



Radio Spectrum Processor 1A

14-bit SDR



The SDRplay RSP1A is a powerful wideband full featured 14-bit SDR which covers the RF spectrum from 1kHz to 2GHz. All it needs is a computer and an antenna to provide excellent communications receiver functionality. Combined with the power of readily available SDR receiver software (including Windows-based 'SDRuno' supplied free of charge by SDRplay), you can monitor up to 10MHz of spectrum at a time. A documented API allows developers to create new demodulators or applications around the platform.

KEY BENEFITS

- Covers all frequencies from 1kHz through VLF, LF, MW, HF, VHF, UHF and L-band to 2GHz, with no gaps
- Receive, monitor and record up to 10MHz of spectrum at a time
- Free use of windows-based SDRuno software which provides an ever-increasing feature-set
- Free use of SDRconnect SDR and server software for Windows, MacOS and Linux (Check website for versions supported)
- Strong and growing software support network
- Calibrated S meter/ RF power and SNR measurement with SDRuno (including datalogging to .CSV file capability)
- Documented API provided to allow demodulator or application development on multiple platforms
- Excellent dynamic range for challenging reception conditions
- Works with popular 3rd party SDR software (including HDSDR, SDR Console and Cubic SDR)
- ExtIO based plugin available
- Software upgradeable for future standards
- Strong and growing software support network
- API provided to allow demodulator or application development
- Multiplatform driver and API support including Windows, Linux, Mac, Android and Raspberry Pi 3/4
- Up to 16 individual receivers in any 10MHz slice of spectrum using SDRuno
- Calibrated S meter and power measurements with SDRuno
- Stand-alone windows-based spectrum analyser software available (with sweep, sample and hold features)
- Ideal for monitoring of ISM/ IoT/ Telemetry bands <2GHz

RSP COMPARISON TABLE

Key specifications and highlights	RSP1A	RSPdx	RSPduo
Continuous coverage from 1kHz to 2GHz	✓	✓	✓
Up to 10MHz visible bandwidth	✓	✓	✓
14-bit ADC silicon technology plus multiple high-performance input filters	✓	✓	✓
Software selectable AM/FM & DAB broadcast band notch filters	✓	✓	✓
4.7V Bias-T for powering external remote antenna amplifier	✓	✓	✓
Powers over the USB cable with a simple type B socket	✓	✓	✓
50Ω SMA antenna input(s) for 1kHz to 2GHz operation (software selectable)	1	2	2
Additional software selectable Hi-Z input for up to 30MHz operation			✓
Additional software selectable 50Ω BNC input for up to 200MHz operation		✓	
Additional LF/VLF filter for below 500kHz		✓	
24MHz Reference clock input (+ output on RSPduo)		✓	✓
Dual tuners enabling reception on 2 totally independent 2MHz ranges			✓
Dual tuners enabling diversity reception using SDRuno			✓
Robust and strong plastic case (with internal RF shielding layer)	✓		
Rugged black painted steel case		✓	✓
Overall performance below 2MHz for MW and LF	Good	Best	Good
Multiple simultaneous applications	Good	Good	Best
Performance in challenging fading conditions (*using diversity tuning)	Good	Good	Best*



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SPECIFICATIONS

General

- Weight 110g
- Size: 98mm x 88mm x 34mm (case only)
- Low Current: 185 mA (excl bias T)

Connectivity

- Single 50Ω RF connector (SMA socket)*
- USB 2.0 (high speed) type B socket

Frequency Range

- Continuous coverage 1kHz – 2GHz

ADC Characteristics

- Sample frequency 2 – 10.66MSPS
- 14 bit native ADC (2 – 6.048MSPS)
 - 12-bit (6.048- 8.064 MSPS)
 - 10-bit (8.064- 9.216MSPS)
 - 8-bit (> 9.216 MSPS)

Bias T

- Software Selectable 4.7V @ 100mA

Reference

- High Temperature Stability (0.5ppm) TCXO
- In-field trimmable to 0.01ppm.

