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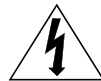
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Direct current (DC).



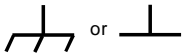
Indicates hazardous voltages.



Indicates the field wiring terminal that must be connected to earth ground before operating the equipment. Protects against electrical shock in case of fault.

**WARNING**

Calls attention to a procedure, practice, or condition that could cause bodily injury or death.



Frame or chassis ground terminal—typically connects to the equipment's metal frame.

**CAUTION**

Calls attention to a procedure, practice, or condition that could possibly cause damage to equipment or permanent loss of data.

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**Product Name:** 2-Channel and 4-Channel Digitizer

**Model Number:** HP E1563A and HP E1564A

**Product Options:** All

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EN61000-3-2:1995 Class A  
EN61000-3-3:1995  
EN50082-1:1992  
IEC 1000-4-2:1995 4kV CD, 8kV AD  
IEC 1000-4-3:1995 3 V/m  
IEC 1000-4-4:1995 1kV Power Line, 0.5kV Signal Lines  
ENV50141:1993/prEN50082-1 (1995): 3 Vrms  
EN61000-4-5:1995 1kV CM, 0.5kV DM  
EN61000-4-8: 1993/prEN50082-1 (1995): 3 A/m  
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Tested in a typical configuration in an HP C-Size VXI mainframe.

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**Module connectors and test signal cables connected to them cannot be operator accessible.** Cables and connectors are considered inaccessible if a tool (e.g., screwdriver, wrench, socket, etc.) or a key (equipment in a locked cabinet) is required to gain access to them. Additionally, the operator cannot have access to a conductive surface connected to any cable conductor (High, Low or Guard).

**Assure the equipment under test has adequate insulation between the cable connections and any operator-accessible parts (doors, covers, panels, shields, cases, cabinets, etc.).** Verify there are multiple and sufficient protective means (rated for the voltages you are applying) to assure the operator will NOT come into contact with any energized conductor even if one of the protective means fails to work as intended. For example, the inner side of a case, cabinet, door, cover or panel can be covered with an insulating material as well as routing the test cables to the module's front panel connectors through non-conductive, flexible conduit such as that used in electrical power distribution.

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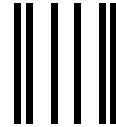
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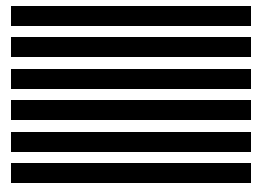
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# Chapter 1

## Digitizer Module Set-up

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**Note** Your Digitizer may have experienced temperature extremes during shipment that can affect its calibration. It is recommended you perform a zero offset calibration upon receipt using the `CAL:ZERO<channel>:ALL?` command for each channel to realize the accuracy specifications in Appendix A. See Appendix E for the zero adjustment procedure.

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### Using This Chapter

This chapter provides one page of general module information followed by the tasks you must perform to set up your module and verify your installation was successful. Chapter contents are:

- Adding DRAM (PC Memory SIMM) to the Module
- Setting the Module Address Switch
- Interrupt Line
- Input Terminals and Front Panel Indicators
- 3-Wire and 2-Wire Input Cabling Considerations
- Initial Operation

### General Information

The HP E1563A (2-channel) and HP E1564A (4-channel) are 800 kSample/second (14-bit resolution) digitizers capable of handling both continuous and transient voltages up to 256V. They are ideal for measurements in electromechanical design characterization, particularly in environments with high levels of electrical noise. They are also ideal for characterizing electronic and mechanical transient waveforms. You *cannot* upgrade an E1563A 2-Channel to an E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer.

Both digitizers are designed to use PC SIMM memory. Memory sizes that are supported are 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 and 128 Mbytes. The large memory can easily capture transients or act as FIFO to allow continuous digitizing while unloading data with block mode transfers.

All channels sample simultaneously. The sample can be from an internal clock derived from the internal time base or it can come from an external source. Triggering can be set up for several sources with programmable pre and post trigger reading counts. External time base, trigger and sample inputs are provided on the front panel “D” subminiature connector.

Both the E1563A and E1564A digitizers are register-based instruments that can be programmed at the register level (register programming information is covered in Appendix C) or at a higher level using SCPI or Plug&Play drivers.

Continuous voltages in a test set-up where the user has access to module connectors and test signal cable ends are restricted to:

- 60 Vdc
- 30 Vac-rms
- 42.4 Vac peak of a continuous, complex waveform

Continuous voltages in test set-ups where the module connectors and the test signal cables connected to them are made non-accessible are:

- 256 Vdc, 240 Vdc floating
- 256 Vac peak

Transient voltages:

- Transient voltages are permitted providing the maximum amount of charge transferred into a human body that contacts the voltage under normal conditions, does not exceed 45 uCoulombs (45 uA-s).

Overload voltages (opens channel input relay):

| Range       | Voltage Input Condition | Vmax |
|-------------|-------------------------|------|
| 62 mV to 4V | High or Low to Guard    | >20V |
| 16V to 256V | Low to Guard            | >40V |

#### 4-channel and 2-channel Module Differences

- The E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer has four selectable input filters per channel (1.5 kHz, 6 kHz, 25 kHz and 100 kHz) that can be enabled.
- The E1563A 2-Channel Digitizer has a fixed 25 kHz input filter per channel that can be enabled.
- The E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer has a calibration bus output (High, Low and Guard) and a programmable short.
- The E1563A 2-Channel Digitizer does not have a calibration bus output however, a programmable short is provided for each channel. An external calibration source must be provided for calibration.

**The HP E1563A and E1564A Digitizers are capable of measuring voltages up to 256V maximum. Voltage levels above the levels specified for accessible connectors or cable ends could cause bodily injury or death to an operator. Special precautions must be adhered to (discussed below) when applying voltages in excess of 60 Vdc, 30 Vac rms or 42.4 Vac peak for a continuous, complex waveform.**

**Module connectors, and test signal cables connected to them, must be made NON-accessible to an operator who has not been told to access them: It is a supervisor's responsibility to advise an operator that dangerous voltages exist when the operator is instructed to access connectors and cables carrying these**

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**WARNING** voltages. Making cables and connectors that carry hazardous voltages inaccessible is a protective measure keeping an operator from inadvertent or unknowing contact with these harmful voltages. Cables and connectors are considered inaccessible if a tool (e.g., screwdriver, wrench, socket, etc.) or a key (equipment in a locked cabinet) is required to gain access to them. Additionally, the operator cannot have access to a conductive surface connected to any cable conductor (High, Low or Guard).

Assure the equipment under test has adequate insulation between the cable connections and any operator-accessible parts (doors, covers, panels, shields, cases, cabinets, etc.): Verify there are multiple and sufficient protective means (rated for the voltages you are applying) to assure the operator will NOT come into contact with any energized conductor even if one of the protective means fails to work as intended. For example, the inner side of a case, cabinet, door, cover or panel can be covered with an insulating material as well as routing the test cables to the module's front panel connectors through non-conductive, flexible conduit such as that used in electrical power distribution.

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**WARNING** Tighten the faceplate mounting screws after installing the module in the mainframe to prevent electric shock in the case of equipment or field wiring failure.

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**Caution** To prevent equipment damage, do not connect this equipment to mains or to any signal directly derived from mains. Short-term temporary overvoltages must be limited to 500V or less.

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**Caution** To prevent equipment damage in the case of an overvoltage condition, do not connect this equipment to any voltage source which can deliver greater than 2A at 500V in the case of a fault. If such a fault condition is possible, insert a 2A fuse in the input line.

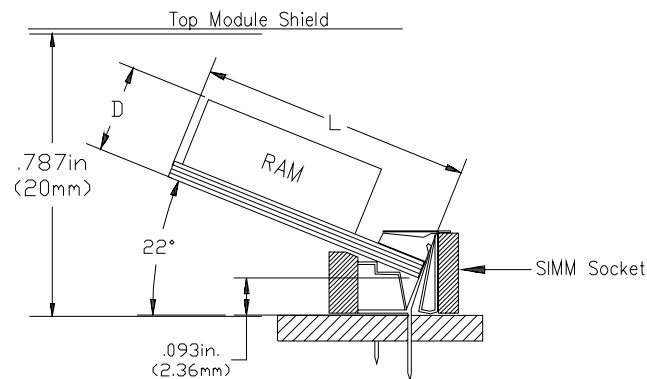
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**CLEANING THE FRONT PANEL AND TOP/BOTTOM SHIELDS:**  
Clean the outside surfaces of this module with a cloth slightly dampened with water. Do not attempt to clean the interior of this module.

## Adding RAM to the Module

You can increase the size of RAM on your Digitizer module by purchasing PC SIMM memory and installing it on the module after you remove the standard 4 Mbyte SIMM shipped with your digitizer. Both FPM (Fast Page Mode) and EDO (Extended Data Out) are supported.

**Note** Although most commercially available PC SIMM RAM will work with your Digitizer, there are some that are physically too large and will make contact with the top shield when installed. A standard 72 SIMM specifies the length (L) or keying but does not specify the depth (D). Certain depths are too large and not compatible. The E1563/E1564 has about 17.6 mm of space from the bottom of the SIMM RAM inserted in the socket to the top module shield (see diagram below). You must verify that the SIMM RAM you purchase for replacement on the module has a depth (D) that will clear the top module shield. You can use the 4 Mbyte SIMM RAM you remove as a guide, as well as the dimensions in the diagram below, when purchasing your upgrade RAM.



### RAM Install Procedure

1. Disconnect any field wiring from the module and remove power from the mainframe before proceeding.
2. Remove the module from the mainframe and remove the top shield from the module.
3. Remove the 4 Mbyte SIMM from the PC board by first spreading the tabs at the ends of the SIMM connector. Store this SIMM in an anti-static bag and save this part.

**Note** It is important that you retain the 4 Mbyte SIMM you remove from the Digitizer. If you return your Digitizer to Hewlett-Packard for repair or exchange, you must return it in the same configuration as it was shipped to you. You must remove your large memory SIMM and replace it with the standard 4 Mbyte SIMM shipped with the product.

4. Add your replacement SIMM to the module's RAM socket.
5. Reinstall the module's top shield.
6. Note the new memory configuration by checking the appropriate

box on the module's top shield.

7. Set both the "CALIBRATION CONSTANTS" switch and the "FLASH" switch to the "Write Enable" position.
8. Install the module in your mainframe and apply power.
9. Set the new RAM memory size by sending the command:  
DIAGnostic:MEMory:SIZE <size>
10. Query the memory size to verify the setting by sending:  
DIAGnostic:MEMory:SIZE?
11. Remove mainframe power, remove the module and set the "CALIBRATION CONSTANTS" and "FLASH" switches back to the "Read Only" position.
12. Reinstall your module in your mainframe.

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**WARNING** Tighten the faceplate mounting screws to prevent electric shock in the case of equipment or field wiring failure.

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## Setting the Module Address Switch

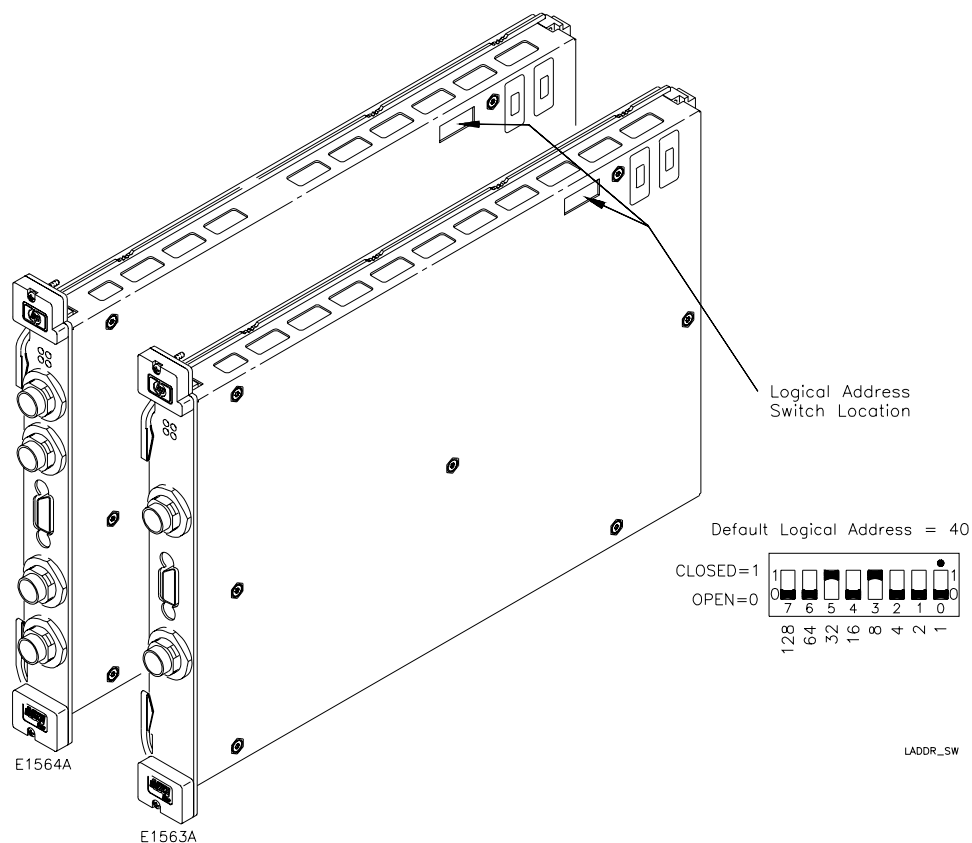
The logical address switch factory setting is 40. Valid address are from 1 to 254 for static configuration (the address you set on the switch) and address 255 for dynamic configuration. The HP E1563A and HP E1564A do not support dynamic configuration of the address.

If you install more than one digitizer, each module must have a different logical address. If you use a VXIbus command module, the logical address must be a multiple of eight (e.g., 32, 40, 48, 56, etc.). Each instrument must have a unique secondary address which is the logical address divided by eight. The Digitizer is shipped from the factory with logical address 40.

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**Note** When using an HP E1405A/B or E1406A as the VXIbus resource manager with SCPI commands, the digitizer's address switch value must be a multiple of 8.

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## Interrupt Line

The HP E1563A and E1564A Digitizers are VXIbus interrupters. You can specify which interrupt line (1 through 7) the interrupt is transmitted. The interrupt line is specified using the DIAGnostic:INTerrupt:LINE command. You can query the active interrupt line using the DIAGnostic:INTerrupt:LINE? command. The default is no interrupt line enabled at power-up. You specify "0" if you do not want an interrupt. Resetting the module does change the interrupt line setting and you must reset your interrupt setting.

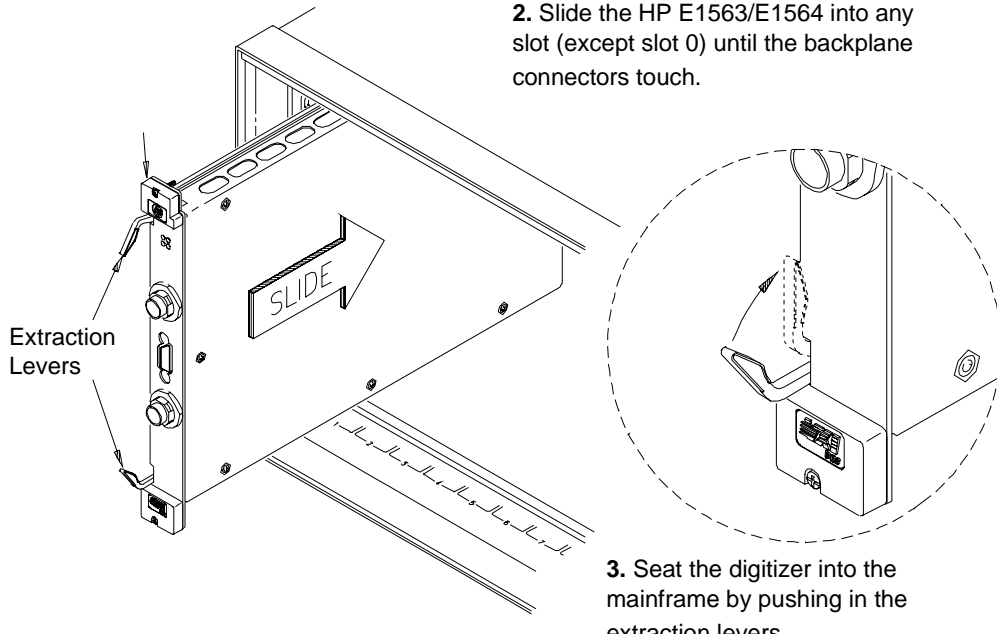
# Installing the Digitizer in a Mainframe

The HP E1563A or E1564A can be installed in any slot (except slot 0) in a C-size VXibus mainframe. Refer to following diagram for the procedure to install the Digitizer in a mainframe.

1. Set the extraction levers out.

2. Slide the HP E1563/E1564 into any slot (except slot 0) until the backplane connectors touch.

3. Seat the digitizer into the mainframe by pushing in the extraction levers.



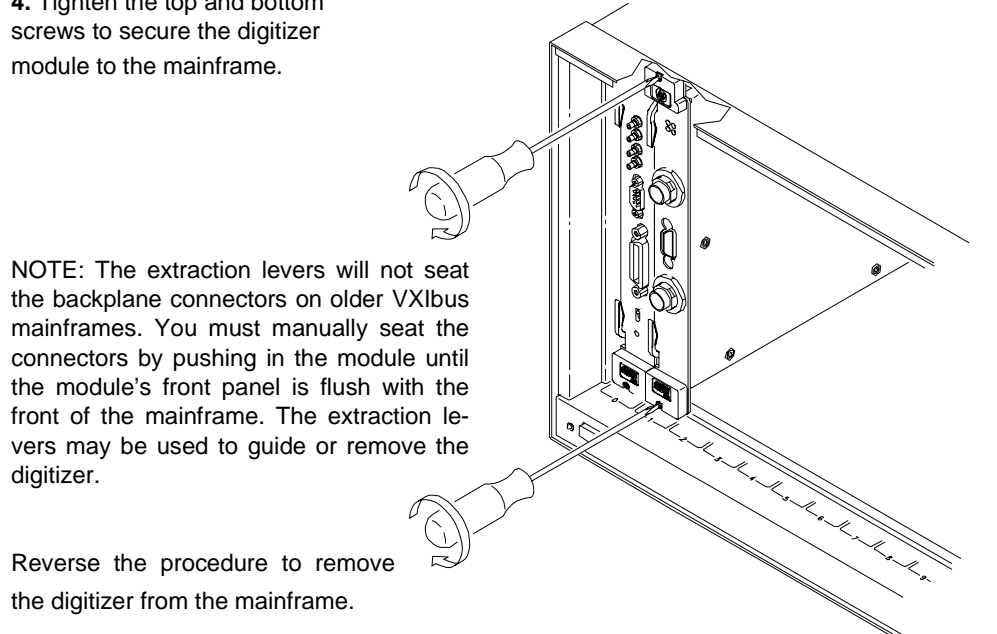
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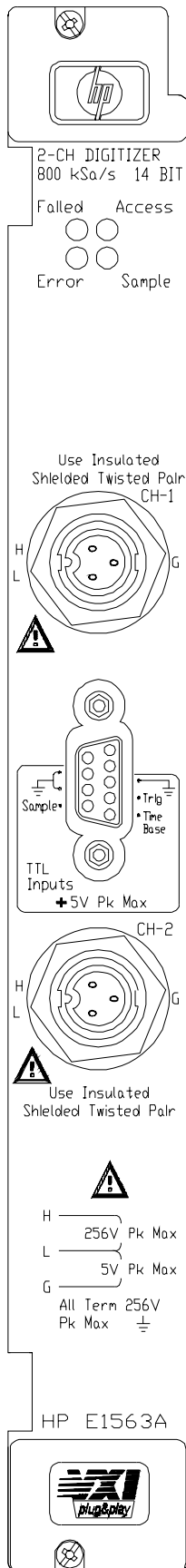
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4. Tighten the top and bottom screws to secure the digitizer module to the mainframe.

NOTE: The extraction levers will not seat the backplane connectors on older VXibus mainframes. You must manually seat the connectors by pushing in the module until the module's front panel is flush with the front of the mainframe. The extraction levers may be used to guide or remove the digitizer.

Reverse the procedure to remove the digitizer from the mainframe.





## HP E1563A Front Panel Indicators

The “Failed” LED illuminates momentarily during the digitizer’s power-on boot.

The “Access” LED illuminates only when the backplane is communicating with the digitizer.

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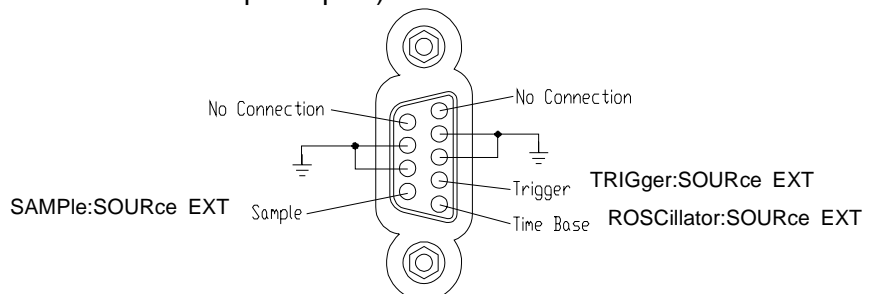
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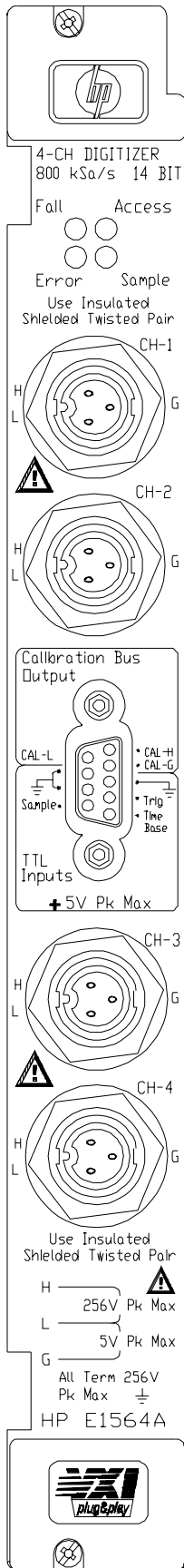
| Wire gauge    | Belden® cable P/N | Alpha® cable P/N |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 20 AWG (7x28) | 8762              | none             |
| 22 AWG (7x30) | 9462              | 5481C            |
| 24 AWG (7x32) | 8641              | 5491C            |

## HP E1563A D-subminiature Connector Pins

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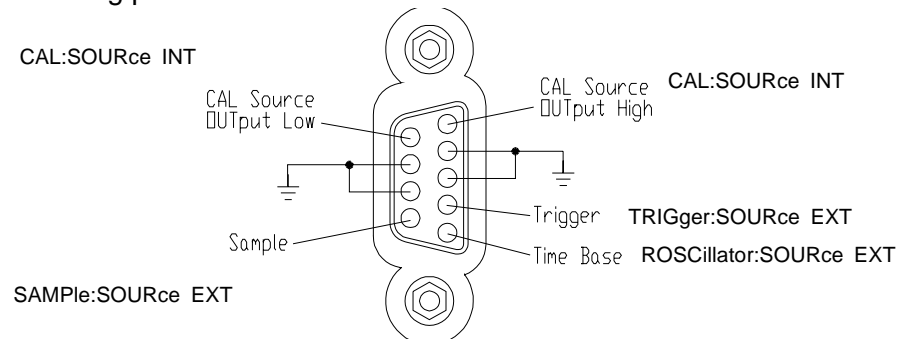
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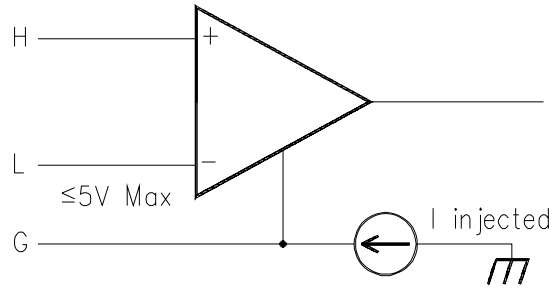


### 3-Wire and 2-Wire Input Cabling Considerations

The HP E1563A and E1564A Digitizers provide a three-terminal input system (High, Low and Guard). An unavoidable and undesirable current is injected from chassis ground to the Guard terminal. Dependent on whether you measure on a low-voltage range or a high-voltage range, the way you connect the Guard terminal may or may not introduce a measurement error due to this current. This section describes some considerations you must take to use the Guard terminal properly to minimize measurement error.

#### Digitizer Input Model

The input model for the digitizer is shown below. Maximum voltage between Low and Guard is 5V.



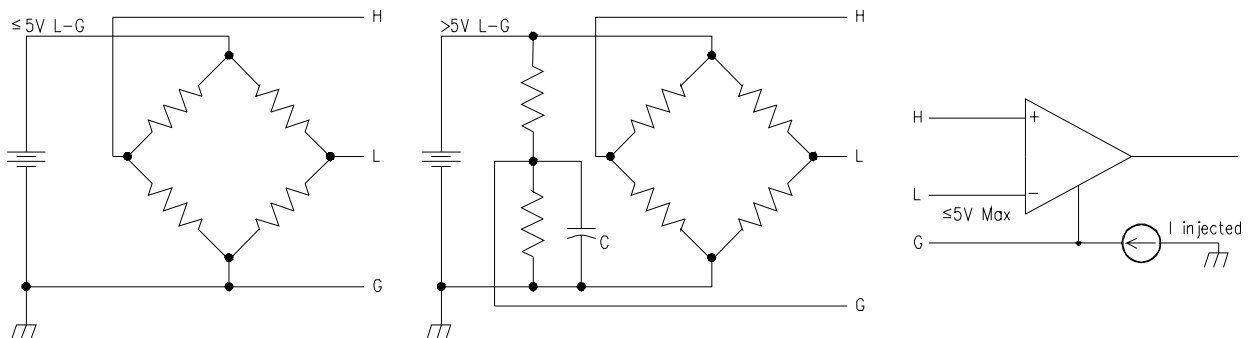
#### Note

Maximum voltage between Low and Guard is 5V. Exceeding this limitation will not damage your digitizer but will generate invalid data for any measurement taken.

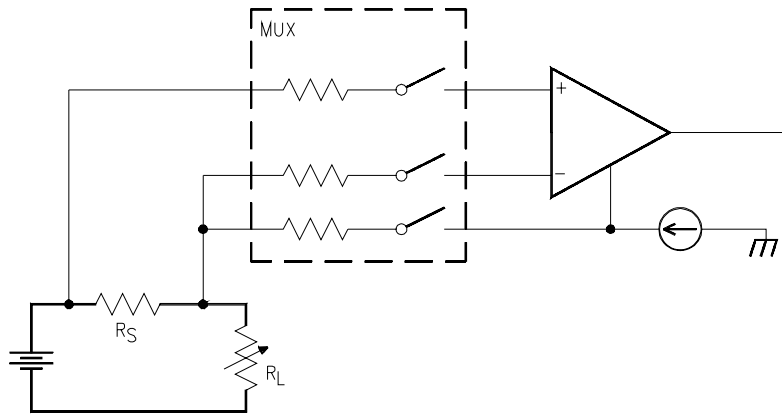
#### Three-Wire Connection

This section shows two examples of connecting the input using a three-wire connection. Both examples can be constructed using shielded twisted pair. The first example shows making connections for a bridge measurement where the L-to-G voltage is  $\leq 5V$  and where the L-to-G voltage exceeds 5V. A “Wagner ground” is used to satisfy the L-to-G restriction of  $\leq 5V$  and to make a Guard connection point that minimizes measurement error due to the digitizer’s injected current. A capacitor is added to the Wagner ground to provide a signal path to ground to minimize common mode voltages. The second example shows measuring the voltage across a small current sensing resistor where the input to the digitizer is switched through a multiplexer switch module.

#### 3-Wire Cable Connection Example 1



### 3-Wire Cable Connection Example 2

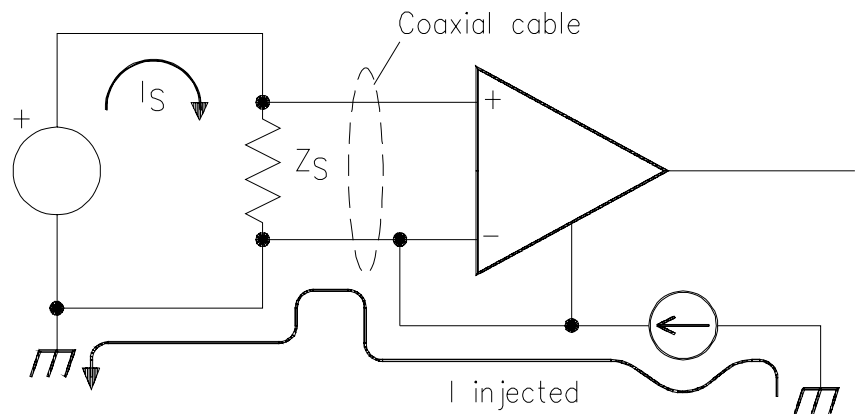


### Two-Wire Connection

When Low and Guard are simply connected together at the digitizer's input on a low-voltage range (4V and below), the injected current is directed to flow through the source impedance (in a floating source) and the resultant voltage drop will introduce a measurement error. The resultant voltage drop through the source impedance can be a significant error on low-voltage ranges where the voltage of interest is small. It is not as significant an error on high-voltage ranges simply because the error introduced is not a significant part of a larger voltage; the percent of error is less significant.

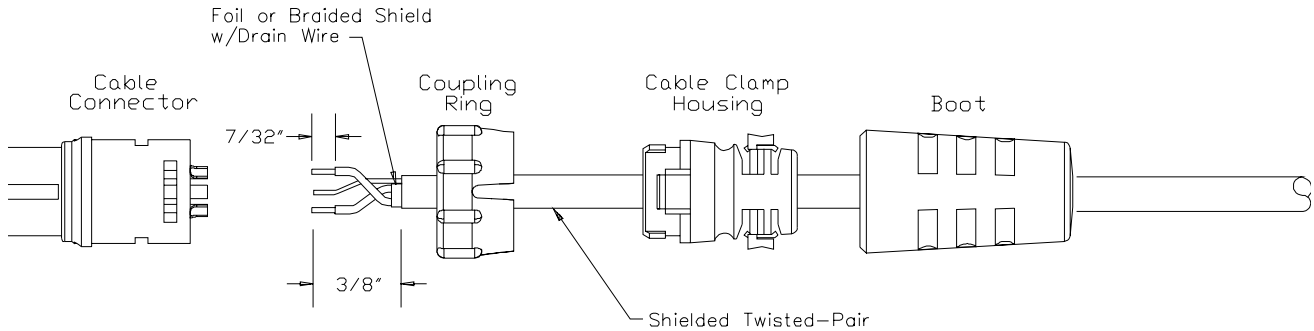
Measurement error can increase significantly when you connect Low to Guard at the digitizer's input AND use switches to switch input signals to the digitizer. Some switches have input protection resistors (usually 100Ω) in series with the switch. The digitizer's injected current now generates a voltage drop across this resistor in addition to the voltage drop generated across the source impedance. Even with a grounded source, an error voltage is generated across the switches current limiting resistor.

### 2-Wire Cable Connection Example

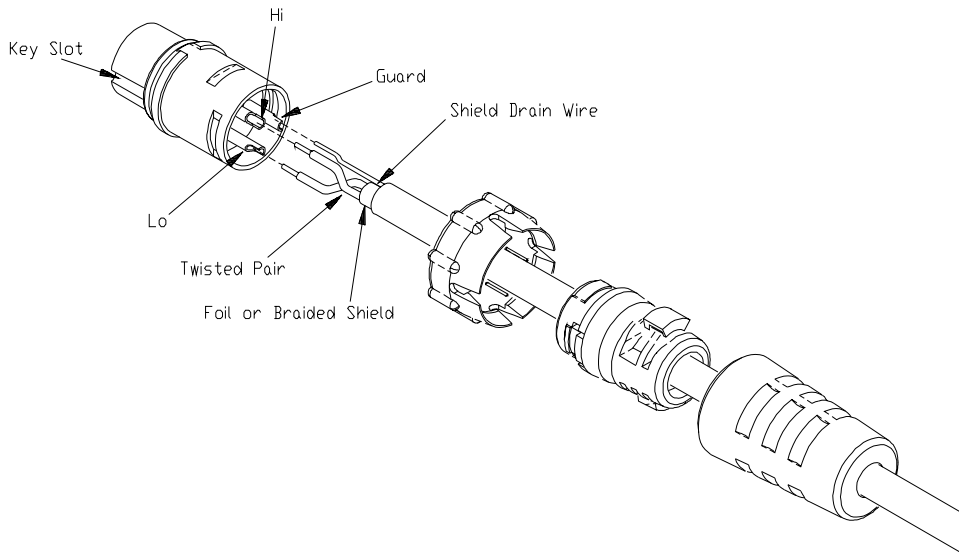


# Cable Connector Assembly Instructions

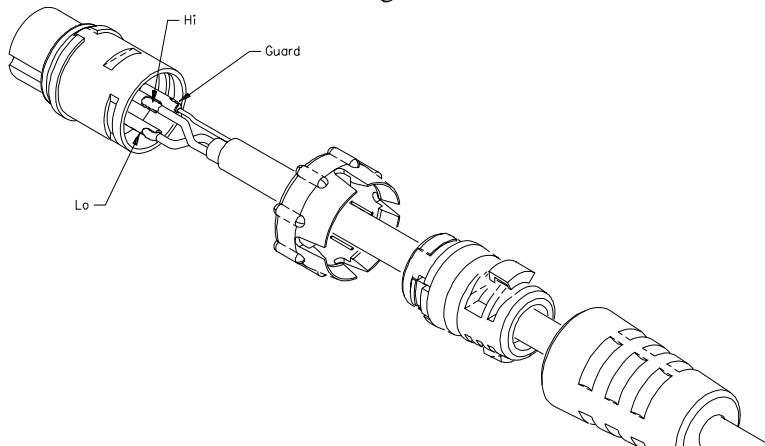
**Step 1.** Strip cable as shown and feed the end of the cable through the boot, cable clamp housing, and coupling ring in the order and position shown. **NOTE:** The coupling ring can also be inserted onto the cable connector from the front.



**Step 2.** Orient the HI, LO and Guard conductors with the corresponding pins.



**Step 3.** Solder conductors to pins. **CAUTION** - Excessive heat on the connector terminals can cause damage to the connector.

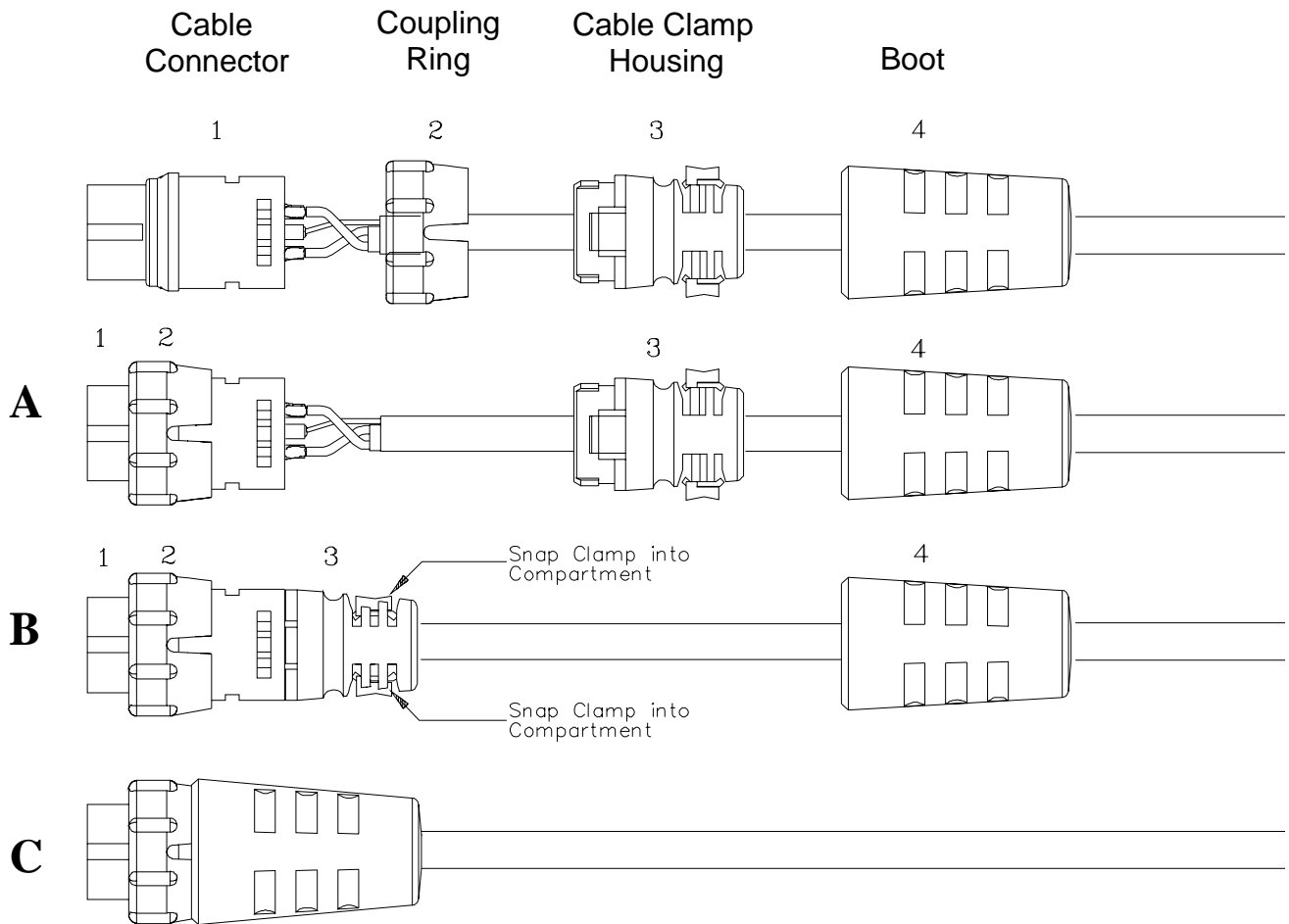


**Step 4.** Assemble the connector.

**A.** Align coupling ring's tabs with cable connector's side notches and push the coupling ring onto the cable connector.

