Power Measurements

The translator's power meter circuit uses a detected sample from a coupler on the output. An averaging detector circuit provides the DC level to drive the translator's output level meter.

The translator was connected to a test load through a calibrated directional coupler. The spectrum analyzer's "Channel Power" function was used to measure the average power level of the signal as sampled through the directional coupler. (see Fig.).

Measured power: 13.9dBm
Coupling loss: 43.1 dB
Attenuator @ i/p to
spectrum analyzer 6 dB

Power: 63 dBm

Power = 2000 Watts



