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1 Introduction

1.1 Description

The Giga-tronics 58542 VXI Universal Power Meter offers high accuracy with an ultra-fast reading rate and dual power inputs. Depending on the sensor used, the frequency range is from 10 MHz to 40 GHz for CW signals and 50 MHz to 40 GHz for pulsed signals. The unit is optimized for fast measurements over the VXI bus. Maximum measurement speed is achieved with an internal data buffer, which logs a user-specified number of measurements for subsequent transfer over the VXI bus.

The 58542 is optimized for the fast measurements required by ATE systems. The 58542 diode-based sensors have response times significantly faster than thermal sensors. The high measurement speeds are available over a wider dynamic range than with thermal sensors. The power meter uses the Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments (SCPI) language. It is a message-based instrument that responds to high level ASCII character SCPI commands. The commands are parsed and interpreted by the power meter. Their standardized (English) language format makes SCPI program development fast and easy.

The power sweep calibrator incorporates a built-in thermistor-based power meter bridge. The thermistor oven stability provides a standard 1 mW power reference at 50 MHz, traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The thermistors inherent linearity produces 51 precisely controlled power levels from -30 to +20 dBm for linearizing the diodes in the power sensors.

The excellent resulting linearity of ±0.5% (±0.02 dB) complements the low VSWR of the sensors and tightly specified Cal Factor uncertainty. The Cal Factors are stored in EEPROMs in each sensor so that only entering a frequency of operation to the power meter is needed to obtain frequency corrected power readings.

The 58542 power meter is a standard C-size (single-width) VXI module. It weighs 2.5 kg (5.5 lbs). Power requirements are +5 Vdc @ 800 mA, +24 Vdc @ 250 mA and -24 Vdc @ 250 mA.

The 58542 uses Giga-tronics Series 80300 Schottky diode-based sensors for fast measurements with a dynamic range of up to 90 dB, depending on the sensor. Excellent linearity of \pm 0.5% is assured through a built-in power sweep calibrator. Special purpose CW sensors are available, including low VSWR sensors, four high-power versions (1W, 5W, 25W and 50W), and True RMS sensors with 50 dB dynamic range. Peak power sensors are available for making true instantaneous power readings on pulsed signals such as radar and digital communications. The sensors sample pulsed RF signal amplitude directly, therefore a duty cycle correction is not required.

Refer to Appendix B in this publication for power sensor selection and specifications data. Appendix C contains technical data for options available for the 58542.

1.1.1 Items Furnished

In addition to options and/or accessories specifically ordered, items furnished with the instrument are as follows:

- Operation & Maintenance Manual (P/N 21555)
- Two sets of power sensor cables

1.1.2 Items Required

A VXI mainframe which meets the power and cooling requirements of the modules is required. Two sensor cables are furnished with the 58542 to fit the dual-channel female output connectors.

1.1.3 Tools & Test Equipment

Test equipment required for calibration and testing is described in Chapter 4 of this publication.

1.1.4 Storage

Giga-tronics VXIbus modules should be stored in an environment free from excessive dust and dirt and in the temperature range of -40 °C to +70 °C.

1.1.5 Cooling

No special cooling is required. If the module is to be operated outside of a properly ventilated VXI frame, auxiliary air circulation is required, such as a small fan directed at the module.

1.1.6 Receiving Inspection

Use care in removing the instrument from the carton and check immediately for physical damage, such as bent or broken connectors on the front and rear panels, dents or scratches on the panels, broken extractor handles, etc. Check the shipping carton for evidence of physical damage and immediately report any damage to the shipping carrier.

Each Giga-tronics instrument must pass rigorous inspections and tests prior to shipment. Upon receipt, the instrument's performance should be promptly checked to ensure that operation has not been impaired during shipment.

1.1.7 Safety Precautions

When installing modules into the mainframe, be sure that the connectors are properly aligned before pushing the modules into place. Apply gentle but firm pressure to insert the modules and make sure they are fully seated for proper operation.

1.1.8 Reshipment Preparation

If it is necessary to return the instrument to the factory, protect the instrument during reshipment by using the best packaging materials available. If possible, use the original shipping container. If the original container is not available, use a strong carton (350 lbs./sq.in. bursting strength) or a wooden box. Wrap the instrument in heavy paper or plastic before placing it in the shipping container. Completely fill the areas on all sides of the instrument with packaging material. Take extra precaution to protect the front and rear panels. Seal the package with strong tape or metal bands. Mark the outside of the package:

FRAGILE — DELICATE INSTRUMENT

If corresponding with the factory or the local Giga-tronics sales office regarding reshipment, please provide the model and serial number. If the instrument is being returned for repair, be sure to enclose all relevant information regarding the problem that has been found.

NOTE: If returning an instrument to Giga-tronics for service, first contact Customer Service so that a return authorization number (RMA) can be assigned. Contact Giga-tronics via e-mail (repairs@gigatronics.com) or by phone 800.444.2878 (The 800 number is only valid within the US). Giga-tronics may also be contacted via our domestic line at 925.328.4650 or Fax at 925.328.4702.

1.2 Specifications

Performance specifications describe the 58542 warranted performance, and apply when using the Series 80300A Power Sensors. Typical performance (shown in italics) is non-warranted.

1.2.1 Range

Frequency Range

10 MHz $-$ 40 GHz¹

Power Range

 -70 dBm $- +47$ dBm (100 pW $- 50$ Watt)¹

Single Sensor Dynamic Range

CW Sensors: 90 dB¹ Peak Power Sensors: 40 dB, Peak
50 dB, CW¹

1.2.2 Accuracy

Calibrator

Power Sweep calibration signal to dynamically linearize the sensors

Frequency

50 MHz nominal

Settability

The 1 mW (0.0 dBm) level in the Power Sweep Calibrator is factory set to ±0.7% traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Measure within 15 seconds of setting calibrator to 0.0 dBm

Accuracy

 \pm 1.2% worst case for one year, over temperature range of 5 °C - 35 °C

Connector

Type N(f) connector, 50 Ω

VSWR

 $<$ 1.05 dB (Return Loss $>$ 33 dB)

System Linearity (@ 50 MHz for Standard CW Sensors)

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\pm 0.02 dB over any 20 dB range from -70 - +16 dBm
\pm 0.02 dB + (0 dB, -0.05 dB/dB) from +16 - +20 dBm
±0.04 dB from -70 - +16 dBm
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Linearity Temperature Coefficient

 $<$ 0.1%/ °C temperature change following Power Sweep Calibration, 24-hour warm-up required <0.3%/ °C temperature change following Power Sweep Calibration, 24-hour warm-up required (8035XA Series Sensors)

1.2.3 Zeroing Accuracy (Standard CW Sensors)

Zero Set

 $<$ \pm *50 pW*²

Zero Drift

 $<$ \pm 100 pW during 1 hour²

Noise

 $<$ \pm 50 pW measured over any 1 minute interval²

Averaging

Auto-averaging or user-selectable averaging from 1 to 512 readings per measurement

Notes:

- 1. Depending on sensor used.
- 2. Specified performance applies with maximum averaging and 24-hour warm-up at constant temperature.

Figure 1-1: Instrument Linearity

1.2.4 Meter Functions

dB Offset & Relative

Allows both relative readings and offset readings. Power readings can be offset by $-99.999 - +99.999$ dB to account for external loss/ gain

Configuration Storage Registers

Up to ten instrument configurations can be stored and recalled from non-volatile memory for fast configuration changes

Power Measurements

Any two of the following channel configurations, simultaneously: 1, 2, 1/2, 2/1, 1-2, 2-1

1.2.5 Measurement Speed

Measurement speed increases significantly using the meter's data storage capabilities. Storing data in memory for later downloading to the controller reduces word serial protocol and protocol conversion overhead. Up to 128,000 readings can be buffered. The measurement rate depends on several factors, including controller speed and number of averages. Burst Mode speed does not include bus communication time. The following lists typical maximum measurement rates for CW power sensors or Series 80340 Peak Power Sensors.

Individual data points are read immediately after measurement in the Normal Mode. Swift Mode allows triggering of individual data points, and stores the data in the 58542 memory. Burst Mode also buffers measurement data: measurement timing of individual data points is controlled by setting the time interval (0.001 to 5.000 sec) between the data points following a single group burst trigger event.

1.2.6 Inputs/Outputs

Analog Output

Provides an output voltage (at the Analog Out BNC) that is configurable from $-10 - +10$ V from either Channel 1 or Channel 2 in either Lin or Log units $¹$ </sup>

Accuracy

 $1.0\% \pm 32$ mV, \cdot 10 - $+10$ V

Linearity

 $< 0.3%$

Trigger Input

Connects EXT trigger (at the EXT TRIG BNC). TTL level input signal for fast reading of buffered data modes

Voltage Proportional to Frequency (in GHz)

Automated Cal Factor correction. Input the analog VpropF signal level from the microwave signal source to the V_{PROP}F IN BNC¹

Input Range

 $0 - 10 V$

Accuracy

1.0% ±32 mV (14 bit) (0.6 mV resolution)

Note:

1. Operates in Normal Mode only.

1.2.7 Power Requirements

Requirements

1.2.8 General Specifications

Temperature Range

Physical Characteristics

Accessories Included

Two detachable sensor cables

2 Operation

2.1 Preparation for Use

This chapter describes how to operate the 58542 VXIbus Universal Power Meter. The first part of the chapter explains how to set up and install the unit. This is followed by operating procedures using the General Purpose Interface Bus (GPIB) command reference, with the Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments (SCPI) command language.

The following topics are presented in this chapter:

- Installation (Section 2.2)
- Initial Setup (Section 2.3)
- Sensor Precautions (Section 2.4)
- Operation (Section 2.5; Error Messages, Section 2.5.34)

2.2 Installation

Before installing the power meter, ensure that the logical address and data transfer bus arbitration have been set according to the procedures in Section 2.3.

The power meter installs into any slot of a VXI mainframe except slot 0 (zero). When inserting the instrument into the mainframe, rock it gently back and forth to fully seat the connectors into the backplane receptacles. The ejectors will be at right angles to the front panel when the instrument is properly seated. The two captive screws above and below the ejectors secure the instrument into the chassis.

The power meter contains three printed circuit assemblies: (1) The Analog board, (2) VXI Processor board and (3) Digital board.

The Analog board contains the front panel connectors, the Power Sweep Calibrator (beneath the top metal cover) and the dual measurement channels (beneath the lower metal cover). The memory backup battery is attached to this lower metal cover.

The VXI Processor board contains the 68000 processor, connection to the VXIbus backplane and two EEPROMS containing communications software. The operational software must be compatible with the EEPROMs on the Digital board. The EEPROMs will be replaced whenever operational software upgrades are performed.

The Digital board connects to the VXI backplane for access to TTL triggering and the main operational software.

2.3 Initial Setup

The logical address and data transfer bus arbitration must be set up in the power meter before installing the unit in a VXI mainframe and applying power. The following procedures define how to complete the initial setup.

2.3.1 Logical Address

The VXI chassis Resource Manager identifies each unit in the system by its logical address. The VXI logical address can range from 0 to 255. Addresses 0 and 255 are reserved for special functions: Address 0 identifies the Resource Manager (slot and controller); address 255 permits the Resource Manager to dynamically address the unit based on the chassis VXI slot.

To change the logical address, set the respective sections on the eight position DIP switch. The switch is accessible after removing the right cover (See Figure 2-1).

The address is set with binary values of 0 to 255. Switch position 1 is the least significant bit of the address. Figure 2-1 illustrates logical address values of 3 (binary 00000011) and 255 (binary 11111111). Giga-tronics ships the power meter with a logical address of 255 for dynamic configuration.

Figure 2-1: Setting the Logical Address

2.3.2 Data Transfer Bus Arbitration

The power meter has VMEbus Mastership capability. When enabled, it sends responses and events as signals (software interrupts) to its Commander Signal Register. The power meter cannot drive the interrupt lines.

The power meter is configured as a level 3 requester by the factory. The level 3 Bus Request and Bus Grant lines (BR3*, BG3IN* and BG3OUT*) are used. The other Bus Grant lines are daisy-chained by jumpers (See Figure 2-2).

The VMEbus specifications describe three priority schemes: (1) Prioritized, (2) round-robin and (3) single level. Prioritized arbitration assigns the bus according to a fixed priority scheme where each of four bus lines has a priority from highest (BR3*) to lowest (BR0*). Round-robin arbitration assigns the bus on a rotating basis. Single level arbitration accepts requests only on BR3*.

The jumpers must be changed if a different requester level is required. Figure 2-2 will aid in reconfiguring the power meter to a new level. Refer to the VMEbus specification for more information on data transfer bus arbitration.

Figure 2-2: Default Bus Arbitration Settings

2.4 Sensor Precautions

Sensors used with the 58542 are configured in metal housings for superior mechanical performance as well as excellent shielding.

When connecting the sensors to other devices or components, the body of the sensor should never be turned to tighten the RF connection. Mechanical damage to the connector can result if improperly handled when connecting the sensors. Scratched or damaged connector mating surfaces can lead to inaccurate measurements.

If a sensor is connected to CW or peak power devices with power output in excess of +23 dBm (200 mW), degradation or destruction of the diode can occur.

Diodes degraded or destroyed in this manner will not be replaced under warranty. Destructive signal levels are higher for High Power, True_{RMS} and Low VSWR sensors.

2.5 Operation

2.5.1 SCPI Command Interface

This section details operation of the 58542 VXIbus Universal Power Meter using the SCPI (Standard Communications for Programmable Instruments) interface commands. A SCPI command reference is presented in Table 2-2 and the sections that follow.

SCPI commands promote consistency in definition of a common instrument control and measurement command language. The structured approach of the SCPI standard offers test system design engineers a number of system integration advantages that achieve considerable efficiency gains during control program development.

SCPI compatible instrument commands are structured from a common functional organization or model of a test instrument (See Figure 2-3). Most of the power meter configuration and measurement functions fall within the Measurement Function Block and the Trigger Subsystem of the SCPI instrument model.

The 58542 uses the Sense Subsystem of the Measurement Function Block to implement commands that apply specifically to the individual power sensors; sensor 1 and sensor 2. For example, the SENSe2:CORRection:OFFSet command corrects for the attenuation of a signal that passes through an attenuator or coupler before it is measured by power sensor 2. Figure 2-3 illustrates the SCPI subsystem model.

NOTE: Throughout this publication, some commands will be in both upper- and lowercase, such as CALCulate and MEMory. The uppercase is the required input. The whole word can be used if desired. If the whole word is used, it must be used in its entirety. For example, CALCulat will not be recognized as a valid command. ☛

Figure 2-3: SCPI Subsystem Model

2.5.2 Sensor Calibration & Zeroing

The Calibration subsystem performs sensor calibration and zeroing. CALibrate:STATe*n* selects if the calibration data is applied or not. If STATe is ON, then the instrument uses the calibration data for correction. If STATe:OFF is selected, then no calibration using the calibration data will be made. The CALibrate:ZERO subsystem controls the autozero calibration of the sensor.

2.5.3 Sensor & Channel Configuration

The Calculate subsystem of the Measurement Function Block contains commands that define the form of the measured data from sensor 1 and sensor 2. Calculate commands define the configuration of the two Software Calculation Channels. For example, the CALC1:POW 1 command configures channel 1 to report the power level as measured by sensor 1. CALC2: RAT 2,1 configures channel 2 to report the ratio of power levels, sensor 2 over sensor 1.

2.5.4 Measurement Triggering

The power meter uses the Trigger Subsystem to trigger measurements in two different operational modes - a normal mode which maximizes the instrument's functionality, and swift and burst modes that maximize the power measurement rate.

2.5.5 Memory Functions

The MEMory commands control the configuration of the automated Voltage-Proportional-to-Frequency (V_{PROP}F or VF), sensor Cal Factor correction, and the analog outputs on the rear panel. Each of these connectors is used with external devices. The $V_{PROP}F$ can be configured to match the $V_{PROP}F$ output of the microwave source. The analog outputs are used with a variety of devices including chart recorders, oscilloscopes, voltmeters and microwave source leveling inputs.
2.5.6 IEEE 488.2 Required Commands

Consistent with SCPI compliance criteria, the power meter implements all the common commands declared mandatory by IEEE 488.2 (See Table 2-1).

2.5.7 DIAGnostic Commands

DIAGnostic commands are used for a variety of instrument specific maintenance and calibration functions. Unless performing instrument calibration functions, it is unlikely the DIAGnostic command sets will need to be used. For calibration laboratory metrology professionals, the DIAG commands will allow completely automated instrument and sensor calibration functions. The commands program EEPROMs inside the meter and individual sensors. If desired, a password function is incorporated to prevent unauthorized personnel from altering calibration information. Table 5-1 in Chapter 5 lists available Diagnostic commands.

2.5.8 Calculate Subsystem Commands

Calculate commands specify and query the configuration of power measurement channels, known in SCPI references as Software Configuration Channels, and in this publication as "channels". See Section 2.5.9 for sensor-specific configuration and measurement function control.

The query form of CALC#?, with # replaced by the channel modifier $(1 \text{ or } 2)$, returns the current configuration status for that channel. This verifies configuration commands or return current status information following data acquisition or power measurements.

Figure 2-4: CALCulate Subsystem Commands

Limit Lines are set on a channel basis. These commands set limits, monitor the number of violations, and allow the violation counter to be cleared.

The REFerence command allows channel-based offset values. For example, using CALC#:REF:COLL automatically converts the inverse of the current channel measurement value to an offset — simplifying the 1 dB compression testing of amplifiers.

MIN and MAX commands monitor deviation of measured values over a user controllable time period.

The two software calculation channels can individually and simultaneously perform the internal instrument functions that calculate final measurement data. The final measurement data is calculated from Sense subsystem sensor data as well as the Calculate subsystem channel configuration data.

This means that only two measurement configurations can be obtained from the 58542 simultaneously. For example, the controller can obtain measurements for sensor 1 plus sensor 2/sensor 1 simultaneously, but not sensor 1 plus sensor 2 plus sensor 2/sensor 1 simultaneously.

2.5.9 Sense Subsystem Commands

The Sense subsystem configuration commands, illustrated in Figure 2-5, apply to individual sensors. These commands alter the value of the measured power level according to the sensor's characteristics. For example, measured power levels can be offset for attenuators or couplers in the measurement path so that the power data reading reflects the power level at the measurement point of interest.

Use the Sense subsystem commands for:

- Averaging power measurements in the 58542
- Offsetting power measurements for attenuation or amplification
- Entering the operating frequency of the measured signal computes and applies sensor specific Calibration Factor corrections, which compensates for sensor frequency response characteristics
- Controlling Peak Power Sensor triggering

Sense subsystem commands control functions that are related directly to the individual power sensors. For example, these commands control items that would not apply to numerical alteration of a ratio measurement of Sensor1/Sensor2. Controls that would apply to that type of a configuration are channel functions, not sensor functions, and would therefore be located in the Calculate subsystem.

Figure 2-5: SENSe Subsystem Command Tree

SENSe:AVERage functions control the number of data samples for each measurement and the manner in which those numbers are accumulated. COUNt determines the averaging number or AUTO-averaging. TCONtrol determines whether each new sample is added to previous COUNt # of samples or if COUNt # of samples are taken each time the 58542 is triggered. Please note that the SENSe:TRIGger commands are not instrument triggers, but Peak Power Sensor configuration controls.

SENSe:TRIGger functions apply only to Giga-tronics Peak Power Sensors. The DELay and LEVel functions of these Peak Power Sensor controls apply to the 80350A Peak Power Sensors. The AVERage and CORRection commands apply to all Series 803XXA CW & Peak Power Sensors.

STATe ON OFF controls for COUNt and DELay, previous page, are not shown.

2.5.10 Trigger Subsystem Commands

The Trigger Subsystem is divided into two sections; Instrument Measurement Event Triggering and Special Triggering Configuration commands for the fast-reading buffered data modes (Burst and Swift modes). The Trigger command tree is illustrated in Figure 2-6.

Figure 2-6: TRIGger Subsystem Command Tree

The query form of these commands, TRIGger? with the appropriate modifier inserted ahead of the ?, will return the instrument's current configuration status. This can be used to verify triggering configuration or return status information following command errors which are commonly caused by using illegal configuration commands during Swift or Burst Modes.

SOURce:IMMediate triggering allows the 58542 to control measurement triggering; this is the default configuration. External triggering is performed using a TTL signal input. BUS allows software controlled triggering.

COUNt refers to the number of data points to store in the meter's 5000 reading buffer (128,000 with option 02) before the measurement data is requested by the controller.

DELay controls the time interval between Burst Mode data samples, and the MODE command controls whether the data is taken after receipt of the instrument trigger or if data is collected (in a FIFO buffer) immediately preceding receipt of an instrument trigger.

2.5.11 GPIB Command Syntax

The following conventions are used with the GPIB commands in this publication. Some commands will be in both upper- and lower-case, such as CALCulate and MEMory. The uppercase is the required input. The whole word can be used if desired. Table 2-2 lists in alphabetical order all of the GPIB commands supported by the power meter. The basic function performed by that command is given and the page number in this chapter where a description of each command can be located. Most query command syntaxes have been provided on the description page, not in Table 2-2.

2.5.11.1 Commands in Brackets

Commands and command separators within brackets, such as [COMMand:], are optional. These portions of the commands may be used in the program command strings, but are not required for proper operation of the power meter.

2.5.11.2 Programmer Selective Parameters

Command descriptions enclosed in angle brackets (< and >) show the syntax placement of configurable parameters. A description of the necessary parameter and the range of values or mnemonics valid for that parameter are enclosed in angle brackets.

