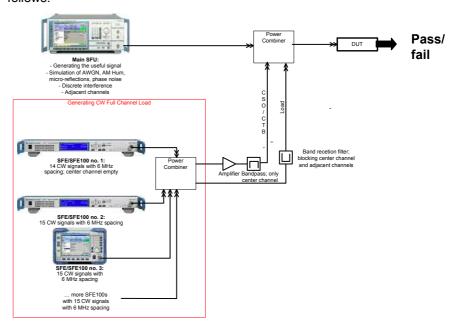


Fig. 2: ANSI/SCTE 40 Test Setup

Whether a DUT passes the test could be determined by subjective pass/fail criteria or alternatively bit error rate measurement. For more information on how to perform bit error measurements using the R&S®SFU, please refer to [2].

The "main R&S®SFU" generates the useful J.83B signal. Furthermore, AWGN, AM hum, micro-reflections, phase noise, adjacent channel, as well as discrete interferers can be simulated in this unit.

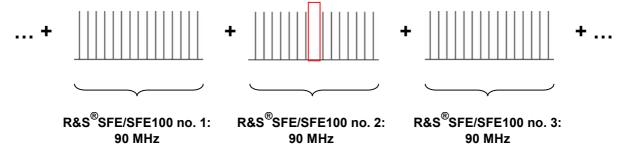
Generating CW Full Channel Load

As we know from section two of this document, full channel loading as well as CSO/CTB intermodulation products need to be added to the outgoing signal. For simulation, it is sufficient to have CW signals at the channel center frequencies of the TV bands as replacement for the actual TV signals.

The R&S®SFE/SFE100 has an IQ output bandwidth of 100 MHz. In order to create full channel loading for all relevant TV bands, multiple R&S®SFE/SFE100s are required. The waveforms contain 14 or 15 CW signals (90 MHz bandwidth used).

For the generation of the CSO/CTB intermodulation products, the channel under test (center channel) needs to be empty. Therefore, the following scheme to generate the CW carriers is used:

CSO/CTB channel = useful channel



The full channel load needs to be passed through an amplifier in order to generate the second- or third-order intermodulation products in the useful channel. Afterwards bandpass filtering is applied to the center channel, in order to only have the intermodulation products in the output spectrum.

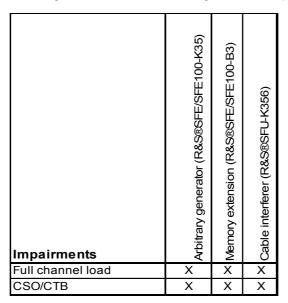
From the channel load combiner, a second path is added to the signal coming from the main R&S®SFU. This signal is band-rejection-filtered on the three center channels (adjacent channel and useful channel are not overlaid with CW signals), as there the useful signals as well as the adjacent channels are present while testing.

Optioning the R&S® Test Transmitters

The main R&S®SFU unit generating the useful signals and all other impairments except CSO/CTB and full channel load should be configured as follows to allow conformance testing in line with ANSI/SCTE 40:

	Device options									
Impairments	TSgenerator (R&S&STUK20) or TRP Hayer (R& K22)	J.83/Booter (P&SESTUKS)	Phase noise (R&S&SHUK41)	Noise generator AMAN (R&SBSRUK40)	Multinaise use (R&SBSTUK43)	Fading simulator, 20 paths (R&S@SFU-B30)	Interferer management (R&S&STUK37)	Arbitrary generator (R&S®SRUK35)	Memary extension (R&S&SFU-B3)	Cable interferer (R&S&SHJ-K356)
Discrete interference	Х	Х								
AWGN	X	Х		Х	Х					
Phase noise	Х	Х	Х		Х					
Mcro-relections	Х	Х			, and the second	Х				
AMhum	X	Х				Х				
Adjacent channels	X	Х					Х	Х	Х	X

