

R&S® FE170ST / R&S® FE170SR External Frontends Manual



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This document describes the following external frontends:

- R&S®FE170ST (1347.9190.02)
- R&S®FE170SR (1347.9090.02)

Available accessories:

- R&S®FE170-Z50 TX PA 110 - 170 GHz (1347.9584.02)
- R&S®FE170-Z01 BP-Filter 110 - 136 GHz (1347.9532.02)
- R&S®FE170-Z02 BP-Filter 126 - 153 GHz (1347.9549.02)
- R&S®FE170-Z03 BP-Filter 143 - 170 GHz (1347.9555.02)
- R&S®FE170-Z04 BP-Filter 160 - 175 GHz (1348.7656.02)
- R&S®FE170-Z10 BP-Filter 110 - 126 GHz (1347.9661.02)
- R&S®FE170-Z11 BP-Filter 116 - 132 GHz (1347.9678.02)
- R&S®FE170-Z12 BP-Filter 122 - 138 GHz (1347.9684.02)
- R&S®FE170-Z13 BP-Filter 128 - 145 GHz (1347.9690.02)
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- R&S®FE170-Z15 BP-Filter 141 - 157 GHz (1348.7627.02)
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1 Safety information (multilingual)

This option or accessory is designed for a specific Rohde & Schwarz product. Multilingual safety information is delivered with the product. Follow the provided installation instructions.

Esta opción o este accesorio están diseñados para un producto Rohde & Schwarz concreto. El producto va acompañado de información de seguridad en varios idiomas. Siga las instrucciones de instalación puestas a disposición.

Diese Option bzw. dieses Zubehör ist für ein bestimmtes Rohde & Schwarz Produkt konzipiert. Mit dem Produkt werden mehrsprachige Sicherheitshinweise geliefert. Befolgen Sie die in diesem Handbuch beschriebenen Installationsanweisungen.

Cette option ou cet accessoire est conçu pour un produit Rohde & Schwarz spécifique. Des informations de sécurité multilingues sont fournies avec le produit. Suivez les instructions d'installation fournies.

Questa funzione opzionale o accessoria è progettata per un prodotto Rohde & Schwarz specifico. Con il prodotto sono fornite informazioni sulla sicurezza in formato multilingue. Seguire le istruzioni di installazione allegate.

Esta(e) opção ou acessório foi concebida(o) para um produto específico da Rohde & Schwarz. Serão fornecidas informações de segurança multilingues com o produto. Siga as instruções de instalação fornecidas.

Αυτή η προαιρετική επιλογή ή εξάρτημα έχει σχεδιαστεί για συγκεκριμένο προϊόν Rohde & Schwarz. Μαζί με το προϊόν παρέχονται πληροφορίες ασφαλείας σε πολλές γλώσσες. Ακολουθήστε τις παρεχόμενες οδηγίες εγκατάστασης.

Din l-għażla jew aċċessorju huma mfassla għal prodott Rohde & Schwarz speċifiku. L-informazzjoni multilingwi dwar is-sikurezza hija pprovduta mal-prodott. Segwi l-istruzzjonijiet iprovduti għall-installazzjoni.

Deze optie of dit accessoire is ontwikkeld voor een specifiek product van Rohde & Schwarz. Het product wordt geleverd met veiligheidsinformatie in meerdere talen. Volg de meegeleverde installatie-instructies.

Denne mulighed eller tilbehørsdel er designet til et specifikt Rohde & Schwarz produkt. En flersproget sikkerhedsanvisning leveres sammen med produktet. Følg de medfølgende installationsanvisninger.

Detta tillval eller tillbehör är avsett för en särskild produkt från Rohde & Schwarz. Säkerhetsinformation på flera språk medföljer produkten. Följ de medföljande installationsanvisningarna.

Tämä vaihtoehto tai lisävaruste on suunniteltu tietyille Rohde & Schwarz -yrityksen tuotteelle. Tuotteen mukana on toimitettu monikieliset turvallisuusohjeet. Noudata annettuja asennusohjeita.

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See valik või lisaseade on mõeldud konkreetsele Rohde & Schwarz tootele. Tootegea on kaasas mitmekeelne ohutusteave. Järgige kaasasolevaid paigaldusjuhiseid.

Šī opcija vai piederums ir izstrādāts īpaši Rohde & Schwarz produktam. Produktam pievienota drošības informācija vairākās valodās. Ievērojiet sniegtos uzstādīšanas norādījumus.

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Ця опція або приладдя призначені для конкретного приладу Rohde & Schwarz. Інструкції з техніки безпеки кількома мовами постачаються разом із приладом. Дотримуйтеся наданих інструкцій зі встановлення.

Ta opcja lub akcesorium jest przeznaczona do określonego produktu Rohde & Schwarz. Dostarczany produkt zawiera informacje w wielu językach dotyczące bezpieczeństwa. Należy postępować zgodnie z dostarczonymi instrukcjami instalacji.

Tato varianta nebo příslušenství je určeno pro konkrétní produkt Rohde & Schwarz. S produktem jsou dodávány vícejazyčné bezpečnostní informace. Řiďte se příloženými pokyny k instalaci.

Táto verzia alebo príslušenstvo je navrhnutá pre špecifický výrobok Rohde & Schwarz. S výrobkom sa dodávajú viacjazyčné bezpečnostné pokyny. Riadte sa dodanými pokynmi na inštaláciu.

Ta možnost ali dodatek je zasnovan za določen izdelek podjetja Rohde & Schwarz. Izdelku so priložena varnostna navodila v več jezikih. Upoštevajte priložena navodila za namestitvev.

