The Astronics Test Systems 3100M Waveform Synthesizer Series combines 300 MS/s waveform generation performance, versatility, and compact size into a single-slot VXIbus format.

The 3100M is a greatly improved version of a field-proven instrument ideal for VXI test stimulus generation. It replaces one or two of the popular 3152A Precision PLL Waveform Synthesizers, which are standard on many military and commercial test platforms.

### Key Features
- Phase locks to external analog signals: 500 Hz to 10 MHz, 100 mV to 30 V<sub>rms</sub>
- Sine and square waves up to 100 MHz at amplitudes up to 16 V<sub>pk-pk</sub> into 50 Ω
- Built-in functions: Triangle, Sine, Square, Ramp, Pulse, DC, Exponential & Gaussian Pulse
- Linear/log sweep features (arbitrary and DDS) up to 100 MHz
- Ten high-performance modulation modes including AM, FM, PM, PWM, 3D, amplitude/frequency hopping
- VXI replacement for legacy pulse and function generators

### Product Information

#### Compatibility Mode
The 3100M defaults to its highest performance operational mode, but also can be set to operate as though it were a 3151A+ or 3152A for all modes including (and not limited to) PLL, PM, sequenced mode, trigger delay, and multi-module synchronization. The 3100M provides a front panel interface that is different from that of the 3152A. For legacy designs, please refer to literature for the 3151B and 3152B models for more information.

#### Modulation Modes
The 3100M allows the modulation of a carrier waveform ranging up to 100 MHz with ten modulation types including AM, FM, PM, FSK, PSK, ASK, frequency hopping, amplitude hopping, 3D modulation (a combination of AM, FM, and PM), and Pulse Width Modulation (PWM).

Modulation sources are all internal except for PM (external or internal with 3D mode) and include sine, square, triangle, ramp, and arbitrary (in some cases). PWM is generated using the included waveform creation software and downloaded to the instrument.

#### Frequency Sweep
The 3100M sweeps sine (now using Direct Digital Synthesis or DDS), square, or triangle waveforms between any two frequencies up to 100 MHz. Sweep may be performed either up or down and linearly or logarithmically.

#### 11-Digit Frequency Resolution
The 3100M DDS frequency synthesizer (CW mode) provides high frequency resolution, high signal-to-noise ratio (70 dB, typical), and the low phase-noise and jitter needed for telecommunications test applications.

#### Phase-Lock Mode
The 3100M can phase-lock its output to external analog waveforms. In phase-lock mode, the output automatically locks its frequency to an external signal up to 10 MHz and voltage up to 30 V<sub>rms</sub>. Phase offset is programmable with 0.01° resolution, and the trigger threshold is programmable with 10 mV resolution.

#### Waveform Creation Software
The 3100M includes waveform creation software for instrument control and waveform creation that lets you interactively program the generator and import, edit, or create waveforms.

Creation tools are provided to help you design function generator or arbitrary waveforms, pulse waveforms, frequency modulated waveforms, 3D waveforms (user-defined combinations of amplitude, frequency and phase modulation), serial waveforms and more.
Product Information continued

Highly Configurable Design
The 3100M can be configured with one or two 3152-compatible channels. It can also be configured with a single- or dual-channel amplifier which can be used to increase the output voltage of the waveform generator to 40 V

LAN and USB Compatibility
The 3100M models only are fitted with a front panel LAN port and USB host port. The LAN port can be used as an alternate control port independent of a VXI controller and even in the absence of a VXI controller. The USB port can be used to connect with USB-compatible Flash drives.

Arbitrary Waveform Creation
The Waveform Composer feature is useful for creating test stimuli for the 3100M. The Waveform Composer allows you to import waveforms from a scope, .csv or text file, choose from a variety of pre-defined waveforms, or to enter an equation. Any waveform can then be manually edited with a variety of tools. The instrument drivers are capable of loading these waveforms into the instrument while running a test program.

Creating Sequenced Waveforms
The Waveform Studio feature allows pre-defined waveforms to be “linked” and looped as one of 10 waveform sequences that may be stored in sequencer memory. Sequences are useful when complex waveforms are required and portions of the waveform can repeat themselves. They can simplify waveform creation while they preserve waveform memory.

Combining AM, FM, and PM
The 3D Waveform Composer feature allows you to define any combination of amplitude, frequency, and/or phase modulation into your signal. The composer then calculates the signal for loading into the instrument’s 3D modulation memory.
Specifications

Note: The Astronics Test Systems policy is one of continuous development and improvement. Consequently, the equipment may vary in detail from the description and specifications in this publication.