Maximum recommended input power

- 0dBm continuous, 10dBm for short periods

Typical Noise Figures

- 35dB @ 300kHz
- 18dB @ 2MHz
- 23dB @ 4MHz
- 15dB @ 12MHz
- 15dB @ 25MHz
- 15dB @ 40MHz
- 16dB @ 55MHz
- 3.3dB @ 100MHz
- 3.3dB @ 200MHz
- 9.0dB @ 275MHz
- 7.7dB @ 386MHz
- 3.6dB @ 660MHz
- 5.0dB @ 1500MHz

IF Modes

- Zero IF, All IF bandwidths
- Low IF, IF bandwidths ≤ 1.536MHz

IF Bandwidths (3dB)

- 200kHz
- 300kHz
- 600kHz
- 1.536MHz
- 5.0MHz
- 6.0MHz
- 7.0MHz
- 8.0MHz

Front End Filtering

Automatically configured front end filtering:

Low Pass

- 2MHz

Band Pass

- 2-12MHz
- 12-30MHz
- 30-60MHz
- 60-120MHz
- 120-250MHz
- 250-300MHz
- 300-380MHz
- 380-420MHz
- 420-1000MHz

High Pass

- 1000MHz

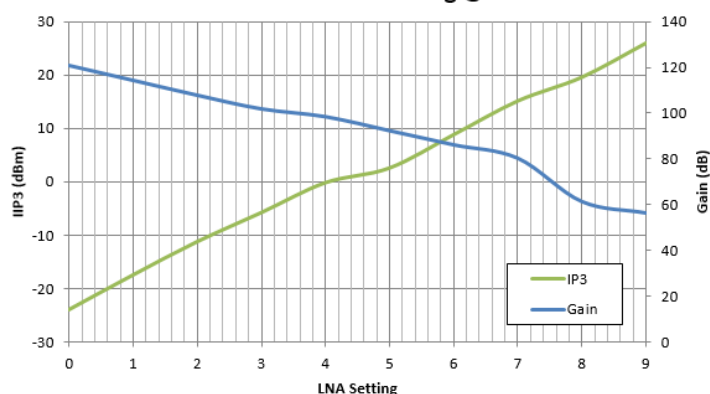
Notch Filters

- FM Filter:
>50dB 85 – 100MHz
- MW Filter:
>30dB 660 – 1550kHz
- DAB Filter:
>30dB 165 – 230MHz

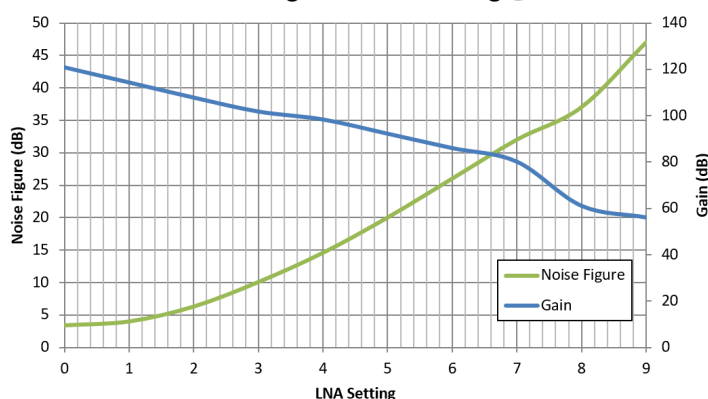
*we recommend the use of an SMA (male) plug on a cable or "pigtail" - avoid large adapters like SMA to SO239 which may place too much strain on the SMA socket. Make sure the plug has a centre pin



Gain and IIP3 Vs LNA Setting @ 100MHz



Gain and Noise Figure Vs LNA Setting @ 100MHz



SDRuno FEATURES

- Multiple 'Virtual Receivers' which allow for simultaneous reception and demodulation of different types of signals within the same receiver bandwidth.
- A selectivity filter with an ultimate rejection greater than 140dB.
- A unique distortion-free double stage AGC with fully adjustable parameters.
- Multiple notch filters with BW adjustable down to 1Hz, Notch Lock feature.
- A unique synchronous AM mode with selectable/adjustable sidebands, dedicated PLL input filter, and selectable PLL time constants.
- SNR (stereo noise reduction), featuring a proprietary noise reduction algorithm for stereo broadcast.
- AFC for FM signals.
- Calibration for receiver frequency errors.
- Class leading audio quality
- Calibrated S meter and power measurements
- RDS support with "DX Mode" for low signal environment
- Active Noise cancelling
- CAT and Omnirig control
- SSB/AM and Synchronous AM modes
- WBFM and NFM with AFC