Ezt a beállítást vagy tartozékot egy adott Rohde & Schwarz termékhez tervezték. A termékhez többnyelvű biztonsági információkat mellékelünk. Kövesse a mellékelt szerelési utasításokat.

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Ova opcija ili oprema namijenjena je za određeni proizvod tvrtke Rohde & Schwarz. Uz proizvod su dostavljene sigurnosne napomene na više jezika. Pratite isporučene upute za ugradnju.

Ova opcija ili pribor je dizajniran za određeni Rohde & Schwarz proizvod. Proizvodu su priložene sigurnosne informacije na više jezika. Slijedite priložena uputstva za instalaciju.

Ova opcija ili dodatni pribor je projektovan za određeni Rohde & Schwarz proizvod. Bezbednosne informacije na više jezika se isporučuju uz proizvod. Sledite dostavljena uputstva za instalaciju.

Această opțiune sau acest accesoriu a fost conceput pentru un produs specific Rohde & Schwarz. Informațiile multilingve privind siguranța sunt livrate împreună cu produsul. Urmați instrucțiunile de instalare furnizate.

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Pilihan atau aksesoris ini direka bentuk untuk produk Rohde & Schwarz yang tertentu. Maklumat keselamatan berbilang bahasa disertakan bersama produk. Ikuti arahan pemasangan yang diberikan.

Opsi atau aksesoris ini dirancang untuk produk Rohde & Schwarz tertentu. Informasi keamanan dalam beberapa bahasa juga disertakan bersama produk. Ikuti petunjuk pemasangan yang disediakan.

Esta opción o este accesorio están diseñados para un producto Rohde & Schwarz en concreto. El producto va acompañado de información de seguridad en varios idiomas. Siga las instrucciones de instalación proporcionadas con el producto.

Esta opção ou acessório foi desenvolvido para um produto Rohde & Schwarz específico. Informações de segurança em vários idiomas acompanham o produto. Siga as instruções de instalação disponibilizadas.

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2 About the FE170ST/SR

Intended use

The external frontend (FE) is intended as an accessory for various control instruments, e.g. a Rohde & Schwarz vector signal generator, a Rohde & Schwarz signal analyzer or a Rohde & Schwarz oscilloscope.

The external frontend is intended for industrial use, for example for production and conformance testing, maintenance and engineering laboratories.

Use the external frontend only for its designated purpose. Observe the operating conditions and performance limits stated in the specifications document.

Target audience

This document targets at all users, including technicians, operators, administrators and maintenance personnel. The required skills and experience of the users depend on the test setup and application in which the external frontend is used.

Safety information in the documentation

Safety information warns you of potential dangers and gives instructions on how to prevent personal injury or damage caused by dangerous situations. Throughout the documentation, safety instructions are provided when you need to take care during setup or operation.

The documentation helps you use the FE170ST/SR safely and efficiently. Keep the documentation nearby and offer it to other users.

Related manuals

This manual describes the installation of the FE170ST/SR. For information on all other topics, refer to the following manuals:

- Frontend control user manual of the control instrument.
To control the R&S FE170ST, see the frontend control user manual of the Rohde & Schwarz vector signal generator.
- User manual of the control instrument.
To control the R&S FE170SR, see the user manual of the Rohde & Schwarz signal analyzer or the Rohde & Schwarz oscilloscope.

Specifications and brochure

The specifications document, also called data sheet, contains the technical specifications of the FE170ST/SR. It also lists the options and their order numbers. For accessories to be used as external devices in test setups, there is also the FE170-Zxx accessories specifications document available.

The brochure provides an overview of the instrument and deals with the specific characteristics.

www.rohde-schwarz.com/brochure-datasheet/fe170st

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2.1 Key features R&S FE170ST

- Frequency up-conversion for D-band signals (110 GHz to 170 GHz)
- 10 GHz supported RF bandwidth
- RF connector with output peak envelope power (PEP) of -40 dBm to -15 dBm
- Internal or external local oscillator (LO) with excellent phase noise performance
- LAN plug-and-play solution, fully integrated and controlled by a vector signal generator
- Fully calibrated solution, with correction data of IF cables and frontend considered by vector signal generator
- Small size, easy usage and operation
- Short cabling distances to the device under test (DUT)

For a detailed specification, refer to the specifications document.

2.2 Key features R&S FE170SR

- Frequency down-conversion for D-band signals (110 GHz to 170 GHz)
- Up to 8.3 GHz analysis bandwidth with R&S FSW signal analyzer
- Up to 10 GHz analysis bandwidth with R&S RTP oscilloscope
- RF connector with input peak envelope power (PEP) of -100 dBm to +15 dBm

Key features R&S FE170SR

- Internal or external local oscillator (LO) with excellent phase noise performance
- Additional external devices allow for reduced LO feedthrough and image rejection
- LAN plug-and-play solution, fully integrated and controlled by a Rohde & Schwarz signal analyzer
- Fully calibrated solution, with correction data of IF cables and frontend considered by signal analyzer
- Small size, easy usage and operation
- Short cabling distances to the device under test (DUT)

For a detailed specification, refer to the specifications document.

3 Unpacking and checking

1. Unpack the FE170ST/SR carefully.
2. Retain the original packing material. Use it when transporting or shipping the FE170ST/SR later.
3. Using the delivery notes, check the equipment for completeness.
4. Check the equipment for damage.

If the delivery is incomplete or equipment is damaged, contact Rohde & Schwarz.

