

User Manual

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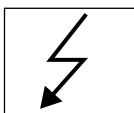
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Accessing the Displays

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Managing the Displays

Accessing the Displays

The operator interface is provided by the display softkeys and the front panel keys.

The display softkeys provide access to seven different display areas.:

TX/RX Setup

Allows control of the main Transmit and Receive settings.

Test Setup

Allows control of the test features: Errors & Alarms, Frequency Offset, Channel Associated Signalling Setup, VF Tone Transmission, DTMF Dialling, Frame Control and Spare Bit Setup.

Results

Allows control of the Test timing and displays the selected measurement results.

Signal Quality

Allows control of Jitter measurements and displays received frequency offset, level, pulse mask and jitter results.

Graphs

Displays the stored graphical results.

Log/Print

Allows control of logging results to the external printer.

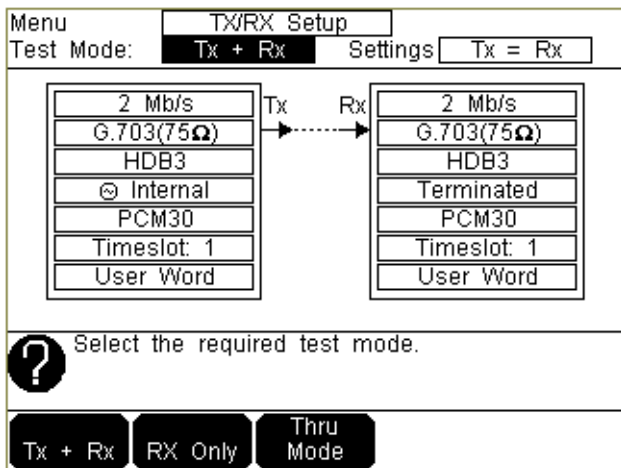
Other

Allows control of Time & Date, Talk/Listen, Calibration, Self Test, Instrument Settings, Beep on Error, Beep on Alarm, Backlight Mode, Display Contrast, Language and Battery Life. A list of the Options fitted is also displayed.

To move within the display areas use ▼ ▲ ◀ and ▶. To return quickly to the top of the display, press **MENU**.

Navigating the Displays

- 1 In each of the display areas the field currently able to be changed is marked by a "highlighted cursor".



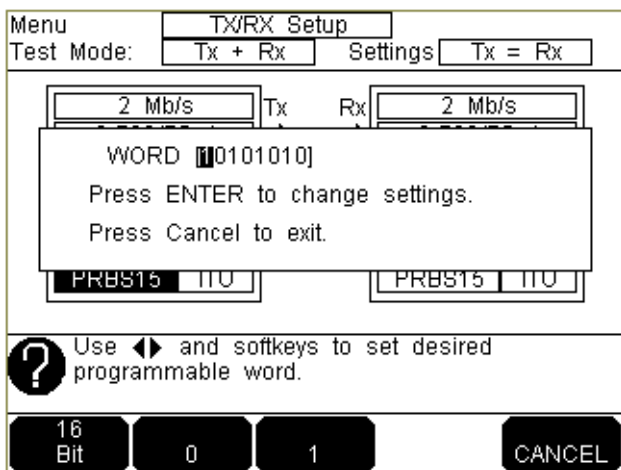
- 2 The menu of selections available, for the active field, are displayed on softkeys at the bottom of the display. The choice from the menu is made using the keys situated immediately below the display
- 3 The "highlighted cursor" is moved around the display using ▼ ▲ ◀ and ▶ or can be quickly returned to the top of the display by pressing **MENU**.

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- 4 When a field has more than five choices a softkey labelled **MORE** is provided. When **MORE** is chosen the remainder of the menu is revealed.

Modifying Display Data.

Display data is modified using ▼ ▲ ◀ ▶, the display softkeys, **ENTER** and **Cancel**.



- 1 In the USER WORD example ◀ and ▶ move the cursor to the bit to be edited.

8 Bit and **16 Bit** allows you to change the Word length.

0 and **1** change the value of the chosen bit.

ENTER actions the changes and exits the edit.

Cancel allows you to exit the edit without change.

Setting the Interfaces

Connecting to the Network

TX & RX Interfaces

Autosetup

Setting the Interfaces

Connecting to the Network

HP ProBER 2 provides 75 Ω unbalanced and 120 Ω balanced transmit and receive interfaces.

NOTE To prevent distortion of the results only connect cables to one of the Transmit or Receive ports i.e. 75 Ω or 120 Ω

The receive interface termination can be:

Terminated - 0dB Gain

Monitor 20dB Gain - to compensate for a low level signal at a network equipment monitor point.

Monitor 26dB Gain - to compensate for a low level signal at a network equipment monitor point.

Monitor 30dB Gain - to compensate for a low level signal at a network equipment monitor point.

Bridged - high impedance.

HP ProBER 2 also provides a 75 Ω EXT CLOCK IN port which accepts a 2 MHz clock source complying with ITU-T G.703 Section 10 (Reference 1).

Setting Transmit & Receive Interfaces

Description:

HP ProBER 2 can be configured to:

Transmit and Receive simultaneously,

Operate in Receive Only mode or

Operate in Thru Mode.

