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# Important safety information

This manual contains information and warnings that must be followed by the user for safe operation and to keep the product in a safe condition.

## General safety summary

Use the product only as specified. Review the following safety precautions to avoid injury and prevent damage to this product or any products connected to it. Carefully read all instructions. Retain these instructions for future reference.

Comply with local and national safety codes.

For correct and safe operation of the product, it is essential that you follow generally accepted safety procedures in addition to the safety precautions specified in this manual.

The product is designed to be used by trained personnel only.

Only qualified personnel who are aware of the hazards involved should remove the cover for repair, maintenance, or adjustment.

This product is not intended for detection of hazardous voltages.

While using this product, you may need to access other parts of a larger system. Read the safety sections of the other component manuals for warnings and cautions related to operating the system.

When incorporating this equipment into a system, the safety of that system is the responsibility of the assembler of the system.

### To avoid fire or personal injury

**Connect and disconnect properly.** Do not connect or disconnect probes or test leads while they are connected to a voltage source.

**Observe all terminal ratings.** To avoid fire or shock hazard, observe all ratings and markings on the product. Consult the product manual for further ratings information before making connections to the product.

Do not apply a potential to any terminal, including the common terminal, that exceeds the maximum rating of that terminal.

The measuring terminals on this product are not rated for connection to mains or Category II, III, or IV circuits.

**Do not operate without covers.** Do not operate this product with covers or panels removed, or with the case open.

**Avoid exposed circuitry.** Do not touch exposed connections and components when power is present.

**Do not operate with suspected failures.** If you suspect that there is damage to this product, have it inspected by qualified service personnel.

Disable the product if it is damaged. Do not use the product if it is damaged or operates incorrectly. If in doubt about safety of the product, turn it off and disconnect the power. Clearly mark the product to prevent its further operation.

Examine the exterior of the product before you use it. Look for cracks or missing pieces.

Use only specified replacement parts.

**Do not operate in wet/damp conditions.** Be aware that condensation may occur if a unit is moved from a cold to a warm environment.

**Do not operate in an explosive atmosphere.**

**Keep product surfaces clean and dry.** Remove the input signals before you clean the product.

**Provide proper ventilation.** Refer to the installation instructions in the manual for details on installing the product so it has proper ventilation.

**Provide a safe working environment.** Avoid improper or prolonged use of keyboards, pointers, and button pads. Improper or prolonged keyboard or pointer use may result in serious injury.

Be sure your work area meets applicable ergonomic standards. Consult with an ergonomics professional to avoid stress injuries.

Use only the Tektronix rackmount hardware specified for this product.

## Terms in this manual

These terms may appear in this manual:



**WARNING.** *Warning statements identify conditions or practices that could result in injury or loss of life.*

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**CAUTION.** *Caution statements identify conditions or practices that could result in damage to this product or other property.*

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## Symbols and terms on the product

These terms may appear on the product:

- DANGER indicates an injury hazard immediately accessible as you read the marking.
- WARNING indicates an injury hazard not immediately accessible as you read the marking.
- CAUTION indicates a hazard to property including the product.



CAUTION  
Refer to Manual



# Preface

This document contains the following information about the RSA306B and RSA306B-SMA Real-Time Spectrum Analyzers.

- A list of standard and optional accessories
- Installation procedures
- Functional check procedure
- EMC (electromagnetic compliance), safety, and environmental standards with which the instrument complies

## Documentation

The following table lists some of the documentation that is available for this product and shows where you can find it: in a printed manual, on the product flash drive, or on the Tektronix Web site at [www.tek.com](http://www.tek.com).