4 Setting up the FE170ST/SR

The external frontend is used exclusively in test setups with a control instrument, e.g. the R&S SMW200A.

To place the FE170ST/SR on a bench top

You can place the external frontend horizontally or vertically on a bench top.

1. Place the external frontend on a stable, flat and level surface.
2. **NOTICE!** Overheating can damage the product.

Prevent overheating as follows:

- Keep a minimum distance of 10 cm between the fan openings of the external frontend and any object in the vicinity.
 - Do not place the external frontend next to heat-generating equipment such as radiators or other products.
3. If you want to stack the external frontend together with other products:
 - a) Follow the instructions given for the other products.
 - b) Place the external frontend on top or in front of the control instrument.For information on stacking, see the user manual of the control instrument.

To mount the FE170ST/SR

You can mount the external frontend with the height adjustment R&S ZZA-FE01, e.g. outside of an RF shield box or on a wafer prober.

1. Choose a stable, flat and level surface. Ensure that the surface can support the weight of the external frontend. For information on the weight, see the specifications document.
2. **NOTICE!** Overheating can damage the product.

Prevent overheating as follows:

- Keep a minimum distance of 10 cm between the fan openings of the external frontend and any object in the vicinity.
 - Do not place the external frontend next to heat-generating equipment such as radiators or other instruments.
3. Unscrew the shock protection from the external frontend.

- a) To mount the external frontend vertically, unscrew the four shock protections on the bottom.
 - b) To mount the external frontend horizontally, unscrew the four shock protections on the left side or right side.
4. Screw the R&S ZZA-FE01 to the external frontend as replacement for the shock protection. Use the same screws.
 5. Depending on your test setup, mount the external frontend as follows:
 - a) Screw the external frontend with the mounted R&S ZZA-FE01 to the surface of, e.g. the RF shield box.
 - b) Screw height adjustment screws into the holes of the R&S ZZA-FE01.

If you mount the external frontend with R&S ZZA-FE01 for use in your test setup, it looks like this:



Figure 4-1: External frontend with R&S ZZA-FE01

1 = mounted on a demonstrator

2 = with height adjustment screws on a flat surface

For more information, see the specifications document and the assembly instructions.

5 Connecting the FE170ST/SR

When connecting the external frontend in your test setup, use the cables provided with the delivery.

5.1 Considerations for test setup

Cable selection and electromagnetic interference (EMI)

Electromagnetic interference (EMI) can affect the measurement results.

To suppress electromagnetic radiation during operation:

- Besides the cables delivered with the external frontend, use high-quality shielded cables for the following connector types:
 - SMA and 2.92 mm: RF cables that match this connector type.
How to: [Chapter 5.6, "Connecting to SMA and 2.92 mm connectors"](#), on page 20.
 - LAN: at least CAT6+ cables.
How to: [Chapter 5.3, "Connecting to LAN"](#), on page 18
- Always terminate open cable ends.
- Ensure that connected external devices comply with EMC regulations.

Signal input and output levels

Information on signal levels is provided in the specifications document. Keep the signal levels within the specified ranges to avoid damage to the external frontend and connected devices.

Preventing electrostatic discharge (ESD)

Electrostatic discharge is most likely to occur when you connect or disconnect a DUT.

- ▶ **NOTICE!** Electrostatic discharge can damage the electronic components of the product and the device under test (DUT).

Ground yourself to prevent electrostatic discharge damage:

- a) Use a wrist strap and cord to connect yourself to ground.

- b) Use a conductive floor mat and heel strap combination.

5.2 Connecting to power

Only use the external power supply and the AC power cable delivered with the external frontend.

For safety information, see the instructions delivered with the external power supply. Required ratings of the DC input level and maximum current are listed next to the socket and in the specifications document.

1. Connect the DC power cable to the socket of the power supply connector on the rear panel.
For R&S FE170ST, see [Figure 6-3](#).
For R&S FE170SR, see [Figure 6-4](#).
2. Connect the appliance coupler of the AC power cable to the external power supply.
3. Insert the AC power plug into a power outlet with ground contact.

If connected to power, the external frontend switches on automatically. On the front panel of the external frontend, the "Power" LED switches from gray to green, see [Table 5-1](#).

Alternatively, you can power the external frontend via power over Ethernet (PoE+) injector, for example to allow longer distances for power connection. Power and data are transferred over the same Ethernet cable. For more information, see the documentation of your PoE injector.

To troubleshoot hardware problems

Both a red "Power" LED and red "LAN" LED indicate hardware problems that result in a malfunction of the external frontend. If hardware problems occur, the external frontend switches to a safe state. The LAN connection is aborted.

If the "Power" LED or the "LAN" LED or both are red, proceed as follows:

1. Switch off the external frontend.
You do not need to disconnect the cabling.

2. Switch on the external frontend.

How to: [Chapter 5.8, "Switching on or off"](#), on page 26

If hardware problems persist, contact Rohde & Schwarz customer support.

Status LEDs

Status LEDs indicate the power and LAN state.

Table 5-1: Overview power states

LED	Power state
● gray	Power Off
● green	Power On
● red	Error

Table 5-2: Overview LAN connection states

LED	LAN connection state
● no light / gray	Not active
● green	Connected to LAN
● orange	Connected to control instrument
● red	Error

5.3 Connecting to LAN

To connect to LAN

- ▶ Connect the LAN socket on the rear panel via an RJ-45 cable to the LAN.
If connected, the "LAN" LED is green, see [Table 5-2](#).