Thru Mode allows non-intrusive monitoring of live traffic.

NOTE

Receive Only mode extends the time between battery charges.









Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **TX/RX Setup** to obtain the Transmit & Receive interface display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Make your choice of operating mode. If **Tx + Rx** is chosen the Transmit and Receive settings can be coupled together or independent of each other:
 - Tx = Rx** - any change made on either TX or RX will automatically occur on the other
 - Tx ≠ Rx** - changes to TX and RX settings must be made independently of each other.If **Rx Only** is chosen only the Receive settings are available.
If **Thru Mode** is chosen the received signal can be:
 - Transparent** - returned to the network without being modified.
 - Overwrite** - modified before return to the network

Setting the Interfaces

- 2 Choose the Line Rate required.
If Option 002, Co-directional Interface, is fitted **64 kb/s** is added to the menu.
- 3 Choose the Line Impedance required. If Line Rate **64 kb/s** (Option 002 only) is chosen only **G703 (120Ω)** is available.
- 4 Choose the Clock Source required. If **External** is chosen a 2 MHz clock complying with ITU-T G.703 Section 10 (Reference 1) must be connected to the 75Ω EXT CLOCK IN port.
- 5 If Line Rate **64 kb/s** is chosen choose the OCTET state.
- 6 If Line Rate **2 Mb/s** is chosen, choose the 2 Mb/s Frame Type.
- 7 If any Frame Type other than **Unframed** is chosen choose the test Timeslots.
Use  and  to select a single timeslot or use **Edit**    , and **Select/Delete**, **Select/Delete All**  and  to select single or multiple timeslots.
Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.
- 8 Choose a test PRBS/Word Pattern or a test VF Tone. The TX and RX test patterns are coupled. A change on one will occur on the other except when **Live** is chosen as the Receive pattern.
If **Live** is chosen as the Receive pattern then bit error measurements are disabled.
If **User Word** is chosen use **User Word** **8 BIT**, **16 BIT**, **0** and **1** to set the user word value.
Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.
If **Dial/VF Tone** is chosen see, “Generating a VF Tone” on page 20

AutoSetup

Description:

HP ProBER 2 can be configured to match the received signal using the **AUTOSETUP** feature.

When **AUTOSETUP** is pressed HP ProBER 2 will monitor the received signal to detect the line rate. If 64 kb/s or 2.048 Mb/s is not detected Autosetup will halt and Signal Loss will be indicated.

If 64 kb/s or 2.048 Mb/s is detected HP ProBER 2 will attempt to match the framing present on the received signal. If PCM30, PCM31, PCM30CRC or PCM31CRC is not detected it will be assumed the received signal is Unframed.

HP ProBER will next check for a valid test pattern in the received signal.

If a valid test pattern is not detected the Line Rate and Framing settings will be retained.

NOTE

1. If a measurement is running under the control of Test Timing, this must be halted by pressing **START/STOP** before Autosetup can be used.
 2. If Autosetup is running and you wish to make a measurement under the control of Test Timing, Autosetup must be halted by pressing **AUTOSETUP**.
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Setting the Interfaces

Test Setup Features

Add Errors/Alarms

Add Frequency Offset

Set CAS Signalling Bits

Set Spare Bits

Set Framing Bits

Generate a VF Tone

Use HP ProBER as a Telephone Handset

Test Setup Features

Adding Errors & Alarms

Description:

Errors and alarms can be added to the transmit signal during testing. An indication of received alarms and errors is displayed.

The following alarms and errors can be added:

- **Alarms** - Loss of signal, AIS, Loss of frame, Timeslot AIS, RDI, RDI MF.
- **Errors** - Bit, Code, FAS, CRC, E-bit.

Bit, Code, CRC and E-bit errors can be added singly or at one of the predetermined error rates in the range $1 \times E^{-3}$ to $1 \times E^{-7}$. FAS errors can be added at 1 in 4, 2 in 4, 3 in 4 and 4 in 4 (all).

NOTE

If option 001, Advanced Signal quality Measurements, is fitted and Jitter is enabled Error Add is disabled but Alarm add is available.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Test Setup** **Alarm/Error** to obtain the Error & Alarm Add display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the **Alarm Type**.
- 2 Choose the **Error Add Type** and **Rate** required. Errors and Alarms can be added to the transmit signal at the same time.

Adding Frequency Offset

Description:

The capability of the network equipment to reliably recover the clock is tested by varying the clock rate of the generated data and checking for the occurrence of errors.

The measurement can be made in a loopback or a cross multiplexer configuration, and is generally of short duration.

Frequency Offset can only be added to the generated 2 Mb/s signal if Clock Source **Internal** is chosen.

Frequency Offset can be added at:

- Preset ITU values - **+50ppm** and **-50ppm**
- User defined values in the range ± 100 ppm.

The frequency of the received signal and the frequency offset present on the received signal are displayed on the **MENU** **Test Setup** **Freq Offset** display.

NOTE

The Frequency of the received signal and the Frequency offset present on the received signal is also displayed on the **MENU** **Signal Quality** **Freq** display.

Access Display:

Choose Clock Source **Internal** on the **TX/RX Setup** display and press **MENU** **Test Setup** **Freq Offset** to prepare to add Frequency offset.