**B.** Push the cable clamp housing forward until it locks into the connector body and snap the two clamps into their compartments to secure the cable.

**C.** Push the boot all the way forward to seat tightly onto the cable clamp housing.



**To mate the cable connector to the instrument's front panel connector...**

1. Hold the cable connector by the rubber boot and align the notched key slot with the key on the left side of the instrument's front panel connector. Insert the cable connector just enough to encounter insertion resistance and stay in place.

2. Grasp the coupling ring and slowly rotate it clockwise, while you gently push the connector toward the panel mount, until the notches on the coupling ring drop into the front panel connector detents.

3. Continue rotating until you feel the coupling ring ride over the locking "bump" which secures the connector to the instrument's front panel connector.

## Initial Operation

To program the Digitizer using SCPI, you must select the interface address and SCPI commands to be used. General information about using SCPI commands is presented at the beginning of Chapter 3. See the HP 75000 Series C Installation and Getting Started Guide for interface addressing.

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### Note

This discussion applies only to SCPI (Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments) programming. The program is written using VISA (Virtual Instrument Software Architecture) function calls. VISA allows you to execute on VXI *Plug&Play* system frameworks that have the VISA I/O layer installed (visa.h “include” file).

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## Programming the Digitizer

### Example: Query the Digitizer for its ID and for system errors.

Programming the digitizer using Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments (SCPI) requires that you select the controller language (e.g., C, C++, Basic, Visual Basic, etc.), interface address and SCPI commands to be used. See the “C-Size Installation and Getting Started Guide” (or equivalent) for interfacing, addressing and controller information.

The following C program verifies communication between the controller, mainframe and digitizer. It resets the module (\*RST), queries the identity of the module (\*IDN?) and queries the module for system errors.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <visa.h>

/** FUNCTION PROTOTYPE **/
void err_handler (ViSession vi, ViStatus x);

void main(void)
{
    char buf[512] = {0};

    #if defined(_BORLANDC_) && !defined(_WIN32_)
        _InitEasyWin();
    #endif

    ViStatus err;
    ViSession defaultRM;
    ViSession digitizer;

    /* Open resource manager and digitizer sessions */
    viOpenDefaultRM (&defaultRM);
    viOpen(defaultRM, "GPIB-VXI0::9::40", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &digitizer);

    /* Set the timeout value to 10 seconds. */
    viSetAttribute (digitizer, VI_ATTR_TMO_VALUE, 10000);

    /* Reset the module. */
    err = viPrintf(digitizer, "*RST\n");
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler (digitizer, err);
}
```

```

/* Query for the module's identification string. */
err = viPrintf(digitizer, "**IDN?\n");
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler (digitizer, err);
err = viScanf(digitizer, "%t", buf);
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler (digitizer, err);
printf ("Module ID = %s\n\n", buf);

/* Check the module for system errors. */
err = viPrintf(digitizer, "**SYST:ERR?\n");
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler (digitizer, err);
err = viScanf(digitizer, "%t", buf);
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler (digitizer, err);
printf ("System error response = %s\n\n", buf);

viClose (digitizer); /* close the digitizer session */

} /* end of main */

/** Error handling function **/

void err_handler (ViSession digitizer, ViStatus err)
{
    char buf[1024] = {0};

    viStatusDesc (digitizer, err, buf); /* retrieve error description */
    printf ("ERROR = %s\n", buf);
    return;
}

```





# Chapter 2

## Digitizer Application Information

### Using this Chapter

This chapter provides digitizer application information in four parts.

- Digitizer Block Diagrams.
- Triggering the Digitizer.
- Master-Slave Operation.
- HP E1563A and E1564A Digitizer Application Examples.

### Digitizer Block Diagrams

A block diagram of the HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer is shown in Figure 2-1. The HP E1563A 2-Channel Digitizer has the same internal structure without channels 3 and 4. Note the TRIG:LEVel<channel> signals drive the internal trigger inputs, LEVel1 drives INT1, LEVel2 drives INT2, etc.

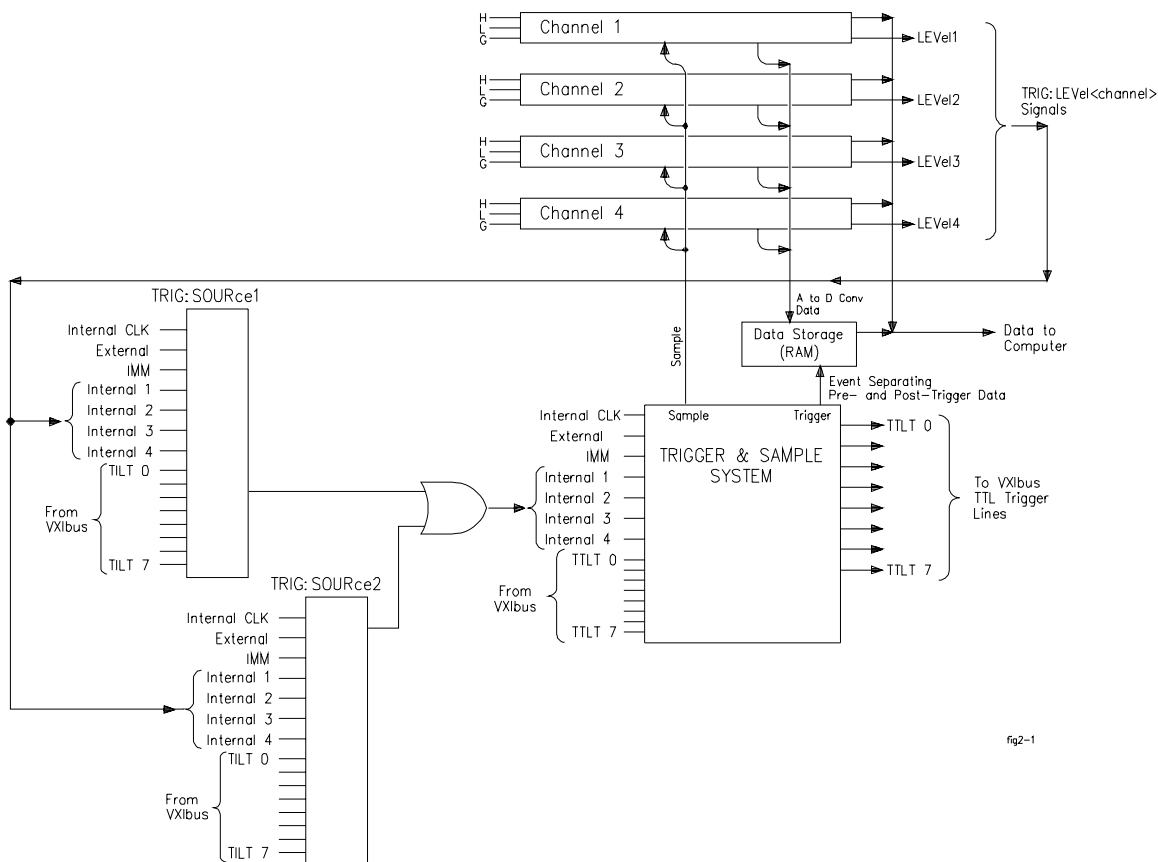
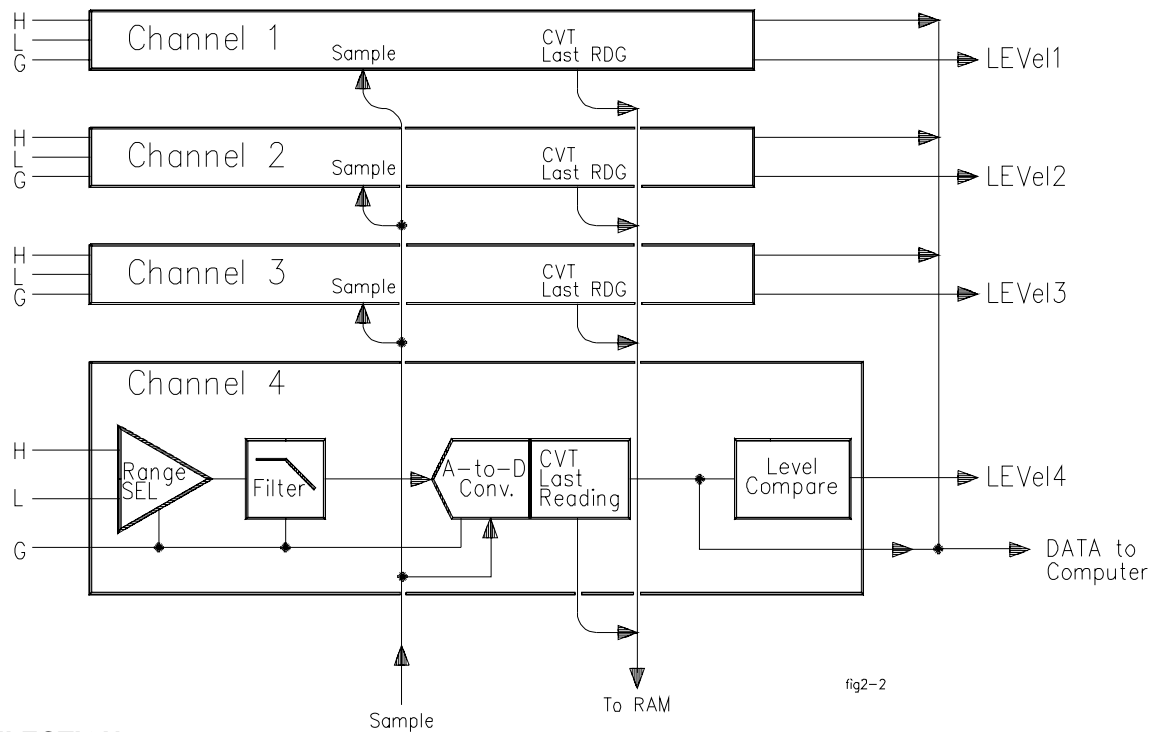


Figure 2-1. Digitizer Block Diagram.

## Channel Block Diagram

Figure 2-2 is a block diagram of an individual channel and the interconnections between channels. Note that the sample signal goes to all channels. The stair-stepped commands beneath the diagram show the SCPI commands that are used to program each section of a channel. In this case, all the commands are written for channel 4. See Chapter 3, SCPI Command Reference, for a full description of the commands illustrated here.



### RANGE SELECTION:

INPut4:STATe ON | 1 | OFF | 0  
 VOLTagE4:DC:RANGe <range>

### FILTER SETTING:

INPut4:FILTer:LPASs:FREQ <freq>  
 INPut4:FILTer:LPASs:STATe ON | 1 | OFF | 0

### QUERY LAST READING (current value):

SENSe:DATA:CVTable? (@4)

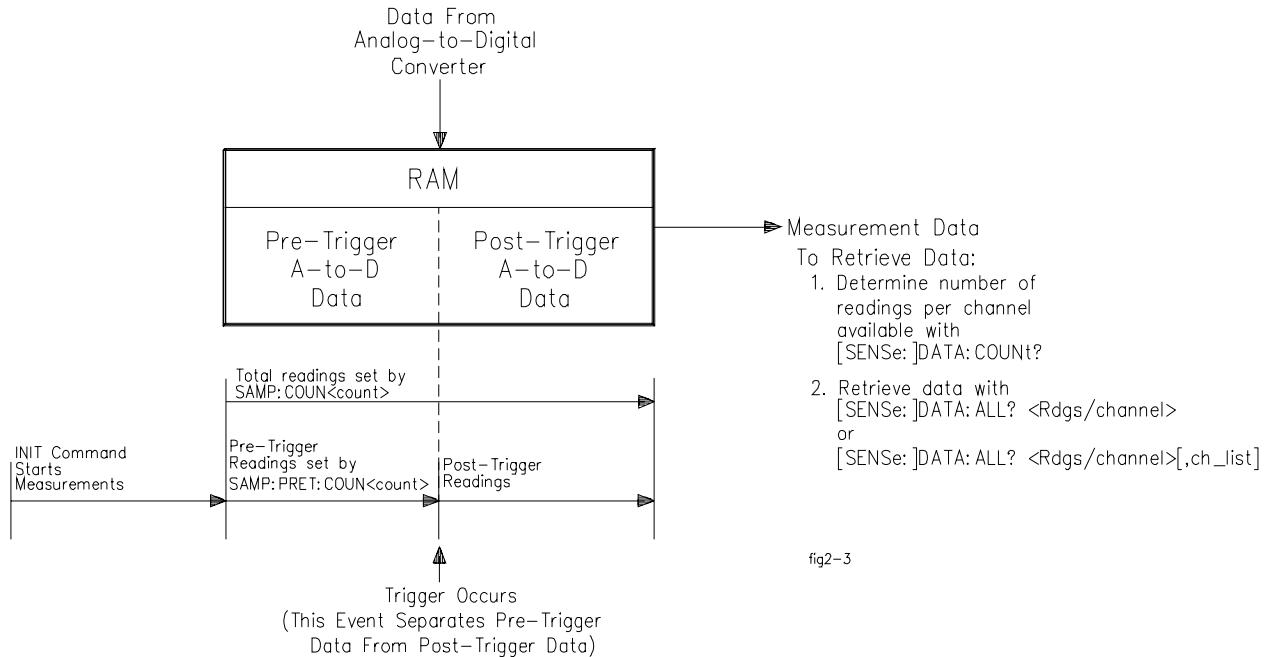
### LIMIT and LEVEL COMPARISON:

CALCulate4:LIMit:LOWer:DATA <value>  
 CALCulate4:LIMit:LOWer:STATe ON | 1 | OFF | 0  
 or  
 CALCulate4:LIMit:UPPer:DATA <value>  
 CALCulate4:LIMit:UPPer:STATe ON | 1 | OFF | 0  
 or  
 TRIGger:SOURce INTERNAL4  
 TRIGger:LEVel4 <voltage>  
 TRIGger:SLOPe4 POS | 1 | NEG | 0

Figure 2-2. Digitizer Channel Block Diagram.

## Pre-Trigger/ Post-Trigger Block Diagram

Figure 2-3 illustrates relationship of pre-trigger readings and post-trigger readings with the trigger event. See Chapter 3, SCPI Command Reference, for a full description of the commands illustrated here.



**Figure 2-3. Pre-Trigger and Post-Trigger Block Diagram.**

## Power-on and Reset State

Table 2-1 describes all power-on and reset states for the digitizer. The reset state obtained after executing a \*RST command is the same as the power-on state.

**Table 2-1. Power-on and Reset States.**

| Parameter           | Power-on/Reset State        |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| DIAG:INTerrupt:LINE | interrupt line #1           |
| FORMat:DATA         | AScii                       |
| INPut1:FILTer:FREQ  | 0 (no filter on channel 1 ) |
| INPut2:FILTer:FREQ  | 0 (no filter on channel 2 ) |
| INPut3:FILTer:FREQ  | 0 (no filter on channel 3 ) |
| INPut4:FILT:FREQ    | 0 (no filter on channel 4 ) |

**Table 2-1. Power-on and Reset States.**

| <b>Parameter</b>        | <b>Power-on/Reset State</b>    |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| INPut1:STATe            | ON (channel 1 input state)     |
| INPut2:STATe            | ON (channel 2 input state)     |
| INPut3:STATe            | ON (channel 3 input state)     |
| INPut4:STATe            | ON (channel 4 input state)     |
| OUTPut:TTLT0-7:SOURce   | TRIGger (all TTLTrigger lines) |
| OUTPut:TTLT0-7:STATe    | OFF (all TTLTrigger lines)     |
| ROSCillator:SOURce      | INTernal                       |
| SWEep:POINts            | 1 (one sample)                 |
| SWEep:OFFSet:POINts     | 0 (no pretrigger samples)      |
| VOLT1:RANGe             | 256V (channel 1 range)         |
| VOLT2:RANGe             | 256V (channel 2 range)         |
| VOLT3:RANGe             | 256V (channel 3 range)         |
| VOLT4:RANGe             | 256V (channel 4 range)         |
| VOLT1:RESolution        | 7.8125 mV (channel 1 res)      |
| VOLT2:RESolution        | 7.8125 mV (channel 2 res)      |
| VOLT3:RESolution        | 7.8125 mV (channel 3 res)      |
| VOLT4:RESolution        | 7.8125 mV (channel 4 res)      |
| SAMPlE:COUNT            | 1 (one sample)                 |
| SAMPlE:PRETrigger:COUNT | 0 (no pretrigger samples)      |
| SAMPlE:SLOPe            | POSitive                       |
| SAMPlE:SOURce           | TIMER (internal time base)     |
| SAMPlE:TIMER            | 1.3 $\mu$ S                    |
| TRIGger:LEVel1          | -256V (channel 1 level)        |
| TRIGger:LEVel2          | -256V (channel 2 level)        |
| TRIGger:LEVel3          | -256V (channel 3 level)        |
| TRIGger:LEVel4          | -256V (channel 4 level)        |
| TRIGger:SOURce1         | IMMediate (source 1 not ch 1)  |
| TRIGger:SOURce2         | HOLD (source 2 not ch 2)       |
| TRIGger:SLOPe1          | POSitive (slope 1 not ch 1)    |
| TRIGger:SLOPe2          | POSitive (slope 2 not ch 2)    |

# Triggering the Digitizer

## Two Common Trigger Sources per Channel

Triggering digitizer readings across all input channels is accomplished with one or both of the two available trigger sources (TRIGger:SOURce1 and TRIGger:SOURce2). The trigger event can be different for each source e.g., SOURce1 can be EXT and SOURce2 can be TTLT0. You use the TRIG:SOURce<n> command to set the trigger source event options which can be OFF | BUS | EXT | HOLD | IMMEDIATE | INTernal1-4 | TTLT0-7. You must execute the TRIG:SOURce<n> command two times to set both trigger sources (TRIG:SOUR1 and TRIG:SOUR2). At power-up and after resetting the module with \*RST, TRIG:SOUR1 defaults to IMM and TRIG:SOUR2 defaults to HOLD. The number of readings set by the SAMPlE:COUNt command are taken after the trigger event occurs.

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**Note** Do not confuse TRIG:SOUR1 as being associated with only channel 1 (as well as TRIG:SOUR2 with only channel 2). Both sources are common to ALL channels and the “1” and “2” are not channel designators but “source” designators.

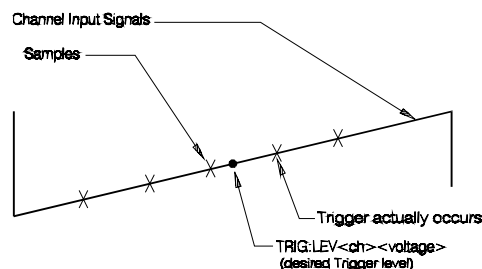
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## Internal Triggers

Using SCPI or Plug&Play, you can trigger internally off of a voltage level from any channel. Trigger level is set using the TRIG:LEVel<channel> <voltage> command for the particular channel you want to generate the trigger event. You then set the trigger source to trigger internally from that channel using the TRIG:SOURce<n> INT<channel> command. For example, if you want to trigger from a 11.5V level on channel 2, you send the following commands: VOLT2:RANG 16; TRIG:LEV2 11.5; TRIG:SOUR INT2. Figure 2-1 illustrates the relationship of the trigger level to the internal trigger source.

## Internal Trigger Level Detection

Each channel has a level compare circuit that compares the input signal to the value set by the TRIG:LEVel<channel> command. This level initiates a trigger when the input signal equals **OR EXCEEDS** the value set by the TRIG:LEVel command. This means the trigger can occur at a value other than the value set by the TRIG:LEVel command. For example, assume a trigger level of 0V on a ramp from -1V to +1V. The first samples may be negative values close to zero. These values will not cause a trigger because they do not equal or exceed the trigger level value yet. The next sample may be a positive value greater than the trigger level. The trigger compare circuit (see Figure 2-2) detects this level is equal to or greater than the trigger level value set and a trigger is generated. It was not however, generated at the exact trigger level value set by the TRIG:LEVel command.



## External Trigger

You can provide an external trigger common to all channels. The external trigger connection is on the digitizer's front panel D-subminiature connector "Trig" pin. You set this input as the trigger source for all channels using the `TRIGger:SOURce<n> EXT` command. You use the `TRIGger:SLOPe<n> POSitive | NEGative` command to set which signal edge will trigger.

## Master-Slave Operation

The HP E1563A and HP E1564A Digitizers can be configured in a master-slave configuration. This configuration allows a master module and one or more slave modules to have their measurements synchronized. Synchronization occurs by having all channels trigger off of the same trigger event as well as all channels sampling from one sample signal.

- The sample synchronization signal is always generated by the master.
- The TTL trigger event can be generated by either the master module or any of the slave modules. This allows a slave module (as well as the master module) to use one of the four internal trigger sources or their external trigger source to trigger a measurement.

Both the trigger signal and the sample signal are put on the VXI backplane TTL trigger (TTLT) lines where the master module and all slave modules receive the signals simultaneously. TTL trigger lines are used in pairs between the master and slave(s) where one TTL trigger line carries the sample signal and the other carries the trigger signal. The next section describes how these TTL trigger lines are paired.

### Trigger Mode

The `TRIGger:MODE` command is used to configure Digitizers for master-slave operation. The mode can be `NORMAL`, `MASTER` or `SLAVE`.

### NORMAL Mode

The default setting for trigger mode is `TRIGger:MODE NORMAL` which configures the module as an individual instrument.

### MASTER Mode

Use the `TRIGger:MODE MASTER<n>` command to configure a module as a master. The eight TTL trigger lines (TTLT0-TTLT7) on the VXI backplane allow four different pairings as shown in Table 2-1 (`MASTER0-SLAVE0`, `MASTER2-SLAVE2`, `MASTER4-SLAVE4` and `MASTER6-SLAVE6`). You must select an unused set of TTL trigger lines for the master-slave coupling when determining which master mode to set. Do not use a TTLT line already used by `SAMPLE:SOURce` or `TRIGger:SOURce`.

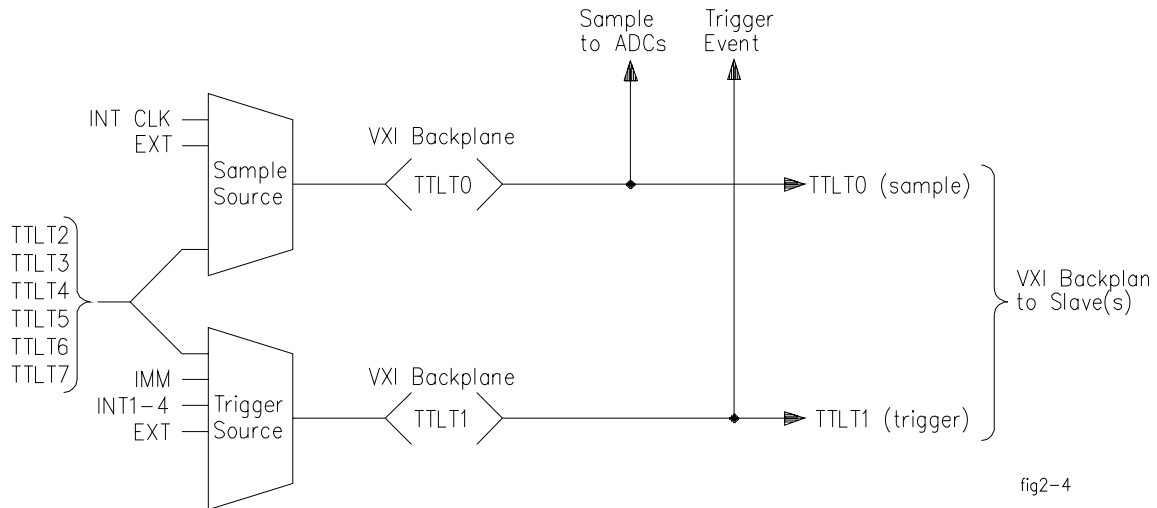
**SLAVE Mode** Use TRIGger:MODE SLAVE0 to configure a module as a slave to a MASTER0 module. MASTER0 and SLAVE0 modules share TTL trigger lines TTL0 and TTL1. TTL0 carries the sample signal and TTL1 carries the trigger signal. The following table shows all pairs of TTL trigger lines for each master-slave mode.

**Table 2-2. Trigger Sources for Master-Slave Modes.**

|                        |                       | <b>MASTER-SLAVE<br/>Trigger Sources</b> |                                    |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>MASTER<br/>MODE</b> | <b>SLAVE<br/>MODE</b> | <b>TRIG:SOUR1</b>                       | <b>TRIG:SOUR2</b>                  |
| MASTER0                | SLAVE0                | TTL1                                    | Any source<br>(except TTL0 & TTL1) |
| MASTER2                | SLAVE2                | TTL3                                    | Any source<br>(except TTL2 & TTL3) |
| MASTER4                | SLAVE4                | TTL5                                    | Any source<br>(except TTL4 & TTL5) |
| MASTER6                | SLAVE6                | TTL7                                    | Any source<br>(except TTL6 & TTL7) |

**Master-Slave Diagrams** Figures 2-4 illustrates a module configured as a master module. Figure 2-5 illustrates a module configured as a slave module.

**TRIG:MODE MASTER0 pairs TTLT0 (sample) with TTLT1 (trigger)  
The MASTER0 module will function with all SLAVE0 modules.**



1) The trigger source from the master can be set with TRIG:SOURce1,2 IMM | INT1-4 | EXT | TTLT<n>.

2) TRIG:MODE MASTER0 drives the TTL lines as if OUTPUT:TTLT0:SOURce SAMPLE and OUTPUT:TTLT1:SOURce TRIGGER have been set.

3) The master module generates the sample signal that all modules (master and slaves) initiate a measurement from.

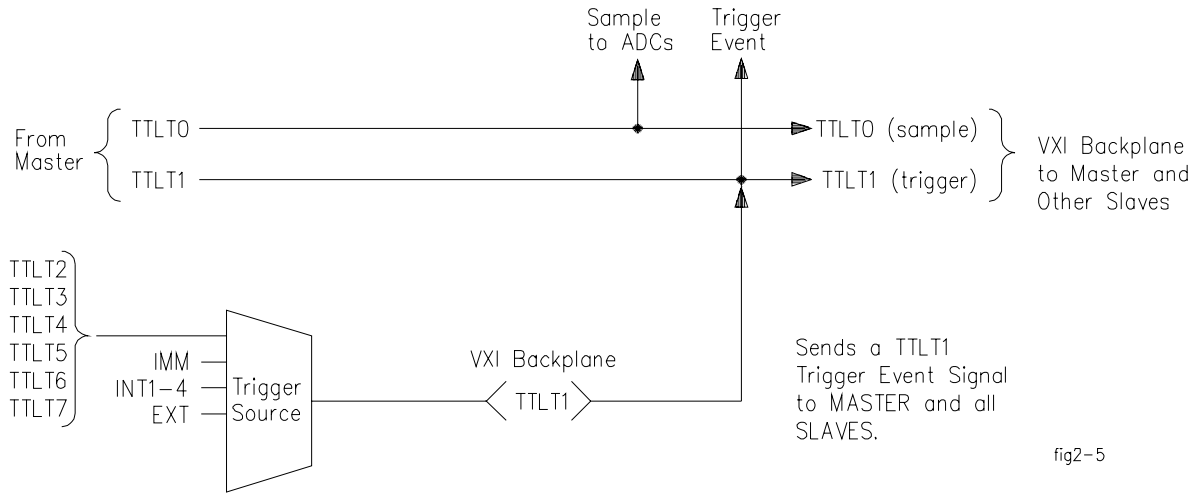
| MODE    | MASTER Sample Signal       |
|---------|----------------------------|
| MASTER0 | TTLT2-7   INT1-4   EXT     |
| MASTER2 | TTLT0,1,4-7   INT1-4   EXT |
| MASTER4 | TTLT0-3,6-7   INT1-4   EXT |
| MASTER6 | TTLT0-5   INT1-4   EXT     |

4) MASTER0 sets the TTLT1 line as if it were TRIG:SOUR1 TTLT1. However, the query TRIG:SOUR? will not return this setting. This line is simply dedicated for synchronization between the two modules in the master-slave mode. You should not use this line for any other purpose with the OUTPUT, SAMPLE or TRIGGER commands.

**Figure 2-4. Master Module Configuration Block Diagram.**



**TRIG:MODE SLAVe0 pairs TTLT0 (sample) with TTLT1 (trigger)**  
**A SLAVe0 module will function with other SLAVe0 modules and the MASTER0 module.**



1) The trigger source from the slave can be set with TRIG:SOURce2 IMM | INT1-4 | EXT | TTLT<n>.

2) SLAVe0 sets the TTLT0 line as if it were SAMP:SOUR TTLT0 and sets the TTLT1 line as if it were TRIG:SOUR1 TTLT1. However, the queries SAMP:SOUR? or TRIG:SOUR? will not return these settings. These lines are simply dedicated for synchronization between the modules in the master- slave mode. You should not use these lines for any other purpose with the OUTPut, SAMPlE or TRIGger commands.

| MODE   | SLAVe Sample signal |
|--------|---------------------|
| SLAVe0 | TTLT0               |
| SLAVe2 | TTLT2               |
| SLAVe4 | TTLT4               |
| SLAVe6 | TTLT6               |

**Figure 2-5. Slave Module Configuration Block Diagram.**

# Input Overload Condition

Overload voltages may occur which will open the channel input relay disconnecting the input signal from the channel. Overload voltage by range is shown in the following table.

| Range       | Voltage Input Condition | Vmax |
|-------------|-------------------------|------|
| 62 mV to 4V | High or Low to Guard    | >20V |
| 16V to 256V | Low to Guard            | >40V |

## Overload Reporting

The overload is reported both when the readings are retrieved and when the next measurement is initiated. If an overload occurred:

1. An error message is returned when data is retrieved informing you that the data is questionable (Overload detected - data questionable).
2. An error message is also returned when you initiate the next measurement (Overload detected - attempting re-connect of input relays).

# HP E1563A and E1564A Digitizer Application Examples

This section contains example programs that demonstrate several applications of the HP E1563A or HP E1564A Digitizer. The examples described in this section list only the SCPI commands (see Chapter 3, HP E1563A and HP E1564A Command Reference) required to perform the application. The programming language is not included in print but C programs are included on the *VXIplug&play* driver media under the subdirectory "examples". You can use these examples to help you learn the capabilities of the HP E1563A/E1564A and then to help you develop programs for your specific application

## C Language Example Programs

Example programs are provided on the *VXIplug&play* media. These programs have been compiled and tested using Microsoft® Visual C++™ Version 1.51 for the C programs. All of the C Language example programs in this section are written for the HP 82341A HP-IB Interface Card using the HP VISA I/O Library.

### C Programs

All projects written in C programming language require the following Microsoft® Visual C++™ Version 1.51 settings to work properly:

Project Type: QuickWin application (.EXE)

Project Files: <source code file name>.C

[drive:]\VXIPNP\WIN\LIB\MSC\VISA.LIB (Microsoft® compiler)

[drive:]\VXIPNP\WIN\LIB\BC\VISA.LIB (Borland® compiler)

Memory Model: Options | Project | Compiler | Memory Model ⇒ Large

Directory Paths: Options | Directories

Include File Paths: [drive:]\VXIPNP\WIN\INCLUDE

Library File Paths: [drive:]\VXIPNP\WIN\LIB\MSC (Microsoft®)

[drive:]\VXIPNP\WIN\LIB\BC (Borland®)

Example programs: located on the Universal Instrument Drivers CD

### Hardware Used

486 IBM compatible computer running Windows 3.1. The computer has an HP 82341 HP-IB interface and HP SICL/Windows 3.1 & Windows/NT for HP-IB software. The VXI modules were loaded in a VXI C-size mainframe using an HP E1406A Command Module as resource manager connected to the computer via the HP 82341 HP-IB card.

## Compiling and Linking a C Program

You can find specific instructions for compiling C language programs for the PC in the HP VISA User's Guide. See the section "Compiling and Linking an HP VISA Program."

## Making Digitizer Measurements

This section provides three programs that demonstrate how to make digitizer measurements and retrieve data. SCPI command sequences for each program are contained in the boxes. The three programs are:

1. Use an IMMEDIATE trigger to begin the sampling measurements on two channels and retrieve the interleaved readings from FIFO memory.
2. Use the internal level trigger to trigger off of an input ramp signal as it crosses zero. This program takes pre-trigger readings as well as post trigger readings.
3. Use an external trigger input at the D-connector "Trig" input to trigger readings.

## READINGS.C

Use an IMMEDIATE trigger to begin the sampling measurements on two channels and retrieve the interleaved readings from FIFO memory.

### SCPI COMMANDS IN THIS PROGRAM:

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| *RST              | <i>reset the digitizer</i>                                      |
| *CLS              | <i>clear the status system</i>                                  |
| VOLT1:RANG 4      | <i>set ch 1 to 4V range</i>                                     |
| VOLT2:RANG 4      | <i>set ch 2 to 4V range</i>                                     |
| SAMP:COUN 20      | <i>set sample count to 20<br/>(common to all channels)</i>      |
| SAMP:PRET:COUN 10 | <i>set pre-trigger count to 10<br/>(common to all channels)</i> |
| INIT              | <i>initiate measurements</i>                                    |
| DATA? 20,(@1,2)   | <i>read 20 readings from chs 1 &amp; 2</i>                      |
| Enter statement   | <i>enter readings into the computer</i>                         |

Separate the interleaved readings and display them.

### Comments

- Resetting the module sets the data format to ASCII, sample source to timer and trigger source to immediate.

## RAMP.C

Use the internal level trigger to trigger off of an input ramp signal as it crosses zero. This program takes pre-trigger readings as well as post trigger readings.

### SCPI COMMANDS IN THIS PROGRAM:

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| *RST             | <i>reset the digitizer</i>                                     |
| *CLS             | <i>clear the status system</i>                                 |
| VOLT1:RANG 4     | <i>set ch 1 to 4V range</i>                                    |
| SAMP:COUN 7      | <i>set sample count to 7<br/>(common to all channels)</i>      |
| SAMP:PRET:COUN 3 | <i>set pre-trigger count to 3<br/>(common to all channels)</i> |
| SAMP:TIM 50e-6   | <i>set sample interval to 50 <math>\mu</math>S</i>             |
| TRIG:SOUR INT1   | <i>set trigger source to a level on<br/>channel 1</i>          |
| TRIG:LEV1 0      | <i>set the trigger level to 0V</i>                             |
| TRIG:SLOP POS    | <i>set trigger slope to positive</i>                           |
| INIT             | <i>initiate measurements</i>                                   |
| DATA? 7,(@1)     | <i>read 7 readings from ch 1</i>                               |
| Enter statement  | <i>enter readings into the computer</i>                        |

Display the readings.

### Comments

- Resetting the module sets the data format to ASCii, sample source to TIMer and trigger source to IMMEDIATE. The sample interval and the trigger source are changed from the reset setting.
- Resetting the module also sets the trigger level to 0V and the trigger slope to positive. Trigger level and slope commands are resent to reiterate the level and slope of the trigger. In this case, these commands are redundant.

## EXT\_TRIG.C

Use an external trigger input at the D-connector “Trig” input to trigger readings.

### SCPI COMMANDS IN THIS PROGRAM:

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| *RST             | <i>reset the digitizer</i>  |
| *CLS             | <i>clear the status system</i>  |
| VOLT1:RANG 4     | <i>set ch 1 to 4V range</i>   |
| SAMP:COUN 7      | <i>set sample count to 7<br/>(common to all channels)</i>   |
| SAMP:PRET:COUN 3 | <i>set pre-trigger count to 3<br/>(common to all channels)</i>  |
| SAMP:TIM 100e-6  | <i>set sample interval to 100 <math>\mu</math>S</i>   |
| TRIG:SOUR EXT    | <i>set trigger source to EXTernal<br/>(requires an external input to the<br/>“Trig” pin on the front panel<br/>D-connector)</i> |
| TRIG:LEV1 0.5    | <i>set the trigger level to 0.5V</i>  |
| TRIG:SLOP POS    | <i>set trigger slope to positive</i>  |
| INIT             | <i>initiate measurements</i>  |
| DATA? 7,(@1)     | <i>read 7 readings from ch 1</i>  |
| Enter statement  | <i>enter readings into the computer</i>   |

Display the readings.

**Comments**

- Resetting the module sets the data format to ASCii, sample source to TIMer and trigger source to IMMEDIATE. The sample interval and the trigger source are changed from the reset setting.
- Resetting the module also sets the trigger level to 0V and the trigger slope to positive. Trigger level and slope commands are resent to reiterate the level and slope of the trigger. In this case, the slope command is redundant.

# Chapter 3

## Digitizer Command Reference

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### Using This Chapter

This chapter describes the Standard Commands for Programmable Instruments (SCPI) and IEEE 488.2 Common (\*) commands applicable to the HP E1563A and HP E1564A Digitizers.

#### Command Types

Commands are separated into two types: IEEE 488.2 Common Commands and SCPI Commands.

#### Common Command Format

The IEEE 488.2 standard defines the Common commands that perform functions like reset, self-test, status byte query, etc. Common commands are four or five characters in length, always begin with the asterisk character (\*), and may include one or more parameters. The command keyword is separated from the first parameter by a space character. Some examples of common commands are shown below:

```
*RST *ESR 32 *STB?
```

#### SCPI Command Format

The SCPI commands perform functions such as making measurements, querying instrument states, or retrieving data. The SCPI commands are grouped into command "subsystem structures". A command subsystem structure is a hierarchical structure that usually consists of a top level (or root) command, one or more low-level commands, and their parameters. The following example shows the root command CALibration and its lower-level subsystem commands:

```
CALCulate
:LIMit:FAIL?
:LIMit:LOWer[:STATe] ON | 1 | OFF | 0
:LIMit:LOWer[:STATe]?
:LIMit:LOWer:DATA <value>
:LIMit:LOWer:DATA?
:LIMit:UPPer[:STATe] ON | 1 | OFF | 0
:LIMit:UPPer[:STATe]?
:LIMit:UPPer:DATA <value>
:LIMit:UPPer:DATA?
```

CALCulate is the root command, LIMit is a second level command, FAIL?, LOWer and UPPer are third level commands and DATA, DATA?, STATE and STATE? are fourth level commands.

#### Command Separator

A colon (:) always separates one command from the next lower level command as shown below:

```
CALCulate:LIMit:FAIL?
```

Colons separate the root command from the second level command

(CALCulate:LIMit) and the second level from the third level (LIMit:FAIL?).

### **Abbreviated Commands**

The command syntax shows most commands as a mixture of upper and lower case letters. The upper case letters indicate the abbreviated spelling for the command. For shorter program lines, send the abbreviated form. For better program readability, you may send the entire command. The instrument will accept either the abbreviated form or the entire command.

For example, if the command syntax shows CALCulate, then CALC and CALCULATE are both acceptable forms. Other forms of CALCulate, such as CALCU or CALCUL will generate an error. Additionally, SCPI commands are case insensitive. Therefore, you may use upper or lower case letters and commands of the form CALCULATE, calculate, and CaLcUIAtE are all acceptable.

### **Implied Commands**

Implied commands are those which appear in square brackets ( [ ] ) in the command syntax. (Note that the brackets are not part of the command; do not send them to the instrument.) Suppose you send a second level command but do not send the preceding implied command. In this case, the instrument assumes you intend to use the implied command and it responds as if you had sent it. Examine the partial SENSE subsystem shown below:

```
[SENSe:]  
  VOLTage[:DC]:RANGe <range>|MIN|MAX  
  VOLTage[:DC]:RANGe? [MIN|MAX]
```

The root command SENSE is an implied command; so is the third level command DC. For example, to set the digitizer's DC voltage range to MAX, you can send one of the following three command statements:

```
SENS:VOLT:DC:RANG MAX
```

```
VOLT:DC:RANG MAX
```

```
VOLT:RANG MAX
```



## Parameters

**Parameter Types.** The following table contains explanations and examples of parameter types you might see later in this chapter.

Table 3-1.

| Parameter Type | Explanations and Examples  |
|----------------|--|
| Numeric        | Accepts all commonly used decimal representations of number including optional signs, decimal points, and scientific notation.<br><br>123, 123E2, -123, -1.23E2, .123, 1.23E-2, 1.23000E-01.<br>Special cases include MINimum, MAXimum, and DEFault. |
| Boolean        | Represents a single binary condition that is either true or false.<br><br>ON, OFF, 1, 0  |
| Discrete       | Selects from a finite number of values. These parameters use mnemonics to represent each valid setting.<br><br>An example is the TRIGger:SOURce <source> command where source can be OFF, BUS, EXT1-2, HOLD, IMM, INT1-4 or TTLT0-7.                 |

**Optional Parameters.** Parameters shown within square brackets ([ ]) are optional parameters. (Note that the brackets are not part of the command; do not send them to the instrument.) If you do not specify a value for an optional parameter, the instrument chooses a default value. For example, consider the TRIGger:LEVel<chan>? [MIN | MAX] command. If you send the command without specifying a MINimum or MAXimum parameter, the present TRIGger:LEVel value is returned for the specified channel. If you send the MIN parameter, the command returns the minimum trigger level allowable. If you send the MAX parameter, the command returns the maximum trigger level allowable. Be sure to place a space between the command and the parameter.

## Linking Commands

**Linking IEEE 488.2 Common Commands with SCPI Commands.** Use only a semicolon between the commands. For example:

```
*RST;OUTP:TTLT4 ON or SAMP:COUNT 25;*WAI
```

**Linking Multiple SCPI Commands From the Same Subsystem.** Use only a semicolon between commands within the same subsystem. For example, to set trigger level, trigger slope and the trigger source which are all set using the TRIGger subsystem, send the following SCPI string:

```
TRIG:LEVel 1.5;SLOPe NEG;SOURce EXT
```

**Linking Multiple SCPI Commands of Different Subsystems.** Use both a semicolon and a colon between commands of different subsystems. For example, a SAMPlE and OUTPut command can be sent in the same SCPI string linked with a semicolon and colon (;) as follows:

```
SAMP:COUNT 10;;OUTP:TTLT4 ON
```

This command aborts a measurement in progress or stops a measurement being made continuously. The command is ignored without error if a measurement is not in progress. This command also aborts a calibration in progress and will set the CAL:STATe to OFF.

**Subsystem Syntax**

ABORt

**Comments**

- Use the DATA:COUNt? query to determine how many readings were taken before the ABORt was received.
- ABORt does not affect any instrument settings.
- Executable when initiated: YES
- Coupled command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: None

The CALCulate subsystem enables the limit checking of measured data.

## Subsystem Syntax

```
CALCulate[<channel>]
:LiMit:FAiL?
:LiMit:LOWer[:STATe]  ON | 1 | OFF | 0
:LiMit:LOWer[:STATe]?
:LiMit:LOWer:DATA  <value> | MIN | MAX
:LiMit:LOWer:DATA?  [MIN | MAX]
:LiMit:UPPer[:STATe]  ON | 1 | OFF | 0
:LiMit:UPPer[:STATe]?  [MIN | MAX]
:LiMit:UPPer:DATA  <value> | MIN | MAX
:LiMit:UPPer:DATA?  [MIN | MAX]
```

## Comments

- Only one limit can be enabled at a time e.g., either LOWER or UPPER can be enabled but not LOWER and UPPER. If you enable the LOWER limit and later enable the UPPER limit, the LOWER limit is disabled.
- The :LiMit:FAiL? command reports the limit was exceeded. You must be aware of which limit you have enabled (LOWER or UPPER) to know which limit was exceeded.
- Lower and upper limit failures can be monitored by unmasking bits 9 and 10 in the Questionable Data Register of the status system using the STATus command.

## :LiMit:FAiL?

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**CALCulate[<channel>]:LiMit:FAiL?** queries the present status of the limit checking on the specified channel. The returned value of “0” indicates the limit was not exceeded (test passed). The returned value of “1” indicates the limit was exceeded (test failed).

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**Note** Limit detection is reset with each new measurement, therefore, this command does not give a cumulative record of limit failures only that the last measurement either passed or failed.

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## :LiMit:LOWer[:STATe]

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**CALCulate[<channel>]:LiMit:LOWer[:STATe] OFF | 0 | ON | 1** enables the lower limit checking for the specified channel. Use :LiMit:LOWer:DATA <value> to set the actual limit value to be tested against. This command returns the voltage level measured and the detection mode. A returned value of “0” indicates the specified channel is disabled for lower limit checking. “1” returned indicates the specified channel is enabled and will detect signals below the specified lower limit.

## Comments

- Executable when initiated: YES
- Coupled command: YES; setting the lower state ON will cause LIMit:UPPer[:STATe] to be set OFF (if it is ON).

## Note

An error will be generated if you have TRIG:SOURce set to INT1-4 and the internal input is the same as the channel you are attempting to enable the lower limit testing. For example, if TRIG:SOUR INT2 is set. The trigger level from channel 2 is the trigger event that is the internal trigger input. CALC:LIMit:LOWer:STATe ON is attempting to use this signal for limit testing and creates a settings conflict. Either the trigger level can be used as an internal trigger or the level can be used in limit testing, but not both.

- Reset (\*RST) Condition: OFF

## :LIMit:LOWer[:STATe]?

CALCulate[<channel>]:LIMit:LOWer[:STATe]? queries the lower limit checking state to see if it is enabled or disabled for the specified channel. “1” returned indicates the specified channel is enabled for lower limit checking. “0” returned indicates the specified channel is disabled for lower limit checking.

## :LIMit:LOWer:DATA

CALCulate[<channel>]:LIMit:LOWer:DATA <value> | MIN | MAX sets the lower limit value you want to test against. The CALC<channel>:LIMit:FAIL? command will return a “1” following the measurement (and prior to the next measurement) if the input signal fell below the specified lower limit value and if LIM:LOW:STATe is ON. A “0” is returned if the limit was not exceeded.

## Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>value</i>   | numeric        | -254 to +252    | volts         |

## Comments

- Allowable maximum values for the lower limit by range and the associated resolution is given below:

| <u>Range</u> | <u>Maximum value</u> | <u>Resolution</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 0.0625       | ±0.061523438         | 0.000488281       |
| 0.250        | ±0.246093750         | 0.001953125       |
| 1.00         | ±0.984375000         | 0.00781250        |
| 4.00         | ±3.937500            | 0.031250          |
| 16.00        | ±15.750              | 0.1250            |
| 64.00        | ±63.00               | 0.500             |
| 256.00       | ±252.00              | 2.0               |

- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: YES; Range changes will change the value; the percent of full scale of the range will be kept constant. For example, on the 4 volt range, with a 2V limit, a range change to 16V will set a new limit of 8V.
- Related Command: [SENSe:]VOLTage[<channel>][:DC]:RANGe <range>
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: -254 volts

## :LIMit:LOWer:DATA?

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**CALCulate[<channel>]:LIMit:LOWer:DATA?** [MIN | MAX] queries the lower limit value set for the specified channel.

## :LIMit:UPPer[:STATe]

---

**CALCulate[<channel>]:LIMit:UPPer[:STATe]** OFF | 0 | ON | 1 enables the upper limit checking for the specified channel. Use :LIMit:UPPer:DATA <value> to set the actual limit value to be tested against.

### Comments

- Executable when initiated: YES
- Coupled command: YES, setting the upper state ON will cause LIMit:LOWer[:STATe] to be set OFF (if it is ON).

### Note

An error will be generated if you have TRIG:SOURce set to INT1-4 and the internal input is the same as the channel you are attempting to enable the upper limit testing. For example, if TRIG:SOUR INT2 is set. The trigger level from channel 2 is the trigger event that is the internal trigger input. CALC:LIMit:UPPer:STATe ON is attempting to use this signal for limit testing and creates a settings conflict. Either the trigger level can be used as an internal trigger or the level can be used in limit testing, but not both.

- Reset (\*RST) Condition: OFF

## :LIMit:UPPer[:STATe]?

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**CALCulate[<channel>]:LIMit:UPPer[:STATe]?** queries the upper limit checking state to see if it is enabled or disabled for the specified channel. This command returns the voltage level measured and the detection mode. A returned value of “0” indicates the specified channel is disabled for upper limit checking. “1” returned indicates the specified channel is enabled and will detect signals above the specified upper limit.

## :LIMit:UPPer:DATA

---

**CALCulate**[<channel>]:LIMit:UPPer:DATA <value> | MIN | MAX sets the upper limit value you want to test against. The :LIMit:FAIL? command will return a “1” following the measurement (and prior to the next measurement) if the input signal rose above the specified upper limit value and LIM:UPP:STATE is ON. A “0” is returned if the limit was not exceeded.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>value</i>   | numeric        | -254 to +252    | volts         |

### Comments

- The maximum allowed <value> depends on the range setting. An error will occur if you try to set a level that exceeds the range setting.
- Changing the range after setting the limit value will change the limit value. The percent of full scale is kept constant.
- Allowable maximum values for the upper limit by range and the associated resolution is given below:

| <u>Range</u> | <u>Maximum value</u> | <u>Resolution</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 0.0625       | 0.062011719          | 0.000488281       |
| 0.250        | 0.248046875          | 0.001953125       |
| 1.00         | 0.992187500          | 0.00781250        |
| 4.00         | 3.968750             | 0.031250          |
| 16.00        | 15.8750              | 0.1250            |
| 64.00        | 63.50                | 0.500             |
| 256.00       | 254.00               | 2.0               |

- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: YES; Range changes will change the value; the percent of full scale of the range will be kept constant. For example, on the 4 volt range, with a 2V limit, a range change to 16V will set a new limit of 8V.
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: +252 volts

## :LIMit:UPPer:DATA?

---

**CALCulate**[<channel>]:LIMit:UPPer:DATA? [MIN | MAX] queries the upper limit value set for the specified channel.

The CALibration subsystem allows you to calibrate your digitizer.

## Subsystem Syntax

```

CALibration
:DAC:VOLTage <voltage> | MIN | MAX
:DAC:VOLTage? MIN | MAX
:DATA?
:GAIN[<channel>] [<readings> | DEF][,<rate> | DEF][,ON | 1 | OFF | 0]
:SOURce INTernal | EXTernal
:SOURce?
:STATe ON | 1 | OFF | 0
:STATe?
:STORE
:VALue <voltage>]
:VALue?
:ZERO[<channel>] [<readings>][,<rate>]
:ZERO[<channel>]:ALL? [<readings>][,<rate>]
    
```

## :DAC:VOLTage

**CALibration:DAC:VOLTage <voltage> | MIN | MAX** is only active if the CALibration:SOURce is set to INTernal. The voltage specified is output by the internal DAC to the calibration bus (HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer only). You can measure this voltage on the top two pins of the front panel D-sub connector (CAL-H and CAL-L) and is used for calibrating the digitizer's gain as the CAL:VALue.

## Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values       | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| <i>voltage</i> | numeric        | ±0.061256409 - ±15.00 | volts         |

## Comments

- The maximum output levels are limited to the levels shown in the table below. These are the HP E1564A DAC voltages recommended for calibrating each range. The values are approximately 98% of full scale.

| Voltage Range | Max DC Voltage (absolute value) |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 0.0625        | 0.061256409                     |
| 0.2500        | 0.245025635                     |
| 1.0000        | 0.980102539                     |
| 4.0000        | 3.920410156                     |
| 16.0000       | 15.00                           |
| 64.0000       | not used                        |
| 256.0000      | not used                        |

- There is no calibration DAC output for the 64 volt and 256 volt ranges. See the CALibration:GAIN command for more information about the calibration of these two ranges.
- An error will occur if the voltage value specified is greater than that allowed for the present range setting. You must set the desired range prior to setting the calibration DAC voltage.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: 0.0 volts

## :DAC:VOLTage?

---

**CALibration:DAC:VOLTage? MIN|MAX** queries the setting of the calibration DAC (HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer only). The DAC voltage is output to the calibration bus and accessible at the front panel D-connector only if the CALibration:SOURce is set to INTernal. The MIN parameter returns the minimum voltage available from the DAC and MAX returns the maximum voltage available from the DAC.

## :DATA?

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**CALibration:DATA?** returns the calibration constants currently stored in non-volatile calibration memory.

## :GAIN

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**CALibration:GAIN[<channel>] [<readings>|DEF][,<rate>|DEF][,ON|1|OFF|0]** initiates a gain calibration on the channel specified. The ON parameter will cause the 64V and 256V ranges to be indirectly calibrated from the 16V range gain calibration. The ON/OFF parameter is ignored except for a gain calibration of the 16V range. The following steps must be completed prior to executing a gain calibration:

- Set the digitizer to the desired range and filter on the channel you want to calibrate with the VOLTage[<channel>]:RANGe <range> and INPut[<channel>]:FILTer:FREQ <freq> and :FILTer:STATe ON|OFF commands.
- Enable calibration with the CALibration:STATe ON command.
- Specify the calibration source with the CALibration:SOURce command.
- Specify a calibration value for the channel you are calibrating. The value must be between 85% and 98% of either a positive full scale reading or negative full scale reading. The ideal calibration value is 98% of positive or negative full



scale (see CALibration:DAC:VOLTage command for the 4-Channel HP E1564A internal calibration DAC outputs when CALibration:SOURce INTERNAL is used).

- The calibration voltage must be applied to the input connector if CALibration:SOURce EXTERNAL is used. You must enter the external calibrator voltage value with the CAL:VALue command when an external calibration source is used. The HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer automatically applies the DAC voltage to the internal calibration bus when CALibration:SOURce INTERNAL is used. You must measure the DAC voltage at the front panel pins (for CAL:SOURce INTERNAL) and enter that value with the CAL:VALue command.

## Parameters

| Parameter Name  | Parameter Type | Range of Values                                   | Default Units |
|-----------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| <i>readings</i> | numeric        | 25 to 4000   DEFault                              | none          |
| <i>rate</i>     | numeric        | 1.25E-6 to reference period * 8,388,607   DEFault | Seconds       |

## Comments

- The number of readings and sampling rate will default to 100 readings and 0.001 second sampling rate respectively, to provide averaging over an integral number of either 50 Hz or 60 Hz power line cycles. This allows calibration to cancel out any noise that is periodic with the power supply.
- The 64V and 256V ranges are calibrated indirectly when the 16V range is calibrated and the ON (1) parameter is set. If the OFF (0) parameter is active, only the 16V range is calibrated and the 64V and 256V ranges retain their old cal constant. This boolean ON/OFF parameter is checked and used only when calibrating the 16V range. It is ignored when calibrating any other range.
- All lower ranges (0.0625 through 4.0000) must be calibrated before calibrating the 16V range and calculating new calibration constants for the 64V and 256V ranges. The effects of the attenuators and amplifiers on the gain calibrations for the lower ranges are extrapolated to derive a gain constant for the 64V range and another for the 256V range.
- The absolute maximum voltages for each range are shown in the next table. The values are approximately 98% of full scale.

| Voltage Range | Max DC Voltage (absolute value) |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 0.0625        | 0.061256409                     |
| 0.2500        | 0.245025635                     |
| 1.0000        | 0.980102539                     |
| 4.0000        | 3.920410156                     |

| Voltage Range | Max DC Voltage (absolute value) |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 16.0000       | 15.68164062                     |
| 64.0000       | not used                        |
| 256.0000      | not used                        |

- Optional parameters that are left blank are filled from left to right. Therefore, it is necessary to use the syntax DEFault to note that a particular parameter is to use the default value. For example, to specify a sample rate other than the default, you must declare DEFault for the <readings> parameter or the <rate> parameter value you intended will be used to fill in the <readings> parameter. The command for channel 1 would appear as: CAL:GAIN1 DEF,.002. If you are calibrating the 16V range and you want to recalculate the 64V and 256V calibration constants, the command is: CAL:GAIN1 DEF,.002,ON.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: None

## SOURce

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**CALibration:SOURce INTernal | EXTernal** specifies the calibration source to be used for any subsequent gain calibrations. “EXTernal” is the default source, a voltage must be provided from an external source to the channel being calibrated.

**Note** The “INTernal” source is available only on the HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer. CAL:SOURce INTernal outputs the specified DAC voltage set by CAL:DAC:VOLT <voltage> onto the calibration bus where it is applied internally to the channels. It is also available on the top two pins of the front panel D-subminiature connector where you must measure the voltage with a transfer standard (accurate voltmeter) and enter the measured value using the CAL:VALue command. The calibration gain command then sets calibration constants for the value you input assuming it is the value on the calibration bus.

- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: EXTernal

## :SOURce?

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**CALibration:SOURce?** queries which calibration source is set. This setting is shared by all channels. Returns either “INT” for INTernal or “EXT” for EXTernal.

## :STATe

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**CALibration:STATe ON | 1 | OFF | 0** enables the calibration of the instrument. Many instrument operations are not allowed when this state is ON and will result in an error “Illegal while calibrating”. You must remember to set the calibration state to OFF when calibration is finished.

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**Note** Sending CAL:STAT OFF, without storing any modified cal constants with the CAL:STORe command, will generate an error. Send the ABORt or \*RST command to abort a calibration without storing cal constants.

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- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: OFF

## :STATe?

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**CALibration:STATe?** queries the present calibration state of the instrument. A return value of “1” indicates the instrument is enabled and will accept calibration commands and perform calibrations. A return value of “0” indicates the instrument is not calibration enabled and attempting to execute a calibration process command such as CAL:GAIN or CAL:ZERO, will return the error “Calibration not enabled”.

## :STORe

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**CALibration:STORe** writes the calibration constants to non-volatile RAM after calibration has been completed.

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**Note** You must have the FLASH and CAL CONSTANTS switches set to the “Write Enable” positions before calibration constants are stored in RAM.

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- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: None

## :VALue

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**CALibration:VALue <voltage>** specifies the voltage value actually applied to the channel for calibration. This value informs the digitizer what voltage is either being placed on the front panel input connector (CAL:SOURce EXTernal) or the value being generated by the internal DAC (HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer only) and

being output onto the calibration bus.

## Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values                   | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>voltage</i> | numeric        | $\pm 0.061256409$ - $\pm 15.6800$ | volts         |

## Comments

The maximum voltage from an external source used to calibrate the 16V range is 15.68V or 98% of full scale. The maximum voltage attainable from the E1564A internal DAC is 15V. See the following paragraphs.

### HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer Internal DAC

The internal DAC on the HP E1564A can be used for the calibration source when CAL:SOURce INTernal is specified. The output level of this DAC is specified with the CAL:DAC:VOLTage command. The actual output level must be measured with a voltmeter by the person doing the calibration and that measured value is the input for the *<voltage>* parameter of this CAL:VALue command. The voltage can be measured across pins 5 (high) and 9 (low) of the D-subminiature calibration bus connector.

The maximum output levels are limited to the levels shown in the table below. These are the HP E1564A DAC voltages recommended for calibrating each range. The values are approximately 98% of full scale (except for the 16V range which the internal E1564A's DAC has a maximum output of  $\pm 15$ V).

| Voltage Range | Max DC Voltage (absolute value) |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 0.0625        | 0.061256409                     |
| 0.2500        | 0.245025635                     |
| 1.0000        | 0.980102539                     |
| 4.0000        | 3.920410156                     |
| 16.0000       | 15.00                           |
| 64.0000       | not used                        |
| 256.0000      | not used                        |

- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: All channels set to 0.0 volts

## :VALue?

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**CALibration:VALue?** queries the present setting of the calibration voltage.

## :ZERO

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**CALibration:ZERO**[<channel>] [<samples>][,<rate>] initiates an offset calibration for the current range on the specified channel using an internal short. The following steps must be completed prior to executing a zero calibration:

- Set the CAL:STATe ON to allow calibration to occur.
- Set the digitizer to the desired range and filter on the channel you want to calibrate with the VOLTage[<channel>]:RANGe <range> and INPut[<channel>]:FILTer:FREQ <freq> and :FILTer:STATe ON|OFF commands.
- Errors will result if the above steps are not performed before CAL:ZERO.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values                                   | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| <i>samples</i> | numeric        | 25 to 4000   DEFault                              | none          |
| <i>rate</i>    | numeric        | 1.25E-6 to reference period * 8,388,607   DEFault | Seconds       |

### Comments

- Optional parameters that are left blank are filled from left to right. Therefore, it is necessary to use the syntax DEFault to note that a particular parameter is to use the default value. For example, to specify a sample rate other than the default, you must declare DEFault for the <readings> parameter or the <rate> parameter value you intended will be used to fill in the <readings> parameter. The command for channel 1 would appear as: CAL:ZERO1 DEF,.002.
- The number of samples and the sample rate would normally be set to DEFault values to provide averaging over an integral number of either 50 Hertz or 60 Hertz power line cycles. This allows the calibration to cancel out any noise that is periodic with the power supply. Specifying a value other than DEF for <samples> and/or <rate> will result in those values being used for the zero offset calibration.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: None

## :ZERO:ALL?

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**CALibration:ZERO[<channel>]:ALL?** [*<samples>*][,*<rate>*] initiates a zero offset calibration *for all ranges* on the specified channel using an internal short. The command returns “0” if the calibration was successful. It returns a non-zero value if an error occurred while calibrating one of the ranges. The non-zero return value contains the failed ranges as high bits in the lower word. For example, a return value of 000000000100001 has a lower word of 00100001 which indicates range 0 (bit 0 = 0.0625V) and range 5 (bit 5 = 64V) failed. The error string in SYST:ERR? contains information about the failure on the highest range that failed (range 5, 64V). The following steps must be completed prior to executing a zero calibration:

- Set the CAL:STATe ON to allow calibration to occur.
- Set the digitizer to the desired filter on the channel you want to calibrate with the INPut[<channel>]:FILTer:FREQ <freq> and :FILTer:STATe ON|OFF commands.
- Errors result if the above steps are not performed before CAL:ZERO:ALL?.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values                                   | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| <i>samples</i> | numeric        | 25 to 4000   DEFault                              | none          |
| <i>rate</i>    | numeric        | 1.25E-6 to reference period * 8,388,607   DEFault | Seconds       |

### Comments

- Optional parameters that are left blank are filled from left to right. Therefore, it is necessary to use the syntax DEFault to note that a particular parameter is to use the default value. For example, to specify a sample rate other than the default, you must declare DEFault for the <readings> parameter or the <rate> parameter value you intended will be used to fill in the <readings> parameter. The command for channel 1 would appear as: CAL:ZERO1 DEF,.002.
- The number of samples and the sample rate would normally be set to DEFault values to provide averaging over an integral number of either 50 Hertz or 60 Hertz power line cycles. This allows the calibration to cancel out any noise that is periodic with the power supply. Specifying a value other than DEF for <samples> and/or <rate> will result in those values being used.
- If an error occurs on any range, calibration proceeds on to the next range, and the bad range is noted.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: None

The DIAGnostic subsystem contains several commands which were developed to test the instrument at the factory. Some of these commands may prove useful for isolating problems or for use in special applications.

## Subsystem Syntax

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DIAGnostic
:DAC:OFFSet[<channel>] <voltage>
:DAC:OFFSet[<channel>]:RAMP <count>
:DAC:GAIN[<channel>] <value>
:DAC:SOURce <voltage>
:DAC:SOURce:RAMP <count>
:INTerrupt:LINE 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7
:INTerrupt:LINE?
:MEMory:SIZE <size>
:MEMory:SIZE?
:PEEK? <reg_number>
:POKE? <reg_number>,<data>
:SHORt[<channel>] ON | 1 | OFF | 0
:SHORt[<channel>]?
:STATus?
```

## :DAC:OFFSet

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**DIAGnostic:DAC:OFFSet[<channel>] <voltage>** writes the specified voltage value to the calibration offset DAC of the specified channel when the DAC:GAIN command is sent. This offset voltage value is not used unless a DAC:GAIN <value> is sent to the calibration gain DAC. This command is a factory diagnostic routine.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>voltage</i> | numeric        | -2.5 to +2.5    | none          |

### Comments

- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: None

## :DAC:OFFSet:RAMP

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**DIAGnostic:DAC:OFFSet[<channel>]:RAMP <count>** outputs to the specified channel, a ramp of DAC values from 0 to 255 with the DAC code changing approximately every 100  $\mu$ S. This command is a factory diagnostic routine.

## Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>count</i>   | numeric        | 1 to 32767      | none          |

## Comments

- The “count” parameter defines the number of ramps to output. Approximately 37.35 full ramps are output each second.
- A count of 2240 will output ramps for approximately 60 seconds.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: None

## :DAC:GAIN

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**DIAGnostic:GAIN[<channel>] <value>** writes the specified value to the calibration gain DAC of the specified channel. There *must* be a signal on the input for this to work properly. Any offset value set by the DAC:OFFSet <voltage> is used by the DAC when the DAC:GAIN command is sent. The gain is set on the specified channel. This command is a factory diagnostic routine.

## Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>value</i>   | numeric        | 0 to 255        | none          |

## Comments

- A positive full scale input combined with a DAC gain value of 255 will result in a +2.5V output from the DAC.
- A negative full scale input combined with a DAC gain value of 255 will result in a -2.5V output from the DAC.
- A DAC gain value of 0 will result in 0V output in both cases.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: None



## :DAC:SOURce

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**DIAGnostic:DAC:SOURce** <*voltage*> outputs the specified voltage from the internal calibration source DAC onto the cal pins of the front panel connector. This command is a factory diagnostic routine.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>voltage</i> | numeric        | -15.0 to +15.0  | none          |

### Comments

- The channel's input relay remains open until it is closed by an INPut:STATe ON command or by a reset of the instrument.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: DAC output is set to 0V

## :DAC:SOURce:RAMP

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**DIAGnostic:DAC:SOURce:RAMP** <*count*> outputs a ramp of DAC values from 0 to 4095 with the DAC code changing about every 100  $\mu$ S. This command is a factory diagnostic routine.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>count</i>   | numeric        | 1 through 255   | none          |

### Comments

- The "count" variable specifies how many ramps to output. The timing is such that about 2.3257 full ramps are output each second.
- A count of 139 will output ramps for just under 60 seconds.
- The signal will be output onto the cal pins on the front panel D-subminiature connector.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: DAC output is set to 0V

## :INTerrupt:LINE

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**DIAGnostic:INTerrupt:LINE 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7** sets the interrupt line to be used. Specifying the “0” parameter disables interrupts.

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**Note** The STATus subsystem will not work if interrupts are disabled (STATus:OPERation and STATus:QUESTionable commands). Use the DIAG:STATus? command when you disable interrupts.

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- Comments**
- The “0” parameter disables all interrupts.
  - Power-on default setting is interrupt line “1”.
  - Executable when initiated: No
  - Coupled Command: No
  - Reset (\*RST) Condition: Interrupt line setting is unchanged.

## :INTerrupt:LINE?

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**DIAGnostic:INTerrupt:LINE?** queries the interrupt line setting. Returns a number “0” through “7” to indicate interrupt line 1 through 7. A “0” returned indicates interrupts are disabled. See Note in preceding DIAG:INTerrupt:LINE.

## :MEMory:SIZE

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**DIAGnostic:MEMory:SIZE <size>** sets the memory size value in calibration memory. Your module comes standard with 4 Mbytes of RAM. You can replace this with PC SIMM modules of up to 128 Mbytes. See Chapter 1 for the procedure for adding RAM to your module.

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**Note** This command is required and used only when you change the size of RAM on the module. You then use this command to set the new memory size value in calibration memory.

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### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values                      | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>size</i>    | numeric        | 4E6, 8E6, 16E6, 32E6, 64E6 and 128E6 | none          |

**Comments** The <size> parameter will accept a value in excess of the industry notation value of

4M, 8M, 16M, etc. (e.g., 4E6, 8E6, 16E6, etc.) up to the actual size as noted in the following DIAGnostic:MEMory:SIZE? command.

## :MEMory:SIZE?

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**DIAGnostic:MEMory:SIZE?** queries the RAM size value in calibration memory. The value returned is the actual amount of memory, not the abbreviated industry notation for memory size. The value returned for each size is shown below:

| RAM industry notation | actual size value |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 4M                    | 4,194,304         |
| 8M                    | 8,388,608         |
| 16M                   | 16,777,216        |
| 32M                   | 33,554,432        |
| 64M                   | 67,108,864        |
| 128M                  | 134,217,728       |

## :PEEK?

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**DIAGnostic:PEEK?** <reg\_number> queries the specified register and returns the contents of the register.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name    | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>reg_number</i> | numeric        | 0 to 31         | none          |

### Comments

- See Appendix B for register bit definitions.
- You can read the following digitizer registers using the register number:

reg\_number Register Description (base + register offset)

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| 0   | Manufacturer ID Register (base + 00 <sub>16</sub> )   |
| 1   | Device Type Register (base + 02 <sub>16</sub> )       |
| 2   | Status/Control Register (base + 04 <sub>16</sub> )    |
| 3   | Offset Register (base + 06 <sub>16</sub> )            |
| 4** | FIFO High Word Register (base + 08 <sub>16</sub> )    |
| 5** | FIFO Low Word Register (base + 0A <sub>16</sub> )     |
| 6   | Interrupt Control Register (base + 0C <sub>16</sub> ) |
| 7   | Interrupt Sources Register (base + 0E <sub>16</sub> ) |
| 8   | CVTable Channel 1 Register (base + 10 <sub>16</sub> ) |
| 9   | CVTable Channel 2 Register (base + 12 <sub>16</sub> ) |
| 10  | CVTable Channel 3 Register (base + 14 <sub>16</sub> ) |
| 11  | CVTable Channel 4 Register (base + 16 <sub>16</sub> ) |

- 12 Samples Taken High Word Register (base + 18<sub>16</sub>)
- 13 Samples Taken Low Word Register (base + 1A<sub>16</sub>)
- 14 Calibration Flash ROM Address Register (base + 1C<sub>16</sub>)
- 15 Calibration Flash ROM Data Register (base + 1E<sub>16</sub>)
- 16 Calibration Source Register (base + 20<sub>16</sub>)
- 17 Cache Count Register (base + 22<sub>16</sub>)
- 18 Range, Filter, Connect Channels 1 and 2 Register (base + 24<sub>16</sub>)
- 19 Range, Filter, Connect Channels 3 and 4 Register (base + 26<sub>16</sub>)
- 20 Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 1 Register (base + 28<sub>16</sub>)
- 21 Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 2 Register (base + 2A<sub>16</sub>)
- 22 Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 3 Register (base + 2C<sub>16</sub>)
- 23 Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 4 Register (base + 2E<sub>16</sub>)
- 24 Sample Period High Word Register (base + 30<sub>16</sub>)
- 25 Sample Period Low Word Register (base + 32<sub>16</sub>)
- 26 Pre-Trigger Count High Register (base + 34<sub>16</sub>)
- 27 Pre-Trigger Count Low Register (base + 36<sub>16</sub>)
- 28 Post-Trigger Count High Register (base + 38<sub>16</sub>)
- 29 Post-Trigger Count Low Register (base + 3A<sub>16</sub>)
- 30 Trigger Control/Source Register (base + 3C<sub>16</sub>)
- 31 Sample Control/Source Register (base + 3E<sub>16</sub>)

- DIAG:PEEK? 4 or DIAG:PEEK? 5 may cause an error if they are read before data has been taken.

**Example** Read the Manufacturers ID register:

DIAG:PEEK? 0

returns -12289 (decimal) or FFFF CFFF (hexadecimal). The three least significant characters (FFF) indicates a Hewlett-Packard A16 register-based module.

## :POKE

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**DIAGnostic:POKE** <reg\_number>, <data> places the specified value in the specified register.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name    | Parameter Type | Range of Values  | Default Units |
|-------------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| <i>reg_number</i> | numeric        | 2-4, 14-16, 18-31  | none          |
| <i>data</i>       | numeric        | -32768 to +32767<br>signed integer<br>0 to 65535<br>unsigned integer | none          |

### Comments

- See Appendix B for register bit definitions.
- You can write to the following digitizer registers using the register number:

| <u>reg_number</u> | <u>Register Description</u>                      | <u>(base + register offset)</u> |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 2                 | Status/Control Register                          | (base + 04 <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 3                 | Offset Register                                  | (base + 06 <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 6                 | Interrupt Control Register                       | (base + 0C <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 14                | Calibration Flash ROM Address Register           | (base + 1C <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 15                | Calibration Flash ROM Data Register              | (base + 1E <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 16                | Calibration Source Register                      | (base + 20 <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 18                | Range, Filter, Connect Channels 1 and 2 Register | (base + 24 <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 19                | Range, Filter, Connect Channels 3 and 4 Register | (base + 26 <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 20                | Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 1 Register       | (base + 28 <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 21                | Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 2 Register       | (base + 2A <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 22                | Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 3 Register       | (base + 2C <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 23                | Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 4 Register       | (base + 2E <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 24                | Sample Period High Word Register                 | (base + 30 <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 25                | Sample Period Low Word Register                  | (base + 32 <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 26                | Pre-Trigger Count High Register                  | (base + 34 <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 27                | Pre-Trigger Count Low Register                   | (base + 36 <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 28                | Post-Trigger Count High Register                 | (base + 38 <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 29                | Post-Trigger Count Low Register                  | (base + 3A <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 30                | Trigger Control/Source Register                  | (base + 3C <sub>16</sub> )      |
| 31                | Sample Control/Source Register                   | (base + 3E <sub>16</sub> )      |

- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: None

**Example** Write to the Range, Filter, Connect Channels 1 and 2 register to set channel 1 and 2 ranges to 64V and set the filters to 100 kHz:

DIAG:POKE 18,13621

The binary bit pattern for +13621 is 0011010100110101

## :SHORT

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**DIAGnostic:SHORT**[<channel>] **ON** | **1** | **OFF** | **0** connects an internal short across the input of the specified channel when the “ON” or “1” parameter is used. The internal short is enabled by “ON” or “1” and disabled by “OFF” or “0”.

### Comments

- The short remains in effect until a reset or until it is disabled with a DIAG:SHORT[<channel>] OFF command.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: Short OFF

## :SHORT?

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**DIAGnostic:SHORT[<channel>]?** queries the specified channel to determine if the internal short is connected. This command returns “1” if the short is present or returns “0” if it is not present.