Amplitude Characteristics

Amplitude (direct)
• 20 mV to 32 V \(V_{pk-pk}\), output open circuit
• 10 mV to 16 V \(V_{pk-pk}\), into 50 Ω

Amplitude (3201A/3202A in series)
• 32 mV to 40 V \(V_{pk-pk}\), output open circuit
• 16 mV to 20 V \(V_{pk-pk}\), into 50 Ω

Resolution
• 4 digits

Accuracy (at 1 kHz into 50 Ω)
• 1.6 V to 16 V \(V_{pk-pk}\): ±(1% + 25 mV)
• 160 mV to 1.59 V \(V_{pk-pk}\): ±(1% + 5 mV)
• 10 mV to 159.9 mV \(V_{pk-pk}\): ±(1% + 2 mV)

DC Offset
• Range: 0 to ±7.995 V
• Resolution: 1 mV
• Accuracy: ±(1% ±1% of Amp. ±5 mV)

Output Impedance
• 50 Ω ±1%

Low-Pass Filters (selectable)
• 25 MHz: Bessel
• 50 MHz: Bessel
• 60 MHz: Elliptic
• 120 MHz: Elliptic

Standby (Output disconnected)
• Output On or Off

Output Protection
• Short circuit to case (10 s max)

Standard Waveforms
(Sine, Triangle, Square, Pulse, Ramp, Noise, DC.)

Frequency Resolution
• 11 digits

Accuracy & Stability
• Same as frequency standard

Sine

Frequency Range
• 100 μHz to 100 MHz

Phase Adjustment
• Range: 0 to 359.95°
• Resolution: 0.05°

Power Range (sine raised to a power)
• 1 to 9

Total Harmonic Distortion
• <0.1% to 100 kHz, STD & CW

Harmonics & Spurious

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Square

Frequency Range
• 100 μHz to 100 MHz

Duty Cycle Range
• 0% to 99.99%

Rise/Fall Time (10%-90%)
• <5 ns

Aberration
• <6%

Triangle

Frequency Range
• 100 μHz to 16 MHz

Phase Adjustment
• Range: 0 to 359.95°
• Resolution: 0.05°

Power Range (triangle raised to a power)
• 1 to 9

Pulse and Ramp Functions

Frequency Range
• 100 μHz to 16 MHz

Delay, Rise/Fall Time, High Time Ranges
• 0% to 99.99% of period (each independently)

Gaussian Pulse Time Constant Range
• 1 to 200

Sinc Pulse “Zero Crossings” Range
• 4 to 100

Exponential Pulse Time Constant Range
• -200 to 200

DC Output Function

Range
• -100% to 100% of amplitude

Arbitrary Waveforms

Waveform Creation Software
• Included waveform software allows instrument control and creation of custom waveforms and sequences using freehand mode, equations, and built-in functions; or they can be imported from a spreadsheet, scope or text file.

Waveform Memory
• Legacy Mode: 512 k points
• Modern Mode: 1 Meg points

Vertical Resolution
• Legacy Mode: 12-bits
• Enhanced Mode: 16-bits

Number of Memory Segments
• 1 to 16 k

Minimum Segment Size
• Legacy Mode: 10 points
• Enhanced Mode: 16 points

Sequenced Waveforms

Operation
• Segments may be linked and repeated in a user-selectable fashion to generate extremely long waveforms. Segments are advanced using either a command or a trigger.

Advance Modes
• Automatic Sequence Advance
• No trigger required to step from one segment to the next. Sequence is repeated continuously per a pre-programmed sequence table.
• Stepped Sequence Advance
• Current segment is sampled continuously until a trigger advances the sequence to the next programmed segment and sample clock rate.
• Single Sequence Advance
• Current segment is sampled the specified number of repetitions and then idles at the end of the segment. Next trigger samples the next segment the specified repeat count, and so on.