2.5.11.3 Italics in Syntax Descriptions

Some command syntax descriptions show certain words in italics such as *space* and *comma* to indicate where the character must be included within a command string.

2.5.11.4 Query Format

Except where specifically noted, all query commands are formed by adding a question mark (?) to the command header. Be sure to omit command parameters when using the query format. Some commands have only a query format. With the exception of the Calibration queries, query commands will not change the status of the power meter. The CALibration1? and CALibration1:ZERO? commands query respectively to automatically begin the calibration and zeroing process.

2.5.11.5 Linking Command Strings

The 58542 uses ASCII strings for commands. When sending more than one command in a single string, a semicolon must be used as a delimiter between commands. No spaces or other characters are necessary. Use only a semicolon to link commands in a string.

2.5.11.6 Measurement Data Output Format

The examples in this chapter are written in HTBasic™ format. Different languages will use different commands, but the string sent or received will always be the same. In HTBasic, the OUTPUT command sends a string to the GPIB bus. The number or variable after the word OUTPUT is the GPIB address of the power meter.

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Table 2-2: VXI GPIB Command Syntax (Continued)

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2.5.12 Sensor Calibration & Zeroing

- **CALibrate<sensor 1 or 2>**
- **CALibrate<sensor 1 or 2>STATe?**
- **CALibrate<sensor 1 or 2>ZERO**
- **SENSe<sensor 1 or 2>:TEMPerature?**

2.5.12.1 Sensor Calibration

The CALibration commands for sensor calibration and zeroing are important for accurate power measurement results. Be sure to perform the sensor calibration prior to beginning measurement operation or channel configuration. Sensors must be calibrated to the meter before performing measurements.

Zeroing of all active sensors should always be performed whenever a second sensor (whether calibrated or not) is added or removed. Zeroing should also be performed prior to measurement of low signal levels, generally within the lower 15 dB of a sensor's dynamic range. For standard sensors, this is -55 dBm.

CAL#

CALibrate:STATE?

2.5.12.2 Sensor Zero

Zeroing automatically accounts for ground noise and other noise in the measurement system. Measurements will be sensitive to noise-induced errors only in the lowest 15 dB of the sensor dynamic range. *Be sure to turn off the signal going into the sensor during zeroing, otherwise a failure will be indicated*.

CAL#:ZERO

CAL#:ZERO?

SENS#:TEMP?

Example programs for Sensor Calibration and Zeroing are contained in Appendix A.

2.5.13 Reading Power Measurements

These commands return measurement data from the 58542. During Normal mode the data will be single measurement values. During Swift or Burst modes, the data will be an array of values. Generally, it is a single array if one sensor is connected and calibrated, and a dual array if two sensors are connected and calibrated.

FETC?

MEAS?

READ?

***OPC**

***OPC?**

2.5.13.1 Special Errors

An unusual or non-sense numeric response, such as 9e+40, indicates an error response. For instance, not performing the power sweep calibration procedure to calibrate the sensor to the power meter, the response to a MEAS#? command will be 9.0000e+40.

Selected basic SCPI syntax and execution errors apply to these commands.

If using the READ#? measurement query and INIT:CONT is ON, a bad value is returned, 9e+40. Sending SYST:ERR? error query, -213, Init ignored will be returned. READ#? contains the low level function INIT, since INIT:CONT is ON the INIT within READ#? generates an error. Set INIT:CONT to OFF when using READ#?.

There are no device-specific errors for the preset configuration or status reset commands except the high level -300, Device-specific error response.

Example programs for Reading Power Measurements are contained in Appendix A.

2.5.14 Instrument Triggering

These SCPI commands trigger the measurement cycle. They do not configure or provide triggering for Peak Power Sensors. Those commands are defined in Section 2.5.19. For power meter operation, the TRIGger Subsystem is divided into two sections; Instrument Measurement Event Triggering, and Special Triggering Configuration commands for the fast reading buffered data, Burst, and Swift modes.

Figure 2-7: TRIGger Subsystem Command Tree

EXT triggering is performed with the rear panel BNC connector and functions only in the BURSt and SWIFt Modes. EXT triggering is not available in the NORMal Mode. Provision has been made for a hardware ready for new trigger type handshaking capability using the analog output.

BUS triggering is available for all operating modes, BURSt, SWIFt and NORMal.

IMMediate triggering allows the 58542 to free run and perform continuous measurements. This is the default setting. To INITiate on IMMediate to increase measurement speed. During Normal Mode, with both of these controls set to IMM, power measurements can be read with MEAS, READ, or FETCh. IMMediate triggering is not compatible with the BURSt Mode. To send the CALC#:MODE BURS command to enter the BURSt Mode, IMM instrument triggering for NORMal Mode will automatically be switched to TRIG:SOUR BUS. To send the CALC#: MODE SWIF command to enter the SWIFt Mode, IMM instrument triggering will remain IMM but a device-specific error will be generated whenever specifying a TRIG:COUN# higher than 1.

***TRG**

TRIG

TRIG:SOUR

TRIG:MODE

TRIG:DEL

TRIG:COUN

***WAI**

Example programs for Instrument Triggering are contained in Appendix A.

2.5.15 Arming the Triggering Cycle

■ **INITiate[:IMMediate]**

The Initiate commands enable the power meter to acquire measurement data at the next instrument trigger. In the absence of an instrument signal, the 58542 is placed in the waiting-for-trigger-state. The default configuration is continuous initiation, INIT:CONT ON.

INITiate[:IMMediate] causes the power meter to exit the idle state and causes the trigger system to initiate and complete one full trigger cycle, returning to the idle state upon completion. For example, INITiate[:IMMediate] can be used with Peak Power Sensors to measure the power level of transient or one-shot pulsed microwave signals. After execution of the triggering sequence, send the FETCh? query command to return the measurement data from the 58542.

Perform triggering configuration with the TRIGger Subsystem commands. When TRIGger:SOURce is IMMediate, the measurement will start as soon as INITiate is sent to the 58542 and executed (or INITiate:CONTinuous ON sent and executed).

INIT:CONT

INIT:IMM

2.5.16 Channel Configuration

■ **CALCulate:STATe?**

CALC#:POW

CALC#:RAT

CALC#:DIFF

CALC#?

CALC#:UNIT

CALC#:STAT

CALC#:STAT?

Example programs for Channel Configuration are contained in Appendix A.

2.5.17 Cal Factor Correction

Power Sensors have a measurable frequency response. During manufacture, this response is calibrated at 1 GHz intervals. Instead of printing the data on the sensor label, each Giga-tronics power sensor includes a built-in EEPROM which has been programmed with the frequency calibration factor data for that particular power sensor.

The following SCPI commands tell the 58542 the operating frequency of the measured microwave or RF signal. Thus, the meter automatically interpolates the correct Cal Factor and applies that value to the measurement data. By performing this automatically, there is no need to read Cal Factor data from the side of sensor housings and program the data into tables within the ATE programming. Except for advanced measurement techniques using Burst Mode, there is no need to write cal factor interpolation routines; this is all done by the power meter. As shown below, sensor Cal Factor data can be read into the computer. Also see the Sensor EEPROM Commands in Section 2.5.32 for Cal Factor programming.

SENS#:CORRection:FREQ

Frequency response variations (which are reflected in Cal Factors in Giga-tronics sensors) do not change appreciably over small frequency ranges. That is, the frequency sent to the power meter does not need to be exact. If the actual measurement frequency is within about 40 MHz of the value sent to the power meter, measurement variation due to this discrepancy will typically be less than 0.02 dB, well below typical RSS measurement accuracy levels.

NOTE: Example programs for Cal Factor Corrections are contained in Appendix A of this publication.

MEM:FREQ

MEM:SEL

2.5.17.1 V_{PROP}F Configuration

Figure 2-8: V_{PROP}F Configuration

MEM:SLOP

2.5.17.2 Cal Factor Error Control

- See Error Messages in Section 2.5.34
- Selected basic SCPI syntax and execution errors apply to these commands
- Device-specific errors include the following and other -300 level errors
- A common device-specific error occurs when the frequency sent to the 58542 in the **SENS#:CORR:FREQ** ### command is outside the sensor operating frequency range. For example, sending SENS1:CORR:FREQ 18.4e9 when an 18 GHz (max) 80301A CW Power Sensor is attached will yield a device-specific error

2.5.18 High Speed Measurements

- **CALCulate:DATA?**
- **CALCulate:MODE**
- **TRIGger:MODE**
- **TRIGger:DELay**
- **TRIGger:COUNt**

Measurements in Normal mode are fastest with only one sensor attached. When two sensors are attached, the Normal mode measurement rate is reduced. This applies for all three major measurement commands, FETCh, READ and MEASure. Both of the averaging types, MOVing and REPeat, slow down when in the Normal mode. MOVing provides faster averaging; the speed is equivalent to REPeat whenever the Averaging number is 1.

When performing measurements in either Swift or Burst modes, measurement rates are the same with two sensors as with one sensor. Approximate measuring speeds are listed in Table 2-3.

CALC:DATA?

2.5.18.1 Operating Mode Control

The Operating mode is controlled through the CALC#:MODE command. The choices are NORMal, BURSt and SWIFt. Sending CALC1:MODE will set the operating mode for the entire instrument, not just for channel 1. The fast mode permits more frequent return of measurement data to the host during operation in the modulated measurement modes (MAP, PAP or BAP).

CALC:MODE

The following commands are duplicates of those given in the Instrument Triggering section of this chapter and are shown here for convenience. These commands must be used with BURSt mode operation.

TRIG:MODE

TRIG:DEL

TRIG:COUN

2.5.18.2 Approximate Measuring Speeds

Table 2-3 lists the 58542 approximate measurement speeds in readings per second.

Table 2-3: Approximate Measurement Speeds

Notes:

- 1. HP 9000-300 Computer, HP BASIC Language, HP-E1505B Controller.
- 2. Speed will be 0.24 for average number of 32, and 0.12 for average number of 64.

2.5.18.3 Triggering Notes

Refer to Instrument Triggering in Section 2.5.14 for more information.

EXT triggering is performed with the front panel BNC connector and will work only in BURSt and SWIFt Modes. EXT triggering is not available in NORMal Mode. Provision has been made for a hardware ready type handshaking capability using the analog output. This feature can be used as a loop back test when performing troubleshooting procedures.

BUS triggering is available for all operating modes, BURSt, SWIFt and NORMal.

IMMediate triggering is not compatible with BURSt and SWIFt Modes. If sending the CALC#:MODE BURS command to enter the BURSt Mode, IMM instrument triggering for NORMal Mode will automatically be switched to TRIG:SOUR BUS. If using the CALC#:MODE SWIF command to enter the SWIFt Mode, IMM instrument triggering will remain IMM, but a device-specific error will be generated whenever specifying a TRIG:COUN $#$ higher than 1. Using the FETCh $#$? measurement query, taking accurate measurements can be done anyway; do not set TRIG:COUN.

Using FETCh#? when having time-dependent measurement processes can be a little tricky unless using SRQs. If the 58542 has not had enough time to process the measurement or has not received a trigger, it will return an abnormally large number — 9.e40 is common, but other obviously invalid readings can occur. Not using SRQs is fastest for measurement speed, manage the measurement/triggering timing problem closely.

2.5.18.4 Measurement Level Notes

The SWIFt Mode should not be used for measuring power in the bottom 10 dB of the CW dynamic range. At low power levels, the NORMal mode reduces the measurement speed to account for the effects of noise.

Example programs for High Speed Measurements are contained in Appendix A.

2.5.19 Peak Power Sensor Triggering

■ **SENSe:TRIGger**

The Peak Power Sensors sample power levels almost instantaneously. Since there is a sampler built into the Peak Power sensor housing, there are several controls to configure the source of the sensor trigger signal. These include the delay time from triggering to when the sample is to be taken (Sample Delay), and the trigger level. All Peak Power Sensors will operate in the SWIFt and BURSt modes when in the CW measurement mode (SOURce) configuration (not when using INT or EXT trigger).

Description: This command activates the sample delay in the Series 80350A Peak Power Sensors.

2.5.20 Averaging

■ **SENSe:AVERage**

Averaging is applied during normal operating mode. In the normal mode, Avg $_{\rm n}$ results in $_{\rm n}$ x 192 samples taken. In the Swift or Burst modes, Avg_n results in 2_n samples taken. Auto averaging takes 4 samples all the time. For auto averaging in the normal mode, the averaging number is level dependent with very low averaging at +20 dBm, and many samples taken at very low levels.

SENSe:Average

2.5.21 Relative or Referenced Measurements

■ **CALCulate:REFerence**

Relative and referenced measurements are used when one measured value needs to be compared to another measured value on the same channel. For example, this function is used when it is desired to monitor the power level variation around an initial turn on or reference set value.

Referenced measurements are performed when finding the 1 dB compression power of an amplifier or using a return loss bridge. When a stable source is used, a relative measurement is useful for measuring the loss through an attenuator with a single sensor or channel.

Due to the ability to set a specific value of reference using the CALC:REF[:MAG] # command, this reference measurement function can also be used setting personal calibration factors. Thus the channel and sensor offset functions can remain dedicated to other setup dependent controls in programming.

CALCulate:REFerence

2.5.21.1 Error Control

- Selected basic SCPI syntax and execution error apply to these commands.
- Device-specific errors include the following and other -300 level errors.
- Use **CALC:REF** commands only in the NORMal Mode. Attempts to use these commands in the SWIFt and BURSt modes will be ignored and the error, -300, Device-specific error; Normal mode is off, will be generated.

2.5.22 Offsets

■ **SENSe:CORRection**

Sensor power offsets apply to the individual sensor. Use sensor offsets to account for the loss of attenuators, which are commonly used during measurement to reduce standing waves to improve measurement accuracy. If measuring high power signals (>100 mW), but are not using Giga-tronics high power sensors, use a power attenuator between the high power output and the sensor input to prevent damage. Enter the value of attenuation as a sensor offset, and the 58542 will automatically respond with the actual power level output in its measurement data.

SENSe:CORRection

2.5.23 SRQ & Status Monitoring

***CLS**

***ESE**

***ESR?**

J.

***OPC**

***OPC?**

***SRE**

STAT:OPER

STAT:PRES

***STB?**

Figure 2-9: SCPI Status Structure Registers

2.5.23.1 Event Status Register

The *ESE command is used in combination with group commands that form the meter's service request system. These commands and their responses are almost identical to the IEEE 488 (GPIB) SRQ service request command structures. The *ESE command is used to enable bits of the event status register mask.

The *ESE command is one of the commands that can used to monitor the status of the power meter. Together with the status byte (also see commands *STB? or *SRE?) and the operation status register (STATus:OPERation), the event status register provides information on several critical 58542 functions and error conditions.

*NOTE: The logical value in the register is used both to enable a bit's event function and to enable that bit of the event status register mask to report the event status (Following the *ESR? command).*

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The event status register is 8 bits long and is structured as follows:

Bits 1 and 6 are not used. When bit 3 is a 1, a device-dependent error has occurred. When bit 4 is a 1, an execution error has occurred. When bit 5 is a 1, a command error has occurred. Bit 7 is a 1 when the 58542 is turned ON. The 58542 does not have a standby mode; therefore, it is probably not useful to enable bit 7 of the event status register mask (by sending the command *ESE 128).

In the default state, the meter's event status register is masked, or set to off. None of the bits are enabled. If an execution error occurs, a service request will not be sent to the controller and the event status register will remain set to 0. The *ESE command is used to enable individual bits. These bits must be enabled individually. They can be cleared or turned off as a group by sending the *CLS command.

To use the event status register, bit 5 of the status byte must also be enabled by sending the command *SRE 32.

The *ESR? query returns the current value of the event status register.

*NOTE: The logical value in the register is used both to enable a bit's event function and to enable that bit of the event status register mask to report the event status (Following the *ESR? command).*

2.5.23.2 Status Byte Register

Notes:

- 1. The condition indicated in bits 1 through 5 must be enabled by the Service Request Mask to cause a Service Request Condition. The mask is set with the *SRE command followed by ASCII characters. The value of the byte is determined by summing the weight of each bit to be checked.
- 2. The RQS (bit 6) is true when any of the conditions of bits 4, 5 and 7 are enabled and occur.
- 3. Bits remain set until the Status Byte is cleared.
2.5.24 Min/Max Configuration & Monitoring

■ **CALCulate:MAXimum** ■ **CALCulate:MINimum**

MIN and MAX channel monitoring records the minimum and maximum variation of channel amplitude over time. Time zero is set by setting the MIN or MAX STATe to ON. The default Preset and turn on configuration is ON. After setting to ON, the minimum and maximum value of the measured value on that channel will be recorded. To reset the MIN and MAX value back to the current value, set the STATe to ON again. The STAT OFF does not need to be sent during reset of MIN and MAX values. Individual sensor minimum and maximum power level variations can be monitored only if that sensor is defined directly to a channel with POW 1 or POW 2. MIN and MAX channel monitoring is only available in Normal Mode. BURSt and SWIFt modes do not perform MIN and MAX monitoring.

CALC:MAX

CALC:MIN

2.5.25 Limit Line Configuration & Monitoring

■ **CALCulate:LIMit**

The CALCulate:LIMit commands specify and query the status of power measurement limit values and limit line pass/fail checking. This allows the 58542 to monitor measured values and determine if the values are outside certain limits or above/below a single limit. The upper limit cannot be specified any lower than the lower limit; meaning that an exclusion zone of values cannot be specified.

Limit values can be specified separately for either of the two software calculation channels - 1 and 2. These channels can be specified to correspond to power sensors 1 and 2 (default) or as a combination of the power sensors. For example, set limit lines to monitor overload or under range conditions on an amplifier's output power and gain by specifying channel 1 as sensor 1 limits checking and channel 2 as Sensor 2/Sensor 1. Power sensor assignments to channel measurement definition is also part of the CALCulate Subsystem. Limit monitoring can not be performed for individual sensors unless a channel is configured for single sensor, POW 1 or POW 2 operation.

Upper and Lower limits can be active simultaneously.

Unless serial requests are enabled, the CALCulate:LIMit commands can not be configured to automatically alert the controller directly during a limit violation; the 58542 must be queried to receive information regarding pass/fail status of limit line violations.

Automatic notification of limit line violations is accomplished using the status byte and the operation register. A controller can be notified of a limit line violation via the request service, *SRE command. After the controller receives the request service, query the event status register. Check the status register for a limit line violation or send CALCulate:LIMit:FAIL? to check if a limit line is being or has been violated. 1 indicates a limit line violation. 0 indicates the channel measurement is within the limit lines.

CALCulate:LIMit

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2.5.26 Analog Output

- **MEMory:CHANnel**
- **MEMory:SELect**
- **MEMory:UNIT**
- **MEMory:POWer**
- **MEMory:VOLTage**
- **OUTPut:ANAlog**

The ANALOG OUT BNC connector on the front panel can be configured to output a voltage that corresponds to the power levels on one of the channels. This is useful for applications such as source leveling or printing to a chart recorder. The Analog Output operates only in NORMal Mode. It is automatically deactivated during SWIFt or BURSt modes, and comes back when operation is returned to the NORMal Mode.

MEM:CHANnel

MEM:SELect

MEM:UNIT

Description: This query reports the units used for analog output configuration.

MEM:POWer

MEM:VOLTage

2.5.27 Saving & Recalling Configurations

The 58542 has 21 instrument state memory registers. Registers 1 through 20 are available for store and recall. Register 0 contains the previous state of the instrument and can be used to toggle between two different instrument configuration states.

Instrument configuration can be saved to registers 1 through 20.

Any configuration items which are not listed under the *RST or PRESet conditions are not savable. Make sure all aspects of the configuration are savable. For example, sensor power sweep calibration curves can not be saved in the configuration memory registers. Sensors must be calibrated to the 58542 power meter each time a new sensor is attached.

***RCL**

***SAV**

2.5.28 Halting Operation

■ **ABORt**

ABORt

Example:	OUTPUT @PWR MTR:ABOR	! HALTS MEASUREMENT & TRIGGERING
Description:	This command stops operation, but it does not interrupt the completion of the current action. For example, sensor calibration is not interrupted. Burst mode data collection is not interrupted.	

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NOTE: When using the 8035XA Peak Sensor, if a Time-Out occurs due to the sensor not triggering (i.e., Level too low) then send "Abort" to clear the meter.

2.5.29 Preset Configuration

■ ***RST**

■ **STATus:PRESet**

■ **SYSTem:PRESet**

***RST**

STATus:PRESet

SYSTem:PRESet

Table 2-4: Reset & Power on Default Commands

2.5.30 Identification Commands

Identification commands ensure that the power meter and sensor are appropriate for the test program. The sensor identification commands allow monitoring what model of sensor is attached and ensure that the sensor has been properly calibrated to the power meter.

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NOTE: Example programs for Identification Commands are contained in Appendix A of this publication.

***IDN?**

SENS:CORR:EEPROM:TYPE?

SYST:VERSion

2.5.31 Calibrator Controls

■ **OUTPut:Reference:OSCillator**

The reference oscillator is the RF calibration source for the sensors.

■ **OUTP:ROSC**

OUTP:ROSC

Description: This query command returns the ON or OFF status of the meter's built-in reference oscillator.

2.5.32 Sensor EEPROM Commands

- **SENSe:CORRection:EEPROM:TYPE?**
- **DIAGnostic:SENSe:CORRection:EEPROM:CALFRange?**
- **SENSe:CORRection:EEPROM:CALFactor?**
- **SENSe:CORRection:EEPROM:FREQuency?**

SENSe:CORRection:EEPROM:TYPE?