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the amount of Frequency offset required from the menu.

If you wish to add frequency offset at other than the preset values, use **Edit**, ◀, ▶, ▼ and ▲ to choose the amount of frequency offset.

Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.

Setting Signalling Bits

Description:

Channel Associated Signalling (CAS) is transmitted in Timeslot 16 when **PCM30** or **PCM30CRC** framing is chosen on the **TX/RX Setup** display. CAS provides the information necessary for switching and routing all 30 timeslots.

The ability to set the value of the CAS bits allows testing of the routing and switching of any or all of the timeslots.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Test Setup** **CAS** to obtain the Channel Associated Signalling setup display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Use **▼ ▲ ◀ ▶**, **0** and **1** to set the value of the CAS signalling bits.

Setting Spare Bits

Description:

With **PCM30CRC** or **PCM31CRC** framing, spare bits Sa4 to Sa8 can be used to send optional network messages, for example a Synchronization Status Message.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Test Setup** **Sa Bit Control** to obtain the Spare Bit setup display.

HOW TO:

Synchronization Status Message

- 1 Choose the Sa bit in which the Sync Message is to be inserted.
Choose the Sync Message to be inserted.

Bit Value

- 2 Use **▼ ▲ ◀ ▶**, **0** and **1** to set the spare bit value.

Setting Framing Bits

Description:

When **PCM30** or **PCM30CRC** framing is chosen the Multiframe Alignment Signal (MFAS) provides synchronization of the signalling multiframe.

When **PCM30CRC** or **PCM31CRC** framing is chosen a CRC-4 Multiframe is formed. CRC MFAS provides synchronization of the CRC-4 Multiframe.

On the **Frame Control** display the following frame bits can be set:

- **PCM30** - Si-bits, Sa4 - Sa8, MFAS, X-bits
- **PCM30CRC** - MFAS, X-bits, CRC MFAS
- **PCM31** - Si-bits, Sa4 - Sa8
- **PCM31CRC** - CRC MFAS

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Test Setup** **Frame Control** to obtain the Frame Control display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Use **▼ ▲ ◀ ▶**, **0** and **1** to set the required bit values.

Generating a VF Tone

Description:

Telephone channels can be verified by insertion of a Voice Frequency Tone at the transmitter. The tone should be variable in level and frequency.











NOTE

The frequency and level of the received tone is displayed.











Access Display:

Choose **Dial/VF Tone** under Test Pattern on the **TX/RX Setup** display and choose **MENU** **Test Setup** **VF Tone** to obtain the VF Tone test display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the timeslot in which you wish to insert the VF Tone.
Use  and  to select a single timeslot or use **Edit**    , **Select/Delete** and **Select/Delete All** to select a single or multiple timeslots.
Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.
- 2 If required, choose **Dial** to enter a phone number for dialling.
Use    , **INS** and **DEL** to enter the phone number.
Press **ENTER** to dial the number. Press **Cancel** to escape.

Test Setup Features

- 3 Choose a preset tone frequency or make your own choice using **Edit**,    and . Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.
- 4 Use **Edit**,    and  to choose the tone level. Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.
- 5 Adjust the loudspeaker volume if required using  and .

Configuring as a Telephone Handset

Description:

You can use HP ProBER 2 as a telephone handset by talking into the built-in microphone and listening to the built-in loudspeaker.







It can be connected to a 64 kb/s voice channel (Timeslot) for communication purposes.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Other** **Talk/Listen** to obtain the Talk/Listen display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the timeslot (voice channel) in which you wish to communicate.

Use  and  to select a single timeslot or use **Edit**  , and **Select/Delete**  .

Select All , **Clear All** to select single or multiple timeslots.

Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.

- 2 If required choose **DTMF Dialling** to enter a phone number for dialling.

Use **INS** and **DEL** to set the number of digits in the phone number.

Use    , **INS** and **DEL** to enter the phone number.

Press **ENTER** to dial the number. Press **Cancel** to escape.

- 3 Adjust the loudspeaker volume as required using  and .

Enabling DTMF Dialling

Description:

DTMF Dialling allows dialling of phone numbers to establish a communications or test channel.

Access Display:

Via Talk/Listen

Choose **MENU** **Other** **Talk/Listen** move the cursor to **Talk** and choose **DTMF Dialling** to obtain the DTMF Dialling display.

Via VF Tone

Choose **MENU** **Test Setup** **VF Tone** move the cursor to **Dial** and choose **Dial** to obtain the DTMF Dialling display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Enter the number to be dialled using **◀ ▶ ▼ ▲**, **INS** and **DEL** to insert the phone number. Press **ENTER** to dial the number. Press **Cancel** to escape.
The status message *“Dialling DTMF Number Now”* is displayed in the Help window during dialling.

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Making Measurements

Setting Test Timing

Description:

The test measurement period may be:

- **Manual** - Started and stopped by pressing **START/STOP**.
- **Single** - Set to a predetermined duration. Started by **START/STOP** and stopped automatically at the end of the timed period.
- **Delayed** - Set to a predetermined duration. Started automatically at the programmed date and Time and stopped automatically at the end of the timed period.