**Table i: Product documentation**

| <b>Item</b>  | <b>Purpose</b>   | <b>Location</b>   |
|--|--|---|
| Installation and Safety Instructions (this manual) | Provides software and hardware installation instructions and the associated safety warnings. | Printed manual and also available in electronic format on the product flash drive and at <a href="http://www.tek.com/manuals">www.tek.com/manuals</a> |
| Performance Verification Technical Reference       | Performance verification procedures for checking instrument performance                      | Available at <a href="http://www.tek.com/manuals">www.tek.com/manuals</a>   |
| SignalVu-PC Help                                   | Using the application and interpreting the measurement results                               | Help files are located in the application   |
| RSA306B API Programmer manual                      | Details on commands used to control the instrument through an API                            | Available at <a href="http://www.tek.com/manuals">www.tek.com/manuals</a>   |
| SignalVu-PC Programmer manual                      | Details on commands used with the SignalVu-PC application                                    | Available at <a href="http://www.tek.com/manuals">www.tek.com/manuals</a>   |



# Introduction

The RSA306B and RSA306B-SMA are portable, 40 MHz Real-Time Spectrum Analyzers that contain an acquisition system inside a small module. The user interface and display resides on a user-provided PC running SignalVu-PC software or a user-developed application. The host PC provides all power, control, and data signals over the USB 3.0 cable included with the instrument. An available software application programming interface is provided to allow you to create your own custom signal processing application.



Figure 1: RSA306B Real-Time Spectrum Analyzer



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**CAUTION.** Lock the USB cable to the instrument by carefully hand tightening the USB connector thumb screws to maintain a reliable connection. These screws can easily be misaligned and can damage the instrument if the screws are cross-threaded. To limit the exposure of cross-threading the screws, you can keep the USB cable attached to the RSA, even while moving or transporting the instrument.

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### Key features

- 9 kHz – 6.2 GHz frequency range
- 40 MHz real time bandwidth
- External reference and trigger/sync inputs
- USB 3.0 power/control/data interface to PC
- Publicly-accessible software application programming interface (API) for Windows and Linux operating systems
- RSA306B-SMA model provides a SMA connector
- RSA306B-SMA with the No-Shell option ships without the plastic housing, allowing for easier integration into a system

### Standard accessories

The instrument ships with the following accessories.

**Table 1: Standard accessories**

| <b>Accessory</b>  | <b>Tektronix part number</b> |
|---|------------------------------|
| Printed Safety/Installation manual  | 071-3483-xx                  |
| USB 3.0 A-to-Micro-B cable, 1 M   | 174-6796-xx                  |
| USB Flash Drive containing documentation files and all support SW: USB drivers, API drivers, SignalVu-PC software | 063-4543-xx                  |

### Optional accessories

Optional accessories that are available for the instrument are listed below.

**Table 2: Optional accessories**

| <b>Accessory</b>        | <b>Tektronix part number</b> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Soft carrying case      | RSA300CASE                   |
| Hard-sided transit case | RSA300TRANSIT                |

**Table 2: Optional accessories (cont.)**

| <b>Accessory</b>   | <b>Tektronix part number</b> |
|--|------------------------------|
| Rack mount kit   | RSA306BRACK                  |
| Mounting hardware installation kit<br><i>(Available for the RSA306B-SMA with the No-Shell option only)</i> | 020-3183-xx                  |
| EMC Probes for use with spectrum analyzers   | 119-4146-xx                  |
| 50 to 75 Ohm adapter (BNC)   | 131-4190-xx                  |
| N to BNC adapter   | 103-0045-xx                  |
| BNC whip antenna   | 119-6609-xx                  |
| Beam antenna, 824 MHz to 896 MHz   | 119-6594-xx                  |
| Beam antenna, 896 MHz to 960 MHz   | 119-6595-xx                  |
| Beam antenna, 1710 MHz to 1880 MHz   | 119-6596-xx                  |
| Beam antenna, 1850 MHz to 1990 MHz   | 119-6597-xx                  |
| Magnetic mount antenna, 824 MHz to 2170 MHz (requires adapter 103-0449-00)                                 | 119-6970-xx                  |
| Pre-filter, general purpose, 824 MHz to 2500 MHz, Type-N (f) connector                                     | 119-7246-xx                  |
| Pre-filter, general purpose, 2400 MHz to 6200 MHz, Type-N (f) connector                                    | 119-7426-xx                  |
| Cable, 50 $\Omega$ , BNC (m) 3 foot (91 cm)  | 012-0482-xx                  |
| Cable, 50 $\Omega$ , straight Type-N (m) and angled Type-N (m) connector, 1.6 foot (50 cm)                 | 174-4977-xx                  |
| Cable, 50 $\Omega$ , Type-N (m) to Type-N (m) connector, 3 foot (91 cm)                                    | 174-5002-xx                  |