DIAGnostic:SENSe:CORRection:EEPROM:CALFRange?

SENSe:CORRection:EEPROM:CALFactor?

SENSe:CORRection:EEPROM:FREQuency?

2.5.33 Self-Test

■ ***TST?**

***TST?**

Table 2-5 lists the indications and limitations that will occur when the Self-Test command is applied to the 58542 instrument. The Result, Minimum and Maximum indications are all given in millivolts.

Table 2-5: Self-Test Error Indication & Limitations

Table 2-5: Self-Test Error Indication & Limitations (Continued)

Table 2-5: Self-Test Error Indication & Limitations (Continued)

2.5.34 Error Messages

■ **SYSTem:ERRor?**

SYSTem:ERRor?

Table 2-6: SCPI Standard Error Messages

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Theory of Operation

3.1 Introduction

This chapter contains a functional description of the electrical circuits contained on the PC board assemblies of the 58542 VXI Universal Power Meter. Table 3-1 lists the circuit assemblies by their reference designations and includes the assembly part number and schematic drawing number for each board.

3.2 Circuit Description

The 58542 Power Meter's electrical circuitry resides mainly on three PC boards; the Analog PC Board (A1), the Digital PC Board (A2) and the VXI Processor PC Board (A3). The Processor contains the microprocessor, some ROM and RAM and the VXI interface chip. The remainder of the required ROM and RAM is contained on the Digital board.

Two cables interface to the meter through the VXI Bus Interface connections on the rear panel. The Bus Interface goes to the Processor board through connectors P1 and P2. Three front panel BNCs connect to the Analog board. See DWG 21406 in Chapter 7 for specific interconnect information.

Figure 3-1: VXI Power Meter System Block Diagram

3.3 Analog PC Board (A1)

Figure 3-2: Analog PC Assembly Block Diagram

The sensors are connected from the front panel through W3 and W2 which are connected to the Analog Board through W2P1 and W2P2 for sensor 1 and W3P1 and W3P2 for sensor 2. The detected DC voltage from the sensor is a differential voltage applied to pins 3 and 4 of J7 or J9. This differential voltage goes to the U28 or U29 FET chopping circuit. The outputs are pins 8 and 9 of the chopper. An incoming signal can either be fed straight through or inverted. The signal is fed straight through when A1 and A0 are both low. It is fed through in the inverted mode when A1 is low and A0 is high. When A0 is low and A1 is high the signal is shorted together and grounded, and when A0 and A1 are both high, the input is open (floating). This provides chopper stabilized amplification when low power signals are being received by switching the FET switch from the inverting to non-inverting mode and back again at a rate of 300 times per second.

U31 is the 1st stage amplifier, and has programmable gain. The programmable gain is provided by U30 and the resistor ladder composed of R6 through 12 which will program gains of 1, 64, 512 and 4096. U32A is the 2nd stage amplifier that provides programmed gains of 1, 8 and 64 using FET switch U33 and resistor ladder R16, R17 and R18. C167 (though shown on the schematic) is not loaded on the board.

U32B/C/D and associated components provide a 6-pole bessel filter in the low pass configuration -10 kHz with a 120 μs settling time. In normal operation, the signal will always go through this filter. Other paths such as unfiltered, TP8, and 1st amp signals are provided for testing only and not used in normal operation.

The 1st amplifier, U31, has an offset voltage injected into it via pin 7. This offset voltage comes from the 12-bit DAC, U15. Offset voltages range from +5 V to -5 V which can effectively remove about a ±1.2 mV offset at the detector. U34A&B are comparators which monitor the input signal for a too high or too low condition. The too low comparator, U34B, will fire if the voltage is below 1 V, and the too high comparator, U32A will fire if the voltage is above 9 V. This provides an A/D conversion range of 1 to 9 V. The too high and too low signals are used by the software to determine whether or not a range change should be made. There are 7 ranges. Four ranges are processed by U31 (1st Amp), and three ranges by U32A. Appropriate gains are set to keep voltages at the A/D conversion point between 1 V and 9 V. R45 and R46, divide the 12 V regulated voltage to 1 V such that the too low comparator will fire below 1 V to assert the too low signal. R36 and R37, divide the 12 V signal to 3 V, and R40 and R41 divide the incoming signal by 3 so that the too high comparator will always fire at 9 V.

Each detector has a thermistor included in its housing so that the power meter can read the temperature of the sensor. The voltage from that thermistor is applied through J7-6 (for channel 1) and amplified by a gain of 2 by U35C (shown on Sheet 2). Channel 2 sensor's thermistor voltage comes in through J9-6 and is amplified by 2 at U35A. The thermistor voltages are also routed to U35D and U36A&B. This circuit is used to detect whether a sensor has been attached or disconnected. The connection or disconnection of a sensor causes a transient voltage which is passed through C10 (for channel 2) or C11 (for channel 1). This is detected by a window comparator consisting of U35D and U36A&B. Whenever the voltage is outside the normal DC bias range, the detector change will cause either a rise or a fall in the voltage that will be detected by the comparator. The comparator will output an interrupt to the processor, IRQ, which will be the output of U36A&B.

U16A and U9A provide a latch for the interrupt so that the processor will have time to respond. Pin 2 of U9A is used to enable or disable interrupts. U36C buffers the interrupt signal. The interrupt 1 signal goes to the CPU board.

The sensors also have EEPROMs that connect to the system through a serial interface. Channel 1 uses J8-6 for the clock and J8-5 for the data. This is a bi-directional device wherein data needs to be written to the sensor and also read from the sensor. U24E buffers incoming data, and U24F buffers outgoing data. Q3 provides the necessary open collector interface. U26 supplies the clock during a read or write action. The clock signal is buffered by U24D. Channel 2 has a duplicate circuit consisting of U24A/B/C and Q2. DC supplies of +5 V and ±15 V are also routed to the sensors. The 15 V supplies are routed through solid state fuses to provide protection in case of any shorts. These are resettable solid state fuses which do not need to be replaced. The +5 V can be switched on and off. This is controlled by U26, and buffered by Q8 and Q1.

To recap the preliminary actions of the incoming signals; they first go through the chopper, the 1st stage amplifier, the 2nd stage amplifier, and then the filter. The signals are then sent to U23, a 16:1 multiplexer. U23 can select one signal to route to U25, the A/D converter. Most of the other signals are used for testing purposes only. During normal operation, the signal path will be through the bessel filter.

Thermistor voltages enter on pins 24 and 25 for channels 1 and 2. The only other signal that is used for normal operation is the $\rm V_{\rm PROP}F$ input that enters through J3 on the front panel. CR15 provides input protection, and U21A is a x1 amplifier/buffer. The $\rm V_{\rm PROP}$ F signal can be read at pin 26 of the multiplexer. U25 is a 14-bit A/D converter which operates at an 11 μs conversion time. The input is via pin 6 on TP13. This device can measure between 0 and 10 V. U25 operating power supplies are limited to ±12 V (pins 11 and 5). Those voltages are derived from U39 and U43 which regulate the ±15 V to ±12 V.

R105, R104 and C31 configure U33 to measure from 0 to 10 V. Pin 4 of U33 provides the start convert signal, and the processor asserts this signal to start an A/D conversion. After the conversion has completed, pin 3 can be asserted to output the data to the bus. These two functions are supplied by chip select ACS7 and ACS1. ACS1 is the output enable and ACS7 is the start convert. EOC is end of convert, which occurs at pin 2 of U33, and is routed to data byte 15 so that the process can interrogate if the data conversion is complete. D15 will be asserted if the A/D has completed its conversion.

U15 is the offset 12-bit D/A converter which provides the 1st stage amplifier with \pm 5 V offset voltage. U17 is similar but configured for 0 to 10 V. The output of U17 is buffered by U21B, current limited by R108, and available at J4 for analog output.

U23 has a number of signals available for testing purposes. Offset voltage is available on pin 5. Output DAC voltage is available on pin 4, and switched 5 V signals on pin 7.

Sheet 5 of DWG 21360 details the interconnections for the Calibrator circuitry and will be discussed in Section 3.4, but U27 also provides three 8-bit ports for control of the multiplexers in the Analog section, and an input port for the Too High and Too Low comparators.

3.4 Calibrator Module

The Calibrator Module is located on the Analog PC Board. It is the heart of the 58542 Power Meter in that it is a patented system that allows the power sensors to be calibrated against an internal thermistor power standard (See Figure 3-3). In contrast to the conventional fixed-level calibrators, the 58542 calibrator produces a range of power levels over a 50 dB dynamic range to an accuracy of a few thousandths of a dB.

Figure 3-3: Calibrator Internal Power Standard Configuration

The thermistor is mounted in a self-balancing bridge configuration using DC substitution in the bridge. The thermistor is maintained at a fixed operating point and the DC power (P_{DC}) in the thermistor is related to the RF power (P_{RF}) by the simple relationship:

$P_{\text{DC}} + P_{\text{RF}} = P_{\text{AMBIENT}} = \text{constant}$

The constant, PAMBIENT, is found by turning the RF power off and measuring the ambient voltage, VAMBIENT to which the self-balancing bridge settles. The advantage of this approach is that the linearity of the thermistor-leveled oscillator is limited only by the accuracy with which DC voltages can be measured and the stability of the RF calibrator. To ensure exceptional stability, the thermistor assembly is enclosed in a temperature-stabilized environment and a low drift sampling circuit is used to hold the ambient bridge voltage. The RF power can then be programmed by controlling a difference voltage, δV, at the summing node. The power is related to the voltage by:

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P_{RF} = \frac{V_{AMBIENT} \delta V \cdot \delta V^2}{R_1} = \frac{\delta V^2}{2R_1}
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This permits the RF power to be precisely controlled over a dynamic range of about 12 to 15 dB. The dynamic range is extended using a switched attenuator, the properties of which are determined using the thermistor-leveled oscillator itself. The effective attenuation (including all mismatch effects) of each attenuator relative to the next is measured by finding a pair of powers, one for each attenuator, that produces identical signals from the sensor under test. Because the sensor under test is used at a fixed operating point, no knowledge of its detection law is required.

The operation of the various functions of the Calibrator Module can be understood more easily if the circuits are discussed individually. The functional sections of this module include the following:

- 1. The 50 MHz oscillator (Q4) and its current control circuit consisting of U4D, Q5 and U2C.
- 2. The RF output circuit consisting of the low pass filter, the stepped attenuator, and the connector and cable to the front panel of the power meter.
- 3. The oven to maintain the control thermistor at a constant 60 °C. It is located on the small board attached to the bottom of the Q1 heater transistor. The board contains the RT1 and RT2 thermistors and the Q7 control transistor.
- 4. The thermistor bridge to measure the RF power by DC substitution. It consists of RT1, U1 and Q6.
- 5. The track and hold circuit that remembers the ambient bridge voltage, using U2B, U8D and U3A.
- 6. The 14-bit DAC and reference supply to measure the ambient bridge voltage and control the RF output level, made up of U11, U7, U8C&D, U4, U14A, U2A&B, U3A, U5, U10, U16B&C, U13B&C and U9B.
- 7. The correction circuit to measure the temperature of the PIN diode attenuator so that a correction for the temperature dependent loss of the diodes can be corrected, consisting of RT2 and U14C.
- 8. Calibrator NVRAM control circuit, U26 and U18.

3.4.1 50 MHz Oscillator

The first section of the Calibrator Module consists of a colpits oscillator circuit with a controllable power output. The output power is measured by the thermistor bridge and set by varying the DC current through Q4. This current is supplied by a voltage to current converter consisting of U14D, Q5 and U4. The power generated by Q4 is linearly related to the current through it. Thus, the voltage from U4 that is converted to current by U14D and Q5 is linearly related to the RF power generated. When the calibrator is set for 0 dBm, the voltage at U4-6 is near 0 volts.

3.4.2 RF Output

The 50 MHz oscillator output is capacity coupled to the low pass filter, L13, L14, L15 and associated capacitors. The resultant harmonic-free RF is applied to the switched PIN attenuator, CR8 - 14 and associated resistors and control amplifiers U19 and U14B. The first section is 10 dB, the output section is 20 dB, and a resistor between sections adds another 10 dB. Thus, the output power can be programmed from +20 to -30 dBm.

3.4.3 Oven

The measuring thermistor is maintained at a constant 60 °C by being mounted on the Q1 heater transistor, which is driven from the sensing thermistor RT2 by way of the Q7 current amplifier. RT2 is mounted very close to RT1 so that both are maintained at the same temperature. When RT2 reaches 60 °C, the voltage across it is just enough to maintain drive to the heater. This condition will be maintained regardless of the ambient temperature.

3.4.4 Thermistor Bridge

RT1 is connected in a self-balancing bridge circuit which delivers just enough power to the thermistor to keep it at 500 Ω . Thus, if part of the power delivered to it is from the RF generated by the oscillator and the rest is from the DC current of the bridge, then by reducing the amount of DC power, the circuit will increase the drive to the oscillator as needed to keep the total power in RT1 constant. It is necessary to measure only the amount of DC power reduction to know the amount of RF power present. In this way, a precisely known RF output level can be established.

3.4.5 Track & Hold and DAC

In order to know how much power is being added by the oscillator, it is necessary to measure the power delivered to the thermistor with no RF present. This is done by turning off the oscillator power (closing switch U2C), and then measuring the voltage out of the control bridge. This is known as the ambient bridge voltage. To make this measurement, the following conditions are established: U8D and U2B are switched open, and U8A & C are switch closed. By using the U13 DAC, a successive approximation measurement of the voltage is made. The output of the DAC is connected to one input of U4 and the bridge is connected to the other. Thus, it becomes a comparator that makes it possible for the computer to tell when the output voltage of the DAC is greater than the bridge voltage, and so complete the successive approximation. Once this is done, the DAC is set for 0 V output, U8A is opened, U8B, U8D and U2B are closed, and the track and hold capacitor, C39 will charge up to the voltage which represents the zero RF power condition of the bridge. When the oscillator is turned on by U9C, then the sampling switch, U2B, will open and allow C39 to supply this "RF Off" condition to the measuring circuit. Any voltage from the DAC will now reduce the amount of DC power being delivered to the thermistor bridge, and the control circuit will add just enough current to the oscillator to cause its output to add back that much RF power into the bridge.

3.4.6 Correction Thermistor Circuit

The compensation thermistor is mounted near CR13 to sense the temperature of the 20 dB attenuator section that produces the 0 dBm output. This is the only absolute power specified. All other power levels are measured by the software relative to 0 dBm.

3.4.7 Calibrator NVRAM Control Circuit

The calibrator serial number and the correction constant for the 0 dBm output level, as well as the date of calibration and password for rewrite access, is contained in a Non-Volatile RAM. The read and write for it is provided by the parallel peripheral interface (PPI) U26. Before allowing access to the NVRAM, the software looks for a logic 1 on port A, bit zero of the PPI and, if that is present, it asks the operator for the password. If the correct password is supplied, the collected data will be written into U18. If the jumper W1 is set to supply a logic 0 to the PPI, the operator will have write-access to U18 without needing a password.

3.4.8 Sensor NVRAM

Each sensor has a NVRAM to store all of the calibration constants, the date of calibration, place of calibration, etc. This NVRAM is also password protected but has no hardware switch to defeat it. The read/write control for it is furnished by U24A/B/C, U24D/E/F, Q2 and Q3. Q1 and Q8 control the 5 V supply to reduce the amount of heat in the sensor, as well as reducing the noise from the supply.

3.4.9 Sensor Interrupt

Each time a sensor is connected or disconnected from the 58542, a CPU interrupt is generated by causing the thermistor voltage change to set a latch, which signals the CPU that it needs to check for a sensor change. The latch is driven from a "window" comparator, U35D and U36A & B. This comparator is driven from capacitors which are connected to each of the thermistor lines from the sensors. The latch is enabled or cleared by a signal from the PPI, U26.

3.4.10 Digital Control Circuit

The digital control circuit is the interface between the CPU and the preceding functions.

3.5 Digital PC Board (A2)

Figure 3-4: Digital PC Assembly (A2) Block Diagram

I/O address decoding is done first in the PAL (U10), and secondarily in U2. During valid I/O addressing, wait states are generated. The PAL monitors a clock cycle count (from U7A) to hold off DTACK on the CPU. W1 is jumpered to four wait states. During ROM and RAM accesses, the PAL asserts DTACK immediately with no wait states.

DTACK is passed back to the VXI Processor board. U12A provides an open collector signal.

RAM bank 1 is connected to the battery. When power is lost, U6 de-selects RAM bank 1 and connects Vcc to the battery. This bank is then non-volatile and can be used for data storage. C24 is in parallel with the battery and allows it to be replaced without losing data. Battery current can be measured at R1, TP1 and TP2. At 2 μA, the voltage across the test points should measure about 2 mV.

U8 acts as an 8-bit input port addressed at CSTRG to monitor the eight TTL trigger lines on the VXI bus. The 58542 can trigger measurements either from these eight lines or from the TTL trigger BNC input on the front panel.

The Digital board interfaces with the Analog board at J1. All digital lines are buffered (U3, U4 and U5), and additional analog chip select decoding is done with U1.

U9A and U9B generate the upper data byte and lower data byte write signals. U11 buffers the R/*W and Reset signals.

W₂ jumpers the three interrupt signals from the Analog board to the VXI Processor board. These jumpers should only be removed for troubleshooting.

3.6 VXI Processor PC Board (A3)

Figure 3-5: VXI Processor (A3) Block Diagram

The following circuit description is given for information only. The VXI Processor and Memory PC boards are OEM assemblies. If these boards are not functioning properly, the problem will usually be indicated by the instrument not responding to an Identification query (*IDN? - See Section 2.5.30). See Section 5.3 for replacement instructions.

The VXI Processor PC Board circuit functions are divided into three main sections:

- **VXI Interface**
- CPU and Memory
- LEDs and Drivers

3.6.1 VXI Interface

The VXI interface contains 64 kB of Shared Memory, a VXI interface gate array, and the drivers and transceivers to enable the VME and CPU to access the Shared Bus.

3.6.1.1 VXI Gate Array

U28 is a 120-pin gate array, packaged in a $13x13$ -pin grid array. The gate array generates the necessary signals that control the flow of data from the processor section through the shared bus, and to the VXI bus, and vice versa.

The gate array also controls the LEDs that indicate whether the VXI is accessing the VXI A16 or the A24/A32 registers, and the FAIL LED, which indicates whether the VXI A16 registers have been initialized.

3.6.1.2 Shared Memory

U29 and U30 are 32 k x 8 static RAM chips located on the Shared Bus for the development of VXI Shared Memory Protocols.

3.6.1.3 Shared Memory Decoders

U33 generates the necessary strobes and control signals to the Shared Memory static RAMs.

3.6.1.4 Drivers & Transceivers

U36 and U37 transceivers enable the data lines from the VXI bus onto the shared bus, and vice versa.

The A1 through A15 address lines are latched by U38 and U39 latching transceivers from the VXI bus onto the shared bus to implement address pipe-lining. The address lines are not latched going the other way.

The U40 transceiver buffers the address modifier lines.

The VXI chip controls the direction, and enables the transceivers.

U23 and U24 latch the processor data lines D00 to D15 to drive the upper 16 address lines of the VXI A32 space to implement A32 bus mastership.

The A24 through A31 address lines are buffered by U45 from the VXI bus P2 connector to the gate array.

U35 is a GAL which controls the direction of the data strobes, data transfer acknowledge, and the bus error from the VXI bus to the gate array and vice versa.

3.6.1.5 Logical Address Switch

U19 buffers the outputs of the address switch SW1 to enable the processor to read the logical address from the switch.

3.6.1.6 TTL Triggers & Local Bus

The TTL triggers and local bus are not used by the Processor board, but are made available to be used on the Digital board through the P7 pin connector.

3.6.2 CPU & Memory

3.6.2.1 Processor

The Interface circuitry of the Processor board uses an 8 MHz 68HC000 CMOS processor (U7). See the latest Motorola data sheet for further information on this chip.

3.6.2.2 Real Time Clock/Timer

U1 generates the system tick for a pSOS kernel operating system. It also adds time and event capabilities to the application code. For further information, see the latest Hitachi 146818 data sheet.

3.6.2.3 Interrupt Controller

The processor uses seven levels of auto vectored interrupts. U6 encodes the priority levels for the processor. Three levels of auto vectored interrupts are available to the user. These are signals AVINT4, AVINT3 and AVINT2. The higher numbered interrupt signal has the higher priority. The user accesses these signals from the P5 pin connector on the Processor board.

3.6.2.4 Bus Error Timer

U2A divides down the VXI 16 MHz clock for the 8 MHz processor. U2B is used to generate a bus error signal if timeout occurs before data transfer acknowledgement. The timer generates this signal if a processor access cycle exceeds 16 microseconds.

3.6.2.5 Local Address Decoders

U17 and U18 are address decoding GALs. These circuits generate the chip selects and the control lines for access to the RAM, ROM and other functions.

3.6.2.6 Drivers & Transceivers

U26 and U27 transceivers drive the local data from the processor bus to the shared bus and vice versa.

The processor address lines are driven by U21 and U22 to the shared bus.

The VXI gate array, U28, enables these buffers.

3.6.2.7 Local Memory

U9 and U11 are two 32K X 8 static RAM chips on the processor bus.

3.6.2.8 LED Drivers

The actual LEDs are located on the Analog PC Board. U32 is a one-shot used to widen the pulse of the VME A16 and A24/A32 signals. U34 is used to drive the RUN, HALT, MODID, A16 and A24/A32 LEDs. The FAIL LED is driven directly from the VXI chip. The TRIGGER LED is driven under software control.