The test duration can be a preset period of 10 seconds, 1 minute, 15 minutes, 1 hour or a user defined period up to 99 days, 23 hours, 59 minutes, 59 seconds.

NOTE

Test durations greater than 8 hours are only possible if HP ProBER 2 is connected to the line supply via the DC charger.

While the measurement is running the elapsed test time is displayed at the bottom right of the **Results** display.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Results** **Test Timing** to obtain the Test Timing display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Select the type of **Test Timing** you require.
- 2 If **Manual** is chosen the test must be Started and stopped by pressing **START/STOP**.
- 3 If **Single** is chosen move the cursor to **Duration** and choose a preset measurement period or your own measurement period.
To choose your own measurement period use **User**, **◀ ▶ ▼ ▲**.
Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.
Press **START/STOP** to Start the test.
- 4 If **Delayed** is chosen move the cursor to **Duration** and choose a preset measurement period or choose you own measurement period.
To choose your own measurement period use **User**, **◀ ▶ ▼ ▲**.
Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.
- 5 Move the cursor to **Start** and set the start date using **Edit**, **◀ ▶ ▼ ▲**.
Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.
- 6 Move the cursor to **Time** and enter the start time using **Edit**, **◀ ▶ ▼ ▲**.
Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.
The test will start when the start date and start time are reached.

Measuring Errors & Alarms

Description:

Error Count, Error Ratio and Errored Second Results are available for each of the following Error sources:

- Bit
- Code
- FAS
- CRC
- E-Bit

A Summary of the results is available and provides an Error Count, Error Ratio and Errored Seconds for each of the error sources listed above and in addition an Alarm Seconds Count.

The following Alarm Seconds Results are available:

- LOS (Loss of Signal)
- AIS
- LOF (Loss of Frame)
- TS AIS (Timeslot AIS)
- CAS MF Loss (CAS Multiframe Loss)
- Pattern Loss
- RDI (Remote Defect Indication)
- RDI MF (Multiframe Remote Defect Indication)

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Results** **Errors+Alarms** to obtain the Error and Alarm Results display.

HOW TO:

- 1** Set up the transmit and receive interfaces. See, “Setting Transmit & Receive Interfaces” on page 9.
- 2** Choose the Test Timing required and start the test by pressing **START/STOP**. See, “Setting Test Timing” on page 26.
- 3** Choose the error summary, individual error results (Bit, Code, FAS, CRC or E-bit) or alarm seconds results for viewing. Any of the other results can be viewed without affecting the measurement.

Measuring Error Analysis

Description:

Analysis Results conforming to G.821 and G.826 are provided.

G.821 - Count and ratio Results of Errored Seconds, Error Free Seconds, Severely Errored Seconds, Degraded Minutes and Unavailable Seconds are displayed for the following error sources:

- Bit
- FAS
- CRC
- E-Bit

In addition, an Annex D Errored Seconds ratio, a Code Error Seconds count and a Pass/Fail result are displayed.

G.826 - In service, Near End and Far End Results of Errored Blocks, Background Block Error, Errored Seconds, Severely Errored Seconds, Unavailable Seconds and a Pass/Fail result are displayed.

In addition, Out of Service results of Errored Blocks, Background Block Error, Errored Seconds, Severely Errored Seconds, Unavailable Seconds and a Pass/Fail result are displayed.

Path Allocation

The Pass/Fail result is based on preset threshold settings. If a threshold is exceeded a FAIL result is displayed.

Making Measurements

When measuring over a part of a path the Pass /Fail thresholds need to be reduced according to the percentage of the path being measured.

The path allocation percentage reduces the threshold on a pro-rata basis.

The following Pass/Fail thresholds apply to a path allocation of 100%:

- G.821 - ESR <0.08, SESR < 0.002
- G.826 - ESR <0.04, SESR <0.002, BBER 2×10^{-4}

G.826 Analysis allows the setting of a Path Unavailable Seconds (PUAS) threshold. If the threshold is set and a PUAS count in excess of the threshold is measured a FAIL result is displayed.

The PUAS threshold is unaffected by the Path Allocation.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Results** **Analysis** **G.821** or **G.826** to obtain the Analysis Results menu.

HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the transmit and receive interfaces. See, "Setting Transmit & Receive Interfaces" on page 9.
- 2 Choose the Test Timing required and start the test by pressing **START/STOP**. See, "Setting Test Timing" on page 26.
- 3 Choose G.821 or G.826 analysis results for viewing.
Any of the other results can be viewed without affecting the measurement.

Performing a Trouble Scan

Description:

Problems in the network at all levels of the hierarchy can be detected by the occurrence of errors and alarms.

When performing a Trouble Scan all possible error sources and alarms are scanned simultaneously. Any error count which is other than zero is displayed.

Up to four non-zero error counts are displayed in priority order:

- CRC
- E BIT
- CODE
- FAS
- BIT
- Jitter Hits (Option 001 only)

If any alarms are active an Alarm Seconds count is displayed.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Results** **Trouble Scan** to obtain the Trouble Scan display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the receive interface and if necessary the transmit interface. See, "Setting Transmit & Receive Interfaces" on page 9.

Making Measurements

- 2 Choose the Test Timing required and start the test by pressing **START/STOP**. See, “Setting Test Timing” on page 26.