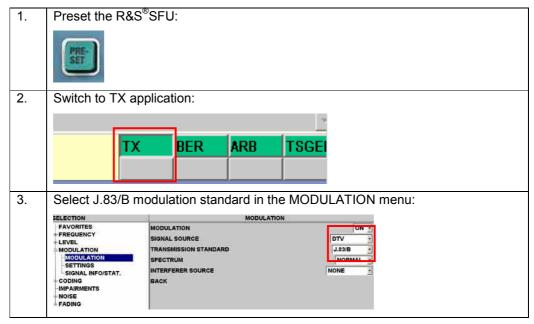
To generate the full channel load by means of R&S $^{\$}$ SFE/SFE100s, the following R&S $^{\$}$ SFE/SFE100 configuration is required in each case:

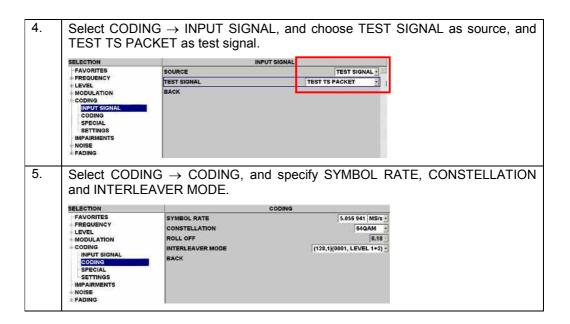


4 Configuring the Main R&S®SFU for ANSI/SCTE 40 Testing

Basic Configuration

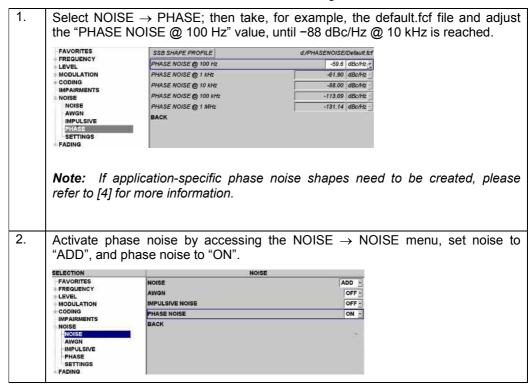
This "Basic Configuration" section explains which fundamental configurations are necessary to perform ANSI/SCTE 40 testing using bit error ratio (BER) measurement as deviation criterion.



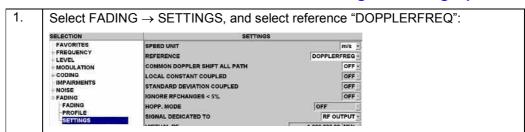


Phase Noise Generation

As described in the previous chapter, it is required to have -88 dBc/Hz @ 10 kHz offset. Proceed as follows to configure the main R&S[®]SFU:



AM Hum and Micro-Reflections Using the Fading Option



2. Go to FADING → PROFILE, and enter following configuration:

	1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4	1-5	2-1	2-2
STATE	ON	ON	ON	ON	ON	ON	ON
PROFILE	PURE	PURE	PURE	STATIC	STATIC	STATIC	STATIC
	DOPPLER	DOPPLER	DOPPLER	PATH	PATH	PATH	PATH
PATH LOSS (Db)	36.47	0	36.47	10	15	20	30
BASIC DELAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ADDIT. DELAY	0	0	1	.5μ	1.0µ	1.5µ	4.5μ
RESULTING DELAY	0	0	1	0.50	1.0	1.5	4.5
POWER RATIO (Db)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONST PHASE (Deg)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SPEED	56.21	93.69	131.16	0	0	0	0
FREQ RATIO	1.0	1.0	1.0	0	0	0	0
RES DOPPLER	75	125.00	175.00	0	0	0	0
SHIFT(Hz)							
CORRECTION PATH	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
COEFFICIENT [%]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHASE (DEG)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LOG NORMAL STATE	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
LOCAL CONSTANT	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
(M)							
STANDARD DEV. (Db)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

I: The first three paths are used to simulate hum. The path loss setting on paths 1-1 and 1-3 define the modulation depth. The formula is as follows:

a = 20*log(m/2), where m is the modulation depth. In this example, the AM hum is 3 % corresponding to m = 0.03. This results in sidebands with attenuations of 36.47 dB. Please note that a frequency shift of 125 Hz is applied to the main path in this example. Hum frequency is 50 Hz. For 60 Hz simply vary the resulting Doppler shift in path 1-1 and 1-3 to 60 Hz difference in relation to path 1-2.