Calibration & Testing

4.1 Introduction

Information in this chapter is useful for periodic calibration and testing of the 58542 VXIbus Universal Power Meter and its power sensors. These tests can also be used for incoming inspection testing when the instrument is first received. If the 58542 power meter has not been previously used, please review Section 2.3.

4.2 Equipment Required

The following equipment is required to complete the performance test procedures:

4.3 Calibration Procedures

Perform the Calibrator Output Power Reference Level check. If the unit fails to meet the power output specification within 0.981 mW (minimum) to 1.019 mW (maximum) limits, then proceed with the following steps:

4.3.1 Calibrator Output Power Reference Level

The Calibrator Output power reference is factory adjusted to 1 mW ±0.7%. To achieve this accuracy, Giga-tronics uses a precision measurement system with accuracy to ±0.5% (traceable to the NIST) and allows for a transfer error of ±0.2% for a total of ±0.7%. If an equivalent measurement system is used for verification, the power reference oscillator output can be verified to 1mW ±1.9% (±1.2% accuracy $+ \pm 0.5$ % verification system error $+ \pm 0.2$ % transfer error = ± 1.9 % maximum error).

This test procedure is valid for an ambient temperature range between +15 $^{\circ}$ C and +35 $^{\circ}$ C (+59 $^{\circ}$ F to $+95$ °F).

To ensure maximum accuracy in verifying the Calibrator Output power reference, the following procedure provides step-by-step instructions for using specified test instruments of known capability. If equivalent test instruments are substituted, refer to the Key Characteristics in Table 4-1.

4.3.1.1 Equipment Required

HP 432A Power Meter • DVM • Thermistor Power Meter • Thermistor Mount

Figure 4-1: Calibrator Reference Level Test Setup

4.3.1.2 Procedure

In the following steps, precision power measurements will be made using the HP 432A Power Meter. Refer to the HP 432A manual for detailed operating information.

- 1. Connect the HP 432A to the Calibrator Output on the power meter as shown in Figure 4-1.
- 2. Turn on all equipment and wait 30 minutes for the thermistor mount to stabilize before proceeding to the next step.
- 3. Set the 432A Range switch to COARSE ZERO, and adjust the front panel COARSE ZERO control to obtain a zero (±2% FS) meter indication.

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NOTE: Ensure that the DVM input leads are isolated from chassis ground when performing the next step.

- 4. Set the DVM to a range that results in a resolution of $1 \mu V$. Connect the positive lead to the V_{COMP} connector, and the negative lead to V_{RF} connector, both on the rear panel of the HP 432A.
- 5. Fine zero the HP 432A on the most sensitive range, then set the HP 432A range switch to 1 mW.
- 6. Record the DVM indication as V_0 .
- 7. Turn on the power meter Calibrator RF power by sending

OUTP:ROSC ON

8. Record the reading shown on the DVM as V_1 .

NOTE: The V1 reading must be taken within 15 seconds after entering the command. Otherwise, turn off REF POWER as shown in Step 9 and repeat Steps 6 and 7.

- 9. Disconnect the DVM negative lead from V_{RF} on the HP 432A and connect it to the 432A chassis ground. Record the new DVM indication as $\rm V_{COMP}$
- 10. Send **OUTP:ROSC OFF** to turn off REF POWER.
- 11. Calculate the Calibrator Output level (P_{CAL}) using the following formula:

$$
P_{CAL}(Watts) = \frac{2V_{COMP} (V - V) + V^2 \cdot V^2}{4R (Calibration Factor)}
$$

where:

 P_{RF} = calibrator output power reference level V_{COMP} = previously recorded value in Step 9 V_1 = previously recorded value in Step 8 V_0 = previously recorded value in Step 6 R = 200W (assuming HP478A-H75 mount)

Calibration Factor = value for the thermistor mount at 50 MHz (traceable to NIST)

12. Verify that the P_{CAL} is within the following limits:

1 mW ±0.019 mW (0.981 to 1.019 mW)

For record purposes, the measured value of P_{CAL} can be entered on the Performance Verification Test Data Sheet at the end of this chapter.
4.3.2 Calibrator Output Power

To correct the setting of the power output of the calibrator, the password must be known if it has been set, or defeat it by setting jumper A1W1 to position A. This jumper is located and indicated on the Analog PC Board. If a password has not been set, proceed with the jumper in position B. Calculate the percent error in power (as described in the Performance Verification Linearity check in Section 4.4.2), and change the CALFAC by that amount. For example, if the power output is low by 0.5%, increase the CALFAC by that amount.

The following is a sample program (written in Turbo-Basic) that sets the Calibrator correction. After this program has been run, the password enable link, A1W1, can be set to **B** and a password can be assigned.

PRINT IT IS NECESSARY TO DEFEAT PASSWORD PROTECTION TO DO THIS TASK. INPUT IS THE PASSWORD PROTECTION TURNED OFF (W1 ON POSITION A);A\$ PRINT:PRINT Connect the Power Meter sensor to the DUT calibrator output. INPUT Press ENTER when ready to set the calibrator correction;A\$ PRINT

MEAS ROUTINE TURNS ON THE CALIBRATOR, MEASURES THE POWER OUTPUT IN mW AND CALCULATES CAL FACTOR AND TURNS THE CALIBRATOR OFF AGAIN. SENDIT ROUTINE SENDS THE STRING C\$ TO THE DUT.

Fields in the CALFAC from EEPROM? : calfac, sernum, min, hr, day, mo, yr, enab, pswd

Note that the password is not sent. enab is the password enable bit.

C\$ = DIAG:CAL:EEPROM? GOSUB SENDIT **EXAMPLE 1** Send the command GOSUB DAT ! GET THE EEPROM DATA ! TO PROCESS IN R\$ PRINT R\$! SEE FIELDS ABOVE $LAST = 1$ FOR 1=1 TO 8P=INSTR(LAST, R\$, .) Separate the result into array elements IF P=0 THEN B\$[|] = MID\$(R\$,LAST):ELSE B\$[|]=MID\$(R\$,LAST,P-LAST) LAST=P+1 NEXT | \blacksquare | Now the data fields have been put into an array B\$ B\$[8] = 0 \vert DISABLE THE PASSWORD $CS = [*]CLS$! Clear the status byte GOSUB SENDIT B\$[1] = 100.00 ! SET THE CAL FACTOR TO 100% GOSUB MKCS **INAKE THE STRING TO SEND TO THE DUT** GOSUB SENDIT $CS = *ESR?$ GOSUB SENDIT GOSUB DAT:PRINT EVENT STATUS IS:;R\$! MUST BE 0 PRINT ! PRINT Connect the Power Meter sensor to the DUT calibrator output. ! INPUT Press ENTER when ready to set the calibrator correction;A\$ GOSUB MEAS MEASURE POWER OUTPUT IN mW AND RETURN CAL FACTOR IN % B\$[1] = STR\$(INT(100*CF)/100) ! CF IS CAL FACTOR PRINT:PRINT CAL CORRECTION IS:;B\$[1] INPUT ENTER THE SERIAL NUMBER;B\$[2] INPUT ENTER THE TIME AS H,M[4],B\$[3] INPUT ENTER THE DATE AS M,D,Y (e.g. 5,9,93);b\$[6],b\$[5],b\$[7] C\$ = *CLS ! CLEAR THE STATUS BYTE GOSUB SENDIT

GOSUB MKCS **I CONVERT THE NEW DATA** GOSUB SENDIT **EXAMPLE 15 IS SEND TO DUT** (did it understand and execute properly?) $CS = *ESR?$ GOSUB SENDIT GOSUB DAT:PRINT EVENT STATUS IS:;R\$! MUST BE 0 GOSUB MEAS ! VERIFY THAT THE POWER OUTPUT IS NOW CORRECT END MKCS: ! CONVERT THE ARRAY TO A STRING OF COMMA SEPARATED VALUES C\$ = DIAG:CAL:EEPROM FOR | = 1 TO 8:C\$=C\$+B\$[|]:IF | <8 THEN C\$=C\$+,:NEXT | C\$=C\$+,000000 ! APPEND THE DEFAULT PASSWORD PRINT:PRINT EEPROM DATA:;C\$ RETURN MEAS: C\$ = OUTP:ROSC ON : Turn on the Calibrator GOSUB SENDIT INPUT Enter the power output in mW;m ! Enter the measured power here either by a call to a ! subroutine or from the keyboard $CF = 100/m$: print The power is; m C\$ = OUTP:ROSC OFF GOSUB SENDIT **EXAMPLE 1** Turn off the calibrator **Return**

The sensor(s) can now be calibrated by connecting to the calibrator output and entering the command **CAL1 (or 2)**. If the calibration does not complete satisfactorily, refer to the calibrator voltage and frequency checks starting in Section 4.3.3.

The Linearity test can now be performed as described in Section 4.4.2. This is a complete procedure and must be performed in the exact order given to produce accurate results. If this test fails, try it again with a different sensor. If it still fails, refer to the calibrator voltage and frequency checks in Section 4.3.3.

The following tests require that the power meter side cover be removed. Remove the two flat head screws from the right side cover and slide the cover about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to the rear and lift it off.

The same test equipment that was used for the Performance Verification Tests can be used for these tests.

Refer to the Analog PC Board description in Section 3.3 for further help in defining the problem. If the fault cannot be located to the component level, the PC board can be removed and replaced with a different one with no further calibration required except to set the calibrator output power to 0 dBm.

4.3.3 Calibrator Voltages

To measure the calibrator voltages, first make sure that neither side of the DVM is grounded. The following measurements should find most of the problems that can occur in the calibrator circuitry.

- 1. Connect the DVM across the large resistor, A1R174. Measure 0.4 to 0.9 volts depending on the room temperature and how long the unit has been operating. This voltage is proportional to the current in the thermistor heater transistor which maintains the calibrator thermistor in a 60 °C (140 °F) environment. The voltage measured in the next step is dependent on this being correct.
	- *NOTE: The exact ambient temperature and power-on time of the instrument in Step 1 are not specific factors, but do have some effect on the reading taken across A1R174. If there is a problem in the circuit, the measured voltage will usually be some amount outside of the 0.4 to 0.9 volts specification (such as 0, +4, or +5 volts).* ☛
- 2. Connect the low side of the DVM to A1TP3 and the high side to A1TP1. Measure +7 to +8.5 volts. This is the voltage applied to the thermistor bridge that is used to measure the calibrator power. This voltage will vary as the calibrator provides different amounts of RF power. This measurement assumes that the calibrator is OFF. To verify that the calibrator is off, send **OUTP:ROSC OFF**.
- 3. Turn the calibrator ON by sending **OUTP:ROSC ON**. Now connect the high side of the DVM to A1U3, pin 7. Measure $+2$ to $+11$ volts, which should change less than 2 mV per minute. If the voltage is incorrect or drifts excessively, troubleshoot the sample and hold circuit surrounding A1U3A.

4.3.4 Calibrator Frequency Check

To measure the frequency of the calibrator:

- 1. Connect a 50 MHz counter to the calibrator output connector.
- 2. Turn ON the calibrator according to the procedure given in Step 3, above.
- 3. Measure 49 to 51 MHz.
- 4. Turn OFF the calibrator by sending **OUTP:ROSC OFF**.

4.4 Performance Tests

It is recommended that the performance tests be done in the order described as some of the steps use the configuration from a previous step.

The Performance Verification Test Data Sheet is at the end of this chapter. These sheets can be copied and used for recording results each time testing is performed on the power meter.

4.4.1 GPIB Port Check

This procedure confirms that the GPIB port is functional.

4.4.1.1 Equipment Required

GPIB Controller

Figure 4-2: GPIB Port Test Setup

4.4.1.2 Procedure

- 1. Set the power meter's logical address (See Section 2.3 for instructions on how to set the address).
- 2. Connect the GPIB controller to the GPIB port of the SLOT 0 plug-in next to the power meter (See Figure 4-2).
- 3. Send the command:

***IDN?**

This is the standard COMMON identify query command defined by IEEE 488.2 1988. When talk addressed after receiving the command, the power meter will output a string that identifies itself as the 58542 VXIbus Universal Power Meter.

4. Display the response on the controller. It should be similar to:

Giga-tronics 58542, 0, 1.10

(The last number is the current software revision number)

*NOTE: If the instrument will not respond to the *IDN? command, see the note in Section 2.5.28.*

4.4.2 Power Sensor Linearity

This procedure tests the power sensor linearity over the range +20 dBm to -60 dBm. At low power levels, the linearity measurement will include the uncertainty due to the zero set specification. The procedure should be repeated for each sensor used with the power meter.

The instrument plus power sensor linearity test is valid when the sensor has been calibrated using the front panel calibrator at a temperature between 0 °C and +50 °C (+32 °F to +122 °F), and if operating within \pm 5 °C (\pm 9 °F) of that calibration temperature.

When measuring the linearity of a Low VSWR (Series 8031XA) or a High Power (Series 8032XA) sensor, the power output of the source must be increased from 10 dB to either 16 or 20 dB respectively (See Figure 4-3). The power coefficient of the step attenuator will also have to be considered. The specification of power coefficient for the Weinschel attenuator cited in the Equipment List is: <0.005 dB/dB/W. The latter will effect the linearity of each 10 dB segment, and make it necessary to expand the overall linearity specification by this quantity.

Connect the test setup shown in Figure 4-3. In assembling the test setup, keep in mind that if testing is to be conducted with Low VSWR or High Power sensors, the optional RF Amplifier must have frequency and bandwidth to match the sensor's characteristics (See the Sensor Selection Guide in Appendix B), and the Directional Coupler must be increased as stated above for the particular series of sensors. All Standard (Series 8030XA) and True RMS (Series 8033XA) sensors are tested without the optional RF Amplifier, and with a 10 dB Directional Coupler.

Refer to the Linearity Data section of the Performance Verification Test Data Sheet at the end of this chapter. The tolerance is already entered for the various steps and includes an allowance for specified zero-set errors at low power levels.

4.4.2.1 Setup Parameters

The following setup parameters should be accomplished prior to performing the Power Linearity test:

4.4.2.2 Equipment Required

GPIB Controller • Digital Voltmeter • RF Signal Generator • Thermistor Power Meter • Directional Coupler • Step Attenuator • Power Sensor

Figure 4-3: Power Sensor Linearity Test Setup

- 1. The power meter and sensor should be calibrated by following the instructions in Section 4.3 of this publication.
- 2. The Averaging is set to AUTO by entering:

SENS1:AVER:COUN:AUTO ON

(Enter SENS2 for channel 2)

Extreme care is required in the following procedure since the accuracy requirements are critical to ensure the most accurate test results.

Power readings are determined using the thermistor power meter in the same general way as given in the Power Reference Level test. That is, P1 and P2 in the Power Meter reading column of the Performance Verification Test Data Sheet tables are calculated each time for the respective values of V $_{\rm COMP}$ V₀, and V_1 as read on the DVM.

3. To ensure accurate and repeatable measurements, the HP 432A power meter should be zeroed just before taking each reading that will be used to calculate P1 in the Power Meter column of the Performance Verification Test Data Sheet.

4.4.2.3 Test Procedure

- 1. Set the step attenuator to 70 dB. Turn the source power output off, and then zero the power meter (the power meter is zeroed by sending **CAL1:ZERO**)
- 2. Set the step attenuator to 0 dB after the power meter has zeroed.
- 3. Set the power output of the RF source so that the thermistor power meter indicates 1.00 mW ±0.025 mW.
- 4. Record the calculated power meter reading and the power meter reading at the end of this chapter. The power meter data is obtained by sending **MEAS1? (or MEAS2?)** and then receive the data.
- 5. Set the power output of the RF source so that the thermistor power meter indicates 3.98 mW ±0.10 mW.
- 6. Record the new calculated power meter reading and the new power meter reading in the correct columns of the Linearity Data section of the data sheet.
- 7. Set the power output of the RF Source so that the thermistor power meter indicates 3.98 mW ±0.10 mW.
- 8. Record the calculated power meter reading and the power meter reading in the correct columns of the Linearity Data section of the data sheet.
- 9. Set the power output of the RF Source so that the thermistor power meter indicates 5.01 mW ±0.13 mW.
- 10. Record the new calculated power meter reading and the new power meter reading in the correct columns of the Linearity Data section of the data sheet.
- 11. Repeat using the power meter indications in the Test Data sheet. Note that the Step Attenuator generates the remaining 70 dB range of 10 dB steps for a total range of 80 dB. Repeat Step 1 between each 10 dB step shown on the Linearity Data section of the data sheet.
- 12. Make the calculations indicated on the Linearity Data section of the test data sheet and enter the values in the appropriate blank spaces.

This completes the performance tests for the power meter and its sensors. If the meter has performed as described in this chapter, it is correctly calibrated and within specifications.

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60 dBm to +16 dBm Linearity Data are on the next page.

NOTES:

1. Linearity Error $(\%) = [(R1/R2) / (P1/P2) - 1] \times 100$

2. Accumulated error is the sum of the current dB segment linearity error plus the previous accumulated error.

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2. Accumulated error is the sum of the current dB segment linearity error plus the previous accumulated error.
3. Use the first CW Linearity error value entered in the +16 dBm to +20 dBm Linearity Data on page 4-13.

Use the first CW Linearity error value entered in the +16 dBm to +20 dBm Linearity Data on page 4-13.

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Maintenance

5.1 Introduction

This chapter defines maintenance practices and calibration and troubleshooting checks that assist in fault isolation. Problems can occur that might be produced by peripheral equipment or components. Preliminary checks should be made to ensure that peripheral equipment or components are not causing what appears to be a malfunction within the power meter.

The maintenance and calibration procedures in this chapter should be performed at least once each year unless the power meter is operated in an extremely dirty or chemically contaminated environment, or is subject to severe abuse (such as being dropped). In such cases, more frequent maintenance (immediate, if the unit is dropped or severely abused in some way) is required. The unit's front panel and housing can be cleaned using a cloth dampened in a mild detergent. Do not use abrasive cleaners, scouring powders, or any harsh chemicals. Wipe the soap residue off with a clean, damp cloth, then dry with a clean dry cloth.

Make a performance verification check in accordance with the procedures given in Section 4.4 of this publication. If the unit will pass all of the performance tests, there is no need for calibration.

5.2 Power Supply Voltage Checks

There are six power supplies. They are all located on the A1 Analog PC board. In case there is a regulated voltage failure, check the corresponding unregulated supply with reference to schematic diagram 21360 on page 7-6. The unregulated voltage must be at least 2 volts more than the required regulated output. To measure the supplies, turn the unit on and let it stabilize for a minute or so. Then proceed as follows:

- 1. Connect the DVM from A1TP3 (ground) to A1TP2 (+) on the Analog assembly. Measure +14.25 V to +15.75 V.
- 2. Connect the high side of the DVM to A1TP4. Measure -14.25 V to -15.75 V.
- 3. Connect the high side of the DVM to A1TP5. Measure +4.75 V to +5.25 V.
- 4. Connect the high side of the DVM to A1TP9. Measure +11.4 V to +12.6 V.
- 5. Connect the high side of the DVM to A1TP10. Measure -11.4 V to -12.6 V.
- 6. Connect the high side of the DVM to A1U14, pin 1. Measure -9.1 V to -10.9 V.

5.3 Lithium Battery

The power meter contains a 3.6 V lithium battery to maintain the test setups and calibration data when the unit is turned off. This battery should last in excess of five years. To check the battery, connect a voltmeter between A2TP1 and the frame of the instrument.

Battery replacement is recommended every three years or sooner if the battery voltage drops below 3.1 V. The lithium battery should be removed if the instrument is to be placed in long-term storage of two years or more.

The battery can be replaced without losing the data stored in RAM if the old battery is removed and the new battery installed in less than 10 seconds with main power off, or if power is left on while changing the batteries.

Since this procedure requires removing the cover from the instrument and restoring power before removing the battery, it should be performed only by qualified personnel.

Lithium batteries can supply substantial current and depending on factors such as the state of charge, can overheat when shorted.

The following replacement procedure is intended for users knowledgeable in the use and care of equipment using non-rechargeable lithium batteries.

Recommended Replacement Battery: Tadiran Type TL-5242, Giga-tronics P/N 21212.

5.3.1 Replacement Procedure: D

- 1. Turn OFF the 58542.
- 2. Remove the cover.
- 3. Note the orientation of the battery, which is located on the side of the analog input cover. The battery is held in place with a hook and loop fastener. Peel the battery free of the PC board.
- 4. Turn the 58542 on to maintain memory power while replacing the battery. The 58542 can be turned off while changing the battery, but install the new battery within ten seconds to avoid losing RAM data.
- 5. Disconnect the battery wires. The connector is polarized so it can be inserted only one way, with the red wire toward the rear of the instrument.
- 6. Install the new battery and connect the wires.
- 7. Turn the 58542 off and measure the battery voltage between TP13 (common) and TP17 (bat). It must be at least 3.6 V.
- 8. Connect a voltmeter between A2TP1 & TP2. The voltage must settle to <3 mV. If above this level, the battery life will be shortened. The only load on the battery is the static RAM. It might be necessary to find out which chip is drawing too much current, and replace it if the current is excessive.
- 9. Replace the cover and secure.
- 10. If desired, attach a label indicating when the next battery replacement is due.
- 11. Test for satisfactory operation of the new battery. Turn on the 58542 and calibrate a sensor. Turn the 58542 off, wait ten seconds, and turn on the 58542. The sensor calibration should still be valid as indicated by proper measurement of a power level.