## :STATus?

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**DIAGnostic:STATus?** returns the status of bits in the instrument's interrupt sources register (offset 08h; see Appendix B). A high value in a bit location indicates a particular event has occurred. The bit positions and their meanings are as follows:

| Bit | Event Represented When Bit is High  |
|-----|---|
| 0   | Channel 1 limit was exceeded or channel 1 trigger level was exceeded.                                       |
| 1   | Channel 2 limit was exceeded or channel 2 trigger level was exceeded.                                       |
| 2   | Channel 3 limit was exceeded or channel 3 trigger level was exceeded.                                       |
| 3   | Channel 4 limit was exceeded or channel 4 trigger level was exceeded.                                       |
| 4   | An input overload occurred and the input relay opened.  |
| 5   | The pre-trigger count has been met.   |
| 6   | The measurement has completed normally, or available memory has been filled and the measurement was halted. |
| 7   | A valid trigger event was received after the pretrigger acquisition (if any) was completed.                 |

- This command returns a binary-weighted number representing the bit pattern of the register and therefore, the status of the above instrument events.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: None

The FORMat command subsystem is used to specify the output format of the readings from the HP E1563A/E1564A Digitizer.

**Subsystem Syntax**      FORMat  
                              [:DATA]    ASCii | PACKed | REAL  
                              [:DATA]?

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## [:DATA]

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**FORMat[:DATA]**    ASCii | PACKed | REAL specifies the output format for measurement data.

### Comments

- PACKed,16 format is signed 16 bits (16-bit integers). Data is returned as raw data and must be converted to voltage by one of the following methods:

$$\text{voltage} = \text{reading} * \text{range}/32768$$

$$\text{voltage} = \text{reading} * \text{resolution}$$

NOTE: Use the [SENSe:]VOLTage[:DC]:RESolution? command to obtain the resolution value.

- REAL,64 format sends data back as IEEE-754 64-bit real numbers.
- Both PACKed,16 and REAL,64 formats return data preceded by the IEEE-488.2 definite length arbitrary block header. The header is as follows:

# <num\_digits> <num\_bytes>

# signifies a block transfer

<num\_digits> is a single digit (1 through 9) which specifies how many digits (ASCII characters) are in the <num\_bytes> descriptor which follows.

<num\_bytes> is the number of data bytes which immediately follow the <num\_bytes> field.

- Reset (\*RST) Condition: FORMat:DATA    ASCii

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## [:DATA]?

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**FORMat[:DATA]?** queries the type of output format set for measurement data.

### Comments

The command returns “ASC,+7”, “PACK,+16”, or “REAL,+64”.

- ASC,+7 indicates ASCII data with seven significant digits.
- PACKed,+16 indicates the format is signed 16 bits.
- REAL,+64 indicates data is IEEE-754 64-bit real numbers.

The INITiate subsystem controls the initiation of the trigger system and prepares the Digitizer to take voltage measurements. Once a trigger is received from the programmed source (TRIGger:SOURce command), measurements begin on all channels. Normally, all measurement setup (setting measurement ranges, sample count and trigger sources, etc.) should be done before this command is sent. Sending this command will cause the Digitizer to begin the measurement process.

**Subsystem Syntax**      INITiate  
                                  [:IMMediate]  
                                  :CONTInuous ON | 1 | OFF | 0  
                                  :CONTInuous?

## **[:IMMediate]**

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**INITiate[:IMMediate]** initiates the trigger system and prepares the Digitizer to take voltage measurements. After initiation, the Digitizer enters the wait-for-trigger state and begins taking pretrigger readings until the pretrigger count is met (if there is a pretrigger count set). All incoming triggers are ignored until the pretrigger count is met. Pretrigger readings continue until a trigger arrives. The first trigger received after the pretrigger readings have been acquired is the one accepted and it advances the digitizer to the wait-for-sample state which is where readings are actually taken. When the number of readings specified by the TRIGger:COUNT and SAMPLe:COUNT have been taken, the trigger system returns to the idle state and digitizer stops measuring.

- Comments**
- Executable when initiated: No
  - Coupled Command: No
  - Reset (\*RST) Condition: Idle state

## **:CONTInuous**

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**INITiate:CONTInuous ON | 1 | OFF | 0** is used to either start or stop a continuous measurement. The ON (1) setting will start a measurement with an infinite sample count. After initiation, the Digitizer enters the wait-for-trigger state and begins taking pretrigger readings until the pretrigger count is met (if there is a pretrigger count set). All incoming triggers are ignored until the pretrigger count is met. Pretrigger readings continue until a trigger arrives. The first trigger received after the pretrigger readings have been acquired is the one accepted and it advances the digitizer to the wait-for-sample state which is where readings are actually taken. The incoming trigger advances the Digitizer to the wait-for-sample state which is where readings are actually taken. The instrument will continuously sample until one of the following three things occurs:

1. The measurement is stopped by the ABORt command.
2. The measurement is stopped by executing INITiate:CONTInuous OFF.



3. The instrument's FIFO memory is filled. This can be prevented by fetching the data from memory in blocks faster than the sample rate can fill memory.

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**Note** The INIT[:IMMediate] and INIT:CONTInuous commands return "1" to \*OPC? when the instrument begins measurement not when measurements complete. To determine when a non-continuous measurement is complete, use the DIAG:STATus? command and monitor bit 6. You can also detect when measurements are complete by monitoring the "measurement complete" bit (bit 9) of the STATus:OPERation:CONDition register in the STATus system. See the STATus command. \*WAI, \*OPC and \*OPC? will all be fulfilled immediately after the INIT command is processed not when the measurements are complete.

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**Comments**

- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: Idle state

## **:CONTInuous?**

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**INITiate:CONTInuous?** queries the instrument to determine if the INITiate:CONTInuous is enabled or disabled.

The INPut command subsystem controls characteristics of the input signal, including ON/OFF state and low-pass filtering. The command defaults to channel 1 if you do not specify a channel in the command syntax (e.g., INP ON is same as INP1 ON).

**Subsystem Syntax**      INPut[<channel>]  
                              :FILTer[:LPASs]:FREQ 1.5E3 | 6E3 | 25E3 | 100E3 (*valid for E1564A only*)  
                              :FILTer[:LPASs]:FREQ?  
                              :FILTer[:LPASs]::STATe] ON | 1 | OFF | 0  
                              :FILTer[:LPASs]::STATe]?  
                              [:STATe] ON | 1 | OFF | 0  
                              [:STATe]?

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## :FILTer[:LPASs]:FREQ

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**INPut[<channel>]:FILTer[:LPASs]:FREQ 1.5E3 | 6E3 | 25E3 | 100E3** command sets the filter frequency for the 4-channel E1564A Digitizer. The filters are 2-pole Bessel filters. <channel> is 1 through 4. The 2-channel E1563A Digitizer only has a fixed 25 kHz filter but will accept this command without error.

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**Note**      The 2-channel E1563A Digitizer has a fixed 25 kHz filter. The E1563A will accept this command but cannot change the filter and will not generate an error.

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**Comments**

- In the E1564A 4-channel digitizer, the filter will be set to the nearest value that can be achieved by the value specified in the command e.g., if you specify 10E3, the filter is set to 6K, if you specify 20E3, the filter is set to 25K. In the E1563A 2-channel digitizer, the filter will be 25 kHz regardless of what value you input (see above note).
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: No
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: filter state OFF

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## :FILTer[:LPASs]:FREQ?

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**INPut[<channel>]:FILTer[:LPASs]:FREQ?** command queries the present filter frequency setting on the specified channel.

## :FILTer[:LPASs][:STATe]

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**INPut**[<channel>]:**FILTer**[:LPASs][:STATe] **ON** | **1** | **OFF** | **0** command is used to enable or disable the low-pass filter on the specified channel.

**Comments** Executable Command: No  
Couple Command: No  
Reset (\*RST) Condition: filter OFF

## :FILTer[:LPASs][:STATe]?

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**INPut**[<channel>]:**FILTer**[:LPASs][:STATe]? command is used to query the specified channel to determine if the low-pass filter is enabled or disabled. A return value of “0” indicates the filter is OFF, “1” indicates the filter is ON.

## [:STATe]

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**INPut**[<channel>][:STATe] **ON** | **1** | **OFF** | **0** is used to connect or disconnect the input signal to the Digitizer’s measurement circuitry.

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**Note** **OFF State Connections:**

HP E1563A 2-Channel Digitizer:  
**INPut**<channel>:STATe OFF connects the specified channel to ground.

HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer:  
**INPut**<channel>:STATe OFF connects the specified channel to the internal calibration bus (calibration DAC).

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**Comments** Executable when initiated: No  
Coupled command: No  
Reset (\*RST) Condition: all channels ON (connected)

## [:STATe]?

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**INPut**[<channel>][:STATe]? command queries the specified channel to determine if the input signal is connected to, or disconnected from, the Digitizer’s measurement circuitry. If connected, a “1” is returned; if disconnected, a “0” is returned.

The OUTPut command subsystem sets the source of output pulses for the specified TTL Trigger line (TTLT0-TTLT7) and enables or disables the output.

## Subsystem Syntax

```
OUTPut
:TTLT<n>:SOURce TRIGger | SAMPlE | BOTH
:TTLT<n>:SOURce?
:TTLT<n>[:STATe] ON | 1 | OFF | 0
:TTLT<n>[:STATe]?
```

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## :TTLT<n>:SOURce

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**OUTPut:TTLT<n>:SOURce TRIG | SAMP | BOTH** sets the source of output pulses for the specified TTL Trigger line.

### Comments

- <n> can have the value 0 through 7 (TTLT0 - TTLT7).
- The Digitizer allows separate control of the trigger signal and the sample signal output to the TTL trigger lines. Each can output to only a single line; however, they can both output onto the same line when the BOTH parameter is used. When BOTH is used, no other lines can be enabled.
- Output pulses will not be sent until the TTL trigger line state is set to ON.
- Resource conflicts will occur if either the trigger or sample source is already using a TTL line you attempt to enable. The trigger source will be set to IMMEDIATE if it is the conflict. The sample source will be set to TIMER if it is the conflict. A “Settings Conflict” error will occur.
- Setting the trigger or sample source to a TTL trigger line that has its output state ON will result in a “Settings Conflict” error and the output state will be changed to OFF. The specified trigger line will be assigned to the sample or trigger source.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: Yes
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: Source is SAMPlE for all TTL lines

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## :TTLT<n>:SOURce?

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**OUTPut:TTLT<n>:SOURce?** queries the specified TTL Trigger line (TTLT0-TTLT7) to identify the source of output pulses. A response of “TRIG” indicates the source is a trigger event, a “SAMP” indicates the source is a sample event and a response of “BOTH” indicates the source is both a trigger event and a sample event.

## **:TTLT<n>[:STATe]**

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**OUTPut:TTLT<n>[:STATe]** **ON | 1 | OFF | 0** enables or disables the specified TTL Trigger line for outputting the source set by the **OUTPut:TTLT<n>:SOURce** command.

### **Comments**

- <n> can have the value 0 through 7 (TTLT0 - TTLT7).
- Resource conflicts will occur if either the trigger or sample source is already using a TTL line you attempt to enable as an **OUTPut** line. The **OUTPut** TTL line will not be enabled and a “Settings Conflict” error will occur.
- Setting the trigger or sample source to a TTL trigger line that has its output state **ON** will result in a settings conflict error and the output state will be changed to **OFF**. The specified trigger line will be assigned to the sample or trigger source.
- **TRIG:MODE MASTER<n> | SLAVE<n>** will disable all other **OUTPut:TTLT<n>:STATe** settings. The only outputs that will occur are those defined in the **MASTER-SLAVE** relationship.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled Command: Yes
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: All lines set to **OFF**.

## **:TTLT<n>[:STATe]?**

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**OUTPut:TTLT<n>[:STATe]?** queries the specified TTL Trigger line (TTLT0-TTLT7) to determine if it is enabled (1) or disabled (0).

The SENSe command subsystem is used to change low-level parameters such as voltage range, sweep and sweep offset points and to set the reference oscillator source and frequency. It is also used to obtain measurement data from the module.

**Subsystem Syntax**

```
[SENSe:]
  DATA? <rdgs_per_channel>[,channel_list]
  DATA:ALL? <rdgs_per_channel>
  DATA:COUNt?
  DATA:CVTable? [channel_list]
  ROSCillator:EXTernal:FREQuency <freq>|
  ROSCillator:EXTernal:FREQuency?
  ROSCillator:SOURce INTernal | EXTernal
  ROSCillator:SOURce?
  SWEep:POINts <neg_value> | MIN | MAX
  SWEep:POINts? MIN | MAX
  SWEep:OFFSet:POINts <neg_value> | MIN | MAX
  SWEep:OFFSet:POINts? MIN | MAX
  VOLTage[<channel>][:DC]:RANGe <range> | MIN | MAX
  VOLTage[<channel>][:DC]:RANGe?
  VOLTage[<channel>][:DC]:RESolution?
```

**DATA?**

[SENSe:]DATA? <rdgs\_per\_channel>[,channel\_list] command returns voltage formatted data from all channels (default) or only from the specified channel list.

**Parameters**

| Parameter Name          | Parameter Type | Range of Values  | Default Units |
|-------------------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| <i>rdgs_per_channel</i> | numeric        | 1 to MAX samples which depends on size of RAM on module (see SAMPLE:COUNt command) | none          |
| <i>channel_list</i>     | numeric        | 1-2 (E1563A)<br>1-4 (E1564A)   | N/A           |

**Comments**

- *channel\_list* has the form (@1) or (@2), (@1,2), (@1:4) or (@1,2,3,4) or for specific channels but not all, the format is (@1,3,4)
- The readings are returned in an array in an interleaved configuration. That is, the array contains the first reading from each specified channel followed by the second reading from each specified channel. The readings are in channel number order starting with the lowest to highest specified channel in the channel list. For example, the channel list (@2,1) returns channel 1 readings followed by channel 2 readings and returns the same as channel list (@1,2).

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**Note**

1. Measurement data on channels not in the specified channel list is thrown away by this command and is not recoverable.
  2. This command can read the data from a measurement only once. It is a destructive read and the data cannot be retrieved a second time.
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- The number of readings this command will return for each channel is determined by the number of samples set by the `SAMPlE:COUNt` command. The total number of readings returned is the number of samples X the number of specified channels. If a measurement is aborted with the `ABORt` command, there may be less readings available than indicated by (samples X channels). For `ABORt`ed measurements, use `DATA:COUNt?` to determine how many readings are available.
- Data is returned as raw data (16-bit integers) when the data format is set to `PACKed` (see the `FORMat[:DATA] PACKed` command). Use either of the two methods shown below to convert the raw readings to voltages:

$$\text{voltage} = \text{reading} * \text{range}/32768$$

$$\text{voltage} = \text{reading} * \text{resolution}$$

NOTE: Use the `[SENSe:]VOLTage[:DC]:RESolution?` command to obtain the resolution value.

- Data is returned as real numbers when the data format is set to `REAL` (see the `FORMat[:DATA] REAL` command). The data is returned in voltage units and no scaling conversion is required as with the `PACKed` format. Readings are in an interleaved configuration as described in the first bullet item.
- Both `PACKed` and `REAL` formats return data preceded by the IEEE-488.2 definite length arbitrary block header. The header is as follows:

```
# <num_digits> <num_bytes>
```

```
# signifies a block transfer
```

```
<num_digits> is a single digit (1 through 9) which specifies how many digits  
(ASCII characters) are in the <num_bytes> descriptor which follows
```

```
<num_bytes> is the number of data bytes which immediately follow the  
<num_bytes> field
```

- A full scale reading may actually be an overload.
- A deadlock can occur when trigger events are set to `BUS` or `HOLD` because a software trigger could not break in after this command is sent.
- Executable when initiated: Yes
- Coupled command: No
- Reset (`*RST`) condition: none

## DATA:ALL?

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[SENSe:]DATA:ALL? <rdgs\_per\_channel> command returns voltage formatted data from each active channel.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name          | Parameter Type | Range of Values                            | Default Units |
|-------------------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| <i>rdgs_per_channel</i> | numeric        | 1 to 32M** (E1563A)<br>1 to 16M** (E1564A) | none          |

\*\* (memory size in bytes) / (number of channels \* 2) = 128M/4 or 128M/8 (MAX)

### Comments

- The readings are returned in an array in an interleaved configuration. That is, the array contains the first reading from channel 1, channel 2, etc. This is followed by the second reading from channel 1, channel 2, etc.

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### Note

This command can read the data from a measurement only once. It is a destructive read and the data cannot be retrieved a second time.

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- The number of readings this command will return for each channel is determined by the number of samples set by the SAMPlE:COUNt command. The total number of readings returned is the number of samples X the number of channels. If a measurement is aborted with the ABORt command, there may be less readings available than indicated by (samples X channels). For ABORted measurements, use DATA:COUNt? to determine how many readings are available.
- Data is returned as raw data (16-bit integers) when the data format is set to PACKed (see the FORMat[:DATA] PACKed command). Use either of the two methods shown below to convert the raw readings to voltages:

$$\text{voltage} = \text{reading} * \text{range}/32768$$

$$\text{voltage} = \text{reading} * \text{resolution}$$

NOTE: Use the [SENSe:]VOLTagE[:DC]:RESolution? command to obtain the resolution value.

- Data is returned as real numbers when the data format is set to REAL (see the FORMat[:DATA] REAL command). The data is returned in voltage units and no scaling conversion is required as with the PACKed format. Readings are in an interleaved configuration as described in the first bullet item.
- Both PACKed and REAL formats return data preceded by the IEEE-488.2 definite length arbitrary block header. The header is as follows:

# <num\_digits> <num\_bytes>



# signifies a block transfer  
 <num\_digits> is a single digit (1 through 9) which specifies how many digits (ASCII characters) are in the <num\_bytes> descriptor which follows  
 <num\_bytes> is the number of data bytes which immediately follow the <num\_bytes> field

- A full scale reading may actually be an overload.
- A deadlock can occur when trigger events are set to BUS or HOLD because a software trigger could not break in after this command is sent.
- Executable when initiated: Yes
- Coupled command: No
- Reset (\*RST) condition: none

## DATA:COUNT?

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[SENSe:]DATA:COUNT? command returns the number of readings available to be read by the DATA? command per channel. This is useful for determining the amount of data taken in an aborted measurement. The data count from a completed measurement is equal to the sample count set by the SAMPLE:COUNT command.

## DATA:CVTable?

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[SENSe:]DATA:CVTable? @*channel\_list* command returns the **most recent** reading taken from each specified channel. The last reading, or **Current Value**, from each channel is returned in channel number order starting with the first one in the list.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name      | Parameter Type | Range of Values              | Default Units |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>channel_list</i> | numeric        | 1-2 (E1563A)<br>1-4 (E1564A) | N/A           |

### Comments

- *channel\_list* has the form (@1) or (@2), (@1,2), (@1:4) or (@1,2,3,4) or for specific channels but not all, the format is (@1,3,4). If you specify channels not in ascending order e.g., (@2,1) or (@3,4,2), they are rearranged as 1,2 or 2,3,4 respectively.
- Data is returned as raw data (16-bit integers) when the data format is set to PACKed (see the FORMat[:DATA] PACKed command). Use either of the two methods shown below to convert the raw readings to voltages:

$$\text{voltage} = \text{reading} * \text{range}/32768$$

$$\text{voltage} = \text{reading} * \text{resolution}$$

NOTE: Use the [SENSe:]VOLTage[:DC]:RESolution? command to obtain the resolution value.

- Data is returned as real numbers when the data format is set to REAL (see the FORMat[:DATA] REAL command). The data is returned in voltage units and no scaling conversion is required as with the PACKed format.
- Both PACKed and REAL formats return data preceded by the IEEE-488.2 definite length arbitrary block header. The header is as follows:

```
# <num_digits> <num_bytes>
# signifies a block transfer
<num_digits> is a single digit (1 through 9) specifying how many digits
(ASCII characters) are in the <num_bytes> descriptor which follows
<num_bytes> is the number of data bytes which immediately follow the
<num_bytes> field
```

## ROSCillator:EXTernal:FREQUENCY

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[SENSe:]ROSCillator:EXTernal:FREQUENCY <freq> is used to specify the externally supplied timebase frequency. This command is not required unless ROSCillator:SOURce is EXTernal. The default timebase is the INTernal timebase.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>freq</i>    | numeric        | 9.9E3 to 30E6   | Hz            |

### Comments

- The frequency parameter value is used to calculate sample periods when the sample source is set to TIMer.
- The sample period must be at least 1.250E-6 seconds (800 kHz), and must be an integral multiple of the timebase period (this is 1.0E-7 seconds when the timebase source is INTernal). Period values will be rounded to the nearest period the instrument can obtain.
- Executable when initiated: NO
- Coupled command: NO
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: frequency = 10.0 MHz

## ROSCillator:EXTernal:FREQUENCY?

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[SENSe:]ROSCillator:EXTernal:FREQUENCY? queries the external frequency.

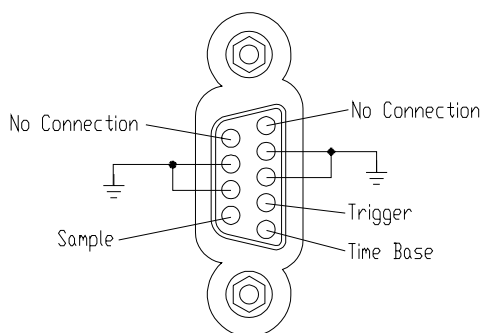
## ROSCillator:SOURce

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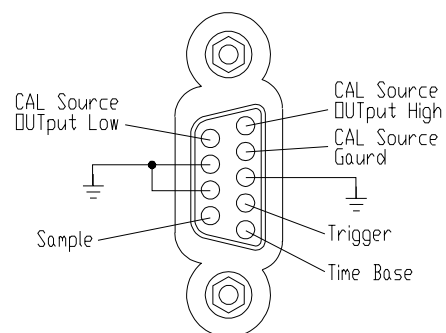
[SENSe:]ROSCillator:SOURce INTernal | EXTernal is used to specify the timebase source. The default timebase is the INTernal timebase which uses the VXI CLK10, 10 MHz reference. The EXTernal input is the TTL “Time Base” input pin on the front panel D-subminiature connector (right pin column, bottom pin).

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(“Time Base” input - bottom right pin)



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**Note** The EXTernal source requires you also send the ROSC:EXT:FREQ *<freq>* command to specify the frequency of the external timebase.

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### Comments

- The timebase reference set by SAMPlE:TIMer *<interval>* is used when the sample source is TIMer (SAMPlE:SOURce TIMer).
- Executable when initiated: NO
- Coupled command: Yes, The SAMPlE:TIMer *<interval>* is set to a period or interval nearest the old value when source is changed from EXTernal to INTernal or vice versa.
- Reset (\*RST) Condition: INTernal source, freq = 10.0 MHz

## ROSCillator:SOURce?

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[SENSe:]ROSCillator:SOURce? queries to determine the timebase source. Returns either INTernal or EXTernal.

## SWEep:POINTs

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[SENSe:]SWEep:POINTs *<count>* | MIN | MAX command sets the number of sweep points. The number of points set is common to all channels. You cannot have two different channels with different a sweep point count.

## Parameters

| Parameter Name       | Parameter Type | Range of Values                            | Default Units |
|----------------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| <i>&lt;count&gt;</i> | numeric        | 1 to 32M** (E1563A)<br>1 to 16M** (E1564A) | N/A           |

\*\* $(\text{memory size in bytes}) / (\text{number of channels} * 2) = 128\text{M}/4$  or  $128\text{M}/8$  (MAX)

### Comments

- This command is the same as SAMPLE:COUNT and is included for SCPI compatibility.

## SWEep:POINts?

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[SENSe:]SWEep:POINts? [MIN | MAX] command returns the sweep points.

## SWEep:OFFSet:POINts

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[SENSe:]SWEep:OFFSet:POINts *<count>* | MIN | MAX command sets the number sweep offset points.

### Parameters

*<count>* must be a negative number.

### Note

*<count>* must be a **negative** number.

### Comments

- This command is the same as SAMPLE:PRETrigger:COUNT (except the sign on *<count>* is negative here, whereas, it is positive for pretrigger count) and is included for SCPI compatibility.

## SWEep:OFFSet:POINts?

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[SENSe:]SWEep:OFFSet:POINts? [MIN | MAX] command returns the sweep offset points.

## VOLTage[<channel>][:DC]:RANGe

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[SENSe:]VOLTage[<channel>][:DC]:RANGe *<range>* command is used to change the range on the specified channel. There are seven different ranges. If the range specified falls between two of the instrument's ranges, the range is set to the next higher range setting. The command defaults to channel 1 if no channel is specified.

**Parameters** The crossover points for range changes are as follows:

| <u>Voltage Range</u> | <u>Resolution</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 0.0625               | .000007629        |
| 0.2500               | .000030518        |
| 1.0000               | .000122070        |
| 4.0000               | .000488281        |
| 16.0000              | .007812500        |
| 64.0000              | .007812500        |
| 256.0000             | .03125            |

- Comments**
- Executable when initiated: No
  - Coupled command: YES; TRIGger:LEVel may be affected if one of the levels is the trigger event on the channel that had the range change. The level set for CALCulate:LIMit :LOWer (and :UPPer) will be modified to be the same percent of full range. This will generate a different voltage value for the limit level.
  - Reset condition: range is set to 256 for all channels

## **VOLTage[<channel>][:DC]:RANGe?**

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[SENSe:]VOLTage[<channel>][:DC]:RANGe? queries the specified channel for its present range setting. The command defaults to channel 1 if no channel is specified.

## **VOLTage[<channel>][:DC]:RESolution?**

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[SENSe:]VOLTage[<channel>][:DC]:RESolution? queries the specified channel for its present resolution setting. Resolution versus range setting is shown in the VOLTage[:DC]:RANGe command. The command defaults to channel 1 if no channel is specified.

The SAMPlE command subsystem sets the number of samples to be taken for each trigger. It also sets the number of samples to be taken prior to the trigger and the source of the sample signal and its slope. When the sample source is TIMer, you can also set the sample interval.

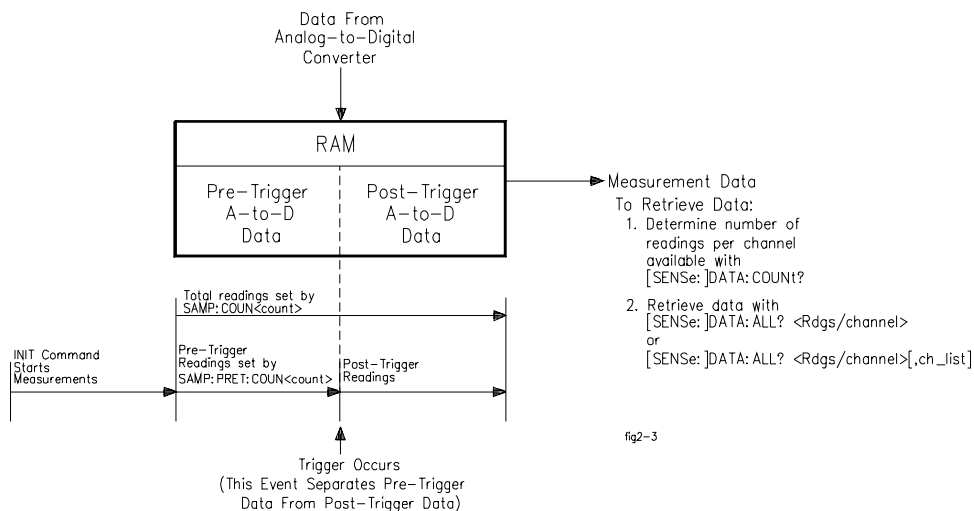
## Subsystem Syntax

```

SAMPlE
:COUNT <count> | MIN | MAX
:COUNT? [MIN | MAX]
[:IMMediate]
:PRETrigger:COUNT <count> | MIN | MAX
:PRETrigger:COUNT? [MIN | MAX]
:SLOPe POS | 1 | NEG | 0
:SLOPe?
:SOURce HOLD | TIMer | TTL0-7 | EXT
:SOURce?
:TIMer <interval> | MIN | MAX
:TIMer? [MIN | MAX]
    
```

## :COUNT

**SAMPlE:COUNT <count> | MIN | MAX** command sets the number of total samples which includes the pre-trigger and post-trigger samples. The number of samples set is common to all channels. You cannot have two or more channels with different sample settings.



**Comments** The total number of readings is limited to at most 16,777,216 for the 4-channel

E1564A Digitizer and 33,554,432 for the 2-channel E1563A Digitizer, depending on the amount of memory on the card. The following describes the limits with the different memory options:

| <u>Memory Size</u> | <u>HP E1563A (2-channel)<br/>Maximum Samples</u> | <u>HP E1564A (4-channel)<br/>Maximum Samples</u> |
|--------------------|--|--|
| 4 MBytes           | 1,048,576  | 524,288  |
| 8 MBytes           | 2,096,152  | 1,048,576  |
| 16 MBytes          | 4,194,304  | 2,097,152  |
| 32 MBytes          | 8,388,608  | 4,194,304  |
| 64 MBytes          | 16,777,216                                       | 8,388,608  |
| 128 MBytes         | 33,554,432                                       | 16,777,216                                       |

- One pre-trigger sample is required to get the above maximums. The maximum is one less if pre-trigger count is zero.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled command: No
- Reset (\*RST) condition: all channels set to 1 sample

## :COUNT?

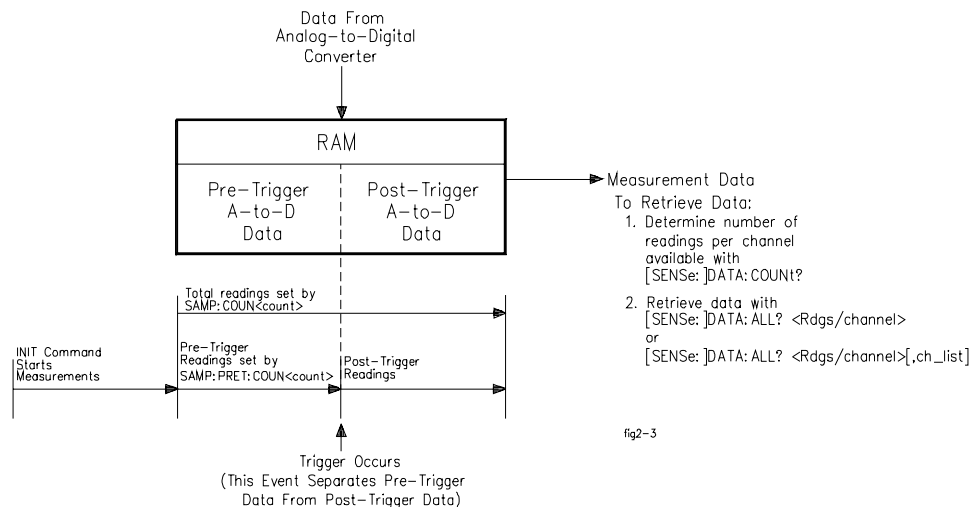
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**SAMPle:COUNT?** [**MIN** | **MAX**] command returns the number of samples each channel will make. The number of samples returned is common to all channels.

## :PRETrigger:COUNT

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**SAMPle:PRETrigger:COUNT** *<count>* | **MIN** | **MAX** command sets the number of pretriggers (number of readings that will occur before the trigger event occurs). The count is common to all channels.



- *<count>* must be a positive number and not greater than the sample count -1.

This count specifies the portion of the total `SAMPlE:COUNT` that will be sampled prior to the trigger.

- A trigger is ignored if it occurs *before* the pretrigger count is met.
- If the specified number of pretrigger samples (`<count>`) have been taken and a trigger has not yet occurred, the digitizer continues to sample the input signal. The digitizer retains the most recent pretrigger samples specified by the number “`<count>`” when the trigger does occur.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled command: No
- Reset (\*RST) condition: 0 pretriggers

## **:PRETrigger:COUNT?**

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**SAMPlE:PRETrigger:COUNT?** [`MIN` | `MAX`] command returns the number of pretrigger samples each channel will make prior to each trigger. The number of pretriggers returned is common to all channels.

## **[:IMMEDIATE]**

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**SAMPlE[:IMMEDIATE]** command is generally used only when the sample source is `HOLD` to take a single reading when the digitizer is in the wait-for-sample state.

## **:SLOPe**

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**SAMPlE:SLOPe** `POS` | `1` | `NEG` | `0` command sets the slope of the sample signal (the active edge, rising or falling, of the sample signal). The slope setting is common to all channels.

### **Comments**

- This command is effective only when the sample source is `EXTernal`. The slope is set but will be ignored if the sample source is a source other than `EXTernal`.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled command: No
- Reset (\*RST) condition: `POSitive` (1)

## **:SLOPe?**

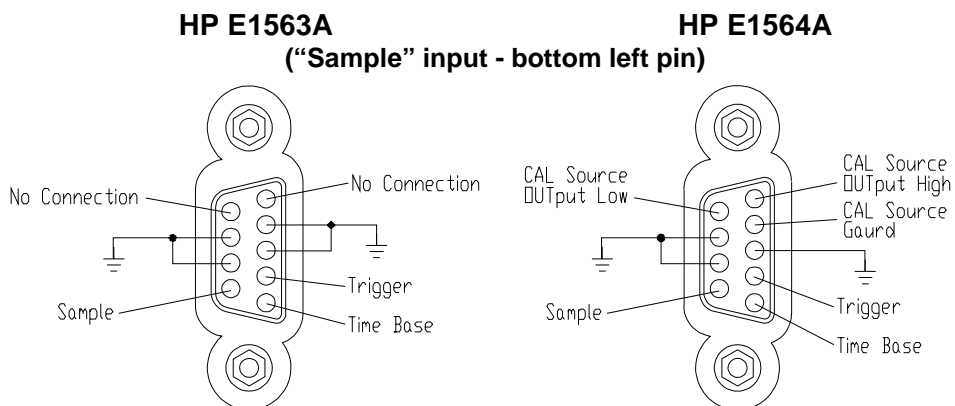
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**SAMPlE:SLOPe?** command queries the present setting of the slope of the sample signal. The sample slope is effective only when the sample source is `EXTernal`.



## :SOURce

**SAMPLE:SOURce** **HOLD** | **TIMer** | **TTLT0-7** | **EXT** command sets the source of the sample signal which causes a measurement to be made. The sample source is common to all channels. **TIMer** uses the internal time base. The **EXTernal** input is the TTL “Sample” input pin on the front panel D-subminiature connector (left pin column, bottom pin).



### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Point of Source                                       | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| HOLD           | discrete       | SAMPLE[:IMMEDIATE] command                            | none          |
| TIMer          | discrete       | uses specified SAMPLE:TIMer <interval> as sample rate | none          |
| TTLT0-7        | discrete       | VXIbus TTL trigger lines                              | none          |
| EXTernal       | discrete       | “Sample” pin on front panel D-sub connector           | none          |

### Comments

- A rising or falling edge for the sample slope can be specified if the source is set to the **EXTernal** source, (see **SAMPLE:SLOPe** command).
- A sampling period can be specified if the sample source is set to **TIMer** (see **SAMPLE:TIMer** command).
- **TRIG:MODE SLAVE<n>** forces the sample source to be the appropriate TTL trigger line. Attempts to change the sample source while **TRIG:MODE** is **SLAVE<n>** will result in a settings conflict error message.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled command: Yes; **TRIG:MODE SLAVE<n>** forces a certain TTL trigger line to the sample source. A settings conflict occurs if you attempt to change this dedicated line with the

SAMPLE;SOURce command. TTL sources may conflict with the output subsystem. Specifying a TTL source will force the output to be disabled. See OUTPut command.

- Reset (\*RST) condition: TIMer source with 0.0000013 second sampling interval per reading.

## :SOURce?

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SAMPLE:SOURce? command queries the present source setting for the sample signal. The returned string is either HOLD, TIMer, TTL0-7 or EXT.

## :TIMer

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SAMPLE:TIMer <interval> | MIN | MAX command sets the time interval for each sample event when the sample source is TIMer. Measurements are made on the input signal at this rate. This interval is common to all channels for sample source TIMer.

### Parameter

| Parameter Name  | Parameter Type | Range of Values   | Default Units |
|-----------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| <i>interval</i> | numeric        | 1.25E-6 to 0.8<br>(in multiples of the reference oscillator period**; default TIMer period is 1.3E-7 seconds) | seconds       |

\*\* See SENSE:ROSC:EXT:FREQ <freq> command

### Comments

- The sample interval specified by the *period* parameter must be a multiple of the reference oscillator period. The specified time, if not a correct multiple of the reference oscillator period, will be rounded to the nearest value that can be attained. For SAMPLE:SOURce INTernal, if not a correct multiple of 1E-7, it will be rounded to the nearest value that can be attained by the internal clock.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled command: Yes, the value is changed to the nearest possible value if an external reference is specified.
- Reset (\*RST) condition: 0.0000013 (1.3 μS)

## :TIMer?

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SAMPLE:TIMer? [MIN | MAX] command queries the sample interval when the sample source is TIMer.

The STATUS subsystem reports the bit values of the Operation Data/Signal Register and Questionable Data/Signal Register. It also allows you to unmask the bits you want reported from the Standard Event Register and to read the summary bits from the Status Byte Register.

The Operation Data/Signal Register and Questionable Data/Signal Register groups consist of a condition register, an event register and an enable register. The STATUS :OPERation and :QUEStionable commands control and query these registers.