## Service options

**Table 3: Purchased with instrument**

| <b>Option number</b> | <b>Description</b>          |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| C3                   | Calibration Service 3 Years |
| C5                   | Calibration Service 5 Years |

**Table 3: Purchased with instrument (cont.)**

| <b>Option number</b> | <b>Description</b>                              |
|----------------------|---|
| D1                   | Cal Data Report                                 |
| D3                   | Cal Data Report 3 Years (with option C3)        |
| D5                   | Cal Data Report 5 Years (with option C5)        |
| G3                   | Three Year Gold Care Plan                       |
| G5                   | Five Year Gold Care Plan                        |
| R5                   | Repair Service for 5 Years (including Warranty) |

**Table 4: Post-purchase service options**

| <b>Option number</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|----------------------|--|
| R5DW                 | Repair Service Coverage, extending from date of purchase to 5 years (including warranty) |

## PC requirements

The RSA306B and RSA306B-SMA Spectrum Analyzers require a PC equipped with the following features:

- USB 3.0 port
- 64-bit Windows 7, 8, or 10 OS

For full performance of the real time features of the RSA, an Intel Core i7 4th generation processor and 8 GB RAM is required. Processors of lower performance can be used, with reduced real time performance. Storage of streaming data requires that the PC be equipped with a drive capable of streaming storage rates of 300 MB/sec.





# Installation

This section provides instructions on how to install the software and hardware, and how to perform a functional check to verify system operation. Refer to the SignalVu-PC Help for more detailed operation and application information.

Unpack the instrument and check that you have received all of the items marked in the table as standard accessories for your instrument configuration. (See page 2, *Standard accessories*.) If you ordered optional accessories, check that those you ordered are in your shipment.

All of the software required to operate the RSA from a PC is included on the flash drive that ships with the instrument. The RSA can be controlled with the Tektronix SignalVu-PC software, or you can control the instrument through the API. If you intend to use API control, you must still load the SignalVu-PC software to install the TekVISA driver and enable API control. Both SignalVu-PC and API control require a USB 3.0 connection for communication.

## Load the SignalVu-PC and TekVISA software

This software must be installed to control the instrument through the SignalVu-PC software.

1. Insert the flash drive included with the analyzer into the host PC. Windows File Explorer should open automatically. If it does not, open it manually and browse to the flash drive folder.
2. Select **SignalVu-PC** from the list of folders.
3. Select the **Win64** folder.
4. Double-click **Setup.exe** and follow the on-screen instructions to install SignalVu-PC.
5. When the SignalVu-PC setup is complete, a TekVISA dialog box appears. Verify that the Install TekVISA box is checked. TekVISA is optimized for SignalVu-PC, especially for instrument searching, and is the recommended VISA application.

For information about option activation and operation, refer to the SignalVu-PC Help, located in the SignalVu-PC application under Help > User.

### Load the API and USB driver software

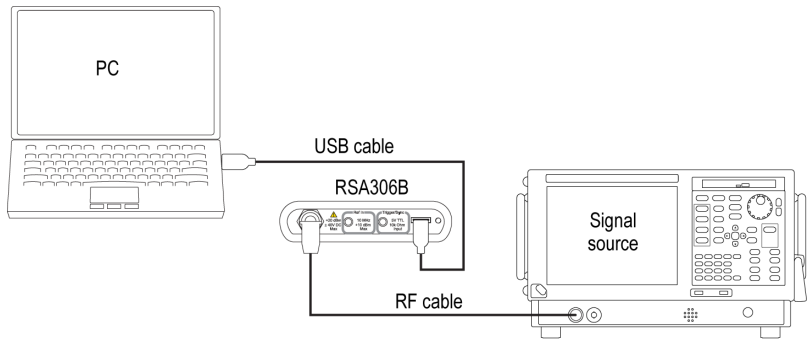
Load the software using the procedure below.

