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The 2465B, 2455B, and 2445B

The TEKTRONIX 2465B, 2455B, and 2445B portable oscilloscopes have four vertical channels with DC to 400 MHz, 250 MHz, and 150 MHz bandwidths. Deflection factors run from 2 mV to 5 V per division, in a 1–2–5 sequence, with either 1 M Ω or 50 Ω input resistance, in channels 1 and 2. Either AC or DC input coupling is available at 1 M Ω . Channels 3 and 4 give 0.1 V or 0.5 V per division, with 1 M Ω input resistance, and DC coupling. With the standard 10X probes, channels 1 and 2 display 20 mV to 50 V/division and channels 3 and 4 display 1 V or 5 V/division.

The trigger system works automatically for most signals. They operate in various modes, from any channel, with optimum couplings for a wide range of signals. The 2445B triggers from DC to 250 MHz. The 2455B and 2465B trigger from DC to 500 MHz.

Sweep speeds range from 1.5 s to 1 ns per division on the 2445B and 2455B and to 500 ps per division on the 2465B, including the effects of the X10 magnifier and the calibrated variable between 1–2–5 steps. Horizontal displays include A–Sweep, B–Sweep (delayed), A alternated with B, and CH 1 (for X/Y displays).

The SETUP features, AUTO, SAVE, and RECALL, save time and prevent errors, whether you are a novice operator or a master. AUTO Setup works with almost any signal. For repeating measurements, the Save and Recall functions record and restore as many as 30 instrument setups, including the extended-function options. Setups can be recalled either immediately or sequentially.

Digital readouts of time, voltage, scale factors, trigger levels, and auxiliary information also save time and reduce errors.

With Parametric Measurements, common measurements such as frequency, period, amplitude, pulse width, duty factor, rise time, fall time, and propagation delay can be made automatically. Each measurement activation displays the results in the CRT readout. Measurement results remain on-screen until any other button is pressed.

For instruments with serial numbers B049999 and below with firmware Version 11 and above or for instruments serial numbers B050000 and above with firmware Version 2 and above the following function is available. The RECALL button resets the instrument into the mode of operation it was in prior to performing the parametric measurement or AUTO Setup.

With the available Counter/Timer/Trigger (CTT), Option 06 or Option 09, measurements require even less effort and give better accuracy. The CTT increases trigger selectivity, especially in digital systems. Option 09 includes the CTT and a 17-bit Word Recognizer (WR). The available Television/Video (TV) enhancement, Option 05, can trigger at any desired point in a frame and it can reduce the effects of ac coupling and hum in a video signal. The available Digital Multimeter (DMM) measures dc voltage, dc current, ac rms current, resistance, and temperature with floating inputs.

The *WR* adds a Word Recognizer Probe connector on the rear panel. The *TV* enhancement adds *LINES*, *FLD1*, and *FLD2 Trigger Coupling*.

The available GPIB interface accesses all controls and digital readings. The interface adds GPIB status indicators, just above the CRT. See the *24X5B/2467B GPIB (Option 10) Instrument Interfacing Guide* for information on integrating the instrument into a GPIB system.

The 2465B CT includes *CTT* and *WR* (Option 9) and GPIB (Option 10). The 2465B DM adds *DMM* (Option 01) and also includes *CTT* and *WR* (Option 9) and GPIB (Option 10). The 2465B DV adds *TV* (Option 05) to the features of the 2465B DM.

Illustrations at the back of the manual show the instrument front and rear panels.

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Operators Safety Summary

The general safety information in this part of the summary is for both operating and servicing personnel. Specific warnings and cautions will be found throughout the manual where they apply and do not appear in this summary.

Terms

In This Manual

CAUTION statements identify conditions or practices that could result in damage to the equipment or other property.

WARNING statements identify conditions or practices that could result in personal injury or loss of life.

As Marked on Equipment

CAUTION indicates a personal injury hazard not immediately accessible as one reads the markings, or a hazard to property, including the equipment itself.

DANGER indicates a personal injury hazard immediately accessible as one reads the marking.

Symbols

In This Manual



This symbol indicates where applicable cautionary or other information is to be found. For maximum input voltage see Table 6-1.

As Marked on Equipment



DANGER—High voltage.



Protective ground (earth) terminal.



ATTENTION—Refer to manual.

Power Source

This product is intended to operate from a power source that does not apply more than 250 volts rms between the supply conductors or between either supply conductor and ground. A protective ground connection by way of the grounding conductor in the power cord is essential for safe operation.

Grounding the Product

This product is grounded through the grounding conductor of the power cord. To avoid electrical shock, plug the power cord into a properly wired receptacle before connecting to the product input or output terminals. A protective ground connection by way of the grounding conductor in the power cord is essential for safe operation.

Danger Arising From Loss of Ground

Upon loss of the protective-ground connection, all accessible conductive parts (including knobs and controls that may appear to be insulating) can render an electric shock.

Use the Proper Power Cord

Use only the power cord and connector specified for your product.

Use only a power cord that is in good condition.

For detailed information on power cords and connectors see Table 1-1.

Use the Proper Fuse

To avoid fire hazard, use only a fuse of the correct type, voltage rating and current rating as specified in the parts list for your product.

Do Not Operate in Explosive Atmospheres

To avoid explosion, do not operate this product in an explosive atmosphere unless it has been specifically certified for such operation.

Do Not Remove Covers or Panels

To avoid personal injury, do not remove the product covers or panels. Do not operate the product without the covers and panels properly installed.



1

General Information



Preparation for Use

Safety

Before connecting the oscilloscope to a power source, read entirely both this section and the Safety Summary at the front of this manual. Be sure you have the training required to safely connect the instrument inputs to the signals you will be measuring. Refer to the Safety Summary for power source, grounding, and other safety considerations pertaining to the use of the instrument.

Line Voltage Selection



This instrument may be damaged if operated with the LINE VOLTAGE SELECTOR switch set for the wrong applied ac input-source voltage or if the wrong line fuse is installed.

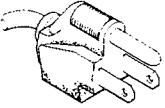
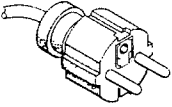
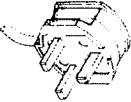
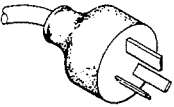
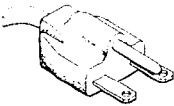
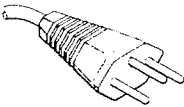
The oscilloscope operates from either a 115-V or a 230-V nominal ac power-line with any frequency from 48 Hz to 440 Hz. Before connecting the power cord to a power source, verify that the LINE VOLTAGE SELECTOR switch, located on the rear panel (see Figure 1-1), is set correctly (see Table 1-1) and that the line fuse is correct. To convert the instrument for operation on the other line-voltage range, move the LINE VOLTAGE SELECTOR switch to the correct nominal ac source-voltage setting. The detachable power cord may have to be replaced to match the particular power source.

Line Fuse

To verify the instrument power-input fuse rating, do the following steps:

1. Press the fuse-holder cap and release it with a slight counterclockwise rotation. Pull the cap (with the attached fuse inside) out of the fuse holder.
2. Verify that the fuse is of the type listed on the back of the instrument. Then install the proper fuse and reinstall the proper fuse-holder cap. The two types of fuses listed are not directly interchangeable; they require different types of fuse caps. For international power cord options, a 5x20 mm fuse holder cap is included in the accessory pouch for use with 1.6 A, 250 V, 5x20 mm (IEC 127) fuses (not supplied).

Table 1-1
Power Cord and Voltage Data

Plug Configuration	Option	Power Cord/ Plug Type	Line Voltage Selector	Reference Standards ^b
	U.S. Std.	U.S. 120 V	115V	ANSI C73.11 NEMA 5-15-P IEC 83 UL 198.6
	A1	EURO 220 V	230V	CEE(7), II, IV, VII IEC 83 IEC 127
	A2	UK ^a 240 V	230V	BS 1363 IEC 83 IEC 127
	A3	Australian 240 V	230V	AS C112 IEC 127
	A4	North American 240 V	230V	ANSI C73.20 NEMA 6-15-P IEC 83 UL 198.6
	A5	Switzerland 220 V	230V	SEV IEC 127

^aA 6A, type C fuse is also installed inside the plug of the Option A2 power cord.

^bReference Standards Abbreviations:

ANSI—American National Standards Institute
AS—Standards Association of Australia
BS—British Standards Institution
CEE—International Commission on Rules for the Approval of Electrical Equipment
IEC—International Electrotechnical Commission
NEMA—National Electrical Manufacturer's Association
SEV—Schweizerischer Elektrotechnischer Verein
UL—Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

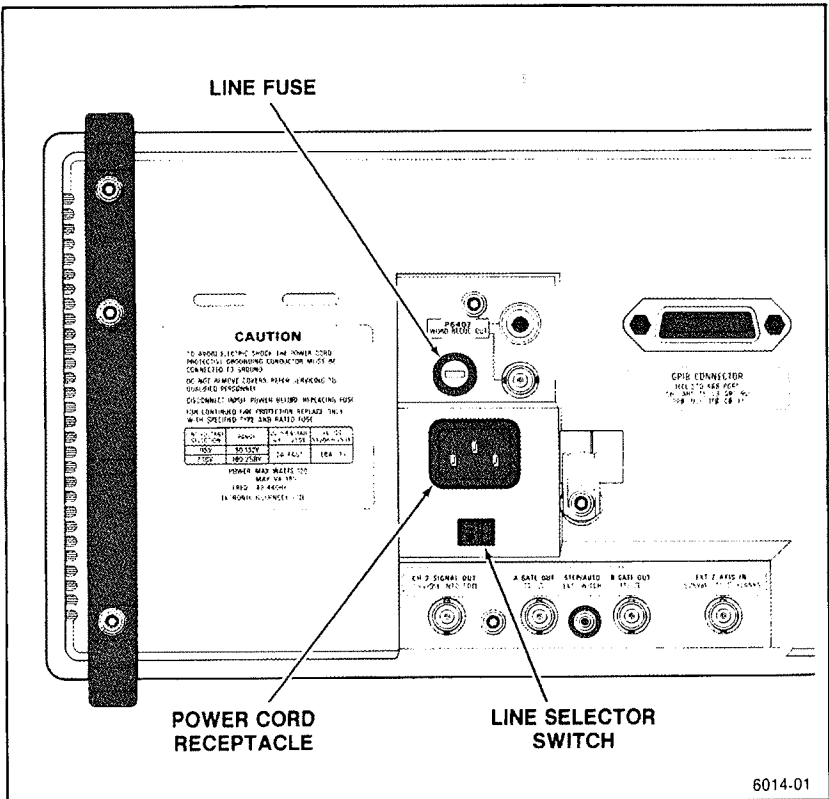


Figure 1-1. Line selector switch, line fuse, and detachable power cord.

Power Cord

This instrument has a detachable, three-wire power cord with a three-contact plug for connection to both the power source and protective ground. The power cord is secured to the rear panel by a cord-set-securing clamp. The protective-ground contact on the plug connects through the power-cord to the external metal parts of the instrument. For electrical-shock protection, insert this plug into a power-source outlet that has a properly grounded protective-ground contact.

Instruments are shipped with the required power cord as ordered by the customer. Available power-cord information is presented in Table 1-1, and part numbers are listed in "Options and Accessories" (Section 7). Contact your Tektronix representative or local Tektronix Field Office for additional power-cord information.

Instrument Cooling

To prevent instrument damage from internally generated heat, adequate air flow must be maintained. Before turning on the power, verify that the spaces around the air-intake holes on the bottom of the cabinet and the fan-exhaust holes in the rear panel are free of any obstruction to airflow.

Start-up

The oscilloscope automatically performs a set of diagnostic tests each time the instrument is turned on. These tests warn the user of any available indication that the instrument may not be fully functional. The tests run for several seconds after power is applied. If no faults are encountered, the instrument operates normally. A failure of any of the power-up tests will be indicated by either a flashing TRIG'D indicator on the instrument front panel or a bottom-line readout on the CRT in the form: **TEST XX FAIL YY** (where XX is the test number and YY is the failure code of the failed test).

If a failure of any power-up test occurs, the instrument may still be usable for some applications. To operate the instrument after a power-up test failure, press the A/B TRIG button. Even if the instrument then functions for your particular measurement requirement, it should be repaired by a qualified service technician at the earliest convenience. Additional information on the power-up tests may be found in Appendix C at the rear of this manual. Consult your service department, your local Tektronix Service Center, or nearest Tektronix representative if additional assistance is needed.

Repackaging For Shipment

If this instrument is to be shipped by commercial transportation, it should be packaged in the original manner. The carton and packaging material in which your instrument was shipped to you should be retained for this purpose.

If the original packaging is unfit for use or is not available, repackage the instrument as follows:

1. Obtain a corrugated cardboard shipping carton having inside dimensions at least six inches greater than the instrument dimensions and having a carton test strength of at least 275 pounds.
2. If the instrument is to be shipped to a Tektronix Service Center for service or repair, attach a tag to the instrument showing the following: owner of the instrument (with address), the name of a person at your firm who can be contacted, complete instrument type and serial number, and a description of the service required.
3. Wrap the instrument with polyethylene sheeting or equivalent to protect the outside finish and prevent entry of packing materials into the instrument.
4. Cushion the instrument on all sides by tightly packing dunnage or urethane foam between the carton and the instrument, allowing three inches on each side.
5. Seal the carton with shipping tape or with an industrial stapler.
6. Mark the address of the Tektronix Service Center and your return address on the carton in one or more prominent locations.



2

Operation



Operation

Fundamentals

Like any oscilloscope, this instrument draws a graph of voltage as a function of time. The VERTICAL controls, marked off by a heavy gray line, define the voltage axis of the display. SEC/DIV, X10 MAG, and horizontal POSITION control the time axis of the display. The TRIGGER controls, marked off by a green box, define the signals required to initiate sweeps across the time axis. The controls under the CRT affect the display but not the waveform.

Parametric Measurements

The Parametric Measurement function provided in the instrument gives quick access to the parameters of your input signal.

To obtain a parametric measurement, simply press the MEASURE button and select the desired function from the displayed menu. The function is selected by pressing the button in the VERTICAL MODE area that occupies the same relative position as the desired menu selection. The measurement function will automatically scale the input signal before making the measurement.

Parametric measurements require repetitive signals for reliable results. Measurements on non-repetitive signals will produce unpredictable results. Repetitive signals that have periodic bursts of signal transitions will also produce unpredictable results.

Parametric measurements can only be performed on signals in CH 1 or CH 2. An error message will be displayed if CH 3, CH 4, or ADD are selected for parametric measurements.

Getting a Display

1. Connect a probe from the input of a Vertical channel to a signal.
2. Select the channel using the Vertical MODE buttons. You may select any combination of vertical channels. (If you are using the standard accessory probes, make sure the CH 1 and CH 2 input are not set at 50 Ω .)
3. Press AUTO Setup to initialize vertical, horizontal, trigger, and display intensity for a usable display. (If STEP is illuminated, first push RECALL to extinguish it.)
4. If the resulting display isn't exactly what you want, adjust the appropriate VOLTS/DIV, SEC/DIV, POSITION, or Trigger controls.

Characteristics of AUTO Setup

With one channel, Auto Setup centers the 0-volt level and makes the vertical display as large as possible, within the graticule. With more than one channel, the 0-volt levels of CH 1, CH 2, CH 3, and CH 4 are set at +2, 0, -2, and -3 divisions from center, respectively. When ADD is displayed, the 0-volt level of CH 2 is set at -2 divisions.

AUTO sets Sec/Div within the range from 20 ns to 2 ms, to show two to five cycles of most signals. With narrow, low repetition-rate pulses, the sweep runs faster to stretch out the display, with the appropriate trigger slope.

AUTO Setup sets the trigger for Auto Lvl Mode, Vert Source, DC Coupling, and Min Holdoff, with level at the midpoint between signal peaks.

The STEP/AUTO EXT SWITCH connector on the rear panel produces the same functions as the STEP/AUTO button, in response to a switch closure or TTL-low signal.

The following function is available for instruments with serial numbers B049999 and below with firmware version 11 and above or for instruments with serial numbers B050000 and above with firmware version 2 and above (see Appendix A – EXER04 to determine firmware version). AUTO Setup can also be activated by pressing any probe ID button if configured to perform an AUTO Setup using the PROBE Configure menu. The operator can configure the probe ID to perform one of four possible outcomes (IDENT, AUTO Setup, INIT@50%, or STEP). Once configured, the instrument will maintain the selection until modified again by the operator.

The following function is available for instruments with serial numbers B049999 and below with firmware version 10 and below or for instruments with serial numbers B050000 and above with firmware version 1 and below (see Appendix A – EXER04 to determine firmware version). AUTO Setup can also be activated by pressing any probe ID button twice in 0.5 second.

See "Save and Recall Operation" for the sequence function of Step/Auto.

Assigning Parametric Measurements to the Auto Setup Function

Any of the Parametric Measurements can be assigned to the Auto Setup function. When Auto Setup is activated, the assigned function is performed as well as the Auto Setup.

To assign a function to Auto Setup:

1. Push MEASURE.
2. If the CTT is present, select MORE from the menu. Otherwise go to Step 3.

NOTE

To select items from a menu, simply press the vertical mode button that has the same position as the desired item in the menu.

3. Select CONFIGURE from the menu.
4. Select AUTO from the menu.
5. Select the function to be performed with each Auto Setup by pushing the appropriate MODE button.

Activating AUTO Setup from the Probe

The following function is available for instruments with serial numbers B049999 and below with firmware version 11 and above or for instruments with serial numbers B050000 and above with firmware version 2 and above (see Appendix A – EXER04 to determine firmware version). Pressing the probe identification button on any Tektronix, Inc. probe will shift the associated trace and replace the associated scale factor with ID, if IDENT has been selected from the PROBE CONFIGURE menu.

AUTO Setup, INIT@50% or STEP can also be assigned to the probe ID function. To assign a function to probe ID:

1. Push MEASURE
2. If CTT is present, select MORE from the menu. Otherwise, go to Step 3.

NOTE

To select items from a menu, simply press the vertical mode button that has the same position as the desired item in the menu.

3. Select CONFIGURE from the menu.
4. Select PROBE from the menu.
5. Finally, select the function to be performed with each probe ID by pressing the appropriate MODE button. If AUTO Setup function is selected, any measurement assigned to the AUTO Setup is also performed.

The following function is available for instruments with serial numbers B049999 and below with firmware version 10 and below or for instruments with serial numbers B050000 and above with firmware version 1 and below (see Appendix A – EXER04 to determine firmware version). Pressing the probe identification button on any Tek probe will shift the associated trace and replace the associated scale factor with ID. If the probe identification is pressed twice in 0.5 second, the Auto Setup function is activated. Any measurement assigned to the Auto Setup function is also performed.

Vertical

For voltage measurements, set VOLTS/DIV VAR fully clockwise. For best accuracy, set VOLTS/DIV for the largest display possible.

Input Coupling

Use 1 M Ω DC input mode for most applications. This mode is compatible with the standard accessory, high-impedance probes and it displays logic levels and dc levels of static signals. Use the pair of buttons near the CH 1 and CH 2 inputs to select input coupling. CH 3 and CH 4 inputs are fixed at 1 M Ω DC.

GND input mode shows where the 0-volt level will be displayed with DC coupling.

Use AC coupling for the special cases where you need to see small signals on large dc voltages.

Use the 50 Ω DC input mode for the best possible vertical performance with active probes, 50- Ω signal sources, and low-impedance passive probes. A low-impedance probe can present less than 2 pF load to the signal-source, in parallel with 500 Ω or 5000 Ω with 10X or 100X attenuation.

Input Conditioning for Video Signals

Video signals can be distorted by ac coupling or by low-frequency interference. The available Television/Video (TV) enhancement adds a TV CLAMP to the CH 2 input to eliminate such distortion.

To use the TV clamp:

1. Apply a composite video signal to CH 2.
2. Select CH 2 Trigger Source and set SLOPE to the displayed polarity of the sync pulses.
3. Set the CH 2 input to TV CLAMP by pressing the upper input-coupling button for CH 2 until the readout shows "TVC". The "back porch" of the video signal will be locked to a fixed level.

Keep the TV Clamp turned off when the trigger source is not composite video or composite sync, to preserve normal operation of Channel 2. Leave the rear-panel CH 2 SIGNAL OUT unloaded to avoid a minor distortion in the video signal when TV Clamp is on.

Channel Selection

Using the Vertical MODE buttons, you can display any combination of the four vertical channels. To manually switch between CH 1 and another channel, with minimum button pushing, deselect CH 1 and press the button for the other channel to turn it on and off; CH 1 is displayed when all other verticals are off.

ADD and INVERT

Press ADD to display the algebraic sum of CH 1 and CH 2. Select INVERT to change the sense of the CH 2 waveform or to see the difference between CH 1 and CH 2 on the ADD trace. If you use ADD, the CH 1 and CH 2 VOLTS/DIV settings should be equal. Parametric measurements will not work if ADD is selected.