## Subsystem Syntax

```

STATUS
:OPERation:CONDiton?
:OPERation[:EVENT]?
:OPERation:ENABLE <unmask>
:OPERation:ENABLE?
:PRESet
:QUEStionable:CONDition?
:QUEStionable[:EVENT]?
:QUEStionable:ENABLE <unmask>
:QUEStionable:ENABLE?
    
```

## Status System Registers

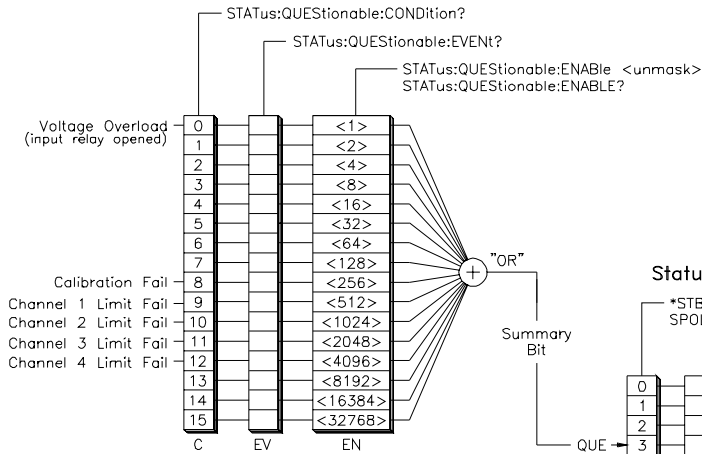
The STATUS system contains seven registers, four of which are under IEEE 488.2 control: the Standard Event Status Register (\*ESR?), the Standard Event Enable Register (\*ESE and \*ESE?), the Status Byte Register (\*STB?) and the Status Byte Enable Register (\*SRE and \*SRE?).

## Questionable Data Register

The QUEStionable data register indicates failures as described in the following table. Limit failures occur at the sample rate so the condition register bits change rapidly and cannot be read until the measurement completes. You should read the EVENT register which latches the CONDition register once a measurement cycle to see if a limit failure occurred. You will then have to determine which reading failed by printing the reading number and the measurement value.

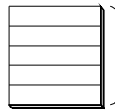
| Bit # | Description          |
|-------|----------------------|
| 0     | voltage overload     |
| 8     | calibration failure  |
| 9     | Chan 1 limit failure |
| 10    | Chan 2 limit failure |
| 11    | Chan 3 limit failure |
| 12    | Chan 4 limit failure |

### Questionable Data Register

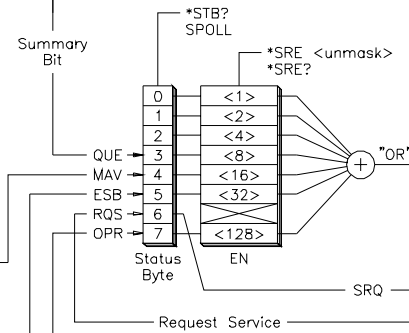


**NOTE:**  
 QUE = Questionable Data  
 MAV = Message Available  
 ESB = Standard Event  
 RQS = Request Service  
 OPR = Operation Data  
 C = Condition Register  
 EV = Event Register  
 EN = Enable Register  
 SRQ = Interface Bus Service Request

### Output Buffer

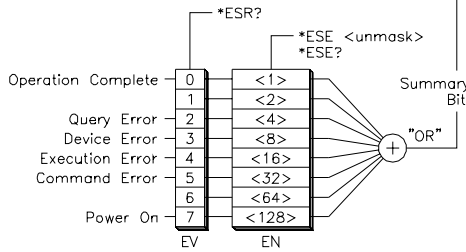


### Status Byte Register

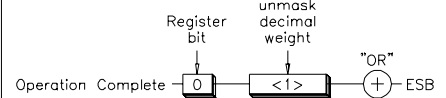


SRQ ROUTING handled by your application program or passed to the controller via HP-IB

### Standard Event Register



### unmask examples:

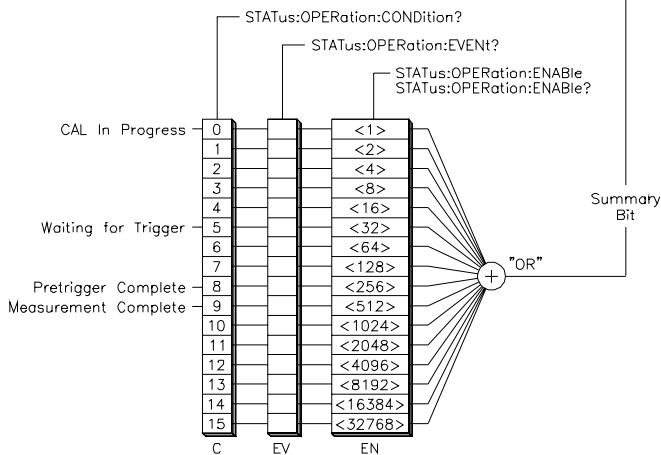


\*ESE 61 unmasks standard event register bits 0, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (\*ESE 1 only unmasks bit 0).

\*SRE 8 unmasks the QUE bit (questionable data) in the status byte register. This is effective only if the STAT:QUES:ENAB <unmask> command is executed. (See below)

STAT:QUES:ENAB 7937 unmasks all bits (bits 0, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12) that can set the QUE bit in the Status Byte.

### Operation Data Register



Datereg

## Operation Data Register

The OPERation data register indicates operational status as follows:

| Bit # | Description                               |
|-------|---|
| 0     | CAL:STATe ON<br>(calibration in progress) |
| 5     | waiting for trigger                       |
| 8     | pretrigger count is met                   |
| 9     | measurement complete                      |

## Status Byte Register

The OPR Operational Status bit, RQS Request Service bit, ESB Standard Event summary bit, MAV Message Available bit and QUE Questionable Data bit in the Status Byte Register (bits 7, 6, 5, 4 and 3 respectively) can be queried with the \*STB? command but will be executed when previous commands are finished. Using the VISA I/O library, you can query the value of the status byte without going through the digitizer's command parser by using the viReadSTB function call. The OPR bit is the summary bit for the Operation Data Register. The QUE bit is the summary bit for the Questionable Data Register.

## Standard Event Register

Use the \*ESE? command to query the "unmask" value for the Standard Event Status Register (bits you want logically OR'd into the summary bit). Query using decimal weighted bit values.

## :OPERation:CONDition?

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STATus:OPERation:CONDition? returns a decimal-weighted number representing the bits set in the Operation Data condition register.

## :OPERation[:EVENT]?

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STATus:OPERation[:EVENT]? returns a decimal-weighted number representing the bits set in the Operation Data/Signal Register's event register. This command clears all bits in the event register when executed.

## :OPERation:ENABle

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STATus:OPERation:ENABle <unmask> enables (unmasks) bits in the Operation Data/Signal Register's enable register to be reported to the summary bit (setting Status Byte Register bit 3 true). The event register bits are not reported in the Status Bytes Register unless specifically enabled.

## :OPERation:ENABle?

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STATus:OPERation:ENABle? returns a decimal-weighted number representing the bits enabled in the Operation Data/Signal Register's enable register signifying which bits will set OPR (bit 7) in the Status Byte.

## :PRESet

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**STATUS:PRESet** command affects only the enable register by setting all enable register bits to 0. It does not affect either the "status byte" or the "standard event status". PRESet does not clear any of the event registers.

## :QUESTionable :CONDition?

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**STATUS:QUESTionable:CONDition?** returns a decimal-weighted number representing the bits set in the Questionable Data condition register.

## :QUESTionable [:EVENT]?

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**STATUS:QUESTionable[:EVENT]?** returns a decimal-weighted number representing the bits set in the Questionable Data/Signal Register's event register. This command clears all bits in the event register when executed.

## :QUESTionable :ENABLE

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**STATUS:QUESTionable:ENABLE <unmask>** enables (unmasks) bits in the Questionable Data/Signal Register's enable register to be reported to the summary bit (setting Status Byte Register bit 3 true). The event register bits are not reported in the Status Bytes Register unless specifically enabled.

## :QUESTionable :ENABLE?

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**STATUS:QUESTionable:ENABLE?** returns a decimal-weighted number representing the bits enabled in the Questionable Data/Signal Register's enable register signifying which bits will set QUE (bit 3) in the Status Byte.

The SYSTem command subsystem returns error numbers and their associated messages from the error queue. You can also query the SCPI version to which this instrument complies.

**Subsystem Syntax**      SYSTem  
                                  :ERRor?  
                                  :VERSion?

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## :ERRor?

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**SYSTem:ERRor?** returns the error numbers and corresponding error messages in the error queue. See Appendix B in this manual for a listing of the error numbers, messages and descriptions.

### Comments

- When an error is generated by the digitizer, it stores an error number and corresponding message in the error queue.
- One error is removed from the error queue each time the SYSTem:ERRor? command is executed. The errors are cleared in a first-in, first-out order. This means that if several errors are waiting in the queue, each SYSTem:ERRor? query returns the oldest (not the most recent) error. That error is then removed from the queue.
- When the error queue is empty, subsequent SYSTem:ERRor? queries return +0, "No error". To clear all errors from the queue, execute the \*CLS command.
- The error queue has a maximum capacity of 20 errors. If the queue overflows, the last error is replaced with -350, "Too many errors". No additional errors are accepted by the queue until space becomes available.

### Example      Reading the Error Queue

SYST:ERR?  
enter statement

*Query the error queue  
Enter readings into computer.*

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## :VERSion?

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**SYSTem:VERSion?** returns the SCPI version number this instrument complies.

### Comments

The information returned is in the format "YYYY.R" where "YYYY" is the year and "R" is the revision number within that year.

The TEST command subsystem allows you to run a particular self-test and returns information about self-test errors and results from the \*TST? command.

## Subsystem Syntax

```
TEST
:ERRor? <test_number>
:NUMBer? <test_number>,<cycles>
:TST[:RESults]?
```

## :ERRor?

**TEST:ERRor? <test\_number>** returns a binary coded decimal (BCD) number and a string giving details about the error associated with the test number returned by the \*TST? command or the array of errors returned by the TEST:TST[:RESults]? command. The string returns parameters of the test such as span, min, max and standard deviation. See the “Self-Test Error Definitions” section for details.

### Parameter

| Parameter Name     | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>test_number</i> | numeric        | 1 through 94    | None          |

### Comments

- The \*TST? command returns only the first test that failed. Use the TEST:TST[:RESults]? command to obtain the complete list of all failures resulting from a \*TST? command.
- The response may indicate, in detail, what caused the self-test error.
- See Appendix C, Error Messages, for retrieving information on self-test errors.

## :NUMBer?

**TEST:NUMBer? <test\_number>,<cycles>** allows you to cycle through a particular self-test a specified number of times instead of running the entire suite of self-tests as is performed with the \*TST? command. This command is a query and returns the number of times the specified test failed out of the specified number of times the test was cycled. For example, send the command TEST:NUMB? 2,5 to cycle through test number “2” five times. A “5” is returned if all five test cycles fail.



## Parameter

| Parameter Name     | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>test_number</i> | numeric        | 1 through 94    | None          |
| <i>cycles</i>      | numeric        | 1 through 32767 | None          |

## Comments

| <i>test_number</i> | Description  |
|--------------------|--|
| 1                  | General register read/write test                     |
| 2                  | Cal constant/flash ROM read test                     |
| 3                  | Channel 1: 62 mV range filter OFF, offset noise test |
| 4                  | Channel 2: 62 mV range filter OFF, offset noise test |
| 5*                 | Channel 3: 62 mV range filter OFF, offset noise test |
| 6*                 | Channel 4: 62 mV range filter OFF, offset noise test |
| 7                  | Channel 1: 62 mV range filter ON, offset noise test  |
| 8                  | Channel 2: 62 mV range filter ON, offset noise test  |
| 9*                 | Channel 3: 62 mV range filter ON, offset noise test  |
| 10*                | Channel 4: 62 mV range filter ON, offset noise test  |
| 11                 | Channel 1: 0.25V range filter OFF, offset noise test |
| 12                 | Channel 2: 0.25V range filter OFF, offset noise test |
| 13*                | Channel 3: 0.25V range filter OFF, offset noise test |
| 14*                | Channel 4: 0.25V range filter OFF, offset noise test |
| 15                 | Channel 1: 0.25V range filter ON, offset noise test  |
| 16                 | Channel 2: 0.25V range filter ON, offset noise test  |
| 17*                | Channel 3: 0.25V range filter ON, offset noise test  |
| 18*                | Channel 4: 0.25V range filter ON, offset noise test  |
| 19                 | Channel 1: 1V range filter OFF, offset noise test    |
| 20                 | Channel 2: 1V range filter OFF, offset noise test    |
| 21*                | Channel 3: 1V range filter OFF, offset noise test    |
| 22*                | Channel 4: 1V range filter OFF, offset noise test    |
| 23                 | Channel 1: 1V range filter ON, offset noise test     |
| 24                 | Channel 2: 1V range filter ON, offset noise test     |
| 25*                | Channel 3: 1V range filter ON, offset noise test     |

| <i>test_number</i> | Description   |
|--------------------|---|
| 26*                | Channel 4: 1V range filter ON, offset noise test    |
| 27                 | Channel 1: 4V range filter OFF, offset noise test   |
| 28                 | Channel 2: 4V range filter OFF, offset noise test   |
| 29*                | Channel 3: 4V range filter OFF, offset noise test   |
| 30*                | Channel 4: 4V range filter OFF, offset noise test   |
| 31                 | Channel 1: 4V range filter ON, offset noise test    |
| 32                 | Channel 2: 4V range filter ON, offset noise test    |
| 33*                | Channel 3: 4V range filter ON, offset noise test    |
| 34*                | Channel 4: 4V range filter ON, offset noise test    |
| 35                 | Channel 1: 16V range filter OFF, offset noise test  |
| 36                 | Channel 2: 16V range filter OFF, offset noise test  |
| 37*                | Channel 3: 16V range filter OFF, offset noise test  |
| 38*                | Channel 4: 16V range filter OFF, offset noise test  |
| 39                 | Channel 1: 16V range filter ON, offset noise test   |
| 40                 | Channel 2: 16V range filter ON, offset noise test   |
| 41*                | Channel 3: 16V range filter ON, offset noise test   |
| 42*                | Channel 4: 16V range filter ON, offset noise test   |
| 43                 | Channel 1: 64V range filter OFF, offset noise test  |
| 44                 | Channel 2: 64V range filter OFF, offset noise test  |
| 45*                | Channel 3: 64V range filter OFF, offset noise test  |
| 46*                | Channel 4: 64V range filter OFF, offset noise test  |
| 47                 | Channel 1: 64V range filter ON, offset noise test   |
| 48                 | Channel 2: 64V range filter ON, offset noise test   |
| 49*                | Channel 3: 64V range filter ON, offset noise test   |
| 50*                | Channel 4: 64V range filter ON, offset noise test   |
| 51                 | Channel 1: 256V range filter OFF, offset noise test |
| 52                 | Channel 2: 256V range filter OFF, offset noise test |
| 53*                | Channel 3: 256V range filter OFF, offset noise test |
| 54*                | Channel 4: 256V range filter OFF, offset noise test |
| 55                 | Channel 1: 256V range filter ON, offset noise test  |
| 56                 | Channel 2: 256V range filter ON, offset noise test  |
| 57*                | Channel 3: 256V range filter ON, offset noise test  |

| <i>test_number</i> | Description  |
|--------------------|--|
| 58*                | Channel 4: 256V range filter ON, offset noise test |
| 59*                | Channel 1: Offset DAC test                         |
| 60*                | Channel 2: Offset DAC test                         |
| 61*                | Channel 3: Offset DAC test                         |
| 62*                | Channel 4: Offset DAC test                         |
| 63*                | Channel 1: Gain DAC test                           |
| 64*                | Channel 2: Gain DAC test                           |
| 65*                | Channel 3: Gain DAC test                           |
| 66*                | Channel 4: Gain DAC test                           |
| 67*                | Channel 1: 62 mV uncalibrated gain                 |
| 68*                | Channel 2: 62 mV uncalibrated gain                 |
| 69*                | Channel 3: 62 mV uncalibrated gain                 |
| 70*                | Channel 4: 62 mV uncalibrated gain                 |
| 71*                | Channel 1: 0.25V uncalibrated gain                 |
| 72*                | Channel 2: 0.25V uncalibrated gain                 |
| 73*                | Channel 3: 0.25V uncalibrated gain                 |
| 74*                | Channel 4: 0.25V uncalibrated gain                 |
| 75*                | Channel 1: 1V uncalibrated gain                    |
| 76*                | Channel 2: 1V uncalibrated gain                    |
| 77*                | Channel 3: 1V uncalibrated gain                    |
| 78*                | Channel 4: 1V uncalibrated gain                    |
| 79*                | Channel 1: 4V uncalibrated gain                    |
| 80*                | Channel 2: 4V uncalibrated gain                    |
| 81*                | Channel 3: 4V uncalibrated gain                    |
| 82*                | Channel 4: 4V uncalibrated gain                    |
| 83*                | Channel 1: 16V uncalibrated gain                   |
| 84*                | Channel 2: 16V uncalibrated gain                   |
| 85*                | Channel 3: 16V uncalibrated gain                   |
| 86*                | Channel 4: 16V uncalibrated gain                   |
| 87*                | Channel 1: 64V uncalibrated gain                   |
| 88*                | Channel 2: 64V uncalibrated gain                   |
| 89*                | Channel 3: 64V uncalibrated gain                   |

| <i>test_number</i> | Description                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 90*                | Channel 4: 64V uncalibrated gain  |
| 91*                | Channel 1: 256V uncalibrated gain |
| 92*                | Channel 2: 256V uncalibrated gain |
| 93*                | Channel 3: 256V uncalibrated gain |
| 94*                | Channel 4: 256V uncalibrated gain |

\* These tests require the HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer.

### Self-Test Error Definitions

A failed self-test will return a number other than zero. The binary value of that number defines the failure mode. More than one failure mode may result from one self-test. The failure modes are defined in the following sections for each type of self-test. The bits and their weighting are shown below.

|        |     |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |
|--------|-----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|
| bit #  | 7   | 6  | 5  | 4  | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| weight | 128 | 64 | 32 | 16 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

#### Offset Noise Test (self-test numbers 3 - 58)

| BCD weight | Failure mode                    |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| 1          | Span is zero                    |
| 2          | Span is too large               |
| 4          | Mean is too low                 |
| 8          | Mean is too high                |
| 16         | Standard deviation is too large |

#### Offset DAC Test (self-test numbers 59-62) (HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer)

| BCD weight | Failure mode   |
|------------|--|
| 1          | DAC measurement is noisy                                     |
| 2          | Measured data span is too small                              |
| 4          | Lower end point to upper end point span is too small         |
| 8          | Lower end point to upper end point span is too large         |
| 16         | Offset DAC span does not include 0                           |
| 32         | Bit weight is out of limits; the offending bit is in B15-B8. |

**Gain DAC Test (self-test numbers 63-66)  
(HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer)**

| BCD weight | Failure mode   |
|------------|--|
| 1          | DAC measurement is noisy                                     |
| 2          | Measured data span is too small                              |
| 4          | Lower end point to upper end point span is too small         |
| 8          | Lower end point to upper end point span is too large         |
| 16         | Gain DAC span does not include 0                             |
| 32         | Bit weight is out of limits; the offending bit is in B15-B8. |
| 64         | Gain DAC nominal setting is out of limits.                   |

**Uncalibrated Gain Test (self-test numbers 67-94)  
(HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer)**

| BCD weight | Failure mode                          |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1          | The max-to-min span is 0.0.           |
| 2          | Gain span is too large.               |
| 4          | Gain mean is too low.                 |
| 8          | Gain mean is too high.                |
| 16         | Gain standard deviation is too large. |
| 32         | Gain is out of limits.                |

**:TST[:RESults]?**

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**TEST:TST[:RESults]?** returns an array of integers that result from the self-test command \*TST?.

**Comments**

- A response of “0” indicates there is no error.
- Use the TEST:ERR? <test\_number> command to retrieve details about the failed test number(s) returned by the TEST:TST:RESults? command.

The TRIGger command subsystem controls the behavior of the trigger system.

## Subsystem Syntax

```
TRIGger
  [:IMMediate]
  :LEVel<channel> <level> | MIN | MAX
  :LEVel<channel>?
  :MODE NORMAl | MASTer0,2,4,6 | SLAVe0,2,4,6
  :MODE?
  :SLOPe<n> POS | 1 | NEG | 0
  :SLOPe<n>?
  :SOURce<n> OFF | BUS | EXT | HOLD | IMMEDIATE |
              INTernal1-4 | TTLT0-7
  :SOURce<n>?
```

## [:IMMediate]

**TRIGger[:IMMediate]** causes the instrument to transition to the wait-for-sample state immediately, regardless of the trigger source selected. The instrument must be initiated (INITiate command) and be in the wait-for-trigger state when TRIG:IMM is executed. A “Trigger ignored” error will be generated if the instrument has not been initiated prior to this command or if it is not in the wait-for-trigger state.

### Comments

- Executable when initiated: Yes
- Coupled command: No
- Reset (\*RST) condition: none

## :LEVel

**TRIGger:LEVel<channel>** <voltage> | MIN | MAX sets the level on the specified channel that can be used for *internally* triggering the instrument.

### Note

This command is valid only for TRIGger:SOURce INTernal1-4.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>level</i>   | numeric        | see Comments    | volts         |

### Comments

- The present range setting will determine the maximum and minimum values that can be entered without error.

- Changing range will keep the level at the same percentage of the new range. For example, if level is set to 2.0 on the 4V range, the level is set to 8.0 if you change to the 16V range (50% of full range).
- Changing range will change an existing level to the same percent of full scale on the new range (e.g., an 8.0 level on the 16V range and then change range to 4V range changes the level to 2.0V; still 50%) and an error message to be generated. In this situation, the level is set to the maximum or minimum the new range will support.
- The TRIG:SLOPe command specifies which direction of signal movement through the level will trigger the digitizer. TRIG:SLOPe is POSitive causes a trigger when the signal passes through the level and rises above the specified level. A trigger occurs when TRIG:SLOPe is NEGative and the trigger signal passes through the level and falls below the specified level.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled command: Yes, range setting
- Reset (\*RST) condition: 0.00 on all channels

## :LEVel?

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**TRIGger:LEVel<channel>?** queries the value of the trigger level set on the specified channel.

## :MODE

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**TRIGger:MODE NORMAL | MASTer<n> | SLAVe<n>** sets the trigger mode. Master and slave parameters set the modules for use in connecting more than one module together for simultaneous measurements from the same trigger and sample.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>n</i>       | numeric        | 0, 2, 4, 6      | None          |

- **NORMAL** sets standard trigger operation and the specified trigger and sample sources are used.

- MASTer<n> and SLAVe<n> pairs a sample line and a trigger line which are then used for multiple unit synchronization. See the section titled “Master-Slave Operation” in Chapter 2 for more information including diagrams.

|             |            | TTLT pairs to SLAVe modules |              |
|-------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| MASTer MODE | SLAVe MODE | Sample line                 | Trigger line |
| MASTer0     | SLAVe0     | TTLT0                       | TTLT1        |
| MASTer2     | SLAVe2     | TTLT2                       | TTLT3        |
| MASTer4     | SLAVe4     | TTLT4                       | TTLT5        |
| MASTer6     | SLAVe6     | TTLT6                       | TTLT7        |

### Comments

- Executable when initiated: Yes
- Coupled command: No
- Reset (\*RST) condition: NORMAl mode

## :MODE?

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**TRIGger:MODE?** queries the trigger mode setting. Returns NORMAl, MASTer or SLAVe.

## :SLOPe[<n>]

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**TRIGger:SLOPe[<n>] POS | 1 | NEG | 0** sets the active edge of the trigger signal which causes a measurement to be made. There are two trigger sources and you must designate which source you are setting the slope. *n* = 1 for the slope of trigger source number 1. *n* = 2 for the slope of trigger source number 2. Trigger slope defaults to *n*=1 if “*n*” is not designated.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>n</i>       | numeric        | 1 or 2          | None          |

### Note

Trigger slope is active only when the trigger source is one of the four INTERNAL levels (TRIG:SOURce INT1-4) or when the EXTERNAL trigger source is specified (TRIG:SOURce EXTERNAL).

### Comments

- Executable when initiated: Yes
- Coupled command: TRIG:SOURce INT1-4 and TRIG:SOURce EXTERNAL



- Reset (\*RST) condition: SLOPe1 = POSitive; SLOPe2 = POSitive

## :SLOPe[<n>]?

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**TRIGger:SLOPe[<n>]?** queries the present setting for the slope of the trigger signal for the trigger source (1 or 2) specified. Trigger slope for source number 1 is returned if “n” is not designated.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>n</i>       | numeric        | 1 or 2          | None          |

**Note** Trigger slope applies only for TRIG:LEVel when the trigger source is INTernal or when EXTernal trigger sources are specified.

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- Returns either “POS” or “NEG”.

## :SOURce[<n>]

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**TRIGger:SOURce[<n>]** BUS | EXTernal | HOLD | IMMEDIATE | INTernal1-4 | TTL0-7 sets the source of the trigger for all channels or can disable the trigger source. The command defaults to trigger source number 1 if “n” is not designated.

**Note** Two trigger sources are allowed, TRIG:SOUR1 and TRIG:SOUR2, **which are common to ALL channels** on the E1563A and E1564A. SOUR1 is not associated only with channel 1 and SOUR2 is not associated only with channel 2.

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### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>n</i>       | numeric        | 1 or 2          | None          |

### Comments

- The TRIGger:SOURce command only selects the trigger source. You must use the INITiate command to place the digitizer in the wait-for-trigger state.
- TRIGger:SOURce EXT uses the digitizer’s front panel “Trig” pin in the D sub-miniature connector as the trigger source. The digitizer triggers on the falling (negative-going) edge of a ±5V TTL input signal (maximum input is +5V peak to the front panel D sub-miniature connector “Trig” pin).
- TRIGger:IMMEDIATE causes a trigger to occur immediately provided the

digitizer is placed in the wait-for-trigger state using the INITiate command.

- When a Group Execute Trigger (GET) bus command or \*TRG common command is executed and the digitizer is not in the wait-for-trigger state, the “Trigger ignored” error is generated.
- TRIGger:SOURce INTernal1-2 (E1563A) or TRIGger:SOURce:INTernal1-4 (E1564A) triggers a reading when the level specified by the TRIG:LEVel<channel> command is met. The TRIG:SLOPe setting determines whether the trigger occurs when the signal rises above (POSitive) or falls below (NEGative) the specified level on that channel.

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**Note** If TRIGger:SOURce INT<n> is set, CALCulate<n>:LIMit:LOWer[:STATe] or CALCulate<n>:LIMit:UPPer[:STATe] are disabled if they were enabled. <n> represents the channel number used for the internal trigger source and the channel used for testing a limit. Refer to the first block diagram in chapter 2 for information about how the internal trigger source is driven by the level signal.

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- TRIG:SOURce1 is set to the appropriate TTLT<n> line by the TRIG:MODE MASTer | SLAVe command. TRIG:SOURce1 can not be changed unless the trigger mode is NORMal. Attempting to change TRIG:SOURce1 when mode is MASTer or SLAVe will cause a “settings conflict” error.
- TRIG:SOURce2 is not affected by TRIG:MODE MASTer | SLAVe operation.
- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled command: Yes; TRIGger:LEVel, TRIGger:MODE, OUTPut:TTLT<n>:SOURce TRIG and CALC:LIMit:LOWer[:STATe] and CALC:LIMit:UPPer[:STATe]. Changes to TRIG:SOURce1 will cause a “settings conflict” error if TRIG:MODE is set to MASTer or SLAVe.
- Reset (\*RST) condition: TRIGger:SOURce1 IMMEDIATE  
TRIGger:SOURce2 HOLD

## TRIGger:SOURce[<n>]?

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**TRIGger:SOURce[<n>]?** queries present setting for the specified trigger source (1 or 2). The command defaults to trigger source number 1 if “n” is not designated.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>n</i>       | numeric        | 1 or 2          | None          |

**Comments**

- This command returns one of the following responses indicating the trigger source setting: BUS, EXT, HOLD, IMM, INT, INT2, INT3, INT4, TTLTn (where n = 0 to 7).

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**Note**

Internal level trigger on channel 1 is returned as INT versus INT1; the “1” is implied. The internal level trigger for channels 2, 3 and 4 return INT2, INT3 and INT4.

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# IEEE 488.2 Common Command Quick Reference

The table below lists, by functional group, the IEEE 488.2 Common (\*) Commands that can be executed by the HP E1563A and HP E1564A Digitizers. However, commands are listed alphabetically in the following reference. Examples are shown in the reference when the command has parameters or returns a non-trivial response; otherwise, the command string is as shown in the table. For additional information, refer to IEEE Standard 488.2-1987.

| Category            | Command  | Title  | Description  |
|---------------------|--|--|--|
| System Data         | *IDN   | Identification   | Returns the identification string of the Digitizer which includes the latest firmware version.   |
| Internal Operations | *RST   | Reset  | Resets the Digitizer to:<br>range: 256V<br>input state: ON<br>input filter: OFF<br>TTLT states: OFF<br>data format: ASCII<br><br>See Table 2-1 in Chapter 2 for the module's complete reset state.   |
| Internal Operations | *TST   | Self-Test  | Returns "0" if self-test passes. Returns a non-zero value if self-test fails. Use SYST:ERR? to retrieve the error from the Digitizer. See "Self-Test Errors" in Appendix B for a complete list of error numbers and their description. Return the digitizer to Hewlett-Packard for repair if repair is required. |
| Synchronization     | *OPC<br>*OPC?<br>*WAI  | Operation Complete<br>Operation Complete Query<br>Wait to Complete   | Operation Complete Command<br>Operation Complete Query<br>Wait-to-Continue Command   |
| Status & Event      | *CLS<br>*ESE <unmask><br>*ESE?<br>*ESR?<br>*SRE <unmask><br>*SRE?<br>*STB? | Clear Status<br>Event Status Enable<br>Event Status Enable Query<br>Event Status Register Query<br>Service Request Enable<br>Service Request Query<br>Read Status Byte Query | Clear Status Command<br>Standard Event Status Enable Cmd<br>Standard Event Status Enable Query<br>Standard Event Status Register Query<br>Service Request Enable Command<br>Service Request Enable Query<br>Read Status Byte Query   |
| Bus Operation       | *TRG   | Bus Trigger  | When the digitizer is in the wait-for-trigger state and the trigger source is TRIGger:SOURce BUS, use *TRG to trigger the digitizer.   |

## \*CLS

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**\*CLS** clears the Standard Event Status Register, the Operation Status Register, the Questionable Signal Register, and the error queue. This clears the corresponding summary bits (3, 5 and 7) in the Status Byte Register. **\*CLS** does not affect the enable unmask of any of the Status Registers.

### Comments

- Executable when initiated: No
- Coupled command: No
- Related Commands: STATus:PRESet
- Reset (\*RST) condition: None

## \*ESE and \*ESE?

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**\*ESE <unmask>** enables (unmasks) one or more event bits of the Standard Event Status Register to be reported in bit 5 (the Standard Event Status Summary Bit) of the Status Byte Register. *unmask* is the sum of the decimal weights of the bits to be enabled allowing these bits to pass through to the summary bit ESB (bit 5 in the status byte).

The query form returns the current enable unmask value.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>unmask</i>  | numeric        | 0 through 255   | None          |

A 1 in a bit position enables the corresponding event; a 0 disables it.

### Comments

- Executable when initiated: Yes
- Coupled command: No
- Related Commands: \*ESR?, \*SRE, \*STB?
- Reset (\*RST) condition: unaffected
- Power-On condition: no events are enabled

### Example

Enable all error events

\*ESE 60

*Enable error events*

## \*ESR?

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**\*ESR?** returns the value of the Standard Event Status Register. The register is then cleared (all bits 0).

- Comments**
- Executable when initiated: Yes
  - Coupled command: No
  - Reset (\*RST) condition: none
  - Power-On condition: register is cleared

## \*IDN?

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**\*IDN?** returns identification information for the HP E1563A and E1564A Digitizers. The response consists of four fields:

HEWLETT-PACKARD, E1563A, 0, A.01.00  
HEWLETT-PACKARD, E1564A, 0, A.01.00

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**Note** The first two fields identify this instrument as model number HP E1563A (or HP E1564A) manufactured by Hewlett-Packard. The third field is 0 since the serial number of the digitizer is unknown to the firmware. The last field indicates the revision level of the firmware. The revision level shown above is an example and the actual response you receive will likely be different than the example.

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- Comments**
- Executable when initiated: Yes
  - Coupled command: No
  - Reset (\*RST) condition: none
  - Power-On condition: register is cleared

## \*OPC

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**\*OPC** causes the HP E1563A and E1564A Digitizers to wait for all pending operations to complete after which the Operation Complete bit (bit 0) in the Standard Event Status Register is set. The \*OPC suspends any other activity on the bus until the digitizer completes all commands sent to it prior to the \*OPC command.

- Comments**
- The INIT command is considered complete when the measurement is started. \*OPC will not suspend activity once INIT is processed and measurements start but the instrument may not be finished taking all readings initiated.
  - Executable when initiated: Yes

- Coupled command: No
- Related commands: \*OPC?, \*WAI
- Reset (\*RST) condition: none

## \*OPC?

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**\*OPC?** causes the HP E1563A and E1564A Digitizers to wait for all pending operations to complete. A single ASCII “1” is then placed in the output queue.

### Comments

- The INIT command is considered complete when the measurement is started. \*OPC? will return “1” once INIT is processed and measurements start but the instrument may not be finished taking all readings initiated.
- Executable when initiated: Yes
- Coupled command: No
- Related commands: \*OPC?, \*WAI
- Reset (\*RST) condition: none

## \*RST

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**\*RST** resets the HP E1563A and E1564A Digitizers as follows:

- Sets all commands to their \*RST state.
- Aborts a calibration (CAL:STATE ON), resetting the CAL:STATE to OFF.
- Aborts all pending operations.

**\*RST does not affect:**

- The output queue
- The Service Request and Standard Event Status Enable Registers
- The enable unmask for the Questionable Signal Registers
- Calibration data

### Comments

- Executable when initiated: Yes
- Coupled command: No
- Reset (\*RST) condition: none

## \*SRE and \*SRE?

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**\*SRE <unmask>** specifies which bits of the Status Byte Register are enabled (unmasked) to generate a IEEE-488.1 service request. Event and summary bits are always set and cleared in the Status Byte Register regardless of the unmask value. *unmask* is the sum of the decimal weights of the bits to be enabled allowing these bits to pass through to the summary bit RQS (bit 6 in the status byte).

The query form returns the current enable unmask value.

### Parameters

| Parameter Name | Parameter Type | Range of Values | Default Units |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <i>unmask</i>  | numeric        | 0 through 255   | None          |

A 1 in a bit position enables service request generation when the corresponding Status Byte Register bit is set; a “0” disables it.

### Comments

- Executable when initiated: Yes
- Coupled command: No
- Reset (\*RST) condition: unaffected
- Power-On condition: no bits are enabled

### Example

Enable service request on Message Available bit

\*SRE 16

*Enable request on MAV*

## \*STB?

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**\*STB?** returns the value of the Status Byte Register. The RQS bit (bit 6 in the status byte having decimal weight 64) is set if a service request is pending.

### Comments

- Executable when initiated: Yes
- Coupled command: No
- Related commands: \*SRE
- Reset (\*RST) condition: none

## \*TST?

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**\*TST?** causes the HP E1563A and E1564A Digitizers to execute its internal self-test and returns the number of the first failed test.



A zero response indicates that the self-test passed. Any non-zero response indicates that the test failed. Input the failed test number into the `TEST:ERR? <number>` command. The returned values from this will be the result code and a string. See Appendix B, Error Messages, for information on interpreting the result code and string.

- Comments**
- Executable when initiated: No
  - Coupled command: No
  - Reset (\*RST) condition: none

## \*WAI

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**\*WAI** causes the HP E1563A and E1564A Digitizers to wait for all pending operations to complete before executing any further commands.