IP address assignment

The IP address is assigned automatically by one of the following methods:

- By default, the external frontend is configured to use DHCP (dynamic host configuration protocol) and no static IP address is configured. If switched on and connected to the LAN, the external frontend displays the IP address infor-

mation on the electronic label with "IP Addr.:". See [Chapter 6.3, "Electronic label"](#), on page 32.

- If the network does not support DHCP or the attempt does not succeed, the external frontend tries to obtain the IP address via Zeroconf (APIPA) protocol. IP addresses assigned via Zeroconf start with the number blocks 169.254.*.*.
Note: An IP address that is assigned via the Zeroconf protocol although the network requires an IP address assigned via the DHCP server can cause network connection failures.

You can also assign the IP address of the external frontend manually on the control instrument.

See ["Related manuals"](#) on page 10.

To reset the IP address

If for example, a manually assigned IP address of the external frontend is located in another subnet than the IP address of the control instrument, you can reset the IP address of the external frontend.

Prerequisites: The frontend is switched on and connected to LAN.

- ▶ Press the "IP Preset" button on the rear panel of the external frontend using a pointed tool for about 1 second.

After resetting, the external frontend reboots.

5.4 Connecting to RF Out / RF In

The "RF Out" (R&S FE170ST) or "RF In" (R&S FE170SR) connector is a WR-6.5 waveguide connector.

The precision waveguide flange of the WR-6.5 waveguide connector provides two pins and two holes for aligning the DUT.

1. Remove the protective cap from the waveguide connector on the front panel.
2. Inspect the waveguide flange connector visually to check that it is clean, undamaged and mechanically compatible.

Thus, you prevent insertion loss and mismatch, and even premature wear of the connectors.

Connecting to SMA and 2.92 mm connectors

- Carefully align the pins to the holes of the WR-6.5 waveguide connectors on the DUT to the holes of the connector on the external frontend until they match.

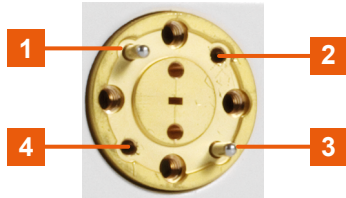


Figure 5-1: WR-6.5 waveguide connector

1, 3 = Alignment pin
2, 4 = Hole for pin of the DUT

- Carefully put the WR-6.5 waveguide connectors of the DUT and the external frontend together.
- NOTICE!** Excessive tightening can damage the connectors.
Screw the WR-6.5 waveguide connectors together:
 - Align the screw of the WR-6.5 waveguide connector to the screw thread of the opposite connector.
 - Use a calibrated torque wrench to torque the screw to 0.58 Nm, e.g. R&S ZCTW (order no. 1175.2014.02).

5.5 Connecting to IX type B


The IX type B connector is located on the front panel of the external frontend.

- ▶ Connect the IX cable to the IX type B connector of the external frontend.

5.6 Connecting to SMA and 2.92 mm connectors

The "IF out" (R&S FE170SR) connector, the "Ref In" connector and the "LO In"/"LO Out" connectors are SMA female connectors. The "IF In" (R&S FE170ST) connector is a 2.92 mm connector.

Connecting to SMA and 2.92 mm connectors

 For information on how to handle and maintain the screwable connectors, to minimize measurement deviations and ensure its longevity, see application note [1MA99](#).

1. Inspect the connector visually to check that it is clean, undamaged and mechanically compatible.
Thus, you prevent insertion loss and mismatch, and even premature wear of the connectors.
2. **NOTICE!** Excessive reverse power at the RF connector can damage the instrument.
Make sure that the signal power is within the limits as given in the specifications document.
3. **NOTICE!** DC voltage at the RF connector can damage the instrument. Never apply DC voltage to the RF input connectors.
Make sure that the values are within the DC limits given in the specifications document.
If necessary, insert a DC blocker.
4. **NOTICE!** Excessive tightening can damage the connectors.
To connect the cable with the connector on the rear panel, proceed as follows:
 - a) Carefully align the connector of the cable along a common axis.
 - b) Mate the connectors along the common axis until the male pin of the inner connector engages with the female socket of the outer connector.
 - c) Turn the nut of the outer connector until the connectors are firmly coupled.

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- d) Use a calibrated torque wrench to torque the nut to the limit as in the table below. Hold the opposite connector part stationary with a spanner.

Table 5-3: Connector type, name, size, torque limit and nut opening

Connector		Torque limit		Nut opening	
Type	Name	lb-Inch	Nm	Inch	mm
SMA	IF Out (R&S FE170SR) Ref In LO In LO Out	5	0.56	5/16	8
2.92 mm	IF In (R&S FE170ST)	8	0.9	5/16	8

Tighten the connectors enough so that the measurement results are accurate.

5.7 Connecting to a control instrument

Operating the external frontend requires a control connection (LAN) with the control instrument.

The external frontend is off but connected to power.

1. Connect the external frontend via LAN to the control instrument.
How to: [Chapter 5.3, "Connecting to LAN"](#), on page 18
2. Connect the SMA and 2.92 mm connectors.
How to: [Chapter 5.6, "Connecting to SMA and 2.92 mm connectors"](#), on page 20.

5.7.1 Test setup with R&S FE170ST

Test setup with an external frontend connected to a vector signal generator as control instrument and an antenna, which is mounted inside an RF shield box.

