Hardware Guide for miniVNA PRO2



Congratulation

On your choice of miniRadioSolutions analyzer. This is the hardware reference manual.

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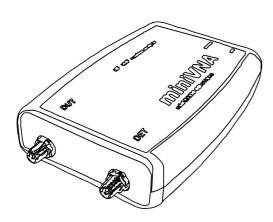
Please carefully read the safety instruction included in this manual.

The Software for Mini-VNA PRO2 is continuously developed. The current software is always downloadable from the internet.

For the latest software and updates, visit WWW.miniradiosolutions.com and http://vnaj.dl2sba.com/

The new **miniVNA PRO2** is an extraordinary and unique hand-held vector network analyzer that makes available a multitude of new features and capabilities which are perfect for checking antennas and RF circuits for hams and commercial users. Together with your PC/Laptop, you can add to your laboratory the further advantages of having this first-class VNA instrument.

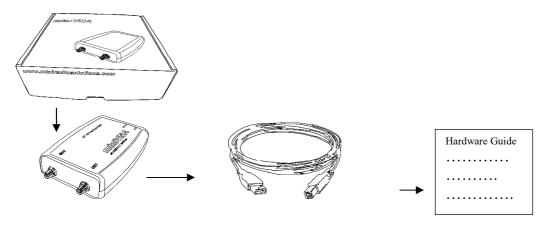
This is the first world's wireless analyzer able of scanning and sending the data using an integrated Blue-tooth module to a remote PC/Notebook up to 100 meters from the **miniVNA PRO2**'s location. This makes real-time antenna set-up easy!



Specifications

- Frequency range 0.01-230 MHz
- Calibration using open-short-load for accurate results
- Range of Z from 1 to 1000 ohm
- Two ports VNA with S11 and S21; displayed and save results
- I/Q DDS Generator with output power of 0 dBm
- Two separate RF output I/Q for SDR experiment and IMD test with independent 0-55 dB attenuator; Phase adjustment resolution of 1 degree
- Built in Blue-tooth Class 1 for remote measurements
- Internal Battery Li-ion with 1000 mA/h (4 hours full- scan operation)
- Built-in battery charger (up to 400 mA)
- Accessory port for future optional interfaces and frequency extenders
- Low power consumption, 220 mA @ 3.7 V (analyzer mode using USB port)
- Power-saver mode
- SMA connectors for better isolation
- Extended dynamic range up to 100dB in Transmission & 50 dB in Reflection
- Boot loader for future firmware upgrades
- User friendly interface for PC Windows, Linux and Mac
- Integrated Smith chart in software
- Optional extender for UHF and SHF band (under development)
- Mobile Phone software (under development)
- Measurements of motional crystal parameters, cable length, & more
- Export data in several formats JPEG, EXCEL, ZPLOT, S2P, PDF

Basic Carton Content





! Caution

Safety Instructions – which must be strictly observed

Hazardous Environments

Do not operate the analyzer in hazardous environments. This equipment is intended to be used for maintenance, research, evaluation, simulation and other analytical or scientific applications in areas such as industrial plants, public utilities, hospitals, universities, laboratories, automotive service centers and electronic repair shops. We are not liable for any problems resulting from the use of the analyzer in hazardous environments and misuse.

Care and Safety

To clean the analyzer, use a soft cloth dampened with water. Do not use cleaners or solvents because they can harm the body of the unit and leak inside, causing permanent damage. Do not submerge the unit in water or use it on a wet environment. If the unit gets wet, turn it off and remove the battery immediately. Dry the battery and the battery compartment with a soft cloth to minimize potential water damage. Allow the unit to fully dry before installing the battery or using the units.

Li-ion Battery Operation / Wasting

Dispose of battery in the proper manner, according to federal, state and local regulations that apply in your area. A battery may leak electrolyte if it is mixed with a set with different battery types, if inserted incorrectly, if disposed of in fire, or if an attempt is made to charge a battery not intended to be charged. Discard leaky batteries immediately. Leaking batteries can cause skin burns or other personal injury.

- Lithium-lon batteries are subject to disposal and recycling regulations that vary by country and region. Always check and follow your applicable regulations before disposing of any battery.
- Many countries prohibit the disposal of waste electronic equipment in standard waste receptacles.
- Place only discharged batteries in a battery collection container. Use electrical tape or other approved covering over the battery
 connection points to prevent short circuits.

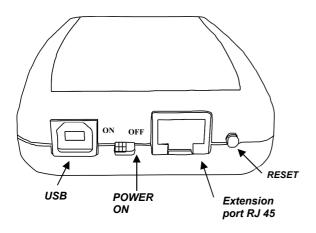
Warning!