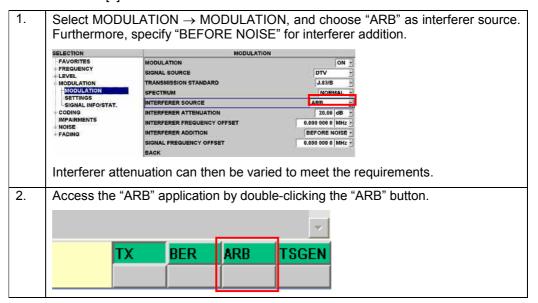
II: Here the four micro-reflection paths are defined.

Applying Discrete Interferers

The discrete interferer in this context means an unmodulated carrier, also referred to as continuous wave (CW). In order to apply discrete interference by means of the R&S®SFU the impairments can be used.

Adjacent Channels Using the Arbitrary Generator

Upper and lower adjacent channels are generated using the arbitrary generator. With the R&S®SFU-K37 interferer management option, it is possible to add the interferer signals to the wanted signal. Please refer also to [3] for more details.



Access ARB → ARB, and click "LOAD WAVEFORM":

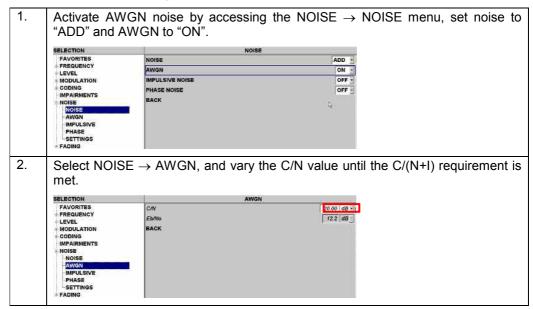


Select one of the following three waveforms of the cable interferer library:

- SCTE_2CH_64QAM.WV: Two digital adjacent channels with 64 QAM modulation.
- SCTE_2CH_256QAM.WV: Two digital adjacent channels with 256 QAM modulation.
- SCTE_2CH_NTSC.WV: Two analog adjacent channels with NTSC signals.

Generating Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN)

A specific C/(N+I) needs to be specified, when all other interferences such as CSO, CTB, and discrete interferers are present. This can be done using the AWGN option of the R&S[®]SFU:

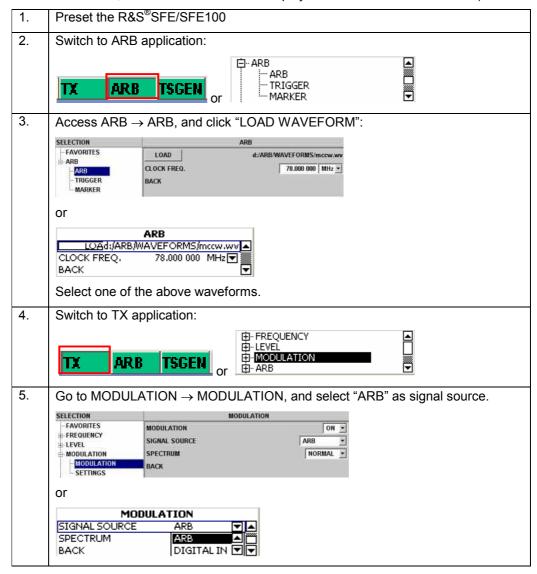


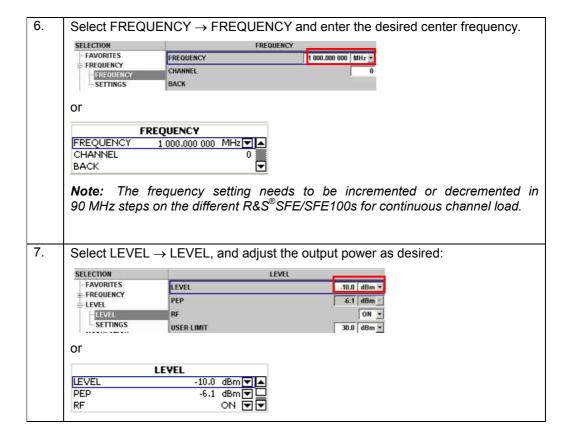
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The R&S[®]SFU-K356 cable interferer library provides two different channel load waveforms which can be generated using the arbitrary waveform generator:

- FullCWLoad.wv: Containing 15 CW signals in 6 MHz spacing.
- FullCWLoad_NoCenter.wv: Containing 14 CW signals in 6 MHz spacing. Center channel empty.