Choosing CHOP or ALT

With two or more channels, the display is time-shared. Chop mode displays each channel for a short time and multiplexes during the sweep to give the appearance of displaying all channels at once. Chop works better than Alt for sweeps slower than 1 ms/division and for low repetition-rate signals that make the display flicker, up to 2 μ s/division.

Alt mode displays each channel for the duration of a complete sweep. Alt gives a "cleaner" display of multiple channels than Chop does and is usually preferred at moderate to high sweep speeds.

20 MHz BW Limit

This mode can give you a sharper trace by eliminating high-frequency interference. Before using it, check to make sure it doesn't distort the waveform.

Horizontal

The A Sweep is the only horizontal function you need for most applications. The A SWP indicator is on when the A-Sweep is displayed. To make sure the A-Sweep is displayed, press AUTO Setup and push SEC/DIV in. You can also restore the A-Sweep display by pushing the SEC/DIV knob in and turning it counterclockwise until the A SWP indicator lights. If both A SWP and B SWP indicators are off, push SEC/DIV in and turn it clockwise to escape the X/Y display mode.

The X10 MAGnifier expands the center of the unmagnified waveform.

For best measurement accuracy, set SEC/DIV for the fastest sweep that will display the interval of interest and set VAR fully clockwise.

See "Delayed Sweep Operation" for more information about B Sweep, B Trigger, and trace separation.

Trigger Controls

For "hands-off" triggering with most signals, select Auto Lvl Mode, Vert Source, DC Coupling, and MINimum Holdoff.

Auto Lvl mode, with LEVEL in the center half of its range, sets the trigger point near the midpoint between signal peaks. When LEVEL is set to the – or + end of its range, this mode initiates triggering near the 10% or 90% point between signal peaks. You can select a level anywhere in about the middle 80% of the signal amplitude. Once set, the level doesn't change unless the signal ceases to trigger the sweep. The sweep free-runs without a trigger signal. With signals below 50 Hz, AUTO LVL may not find the correct level. If the signal is below 50 Hz but greater than 10 Hz, you can change the minimum frequency at which Auto Level will work by using the MINFREQ entry under the measurement CONFIGURE menu. See "Frequency Limit for Auto Level or Parametric Measurements" for more information.

With Auto Lvl mode and Vert Source, the displayed channel or the first one of a multichannel display supplies the trigger signal.

Auto mode maintains the trigger level setting and the sweep free-runs if the signal doesn't meet the triggering requirements.

Use Auto for monitoring logic signals. Set the LEVEL control to the mean threshold of the logic system, +1.4 V for TTL. The sweep then triggers on valid transitions and free-runs to show static highs and lows.

Normal mode produces a sweep only when the trigger signal meets the Level and Slope criteria.

Use Normal mode for infrequent events and erratic signals.

Sgl Seq mode accepts one trigger for each sweep in the display. Press the lower Mode button to arm the trigger and illuminate the READY indicator for each sequence. With a multi-trace display, a sequence comprises up to sixteen sweeps.

Use Sgl Seq to detect a rare event or to eliminate all but the first one of a chaotic burst of pulses. Set the trigger for the signal of interest in Normal mode. Then press the lower Mode button to select Sgl Seq and illuminate the READY indicator. To detect the occurrence of a rare event, display a single trace and arm Sgl Seq with the trigger set for the event. Periodically check to see if READY is on. If a burst of trigger events occurs, the sweep runs once for each trace displayed and READY extinguishes.

Trigger Source

Choose a single trigger source to correctly display the timing relationships among multiple channels. Choose the channel with the lowest-frequency signal to avoid ambiguous displays.

With Vert trigger source, Auto Lvl trigger mode or Chop vertical mode automatically selects a single trigger source, the first one of the displayed channels.

Use a composite A-Trigger source to compare asynchronous signals. To generate a composite trigger, select Vert trigger source, a trigger mode other than Auto Lvl, and Alt vertical mode.

Trigger Coupling

For noisy signals or signals with strongly interfering components, Noise Reject, HF Reject, and LF Reject coupling give added selectivity. AC coupling continues triggering when the dc level of the signal changes.

Trigger Slope

Press SLOPE to select the rising (+) or falling (—) edge of the signal to trigger the sweep.

Trigger Level

INIT@50% sets the trigger level near the midpoint between signal peaks, in any mode. Some signals below 50 Hz may not produce the correct level setting.

LEVEL gives you complete freedom to choose the most appropriate threshold voltage on a signal to initiate sweeps, in case neither the Auto Lvl mode nor INIT@50% provides a suitable threshold.

Trigger Holdoff

With irregular signals such as bursts, the Trigger HOLDOFF setting can improve display stability. Also, if the signal has a fixed pattern of variation from cycle to cycle, some modes of the signal may be omitted from the display. Changing the Holdoff setting can force the instrument to display all the modes of the signal. Normally, HOLDOFF should be set at MIN. If you must use HOLDOFF to achieve a stable display, parametric measurements will not function correctly.

Video Triggering

The available Television/Video (TV) enhancement adds TV LINES, FLD1, and FLD2 Coupling to the A-Trigger. See Appendix A to change the line-number format and the sync polarity automatically selected when you select TV triggering.

To trigger at the video line rate:

1. Select a composite video signal as the trigger source.
2. Select LINES coupling.
3. Set SLOPE to the polarity of the sync.

To trigger at a specific video line:

1. Select a composite video signal as the trigger source.
2. Select FLD1, FLD2, or ALT coupling.
3. Set SLOPE to the polarity of the sync.
4. Turn FLD LINE # (Δ) to the desired line number.

When you increment or decrement the line number outside the range of the selected field, the other field is automatically selected.

With ALT field coupling, the line number is referred to the beginning of both fields.

The trigger level can be adjusted to vary the actual sync trigger point. This can be useful when triggering on noisy video signals. INIT@50% resets the trigger point to mid-range.

To compare two video signals with the same format that are not perfectly synchronized, such as from a camera and a VCR or from the input and output of a time base corrector:

1. Display the signals on CH 1 and CH 2, with Alt Vertical mode.
2. Select VERT Trigger Source, and ALT field trigger coupling.
3. The CH 1 display triggers on field 1 and the CH 2 display triggers on field 2.

TV Lines trigger coupling with multiple vertical channels, Alt Vertical mode, and Vert Trigger source produce unpredictable results.

A " Δ " symbol with the line number display shows when the Δ /FLD LINE # control can change the line number. If ΔV , Δt , or $1/\Delta t$ is on, press a trigger Coupling button to redirect the control to line number selection. Press ΔV or Δt to redirect the control to cursor or delay adjustment. The first push redirects the control. A second push will change the Δ function or trigger coupling.

If you magnify the vertical display beyond the graticule, the trigger may be degraded. To avoid trigger overload, use one channel for display and another channel with an appropriate video signal as the trigger source. A composite sync signal can be used for the trigger source as well as composite video.

Readout

To aid waveform interpretation, the readout shows scale factors, delta measurements, delay times, trigger settings, and other information. To display all readout information, set the READOUT INTENSITY control clockwise from OFF (SCALE FACTORS ON). See Figure 2-1.

Trigger Readout

The trigger readout shows which trigger (A or B) is affected by the controls (Mode, Source, Coupling, Slope, Level, and INIT@50%), which channel (1-4) is supplying the trigger signal, and the voltage at which triggering takes place, with the following settings:

Trigger Coupling	DC or Noise Reject
Trigger Source	Any Single Channel
Vertical Input	DC or GND
VOLTS/DIV VAR	Fully Clockwise.

If the trigger comes from the word recognizer, which is available with the CTT, the readout shows the defined word.

For instruments with serial numbers B049999 and below with firmware version 11 and above or for instruments with serial numbers B050000 and above with firmware version 2 and above (see Appendix A - EXER04 to determine firmware version), then all AC trigger couplings (HF Reject, LF Reject, and AC or AC input coupling provide an indication of the trigger level setting. The readout in these modes indicates a reference level (not absolute value) XXXX and is followed by a "V?" to indicate the relative nature of the readout.

For instruments with serial numbers B049999 and below with firmware version 10 and below or for instruments with serial numbers B050000 and above with firmware version 1 and below (see Appendix A - EXER04 to determine firmware version), the trigger readout works only when trigger coupling is DC or Noise Reject, when the trigger source is one, dc-coupled, vertical channel with VOLTS/DIV VAR in its calibrated position.

Readout Intensity

To display nothing but measurements, set the READOUT INTENSITY control counterclockwise from OFF (SCALE FACTORS OFF). Rotate the control toward OFF to decrease readout brightness. When the sweep is faster than 50 μ s/division, random 2- μ s segments of the waveform may be missing. Set the control near the center of the word "OFF" to eliminate this interference between the waveform and the readout.

Scale Factors

CH 1 and CH 2 scale factors include "mV" or "V" units indicators. A tilde (~) over the V indicates AC input coupling. A ground symbol in front of the number indicates Gnd input coupling. A greater-than symbol (>) indicates the VOLTS/DIV VAR control is not at its clockwise, calibrated position. A plus sign (+) shows that Add, the algebraic sum of CH 1 and CH 2, is displayed. A down arrow shows that CH 2 is inverted.

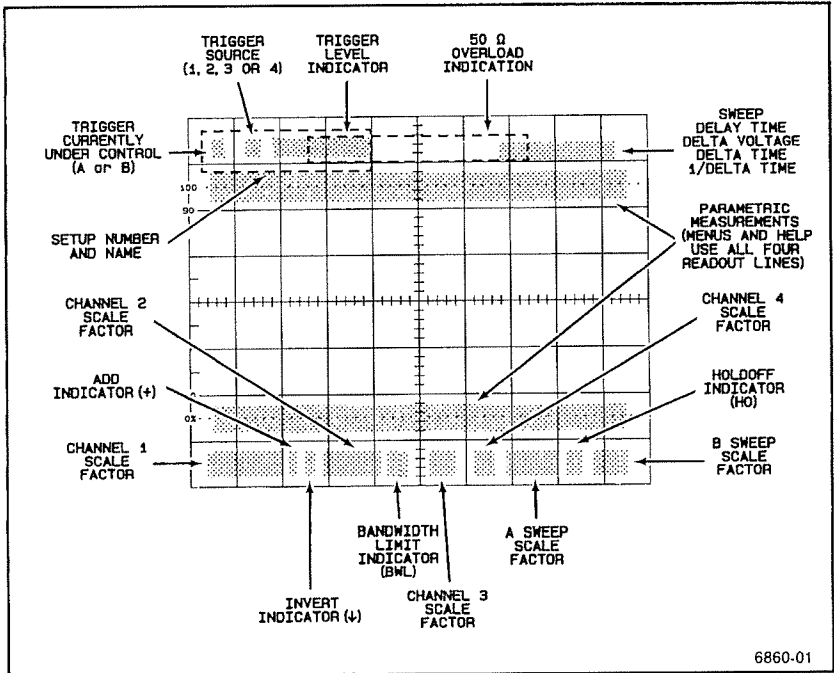


Figure 2-1. Readout display locations.

CH 3 and CH 4 scale factors assume volts/division units.

The A-Sweep and B-Sweep time-scale readouts are always calibrated, combining the effects of SEC/DIV, VAR, and X10 MAG. If SEC/DIV VAR is not at its clockwise setting, the time scale factor includes a decimal point.

Holdoff Indicator

The holdoff indicator, "HO," is displayed when the HOLDOFF control is not at minimum.

Parametric Measurements

Parametric measurements (rise time, fall time, frequency, etc.) are displayed on the second and third lines of the readout. Help and menu information can use all four lines of the readout.

Probe Effects

Probe attenuation effects are included in scale factors, trigger levels, and delta volts readouts, if you use the standard accessory probes or other compatible probes. Pressing the identification button on Tektronix probes replaces the scale factor for the channel with "ID" and shifts the trace.

Measurements with Cursors

The controls in the gray box (ΔV , Δt , TRACK/INDEP, Δ REF OR DLY POS, and Δ) operate cursors and sweep delays. With the cursors, you can measure voltage, time, frequency, ratios, and phase. We often refer to the Δ REF OR DLY POS control as " Δ REF" for convenience.

Cursors are more accurate and easier to use than the graticule. They eliminate the inconvenience and errors of counting and interpolating graticule markings and they avoid CRT linearity errors.

For best ΔV accuracy, display the signal on either CH 1 or CH 2 with VOLTS/DIV set for three to eight divisions of waveform amplitude. For best Δt and $1/\Delta t$ accuracy, use the fastest sweep that will include the interval of interest.

Measure Voltage

1. Turn on the ΔV cursors and readout with the ΔV button.
2. Align the cursors with points of interest, such as waveform peaks, using the Δ REF and Δ knobs.
3. The readout shows the voltage between the points marked by the cursors.
4. Press ΔV to turn off the ΔV cursors and readout.

Measure Time, with A-Sweep or B-Sweep Alone (SEC/DIV in)

1. Turn on the Δt cursors and readout with the Δt button.
2. Align the cursors with points of interest, such as waveform zero-crossings, using the Δ REF and Δ knobs.
3. The readout shows the time between the points marked by the cursors.
4. Press Δt to turn off the Δt cursors and readout.

Measure Frequency with Cursors

1. Turn on the $1/\Delta t$ cursors and readout by pressing the ΔV and Δt buttons together.
2. Align the cursors with identical points, such as zero crossings, on *adjacent cycles* of the waveform, using the Δ REF and Δ knobs.
3. The readout shows the frequency of the signal.
4. Press ΔV and Δt together or press either Δ button twice to turn off the $1/\Delta t$ cursors and readout.

Measure Voltage Ratio, Time Ratio (such as Duty Factor), or Phase

1. Set VOLTS/DIV or SEC/DIV so a feature of the waveform which you consider the 100% reference covers more than five divisions of the graticule.
2. Turn the VOLTS/DIV VAR or SEC/DIV VAR counterclockwise from the detent until the 100% reference feature covers exactly five divisions. You can use one signal as a reference and compare others to it. For phase, set one cycle, which is the 360 degree reference, to five divisions.
3. Press ΔV to measure voltage ratio, Δt for time ratio, or ΔV and Δt together for phase. The VAR must be counterclockwise from the detent position to turn on the RATIO or PHASE readout.
4. Turn Δ REF and Δ to align the cursors with the portion of the waveform to be compared to the reference portion. Phase is usually a two-channel measurement between zero crossings. (Be sure zero crossings for phase measurements are positioned at the graticule center.)
5. The readout shows the ratio or phase shift.
6. Press the same ΔV or Δt button, or both, to turn off the cursors and readout.

Choosing Tracking or Independent Delta Mode

Use the INDEP mode for most measurements, with each cursor independently adjustable. Use TRACK mode, where the Δ REF knob moves both cursors as a pair, to compare waveform features. The Δ control moves only the Δ cursor.

Voltage Measurements

Automatic voltage measurements can be made through the measurement menus. Set the oscilloscope up for automatic voltage measurement by:

1. Pressing the MEASURE button.
2. Selecting VOLTS from the menu by pressing button number 2.

The +peak, -peak, average, and peak-to-peak volts are measured and displayed in the readout.

If the voltage measured has an extremely small peak-to-peak value, only the average volts will be displayed.

If the input signal is AC coupled, only the peak-to-peak value will be displayed.

The voltage measurement is sensitive to input frequency. Signal frequencies above 1 MHz will have measurement errors greater than 5%.

For accurate voltage measurements using VOLTS, it is important that a DC balance has been done at a temperature within 5°C of the operating environment temperature. See "Auto DC Balance Routine" in the "Checks and Adjustments" section for more information.

Display Operation

Set both INTENSITY and READOUT INTENSITY controls for comfortable viewing, but no brighter than you need. Use high intensity settings to observe low repetition-rate signals, narrow pulses in long time intervals, or occasional variations in fast signals.

Signal Connections

A probe is usually the most convenient way to connect an input signal to the instrument. Shielded to prevent pickup of electromagnetic interference, the standard 10X probes supplied with the instrument present a high impedance to a circuit under test. While the 10 M Ω and 11 pF of the probe are a negligible load on most circuits, very fast circuits or very high impedance circuits may be seriously affected.

Waveform Fidelity and Probe Grounds

A probe ground must be used for accurate measurements and observations. Use the shortest ground connection possible if you want good waveform fidelity.

The standard-accessory probe is a compensated 10X voltage divider. It appears resistive at low frequencies and capacitive for high-frequency signal components. The probe input capacitance can interact with the inductance of either a long signal lead or a long ground lead to form a series-resonant circuit. This circuit can affect system bandwidth and can ring if driven by a fast step. Always keep both the ground lead and the probe signal-input connections as short as possible to maintain the best waveform fidelity.

In some cases, a separate ground from the unit under test to the ground receptacle on the oscilloscope front panel can reduce interference from low-frequency hum and noise. For rough checks of larger signals, such as 5-volt logic, a ground lead separate from the probe or even the safety ground connection which is shared with the unit under test may work for a signal ground. Fast signal transitions will be highly distorted and extraneous noise will be induced without the probe ground connection.

Probe Compensation

Misadjustment of probe compensation is a common source of measurement error. Due to variations in oscilloscope input characteristics, probe compensation should be checked whenever the probe is moved from one oscilloscope to another or between channels of a multichannel oscilloscope. See the procedure in the "Checks and Adjustments" section of the manual.

Probe Handling

Both the probe and the probe accessories should be handled carefully to prevent damage. Striking a hard surface can damage both the probe body and the probe tip. Exercise care to prevent the cable from being crushed, kinked, or excessively strained.

Coaxial Cables

To maintain good waveform fidelity and accuracy, only high-quality, low-loss coaxial cables should be used. The instrument is optimized for 50 Ω sources, driving the 50 Ω dc input through 50 Ω cable. If you use another signal source impedance, such as 75 Ω , use the appropriate coaxial cable and an external terminator to match, with the input set at 1 M Ω . Some high frequency response will be lost with external termination.

Magnify Waveform Details with Delayed-Sweep

1. Display a waveform with the A Sweep, then pull SEC/DIV out to activate B Sweep and light both the A SWP and B SWP indicators (INTEN mode).
2. If a B-Trigger Mode indicator is on, select RUN AFT DLY. (If an A-Trigger Mode indicator is on, the B Trigger has been set previously to RUN AFT DLY.)
3. Set Δ REF OR DLY POS to place the small intensified zone at a point of interest. (This zone may be more apparent with a lower Intensity setting.) If the A Sweep terminates just after the intensified zone, you can move the HOLDOFF control and set it at MIN. (Two intensified zones appear if you have selected Δt or $1/\Delta t$. See "Delta-Delay-Time.")
4. Turn SEC/DIV clockwise, with the knob pulled out, to expand the point of interest on the B Sweep, while observing its relationship to everything else on the A Sweep (ALT mode). Use TRACE SEP to separate the A-Sweep and B-Sweep traces.
5. If you want to simplify the display and obtain the best possible view of the magnified details, push the SEC/DIV knob in to display only the B Sweep. If you want the brightest trace possible, set HOLDOFF to B ENDS A, which makes the sweep repetition rate as high as possible.
6. Select ΔV , Δt , or $1/\Delta t$ when the SEC/DIV knob is pushed in to measure waveform details with cursors. The Δ REF and Δ controls have no effect on sweep delay while cursors are displayed.

B-Trigger Operation

Use the B Trigger to eliminate jitter in B-Sweep displays. With the available Counter/Timer/Trigger (*CTT*), the B Trigger locks a delay-time or delta-delay-time measurement to the signal, so any variations are tracked automatically. However, without the *CTT*, the B Trigger obscures delay or delta-delay measurements and the readout includes a question mark.

Distinguishing RUN AFT DLY and TRIG AFT DLY

With RUN AFT DLY mode, the Δ REF OR DLY POS and Δ controls adjust the delay-time or delta-delay-time. The intensified zones on the A-Sweep trace move continuously as the controls are adjusted. If the B-Trigger mode is TRIG AFT DLY and a signal triggers the B Sweep, the delay times and intensified zones jump to successive B-Trigger points as delay time is adjusted. With TRIG AFT DLY, the actual delay time is controlled by the signal, as enabled by the A Sweep and the Δ REF and Δ settings.

Setting the B Trigger

1. When the B SWP indicator is on, press A/B TRIG to illuminate a B-Trigger Mode indicator. (If B-Trigger mode is not RUN AFT DLY, a B-Trigger Mode indicator will be on when the B SWP indicator is on.)
2. Select TRIG AFT DLY Mode.
3. Set SOURCE, COUPLING, SLOPE, INIT@50%, and LEVEL controls as required.

Changing the A Trigger while B Trigger is Active

1. Press and hold A/B TRIG while adjusting SOURCE, COUPLING, SLOPE, INIT@50%, and LEVEL controls for the A Trigger.
2. Alternatively, choose RUN AFT DLY B-Trigger mode and momentarily press A/B TRIG, then adjust A Trigger. With RUN AFT DLY B-Trigger mode or SGL SEQ A-Trigger mode (or an active *CTT* function that uses the B Trigger), the trigger controls alternate between A Trigger and B Trigger each time A/B TRIG is momentarily pressed.