The use of this device may be subject to national restrictions or regulations. Check your local authority or dealer before purchasing and using this product.

User Information

In accordance with 13 of the Legislative Decree of 25th July 2005, no. 15 "Implementation of Directives 2002/95/EC, 2002/96/EC and 2003/108/EC, relative to reduction of the use of hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment, in addition to waste disposal". The crossed bin symbol shown on the equipment indicates that at the end of its working life the product must be collected separately from other waste. The user must therefore take the above equipment to the appropriate differentiated collection centres for electronic and electro technical waste, or return it to the dealer when purchasing a new appliance of equivalent type, in a ratio of one to one. Appropriate differentiated waste collection for subsequent recycling, treatment and environment-friendly disposal of the discarded equipment helps to prevent possible negative environmental and health effects and encourages recycling of the component materials of the equipment. Illegal disposal of the product by the user will be punished by application of the administrative fines provided for by the legislative decree no. 22/1997 (50 and following of the legislative decree no. 22/1997).

Connections



Connections from USB side.

The **USB** connection is required if you prefer to use power (+5V/USB) and communication to the PC via USB cable (included in the package).

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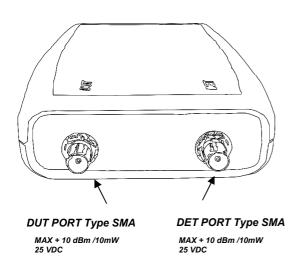
DO NOT Use Any Voltage Source Not Specified Herein

- When connecting the analyzer via the USB cable, you need to install the FTDI drivers at the time of first use. A pop up window will ask for a new USB driver device. Have the PC search for them in the CD-ROM under the directory FTDI and complete the installation process tas instructed. Next go to the Control Panel → System and search in Hardware for a newly added COM port. Record the number of the new COM port which will be used in the miniVNA PRO software set-up later on.
- The Power-On is used to supply the analyzer from the internal battery or when the USB is connected to the PC to charge the battery till the charge led is ON. If the unit is battery operated, it is mandatory to use the Bluetooth to communicate with the PC. The battery has a capacity of 1000 mAh and the charging time is about 3 hours. The PC must also be Blue-tooth capable to use the wireless feature.
- The extension connector type RJ45 is used for connection to future product.
- The **reset** switch is relevant to the main CPU and is also used to upload firmware upgrades. Firmware upgrade is performed using the . Load new firmware upgrades that may available in the future at www.miniradiosolutions.com periodically.



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Connection from - RF side

 DUT Port is typically connected to the antenna under test when the analyzer is set by the software interface to work in Reflection mode

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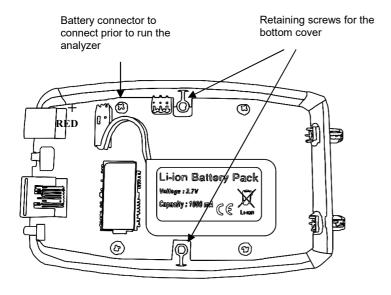
 DET Port is used to check filters and amplifiers when the analyzer is set by the software interface to work in Transmission mode.

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Battery Connection and/or Replacement.

! For safety, the unit is shipped with the battery disconnected. It is necessary to connect the battery to the relative PCB connector for operation of the unit:



How to connect the battery

Proceed as follow:

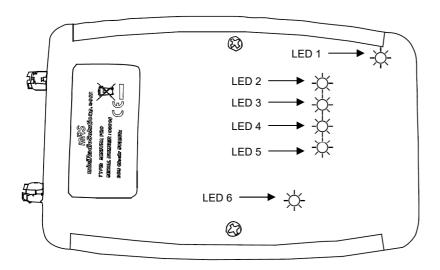
- Remove the bottom cover (side where the serial number label is present) and remove the two screws shown in the drawing below. Retain these screws.
- Connect the battery connector as shown in the drawing below while assuring the polarity is correct.
- Reassemble the bottom cover using the two screws previously removed in Step 1.



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LED placement and meaning.



LED 1 / yellow Indicates battery in charge

LED 2 / green Indicates scan data

LED 3 / green Indicates power on

LED 4 / yellow Indicates flow of data.

LED 5 / yellow Indicates flow of data.

LED 6 / blue When flashing slow indicate the BT module is discoverable, when flashing fast the BT is connected.

BT operation

The BT module is enabled after resetting the units and the main switch is set to ON position, the blue led 6 will blink slow indicating that the BT is in searching mode. Run the pairing software from PC side and search for a new device.

Suggested option







Calibration kit, containing SMA open/short/50 Ohm termination. Part no. 21010.SMA $\,$