Connecting to a control instrument

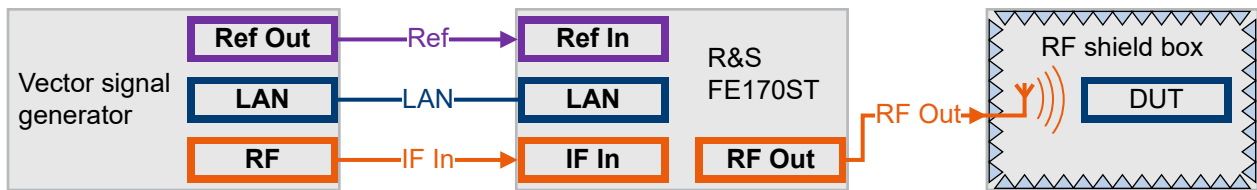


Figure 5-2: Test setup R&S FE170ST with vector signal generator

5.7.2 Test setup with R&S FE170SR

Test setup with an external frontend connected to a signal analyzer as control instrument and an antenna, which is mounted inside an RF shield box.

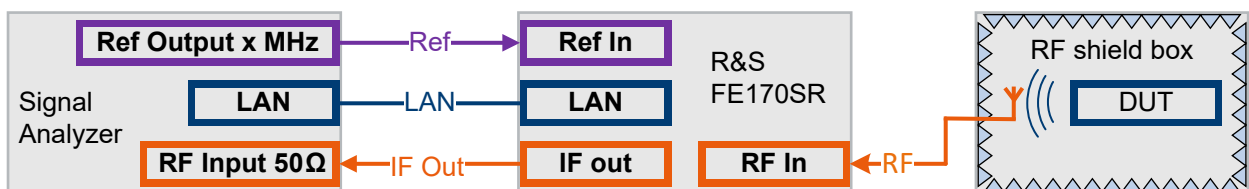


Figure 5-3: Test setup R&S FE170SR with signal analyzer

5.7.3 Adding accessories to a test setup

The IX type B connector allows you to connect up to two accessories as external devices, e.g. a filter or an amplifier, to the external frontend in a test setup. Using an IX cable, correction data and device information for the accessory is transferred to the external frontend and to the connected control instrument. The data and information is used for the internal level correction of the control instrument.

Recommended frequency ranges for external filters

The supported frequency ranges of the available external filters overlap. For best results regarding image suppression and LO feedthrough, see the specifications document of the accessory.

See "[Specifications and brochure](#)" on page 11.

5.7.3.1 To connect accessories to the R&S FE170ST

Test setup

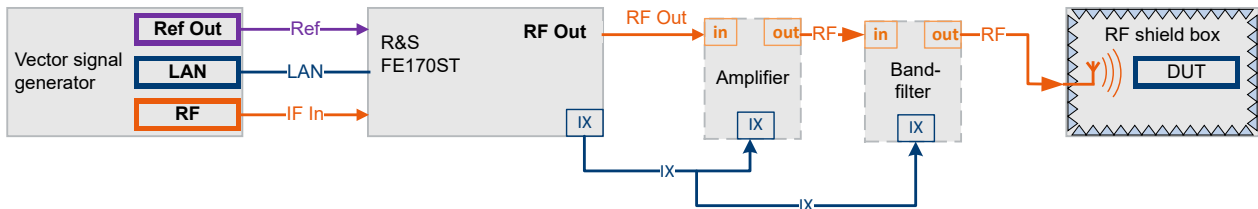


Figure 5-4: R&S FE170ST with additional accessories (vector signal generator as control instrument)

1. Connect the RF output of the R&S FE170ST to the RF input of the accessory. See [Chapter 5.4, "Connecting to RF Out / RF In"](#), on page 19.
2. Connect the IX connector of R&S FE170ST with the cable provided with the device to the IX type B connector on the accessory. To connect two accessories, connect the provided IX Y-cable to both accessories. See [Chapter 5.5, "Connecting to IX type B"](#), on page 20.
Note: You can add only one external device of the same type to the test setup.
3. Connect the RF output of the accessory to the DUT.

See ["Related manuals"](#) on page 10.

5.7.3.2 To connect accessories to the R&S FE170SR

Test setup

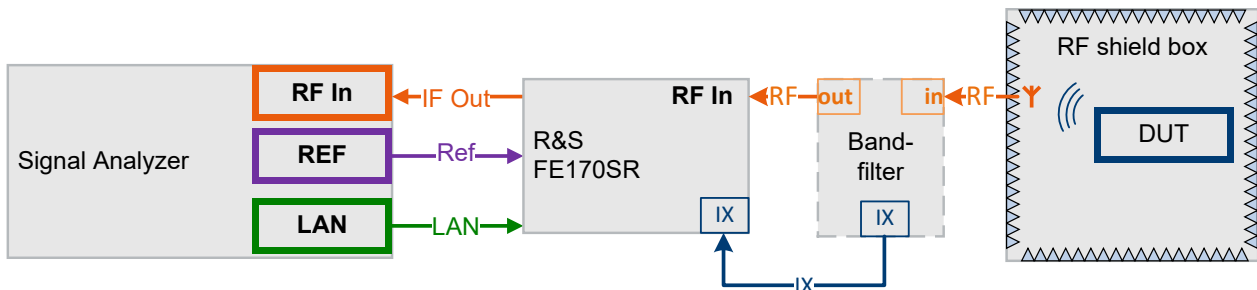


Figure 5-5: R&S FE170SR with additional accessory (signal analyzer as control instrument)

1. Connect the RF output of the DUT to the RF input of the accessory.
2. Connect the RF output connector of the accessory to the "RF In" connector of the R&S FE170SR.
See [Chapter 5.4, "Connecting to RF Out / RF In"](#), on page 19.
3. Connect the IX cable provided with the device to the IX type B connector on the accessory.
See [Chapter 5.5, "Connecting to IX type B"](#), on page 20.
4. Connect the other end of the IX cable to the IX type B connector on the front panel of the R&S FE170SR.