- Comments**
- The \*WAI will not wait for all measurements to complete when an INIT command is executed to start measurements. \*WAI considers INIT finished once it is processed although the instrument may still be taking measurements. In this case, the instrument will move on to the next command following \*WAI while measurements are being taken.
  - Executable when initiated: Yes
  - Coupled command: No
  - Related commands: \*OPC, \*OPC?
  - Reset (\*RST) condition: none

## SCPI Command Quick Reference

The following tables summarize SCPI commands for the HP E1563A and HP E1564A C-size Digitizers.

| Command  | Description  |
|--|--|
| ABORt  | Stops any measurement in progress and puts instrument in the idle state.   |
| CALCulate[<channel><br>:LIMit:FAIL?<br><br>:LIMit:LOWer[:STATe] ON   1   OFF   0<br>:LIMit:LOWer[:STATe]?<br>:LIMit:LOWer:DATA <value>   MIN   MAX<br>:LIMit:LOWer:DATA? [MIN   MAX]<br><br>:LIMit:UPPer[:STATe] ON   1   OFF   0<br>:LIMit:UPPer[:STATe]?<br>:LIMit:UPPer:DATA <value>   MIN   MAX<br>:LIMit:UPPer:DATA? [MIN   MAX]  | Defaults to channel 1 if none specified.<br>Checks for a limit failure.<br><br>Enable lower limit checking.<br><br>Set lower limit value.<br><br>Enable upper limit checking.<br><br>Set upper limit value.  |
| CALibrate<br>:DAC:VOLTage <voltage>   MIN   MAX<br>:DAC:VOLTage? MIN   MAX<br><br>:DATA?<br><br>:GAIN[<channel>] [<readings>][,<rate>][,ON   1   OFF   0]<br><br>:SOURce INTernal   EXTernal<br>:SOURce?<br><br>:STATe ON   1   OFF   0<br>:STATe?<br><br>:STORe<br><br>:VALue <voltage><br>:VALue?<br><br>:ZERO[<channel>] [<readings>][,<rate>]<br>:ZERO[<channel>]:ALL? [<readings>][,<rate>] | Calibration commands.<br>E1564A: sets internal cal source<br><br>Returns calibration constants.<br><br>Perform gain cal using :VAL <voltage>.<br><br>Set calibration source (INTernal is available only on E1564A).<br><br>Enable/disable ability to calibrate.<br><br>Store cal constants in NV memory.<br><br>Tell digitizer what cal value is input.<br><br>Perform zero cal on <u>current</u> range.<br>Perform zero cal on <u>all</u> ranges and return zero cal status response. |

| Command  | Description  |
|--|--|
| <p>DIAGnostic</p> <p>:DAC:OFFSet[&lt;channel&gt;] &lt;voltage&gt;<br/>:DAC:OFFSet[&lt;channel&gt;]:RAMP &lt;count&gt;</p> <p>:DAC:GAIN[&lt;channel&gt;] &lt;value&gt;</p> <p>:DAC:SOURce &lt;voltage&gt;<br/>:DAC:SOURce:RAMP &lt;count&gt;</p> <p>:INTerrupt:LINE 0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7<br/>:INTerrupt:LINE?</p> <p>:MEMory:SIZE &lt;size&gt;<br/>:MEMory:SIZE?</p> <p>:PEEK? &lt;reg_num&gt;<br/>:POKE &lt;reg_num&gt;,&lt;data&gt;</p> <p>:SHORT[&lt;channel&gt;] ON   1   OFF   0<br/>:SHORT[&lt;channel&gt;]?</p> <p>:STATus?</p> | <p>Troubleshooting commands.</p> <p>Set offset voltage for the DAC.<br/>Output offset ramp from the DAC.</p> <p>Set DAC gain as specified.</p> <p>Output specified DAC voltage.<br/>Output ramp from the DAC.</p> <p>Sets the interrupt line used ("0" =none).</p> <p>Sets new value when you upsize RAM.</p> <p>Query contents of a register.<br/>Write data to a register.</p> <p>Connect internal short to the channel.</p> <p>Query interrupt sources register status.</p> |
| <p>FORMat</p> <p>[[:DATA] ASCii   PACKed   REAL<br/>[:DATA]?</p>   | <p>Set data format.</p>  |
| <p>INITiate</p> <p>[[:IMMediate]<br/>:CONTInuous ON   1   OFF   0<br/>:CONTInuous?</p>   | <p>Initiate a measurement now.<br/>Initiate measurements continuously.</p>   |
| <p>INPut[&lt;channel&gt;]</p> <p>:FILTer[:LPASs]:FREQ 1.5K   6K   25K   100K (4-chan)<br/>:FILTer[:LPASs]:FREQ?</p> <p>:FILTer[:LPASs][:STATe] ON   1   OFF   0<br/>:FILTer[:LPASs][:STATe]?</p> <p>[[:STATe] ON   1   OFF   0<br/>[:STATe]?</p>   | <p>Set the input filter and enable/disable.<br/>E1564A only; E1563A has fixed 25K.</p> <p>Enable/disable channel's filter.</p> <p>Enable/disable channel's input.</p>  |
| <p>OUTPut</p> <p>:TTLT&lt;n&gt;:SOURce TRIGger   SAMPlE   BOTH<br/>:TTLT&lt;n&gt;:SOURce?</p> <p>:TTLT&lt;n&gt;[:STATe] ON   1   OFF   0<br/>:TTLT&lt;n&gt;[:STATe]?</p>   | <p>Define TTLTrigger lines 0-7 to output<br/>trigger and/or sample signal.</p> <p>Enable/disable the specified output.</p>   |

| Command  | Description  |
|--|--|
| <p>[SENSe:]<br/> DATA? &lt;Rdgs_per_channel&gt;[,&lt;channel_list&gt;]<br/> <br/> DATA:ALL? &lt;Rdgs_per_channel&gt;<br/> <br/> DATA:COUNt? [MIN   MAX]<br/> <br/> DATA:CVTable? &lt;channel_list&gt;<br/> <br/> ROSCillator:EXTernal:FREQUency &lt;freq&gt;<br/> ROSCillator:EXTernal:FREQUency?<br/> <br/> ROSCillator:SOURce INTernal   EXTernal<br/> ROSCillator:SOURce?<br/> <br/> SWEep:POINts &lt;neg_value&gt;   MIN   MAX<br/> SWEep:POINts? [MIN   MAX]<br/> <br/> SWEep:OFFSet:POINts &lt;neg_value&gt;   MIN   MAX<br/> SWEep:OFFSet:POINts? [MIN   MAX]<br/> <br/> VOLTage[&lt;channel&gt;][:DC]:RANGe &lt;range&gt;   MIN   MAX<br/> VOLTage[&lt;channel&gt;][:DC]:RANGe? [MIN   MAX]<br/> VOLTage[&lt;channel&gt;][:DC]:RESolution? [MIN   MAX]</p> | <p>Read data from list of channels.<br/> <br/> Read data from all channels.<br/> <br/> Query available readings per channel.<br/> <br/> Query last reading taken from channel.<br/> <br/> Declare external source's frequency.<br/> <br/> Set reference oscillator source.<br/> <br/> Set number of sweep points.<br/> <br/> Set number of sweep offset points.<br/> <br/> Set channel's voltage range.<br/> <br/> Query channel's resolution.</p> |
| <p>SAMPlE<br/> [:STARt   :SEQUence[1]]<br/> :COUNt &lt;count&gt;   MIN   MAX<br/> :COUNt? [MIN   MAX]<br/> <br/> [:IMMediate]<br/> <br/> :PRETrigger:COUNt &lt;count&gt;   MIN   MAX<br/> :PRETrigger:COUNt? [MIN   MAX]<br/> <br/> :SLOPe POS   1   NEG   0<br/> :SLOPe?<br/> <br/> :SOURce HOLD   TIMer   TTLT0-7   EXT<br/> :SOURce?<br/> <br/> :TIMer &lt;interval&gt;   MIN   MAX<br/> :TIMer? [MIN   MAX]</p>  | <p>Set the number of samples to take.<br/> <br/> Take a sample now.<br/> <br/> Set the number of pretrigger samples.<br/> <br/> Set the sample signal slope.<br/> <br/> Set the sample source.<br/> <br/> Set sampling interval for source TIMER.</p>  |

| Command   | Description  |
|---|--|
| <p>STATus</p> <p>:OPERation:CONDition?<br/> :OPERation[:EVENTt]?<br/> :OPERation:ENABle &lt;unmask&gt;<br/> :OPERation:ENABle?</p> <p>:PRESet</p> <p>:QUEStionable:CONDition?<br/> :QUEStionable[:EVENTt]?<br/> :QUEStionableENABle &lt;unmask&gt;<br/> :QUEStionable:ENABle?</p>   | <p>Read OPER:CONDition register.<br/> Read OPER:EVENTt register.<br/> Unmask operation register bits.<br/> Read OPER:ENABle register.</p> <p>PRESet the status registers.</p> <p>Read OPER:CONDition register.<br/> Read OPER:EVENTt register.<br/> Unmask questionable register bits.<br/> Read OPER:EVENTt register.</p> |
| <p>SYSTem</p> <p>:ERRor?<br/> :VERSion?</p>   | <p>Read system errors from error queue.<br/> Query system version.</p>   |
| <p>TEST</p> <p>:ERRor?</p> <p>:NUMBer? &lt;test_number&gt;</p> <p>:TST[:RESults]?</p>   | <p>Return details about self-test errors.</p> <p>Run a specific self-test.</p> <p>Return results of the *TST command.</p>  |
| <p>TRIGger</p> <p>[:STARt   :SEQuence[1]]<br/> [:IMMediate]</p> <p>:LEVel&lt;channel&gt; &lt;voltage&gt;   MIN   MAX<br/> :LEVel&lt;channel&gt;? [MIN   MAX]</p> <p>:MODE NORMAl   MASTer   SLAVe<br/> :MODE?</p> <p>:SLOPe&lt;n&gt; POS   1   NEG   0<br/> :SLOPe&lt;n&gt;?</p> <p>:SOURce&lt;n&gt; OFF   BUS   EXT   HOLD  <br/> IMMediate   INTernal1-4   TTLT0-7<br/> :SOURce&lt;n&gt;?</p> | <p>Trigger now.</p> <p>Set trigger level for internal trigger.</p> <p>Set trigger mode.</p> <p>Set slope of trigger signal.</p> <p>Set source of trigger signal.</p>   |



# Appendix A

## HP E1563A and E1564A Digitizer Specifications

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### Number of channels

E1563A: 2 channels  
E1564A: 4 channels

Bandwidth: >400 kHz for all ranges  
Resolution: 14 bits (including sign)  
Sample rates: 1 Sa/s to 800 kSa/s  
Built-in DSP: No  
Alias protection: Oversample  
Time base resolution: 0.1 us  
Low-frequency CMRR: 113 dB

### Selectable input filters:

E1563A (per channel): 25 kHz  
E1564A (per channel): 1.5kHz, 6 kHz, 25 kHz, 100 kHz

Trigger: Time and Event  
Pre-trigger capture: Yes  
Memory: 4 Mbyte to 128 Mbyte PC SIMM  
FIFO memory

### Cooling/Slot:

Watts/slot  
E1563A: 20.6W  
E1564A: 37.4W  
 $\Delta P$  mm H<sub>2</sub>O: 0.18  
Air flow liter/s: 2.8

## HP E1563A/E1564A Accuracy Specifications

| Range   | Zero Offset <sup>1</sup><br>(with filter OFF) |   | Zero Offset <sup>1</sup><br>(with filter ON) |   | Gain<br>(% of reading)          |   | Noise<br>(3 sigma) |
|---------|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|
|         | Specifi-<br>cation <sup>2</sup>               | Temperature<br>Coefficient <sup>3</sup> | Specifi-<br>cation <sup>2</sup>              | Temperature<br>Coefficient <sup>3</sup> | Specifi-<br>cation <sup>2</sup> | Temperature<br>Coefficient <sup>3</sup> | Specifi-<br>cation |
| 0.0625V | 20 $\mu$ V                                    | 1.9 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C               | 28 $\mu$ V                                   | 4.3 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C               | 0.034%                          | 0.0061%/ $^{\circ}$ C                   | 57 $\mu$ V         |
| 0.25V   | 78 $\mu$ V                                    | 6 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C                 | 110 $\mu$ V                                  | 16 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C                | 0.034%                          | 0.0061%/ $^{\circ}$ C                   | 180 $\mu$ V        |
| 1V      | 300 $\mu$ V                                   | 15 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C                | 430 $\mu$ V                                  | 63 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C                | 0.034%                          | 0.0061%/ $^{\circ}$ C                   | 720 $\mu$ V        |
| 4V      | 1.2 mV  | 60 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C                | 1.7 mV                                       | 251 $\mu$ V/ $^{\circ}$ C               | 0.034%                          | 0.0061%/ $^{\circ}$ C                   | 2.88 mV            |
| 16V     | 21 mV   | 1.3 mV/ $^{\circ}$ C                    | 21 mV  | 1.63 mV/ $^{\circ}$ C                   | 0.034%                          | 0.0061%/ $^{\circ}$ C                   | 14.7 mV            |
| 64V     | 28 mV   | 1.65 mV/ $^{\circ}$ C                   | 34 mV  | 4.24 mV/ $^{\circ}$ C                   | 0.034%                          | 0.0061%/ $^{\circ}$ C                   | 48 mV              |
| 256V    | 79 mV   | 4.28 mV/ $^{\circ}$ C                   | 110 mV                                       | 16.2 mV/ $^{\circ}$ C                   | 0.034%                          | 0.0061%/ $^{\circ}$ C                   | 189 mV             |

<sup>1</sup> Valid within the range of 0 $^{\circ}$ C to 55 $^{\circ}$ C. A zero offset calibration for all channels must be performed if the instrument experiences a temperature <0 $^{\circ}$ C or >55 $^{\circ}$ C for these specifications to remain valid.

<sup>2</sup> Specification is valid when tested at a temperature within  $\pm$ 5 $^{\circ}$ C of the calibration temperature.

<sup>3</sup> Amount of error that must be added for each  $^{\circ}$ C outside of  $\pm$ 5 $^{\circ}$ C of the calibration temperature.

### Integral Non-linearity Specification

All ranges: 2.5 LSB

### General Specifications

For indoor use, pollution degree 2

Operating altitude: 3000 meters or mainframe altitude specification, whichever is lower

Operating temperature: 0 $^{\circ}$ C to 55 $^{\circ}$ C

Relative humidity: up to 80% at 31 $^{\circ}$ C, decreasing to 50% at 40 $^{\circ}$ C



# Appendix B

## HP E1563A and E1564A

### Register-Based Programming

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## About This Appendix

The HP E1563A 2-Channel and HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizers are register-based modules which do not support the VXIbus word serial protocol. When a SCPI command is sent to the digitizer, the instrument driver resident in the HP E1406A Command Module parses the command and programs the digitizer at the register level.

Register-based programming is a series of reads and writes directly to the digitizer registers. This increases throughput speed since it eliminates command parsing and allows the use of an embedded controller. Also, register programming provides an avenue for users to control a VXI module with an alternate VXI controller device and eliminate the need for using an HP E1405/E1406 Command Module.

This appendix contains the information you need for register-based programming. The contents include:

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## Register Addressing

Register addresses for register-based devices are located in the upper 25% of VXI A16 address space. Every VXI device (up to 256 devices) is allocated a 64 byte block of addresses. Figure B-1 shows the register address location within A16 as it might be mapped by an embedded controller. Figure B-1 shows the location of A16 address space in the HP E1405A/B and E1406A Command Modules.

### The Base Address

When you are reading or writing to a digitizer register, a hexadecimal or decimal register address is specified. This address consists of a base address plus a register offset.

The base address used in register-based programming depends on whether the A16 address space is outside or inside the HP E1406A Command Module.

## A16 Address Space Outside the Command Module

When the HP E1406A Command Module is not part of your VXIbus system (Figure B-2), the digitizer's base address is computed as:<sup>1</sup>

$$C000_{16} + (LADDR * 64)_{16}$$

or

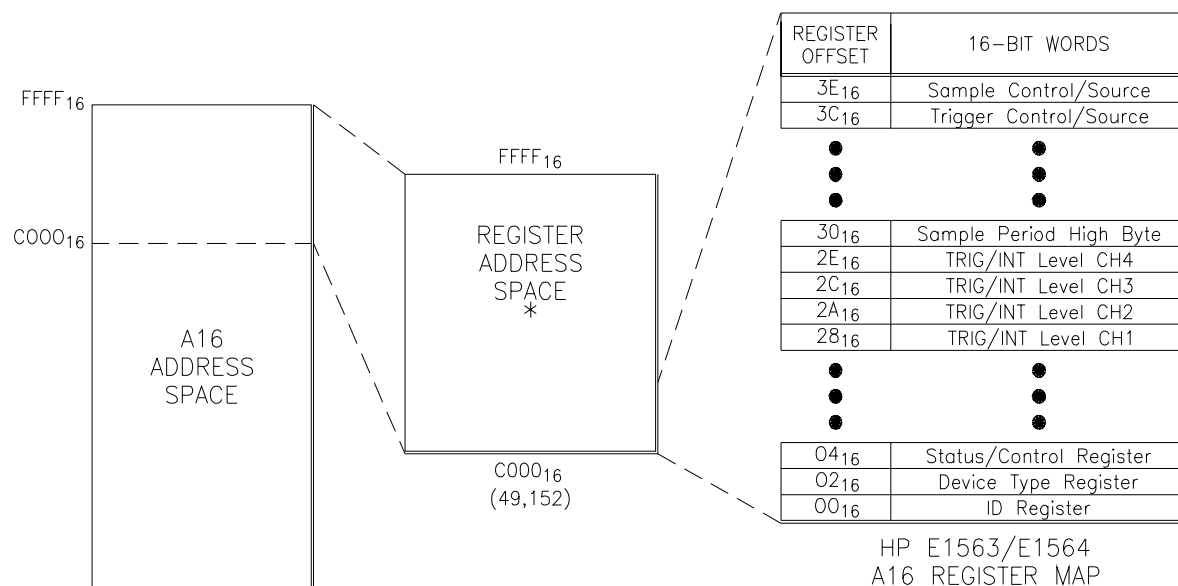
$$49,152 + (LADDR * 64)$$

where  $C000_{16}$  (49,152) is the starting location of the register addresses, LADDR is the digitizer's logical address, and  $64_{10}$  is the number of address bytes per VXI device. For example, the digitizer's factory set logical address is 40 ( $28_{16}$ ). If this address is not changed, the digitizer will have a base address of:

$$C000_{16} + (40 * 64)_{16} = C000_{16} + A00_{16} = CA00_{16}$$

or (decimal)

$$49,152 + (40 * 64) = 49,152 + 2560 = 51,712$$



\* Base Address =  $C000_{16} + (\text{Logical Address} * 64)_{16}$   
or  
 $49,152 + (\text{Logical Address} * 64)_{10}$

Register Address = Base address + Register Offset

Figure B-1. Registers within A16 Address Space

1. The "16" at the end of the address indicates a hexadecimal number.

## A16 Address Space Inside the Command Module or Mainframe

When the A16 address space is inside the HP E1406A Command Module (Figure B-2), the digitizer's base address is computed as:

$$1FC000_{16} + (LADDR * 64)_{16}$$

or

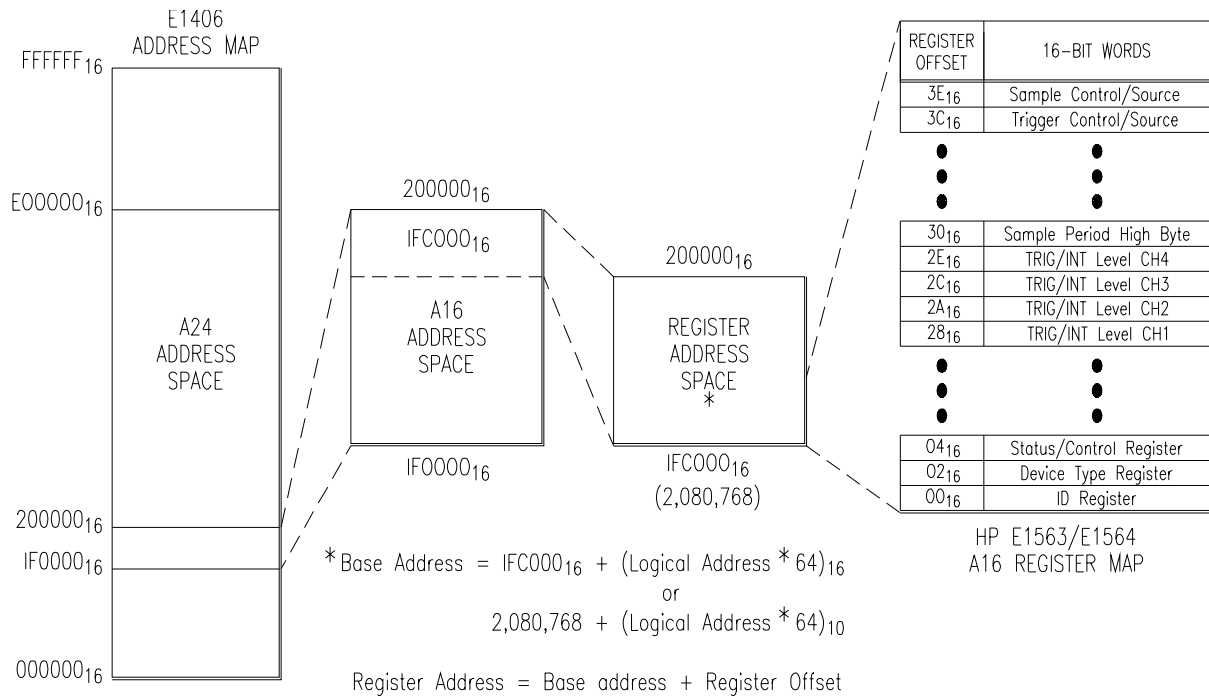
$$2,080,768 + (LADDR * 64)$$

where  $1FC000_{16}$  (2,080,768) is the starting location of the VXI A16 addresses, LADDR is the digitizer's logical address, and 64 is the number of address bytes per register-based device. Again, the digitizer's factory set logical address is 40. If this address is not changed, the digitizer will have a base address of:

$$1FC000_{16} + (40 * 64)_{16} = 1FC000_{16} + A00_{16} = 1FCA00_{16}$$

or

$$2,080,768 + (40 * 64) = 2,080,768 + 2560 = 2,083,328$$



**Figure B-2. Registers within Command Module's A16 Address Space**

### Register Offset

The register offset is the register's location in the block of 64 address bytes. For example, the multiplexer's Status/Control Register has an offset of  $04_{16}$ . When you write a command to this register, the offset is added to the base address to form the register address:

$$CA00_{16} + 04_{16} = CA04_{16}$$

$$1FCA00_{16} + 04_{16} = 1FCA04_{16}$$

*or*

$$51,712 + 4 = 51,716$$

$$2,083,328 + 4 = 2,083,332$$

## Register Descriptions

There are twenty WRITE and thirty-one READ registers on the digitizer. This section contains a description of the registers followed by a bit map of the registers in sequential address order. Undefined register bits appear as "0" when the register is read, and have no effect when written to.

### WRITE Registers

You can write to the following digitizer registers:

- Status/Control Register (base + 04<sub>16</sub>)
- Offset Register (base + 06<sub>16</sub>)
- Interrupt Control Register (base + 0C<sub>16</sub>)
- Calibration Flash ROM Address Register (base + 1C<sub>16</sub>)
- Calibration Flash ROM Data Register (base + 1E<sub>16</sub>)
- Calibration Source Register (base + 20<sub>16</sub>)
- Range, Filter, Connect Channels 1 and 2 Register (base + 24<sub>16</sub>)
- Range, Filter, Connect Channels 3 and 4 Register (base + 26<sub>16</sub>)
- Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 1 Register (base + 28<sub>16</sub>)
- Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 2 Register (base + 2A<sub>16</sub>)
- Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 3 Register (base + 2C<sub>16</sub>)
- Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 4 Register (base + 2E<sub>16</sub>)
- Sample Period High Word Register (base + 30<sub>16</sub>)
- Sample Period Low Word Register (base + 32<sub>16</sub>)
- Pre-Trigger Count High Register (base + 34<sub>16</sub>)
- Pre-Trigger Count Low Register (base + 36<sub>16</sub>)
- Post-Trigger Count High Register (base + 38<sub>16</sub>)
- Post-Trigger Count Low Register (base + 3A<sub>16</sub>)
- Trigger Control/Source Register (base + 3C<sub>16</sub>)
- Sample Control/Source Register (base + 3E<sub>16</sub>)

### READ Registers

You can read the following digitizer registers:

- Manufacturer ID Register (base + 00<sub>16</sub>)
- Device Type Register (base + 02<sub>16</sub>)
- Status/Control Register (base + 04<sub>16</sub>)
- Offset Register (base + 06<sub>16</sub>)
- FIFO High Word Register (base + 08<sub>16</sub>)
- FIFO Low Word Register (base + 0A<sub>16</sub>)
- Interrupt Control Register (base + 0C<sub>16</sub>)
- Interrupt Sources Register (base + 0E<sub>16</sub>)
- CVTable Channel 1 Register (base + 10<sub>16</sub>)
- CVTable Channel 2 Register (base + 12<sub>16</sub>)
- CVTable Channel 3 Register (base + 14<sub>16</sub>)

- CVTable Channel 4 Register (base + 16<sub>16</sub>)
- Samples Taken High Word Register (base + 18<sub>16</sub>)
- Samples Taken Low Word Register (base + 1A<sub>16</sub>)
- Calibration Flash ROM Address Register (base + 1C<sub>16</sub>)
- Calibration Flash ROM Data Register (base + 1E<sub>16</sub>)
- Calibration Source Register (base + 20<sub>16</sub>)
- Range, Filter, Connect Channels 1 and 2 Register (base + 24<sub>16</sub>)
- Range, Filter, Connect Channels 3 and 4 Register (base + 26<sub>16</sub>)
- Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 1 Register (base + 28<sub>16</sub>)
- Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 2 Register (base + 2A<sub>16</sub>)
- Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 3 Register (base + 2C<sub>16</sub>)
- Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 4 Register (base + 2E<sub>16</sub>)
- Sample Period High Word Register (base + 30<sub>16</sub>)
- Sample Period Low Word Register (base + 32<sub>16</sub>)
- Pre-Trigger Count High Register (base + 34<sub>16</sub>)
- Pre-Trigger Count Low Register (base + 36<sub>16</sub>)
- Post-Trigger Count High Register (base + 38<sub>16</sub>)
- Post-Trigger Count Low Register (base + 3A<sub>16</sub>)
- Trigger Control/Source Register (base + 3C<sub>16</sub>)
- Sample Control/Source Register (base + 3E<sub>16</sub>)

## ID Register

Reading the ID register returns FFF<sub>16</sub> in the least significant bits to indicate the manufacturer is Hewlett-Packard and the module is an A16 register-based device.

|                         |                     |    |                   |    |  |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----|-------------------|----|--|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| base + 00 <sub>16</sub> | 15                  | 14 | 13                | 12 | 11   | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Read                    | Device Class<br>1 1 |    | Addr Space<br>0 0 |    | Manufacturer ID - returns FFF <sub>16</sub> (-12289 <sub>10</sub> ) in Hewlett-Packard A16 only register-based |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

### Reading the Register

- Via Command Module PEEK command: DIAG:PEEK? 2083328,16  
(2083328 = base with logical address 40 + 0 offset; see Figure B-2)
- Via Digitizer Module PEEK command: DIAG:PEEK? 0  
(0 signifies the first word, 16 bits, zero-base numbering system)

The “Programming Examples” on page 130 shows how to read the ID Register.

## Device Type Register

Reading the Device Type Register returns 266<sub>16</sub> in the least significant bits to identify the device as the HP E1563A 2-Channel Digitizer or 267<sub>16</sub> in the least significant bits to identify the device as the HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer.

|                         |    |    |    |    |  |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|--|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| base + 02 <sub>16</sub> | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11   | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Read                    | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  | HP E1563A (2-Channel Digitizer) = 266 <sub>16</sub> , 614 <sub>10</sub> ;<br>HP E1564A (4-Channel Digitizer) = 267 <sub>16</sub> , 615 <sub>10</sub> |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

## Reading the Register

- Via Command Module PEEK command: DIAG:PEEK? 2083330,16  
(2083328 = base with logical address 40 + 02 offset; see Figure B-2)
- Via Digitizer Module PEEK command: DIAG:PEEK? 1  
(1 signifies the second word, 16 bits, zero-base numbering system)

The “Programming Examples” on page 130 shows how to read the Device Type Register.

## Status/Control Register

Writes to the Status/Control Register (base + 04<sub>16</sub>) which enables you to reset the module and set either A24 or A32 decoding. You can also read the MODID bit.

|                         |    |                |               |     |                |             |   |   |   |           |     |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|----|----------------|---------------|-----|----------------|-------------|---|---|---|-----------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|
| base + 04 <sub>16</sub> | 15 | 14             | 13            | 12  | 11             | 10          | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6         | 5   | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Write*                  | A  | Unde-<br>fined | MOT-<br>INTEL | A24 | undefined      |             |   | F | E | Undefined |     |   | S | R |   |   |
| Read**                  | A  | M              | MOT-<br>INTEL | A24 | Unde-<br>fined | Memory Size |   | F | E | Arm Delay | RDY | P | S | R |   |   |

### Status/Control register bits defined:

| *WRITE BITS (Status/Control Register) |           |   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| bit 0                                 | R         | Writing a "1" to this bit resets the digitizer to the power-on state. You must set bit 0 back to a logical "0" before resuming normal operations of the module. |
| bit 1                                 | S         | "1" inhibits sysfail, "0" does not inhibit sysfail.   |
| bit 6                                 | E         | "1" disables error reporting LED, "0" enables error reporting LED (front panel).  |
| bit 7                                 | F         | "1" disables Flash ROM "write", "0" enables Flash ROM "write".  |
| bit 12                                | A24       | "1" sets A24 space as all FIFO, "0" sets A24 space as broken up.  |
| bit 13                                | MOT-INTEL | "1" sets Motorola format for reading ordering, "0" sets Intel format for reading ordering.  |
| bit 15                                | A         | "1" enables A32 decoding, "0" enables A24 decoding.   |

| **READ BITS (Status/Control Register) |             |  |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| bit 0                                 | R           | Reset Status; "1" = module reset, "0" = normal operation.  |
| bit 1                                 | S           | SYSFAIL inhibit; "1" = inhibited, "0" = not inhibited.   |
| bit 2                                 | P           | Passed; "1" = passed, "0" = failed.  |
| bit 3                                 | RDY         | Ready; "1" = A32 decoding enabled, "0" = A24 decoding enabled.   |
| bits 4 & 5                            | Arm Delay   | Bit 4 is "1" for 1 mS after a range/filter change then returns to "0", bit 5 is "1" for 30 mS after range/filter change then returns to "0". |
| bit 6                                 | E           | Error; "1" disables front panel error LED, "0" enables front panel error LED.  |
| bit 7                                 | F           | Flash ROM; "1" disables Flash ROM "write", "0" enables Flash ROM "write".  |
| bits 8, 9, and 10                     | Memory Size | Memory Size; "000" = 4 MBytes, "001" = 8 MBytes, "010" = 16 MBytes, "011" = 32 MBytes, "100" = 64 MBytes, "101" = 128 MBytes.                |

| <b>**READ BITS (Status/Control Register)</b> |           |   |
|--|-----------|---|
| bit 12                                       | A24       | "1" sets A24 space as all FIFO, "0" sets A24 space as broken up.                  |
| bit 13                                       | MOT-INTEL | "1" = Motorola big endian byte swapping, "0" = Intel little endian byte swapping. |
| bit 14                                       | M         | MODID bit; if the bit is "0", module has been selected.                           |
| bit 15                                       | A         | A24/A32 enable; "1" = A32 decoding enabled, "0" = A24 decoding enabled.           |

### Reading the Register

- Via Command Module PEEK command: DIAG:PEEK? 2083332,16  
(2083328 = base with logical address 40 + 04 offset; see Figure B-2)
- Via Digitizer Module PEEK command: DIAG:PEEK? 2  
(2 signifies the third word, 16 bits, zero-base numbering system)

### A24 Offset Register

The offset of the module in A24 space is set by the upper eight bits (15-8) of this register. The lower eight bits (7-0) of this register are zero.

|                         |            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |           |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| base + 06 <sub>16</sub> | 15         | 14  | 13  | 12  | 11  | 10  | 9   | 8   | 7         | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Write*                  | A23        | A22 | A21 | A20 | A19 | A18 | A17 | A16 | undefined |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Read**                  | A24 Offset |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 0         | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

#### A24 Offset register bits defined:

| <b>*WRITE BITS (A24 Offset Register)</b> |         |   |
|--|---------|---|
| bits 8-15                                | A16-A23 | These bits set the offset of the module in A24 space. |

| <b>**READ BITS (A24 Offset Register)</b> |            |                                   |
|--|------------|-----------------------------------|
| bits 8-15                                | A24 Offset | The module's offset in A24 space. |

### Cache FIFO High Word Register

Data is stored on the module in large, slow dynamic RAM and fast, small backplane cache. Each of these data stores is a FIFO. The dynamic RAM FIFO receives the data from the ADC. As soon as the pre-trigger data has been identified, data is moved from the dynamic RAM FIFO to the backplane cache FIFO. Data is removed from the module using the cache FIFO. Data is 16-bit 2's complement and is packed into the FIFO registers. Always read register 08h before 0Ah if using D16. The FIFO is incremented after reading register 0Eh. If D32 is used, reading 08h will increment the FIFO correctly. The data is interwoven from all channels.

The following is the ordering of the data when D16 is used to remove the data on a 4-channel module.

- Read 08h channel 1 data (bit 15 is MSB of chan1, bit 0 is LSB of chan 1)
- Read 0Ah channel 2 data
- FIFO is automatically incremented to bring in the next data

- Read 08h channel 3 data
- Read 0Ah channel 4 data
- FIFO is automatically incremented to bring in the next data

The following is the ordering of the data when D32 is used to remove the data on a 4-channel module.