Measuring Round Trip Delay

Description:

The time taken for voice or data traffic to pass through the network is very important as excessive delay adds distortion. Speech is particularly affected by delays longer than 150 ms.

Round Trip Delay - is a measurement of the total delay on the 'go' and 'return' legs of a duplex path and is typically in the order of milliseconds.

HP ProBER 2 measures the time taken for a test pattern to be transmitted over the 'go' and 'return' legs of a duplex network path.

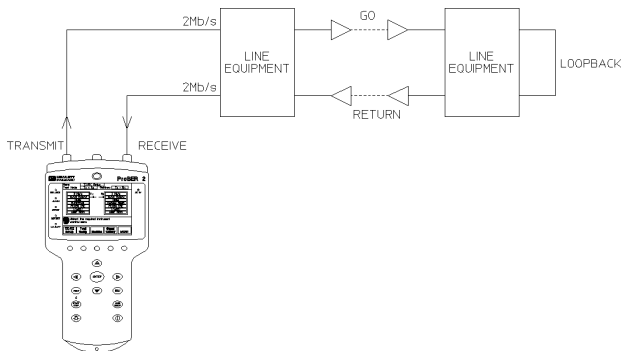
A test pattern is transmitted in a N X 64 kb/s path (or 2 Mb/s unframed path) and a timer is set running. A loopback is manually applied to the network equipment to return the test signal.

The received pattern stops the timer and the round trip delay is calculated.

NOTE

1. Round trip delay is only possible at 2 Mb/s Line Rate.
 2. Any error measurement must be stopped before the delay measurement can be made.
 3. The delay measurement must be terminated before an error measurement can be started.
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Making Measurements



HOW TO:

- 1 If an error measurement is running press **START/STOP** to terminate the measurement.
- 2 Set up the transmit and receive interfaces. See, “Setting Transmit & Receive Interfaces” on page 9.
- 3 Connect a loopback to the network equipment.
- 4 Choose **MENU Results Delay** to view the delay results.
- 5 Choose **Delay Test ON** to start the measurement.
The delay measurement range is up to 2 seconds with a resolution of 1 microsecond.

Measuring Frequency

Description:

HP ProBER 2 measures the frequency of a received 2 Mb/s signal relative to the internal reference clock.

The frequency offset is also measured within the limits specified in ITU-T G.703 $< \pm 50$ ppm.

NOTE

Frequency measurement is not available when a Line Rate of 64 kb/s is chosen.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Signal Quality** **Freq** to obtain the Frequency display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the receive interface. See, "Setting Transmit & Receive Interfaces" on page 9.

Making Pulse Mask Measurement

Description:

The received pulse is superimposed on the ITU-T G.703 mask and a comparison is made. A **Pulse Mask: Pass** or **Fail** result is displayed.

The comparison can be made on positive pulses or negative pulses. Alternatively the Pulse Mask can be turned off and no comparison made.

Pulse width ratio and the pulse amplitude ratio results are also displayed. The ratios are calculated from positive with respect to negative.

NOTE

1. Pulse Mask measurement is only possible when Option 001, Advanced Signal Quality Measurements, is fitted.

2. Pulse Mask measurement is not available when a Line Rate of 64 kb/s is chosen.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Signal Quality** **Pulse Mask** to obtain the Pulse Mask display and start the pulse capture.

HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the receive interface. See, "Setting Transmit & Receive Interfaces" on page 9.

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- 2 Choose **MENU** **Signal Quality** **Pulse Mask**, then press **START/STOP**.
This will start the pulse capture.
Status message "*Pulse capture in progress*" indicates that the measurement has started.
- 3 When the pulse is displayed, enable or disable the ITU-T G.703 Mask and choose the captured pulse polarity.

Measuring Signal Level

Description:

NOTE

1. Signal Level measurement is only possible when Option 001, Advanced Signal Quality Measurements, is fitted.
2. Signal Level measurement is not available when a Line Rate of 64 kb/s is chosen.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Signal Quality** **Level** to obtain the Level Results.

HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the receive interface, See, "Setting Transmit & Receive Interfaces" on page 9.

Measuring Jitter

Description:

Simultaneous Jitter and Error measurements are made when a jitter option is fitted and the jitter measurement is enabled.

Jitter Amplitude and Jitter Hits results are provided:

- **Amplitude** - Peak to Peak, Positive Peak, Negative Peak
- **Hits** - Hit count, Hit seconds, Hit free seconds

A selection of jitter filters is provided to allow received jitter to be compared with the maximum input tolerance of the ITU-T G.823 and G.783 masks:

- HP1 - 20 Hz high pass
- HP2 - 18 kHz high pass
- LP 100 kHz low pass

Filters **OFF** allows jitter measurement in the range 2 Hz to greater than 100 kHz on the 1.6 UI range.

The 16 UI range is particularly useful in identifying jitter originating from pointer movements.

NOTE

1. Jitter measurement is only possible when Option 001, Advanced Signal Quality Measurements, is fitted.

2. Jitter measurement is not available when a Line Rate of 64 kb/s is chosen.

3. When Jitter measurement is enabled the Error Add feature is not available.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Signal Quality** **Jitter** to configure the jitter receiver and view the jitter Results.

HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the receive interface and transmit interface if necessary, See, “Setting Transmit & Receive Interfaces” on page 9.
 - 2 Enable the jitter measurement by choosing **ON**.
 - 3 Choose the jitter measurement range required from the menu (1.6 UI or 16 UI).
 - 4 Move the cursor to **Hit Threshold** and using **Edit** **◀ ▶ ▼ ▲** choose the hit threshold value. Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.
 - 5 Choose the jitter measurement filter required from the menu.
 - 6 Choose the Test Timing required and start the test by pressing **START/STOP**. See, “Setting Test Timing” on page 26.
 - 7 Any of the other results can be viewed without affecting the measurement.
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Measuring a VF Tone (Using Channel Map)

HP ProBER 2 measures the frequency and level of a voice frequency tone in a selected timeslot.

The measured VF tone frequency and level is available on the **Results Channel Map** display.

Channel Map allows you to scan all the received timeslots. Any timeslot which has activity is highlighted. (indicated by black shading)

The display softkeys can be used to jump between "active" timeslots.

The loudspeaker volume can be adjusted to give an audible indication of timeslot activity.

The frequency and level of the tone, in the chosen timeslot, are displayed.

NOTE

1. When generating a VF tone the frequency and level of the received VF tone also appear on the **Test Setup VF Tone** display.
2. VF Tone measurement is not available when error measurements are running or a Line Rate of 64 kb/s is chosen.







Access Display:

Choose **MENU Results Channel Map** to obtain the Channel Map display.



HOW TO:

- 1 Set up the receive interface and if necessary the transmit interface. See, "Setting Transmit & Receive Interfaces" on page 9.

- 2 Move the cursor to Timeslot and choose the timeslot to monitor.

 and  move the pointer to first /last timeslot.  and  move the pointer from the "active" timeslot to next/previous "active" timeslot.  and  move the pointer to the adjacent timeslot.

The level and frequency of the tone is displayed at the bottom of the display.

- 3 If required adjust the loudspeaker volume level using  and .

Monitoring Signalling Bits

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Results** **CAS Monitor** to obtain the CAS Monitor display

Monitoring Spare Bits

HP ProBER 2 displays the Synchronization Status Message in the chosen Sa Bit and the value of all the Sa Bits.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Results** **Sa Bit Monitor** to obtain the Spare Bits monitor display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the Sa Bit to be monitored for Synchronization Status Messages. Each Sa Bit can be chosen in turn without affecting the measurement.

Monitoring Framing Bits

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Results** **Frame Monitor** to obtain the Frame Monitor display.

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Saving Graph Results

Description:

HP ProBER 2 provides graphical representation of measurement results:

- Correlation of error, jitter and alarm results
- Display of error, jitter and alarm results versus time
- Overview of the results which can be stored in the instrument for record keeping.

Up to 10 sets of measurement results can be stored in HP ProBER 2.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Graphs** to obtain the graph results.

HOW TO:

- 1 Move the cursor to Store and choose **Select Store**.
- 2 Use **▼** and **▲** to access the instrument store in which you wish to store the graph results.
- 3 Choose **Save** to confirm the saving of the graph results obtained from the "last" measurement. Choose **Cancel** to exit without saving the graph results. Choose **ENTER** to view the graph results from the selected store. Choose **Delete** to clear the contents of the selected store.

Recalling Graph Results

Description:

Results stored from a previous measurement can be recalled to the graphics displays for viewing.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Graphs** to obtain the graph display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Move the cursor to **Store** and choose **Select Store**.
- 2 Use **▼** and **▲** to access the instrument store which contains the graph results you wish to recall.
- 3 Choose **ENTER** to recall the graph results from the selected store to the display.
Choose **Cancel** to exit without recalling the graph results.
Choose **Delete** to clear the contents of the selected store.

Viewing Graph Results

Description:

All the graphic results obtained during the measurement are available for viewing.

Results are recorded with a resolution of 1 second. **Zoom In** and **Zoom Out** allow you to dynamically change the resolution used to display the graph results. Resolutions of 1 second, 1 minute, 15 minutes and 1 hour are available.

You can move the cursor to a particular area of interest using ◀ and ▶. The cursor position is displayed at the top right of the display as a time and date.

The graph results can also be viewed in text format as cumulative results.

The error count graphs give text results of Error Count, Error Ratio, Error Seconds.

The Alarm graphs give text results of Alarm Seconds.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Graphs** **Last** to obtain a graphical display of the most recent set of measurement results.

HOW TO:

- 1 Use ▼ and ▲ to move between the upper and lower graphs.
- 2 Use **Next** and **Previous** to scroll through the graph results.

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- 3 Use ◀ and ▶ to move the graph cursor to the area of interest.
- 4 Use **Zoom In** and **Zoom Out** to allow more detailed inspection of the graph results by reducing/increasing the time axis.
- 5 Press **Text** to view text results. Press **Graph** to return to graph results.

Logging Results

Description:

Test Period Logging

If degradations in system performance can be observed at an early stage, then the appropriate remedial action can be taken to maximize circuit availability and avoid system crashes. Test period logging allows you to monitor the error performance of your circuit. At the end of the test period the selected results are logged.