See ["Related manuals"](#) on page 10.

5.7.4 Test setup with multiple frontends

In a test setup with more than one external frontend, you can build a phase coherent test setup when using the same LO signal for all connected frontends. In this setup, couple the LO output and LO input of the external frontends as shown in the examples.

Test setup with LO signal from R&S FE170ST

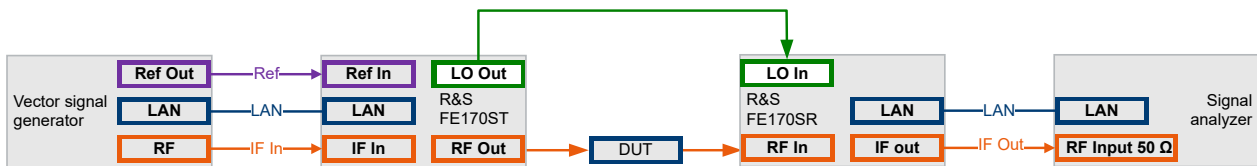


Figure 5-6: Phase coherent test setup with LO signal from R&S FE170ST

Test setup with LO signal from R&S FE170SR

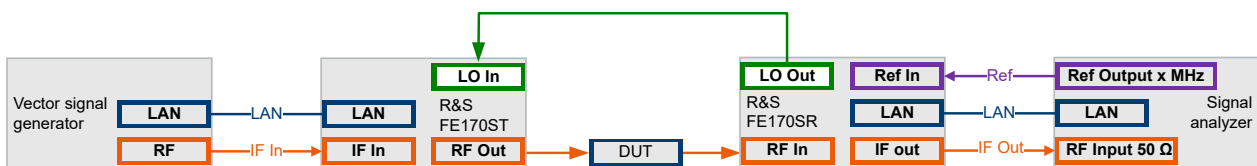


Figure 5-7: Phase coherent test setup with LO signal from R&S FE170SR


For information on configuration, see ["Related manuals"](#) on page 10.

5.8 Switching on or off

Once connected to power, the external frontend switches on automatically (see [Chapter 5.2, "Connecting to power"](#), on page 17). If the external frontend is switched off but connected to power, you can switch on the external frontend manually.

To switch on the external frontend manually

The external frontend is switched off, but connected to power. The "Power" LED is gray. See [Table 5-1](#).

- ▶ On the rear panel of the external frontend, press the "Power" key . The "Power" LED changes to green. The external frontend boots.

To switch off the external frontend

The external frontend is switched on.

- ▶ **NOTICE!** Risk of data loss. If you disconnect the product from power when it is in the ready state, you can lose settings and data. Shut it down first.

Press the "Power" key  for one to two seconds.

The "Power" LED changes to gray.

To disconnect from power

The external frontend is switched off.

- ▶ Disconnect the DC power cable from the socket of the power supply connector.

6 FE170ST/SR tour

For information on connector types and properties, see the specifications document.

6.1 Front panel tour

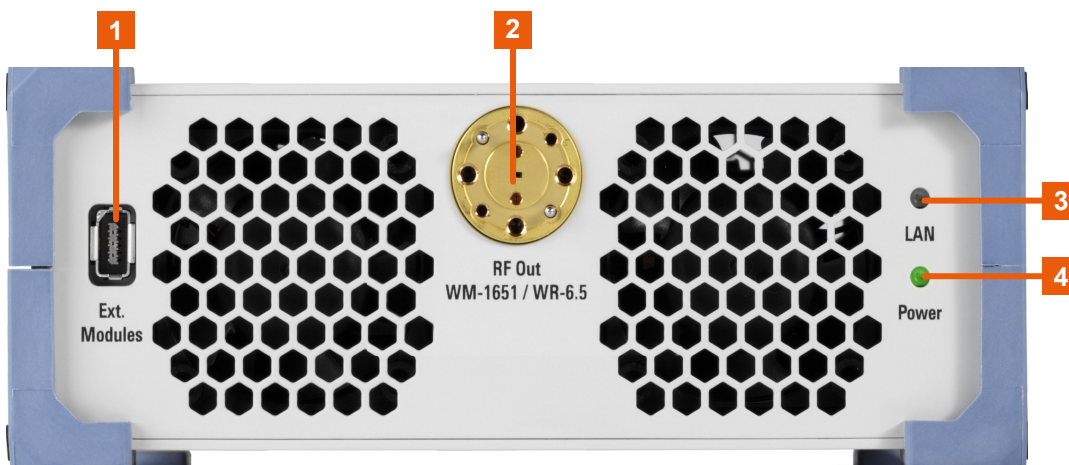


Figure 6-1: R&S FE170ST front panel

- 1 = [Chapter 6.1.1, "Ext. Modules connector"](#), on page 29
- 2 = [Chapter 6.1.2, "RF Out / RF In connector"](#), on page 29
- 3 = Status LED to indicate the LAN connection state, see [Table 5-2](#)
- 4 = Status LED to indicate the power state, see [Table 5-1](#)