Proceed as follows to output the desired spectrum (besides the Windows GUI, also the control via front display of the R&S®SFE100 is shown):





6 References

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7 Additional Information

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8 Ordering Information

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Туре	Designation	Order no.
R&S SFU	Broadcast Test System	2110.2500.02
R&S SFU-B1	Coder Extension 1	2110.7424.02
R&S SFU-B10	Coder Extension 10	2110.7747.02
R&S SFU-B11	ETI Input/Output	2110.7553.03
R&S SFU-B30	Fading Simulator	2110.7530.02
R&S SFU-B31	Fading Simulator Extension to 40 Paths	2110.7547.02
R&S SFU-B4	Memory Extension 2	2110.7453.02
R&S SFU-B5	User I/O	2110.7460.02
R&S SFU-B6	Additional Hard Disk	2110.7501.02/03
R&S SFU-B90	High Power and Overvoltage Protection	2110.8008.02
R&S SFU-K1	DVB-T/H Coder	2110.7301.02
R&S SFU-K10	MediaFLO Coder	2110.7524.02
R&S SFU-K108		only on request
R&S SFU-K11	T-DMB/DAB Coder	2110.7518.02
	DMB-TH Coder	2110.7760.02
	ATV Standard B/G Coder	2110.8050.02
	ATV Standard D/K Coder	2110.8037.02
R&S SFU-K192		2110.8043.02
	ATV Standard M/N Coder	2110.8066.02
	ATV Standard L Coder	2110.8072.02
R&S SFU-K199		2110.8089.02
R&S SFU-K2	DVB-C Coder	2110.7324.02
R&S SFU-K20	TS Generator	2110.7476.02
R&S SFU-K21	TS Recorder	2110.7482.02
R&S SFU-K22		2110.7499.02
	T-DMB/DAB Streams	2110.4348.02
R&S SFU-K23	Video Generator	2110.7799.02
R&S SFU-K3	DVB-S/DSNG Coder	2110.7330.02
R&S SFU-K30 R&S SFU-K32	Enhanced Fading	2110.7560.02
R&S SFU-K32	DAB Gaussian Fading ARB Generator	2110.7630.02
	T-DMB/DAB Waveforms	2110.7601.02 2110.4277.02
R&S SFU-K352		2110.4425.02
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R&S SFU-K41	Phase Noise	2110.7660.02
R&S SFU-K42	Impulsive Noise	2110.7676.02
R&S SFU-K43	Multinoise Use	2110.7682.02
R&S SFU-K5	J.83/B Coder	2110.7360.02
R&S SFU-K6	ISDB-T Coder	2110.7376.02
R&S SFU-K60	BER Measurements	2110.7782.02
R&S SFU-K7	DMB-T Coder	2110.7382.02
R&S SFU-K8	DVB-S2 Coder	2110.7399.02
R&S SFU-K80	Extended I/Q	2110.7953.02
R&S SFU-K81	Realtime Disabled	2110.7960.02
R&S SFU-K82	Realtime Enabled	2110.7976.02
R&S SFU-K9	DIRECTV	2110.7401.02
R&S SFU-U43	Upgrade Kit for R&S SFU-K43	2110.7699.02
R&S DV-DVBH	DVB-H Stream Library	2085.8704.02
R&S DV-H264	H.264 Stream Library	2085.7650.02
R&S DV-HDTV	HDTV Sequences	2085.7650.02
R&S DV-ISDBT	ISDB-T Stream Library	2085.9146.02
R&S DV-TCM	Test Card M Streams	2085.7708.02