Results can be logged at regular intervals during the test period by selecting a **Logging Interval** of shorter duration than the test period.

Error Event Logging

Manual tracing of intermittent faults is time consuming. Error event logging allows you to carry out unattended long term monitoring of the circuit. Each occurrence of the Selected error event is logged.

Any Alarm occurrence results in a timed and dated message being logged.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Log/Print** to obtain the Logging display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose **Filters** and choose the results to be Logged.
Interval Results - Log results obtained during the Logging Interval.
Total Results - Log cumulative results obtained since the start of the measurement.
Error Counts - Log all valid error counts (Bit, Code, FAS, CRC, E-bit).
Alarm Seconds - Log Alarm Seconds
G.821 - Log chosen G.821 results (All, Bit, FAS, CRC, E-Bit).
G.826 - Log chosen G.826 results (All, In-Service, Out of Service).
Frequency - Log the received frequency.
Signal Level - Log the received signal level.

Each or all of these Filters can be switched **OFF**.

- 2 Choose **Setup** and choose the logging Setup.
Logging Mode - Enables logging.
Log Errored Secs. - Provides a timed and dated message each time an error or alarm occurs.
Logging Interval - Choose the interval for logging results to the printer. If **User** is chosen use ◀ ▶ ▼ and ▲ to choose the logging interval.
Log When - Log always or only when error count is greater than zero.
Printer Type - Choose HP or alternative supplier's printer according to type of printer connected.
Printer Baud Rate - Choose rate at which logging is transferred to the chosen printer.

Connecting an HP 15730A Printer

Description:

An HP 15730A RS-232-C printer can be connected to the HP ProBER 2 printer port for result logging.

HOW TO:

- 1 Connect the HP 15730A printer to HP ProBER 2 printer port using the appropriate cable.
If the printer has a 25 pin connector, use HP Part Number 24542M.
If the printer has a 9 pin connector, use HP Part Number C2932A.
- 2 Choose the printer Baud Rate to match the Baud Rate chosen on the **MENU** **Log/Print** **Setup** display. See, "Logging Results" on page 52.
- 3 Choose Printer Type **HP** on the **MENU** **Log/Print** **Setup** display. See, "Logging Results" on page 52.

NOTE

The HP 15730A printer is for Test and Measurement use only.

Printing a Display

Description:

Any of the HP ProBER 2 displays can be logged to a printer for record keeping or as an illustration in test procedures.

HOW TO:

- 1 Obtain the display required and press **PRINT**.

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Setting Time & Date

Description:

When recording results it is useful to have certain events time stamped, for example, Alarms; Error Seconds.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Other** **Time & Date** to obtain the Time and Date display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Move the cursor to **Date** and enter the correct date using **Edit**, **◀** **▶** **▼** and **▲**. Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.
- 2 Move the cursor to **Time** and enter the correct time using **Edit**, **◀** **▶** **▼** and **▲**. Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.

Storing & Titling Instrument Settings

Description:

Up to 4 sets of user defined instrument settings can be stored in HP ProBER 2 and each set can be given a title for ease of identification.

One preset store is provided which cannot be overwritten, **STORE 0**. This store is used to set the instrument to a known state, the **FACTORY DEFAULT SETTINGS**.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Other** **Inst Settings** to obtain the stored settings display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose **Overwrite Protection** **OFF**.
- 2 Choose the memory location in which you wish to store your instrument settings using **▼** and **▲**.
- 3 Choose **Save** to store your instrument settings in the chosen memory location.
Use **Edit**, **INS**, **DEL**, **◀**, **▶**, **▼** and **▲** to enter the title.
Press **ENTER** to action your edits. Press **Cancel** to escape.
- 4 Choose **Overwrite Protection** **ON**.

Recalling Instrument Settings

Description:

Having stored a complete set of measurement settings, you must be able to Recall those settings for use at a later date.

Access Display:




Choose **MENU** **Other** **Inst Settings** to obtain the stored settings display.

HOW TO:

- 1 **Overwrite Protection** **OFF** or **ON** may be chosen.
- 2 Choose the memory location (0 to 4) from which you wish to recall the instrument settings.
Press **Recall** to recall your instrument settings.

Instrument Reset (Cold Start)

If you cannot control the HP ProBER 2 using the front panel keys perform an Instrument Reset (Cold Start).

- 1 Press and hold down  for longer than 7 seconds.
- 2 When the display blanks (switched off)  can be released.
- 3 To restore power press .
The HP ProBER 2 will return to the Default settings, but any data previously stored in memory will be lost.

Setting Beep on Error/ Alarm

Description:

When the test set display is not in your view it is particularly useful to have an audible indication of Errors and Alarms.

You can set the HP ProBER 2 to beep on errors of a particular type or beep on all error types.

Similarly you can set the HP ProBER 2 to beep on a particular alarm or beep on any alarm.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Other** **Inst Config** to obtain the Beep on Error and Beep on Alarm display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Choose the type of error under **Beep On Error**.
- 2 Choose the type of alarm under **Beep On Alarm**.

Setting Backlight Mode

Description:

Under certain lighting conditions it may be difficult to read the display. The Backlight capability improves the clarity of the display under those conditions.