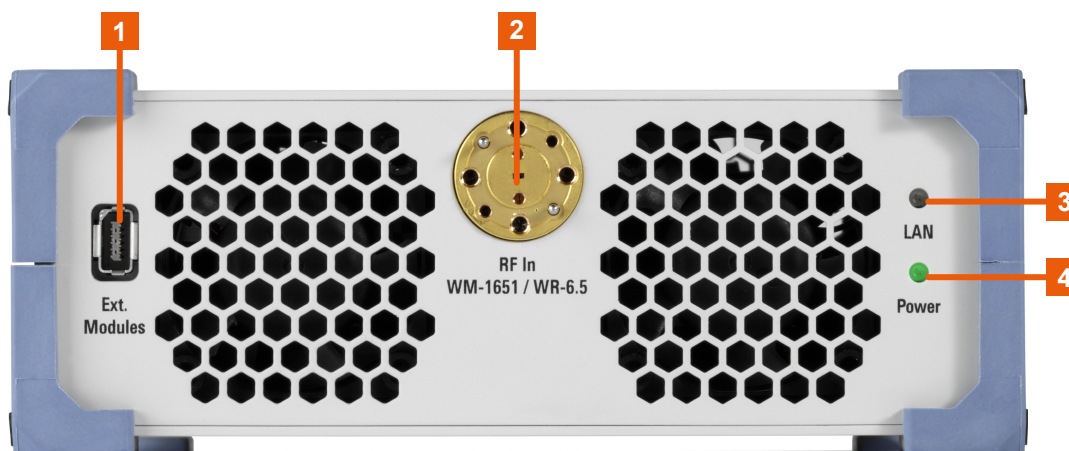


Figure 6-2: R&S FE170SR front panel

- 1 = [Chapter 6.1.1, "Ext. Modules connector"](#), on page 29
- 2 = [Chapter 6.1.2, "RF Out / RF In connector"](#), on page 29
- 3 = Status LED to indicate the LAN connection state, see [Table 5-2](#)
- 4 = Status LED to indicate the power state, see [Table 5-1](#)

For connection, see the following step-by-step instructions:


- [Chapter 5.5, "Connecting to IX type B"](#), on page 20
- [Chapter 5.4, "Connecting to RF Out / RF In"](#), on page 19

6.1.1 Ext. Modules connector

The IX type B connector allows you to connect accessories as external devices to the external frontend. Using the provided IX cable, correction data and device information for the accessory is transferred to the external frontend and to the connected control instrument. Thus, the control instrument cannot only detect the accessories, but also consider their correction data for the RF signal.

6.1.2 RF Out / RF In connector

The "RF Out" (R&S FE170ST) or "RF In" (R&S FE170SR) connector is a WR-6.5 waveguide connector for RF signal output or RF signal input in a frequency range of 110 GHz to 170 GHz.

 Always replace the protective caps on the waveguide connectors for transport and storage.

Cleaning the waveguide connector

► **NOTICE!** Liquids or compressed air can imperceptibly damage the waveguide connector.

Considerations for cleaning the waveguide connector:

- Do not use any cleaning agents or compressed air for cleaning. Liquids and in particular compressed air damage the printed circuits inside the waveguide.
- Use a dry, lint-free cloth to clean the test port flange surface.

6.2 Rear panel tour

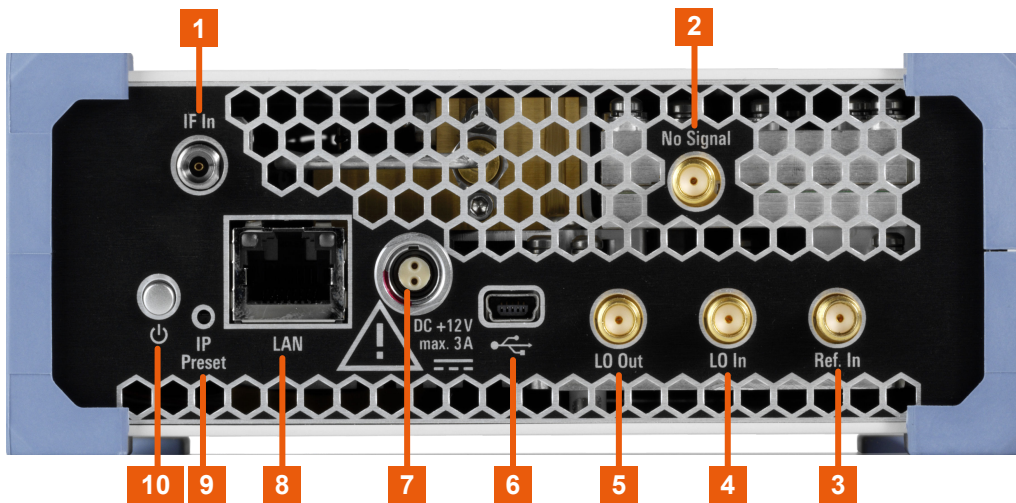


Figure 6-3: R&S FE170ST rear panel

- 1 = "IF In": Female 2.92 mm connector for input of the intermediate frequency (IF) signal from the control instrument.
- 2 = "No Signal": SMA female connector, reserved for future use.
- 3 = "Ref In": SMA female connector for providing a reference signal for the synthesizer inside the external frontend.
- 4, 5 = [Chapter 6.2.1, "LO In/LO Out connector"](#), on page 31
- 6 = Type-B USB 2.0 input connector for service purposes.
- 7 = Main power supply connector for connection of the external DC power supply.
- 8 = [Chapter 6.2.2, "LAN connector"](#), on page 31
- 9 = [Chapter 6.2.3, "IP Preset button"](#), on page 31
- 10 = Power key to switch on and switch off the external frontend.