R&S[®]SFE

Туре	Designation	Order no.
R&S SFE	Broadcast Tester	2112.4300.02
R&S SFE-K1	DVB-T/H	2113.4010.02
R&S SFE-K2	DVB-C	2113.4032.02
R&S SFE-K3	DVB-S/DSNG	2113.4055.02
R&S SFE-K4	ATSC/8VSB	2113.4078.02
R&S SFE-K5	J.83/B	2113.4090.02
R&S SFE-K6	ISDB-T/ISDB-Tsb	2113.4110.02
R&S SFE-K8	DVB-S2	2113.4132.02
R&S SFE-K9	DirecTV	2113.4155.02
R&S SFE-K10	MediaFLO™	2113.4178.02
R&S SFE-K11	T-DMB/DAB	2113.4190.02
R&S SFE-K12	DTMB	2113.4210.02
R&S SFE-K190	ATV-B/G	2113.4655.02
R&S SFE-K191	ATV-D/K	2113.4678.02
R&S SFE-K192	ATV-I	2113.4690.02
R&S SFE-K193	ATV-M/N	2113.4710.02
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R&S SFE-K195	ATV Multistandard	2113.4755.02
R&S SFE-K20	TS Generator, includes SDTV stream library	2113.4878.02
R&S DV-DVBH	DVB-H Stream Library	2085.8704.02
R&S DV-TCM	Test Card M-Streams	2085.7708.02
R&S DV-HDTV	HDTV Sequences	2085.7650.02
R&S DV-H264	H.264 Stream Library	2085.9052.02
R&S DV-ISDBT	ISDB-T Stream Library	2085.9146.02
R&S SFU-K221	T-DMB/DAB Streams	2113.4348.02
R&S SFE-K23	Video Generator	2113.4890.02
R&S ATV Video	ATV Video Signals	2110.4831.02
R&S SFE-K22	TRP Player	2113.5274.02
R&S SFE-K35	ARB Generator model	2113.4932.02
R&S SFU-K351	T-DMB/DAB Waveforms	2110.4277.02
R&S SFU-K352	DVB-H Waveforms	2110.4425.02
R&S SFU-K353	DRM Waveforms	2110.4554.02
R&S SFU-K354	DTV Interferer Waveforms	2110.4690.02
R&S SFU-K355	MediaFLO™ Waveforms	2110.2974.02
R&S SFU-K356	Cable Interferer Waveforms	2110.3212.02
R&S SFE-K40	AWGN Generator	2113.4910.02
R&S SFE-K60	BER Measurement	2113.5151.02
R&S SFE-K80	Digital I/Q Input	2113.5251.02
R&S SFE-B3	Memory Extension	2112.4500.02

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R&S®SFE100

Туре	Designation	Order no.
R&S SFE100	Test Transmitter	2112.4100.02 / 2112.4100.03
R&S SFE100-K1	DVB-T/H	2113.4003.02
R&S SFE100-K2	DVB-C	2113.4026.02
R&S SFE100-K3	DVB-S/DSNG	2113.4049.02
R&S SFE100-K4	ATSC/8VSB	2113.4061.02
R&S SFE100-K5	J.83/B	2113.4084.02
R&S SFE100-K6	ISDB-T/ISDB-Tsb	2113.4103.02
R&S SFE100-K8	DVB-S2	2113.4126.02
R&S SFE100-K9	DirecTV	2113.4149.02
R&S SFE100-K10	MediaFLO™	2113.4161.02
R&S SFE100-K11	T-DMB/DAB	2113.4184.02
R&S SFE100-K12	DTMB	2113.4203.02
	ATV-B/G	2113.4649.02
	ATV-D/K	2113.4661.02
	ATV-I	2113.4684.02
	ATV-M/N	2113.4703.02
R&S SFE100-K194	ATV-L	2113.4726.02
R&S SFE100-K20	TS Generator, includes SDTV stream library	2113.4861.02
R&S DV-DVBH	DVB-H Stream Library	2085.8704.02
R&S DV-TCM	Test Card M-Streams	2085.7708.02
R&S DV-HDTV	HDTV Sequences	2085.7650.02
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R&S SFU-K221	T-DMB/DAB Streams	2113.4348.02
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R&S SFU-K354	DTV Interferer Waveforms	2110.4690.02
R&S SFU-K355	MediaFLO™ Waveforms	2110.2974.02
R&S SFU-K356	Cable Interferer Waveforms	2110.3212.02
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