You can choose to have the Backlight:



- Switch off 1 to 10 minutes after a key press, saving battery power, or
- Switched on continuously.

The Backlight is switched ON and OFF using .

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Other** **Inst Config** to obtain the Backlight display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Move the cursor to the **Backlight** field.
If **Timed** is chosen the backlight will remain on after a key is pressed for the user defined period.
Use  and  to set the timed period.

Setting Display Contrast

Description:

The readability of the HP ProBER 2 display can be adjusted using the display contrast control.

NOTE

It is possible to set the contrast such that the display is unreadable, all white or all black.

If you accidentally attain that condition and the power is cycled, you will not be able to set the contrast when power is restored.

The special key sequence



ENTER | **ENTER** | **Softkey 1**

Softkey 1 is provided to set the contrast to a mid position thus allowing the display to be viewed for contrast setting.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** | **Other** | **Inst Config** to obtain the Contrast display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Use  and  to set the optimum contrast level while viewing the display.

Choosing Local Language Help Messages

Description:

The HELP messages on the HP ProBER 2 are provided in English and some other languages.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Other** **Inst Config** to obtain the local language display.

HOW TO:

- 1 Scroll down to **Language** and choose the language required from the menu.

Charging the Battery

Description:

HP ProBER 2 contains high capacity Nickel Metal Hydride (NMH) rechargeable batteries.

HP ProBER 2 is supplied with a DC charger unit which requires an AC power supply between 100 and 240V, at frequencies between 47 and 63 Hz.

CAUTION

Always use the DC charger unit supplied with HP ProBER 2 for the shortest charge times and best capacity. Performance limitations and damage may occur if other DC charger units are used.

Before use

Before using HP ProBER 2 for the first time it is recommended you:

- Charge the batteries for 24 hours
- Power up HP ProBER 2 and allow it to discharge completely
- Charge the batteries for 12 hours

This ensures that the battery is cycled to give the correct capacity. The capacity will continue to increase for the next few charge/discharge cycles until the nominal value is reached.

NOTE

During the charging cycle some heat may be apparent on the case of HP ProBER 2. This is normal and is due to the fast charge applied to the batteries.

Normal Use

Normally the batteries will be fully charged after 5 hours. It is good practise to allow a 1 hour rest period after charging to allow the battery chemistry to stabilize and obtain the highest battery capacity.

The longest time between charges is obtained in **RX Only** mode with BER measurements running.

The following functions reduce the operating hours:

- Backlight enabled
- **Tx + Rx** operating mode
- Jitter measurements (Option 001 only)
- Pulse Mask measurements (Option 001 only)
- 64 kb/s operation (Option 002 only)

Battery Gauge Indication

The battery gauge indicator can be accessed on the **MENU** **Other** **Battery Life** display and indicates the remaining battery capacity. It monitors the amount of charge input to the batteries and output from the batteries. It allows for self discharge when HP ProBER 2 is switched on and takes account of the ambient temperature.

It learns the maximum battery capacity by measuring the total charge output from fully charged batteries to the fully discharged state and uses this knowledge to display the remaining battery capacity.

NOTE

It is recommended you allow a complete charge/discharge cycle to occur every few months. This ensures the battery gauge accuracy is maintained.

Running Self Test

Description:

Before making measurements, you can run Self Test to ascertain the integrity of the HP ProBER 2. There are three different levels of Self Test:

- **Quick Tests** - Requires a 75Ω loopback. Performs a functional test of the processor and BER circuits and completes in less than a minute.
- **Auto Tests** - Requires a 75Ω loopback. Performs a comprehensive set of self tests **All Tests** and takes a few minutes to complete. The tests included in **All Tests** can be run individually and are intended for use by service technicians in a troubleshooting or repair situation.
- **Manual Tests** - Requires intervention by a service technician and is intended for use by service technicians in a troubleshooting or repair situation.

It is recommended that you run the Quick Test level of self test as a quick confidence test before use.

If necessary you can run Auto Test for more comprehensive testing but this takes a few minutes to complete.

Access Display:

Choose **MENU** **Other** **Selftest** to obtain the Selftest display.

HOW TO:

Run Quick Tests (15 Seconds)

- 1 Choose **Quick Tests**.
- 2 Connect the TRANSMIT 75Ω port to the RECEIVE 75Ω port.
- 3 Press **START/STOP** to run the selftest. After a few seconds an Overall Status PASS or FAIL message will be displayed.

Run Auto Tests (5 minutes)

- 1 Choose **Auto Tests** **All Tests**
- 2 Connect the TRANSMIT 75Ω port to the RECEIVE 75Ω port.
- 3 Press **START/STOP** to run the selftest. While the tests are running the Test Name, Subtest Number and Test Status are updated on the display to show the progress of the test. If a failure is detected the test will halt and Overall Status FAIL will be displayed. At the completion of the test without failure Overall Status PASS will be displayed.

FailNumber	Description	Fail Number	Description
1xxxx	CPU	5xxxx	BER
2xxxx	Real Time Clock	6xxxx	Pulse Mask
3xxxx	Line Level	7xxxx	Jitter
4xxxx	Clock	8xxxx	Delay

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