- Read 08h channel 1 data, channel 2 data (bit 31 is MSB of chan 1, bit 16 is LSB of chan 1, bit 15 is MSB of chan 2, bit 0 is LSB of chan 2)
- FIFO is automatically incremented to bring in the next data
- Read 0Ah channel 3 data, channel 4 data (bit 31 is MSB of chan 3, bit 16 is LSB of chan 3, bit 15 is MSB of chan 4, bit 0 is LSB of chan 4)
- FIFO is automatically incremented to bring in the next data

|                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| base + 08 <sub>16</sub> | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0   |
| Read                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | LSB |

## Cache FIFO Low Word Register

|                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| base + 0A <sub>16</sub> | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0   |
| Read                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | LSB |

## Interrupt Control Register

The interrupt level and the interrupt source are controlled by the interrupt control register. There are several sources of interrupt. A logical OR is performed on the enabled sources to determine if an IRQ should be pulled. This allows a user to set an interrupt if any channel exceeds a predetermined level or if data is available. Bits 0, 1 and 2 control the interrupt level (1 - 7). Level 0 (000) is not a valid setting. The enable bit (bit 3) allows an IRQ to occur when it is set high. All interrupt sources are edge sensitive. If a masked latched interrupt source is high during the interrupt acknowledge (iack) cycle, the latch of the source is cleared and will not be set until another edge from the source occurs.

|                         |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |           |   |   |        |                 |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|---|---|--------|-----------------|----|----|----|
| base + 0C <sub>16</sub> | 15   | 14   | 13  | 12   | 11  | 10  | 9   | 8   | 7         | 6 | 5 | 4      | 3               | 2  | 1  | 0  |
| Write*                  |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |           |   |   |        | Enable          | L2 | L1 | L0 |
| Read**                  | TRIG | DONE | PRE | OVER | CH4 | CH3 | CH2 | CH1 | undefined |   |   | Enable | Interrupt Level |    |    |    |

**Interrupt Control register bits defined:**

| <b>*WRITE BITS (Interrupt Control Register)</b> |        |  |
|---|--------|--|
| bits 0-2  | L0-2   | Specifies the interrupt level (1 - 7); "001" = 1, "111" = 7              |
| bit 3   | Enable | Enable the interrupt; "1" = interrupt enabled, "0" = interrupt disabled. |



| <b>**READ BITS (Interrupt Control Register)</b> |      |  |
|---|------|--|
| bit 15  | TRIG | A trigger has been received after pre-trigger acquisition is done. |
| bit 14  | DONE | Memory is full or post trigger acquisition is done.                |
| bit 13  | PRE  | Pre-trigger data has been acquired.                                |
| bit 12  | OVER | A dangerous OVERvoltage caused the channel input relay to open.    |
| bit 11  | CH4  | Channel 4 exceeded the set limit.                                  |
| bit 10  | CH3  | Channel 3 exceeded the set limit.                                  |
| bit 9   | CH2  | Channel 2 exceeded the set limit.                                  |
| bit 8   | CH1  | Channel 1 exceeded the set limit.                                  |

## Interrupt Source Register

Eight events can be enabled to interrupt the digitizer. These events are listed in the above Interrupt Control Register definition for bits 8 through 15. The Interrupt Source Register contains the latched version (bits 8-15) and the unlatched version (bits 0-7) of these sources. The value of a source is latched high when the source has a low-to-high transition. The latched bits are cleared if they are masked as an interrupt source or by reading the register and writing back the contents. Writing a “1” to the bit clears the latch. The non-latched state of the interrupts is available all the time. The bit ordering of the latched bits and the unlatched bits is the same as the mask.

|                         |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |      |      |     |      |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| base + 0E <sub>16</sub> | 15   | 14   | 13  | 12   | 11  | 10  | 9   | 8   | 7    | 6    | 5   | 4    | 3   | 2   | 1   | 0   |
| Read                    | TRIG | DONE | PRE | OVER | CH4 | CH3 | CH2 | CH1 | TRIG | DONE | PRE | OVER | CH4 | CH3 | CH2 | CH1 |

### Interrupt Source register bits defined:

| <b>READ BITS (Interrupt Source Register)</b> |      |  |
|--|------|--|
| bit 15, 7                                    | TRIG | A trigger has been received after pre-trigger acquisition is complete and measurement count is not complete. |
| bit 14, 6                                    | DONE | Memory is full or post trigger acquisition is complete.  |
| bit 13, 5                                    | PRE  | Pre-trigger data has been acquired and waiting for trigger.  |
| bit 12, 4                                    | OVER | A dangerous OVERvoltage caused the channel input relay to open.  |
| bit 11, 3                                    | CH4  | Channel 4 exceeded the set limit during the last sample taken.   |
| bit 10, 2                                    | CH3  | Channel 3 exceeded the set limit during the last sample taken.   |
| bit 9, 1                                     | CH2  | Channel 2 exceeded the set limit during the last sample taken.   |
| bit 8, 0                                     | CH1  | Channel 1 exceeded the set limit during the last sample taken.   |

### CVTable Channel 1 Register

This register holds the last value of the 2's compliment data stored in FIFO for channel 1. Data is 14 bits with the LSB at bit 2.

|                         |     |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |   |   |
|-------------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|---|---|
| base + 10 <sub>16</sub> | 15  | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2   | 1 | 0 |
| Read                    | MSB |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | LSB | 0 | 0 |

### CVTable Channel 2 Register

This register holds the last value of the 2's compliment data stored in FIFO for channel 2. Data is 14 bits with the LSB at bit 2.

|                         |     |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |   |   |
|-------------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|---|---|
| base + 12 <sub>16</sub> | 15  | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2   | 1 | 0 |
| Read                    | MSB |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | LSB | 0 | 0 |

### CVTable Channel 3 Register

This register holds the last value of the 2's compliment data stored in FIFO for channel 3. Data is 14 bits with the LSB at bit 2.

|                         |     |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |   |   |
|-------------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|---|---|
| base + 14 <sub>16</sub> | 15  | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2   | 1 | 0 |
| Read                    | MSB |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | LSB | 0 | 0 |

### CVTable Channel 4 Register

This register holds the last value of the 2's compliment data stored in FIFO for channel 4. Data is 14 bits with the LSB at bit 2.

|                         |     |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |   |   |
|-------------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|---|---|
| base + 16 <sub>16</sub> | 15  | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2   | 1 | 0 |
| Read                    | MSB |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | LSB | 0 | 0 |

### Samples Taken High Byte Register

This register holds the upper 16 bits of the number of samples taken (number of readings). The value in this register will continuously change as readings are taken.

|                         |            |            |            |            |            |            |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| base + 18 <sub>16</sub> | 15<br>(31) | 14<br>(30) | 13<br>(29) | 12<br>(28) | 11<br>(27) | 10<br>(26) | 9<br>(25) | 8<br>(24) | 7<br>(23) | 6<br>(22) | 5<br>(21) | 4<br>(20) | 3<br>(19) | 2<br>(18) | 1<br>(17) | 0<br>(16) |
| Read                    | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | x         | x         | x         | x         | x         | x         |

### Samples Taken Low Word Register

This register holds the lower 16 bits of the number of samples taken (number of readings). The value in this register will continuously change as readings are taken.

|                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| base + 1A <sub>16</sub> | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0   |
| Read                    | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | LSB |

## Calibration Flash ROM Address Register

This register holds the address of the calibration flash ROM that is used for storing the calibration constants. Note the bit pattern 01010 for bits 15-11 in the upper byte. A write to Flash ROM is aborted if this pattern is not present.

|                         |    |    |    |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| base + 1C <sub>16</sub> | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10  | 9  | 8  | 7  | 6  | 5  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 0  |
| Write*                  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  | A10 | A9 | A8 | A7 | A6 | A5 | A4 | A3 | A2 | A1 | A0 |
| Read**                  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | A10 | A9 | A8 | A7 | A6 | A5 | A4 | A3 | A2 | A1 | A0 |

## Calibration Flash ROM Data Register

This register holds the data of the calibration flash ROM that is used for the calibration constants. The upper eight bits return “0” when this register is read. Note the bit pattern 01010 for bits 15-11 in the upper byte. A write to Flash ROM is aborted if this pattern is not present.

|                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| base + 1E <sub>16</sub> | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7  | 6  | 5  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 0  |
| Write*                  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0 | 1 | D7 | D6 | D5 | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 |
| Read**                  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | D7 | D6 | D5 | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 |

## Calibration Source Register

The E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer has an on-board calibration source. The source is a 12-bit DAC with a gain switch. Bit 15 is the gain switch and bits 11 through 0 are the calibration value.

|                         |       |    |      |      |          |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|-------|----|------|------|----------|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| base + 20 <sub>16</sub> | 15    | 14 | 13   | 12   | 11       | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Write                   | RANGE |    | MUX1 | MUX0 | DAC Data |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

Calibration Source register bits defined:

| *WRITE BITS (Calibration Source Register) |         |   |
|---|---------|---|
| bits 0-11                                 | DAC     | DAC data  |
| bit 12, 13                                | MUX0, 1 | connects choices to the output; 00 = CAL source, 01 = Raw DAC output, 10 = Internal +5V reference, 11 = Input short |
| bit 15                                    | RANGE   | DAC output ranges: 0 = ±15V DAC output, 1 = ±0.5V DAC output  |

## Cache Count Register

The total number of samples taken by the digitizer is the ((cache count x 2) divided by the number of channels) + the sample count (registers at offset 18<sub>16</sub> and 1A<sub>16</sub>).

|                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |             |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| base + 22 <sub>16</sub> | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7           | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Write                   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | Cache count |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

## Range, Filter, and Channel 1, 2 Connect Register

Each channel has an 8-bit byte which controls the input signal range, filter cut off and the relay that connects the channel to the front panel connector. The fastest way to change range, filter or the connect relay is to write a 32-bit word to the register. After every write to this register the bus is held off 10  $\mu$ s until the range, filter and relay information is sent to the isolated channel. The settling time for the relays, filters and the gain amplifier is about 20 ms. This register controls channels 1 and 2.

|                         |       |                  |    |    |        |                |   |   |       |                  |   |   |        |                |   |   |
|-------------------------|-------|------------------|----|----|--------|----------------|---|---|-------|------------------|---|---|--------|----------------|---|---|
| base + 24 <sub>16</sub> | 15    | 14               | 13 | 12 | 11     | 10             | 9 | 8 | 7     | 6                | 5 | 4 | 3      | 2              | 1 | 0 |
| Write                   | Conn1 | CH 1 Filter Code |    |    | short1 | CH 1 Gain Code |   |   | Conn2 | CH 2 Filter Code |   |   | short2 | CH 2 Gain Code |   |   |
| Read                    | Conn1 | CH 1 Filter Code |    |    | short1 | CH 1 Gain Code |   |   | Conn2 | CH 2 Filter Code |   |   | short2 | CH 2 Gain Code |   |   |

**Range, Filter and Channel Connect register bits defined:**

| WRITE/READ BITS (Range, Filter and Channel 1/2 Connect Register) |                |  |
|--|----------------|--|
| bits 0-2 and 8-10  | Gain Code      | These bits set the gain of the input channel by the codes shown below:<br>000 = 62.5 mV range<br>001 = 0.25V range<br>010 = 1.0V range<br>011 = 4.0V range<br>100 = 16V range<br>101 = 64V range<br>110 = 256V range (also 111 = 256V range) |
| bits 3 and 11  | short1, short2 | These bits connect an internal short to the channel inputs when the bit is "1". When it is "0", bits 7 & 15 connect the channel to the input or the calibration bus.   |
| bits 4-6 and 12-14   | Filter Code    | These bits set the input channel filter cut-off frequency by the codes shown below:<br>000 = 1.5 kHz<br>001 = 6 kHz<br>010 = 25 kHz<br>011 = 100 kHz<br>111 = NO filter  |
| bits 7 and 15  | Connect Code   | This bit connects the input channel to the front panel connector (Connect Code = 0) or to the calibration bus (Connect Code = 1).  |

## Range, Filter, and Channel 3, 4 Connect Register

Each channel has an 8-bit byte which controls the input signal range, filter cut off and the relay that connects the channel to the front panel connector. The fastest way to change range, filter or the connect relay is to write a 32-bit word to the register. After every write to this register the bus is held off 10  $\mu$ s until the range, filter and relay information is sent to the isolated channel. The settling time for the relays, filters and the gain amplifier is about 10 ms. This register controls channels 3 and 4.

|                         |       |                  |    |    |        |                |   |   |       |                  |   |   |        |                |   |   |
|-------------------------|-------|------------------|----|----|--------|----------------|---|---|-------|------------------|---|---|--------|----------------|---|---|
| base + 26 <sub>16</sub> | 15    | 14               | 13 | 12 | 11     | 10             | 9 | 8 | 7     | 6                | 5 | 4 | 3      | 2              | 1 | 0 |
| Write                   | Conn3 | CH 3 Filter Code |    |    | short3 | CH 3 Gain Code |   |   | Conn4 | CH 4 Filter Code |   |   | short4 | CH 4 Gain Code |   |   |
| Read                    | Conn3 | CH 3 Filter Code |    |    | short3 | CH 3 Gain Code |   |   | Conn4 | CH 4 Filter Code |   |   | short4 | CH 4 Gain Code |   |   |

**Range, Filter and Channel Connect register bits defined:**

| WRITE/READ BITS (Range, Filter and Channel 3/4 Connect Register) |                |  |
|--|----------------|--|
| bits 0-2 and 8-10  | Gain Code      | These bits set the gain of the input channel by the codes shown below:<br>000 = 62.5 mV range<br>001 = 0.25V range<br>010 = 1.0V range<br>011 = 4.0V range<br>100 = 16V range<br>101 = 64V range<br>110 = 256V range (also 111 = 256V range) |
| bits 3 and 11  | short3, short4 | These bits connect an internal short to the channel inputs when the bit is "1". When it is "0", bits 7 & 15 connect the channel to the input or the calibration bus.   |
| bits 4-6 and 12-14   | Filter Code    | These bits set the input channel filter cut-off frequency by the codes shown below:<br>000 = 1.5 kHz<br>001 = 6 kHz<br>010 = 25 kHz<br>011 = 100 kHz<br>111 = NO filter  |
| bits 7 and 15  | Connect Code   | This bit connects the input channel to the front panel connector (Connect Code = 0) or to the calibration bus (Connect Code = 1).  |

**Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 1 Register**

This register provides 8-bit data corrected for offset and gain in 2's compliment format.

|                         |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|-------------------------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| base + 28 <sub>16</sub> | 15     | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9  | 8  | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0  |
| Write*                  | MSB-D7 | D6 | D5 | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | GL |
| Read**                  | MSB-D7 | D6 | D5 | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | GL |

**Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 1 register bits defined:**

| *WRITE/**READ BITS (Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 1 Register) |       |  |
|---|-------|--|
| bit 0   | GL    | Greater than or Less than; "0" = >, "1" = <. |
| bits 15-8   | D7-D0 | data bits.                                   |

**Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 2 Register**

This register provides 8-bit data corrected for offset and gain in 2's compliment format.

### Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 2 register and bit definition:

|                         |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|-------------------------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| base + 2A <sub>16</sub> | 15     | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9  | 8  | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0  |
| Write*                  | MSB-D7 | D6 | D5 | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | GL |
| Read**                  | MSB-D7 | D6 | D5 | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | GL |

| *WRITE/**READ BITS (Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 2 Register) |       |  |
|---|-------|--|
| bit 0   | GL    | Greater than or Less than; "0" = >, "1" = <. |
| bits 15-8   | D7-D0 | data bits.                                   |

### Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 3 Register

This register provides 8-bit data corrected for offset and gain in 2's compliment format.

|                         |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|-------------------------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| base + 2C <sub>16</sub> | 15     | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9  | 8  | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0  |
| Write*                  | MSB-D7 | D6 | D5 | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | GL |
| Read**                  | MSB-D7 | D6 | D5 | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | GL |

### Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 3 register bits defined:

| *WRITE/**READ BITS (Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 3 Register) |       |  |
|---|-------|--|
| bit 0   | GL    | Greater than or Less than; "0" = >, "1" = <. |
| bits 15-8   | D7-D0 | data bits.                                   |

### Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 4 Register

This register provides 8-bit data corrected for offset and gain in 2's compliment format.

|                         |        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|-------------------------|--------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| base + 2E <sub>16</sub> | 15     | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9  | 8  | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0  |
| Write*                  | MSB-D7 | D6 | D5 | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | GL |
| Read**                  | MSB-D7 | D6 | D5 | D4 | D3 | D2 | D1 | D0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | GL |

### Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 4 register bits defined:

| *WRITE/**READ BITS (Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 4 Register) |       |  |
|---|-------|--|
| bit 0   | GL    | Greater than or Less than; "0" = >, "1" = <. |
| bits 15-8   | D7-D0 | data bits.                                   |

## Sample Period High Byte Register

This register provides the high byte of the sample period.

|                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| base + 30 <sub>16</sub> | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |   |
| Write*                  |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Read**                  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |   |

## Sample Period Low Word Register

This register provides the low word (2 bytes) of the sample period.

|                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| base + 32 <sub>16</sub> | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0   |
| Write*                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | LSB |
| Read**                  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x  | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | LSB |

## Pre-Trigger Count High Byte Register

Pre-trigger count is the number of readings stored before the trigger is received. The minimum value is 0. The maximum number of readings is the size of memory in bytes divided by 8 for the E1563 and divided by 4 for the E1564.

|                         |           |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| base + 34 <sub>16</sub> | 15        | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 0  |
| Write                   | undefined |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   | C5 | C4 | C3 | C2 | C1 | C0 |
| Read                    | 0         | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | C5 | C4 | C3 | C2 | C1 | C0 |

## Pre-Trigger Count Low Word Register

This register holds the low word (2 bytes) for the pre-trigger count.

|                         |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| base + 36 <sub>16</sub> | 15  | 14  | 13  | 12  | 11  | 10  | 9  | 8  | 7  | 6  | 5  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 0  |
| Write                   | C15 | C14 | C13 | C12 | C11 | C10 | C9 | C8 | C7 | C6 | C5 | C4 | C3 | C2 | C1 | C0 |
| Read                    | C15 | C14 | C13 | C12 | C11 | C10 | C9 | C8 | C7 | C6 | C5 | C4 | C3 | C2 | C1 | C0 |

## Sample Count High Byte Register

Sample count is the total number of readings to be taken including the pre-trigger readings. The minimum value is 1. Zero (0) causes continuous readings and will not stop the acquisition until all of memory is full. The module will not stop acquiring data if the host can remove readings fast enough. The maximum number of readings is the size of memory in bytes divided by 8 for the E1563 and divided by 4 for the E1564.

|                         |           |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| base + 38 <sub>16</sub> | 15        | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 0  |
| Write                   | undefined |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   | C5 | C4 | C3 | C2 | C1 | C0 |
| Read                    | 0         | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | C5 | C4 | C3 | C2 | C1 | C0 |

## Sample Count Low Word Register

Register containing the low word (2 bytes) for the sample count. This register and the high byte in register 38<sub>16</sub> hold a value that can be set by the SAMPLE:COUNT command in Chapter 3. Chapter 2, Figure 2-3 shows the relationship of the sample count and the pre-trigger count.

|                         |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| base + 3A <sub>16</sub> | 15  | 14  | 13  | 12  | 11  | 10  | 9  | 8  | 7  | 6  | 5  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 0  |
| Write                   | C15 | C14 | C13 | C12 | C11 | C10 | C9 | C8 | C7 | C6 | C5 | C4 | C3 | C2 | C1 | C0 |
| Read                    | C15 | C14 | C13 | C12 | C11 | C10 | C9 | C8 | C7 | C6 | C5 | C4 | C3 | C2 | C1 | C0 |

## Trigger Source/Control Register

This register provides the bits that control the trigger system.

|                         |      |      |      |      |              |    |         |         |           |         |       |        |        |       |       |       |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|--------------|----|---------|---------|-----------|---------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| base + 3C <sub>16</sub> | 15   | 14   | 13   | 12   | 11           | 10 | 9       | 8       | 7         | 6       | 5     | 4      | 3      | 2     | 1     | 0     |
| Write*                  | CMP4 | CMP3 | CMP2 | CMP1 | SLAVING PAIR |    | EX_TRIG | POS_NEG | SOFT TRIG | MAS-TER | SLAVE | EN_TTL | IN/OUT | TTL_3 | TTL_1 | TTL_0 |
| Read**                  | CMP4 | CMP3 | CMP2 | CMP1 | SLAVING PAIR |    | EX_TRIG | POS_NEG | SOFT TRIG | MAS-TER | SLAVE | EN_TTL | IN/OUT | TTL_3 | TTL_1 | TTL_0 |

### Trigger Source/Control register bits defined:

| *WRITE BITS (Trigger Source Register) and<br>**READ BITS (Trigger Control Register) |              |  |
|---|--------------|--|
| bits 0-2  | TTL_n        | 000 = TTLT0, 001 = TTLT1, 010 = TTLT2, ... , 011 = TTLT6, 111 = TTLT7.   |
| bit 3   | IN/OUT       | TTLn line is: 0 = IN, 1 = OUT.   |
| bit 4   | EN_TTL       | 0 = disable TTLn, 1 = enable TTLn  |
| bit 5   | SLAVE        | 0 = not a slave module, 1 = slave module.  |
| bit 6   | MASTER       | 0 = not a master module, 1 = master module.  |
| bit 7   | SOFT TRIG    | software trigger: 0 = IMMEDIATE disabled, 1 = IMMEDIATE enabled.   |
| bit 8   | POS_NEG      | trigger slope: 0 = NEG, 1 = POS.   |
| bit 9   | EX_TRIG      | 0 = EXTERNAL trigger disabled, 1 = EXTERNAL trigger enabled and must be input on the "Trig" pin on the front panel D-subminiature connector.                                   |
| bits 10-11  | SLAVING_PAIR | 00 = MASTER0/SLAVE0; 01 = MASTER2/SLAVE2;<br>10 = MASTER4/SLAVE4; 11 = MASTER6/SLAVE6  |
| bits 12-15  | CMP1-4       | 0 = INTn disabled, 1 = INTn enabled; Example: a "1" in CMP2 means the level set in the Trigger/Interrupt Level Channel 2 Register will be used as the INTERNAL trigger source. |

**NOTE** See the section titled "Master-Slave Operation" at the end of this appendix for more information on register programming the digitizer in a master-slave configuration. This uses bits 5, 6, 10 and 11 of the above register.



## Sample Source/ Control Register

This register provides the bits that control the sample system.

| base + 3E <sub>16</sub> | 15         | 14 | 13                 | 12    | 11 | 10 | 9         | 8       | 7           | 6             | 5         | 4      | 3      | 2     | 1     | 0     |
|-------------------------|------------|----|--------------------|-------|----|----|-----------|---------|-------------|---------------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Write*                  | SW ARM IMM |    | SW ARM 30 mS delay | ABORT |    |    | EX_Sample | POS_NEG | SOFT SAMPLE | EXT TIME-BASE | INT CLOCK | EN_TTL | IN/OUT | TTL_3 | TTL_1 | TTL_0 |
| Read**                  | SW ARM IMM |    | SW ARM 30 mS delay | ABORT |    |    | EX_Sample | POS_NEG | SOFT SAMPLE | EXT TIME-BASE | INT CLOCK | EN_TTL | IN/OUT | TTL_3 | TTL_1 | TTL_0 |

### Sample Source/Control register bits defined:

| *WRITE BITS (Sample Source Register) and<br>**READ BITS (Sample Control Register) |                       |   |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| bits 0-2  | TTL_n                 | 000 = TTL0, 001 = TTL1, 010 = TTL2, ... , 011 = TTL6, 111 = TTL7.   |
| bit 3   | IN/OUT                | TTLn line is: 0 = IN, 1 = OUT.  |
| bit 4   | EN_TTL                | 1 = enable TTLn, 0 = disable TTLn   |
| bit 5   | INT Clock             | 0 = disable sampling from internal clock source, 1 = sample from the internal clock source.   |
| bit 6   | EXT Timebase          | 0 = timebase is internal 10 MHz clock, 1 = timebase is external clock source you must input on the "Time Base" pin on the front panel D-subminiature connector. |
| bit 7   | Soft Sample           | software sample: 0 = IMMEDIATE disabled, 1 = IMMEDIATE enabled.   |
| bit 8   | POS_NEG               | External sample slope: 0 = NEG, 1 = POS.  |
| bit 9   | EX_Sample             | 1 = EXTERNAL sample is an external source you must input on the "Sample" pin on the front panel D-subminiature connector. 0 = EXTERNAL sample disabled.         |
| bit 12  | ABORT                 | 1 = aborts measurement and flushes all reading data in all memory. The bit is set to "0" when the digitizer is initiated.                                       |
| bit 13*   | INIT with 30 mS delay | This bit will initiate measurements after a 30 mS delay when it is set to "1". It is set to "0" when pre-trigger readings are complete.                         |
| bit 15*   | INIT IMM              | This bit will initiate measurements immediately when it is set to "1". It is set to "0" when pre-trigger readings are complete.                                 |

If bit 12 and either bit 13 or 15 is set during the same write, an ABORT followed by an INIT is executed.

If bit 12 is "0", either bit 13 or 15 is set and the previous measurement completed, an ABORT followed by an INIT is executed.

If bits 12, 13 and 15 are all "0", no action is initiated.

# Program Timing and Execution

This section contains generalized flowcharts and comments for performing these and other procedures. The flowcharts identify the registers used and the status bits monitored to ensure execution of the program.

## System Configuration

The following C language example programs were developed on an HP RADI-EPC7 VXI embedded computer using Microsoft® Visual C++™ programming language and using HP VISA I/O calls. You can also use an HP Vectra (IBM PC compatible) computer connected via HP-IB to the HP E1406A slot 0 Command Module. The command module simply provides direct access to the VXI backplane.

If you use the HP E1406A with SCPI commands, you would use the HPE1563A/E1564A SCPI driver which you installed in the HP E1406A firmware and register programming would not be necessary. Chapter 3 describes the SCPI commands for the digitizer's driver.

## Programming Example

The example program in this section demonstrates how to direct register program the digitizer. The following example program contains segments that:

1. Read the ID and Device Type Registers.
2. Read the Status Register.
3. Make digitizer measurements.
4. Retrieve the last readings from each channel's CVT register.
5. Retrieve all the readings from the two cache registers.
6. Reset the module.

## Beginning of Program

```
/* This program resets the E1563A/E1564A, reads the ID Register, the Device */
/* Type Register, the Status Register, makes measurements and retrieves data*/
/* Programmed with MS Visual C++ version 2.0 using HP VISA I/O calls. */

#include <visa.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <time.h>

/* function prototypes */
void err_handler();
void wait (int wait_seconds);
void reset(ViSession vi, ViStatus x);
```

## Program Main

```
void main(void)
{
    unsigned short id_reg, dt_reg; /* ID and Device Type */
    unsigned short stat_reg; /* Status Register */
    unsigned short cvt_reg, cache_reg; /* last value and cache registers */
    double last_reading, reading; /* decimal values of readings */
    int i;

    /* create and open a device session */
    ViStatus err;
    ViSession defaultRM, digitizer;
    ViOpenDefaultRM(&defaultRM);
    /* HP-IB interface address is 9 */
    /* digitizer logical address switch = 40 (factory setting) */
    ViOpen(defaultRM, "GPIB-VXI0::9::40", VI_NULL, VI_NULL, &digitizer);

    /* reset the E1563A/E1564A */
    reset(digitizer, err);
```

## Read ID and Device Type Registers

```
/****** read the digitizer's ID and Device Type registers *****/

err=ViIn16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x00,&id_reg); /* read reg 00 */
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);
err=ViIn16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x02,&dt_reg); /* read reg 02 */
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);

printf("ID register = 0x%4X\n",id_reg)
printf("Device Type register = 0x%4X\n",dt_reg);
```

## Read Status Register

```
/****** read the digitizer's status register *****/

err=ViIn16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x04,&stat_reg); /* read status reg */
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);
printf("Status register = 0x%4X\n", stat_reg);
```

## Make some measurements and retrieve readings

```
/****** make measurements *****/
/* set channel 1 and 2 to 4V range */
    err=ViOut16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x24,0x7373); /* 0x7373 sets 4V range */
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);
/* set channel 3 and 4 to 4V range */
    err=ViOut16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x26,0x7373); /* 0x7373 sets 4V range */
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);

/* set pre-trigger count of 4 */
    err=ViOut16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x34,0x0); /* high word = 0 */
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);
    err=ViOut16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x36,0x4); /* low word = 4 */
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);

/* set sample count of 7 */
    err=ViOut16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x38,0x0); /* high word = 0 */
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);
    err=ViOut16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x3A,0x7); /* low word = 7 */
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);

/* set trigger source */
    err=ViOut16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x3C,0x180); /* set bits 7 and 8 */
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);

/* initiate a reading with a 30 mS delay */
    err=ViOut16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x3E,0x21A0); /* set bits 5,7,8 & 13 */
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);

/****** retrieve readings *****/
/* read the CVT registers */
    err=ViIn16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x10,&cvt_reg);
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);
    printf("channel 1 = 0x%4X\n", cvt_reg);
    last_reading = (double)cvt_reg*4/32768;
    printf("channel 1 = %lf Volts\n", last_reading);

    err=ViIn16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x12,&cvt_reg);
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);
    printf("channel 2 = 0x%4X\n", cvt_reg);
    last_reading = (double)cvt_reg*4/32768;
    printf("channel 2 = %lf Volts\n", last_reading);

/* E1564A only for channels 3 and 4 ----- */
    err=ViIn16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x14,&cvt_reg);
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);
    printf("channel 3 = 0x%4X\n", cvt_reg);
    last_reading = (double)cvt_reg*4/32768;
    printf("channel 3 = %lf Volts\n", last_reading);

    err=ViIn16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x16,&cvt_reg);
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);
    printf("channel 4 = 0x%4X\n", cvt_reg);
    last_reading = (double)cvt_reg*4/32768;
    printf("channel 4 = %lf Volts\n", last_reading);
```

```

/* read all 7 readings from all channels */
/* comment the channel 3/4 lines out if running the 2-channel E1563A */

for (i=0; i<7; ++i)
{
    err=ViIn16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x08,&cache_reg);
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);
    reading = (double)cache_reg*4/32768;
    printf("channel 1 = %lf Volts\n", reading);

    err=ViIn16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x0A,&cache_reg);
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);
    reading = (double)cache_reg*4/32768;
    printf("channel 2 = %lf Volts\n", reading);

/* E1564A only for channels 3 and 4 -- comment out for E1563A */
    err=ViIn16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x08,&cache_reg);
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);
    reading = (double)cache_reg*4/32768;
    printf("channel 3 = %lf Volts\n", reading);

    err=ViIn16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x0A,&cache_reg);
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);
    reading = (double)cache_reg*4/32768;
    printf("channel 4 = %lf Volts\n", reading);
} /* end of if statement */

    /* reset the digitizer */
    reset(digitizer,err);
    printf("\nHP E1563A/E1564A is reset");

/****** Close session *****/
    ViClose(digitizer);
    ViClose(defaultRM);
}

```

## Reset Function

```

/*****
void reset(ViSession digitizer, ViStatus err)
/* reset the digitizer (write a 1 to status bit 0) delay 1 second for reset */
/* then set bit back to 0 to allow module to operate */
{
    /* write a "1" to the reset bit then set the bit back to "0" */
    err=ViOut16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x04,1); /* set reset bit to "1" */
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);
    wait(1);
    err=ViOut16(digitizer,VI_A16_SPACE,0x04,0); /* set reset bit to "0" */
    if (err<VI_SUCCESS) err_handler(digitizer,err);

    return;
}

```

## Wait Function

```
/******  
void wait(int wait_seconds) /* wait for specified period in seconds */  
{  
    time_t current_time;  
    time_t entry_time;  
    fflush(stdout);  
    if(-1==time(&entry_time))  
        { printf("Call failed, exiting...\n");  
          exit(1);  
        }  
    do  
        { if(-1==time(&current_time))  
          { printf("Call failed, exiting...\n");  
            exit(1);  
          }  
        }  
    while((current_time-entry_time)<((time_t)wait_seconds));  
    fflush(stdout);  
} /* end of wait function */
```

### Program Output    Printout from example program:

```
ID register = 0xCFFF  
Device Type register = 0x7267  
Status register = 0x40CE  
  
last readings printout  
  
all readings from all channels printout  
  
HP E1563A/E1564A is reset
```

## Master-Slave Operation

The HP E1563A and HP E1564A Digitizers can be configured in a master-slave configuration. This configuration allows a master module and one or more slave modules to have their measurements synchronized. Synchronization occurs by having all channels trigger off of the same trigger event as well as all channels sampling from one sample signal.

- The sample synchronization signal is always generated by the master.
- The TTL trigger event can be generated by either the master module or any of the slave modules. This allows a slave module (as well as the master module) to use one of the four internal trigger sources or their external trigger source to trigger a measurement.

Both the trigger signal and the sample signal are put on the VXI backplane TTL trigger (TTLT) lines where the master module and all slave modules receive the signals simultaneously. TTL trigger lines are used in pairs between the master and slave(s) where one TTL trigger line carries the sample signal and the other carries the trigger signal. The next section describes how these TTL trigger lines are paired.

**Trigger Mode** Bits 5 and 6 of the Trigger Source/Control register are used to configure Digitizers for master-slave operation. The module functions as a normal module when both bits are “0”.

**NORMAL Mode** The default setting for trigger mode is normal (bits 5 and 6 of the Trigger Source/Control register are both “0”) which configures the module as an individual instrument.

**MASTER Mode** Bit 6 of the Trigger Source/Control register is used to configure a module as a master. The eight TTL trigger lines (TTLT0-TTLT7) on the VXI backplane allow four different pairings as shown in Table 2-1 (MASTER0-SLAVE0, MASTER2-SLAVE2, MASTER4-SLAVE4 and MASTER6-SLAVE6). You must select an unused set of TTL trigger lines for the master-slave coupling when determining which master mode to set. Do not use a TTLT line already used as a sample or trigger source.

**SLAVE Mode** Bit 5 of the Trigger Source/Control register is used to configure a module as a slave to a MASTER0 module. MASTER0 and SLAVE0 modules share TTL trigger lines TTLT0 and TTLT1. TTLT0 carries the sample signal and TTLT1 carries the trigger signal. The following table shows all pairs of TTL trigger lines for each master-slave mode.

**Table 3-2. Master-Slave Modes.**

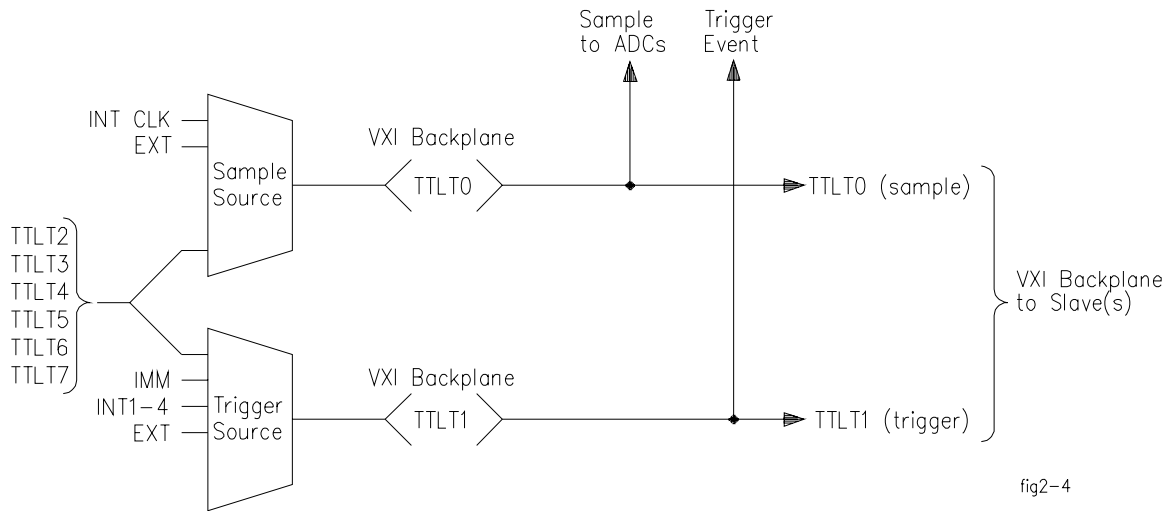
| MASTER MODE | SLAVE MODE | Sample line | Trigger line |
|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| MASTER0     | SLAVE0     | TTLT0       | TTLT1        |
| MASTER2     | SLAVE2     | TTLT2       | TTLT3        |
| MASTER4     | SLAVE4     | TTLT4       | TTLT5        |
| MASTER6     | SLAVE6     | TTLT6       | TTLT7        |

## Master-Slave Diagrams

Figure B-1 illustrates a module configured as a master module. Figure B-2 illustrates a module configured as a slave module.

Figure B-1. Master Module Configuration.

**TRIG:MODE MASTER0 pairs TTLT0 (sample) with TTLT1 (trigger)**  
**The MASTER0 module will function with all SLAVE0 modules.**



1) The trigger source from the slave can be set with the Trigger Source/Control Register bits 0,1,2,3,4,7,8,9,12,13,14, and 15. .

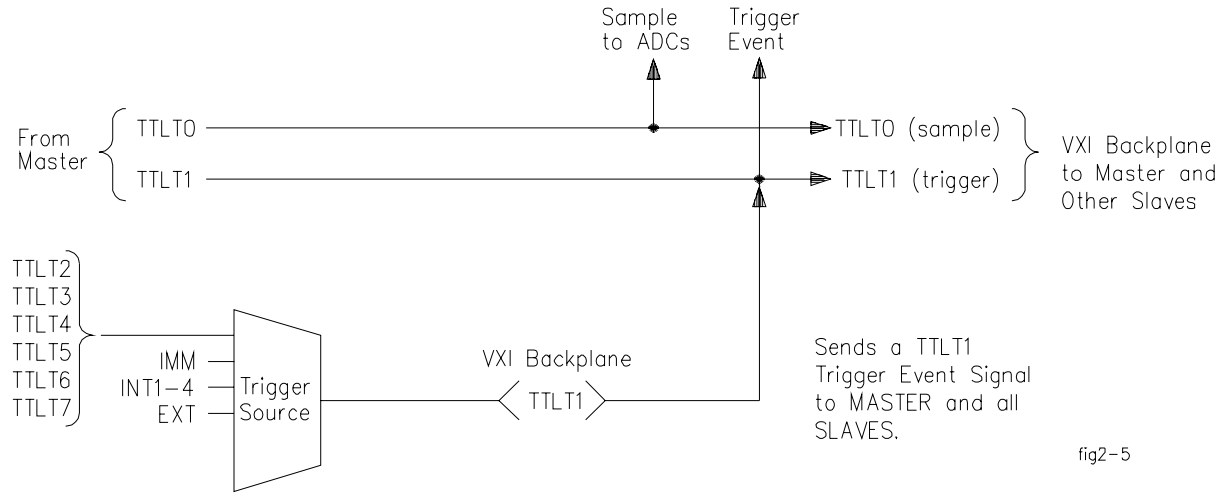
2) SLAVE0 sets the TTLT0 line as if the sample source is TTLT0 and sets the TTLT1 line as if the trigger source is TTLT1. These lines are simply dedicated for synchronization between the modules in the master-slave mode. You should not use these lines for any other purpose.

| MODE   | Sample signal | Trigger signal |
|--------|---------------|----------------|
| SLAVE0 | TTLT0         | TTLT1          |
| SLAVE2 | TTLT2         | TTLT3          |
| SLAVE4 | TTLT4         | TTLT5          |
| SLAVE6 | TTLT6         | TTLT7          |



Figure B-2. Slave Module Configuration.

**TRIG:MODE SLAVE0 pairs TTLT0 (sample) with TTLT1 (trigger)**  
**A SLAVE0 module will function with other SLAVE0 modules and the MASTER0 module.**



1) The trigger source from the slave can be set with the Trigger Source/Control Register bits 0,1,2,3,4,7,8,9,12,13,14, and 15. .

2) SLAVE0 sets the TTLT0 line as if the sample source is TTLT0 and sets the TTLT1 line as if the trigger source is TTLT1. These lines are simply dedicated for synchronization between the modules in the master-slave mode. You should not use these lines for any other purpose.

| MODE   | Sample signal | Trigger signal |
|--------|---------------|----------------|
| SLAVE0 | TTLT0         | TTLT1          |
| SLAVE2 | TTLT2         | TTLT3          |
| SLAVE4 | TTLT4         | TTLT5          |
| SLAVE6 | TTLT6         | TTLT7          |



# Appendix C

## HP E1563A and E1564A Digitizer Error Messages

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The following sections describe the types of errors the HP E1563A and HP E1564A report; Execution Errors, Self-Test Errors and Calibration Errors. The error code is given (e.g., -101) followed by the associated error message and a description of what the error message means.

### Execution Errors

- 101 Invalid character**  
An invalid character was found in the command string. You may have inserted a character such as #, \$, or % in the command header or within a parameter. Example: `INP:FILT:FREQ#6E3`
- 102 Syntax error**  
Invalid syntax was found in the command string. You may have inserted a blank space before or after a colon in the command header, or before a comma. Example: `SAMP:COUN ,1`
- 103 Invalid separator**  
An invalid separator was found in the command string. You may have used a comma instead of a colon, semicolon, or blank space, you may have used a comma where none was required – or you may have used a blank space instead of a comma. Example: `TRIG:LEV,1` or `DATA? 400 1`
- 104 Data type error**  
The wrong parameter type was found in the command string. You may have specified a number where a string was expected, or vice versa.  
Example: `SAMP:COUN '150'` or `SAMP:COUN A`
- 105 GET not allowed**  
A Group Execute Trigger (GET) is not allowed within a command string.
- 108 Parameter not allowed**  
More parameters were received than expected for the command. You may have entered an extra parameter, or you added a parameter to a command that does not accept a parameter. Example: `SYST:ERR? 10`
- 109 Missing parameter**  
Fewer parameters were received than expected for the command. You omitted one or more parameters that are required for this command.

Example: SAMP:COUN

**-112 Program mnemonic too long**

A command header was received which contained more than the maximum 12 characters allowed. Example: SAMPLE:PRETRIGGER:COUNT 10

**-113 Undefined header**

A command was received that is not valid for this digitizer. You may have misspelled the command or it may not be a valid command. If you are using the short form of the command, remember that it may contain up to four letters. Example: TRIGG:LEV 1.2

**-121 Invalid character in number**

An invalid character was found in the number specified for a parameter value. Example: STAT:QUES:ENAB #B01010102

**-123 Numeric overflow**

A numeric parameter was found whose exponent was larger than 32,000. Example: SAMP:COUN 1E34000

**-124 Too many digits**

A numeric parameter was found whose mantissa contained more than 255 digits, excluding leading zeros.