Delta-Delay-Time

Use the delayed (B) sweep to magnify both ends of a time interval for the best measurement accuracy available. Appendix D gives relative accuracies of the various time-measurement techniques.

Measure Time or Frequency with Delta-Delay-Time

1. Display the time interval or signal period with the A Sweep running as fast as possible, unmagnified, up to one speed slower than the fastest SEC/DIV setting. If the interval is a propagation delay or other two-signal measurement, display the signals on CH 1 and CH 2 and trigger A Sweep on the earlier of the two.
2. Pull SEC/DIV out to activate B Sweep and light the A SWP and B SWP indicators (INTEN mode). (If you inadvertently chose the fastest A-Sweep speed, the CH2 Delay Match function will be active. See the "Operator Checks and Adjustments" section.)
3. If a B-Trigger Mode indicator is on, select RUN AFT DLY. (If an A-Trigger Mode indicator is on, the B-Trigger has been set previously to RUN AFT DLY.)
4. Select Δt or $1/\Delta t$ while the SEC/DIV knob is out.
5. Adjust Δ REF OR DLY POS and Δ to place the pair of intensified zones at the beginning and end of the interval of interest. If the A Sweep terminates just after the intensified zones, you can move the HOLDOFF control and set it at MIN.
6. Turn SEC/DIV clockwise with the knob pulled out to magnify the ends of the interval on the B Sweep while observing the entire interval on the A Sweep (ALT mode). Use TRACE SEP to separate the A-Sweep and B-Sweep traces as desired.
7. Set Δ REF and Δ to superimpose the magnified displays of the beginning and end of the interval. The readout shows the interval.

Without the CTT, make delta-delay-time measurements only in the RUN AFT DLY trigger mode, where the B Sweep runs immediately after the set delays. If the B Sweep is triggered (TRIG AFT DLY), it waits for a trigger after the set delay, so the actual delay time may differ from the delay or Δt readout by as much as twice the signal period.

Delta-Delay-Time Measurement Characteristics

A delta-delay-time measurement is valid between a pair of points superimposed on the pair of B Sweeps, regardless of display positions, Trace Sep setting, and CRT-distortion errors. In other words, the only points that can be superimposed are those points that are separated by the delta-time value. (Good accuracy for short intervals does depend on correct CH 2 DLY adjustment. See "Operator Checks and Adjustments" section.)

The main sweep trigger event begins the interval of interest for many measurements. The delta-delay-time measurement can include the A-Sweep trigger event with A SEC/DIV set faster than 50 μ s. If an interval begins less than 0.05 division from the beginning of A Sweep, the readout shows a question mark. Move Δ REF clockwise and change the A-Trigger controls as required to eliminate the question mark and still see a suitable waveform feature for the beginning of the interval.

Single-Delay-Time Measurements

For intervals longer than 10 μ s or for low repetition rate signals that make the display flicker, you may prefer to use the B Sweep without Δt . Without Δt , the display repetition rate is higher and the Dly readout shows the time from the start of A Sweep to the start of B Sweep. Compared to delta-delay-time measurements, some accuracy will be lost, unless you can take the difference between one delay time and another.

1. Display the time interval with the A Sweep running as fast as possible, unmagnified. If the interval is a propagation delay or other two-signal measurement, apply the signals to CH 1 and CH 2. For maximum display repetition rate, display only the channel with the end of the interval. Trigger the A Sweep at the beginning of the interval. Turn off Δt or $1/\Delta t$.
2. Pull SEC/DIV out to activate B Sweep and light both the A SWP and B SWP indicators (INTEN mode).
3. If a B-Trigger Mode indicator is on, select RUN AFT DLY. (If an A-Trigger Mode indicator is on, the B-Trigger has been set previously to RUN AFT DLY.)
4. Set Δ REF OR DLY POS to place the intensified zone at the end of the interval.
5. Turn SEC/DIV clockwise with the knob pulled out to magnify the end of the interval on the B Sweep while observing its relationship to the beginning of the interval on the A Sweep (ALT mode). Use TRACE SEP to separate the A-Sweep and B-Sweep traces.
6. Set Δ REF OR DLY POS to align the end of the interval with the left end of the B Sweep. The DLY reading is the length of the interval.
7. If you want to simplify the display and obtain the best possible view of the end of the interval, push the SEC/DIV knob in when A and B SEC/DIV settings are unequal to display only the B Sweep.

Time Interval Measurement

The Parametric Measurement feature automatically makes time interval measurements between any two selected points. To make a time interval measurement:

1. Push the MEASURE button.
2. Select TIME from the displayed menu by pushing button 6 in the Vertical mode area.

Before making the first measurement using the Time Function, configure the measurement by:

1. Pushing the MEASURE button.
2. If the *C77* option is present, select MORE from the menu. Then, select CONFIGURE from the displayed menu. Otherwise, select CONFIGURE from the menu.
3. Select TIME from the menu
4. Using the Δ REF OR DLY POS and the Δ controls select the channel, slope, and level of the start and stop events that define the time interval.

The Δ REF OR DLY POS control moves the underlining cursor among the various items. When an item is underlined, turning the Δ control will change its value.

Pressing any one of the VERT mode buttons will exit from this menu, leaving the time-measurement configuration you have defined.

Pressing MEASURE with a measurement menu displayed will display additional help messages, if available.

To make a measurement with these configuration values, press MEASURE, then select TIME from the menu. The configuration values will remain the same until changed using the above procedure.

Precision Timing

The available Counter/Timer/Trigger (CTT) directly and precisely measures any interval defined by the delayed (B) Sweep and the B-Trigger. The CTT also reduces the effort required for repetitive measurements or measurements on changing signals.

Direct and Indirect Measurements

As the counter completes each *direct* measurement, the last character of the units symbol blinks. If the readout includes the word "SET," it indicates an *indirect* measurement of delay-time, including delta-delay-time or 1/delta-delay-time. Indirect measurements are inferred from the A Sweep and control settings.

Indirect delay-time measurements are displayed when any Count, Delay-by-Events, or Logic-Trigger function of the CTT is active, except B Sweep triggered by the Word Recognizer. Indirect measurements are also displayed for a few seconds when Δ REF or Δ are adjusted. Moving any control that affects direct measurements produces an indirect reading until a new, direct measurement is complete.

Direct, counted measurements may be different from indirect ("SET") measurements for any of the following reasons:

1. Direct measurements are more accurate and show more digits of resolution;
2. When B Sweep is triggered, both the waveform display and the direct measurement respond to the signal. Indirect measurements respond only to control settings, regardless of the signal, and they include a question mark when B Sweep is triggered;
3. Both direct and indirect measurements in RUN AFT DLY Mode suffer from offset errors. Direct delay measurements, without Δt or $1/\Delta t$, are accurately calibrated in TRIG AFT DLY Mode, from the A-Trigger event to the B-Trigger event.

Condition Messages

One of the following messages, indicating the described condition, may appear instead of a measurement:

AVERAGING	The selected resolution requires more sweeps.
NO A TRIGGER	The A-Trigger event has not occurred.
MISSING B TRIG	At least one A Sweep occurred without a B-Trigger event during the A Sweep.
NO ATRG VERT SRC	Multiple A-Trigger sources are selected.

Triggered Delta-Delay-Time Measurements

The available Counter/Timer/Trigger (CTT) directly measures intervals defined by the B-Sweep delays and B Trigger. B Trigger with Δt and $1/\Delta t$ can have different sources, levels, and slopes for the pair of B-sweeps. Repeatedly pressing the lower Mode button selects the following sequence of B-Trigger modes with the noted characteristics:

With or without Δt or $1/\Delta t$:

RUN AFT DLY

B Sweep runs immediately after the set delay.

Without Δt or $1/\Delta t$:

TRIG AFT DLY

B Sweep runs at the first trigger after the set delay.

With Δt or $1/\Delta t$:

TRIG AFT DLY and TRIG Δ DLY (both indicators on)

SLOPE and LEVEL settings for triggering at Δ REF delay and Δ delay are common.

TRIG Δ DLY

SLOPE and LEVEL for Δ delay can be set independent of the setting for Δ REF delay.

TRIG AFT DLY

SLOPE and LEVEL for Δ REF can be set independent of the setting for Δ delay.

TRIG Δ DLY

Repeated operation of the lower Mode button toggles between TRIG AFT DLY and TRIG Δ DLY.

With Δt or $1/\Delta t$ and TRIG AFT DLY or TRIG Δ DLY, the upper Mode button selects the TRIG AFT DLY and TRIG Δ DLY mode, where Slope and Level are common for both delays.

Measure a Time Interval Defined by the B-Trigger

1. Follow the first five steps of the procedure in "Measure Time or Frequency with Delta-Delay-Time," earlier in this section.
2. If the interval is a propagation delay or other two-signal measurement, select ALT Vertical Mode and be sure A-Trigger Source is a single channel. Note that Δ REF controls the intensified zone on the CH 1 trace.
3. Select TRIG Δ DLY B-Trigger Mode. For the special case of a measurement on one signal where the beginning and end of the interval have the same slope and threshold, select TRIG AFT DLY and TRIG Δ DLY (both indicators on).
4. Set B-Trigger Source to VERT. If the measurement is limited to one signal and more than one signal is displayed, either deselect the other signals or set Source to the appropriate channel. If two channels are used, only those two channels should be displayed.
5. Set B-Trigger Coupling to DC. For unusual applications, other couplings may be preferred.
6. Press INIT@50%. If necessary, adjust LEVEL for the desired trigger threshold.
7. Select TRIG AFT DLY Mode and repeat Step 6. (For the special case noted in Step 3, skip this step.)
8. If required, readjust Δ REF and Δ to intensify the transitions that mark the beginning and end of the interval. In some cases, A-Trigger or B-Trigger settings may need to change in order to trigger on the beginning of the interval.
9. Turn SEC/DIV clockwise to magnify the ends of the interval and readjust LEVEL as required to superimpose them. (Skip this step if signal transition times are much shorter than the required accuracy.)
10. Read the measurement from the readout when "SET" disappears.

Time Interval Resolution

The available Counter/Timer/Trigger (CTT) measures Delay-Time, Delta-Delay-Time, and 1/Delta-Delay-Time, with the delayed sweep. You can choose the optimum time-interval resolution for these measurements.

1. Press the MEASURE button.
2. Select MORE from the menu.
3. Select CONFIGURE from the menu.
4. Select RESOLUTION from the menu. The presently selected resolution is indicated by an underline cursor.
5. Select the desired resolution by pushing the appropriate menu (VERTICAL MODE) button.

Measurement Updating

AUTO updates the measurement either every 1/2 second or when a measurement is available, whichever is longer. With 1 ns, 100 ps, and 10 ps resolution, the measurement is updated after enough sweeps have occurred for a valid average, as indicated under "N for Average" in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1
Resolution Selections

A SEC/DIV	Selection	Least Digit	N for Average
10 ns to 500 ms	AUTO	See Table 2-2	See Table 2-2
10 ns to 5 μ s	10 ps	10 ps	$> 10^6$
	100 ps	100 ps	$> 10^4$
	1 ns	1 ns	> 100
10 μ s to 50 μ s	10 ps or 100 ps	100 ps	$> 10^4$
	1 ns	1 ns	> 100
100 μ s to 500 μ s	10 ps to 1 ns	1 ns	> 100
1 ms to 5 ms	Any	10 ns	> 1
10 ms to 50 ms	Any	100 ns	> 1
100 ms to 500 ms	Any	1 μ s	> 1

Table 2-2
Auto Resolution

A SEC/DIV	Trigger Rate	Least Digit	N for Average
10 ns to 2 μ s	> 20 kHz	100 ps	$> 10^4$
10 ns to 2 μ s	200 Hz to 20 kHz	1 ns	> 100
5 μ s to 200 μ s	> 200 Hz	1 ns	> 100
10 ns to 200 μ s	< 200 Hz	10 ns	> 1
500 μ s to 5 ms	Any	10 ns	> 1
10 ms to 50 ms	Any	100 ns	> 1
100 ms to 500 ms	Any	1 μ s	> 1

Frequency, Period, and Totalize Counting

With Parametric Measurements, the Frequency and Period of the signal on the lowest numbered channel that is displayed can be measured by:

1. Pushing the MEASURE button.
2. Selecting FREQ from the menu.

Frequency and period measurements appear in the second and third lines of the display.

The source of the A trigger that is counted is shown on the far left of the second line of the display as CHn: where n can be either 1 or 2.

If the CTT is present:

1. Press the MEASURE button.
2. Select COUNTER from the menu.
3. Select FREQUENCY or PERIOD from the menu.
4. Frequency or period measurements will be displayed in the upper right hand corner of the display. Measurements will be updated 3 times per second or once per period whichever is slower. The input frequency must be 150 MHz or less.

Totalize Random or Low Repetition Rate Events

1. Press the MEASURE button.
2. Select COUNTER from the menu.
3. Select TOTAL from the menu.
4. Move any front panel switch to reset the displayed count.

Canceling Menu Functions

To exit from any MEASURE menu, select OFF from the menu or press any other front panel switch except VERTICAL MODE or MEASURE.

Pressing MEASURE while in a menu cycles HELP text lines through the bottom line of the readout.

Frequency Measurement with External Reference (Option 1E)

1. Connect a precision frequency standard signal (must have an accuracy better than 10 ppm) to BNC connector EXT REF IN, located on rear panel. The reference signal must be greater than 2 V peak-to-peak into a 50 Ω or 75 Ω load with frequency of 1 MHz, 3.579545 MHz, 4.4336188 MHz, 5 MHz, or 10 MHz.
2. Select FREQUENCY as described above.
3. After 100 measurements (approximately 1 minute), the frequency readout will display the applied input signal frequency in 8 digits.

Delay Sweeps by Event Counts

The Counter/Timer/Trigger (Option 09 or 06) includes delay-by-events for either the A Sweep or the B Sweep. Event counting begins at a starting event on a vertical input, defined by the A Trigger. Delay-counting events are defined by the B Trigger. In addition, the available Word Recognizer (WR) can define either start or delay-counting events. The combinations available are shown in Table 2-3.

Which Sweep to Delay

When the A Sweep is delayed by events, the event count can accumulate for unlimited time. Then the B Sweep can be delayed by time to magnify waveform details.

When the B Sweep is delayed by events, the event count must accumulate during the A Sweep. Then the intensified A Sweep can show the timing between the start event and the delay count.

Table 2-3
Delay-by-Events Combinations

Sweep to Delay	Start At	Event to Delay by	Explanation
A	A Trigger	B Trigger	Delay begins at the A-Trigger event; then A Sweep runs after the selected number of B-Trigger events.
B	A Trigger	B Trigger	Delay begins when the A Sweep is triggered by the A-trigger event; then B Sweep runs after the selected number of B-Trigger events, if the A Sweep has not terminated.

Table 2-3 (cont)
Added Delay-by-Events Combinations with the Word Recognizer

A	A Trigger	Word Recognizer	Delay begins at the A Trigger; then A Sweep runs after the selected number of words are recognized.
B	A Trigger	Word Recognizer	Delay begins when the A Sweep is triggered by the A-Trigger event; then B Sweep runs after the selected number of words are recognized, if the A Sweep has not terminated.
A	Word Recognizer	B Trigger	Delay begins when a word is recognized; then A Sweep runs after the selected number of B-Trigger events.
A	Word Recognizer	Word Recognizer	The A Sweep runs after the selected number of words are recognized.

Initiate a Sweep by an Event Count (Delay-by-Events)

1. Press the MEASURE button.
2. Select MORE from the menu.
3. Select DELAY-BY-EVENTS from the menu. The presently selected delay by event options are indicated by underline cursors.
4. The sweep that you wish to delay, either A Sweep (A SWP) or B Sweep (B SWP), is selected by pressing either VERT MODE button 1 or 5.

The starting event, either the A Trigger (ATR-START) or the Word Recognizer (WR-START), is selected by pressing VERT MODE button 2 or 6.

The event that is counted for the delay, either the B Trigger events (DLY-BY-B) or the Word Recognizer event (DLY-BY-WR), is selected by pressing VERT MODE button 3 or 7.

5. Press VERT MODE button 8 to exit the menu after making your selections.

VERT MODE button 4 (OFF) will turn off the delay-by-events function.

If B Sweep is delayed by events, the message "PULL SEC/DIV" appears until the B Sweep is activated.

The display shows "A" or "B" to identify the sweep delayed, "DBE" to indicate the Delay-by-Events function, and the number of events required to initiate the sweep, for example:

A DBE 1234567

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Change the Number of Events

1. Turn off any competing function, such as Δt , so the Delay-by-Events display appears on the right-hand side of the CRT.
2. Turn the Δ REF OR DLY POS knob to underline a digit.
3. Turn the Δ knob to change the value of the digit.

Reset the Number of Events to One

1. Turn the Δ REF OR DLY POS knob to underline the most significant digit of the number.
2. Turn the Δ knob counterclockwise until all digits are 0 except the rightmost digit. The smallest value of the rightmost digit is 1.

Decrementing the most significant digit when it is 0 or incrementing a digit when it and higher order digits are at maximum moves the underline cursor to the right.

Avoid Ambiguous Event Counts

With slow signal transitions, the start event detected by the A Trigger may also be detected as a delaying event by the B Trigger, depending on SLOPE and LEVEL settings of the two triggers.

When the time between the start event and the first delaying event is less than 4 ns, the first delaying event may or may not be counted. In most cases, the ambiguity can be resolved by choosing appropriate trigger slopes for the start and delaying events.

To see exactly which event is counted as the first event, select B-Sweep Delayed-by-Events, pull SEC/DIV out to display the intensified A Sweep, and set the event count to 1. The intensified zone will show which event is counted first.

Canceling Menu Functions

To exit from any MEASURE menu, select OFF from the menu or press any other front panel switch except VERTICAL MODE or MEASURE.

Pressing MEASURE while in a menu cycles HELP text lines through the bottom line of the readout.

Logic Triggering

The available Counter/Timer/Trigger (CTT) enhances trigger selectivity. Sweeps can be initiated by combinations of two vertical signals, defined by A Trigger and B Trigger. The available Word Recognizer (WR) expands logic triggering to 17-bit patterns, either synchronous or asynchronous.

Initiate a Sweep with the Logic Trigger

1. Press the MEASURE button.
2. Select MORE from the menu.
3. Select LOGIC-TRIGGER from the menu.
4. Select the desired triggering function by pushing the appropriate menu (VERTICAL MODE) button:

- a. A-AND-B — Triggers the A sweep only on the coincidence of the A trigger event and the B trigger event.

The A and B trigger events are considered to be logically true if the trigger input signal is more positive than the trigger level and + slope is selected. If — slope is selected, a true state exists only when the input signal is more negative than the trigger level.

- b. A-OR-B — Triggers the A sweep on the occurrence of either the A trigger event or the B trigger event.

The same rules for logic conversion of the trigger signal apply here as they do for A-AND-B.

- c. A:WR — Triggers the A sweep upon recognition of the specified digital word for the Word Recognizer.
 - d. B:WR — Triggers the B sweep upon recognition of the specified digital word.
5. Set the A-Trigger and B-Trigger controls or the WR pattern for the desired trigger.

When the B Sweep is triggered by the WR, delay-time or delta-delay-time time is measured by the crystal-controlled timer. With any other logic-trigger function, delay-time and delta-delay-time measurements are derived from delay settings or cursors.

Table 2-4
Sweep Triggering

Selection	Triggers	When
A-AND-B	A Sweep	AND of A and B Triggers A:A·B changes from FALSE to TRUE.
A-OR-B	A Sweep	OR of A and B Triggers A:A+B changes from FALSE to TRUE.
A:WR	A Sweep	Word Recognizer detects the selected word.
B:WR	B Sweep	Word Recognizer detects the selected word.

Canceling Menu Functions

To exit from any MEASURE menu, select OFF from the menu or press any other front panel switch except VERTICAL MODE or MEASURE.

Pressing MEASURE while in a menu cycles HELP text lines through the bottom line of the readout.

When a logic trigger is active, selecting AUTO LVL Trigger Mode cancels the function.

Word Recognizer Operation

Count functions, Delay-by-Events, and Logic Trigger functions can invoke the available Word Recognizer (*WR*), if it is included in the instrument. The *WR* requires a data radix, clock parameters, and a data pattern.

To change the *WR* display radix:

1. Press MEASURE.
2. Select MORE from the menu.
3. Select CONFIGURE from the menu.
4. Select WR-RADIX from the menu.
5. Select desired display radix from the menu by pushing the appropriate menu (VERTICAL MODE) button.
6. Connect the *WR* probe to the system under test. Note that bits 0 to 7 and the clock appear on one side of the probe and bits 8 to 15 and the qualifier appear on the other. Be sure to connect at least one of the GND terminals to a good signal ground in the system, as close to the signal test points as possible.

