

M9806A-02

Information Only Service Note

Supersedes:
None

M9806A PXIe Vector Network Analyzer

Serial Numbers: ALL

False alarm on self-test failure on firmware revision of A.13.40.02 - DDR3 memory removal

Parts Required:

| P/N | Description | Qty. |
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None

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Calibration Required
 Calibration NOT Required

PRODUCT LINE: WN
AUTHOR: ls

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Situation:

Keysight M980xA (x= 0/1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8) Vector Network Analyzer (VNA) firmware revision A.13.40.02 will report self-test failure on newer batch of VNAs with shipment date of early 2022 and onwards.

Background

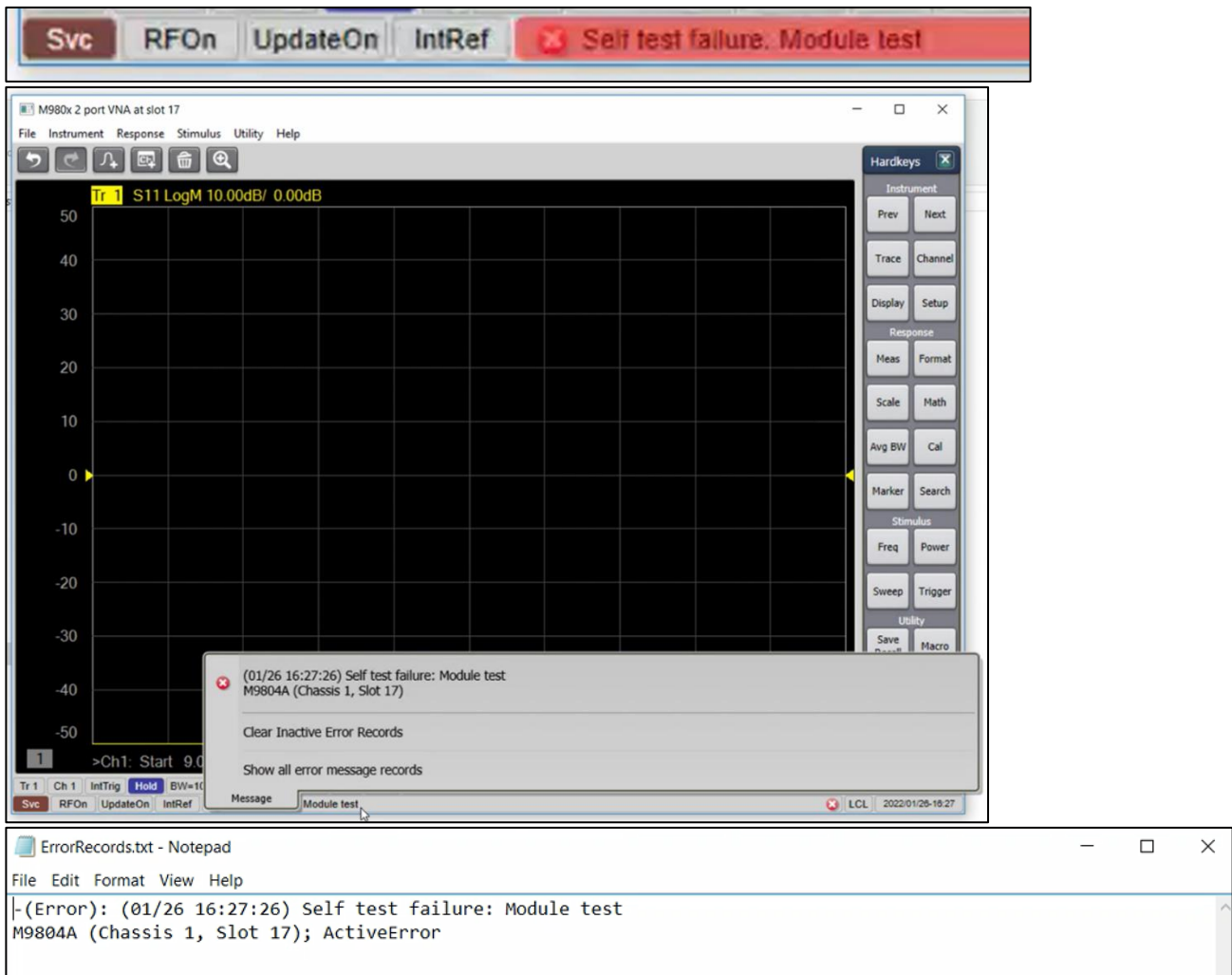
The on board DDR 3 memory in VNA is not in use since its release. With the removal of DDR 3 memory IC on newer M980xA VNA, right after firmware is launched, false alarm (self-test failure) will be reported as shown. This has no impact to VNA performance and specifications.

Similarly, firmware will report a false failure in Operator check. Shown are the error messages example on VNA firmware UI.

Impacted firmware revision: A.13.40.02

Non impacted firmware revision: A.13.70.02 and newer.

Self-test



Operator Check



Solution/Action:

Since this DDR3 memory is not in use, newer firmware revision no longer consider it as the failure. Keysight recommends keeping VNA firmware up-to-date whenever it is possible.

For users with firmware revision of A.13.40.02,
Update firmware to revision A.13.70.02 or newer to resolve this false alarm on self-test.

For users with firmware revision of A.13.70.02 or newer,
No action is necessary.

M980xA Vector Network Analyzer Firmware Update (Keysight.com)

<https://www.keysight.com/my/en/lib/software-detail/instrument-firmware-software/pxieusb-vector-network-analyzer-firmware-update-64-bit-3027357.html>

Note: VNA firmware update can be easily performed by user on the intended controller PC/ embedded controller. User does not need to return controller or VNA to Keysight service center.

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Revision History:

| Date | Service Note Revision | Author | Reason for Change |
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