1. Insert the flash drive included with the analyzer into the host PC. Windows File Explorer should open automatically. If it does not, open it manually and browse to the flash drive folder.
2. Select **RSA API and USB** from the list of folders.
3. Double-click **Setup.exe** and follow the on-screen instructions to install the software.

### Make the connections

Refer to the front panel illustration for connector locations. (See Figure 4 on page 11.)

1. After the software has been installed, connect the USB cable included with the analyzer between the analyzer and the host PC.
2. Connect an RF cable between the RSA input and the signal source. (See Figure 2.)



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**Figure 2: Instrument connections**

3. Start the SignalVu-PC application on your PC.
4. Click **Connect** on the menu bar to view the drop down menu.
5. Select **Connect to Instrument**. The USB-connected RSA appears in the **Connect to Instrument** list.
6. If you do not see the RSA, click **Search for Instrument**. TekVISA searches for the instrument, and a notification appears when the instrument is found. Check that the newly-found instrument now appears in the **Connect to Instrument** list.
7. Select the instrument. First time connection to the analyzer may take up to 10 seconds.
8. A Connect Status dialog appears to confirm that the instrument is connected.

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**NOTE.** You can quickly verify connection status by looking at the Connection indicator square on the menu bar. It is green when an instrument is connected, and red when it is not. You can also view the name of the instrument that is connected by hovering the mouse indicator over the green indicator square.

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## Confirm operation

After you have installed the software and connected the system components, the spectrum trace will be active on your PC, confirming system operation.

When you are ready to disconnect from the RSA, select **Disconnect from Instrument** to end the current connection.

## Front-panel connections

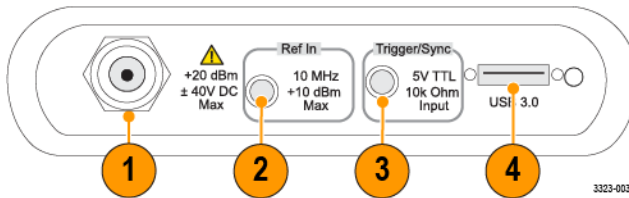


Figure 3: RSA306B front panel

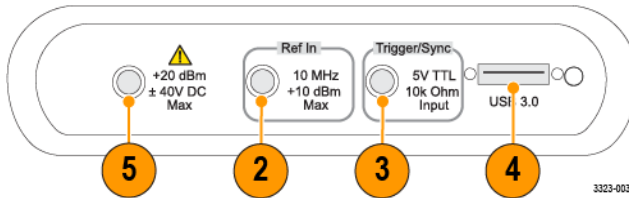


Figure 4: RSA306B-SMA front panel

### 1– N-type RF input connector

This N-type female connector receives the RF signal input, via cable or antenna. The input signal frequency range is 9 kHz to 6.2 GHz.

### 2– Ref In (external reference) connector

Use this SMA female connector to connect an external 10 MHz reference clock signal to the analyzer.

### 3– Trigger/Sync connector

This SMA female connector accepts TTL-level signals (0 – 5.0 V), and can be rising- or falling-edge triggered.

### 4– USB 3.0 connector

Use the USB 3.0 A-to-Micro B cable provided with the signal analyzer to connect the instrument to the USB 3.0 connection on the host PC. Finger tighten the USB cable thumbscrews to the RSA.