If a word is defined in one radix then displayed in another, some but not all bits of a hexadecimal or octal digit may be X (irrelevant), rendering the digit ambiguous. Ambiguous digits are displayed as question marks.

A1011XX XXX0	A10 1?X077	A10 ???F
BIN	OCT	HEX

When the *WR* defines the starting event or the counting event for Delay-by-Events, the display shows both the *WR* status and the delay count.

7. During operation of the function driven by the *WR*, the *WR* status is displayed in this format:

scq word

where the "s" character indicates the affected sweep (A or B); "c" is the clock mode (t, l, or X); "q" is the qualifier bit (0, 1, or X); and "word" is a 16-bit pattern in the selected radix.

- a. Turn the Δ REF OR DLY POS control to the clock mode character, the qualifier bit, or a digit of the word.
- b. Turn the Δ control to define the underlined character. Digits of the word can be set to 0, 1, or X with BIN radix, 0 to 7 or X with OCT, and 0 to F or X with HEX. Note that the clocking edge can be redefined here.

The Word Out Signal

The available Word Recognizer (*WR*) generates a WORD OUT signal at a BNC connector on the rear panel. The output is TTL-high when the selected word is recognized. The most recent word definition controls the signal, whether or not the function that invoked the *WR* is active. The timing of the word occurrence, relative to other signals, can be observed by connecting the WORD OUT signal to one vertical channel and using the remaining vertical channels for the other signals.

Propagation delay of word recognition prevents the oscilloscope from displaying the signal transition that generates the trigger, when triggered by the *WR* or the WORD OUT signal.

Frequency Limit for Auto Level or Parametric Measurements

The minimum frequency of operation for parametric measurements is selectable. The minimum limits are 50 Hz and 10 Hz. Selecting 10 Hz causes all measurements to be significantly slower. These can be selected by the following steps:

1. Press the MEASURE button. _____
2. If the *CTT* is present, select MORE from the menu. Otherwise, go to Step 3.
3. Select CONFIG from the menu.
4. Select MINFREQ from the menu.
5. Push the appropriate mode button to select the desired minimum frequency limit. This selection will be reset to 50 Hz whenever power is turned off.

DMM

The available Digital Multimeter (*DMM*) adds a powerful set of floating-input measurements. See the last few pages of the "Controls, Connectors, and Indicators" section for operating information.

Save and Recall Operation

You can easily record any instrument setup for unlimited future use. Eight setups are directly accessible by using SAVE and RECALL as prefixes to the setup number buttons, 1 through 8, which are also the Vertical MODE buttons. Twenty-two more setups are accessible using the Δ control to scroll through the list. You can arrange setups in sequence and recall them in order by pressing STEP/AUTO. Sequences automatically restart when they are completed.

Save and Recall Help

Any time you need more information to proceed with a SAVE or RECALL operation, press SAVE/HELP or RECALL/HELP again. Each time you press SAVE/HELP or RECALL/HELP, the readout shows another message. The messages appear in a repeating sequence.

Save a Setup (Direct Save setups 1-8)

1. Set the instrument to make a particular measurement or observation.
2. Press SAVE. The readout will indicate the Direct Save mode.

Top Row	--	SAVE 1-8 DIRECTLY. NAME:xxxxxxx
Cursor		
Bottom Rows	--	PUSH ANY OF 1-8 TO SAVE SETUP. PUSH SAVE FOR HELP.

(If the Direct-Save mode displays "SAVE FUNCTIONS DISABLED," refer to EXER 07, described in Appendix A.)

3. If you want a new name for the setup, turn Δ to define the first character, then turn Δ REF to select and Δ to define each additional character, up to seven. A small cursor marks the character selected for definition.

If you wish to save a measurement, simply push the MEASURE button.

The NAME area will change to MEAS: °FREQ with FREQ underlined by the cursor.

To select among the various measurements, turn the Δ control until the desired measurement is displayed.

The TIME measurement is unique in that you may define unique measurements by adding a suffix to the °TIME.... label. To change the suffix, turn the Δ REF OR DLY POS control until the cursor underlines the first space with a " ." in it. Then rotate the Δ control to obtain the character you want.

This allows you to define multiple TIME measurements which have different configurations. (For information on configuring the TIME measurement, see "Time Interval Measurement" in this Section.)

Pressing the MEASURE button toggles back to the NAME: format which allows saving instrument setups. Subsequent presses of the MEASURE button toggle between the measurement saving mode and the setup saving mode.

4. Press one of the setup number buttons. In the upper left corner of the CRT, the readout will show the number of the button you pushed and either the new name you defined or the name of the setup previously associated with that setup number.

Save a Setup (Extended Save setups 9-30)

You can also save more than 8 setups by pressing STEP/AUTO (after pressing SAVE to enter Save mode), and turning Δ to the desired extended setup location. To name the selected setup, follow Step 3 of Save a Setup (Direct Save setups 1-8), pressing STEP/AUTO when finished. If the name for the setup is to remain the same, then just press STEP/AUTO.

Save a Sequence

See Appendix B for sequence programming instructions.

Recall a Setup (Direct Recall setups 1-8)

1. Press RECALL. The readout will indicate the Direct Recall mode by showing the names of the four setups numbered 1 through 4 in the top row and the names of the four setups numbered 5 through 8 in the second row. For example:

Top Row	--	SKEW ADJ.PLL TP-2467 CLOCK
Second Row	--	ACE KING QUEEN JACK

2. Press the setup number button (1 through 8) that occupies the same position among the buttons as the name of the desired setup occupies among the names display. The readout will show, in the upper left corner, the number of the button you pushed and the name of the setup associated with that setup number.

Recall a Setup (Extended Recall setups 9–30)

You can also recall any of the setups beyond 8, while in Recall mode, by turning Δ to the desired step number, then pressing STEP/AUTO. This does not establish the Step mode.

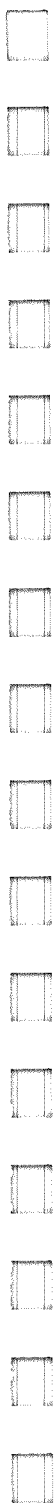
RECALL a Sequence

1. Press RECALL. The readout will indicate the Direct Recall mode by showing the user-defined menu of the first eight setups.
2. Press STEP. The readout will show the name of the beginning step of the first sequence and the names of additional sequences, up to four.
3. Press the setup number button, 1 through 4, that occupies the same position among the buttons as the name of the desired sequence occupies among the names display. The readout will show, in the upper left corner, the number and the name of the first setup in the selected sequence. If more than four sequences have been saved and you want to run a sequence other than the first four, turn Δ to the number and name of the first step in the desired sequence.
4. Press STEP to recall each setup in the sequence, in turn. When the last setup in the sequence has been recalled, the next operation of STEP recalls the first step in the sequence.
5. Press RECALL to cancel the sequence mode.

The STEP Indicator

If the STEP indicator is off, AUTO/STEP automatically establishes a waveform display, as described earlier. If the indicator is on, AUTO/STEP sequentially recalls setups. If the STEP indicator is on, press SAVE or RECALL to extinguish it. A switch closure or TTL-low signal connected to the STEP/AUTO EXT SWITCH connector on the rear panel has the same effect as pushing the STEP/AUTO button.

The following function is available for instruments with serial numbers B049999 and below with firmware version 11 and above or for instruments with serial numbers B050000 and above with firmware version 2 and above (see Appendix A – EXER 04 to determine firmware version). If the STEP indicator is on, the STEP function can be activated by pressing any probe ID button if configured to perform a STEP using the PROBE configure menu. The operator can configure the probe ID to perform one of four possible outcomes (IDENT, AUTO Setup, INIT@50%, or STEP). Once configured, the instrument will maintain the selection until modified again by the operator.



3 Applications



Applications

Peak-to-Peak Voltage

Using Cursors

With ΔV turned on and VOLTS/DIV VAR fully clockwise, align the Δ REF cursor with the bottom of a waveform and align the Δ cursor with the top. The readout shows the equivalent voltage between the cursors anywhere on a waveform. Accuracy is degraded at frequencies approaching the instrument bandwidth.

Using Parametric Measurements

With the Parametric Measurement feature, + peak, - peak, average, and peak-to-peak voltage can be measured by:

1. Pushing the MEASURE button.
2. Selecting VOLTS from the menu.

Overshoot and undershoot on fast transitions will often be only partially detected by the VOLTS measurement. If your measurements require accurate representation of overshoot or undershoot, cursors will provide a better result.

Absolute Voltages Using Cursors

1. Position the waveform as desired for convenient viewing, with VOLTS/DIV VAR fully clockwise and with VOLTS/DIV set for the largest usable display amplitude.
2. Momentarily switch Input Coupling to GND and align the Δ REF cursor with the trace.
3. Switch Input Coupling to DC and set the Δ cursor to the point of interest. (See Figure 3-1.)

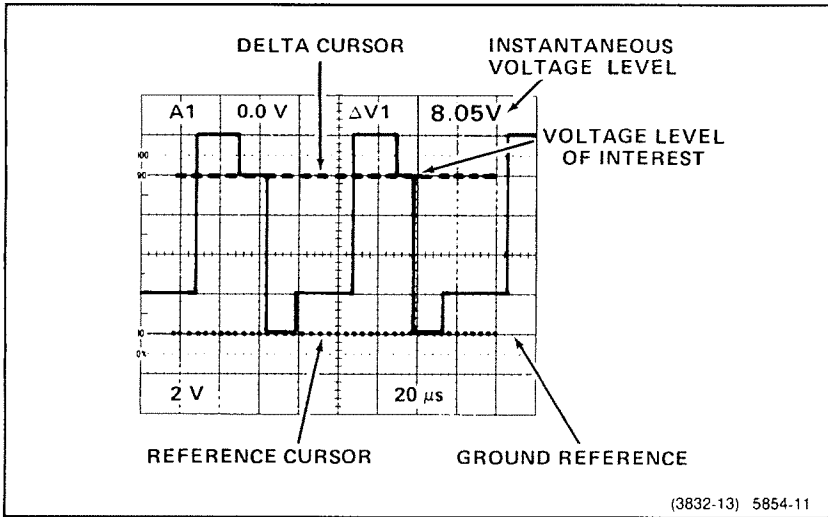


Figure 3-1. Instantaneous voltages.

Noise Immunity

Set the ΔV cursors to the upper and lower threshold limits of a digital circuit. For example, with TTL:

1. Superimpose the Δ REF cursor on the trace with input coupling at GND.
2. Set the Δ cursor for a 2.0 V readout.
3. Set the Δ REF cursor for 1.2 V readout, the difference between the 0.8 V lower-threshold limit and the 2.0 V upper-threshold limit.
4. Set Input Coupling to DC and observe the relationship between the signal and the cursors. The signal is faulty if it changes direction between cursors or if either the high level or the low level appears between cursors.

DC Voltage Measurement

Sometimes a 5% estimate of a dc voltage is good enough to verify the operation of a power supply, trace power supply distribution, or verify the state of a control system.

1. Display either CH 1 or CH 2, and connect it to the voltage.
2. Push AUTO Setup and read the voltage in the trigger level readout. For voltages in the same range, simply touch the probe to the voltage. For best accuracy, set VOLTS/DIV so the measured voltage is five to fifteen divisions.

OR

1. Push MEASURE.
2. Select VOLTS from the menu.

The AVERAGE VOLTS readout is a good measure of the DC voltage present.

Amplitude Modulation

1. Set VOLTS/DIV and VAR for five divisions of carrier amplitude. Carrier amplitude is the difference between positive peaks of the modulated signal and negative peaks of the minimum-amplitude part of the envelope.
2. Align the reference ΔV cursor with the positive peaks of the minimum-amplitude part of the envelope and the Δ cursor with the positive peaks of the signal envelope.
3. The RATIO readout shows the modulation index in percent.

Frequency Modulation

For a modulation index of more than 1%:

1. Set SEC/DIV and VAR so the average signal period covers five divisions.
2. If deviation is less than 1 division in one cycle (20%), turn on X10 MAG.
3. Align Δt cursors with the extremes of the deviation.
4. The readout shows the peak-to-peak deviation in percent. If X10 MAG is on, divide the reading by 10.

For modulation indexes from 0.1% to 2%:

1. Measure the carrier period.
2. Display the A Sweep with SEC/DIV between 1 and 2.5 times the period.
3. Turn off Δt , pull SEC/DIV, and turn Δ REF for a DLY reading 10 times the carrier period. If a B-Trigger mode indicator is on, select RUN AFT DLY.
4. Turn and push SEC/DIV to display the B Sweep and set SEC/DIV at 0.2 times the period, using the switch and VAR. (The display will show one cycle in five horizontal divisions.) If the DLY setting is less than 200 ns, turn Δ REF to zero DLY, then turn Δ REF to move ten cycles past a point in the display.
5. Align Δt cursors with the deviation extremes.
6. Divide the reading by 10 to determine the peak-to-peak deviation in percent.

For modulation indexes from 0.01% to 0.2%, proceed as above for 0.1% to 2% except:

- at Step 2 set SEC/DIV between 10 and 25 times the period;
- at Step 3 set Δ REF for 100 times the carrier period; and
- at Step 6 divide the reading by 100.

The instrument adds about 0.01% spurious modulation to the display. This error can be minimized by measuring the apparent frequency modulation of an unmodulated carrier, at the same frequency and with the same control settings, and subtracting that value from very low modulation-index readings.

Measuring Video Signals in IRE Units

1. Display a video signal with VOLTS/DIV VAR adjusted out of detent for five divisions amplitude from the white level to the blanking level. (The blanking level is defined by the front and back "porches.")
2. Measure the features of interest with ΔV cursors. The RATIO readings in percent are equivalent to IRE units.

Avoiding False Displays with Multi-Mode Signals

A signal that has two characteristic forms on alternate cycles can produce incomplete displays. With Alt Vertical mode and two displayed channels, the oscilloscope could show the same one of the two forms every time a particular channel is shown. Also, if a signal's period is less than the total duration of the sweep plus the trigger holdoff, the display could show only one of several signal modes.

1. You can display all the modes of a multi-mode waveform by changing the setting of Trigger HOLDOFF, so the modes are superimposed in the display.
2. CHOP Vertical Mode often will superimpose the multiple modes of waveforms in multi-channel displays. Signals with these characteristics should not be measured with the parametric functions since results are unpredictable.

Algebraic Addition to Detect Coincidence or Cancel Interference

With the Add Vertical mode, the waveform is the algebraic sum of the signals applied to Channel 1 and Channel 2. If Channel 2 is Inverted, the Add waveform is the difference between the signals applied to Channel 1 and Channel 2. The deflection factor of the Add trace is the same as CH 1 and CH 2 VOLTS/DIV when they are equal.

The following general precautions should be observed when using Add mode:

1. Signal peaks should not exceed ± 8 times the VOLTS/DIV setting.
2. Position both Channel 1 and Channel 2 waveforms near center screen, when viewed separately. This ensures the greatest dynamic range for the Add trace.
3. To obtain similar responses from each channel, set Channel 1 and Channel 2 input couplings the same.

Observing Coincidence of Digital Signals

With digital signals applied to CH 1 and CH 2, the Add waveform is high when both signals are high, low when both are low, and at an intermediate level when one signal is high and the other is low. By inverting CH 2, you can observe the coincidence of one signal and NOT the other. To observe coincidence of TTL signals:

1. Connect the signals of interest to CH 1 and CH 2. If the coincidence of interest has one signal high and the other one low, invert CH 2.
2. Display CH 1, CH 2, and Add. Set both VOLTS/DIV to 2 V and both inputs to GND. Position both channels on screen and the Add trace one division above the bottom of the graticule. Then deselect CH 1 and CH 2.
3. Set both inputs to DC. Set Trigger mode to Auto and Source to Vert. If the coincidence of interest is high-high, set trigger SLOPE to +. If the coincidence is low-low, set SLOPE to -. (If CH 2 is inverted, consider the inverse of the CH 2 signal in the high-high or low-low combination.) Press INIT@50%, then carefully adjust the trigger level to respond to the high-high or low-low state combination. (Trigger level readout doesn't operate with Add Source.)
4. Now you can observe and measure coincidence durations and other time intervals. Channels 3 and 4 can show relationships to other signals.

Measuring Off-Ground Signals And Canceling Interference

The Add mode can measure voltage between a pair of points where neither point is ground. The technique can cancel interfering signals or uninteresting components of a signal through common-mode rejection.

1. Display the signal on CH 2 at the point you consider low, common, or inverse and display on CH 1 the high or active signal.
2. Set both VOLTS/DIV equally and for three to eight divisions of amplitude on the larger of the pair of signals.
3. Select the Add display, Invert CH 2, connect the CH 1 probe temporarily to the CH 2 point, and adjust either the CH 1 or CH 2 VAR control, if necessary, to minimize the amplitude of the Add display.
4. Move the CH 1 probe back to the active signal and observe the desired, differential signal.

You may be able to increase vertical sensitivity by one Volts/Div step, keeping CH 1 and CH 2 equal, without serious distortion. If the common mode signal has the same repetition rate as the signal of interest, CH 1 or CH 2 may be usable as the trigger source. Vert Trigger Source is often more desirable because it responds only to the differential signal. Figure 3-2 shows an example.

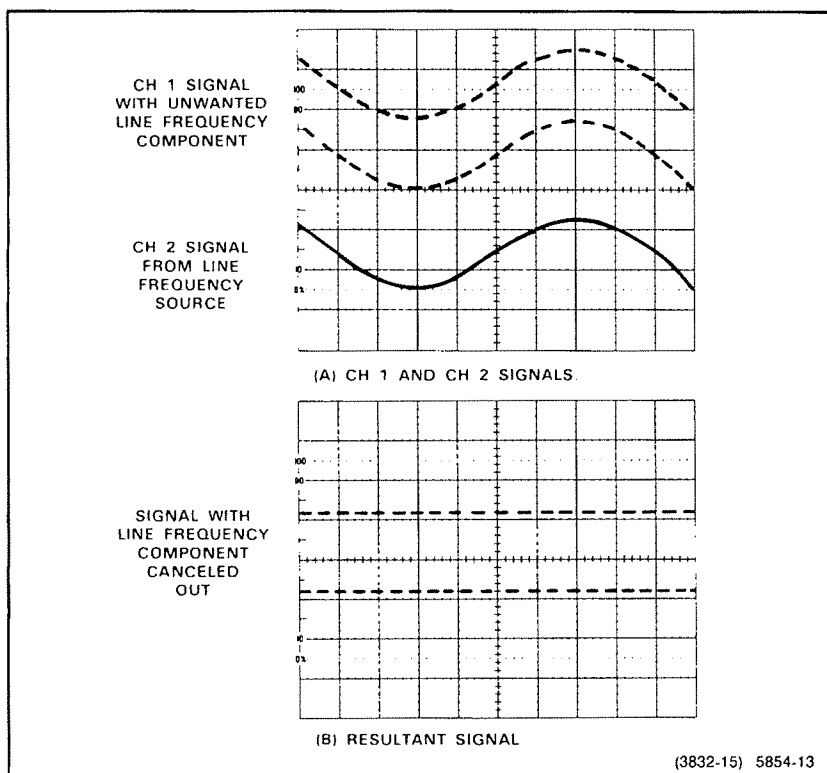


Figure 3-2. Eliminating common-mode signals.

Period and Frequency

Using Parametric Measurements

To measure Period and Frequency using the Parametric Measurement feature:

1. Push the MEASURE button.
2. Select FREQUENCY from the menu.

The oscilloscope automatically scales the amplitude and timing for the best measurement. Parametric measurements can only be done on repetitive signals. Signals with multiple valid trigger points will give erroneous results if measured with parametric measurements.

Using the Counter/Timer/Trigger (CTT)

1. Push the MEASURE button.
2. Select COUNTER from the menu.
3. Select FREQUENCY from the menu.

Without Parametric Measurements or CTT

1. Set SEC/DIV and, if necessary, X10 MAG to spread one cycle over as wide a span as possible.
2. Turn on Δt or $1/\Delta t$ and align the cursors with identical, fast-slewing points on consecutive cycles, such as zero-crossings.

Rise Time and Fall Time

Using Parametric Measurements

To measure rise or fall times with the Parametric Measurements feature:

1. Push the MEASURE button.
2. Select from the menu either RISE-t for rise times or FALL-t for fall times.

The oscilloscope will automatically scale the amplitude and timing for the best measurement. The measurement results will be displayed once each time the measurement is selected.

If rise or fall time measurements are desired between points other than the 10% and 90% points, use the TIME measurement as described in Section 2. Signals that have relatively slow transitions at the 10% or 90% points with a fast transition between the 10% and 90% points can give erratic measurement results using RISE-t or FALL-t.