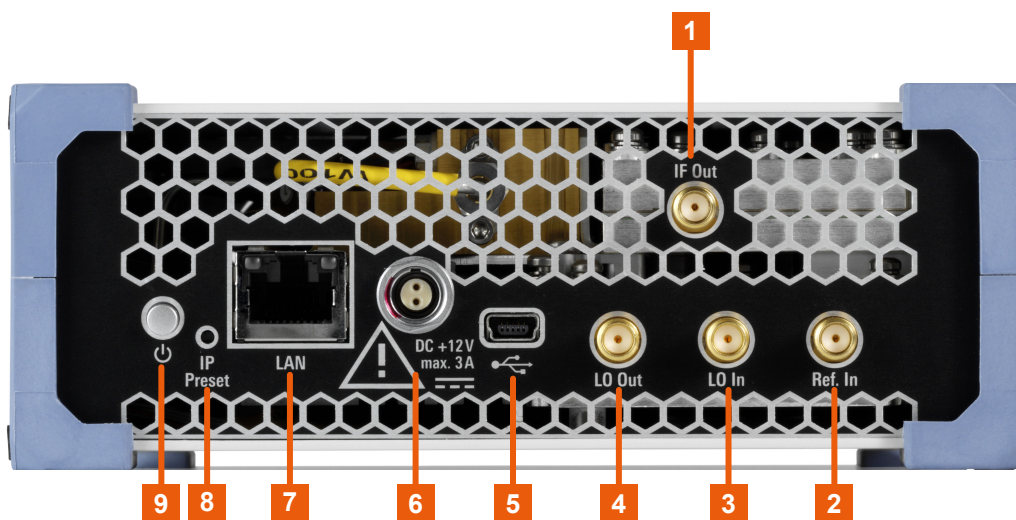


Figure 6-4: R&S FE170SR rear panel

Rear panel tour

- 1 = "IF Out": SMA female connector for output of the intermediate frequency (IF) signal to the control instrument.
- 2 = "Ref In": SMA female connector for providing a reference signal for the synthesizer inside the external frontend.
- 3, 4 = [Chapter 6.2.1, "LO In/LO Out connector"](#), on page 31
- 5 = Type-B USB 2.0 input connector for service purposes.
- 6 = Main power supply connector for connection of the external DC power supply.
- 7 = [Chapter 6.2.2, "LAN connector"](#), on page 31
- 8 = [Chapter 6.2.3, "IP Preset button"](#), on page 31
- 9 = Power key to switch on and switch off the external frontend.

For connection, see the following step-by-step instructions:

- [Chapter 5.6, "Connecting to SMA and 2.92 mm connectors"](#), on page 20
- [Chapter 5.2, "Connecting to power"](#), on page 17
- [Chapter 5.8, "Switching on or off"](#), on page 26

6.2.1 LO In/LO Out connector

SMA female connectors for local oscillator (LO) input and output in phase coherent test setups with more than one external frontend.

- "LO In": Input of LO signal
- "LO Out": Output of LO signal

How to: [Chapter 5.6, "Connecting to SMA and 2.92 mm connectors"](#), on page 20.

6.2.2 LAN connector

RJ-45 connector to connect the external frontend to a LAN. Connection is required to control the external frontend by a control instrument.

How to: [Chapter 5.3, "Connecting to LAN"](#), on page 18

6.2.3 IP Preset button

The "IP Preset" button resets the IP settings of the external frontend to factory settings. The button is only accessible via a pointed tool to avoid accidental resets.

See ["To reset the IP address"](#) on page 19.

To resolve firmware update problems

Prerequisite: The frontend is switched off.

1. Press the "IP Preset" button on the rear panel of the external frontend using a pointed tool.
2. While pressing the "IP Preset" button, switch on the external frontend using the "Power" key on the front panel.
3. Release both the button and the key.

The previous firmware version is restored.

6.3 Electronic label

The electronic label is located on the right side panel of the frontend casing. If connected to a LAN, it displays specific network parameters, see [Table 6-1](#).

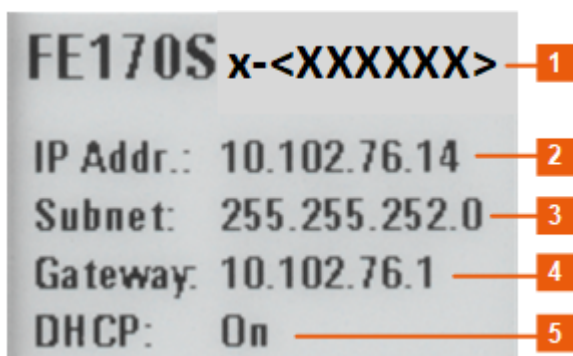


Table 6-1: Electronic label elements

Label	Label element	Description
1	FE170S<x>-<xxxxxx>	<Frontend name>-<Serial number> Displays the hostname that contains the frontend name (FE170S<x>) and the 6-digit serial number (<xxxxxx>) of the frontend. Each frontend has an individual hostname. You can use this hostname to search for your frontend in a LAN instead of the IP address.
2	IP Addr.	Displays the IP address of the frontend in the network.
3	Subnet	Displays the bit group of the subnet in the host identifier.

Label	Label element	Description
4	Gateway	Displays the gateway address. This address identifies the router that is used to forward traffic to destinations beyond the local network. The router belongs to the same network as the frontend.
5	DHCP	Displays the state of the DHCP (dynamic host configuration protocol). <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On: Configuration via DHCP is used.• Off: A static IP address is configured.

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