5.4 GPIB Test Functions

If the unit will not calibrate its sensors, there are some test functions available through the GPIB. Using these functions, it is possible to check out the operation of the different parts of the calibrator system.

- 1. If the calibrator output power as measured in Chapter 4 is within tolerance but the unit will still not complete a sensor calibration, perform the following test to determine if the calibrator is operating correctly:
	- a. Send **DIAG:CAL:SOUR 10** from the controller, followed by **DIAG:CAL:ATTEN 0**.
	- b. The calibrator output should be $+20$ dBm ± 0.8 dB.

c. Send **DIAG:CAL:ATTEN 10**.

This will insert the 10 dB attenuator into the calibrator output. The power should measure a decrease of 10 dB ± 1 dB.

- d. Repeat Step b, substituting 20, 30 and 40 successively in the command. The power should be attenuated by the attenuation level specified in the command ± 1 dB. This will verify the condition of all attenuators.
- 2. This step verifies the oscillator power control circuits. This is done by setting the power to higher and lower levels and measuring the results.
	- a. Send the command **DIAG:CAL:ATTEN 0**, followed by **DIAG:CAL:SOUR X** where X is -3 to +13. The resulting power output should range between -13 dB from the first reading taken in Step 1.a to at least +21 dBm.
	- b. This checks the calibrator control circuits completely. If the unit still will not calibrate a sensor, the problem is in the measurement circuits, not the calibrator. Proceed to Section 5.4.1.

5.4.1 58542 Channel 2 Troubleshooting

If only one channel will calibrate, troubleshoot the circuits associated with the channel that fails. The separate channels are shown on Sheet 1 (Ch 2) and Sheet 2 (Ch 1) of Schematic DWG 21360. If the unit will calibrate Channel 1 but not Channel 2, proceed as follows:

1. If the unit fails to turn on the TRIGGER LED when the sensor is connected, the problem is in the temperature sensing thermistor circuit which connects to U39-3.

Measure the voltage at U5-12. It should be about 2 or 3 volts. If it is above 5 or below 0.3 volts, the thermistor circuit is faulty.

2. Reverse the two sensors to determine if one of them is bad.

5.4.2 Diagnostic Test Commands

Table 5-1 lists the VXI Diagnostic commands for testing and adjusting the 58542 VXIbus Universal Power Meter. A typical example is shown after the command syntax. Some commands are described in the maintenance/calibration section.

It is necessary to disable channels 1 and 2 from taking measurements before using these diagnostic commands. This is accomplished with the following commands:

CALC1:STAT OFF CALC2:STAT OFF

Table 5-1: Diagnostic Commands

Table 5-1: Diagnostic Commands (Continued)

Table 5-1: Diagnostic Commands (Continued)

Parts Lists

6.1 Introduction

This chapter contains the parts lists for all assemblies in the 58542 VXIbus Universal Power Meter. Each parts list includes the CAGE identifier. A list of manufacturers is in Section 6.3.

6.2 58542 VXIbus Universal Power Meter Parts Lists

6.3 List of Manufacturers

The names and addresses of manufacturers cited in the preceding parts lists are shown in Table 6-1. Each manufacturer is listed under its CAGE number (COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENT ENTITY), as noted in the parts lists. In a few cases, no CAGE number has been assigned; these manufacturers are referenced by Giga-tronics codes which are shown at the end of the list.

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7 Diagrams

7.1 Introduction

This chapter contains assembly drawings and circuit schematics for the 58542 VXIbus Universal Power Meter.

Parts lists for all assemblies are contained in Chapter 6.

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Program Examples

A.1 Introduction

This appendix contains examples of the various operating programs in the 58542 VXIbus Universal Power Meter.

The examples shown in this chapter are written in HTBasic™ format. Different languages will use different commands, but the string sent or received will always be the same. In HTBasic, the OUTPUT command sends a string to the GPIB bus. The number or variable after the word OUTPUT is the GPIB address of the instrument.

A.2 Sensor Calibration Examples

Sensors must be calibrated to the meter before performing measurements. Only one sensor at a time can be calibrated to a given 58542 VXI Power Meter input. That is, each time a sensor is calibrated to the meter using the power sweep calibration, previous calibrations for that meter input are voided automatically. Thus, assuring that the measurement system is always performing under a valid sensor calibration.

A.2.1 Sensor Calibration Example 1

The following example performs power sweep calibration of the power sensor connected to input number 2 and sends back a pass/fail flag upon completion using CAL2?

A.2.2 Sensor Calibration Example 2

The power meter measurement functions are operated to tight tolerances during sensor calibration. If the sensor passes calibration, it is a good health check of the 58542 VXI Power Meter. In general, the power meter and sensors are operating properly if they pass the calibration process. For instance, the calibration process will fail if the sensor detector elements have been damaged. Also see the self test functions, which are initiated using the *TST command or the DIAG: commands (See Table 5-1).

The following program uses the CAL? query format to perform power sweep calibration of a power sensor and sends back a pass/fail flag upon completion. Completion of the calibration function is monitored via service requests using the *OPC, operation complete command.

 Srq_flag=1 ENABLE INTR 7;2 ! RETURN ! ! ! END OF SENSOR CAL !################################### ! END

A.2.3 Sensor Calibration Example 3

The following program uses the CAL format to perform power sweep calibration of a power sensor. Completion of the calibration function is monitored via service requests using the *OPC, operation complete command. The Standard Event Status Register is used to report pass/fail by asserting bit 3, value 8, the Device Dependent Error bit.


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740 PRINT The power meter reports the following error.,Err_msg$
750 PRINT Calibration FAILED, sensor on calibrator?
760 PRINT Esr
770 !
780 END IF
790 !
800 !
810 STOP
820 !
830 Spoll_intr:!
840 !
850 State=SPOLL(@Pwr_mtr)
860 PRINT SPOLL INTR:;State
870 Srq_flag=1
880 ENABLE INTR 7;2
890 !
900 RETURN
910 !
920 !
930 ! END OF SENSOR CAL
940 ! ###########################
950 !
960 END
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A.2.4 Sensor Calibration Example 4

The following program prompts the user to connect a return loss bridge for calibration and attach an open or short to the bridge test port. It then performs a power sweep calibration and sends back a pass/fail flag upon completion.

- ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
- CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
- WAIT 1
- PRINT Connect the 80503 Precision Return Loss Bridge to the input #2 power sensor cable.
- 445 PRINT Connect the open or short calibration connector to the bridge test port.
- INPUT Then use an adapter to connect the bridge input port to the calibrator and hit ENTER.,Dmy
- PRINT Calibrating Sensor 2...
- OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CAL2?
- ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Pass_cal
- IF Pass_cal=0 THEN PRINT Calibration Passed
- IF Pass_cal=1 THEN
- PRINT Calibration FAILED, Bridge connected to calibrator?
- ELSE
- 570 IF Pass_cal<>0 THEN PRINT Strange Response to CAL2?. Clear output Queue?
580 END IF
- END IF
- !

A.2.5 Sensor Calibration Example 5

The following program prompts the user to remove the high power attenuator from a high power sensor main housing and connect the main housing to the power sweep calibrator port. It then performs a power sweep calibration and sends back a pass/fail flag upon completion.

- ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
- CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
- WAIT 1
- 440 PRINT Connect the 80325 50W Power Sensor to the input #2 power sensor cable.
445 PRINT Remove the high power attenuator or leave it attached to the measurement
- PRINT Remove the high power attenuator or leave it attached to the measurement port on the DUT
- INPUT Then connect the high power sensor main housing to the calibrator and hit ENTER.,Dmy
- PRINT Calibrating Sensor 2...
- OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CAL2?
- ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Pass_cal
- IF Pass_cal=0 THEN PRINT Calibration Passed. Re-attach the high power attenuator immediately!
- IF Pass_cal=1 THEN
- PRINT Calibration FAILED, Main sensor housing connected to calibrator?
- ELSE
- IF Pass_cal<>0 THEN PRINT Strange Response to CAL2?. Clear output Queue?
- END IF
- !

A.3 Sensor Zeroing Examples

A.3.1 Sensor Zeroing Example 1

The following example requests that the operator turn off the signal source or disconnect the sensor from the source prior to zeroing. It is preferable to disable the source and leave the sensor attached to the measurement port for proper zeroing. If the source cannot be disabled, use a switch or attach a connector to the grounded metal near the DUT measurement port. DO NOT attach the sensor to the power meter's calibrator port. The zeroing offset process will account for the DUT's ground plane noise and thermal emf, not the power meter's.

- ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
- CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
- WAIT 1
- INPUT Disable the source's RF output or attach it to a grounded connector. Then hit ENTER.,Dmy
- PRINT Zeroing Sensor 1
- OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CAL1:ZERO?
- ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Pass_zer
- IF Pass_zer=0 THEN PRINT Zeroing Passed
- IF Pass_zer=1 THEN
- PRINT Zeroing FAILED, Source turned off?
- ELSE
- IF Pass_zer<>0 THEN PRINT Strange Response to CAL1:ZERO?. Clear output Queue?
- END IF
- !

A.3.2 Sensor Zeroing Example 2

The following program turns off the signal source, zeros the power sensor, reports a pass/fail indicator upon completion, and turns the source back on.

- ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
- ASSIGN @Source to 70102
- CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
- WAIT 1
- OUTPUT @Source RF0! Turns source output power off (<-90 dBm).
- PRINT Zeroing Sensor 1
- OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CAL1:ZERO?
- ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Pass_zer
- IF Pass_zer=0 THEN PRINT Zeroing Passed
- IF Pass_zer=1 THEN
- Ques\$=Zeroing FAILED, Source turned off?
- OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SYST:ERR?
- ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Err_msg\$! Reading an error message clears it.
- PRINT Err_msg\$
- PRINT Ques\$
- ELSE
- IF Pass_zer <>0 THEN PRINT Strange Response to CAL1:ZERO?. Clear output Queue?
- END IF
- !
- OUTPUT @Source RF1! Turns source output power back on.

Zeroing is recommended whenever performing critical final power measurements in the bottom 15 to 20 dB of a power sensors dynamic range. Zeroing removes zero drift error from the measurement. At higher power levels, zero drift is typically insignificant when compared to the other sources of error such as source/sensor mismatch uncertainty.

A.3.3 Error Control Examples

Selected basic SCPI syntax and execution errors apply to these commands.

The following command will operate properly.

460 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CAL1? ! Calibrate channel 1

The following command is not a legal command. The 58542 only has two channels.

460 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CAL3? ! Calibrate channel 3

If the user asks for error information, the error reporting is as follows:

The following command is not a legal command. The command is mis-typed.

460 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALS? ! Calibrate channel 3

If the user asks for error information, the error reporting is as follows.

- 510 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SYST:ERR?
- 520 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Err_msg\$! Reading an error message clears it.
- 530 PRINT Err_msg\$

Program Output: -113,Undefined Header;CALS Device-specific errors include the following. -300,Device-specific error;No Sensor

The following examples demonstrate the conditions for various errors.

380 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101 390 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr 400 WAIT 1 401 INPUT Disconnect Sensor From Cable for Error Demonstration. Then hit ENTER.,Dmy 410 PRINT Calibrating Sensor 1 420 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CAL1? 430 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Pass_cal 440 IF Pass_cal=0 THEN PRINT Calibration Passed 450 IF Pass_cal=1 THEN 460 Ques\$=Calibration FAILED, sensor on calibrator? 470 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SYST:ERR? 480 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Err_msg\$! Reading an error message clears it. 490 PRINT Err_msg\$ 500 PRINT Ques\$ 520 ELSE 521 IF Pass_cal<>0 THEN PRINT Strange Response to CAL1?. Clear output Queue? 530 END IF 531 ! 532 ! 533 STOP **Program Output:** Calibrating Sensor 1

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-300, Device-specific error;No Sensor
     Calibration FAILED, sensor on calibrator?
410 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
420 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
440 WAIT 1
450 INPUT Disconnect the sensor from the cable 1 second after hitting ENTER. Hit ENTER.,Dmy
460 PRINT Calibrating Sensor 1
470 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CAL1?
480 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Pass_cal
490 IF Pass_cal=0 THEN PRINT Calibration Passed
500 IF Pass_cal=1 THEN
510 Ques$=Calibration FAILED, sensor on calibrator?
520 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SYST:ERR?
530 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Err_msg$ ! Reading an error message clears it.
540 PRINT Err_msg$
550 PRINT Ques$
560 ELSE
570 IF Pass_cal<>0 THEN PRINT Strange Response to CAL1?. Clear output Queue?
580 END IF
590 !
600 !
610 STOP
     Program Output:
     Calibrating Sensor 1
     -300, Device-specific error;Sensor not connected to calibrator
     Calibration FAILED, sensor on calibrator?
410 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
420 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
440 WAIT 1
450 INPUT Do not connect the sensor to the calibrator. Hit ENTER.,Dmy
460 PRINT Calibrating Sensor 1
470 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CAL1?
480 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Pass_cal
490 IF Pass_cal=0 THEN PRINT Calibration Passed
500 IF Pass_cal=1 THEN
510 Ques$=Calibration FAILED, sensor on calibrator?
520 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SYST:ERR?
530 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Err_msg$ ! Reading an error message clears it.
540 PRINT Err_msg$
550 PRINT Ques$
560 ELSE
570 IF Pass_cal<>0 THEN PRINT Strange Response to CAL1?. Clear output Queue?<br>580 END IF
     END IF
590 !
600 !
610 STOP
     Program Output:
     Calibrating Sensor 1
     -300, Device-specific error;Sensor not connected to calibrator
     Calibration FAILED, sensor on calibrator?
410 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
420 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
440 WAIT 1
449 PRINT Connect the sensor to the calibrator.
450 INPUT Remove the sensor 10 seconds after hitting ENTER. Hit ENTER.,Dmy
460 PRINT Calibrating Sensor 1
470 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CAL1?
480 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Pass_cal
490 IF Pass_cal=0 THEN PRINT Calibration Passed
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500 IF Pass_cal=1 THEN
510 Ques$=Calibration FAILED, sensor on calibrator?
520 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SYST:ERR?
530 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Err_msg$ ! Reading an error message clears it.<br>540 PRINT Err msg$
         PRINT Err_msg$
550 PRINT Ques$
560 ELSE
570 IF Pass_cal<>0 THEN PRINT Strange Response to CAL1?. Clear output Queue?
580 END IF
590 !
600
610 STOP
     Program Output:
         Calibrating Sensor 1
         -300,Device-specific error;Sensor calibration error
         Calibration FAILED, sensor on calibrator?
410 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
420 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
430 WAIT 1
440 INPUT Connect the sensor to a source set to about 0dBm. Hit ENTER.,Dmy
450 PRINT Zeroing Sensor 1
460 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CAL1:ZERO?
470 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Pass_zer
480 IF Pass_zer=0 THEN PRINT Zeroing Passed
490 IF Pass_zer=1 THEN
500 Ques$=Zeroing FAILED, Source turned off?
510 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SYST:ERR?
520 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Err_msg$! Reading an error message clears it.
530 PRINT Err_msg$
540 PRINT Ques$
550 ELSE
560 IF Pass_zer<>0 THEN PRINT Strange Response to CAL1:ZERO?. Clear output Queue?
570 END IF
580 !
590 !
600 STOP
     Program Output:
         Zeroing Sensor 1
                -300,Device-specific error;Sensor zeroing error
                Zeroing FAILED, Source turned off?
410 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
420 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
430 WAIT 1
440 INPUT Disconnect the sensor from the sensor cable. Hit ENTER.,Dmy
450 PRINT Zeroing Sensor 1
460 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CAL1:ZERO?
470 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Pass_zer
480 IF Pass_zer=0 THEN PRINT Zeroing Passed
490 IF Pass_zer=1 THEN
500 Ques$=Zeroing FAILED, Source turned off?
510 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SYST:ERR?
520 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Err_msg$! Reading an error message clears it.
530 PRINT Err_msq$
540 PRINT Ques$
550 ELSE
560 IF Pass_zer<>0 THEN PRINT Strange Response to CAL1:ZERO?. Clear output Queue?
570 END IF
580 !
590 !
600 STOP
      Program Output:
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Zeroing Sensor 1 -300,Device-specific error;No Sensor Zeroing FAILED, Source turned off?

A.4 Reading Power Measurement Examples

This section gives as quick start in performing measurements. Therefore, the easiest measurement commands are in the first example, MEAS#? in NORMal Mode. This may not be the optimum 58542 configuration for the user's application. There are three example groups, NORMal Mode, SWIFt Mode, and BURSt Mode. The use of the three 58542 measurement data commands, MEAS#?, READ#?, and FETCh#? are explained in detail under the NORMal Mode, which is the meter's power-on default mode.

SWIFt and BURSt Mode measurements use only FETCh#?, not READ#? or MEAS#?. In this getting started section, high speed SWIFt and BURSt Mode examples are few in number and brief in description; detailed information on high speed power measurements can be found in Section A.8 (High Speed Measurements).

A.4.1 Reading Power Measurements Example 1

The following program configures the power meter for single channel operation, and uses the MEAS#? command to perform limited Auto-Configuration and return power measurement data in NORMal Mode. Prior to executing the measurement cycle, the MEAS#? command performs low level configuration functions for averaging and trigger sequence arming automatically. Use MEAS#? to get started performing power measurements quickly. Typically, MEAS#? will satisfy most power measurement needs; however, more advanced power meter users of NORMal Mode may prefer lower level controls of the READ#? command and the higher measurement rates of the FETCh#? command. High speed measurements are performed using the SWIFt and BURSt Modes, not NORMal Mode.

Note that the MEAS#? command's measurement response speed is slower at very low power levels and faster at high power levels. This is due to a chopper stabilization system used in the NORMal Mode (also used in SWIFt Mode, but not BURSt mode) and Auto-Averaging when using SENS#:AVER:TCON REP. At the most sensitive gain ranges, chopper stabilization allows the very small voltages from the power sensor to be accurately measured. Also, at lower power meter gain ranges, Auto-Averaging automatically adds additional averaging to counter the effects of noise in the measurement signal. The extra time required to perform these Auto-Averaged measurements will not be apparent unless switching the default averaging control, SENS#:AVER:TCON MOV, to SENS#:AVER:TCON REP.

When using the MEAS#? command, Auto-Averaging is automatically set to ON. If another part of programming was using manual averaging, be sure to turn Auto-Averaging back off (SENS#:AVER:COUN:AUTO OFF) before exiting the section of the program code using MEAS? When operating in NORMal Mode the user can always use the SENS#:AVER:COUN? query to find out the current averaging value for a particular sensor, and the SENS#:AVER:COUN ### command to set a higher or lower averaging value.

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260 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101<br>270 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
270 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr<br>280 WAIT 1
280 WAIT 1
290 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORM! Can ONLY send Configuration Commands in Normal Mode!!<br>300 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 1 <br>channel 1 configured to measure sensor 1 power
                                                        ! Channel 1 configured to measure sensor 1 power
310<br>320
       320 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ 1.44E9
                                                         ! Applies Cal Factor for 1.44 GHz to measurement data.
330<br>340
       FOR I=1 TO 10
350 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;MEAS1? ! Measures Power at sensor.<br>360 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Rdg
360 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Rdg<br>370 PRINT Rda
             PRINT Rdg
380 NEXT I
390
510 END
```
A.4.2 Reading Power Measurements Example 2

If sending the MEAS#? command, two configuration changes occur. These are listed as shown below. To perform measurements without changing the configuration, use the READ#? command.

No other items than the above will change configuration when sending the MEAS#? command.

The following example illustrates that Auto-Averaging changes the active averaging number. Since Auto-Averaging was activated through use of the MEAS#? command, the averaging value currently in use when Auto-Averaging is set to OFF is taken as the new averaging number. This is likely to differ from the averaging number in effect before the MEAS#? command was sent. If this is an undesirable effect, remember to read the averaging number using SENS#:AVER:COUN? and store the value for post Auto-Averaging output at the conclusion of the MEAS#? power meter reading measurement routine.

 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr WAIT 1 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORM OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:AVER:COUN:AUTO OFF OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:AVER:COUN:AUTO? ENTER @Pwr_mtr;A\$ PRINT A\$,1 is AUTO ON OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:AVER:COUN 16 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:AVER:COUN? ENTER @Pwr_mtr;A\$ PRINT A\$,16 MEANS AVERAGING #=16 ACCEPTED. OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;INIT:CONT ON OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;INIT:CONT? ENTER @Pwr_mtr;A\$ PRINT A\$,1 is INIT:CONT ON 430 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 1 ! Channel 1 configured to measure sensor 1 power OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ 1.44E9 ! Applies Cal Factor for 1.44 GHz. ! FOR I=1 TO 10 480 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;MEAS1? ! Measures Power at sensor. ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Rdg PRINT Rdg NEXT I OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:AVER:COUN:AUTO? ENTER @Pwr_mtr;A\$ PRINT A\$,1 is AUTO ON OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;INIT:CONT? ENTER @Pwr_mtr;A\$ PRINT A\$,1 is INIT:CONT ON OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:AVER:COUN:AUTO OFF OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:AVER:COUN:AUTO? ENTER @Pwr_mtr;A\$ PRINT A\$,1 is AUTO ON OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:AVER:COUN? ENTER @Pwr_mtr;A\$ PRINT A\$,Value not equal to 16 means reset by Auto-Averaging during MEAS#? END

A.4.3 Reading Power Measurements Example 3

The following program configures the power meter for dual channel operation and uses the MEAS#? command to return power measurement data in NORMal Mode. Please note that measurement speed per channel decreases slightly in NORMal mode when two channels, versus only a single channel, are connected and calibrated. In NORMal Mode, single channel measurement rates are slightly faster than two channel measurement rates. If using CW power sensors, also please note that power measurements are not performed at specifically the exact, simultaneous instant in time. In NORMal Mode there will be a short time delay of about 3 ms between the two channels' sample points, about two and a half orders of magnitude faster than traditional CW power meters. In BURSt and SWIFT mode this time is about 1 ms. If the user needs to guarantee that power sampling occurs on both channels within a smaller interval of time, this can be accomplished to within about 2% of the Sample Delay time plus 2 ns using the Series 80350A Peak Power Sensors and triggering both sensors at the same time. The example below operates with either Peak or CW power sensors.