Without Parametric Measurements or for Maximum Accuracy

1. Set VOLTS/DIV, VAR, and POSITION to align the bottom of the waveform with the 0% graticule line and the top with the 100% line.
2. Set Trigger SLOPE to + for rise time or to - for fall time.
3. Set SEC/DIV and, if necessary, X10 MAG to spread the transition over as wide a span as possible.
4. Turn on Δt and align the cursors with the points where the transition intersects the 10% and 90% graticule lines.

For best accuracy, observe the considerations given in the Signal Connection parts of the "Operation" section and be sure TRACE ROTATION is set correctly, as described in the "Checks and Adjustments" section.

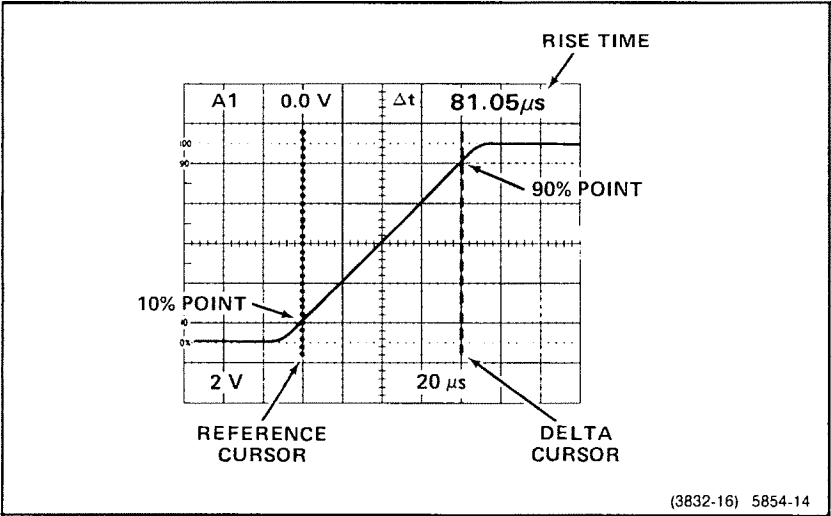


Figure 3-3. Measuring rise times.

Propagation Delay

Using Parametric Measurements

With the Parametric measurements feature, you can measure propagation delay by:

1. Displaying the input on CH 1 and the output on CH 2, trigger the oscilloscope on the input signal.
2. Pushing the MEASURE button.
3. Selecting TIME from the menu.

Prior to using this measurement, the time interval measurement must be configured to measure from the 50% point of the input event to the 50% point of the output event, see "Time Interval Measurement" in Section 2.

Without Parametric Measurements or for Maximum Accuracy

1. Display the input to the device under test on one channel and the output on another, with the largest practical vertical amplitude while keeping the zero-volt level on screen.
2. Trigger the sweep on the input signal.
3. Vertically position each waveform so the appropriate threshold voltage or the 50% point on transitions is aligned with a horizontal graticule line. You can use the same or different graticule lines for each waveform.
 - a. Turn on ΔV and adjust Δ for the desired threshold voltage.
 - b. Press TRACK/INDEP to select TRACK.
 - c. Adjust Δ REF to align the Δ cursor, the one with dashes, with the graticule line you want the signal to cross.
 - d. Select GND vertical input coupling and adjust POSITION to align the trace with the Δ REF cursor, the one with dots.
 - e. Select DC vertical input coupling.
4. Set SEC/DIV as fast as possible while containing the measured time on screen. Use X10 MAG if needed.
5. Turn on Δt and align the cursors with the intersections of the waveforms with the chosen graticule lines. (See Figure 3-4.)

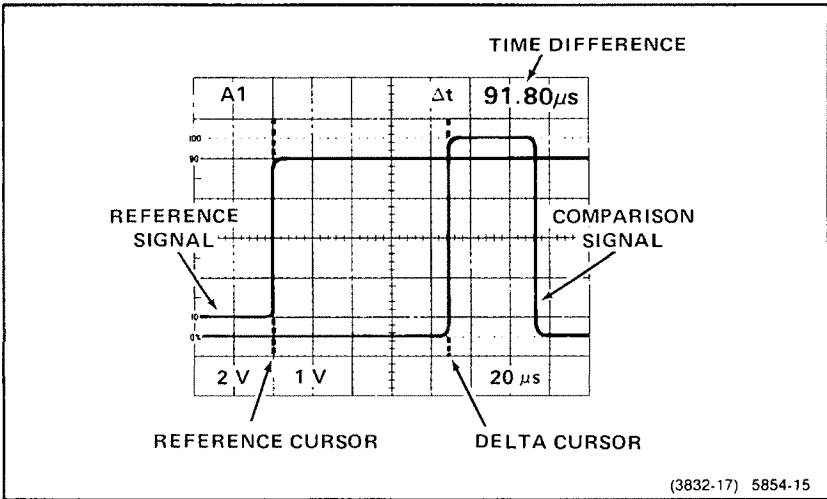


Figure 3-4. Time between two pulses (cursor method).

For best accuracy, observe the considerations in the Signal Connection parts of the "Operation" section and make sure the vertical delays are matched by connecting both probes to one signal. If the delays are not precisely matched, see "Matching Channel 2 Delay" in "Checks and Adjustments."

Setup and Hold Times

Proceed as if measuring propagation delay, treating the clock as an input and the data signal as an output. Use high settings of INTENSITY to observe variations. If setup time exceeds 30 or 40 ns, you may prefer to treat the data as input and the clock as output.

If the data pattern is not repetitive giving a single valued display, do not use the parametric measurements for measuring setup or hold time.

Slew Rate

Slew rate is the slope of a signal in volts/second.

1. Display the slope of the signal over the largest practical span of horizontal deflection and vertical deflection.
2. Activate $1/\Delta t$ and set the cursors to intersect the signal slope at points that are separated by one volt or by a power-of-ten multiple or fraction of one volt.
3. Interpret the frequency (Hz) readout as volts/second instead of cycles/second (Hz). Multiply the result by the power-of-ten multiple of one volt between the cursors. For example, if the cursors intersect the waveform at points separated by one volt and the readout shows 173 kHz, the slew rate is 173 V/ms. With 10 mV between cursors and 55.3 MHz readout, the slew rate is 0.553 V/ μ s or 553 kV/s, etc.

Time Ratio (Duty Factor)

With Parametric Measurements

With the Parametric Measurements feature, duty factor can be measured by:

1. Displaying the signal on CH 1 or CH 2 and selecting only that channel for display.
2. Pushing the MEASURE button.
3. Selecting WIDTH from the menu.

The oscilloscope will automatically scale amplitude and timing for the best measurement. The pulse width and duty factor will both be measured and displayed.

Without Parametric Measurements

The Delta Time (Δt) function also can measure the percent ratio between two different time intervals, such as the period and width of a pulse, which define duty factor.

1. Display the signal with SEC/DIV and VAR set for one cycle over exactly five horizontal divisions.
2. Activate Δt and align the two vertical cursors with the beginning and end of the high portion of the pulse. Measure the low portion of the pulse if you want to measure the portion of the cycle that is low (see Figure 3-5).

If the portion of the pulse you are measuring is less than 1 division wide (20%), you can improve the accuracy of the measurement. Activate the X10 MAG, without changing SEC/DIV or VAR, and align the cursors with the magnified pulse. The RATIO reading will be 10 times the actual ratio.

The CRT readout displays the ratio, in percent, between the separation of the two cursors and the five-division reference interval. When the two cursors are separated by five divisions, the readout indicates 100%.

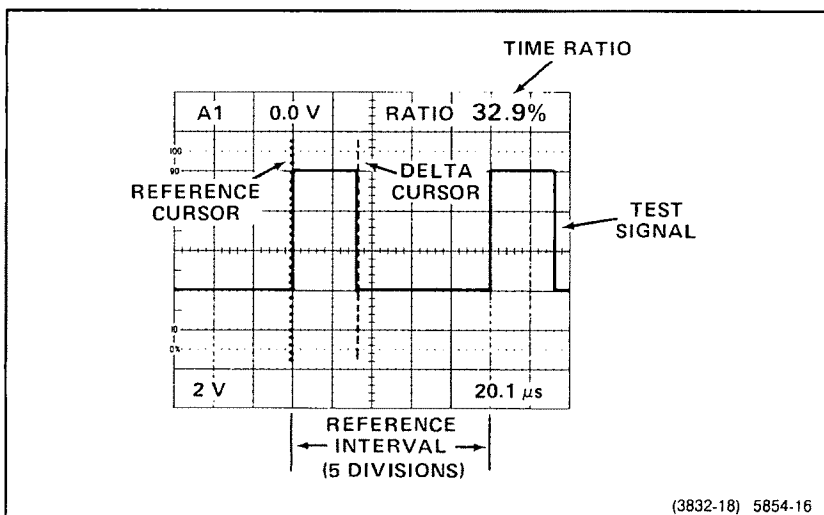


Figure 3-5. Time ratio (duty factor).

Phase Difference Between Two Signals

1. Using either probes or cables with equal time delays, display the reference signal on CH 1 and the comparison signal on CH 2. For higher frequencies, signal delay matching is more critical. The procedure for matching delays is found under "Matching Channel 2 Delay" in Section 4.
2. Set CH 1 and CH 2 VOLTS/DIV and VAR controls to obtain equal amplitudes of the reference and the comparison signals. Set the amplitudes as large as is practical.
3. Set Vertical POSITION controls to center both displays vertically. Phase measurement accuracy depends on the accuracy of vertical centering.
4. Set SEC/DIV and VAR to display one cycle of the reference signal over five horizontal divisions.
5. Activate $1/\Delta t$ by pressing both the Δt and ΔV buttons together.
6. Align the Reference cursor with a zero-crossing of the reference signal. Align the Delta cursor with the nearest zero-crossing of the comparison signal, on the same slope as the reference signal zero-crossing (see Figure 3-6). Use the center horizontal graticule line as the reference for aligning the zero-crossings.
7. Read phase shift in degrees from the CRT readout.

If the phase shift is less than 1 horizontal division (72 degrees), you can improve the accuracy of the measurement. Use the X10 MAGnifier, without changing SEC/DIV or VAR, to expand the display; align the cursors with the zero crossings; and divide the PHASE readout by 10 (see Figure 3-7).

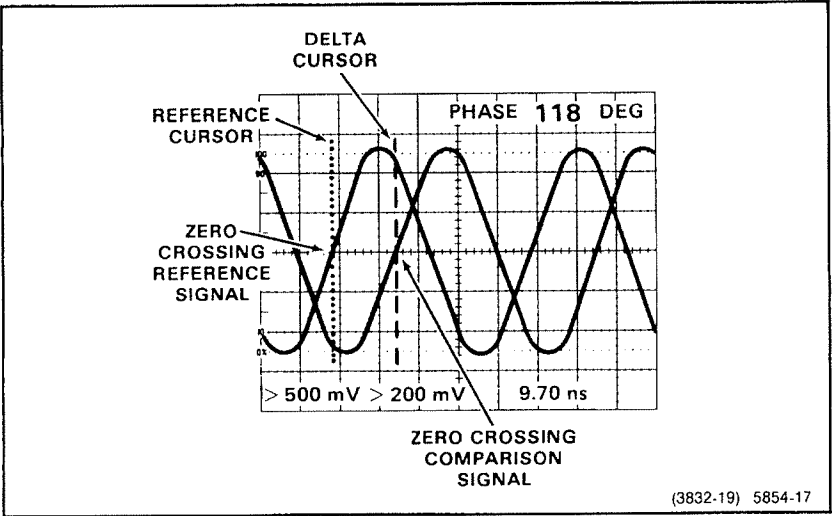


Figure 3-6. Phase difference between two signals.

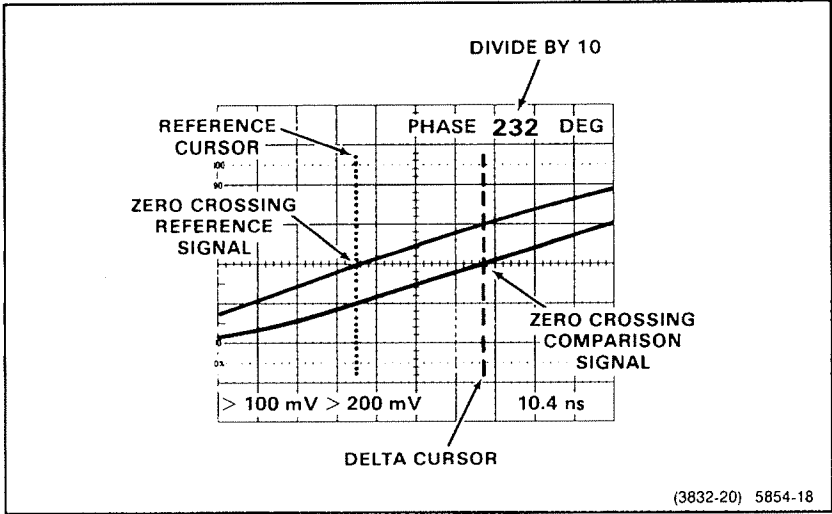


Figure 3-7. Small-angle phase difference.

Measuring Millivolt Signals

With the standard, 10X-attenuation probes, deflection factors range down to 20 mV/division. To increase the vertical sensitivity by a factor of ten, either use a 1X probe or cascade CH 2 with CH 1. To obtain 200 μ V/division, use a 1X probe or coaxial cable to connect the signal to CH 2 and cascade CH 2 with CH 1. To cascade CH 2 with CH 1:

1. Connect the CH 2 output on the rear panel, through a 50- Ω cable, to the CH 1 input on the front panel.
2. Set the CH 1 input at 1 M Ω DC or AC.
3. Set 20 MHz BW LIMIT on. This will reduce the trace "thickening" caused by wide-band noise and avoid oscillation of the vertical system. If you trigger from CH 1 source, you probably need to use HF REJ coupling.
4. Set CH 2 VOLTS/DIV at 2 mV (20 mV with 10X probe) and set CH 1 at 5 mV or 2 mV/division.
5. Note that the CH 1 scale factor and delta-volts readings agree with the signal at the CH 2 probe-tip with a 10X probe. With a 1X probe, the scale factor and delta-volts readings should be divided by ten.



Phase Shift Measurements Using XY Mode

XY mode lets you display an input signal rather than the time base on the horizontal axis. This mode lets you make phase shift measurements. Phase shift describes the difference in timing between two otherwise identical signals.

XY mode puts one signal into the vertical system as usual and then another signal into the horizontal system. This set up is called an XY measurement because both the X and Y axis are tracing voltages. The waveform resulting from this arrangement is called a Lissajous pattern. From the shape of the Lissajous pattern, you can tell the phase difference between the two signals. You can also tell their frequency ratio. Figure 1 shows Lissajous patterns for various frequency ratios and phase shifts.

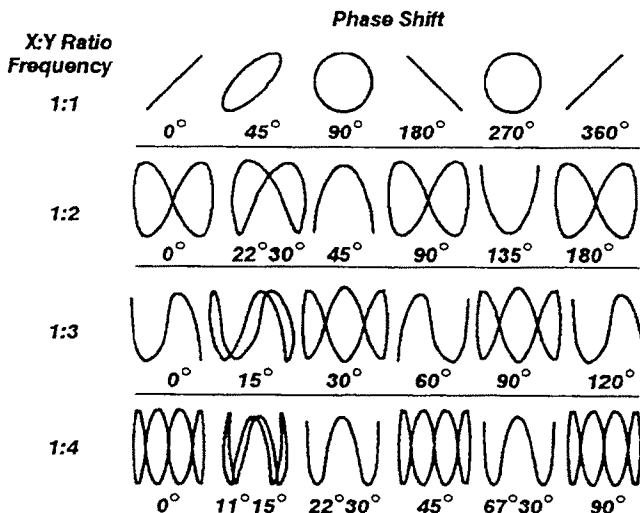


Figure 1: Lissajous Patterns

To measure phase shift using XY Mode:

Note

CH 2, CH 3, or CH 4 can provide the vertical deflection in XY mode. This example shows using CH 2.

1. Connect the signal that you want to provide vertical deflection to the CH 2 input connector. Set the Vertical Mode to CH 2.
2. Connect the signal that you want to provide horizontal deflection to the CH 1 or X input connector.
3. Rotate the A SEC/DIV control fully counterclockwise to select XY mode.
4. From the shape of the displayed Lissajous pattern, read the phase shift between the two signals.

4

Checks and Adjustments



Checks and Adjustments

Introduction

The checks and adjustments in this section eliminate some significant sources of measurement error and improve measurement confidence. If adjustments are required beyond the scope of this section, refer the instrument to a qualified service technician.

Initial Setup

1. Press in the POWER switch button (ON) and allow the instrument to warm up (20 minutes is recommended for maximum accuracy).
2. Set instrument controls to obtain a display:

READOUT INTENSITY	Midrange between "OFF" and fully clockwise
INTENSITY	Midrange
FOCUS	Midrange
VERTICAL MODE	CH 1
CH 1 Input Coupling	1 M Ω DC

3. Connect the Calibrator output to the CH 1 input with a standard accessory probe and ground the probe near the Calibrator output.
4. Press the AUTO Setup button to obtain a display. (If the STEP indicator is illuminated, press RECALL to cancel the Step mode, then press AUTO to obtain a display.) Adjust the INTENSITY and READOUT INTENSITY controls as desired. Set the FOCUS control for the best trace definition.

Trace Rotation and Adjustment

1. Preset instrument controls and obtain a display as described in "Initial Setup."
2. Set CH 1 Input Coupling to GND, 20 MHz BW LIMIT on, and adjust the CH 1 POSITION control to position the trace on the center horizontal graticule line.
3. If the trace is not parallel to the center horizontal graticule line, use a small-bladed screwdriver to adjust the TRACE ROTATION control and align the trace with the center horizontal graticule line.

Astigmatism Adjustment

1. Obtain a display as described in "Initial Setup."
2. Set 20 MHz BW LIMIT on and adjust the CH 1 POSITION control to center the display on the screen.
3. Select ΔV and position the cursors near the top and bottom of the screen.
4. Set SEC/DIV to 1 μs .
5. Slowly adjust the FOCUS control to its optimum setting (best defined display of cursor dots).
6. Use a small-bladed screwdriver to adjust the ASTIG control for best defined display of cursor dots. The waveform and the entire readout should be well-defined.
7. Since the ASTIG and FOCUS adjustments interact, repeat steps 5 and 6 until the best-defined display over the entire graticule area is obtained.

NOTE

Once set, the ASTIG adjustment should be correct for any display. However, it may be necessary to reset the FOCUS control slightly when the INTENSITY control setting is changed.

Auto DC Balance Routine

The oscilloscope can automatically dc-balance Channel 1 and Channel 2. This routine minimizes trace shifts when adjusting the VOLTS/DIV and VOLTS/DIV VAR controls, and when switching Channel 2 between noninverted and inverted. This dc balance remains valid as long as the instrument is operating within 5°C of the ambient temperature at which the routine was performed, provided the instrument has had a 20-minute warm-up period.

NOTE

This DC balance is required for accurate measurements with Parametric Measurements.

To initiate the adjustment, press the upper, input-coupling buttons for both Channel 1 and Channel 2 at the same time. When the Auto DC Balance cycle is complete, the instrument will return to normal operation.

NOTE

*If a circuit defect prevents accurate dc balance, the routine halts and **LIMIT** is displayed. Press the upper Trigger COUPLING button to continue balancing the remainder of the circuitry.*

If power to the instrument is interrupted before the balancing cycle is complete, a DC balance error may be apparent in subsequent operation. When power is restored, restart the DC balance routine, after the instrument has warmed up.

Probe Compensation

Accurate measurements require accurate probe compensation. To ensure optimum measurement accuracy, check probe compensation any time a probe is attached to the instrument or any other time you are not certain of correct compensation. Because of minor differences between channels, CH 1 and CH 2 probes should be compensated on their respective channels. CH 3 and CH 4 probes should be compensated on CH 1 or CH 2. Check and adjust probe low-frequency compensation as follows:

1. Obtain a display as described in "Initial Setup."
2. Set the SEC/DIV control to 1 ms and 20 MHz BW LIMIT on. If the probe to be compensated is connected to CH 2, enable the Channel 2 display. Set the appropriate VOLTS/DIV control to 100 mV.
3. Connect the probe to the CALIBRATOR output.
4. Check the waveform for overshoot and rolloff (see Figure 4-1). If necessary, adjust the probe for a square front corner on the waveforms, using the small adjustment tool supplied in the probe accessory package. Insert the tool through the small hole in the side of the box attached to the vertical input connector.

