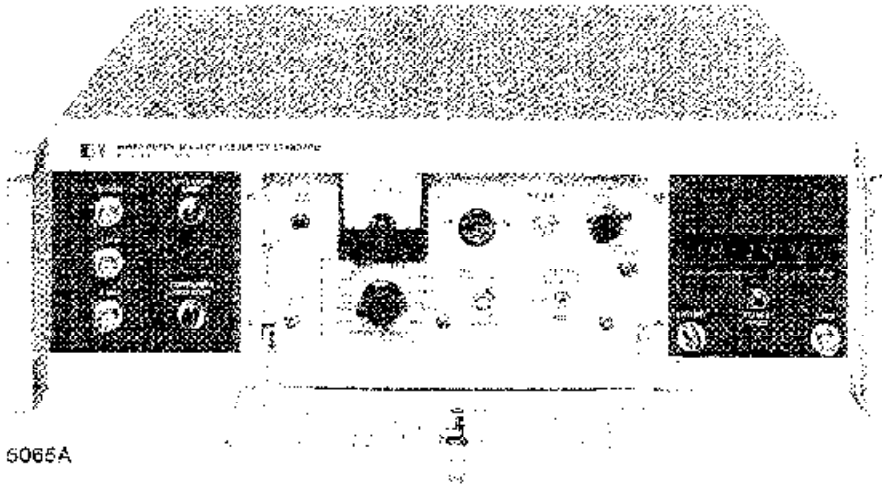


- Compact, low-price atomic standard
- Long term drift rate $<1 \times 10^{-11}$ /mo
- Time domain stability $<5 \times 10^{-9}$ (100 s avg)



5065A

5065A Rubidium Frequency Standard

The HP Model 5065A is an atomic-type secondary frequency standard which uses a rubidium vapor resonance cell as the stabilizing element. As a result, it has long term stability of better than 1×10^{-11} per month which exceeds that of high quality quartz oscillator frequency standards by 50 to 100 times. Furthermore, it has excellent short term stability. These features contribute to its desirability as a coherent signal source, as a master oscillator for radio and radar systems where special requirements for stability and/or narrow bandwidth must be met, as a precision time keeper where the better performance of a cesium beam primary standard is not required, and as a house frequency standard for improved accuracy with fewer NBS calibrations compared to that required with quartz standards.

Front panel controls and circuit check meter of the 5065A are protected by a panel door. The magnetic field control provides fine frequency adjustment with which the frequency can be set to a precision of better than 2×10^{-12} without reference to a chart. The 5 MHz low noise quartz oscillator is phase locked to the atomic frequency and provides the standard 5 MHz, 1 MHz, and 100 kHz outputs. The circuit check meter with selector switch monitors key voltages and currents for routine maintenance readings, calibration procedures, and fault finding.

The 5065A is designed for assured operation—to give the user confidence that the standard output signals are correct and locked to the atomic frequency. Logic within the unit maintains power to a "continuous" operation light on the front panel. If operation is interrupted, even momentarily, for any reason the light goes out and stays out until manually reset. An integrator limit light warns when the frequency correcting servo loop is approaching the limit of its dynamic range.

The HP Model 5065A is contained in a small sized package and is lightweight in comparison to a cesium beam standard. Additionally the rubidium resonance cell is much more frequency stable than quartz oscillators while subjected to shock and vibration, EMC, humidity, and magnetic field effects.

Reliability and warranty: the most significant module in the HP 5065A in terms of performance is the Rubidium Vapor Frequency Reference (RVFR). This temperature controlled, magnetically shielded unit includes the Rb gas cell and a photo sensitive detector

designed for maximum possible reliability. Field experience, including several million hours of operation, have demonstrated this reliability and the module is now warranted for a period of three years. This increased warranty protects the owner in the event of random failure.

The Option 001 Digital Clock has an easy to read LED time-of-day display. The olive black upper panel provides a dark background around the readout for excellent contrast and readability. Initial clock setting is accomplished by means of pushbuttons easily accessible by removing the top cover. The LED display offers high reliability, freedom from errors due to mechanical shock, and performance over the full environmental range of the 5065A. A sync button on the digital divider permits automatic synchronization of this 1 PPS pulse to an external pulse. The clock 1 PPS is adjustable in decade steps from 1 μ s to 1 s, with respect to the synchronized reference, with 6 thumbwheel switches. A screwdriver adjustment allows fine continuous adjustment over a range of 1 μ s.

To conserve battery power, the display is not illuminated when ac power is not available. A STANDBY READ pushbutton below the display is used for readout when operating on the internal battery or external dc.

The Option 002 Standby Battery provides the 5065A with a minimum of 10 minutes standby power at 25°C. Switchover from line to battery is automatic so there is no interruption of operation if ac line power should fail. A front panel ac interruption light warns when ac power has failed or has been disconnected. Fast or float charging rates may be selected when ac power is available.

The Option 003 combines the Option 001 Clock and Option 002 Battery and should be specified if both Options 001 and 002 are required.

E21-5065A Portable Time Standards

E21-5065A Portable Time Standard is a complete system for precision timekeeping and for transporting time from one location to another. It consists of the 5065A Rubidium Standard with digital clock and divider (Option 001) and the K02-5060A Power Supply with 6 or more hours standby capability. The component units are held together by side bars, and the interconnecting cables are protected by a back cover.