```
260 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
270 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
280 WAIT 1
290 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORM ! Can ONLY send Configuration Commands in Normal Mode!!
300 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 1 ! Channel 1 configured to measure sensor 1 power
310 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:UNIT W ! Transmitter output power in Watts.
320 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:RAT 1,2 ! Transmitter gain stays in default, dBm.
330 !
340 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ 1.44E9
         ! Applies Cal Factor for 1.44 GHz to sensor 1 data.
350 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS2:CORR:FREQ 0.96E9
         ! Applies Cal Factor for 960 MHz to sensor 2 data.
360 !
370 FOR I=1 TO 10
380 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;MEAS1?;MEAS2? ! Measures Power at sensors.
390 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Chn_pow 1
400 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Chn_1rat2
410 PRINT Chn_pow1,Chn_1rat2
420 NEXT I
430
550 END
```
A.4.4 Reading Power Measurements Example 4

The following program configures the power meter for single channel operation and uses the READ#? command to return power measurement data in NORMal Mode. Using the READ#? command will not change power meter configuration items under any circumstances. Note that INIT:CONT ON is illegal when using READ#?. When continuous trigger arming is desired, use INIT:CONT ON with the FETCh#? command if desired. Also, use TRIG:SOUR IMM when using the READ#? command.

```
280 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
290 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
300 WAIT 1
310 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORM! Can ONLY send Configuration Commands in Normal Mode!!
320 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:SOUR IMM ! TRIG:SOUR must be IMM when using READ#?<br>330 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr:INIT:CONT OFF ! INIT:CONT arming must be OFF when using RE
330 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;INIT:CONT OFF ! INIT:CONT arming must be OFF when using READ#?
340 !
350 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS2:AVER:COUN 1! Sets averaging to manual and one sample per reading.<br>360 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr:CALC1:POW 2 1 Channel 1 configured to measure sensor 2 power
360 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 2 ! Channel 1 configured to measure sensor 2 power
370 !
380 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS2:CORR:FREQ 17.4E9
                                                  ! Applies Cal Factor for 17.4 GHz to measurement data.
390 !
400 FOR I=1 TO 10
410 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;READ2? ! Measures Power at sensor.
420 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Rdg
430 PRINT Rdg
440 NEXT I
450 !
650 END
```
A.4.5 Reading Power Measurements Example 5

READ#? measurement response speed is slower at very low power levels and faster at high power levels. This is due to a chopper stabilization system used in the NORMal Mode which is also used in the SWIFt Mode, but not the BURSt mode. At the most sensitive gain ranges, chopper stabilization allows the very small voltages from the power sensor to be accurately measured.

The following program configures the power meter for dual channel operation and uses the READ#? command to return power measurement data in NORMal Mode.

```
260 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
270 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
280 WAIT 1
290 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORM! Can ONLY send Configuration Commands in Normal Mode!!
300 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 1 ! Channel 1 configured to measure sensor 1 power
310 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:UNIT W <br>320 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:RAT 1,2 1 Transmitter gain stays in default, d
320 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:RAT 1,2 ! Transmitter gain stays in default, dBm.
330 !
340 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:SOUR IMM ! TRIG:SOUR must be IMM when using READ#?
350 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;INIT:CONT OFF ! INIT:CONT arming must be OFF when using READ#?
360 !
370 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:AVER:COUN 1
                                             ! Sets averaging to manual and one sample per reading.
380 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS2:AVER:COUN 16
                                             ! Sets averaging to manual and 16 samples per reading.
390 !
400 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ 1.44E9
                                             ! Applies Cal Factor for 1.44 GHz to sensor 1 data.
410 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS2:CORR:FREQ 0.96E9
                                             ! Applies Cal Factor for 960 MHz to sensor 2 data.
420 !
430 FOR I= 1 TO 10
440 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr:READ1?:READ2? ! Measures Power at sensors.
450 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Chn_pow1
460 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Chn_1rat2
470 PRINT Chn_pow1,Chn_1rat2
480 NEXT I
490 !
610 END
```
A.4.6 Reading Power Measurements Example 6

FETCh? allows finer control of the meter's measurement sequences. The low level control function of FETCh#? is to first, process the measurement channel information based upon sensor data and configuration settings and then, place the result in the meter data output buffer to be read by the slot 0 controller/resource manager.

The following program uses the INIT command to control acceptance of measurement values in conjunction with the FETCh? command. When using FETCh#?, both trigger sequence arming and triggering/data acquisition must be controlled in the program. This is juxtaposed with MEAS#? and READ#? which, being higher level commands, include these functions.

This program will allow the fastest measurement speed performance in NORMal mode.

A.4.7 Reading Power Measurements Example 7

The following example is similar to the example above; however, it now uses TRIG:SOUR BUS instead of IMMediate so that triggering is controlled by the TRIG command. EXT or TTLT triggering can not be used in NORMal Mode. Additionally, INIT:CONT is set to OFF, allowing the INIT (or INIT:IMM) command to control arming of the triggering cycle.

```
280 ASSIGN Pwr_mtr to 70101
290 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
300 WAIT 1
310 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORM! Can ONLY send Configuration Commands in Normal Mode!!
320 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:SOUR BUS ! Program controls triggering with TRIG or *TRG
330 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;INIT:CONT OFF ! Program controls instrument trigger arming
340 !
350 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS2:AVER:COUN 1 ! Sets averaging to manual and one sample per reading.
360 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 2 ! Channel 1 configured to measure sensor 2 power
370 !
380 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS2:CORR:FREQ 17.4E9
                                         ! Applies Cal Factor for 17.4 GHz to data.
390 !
400 FOR I=1 TO 10
410 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;INIT ! INIT arms the triggering and measurement cycle
420 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG ! BUS trigger
430 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;FETC1? ! Measures Power at sensor.
440 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Rdg
450 PRINT Rdg
460 NEXT I
470 !
670 END
```
A.4.8 Reading Power Measurements Example 8

The following program shows fast BUS triggering in the SWIFt Mode. TRIG (or *TRG) is used to acquire data, and FETCh#? processes and outputs the data to the slot 0 controller/resource manager. This program does not use the meter's data buffering capability.

```
170 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
180 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
190 WAIT 1<br>200 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*CLS
200 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*CLS ! Clears old messages from SYST:ERR buffer
205 WAIT 0.3
210 PRINT Running...
220 !
230 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORM ! NORMal Mode to perform channel configuration<br>240 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 1 : Channels 1 or 2 can be either POW 1 or POW 2
240 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 1 ! Channels 1 or 2 can be either POW 1 or POW 2
250 ! RAT and DIFF are illegal in SWIFt and BURSt Modes.
260 !
270 !##########################################
280 !
290 ! Entering SWIFt Mode
300 !
310 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE SWIF ! Enters SWIFt Mode for fastest individual data point
                                           ! triggered measurements.
320 !
330 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ 1.44E9
                                           ! Applies Cal Factor in SWIFt mode
340 ! Can be sent before or after CALC#:MODE SWIF
350 !
360 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:SOUR BUS ! BUS or EXT triggering is slower than IMM
370 ! Can be sent before or after CALC#:MODE SWIF
380 !
390 FOR I=1 TO 10
400 FOR K=1 TO 20<br>410 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG
410 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG ! TRIG is the SCPI Bus trigger. Can also use *TRG
420 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;FETC1? ! FETC#? acquires data
430 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Chan1sens_1(K)
440 !ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Chan1sens_1(K),Chan2sens_2(K)
                                           ! Use this line when two sensors are attached.
450 NEXT K
460 !
470 PRINT Chan1sens_1(*)
480 !PRINT Chan1sens_1(*),Chan2sens_2(*) ! Use this line when two sensors are attached.
490 PRINT ""
500 NEXT I
510 !
520 END
```
A.4.9 Reading Power Measurements Example 9

The following program uses BURSt Mode for the fastest measurement rates possible. The maximum measurement speed is performed when TRIG:DEL is set to 0. TRIG:DEL controls the speed of sampling and data buffering. When TRIG:DEL is set to 0.004, samples will be taken every 4 milliseconds, on both channels if connected, and stored in internal data buffer. This speed does not control or account for the meter's internal data processing time after data acquisition or the speed of data transfer to the controller. This second component of time, the time to get data from the 58542, is proportional to the number of data points measured. Therefore, the example below uses only one channel and keeps the number of points buffered to a minimum.

Both channels' data will be taken at the same time during BURSt Mode. Power meter measurement speed does not change when two sensors are connected versus only one sensor. However, the meter's processing time and the time to transmit the data over the VXI and GPIB interfaces takes longer due to the additional sensor data. If two sensors are connected, calibrated, and their respective channels are set to ON, then must read both arrays of data. Only read one array of data when one sensor is attached, calibrated, and set to ON.

As shown in the examples, send the CALC#:MODE BURS command prior to sending the BURSt Mode configuration commands TRIG:SOUR, TRIG:MODE, TRIG:COUN, and TRIG:DEL.

```
10 ALPHA ON
20 CLEAR SCREEN
30 !
40 OPTION BASE 1
50 DIM Id$[50],Err_msg$[70]
60 DIM Ques$[200],A$[80],Chan1sens_1(500)
70 DIM Chan2sens_2(500)
80 !
90 !
100 !###################################
110 ! Instrument ADDRESS ALLOCATION
120 !
130 ASSIGN @Slot0 TO 70100 ! 70100 is Logical Address of the Slot 0 controller
140 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr TO 70101 | 70101 is Power Meter in 1st position right of slot 0
150 !###################################
160 !
170 ! Identify Attached Instruments
180 !
190 OUTPUT @Slot0;*Slot0;*IDN?
200 ENTER @Slot0;Id$
210 PRINT SLOT 0 is ;Id$
220 !
230 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*IDN?
240 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Id$
250 PRINT SLOT 1 is ;Id$
260 WAIT 1
270 !
280 !
290 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
300 WAIT 1
310 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*CLS ! Clears old messages from SYST:ERR buffer
320 WAIT 0.3
330 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORM! NORMal Mode to perform channel configuration
340 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 1 ! Channels 1 or 2 can be either POW 1 or POW 2
350 ! RAT and DIFF are illegal in SWIFt and BURSt Modes.
360 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:SOUR IMM ! IMM set here to highlight conflict with BURSt operation.
370 !
380 !###################################
390 !
400 ! Entering BURSt Mode
410 !
```


A.5 Instrument Triggering Examples

A.5.1 TRIGgering Example 1

The following two programs illustrate the operation of TRIG:SOUR HOLD with the MEAS#? and FETCh#? measurement data queries. This first program shows TRIG:SOUR HOLD used with MEAS#?. Since MEAS#? is a high level command containing it's own trigger sequence arming, triggering, and measurement data acquisition functions, the program returns valid measurement data. The output from the SYST:ERR query is -0, No error.

```
260 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
270 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
275 WAIT 1
280 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*CLS ! Clears old messages from SYST:ERR buffer
290 WAIT 0.3
300 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORM! NORMal Mode.
310 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 1 ! Channel 1 configured to measure sensor 1 power
320 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ 1.44E9
                                       ! Applies Cal Factor for 1.44 GHz to data.
330 !
340 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:SOUR HOLD ! Halts triggering when used with FETCh#?
350 !
360 FOR I=1 TO 10
370 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;MEAS1? ! MEAS#? returns valid data with TRIG:SOUR set to HOLD.
380 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Rdg
390 PRINT Rdg
400 NEXT I
410 !
420 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SYST:ERR? ! Query error buffer
430 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;A$
440 PRINT A$
530 END
```
A.5.2 TRIGgering Example 2

When FETCh#? is used while TRIG:SOUR is HOLD, invalid data, 9.e+40, is returned and the SYST:ERR? query returns -230, Data corrupt or stale.

A.5.3 TRIGgering Example 3

Please note, the READ#? measurement data query requires TRIG:SOUR IMM for proper operation. While TRIG:SOUR is HOLD, data output is also invalid, 9.e+40, but the SYST:ERR? query response is different, -214, Trigger deadlock.

A.5.4 TRIGgering Example 4

The following examples show the use of BUS triggering with FETCh#? in NORMal and BURSt Modes.

A.5.5 TRIGgering Example 5

BURSt Mode BUS triggering with FETCh?

```
10 ALPHA ON
20 CLEAR SCREEN
30 !
40 OPTION BASE 1
50 DIM Id$[50],Err_msg$[70]
60 DIM Ques$[200],A$[80],Chan1sens_1(50)
70 DIM Chan2sens_2(50)
80 !
90 !
100 !#####################################
110 ! Instrument ADDRESS ALLOCATION
120 !<br>130 ASSIGN @Slot0 TO 70100
130 ASSIGN @Slot0 TO 70100 ! 70100 is Logical Address of the Slot 0 controller
140 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr TO 70101 ! 70101 is Power Meter, in 1st position right of slot 0
150 !#####################################
160 !
170 ! Identify Attached Instruments
180 !
190 OUTPUT @Slot0;*IDN?
200 ENTER @Slot0;Id$
210 PRINT SLOT 0 is ;Id$
220 !
230 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*IDN?
240 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Id$
250 PRINT SLOT 1 is ;Id$
260 WAIT 1
270 !
280 !
290 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
300 WAIT 1
310 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr; *CLS ! Clears old messages from SYST:ERR buffer
320 !
330 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORM ! NORMal Mode to perform channel configuration
340 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 1 ! Channels 1 or 2 can be either POW 1 or POW 2
350 ! RAT and DIFF are illegal in SWIFt and BURSt Modes
360 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:SOUR IMM ! IMM set here to highlight conflict with BURSt operation
370 !
380 !################################
390 !
400 ! Entering BURSt Mode
410 !
420 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE BURS ! Enters BURSt Mode for fastest measurement speeds
430 !
440 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ 2.44E9
                                         ! Applies Cal Factor in burst mode
450 ! Can be sent before or after CALC#:MODE BURS
460 !
470 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:SOUR BUS ! IMM triggering is illegal in BURSt Mode, Use BUS or EXT.
480 ! Can be sent before or after CALC#:MODE BURS
490 !<br>500 OUTPUT @Pwr mtr;TRIG:MODE POST
500 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:MODE POST ! Data acquired after trigger, not before as with PRE.
510 ! Send only after CALC#:MODE BURS
520 !
530 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:COUN 50 ! 50 readings acquired and stored with each trigger
540 ! Send only after CALC#:MODE BURS
550 ! Be sure COUN# matches ENTER variable dimension.<br>560 !REDIM Chan1sens 1(50),Chan2sens 2(50) ! REDIM to smaller array size only if necessary
560 !REDIM Chan1sens 1(50),Chan2sens 2(50) ! REDIM to smaller array size only if necessary
570 !
580 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:DEL .001 ! 1 millisecond between rdgs, 0 ms is 5100 rdgs/sec
590 ! Send only after CALC#:MODE BURS
600 !
```
- !
- FOR I=1 TO 10
- WAIT .01 ! For handshaking compensation. If necessary, use wait
- ! !
- 660 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG ! TRIG is the SCPI Bus trigger. Can also use *TRG
-
- 670 WAIT .01 001 ! For handshaking compensation. If necessary, use wait
680 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;FETC1? | FETC#? acquires data 680 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;FETC1?
- ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Chan1sens_1(*)
- !ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Chan1sens_1(*),Chan2sens_2(*)

! Use this line when two sensors are attached.

- PRINT Chan1sens_1(*)
- 720 !PRINT Chan1sens_1(*),Chan2sens_2(*)! Use this line when two sensors are attached.
- PRINT ""
- NEXT I
- !
- END

A.5.6 TRIGgering Example 6

Be careful when using BURSt Mode. For example, the user must use INIT:CONT ON; the user does not have manual control of trigger arming sequence using INIT, as the user do using the FETCh#? command with the NORMal Mode. This is of particular concern using TTL level triggering on either the front panel EXT connector or the VXI backplane TTLT trigger functions. The user must control the triggering through control of the trigger source. The user must use INIT:CONT ON in BURSt Mode; using INIT control arming of the trigger sequence is not allowed.

The following example uses EXTernal TTL level triggering using the external trigger input on the front panel of the 58542 VXI Universal Power Meter. Twenty readings are stored in the measurement buffer. Then FETCh#? is used during SWIFt Mode. Please note there is a TTL level hardware handshake capability using the ANALOG OUT BNC connector which is also on the front panel. The Analog BNC will output a high (5V) when the instrument is ready for triggering. After a trigger is received, the Analog BNC output goes low (0V).

TRIG:SOUR HOLD halts the SWIFt Mode triggering sequence.

The fastest SWIFt Mode measurement speeds are achieved with TRIG:SOUR:IMM and TRIG:COUN set to values larger than about 25. See High Speed Measurements in Section A.8 for additional information and examples.

The fastest BURSt Mode measurement speeds are achieved with TRIG:COUN at about 80 and TRIG:DEL 0. See High Speed Measurements in Section for additional information and examples.

A.6 Channel Configuration Examples

A.6.1 Single Sensor Power Measurement

Default definition of software calculation channels 1 and 2 are for sensors 1 and 2, respectively. This configuration allows measurement of the power level incident upon sensor 1 on software configuration channel 1, and measurement of the power level incident upon sensor 2 on software configuration channel 2. Normal Mode and Swift Mode measurements are faster with only one sensor set to STATe ON. Since this is the default configuration, consider turning one channel off occasionally. This will only be necessary when two sensors are attached and both are calibrated. Channel configuration can be changed by sending the CALCulate:RATio or CALCulate:DIFFerence commands.

The following program reverses the default sensor-to-channel assignments.

A.6.2 Ratio Measurement

The CALCulate:RATio command is used to automatically measure the ratio of the power levels incident on the two sensors. Permissible settings are Sensor 1/Sensor 2 & Sensor 2/Sensor 1.

A.6.3 Difference Measurement

The CALCulate:DIFFerence command is used to automatically measure the difference of the power levels incident upon the two sensors.

OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr:CALC1? | | Query Channel 1 configuration ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Chn1_config PRINT Chn1_config **Program Output:** DIFF2,1

OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:DIFF 2,1 | Configures channel 1 to measure Sensor 2 minus

! Sensor 1 power

A.7 Cal Factor Examples

Entering a frequency causes the power meter to use frequency calibration factors which are stored in the power sensor's internal EEPROM. Generally, frequency calibration factors are stored in one gigahertz steps.

Two methods are available for frequency entry. Use SENSe:CORRection:FREQuency to enter a specific carrier frequency, or use SENSe:CORRection:VPROpf to enable the meter's voltage proportional to frequency input BNC (See front panel of the meter).

A.7.1 Cal Factor Example 1

The following program automatically applies the correct cal factor for an 8.23 GHz measurement frequency to the measured data value.

A.7.2 Cal Factor Example 2

The following program steps from 1.8 GHz to 2.2 GHz in 10 MHz intervals. The measurement at each step is automatically corrected for cal factor.

```
340 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101<br>350 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
350 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
360 WAIT 1<br>370 REAL F
       REAL Rdg(41)
380 REAL Frq(41)<br>390 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORMAL
                                                              ! Can ONLY send Cal Factor Correction Commands in
                                                              ! Normal Mode!!
400<br>410
       FOR I=1 TO 41
420<br>430
430 Freq=1.8E+9+(I-1)*1.E+7<br>440 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SEN
       440 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ;Freq
                                                              ! Applies Cal Factor to measurement data.
450<br>460
460 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;MEAS1?<br>470 ENTER @Pwr_mtr:Rda(I)
       ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Rdg(I)<br>OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ?
480 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ? ! Power meter outputs freq setting to confirm command
                                                              ! reception.
490 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Frq(I)
       NEXT I
510 !
520 PRINT Rdg(*)<br>530 PRINT Frg(*)
       PRINT Frq(*)
540<br>550
       550 END
```
A.7.3 Cal Factor Example 3

The following program also steps from 1.8 GHz to 2.2 GHz in 10 MHz intervals. The measurement at each step is automatically corrected for cal factor using the $\rm V_{PROP}F$ connector on the front panel. In the first part of the program the power meter's $\rm V_{PROP}F$ input is configured for compatibility with the Gigatronics Source.

A.7.4 Cal Factor Example 4

The following program shows how to input specific User Calibration Factor during measurement. This is not the same as the special Frequency Cal Factors that can be programmed into the EEPROM. (See Sensor EEPROM Commands in Section 2.5.32 for more information). This technique applies a specific known value during measurements. It is useful when having performed a sensor calibration with other devices attached to the sensor input, such as a power splitter or coupler, but do not want to change or reprogram the CAL factor information inside the power sensor's EEPROM. First the program sets the 58542 to 50 MHz where the Cal Factors of Giga-tronics power sensors are always 0.0 dBm.

A.7.5 Cal Factor Example 5

In Burst and Swift Mode, the meter's functionality is restricted to allow the microprocessor to devote most of its operation to performing measurement operations. If measuring a single frequency, this technique will not be need for Burst or Swift Mode data. In Burst or Swift Mode, measurement correction for Cal Factor is always performed with the SENS:CORR:FREQ ### command. By sending this command before entering the Burst or Swift Mode from the Normal mode, all subsequent Burst or Swift Mode measurements will be corrected for that frequency.

The above operation creates a problem if changing frequency during Burst or Swift Mode measurement. The following program is used to apply correct cal factors to swept or multi frequency measurements that have been performed during Burst or Swift Modes. In these modes, swept measurement correction functions are performed in the computer, thus increasing the measurement speed more than would otherwise be possible. First the Cal Factors are read from the sensor's EEPROM. Then the Cal Factors are put through an interpolation algorithm into a correction data array that matches the start/stop frequencies of the test source and the number of measurement points to be collected during measurement. Then measurement is performed, and the correction factor array is added to the measurement data array before being output to a file or swept onto a screen display.