Sequencer Steps
• 1 to 4096

Segment Loops
• 1 to 1 Meg

Minimum Segment Duration
• 500 ns

Minimum Segment Size in a Sequence
• 10 points
## Specifications continued

### Sweep Waveforms

**Sweep Range**
- 10 Hz to 100 MHz

**Swept Waveform**
- Sine, square or triangle

**Spacing**
- Linear or logarithmic

**Direction**
- Up or Down

**Sweep Duration**
- 1.4 µs to 40 s

**Marker Output**
- Selectable frequency

### Modulated Waveforms

**Carrier Frequency Range**
- 10 Hz to 100 MHz

**Baseline (pre-trigger state)**
- DC or Carrier Frequency, selectable

**Modulated Waveform**
- AM, FM: Sine, triangle, square, or ramp
- Others: Sine

**Run Modes**
- Continuous, Triggered, Burst and Gated

**Run Mode Advance Source**
- Software commands, Front panel TRIG IN, Backplane TTLTrg0-7

**Trigger Delay Range**
- 0, 100 ns to 20 s

**Re-trigger Delay Range**
- Range: 100 ns to 20 s
- Resolution: 20 ns

**Trigger Jitter**
- ±1 sample clock period

### FM

**Modulating Frequency Range**
- 10 mHz to 350 kHz

**Peak Deviation**
- Up to 50 MHz

**Modulating Waveform Sampling Clock (Arbitrary FM Mode)**
- 1 S/s to 5 MS/s

**Frequency Array Size (Arbitrary FM Mode)**
- 4 to 20 k frequencies

**Marker Output**
- Programmable at selected frequencies

**AM**

**Modulated Waveform**
- Sine, triangle, square, or ramp

**Envelope Frequency**
- 10 mHz to 1 MHz

**AM Depth**
- 0% to 100%

**FSK, PSK, ASK**

**Baud Rate Range**
- FSK, PSK: 1 bit/sec to 10 Mbits/sec
- ASK: 1 bit/sec to 2.5 Mbits/sec

**Internal Data Bits**
- 1 to 4000

**Marker Output**
- Programmable at selected bits

**Frequency, Amplitude Hopping**

**Hopping Function**
- Frequency or amplitude

**Hop Table Size**
- 1 to 5000

**Advance Source**
- External, internal, backplane

**Dwell Time Range**
- 200 ns to 20 s

**Dwell Time Resolution**
- 20 ns

**Dwell Time Mode**
- Fixed or variable

**Hop Frequency Range**
- 10 Hz to 100 MHz

**Amplitude Hopping Range**
- 10 mV to 16 V_{pk-pk}

**Amplitude Hopping Resolution**
- Ampl_{max}/4096

**Marker Position**
- Programmable on a selected hop table index

### Sampling Clock

**Internal Source Range (worst case)**
- Continuous Mode: 100 mS/S to 250 MS/s
- Other Modes: 100 mS/S to 225 MS/s

**Internal Source Range (typical 25º C)**
- Continuous Mode: 300 MS/s
- Other Modes: 240 MS/s

**Resolution**
- 11 digits

**Accuracy and Stability**
- Same as reference

**Reference Clock**
- CLK10: 100 ppm (typical)
- Internal TCXO: 1 ppm, 19º C to 29º C
- Drift: 1 ppm/year

### Operating Modes

**Normal Mode**
- Continuous output of a single waveform segment

**Sequenced Mode**
- Continuous or triggered output of a sequence of waveform segments (see Sequenced Waveforms)

**Sweep Mode**
- Continuous output of a swept waveform

**Triggered Mode**
- One waveform cycle or sequence or sweep is output

**Delayed Triggered Mode**
- Delays any trigger by up to 2 million waveform points

**Gated Mode**
- Generator is enabled when an external gate signal is active. The first gated output cycle is synchronous with the active slope of the gate signal. The last output cycle is always completed.

**Burst Mode**
- A segment is repeated up to 1 million times. In External Burst Mode, each burst begins with a trigger. In Internal Burst Mode, an internal timer is used to repeat the burst at a programmed interval.

**Phase Lock Mode**
- Phase locks a standard or arbitrary waveform to an external signal to 30 V_{rms}

**Modulation Mode**
- CW or AM, FM, FSK, PSK, ASK, Sweep, Frequency or Amplitude Hopping

**Phase Modulation (external)**
- PM Modulation Rate: 0 to 10 kHz

**Counter/Timer**
- Measures frequency, period, period averaged, pulse width and events

### Triggering Characteristics

**Sources**
- Internal: 1 µs to 20 s, programmable
- External
- Input Impedance: 10 kΩ
Specifications continued

• Damage Level: 30 V
  Level (Programmable): ±10 V
  Resolution: 10 mV
  Sensitivity: 100 mV
  • VXI Backplane: TTLTRG0-7

• Maximum Trigger Frequency
  • Internal Timer: 50 mHz to 1 MHz
  • External: DC to 5 MHz

• External Trigger Pulse Width
  • 10 ns, minimum

• Trigger Slope
  • Positive or negative

• System Delay (Trig I/P to Waveform O/P)
  • 150 ns + 6 clock periods

• Trigger Delay (Trig I/P to Waveform O/P)
  • Legacy Mode: 10 to 2 Meg points
  • Modern Mode: 100 ns to 20 s + system delay
  • Resolution: 20 ns
  • Accuracy: 150 ns + 6 clock period

• Re-trigger Delay (Waveform end to re-start)
  • Resolution: 20 ns
  • Accuracy: 20 ns + 3 clock periods

• Sync Output
  • Front Panel BNC: TTL
  • VXI Backplane: TTLTRG0-7

• Sync Pulse
  • Width Range: 4 to n-8 clock periods
  • Position Range: 0 to n (Where n is the number of points in the selected memory segment.)
  • Resolution: 4 points

• Sync Sources
  • Any point, sequence complete, ½ clock period

PLL Characteristics

• Operation
  • Automatically locks to external signal

• PLL Input Characteristics
  • Same as TRIG IN

• External Lock Frequency Range
  • STD Waveforms: 500 Hz to 10 MHz
  • ARB Waveforms: 500 Hz to 100 MHz divided by # of points in segment

• Coarse Phase Offset Range
  • ±180°

• Fine Phase Offset Control

Multiple-Module Synchronization
(Multiple modules can be daisy-chained and synchronized to provide multi-channel systems. Master/slave phase is programmable.)