**-128 Numeric data not allowed**

A numeric parameter was found but a character string was expected. Check the list of parameters to verify you have used a correct parameter type. Example: TRIG:SOUR 2 EXT (should be TRIG:SOUR2 EXT)

**-138 Suffix not allowed**

A suffix was received following a numeric parameter which does not accept a suffix. Example: SAMP:COUN 1 SEC (SEC is not a valid suffix).

**-148 Character data not allowed**

A character string was received but a numeric parameter was expected. Check the list of parameters to verify that you have used a valid parameter type. Example: CAL:VAL XYZ

**-158 String data not allowed**

A character string was received but is not allowed for the command. Check the list of parameters to verify that you have used a valid parameter type. Example: CALC:LIM:LOW:STAT 'ON'

**-160 to -168 Block data errors**

*The digitizer does accept block data.*

- 170 to -178** **Expression errors**  
*The digitizer does not accept mathematical expressions.*
- 211** **Trigger ignored**  
A Group Execute Trigger (GET) or \*TRG was received but the trigger was ignored. Make sure the digitizer is in the “wait-for-trigger” state before issuing a trigger, and make sure the correct trigger source is selected.
- 213** **Init ignored**  
An INITiate command was received but could not be executed because a measurement was already in progress. Send a device clear to halt a measurement in progress and place the digitizer in the “idle” state.
- 214** **Sample Trigger deadlock**  
You .....
- 215** **Arm Trigger deadlock**  
You .....
- 221** **Settings conflict**  
You tried to set a pretrigger count that exceeds the sample count -1. Or you enabled one of the internal triggers as the source for a particular channel such as channel 2 (TRIG:SOUR INT2) and then tried to enable one of the limit checking features on channel 2 (CALC2:LIM:UPP:STAT ON).
- 222** **Data out of range**  
A numeric parameter value is outside the valid range for the command.  
Example: digitizer is on the 1V range and you send TRIG:LEV -3
- 224** **Illegal parameter value**  
A discrete parameter was received which was not a valid choice for the command. You may have used an invalid parameter choice.  
Examples: CAL:SOUR TTLT2 (TTLT2 is not a valid choice) or  
SAMP:COUN ON (ON is not a valid choice).
- 230** **Data corrupt or stale**
- 231** **Data questionable**
- 240** **Hardware error**
- 241** **Hardware missing**

**-300 Device-specific error**

**-311 Memory error**

**-312 PUD memory lost**

**-313 Calibration memory lost**

**-330 Self-test failed**

The digitizer's complete self-test failed from the remote interface (\*TST? command). In addition to this error, more specific self-test errors are also reported. *See also "Self-Test Errors," following this section.*

**-350 Too many errors**

The error queue is full because more than 20 errors have occurred. No additional errors are stored until you remove errors from the queue. The error queue is cleared when power has been off, or after a \*CLS (clear status) command has been executed.

**-410 Query INTERRUPTED**

A command was received which sends data to the output buffer, but the output buffer contained data from a previous command (the previous data is not overwritten). The output buffer is cleared when power has been off, or after a \*RST (reset) command has been executed.

**-420 Query UNTERMINATED**

The digitizer was addressed to talk (i.e., to send data over the interface) but a command has not been received which sends data to the output buffer. For example, you may have executed a SAMPLE:COUNT <count> command (which does not generate data) and then attempted an ENTER statement to read data from the remote interface.

**-430 Query DEADLOCKED**

A command was received which generates too much data to fit in the output buffer and the input buffer is also full. Command execution continues but all data is lost.

**-440 Query UNTERMINATED after indefinite response**

The \*IDN? command must be the last query command within a command string. Example: \*IDN? ; :SYST:VERS?

**300 Not yet implemented**

- 1000** Illegal when initiated
- 1001** Illegal while calibrating
- 1002** Trigger ignored
- 1003** Sample Trigger ignored
- 1004** Insufficient data for query
- 1005** Invalid channel number
- 1006** Invalid channel range
- 1007** Error in CAL
- 1008** Data fetch timed out waiting for trigger
- 1009** Error reading data, viMoveIn16 failed
- 1010** Self test failed
- 1011** Visa error

## Self-Test Errors

The self-test command (\*TST?) will return a non-zero number if self-test fails. Self-test error descriptions are retrieved using the TEST:ERRor? <test\_number> command. Use the number returned by self-test as the <test\_number> to obtain the description of the failure.

## Calibration Errors

### Zero Calibration

The CAL:ZERO[<channel>]:ALL? command returns a non-zero number if zero calibration fails. For example, a return value of 0x0021 (binary value 100001) indicates that the 62 mV range and the 64V range failed. A “1” in the range position indicates a failure (range = 256, 64, 16, 4, 1, 0.25, 0.062). The error string returned by the SYST:ERR? command will contain information about the failure on the highest range (for 0x0021, binary value 100001, information is returned on the 64V range).

#### **Zero Non-converging error.**

A non-converging error usually indicates some internal problem with the instrument. It is recommended you run the self-test (\*TST command) to identify any instrument problems.

### Gain Calibration

**Calibration value (CAL:VALue <voltage>) not within 85% to 98% of full scale.**

You have entered a voltage with the CAL:VALue command that is not between 85% and 98% of the full scale range. For example, a calibration value between 0.85 and 0.98 is required on the 1V range

#### **Gain Non-converging error.**

A non-converging error usually indicates some internal problem with the instrument. It is recommended you run the self-test (\*TST command) to identify any instrument problems.

If you use an external calibration source, you may have set the correct CAL:VALue but did not connect the calibration source to the digitizer's input for the channel you are calibrating. The calibration source may still be connected to the last channel calibrated.



# Appendix D

## HP E1563A and E1564A

### Verification Tests

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## Introduction

This chapter provides information on performance verification of the HP E1563A 2-Channel and HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizers. You can perform performance verification tests at two different levels depending on need:

- **Functional Verification Test** - A series of internal verification tests (self-tests) that give a high confidence that the digitizer is operational. The self-tests take less than 20 seconds to complete.
- **Performance Verification Test** - A complete set of tests that are recommended as an acceptance test when the instrument is first received or after performing calibration of the digitizer.

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**WARNING** Do not perform any of the following verification tests unless you are a qualified, service-trained technician and have read the **WARNINGS** and **CAUTIONS** in Chapter 1 (and the **Warnings** and **Safety** information preceding chapter 1 on page 4).

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## Recommended Test Equipment

Test equipment recommended for the performance verification and calibration procedures are listed in Table D-1. Use a source with accuracy requirements indicated in the table for any substitute calibration standard.

**Table D-1. Recommended Test Equipment.**

| Application                       | Recommended | Accuracy Requirements                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---|
| Gain Calibration and Verification | Fluke 5700A | <1/5 digitizer spec $\pm 1$ ppm linearity |

Special care must be taken to ensure that the calibration standards and test procedures used do not introduce additional errors. Ideally, the standards used to test and calibrate the digitizer should be an order of magnitude more accurate than each digitizer range full scale error specification.

## Test Conditions

All test procedures should comply with the following test conditions:

- Ambient temperature of the test area is between 18°C and 28°C and stable to within  $\pm 1$ °C.

- Ambient relative humidity of the test area is <80%.
- Must have a one hour warm-up with all input signals removed before verification or adjustment.
- Use only copper connections to minimize thermal offset voltages.
- Use shielded twisted Teflon<sup>®</sup> insulated cable or other high impedance, low dielectric absorption cable for all measurements to reduce high resistance errors.
- Keep cables as short as possible. Long test leads can act as an antenna causing the pick-up of ac signals and contributing to measurement error.
- Allow 5 minutes after handling input connections for thermal offset voltage settling.

## Verification Tests

### Recording Your Test Results

Make copies of the Performance Test Record at the end of this chapter for use in performance verifying each channel (use one test record copy per channel). The test record provides space to enter the results of each Performance Verification test and to compare the results with the upper and lower limits for the test.

The value in the "Measurement Uncertainty" column of the test record is derived from the specifications of the source used for the test, and represents the expected accuracy of the source. The value in the "Test Accuracy Ratio (TAR)" column of the test record is the ratio of digitizer accuracy to measurement uncertainty.

## Performance Verification Test Programs

Performance Verification Test programs are provided so you can performance verify your digitizer. These programs were developed on a 486 IBM compatible computer running Windows 3.1<sup>®</sup> with an HP 82341 HP-IB interface and HP SICL/Windows 3.1<sup>®</sup> and Windows NT<sup>®</sup> for HP-IB software.

### C Programs

All projects written in C programming language require the following settings, files or paths to work properly:

**Project Type:**

QuickWin application (.EXE)

**Project Files:**

1. <source code file name>.C (which includes the VISA.h header file)
2. One of the following files from the HP I/O Libraries for Instrument Control:
  - [drive:]\VXIPNP\WIN\LIB\MSC\VISA.LIB (Microsoft<sup>®</sup> compiler)
  - [drive:]\VXIPNP\WIN\LIB\BC\VISA.LIB (Borland<sup>®</sup> compiler)

**Memory Model:**

Options | Project | Compiler | Memory Model ⇒ large

**Directory Paths:**

Options | Directories

Include File Paths: [drive:]\VXIPNP\WIN\INCLUDE

Library File Paths: [drive:]\VXIPNP\WIN\LIB\MSC (Microsoft<sup>®</sup>)

[drive:]\VXIPNP\WIN\LIB\BC (Borland<sup>®</sup>)

**Printing Results** Manually you can use the Performance Test Record as described on the previous page in the section "Recording Your Test Results".

**Test Frequency** See Table D-1, *Recommended Test Equipment*, for test equipment requirements. You should complete the Performance Verification tests at one year intervals. For heavy use or severe operating environments, perform the tests more often.

## Functional Test

The procedure in this section is used to quickly verify that the digitizer is functioning. This test should be performed anytime the user wants to verify that the digitizer is connected properly and is responding to basic commands.

### Functional Test Procedure

This test verifies that the digitizer is communicating with the command module, external controller, and/or external terminal by accepting the \*TST? common command and performing a digitizer self-test. You have a high confidence (90%) that the digitizer is operational if self-test passes.

1. Verify that the digitizer and command module or system resource manager (e.g., embedded controller) are properly installed in the mainframe.
2. Remove any input connections to the digitizer input terminals. Errors may be induced by ac signals present on the digitizer's input terminals during a self-test.
3. Execute the digitizer self-test using the \*TST? command.
4. A "0" returned means self-test passed with no failures. Any other value returned is a self-test error code and means a failure was detected. See the TEST command in Chapter 3 for obtaining information about self-test failures. See Appendix C and the TEST command in Chapter 3 for self-test error codes.

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**Note** If an incorrect address is used, the digitizer will not respond. Verify proper address selection before troubleshooting.

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### Example: Self-Test

This BASIC example performs a digitizer self-test. Any number other than 0 returned indicates a test failure. See Appendix C and the TEST command in Chapter 3 for self-test error codes.

```
10 OUTPUT 70905;"*TST?"           !Send the self-test command
20 ENTER 70905;A                   !Read the test result
30 PRINT A                         !Display the result
40 END
```

# Performance Verification

The procedures in this section are used to test the electrical performance of the digitizer using the specifications in Appendix A of the *HP E1563A and E1564A User's Manual* as the performance standards.

The Performance Verification Tests are recommended as acceptance tests when the instrument is first received. The performance verification tests should be repeated at each calibration interval following acceptance. If the HP E1563A or HP E1564A digitizer fails performance verification, adjustment or repair is needed.

## Performance Verification Programs

Performance verification program source code is provided written in ANSIC. They are located on the driver CD and are titled E1563VER.C and E1564VER.C.

## Zero Offset Verification

This procedure is used to check the zero offset performance of the HP E1563A or HP E1564A Digitizer. The digitizer's internal short is applied to the H (HI) and L (LO) input terminals of the channel being tested using the `DIAG:SHORTt <channel>` command.

1. Check the "Test Conditions" section at the beginning of this chapter.
2. Execute the command `DIAG:SHORT1 ON` to enable the internal short across the H and L terminals of channel 1.
3. Select each range in the order shown in Table D-2. Compare the measurement results to the appropriate test limits shown in the table.

**Table D-2. Zero Offset Verification Test Points.**

| INPUT                                     | HP E1563A / HP E1564A Range | Error from nominal |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| internal H-L short<br>DIAG:SHORTt command | 62 mV                       | ± 15 µV            |
|   | 0.25 V                      | ± 61 µV            |
|   | 1 V                         | ± 244 µV           |
|   | 4 V                         | ± 976 µV           |
|   | 16 V                        | ± 3.9 mV           |
|   | 64 V                        | ± 15.6 mV          |
|   | 256 V                       | ± 62.5 mV          |

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for channel 2 on the E1563A 2-Channel Digitizer and channels 2 through 4 on the E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer changing the channel number in the `DIAG:SHORTt<channel> ON` command.

## Noise Verification

This procedure is used to check the noise performance of the HP E1563A or HP E1564A Digitizer. The digitizer's internal short is applied to the H (HI) and L (LO) input terminals of the channel being tested using the DIAG:SHORT <channel> ON command.

1. Check the "Test Conditions" section at the beginning of this chapter.
2. Execute the command DIAG:SHORT1 ON to enable the internal short across the H and L terminals of channel 1.
3. Set a sample interval of 25  $\mu$ S by executing SAMP:TIM 25e-6.
4. Select the first range (62 mV) shown in Table D-3.

**Table D-3. Noise Verification Test Points.**

| INPUT                                       | HP E1563A / HP E1564A Range | Error from zero |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| internal H-L short<br>DIAG:SHORT<br>command | 62 mV                       | 23 $\mu$ V max  |
|   | 0.25 V                      | 92 $\mu$ V max  |
|   | 1 V                         | 366 $\mu$ V max |
|   | 4 V                         | 1.5 mV          |
|   | 16 V                        | 5.9 mV          |
|   | 64 V                        | 23.4 mV         |
|   | 256 V                       | 93.8 mV         |

5. Make 100 readings, sum them, divide by 100 and obtain the mean reading.
6. Calculate the standard deviation using the following formula (this is the rms noise value). "reading<sub>n</sub>" represents the 100 readings where n = 1 to 100.

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(\text{reading}_n)^2 - 100(\text{mean})^2}{99}}$$

7. Record the rms noise value on the Performance Test Record and compare the result to the appropriate test limit shown in the test record or the above table.
8. Repeat steps 4, 5 and 6 for each range listed in table D-3.
9. Repeat steps 3 to 7 for channel 2 on the E1563A 2-Channel Digitizer and channels 2 through 4 on the E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer changing the channel number in the DIAG:SHORT<channel> ON command and executing the command prior to performing the steps.

## Gain Verification

The gain verification tests check the positive and negative full scale gain on each range for each channel. An external DCV source provides the input and the digitizer's "L" terminal is connected to the "G" terminal connecting LO to GUARD. The input voltage is slightly less than full scale to avoid overloading the range.

1. Set up the digitizer as follows:  
Reset the digitizer \*RST  
Set channel 1 to the 62 mV range; VOLT1:RANG 62E-3
2. Set the DC Standard output to 55 mV.
3. Perform the measurement using the INITiate command. Retrieve the reading using the DATA? 1,(@ 1) command.
4. Verify the result is within specified limits and record the result.
5. Change ranges using VOLT<channel>:RANG <range> and make a measurement for each DCV input and range shown in Table D-4 verifying the result is within specified limits. Record the result.
6. Repeat step 5 for channel 2 on the E1563A 2-Channel Digitizer and channels 2 through 4 on the E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer.

**Table D-4 Gain Verification Test Points.**

| INPUT  | HP E1563A /<br>HP E1564A<br>Range | Error from<br>nominal |
|--------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| +55 mV | 62 mV                             | ± 30.25 µV            |
| -55 mV | 62 mV                             | ± 30.25 µV            |
| +0.24V | 0.25V                             | ± 110 µV              |
| -0.24V | 0.25V                             | ± 110 µV              |
| +0.95V | 1 V                               | ± 522.5 µV            |
| -0.95V | 1 V                               | ± 522.5 µV            |
| +3.8V  | 4 V                               | ± 2.1 mV              |
| -3.8V  | 4 V                               | ± 2.1 mV              |
| +15V   | 16 V                              | ± 8.25 mV             |
| -15V   | 16 V                              | ± 8.25 mV             |
| +60V   | 64 V                              | ± 33 mV               |
| -60V   | 64 V                              | ± 33 mV               |
| +100V  | 256 V                             | ± 55 mV               |
| -100V  | 256 V                             | ± 55 mV               |

## Filter Bandwidth

This test checks the filter input bandwidth for the 25 kHz filter on the HP E1563A or each of the four filters (1.5 kHz, 6 kHz, 25 kHz and 100 kHz) on the HP E1564A. The test This test uses an external source connected to the HI and LO Input terminals and has the "L" terminal connected to the "G" terminal. The digitizer is set to the 1V range for all tests.

1. Set up the digitizer as follows:  
Reset the digitizer \*RST  
Set all channel's to 1V range; VOLT1:RANG 1; VOLT2:RANG 1; etc.  
Set input filter frequency to 25 kHz; INPut1:FILTer:FREQ 25e3  
INPut2:FILTer:FREQ 25e3  
Enable the input filter; INPut1:FILTer:STATe ON  
INPut2:FILTer:STATe ON
2. Set the AC Standard output to 0.95V @ 25 kHz and connect it to the digitizer's channel 1.
3. Perform the filter bandwidth measurement using the INITiate command. Retrieve the reading using the DATA? 1,(@1) command.
4. Record the result on the Performance Test Record and verify the result is within specified limits.
5. Move the AC Standard output to the channel 2 input. Perform the filter bandwidth measurement using the INITiate command. Retrieve the reading using the DATA? 1,(@2) command.
6. Verify the result is within specified limits and record the result.
7. Repeat steps 1 through 6 for channels 3 and 4 on the E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer using:  
VOLT3:RANG 1, INPut3:FILTer:FREQ 25e3,  
INPut3:FILTer:STATe ON, VOLT4:RANG 1,  
INPut4:FILTer:FREQ 25e3, INPut4:FILTer:STATe ON.
8. HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer: Test the remaining three filters present on the HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer. Repeat steps 2 through 6 for the remaining three input frequencies listed at the bottom of Table D-5 for channels 3 and 4.

This requires you change input filters before you begin testing by executing the INPut<channel>:FILTer:FREQ <filter\_frequency> command.

Additionally, step 3 requires the DATA? 1,(@3) command and step 5 requires the DATA? 1,(@4) command.

**Table D-5. Filter Bandwidth Verification Test Points.**

| INPUT | INPUT FREQ | E1563A RANGE | Error from input value |
|-------|------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 1 V   | 25 kHz     | 1V           | -3 dB $\pm$ 2 dB       |
|       |            |              |                        |
| INPUT | INPUT FREQ | E1564A RANGE | Error from input value |
| 1 V   | 25 kHz     | 1V           | -3 dB $\pm$ 2 dB       |
| 1 V   | 1.5 kHz    | 1V           | -3 dB $\pm$ 2 dB       |
| 1 V   | 6 kHz      | 1V           | -3 dB $\pm$ 2 dB       |
| 1 V   | 100 kHz    | 1V           | -3 dB $\pm$ 2 dB       |

## Performance Test Record

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**Note** The Performance Test Record for the HP E1563A or HP E1564A digitizer, is a form you can copy and use to record performance test results for the digitizer. This form shows the digitizer accuracy limits, the measurement uncertainty from the source and the test accuracy ratio (TAR).

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**Note** The accuracy, measurement uncertainty and TAR values shown the Performance Test Record are valid ONLY for the specific test conditions, test equipment and assumptions described. If you use different test equipment or change the test conditions, you will need to compute the specific values for your test setup.

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### Digitizer Accuracy

Accuracy is defined for gain measurements using the 1-year specifications in Appendix A. The "High Limit" and "Low Limit" columns represent the digitizer accuracy for the specified test conditions.

### Measurement Uncertainty

Measurement uncertainties listed in the Performance Test Record are calculated assuming a Fluke 5700A for all measurements. The uncertainties describe error you can expect from the source. These uncertainties are calculated from the 90-day accuracy specifications for the Fluke 5700A.

### Test Accuracy Ratio (TAR)

The "Test Accuracy Ratio (TAR)" = (high limit - expected measurement) divided by measurement uncertainty. "N/A" means measurement uncertainty and TAR do not apply to the measurement. A small TAR indicates the uncertainty of the source signal starts to approach the digitizer's specification limit.



# HP E1563A / HP E1564A Digitizer Performance Test Record

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Test Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Report No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Customer \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Tested By \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_ Ambient temperature \_\_\_\_\_ °C

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ Relative humidity \_\_\_\_\_ %

Firmware Rev. \_\_\_\_\_ Line frequency \_\_\_\_\_ Hz (nominal)

Special Notes:

| Test Equipment Used | Model No. | Trace No. | Cal Due Date |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
|                     |           |           |              |
|                     |           |           |              |
|                     |           |           |              |
|                     |           |           |              |
|                     |           |           |              |
|                     |           |           |              |

HP E1563A 2-Channel Digitizer

HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer

**PERFORMANCE TEST RECORD**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

CHANNEL: 1 2 3 4

| Test Input              | Digitizer Range | Low Limit  | Measured Reading | High Limit      | Meas Uncert | Test Accuracy Ratio |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|
| <b>Zero Offset Test</b> |                 |            |                  |                 |             |                     |
| 0                       | 62 mV           | -.000020   |                  | .000020         | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 0                       | 250 mV          | -.000078   |                  | .000078         | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 0                       | 1V              | -.000300   |                  | .000300         | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 0                       | 4V              | -.001200   |                  | .001200         | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 0                       | 16V             | -.021000   |                  | .021000         | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 0                       | 64V             | -.028000   |                  | .028000         | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 0                       | 256V            | -.079000   |                  | .079000         | N/A         | N/A                 |
| <b>Noise Test</b>       |                 |            |                  |                 |             |                     |
| 0                       | 62 mV           | 0          |                  | 57 $\mu$ V max  | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 0                       | 250 mV          | 0          |                  | 180 $\mu$ V max | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 0                       | 1V              | 0          |                  | 720 $\mu$ V max | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 0                       | 4V              | 0          |                  | 2.8 mV max      | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 0                       | 16V             | 0          |                  | 14.7 mV         | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 0                       | 64V             | 0          |                  | 48 mV           | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 0                       | 256V            | 0          |                  | 189 mV          | N/A         | N/A                 |
| <b>Gain Test</b>        |                 |            |                  |                 |             |                     |
| 55 mV                   | 62 mV           | .05498100  |                  | .05501900       | .0000011    | >10:1               |
| -55 mV                  | 62 mV           | -.05501900 |                  | -.05498100      | .0000011    | >10:1               |
| 200 mV                  | 250 mV          | .19993200  |                  | .20006800       | .0000022    | >10:1               |
| -200 mV                 | 250 mV          | -.20006800 |                  | -.19993200      | .0000022    | >10:1               |
| 0.95V                   | 1V              | .94967700  |                  | .95032300       | .0000069    | >10:1               |
| -0.95V                  | 1V              | -.95032300 |                  | -.94967700      | .0000069    | >10:1               |
| 3.8V                    | 4V              | 3.7987080  |                  | 3.8012920       | .000023     | >10:1               |
| -3.8V                   | 4V              | -3.8012920 |                  | -3.7987080      | .000023     | >10:1               |
| 15V                     | 16V             | 14.994900  |                  | 15.005100       | .000083     | >10:1               |
| -15V                    | 16V             | -15.005100 |                  | -14.994900      | .000083     | >10:1               |

| Test Input                                      | Digitizer Range      | Low Limit | Measured Reading | High Limit | Meas Uncert | Test Accuracy Ratio |
|---|----------------------|-----------|------------------|------------|-------------|---------------------|
| <b>Gain Test (continued)</b>                    |                      |           |                  |            |             |                     |
| 60V   | 64V                  | 59.9796   |                  | 60.0204    | .00046      | >10:1               |
| -60V  | 64V                  | -60.0204  |                  | -59.9796   | .00046      | >10:1               |
| 100V  | 256V                 | 99.9660   |                  | 100.0340   | .0007       | >10:1               |
| -100V   | 256V                 | -100.0340 |                  | -99.9660   | .0007       | >10:1               |
| <b>E1563A 25 kHz Filter Bandwidth Test</b>      |                      |           |                  |            |             |                     |
| 1V @<br>1 MHz                                   | 1V<br>no filter      | -5 dB     |                  | -1 dB      | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 1V @<br>25 kHz                                  | 1V<br>25 kHz filter  | -5 dB     |                  | -1 dB      | N/A         | N/A                 |
| <b>E1564A Filter Bandwidth Test (4 filters)</b> |                      |           |                  |            |             |                     |
| 1V @<br>1 MHz                                   | 1V<br>no filter      | -5 dB     |                  | -1 dB      | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 1V @<br>1.5 kHz                                 | 1V<br>1.5 kHz filter | -5 dB     |                  | -1 dB      | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 1V @<br>6 kHz                                   | 1V<br>6 kHz filter   | -5 dB     |                  | -1 dB      | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 1V @<br>25 kHz                                  | 1V<br>25 kHz filter  | -5 dB     |                  | -1 dB      | N/A         | N/A                 |
| 1V @<br>100 kHz                                 | 1V<br>100 kHz filter | -5 dB     |                  | -1 dB      | N/A         | N/A                 |



# Appendix E

## HP E1563A and E1564A Adjustments

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### Introduction

This chapter contains procedures for adjusting the calibration constants in the HP E1563A and HP E1564A digitizer. See the section titled "Calibration Interval" for recommendations on time intervals.

#### **Write Enable CAL CONSTANTS**

You must set the module's "FLASH" and "CALIBRATION CONSTANTS" switches to the "Write Enable" position before you perform any adjustment. This allows modified calibration constants to be stored in memory when you execute the CAL:STORe command.

#### **Closed-Cover Electronic Calibration**

The HP E1563A and HP E1564A Digitizers feature closed-cover electronic calibration. *There are no internal mechanical adjustments.* You input the CAL:VALue <voltage> command and the digitizer will measure the applied voltage when performing a zero or a range gain calibration, then calculate correction factors based on this known input reference value. You store the new correction factors in non-volatile memory using the CAL:STORe command. (Non-volatile memory does not change when power is turned off or after a remote interface reset.)

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#### **WARNING**

**Do not perform any of the following adjustments unless you are a qualified, service-trained technician, and have read the WARNINGS and CAUTIONS in Chapter 1 (and the Warnings and safety information preceding chapter 1 on page 4). Adjustment procedures should be performed in the order shown in this manual.**

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#### **Hewlett-Packard Calibration Services**

Contact your local HP Service Center for a low cost recalibration when your digitizer is due for calibration. Both the HP E1563A or HP E1564A digitizer is supported on automated calibration systems which allow us to provide this service at competitive prices.

#### **Calibration Interval**

The HP E1563A and HP E1564A digitizer should be calibrated on a regular interval determined by the measurement accuracy requirements of your application. A 90 day interval is recommended for the most demanding applications, while a 1 year or 2 year interval may be adequate for less demanding applications. HP does not recommend extending calibration intervals beyond 2 years in any application.

Whatever calibration interval you select, HP recommends that complete re-adjustment should always be performed at the calibration interval. This will increase your confidence that the HP E1563A or HP E1564A will remain in specification for the next calibration interval. This criteria for readjustment provides the best measure of the digitizer's long-term stability. Performance data measured this way can easily be used to extend future calibration intervals.

## Aborting an Adjustment in Progress

Sometimes it becomes necessary to abort an adjustment once the procedure has been initiated. Issuing a remote interface device clear command will abort the adjustment in progress.

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**Caution** **Never turn off mainframe power while the digitizer is making an adjustment. If power is removed during a zero adjustment, ALL calibration memory may be lost. If power is removed during any gain adjustment, calibration memory for the function being adjusted may be lost.**

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## Adjustment Procedures

### Adjustment Conditions

See Table D-1, *Recommended Test Equipment*, for test equipment requirements. For optimum performance, all adjustment procedures should comply with following test conditions:

- Ambient temperature of the test area is between 18°C and 28°C and stable to within  $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ .
- Ambient relative humidity of the test area is <80%.
- Must have a one hour warm-up with all input signals removed.
- Shielded twisted Teflon<sup>®</sup> insulated cable or other high impedance, low dielectric absorption cable is recommended for all measurements.
- Keep cables as short as possible. Long test leads can act as an antenna causing pick-up of ac signals and contributing to measurement errors.

### General Procedure

Follow each adjustment by a performance verification test for added confidence. We recommend the following general procedure.

- Perform the Zero Adjustment Procedure.
- Perform the Gain Adjustment Procedure(s).
- Perform the Performance Verification Tests.

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**Caution** **ORDER OF ADJUSTMENTS REQUIREMENT**  
Range adjustments **MUST** be performed in the order given in the adjustment table. An accurate range adjustment requires the range adjustments prior to the one in progress be within specification.

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**Caution** **ZERO ADJUSTMENT REQUIREMENT**  
The zero adjustment must be a recent adjustment prior to performing the gain adjustments. It is recommended you perform the zero adjustment one time just before performing the gain adjustments.

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## Adjustment Programs

The driver CD received with this module contains calibration and performance verification program source code written in ANSI C. Calibration programs are E1563CAL.C and E1564CAL.C. Performance verification programs are E1563VER.C and E1564VER.C.

## Zero Adjustment

This procedure sets the zero calibration constants for each digitizer range. The digitizer calculates a new offset correction constant for the current range when the CALibration:ZERO[<channel>] command is executed. The digitizer calculates a new set of offset correction constants for all ranges of a channel when the CALibration:ZERO[<channel>]:ALL? command is executed. The digitizer will sequence through all ranges automatically and calculate new zero offset calibration constants automatically.

1. Reset the Digitizer by executing a \*RST command.
2. Switch the internal short across each channel's input by executing the DIAG:SHORT<channel> command for all channels e.g., DIAG:SHOR1; DIAG:SHOR2; etc.
3. Send the CAL:VAL 0 input CALibration value command.
4. Perform the adjustment by sending the CAL:ZERO<channel>:ALL? command once for each channel and reading the calibration success result (a non-zero response indicates a calibration error occurred).

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**Caution** **Do not remove power from the mainframe during the digitizer's Zero Adjustment. You may lose ALL calibration memory if power is removed while the digitizer is adjusting.**

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**Note** The zero adjustment procedure takes about 20 seconds per channel to calculate new zero offset cal constants for all ranges of the channel.

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## E1563A Gain Adjustment

The zero adjustment procedure MUST have been recently performed prior to beginning any gain adjustment procedure. Zero adjustment should be performed one time followed by the other gain adjustments.

1. Reset the HP E1563A Digitizer by executing a \*RST command.
2. Set the DC Standard output to 55 mV for the first gain adjustment.
3. Connect the DC Standard output across the HP E1563A "H" and "L" input terminals of channel 1.
4. Prepare the HP E1563A for calibration:  
Set the channel's range: VOLT<channel>:RANG <range>  
Set calibration source to external: CAL:SOUR EXT  
Send input value: CAL:VAL <input voltage>  
(see Table E-1, Gain Adjustment Range Input Voltages, for <range> and <input voltage> values)
5. Perform the adjustment by sending the CAL:GAIN<channel> command (adjusts each channel in about 5 seconds).
6. Send the SYST:ERR? command and read the result to verify the calibration command was successful. See Chapter 3, SCPI Command Reference, for details on reading system errors.
7. Repeat steps 3 through 6 for the ranges and inputs given in Table E-1.
8. Repeat steps 2 through 7 for channel 2.

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**Note** Each range in the gain adjustment procedure for each channel takes less than 5 seconds to complete.

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**Table E-1. Gain Adjustment Range Input Voltages.**

| Channel Range | Input Voltage |
|---------------|---------------|
| 62 mV         | 55 mV         |
| 0.25V         | 0.24V         |
| 1V            | 0.95V         |
| 4V            | 3.8V          |
| 16V           | 15V           |

\*\* Valid calibration input values sent to the digitizer are 0.85 to 0.98 of Full Scale for the range being adjusted. The <input voltage> parameter of the CAL:VAL command must equal the actual input value. For example, if you input 0.9V to calibrate the 1V range instead of 0.95, you send CAL:VAL 0.9 to the digitizer prior to the CAL:GAIN<channel> command.

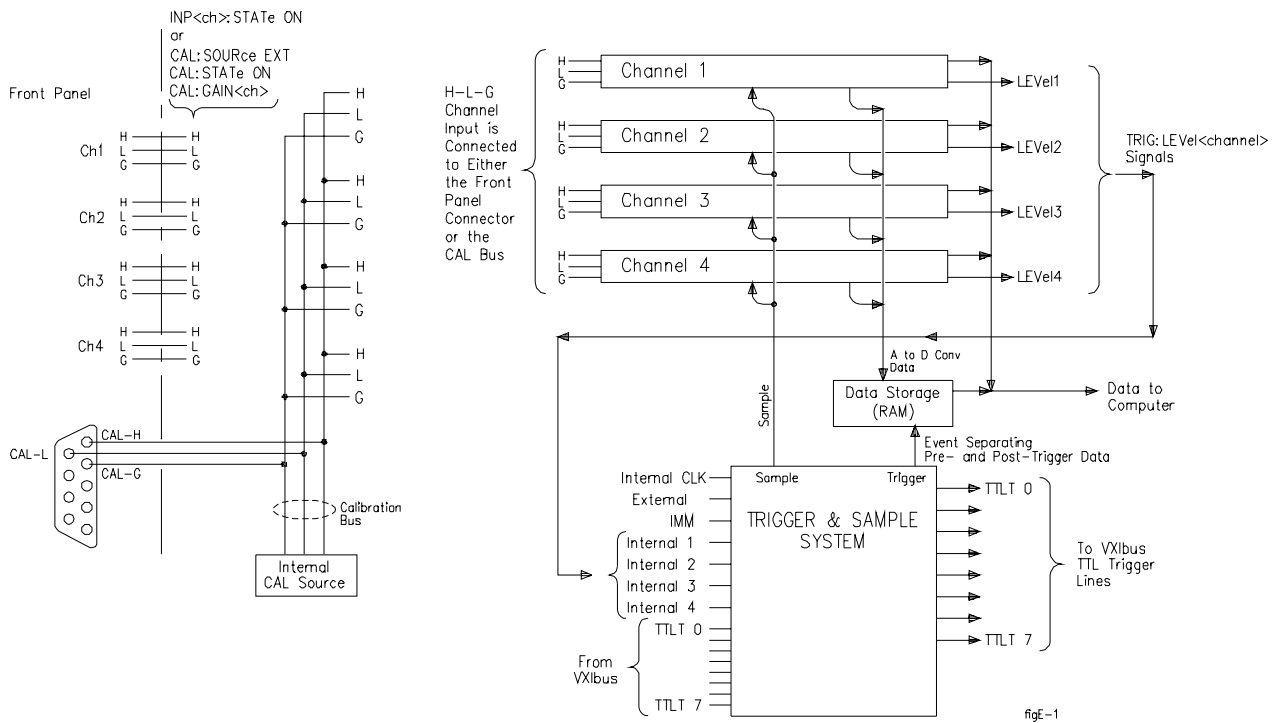


## E1564A Gain Adjustment

The zero adjustment procedure **MUST** have been recently performed prior to beginning any gain adjustment procedure. Zero adjustment should be performed one time followed by the other gain adjustments.

The HP E1564A 4-Channel Digitizer has an internal DAC that outputs to a calibration bus on the front panel D-connector. This procedure uses the calibration bus and does not require an external DC Standard.

1. Reset the HP E1564A Digitizer by executing a \*RST command.
2. Connect a voltmeter to the Calibration Bus Output on the front panel D-connector (see the following diagram). Set the voltmeter to the DCV function.



3. Prepare the HP E1564A for calibration:  
 Set the channel's range: `VOLT<channel>:RANG <range>`  
 Set the calibration source to internal: `CAL:SOUR INT`  
 Set the CAL DAC output voltage: `CAL:DAC:VOLT <voltage>`  
 (see the following Gain Adjustment Points table for <range> settings and CAL DAC <voltage> setting)
4. Note the voltmeter reading from the calibration bus output.
5. Send the value measured from the calibration bus output as the parameter for the calibration value: `CAL:VAL <voltage>`

6. Perform the adjustment by sending the CAL:GAIN<channel> command (adjusts each channel in about 5 seconds).
7. Send the SYST:ERR? command and read the result to verify the calibration command was successful. See Chapter 3, SCPI Command Reference, for details on reading system errors.
8. Repeat steps 3 through 7 for the ranges and inputs given in Table E-2.
9. Repeat steps 3 through 8 for channel's 2, 3 and 4.

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**Note** Each range in the gain adjustment procedure for each channel takes less than 5 seconds to complete.

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**Table E-2. Gain Adjustment Range Input Voltages.**

| Channel Range | CAL DAC Voltage |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 62 mV         | 55 mV           |
| 0.25V         | 0.24V           |
| 1V            | 0.95V           |
| 4V            | 3.8V            |
| 16V           | 15V             |

\*\* Valid calibration input values sent to the digitizer are 0.85 to 0.98 of Full Scale for the range being adjusted. The <input voltage> parameter of the CAL:VAL command must equal the actual input value. For example, if you input 0.9V to calibrate the 1V range instead of 0.95, you send CAL:VAL 0.9 to the digitizer prior to the CAL:GAIN<channel> command.

## Store Calibration Constants

You must set the "FLASH" and "CALIBRATION CONSTANTS" switch to "write enable" before you can store new calibration constants. It is recommended you do this prior to starting the calibration procedures. Execute the CAL:STORE command to store the new calibration constants following the calibration procedures. Restore the switches to the "Read Only" position after you store the new calibration constants.

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