```
10 ALPHA ON
20 CLEAR SCREEN
30 OPTION BASE 1
40 \quad 150 DIM Freqs(80),Clfcs(80),Corr_clf(5000),Rdgs(5000),Rdgs_corr(5000)
                                           ! These are in REDIMs later in program
60 DIM Id$[90],Err_msg$[70]
70 DIM Ques$[200],Calf$[200]
80 !
90 Tim_per_pnt = 5 \blacksquare | milliseconds per sample point. Set 1 to 999.
100 !
110 !#########################################
120 ! Instrument ADDRESS ALLOCATION
130 !
140 ASSIGN @Slot0 TO 70100 ! 70100 is Logical Address of the Slot 0
                                           ! controller (Resource Manager)
150 ASSIGN @Sweeper TO 720 ! Use normal address for non-VXI instruments
160 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr TO 70101 ! Power Meter is next to the slot 0 Resource Manager
170 !#########################################
180 !
190 ! Identify Attached Instruments
200 !
210 OUTPUT @Slot0;*IDN?
220 ENTER @Slot0;Id$
230 PRINT SLOT 0 is ;Id$
240 l
250 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*IDN?
260 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Id$
270 PRINT SLOT 1 is :Id$
280 WAIT 1
290 !
300 !########################################
310 !
320 ! CALIBRATE THE SENSORS
330 !
340 !########################################
350 !
360 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
370 WAIT 1
380 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORMAL
                                           ! Can ONLY send Sensor Offset
```

```
! Commands in Normal Mode!!
390 !
400 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ 5E7
                                       ! Cal Factors always 0.00dB at 50MHz
410 !
420 ! Find out the number of Cal Factors in EEPROM
430 ! Include Std Cal Factors at 1 GHz intervals and any special Cal Factors.
440
450 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;DIAG:SENS1:EEPROM:CALFR?
460 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Frs_std_freq,Std_freq_step,No_std_freqs,No_spl_freqs
470 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Frst_std_freq,Std_freq_step,No_std_freqs
480 No_spl_freqs=1 ! Added to correct bug in DIAG:SENS#:EEPROM:CALFR?
490 PRINT Frst_std_freq,Std_freq_step,No_std_freqs,No_spl_freqs
500 !
510 !
520 ! When you query the 58542 for frequencies and Cal Factors there will be 
530 ! No_std_freqs + No_spl_freqs = number of items you need to read
540 !
550 No_cal_pnts=No_std_freqs+No_spl_freqs
560 REDIM Freqs(No_cal_pnts),Clfcs(No_cal_pnt) 
                                       ! Dimension according to number of Cal Factors to be read in.
570 PRINT There are ;No_cal_pnts; of Cal Factors in this sensor.
580 !
590 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:EEPROM:FREQ?
                                       ! Asks the 58542 for the Frequency array from sensor 1
600 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Freqs(*)
610 PRINT Freqs(*)
620 !
630 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:EEPROM:CALF?
                                       ! Asks the 58542 for the Frequency array from sensor 1
640 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Clfcs(*)
650 PRINT Clfcs(*)
660 !
670 !##############################################################################
680 ! Now that all the Cal Factors are loaded with their corresponding frequencies,
690 ! we need to create a table of interpolated Cal Factor points based upon the frequencies used
700 ! and number of measurement points in the test program.
710 !
720 ! First get a couple pieces of necessary information
730 !
740 INPUT Input sweep START frequency in GHz.,Strt_freq
750 INPUT Input sweep STOP frequency in GHz.,Stop_freq
760 INPUT Number of points per sweep. 100 to 400 suggested.,Swep_pnts
770 IF Strt_freq>Stop_freq THEN
780 PRINT Make STOP freq. > START freq.
790 WAIT 1
800 GOTO 740
810 ELSE
820 IF Strt_freq<.051 THEN GOTO 740
830 IF Swep_pnts<1 THEN GOTO 740! You can put additional requirements in this section.
840 END IF
850 Strt_freq=1.E+9*Strt_freq
860 Stop_freq=1.E+9*Stop_fr ! Set units to Hz
870 REDIM Corr_clf(Swep_pnts),Rdgs(Swep_pnts),Rdgs_corr(Swep_pnts)
                                       ! Re-sized to match number of measuremen
                                       ! points in sweep
880 !
890 ! Interpolation routine creates Cal Factor Correction Table in Clf_corr(*)
900 ! Values are in dB!!!! NOT W linear units
910 !
920 FOR I=1 TO Swep_pnts ! For each point in CIf_corr(*)
930 Rdgs(I)=1
```

A.8 High Speed Measurement Examples

A.8.1 High Speed Measurement Example 1

The following program shows the fastest SWIFt Mode measurement speed possible. IMMediate triggering is used to allow the 58542 to trigger a measurement automatically. Be sure to only use one channel defined to one sensor for the fastest speeds.

```
170 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
180 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
190 WAIT 1
200 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*CLS ! Clears old messages from SYST:ERR buffer
210 WAIT 0.3
220 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORM ! NORMal Mode to perform channel configuration
230 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 1 ! Channels 1 or 2 can be either POW 1 or POW 2
240 240 I RAT and DIFF are illegal in SWIFt and BURSt Modes.
250 !
260 !################################
270 !
280 ! Entering SWIFt Mode
290 !
300 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE SWIF ! Enters SWIFt Mode for fastest continuous
                                        ! measurements with IMM.
310 !
320 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ 16.97E9
                                        ! Applies Cal Factor in SWIFt mode
330 ! Can be sent before or after CALC#:MODE SWIF
340 !
350 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:SOUR IMM
360
370 !
380 !
390 Loopcount=100
400 Time1=TIMEDATE
410 FOR I=1 TO Loopcount
420 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;FETC1? | | FETC#? acquires data
430 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Chan1sens_1(I)
440 NEXT I
450 Time2=TIMEDATE
460 Time=Time2-Time1
470 Speed=Loopcount/Time ! Units are readings per second.
480 !
490 PRINT Chan1sens_1(*)
500 PRINT Speed; readings per second.
510 !
520 END
```
A.8.2 High Speed Measurement Example 2

Using one of the slowest system configurations available, external PC controller with GPIB slot 0 resource manager and programming through a very slow Basic program, the previous program achieved a speed of 24 readings per second. With faster systems using embedded PCs and faster software, measurement speeds have been recorded as high as 71 readings per second.

```
10 ALPHA ON
20 CLEAR SCREEN
30 !
40 OPTION BASE 1
50 DIM Id$[50],Err_msg$[70]
60 DIM Ques$[200],A$[80],Chan1sens_1(200)
70 DIM Chan2sens_2(200)
80 Counter=1
90<br>100
     100 !###########################################
110 ! Instrument ADDRESS ALLOCATION
120 - 1130 ASSIGN @Slot0 TO 70100 ! 70100 ! 70100 is Logical Address of the Slot 0 controller
140 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr TO 70101 ! 70101 is Power Meter in 1st position right of slot 0
150 !###########################################
160 !
280 !
290 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
300 WAIT 1<br>310 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*CLS
310 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*CLS ! Clears old messages from SYST:ERR buffer
320 WAIT 0.3
330 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORM ! NORMal Mode to perform channel configuration
340 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 1 ! Channels 1 or 2 can be either POW 1 or POW 2
350 ! RAT and DIFF are illegal in SWIFt and BURSt Modes.
370 !
380 !###########################################
390 !
400 ! Entering SWIFt Mode
410 !<br>420 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr:CALC1:MODE SWIF
420 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE SWIF : Enters SWIFt Mode for fastest continuous
                                          ! measurements with IMM.
430 !
440 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ 16.97E9
                                          ! Applies Cal Factor in SWIFt mode
450 ! Can be sent before or after CALC#:MODE SWIF
460 !
470 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:SOUR IMM! IMM triggering is illegal in SWIFt Mode, Use BUS or EXT.
480 ! Can be sent before or after CALC#:MODE SWIF
490 !
610 !
611 Loopcount=50
613 Time1=TIMEDATE
620 FOR I=1 TO Loopcount
670 !OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;FETC1? ! FETC#? acquires data
671 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;FETC1?;FETC2? ! Use this line when two sensors are attached.
680 !ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Chan1sens_1(I)
681 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Chan1sens_1(I),Chan2sens_2(I)
                                          ! Use this line when two sensors are attached.
730 NEXT I
731 Time2=TIMEDATE
733 Time=Time2-Time1
743 Speed=Loopcount/Time 1996 ! Units are readings per second.
753 !
763 !PRINT Chan1sens_1(*)
773 PRINT Chan1sens_1(*),Chan2sens_2(*) ! Use this line when two sensors are attached.
783 !PRINT Speed; readings per second.
784 PRINT Speed; readings per second per channel.
793 !
803 END
```
A.8.3 High Speed Measurement Example 3

Using the same system configuration, the previous program achieved a speed of 25 readings per second per channel. With faster systems using embedded PCs and faster software, measurement speeds have been recorded as high as 71 readings per second.

The following program shows fast BUS triggering in the SWIFt Mode. TRIG (or *TRG) is used to acquire data, and FETCh#? processes and outputs the data to the slot 0 controller/resource manager. This program does not use the meter's data buffering capability.

A.8.4 High Speed Measurement Example 4

The following program shows SWIFt Mode measurements using EXT TTL triggering and Buffered data. INIT:CONT must be set to ON; The user can not use INIT with INIT:CONT set to OFF. This program buffers 30 measurements in the 58542 before group download to the controller using the TRIG:COUN command in line 390. In the SWIFT mode, this command must be sent after the TRIG:SOUR command.

A.8.5 High Speed Measurement Example 5

The following program uses BURSt Mode for the fastest measurement rates possible. The maximum measurement speed is performed when TRIG:DEL is set to 0. TRIG:DEL controls the speed of sampling and data buffering. When TRIG:DEL is set to 0.004, samples will be taken every 4 milliseconds, on both channels if connected, and stored in the meter's internal data buffer. This speed does not control or account for the meter's internal data processing time after data acquisition or the speed of data transfer to the controller. This second component of time, the time to get data from the 58542, is proportional to the number of data points measured. Therefore, the example below uses only one channel and keeps the number of points buffered to a minimum.

Both channels' data will be taken at the same time during BURSt Mode. Power meter measurement speed does not change when two sensors are connected versus only one sensor. However, the 58542 processing time and the time to transmit the data over the VXI and GPIB interfaces takes longer due to the additional sensor data. If two sensors are connected, calibrated, and their respective channels are set to ON, then read both arrays of data. Only read one array of data when one sensor is attached, calibrated, and set to ON.

As shown in the examples, send the CALC#:MODE BURS command prior to sending the BURSt Mode configuration commands TRIG:SOUR, TRIG:MODE, TRIG:COUN, and TRIG:DEL.

```
10 ALPHA ON
20 CLEAR SCREEN
30 !
40 OPTION BASE 1
50 DIM Id$[50],Err_msg$[70]
60 DIM Ques$[200],A$[80],Chan1sens_1(500)
70 DIM Chan2sens_2(500)
80 !
90 !
100 !########################################
110 ! Instrument ADDRESS ALLOCATION
120
130 ASSIGN @Slot 0 TO 70100 ! 70100 ! 70100 is Logical Address of the Slot 0 controller
140 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr TO 70101 140 is Power Meter in 1st position of slot 0
150 !###########################################
160 !
170 ! Identify Attached Instruments
180 !
190 OUTPUT @Slot0;*IDN?
200 ENTER @Slot0;Id$
210 PRINT SLOT 0 is ;Id$
220 !
230 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*IDN?
240 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Id$
250 PRINT SLOT 1 is ;Id$
260 WAIT 1
270 !
280 !
290 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
300 WAIT 1
310 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*CLS | Clears old messages from SYST:ERR buffer
320 WAIT 0.3
330 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORM ! NORMal Mode to perform channel configuration
340 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 1 ! Channels 1 or 2 can be either POW 1 or POW 2
350 ! RAT and DIFF are illegal in SWIFt and BURSt Modes.
360 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:SOUR IMM !IMM set here to highlight conflict with BURSt operation
370 !
380 !#########################################
390 !
```
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A.8.6 High Speed Measurement Example 6

The preceding program performed 500 measurements at a rate of 5100 per second then processed and output the data to the controller. Round trip speed was between 120 and 140 per second. Using 100 measurements per BURSt instead of 500, the round trip speed was 100 to 115 per second.

The following example is similar to the previous program except for the use of EXT triggering to initiate the BURSt measurement.

```
10 ALPHA ON
20 CLEAR SCREEN
30 !
40 OPTION BASE 1
50 DIM Id$[50],Err_msg$[70]
60 DIM Ques$[200],A$[80],Chan1sens_1(500)
70 DIM Chan2sens_2(500)
80 !
90<sup>°</sup>100 !#############################################
110 ! Instrument ADDRESS ALLOCATION
120 !
130 ASSIGN @Slot0 TO 70100 ! 70100 is Logical Address of the Slot 0 controller
140 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr TO 70101 170101 is Power Meter in 1st position right of slot 0
150 !#############################################
160 !
170 ! Identify Attached Instruments
180 !
190 OUTPUT @Slot0;*IDN?
200 ENTER @Slot0;Id$
210 PRINT SLOT 0 is ;Id$
220 !
230 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*IDN?
240 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Id$
250 PRINT SLOT 1 is ;Id$
260 WAIT 1
270 !
280 !
290 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
300 WAIT 1
310 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*CLS | Clears old messages from SYST:ERR buffer
320 WAIT 0.3
330 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORM ! Normal Mode to perform channel configuration
340 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 1 ! Channels 1 or 2 can be either POW 1 or POW 2
350 ! RAT and DIFF are illegal in SWIFt and BURSt Modes.
360 !
370 !##########################################
380 !
390 ! Entering BURSt Mode
400 !
410 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE BURS ! Enters BURSt Mode for fastest measurement speeds.
420 !
430 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ 2.44E9
420 . Applies Cal Factor in burst mode in Applies Cal Factor in burst mode
440 ! Can be sent before or after CALC#:MODE BURS
450 !
460 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:SOUR EXT ! EXT TTL Level input begins BURSt Mode measure-
ment.
470 ! Can be sent before or after CALC#:MODE BURS
480 !
490 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:MODE POST ! Data acquired after trigger, not before as with PRE.
500 ! Send only after CALC#:MODE BURS
510
520 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:COUN 500 ! 500 readings acquired and stored with each trigger.
530 120 ISS 20 ISS
```
TRIG:MODE ! Be sure COUN# matches ENTER variable dimension. !REDIM Chan1sens_1(500),Chan2sens_2(500) ! REDIM to smaller array size only if necessary. 560 !
570 OUTPUT @Pwr mtr;TRIG:DEL.000 570 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:DEL .000 ! 0 millisecond between rdgs setting is 5100 rdgs/sec. 580 ! Send only after CALC#:MODE BURS, following TRIG:COUN. ! ! FOR I=1 TO 10 !WAIT .01 ! Wait for trigger compensation. If necessary, use wait statements Time1=TIMEDATE ! 670 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;FETC1? ! FETC#? acquires data 680 WAIT 2 | state of the line ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Chan1sens_1(*) !ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Chan1sens_1(*),Chan2sens_2(*) ! Use this line when two sensors are attached. ! Time2=TIMEDATE Time=Time2-Time1 Speed=500/Time PRINT Chan1sens_1(*) !PRINT Chan1sens_1(*),Chan2sens_2(*)! Use this line when two sensors are attached. PRINT Speed; readings per second, round trip. 780 PRINT "" NEXT I ! END

The preceding program performs measurement at approximately 5100 measurements per second. Assuming pretriggering during the PRINT statements, a round trip speed of 180 to 195 measurements per second was achieved.

A.9 Relative or Referenced Measurement Examples

A.9.1 Relative or Referenced Measurements Example 1

The following program automatically sets a power level reference when the computer's ENTER key is actuated. From that point forward the power level - relative to the power level at the time the ENTER key was actuated - is monitored and displayed with minimum and maximum values since the reference was set.

```
290 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
300 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
310 WAIT 1
320 !
330 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORMAL! Can ONLY use REFerence commands in NORMal Mode!!
340 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:POW 2 ! Channel 2 configured to measure sensor 2 power
350 !
360 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:SOUR IMM ! TRIG:SOUR must be IMM when using READ#?<br>370 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;INIT:CONT OFF ! INITiate:CONTinuous arming must be OFF wher
370 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;INIT:CONT OFF ! INITiate:CONTinuous arming must be OFF when using
         ! READ#?
380
390 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS2:AVER:COUN 1 ! Sets averaging to manual and one sample per
                                            ! measurement reading.
400
410 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS2:CORR:FREQ 17.4E9
                                            ! Applies Cal Factor for 17.4 GHz to measurement data.
420 !
430 !###########################################
440 l
450 ! Relative measurement setup using CALC#:REF:COLL.
460 !
470 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:REF:MAG 0.00 ! Resets REFerence level from value set with 
CALC2:REF:COLL
480 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:REF:STAT ON ! Enables REFerence operation.
490 !
500 INPUT Press ENTER key to set to 0.0dB reference operation,Dmy
510 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:REF:COLL ! Takes current measurement and adds inverse to further
                                            ! measurements
520 !
530 ! Setup power meters' MIN and MAX monitors
540 !
550 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:MIN:STAT ON
560 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:MAX:STAT ON
570 !
580 PRINT Power Variation, Largest Min, Largest Max.
590 WHILE Cont_meas=1
600 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;MEAS2? ! Measures Power at sensor.
610 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Rdg
620 !
630 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:MIN? ! Grabs minimum since CALC2:MIN:STAT ON
640 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Min
650 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:MAX? ! Grabs maximum since CALC2:MAX:STAT ON
660 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Max
670 PRINT Rdg,"",Min,"",Max
680 END WHILE
690 !
890 END
```
A.9.2 Relative or Referenced Measurements Example 2

The following program finds the 1 dB compression of an amplifier/transmitter at a single frequency.

```
300 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr to 70101
310 CLEAR @Pwr_mtr
320 WAIT 1
330 !
340 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:MODE NORMAL
                                              ! Can ONLY use REFerence commands in NORMal 
Mode!!<br>350 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:POW 1
                                              ! Channel 1 configured to measure sensor 1 power
360 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC1:UNIT W | Transmitter output power in Watts.
370 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr:CALC2:RAT 1.2 | Transmitter gain stays in default, dBm.
380 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:UNIT DBM ! Transmitter output power in Watts. Units are channel,
                                              ! not sensor, specific
390 !
400 !
410 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;TRIG:SOUR IMM ! TRIG:SOUR must be IMM when using READ#?
420 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;INIT:CONT OFF ! INITiate:CONTinuous arming must be OFF when using READ#?
430 !
440 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:AVER:COUN 1! Sets averaging to manual and one sample per measurement 
reading.
450 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS2:AVER:COUN 4! Sets averaging to manual and 4 samples per measurement 
reading.
460 !
470 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:FREQ 1.94E9
                                      ! Applies Cal Factor for 1.94 GHz, Sensor 1.
480 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS2:CORR:FREQ 7.0E7
                                      ! Applies Cal Factor for 70 MHz IF input, Sensor 2.
490 l
500 !#################################################
510 !
520 ! System Setup
530 ! Power Splitter attached to source.
540 ! DUT input and sensor 2 on the splitter outputs.
550 ! Sensor 1 at DUT output.
560 ! Check max power rating on sensor 1 and use an appropriate attenuator if necessary.
570 ! Use offset to account for any necessary attenuation when not using Giga-tronics high power sensors.
580 !
590 !#################################################
600 !
610 ! Relative measurement setup using CALC#:REF:COLL.
620 !
630 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:REF:MAG 0.00 ! Resets REFerence level from value set with
CALC2:REF:COLL
640 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:REF:STAT ON ! Enables REFerence operation.
650 !
660 Smal_sig_pwr=-30
670 OUTPUT @Source;OPPL;Smal_sig_pwr ! Set power to small signal region of amp, -30 dBm.
680 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;CALC2:REF:COLL ! Takes current measurement and adds inverse to further
                                              ! measurements
690 !
700 ! STEP POWER FROM SMALL SIGNAL REGION TO ABOVE 1 dB COMPRESSION LEVEL
710 !
720 FOR I=Smal_sig_pwr TO Smal_sig_pwr+40 STEP .05
730 OUTPUT @Source;OPPL; | lncrements power level into amplifier's input. Add wait statement
                                      ! at 735 if source settles too slow.
740 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;READ2? ! Measures Sensor 1 over sensor 2, dB relationship
750 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Rdg
760 PRINT Rdg
770 !
780 Comp_lvl=-1
790 IF Rdg<Comp_lvl THEN ! Finds 1 dB compression level
800 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;READ1? ! Measures Output Power at sensor 1.
```
- 810 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Rdg
- 820 PRINT 1 dB Compression level is ;Rdg; Watts, Output Power.
- 830 GOSUB End
840 END IF
- END IF
- 850 NEXT I
- 860 !
- 1060 End: ! 1070 END

A.10 SRQ Interrupt Examples

630 IF BIT(State,5) THEN 1 ESR bit 640 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*ESR? ! Reset event status register 650 END IF 660 !
670 Srq_flag = 1 680 ENABLE INTR 7;2 690 RETURN

860 END

! Set task done flag

A.11 Instrument & Sensor Identification Examples

A.11.1 Instrument Identification

The following example reads manufacturer identification, model number and software version number. Software version number is important for troubleshooting and factory technical support. Make sure user or users can identify the software version when requesting technical support.