• Initial Skew
  • ±75 ns + 4 sample periods

• Synchronization Modes
  • Waveform: STD, ARB, SEQ (auto advance only)

• Inter-Module Phase Offsets
  • Availability: Continuous run mode only
  • Resolution & Accuracy: 20 ns
  • Range: <100 ns to 20 s

• Synchronization Mechanism
  • VXI LOCAL BUS

• Frequency Range for Operation
  • STD Waveforms: 1.5 kHz to 100 MHz
  • ARB/SEQ Waveforms: 2.5 MS/s to 150 MS/s (subject to backplane limits)

• Interface
  • (Single slot, Message Based, VXIbus 3.0 Compliant)

• Front Panel I/O

• Outputs (1 per 3152B)
  • MAIN (BNC): 50 Ω, 5.7 Vrms (28 dBm)
  • SYNC (BNC): TTL

• Inputs (1 per 3152B)
  • TRIG/PLL IN (BNC): 10 kΩ, ±10V
  • SCLK IN (SMB): NECL, 50 Ω, ±5%
  • Lower SMB Options:
    1. W1/W4: 10 MHz IN, 100 kΩ, LVTTL
    2. W3/W5: PM IN, 50Ω (3152x-compatible)
  • Also available: 0 dBm sine

• I/O Ports
  • LAN: RJ45
  • USB 2.0: Type A jack

• General

• Status Lights
  • Red: Fail
  • Amber: Link
  • Amber: Module accessed on VXIbus
  • Amber: PLL Locked
  • Green: Output on
Specifications continued

Peak Current & Power Consumption
- Total Power: <25 W

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Software
Native Language
- SCPI 1993.0, IEEE 488.2

Firmware Updates
- Stored in Flash using VXI utility

Drivers
- LabVIEW™, LabWindows™/CVI, VXIplug&play support for frameworks based on Microsoft Win32® application programming interface

Waveform & Control Software
- ArbConnection™ 4.2

Shared Waveform Memory
- D16/A24/A32 block transfer

3201A/3202A Amplifiers

Input Characteristics
- Channels: 3201A (1), 3202A (2)
- Channel 1: Input SMB, BNC
- Channel 2: Input SMB (2)
- Input Impedance: 50 Ω
- Coupling: DC
- Frequency Range: DC to 15 MHz
- Damage Level: 12 V_{pk-pk} (6 V_{pk})

Output Characteristics
- Channel 1: Output BNC
- Channel 2: Output SMB
- Coupling: DC
- Protection: Short Circuit, 10 seconds
- Gain: 10 (other values available)
- Polarity: Non-inverting
- Output Impedance: 50 Ω (75 Ω and 600 Ω are also available)

Pulse Characteristics
- Transition Time: <22 ns
- Aberration: <7%

Sine Characteristics
- Bandwidth: 15 MHz @ 20 V_{pk-pk}
- Accuracy: ±(3% of full-scale amplitude range + 25 mV), Square wave at 1 kHz
- THD: 0.2%, 10 Hz to 100 kHz

Harmonics

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Environmental

Temperature
- Operating: 0º C to 55º C
- Storage: -40º C to 71º C

Humidity (non-condensing)
- 11º C to 30º C: 95% ±5%
- 31º C to 40º C: 75% ±5%
- 41º C to 50º C: 45% ±5%

Altitude
- Operating: 10,000 ft
- Storage: 15,000 ft

Vibration (non-operating)
- 2 g at 55 Hz

Shock (non-operating)
- 30 g, 11 ms, half sine pulse

MTBF (MIL-HDBK-217F 25C, GB, GC)
- 3100M-3152B: 76,104 hrs
- 3100M-3152B-3152B: 43,088 hrs

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Mechanical

Weight
- 3 lbs 1 oz (1.40 kg)

Cooling (10º C Rise)
- 3.7 l/s @ 0.5 mm H₂O
Ordering Information

Model/Part # Configurator:
Substitute “YY” with the upper internal module code chosen, and substitute “[ZZ]” with the optional lower internal module code.

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Part Number Ordering Examples:

- **408179-W3W3**
  3100M-W3W3: 3100M AWG with a 1 MB 3152B-compatible pinout module (W3) in the upper module position and the same unit in the lower module position (W3)

- **408179-W4A1**
  3100M-W4A1: 3100M AWG with a 4 MB 3152B Ext Ref module (W4) in the upper module position and an amplifier (A1) in the lower module position