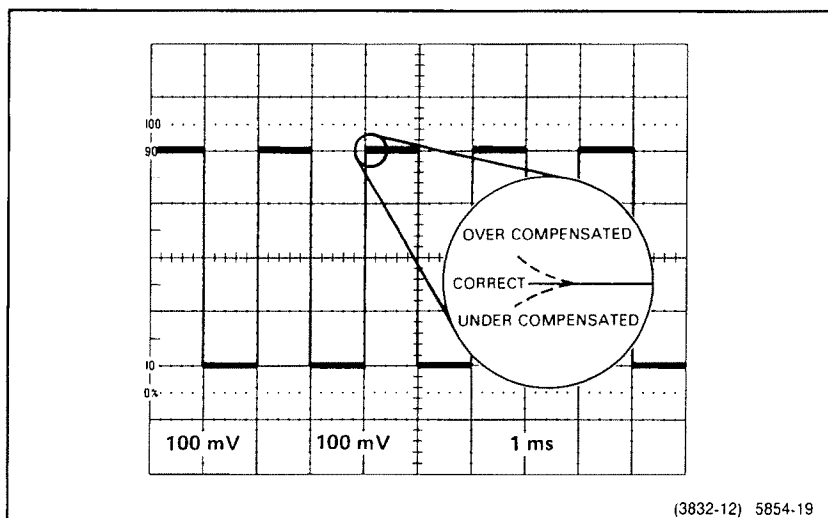


Figure 4-1. Probe low-frequency compensation.

Matching Channel 2 Delay

The apparent signal delay in Channel 2 may be adjusted up to ± 500 ps to match the apparent delay present in any of the other three channels. This adjustment is most commonly used to eliminate delay differences between Channel 1 and Channel 2 that may be introduced by the probes. It has no effect on common-mode rejection when ADD Vertical Mode is selected. It also has no effect on time interval measurements with either the CTT or Parametric Measurements. Match Channel 1 and Channel 2 as follows:

1. Connect two 10X probes supplied with the instrument to the CH 1 OR X and CH 2 inputs.
2. Check and adjust, if necessary, the probe's low-frequency compensation. Refer to "Probe Compensation" in this section.
3. Connect both probes via hook tips to the same fast-rise pulse generator output.
4. Select both CH 1 and CH 2 Vertical mode displays.
5. Press AUTO Setup to obtain a display.
6. Set the CH 1 and CH 2 VOLTS/DIV and POSITION controls for 3 to 6 divisions of amplitude and superimposed displays.
7. Set SEC/DIV to 5 ns.
8. Pull the SEC/DIV knob and observe the message **CH 2 DELAY—TURN Δ** in the upper right-hand corner of the screen.

NOTE

*If the message **CH 2 DLY DISABLED** appears in the readout, the instrument has been set to disable the delay-offset adjusting feature. If adjustment of the delay matching is disabled, refer the adjustment to a qualified service technician.*

9. Set X10 MAG On and adjust the Δ control until the two fast edges are superimposed horizontally.

NOTE

The Δ REF OR DLY POS control can also be used to make the adjustment.

10. Push in the SEC/DIV switch. The adjustment is then permanently stored for future operation, even when power is interrupted.

To reduce channel-to-channel signal delay errors with Parametric Measurements:

1. Follow Steps 1-3, above.
2. Measure the time interval from CH1 to CH2 using the TIME function from the MEASURE menu.
3. Use this number as a reference and subtract its value from all subsequent time interval measurements.

Amplitude Check

1. Obtain a display as described in "Initial Setup."
2. Set the VOLTS/DIV switch to 100 mV, the SEC/DIV switch to 1 ms, and 20 MHz BW LIMIT on.
3. Adjust the CH 1 POSITION control to center the display on the screen.
4. CHECK—Amplitude of the CALIBRATOR signal is between 3.88 and 4.12 divisions as measured on the center vertical graticule line.
5. Select ΔV and carefully superimpose the cursors on the high and low levels of the waveform. CHECK— ΔV readout is between 392 mV and 408 mV.
6. Repeat this procedure using the Channel 2 connector and controls.

Timing Check

The period of the CALIBRATOR signal automatically tracks the A SEC/DIV setting within the range of 100 ms to 100 μ s. Within that SEC/DIV range, the CALIBRATOR period is 200 ms to 200 ns, 5 cycles per 10 divisions of the A Sweep. To quickly check the operation and calibration of the oscilloscope timing, use the following procedure:

NOTE

Auto Setup and Parametric Measurements will not work using the Calibrator signal.

1. Obtain a display as described in "Initial Setup."
2. CHECK—Timing accuracy by confirming that five complete cycles of the square-wave signal are displayed over 10 major divisions (± 0.1 division) along the center horizontal graticule line for all A SEC/DIV settings from 100 ms to 100 ns. Confirm that 2 cycles of the Calibrator signal cover 8 divisions at 50 ns/div and that 1 cycle covers 10 divisions at 20 ns/div. Observe that the displayed transition time of the signal remains approximately the same when A SEC/DIV is changed to 10 ns and 5 ns. (The number of horizontal divisions covered by the transition time at 10 ns per division should be two times the number covered at 20 ns, and the number of divisions at 5 ns should be four times the number at 20 ns.) Return A SEC/DIV to 1 ms, switch the X10 MAG on, and CHECK—that 1/2 cycle covers 9.8 to 10.2 divisions.
3. Set X10 MAG Off and carefully align the Δt cursors with the falling edges of the first and fifth cycles. CHECK— Δt reading is within 7.93 ms to 8.07 ms. Repeat the test at any A-Sweep speed in the 100 ms to 100 ns range.
4. If desired, delay timing can be checked by using ALT horizontal display mode, RUN AFT DLY B-Trigger mode, and Δt . Set the Δ REF AND DLY POS and Δ controls to align the intensified zones with the falling edges of the first and fifth cycles and superimpose the expanded display of the edges on the B Sweep, running at least 10 times faster than the A Sweep. CHECK— Δt reading is 8 times the A SEC/DIV setting, $\pm 0.5\%$.



5

Controls, Connectors, and Indicators



Controls, Connectors, and Indicators

Introduction

The following descriptions are intended to familiarize the operator with the location and function of the instrument's controls, connectors, and indicators.

All continuously variable controls, except FOCUS, TRACE ROTATION, ASTIGMATISM, and SCALE ILLUMINATION have fine resolution for a portion of their rotation after each reversal. Continued rotation in the same direction gives progressively coarser resolution.

Power And Display

Refer to Figure 5-1 for the location of items 1 through 10.

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| ① | INTENSITY
Control | Adjusts the brightness of the waveform. |
| ② | BEAM FIND
Button | Limits the CRT deflection both vertically and horizontally to within the graticule. Display intensity is not affected by the BEAM FIND button. |
| ③ | FOCUS
Control | Adjusts the CRT writing beam for optimum display definition. |
| ④ | TRACE
ROTATION
Control | Aligns the no-signal trace with the horizontal graticule lines. Relocating the instrument to a different magnetic ambient may result in slight misalignment of the trace and graticule, indicating a need to readjust the TRACE ROTATION control, using a screwdriver. |
| ⑤ | READOUT
INTENSITY
Control | This control adjusts the intensity of the CRT readout display and will either enable or disable the display of scale factors. Digital measurements, Save/Recall readouts, the "50 Ω OVERLOAD" message, the available Counter/Timer/Trigger (CTT) menu, and the available Television/Video (TV) function indicators are always enabled. |

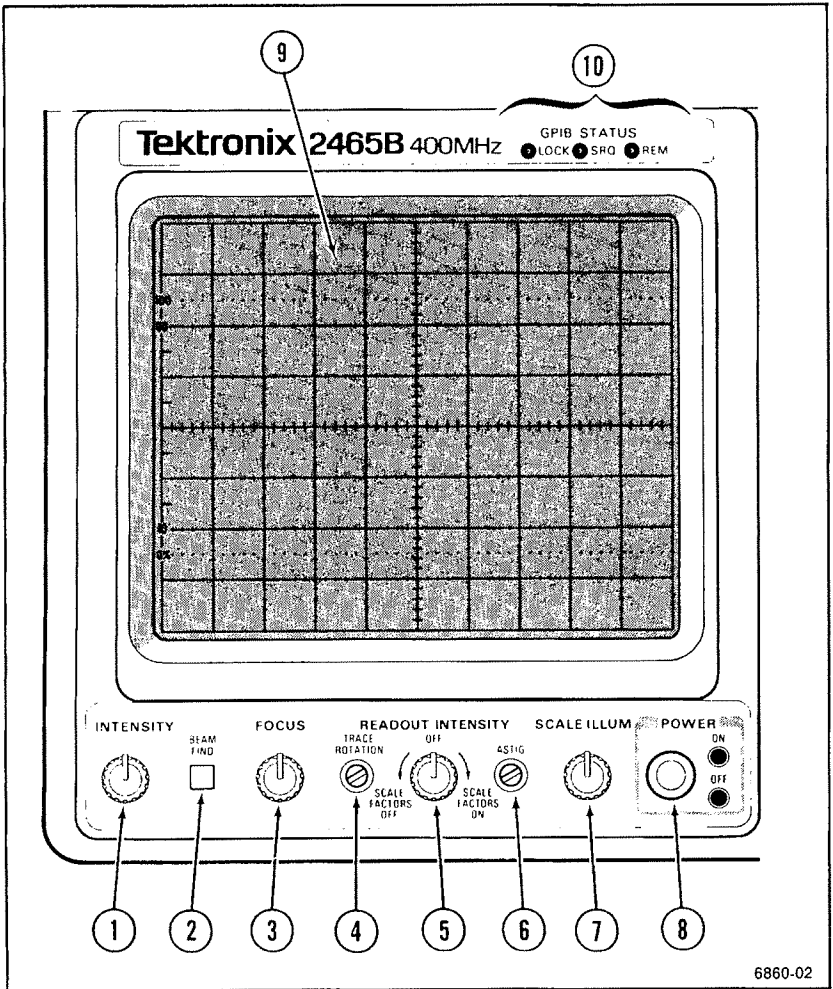
Various functions generate displays in the upper row. The most recently selected function displaces any previous readout. If delta or delay readouts displace displays generated by the available *TV* enhancement or *CTT*, the *TV* or *CTT* displays shift to the upper left corner, in lieu of the trigger level readout.

Minimum intensity occurs at the control's midrange, OFF position. Clockwise rotation from midrange increases the intensity and enables all displays. Counterclockwise rotation from midrange increases the intensity and disables the scale-factor and control-status displays.

- 6 ASTIG Control** Adjusts the CRT beam shape to obtain a well-defined display over the entire graticule area, in conjunction with the FOCUS control. Once adjusted with a screwdriver, it normally does not require readjustment.
- 7 SCALE ILLUM Control** Adjusts the level of graticule illumination.
- 8 POWER Switch** Turns instrument power on and off. Press in for ON; press again for OFF. An indicator in the switch shows green when the switch is on and black when it is off. Front-panel settings are returned when power is reapplied to the instrument, unless saved setup number 1 is selected by EXER 06, described in Appendix A.
- 9 CRT** Has an 80-mm vertical by 100-mm horizontal display area. Internal graticule lines eliminate parallax-viewing error between the trace and the graticule lines. The graticule includes 0%, 10%, 90%, and 100% marks for rise-time measurements.

10 GPIB STATUS Indicators

Included only with the available IEEE-Standard-488 interface (*GPIB*); show key interactions with a GPIB system. LOCK lights when the instrument controls are disabled by a local lockout message from the system controller. SRQ lights when the instrument requests a service response from the system controller. REM lights when the system controller assumes control of the instrument. See *24X5B/2467B Option 10 Instrument Interfacing Guide* for detailed information on using the instrument in a GPIB system.



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Figure 5-1. Power and display controls.

Setup and Vertical

Refer to Figure 5-2 for the location of items 11 through 18.

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| <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 10px 0;">11</div> | <p>STEP/AUTO Button</p> <p>Recalls the next step in a stored sequence of setups, if the STEP indicator is illuminated. If the STEP indicator is not illuminated, the oscilloscope automatically establishes triggering and scales the waveform display vertically and horizontally (AUTO).</p> |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 10px 0;">12</div> | <p>SAVE/HELP Button</p> <p>Saves the current oscilloscope control settings in a numbered setup when followed by one of the setup-number buttons, 1 through 8, which are also the Vertical MODE buttons. Pushing the SAVE/HELP button replaces the top and bottom rows of the normal readout display with prompting and help messages. These help messages may be cycled through by repeatedly pushing the SAVE/HELP button. Additional setups are accessible by using Δ and STEP. For operational information, see the "Operation" section and Appendix B.</p> |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 10px 0;">13</div> | <p>RECALL/HELP Button</p> <p>Restores previous oscilloscope control settings saved in a numbered setup when followed by one of the setup-number buttons. Pushing the RECALL/HELP button replaces the top and bottom rows of the normal readout with the user defined menu. Repeated operation of the HELP button produces a cycle of help messages. Additional setups are accessible by using Δ and STEP. For operational information, see the "Operation" section and Appendix B.</p> <p>Each setup carries a name with one to seven characters. The name of a setup can be defined when it is saved or redefined at any time. The names of setups one through eight appear on the screen as a user-defined menu when RECALL is pressed. The names appear on the screen in the same relative positions as the corresponding setup number buttons, also used as a Vertical MODE button. When a setup is recalled, the setup number and name appear in the upper left of the readout until a control is moved or a measurement changes the readout.</p> <p>For instruments with serial numbers B049999 and below with firmware version 11 and above or for instruments with serial numbers B050000 and above with firmware version 2 and above, pressing the RECALL/HELP button following an auto setup or parameteric measurement will restore the instrument to the mode of operation prior to the parametric measurement.</p> |

**14 MEASURE
Button**

Activates the Parametric Measurements menu. Selections from the menu are made using the VERTICAL MODE buttons. Repeated activation of the MEASURE button will cycle through a series of explanatory text in the lower CRT readout.

**15 POSITION
Controls**

Set vertical position of the Channel 1 and Channel 2 signal displays. Clockwise rotation of a control moves the associated trace upward. When the X-Y display feature is in use, Channel 1 POSITION control moves the display horizontally; clockwise moves it to the right. The Channel 2, Channel 3, and Channel 4 vertical POSITION controls move the associated X-Y display vertically.

**16 MODE
Buttons**

Select the indicated channel(s) for display. Any combination of the five possible signal selections can be displayed by pressing the appropriate buttons. The Channel 1 signal will be displayed if none of the displays are selected. Each button has an associated indicator to show when the respective display or characteristic is active. Pressing a button toggles the display or characteristic on or off. When pressed after pressing SAVE or RECALL, these buttons select setup memories (1) through (8).

These buttons also select the various entries in the displayed menu when the buttons are pressed after pressing the MEASURE button.

When multiple channels are selected, they are displayed sequentially in order of priority. The established priority order is: CH 1, CH 2, ADD, CH 3, then CH 4.

The algebraic sum of Channel 1 and Channel 2 is displayed when the Add display is selected. When both Add and Invert displays are selected, the waveform displayed is the difference between the Channel 1 and Channel 2 signals. The INVERT button also inverts the polarity of the signal output at the CH 2 SIG OUT connector on the rear panel. At the same time, the Channel 2 trigger-signal polarity is inverted so that if CH 2 is selected as the TRIGGER SOURCE, the displayed slope will agree with the TRIGGER SLOPE setting.

- 17 CHOP/ALT Button** Selects the vertical display mode for multiple-channel displays.
- CHOP/ALT has no effect on the switching rate of X-Y function displays. If more than one vertical display is selected for X-Y, the display switches at 2.5 MHz.
- CHOP** When more than one channel is selected, the vertical display switches sequentially through the selected channels at the chop-switching rate.
- When more than one channel is selected, if the SEC/DIV setting for the displayed sweep is in the range of 20 μ s/div to 2 μ s/div, each channel is displayed for 400 ns. Otherwise, each channel is displayed for 1 μ s. The chop switching rate is desynchronized from sweep repetitions to minimize waveform breaks when viewing repetitive signals.
- ALT** When more than one channel is selected, the vertical display switches sequentially through the selected channels. Alternate switching occurs during sweep-retrace times. If both A and B Sweeps are displayed, in Alt horizontal mode, vertical switching occurs at the completion of the B Sweep.
- The Alt vertical mode enables a slaved delta-time mode for measuring time intervals between two channels. In the slaved delta-time mode, the first selected display in the sequence is displayed with the delta reference delay and the second selected display in the sequence is displayed with the delta delay. Any additional channels are displayed with both delays. The slaved delta-time mode also requires the following control conditions: either Δt or $1/\Delta t$ selected, Inten, Alt, or B horizontal display with the dual delays and not cursors, multiple vertical displays, and a single A-Sweep trigger source.
- 18 20 MHz BW LIMIT Button** Limits the bandwidth of the vertical deflection system to 20 MHz. Full vertical bandwidth is available when the bandwidth limit function is off. Neither the trigger signals nor the output from the CH 2 SIG OUT connector is affected by the 20 MHz BW LIMIT.

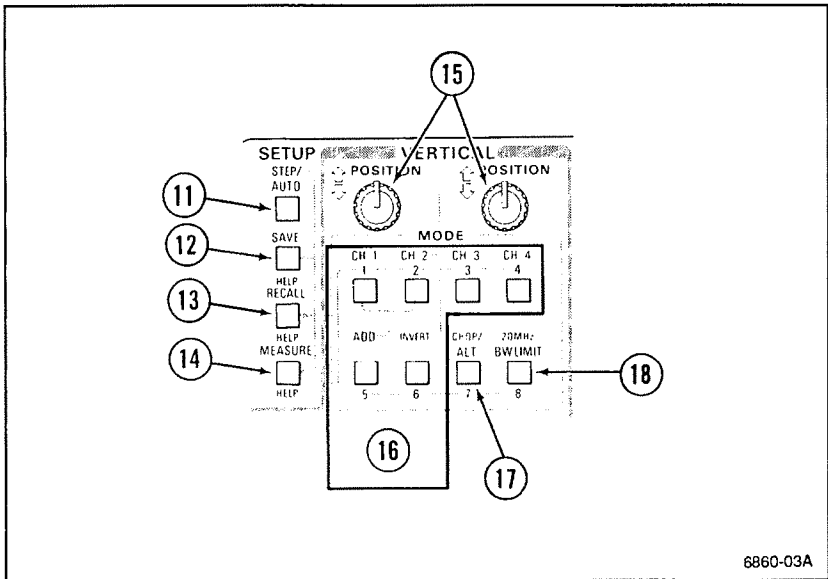


Figure 5-2. SETUP and MODE buttons, and CH 1 and CH 2 POSITION controls.

Refer to Figure 5-3 for the location of items 19 through 22.

- 19 VAR Controls**
- Provide continuously variable, uncalibrated deflection factors between the calibrated settings of the VOLTS/DIV switches. These controls vary the deflection factors from calibrated (fully clockwise detent position) to at least 2.5 times the calibrated deflection factor (fully counterclockwise position). When out of the calibrated detent, a greater than (>) sign appears in front of the associated VOLTS/DIV readout display.
- 20 VOLTS/DIV Switches**
- Select vertical deflection factor settings in a 1-2-5 sequence with 11 positions. The VAR control must be in the detent (fully clockwise) position to obtain a calibrated deflection factor. Basic deflection factors are from 2 mV per division to 5 mV per division. The switches can rotate continuously, but have no effect beyond the extreme settings. Deflection factors shown in the CRT readout reflect actual deflection factors when Tektronix attenuation-coded probes are connected to the inputs.

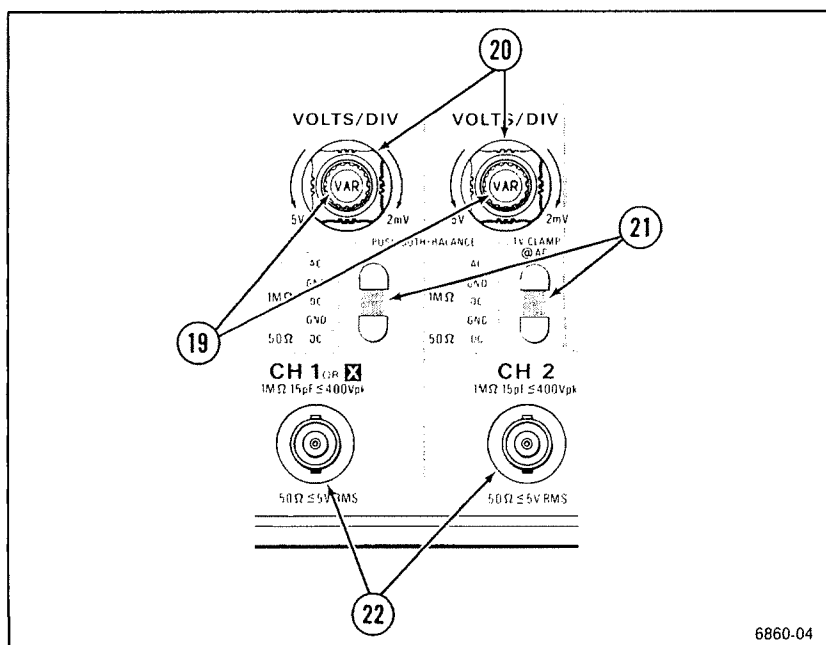


Figure 5-3. Channel 1 and Channel 2 controls and connectors.