```
10 ALPHA ON
20 DIM ID$[60],Mfgr$[12]
          ! FOR INSTRUMENT ID VIEWING AT START UP
30 !
40 CLEAR SCREEN
50 !
60 !#################################################
70 ! Instrument ADDRESS ALLOCATION
80 !
90 ASSIGN @Slot0 TO 70100 ! 70200 is Logical Address of the Slot 0 controller
100 ASSIGN @Pwr_mtr TO 70101 ! Default Power Meter Address of 255 allows VXI dynamic 
110 . 110 120 120 120 120 120 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130 130
120 !
130 !#################################################
140 !
150 OUTPUT @Slot0;*IDN?
160 ENTER @Slot0;Id$
170 PRINT SLOT 0 is ;Id$
180 !
190 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;*IDN?
200 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Mfgr$,Model,No,Software_ver
                                         ! DIM Mfgr$ to 12 characters
210 PRINT A;Mfgr$; model;Model;with software version;Software_ver;is installed in slot 1.
211 !
212 ! Main Measurement Loop Start.
```
Instrument identification can be read as a single string as is done in lines 150 to 170 above. Sometimes, however, it is more convenient to read these four items separately for use in comment statements or as identifiers for selecting special command libraries or subroutines.

A.11.2 Sensor Model Identification

A simple method of separating the manufacturer sub-string from the three following numeric items requires reading the manufacturer alphabetical letters into a string variable of limited size. Use a DIM or a REDIM statement to limit size to 12 characters. Thus Model and Software Version can easily be read into numeric variables. No is always 0; it is placed in the *IDN? command output as called for by the IEEE 488.2 Standard. The 58542 can not report it's serial number - which is printed on a label positioned on the side of the instrument - over the bus. If preferred, there is space on the 58542's front panel for the serial number label. The factory will place it there upon request.

The following example reads the model number and serial number of the power sensor currently in use. What does currently in use mean? It means that this was the last sensor connected to this meter input. It does not mean that the sensor is currently attached or that the sensor is calibrated. For in-program checking for sensor attachment or completed power sweep calibration, see the Error Control Examples in Section A.3.3 or the Reading Power Measurements in Section A.4. By operating in this manner, if preferred use a simple WHILE/UNTIL loop in the program to detect when the operator connects the correct power sensor.

Tracking the model number allows the user to be sure that a sensor is being used which is appropriate for measurement application. For example, some user measurement routines may require the use of Peak Power Sensors rather than CW Power Sensor or use of high power sensors rather than standard sensors. The user's program can automatically check for the appropriate sensor and prompt to Please connect Giga-tronics Sensor model #####, if necessary.

A.11.3 Sensor Serial Number Identification

Tracking sensor serial numbers is important. Measurements cannot be performed unless the sensor has been calibrated to the meter using the built-in power sweep calibrator: this ensures that measurements will never be performed with an uncalibrated sensor. The Giga-tronics 58542 tracks this requirement by reading the sensor's serial number. Thus, by reading in the sensor's serial number at the beginning of measurement subroutines, the user can automatically determine whether or not power sweep calibration is required. This is illustrated in the following example.

```
990 Compare_serno: !
995 !
1000 !#############################################
1010 !
1020 ! This program identifies sensors by their serial number
1030 ! and jumps to a calibration subroutine if it is a new sensor.
1040
1050 !#############################################
1060 !
1070 ! Sensor Identification routine at beginning of measurement sequence.
1080 ! New sensors will not operate unless they pass calibration first.
1090
1100 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:CORR:EEPROM:TYPE?
1110 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;New_snsr1_model,New_snsr1_serno
1120 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS2:CORR:EEPROM:TYPE?
1130 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;New_snsr2_model,New_snsr2_serno
1140 !
1150 IF Old_snsr1_serno=New_snsr1_serno THEN
1160 !
1170 ELSE<br>1180 GOSUB Pwr swp cal1
                                                      ! New Sensor 1, Must Calibrate To the Meter
1190 END IF
1200 !
1210 IF Old_snsr2_serno=New_snsr2_serno THEN
1220 !
1230 ELSE
1240 GOSUB Pwr_swp_cal2 | New Sensor 2, Must Calibrate To the Meter
1250 END IF
1260 !
1270 ! Concludes Sensor Serial Number Comparison
1280 ! Use a similar routine when a particular sensor model is required.
1290 ! To do both: Nest an IF-THEN for model # ahead of GOSUB
                                                      ! Pwr_swp_cal#.
1300 !
1310 !######################################################
1320 !
1330 ! Main loop
1340 !
1350 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS1:AVER:TCON:MOV
         ! MOV, Average new sample with previous samples
1360 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;SENS2:AVER:TCON:MOV
         ! MOV, Average new sample with previous samples
1370 !
1380 LOOP
1390 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;MEAS1?
         ! TRIGGER AND READ CHANNEL 1
1400 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;MEAS1
1410 PRINT CHANNEL 1 IS ;Meas1;dBm.
1420 !
1430 OUTPUT @Pwr_mtr;MEAS2? ! TRIGGER AND READ CHANNEL 2
1440 ENTER @Pwr_mtr;Meas2
1450 PRINT CHANNEL 2 IS ;Meas2;dBm.
1460 END LOOP
1470 !
1480 !#####################################################
```


Power Sensors

B.1 Introduction

This appendix contains the selection, specifications and calibration data for power sensors used with Giga-tronics power meters. This appendix is divided into the following major sections:

- Power Sensor Selection
- Power Sensor Calibration

B.2 Power Sensor Selection

Standard Series 803XXA Sensors measure CW signals from -70 to +20 dBm; and the Series 804XXA Sensors measure modulated or CW signals from -67 to +20 dBm; the 58542 VXIbus Universal Power Meter also use Peak Power Sensors for measuring radar and digital modulation signals.

Giga-tronics True RMS sensors are recommended for applications such as measuring quadrature modulated signals, multi-tone receiver intermodulation distortion power, noise power, or the compression power of an amplifier. These sensors include a pad to attenuate the signal to the RMS region of the diode's response. This corresponds to the -70 dBm to -20 dBm linear operating region of Standard CW Sensors. The pad improves the input VSWR to \leq 1.15 at 18 GHz.

High Power (1, 5, 25 and 50 Watt) and Low VSWR sensors are also available for use with the power meter.

Table B-1 lists the Giga-tronics power sensors used with the power meters. Refer to applicable notes on page B-4. See Figures B-1 for modulation-induced measurement uncertainty.

B.2.1 Modulation Power Sensors

Table B-1: Power Sensor Selection Guide

Notes:

1. The K connector is electrically and mechanically compatible with the APC-3.5 and SMA connectors.
2. Power coefficient equals <0.01 dB/Watt.

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- 5. Peak operating range above CW maximum range is limited to <10% duty cycle.
6. Includes uncertainty of reference standard and transfer uncertainty. Directly tra
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- 7. Square root of sum of the individual uncertainties squared (RSS).
- 8. Cal Factor numbers allow for 3% repeatability when connecting attenuator to sensor, and 3% for attenuator measurement uncertainty and mismatch of sensor/pad combination. Attenuator frequency response is added to the Sensor Cal Factors which are stored in the sensor's EEPROM.

Freq. (GHz)		Sum of Uncertainties (%) ⁶						Probable Uncertainties (%) ⁷					
Lower	Upper	80301A 80302A 80340 80401A 80402 80303 80304 80343 80344	80310A 80313A 80314A	80320A 80323A 80324A	80321A ⁸ 80322A ⁸ 80325A8	80330A 80333A 80334A	80301 80302 80340 80401A 80402 80303 80304 80343 80344	80310A 80313A 80314A	80320A 80323A 80324A	80321A ⁸ 80322A8 80325A8	80330A 80333A 80334A	80321A ⁸ 80322A ⁸ 80325A ⁸	80330A ⁸ 80333A ⁸ 80334A8
0.1	1	1.61	3.06	2.98	2.96	7.61	2.95	1.04	1.64	1.58	1.58	4.54	1.58
$\mathbf{1}$	$\overline{2}$	1.95	3.51	3.58	3.57	7.95	3.55	1.20	1.73	1.73	1.73	4.67	1.73
$\overline{2}$	4	2.44	4.42	4.33	4.29	8.44	4.27	1.33	1.93	1.91	1.91	4.89	1.90
4	6	2.67	4.74	4.67	4.63	8.67	4.60	1.41	2.03	2.02	2.01	5.01	2.01
6	8	2.86	4.94	4.87	4.82	8.86	4.80	1.52	2.08	2.07	2.06	5.12	2.06
8	12.4	3.59	6.04	5.95	5.90	9.59	5.87	1.92	2.55	2.54	2.53	5.56	2.53
12.4	18	4.09	6.86	6.76	6.69	10.09	6.64	2.11	2.83	2.80	2.79	5.89	2.78
18	26.5		9.27	9.43	9.28	--	9.21		3.63	3.68	3.62		3.59
26.5	40	--	15.19	14.20	13.86	--	13.66		6.05	5.54	5.39		5.30

Table B-2: Power Sensor Cal Factor Uncertainties

Notes:

- 1. The K connector is electrically and mechanically compatible with the APC-3.5 and SMA connectors.
- 2. Power coefficient equals <0.01 dB/Watt.
- 3. Power coefficient equals <0.015 dB/Watt.
- 4. For frequencies above 8 GHz, add power linearity to system linearity.
- 5. Peak operating range above CW maximum range is limited to <10% duty cycle.
- 6. Includes uncertainty of reference standard and transfer uncertainty. Directly traceable to NIST.
- 7. Square root of sum of the individual uncertainties squared (RSS).
- 8. Cal Factor numbers allow for 3% repeatability when connecting attenuator to sensor, and 3% for attenuator measurement uncertainty and mismatch of sensor/pad combination. Attenuator frequency response is added to the Sensor Cal Factors which are stored in the sensor's EEPROM.

Modulation-Induced Measurement Uncertainty for the 80401A Sensor

Figure B-1: 80401A Modulation-Related Uncertainty

B.2.2 BAP Mode Limitations

The minimum input level is -40 dBm (average); the minimum pulse repetition frequency is 20 Hz. If the input signal does not meet these minima, **BURST AVG** LED will flash to indicate that the input is not suitable for BAP measurement. The power meter will continue to read the input but the BAP measurement algorithms will not be able to synchronize to the modulation of the input; the input will

be measured as if the power meter were in MAP mode. In addition, some measurement inaccuracy will result if the instantaneous power within the pulse falls below -43 dBm; however, this condition will not cause LED to flash.

B.2.3 Peak Power Sensors

Table B-3: 8035XA Peak Power Sensor Selection Guide

Notes:

- 1. The K connector is electrically and mechanically compatible with the APC-3.5 and SMA connectors.
- 2. Power coefficient equals <0.01 dB/Watt (AVG).
- 3. Power coefficient equals <0.015 dB/Watt (AVG).
- 4. For frequencies above 8 GHz, add power linearity to system linearity.
5. Peak operating range above CW maximum range is limited to <10%
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Freq. (GHz)				Sum of Uncertainties $(\%)^1$	Probable Uncertainties (%)²				
Lower	Upper	80350A	80353A 80354A	80351A ³	80352A ³	80355A ³	80350A	80353A 80354A	$80351A_2^3$ 80352A3 80355A ³
0.1	$\mathbf{1}$	1.61	3.06	9.09	9.51	10.16	1.04	1.64	4.92
$\mathbf{1}$	$\overline{2}$	1.95	3.51	9.43	9.85	10.50	1.20	1.73	5.04
$\overline{2}$	4	2.44	4.42	13.10	13.57	14.52	1.33	1.93	7.09
4	6	2.67	4.74	13.33	13.80	14.75	1.41	2.03	7.17
6	8	2.86	4.94	13.52	13.99	14.94	1.52	2.08	7.25
8	12.4	3.59	6.04	14.25	14.72	15.67	1.92	2.55	7.56
12.4	18	4.09	6.86	19.52	20.97	21.94	2.11	2.83	12.37
18	26.5		9.27					3.63	
26.5	40		15.19					6.05	

Table B-4: Peak Power Sensor Cal Factor Uncertainties

Notes:

1. Includes uncertainty of reference standard and transfer uncertainty. Directly traceable to NIST.

2. Square root of sum of the individual uncertainties squared (RSS).
3. Cal Factor numbers allow for 3% repeatability when connecting a

3. Cal Factor numbers allow for 3% repeatability when connecting attenuator to sensor, and 3% for attenuator measurement uncertainty and mismatch of sensor/pad combination. Attenuator frequency response is added to the Sensor Cal Factors which are stored in the sensor's EEPROM.

For additional specifications, see the Series 80350A (P/N 21568) publication and data sheet.

B.2.4 Directional Bridges

The 80500 CW Directional Bridges are designed specifically for use with Giga-tronics power meters to measure the Return Loss/SWR of a test device. Each bridge includes an EEPROM which has been programmed with Identification Data for that bridge.

Precision CW Return Loss Bridges									
Model	Freq. Range Power Range	Max. Power	Power Linearity ⁴ (Frequency $>^8$ GHz)	Input	Test Port	Directivity	Wat.	VSWR	
80501	10 MHz to 18 GHz -35 to $+20$ dBm	$+27$ dBm (0.5W)	-35 to $+10$ dBm ± 0.1 dB $+10$ to $+20$ dBm ± 0.1 dB ± 0.005 dB/dB	Type $N(f)$ 50 Ω	Type N(f) 50 Ω	38 dB	0.340 ka	$<$ 1.17:0.01 $-$ 8 GHz $< 1.27:8 - 18$ GHz	
80502	10 MHz to 18 GHz -35 to $+20$ dBm	$+27$ dBm (0.5 W)	-35 to $+10$ dBm ± 0.1 dB $+10$ to $+20$ dBm $+0.1$ dB ± 0.005 dB/dB	Type N(f) 50 Ω	$APC-7(f)$ 50 Ω	40dB	0.340 ka	$<$ 1.13:0.01 $-$ 8 GHz $< 1.22:8 - 18$ GHz	
80503	10 MHz to 26.5 GHz -35 to $+20$ dBm	$+27$ dBm (0.5 W)	-35 to $+10$ dBm $+0.1$ dB $+10$ to $+20$ dBm ± 0.1 dB ± 0.005 dB/dB	SMA(f) 50Ω	SMA(f) 50Ω	35dB	0.340 ka	$<$ 1.22:0.01 $-$ 18 GHz $<$ 1.27:8 - 26.5 GHz	
80504	10 MHz to 40 GHz -35 to $+20$ dBm	$+27$ dBm (0.5 W)	-35 to $+10$ dBm $+0.1$ dB $+10$ to $+20$ dBm ± 0.1 dB ± 0.005 dB/dB	Type K(f) 50 Ω	Type $K(f)$ 50 Ω	30 dB	0.198 ka	$<$ 1.35:0.01 $-$ 26.5 GHz $<$ 1.44:26.5 \cdot 40 GHz	

Table B-5: Directional Bridge Selection Guide

The Selection Guide in Table B-5 shows primary specifications. Additional specifications are:

Bridge Frequency Response

Return loss measurements using the 8541/8542 power meter can be frequency compensated using the standard *Open/Short* supplied with the bridge.

Insertion Loss

6.5 dB, nominal, from input port to test port

Maximum Input Power

+27 dBm (0.5 W)

Directional Bridge Linearity Plus Zero Set & Noise vs. Input Power (50 MHz, 25 °C ±5 °C)

See Table below

Dimensions

Weight

Directional Bridge Accessories

An Open/Short is included for establishing the 0 dB return loss reference during path calibration.

B.3 Power Sensor Calibration

This procedure is for calibrating a power sensor by remote control with a 58542 VXIbus Universal Power Meter over the IEEE 488 interface bus. This procedure writes the cal factors to the sensor EEPROM.

Power sensors have built-in EEPROM data that manage the cal factors by a set of frequencies entered during calibration of the sensor at the factory. The user can program additional cal factors with special data for user-specific frequencies. A cal factor expressed in dB is programmed for each factory-calibrated frequency. The calibration process compares the measurement to the frequency standard and applies the cal factor to offset frequency deviations.

B.3.1 Equipment Required

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Figure B-1: Power Sensor Calibration Setup

B.3.2 Procedure

Connect the power sensor to Channel 1 or 2 on the 58542 front panel and perform the following steps. In this procedure, bold letters are commands; the query form of a command has a question mark (?) at the end of the command. This form returns the data in the EEPROM.

1. **DIAG:SENS1 (or 2):EEPROM:READ**

Read sensor 1 (or 2) EEPROM data into the 58542 editor buffer.

Example: OUTPUT@ PWR_MTR; DIAG:SENS1:EEPROM:READ

2. (Optional) **DIAG:SENS<1 OR 2>:EEPROM:CALFR?**

- a.) Query sensor 1 (or 2) standard cal factor start frequency, number of standard frequencies and number of special frequencies.
- b.) Read the standard cal from the input buffer and extract the start frequency and number of standard frequencies.
- c.) Calculate and set the frequencies of the cal factor table.

3. **DIAG:SENS<1 or 2>:EEPROM:CALFST?**

- a.) Query sensor 1 (or 2) standard cat factor table.
- b.) Read the standard cal from the input buffer and extract the standard cal factor; e.g., INPUT (GPIB address).
- c.) DIAG:SENS<1 OR 2>:EEPROM:CALFST*space*"0.02, 0.03,0.04,0.05,0.06,0.07,0.08,0.09,0.10,0.11,0.12,0.13,0.14,0.15,0.16,0.17,0.18" form to write to editor buffer.
- d.) Set the sensor standard cal factor table.
- e.) Make changes from the table and put them back into the table.
- f.) After all changes are made, put the table back into the input buffer.

4. **DIAG:SENS<1 or 2>:EEPROM:WRITE 0**

- a.) Write sensor 1 (or 2) EEPROM data into the 58542 buffer. If no password has been set up, use 0 for a password.
- b.) Restore the input buffer from step 3.d above to the EEPROM buffer (e.g., OUTPUT [GPIB] address, input buffer).
- c.) Write sensor 1 (or 2) editor buffer data into the EEPROM with the password number, e.g., OUTPUT (GPIB address, DIAG:SENS1 (OR 2):EEPROM:WRITE 0).
- d.) Editing the EEPROM routine is complete.

Sensor EEPROM Code Sequence Writing:

(The following program example is written in Microsoft® Visual Basic using National Instruments® VISA Instrument calls)

```
Private Sub cmdWriteNewData_Click()
   'Write new calibration data to sensor for form
   cmdWriteNewData.Caption = "Writing"
  wrt = "DIAG:SENS" + SensNum + ":EEPROM:TYPE " + space$(1) _
    + Chr$(34) + txtModelNum.Text + "," + txtSerNum.Text + "," + -txtCalLoc.Text + "," + MinVal + "," + HourVal + "," + DayVal + \_ "," + MonthVal + "," + YearVal + "," + PWDVal + Chr$(34)
   stat = viWrite(MVISAaddress, wrt, Len(wrt), retCnt)
   SensorWrite 'Call Write new type data
  wrt = "DIAG:SENS" + SensNum + ":EEPROM:CALFR" + space$(1) +
     Chr$(34) + "2.000e9,1.000e9,17,1" + Chr$(34) 'txtCalFreq.Text
   stat = viWrite(MVISAaddress, wrt, Len(wrt), retCnt)
   SensorWrite 'Call Write new range data
  wrt = "DIAG:SENS" + SensNum + ":EEPROM:CALFST" + space$(1) _
     + Chr$(34) + Str(txtCF1) + "," + Str(txtCF2) + "," _
     + Str(txtCF3) + "," + Str(txtCF4) + "," + Str(txtCF5) + _
    ", " + Str(txtCF6) + ", " + Str(txtCF7) + ", " + Str(txtCF8) + "," + Str(txtCF9) + "," + Str(txtCF10) + "," + _
     Str(txtCF11) + "," + Str(txtCF12) + "," + Str(txtCF13) + _
     "," + Str(txtCF14) + "," + Str(txtCF15) + "," + Str(txtCF16) _
     + "," + Str(txtCF17) + Chr$(34)
   stat = viWrite(MVISAaddress, wrt, Len(wrt), retCnt)
   SensorWrite 'Call Write new cal factor data
   stat = viClear(MVISAaddress)
  rd =""
   Beep
   cmdWriteNewData.Caption = "Write New Information"
End Sub
Public Sub SensorWrite()
   wrt = "DIAG:SENS" + SensNum + ":EEPROM:WRIT 0"
   stat = viWrite(MVISAaddress, wrt, Len(wrt), retCnt)
   Sleep (5000) 'Wait five seconds
```
End Sub

C Options

C.1 Introduction

This appendix describes all options that are currently available for use with the 58542 VXIbus Universal Power Meter.

C.2 Option 02: 256K Buffer

Option 02 (P/N 21335) adds 256K Buffer for Burst Mode readings. The following parts will be installed at the factory when the 58542 is ordered with this option.

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