**CAUTION.** *Lock the USB cable to the instrument by carefully hand tightening the USB connector thumb screws to maintain a reliable connection. These screws can easily be misaligned and can damage the instrument if the screws are cross-threaded. To limit the exposure of cross-threading the screws, you can keep the USB cable attached to the RSA, even while moving or transporting the instrument.*

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### 5– SMA type RF input connector

This SMA female connector receives the RF signal input, via cable or antenna. The input signal frequency range is 9 kHz to 6.2 GHz.

# Compliance information

This section lists the EMC (electromagnetic compliance), safety, and environmental standards with which the instrument complies.

## EMC compliance

### EC Declaration of Conformity – EMC

Meets intent of Directive 2004/108/EC for Electromagnetic Compatibility. Compliance was demonstrated to the following specifications as listed in the Official Journal of the European Communities:

**EN 61326-1.** EMC requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control, and laboratory use. <sup>1 2 3</sup>

- CISPR 11
- IEC 61000-4-2
- IEC 61000-4-3
- IEC 61000-4-4
- IEC 61000-4-5
- IEC 61000-4-6
- IEC 61000-4-11

**EN 61000-3-2.** AC power line harmonic emissions

**EN 61000-3-3.** Voltage changes, fluctuations, and flicker

### European contact.

Mfr. Compliance Contact  
Tektronix, Inc. PO Box 500, MS 19-045  
Beaverton, OR 97077 USA

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- 1 This product is intended for use in nonresidential areas only. Use in residential areas may cause electromagnetic interference.
- 2 Emissions which exceed the levels required by this standard may occur when this equipment is connected to a test object.
- 3 For compliance with the EMC standards listed here, high quality shielded interface cables should be used.

### **Australia / New Zealand Declaration of Conformity – EMC**

Complies with the EMC provision of the Radiocommunications Act per the following standard, in accordance with ACMA:

- CISPR 11. Radiated and Conducted Emissions, Group 1, Class A, in accordance with EN 61326-1.



## Safety compliance

This section lists the safety standards with which the product complies and other safety compliance information.

### Equipment type

Test and measuring equipment.

### Pollution degree descriptions

A measure of the contaminants that could occur in the environment around and within a product. Typically the internal environment inside a product is considered to be the same as the external. Products should be used only in the environment for which they are rated.

- Pollution Degree 1. No pollution or only dry, nonconductive pollution occurs. Products in this category are generally encapsulated, hermetically sealed, or located in clean rooms.
- Pollution Degree 2. Normally only dry, nonconductive pollution occurs. Occasionally a temporary conductivity that is caused by condensation must be expected. This location is a typical office/home environment. Temporary condensation occurs only when the product is out of service.
- Pollution Degree 3. Conductive pollution, or dry, nonconductive pollution that becomes conductive due to condensation. These are sheltered locations where neither temperature nor humidity is controlled. The area is protected from direct sunshine, rain, or direct wind.
- Pollution Degree 4. Pollution that generates persistent conductivity through conductive dust, rain, or snow. Typical outdoor locations.

### Pollution degree rating

Pollution degree 2 (as defined in IEC 61010-1). Rated for indoor, dry location use only,

## Environmental considerations

This section provides information about the environmental impact of the product.

### Product end-of-life handling

Observe the following guidelines when recycling an instrument or component:

**Equipment recycling.** Production of this equipment required the extraction and use of natural resources. The equipment may contain substances that could be harmful to the environment or human health if improperly handled at the product's end of life. To avoid release of such substances into the environment and to reduce the use of natural resources, we encourage you to recycle this product in an appropriate system that will ensure that most of the materials are reused or recycled appropriately.



This symbol indicates that this product complies with the applicable European Union requirements according to Directives 2002/96/EC and 2006/66/EC on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) and batteries. For information about recycling options, check the Support/Service section of the Tektronix Web site ([www.tektronix.com](http://www.tektronix.com)).

### Restriction of hazardous substances

This product is classified as an industrial monitoring and control instrument, and is not required to comply with the substance restrictions of the recast RoHS Directive 2011/65/EU until July 22, 2017.