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**Input
Coupling
Buttons and
Indicators**

Select the method of coupling input signals to Channel 1 and Channel 2 and indicate the selection made. If the upper Channel 1 and Channel 2 Input Coupling buttons are both pressed together, the instrument automatically performs a dc balance of Channel 1 and Channel 2 vertical circuitry.

1 M Ω AC

Input signal is capacitively coupled to the vertical attenuator. The dc component of the input signal is blocked. The low-frequency limit (-3 dB point) is 10 Hz or less when using either a 1X probe or a coaxial cable and is 1 Hz or less when using a properly compensated 10X probe.

Only with the available Television/Video (TV) enhancement, the CH 2 input has a back porch clamp for composite video signals. When the input coupling is AC, pressing the upper button activates the clamp and displays "TVC" in the readout. The clamp locks the back porch feature of the video signal to a constant level and eliminates drift, hum, and tilt, despite changes in signal amplitude and average luminance levels. Pressing the lower button restores AC coupling and turns off the clamp.

**1 M Ω GND
(2 identical
positions)**

The input of the vertical amplifier is grounded to provide a zero (ground) reference-voltage display. Input resistance is 1 M Ω to ground. This input selection allows precharging of the input-coupling capacitor to prevent a sudden shift of the trace if AC input coupling is selected later. The input signal is not grounded. If the input coupling of a channel selected as an A-Trigger source is set at GND, the A Sweep free runs. However, when A TRIGGER SOURCE is set to VERT and the Add vertical display is selected, the sweep free runs only if both Channel 1 and the Channel 2 input couplings are set to GND. While power is off, coupling is at 1 M Ω GND.

1 M Ω DC

All frequency components of the input signal are coupled to the vertical. Input resistance is 1 M Ω to ground.

50 Ω DC

All frequency components of the input signal are coupled to the vertical, with the input terminated by 50 Ω to ground. If excessive signal is applied to either the CH 1 or the CH 2 input connector while 50 Ω DC input coupling is selected, input coupling will revert to 1 M Ω GND and a CRT readout will indicate the overloaded condition. Changing the input coupling of the affected channel removes the overload message.

- 22 CH 1 OR X and CH 2** Conduct external signals to the Channel 1 and Channel 2 vertical inputs. A signal applied to the CH 1 OR X connector provides the horizontal deflection for an X-Y display. Each connector includes a coding-ring contact for Tektronix-coded probes.

Refer to Figure 5-4 for the location of items 23 through 27.

- 23 CH 3 and CH 4 Input Connectors** Conduct external signals to the Channel 3 and Channel 4 vertical inputs. Each connector includes a coding-ring contact for Tektronix-coded probes. Input coupling from these connectors is DC only. Channel 3 and Channel 4 are most useful as digital-signal and trigger-signal input channels, given their limited choice of deflection factors.
- 24 POSITION Controls** Set vertical position of the Channel 3 and Channel 4 signal displays. The controls operate identically to the Channel 2 POSITION control, but with less range on their associated traces.
- 25 VOLTS/DIV Switches** Toggle between 0.1 V and 0.5 V per division deflection factors for Channel 3 and Channel 4.
- 26 CALIBRATOR Connector** Provides a 0.4-V p-p square-wave into a 1 M Ω load, 0.2-V p-p into a 50 Ω dc-coupled load, or 8-mA p-p into a short circuit. The signal is useful for checking sweeps, delay-times, and vertical deflection accuracies, as well as compensating voltage probes and checking the accuracy of current probes. The repetition rate of the square wave changes with A-Sweep SEC/DIV changes. From 100 ms per division to 100 ns per division, the A Sweep of the instrument supplying the CALIBRATOR signal displays five cycles per 10 divisions. At 100 ms per division and slower, the CALIBRATOR frequency is 5 Hz; at 100 ns per division and faster, the frequency is 5 MHz. The signal amplitude at 5 MHz is at least 50% of the signal amplitude obtained when the sweep speed is set to 1 ms per division.

NOTE

The calibrator signal changes phase during trigger holdoff. This does not affect the accuracy of the calibrator signal that is present during a sweep. However, if the CALIBRATOR signal is used with other instruments, the sweep of the instrument must be shut off. If it is not, the signal will appear to jitter and will give false (low) frequency counts. The sweep of the instrument is easily shut off by setting TRIGGER MODE to SGL SEQ.

27 Auxiliary Ground Jack

Provides an auxiliary signal ground. The jack is compatible with standard banana plugs. A standard accessory binding post plugged into the jack provides a probe ground when probing the CALIBRATOR output and provides a versatile ground connection.

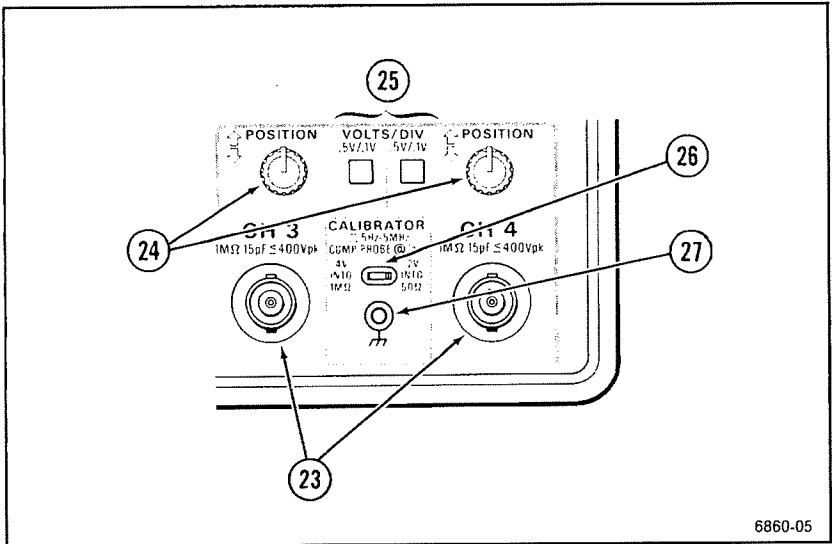


Figure 5-4. CH 3 and CH 4 controls and connectors and CALIBRATOR output.

Horizontal

Refer to Figure 5-5 for the location of items 28 through 37.

- 28) SEC/DIV Switch and Indicators** Selects A-Sweep speeds, B-Sweep speeds, Delay Time ranges, horizontal display mode, and CH 2 Delay Matching mode. The SEC/DIV switch can be rotated continuously in either direction, but further rotation has no effect when either extreme setting has been reached. The A SWP and B SWP indicators show which sweep or sweeps are displayed.

A SEC/DIV When the A Sweep is displayed without the B Sweep, SEC/DIV selects 25 calibrated A-Sweep speeds from 500 ms/div to 5 ns/div in a 1-2-5 sequence (24 steps to 10 ns/div in the 2455B and 2445B). Full counterclockwise rotation of the SEC/DIV switch selects the X-Y display feature. In X-Y, the CH 1 OR X input drives the horizontal deflection system.

B SEC/DIV When the B Sweep is displayed, SEC/DIV selects B-Sweep speeds in 22 calibrated steps from 50 ms/div to 5 ns/div in a 1-2-5 sequence (21 steps to 10 ns/div in the 2455B and 2445B).

Horizontal Display Mode Selection (PULL-INTEN TURN-ALT PUSH-B):

A When the SEC/DIV knob is in, the A Sweep is displayed, unless the B Sweep has been displayed and the B Sec/Div setting remains faster than the A Sec/Div setting. The exception is that Channel 1 is displayed in the horizontal at the extreme counterclockwise setting of SEC/DIV.

PULL-INTEN

Pulling the SEC/DIV knob out while the A Sweep is displayed selects the Intensified horizontal display mode and cancels the Delta Volts function if it is active. The A-Sweep display intensifies during the B Sweep. The B Sweep is not displayed, but it runs either 100 times faster than the A Sweep or at 5 ns per division, whichever is slower. In Alt horizontal display mode, setting B Sec/Div equal to A Sec/Div also selects the Intensified horizontal display mode.

With Δt or $1/\Delta t$, a pair of intensified zones appears. With multiple vertical displays, Alt vertical mode, and a single A-Trigger source (CH 1, CH 2, ADD, CH 3, or CH 4), the pair of intensified zones appear as follows:

1. The reference zone appears on the first selected trace in the display sequence: CH 1, CH 2, ADD, CH 3, CH 4.
2. The delta zone appears on the second selected trace.
3. Both zones appear on additional traces when more than two traces are selected.

Both zones appear on all traces with Chop vertical mode or multiple A-Trigger sources.

Pulling the SEC/DIV switch knob out at the fastest A Sec/Div rate selects the CH 2 delay offset adjustment. The readout displays one of two messages: "CH 2 DLY-TURN Δ " or "CH 2 DLY DISABLED." If the adjustment is enabled, the Δ control or the Δ REF control can adjust the apparent delay between the Channel 1 signal and the Channel 2 signal. The adjustment range is sufficient to compensate for propagation delay variations up to ± 500 ps. Adjusting the delay offset between Channel 1 and Channel 2 signals has no effect on the common-mode rejection between Channel 1 and Channel 2.

TURN-ALT When the SEC/DIV knob is out, clockwise rotation activates the Alternate Horizontal Display mode. The Alt mode presents the intensified A Sweep alternating with the delayed B Sweep. The position of the intensified zone on the A Sweep indicates the time position of the B Sweep, and the length of the intensified zone indicates the B-Sweep duration. A separate B Sweep runs for each intensified zone.

PUSH-B In the Alt horizontal display mode, pushing in the SEC/DIV knob displays only B Sweeps.

When the B-Sweep speed is set equal to the A-Sweep speed in Alt or B display mode, the mode changes from A to B or from Inten to Alt.

29 VAR Control Continuously varies the sweep speed between SEC/DIV switch settings, for either the A Sweep or B Sweep. The detent position (full clockwise rotation) produces the basic sweep speed selected by the SEC/DIV switch. The fully counterclockwise position slows the sweep by a nominal factor of three. The CRT readout displays the actual time-per-division scale factor for all settings of the VAR control. When the Intensified A Sweep or the B Sweep is displayed, VAR affects only the B-Sweep scale factor.

30 TRACE SEP Control Positions the B trace downward from the A trace in Alt horizontal display mode. In the B horizontal display mode, with Δt or $1/\Delta t$, TRACE SEP positions the trace associated with the Δ control downward. Fully clockwise rotation eliminates separation between the traces.

31 POSITION Control Horizontally positions the sweep displays.

32 X10 MAG Button Horizontally magnifies the portion of the sweep display positioned at the center vertical graticule line by a factor of 10. When in Alt or B horizontal display mode, only the B Sweep is affected.

Delay and Delta Controls

The ΔV , Δt , and TRACK/INDEP buttons, with the Δ REF OR DLY POS and Δ rotary controls, are used to make voltage, time, frequency, ratio, and phase measurements. These controls also affect the SAVE and RECALL functions and the CH 2 DLY matching function. With the available TV enhancement, Δ also serves as a line number selector and "FLD LINE #" nomenclature is added. With the available CTT, Δ REF and Δ serve as menu selectors and as delaying-event-count controls. With the available WR, they serve as word definition controls.

33 ΔV Button

Activates the Delta Volts measurement function and cancels the Δt or $1/\Delta t$ measurement function. When the ΔV function is active, two horizontal cursors are superimposed on the display. The CRT readout shows the equivalent voltage between the two cursors. Cursors are positioned by the Δ REF OR DLY POS control and the Δ control. With multiple vertical displays, the deflection factor of the first selected channel in the display sequence determines the cursor scale factor. The cursor readout is displayed as a percent RATIO under either of the following conditions:

1. When the VOLTS/DIV VAR control of the channel determining the scale factor is out of the detent position;
2. When the Add vertical display mode is selected alone and the Channel 1 and Channel 2 VOLTS/DIV settings are not the same.

Pressing the ΔV button when the function is active cancels ΔV . Pulling SEC/DIV out also cancels the Delta Volts function.

34 Δt Button

Activates the Delta Time measurement function and cancels the ΔV or $1/\Delta t$ measurement functions. When Δt is selected with Inten or Alt horizontal display modes, two delay times are defined. When Δt is selected with either A-Sweep or B-Sweep horizontal display, two vertical cursors are established. One delay time or cursor position is controlled by the Δ REF OR DLY POS control, and the other is controlled by the Δ control. The CRT readout displays either the difference between the two delay times or the equivalent time between the vertical cursors.

If SEC/DIV VAR is not in the detent position, and either the A-Sweep or the B-Sweep horizontal display mode is selected, the CRT readout displays delta-time as a ratio, where five divisions correspond to 100% ratio.

When Δt is active, pressing the Δt button deactivates the function.

**1/ Δt
Function**

Momentarily pressing the Δt and ΔV buttons together activates the 1/Delta-Time function and cancels any other Delta measurement function. The waveform display and the Delta controls operate the same as for Δt , but the readout shows the reciprocal of the time in Hz (frequency).

If the SEC/DIV VAR control is not in the detent position (full clockwise rotation), and the A-Sweep or B-Sweep horizontal display mode is selected, the readout displays the time between cursors as degrees of phase, where five divisions are equal to 360 degrees.

When the 1/Delta Time function is active, pressing the Δt and ΔV buttons together deactivates the function.

**DLY, ΔV , Δt ,
and $1/\Delta t$
Readouts**

Each of these readouts includes a function name, a signed, floating-point numeral, and the appropriate unit symbol. Numerals are displayed with larger sized characters. A numeral immediately following " ΔV " indicates which channel provides the delta voltage scaling, the lowest numbered of the displayed channels. Sweep Delay Time (DLY) is displayed for the Inten, Alt, and B horizontal display modes when none of the delta functions are selected. Except for DLY, these readouts are enabled with Readout Intensity set for Scale Factors On or Scale Factors Off.

A question mark appears after the ΔV function label when the function applies to CH 3 or CH 4, indicating poorer accuracy than is available with CH 1 or CH 2.

A question mark appears in a DLY readout or in a Δt or $1/\Delta t$ readout with a pair of sweep delays, when one or both of the sweep delay settings is less than 1% of maximum delay (full scale) setting or when the B-Trigger mode is TRIG AFT DLY (or, with CTT, TRIG Δ DLY). With the CTT, these question marks disappear when a direct measurement is complete. A question mark also appears when the difference between the pair of delays in $1/\Delta t$ is less than 1% of full scale, and the CTT does not remove it.

For the lowest 0.5% of the range of DLY settings, the reading is zero. This offset lends accuracy to delay time settings. It is related to the circuit offset that makes the A-Sweep triggering event viewable at minimum delay.

**35 Δ REF OR
DLY POS
Control**

Sets the B-Sweep Delay Position. It sets the reference B-Sweep delay when Δt or $1/\Delta t$ is active with two delays. When any cursor mode is active, the Δ REF OR DLY POS control positions the reference cursor (dotted line) and has no effect on B-Sweep delay.

When TRACK mode is selected, Δ REF moves both the reference and delta cursors or delays, equally.

When a Save mode is active, Δ REF selects character positions in a setup name or attribute fields in a sequence step definition.

When MEASURE is active, Δ REF selects items or item groups in the Time Interval Configure menu and selects character positions in event-count definition displays. With the WR, Δ REF selects character positions in word-definition displays.

36 Δ Control

Positions the delta B-Sweep delay or time cursor (dashed vertical line) when either Δt or $1/\Delta t$ is active. When ΔV is active, the Δ control positions the delta cursor (dashed horizontal line).

When a Save mode is active, Δ defines each character in a setup name definition and each attribute field in a sequence step definition.

When MEASURE is active, Δ selects items in the menu and defines characters in event-count definition displays. With the *WR*, Δ defines characters in word-definition displays.

With the available TV enhancement, the control nomenclature includes "FLD LINE #." The control selects specific line numbers within a video field for triggering the A Sweep when trigger Coupling is set to FLD 1, FLD 2, or alternate FLD 1-FLD 2. Possible line numbers range from 1 to the maximum number of lines per frame in the television signal. Rotating the control clockwise increases the line number; rotating it counterclockwise decreases the line number. Increasing the line number above the number of lines in a field or decreasing the number below the minimum automatically sets the line number to the minimum or the maximum in the other field and selects the opposite FLD 1 or FLD 2 coupling. In ALT, the coupling does not change and line numbers are limited to the numbers shared by both fields. See TV EXER 61 and TV EXER 62 in Appendix A to define the desired line number format. For example, the lines in a 525-line, interlaced-scan signal can be numbered:

... | 1 2 ... 262 263 | 1 2 ... 261 262 | ...

or

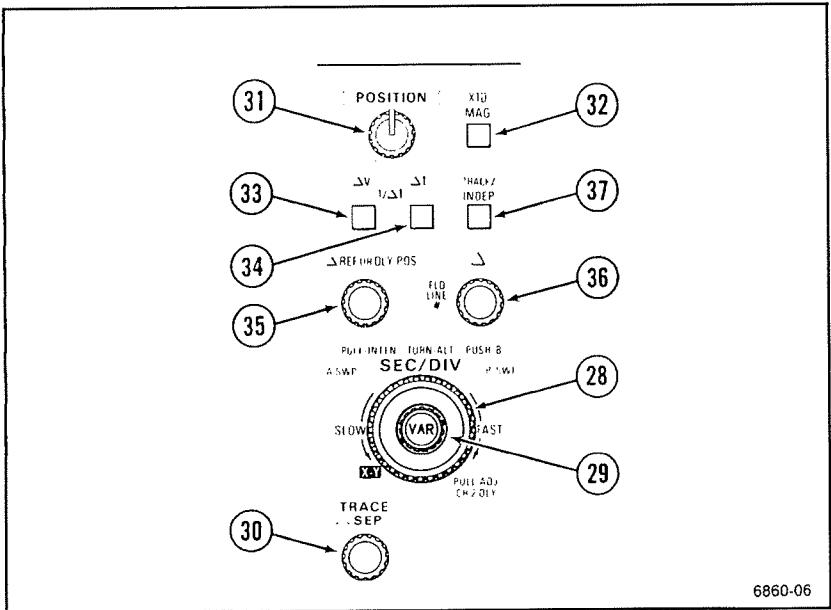
... | 1 2 ... 262 263 | 264 265 ... 524 525 | ...

With FLD 1 or FLD 2 trigger coupling, the readout displays the selected line number. The line number readout is followed by a Δ symbol if the Δ FLD LINE # control is directed to line number selection. If the Δ symbol is not present, the control is directed to another function and the line number is fixed. The control is redirected to line-number selection or back to a Δ function by pressing a Trigger Coupling button or the respective Δ button(s).

37 TRACK/INDEP Button

Selects either the Tracking or Independent mode for the Δ REF OR DLY POS control. In the Tracking mode, rotating the Δ REF OR DLY POS control changes both delays or both cursors equally until the limit of either is reached.

In the Indep mode, Δ REF OR DLY POS affects only the reference delay or cursor. In either Tracking or Independent mode, the Δ control moves only the Δ cursor.



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Figure 5-5. Horizontal and delta measurement controls.

Trigger

Refer to Figure 5-6 for the location of items 38 through 47.

38 MODE Buttons and Indicators

Select the mode of either the A Trigger or the B Trigger. Pressing a button steps the MODE selection once; holding the button causes the MODE selection to step repeatedly. Indicators show the selected mode of either the A Trigger or the B Trigger according to the selected horizontal display mode and as directed by the A/B TRIG button.

A-Trigger Modes:

AUTO LVL

Automatically establishes the trigger level on a triggering signal and free runs the sweep in the absence of a triggering signal.

In Auto Lvl mode, LEVEL covers the range between the positive and negative peaks of repetitive triggering signals. If the triggering signal amplitude changes, the trigger level does not change unless a trigger is no longer produced at the established level. The signal peaks are measured and the trigger level is redefined when triggering ceases, when the LEVEL control is turned to either extreme, or when the upper MODE button is pressed. If the LEVEL control is set near either end position, the trigger level is set near the corresponding signal peak. If LEVEL is in the midrange between either end, the trigger level set by AUTO LVL is near the midpoint between the trigger signal peaks. When INIT@50% is pressed, the trigger level is set near the midpoint of the signal, regardless of the setting of LEVEL. The established trigger level remains in effect when switching to Auto trigger mode.

To obtain triggered sweeps, the triggering signal repetition rate must be greater than a nominal limit, depending on the selected sweep speed.

With Auto Lvl mode and Vert trigger source, the lowest numbered channel displayed, or Add if it is displayed, provides the trigger signal. When the trigger mode is changed from Auto Lvl to Auto while more than one channel is displayed, the single channel trigger source is retained and the VERT indicator is turned off unless Add is being displayed. When Add is displayed, Vert source is retained when trigger mode changes to Auto.

AUTO Sweep free runs in the absence of a triggering signal. The trigger level changes only when the LEVEL control is adjusted to a new position or when INIT@50% is pressed.

NORM Sweep is triggered and runs when an adequate triggering signal is applied. In the absence of an adequate triggering signal, the A Sweep does not run, except when the input coupling of the trigger-source channel is set to GND. If the selected source is Vert, and the Add vertical display is selected, the A Sweep free runs if Channel 1 and Channel 2 input coupling are both set to GND.

SGL SEQ When armed by pushing the lower MODE button, the sweep runs once for each of the traces defined by the following controls: Vertical MODE, A and B SEC/DIV, and Δt or $1/\Delta t$. Each sweep requires a distinct A-Sweep triggering event. The READY indicator remains illuminated until the final trace in the sequence is completed. At the end of the display sequence, scale-illumination flashes and the readout display is written once to present the scale factors and other readout data.

B-Trigger Modes:

RUN AFT DLY The B Sweep runs immediately after the delay time set by A SEC/DIV, Δ REF OR DLY POS, and, if Δt or $1/\Delta t$ is active, Δ .

TRIG AFT DLY The B Sweep runs when triggered after the set delay, determined by the same controls as for RUN AFT DLY, provided the A Sweep has not terminated.

TRIG Δ DLY Only with the available CTT, and with Δt or $1/\Delta t$ active, the B-Trigger Slope and Level for the Δ delay can be set separately from those for the REFERENCE delay. If both TRIG AFT DLY and TRIG Δ DLY indicators are on, the B-Trigger Slope and Level are common for the two delays. TRIG Δ DLY should normally be used with VERT trigger source for B Trigger. Pressing the lower trigger Mode button alternates between TRIG AFT DLY and TRIG Δ DLY and the controls are alternately directed to the two triggers.

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**SOURCE
Buttons and
Indicators**

Select the trigger-signal source for either A Sweep or B Sweep.

VERT

The sweep triggers on the displayed channel when only one channel is selected. If multiple vertical displays are selected, both the trigger Mode and the Chop/Alt selection affect the triggering source. With Alt vertical mode and with A-Trigger modes other than Auto Lvl, each displayed channel in turn provides the triggering signal and the respective LED indicator for each displayed channel is illuminated. With Auto Lvl trigger mode or with Chop vertical mode, the lowest-numbered channel, or ADD if it is displayed, is the triggering-signal source. The Source indicators show the source of the triggering signal in any case. When ADD is selected, both the CH 1 and the CH 2 indicators are illuminated.

**CH 1, CH 2,
CH 3, or
CH 4**

A triggering signal is obtained from the corresponding vertical channel.

**LINE (A-
Trigger
Only)**

A triggering signal is obtained from a sample of the ac power-source waveform. This trigger source is useful when vertical input signals are related (multiple or submultiple) to the frequency of the ac power-source voltage.

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**COUPLING
Buttons and
Indicators**

Select the method of coupling the triggering signal to the trigger generator.

DC

All frequency components of the signal are coupled to the trigger. This coupling is preferred for most signals.

NOISE REJ

All frequency components of the input signal are coupled to the trigger. This coupling improves trigger stability with signals accompanied by low-level noise.

HF REJ

Attenuates high-frequency triggering-signal components above 50 kHz. This coupling eliminates radio-frequency interference and high-frequency noise components from the signal applied to the trigger. It allows triggering on the low-frequency components of a complex waveform. No trigger level readout is displayed.

LF REJ

Signals are capacitively coupled, blocking the dc component of the triggering signal and attenuating the low-frequency signal components below 50 kHz. This coupling allows triggering on the high-frequency components of a complex waveform.

AC

Signals are capacitively coupled. Frequency components below 60 Hz are attenuated, and the dc component of the input signal is blocked. This coupling works for signals that are superimposed on slowly changing dc voltages. This method will work for most signals when trigger-level readout is not desired.

For instruments with serial numbers B049999 and below with firmware version 11 and above or for instruments with serial numbers B050000 and above with firmware version 2 and above, the trigger level readout is displayed in AC trigger coupling modes (HF REJ, LF REJ, AC, LINES, FLD1, FLD2, or ALT) or AC input coupling. The trigger level readout is displayed with a "V?" mark, to indicate the setting is only of value to allow the operator to obtain the same setting again. In TV trigger modes the trigger level readout is displayed as a percent instead of in volts.

With Available TV Enhancement:

Trigger Coupling buttons and indicators select four additional trigger couplings. The readout shows which of these couplings and which line number are selected, in the upper right corner of the CRT. If that corner is occupied, the TV information is displayed in the upper left corner.

LINES

The A Sweep triggers at TV horizontal line-sync pulses. AUTO trigger mode is automatically selected.

FLD 1

The A Sweep triggers on a selected line in the first field of a TV signal. NORM trigger mode is automatically selected.

FLD 2

The A Sweep triggers on a selected line in the second field of a TV signal. NORM trigger mode is automatically selected.

ALT

The A Sweep alternately triggers on the same selected line in both TV fields. Both the FLD 1 and the FLD 2 indicators light. NORM trigger mode is automatically selected.

With CHOP vertical mode, all channels are displayed with both the FLD 1 and the FLD 2 triggers.

With Alt vertical mode and more than one channel displayed, field 1 of the video signal triggers the sweep with the first displayed channel and field 2 triggers the sweep with the next displayed channel. With more than two channels, each additional channel is displayed with triggers from both fields.

**41 A/B TRIG
Button**

The MODE, SOURCE, COUPLING, SLOPE, LEVEL, and INIT@50% controls are normally directed to the A Trigger. They are directed to the B Trigger with Inten, Alt, or B-Sweep horizontal displays, if B mode is TRIG AFT DLY (or, with the CTT, TRIG Δ DLY). The trigger controls are directed to the opposite trigger while the A/B TRIG button is pressed. With Inten, Alt, or B-Sweep horizontal displays, and with B-Trigger mode set to RUN AFT DLY or with A-Trigger mode set to Sgl Seq, the trigger controls are alternately directed to the A Trigger or to the B Trigger each time the button is pushed.

**42 LEVEL
Control**

Sets the amplitude point on the triggering signal at which A-Sweep or B-Sweep triggering occurs.

When the A-Trigger mode is set to Auto Lvl, the effect of the LEVEL control is spread over the peak to peak amplitude of the triggering signal. When the control is rotated to either extreme, the peak values are measured, and the control range is redefined to correspond to the peak values. If LEVEL is fully clockwise, the initial level is near the positive peak. If LEVEL is fully counterclockwise, the initial level is near the negative peak.

- 43 SLOPE Button and Indicators** Determines whether the A Trigger or B Trigger respond to the positive-going or the negative-going slope of a signal. With the available *TV* enhancement, Slope selects positive or negative sync polarity. With the available *CTT*, in Logic Trigger modes, Slope determines whether the high (+) or low (–) state of the signal is the true input to the logic function.
- 44 A SWP TRIG'D Indicator** Illuminates when the A Sweep is triggered. It extinguishes a short time after completion of a sweep unless a triggering signal is received.
- 45 READY Indicator** Illuminates when Sgl Seq mode is selected and the A Sweep is armed and waiting for a triggering event to occur. It extinguishes following the completion of all the traces selected for the Sgl Seq display.
- 46 HOLDOFF Control** Varies the time from the end of an A Sweep to enabling the next sweep to be initiated by the triggering signal. This control can be set to stabilize some aperiodic signals. In the B ENDS A position (fully clockwise) trigger holdoff time is minimum, and A Sweep terminates immediately at the end of the B Sweep. This enables the fastest possible sweep-repetition rate at slow A-Sweep speeds.
- 47 INIT@50% Button** Initializes the trigger level at the midpoint between peaks, for either the A Trigger or B Trigger, in any mode.
- If Vert trigger source is selected and more than one channel is displayed, INIT@50% automatically sets the trigger source to the lowest numbered of the displayed channels. However, with the available *CTT*, with a “slaved delta-time” display and separate B-Trigger settings for reference and delta delays, INIT@50% sets the level for each of the first two channels separately and does not change the trigger source. If Sgl Seq mode is selected, the A-Trigger mode changes to Norm.

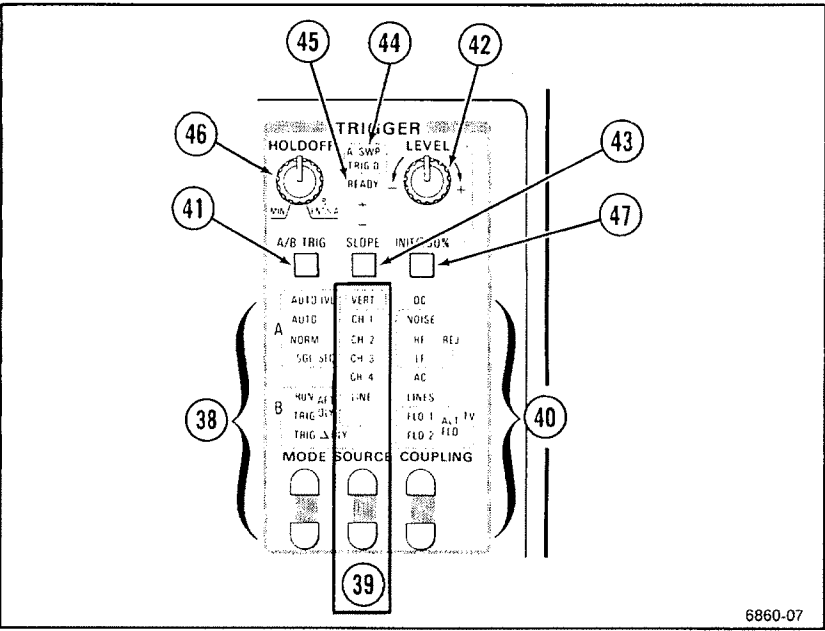


Figure 5-6. Trigger controls and indicators.

Rear Panel

Refer to Figure 5-7 for the location of items 48 through 58.

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|------|---|---|
| (48) | A GATE OUT
and B GATE
OUT | Provide TTL-compatible, positive-going gate signals that are HI during their respective sweeps and LO while the sweep is not running. When the A SEC/DIV switch is set to 5 ns per division, a gate signal is present at both the A GATE OUT and the B GATE OUT connectors. |
| (49) | Line Voltage
Selector
Switch | Selects either 115 V or 230 V nominal ac-power-source voltage. |
| (50) | EXT Z-AXIS
IN Connector | Provides an input for external signals to modulate the display intensity. |
| (51) | Fuse Holder | Contains the ac power-source fuse. |
| (52) | Detachable
Power Cord
Receptacle | Connects the ac power source to the instrument. |
| (53) | CH 2 SIGNAL
OUT
Connector | Supplies a normalized signal that represents the Channel 2 input signal. |
| (54) | Mod Slots | Contain identification of any installed instrument modifications. |
| (55) | STEP/AUTO
EXT Switch
Connector | A connector on the rear panel accepts a standard, 2.5-mm, micro-phono plug, compatible with some commonly available remote-control switches for audio recorders. A contact closure or TTL-low at this input produces the same effect as operating the STEP/AUTO button. |

- 56 Word Recognizer Probe Connector or Probe Power** Connects the 17-Bit Word Recognizer Probe to the instrument, only with the available *WR* (Option 09), or supplies conditioned dc voltages to active probes, only with Option 11.
- 57 WORD RECOG OUT Connector or Probe Power** Provides an LSTTL-compatible, positive-going pulse when the Word Recognizer detects the selected word, only with the available *WR* (Option 09), or supplies conditioned dc voltages to active probes, only with Option 11.
- 58 GPIB Connector** Provides the IEEE Std 488-1978 compatible electrical and mechanical connection to the GPIB.

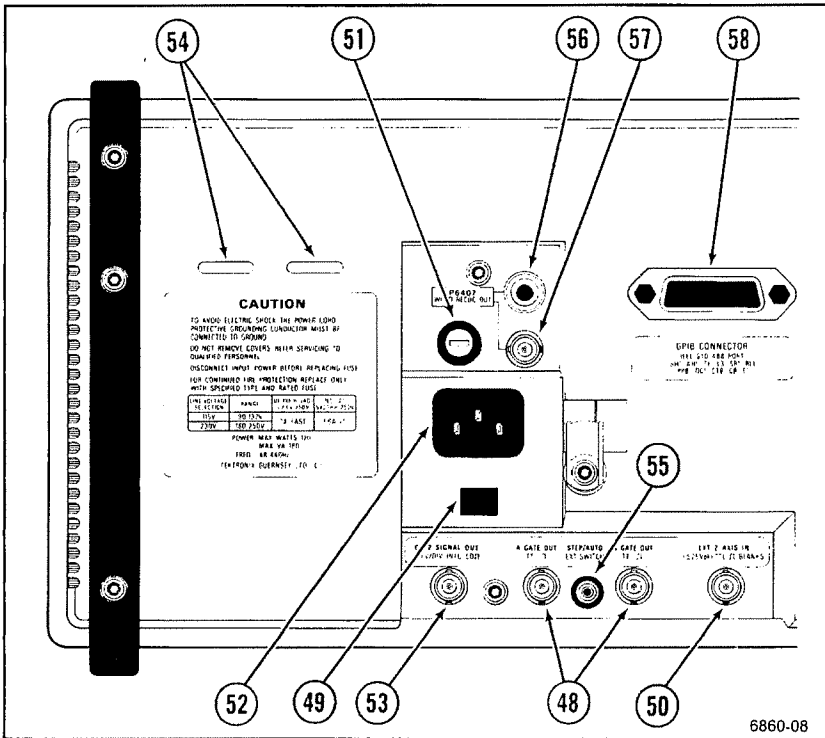


Figure 5-7. Rear panel controls and connectors.

DMM

All DMM controls are momentary push buttons. The buttons alternately select and deselect functions. Refer to Figure 5-8 for the location of items 59 through 71.

**59 RANGE
Buttons**

Select full-scale ranges for measurements.

AUTO

Selects autorange. The measurement range changes as necessary to maintain the reading within 9% to 100% of full scale. Autoranging is automatically selected each time a new measurement function is selected. If autoranging is active, pressing AUTO deselects autoranging. When the button is pressed again, autoranging returns.

When a measurement range changes, the display blanks momentarily. If a measurement exceeds a manually selected range or the highest range with autoranging, "OVER" is displayed in the readout.

**UP and
DOWN**

Change the measurement range. In autorange mode, pressing either button disables autoranging and selects the next range above or below the present range. Pressing the UP button at the highest range or DOWN at the lowest range does not change the range, but changes the mode either from autoranging to manual ranging or from manual to automatic. With manual ranging, the display shows "MNL."

With manual ranging, measurements can exceed the nominal full scale by 10%, except at the highest range.

60 DC V/DC A

Turns the dc volts or dc amps function on or off.

61 AC V/AC A

Selects or cancels ac rms volts or ac rms amps.

- 62 dBV/dBm** Selects or cancels dBV or dBm.
- dBV** Displays ac rms voltage measurements as the log of the ratio of the input voltage to 1 V. Readings equal $20 \times \log(V_{\text{input}}/V_{\text{ref}})$, where V_{input} is the input voltage and V_{ref} is 1 V. With zero input, the readout displays "OVER."
- dBm** Displays ac rms voltage measurements as the log of the ratio of the input voltage to a 1 mW reference at 600 Ω . Readings equal $20 \times \log(V_{\text{input}}/V_{\text{ref}})$, where V_{input} is the input voltage and V_{ref} is 0.7746 V. With zero input, the readout displays "OVER."
- 63 CONT** Selects or deselects continuity. If the resistance between the probes is less than 10 Ω , the instrument produces an audible tone. The readout shows either "SHORT < 10 Ω " or "OPEN > 10 Ω ." The tone responds to continuity within about 100 ms.
- Continuity operation is not affected by AUTO, UP, DOWN, HOLD, SMOOTH, MIN/MAX DISPLAY, MIN/MAX RESET, REF DISPLAY, or REF SET.
- 64 HI Ω /LO Ω** Selects or deselects resistance measurement.
- HI Ω** Measures resistance within 2 k, 20 k, 200 k, 2 M, and 20 M Ω ranges. At full scale, 2 V appears across the test leads, which will bias a silicon semiconductor junction to forward conduction.
- LO Ω** Measures resistance within 200, 2 k, 20 k, 200 k, and 2 M Ω ranges. At full scale, 0.2 V appears across the test leads, which will not bias a silicon semiconductor junction to forward conduction.
- 65 °C/°F** Selects or deselects temperature measurement. If a temperature probe is not connected to the input jacks, the readout shows "ATTACH TEMP PROBE."
- °C** Measures temperature in Celsius degrees.
- °F** Measures temperature in Fahrenheit degrees.

66 SHIFT

Selects the secondary functions of the other DMM buttons. Primary functions are indicated on the panel above the DMM buttons and secondary functions are indicated below. Pressing SHIFT while shift is pending cancels the shift prefix. A pending shift prefix will clear automatically if another DMM button is not pressed within 10 seconds. While the shift prefix is pending, "SHIFT" appears in the readout.

67 HOLD/SMOOTH Changes the display mode.

HOLD

"Freezes" the display, which also shows "HLD." Display updating resumes when any DMM button is pressed.

SMOOTH

Filters measurement variations from the display. The display represents the mean value calculated from a series of accumulated measurements. A numeral in the upper right of the display shows how many measurements the displayed average includes: 8, 16, 24, 32, 40, 48, 56, or 64. After 64 measurements are accumulated, the running average is updated, after each eight measurements, to reflect the most recent 64 measurements. To reset the averaging process, smoothing must be deselected, then selected again.

**68 MIN/MAX
DISPLAY —
MIN/MAX
RESET**

Displays the minimum or maximum measurement or resets the minimum and maximum to the next measurement value.

Repeated operation of MIN/MAX DISPLAY steps the display through the sequence of minimum, maximum, then present measurements. Minimum and maximum values are updated with each measurement, regardless of which of the three displays is selected and regardless of whether smoothing is in effect.

**MIN/MAX
RESET**

Initializes the minimum and maximum values when the next measurement is made. Selecting a new DMM function also resets the minimum and maximum values.

- 69 REF DISPLAY /REF SET** Displays or sets a reference measurement.
- REF DISPLAY** Shows the present reference value. If no reference has been set, the display will show 0.
- REF SET** Initializes the reference value to the present display. All subsequent measurements will be displayed with this reference value subtracted from them. If no measurement is displayed, or if the present measurement is out of range, REF SET has no effect.
- When a measurement has a reference value subtracted from it, the display includes a Δ symbol. With dBV or dBm, the reference takes the place of V_{ref} . Selecting a new DMM function or turning off power clears the reference. The reference is retained if another instrument function, such as Δt , displaces the DMM measurement and then the same DMM measurement is selected again.
- 70 HIGH and LOW Connectors** Provide high-impedance, floating inputs to the DMM. For DC and resistance measurements, the upper, red terminal is positive and the lower, black input is negative.
- 71 Fuse** Excessive input in a current-measuring mode may open the input fuse. If the fuse opens, none of the DMM functions will work. To replace the fuse, turn off the instrument, remove the DMM probes, and unscrew the fuse holder. Replace the fuse with a 1.5 A, fast acting, 3AG fuse. (The fuse holder will accept a 5 X 25 mm fuse, with the appropriate cap substituted for the original.) Then, replace the probes and turn on the instrument.

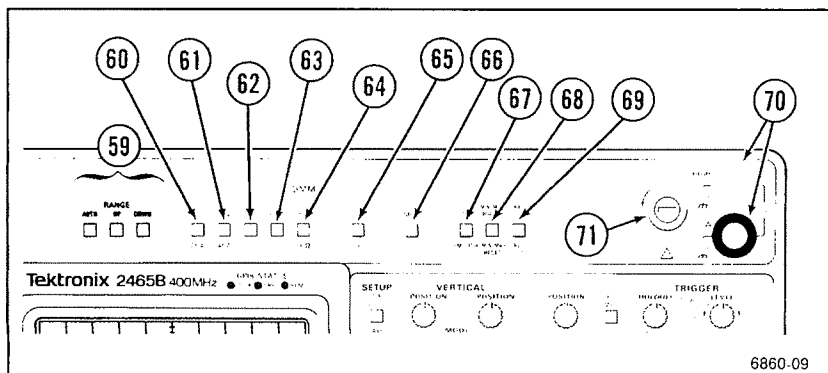


Figure 5-8. DMM controls and connectors.

DMM Displays

Large digits indicate measured values. Parameter units and other text except "OVER" are displayed as smaller letters and digits. The following examples show various display formats:

DC Voltage	15.693 V DC
SMOOTH	1.4356 A DC /64/
Using a Reference Value	Δ 0.9861 A DC
Reference Display	1.3461 V DC=REF
Minimum Display	0.5201 V AC=MIN
Maximum Display (with Reference)	Δ 0.8293 V DC=MAX
Continuity Display	OPEN > 10 Ω SHORT < 10 Ω
Over-Range Display	OVER

Display-Mode Interactions

Selecting REF SET or SMOOTH cancels any HOLD, REF DISPLAY, or MIN/MAX DISPLAY, but those displays can be reselected and work with reference values or with the SMOOTH display mode. With SMOOTH, MIN/MAX DISPLAY continues to show the extremes of measurements, not the smoothed values.

